**Language**

Vietnamese is a difficult language to master. The written language has numerous "accents" which dramatically change the pronunciation of letters, making reading difficult for us. Learning a few phrases and words is very much appreciated by the locals, even if their do laugh merrily at our clumsy attempts.

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| ENGLISH | VIETNAMESE | PHONETICS |
| HELLO  THANK YOU  PLEASE  GOODBYE  SORRY/EXCUSE ME  SEE YOU LATER  I DON’T UNDERSTAND  MY NAME IS ....  AN AUSTRALIAN  I  MISS  HELLO/GOODBYE MISS  HELLO/GOODBYE JOHN  HELLO/GOODBYE MISTER  HELLO GRANDFATHER  OLDER BROTHER  OLDER SISTER  YOUNGER BROTHER  YOUNGER SISTER  GRANDFATHER  GRANDMOTHER  COME OFF IT!  NO  HOW MUCH  GO  GO AWAY  CLEAR OFF QUICKLY  TOMORROW  TODAY  TOILET  WATER  WHITE COFFEE  BEER  HOT  COLD  SQUID  FISH  BEEF  PORK  DOG  CHICKEN  BREAD  BUTTER  SALT  PEPPER  NOODLES  SPRING ROLLS  SPRING ROLLS  ICE CREAM  CHOCOLATE  MANGO  ORANGE  GINGER  GARLIC  FISH SAUCE  SOY SAUCE  VEGETARIAN  BAKERY  FILM  CYCLO  HOTEL        BOAT  BUS  TRAIN  AEROPLANE  TICKET  VISA  SCHOOL  DOCTOR  NURSE  BANK  POST OFFICE  STAMP  BARBER  TOURIST/TOURISM  TRADITIONAL DRESS  CONICAL HAT  RAINCOAT | XIN CHAO  CAM ON  XIN  CHAO TAMBIET  XIN LOI  HEN GAP LAI  TOI KHONG BIET  TOI TEN LA ....  NGUOI UC  TOI  CO  CHAO CO  CHAO JOHN  CHAO ONG  CHAO BA  ANH  CHI  EM TRAI  EM GAI  ONG  BA  TROI OI  KHONG  BAO NHIEU  DI  DI DI  DI DI MAU  NGAY MAI  HOM NAY  VE SINH  NUOC SOI  CA PHE SUA  BIA NUOC  NONG  LANH  MUC  CA  THIT BO  THIT LON  THIT CHO  GA  BANH MI  BO  MOI  MOI  MI  NAM RAN(NORTH)  CHA GIA (SOUTH)  KEM  SO-CO-LA  XOAI  CAM  GUNG  TOI  NUOC MAM  NUOC TUONG  AN CHAY  TIEM BANH MI  PHIM  XICH LO  KHACH SAN        TAU/THUYEN  XE BUYT  XE LURA  MAY BAY  VE  THI THUC  TRUONG  BAC SI  Y TA  NGAN HANG  BUU DIEN  TEM HOT TOCK  HOT TOC  DI LICH  AO DAI  NON VIET NAM  AO MUA | SEEN CHOW  CUM ERN/GUM ERN  SEEN  CHOW TUM BEE-ET  SEEN LOY  HEN GUP LIE  TOY COM BEET  TOY TEN LA......  NOOEE OOP  TOY  CO  CHOW CO  CHOW JOHN  CHOW OM  CHOW BA  ARN  CHEE  EN CHY  EM GUY  OM  BA  CHOY OY!  KOM  BOW NYEW  DEE  DEE DEE  DEE DEE MOW(COW)  NAY MAY  HOM RAY  VAY SING  NOOK SAY  CA FE SEWER  BIA HOI  NAM  LANG  MOOK(LOOK)  CAR  TIT BORE  TIT LUNG  TIT CHOW  GAR  BUN MI  BO  MOI  MOI  ME  NEM RUN  CHA YOUR  KEM  SEE-COOLER  SHOY(TOY)  COME  GOON  TOY  NOOK MARM  NOOK TOONG  UN CHAI  TIEM BUN ME  FIM  SICKLO  KACK SAHN        TAW/TEING  SE BEET  SE LURE  MAY BAY  VEE  TI TUCK  CHUONG  BUCK SEE  EE TAR  NUNG HUNG  BOO DEN  TEM  HOT TOCK  U LICK  OWW YIE  NONG VIETNAM  OWW MOO-ER |
| ONE  TWO  THREE  FOUR  FIVE  SIX  SEVEN  EIGHT | MOT  HAI  BA  BON  NAM  SAU  BAY  TAM | MOT  HI  BAR  BON  NUMB  SOW(COW)  BUY  TUM |
| 100  1000 | MOT TRAM  MOT NGAN | MOT TRAM  MOT NIAN |
| ANKLE  APPENDIX  ARM  BLADDER  BLOOD  BONE  CHEST  EARS  EYE  FINGER  FOOT  HAND  HEAD  HEART  KIDNEY  KNEE  LEGS  LIVER  LUNGS  MOUTH  MUSCLE  RIBS  SHOULDER  SKIN  STOMACH  TEETH  THROAT  VEIN | MAT CA CHAN  RUOT THUA  CANH TAY  BONG DAI  MAU  XUONG  NGUC  TAI  MAT  NGOON TAY  BAN CHAN  BAN TAY  DAU  TIM  THAN  DAU GOI  CHAN  GAN  PHOI  MIENG  BAP THIT  XUONG SUON  VAI  DA  DA DAY  RANG  CO HONG  MACH MAU | MUT CAR CHUN  ROT-TO-A  CUNG TAI  BOONG DI  M-OWN  SUONG  NUCK  TIE  MUT  NON TIE  BARN CHUNG  BAR TIE  D-OWW  TIEM  TRUNGE  DOW ROI  CHUNG  GUNG  PFOI  MIENG  BUP TIT  SHUONG SUON  VAI  YA  YA YAY  RUNG  OO HON  MUKE M-OWW |