**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 |
| HELLOTHANK YOUPLEASEGOODBYESORRY/EXCUSE MESEE YOU LATERI DON’T UNDERSTANDMY NAME IS ....AN AUSTRALIANIMISSHELLO/GOODBYE MISSHELLO/GOODBYE JOHNHELLO/GOODBYE MISTERHELLO GRANDFATHEROLDER BROTHEROLDER SISTERYOUNGER BROTHERYOUNGER SISTERGRANDFATHERGRANDMOTHERCOME OFF IT!NOHOW MUCHGOGO AWAYCLEAR OFF QUICKLYTOMORROWTODAYTOILETWATERWHITE COFFEEBEERHOTCOLDSQUIDFISHBEEFPORKDOGCHICKENBREADBUTTERSALTPEPPERNOODLESSPRING ROLLSSPRING ROLLSICE CREAMCHOCOLATEMANGOORANGEGINGERGARLICFISH SAUCESOY SAUCEVEGETARIANBAKERYFILMCYCLOHOTEL   BOATBUSTRAINAEROPLANETICKETVISASCHOOLDOCTORNURSEBANKPOST OFFICESTAMPBARBERTOURIST/TOURISMTRADITIONAL DRESSCONICAL HATRAINCOAT  | XIN CHAOCAM ONXINCHAO TAMBIETXIN LOIHEN GAP LAITOI KHONG BIETTOI TEN LA ....NGUOI UCTOICOCHAO COCHAO JOHNCHAO ONGCHAO BAANHCHIEM TRAIEM GAIONGBATROI OIKHONGBAO NHIEUDIDI DIDI DI MAUNGAY MAIHOM NAYVE SINHNUOC SOICA PHE SUABIA NUOCNONGLANHMUCCATHIT BOTHIT LONTHIT CHOGABANH MIBOMOIMOIMINAM RAN(NORTH)CHA GIA (SOUTH)KEMSO-CO-LAXOAICAMGUNGTOINUOC MAMNUOC TUONGAN CHAYTIEM BANH MIPHIMXICH LOKHACH SAN   TAU/THUYENXE BUYTXE LURAMAY BAYVETHI THUCTRUONGBAC SIY TANGAN HANGBUU DIENTEM HOT TOCKHOT TOCDI LICHAO DAINON VIET NAMAO MUA | SEEN CHOWCUM ERN/GUM ERNSEENCHOW TUM BEE-ETSEEN LOYHEN GUP LIETOY COM BEETTOY TEN LA......NOOEE OOPTOYCOCHOW COCHOW JOHNCHOW OMCHOW BAARNCHEEEN CHYEM GUYOMBACHOY OY!KOMBOW NYEWDEEDEE DEEDEE DEE MOW(COW)NAY MAYHOM RAYVAY SINGNOOK SAYCA FE SEWERBIA HOINAMLANGMOOK(LOOK)CARTIT BORETIT LUNGTIT CHOWGARBUN MIBOMOIMOIMENEM RUNCHA YOURKEMSEE-COOLERSHOY(TOY)COMEGOONTOYNOOK MARMNOOK TOONGUN CHAITIEM BUN MEFIMSICKLOKACK SAHN   TAW/TEINGSE BEETSE LUREMAY BAYVEETI TUCKCHUONGBUCK SEEEE TARNUNG HUNGBOO DENTEMHOT TOCKU LICKOWW YIENONG VIETNAMOWW MOO-ER  |
|  ONETWOTHREEFOURFIVESIXSEVENEIGHT  |  MOTHAIBABONNAMSAUBAYTAM |  MOTHIBARBONNUMBSOW(COW)BUYTUM |
|  1001000  |  MOT TRAMMOT NGAN |  MOT TRAMMOT NIAN |
|  ANKLEAPPENDIXARMBLADDERBLOODBONECHESTEARSEYEFINGERFOOTHANDHEADHEARTKIDNEYKNEELEGSLIVERLUNGSMOUTHMUSCLERIBSSHOULDERSKINSTOMACHTEETHTHROATVEIN  |  MAT CA CHANRUOT THUACANH TAYBONG DAIMAUXUONGNGUCTAIMATNGOON TAYBAN CHANBAN TAYDAUTIMTHANDAU GOICHANGANPHOIMIENGBAP THITXUONG SUONVAIDADA DAYRANGCO HONGMACH MAU |  MUT CAR CHUNROT-TO-ACUNG TAIBOONG DIM-OWNSUONGNUCKTIEMUTNON TIEBARN CHUNGBAR TIED-OWWTIEMTRUNGEDOW ROICHUNGGUNGPFOIMIENGBUP TITSHUONG SUONVAI YAYA YAYRUNGOO HONMUKE M-OWW |