



Welcome to Matou!

INTRODUCTION TO SAMOAN LANGUAGE
AND SAMOAN SENTENCE STRUCTURE

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Tutorial Sessions
Sundays 11am PDT

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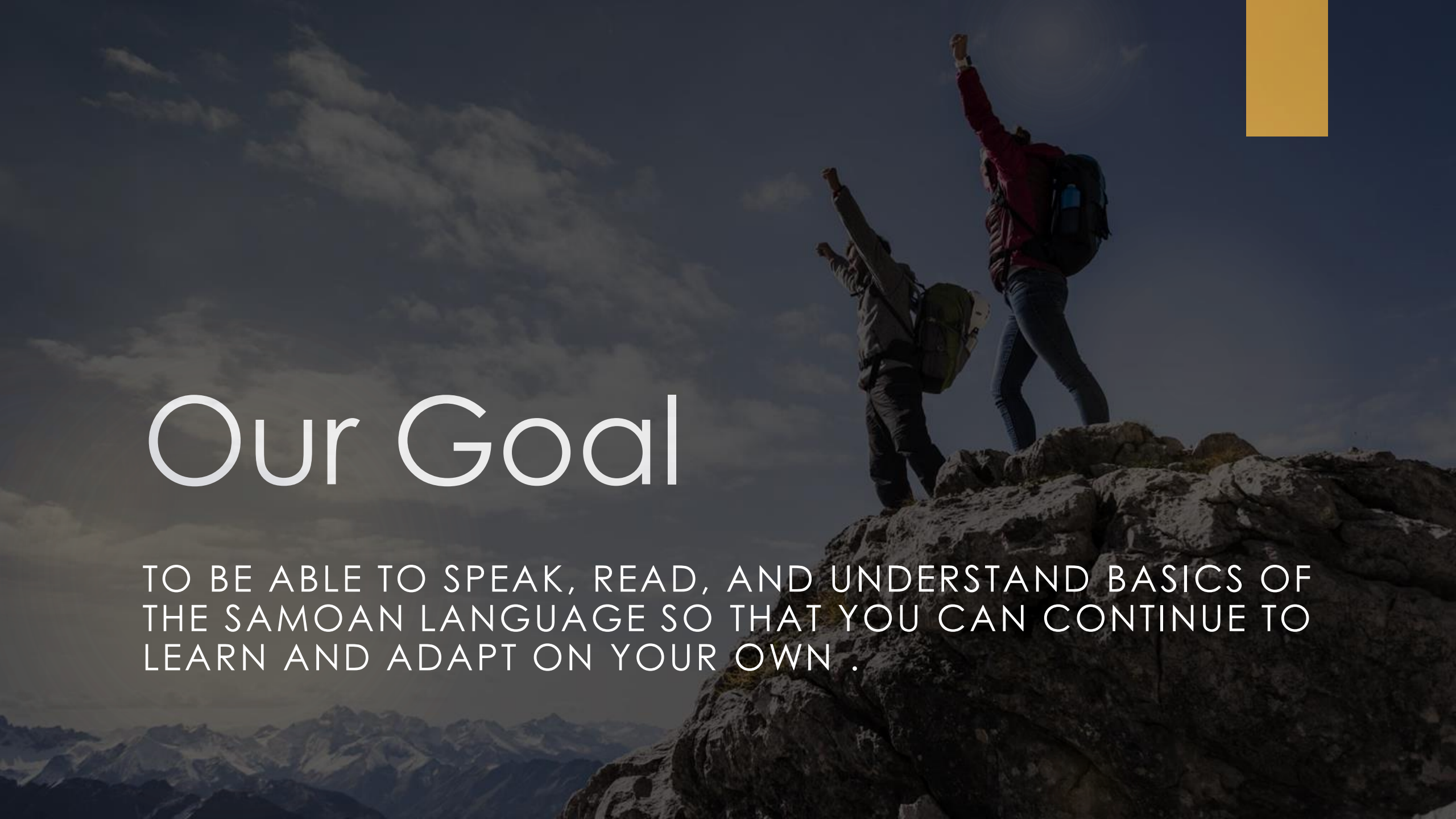
Zoom Meetings

- Tues and Thurs 7:00pm California USA Time
- 8-Week Course
- Classes will be recorded, pasifikapages.net
- Breakout sessions
- Stay on Topic (Sequential learning)
- Session length approximately 45-60min
- Review Quiz

O le tatou vasega

- Formal approach via sentence structure
- Not much slang but we do cover some
- Class Resources
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A photograph of two hikers standing on a rocky mountain peak, raising their arms in celebration. The hiker on the right is wearing a red jacket and a backpack, while the hiker on the left is wearing a grey jacket and a backpack. The background shows a vast mountain range under a cloudy sky. A solid yellow vertical bar is located in the top right corner.

Our Goal

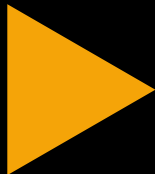
TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK, READ, AND UNDERSTAND BASICS OF THE SAMOAN LANGUAGE SO THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE TO LEARN AND ADAPT ON YOUR OWN .



Samoaan Pronunciation

- What you see is what you get
 - Sound out every letter
 - Casual or informal writings may often leave out accent marks (ta'ofi, fa'amamafa)
 - No consecutive consonants
 - No silent letters
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- Maua & ma'ua
 - O le ā & O le' ā

Samoaan Vowels



a, e, i,
o, u

Samoan accent marks

- ▶ 'glottal stop (taofi):
abruptly begins or ends
a vowel. **ma'a: rock**
- ▶ **Fa'amamafa**: to stress,
make heavy, long
vowel. **Sāmoa**

Vowels: a

a	a	a'a	Fa'a
a	e	ae	malae
a	i	ai	Fai, 'ai, āiga
a	o	ao	tafao
a	u	au	fanau

ā: tamā or tama

Vowels: e

e	a	ea	lea
e	e	e'e	Fe'e
e	i	ei	lenei
e	o	eo	leoleo
e	u	eu	faleuila

ē : lē

Vowels: i

i	a	ia	fia
i	e	ie	faigofie
i	i	i'i	si'i
i	o	io	viole
i	u	iu	liliu

ī: tī

Vowels: o

o	a	oa	moa
o	e	oe	'oe
o	i	oi	loi
o	o	o'o	So'o
o	u	ou	fou

ō : ō

Vowels: u

u	a	ua	lua
u	e	ue	peleue
u	i	ui	tui
u	o	uo	ūo
u	u	u'u	tu'u

ū : pa' ū

Samoan Consonants

F: fa	S: sa
G: ga	T: ti
L: la	V: vi
M: mo	H: he
N: nu	K: ka/ke
P: pi	R: ro

- T or K?
- N or G?
nofo
mafanafana

Week 1 Definitions



Store- fale'olua

School- fale'aoga

House- fale

Girl- teine

Boy- tama

Father- tamā

Mother- tinā

Man- tamaloa

Woman- fafine, tama'ita'i

Bed- moega

Family- aiga

Business- pinisinisi

Ship- va'a

Plane- va'alele

People- tagata

Library- faletusi

Door- faitoto'a

Sky- lagi

job- galuega

living room- potu malolo

room- potu

bathroom- faleuila,

Hello-talofa

Goodbye- tofā

world- lalolagi

church- falesa

bedroom- potumoe

You- 'oe

I, me- a'u

name: igoa

name: suafa

Week 1 Activity: Phrases for Introduction

▶ Talofa lava!: Hello

▶ 'O lo'u igoa o _____.

▶ My name is _____.

▶ 'O ai lou suaafa?

▶ What is your name (respect+)

▶ 'O ai lou igoa?

▶ What is your name? (common)

Word Key

Talofa: hello

Lo'u: my

Lou: Your

Lona: Hers/His/it's

Igoa: name

Suaafa: name (resp)

O ai: Who

Subject Phrase identifies a subject(s)

- ▶ O is the subject tense marker
 - ▶ Present tense (it is, it's)
- ▶ Doesn't always make sense in translation
- ▶ Used when subject stands alone

O le tama'ita'i.

O Lika

O la'u pinisini

Limiters limit the noun

- ▶ “le” is equivalent to “the”. A singular specific noun

O le tama'ita'i.

O tama'ita'i

Plurality is controlled by the limiter, not by adding “s”

Other limiters

La'u: my

Lau: your

Lana: her/his/it's

Se: a

Ni: some

isi: other

Lenei: this

Lena: that

Nei: these

Na: those

Nouns with limiters assignment

- ▶ O + limiter + noun
- ▶ It is + the + house = O le fale
- ▶ It is + a + house = O se fale
- ▶ It's + some + houses + O ni fale
- ▶ It's + the + houses = O fale
- ▶ It is + this + house = O lenei fale
- ▶ It is + that + house + O lena fale

Apply to definitions

STORE- FALEOLOA

SCHOOL- FALE'AOGA

HOUSE- FALE

GIRL- TEINE

BOY- TAMA

MAN- TAMALOA

WOMAN- FAFINE, TAMA'ITA'I

AIGA- FAMILY

BUSINESS- PINISINISI

GOVERNMENT- MALO

SHIP- VA'A

PLANE- VA'ALELE

PEOPLE- TAGATA

LIBRARY- FALETUSI

JAIL- FALEPUIPUI

SKY- LAGI

THEATER- TIFAGA

JOB- GALUEGA

LIVING ROOM- POTU MALOLO

ROOM- POTU

BATHROOM- FALE'ESE, FALEUILA, FALETA'ELE

WORLD- LALOLAGI

CHURCH- FALESA

BEDROOM- POTUMOE

Subject Phrases

- ▶ The man went to the store yesterday.
- ▶ The mother is asking to her son if he's ready now.
- ▶ The boy and the girl playedat the park today.

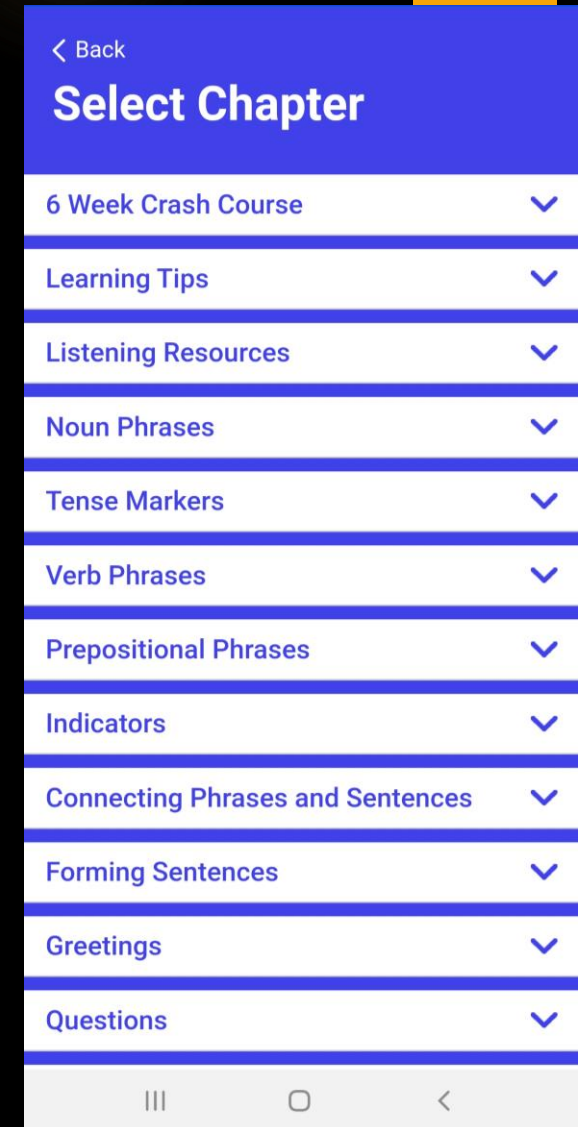
Subject Phrases

- ▶ Went the man to the store yesterday.
 - ▶ The man went to the store yesterday.
- ▶ Asking the mother to her son if he's ready now.
 - ▶ The mother is asking to her son if he's ready now.
- ▶ Played the boy and the girl at the park today.
 - ▶ The boy and the girl playedat the park today.

Introduction to Subject Phrases

- ❖ Person, Place, Thing, Idea
- ❖ Focal point of every almost any sentence
- ❖ If you know a noun, **YOU CAN SPEAK IN SAMOAN NOUN PHRASES TODAY!**
 - ❖ *The teine told me at the game.*
 - ❖ *(O le teine) told me at the game.*

 - ❖ *The car is in the front.*
 - ❖ *(O le ta'avale) is in the front.*



Introductory Phrases

- ▶ Talofa!
- ▶ O a mai oe?
- ▶ Manuia fo'i fa'afetai
- ▶ O le _____
- ▶ So'u alu
- ▶ Tofa soifua

Talofa lava!
Manuia fa'afetai. Ae a oe?
A fa'afefea?
Ia, ua lelei
Toe feiloa'i
Tofa

Week 1 Phrases

TALOFA

TALOFA LAVA

O A MAI 'OE

MANUIA FA'AFETAI. 'AE A OE?

MANUIA FO'I FA'AFETAI

O LO'U IGOA O _____

O AI LOU SUAFA?

MANUIA LOU FEILOA'I

TOFA SOIFUA



Subject Phrase Foundation

- ▶ O noun Tense Marker
- ▶ Limiter:
 - ▶ le, se, ni (the, a, some)
 - ▶ La'u, lau, lana (possessives)
 - ▶ Lenei, lena, nei, na (This, that, these, those)

Noun

Word to describe noun (next class)

O se teine



Subject Phrase Exercise

Online Class Worksheet

Mātou!

Samoa Language



Chat Room



Quizzes and
Test



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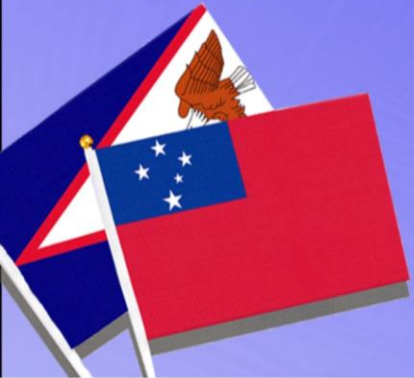
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Please copy this statement. We will use it for this week's activity.

O lo'u igoa o ____.

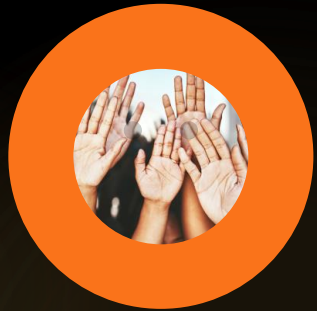
O a'u o se ____.



Noun Phrase Assignment

1. Put your nouns in subject phrase format
2. Identify and learn 20 of your most used nouns
3. Identify and learn 10 of your most used adjectives. .

Course Overview (1st four weeks)



SUBJECT PHRASE: CONTAINS
MAIN PERSON, PLACE, THING,
OR IDEA OF SENTENCE



ACTION PHRASE: CONTAINS
THE ACTION OF THE NOUN



LOCATION PHRASE:
CONTAINS THE TARGET OF THE
NOUN.



TIME PHRASE: CONTAINS THE
TIME OF THE ACTION.

I went to the store yesterday.

Course Overview (Weeks 4-8)



NOUN PHRASE: CONTAINS MAIN
PERSON, PLACE, THING, OR IDEA
OF SENTENCE

ACTION PHRASE: CONTAINS THE
ACTION OF THE NOUN

TARGET PHRASE: CONTAINS THE
TARGET OF THE NOUN.

I went to the store so that.....

Assignment

- ▶ Write down common actions that you do, see, and experience everyday. Focus on the action and the subject of the action.
 - ▶ I wake up
 - ▶ My father goes
 - ▶ My mother cares
 - ▶ The bus arrives
 - ▶ The teacher talks
 - ▶ His boss is angry

I went to the store yesterday.