



Class 3

Welcome to Matou!

INTRODUCTION TO SAMOAN LANGUAGE
AND SAMOAN SENTENCE STRUCTURE

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Week 1 Review

- ▶ Pronunciation
- ▶ Samoan Subject Phrase
 - ▶ O noun tense marker
 - ▶ Limiter
 - ▶ Noun
 - ▶ Adjectives
- ▶ Common Samoan Sentence Structure

Tense - Action/Adjective – **SUBJECT** – Location - Time

Quiz

- ▶ The beautiful sun.
- ▶ His angry dog
- ▶ Her Samoan spouse
- ▶ My easy class
- ▶ A happy baby

Beautiful- Matagofie

Sun- la

Angry- ita

Dog- maile

Spouse- to'alua

Easy- faigofie

Class- vasega

Happy- fiafia

Baby- pepe

Limiters

My- la'u

His/her/it's- lana/lona

Connecting Noun Phrases

Noun Phrase = Noun Phrase

- ▶ Expressed by saying
 - ▶ Noun phrase o Noun phrase
 - ▶ O lo'u igoa o Sammie
 - ▶ O a'u o se tagata a'oga
 - ▶ O le teine lena o se teine aulelei.

Word Key

I –	a'u
You-	'oe
Her/him/it:	ia
Igoa:	name
Tagata:	person
Tagata a'oga:	student
Inu:	drink
Vai:	water
Teine:	girl
Aulelei:	pretty/beautiful

Connecting Noun Phrases

ma = and

- ▶ Expressed with conjunction “ma” |
 - ▶ O le tama ma le teine ma se maile.
 - ▶ O se uso ma lona tuafafine ma lona tinā.
 - ▶ O la'u ta'avale samasama ma lana ta'avale lanumoana ma lau fagu vai.



Writing Assignments

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. .

Quiz (translate into Samoan)

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Airplanes | va'alele |
| 2. The boat | va'a |
| 3. My house and her car | fale, ta'avale |
| 4. This baby | pepe |
| 5. Some money | tupe |
| 6. It is an easy class. | Faigofie, vasega |
| 7. That car is her love. | Ta'avale, alofa |
| 8. My name is John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt | igoa |
| 9. My mother is a doctor. | Tinā, foma'i |



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

O lo'u igood o ____.

O a'u ose ____.



Intro to verb phrases

MATOU SAMOAN LANGUAGE

Subject has an Action

► Common Samoan Sentence Structure

TENSE - ACTION/ADJECTIVE – Subject – Location – Time

Run-	tamo'e
Walk-	savali
Talk-	tautala
Ask-	fesili
Tell-	ta'u
Conversation-	Talanoa
See-	va'ai
Think-	mafafau
Want-	fia/mana'o
Get-	maua
Use-	aoga
Pray-	tatalo
Do/say-	fai

Open-	tatala
Close-	tapuni

Samoan Sentence Structure

- ▶ Tapuni le faitoto'a
 - ▶ Salapu lou gutu
 - ▶ Manuia le aso
 - ▶ Poto le inisia
 - ▶ Manaia le teine
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- ▶ Action + main subject
 - ▶ Adjective + main subject
 - ▶ When main subject follows the action, "O" noun tense marker is dropped

T-ASLT

tense-action subject location time

tense-adjective subject location time

T-SALT

tense subject action location time

*subject doing action must be a pronoun

Tense markers

- Sets the time or tense for the action phrase.
 - E – present habitual
 - Te – present habitual (pre-verb form)
 - 'Ua – recent change tense
 - O lo'o- currently happening
 - Sa- uncertain time in past
 - Na- definite time in past
 - O le' a- Future
 - Fa'ato'a- For the first time, just now
 - 'Ia- Command tense, immediate
 - Se'i- Polite command



Action Phrases

- Tense Markers work by combining with a verb or action. Faitau = to read
 - **E – E faitau/ Read**
 - **Te – Read (pre-verb form)**
 - **'Ua – Ua faitau/ Have read**
 - **O lo'o- O lo'o faitau/ Reading**
 - **Sa- Sa faitau, was Reading**
 - **Na- Na faitau, past Read**



Action Phrases

Moe: to sleep

- E tense marker: Present and habitual
 - **Walks: E savali**
 - **Sits: E nofo**
 - **Sleeps: E moe**
 - **Talks: E tautala**
 - **Sees: E va'ai**
 - **Runs: E tamoe**
 - **Writes: E tusi**



Action Phrases

- 'Ua tense marker: Recent Change
 - **Has walked: 'Ua savali**
 - **Has sat: 'Ua nofo**
 - **Has slept: 'Ua moe**
 - **Has spoken: 'Ua tautala**
 - **Has seen: 'Ua va'ai**
 - **Has ran: 'Ua tamoe**
 - **Has written: 'Ua tusi**

Savali: to walk



Action Phrases

- O lo'o tense marker: currently happening
 - **Is walking:** O lo'o savali
 - **Is sitting:** O lo'o nofo
 - **Is sleeping:** O lo'o moe
 - **Is talking:** O lo'o tautala
 - **Is looking:** O lo'o va'ai
 - **Is running:** O lo'o tamoe
 - **Is writing:** O lo'o tusi

Va'ai: to see



Action Phrases

- Sa tense marker: Past (indefinite)
 - **Was walking: Sa savali**
 - **Was sitting: Sa nofo**
 - **Was sleeping: Sa moe**
 - **Was talking: Sa tautala**
 - **Was looking: Sa va'ai**
 - **Was running: Sa tamoe**
 - **Was writing: Sa tusi**

nofo: to sit



Action Phrases

- Na tense marker: Past (definite)
 - **Walked: Na savali**
 - **Sat: Na nofo**
 - **Slept: Na moe**
 - **Spoke: Na tautala**
 - **Saw: Na va'ai**
 - **Ran: Na tamoe**
 - **Wrote: Na tusi**

Tusi: to write



Action Phrases

- O le' a tense marker: Future
 - **Will walk: O le' a savali**
 - **Will sit: O le' a nofo**
 - **Will sleep: O le' a moe**
 - **Will speak: O le' a tautala**
 - **Will see: O le' a va'ai**
 - **Will run: O le' a tamo'e**
 - **Will write: O le' a tusi**

tautala: to talk



Subject Phrase

- NOUN PHRASE
 - **O le teine**
 - **O le tama**
 - **O lo'u uso**
 - **O se foma'i**
 - **O ni tagata**
 - **O lau maile pu'upu'u**
 - **O se tina**

ACTION PHRASE

- Tense Marker + Action/Verb
 - **E savali**
 - **'Ua alu**
 - **O le' a moe**
 - **Sa tautala**
 - **Na va'ai**
 - **O lo'o tamoe**
 - **E fa'amalositino**

Subject Phrase

- SUBJECT PHRASE

- le teine
- le tama
- lo'u uso
- se foma'i
- ni tagata
- lau maile ita
- se tina

ACTION PHRASE

Tense Marker + Action/Verb

E savali	= ○ le teine e savali
Ua alu	= ○ le tama ua alu
○ le' a moe	= ○ lo'u uso o le' a moe
Sa tautala	= ○ se foma'i sa tautala
Na va'ai	= ○ ni tagata na va'a'ai
○ lo'o tamoe	= ○ lau maile ita o lo'o tamoe
E fa'amalositino	= ○ se tina e fa'amalositino

This structure is normally used to answer questions

Followed by "ai"

Action Phrases

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SUBJECT PHRASES

NOUN PHRASE

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| O le teine | = E savali le teine. |
| O le tama | = Ua alu le tama. |
| O lo'u uso | = O le' a moe lo'u uso. |
| O se foma'i | = Sa tautala se foma'i. |
| O ni tagata | = Na va'a'aia ni tagata. |
| O lau maile pu'upu'u | = O lo'o tamoe lau maile pu'upu'u. |
| O se tina | = E fa'amalositino se tina. |

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NOUN PHRASES WITH PRONOUN

- NOUN PHRASE
 - **O a'u**
 - **O 'oe**
 - **O ia**
 - **O i la'ua**
 - **O outou**
 - **O oulua**
 - **O i matou**

Action Phrases

NOUN PHRASES WITH PRONOUN

- Tense Marker + Action/Verb NOUN PHRASE

• E savali	O a'u	= E savali a'u.
• Ua alu	O oe	= Ua alu oe.
• O le' a moe	O ia	= O le'a moe o ia.
• Sa tautala	O i la'ua	= Sa tautala i la'ua.
• Na va'ai	O outou	= Na va'a'ai outou.
• O lo'o tamoe	O oulua	= O lo'o tamoe oulua.
• E fa'amalositino	O i matou	= E fa'amalositino i matou.

Pronouns said after the action

▶ I:	a'u
▶ You:	'oe
▶ Her/him/it:	o ia
▶ Us (2 inc)	i ta'ua
▶ Us (2 ex)	i ma'ua
▶ You (2)	oulua
▶ Them (2)	i la'ua
▶ Us (3 inc)	i tatou
▶ Us (3 ex)	i matou
▶ You (3)	outou
▶ Them (3)	i latou

The "i" in the plural pronouns are often omitted. Ex: i matou = matou

Pronoun Exercise (O a mai ____?)

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| ▶ How am I? | a'u |
| ▶ How are you? | 'oe |
| ▶ How is she? | o ia |
| ▶ How are we? | i ta'ua |
| ▶ How are we? | i ma'ua |
| ▶ How are you (2)? | oulua |
| ▶ How are they (2)? | i la'ua |
| ▶ How are we (3+ inc) | i tatou |
| ▶ How are we (3+ ex) | i matou |
| ▶ How are you (3+) | outou |
| ▶ How are they (3+) | i latou |