

Tagalog-English Glossary

A

aalamin ko ho; titingnan ko ho

I will find out...

aalis to depart/leave

abala busy

Abril April

abugado lawyer

adobong manok chicken stewed in
vinegar

Agosto August

ako first person singular

alagang aso pet dog

alagang hayop pet

alagang pusa pet cat

alak liquor; alcohol

Alam mo ba...? Do you know...?

alas-diyes ten o'clock

alas-dos two o'clock

alas-dose twelve o'clock

alas-kuwatro four o'clock

alas-nuwebe nine o'clock

alas-onse eleven o'clock

alas-otso eight o'clock

**alas-otso ng umaga/ika-walo ng
umaga** 8:00 a.m.

alas-sais six o'clock

**alas-sais ng umaga/ika-anim ng
umaga** 6:00 a.m.

alas-singko five o'clock

alas-siyete seven o'clock

**alas-siyete ng umaga/ika-pito ng
umaga** 7:00 a.m.

alas-tres three o'clock

ala-una one o'clock

alis leave

almusal breakfast

Amerikano American

Ang sarap! It's delicious!

Ang tamis! So sweet!

anibersaryo anniversary

anim six

animnapu sixty

ano what

apat four

apatnapu forty

apo grandchild

araw sun; another meaning is "day"

araw-araw daily

arkitekto architect

asukal sugar

ate elder sister

ayon sa according to

B

bababa to get off

bago before

bago matulog before sleeping

bago umabot before reaching

bagyo storm

bahay house

baka beef

bakit why

balakang hips

balat skin

balikat shoulder

balita news

bandang around

bangka *banca* (small boat)

bansa country

banyo bathroom

barangay smallest political unit in the
Philippines

barko large ship

baso glass

bata young

bayad payment

bayán town; country; people

bayaw brother-in-law

baywang waist

bentilador electric fan

bestida dress

bibig mouth

bihira rarely

bihon rice noodles

bilang count

bilas sister-in law
bili buy
binyag baptism
bisikleta bicycle
biyahe travel
Biyernes Friday
blusa blouse
bote ng tubig water bottle
braso arm
Briton British
buhok hair
bulak cotton
bumabagyo stormy
Bumalik ka sa Faculty Center!
 Go back to the Faculty Center!
bumbero fireman
buong pangalan complete name/full
 name
bus bus
busog full

D

daan road, pass
dadaanan will pass by; will pick up
 [someone]
dadalo attend
daigdig world
dalawa two
dalawampu twenty
dalawampu't dalawa twenty-two
dalawampu't isa twenty-one
daliri finger
damit clothing
dapat should
darating to arrive
deposito deposit
dibdib chest/breast
dilaw yellow
din/rin also/too
Disyembre December
dito/rito/nandito/narito here
diyan/riyan/nandiyan/nariyan there
doktor doctor
dolyar dollars
doon/roon/nandoon/naroon over there
drayber driver

dress bestida (refers only to a woman's
 one-piece dress)
dugo blood
dumarating arriving
Dumiretso ka! Go straight!
dyipni jeepney; a custom-made
 Filipino vehicle made from surplus US
 army jeeps

E

Enero January
ensalada salad
ensaladang kamatis at sibuyas
 tomato and onion salad
eroplano airplane
Espanya Spain
estado state
Estados Unidos United States
estudyante student
etnisidad ethnicity

G

gaano kadalas how often
gaano karami how much
gagawin will do
galing (with accent on the first syllable)
 from
galing sa coming from
Ganoon ba? Is that so?
ganun/ganoon how/that is how
garahe garage
gatas milk
gawa sa/ yari sa made in/made of
guisado sauteed
guisadong pansit bihon sauteed rice
 noodles
gulay vegetables
gumising woke up
guro/titser teacher
gusto ko hong bumili I want to buy
gusto ko hong magbukas I want to
 open
gusto ko hong umupa I want to rent
gusto ko sana I hope to
gusto mong kainin you want/would
 like to eat

gusto niyong orderin you want/
would like to order
gutom hungry
gutom na gutom very hungry
guwapo/makisig beautiful (used for
men)

H

halaga cost
hanggang to/until
hangin wind
Hapon Japan
Hapon/Haponesa Japanese
hapunan dinner
hardin garden
hatinggabi midnight
heto here it is...
hinahanap (object focus), **naghahanap**
(subject focus) looking for
hindi kailanman never
hiwalay separate
honey honey
huli (pronounced with accent on the
last syllable) late
Hulyo July
Huminto ka! Stop!
Hunyo June
huwag don't
Huwebes Thursday

I

ikinagagalak pleased
ilan how many
Ilan ho ang kuwarta? How many
rooms (are there)?
Inglatera Great Britain
Ingles English
inhinyero engineer
inihaw grilled/roasted
inihaw na manok grilled/roasted
chicken
inom drink, root word
interbyu interview
inumun take (literally, drink)
inumun mo ang tabletas take these
tablets

inumun/mainom drink
isa one
isa pang slice another slice
isang bilyon one billion
isang kutsarita a teaspoon
isang milyon one million
isda fish
iskinita alley
isla island
nasa bandang it is somewhere
around...
itim black
ito this
ito si this is...
iyang that (closer to the person
addressed)
iyon that (far from both the speaker
and the person addressed)

K

ka second person singular
kaano-ano how [are you] related to
Kailan ako puwedeng lumipat?
When can I move in/transfer?
kailangan need
kain (root word) eat
kainin eat
kalamansi native lemon
kalendaryo calendar
kalsada road
kalye street
kama bed
kamatis tomatoes
kamay hand
kanin rice
kanto corner
 kapatid brother/sister
karatula sign
kare-kare meat and vegetables in
peanut sauce
kasal wedding
kasama included
Kastila Spaniard
katabi beside
katamtaman moderate
katas/dyus/juice juice

kawani employee
kawani ng gobyerno government employee
kayumanggi/kulay kape brown
klaseng blusa type of blouse
ko first person singular, possessive
komedor/silid-kainan dining room
kompyuter computer
kontinente continent
kotse car
kulay abo gray
kulay ginto gold
kulay kahel orange
kulay pilak silver
kulay rosas pink
kumain ate
kumakanta sings
Kumaliwa ka! Turn left!
Kumanan ka! Turn right!
kumpirmahin to confirm
Kumusta ka? (informal; casual) How are you?
kung if
Kung puwede... If it's possible/If it's okay...
kusina kitchen
kutsara spoon
kutsilyo knife
kuwaderno/notebook notebook
kuwarta bedroom/room
kuwelyo collar
kuya elder brother

L

labimpito seventeen
labindalawa twelve
labing-anim sixteen
labing-apat fourteen
labing-isa eleven
labingwalo eighteen
labinlima fifteen
labinsiyam nineteen
labingtatlo thirteen
lahi race
lakad literally, walk; used to meet "have somewhere"

lalamunan throat
lang just
lapis pencil
libing funeral
libro book
likod back
lila purple/violet/lavender
lima five
limampu fifty
limon lemon
linggo Sunday
lipunan society
lipunang Filipino Philippine society
lola grandmother
lolo grandfather
LRT Light Rail Transit
Lumampas ka ng sinehan! Go past the movie theater!
Lunes Monday
lungsod city
luntian/berde green

M

maaga early
maalat salty
maanghang spicy
maaraw sunny
mababa low
mabagal slow
mabait good
mabilis fast
mabuti fine
madalas often
madaldal talkative
madaling-araw dawn
madilim dark
mag- used when the focus is on the doer of the action
maganda beautiful (used for women)
Magandang araw! Good day!
Magandang gabi! Good evening!
Magandang hapon! Good afternoon!
Magandang tanghali! (literally,) Good noon!
Magandang umaga! Good morning!
magbayad to pay

magbukas to open
maggo-golf will play golf
maging to become
magkano how much
magkita to meet; to see each other
maglalaro will play (a game)
magpa-eksamen have something examined
magpahinga rest
magpapalit to exchange money; have money
magpa-xray have your x-rays taken
magpupulong hold a meeting
magsasaka farmer
mag-set to set-up
magtagpo to meet up
mahaba long
mahaba ang manggas long-sleeved
mahangin windy
mahirap poor
maikli short
maiksi short
mainit hot
makakapag-party have a party/will party
makalipas after
makapal thick
makikinig ng musika will listen to music
makilala to meet
makita to see
makitid narrow
makuha get
malakas ang hangin winds are strong
malaki big/large
malamig cold
malapad wide
malapit close/near
malasa tasty
malayo far
maliit small
maliwanag bright
maluwang loose
mamamayan citizen
mananaliksik researcher
manedyer ng bangko bank manager

manggagawa worker
mangkok bowl
manipis thin (only to objects, not people)
manok chicken
manonood ng telebisyon will watch television
manugang in-law
manunulat writer
maong denim pants
mapait bitter
mapakla tangy
Marso March
Martes Tuesday
mas bata younger
mas mababa lower
mas malapit nearer/closer
mas malayo farther away
mas maliit smaller
mas mataas ang palitan the exchange rate is higher
mas matangkad taller
masarap delicious
masikip tight
masipag hard-working
masungit grouchy
masyadong mahaba/napakahaba too long
masyadong mapait too bitter
mata eye
mataas ang palitan the exchange rate is high
matabang bland
matalino intelligent
matanda old
matangkad tall (used for people)
matematika mathematics
matulungin helpful
matutuloy ang plano plans will push through
maulan rainy
may there is
may collar na pabilog has a round collar
may dala bringing/brought (literally, have bring)

may dalawang kuwarto there are two rooms

may kuwelyo/may collar has a collar
mayaman rich

mayo may

Mayroon ho ba kayo nito sa...?

Do you have this in...?

merienda snack

mesa table

minsán/paminsán-minsán
sometimes

minuto minute

Miyerkules Wednesday

MRT Metro Rail Transit

mula from

muna yet; expression used to mean
“first” or “to do”

mundo world

N

na already

nabali got broken (for example, an arm or a leg)

nag-aaral studying

nagbabakasyon taking a vacation

nagbabasa reads

nagbibihis dresses up

nagbibisikleta riding a bicycle

nag-eheersisyo exercises (referring to physical exercise)

nag-eensayo practices (for example, practices a musical instrument or a sport)

naghihilamos washes one's face

naghihintay waiting

naglalakad walking

naglilinis cleans

nagluluto cooks

nagmamaneho driving

nag-master's studied for a Master's degree

nagpapraktis used for activities such as yoga, martial arts

nagsasoccer plays soccer

nagsesepilyo brushes teeth

nagsusuka vomiting

nagtatae having diarrhea

nagtatrabaho working

nagtetennis plays tennis

nagyoyoga practices yoga

nahawa was infected

nakatira living in (referring to place of residence)

nakita have you seen

naku expression equivalent to “oh”

naliligo/nagsa-shower takes a bath/shower

namamasyal goes around

namimili shops

namumuno heads (used as a verb)

napakaasim very sour

napakaiksi/masyadong maiksi/napakaikli/masyadong maikli too short

napakaliit/masyadong maliit too small

napakaluwang/masyadong maluwang too loose

napakapait/mapait na mapait very bitter

napakasikip/masyadong masikip too tight

napaso/nasunog got burned

nars nurse

nasa preposition; in, on; at

nasa harap in front

nasa ibaba below/lower part

nasa ibabaw on top of

nasa ilalim under

nasa itaas above/top part

nasa kanan... on the right

nasa labas outside

nasa loob inside/in

nasa tabi on the side of

nasaan where

nasugatan was wounded

nasyonalidad nationality

negosyante business person

ng preposition; linker

ng gabi in the evening

ng hapon in the afternoon

ng tanghali at noon

ng umaga in the morning
ngayon now
ngipin teeth
ni possessive marker
nilaga boiled
nilagang baka boiled beef
Nobyembre November
noon in the past

O

Oktubre October
oras time; hour
orasan clock
orderin order

P

pa used to mean “still”; another/more
paa feet
paano how
pabili ask to buy
pagbibiyahé traveling
pagkain food
pagkatapos after
pagkatapos kumain after eating
pagkatapos ng klase ko after my class
pagtatapos graduation
paki- affix; please
pakibigyan please give (us)
pakibilang please count
pakipirmahan please sign
pakisagutan please answer
palagi always
palakaibigan friendly
palda skirt
palitan exchange rate
pamangkin niece/nephew
pamasahe fare
pamaypay fan
pampublikong transportasyon public transportation
panahon weather
panghimagas dessert
pangit ugly
paunang bayad advance
panitikan literature
panitikang Filipino Philippine literature

pansit noodle
pantalón pants
panyo handkerchief
papel paper
papuntang going to
payong umbrella
Pebrero February
permanente permanent
pinakamababa lowest
pinakamaganda most beautiful
pinakamalapit nearest/closest
pinakamalayo farthest
pinakamaliit smallest
pinakamataas ang palitan the exchange rate is highest
pinakamatangkad tallest
pinasingaw steamed
pinasingaw na gulay steamed vegetables
pinuno head
piso peso (referring to the Philippine peso)
pitaka wallet
pito seven
pitumpu seventy
platito small plate; saucer
plato plate
prito fried
pritong isda fried fish
probinsiya province
pruweba proof
pruweba ng tirahan proof of residence
pula red
pulis police officer
pulong meeting (noun; as in a group meeting)
pumapasok goes to (class/work)
pumasok sa klase go to class (literally, enter class)
punta go, come
puso heart
puti white
puwede can/may
Puwede ba akong humingi? Can I ask?

Puwede ba akong magtanong? Can I ask a question?

Puwede ko bang sukatin? Can I try on?
puwedeng makuha can get

R

relo watch

Ruso Russian

Rusya Russia

S

sa preposition; in/on/at/during

sa hinaharap in the future

sa tapat in front of

saan where

Saan ka pupunta? Where are you going?

Sabado Saturday

sabaw broth

sagutan answer

sala living room

sampu ten

sampung libo ten thousand

sana hope

sandaan one hundred

sandaang libo one hundred thousand

sandali lang one moment

sandalyas sandals

sanlibo one thousand

sapatos shoes

sasakay to ride/ get on

sasama join

seda/sutla silk

segundo second (time)

sentimos cents

shirt polo shirt

sapatos shoes

si subject marker

sibuyas onions

sige okay

sige na come on/please

siguro perhaps

silya chair

sinigang na baboy pork in sour broth

sinigang na salmon salmon in sour broth

sino who

sinturon belt

sipon runny nose

siyam nine

siyamnapu ninety

siyempre of course

siyensiya science

sofa sofa

sopas soup

Setyembre September

sukat size

sukatin try on

sumabay to escort/go with

sumakay ka na sa akin sa kotse ko
just ride with me in my car

sumama go with; join

sumasayaw dances

sumbrero hat

susi key

susunod next

susunod na Sabado next Saturday

T

tabletas tablets

taga-Los Angeles from Los Angeles

tag-araw summer (also dry season)

taga-saan from (literally, from-where)

taglagas fall

taglamig winter

tagpuan place of meeting.

tagsibol spring

tag-ulan rainy or wet season

taksi taxi

talaga really

tamis (root word) sweet

tanghalian lunch

tanghaling tapat exactly at noon

tanong question

tapat in front of

tasa cup

tatawagan will call

tatlo three

tatlong beses isang araw three times
a day

tatlumpu thirty

tela fabric/cloth

telepono phone
tenga ear
tiket ticket
tinidor fork
tirahan residence
tiyan stomach
tiyo/tiyuhin/tito uncle
trak truck
trankaso flu
traysikel tricycle (a motorcycle or a bicycle with a sidecar)
tren train
t-shirt t-shirt
Tsina China
Tsino/Tsina Chinese
tubig water
tuhod knee
tumatakbo runs
tumawag called
tutugtog will play (a musical instrument)
tutugtog ng gitara will play the guitar
tuwing every
tuwing alas-siyete every[day] at seven o'clock

U

ubo cough
ulan rain
uli again
Umikot ka sa Rotonda! Go around the Rotonda!
uminom drank
uminom ng bitamina take vitamins
umuuwi goes home
uniberso/kalawakan universe
uulan will rain

V

V ang neckline has a V neckline

W

walang kuwelyo no collar
walang manggas sleeveless
walo eight
walumpu eighty

Y

y medya half (used for thirty minutes)