










HouseTalk Download: Kinship terms in your Thai household

In the English language, the generic terms for grandfather, grandmother, uncle and aunt are interchangeable on both sides of the family. But most (not all) Thai kinship terms denote what side of the family the person is on (mother or father), as well as age (older or younger).








To help you pronounce the Thai vocabulary correctly, below you will find sound files with Thai script and transliteration. Click the left arrow to get the sound box (again, apologies for the multiple clicks).

The mother's side of the family:



-  แม่ /mâe/
Mother
-  ยาย /yaai/
Grandmother
-  ตา /dtaa/
Grandfather
-  ลุง /lung/
Uncle (mother's elder brother)







-  น้า /náa/
Uncle (mother's younger brother)
-  ป้า /bpâa/
Aunt (mother's older sister)
-  น้า /náa/
Aunt (mother's younger sister)

The father's side of the family:

-  พ่อ /pôr/
Father
-  ย่า /yâa/
Grandmother
-  ปู่ /bpòo/
Grandfather
-  ลุง /lung/
Uncle (father's older brother)
-  อา /aa/
Uncle (father's younger brother)
-  ป้า /bpâa/
Aunt (father's older sister)
-  อา /aa/
Aunt (father's younger sister)

Terms for Thai house help:

-  แม่บ้าน /mâe-bâan/
Housekeeper (house mother)
-  เมด /mâyt/
Housekeeper, maid

-  คน ช่วย ทำงานบ้าน /kon chûay tam-nga-an-bâan/
Person who helps with housework
-  พี่เลี้ยง /pêe-líang/
Nanny or au pair
-  คนเลี้ยงเด็ก /kon-líang-dèk/
Nanny or au pair
-  แม่ครัว /mâe-krua/
Female cook
-  พ่อครัว /pôr-krua/
Male cook
-  คนขับรถ /kon-kàp-rót/
Driver

If you want the sound files to the Thai saying then email me.

Note: The transliteration comes direct from Thai2English.com and is to be used for ballpark pronunciation only.

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For more, read the full post at: [HouseTalk: Kinship Terms for Thai Housekeepers and More](#)

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