

Dr. Massey's Five Phase Vocabulary List

Phase One

Greetings and Phrases

Hello	
Goodbye	
See you later	
Good morning	
Good afternoon	
Good night	
Please	

Thank you	
You're welcome	
Excuse me	
yes	
no / not	
maybe	
and	
or	
Do you speak English?	
I don't speak [target language] very well.	

Please speak more slowly.	
Please repeat that.	
I'm sorry, but I don't understand.	
How do you say that in [target language]?	
What does that word mean?	

Basic Verbs and Pronouns

I am	
I have	
I like	
I need	
I want	
I can	
I go	
I will	
I know	
I think that	
Could you ... ?	
I'd like...	

I	
you (sing.)	
he	
she	
we	
you (pl.)	
they	

Numbers

number	
zero	
one	
two	

three	
four	
five	
six	
seven	
eight	
nine	
ten	

Phase Two

Model Sentences

What is your name?	
My name is ...	
Nice to meet you.	
How are you?	
I'm fine	
So-so	
Where are you from?	
I'm from ...	
Where is the ...	
What time is it?	

How much does that cost?	
Where do you live?	
I live in [your country].	
I'm [your nationality].	

Nouns/Food and Drink

the man	
the woman	
the person	
the thing	
the place	
the chair	
the table	

the house	
the bathroom	
the name	
the food	
the drink	
the water	
the bread	

Adjectives

good	
bad	
nice	
pretty	

handsome	
sick	
tired	
happy	
sad	
right	
left	
this	
that	
big	
small	

Time/Interrogatives

the time	
the hour	
the day	
the night	
the morning	
the afternoon	
the evening	
yesterday	
today	
tomorrow	
now	
then	

who	
what	
where	
when	
why	
how	
how much	
how many	

Basic Verbs

<i>to be</i>	
I am	
you are (sing.)	
he/she is	
we are	
you are (pl.)	
they are	
<i>to want</i>	
I want	
you want (sing.)	
he/she wants	
we want	

you want (pl.)	
they want	
<i>to have</i>	
I have	
you have (sing.)	
he/she has	
we have	
you have (pl.)	
they have	

Basic Verb Infinitives

to be	
to do	
to make	
to go	
to be able	
to eat	
to drink	
to speak	
to say	
to think	
to know	
to want	

to need	
to have	
to like	

Prepositions/Miscellaneous

in	
with	
to	
of	
from	
for	
here	
there	

really	
very	
also	
but	
together	
well	
again	
of course	

Numbers

eleven	
twelve	
thirteen	
fourteen	
fifteen	
sixteen	
seventeen	
eighteen	
nineteen	
twenty	
twenty-one	

Phase Three

Phrases

My father is a nice person.	
This man is tall.	
My car is bigger than yours.	
I have no idea.	
Are all your friends here?	
I learned many things from him.	
That woman is beautiful.	
I saw my friend's new house yesterday.	

Tell me something new.	
I think that this shirt is better than that one.	
I'm hungry.	
I'm thirsty.	

Nouns/Food and Drink

the people	
the boy	
the girl	
the husband	
the wife	

the father	
the mother	
the son	
the daughter	
the brother	
the sister	
the friend	
the family	
the coffee	
the tea	
the milk	
the beer	
the wine	

Adjectives

my	
our	
your	
their	
his	
her	
much	
many	
few	
all	
none	
new	

old (thing)	
young	
old (person)	
nice	
more	
less	
better	
worse	

Time/Miscellaneous

second	
minute	
week	

month	
year	
always	
never	
sometimes	
often	
once	
twice	
soon	
because	
much	
a little	
enough	

only	
already	
nothing	
something	

Basic Verbs

<i>to know</i>	
I know	
you (sing.) know	
he/she knows	
we know	
you (pl.) know	

they know	
can, to be able	
I can	
you (sing.) can	
he/she can	
we can	
you (pl.) can	
they can	
to need	
I need	
you (sing.) need	
he/she needs	
we need	

you (pl.) need	
they need	
<i>to like</i>	
I like	
you (sing.) like	
he/she likes	
we like	
you (pl.) like	
they like	

Basic Verb Infinitives

to ask	
to answer	

to tell	
to give	
to live	
to come	
to see	
to hear	
to understand	
to take	
to use	
to leave	

Phase Four

Phrases

It's 1:00.	
It's half past nine.	
It's a quarter to seven.	
It's ten to five.	
It's 8:24 exactly.	

Nouns/Food and Drink

the neighbor	
the bed	
the room	

the book	
the paper	
the pen	
the car	
the school	
the job	
the building	
the telephone	
the money	
the plate	
the glass	
the cup	
the napkin	

the fork	
the knife	
the spoon	

Adjectives

married	
interesting	
sure	
fast	
slow	
some	
excellent	
afraid	

busy	
angry	
ready	

Time/Prepositions

Sunday	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
the season	

the spring	
the summer	
the autumn	
the winter	
under	
on	
over	
next to	
into	
than	
inside	
outside	

Basic Verbs

<i>to go</i>	
I go	
you (sing.) go	
he/she goes	
we go	
you (pl.) go	
they go	
<i>to do</i>	
I do	
you (sing.) do	
he/she does	
we do	

you (pl.) do	
they do	
to make	
I make	
you (sing.) make	
he/she makes	
we make	
you (pl.) make	
they make	
to speak	
I speak	
you (sing.) speak	
he/she speaks	

we speak	
you (pl.) speak	
they speak	
to say	
I say	
you (sing.) say	
he/she says	
we say	
you (pl.) say	
they say	

Basic Verb Infinitives

to enter	
to exit	
to read	
to write	
to look	
to sit	
to stand	
to forget	
to remember	
to find	
to lose	
to bring	

Miscellaneous/Numbers

yet/still	
each/every	
before	
after	
near	
far	
during	
in order to	
probably	
thirty	
forty	
fifty	

sixty	
seventy	
eighty	
ninety	
hundred	
thousand	
first	
second	
third	

Phase Five

Model Sentences

I want to speak with you for a moment.	
I will try to answer that question for you.	
He went to [target country] in order to study [target language].	
She left early because she was tired.	
If you want, you can come with me.	
Let's go to the museum now.	

Nouns/Food and Drink

the problem	
the question	
the answer	
the language	
the difference	
the city	
the street	
the light	
the mail	
the letter	
the address	

the opportunity	
the airplane	
the pepper	
the salt	
the meat	
the potato	
the vegetable	
the fruit	
the beef	
the chicken	
the fish	

Adjectives

important	
different	
hot	
cold	
interested	
necessary	
difficult	
easy	
same	
possible	
impossible	
early	

late	
clean	
dirty	
smart	
stupid	
other	
next	
last	
right	
wrong	

Prepositions/Miscellaneous

between	
about	
until	
around	
without	
behind	
in front of	
against	
instead of	
both	
finally	
almost	

if	
like	
suddenly	
too (much)	
so	

Parts of the Body/Basic Colors

the body	
the head	
the hand	
the eye	
the ear	
the mouth	

the stomach	
the foot	
the heart	
the color	
black	
white	
red	
blue	
green	
yellow	

Basic Verbs

<i>to give</i>	
I give	
you give (sing.)	
he/she gives	
we give	
you give (pl.)	
they give	
<i>to think</i>	
I think	
you think (sing.)	
he/she thinks	
we think	

you think (pl.)	
they think	
<i>to live</i>	
I live	
you live (sing.)	
he/she lives	
we live	
you live (pl.)	
they live	

Basic Verb Infinitives

to love	
to send	
to teach	
to learn	
to help	
to look for	
to work	
to call	
to study	
to hope	
to try	
to sleep	