



Eastern Armenian Essentials I

Learning a whole language can be daunting. But you'd be surprised how many situations you can handle with just 50 common words and phrases. Although you may be inspired to learn more, if all you know is these, you should be able to navigate your way through common situations in Armenian Church and Armenian community and family settings.

a as in **f**ather **e** as in **b**et **i** as in **T**ina **o** as in **o**ld **u** as in **t**una **ê** as in **a**lone
g as in **g**et **j** as in **j**et **kh** as in **Kh**achig **gh** as in **Bogh**os **zh** as in **Brezh**nev

1	այո	ayo	yes
2	ոչ	voch	no
3	կը ներեք	kn-erek	Excuse me, I'm sorry.
4	համեցեք	ha-me-tsek	Come in, Join us
5	իսնդրեմ	khn-drem	Please.
6	չարժի	char-zhi	You're welcome (response to thank you)
7	շնորհակալ եմ	shnor-hakal em	Thanks.
8	բարեւ	barev	Hello
9	ինչպէ՞ս ես	inchpes es?	How are you?
10	լաւ եմ	lav em	I'm fine.
11	իսկ դու ինչպէ՞ս ես	isk du inchpes es?	And how are you?
12	ես էլ եմ լաւ	yes el em lav	I'm fine too.
13	լաւ չեմ	lav chem	I'm not well
14	ի՞նչ կայ չկայ	inch ka chka?	what's new? (what's up?)
15	ամէն ինչ լաւ է	amen inch lav e	Everything's fine.
16	անունդ ի՞նչ է	anu-nd inch e?	What's your name?
17	անունս Արամ է	anu-ns Aram e	My name is Aram.
18	իսկ քո անունն ի՞նչ է	isk ko anu-nn inch e?	And what's your name?
19	իմ անունն Անուշ է	im anu-nên Anush e	My name is Anush.
20	ուրախ եմ	urakh em	Pleased to meet you.
21	նմանապէս	nma-napes	Likewise
22	որտեղի՞ց ես	vor-teghits es	Where are you from?
23	Ամերիկայից եմ	Amerikaits em	I'm from America.
24	որտե՞ղ ես բնակուում	vor-tegh es bna-kvum?	Where do you live?
25	բնակուում եմ Լոնդոնում	bnakvum em Londonum	I live in London.
26	ն՞ր եկեղեցուց ես	vor yekeghetsuts es?	Which church are you from?
27	առաքելականից եմ	arakelakanits em	I'm from Apostolic.
28	սուրճ կ'ուզե՞ս	surch kuzes?	Would like like some coffee?
29	այո, կաթով եւ շաքարով	ayo, katov yev shakarov	Yes, with milk and sugar.
30	կաթով, բայց ոչ շաքարով	katov, bayts voch shakarov	With milk, but no sugar.

31	ոչ, շնորհակալ եմ	voch, shnor-hakal em	No, thanks.
32	ջուր, խնդրեմ	jur khn-drem	Water, please.
33	հիւթ, խնդրեմ	hyut khn-drem	Juice, please.
34	շատ քիչ, խնդրեմ	shat kich khn-drem	Very little, please.
35	մի քիչ էլ, խնդրեմ	mi kich el khn-drem	A little more, please
36	հաց ու պանիր կ'ուզե՞ս	hats u panir kuzes?	Would you like some bread and cheese?
37	համով է	hamov e	It's tasty.
38	արդեն ուշ է	arden ush e	It's late.
39	ցտեսութիւն	ts-tesutyun	Good bye.
40	բարի լոյս	bari luys	good morning.
41	գիշեր բարի	gisher bari	good night.
42	լոյս բարի	luys bari	good light (response to good night)
43	բարի գալուստ	bari galust	Welcome
44	շնորհաւոր նոր տարի եւ Սուրբ Ծնունդ	shorhavor nor tari yev surb tznund	Happy New Year and Merry Christmas!
45	ցաւակցութիւններս	tsavaktsutyunners	my condolences
46	Աստուած հոգին լուսաւորի	Astvats hogin lusavori	God's light on his/her soul.
47	կենացդ	kenatst	To your health/Cheers!
48	տարուսը քեզ	tarosê kez	May you be next (said at weddings to singles)
49	ձեռքդ դալար	dzerkd dalar	Good handiwork!
50	վարձքդ կատար	vardzkd katar	Well done! Congratulations!

Want to Know More? Get to the Root of It

The Armenian Language is distantly related to English, for this reason, you may recognize certain words (or parts of words). These related words are called **cognates**. Cognates usually have similar consonants, or the consonants exhibit a regular correspondence, e.g., *h*ayr father *p*ater, *h*ats food *p*asture. Armenian often loses letters, as in *li* full *pl*enty, *yere*k three, and sometimes sounds change quite dramatically and uniquely, as in *tsnunt* kin generation, *tsan*ot know prognosis, *met*s *mega*, or *kakhtsr* sweet, *ku*yr sister *so*rarity. Recognizing cognates can accelerate your mastery of Armenian or any foreign language. Try to think of Armenian as an extension of the English you already know.

Cognate Key: The phrases above consist of roughly 80 distinct words, more than half of which are cognates. Here are a few cognates to get you started:

<i>shakar</i> – sugar	<i>ko</i> – thy – tuo (tuo => kuo)	<i>tsnunt</i> – birth – kin, generate
<i>anun</i> – name, noun	<i>es, unes</i> – you are, have, Sp. estas	<i>hats</i> – bread, food – pasture
<i>du</i> – thou	<i>e</i> – is – Fr. est	<i>bnakvel</i> – reside – bungalow
<i>yekeghetsi</i> – church, ecclesiastical	<i>luys</i> – light, luster	<i>-s</i> – this, my
<i>es</i> – ego – I	<i>kat</i> – milk– galactic, Milky Way	<i>-d</i> – that, your
<i>em</i> – am, <i>im</i> – my	<i>nor</i> – new	<i>el</i> – also, else
<i>utyun</i> – tion	<i>dzerk</i> – hand, as in chiropractor	<i>gisher</i> – night – vespers
<i>kenats-d</i> – life – quick – vivacious	<i>galust</i> – come, invade, wade	<i>hogi</i> – spirit – heave (sigh)
<i>tes</i> – see – dragon (large eyes, <i>r</i> drops and <i>g>s</i>)	<i>shnorhakal</i> – thankful, <i>shnorh</i> = grace, Sp. gracias	<i>Astvats</i> – God (as in hasdad, fasten, establish)

Non-cognates - 20 words to memorize: *ayo, voch, lav, kich, shat, bari, barev, inchpes, ka, nere*k, *hametsek, urakh, nmanapes, surch, hyut, tsav, surb, arden, ham, panir*