



Western Armenian Essentials II

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 many common situations in Armenian Church, community and family settings.

a as in father **e** as in bet **i** as in Tina **o** as in old **u** as in tuna **ê** as in alone **ay** as in Maya
g as in go **j** as in jet **kh** as in Khachig **gh** as in Boghos **zh** as in Zhivago **dz** as in loads **ts** as in lots

1	մէկ	meg	1
2	երկու	yergu	2
3	երեք	yerek	3
4	չորս	chors	4
5	հինգ	hing	5
6	վեց	vets	6
7	եօթ	yot	7
8	ութ	ut	8
9	ինը	inê	9
10	տաս	das	10
11	տասնմէկ	das-nê-meg	11
12	տասներկու	das-nê-yergu	12
13	քսան	ksan	20
14	երեսուն	yeresun	30
15	քառասուն	karasun	40
16	լիսուն	hisun	50
17	վաթսուն	vatsun	60
18	եօթանասուն	yotanasun	70
19	ութսուն	utsun	80
20	իննսուն	inêsun	90
21	հարիւր	haryur	100
22	հազար	hazar	1000
23	Ժամը քանի՞ է	zhamê kani e	What time is it?
24	Ժամը մէկն է	zhamê megn e	It's one o'clock.
25	Ժամը մէկ ու կէս է	zhamê meg u ges e	It's one thirty. (one and a half)
26	քանի՞ տարեկան ես	kani daregan es	How old are you?
27	տաս տարեկան եմ	das daregan em	I'm ten years old.
28	քոյր կամ եղբայր ունի՞ս	kuyr gam yekh-payr unis	Do you have any brothers or sisters?
29	երկու քոյր ունիմ	yergu kuyr unim	I have two sisters.
30	եղբայր չունիմ	yekh-payr chunim	I don't have any brothers.
31	հայր	hayr	father
32	մայր	mayr	mother

33	մեծ հայր	medz-hayr	grandfather
34	մեծ մայր	medz-mayr	grandmother
35	հայ	hay	Armenian
36	Հայաստան	hayasdan	Armenia
37	Ամերիկա	ameriga	America
38	ամերիկահայ	amerigahay	American-Armenian
39	նախնիներդ ուրկէ՞ են	nakh-ni-ner-ê t urge en	Where are your ancestors from?
40	զաւակ ունի՞ս	zavag unis	Do you have any children?
41	աղջիկ	akh-chig	daughter
42	տղայ	d-gha	son
43	երկու աղջիկ ունիմ	yergu akh-chig unim	I have two daughters.
44	ասիկա իմ եղբայրս է	asiga im yekh-payr-s e	This is my brother.
45	ասիկա իմ լաւ ընկերս է	asiga im lav ênger-s e	This is my good friend.
46	ամուսին	amusin	husband, spouse
47	կին	gin	wife
48	հորեղբայր	hor-yekh-payr	uncle (father's brother)
49	մորաքոյր	mora-kuyr	aunt (mother's sister)
50	քեռի	keri	uncle (mother's brother)

Want to Know More? Get to the Root of It

Cognate Key: This text consists of roughly 80 distinct words, about half of which are cognates. Here are a few cognates to get you started:

<i>meg</i> – one – mono	<i>hing</i> – five – pente	<i>hayr</i> – father – paternal
<i>karasun</i> – forty – quarter	<i>gin</i> – woman – queen	<i>mayr</i> – mother – maternal
<i>das</i> – ten – decimal	<i>yergu</i> – two – duo	<i>yekhpayr</i> – brother – fraternity
<i>chors</i> – four – quartet	<i>yerek</i> – three – trio	<i>kuyr</i> – sister – sorority
<i>inê</i> – nine	<i>vets</i> – six – hexagon – sextet	<i>medz</i> – big – mega
<i>ut</i> – eight – octagon	<i>yot</i> – seven – heptagon	<i>ênger</i> – friend – as in <i>ênt</i> =with + <i>ger</i> = eat – companion
<i>kani</i> – how many – quantity	<i>yev</i> – and – epi (on top of) (p=>v)	<i>ger</i> – eat – <u>de</u> vour

Non-Cognates – 16 words to memorize: *zham, daregan, haryur, hazar, ges, unis, gam, akh-chig, d-gha, amusin, ker, lav, hay, nakhni, zavag*