



## Eastern 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 most common situations in Armenian Church and Armenian community 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**hos   **zh** as in **Brezh**nev

1	մէկ	mek	1
2	երկու	yerku	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	tas	10
11	տասնմէկ	tasnmek	11
12	տասներկու	tasnyerku	12
13	քսան	ksan	20
14	երեսուն	eresun	30
15	քառասուն	karasun	40
16	յիսուն	hisun	50
17	վաթսուն	vatsun	60
18	եօթանասուն	yotanasun	70
19	ութսուն	utsun	80
20	իննսուն	innsun	90
21	հարիւր	haryur	100
22	հազար	hazar	1000
23	Ժամը քանիսն՞ է	zhamê kanisn e?	what time is it?
24	Ժամը մէկն է	zhamê mekn e	it's one o'clock.
25	Ժամը մէկ անց կէս է	zhamê mek ants kes e	it's one thirty.
26	քանի տարեկան ես	kani tarekan es?	How old are you?
27	տաս տարեկան եմ	tas tarekan em	I'm ten years old
28	քոյր կամ եղբայր ունե՞ս	kuyr gam ekh-bayr unes?	Do you have any brothers or sisters?
29	երկու քոյր ունեմ	yerku kuyr unem	I have two sisters?
30	եղբայր չունեմ	yekh-bayr chunem	I don't have any brothers.
31	հայր	hayr	father
32	մայր	mayr	mother

33 պապ	pap	grandfather
34 տատ	tat	grandmother
35 հայ	hay	Armenian
36 Հայաստան	hayastan	Armenia
37 Ամերիկա	amerika	America
38 ամերիկացի	amerikatsi	American
39 նախնիներդ որտեղի՞ց են	nakhninerd vor-teghits en?	Where were your ancestors from?
40 երեխայ ունե՞ս	yerekha unes?	Do you have any children?
41 աղջիկ	akh-chik	daughter
42 տղայ	t-gha	son
43 երկու աղջիկ ունեմ	yerku akh-chik unem	I have two daughters.
44 սա իմ եղբայրն է	sa im yekh-bayr-n e	This is my brother.
45 սա իմ ընկերն է	sa im ênker-n e	This is my friend.
46 ամուսին	amusin	husband, spouse
47 կին	kin	wife
48 հորեղբայր	horekh-bayr	uncle(father's brother)
49 մորաքույր	morakuyr	aunt (mother's sister)
50 քեռի	keri	uncle(mother's brother)

**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., hayr father pater, hats food pasture. Armenian often loses letters, as in li full plenty, yerek three, and sometimes sounds change quite dramatically and uniquely, as in tsnunt kin generation, tsanot know prognosis, mets mega, or kakhtsr sweet, kuyr sister sorority. 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>mek</i> – one – mono	<i>hing</i> – five – pente	<i>hayr</i> – father– paternal
<i>karasun</i> – forty – quarter	<i>kin</i> – woman – queen	<i>mayr</i> – mother – maternal
<i>tas</i> – ten – decimal	<i>yerku</i> – two – duo	<i>yekhbayr</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>mets</i> – big – mega
<i>ut</i> – eight – octagon	<i>yot</i> – seven – heptagon	<i>ênker</i> – friend – as in <i>ênd</i> =with + <i>ker</i> = eat – companion
<i>kani</i> – how many – quantity	<i>yev</i> – and – epi (on top of) (p=>v)	<i>ker</i> – eat – <u>de</u> your

**Non-Cognates – 16 words to memorize:** *zham, tarekan, haryur, hazar, kes, unes, kam, akh-chik, t-gha, amusin, ker, lav, hay, nakhni, yerekha*

For further explanations and pronunciation, check *Get to the Root of It!* [www.arak29.am](http://www.arak29.am) (Language, Church).