

Bengali Language Essentials Cheatsheet

A concise reference guide to Bengali (Bangla) language basics, covering pronunciation, grammar, common phrases, and useful vocabulary for beginners and travelers.



Pronunciation and Script

Vowels

অ (ô) Like 'uh' in 'about' আ (a) Like 'ah' in 'father' ই (i) Like 'ee' in 'see' ঈ (ee) Longer 'ee' sound Like 'oo' in 'moon' উ (u) উ (০০) Longer 'oo' sound Like 'ay' in 'say' এ (e) ঐ (oi) Like 'oi' in 'boil' ও (০) Like 'o' in 'go' હે (ou) Like 'ow' in 'cow'

Consonants (Examples)

क (kô)	Like 'k' in 'kite'
খ (khô)	Aspirated 'k' sound
গ (gô)	Like 'g' in 'go'
ঘ (ghô)	Aspirated 'g' sound
% (ngô)	Like 'ng' in 'sing'
চ (chô)	Like 'ch' in 'chat'
ਰ (ţô)	Retroflex 't' sound
ত (tô)	Like 't' in 'top'

Key Pronunciation Notes

Bengali has a phonetic script; pronunciation generally matches the spelling. Stress is generally on the first syllable. Aspirated consonants are common and important to distinguish.

Basic Grammar

Sentence Structure

Bengali typically follows Subject-Object-Verb (SOV) word order. Example: আমি ভাত খাই (ami bhat khai) - I rice eat (I eat rice).

Nouns and Pronouns

আমি (ami)	I
তুমি (tumi)	You (informal)
আপনি (apni)	You (formal)
সে (shey/se)	He/She/It
আমরা (amra)	We
তোমরা (tomra)	You (plural, informal)
আপনারা (apnara)	You (plural, formal)
তারা (tara)	They
এটা (eta)	This
ওটা (ota)	That

Verbs (Basic Conjugation)

Bengali verbs conjugate based on tense and person. The verb ' করা (kora)' - to do, is a good example. আমি করি (ami kori) - I do তুমি করো (tumi koro) - You (informal) do আপনি করেন (apni koren) - You (formal) do সে করে (shey kore) - He/She/It does

Useful Phrases

Greetings

নমস্কার (nomoshkar)	Hello/Greetings (formal)
কেমন আছেন? (kemon আছেন?)	How are you? (formal)
কী খবর? (kee khobor?)	What's up?/What's the news?
ভালো আছি (bhalo achi)	I am fine.
শুভ সকাল (shubho shokal)	Good morning
ভভ রাত্ির (shubho ratri)	Good night

Basic Interactions

আপনার নাম কি? (apnar naam ki?)	What is your name? (formal)
আমার নাম (amar naam)	My name is
ধন্যবাদ (dhonnobad)	Thank you
স্বাগতম (shagotom)	Welcome
মাপ করবেন (map করবেন)	Excuse me/Sorry
আমি বুঝতে পারছি না (ami bujhte parchi na)	I don't understand

Essential Questions

What is this?
How much is this?
Where?
When?
Why?
How?

Basic Vocabulary

Food & Drink

ভাত (bhat)	Rice
পানি (pani)	Water
ਗ (cha)	Tea
ডিম (dim)	Egg
মাছ (machh)	Fish
মাংস (mangsho)	Meat
সবজি (sobji)	Vegetables

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এটা কি? (eta ki?)	What is this?
এটা কত? (eta koto?)	How much is this?
কোথায়? (kothay?)	Where?
কখন? (kokhon?)	When?
কেন? (keno?)	Why?
কীভাবে? (kivabe?)	How?

Numbers

Common Adjectives

এক (ek)	One
ছই (dui)	Two
তিন (tin)	Three
চার (char)	Four
পাঁচ (pੱach)	Five
ছয় (chhoy)	Six
সাত (shat)	Seven
আট (aţ)	Eight
নয় (noy)	Nine
দশ (dosh)	Ten

ভালো (bhalo)	Good
খারাপ (kharap)	Bad
वড़ (bôŗo)	Big
ছোট (chhoţo)	Small
নতুন (notun)	New
পুরানো (purano)	Old
সুদর (shundor)	Beautiful