

## Yakkha

Yakkha language is spoken by about 20 000 speakers in Nepal and Northeast India. It belongs to the Sino-Tibetan language family.

Below is a selection of words in the Yakkha language with their translations. The words are separated into syllables, ' at the beginning of a syllable means that the word has its (primary) stress on this syllable.

<i>a.ŋo.'tɕɛŋ.ma</i>	sister-in-law
<i>chim.'duŋ.na</i>	I asked him.
<i>cik.ci.'geŋ.ba</i>	Bilaune tree
<i>'cok.ce.ru</i>	cardamom
<i>'Com.luŋ</i>	Mount Everest
<i>'dʒaŋ.gak.ci</i>	sticks
<i>'kam.ni.bak</i>	friend
<i>kho.'riʔ.maŋ</i>	buckwheat
<i>'ki.tab.ci</i>	books
<i>'ko.ko.mek.ci</i>	butterflies
<i>'ko.lem</i>	smooth
<i>'ku.cu.ma.ci</i>	dogs
<i>luk.ta.'khyay.na</i>	I ran away.
<i>'luŋ.khwak</i>	stone
<i>'men.dhwak.ci</i>	goats
<i>nam.tha.'luŋ.ma</i>	Namthalungma
<i>ndum.men.'cun.na</i>	They (dual) do not understand him.
<i>pham.'meŋ.na</i>	He/she helps me.
<i>'sam.ba.khi</i>	potato
<i>'sam.ba.khi.ci</i>	potatoes
<i>'ta.ya.na</i>	He came.
<i>tum.meʔ.'nen.na</i>	I understand you.
<i>'tun.di.wa.gha</i>	He/they understand you (pl).
<i>wa.'riŋ.ba.ci</i>	tomatoes

**Task 1:** Here are two nouns in their singular and plural forms. Mark the stress.

<i>kho.rek</i>	bowl
<i>kho.rek.ci</i>	bowls
<i>op.chyaŋ.me</i>	firefly
<i>op.chyaŋ.me.ci</i>	fireflies

**Task 2:** Here are more words in the Yakkha language. Mark the stress.

<i>ca.ram</i>	yard
<i>ci.sa.bhya</i>	It cooled down
<i>cuʔ.lum.phi.ci</i>	steles, pillars, sticks
<i>kam.ni.bak.ci</i>	friends
<i>ko.ko.mek</i>	butterfly
<i>luk.ta.khya.na</i>	He ran away.
<i>ndum.men.cu.ŋan.na</i>	We (dual) do not understand him.
<i>nep.nep.na</i>	short one
<i>o.sen.khwak</i>	bone
<i>ol.lo.bak</i>	fast
<i>tum.me.cu.na</i>	They (dual) understand him.
<i>wa.bik.ci</i>	cucumbers
<i>wa.riŋ.ba</i>	tomato
<i>yok.yo.rok</i>	beyond, a bit further

**Task 3:** The Yakkha term for marble stone is *'ko.len.luŋ*. The stress marking should be different than the rule(s) you have discovered so far would suggest. How would you explain this exception?

**Note:** *t, d, ʔ, ch, ph, th, kh, bh, dh, gh, ŋ, y, w* are consonants.