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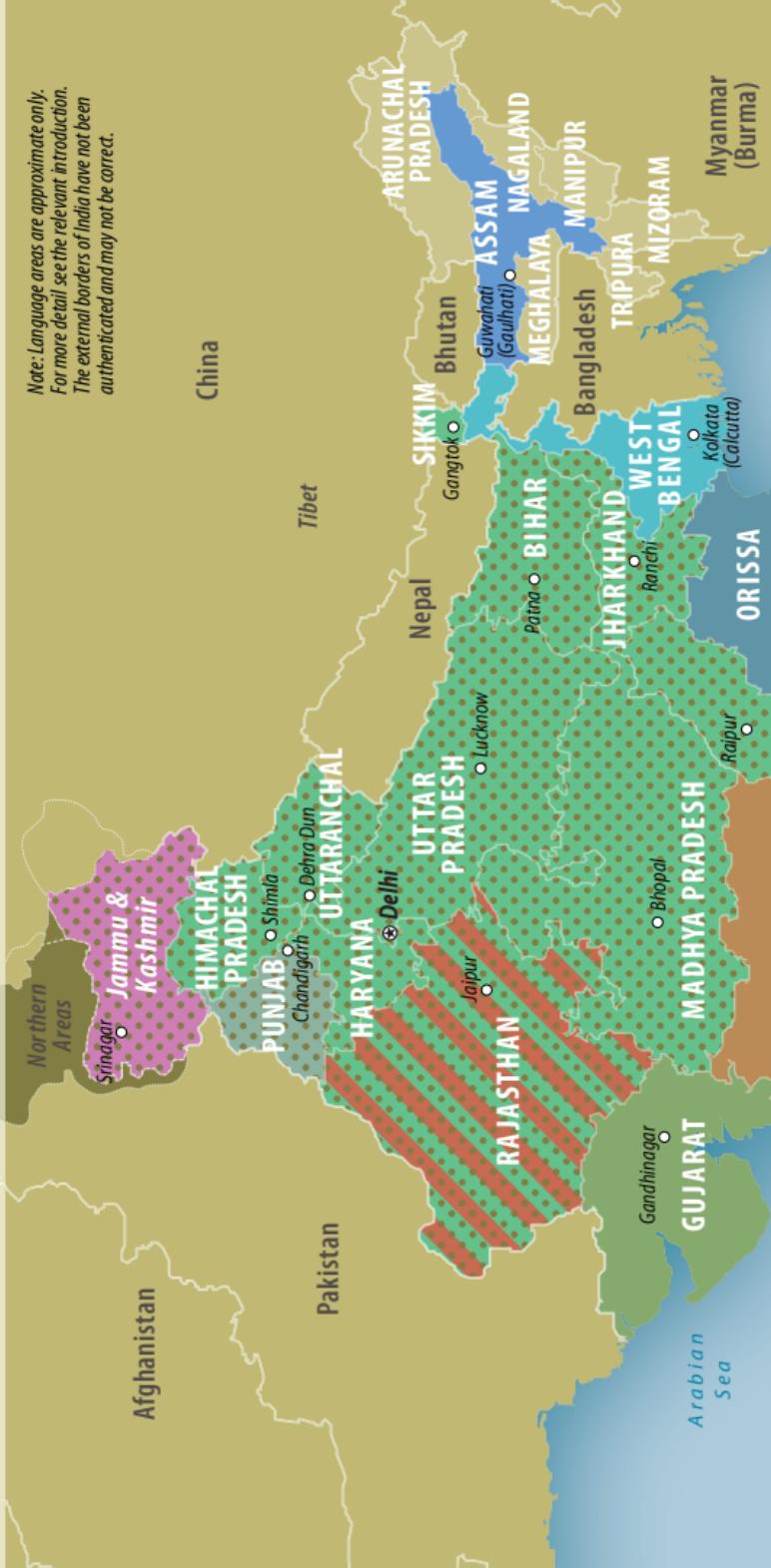
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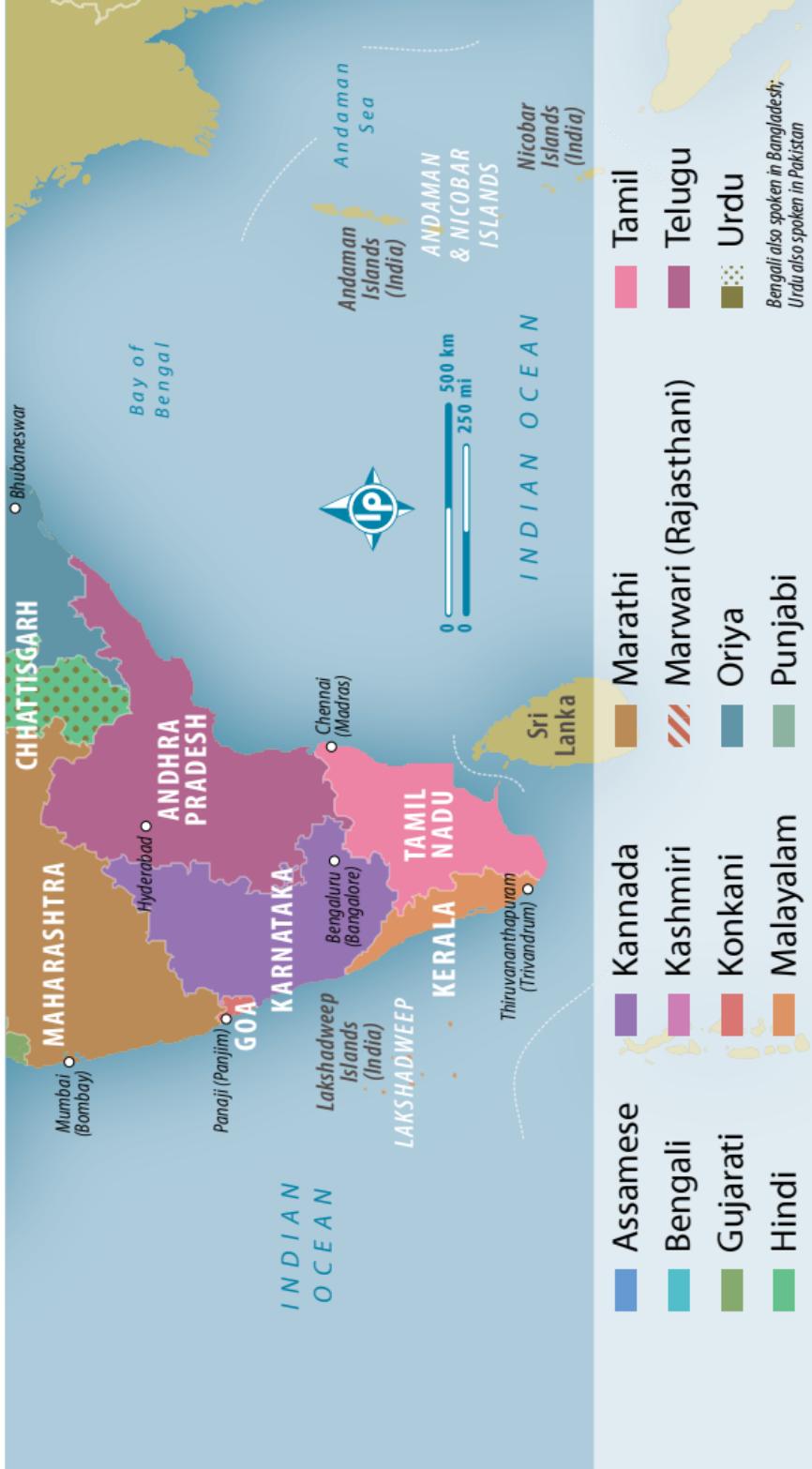
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Note: Language areas are approximate only.
For more detail see the relevant introduction.
The external borders of India have not been
authenticated and may not be correct.



LANGUAGE MAP

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India – at a glance

In addition to its many other attractions, India offers incredible linguistic diversity. There is no one ‘Indian’ language as such, which is probably part of the reason why English is still widely spoken more than 50 years after the British left India and why it’s still in official use. The Constitution recognises another 22 languages – apart from these, over 1600 minor languages and dialects are spoken throughout the country. Most of India’s languages have their own script, but written English is also quite common. Except for Urdu, which is written in a modified version of the Arabic script, all other alphabets have developed from India’s ancient Brahmi script.

The languages of India fall into two major groups: Indic (or Indo-Aryan) and Dravidian. The Indic languages are a branch of the Indo-European language family (to which English belongs) and they were brought to India by the peoples of Central Asia. Around 74% of the population, predominantly in the north, speak one of the Indic languages, with Hindi as the main representative. The Dravidian languages, such as Tamil, are believed to be native to India, although they have been influenced by Sanskrit and Hindi throughout history. The Dravidian languages are spoken by about 24% of the population, mainly in the south of India.

For many educated Indians, English is virtually their first language, and for the large number of Indians who speak more than one language, English is often their second tongue. Major efforts have been made to promote Hindi as the national language of India and to gradually phase out English. However, while Hindi is the predominant language of the north, it bears little relation to the Dravidian languages of the south – subsequently, very few people in the south speak Hindi and there is strong support for the retention of English.

did you know?

- Sanskrit is one of the oldest languages in the world (dating from around 1000 BC). The sacred Hindu texts, the Vedas, and classical literature such as the Mahabharata and the Ramayana, were written in this Indic language, which is now one of India’s official languages.
- The most commonly used numeral system in the world, the positional decimal system, was developed in ancient India. The numerals used in English and other languages worldwide (ie 1, 2, 3 ...) also originate from India – they developed from the Brahmi numerals which date back to the 3rd century BC.
- Unesco declared 21 February the International Mother Language Day, commemorating the day in 1952 when students from Dhaka University were shot dead by police as they campaigned for the recognition of Bengali as the official language of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

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alphabet

vowels

| | | | | |
|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| আ | আ | ই | ঈ | উ |
| a | aa | i | ee | u |
| ও | এ | ওয় | ও | ওয় |
| oo | e | oy | o | ow |

consonants

| | | | | |
|-----|------|----|------|-------|
| ক | খ | গ | ঘ | ঙ |
| ka | k'a | ga | g'a | un-ga |
| চ | ছ | জ | ঝ | ঞ |
| cha | ch'a | ja | j'a | ni-ya |
| ট | ঠ | ড | ঢ | ণ |
| ta | t'a | da | d'a | n'a |
| ত | থ | দ | ধ | ন |
| ṭa | t'a | ḍa | ḍ'a | na |
| প | ফ | ব | ভ | ম |
| pa | p'a | ba | b'a | ma |
| য | ৰ | ল | ৱ | শ |
| ya | ra | la | wa | sha |
| ষ | স | হ | ক্ষ | ঢ |
| sa | sa | ha | k'ya | ṛa |
| চ | ঁ | ঁ | ঁ | |
| ṛa | nga | ḥa | nya | |

numerals

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| ০ | ১ | ২ | ৩ | ৪ | ৫ | ৬ | ৭ | ৮ | ৯ |

introduction

Despite being related to other languages of northern India, most closely to Bengali, Assamese (ak-so-mee-a অসমীয়া) sounds distinctly non-Indian: it has none of the peculiar 'r'-flavoured consonants of other Indian languages. This is due to past contact with unrelated languages in the surrounding areas of Southeast Asia. Assamese, spoken by around 13 million people in India (mostly in the state of Assam), is a member of the Indo-European family's Indo-Aryan branch, therefore distantly related to the languages of Europe. As one of the languages used to write the Charyapadas, the mysterious millennium-old palm-leaf manuscripts containing Buddhist songs, Assamese has a long literary tradition. It's written in Assamese script, which is similar to that of Bengali. The British forced the people of Assam to use Bengali in the colonial times of the early 1800s – however, due to fierce opposition from the locals, they reinstated Assamese as the main official language a half-century later. Try your hand (or rather tongue) at Assamese – this will surely endear you to its proud owners!



pronunciation

| Vowels | | Consonants | |
|---|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Symbol | English sound | Symbol | English sound |
| a | run | b | bed |
| aa | father | ch | cheat |
| ai | aisle | d | dog |
| e | bet | đ | retroflex d |
| ee | see | g | go |
| ey | hey | h | hat |
| i | hit | ħ | nasal h |
| o | pot | j | jar |
| oy | toy | k | kit |
| oo | zoo | l | lot |
| oh | note | m | man |
| ow | now | n | not |
| u | put | ɳ | retroflex n |
| In this chapter, the Assamese pronunciation is given in blue after each phrase. | | ny | canyon |
| | | ng | sing |
| | | p | pet |
| | | r | red |
| | | ṛ | retroflex r |
| | | s | sun |
| | | sh | shoot |
| | | t | top |
| | | ʈ | retroflex t |
| | | w | win |
| | | y | yes |
| | | z | zero |

essentials

| | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Yes./No. | হয়।/নহয়। | hoy/no-hoy |
| Please. | অনুগ্রহ কৰি। | a-nu-gro-ha ko-ri |
| Thank you. | ধন্যবাদ। | d'on-yo-baad' |
| Excuse me. | শ্রমা কৰিব। | k'yo-ma ko-ri-bo |
| Sorry. | মই দুঃখিত। | moy duk-k'i-ta |

language difficulties

Do you speak English?

আপুনি ইংরেজি ভাষা
ক'ব পাৰেনে?

aa-pu-ni ing-ra-ji b'a-k'a
ko-bo paa-re-ne

Do you understand?

আপুনি বুজি পায়নে?

aa-pu-ni bu-ji pai-ne

I understand.

মই বুজি পাওঁ।

moy bu-ji pow

I don't understand.

মই বুজি নাপাওঁ।

moy bu-ji na-pow

Could you please ...?

আপুনি অনুগ্রহ
কৰি ...?

aa-pu-ni a-nu-gro-ha
ko-ri ...

repeat that

আকৌ এবাৰ

a-kow e-bar

speak more slowly

লাহে লাহে কওঁক

laa-he laa-he ko-uk

numbers

| | | | | | |
|----|-------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| 0 | শূন্য | ksuyn-ya | 20 | বিশ | bees |
| 1 | এক | ek | 30 | ত্ৰিশ | tris |
| 2 | দুই | duy | 40 | চতুৰ্থ | sol-lis |
| 3 | তিনি | ti-ni | 50 | পঞ্চাশ | pon-saas |
| 4 | চাৰি | sa-ri | 60 | ষাটি | ha-t'i |
| 5 | পাঁচ | paans | 70 | সপ্তৰ | hot-tor |
| 6 | ছয় | soy | 80 | আশী | aak-si |
| 7 | সাত | ksaat | 90 | নবই | nob-boy |
| 8 | আঠ | aat' | 100 | এশ | ek-so |
| 9 | ন | na | 1000 | এক হেজাৰ | ek he-zaar |
| 10 | দহ | do-ha | 1,000,000 | এক লাখ | ek lakh |

time & dates

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| What time is it? | এতিয়া কেইটা বাজিছে? | e·ti·ya key·ta ba·ji·se |
| It's (two) o'clock. | এতিয়া (দুটা) বাজিছে। | e·ti·ya (du·ta) ba·ji·se |
| Quarter past (two). | (দুটা) পোন্দৰ। | (du·ta) pon·d'a·ra |
| Half past two. | আটে। | aar·hoy |
| Quarter to (three). | (তিনিটালৈ) পোন্দৰ মিনিট। | (ti·ni·ta·loy) pon·d'a·ra mi·nit |
| At what time ...? | কেইটা বজাত ...? | key·ta bo·jaṭ ... |
| At ... | টা বজাত ... | ta bo·jaṭ ... |
| It's (15 December). | আজি (১৫ ডিচেম্বৰ)। | aa·ji (pon·d'a·ra ðe·sem·ber) |
| yesterday | কালি | kaa·li |
| today | আজি | aa·ji |
| tomorrow | কালিলৈ | kaa·li·loy |
| Monday | সোমবাৰ | ksom·baar |
| Tuesday | মঙ্গলবাৰ | mon·gol·baar |
| Wednesday | বুধবাৰ | bud'·baar |
| Thursday | বৃহস্পতিবাৰ | bri·hos·po·ti·baar |
| Friday | শুক্ৰবাৰ | ksu·kro·baar |
| Saturday | শনিবাৰ | kso·ni·baar |
| Sunday | দেওবাৰ | de-o·baar |

border crossing

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| I'm here ... | মই ইয়াত আছোঁ ... | moy e·yat a·su ... |
| in transit | ভ্ৰমণ কৰি থকা আৱস্থাত | b'rō·mon ko·ri t'o·ka o·bos·t'at |
| on business | ব্যৱসায়ৰ সংক্ৰান্তত | byo·wak·sai kson·kraan·tot |
| on holiday | বন্ধু উপভোগ কৰিবলৈ | bon·ðha u·po·b'ug ko·ri·bo·loy |
| I'm here for ... | মই ইয়াত থাকিম ... | moy e·yat t'a·kim ... |
| (10) days | (১০) দিনৰ বাবে | (do·ha) ði·nor baa·be |
| (three) weeks | (তিনি) সপ্তাহৰ বাবে | (ti·ni) ksop·taa·hor baa·be |
| (two) months | (দুই) মাহৰ বাবে | (duy) maa·hor baa·be |
| I'm going to (Guwahati). | মই (গুৱাহাটী)লৈ গৈ আছোঁ। | moy (gu·waa·ha·ti)·loy goy aa·su |
| I'm staying at the (Hotel Mayur). | মই (মযুৰ হোটেল)ত আছোঁ। | moy (mo·yur ho·tel)·ot aa·su |

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| | Assamese | Bengali | Gujarati | Hindi | Kannada | Kashmiri | Konkani | Malayalam | Marathi | Marwari | Oriya | Punjabi | Tamil | Telugu | Urdu |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| accommodation | 18 | 42 | 66 | 90 | 114 | 138 | 162 | 186 | 210 | 234 | 258 | 282 | 306 | 330 | 354 |
| address | 17, 24 | 41, 47 | 65, 72 | 89, 96 | 113, 120 | 137, 144 | 161, 168 | 185, 192 | 209, 216 | 233, 239 | 257, 264 | 281, 288 | 305, 312 | 329, 336 | 353, 360 |
| addressing people | 23 | 47 | 71 | 95 | — | 143 | 167 | 191 | 215 | 239 | 263 | 288 | 312 | 335 | 359 |
| admission (sightseeing) | 21 | 44 | 68 | 93 | 116 | 140 | 165 | 189 | 212 | 236 | 261 | 285 | 309 | 332 | 356 |
| airport | 16 | 40 | 64 | 88 | 112 | 136 | 160 | 184 | 208 | 232 | 256 | 280 | 304 | 328 | 352 |
| alcoholic drinks | 25 | 49 | 73 | 97 | 121 | — | 170 | 193 | 217 | 241 | 265 | 289 | 313 | 337 | 361 |
| allergies | 25, 27 | 49, 51 | 73, 75 | 98, 99 | 122, 123 | 145, 147 | 170 | 194, 196 | 217, 219 | 241, 243 | 266, 268 | 290, 292 | 314, 316 | 337, 339 | 362, 363 |
| alphabet | 10 | 34 | 58 | 82 | 106 | 130 | 154 | 178 | 202 | 226 | 250 | 274 | 298 | 322 | 346 |
| ambulance | 26 | 50 | 74 | 98 | 122 | 146 | 170 | 194 | 218 | 242 | 266 | 290 | 314 | 334 | 358 |
| amounts | 22 | 46 | 70 | 95 | 118 | 142 | 167 | 191 | 214 | 238 | 263 | 287 | 311 | 334 | 358 |
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| bank | 17, 19 | 41, 43 | 65, 67 | 89, 91 | 113, 115 | 137, 139 | 161, 163 | 185, 187 | 209, 211 | 233, 235 | 257, 259 | 281, 283 | 305, 307 | 329, 331 | 353, 355 |
| bar | 25 | 48 | 73 | 96 | 121 | 145 | 169 | 193 | 217 | 240 | 264 | 289 | 313 | 336 | 360 |
| bargaining | 22 | 46 | 70 | 94 | 118 | 142 | 166 | 190 | 214 | 238 | 262 | 287 | 311 | 334 | 358 |
| basic phrases | 13 | 37 | 61 | 85 | 109 | 133 | 157 | 181 | 205 | 229 | 253 | 277 | 301 | 325 | 349 |
| bill (restaurant) | 24 | 48 | 72 | 97 | 120 | 144 | 169 | 193 | 216 | 240 | 265 | 289 | 313 | 336 | 361 |
| bill (shopping) | 22 | 46 | 70 | 94 | 118 | 142 | 166 | 190 | 214 | 238 | 262 | 287 | 311 | 334 | 358 |
| boat | 16 | 40 | 64 | 88 | 112 | 136 | 160 | 184 | 208 | 232 | — | — | 304 | 328 | 352 |

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| booking (accommodation) | 18 | 42 | 66 | 90 | 114 | 138 | 162 | 186 | 210 | 234 | 258 | 282 | 306 | 330 | 354 |
| booking (taxi) | 16 | 40 | 64 | 88 | 112 | 136 | 160 | 184 | 208 | 232 | 256 | 280 | 304 | 328 | 352 |
| booking (tickets) | 15 | 39 | 63 | 87 | 111 | 135 | 159 | 183 | 207 | 231 | 255 | 279 | 303 | 327 | 351 |
| border crossing | 14 | 38 | 62 | 86 | 110 | 134 | 158 | 182 | 206 | 230 | 254 | 278 | 302 | 326 | 350 |
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| car | 17 | 41 | 65 | 89 | 113 | 136 | 161 | 185 | 209 | 233 | 257 | 281 | 305 | 329 | 353 |
| cell phone | 20 | 43 | 67 | 92 | 115 | 139 | 164 | 188 | 212 | 235 | 260 | 284 | 308 | 332 | 356 |
| changing money | 17, 19 | 41, 43 | 65, 67 | 89, 91 | 113, 115 | 137, 139 | 161, 163 | 185, 187 | 209, 211 | 233, 235 | 257, 259 | 281, 283 | 305, 307 | 329, 331 | 353, 355 |
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| consonants | 12 | 36 | 60 | 84 | 108 | 132 | 156 | 180 | 204 | 228 | 252 | 276 | 300 | 324 | 348 |
| contact details | 24 | 47 | 72 | 96 | 120 | 144 | 168 | 192 | 216 | 239 | 264 | 288 | 312 | 336 | 360 |
| cost (accommodation) | 18 | 42 | 66 | 90 | 114 | 138 | 162 | 186 | 210 | 234 | 258 | 282 | 307 | 330 | 354 |
| cost (general) | 22 | 46 | 70 | 94 | 118 | 142 | 166 | 190 | 214 | 237 | 262 | 287 | 311 | 334 | 358 |
| cost (internet) | 19 | 43 | 67 | 91 | 115 | 139 | 163 | 187 | 211 | 235 | 259 | 284 | 308 | 331 | 355 |
| cost (phone) | 20 | 43 | 68 | 92 | 116 | 140 | 164 | 188 | 212 | 235 | 260 | 284 | 308 | 335 | 356 |
| cost (sightseeing) | 21 | 44 | 68 | 93 | 116 | 140 | 165 | 189 | 212 | 236 | 261 | 285 | 309 | 332 | 356 |
| cost (taxi) | 16 | 40 | 64 | 89 | 112 | 136 | 161 | 185 | 208 | 232 | 256 | 281 | 304 | 329 | 352 |
| countries | 24 | 47 | 72 | 96 | 120 | 144 | 168 | 192 | 216 | 239 | 264 | 288 | 312 | 336 | 360 |
| credit card | 22 | 46 | 70 | 94 | 118 | 142 | 166 | 191 | 214 | 238 | 263 | 287 | 311 | 334 | 358 |
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| days of the week | 14 | 38 | 62 | 86 | 110 | 134 | 158 | 182 | 206 | 230 | 254 | 278 | 302 | 326 | 350 |
| dentist | 27 | 51 | 75 | 99 | 123 | 147 | 171 | 195 | 219 | 243 | 267 | 291 | 315 | 339 | 363 |
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| greetings | 23 | 47 | 71 | 95 | 119 | 143 | 167 | 191 | 215 | 239 | 263 | 288 | 312 | 335 | 359 |
| guide | 21 | 44 | 68 | 93 | 116 | 140 | 165 | 189 | 213 | 236 | 261 | 285 | 309 | 333 | 357 |

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| health | 27 | 51 | 75 | 99 | 123 | 147 | 171 | 195 | 219 | 243 | 267 | 291 | 315 | 339 | 363 |
| hire (car) | 17 | 41 | 65 | 89 | 113 | 136 | 161 | 185 | 209 | 233 | 257 | 281 | 305 | 329 | 353 |
| history | 370–3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| hospital | 27 | 51 | 75 | 99 | 123 | 147 | 171 | 195 | 219 | 243 | 267 | 291 | 315 | 339 | 363 |
| hotel | 18, 28 | 42, 52 | 66, 76 | 90, 100 | 114, 124 | 138, 148 | 162, 172 | 186, 196 | 210, 220 | 234, 244 | 258, 268 | 282, 292 | 306, 316 | 330, 340 | 354, 364 |
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| illnesses | 27 | 51 | 75 | 100 | 123 | 147 | 172 | 195 | 219 | 243 | 267 | 291 | 316 | 339 | 364 |
| immigration | 14 | 38 | 62 | 86 | 110 | 134 | 158 | 182 | 206 | 230 | 254 | 278 | 302 | 326 | 350 |
| Indian English | 385 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Indo-Aryan languages | 382 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| insurance | 26 | 50 | 74 | 99 | 122 | 146 | 191 | 195 | 218 | 242 | 267 | 291 | 315 | 338 | 362 |
| interests | 24 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 | 144 | 168 | 192 | 216 | 240 | 264 | 288 | 313 | 336 | 360 |
| internet | 19 | 43 | 67 | 91 | 115 | 139 | 163 | 187 | 211 | 235 | 259 | 284 | 308 | 331 | 355 |
| introductions | 23 | 47 | 71 | 95 | 119 | 143 | 167 | 191 | 215 | 239 | 263 | 288 | 312 | 335 | 359 |
| J | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| jobs | 24 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 | 144 | 168 | 192 | 216 | 240 | 264 | 288 | 312 | 336 | 360 |
| L | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| language difficulties | 13, 28 | 37, 52 | 61, 76 | 85, 100 | 109, 124 | 133, 148 | 157, 172 | 181, 196 | 205, 220 | 229, 244 | 253, 268 | 277, 292 | 301, 316 | 325, 340 | 349, 364 |
| language history | 11 | 35 | 59 | 83 | 107 | 131 | 155 | 179 | 203 | 227 | 251 | 275 | 299 | 323 | 347 |
| language map | 11 | 35 | 59 | 83 | 107 | 131 | 155 | 179 | 203 | 227 | 251 | 275 | 299 | 353 | 347 |
| language speakers | 11 | 35 | 59 | 83 | 107 | 131 | 155 | 179 | 203 | 227 | 251 | 275 | 299 | 323 | 347 |
| languages | 8, 382–4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| literature | 370–3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| local food | 24 | 48 | 72 | 97 | 120 | 144 | 169 | 193 | 216 | 240 | 265 | 289 | – | 336 | 361 |
| lost | 16, 26 | 39, 50 | 64, 74 | 88, 98 | 112, 122 | 135, 146 | 159, 170 | 184, 194 | 208, 218 | 232, 242 | 256, 266 | 280, 290 | 304, 315 | 328, 338 | 352, 362 |
| luggage | 15 | 39 | 63 | 87 | 111 | 135 | 159 | 183 | 207 | 231 | 255 | 279 | 303 | 327 | 351 |

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| | Assamese | Bengali | Gujarati | Hindi | Kannada | Kashmiri | Konkani | Malayalam | Marathi | Marwari | Oriya | Punjabi | Tamil | Telugu | Urdu |
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| mail | 20 | 44 | 68 | 92 | 116 | 140 | 164 | 188 | 212 | 236 | 260 | 284 | 308 | 332 | 356 |
| making conversation | 23 | 47 | 71 | 95 | 119 | 143 | 167 | 191 | 215 | 239 | 263 | 288 | 312 | 335 | 359 |
| map | 17, 21 | 41, 44 | 65, 69 | 89, 93 | 113, 117 | 137, 141 | 161, 165 | 185, 189 | 209, 213 | 233, 236 | 257, 261 | 281, 285 | 305, 309 | 329, 333 | 353, 357 |
| map (India) | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| market | 21 | 45 | 69 | 94 | 117 | 141 | 166 | 190 | 213 | 237 | 262 | 286 | 310 | 333 | 358 |
| meals | 25 | 48 | 73 | 97 | 121 | 145 | 169 | 193 | 217 | 240 | 265 | 289 | 313 | 337 | 361 |
| medicine | 27 | 51 | 75 | 99 | 123 | 147 | 171 | 195 | 219 | 243 | 267 | 291 | 315 | 339 | 363 |
| meeting people | 23 | 47 | 71 | 95 | 119 | 143 | 167 | 191 | 215 | 239 | 263 | 288 | 312 | 335 | 359 |
| menu | 24 | 48 | 72 | 97 | 120 | 144 | 169 | 193 | 216 | 240 | 265 | 289 | 313 | 336 | 361 |
| mobile phone | 20 | 43 | 67 | 92 | 115 | 139 | 164 | 188 | 212 | 235 | 260 | 284 | 308 | 332 | 356 |
| money | 19, 26 | 43, 50 | 67, 75 | 91, 99 | 115, 123 | 139, 146 | 163, 171 | 187, 195 | 211, 219 | 235, 243 | 259, 267 | 283, 291 | 307, 315 | 331, 339 | 355, 363 |

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| nationalities | 24 | 47 | 72 | 96 | 120 | 144 | 168 | 192 | 216 | 239 | 264 | 288 | 312 | 336 | 360 |
| nonalcoholic drinks | 25 | 49 | 73 | 97 | 121 | 145 | 169 | 193 | 217 | 241 | 265 | 289 | 313 | 337 | 361 |
| North Indian food | 376 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| numbers | 13 | 37 | 61 | 85 | 109 | 133 | 157 | 181 | 205 | 229 | 253 | 277 | 301 | 325 | 349 |
| numerals (script) | 10 | 34 | 58 | 82 | 106 | — | — | — | 202 | — | 250 | 274 | — | — | 346 |

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| occupations | 24 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 | 144 | 168 | 192 | 216 | 240 | 264 | 288 | 312 | 336 | 360 |
| ordering (restaurant) | 24 | 48 | 72 | 97 | 120 | 144 | 169 | 193 | 216 | 240 | 265 | 289 | 313 | 336 | 361 |
| ordering (taxi) | 16 | 40 | 64 | 88 | 112 | 136 | 160 | 184 | 208 | 232 | 256 | 280 | 304 | 328 | 352 |

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| payment (methods of) | 22 | 46 | 70 | 94 | 118 | 142 | 166 | 191 | 214 | 238 | 263 | 287 | 311 | 334 | 358 |
| pharmacist | 27 | 51 | 75 | 99 | 123 | 147 | 171 | 195 | 219 | 243 | 267 | 291 | 315 | 339 | 363 |

| | Assamese | | Bengali | | Gujarati | | Hindi | | Kannada | | Kashmiri | | Konkani | | Malayalam | | Marathi | | Marwari | | Oriya | | Punjabi | | Tamil | | Telugu | | Urdu | |
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| phone | 19, 20, 26 | 43, 44, 50 | 67, 68, 74 | 91, 92, 98 | 115, 116, 122 | 139, 140, 146 | 163, 164, 170 | 187, 188, 194 | 211, 212, 218 | 235, 242, 266 | 259, 260, 290 | 283, 284, 290 | 307, 308, 314 | 331, 332, 338 | 355, 356, 362 | | | |
| photography | 23 | 46 | 71 | 95 | 119 | 143 | 167 | 191 | 215 | 238 | 263 | 287 | 311 | 335 | 359 | 311 | 335 | 359 | 311 | 335 | 359 | 311 | 335 | 359 | 311 | 335 | 359 | | | |
| photos (taking) | 21 | 44 | 69 | 93 | 117 | 141 | 165 | 189 | 213 | 236 | 261 | 285 | 309 | 333 | 357 | 309 | 333 | 357 | 309 | 333 | 357 | 309 | 333 | 357 | 309 | 333 | 357 | | | |
| plane | 16 | 40 | 64 | 88 | 112 | 136 | 160 | 184 | 208 | 232 | 256 | 280 | 304 | 328 | 352 | 304 | 328 | 352 | 304 | 328 | 352 | 304 | 328 | 352 | 304 | 328 | 352 | | | |
| police | 26 | 50 | 74 | 98 | 122 | 146 | 170 | 194 | 218 | 242 | 266 | 290 | 314 | 338 | 362 | 314 | 338 | 362 | 314 | 338 | 362 | 314 | 338 | 362 | 314 | 338 | 362 | | | |
| politics | | | | | | | | | | | | | 370–3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| post office | 17, 20 | 41, 44 | 65, 68 | 89, 92 | 113, 116 | 137, 140 | 161, 164 | 185, 188 | 209, 212 | 233, 236 | 257, 260 | 281, 284 | 305, 308 | 329, 332 | 353, 356 | 305, | 329, | 353, | 305, | 329, | 353, | 305, | 329, | 353, | 305, | 329, | 353, | | | |
| pronunciation | 12 | 36 | 60 | 84 | 108 | 132 | 156 | 180 | 204 | 228 | 252 | 276 | 300 | 324 | 348 | 300 | 324 | 348 | 300 | 324 | 348 | 300 | 324 | 348 | 300 | 324 | 348 | | | |
| pronunciation (Indian English) | | | | | | | | | | | | | 386 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Q | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| quantities | 22 | 46 | 70 | 95 | 118 | 142 | 167 | 191 | 214 | 238 | 263 | 287 | 311 | 334 | 358 | 311 | 334 | 358 | 311 | 334 | 358 | 311 | 334 | 358 | 311 | 334 | 358 | | | |
| R | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| receipt | 22 | 46 | 70 | 95 | 118 | 142 | 167 | 191 | 214 | 238 | 263 | 287 | 311 | 334 | 359 | 311 | 334 | 359 | 311 | 334 | 359 | 311 | 334 | 359 | 311 | 334 | 359 | | | |
| refund | 22 | 46 | 70 | 95 | 118 | 142 | 167 | 191 | 214 | 238 | 263 | 287 | 311 | 334 | 359 | 311 | 334 | 359 | 311 | 334 | 359 | 311 | 334 | 359 | 311 | 334 | 359 | | | |
| religion | | | | | | | | | | | | | 370–3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| repairs | 22 | 45 | 70 | 94 | 118 | 142 | 166 | 190 | 214 | 237 | 262 | 286 | 310 | 334 | 358 | 310 | 334 | 358 | 310 | 334 | 358 | 310 | 334 | 358 | 310 | 334 | 358 | | | |
| reservations (accommodation) | 18 | 42 | 66 | 90 | 114 | 138 | 162 | 186 | 210 | 234 | 258 | 282 | 306 | 330 | 354 | 306 | 330 | 354 | 306 | 330 | 354 | 306 | 330 | 354 | 306 | 330 | 354 | | | |
| reservations (tickets) | 15 | 39 | 63 | 87 | 111 | 135 | 159 | 183 | 207 | 231 | 255 | 279 | 303 | 327 | 351 | 303 | 327 | 351 | 303 | 327 | 351 | 303 | 327 | 351 | 303 | 327 | 351 | | | |
| responsible travel | 28 | 52 | 76 | 100 | 124 | 148 | 172 | 196 | 220 | 244 | 268 | 292 | 316 | 340 | 364 | 316 | 340 | 364 | 316 | 340 | 364 | 316 | 340 | 364 | 316 | 340 | 364 | | | |
| restaurant | 24 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 | 144 | 169 | 193 | 216 | 240 | 264 | 289 | 313 | 336 | 360 | 313 | 336 | 360 | 313 | 336 | 360 | 313 | 336 | 360 | 313 | 336 | 360 | | | |
| room (hotel) | 18 | 42 | 66 | 90 | 114 | 138 | 162 | 186 | 210 | 234 | 258 | 282 | 306 | 330 | 354 | 306 | 330 | 354 | 306 | 330 | 354 | 306 | 330 | 354 | 306 | 330 | 354 | | | |
| S | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| script | 10 | 34 | 58 | 82 | 106 | 130 | 154 | 178 | 202 | 226 | 250 | 274 | 298 | 322 | 346 | 298 | 322 | 346 | 298 | 322 | 346 | 298 | 322 | 346 | 298 | 322 | 346 | | | |

| | Assamese | Bengali | Gujarati | Hindi | Kannada | Kashmiri | Konkani | Malayalam | Marathi | Marwari | Oriya | Punjabi | Tamil | Telugu | Urdu |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| seating | 15, 16 | 39 | 63, 64 | 87, 88 | 111, 112 | 135, 136 | — | 184 | 207, 208 | 231, 232 | 255, 256 | 279, 280 | 304 | 327, 328 | 351, 352 |
| shopping | 21 | 45 | 69 | 94 | 117 | 141 | 166 | 190 | 213 | 237 | 262 | 286 | 310 | 333 | 358 |
| sightseeing | 21 | 44 | 68 | 92 | 116 | 140 | 164 | 189 | 212 | 236 | 261 | 285 | 309 | 332 | 356 |
| South Indian food | | | | | | | | | | | | | 377 | | |
| souvenirs | 21, 28 | 45, 52 | 69, 76 | 94, 100 | 117, 124 | 141, 148 | 166, 172 | 190, 196 | 213, 220 | 237, 244 | 262, 268 | 286, 292 | 310, 316 | 333, 340 | 358, 364 |
| special diets | 25 | 49 | 73 | 98 | 121 | 145 | 170 | 194 | 217 | 241 | 266 | 290 | 314 | 337 | 362 |
| street food | | | | | | | | | | | | | 375 | | |
| sustainable travel | 28 | 52 | 76 | 100 | 124 | 148 | 172 | 196 | 220 | 244 | 268 | 292 | 316 | 340 | 364 |

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| taxi | 16 | 40 | 64 | 88 | 112 | 136 | 160 | 184 | 208 | 232 | 256 | 280 | 304 | 328 | 352 |
| telephone | 19, 20, 26 | 43, 44, 50 | 67, 68, 74 | 91, 92, 98 | 115, 116, 122 | 139, 140, 146 | 163, 164, 170 | 187, 188, 194 | 211, 212, 218 | 235, 242, 218 | 259, 260, 266 | 283, 284, 290 | 307, 308, 314 | 331, 332, 338 | 355, 356, 362 |
| telling the time | 14 | 38 | 62 | 86 | 110 | 134 | 158 | 182 | 206 | 230 | 254 | 278 | 302 | 326 | 350 |
| theft | 16 | 39 | 64 | 88 | 112 | 135 | 159 | 184 | 208 | 232 | 256 | 280 | 304 | 328 | 352 |
| Tibeto-Burman languages | | | | | | | | | | | | | 384 | | |
| tickets | 15 | 39 | 63 | 87 | 111 | 135 | 159 | 183 | 207 | 231 | 255 | 279 | 303 | 327 | 351 |
| timeline | | | | | | | | | | | | | 370–3 | | |
| titles (addressing people) | 23 | 47 | 71 | 95 | — | 143 | 167 | 191 | 215 | 239 | 263 | 288 | 312 | 335 | 355 |
| toilet | 15, 26 | 39, 50 | 63, 74 | 87, 98 | 111, 122 | 135, 146 | 159, 171 | 183, 194 | 207, 218 | 231, 242 | 255, 266 | 279, 290 | 303, 315 | 327, 338 | 351, 362 |
| tour | 21 | 45 | 69 | 93 | 117 | 141 | 165 | 189 | 213 | 236 | 261 | 286 | 310 | 333 | 357 |
| train | 16 | 40 | 64 | 88 | 112 | 136 | 160 | 184 | 208 | 232 | 256 | 280 | 304 | 328 | 352 |
| transport | 16 | 40 | 64 | 88 | 112 | 136 | 160 | 184 | 208 | 232 | 256 | 280 | 304 | 328 | 352 |
| transport (Indian English) | | | | | | | | | | | | | 389 | | |
| travellers cheques | 19, 22 | 43, 46 | 67, 70 | 91, 94 | 115, 118 | 139, 142 | 166, 191 | 187, 211 | 211, 214 | 235, 238 | 259, 263 | 287 | 311 | 331, 334 | 355, 358 |

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| | Assamese | Bengali | Gujarati | Hindi | Kannada | Kashmiri | Konkani | Malayalam | Marathi | Marwari | Oriya | Punjabi | Tamil | Telugu | Urdu |
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| valuables | 19, 26 | 43, 50 | 67, 75 | 91, 99 | 115, 123 | 139, 146 | 163, 171 | 187, 195 | 211, 219 | 234, 243 | 259, 267 | 283, 291 | 307, 315 | 331, 339 | 355, 363 |
| vegetarian food | 25 | 49 | 73 | 98 | 121 | 145 | 170 | 194 | 217 | 241 | 266 | 290 | 314 | 337 | 362 |
| vocabulary (Indian English) | | | | | | | | | | | | 387 | | | |
| volunteering | 28 | 52 | 76 | 100 | 124 | 148 | 172 | 196 | 220 | 244 | 268 | 292 | 316 | 340 | 364 |
| vowels | 12 | 36 | 60 | 84 | 108 | 132 | 156 | 180 | 204 | 228 | 252 | 276 | 300 | 324 | 348 |

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| water (drinkable) | 25 | 49 | 73 | 97 | 121 | 146 | 169 | 193 | 217 | 241 | 265 | 289 | 313 | 337 | 361 |
| West Indian food | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| women's health | 27 | 51 | 75 | 99 | 123 | 147 | 171 | 195 | 219 | 243 | 267 | 291 | 315 | 339 | 363 |
| work | 24, 28 | 48, 52 | 72, 76 | 96, 100 | 120, 124 | 144, 148 | 168, 172 | 192, 196 | 216, 220 | 240, 244 | 264, 268 | 288, 292 | 312, 316 | 336, 340 | 360, 364 |