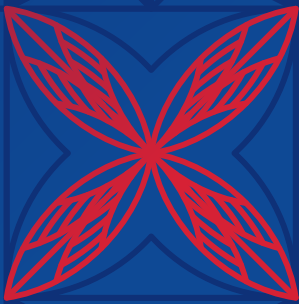
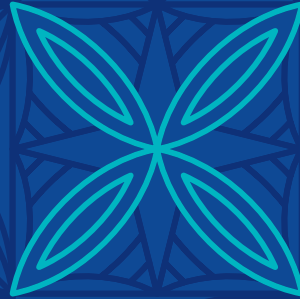


Beginners' Samoan



**O lau gagana o lou fa'asinomaga—
Language is your identity.**

Comprehensive

- 30 immersive lessons that span language, speaking, listening, writing, and are delivered through EP's proven platform.
- From basic pronunciation to counting, students gain familiarity of gagana Sāmoa and progress by using everyday words/phrases through role play scenarios.

Culturally responsive

- Celebrate Samoan language and culture with lessons on alphabet, numbers and greetings, and cultural aspects such as food, Children's Service (aka White Sunday) and Siva / Samoan dance.

Contextual

- Students will learn how to amend their folasaga and make it relevant to their own personal circumstances.
- 'Āiga (families) and communities can also enjoy the course.
- Writing, speaking, and listening skills are taught on our world-class interactive platform with multi-modal examples.

Gagana Sāmoa

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As teachers, we all know language, culture and identity are central to our students' health and sense of belonging. Samoan language teachers are a rare treasure and the Samoan Australian population continues to climb.

By participating in this course, schools will:

- Strengthen the bond between students, families, and the wider Samoan community.
- Cultivate a sense of cultural pride and belonging.
- Enhance teachers' cultural competency through professional development.

This course is supported by Fa'alapotopotoga mo le a'oa'o'ina o le gagana Sāmoa i Aotearoa (FAGASA), an organisation for teachers of Samoan in Aotearoa.

Formal Greetings / Mälö le Soifua, Mälö Lava le Soifua

A common **formal** way of greeting someone in the gagana Sāmoa is **mälö le soifua** (mah-loh-leh-soy-foo-ah). **Le** means 'the' and **soifua** means 'health' or 'life'. Using this particular phrase, you are greeting someone in good health.

You may also **emphasise** this greeting by using the word **lava** **straight after** 'mälö': **mälö lava le soifua** (mah-loh-lah-var-leh-soy-foo-ah) / very good health to you.

This greeting is mainly used to be more **formal** or show respect, i.e. when speaking to an elder or someone of high regard to you. You will often hear it used in formal settings such as a church or work meetings.



An Introduction to Greetings / Fa'afeiloa'iga Formal Greetings

How Many People? / E To'afia?

When we ask about the number of **people**, we use the same sentence structure as the one to ask about objects but with a small add-on of to'a before fia:

▶ E to'afia (people)? / How many people?

To respond to the question, we use **to'a** and **replace fia with the correct number**:

E to'a (number) (people) / There are (number) (people).

Examples:

▶ E to'afia teine? / How many girls are there?
▶ E to'atolu teine. / There are three girls.



An Introduction to Numbers / Numera