



Lesson 3: This Please

Pakisuyo

LESSON NOTES

Today's Survival Phrase will help you take matters into your own hands! In today's lesson we'll take a look at "Please" as in asking for something.

In Filipino "please" is pakisuyo. The most rudimentary way of using "please" is pointing at something while saying "pakisuyo" but let's try and build this up a bit, shall we? Let's start with the expression, "this please" which in Filipino is ito pakisuyo. In English, "this" comes before please. In Filipino the word order is the same. In Filipino the word for "this", ito precedes pakisuyo. Let's take a look at the word for this. "This" in Filipino is ito and "please" in Filipino is pakisuyo.

Looking at the word for "this", warrants a look at the word for "that" which is ayan and "please" is "pakisuyo". The phrase "That please" is ayan pakisuyo.

Pakisuyo is the Filipino word for "please". In the contemporary Philippines, the word itself has shortened. Most modern Filipinos would say paki instead of saying pakisuyo.

VOCABULARY

Filipino	English
Pakisuyo	Please
Paki	Please

QUICK TIP

Pakisuyo may be used either use it at the start of the phrase or at the end. For example, in Pakisuyo, akin na yung sombrero ko (Please give me my hat) we have used pakisuyo at the start of the phrase. In ito po ang bayad ko, pakisuyo (here is my payment, please take it) we have used pakisuyo at the end.

QUICK TIP 2

In most situations, the entire word pakisuyo is not necessary, you may use the word paki instead. Paki is often used before an object that you are referring to: Pakitanggal ng sapatos mo (please take off your shoes) or pakikuha ng damit ko (please get my clothes).