

## Hmong Noun Phrase

Typical sentence structure:

(possessive) + (quantifier) + (classifier) + noun + (adjective) + (demonstrative)

**NOUN:** person, place, thing, animal or abstract idea.

### Circle the NOUNS:

nas/mouse	niam/mother	qub/old	loj/big	ntawv/paper
nroog/village	mus/go	pom/see	menyuam/child	teb/farm
nyiam/like	teeb/light	ntau/many	sia/life	plab/stomach
vaj/garden	kuv/me	txiv/fruit	paj/flower	nyob/reside

Q: Now what's a classifier? And when do we use it?

A: There is no masculine or feminine gender in the Hmong language, but CLASSIFIERS characterizes certain properties of the NOUN .

### Circle the CLASSIFIER in English.

a drop of water	that grain of rice	one cup of milk	a bucket of rocks	the baby's bottle
your piece of pie	going walking	my strip of paper	an ear of corn	a field of corn

CLASSIFIERS are only used before NOUNS. Let's practice!

What CLASSIFIER would you use?

_____ tsev(house)	_____ tiab(skirt)
_____ raim(knife)	_____ txiv(father)
_____ ntoo(tree)	_____ txiv(husband)
_____ nplooj/leaf	_____ txiv(fruit)

What NOUNS could you use?

daim _____	nkawm _____
lub _____	sab _____
tus _____	zaj _____
leej _____	phau _____

Now it's your turn. Using the addition lists of CLASSIFIERS and NOUNS, put some combinations together below.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____