

Thai Language - Days Of The Week

Although the names of the days of the week in Thai are very different from in English, they are derived from the names of planets in the same way. In a similar fashion, the names of the months in Thai are named after signs of the Zodiac.

English	Thai	Named after
Monday	วันจันทร์ wan jan	The moon, จันทร์ jan
Tuesday	วันอังคาร wan ang-kaan	Mars, อังคาร ang-kaan
Wednesday	วันพุธ wan pút	Mercury, พุธ pút
Thursday	วันพฤหัสบดี wan pá-réu-hàt-sà-bor-dee	Jupiter, พฤหัสบดี pá-réu-hàt-sà-bor-dee
Friday	วันศุกร์ wan sùk	Venus, ศุกร์ sùk
Saturday	วันเสาร์ wan sǎo	Saturn, เสาร์ sǎo
Sunday	วันอาทิตย์ wan aa-tít	The sun, อาทิตย์ aa-tít

Thai Language - Months Of The Year

The names of the months of the year in Thai are long, very different from English and typically difficult for learners of Thai to remember. The names are derived from the names of signs of the Zodiac in Thai, combined with the suffix ฯ-กາມ aa-kom or ฯ-ຍນ aa-yon both of which mean "the arrival of...". Only February has a different suffix, พັນຫຼ pan , which means "the tying of..." .

The names of the days of the week have a similar celestial origin, being named after the planets.

English	Thai	Thai Abbreviation	Named after
January	ມັງກອນ mók-gà-raa kom	ມ.ກ.	Capricorn (ມັກ má-gon)
February	ກຸມພັນຫຼ gum-paa pan	ກ.ພ.	Aquarius (ກຸມ gum)
March	ມືນາຄາມ mee-naa kom	ມ.ນ.ຄ.	Pisces (ມືນ meen)
April	ເມຍາຍນ may-sää-yon	ມ.ຍ.	Aries (ເມຍ mây)
May	ພດຍາກາມ préut-sà-paa kom	ພ.ຄ.	Taurus (ພດຍກ préut-sòp)
June	ມີຖຸນາຍນ mí-tù-naa-yon	ມ.ຍ.	Gemini (ມີຖຸ mí-tün)
July	ກ່ຽວຂ້າມ gà-rá-gà-daa-kom	ກ.ກ.	Cancer (ກ່ຽວ gor-rá-gòt)
August	ສິງຫາຄາມ sing haa kom	ສ.ກ.	Leo (ສິງຫຼ sing)
September	ກັນຍາຍນ gan-yaa-yon	ກ.ຍ.	Virgo (ກັນຫຼ gan)
October	ດູຕາຄາມ dtù-laa kom	ດ.ຄ.	Libra (ດູຕຸ ດູຕ)
November	ພດທິຈິກາຍນ préut-sà-jì-gaa-yon	ພ.ຍ.	Scorpio (ພດທິຈິກ préut-sà-jik)
December	ທັນວາຄາມ tan-waa kom	ທ.ວ.ຄ.	Sagittarius (ທັນຫຼ tá-noo)

If you have trouble remembering all these, there is something of a clue in the last syllable of each one. Months with 31 days all end in -ຄາມ kom , months with 30 days all end in -ຍນ(yon) and only February with its 28 or 29 days has the different ending of -ພັນຫຼ pan. In normal speech, this last syllable of the month's name is sometimes dropped.