

A recap on some of the different ways to say "to eat" in sinsigs





The Khmer language has different social registers. This implies that the words and speech utilized switches dependent on who you are speaking to. This includes one's age, ranking, and so forth.

The following sheets includes more than 10 different ways to say "to eat" in the Khmer Language.

Nonetheless, this isn't the full list.



ស៊ី si Informal and intimate term used towards animals & kids/friends.

Using it with strangers/others = rude

រីរ chei Informal term

used by some adults towards kids

ញ៉ាំ nh'aom Informal and casual term

used with friends, kids, so forth

ពិសា pi-saa Informal and casual term

used towards elders and folks of equal or higher ranking

ហូប haub Informal and casual term

used towards elders

ទទួលទាន to'tuol'tean Formal and respectful term

used in ceremonial settings towards elders & higher ranking folks



បរិភោគ ba-ri-pokh

> អាស្រ័យ aa'sra'y

ឆាន់ chhaan

សោយ saoy

ស្រស់ស្រូប sras-sruob

ច្រាសច្រំ chraas-chraom Formal (and now rare) term

used by those of low ranking & younger folks and can mean eat/drink

Formal term

A more polite term than បរិភោគ

Formal and proper term

tends to be used towards monks

Formal and Proper

used towards royalty

Neutral and casual term

refers to having/eating a light breakfast.
can also mean "to have a snack

Vulgar term

towards folks eating abruptly like cramming/shoving food into their mouth



## Example: ញ៉ាំបាយហើយឬនៅ? NHAOM-BAAY-HAEY-RU-NOW

**Literal translation**: Have you eaten rice yet?

#### Translation in comparison to the English:

Have you eaten a meal yet or not?

Khmer	Romanization	Туре	Translation	Details
ញ៉ាំបាយ	nhaom-baay	verb	to eat (a meal)	<u>Literal</u> <u>Translation:</u> to eat rice
ហើយ	haey	adverb	already; by now	past particle; action marker
ឬ	ryy/ru	conjuction	or	-
នៅ	now	adverb	still; yet	-



# Some words that you can combine the word បាយ (baay/bai) with.

#### Translation of បាយៈ

### cooked rice, food, meal

Khmer	Romanization
ស៊ី	si
ឆី	chei
ញុាំ	nham/nhaom
ពិសា	pi-saa
ហូប	haub
ទទួលទាន	to-toul-tean
បរិភោគ	ba-ri-pokh
អាស្រ័យ	aa-sra'y



## Some words that you can combine the word, បង្ហាន់ (chang-haan) with?

### Translation of បង្ហាន់ : cooked rice, food, meal (for Buddhist Monks)

Khmer	Romanization
ឆាន់	chaan



### Some words that you can combine the word, ក្រយា (kra-ya) with.

### Translation of ក្រយា :

## cooked rice, food, meal (used towards people with high status such as royalty)

Khmer	Romanization
ពិសា	pi-saa
សោយ	saoy



