

100 Frequently used Pāli Words

1. Ākāsa - space
2. Akiñcana - not somebody, not something, nothing
3. Akoda - non blame, non harm
4. Akusala - unwholesome
5. Ānāpana-sati - mindfulness of Breathing
6. Anattā - not-self, impersonal
7. Anicca - impermanent, not permanent
8. Anussati - recollection
9. Ariya - noble ones
10. Āsava - influxes, taints
11. Bhāva - becoming
12. Bhāvanā - mental development
13. Bodhi - awakening
14. Brahma Vihāra - divine abiding
15. Cetanā - volition
16. Citta - mental state
17. Dāna - donation, generosity, giving
18. Dhamma (Sanskrit: Dharma) teachings, truth, nature of things
19. Dhamma-Cakka - wheel of the Dhamma
20. Dhātu - elements
21. Diṭṭhi - views
22. Dosa - anger, hatred
23. Dukkha - unsatisfactoriness, suffering
24. Hetu - cause
25. Hiri - Shame, regret
26. Iddhi - power
27. Indriya - faculties
28. Jarā - old age, decay
29. Jāti - birth
30. Javana - impulsion
31. Jhāna - meditative absorptions
32. Jīva - life
33. Kamma (Sanskrit: Karma)
34. Kāma - sensuality, desire for sense objects
35. Karunā - compassion
36. Kāya - body
37. Khandā - aggregates
38. Kilesa - defilements
39. Kusala - wholesome
40. Loka - world
41. Magga - path
42. Majjhimā-Patipadā - middle path
43. Māna - conceit, pride
44. Māra - the tempter
45. Māraṇa - death
46. Mettā - loving kindness, deep friendship
47. Moha - delusion
48. Muditā - appreciative joy
49. Nāma - mind, name

50. Nāma-rūpa - name and form, mind and body
51. Ñāṇa - (insightful) knowledge
52. Nibbāna (Sanskrit: Nirvana) - Nirvana
53. Nīvaraṇa - five hindrances
54. Ottapa - dread, apprehension
55. Paccaya - condition
56. Pañña - wisdom, understanding
57. Papañca - projections
58. Paramattha - ultimate
59. Pāramī - perfection (fulfilment)
60. Patīcasamuppāda - Dependent Arising
61. Pīti - Bliss, happiness
62. Puggala - Person
63. Pūjā - devotional offering
64. Rāga - lust
65. Sacca - truth
66. Sacca-Ñāṇa - Knowledge (knowing) Truth
67. Saddhā - Trust, confidence, faith
68. Samādhi - (Meditative) Concentration
69. Samatha - Calmness
70. Samatha-Vipassanā - calm and insight
71. Sammā - Right (i.e. to bring to fulfilment)
72. Saṃsāra - Wandering (from one thing, experience to another)
73. Saṅkhāra - formation, such as thought
74. Saññā - perception
75. Sāsana - teachings (literally message)
76. Sati - mindfulness
77. Satipaṭṭhāna - Foundations (or Applications) of Mindfulness
78. Sekha - learner (of the Dharma)
79. Sikkha - the training (of sila, samadhi, panna)
80. Sotāpanna - stream enterer - first of noble ones
81. Sukha - happy, joy
82. Suññattā - emptiness
83. Tanhā - desire, craving, wanting
84. Tathāgata - (the Buddha) One who has thus gone beyond
85. Theravāda - Teaching of the Elders
86. Ti-lakkhana - three characteristics (of existence)
87. Ti-ratana - Three Jewels (Buddha, Dharma, Sangha)
88. Upādāna - clinging
89. Upekkhā - equanimity (even minded in the face of polarity)
90. Vedanā - feelings, sensations in mind and body
91. Vicāra - reflection
92. Vimokkha - deliverance, liberation
93. Vimutti - freedom, deliverance
94. Viññāṇa - consciousness
95. Vipāka - result of karma
96. Vipassanā - insight
97. Virāga - without lust, dispassion
98. Visuddhi - purification
99. Vitakka - applied thought
100. Viveka - detachment, solitude