

# Tamil

at Wordsworth

There are 8 children who speak Tamil in our school.  
Let's learn a few things about this language.



Tamil is mostly spoken in India (Tamil Nadu and Puducherry), Sri Lanka and Singapore.

### **Facts about Sri Lanka:**

- Population: 21.44 million
- Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- It is the largest cinnamon exporter in the world
- It is the second largest tea exporter in the world

### **Facts about Tamil Nadu:**

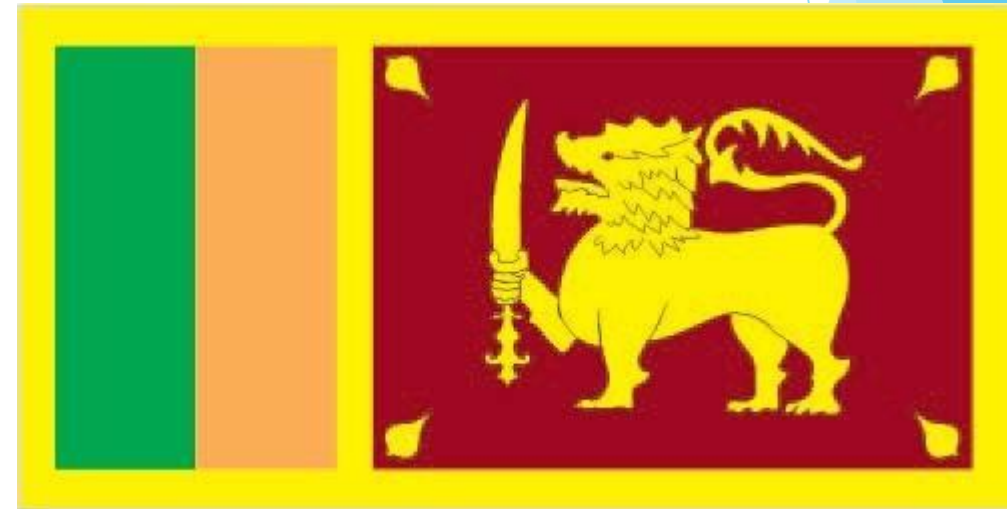
- Population: 72.15 million
- Capital: Chennai
- It is famous for its temples, festivals and celebration of the arts

### **Facts about the Tamil language:**

- Tamil is the oldest living language in the world
- Tamil is the mother of all Indo European languages including Sanskrit.
- Apart from being the name of the language, 'Tamil' also means beauty, sweet and natural.
- Tamil has over 4 million words (the English language has 1 million)
- There are 77 million Tamil speakers in the world



Tamil Nadu emblem



Sri Lankan flag





Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – the capital city of Sri Lanka


## Mahabalipuram Temple in Tamil Nadu



# Conversation

► Good morning! - காலை வணக்கம்! 

kaalai vanakkam!

► Goodbye - நன்றி! Nandri! 

## Greeting gestures:

The Tamil traditional and common greeting is to press the palms of one's hands together under the chin and in front of the chest while slightly bowing the head.

The traditional greeting is often accompanied with the phrase '*vannakkam*', which means "may you be blessed with a long life".



# Food

## Traditional Tamil food



Kadala curry



Dosa



Jackfruit payasam (dessert)

# Music

Sri Lankan Music:

[Sri Lankan Music collection : Sinhala Songs - Easy Listening 1 - YouTube](#)