

Sinhala

at Wordsworth

There are 5 children who speak Sinhala (also known as Sinhalese) in our school.

Let's learn a few things about this language.



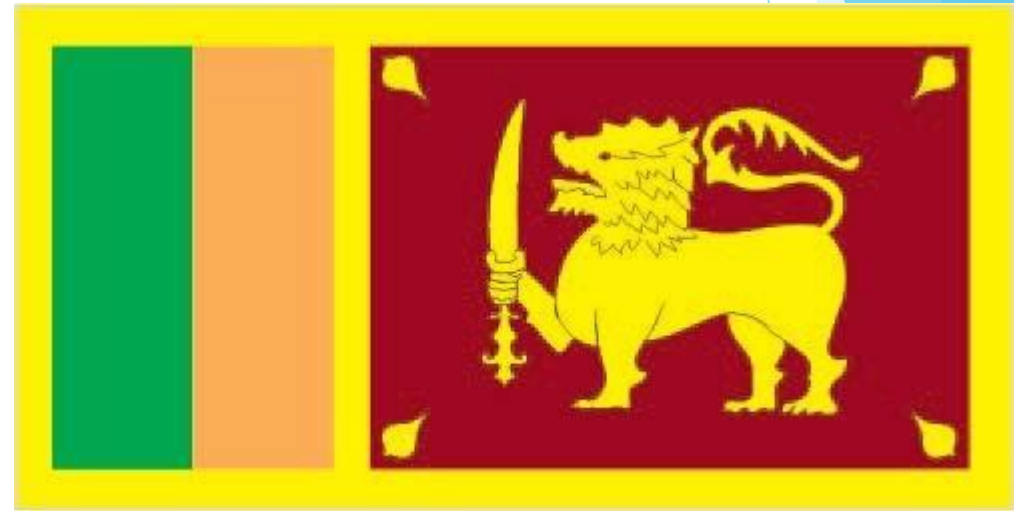
Sinhala is mostly spoken Sri Lanka.

Facts about Sri Lanka:

- Population: 21.44 million
- Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- It's a small, tear-drop shaped island
- It is the largest cinnamon exporter in the world
- It is the second largest tea exporter in the world

Facts about the Sinhala/Sinhalese language:

- The sentence structure in Sinhala follows the subject-object-verb order like other Asian languages in comparison with English where the order is subject-verb-object.
- Sinhala has fifty-eight letters, but daily, only thirty-eight of those are used.
- The old texts of Buddhism were written in Sinhalese.



Sri Lankan flag



Sigiriya

Conversation

▶ Good morning! - සුබ උදෑසනක්!
zube udasan!



▶ Goodbye! - සුබ ගමන්!
zube gaman!



Greeting gestures:

There is no particular word for 'hello' in Sinhala and people often greet each other with a smile. The phrase ආයුබෝවන් (āyubūvan), which means "may you live long", accompanied by a small bow and the hands clasped together is used for greetings and partings.

Food

Traditional Tamil food



Curry and rice



Dosa



Milk toffees

Music

Sri Lankan Music:

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