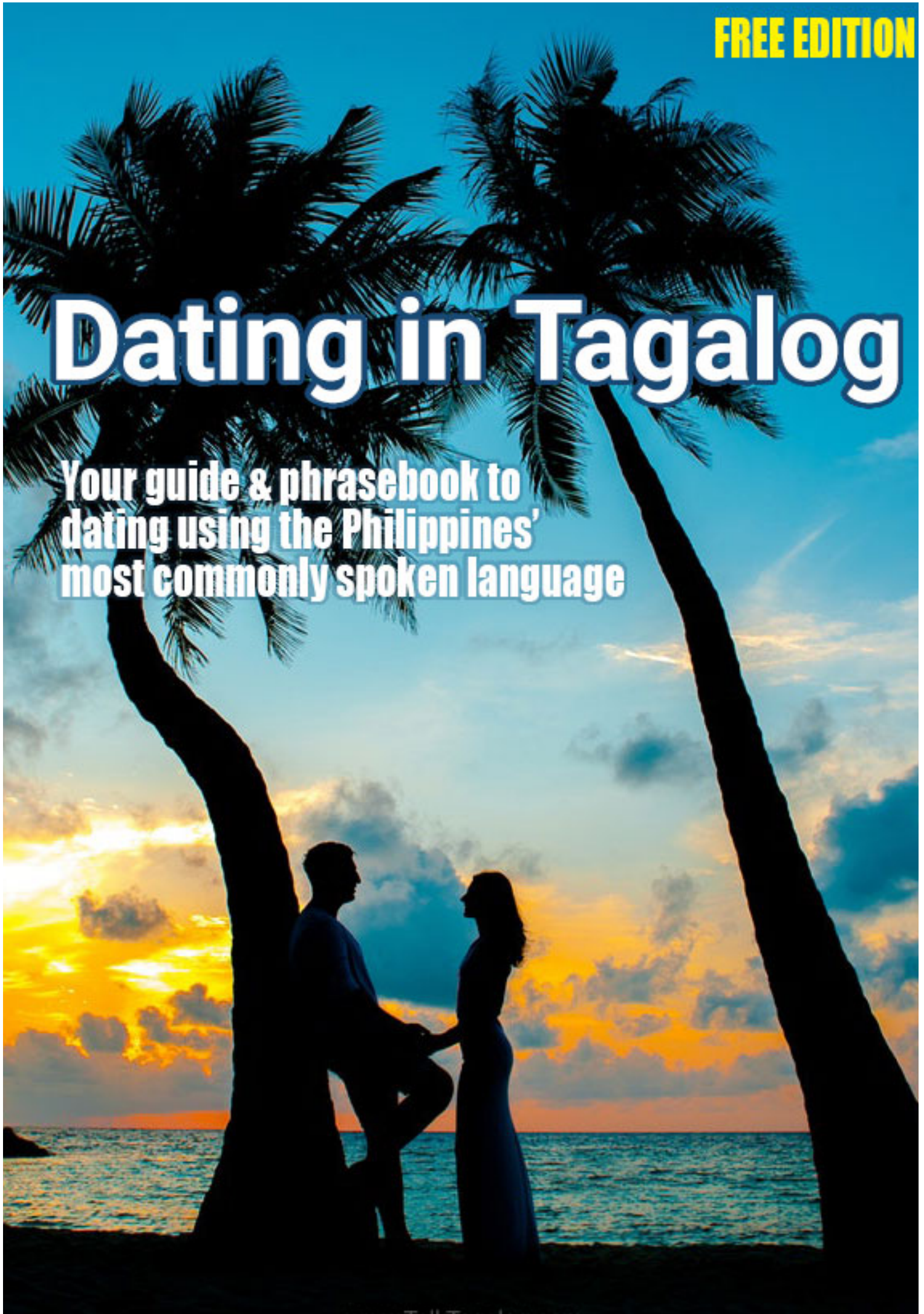


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## DATING IN TAGALOG

Finding love in the Philippines can be an amazing adventure. It's a country of over 7,100 islands and 100 million people. In this enigmatic archipelago, there are many fish in the sea, and one of them is just for you. The challenging part is crazy search finding the right one. That's where dating comes in.

The date is a ritual, a dance, a contest and even a job interview of sorts. It's about getting to know your partner and finding out how suitable she (or he) is for you. The date goes both ways. You'll be sizing her up as much as she will be sizing you up. If she's a gem there will probably be a hundred of guys just like you after her. What can you do, then? Stand out from the crowd.

There's nothing that shows wit and intelligence, as well as open-mindedness and curiosity in culture, like mastery of a foreign language. Some may point out that English is spoken practically everywhere in the Philippines. That's true. But don't fall into this trap. That's precisely why you learning Tagalog places you a cut above the rest. That's where this book comes in.

Through this book **Dating in Tagalog: Your Guide & Phrasebook to Dating Using the Philippine Most Commonly Spoken Language** you have access to large collection of phrases contributed by native speakers. All sentences here were chosen for their natural use in real conversations.

Use your Tagalog language skills to impress her. Ask her out. Turn up the heat. Then sweep her off her feet. We're rooting for you!

## ASKING HER OUT

Been thinking of the dream date with Tagalog-speaking object of your affection? The first step is the hardest. Study these sentences to help you on your mission impossible. Take a deep breath. Now, count to ten... Then ask her out. Throw caution to the wind and go like Nike. Just do it!

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Are you free ( tomorrow / on Saturday / later tonight ) ?

*Libre ka ba ( bukas / sa Sabado/ mamayang gabi ) ?*

Days of the week: Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday / Saturday / Sunday

*Mga araw ng linggo: Lunes / Martes / Mierkules / Huwebes / Biyernes / Sabado / Linggo*

When are you free?

*Kailan ka libre?*

Are you free now?

*Libre ka ba ngayon?*

What time will we meet?

*Anong oras tayo magkikita?*

Where will we meet?

*Saan tayo magkikita?*

Here / There in (place).

*Dito / Doon sa (lugar).*

At (place).

*Sa (lugar).*

Let's meet at \_\_\_\_\_.

*Magkita tayo sa \_\_\_\_\_.*

I'm on my way.

*Papunta na ako.*

Are you on your way?

*Papunta ka na ba?*

I'll wait for you at \_\_\_\_\_.

*Aantayin kita sa \_\_\_\_\_.*

Wait for me at \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Antayin mo ako sa \_\_\_\_\_.*

Let's have dinner when you're free.  
*Magdinner naman tayo 'pag libre ka.*

I can fetch you at your ( office / house ).  
*Pwede kita sunduin sa ( opisina / bahay ) mo.*

I can fetch you at your ( office / house ) at six o'clock.  
*Pwede kita sunduin sa ( opisina / bahay ) mo ng alas seis.*

I can fetch you at your ( office / house ) at six o'clock in the ( morning / evening ).  
*Pwede kita sunduin sa ( opisina / bahay ) mo ng alas seis ng ( umaga / gabi ).*

Also: in the wee hours of the morning / morning / noon / afternoon / evening / midnight  
*madaling araw / umaga / tanghali / hapon / gabi / hating-gabi*

Time:

Ala una - One o'clock  
Alas dos - Two o'clock  
Alas tres - Three o'clock  
Alas kwatro - Four o'clock  
Alas singko - Five o'clock  
Alas seis - Six o'clock  
Alas siyete - Seven o'clock  
Alas otso - Eight o'clock  
Alas nuebe - Nine o'clock  
Alas diyos - Ten o'clock  
Alas onse – Eleven o'clock  
Alas dose - Twelve o'clock

Right after the time you can add “y *medya*” to substitute for “half-past” or thirty minutes. For example: 1:30 is *ala una y medya*, 2:30 is *alas dos y medya* etc.

## THE GREETING

First impressions last. That's why you should brush up on these Tagalog sentences to make sure she is impressed with your wit and intelligence from the get go. Nothings says you have a mega-brain like showing mastery of a foreign language, especially one like Tagalog.

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Hello. I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
*Hello. Ako si \_\_\_\_\_.*

Excuse me. Are you \_\_\_\_\_?  
*Excuse me. Ikaw ba si \_\_\_\_\_?*

Thanks for coming here.  
*Salamat sa pagpunta mo rito.*

I'm happy you got here.  
*Masaya ako na nakarating ka.*

How was your trip getting here?  
*Kamusta ang pagpunta mo rito?*

Good morning / afternoon / evening.  
*Magandang umaga / hapon / gabi.*

How are you?  
*Kamusta ka?*

I feel nervous.  
*Kinakabahan ako.*

I'm sorry. I arrived late.  
*Pasensya na ha. Late ako nakarating.*

Don't worry. I just arrived.  
*Huwag ka magalala. Kararating ko rin lang*

Have you been waiting for long?  
*Matagal ka na ba nagaantay?*

You look more beautiful in person.  
*Mas maganda ka sa personal.*

## THE COMPLIMENT

The date has started. Let the games begin. Use your advantages, especially your linguistic abilities with well-placed compliments. Ladies (and gentlemen) never tire of compliments. Use them to warm her up. See her eyes light up as she smiles. Spread them thick like peanut butter on jelly.

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You look fantastic.

*Ang ganda mo.*

You are very beautiful.

*Napakaganda mo.*

You're the most beautiful woman in ( here / this room / this bar / this restaurant).

*Ikaw ang pinakamagandang babae ( dito / dito\* / sa bara na ito / restaurant na ito).*

\*the Tagalog word for "room" is literally *kwarto* which refers more to a more enclosed space, so *dito* would be more appropriate

Your ( eyes / face / hair / body / skin ) is/are so beautiful.

*Ang ganda ng ( mata / mukha / buhok / katawan /balat ) mo.*

You are very entertaining.

*Nakakatuwa ka.*

It's nice to talk with you.

*Masarap kang kausap.*

You dance very well.

*Ang galing mo sumayaw.*

You dress very well.

*Magaling manamit.*

You're really quiteso smart.

*Matalino ka tagala.*

You have a very gentle personality.

*Napakabait mo.*

## ORDERING FOOD AND DRINKS

Wine and dine her. Show your class. Ordering food and drinks with a couple of well-polished Tagalog phrases will make you a star in her eyes. Watch the waiter's jaw drop as you skillfully navigate your exchange with him in Tagalog. Just wait for the reactions once you correctly use the Tagalog word for dessert.

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Come on. Let's call a waiter.  
*Tara. Tawag tayo ng waiter.*

Waiter!  
*Waiter!*

What do you want to order?  
*Ano ang gusto mong orderin?*

I want this. (pointing to items in a menu)  
*Gusto ko nito.*

I want this, this and this. (pointing to items in a menu)  
*Gusto ko ito, ito at ito.*

I want ( one / two / three ) \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Gusto ko ng ( isa / dalawa / tatlong ) \_\_\_\_\_.*

Can I please have ( a glass / two glasses ) of water?  
*Pahingi ng ( isang / dalawang ) basong tubig, please.*

Do I have to pay now or after?  
*Kailangan ko na ba magbayad ngayon or pagkatapos na?*

How much for everything.  
*Magkano lahat?*

Do you accept credit cards?  
*Tumatanggap ba kayo ng credit card?*

Thanks a lot.  
*Maraming salamat.*

Can we order order dessert already?  
*Pwede na ba tayo magorder ng panghimagas?*



## ENCOURAGING CONVERSATION AND BUILDING RAPPORT

Nothing will put the guard of a Tagalog speaker down like a conversation in Tagalog. Even if you can't carry the entire conversation in Tagalog, these sentences will get her to relax and open up.

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Tell me about \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Magkwento ka naman tungkol sa \_\_\_\_\_.*

Me too.  
*Ako rin.*

You're right / I agree.  
*Tama ka.*

Why is it like that?  
*Bakit ganoon?*

Why did this happen?  
*Bakit nangyari yon?*

How did this happen?  
*Paano nangyari yun?*

What can you say about \_\_\_\_\_?  
*Ano ang masasabi mo tungkol sa \_\_\_\_\_?*

What do you like doing when you don't have work/school?  
*Ano ang mga hilig mong gawin 'pag wala kang pasok?*

I am (also) fond of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Mahilig (din) ako sa \_\_\_\_\_.*

What is your favorite \_\_\_\_\_?  
*Ano ang paborito mong \_\_\_\_\_?*

What are your hobbies (do you do to entertain yourself)?  
*Ang mga libangan mo?*

What is your ambition in life?  
*Ano ang pangarap mo sa buhay?*

## ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Dating is a ritual, a dance, an essential part of courtship. Don't skip out the important stuff. These essential questions will help you get to know your date better.

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Do you have a (boyfriend / girlfriend)?  
*May boyfriend / girlfriend ka ba?*

Are you married?  
*May asawa ka na ba?*

Do you guys still meet?  
*Nagkikita pa rin ba kayo?*

Are you still on good terms with him/her?  
*Magkabati pa ba kayo ngayon?*

Are you single now?  
*Single ka ba ngayon?*

Where do you ( work / study ) ?  
*Saan ka ( nagtrabaho / nagaaral ) ?*

Do you have any children?  
*May anak ka na ba?*

Are you fond of children?  
*Mahilig ka ba sa bata?*

How old are you?  
*Ilang taong gulang ka na?*

Where do you live?  
*Saan ka nakatira?*

## LEADING TO ANOTHER ACTIVITY

Use your Tagalog language jiu-jitsu to lead your date from one activity to another. These sentences will come in handy if you want to keep things fresh, or perhaps take your date to the next level. Show off your dancing moves, sidle up to the bar for a few drinks or take a romantic walk outside.

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Shall we dance?  
*Gusto mo bang sumayaw?*

Do you know how to dance?  
*Marunong ka ba sumayaw?*

It's too noisy here.  
*Masyadong maingay dito.*

It's too hot here.  
*Masyadong mainit dito.*

There are too many people here.  
*Masyadong maraming tao dito.*

Come one. Let's go somewhere else.  
*Tara. Lipat tayo ng lugar.*

Do you want to ( take a walk outside / watch a movie / grab a bite to eat / have a few drinks / come with me ) ?

*Gusto mo bang ( maglakad sa labas / manood ng sine / kumain / uminom ng konti / sumama sa akin ) ?*

Come on. Let's go to ( another bar / your house / my hotel / a restaurant / another place ) .  
*Tara. Punta tayo sa ( ibang bar / bahay mo / hotel ko / kainan / ibang lugar ) .*

I'm going to (place) . Can you accompany there?  
*Papunta ako (place). Pwede mo ba ako samahan?*

What do you want to do now?  
*Anong gusto mong gawin ngayon?*

## ENDING THE DATE

It's been a lovely evening. Everything went to plan, and even better. She is gazing at you with her love-struck eyes. End the evening on a high note. Use some parting words in Tagalog to keep the parting memory sweet. These parting sentences could be a handy escape as well if things don't turn out the way you want them.

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I really enjoyed our date.  
*Na-enjoy ko ang date natin.*

I am happy I got to meet you.  
*Masaya ako na nakilala kita.*

I have to leave now.  
*Kailangan ko na umalis.*

I have to go home now.  
*Kailangan ko na umuwi.*

It's already late.  
*Late na.*

It's going to be morning soon.  
*Maguumaga na.*

I have to go to ( work / school ) tomorrow.  
*Kailangan ko pumasok sa ( trabaho / school ) bukas.*  
I've already had a lot to drink.  
*Marami na akong nainom.*

You've already had a lot to drink.  
*Marami ka nang nainom.*

I'm already ( tired / drunk / sleepy )..  
*( Pagod / Lasing / Inaantok ) na ako.*

Can I accompany you home?  
*Pwede ba kita samahan pauwi?*

Can you accompany me home?  
*Pwede mo ba ako samahan pauwi?*

I'll accompany you till you get a ride home.  
*Sasamahan kita hanggang makasakay ka pauwi.*

## MEETING AGAIN

What could be better than a perfect date? Two perfect dates. While you are in the grove, capitalize on your success by arranging your next romance-filled evening. We've laid down some sentences to help you book the next date with the apple of your eyes.

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Gusto kong makita ka ulit.  
*I want to see you again.*

Pwede ba tayo magkita ulit?  
*Can we meet again?*

Pwede pa kita puntahan ulit?  
*Can I go to you again?*

When can we meet again?  
*Kailan tayo pwede magkita ulit?*

Where can we meet again?  
*Saan tayo pwede magkita ulit?*

I have to check my schedule.  
*Kailangan ko i-check schedule ko.*

I'll be free then. (proposing a time)  
*Libre ako nun.*

I won't be free (at the time you're proposing).  
*Hindi ako libre nun.*

I'll be free on Friday.  
*Libre ako sa Biyernes.*

I'm free at six in the afternoon.  
*Libre ako ng ala sais ng hapon.*

## EXPERT TIPS FOR DATING IN TAGALOG

You're slick. You're suave. You've got the moves. But if you want to go that extra mile in impressing your Tagalog-speaking date, one secret weapon is pulling out some well-polished Tagalog phrases.

Those who do take the time to learn Tagalog are a cut above the rest. Not a lot of people take the time to learn the Tagalog language, even expatriates who have lived in the Philippines for decades. There are two main reasons for this. First, practically everyone who lives in the Philippines, and every Filipino, speaks English. Second, even for those who are interested, there is not a lot of learning material for Tagalog language learners. This makes learning Tagalog more difficult than learning languages with more well-established learning references. Being able to speak some Tagalog, even not perfectly, is a signal to Tagalog speakers that you have a strong interest and have invested heavily in someone who speaks Tagalog, if not the Philippines and the language in general.

In preparing for date with a Tagalog speaker, you can maximize your time by focusing on Tagalog sentences and phrases that are likely to come up during the date. Some examples would be sentences used in interactions with the waitstaff, talking about food and drinks, and seeing her off. Don't underestimate the value of practice. Using the sentences alone in your room will be different from using it with a real, live person in a noisy restaurant. If you fail to use the sentences you practiced, or the words didn't come out right, don't beat yourself up about it. Use every opportunity to practice what you've learned, even if you only use one or two keywords, or you have to constantly check some cribnotes.

Remember, that if ever you find yourself stumbling through a sentence in Tagalog, you can very well substitute English words and phrases for the parts you can't express. Even native Tagalog speakers freely mix English with Tagalog, so you can too. In fact, it is practically impossible to speak Tagalog for a day without using English words and phrases.

Steer clear away from the Tagalog word "*po*" during a date with a Tagalog speaker. It just sounds weird. The Tagalog word "*po*" which is reserved for older people or people who you perceive to have a higher social stature. If someone you are dating with starts using the word "*po*" with you, this will add "distance" to your relationship. Ask her to address you by your first name. Try say something like "Don't address me with '*po*'. Just call me John" or "*Huwag mo ako i-po. Tawagin mo na lang akong John.*" An exception perhaps is if you want to use the word "*po*" for comedic purposes to suggest deference.

Lastly, the ability to speak Tagalog is huge advantage in winning over a Tagalog speaker. However, never forget basic courtesy, decency and having a big bucket of confidence.

## FURTHER LEARNING

In learning to speak Tagalog, there is no substitute for actual conversations with real live native Tagalog speakers. Native Tagalog speakers willing to practice with you will not be hard to find, both online and for face-to-face meetings. Filipinos are one of the most widely spread ethnic groups around the world. You will be able to find Tagalog speakers no matter what country you are in. Listen to native speakers when they talk. Keep an open ear and an open mind. This doesn't mean that you should disregard drills and practice on your own. Both live practice and practice alone at home will compliment each other.

The dating using the Tagalog language is no different from any other use of the language. You can develop your skills just through natural interactions. However, cultivating your efforts through concerted practice will help you advance faster.

The website **www.TalkTagalog.com** is a hub for a wide-array of Tagalog lessons. It is also home to the podcast **Talk Tagalog – Learn Tagalog the Natural Way**. This podcast is also available on iTunes, Stitcher, Google Play, and other podcast distributing software. Many lessons on the site focus on listening comprehension exercises, which is among the most challenging part of learning Tagalog.

This is a free edition of this book. You can also look for a paid version of this book on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). The paid version includes more chapters and materials.

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I wish you well on your Tagalog language learning journey. Keep putting on foot in front of another and you can climb mountains.

