

## Lesson 5. Meet our exuberant Jagadeeshaha

When we entered our Sanskrit class for the very first time, we were greeted very enthusiastically by an energetic and bubbly youngster called Jagadeesh. He spoke only in Sanskrit but in the space of a few minutes, we figured out what was happening.

Just by asking questions and answering them himself (and with exaggerated gestures and an infectious smile!)our vocabulary jumped up from zero to five. No kiddin'. Take a look...

He looked at Mala and said.. मम नाम जगदीशः । (My name is Jagadeesh.)

अहं जगदीशः । (I am Jagadeesh.)

भवती का ? (Who are you? .... भवती is the respectful feminine form of you as in the Hindi आप..... का = feminine who)

भवत्याः नाम किम् ? (What is your name?)

Mala answered मम नाम माला । अहं माला ।

Jagadeesh next pointed to Chaitanya. भवान् कः । (Who are you?) (भवान् = masculine आप .....कः = masculine who)

भवतः नाम किम् ? ( What is your name?)

Chaitanya answered अहं चैतन्यः । मम नाम चैतन्यः।

Our Jagadeesh grabbed Chaitanya by the shoulder and said एषः चैतन्यः (This is Chaitanya) and pointing to a man seated some distance away asked....

सः कः ? (who is he?)

Chaitanya answered सः रविः । ( He is Ravi )

Jagadeesh then said... एषा माला । (This is Mala)

and to Mala said... एषः चैतन्यः । This is Chaitanya)

( Pointing to Ravi and Saraswati seated some distance away,)

सः कः ? सा का ? सः रविः । सा सरस्वती ।

Jagadeesh next called out to Ravi... सा का ? (Who is she?)

Ravi answered एषा सरस्वती । सा माला । (This is Saraswati. That is Mala)

Those sitting close to you are एषः or एषा (depending on whether it is a man or a woman.)

Those at a distance from you are सः or सा (ditto)

Game for a game?

You are Suraj. Next to you are seated Ram and Sita. Away from you are Lakshmi and Shibi (yup, the same person in the dove and eagle story ...and for those of you who want to know the story, write to me) Introduce yourself to the others and then ask the others their names. Listen to their answers and then introduce each one to the other. Pay special attention to when भवत्याः नाम किम् and when भवतः नाम किम् are used.

Lesson 5. and we are socializing in Sanskrit already!!