

# Immersion Thai with Nine

## Lesson Notes

## M01-L002 — The Thai Sound System

### After this lesson, you can...

- Distinguish consonant contrast, vowel length, and tone contour with practical beginner listening drills.

### Consonant contrast at the start

- Train ear to hear aspirated vs unaspirated initials.

#### Helpful notes

- Compare ไก่ gàì and ไข่ khài.
- One breathy consonant changes meaning immediately.

#### Self-practice drills

- Point to chicken/egg cards after hearing each word.
- Say gàì / khài in alternating pairs.

#### Core phrases

Thai	Transliteration	English
ไก่	gàì	chicken
ไข่	khài	egg

### Tone contour changes meaning

- Feel how contour shifts semantic category.

#### Helpful notes

- ใกล้ glâi means near.
- ไกล glǎi marks far in this lesson contrast set.

#### Self-practice drills

- Tutor says one; learner points near/far.
- Swap roles and repeat at natural speed.

#### Core phrases

Thai	Transliteration	English
ใกล้	glâi	near
ไกล	glǎi	far

### Mini role-play: Listening tutor session

**Tutor:** คำนี้คือ ไข่  
kham-níi kheuu khài  
This word is egg.

**Learner:** ไข่ khài  
khài  
Egg.

**Tutor:** ใกล้ หรือ ไกล  
glâi rǎue glǎi  
Near or far?