

(O) To Know or Not to Know Literary Tamil (1/2)

[5 points]

Tamil is spoken in Southern India and Sri Lanka. It has a long history and a large literature dating back over two thousand years. This puzzle uses the literary form of Tamil, which is slightly different from the modern spoken language.

This problem uses the Roman alphabet with some modifications to write Tamil, but this is not relevant for solving the problem.

Study the following Tamil verb forms:

Tamil	English
paṭittēn	I learnt
paṭippīr	You (plural) will learn
ceyyān	He doesn't do
paṭiyēn	I don't learn
arippāy	You (singular) will know
paṭittāy	You (singular) learnt
arittān	He knew
aarambippāy	You (singular) will begin
aarambippōm	We will begin
aarambiyēn	I won't begin
paṭittāl	She learnt
ceyppēn	I will do
ceyyēn	I won't do
ceyppār	They will do

O1. Translate into Tamil (continued on the next page):

a.	He doesn't begin	
b.	We will do	
c.	They didn't know	
d.	She won't begin	
e.	We won't do	
f.	You (plural) won't begin	



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g.	He will learn	
h.	He didn't learn	
i.	We began	
j.	I didn't do	
k.	We didn't do	
l.	You (singular) don't know	
m.	You (singular) knew	

O2. Translate the following into English. If there is more than one possible translation, give all the possibilities:

a.	arittīr	
b.	aarambippāl	
c.	ariyōm	
d.	paṭippār	
e.	aarambiyēn	
f.	ceyyīr	
g.	paṭittōm	

O3. Explain your answers by describing the structure of Tamil words.

