**Beginner live courses overview**

*In the Beginner live courses, you’ll build the foundations of speaking and reading while discovering that language learning can be joyful, practical, and shared with new friends.*

Welcome to the Beginner live courses in Colloquial Tibetan. This is where your speaking journey starts. You’ll learn alongside classmates from around the world, meet kind and patient Tibetan tutors, and discover that learning a new language can be both joyful and practical. Whether you’re curious about everyday conversations, Tibetan culture, or simply finding your voice in a new language, this program gives you the tools and support to get started.

The Beginner level is made up of two courses: **Beginner 101** and **Beginner 102**. Together, they guide you step by step through the first volume of *The Heart of Tibetan Language* and prepare you to hold real conversations with confidence.

**What you’ll experience**

* Weekly live classes on Zoom, offered in two time slots for flexibility
* Small learning groups where you connect closely with classmates
* One-on-one conversation sessions with Tibetan tutors every week
* Short animated videos that highlight the key points of each lesson
* Pre-recorded webinars that explain grammar in a clear and engaging way
* Learning games, songs, and dialogue podcasts that keep practice lively
* An e-portfolio to reflect on your learning journey

**Beginner 101**

This Lower Beginner course helps you take your first steps. You’ll practice reading and pronouncing Tibetan script, learn essential grammar, and begin to use simple phrases for everyday topics. The focus is on building confidence and enjoying the learning process.

**Beginner 102**

The Upper Beginner course builds directly on 101. Here you’ll work with verbs and tenses so you can talk about the past, present, and future. You’ll expand your vocabulary, practice with native speakers, and strengthen your ability to express your interests, experiences, and observations.

**Who it’s for**

The Beginner live courses are for students who already know how to read Tibetan script fluently but have little or no speaking experience. If you’re not yet comfortable with the alphabet, you’ll begin with our Alphabet Pre-Course before joining 101.

**What you’ll gain**

By completing both Beginner courses, you’ll be able to:

* Read and pronounce Tibetan script with ease
* Hold simple conversations on daily topics
* Use a range of tenses, including past, present, future, and imperative
* Appreciate key cultural concepts as they appear in the language