

100 Frequently used Pali Words

(Compiled by Christopher and revised by Asaf)

1. ākāsa - space
2. ākiñcañña not somebody, not something, nothing (nothingness, absence of something)
3. ākkodha freedom from anger
4. akusala - unwholesome
5. ānāpāna-sati mindfulness of Breathing
6. Anatta not-self, impersonal
7. Anicca impermanent, not permanent
8. Anussati - recollection
9. Ariya noble ones
10. āsava influxes, taints
11. Bhava becoming, existence, life, (bhāva: becoming, condition, nature, - in a compound)
12. Bhāvanā mental development (Bhavana: dwelling, sphere, world, realm)
13. Bodhi awakening
14. Brahma Vihāra divine abiding
15. Cetanā volition (intention)
16. Citta mental state
17. Dāna - donation, generosity, giving
18. Dhamma (Sanskrit: Dharma) teachings, truth, nature of things
19. Dhamma-Cakka wheel of the Dhamma
20. Dhātu elements
21. Diṭṭhi view (theory, belief)
22. Dosa anger, hatred
23. Dukkha unsatisfactoriness, suffering
24. Hetu cause
25. Hiri Shame, regret
26. Iddhi power
27. Indriya faculties
28. Jarā old age, decay
29. Jāti birth
30. Javana - impulsion

31. Jhāna meditative absorptions
32. Jīva life
33. Kamma (Sanskrit: Karma)
34. Kāma - sensuality, desire for sense objects (kama = way, manner)
35. Karuṇā - compassion
36. Kāya body
37. Khandha aggregates
38. Kilesa defilements
39. Kusala wholesome
40. Loka world
41. Magga path
42. Majjhima-Paṭipadā middle path
43. Māna conceit, pride (mana = mind)
44. Māra the tempter
45. Maraṇa death
46. Mettā - loving kindness, deep friendship
47. Moha delusion
48. Muditā appreciative joy
49. Nāma (mind), name
50. Nāma-rūpa - name and form, mind and body
51. ñāṇa (insight) knowledge
52. Nibbāna (Sanskrit: Nirvāṇa) Nirvana
53. Nivarana five hindrances
54. Ottappa dread, apprehension, (gilt, fear of wrong doing)
55. Paccaya condition
56. Paññā wisdom, understanding
57. Papañca projections
58. Paramattha ultimate, truth in the highest sense.
59. Pāramī perfection (fulfilment)
60. Paṭiccasamuppāda Dependent Arising
61. Pīti Bliss, happiness
62. Puggala Person
63. Pūjā devotional offering

64. Rāga lust
65. Sacca truth
66. Sacca-ñāṇa Knowledge (knowing) Truth
67. Saddhā Trust, confidence, faith
68. Samādhi (Meditative) Concentration
69. Samatha Calmness
70. Samatha-Vipassanā calm and insight
71. Sammā Right (i.e. to bring to fulfillment)
72. Saṃsāra Wandering (from one thing, experience to another)
73. Saṅkhāra formation, such as thought
74. Saññā perception
75. Sāsana teachings (literally message)
76. Sati mindfulness
77. Satipaṭṭhāna Foundations (or Applications) of Mindfulness
78. Sekha learner (of the Dharma)
79. Sikkhā the training (of sila, samadhi, panna)
80. Sotāpanna stream enterer first of noble ones
81. Sukha happy, joy
82. Suñña emptiness
83. Taṇhā desire, craving, wanting
84. Tathāgata (the Buddha) One who has thus gone beyond
85. Thera-vāda Teaching of the Elders
86. Ti-lakkhaṇa three characteristics (of existence)
87. Ti-ratana Three Jewels (Buddha, Dharma, Sangha)
88. Upādāna clinging
89. Upekkhā equanimity (even minded in the face of polarity)
90. Vedanā feelings, sensations in mind and body
91. Vicāra reflection
92. Vimokkha deliverance, liberation
93. Vimutti freedom, deliverance
94. Viññāṇa consciousness
95. Vipāka result of karma
96. Vipassanā insight

97. Virāga without lust, dispassion
98. Visuddhi purification
99. Vitakka applied thought
100. Viveka detachment, solitude