



When learning Vietnamese, most learners practice in a way that keeps them slow - But here's a better way for you:

Don't:

- ❌ Aim for perfect grammar
- ❌ Translate every word in your head
- ❌ Just read the sentences once

Do:

- ✅ Keep speaking, even if it's not perfect
- ✅ Learn the sentence as one block
- ✅ Repeat them until they feel automatic

"But Jade, why is that?"

In real life, people care more about understanding you than perfect grammar. **A quick response is always better.**

If you translate while speaking, you'll always be one step behind.

Plus, the more you repeat these phrases, the faster they'll come to you.

Understood? Great, now let's talk about your 10-minute routine so these sentences *actually stick*.



Your 10-minute routine:

- 1 Pick one situation**
Focus on one situation at a time so you don't feel overwhelmed.
- 2 Read the sentences out loud**
Speaking is what builds confidence — not silent reading.
- 3 Repeat them several times**
Repeat each sentence until it starts to feel automatic.

If you do this consistently, you'll notice that you start reacting **faster** and speaking with **less hesitation**.

That's it for the routine. Now let's start with your first Vietnamese sentence:



SITUATION #1 - OPENING

***Goal:** Start speaking Vietnamese.

1. Greeting people:

Chào anh	Hello (to a man)
Chào chị	Hello (to a woman)
Chào em	Hello (to a younger person)

2. Being polite:

Xin lỗi	Sorry / Excuse me
Cảm ơn	Thank you
Không sao	No problem / It's okay

3. Getting someone's attention:

Cho hỏi...	May I ask...
Anh ơi	Hey / Excuse me (calling a man)

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Chị ơi	Hey / Excuse me (calling a woman)
Em ơi	Hey / Excuse me (calling a younger person)

4. Social conversation:

Ăn cơm chưa?	Have you eaten yet?
Chưa	Not yet
Rồi	Already / Yes (I have)

*[Sentence Loop #1]:

Chào + [anh/chị/em]	Hello
[Anh/chị/em] + ơi	Excuse me

*[Conversation #1]:

A: Chị ơi, chào chị.
B: Chào anh.
A: Chị ăn cơm chưa?
B: Rồi.

SITUATION #2 - ASKING FOR HELP

***Goal:** Order what you want, understand the price, and pay without confusion.

1. Asking basic questions:

Ở đâu?	Where?
Cái này là gì?	What is this?
Bao nhiêu tiền?	How much?
Wi-Fi là gì?	What is the Wi-Fi (password)?

2. Finding places:

Nhà vệ sinh ở đâu?	Where is the bathroom?
Lối ra ở đâu?	Where is the exit?
Ở bên trái	On the left
Ở đây	Here
Ở kia	There



3. Checking a situation:

Mở cửa chưa?

Are you open? (for a shop)

*[Sentence Loop #2]:

Thing] + ở đâu?

Where is ...?

Ở + [Place]

(It's) at...

*[Conversation #2]:

A: Mở cửa chưa?

B: Mở rồi.

A: Wi-Fi là gì?

B: Wi-Fi đây.

A: Nhà vệ sinh ở đâu?

B: Ở kia.

A: Lối ra ở đâu?

B: Ở bên trái.

SITUATION #3 - BUYING & ORDERING

***Goal:** Order food, talk about prices, and pay confidently.

1. Ordering

Cho tôi cái này	Give me this
Một cà phê sữa đá	One iced milk coffee
Hai cà phê muối	Two salted coffees

2. Talking about price

Bao nhiêu tiền?	How much?
Một trăm nghìn	One hundred thousand
Đắt quá	Too expensive
Bớt đi	Lower the price

3. Paying

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Tính tiền

Bill, please

***[Sentence Loop #3]:**

Cho tôi + [item]

Give me....

[Number] + [item]

To order items in quantity

***[Conversation #3]:**

A: Cho tôi cái này.

B: Một cà phê sữa đá?

A: Vâng. Và hai cà phê muối.

B: Oke

A: Em ơi, tính tiền!

A: Bao nhiêu tiền?

B: Một trăm nghìn.

A: Đắt quá. Bớt đi.

B: Oke... một trăm nghìn.

SITUATION #4 – HANDLING PROBLEMS

***Goal:** Stay calm and get help when you don't understand or get lost.

1. When you don't understand

Tôi không hiểu	I don't understand
Nói chậm lại được không?	Can you speak more slowly?
Nói lại được không?	Can you repeat?

2. Asking for help

Giúp tôi với	Help me
Tôi bị lạc	I'm lost

3. Clarifying

Không phải (cái này)	Not this
Đi đâu?	Where are you going?
Dùng thẻ được không?	Using card, is it okay?

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***[Sentence Loop #4]:**

[request] + được không?

Is it okay...?

***[Conversation #4]:**

A: Anh ơi, tôi bị lạc

B: Anh đi đâu?

A: ATM ở đâu?

B: ATM ở kia

A: À, cảm ơn

SITUATION #5 – MOVEMENT & LOGISTICS

***Goal:** Talk about location, timing, and meeting people without confusion.

1. Movement

Đi thôi	Let's go
Đi nhé?	Shall we go?
Tôi đi siêu thị	I go to the supermarket

2. Timing

Chờ một chút	Wait a moment
Tôi đến rồi	I've arrived
Tôi đang đến	I'm coming
Tôi đang ở phía trước	I'm at the front

***[Sentence Loop #5]:**

S + đi + [place]	I go to...
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S + đang ở + [place]

I'm currently at...

***[Conversation #5]:**

A: Tôi đến rồi

B: Ok. Chờ một chút

A: Anh ở đâu?

B: Tôi đang đến

SITUATION #6 — FOOD SURVIVAL

***Goal:** Order food exactly how you want it and avoid mistakes.

1. Ordering & preferences

Cho tôi	Give me
Có sữa	With milk
Không cay	Not spicy
Không rau	No vegetables
Ngon lắm	Very delicious

***[Sentence Loop #6]:**

Không + [ingredient / flavor]	No....
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***[Conversation #6]:**

A: Cho tôi một phở bò, không cay.
B: Ok.

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B: Phở bò đây.

A: Phở bò ngon lắm.

B: Cảm ơn!

SITUATION #7 — SOCIAL CLOSING & EXIT

***Goal:** End conversations naturally.

1. Ending a conversation

Tôi phải đi rồi	I have to go
Hẹn gặp lại	See you again
Bye bye	Bye

2. Quick responses

Vâng	Yes
Không	No

***[Sentence Loop #7]:**

Tôi phải + [action]	I have to...
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***[Conversation #7]:**

A: Tôi phải đi rồi
B: Ok, hẹn gặp lại

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A: Bye bye

YOUR 3-MINUTE CONVERSATION

Now let's see what you can actually do.

Using only the phrases in this guide, try to:

- Greet someone and start a conversation
- Say something simple about yourself
- Ask them a question
- Order a cup of coffee

If you can do that...

👉 You've just had your first real conversation in Vietnamese.

And that's exactly the goal.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Now, you can read these sentences.

You can repeat them.

But there's one question that usually comes up:

"Am I actually pronouncing this correctly?"

And if you're not sure...

>> You'll hesitate.

>> You'll repeat yourself.

>> Or avoid speaking altogether.

Because a small change in tone
can completely change the meaning.

If you want to stop guessing,
and feel more certain about what you're saying...

👉 Start here:

[Say It So People Understand You.](#)

This is a short training focused on tones and
pronunciation, so you can say each word more **clearly**
and confidently.

I'll see you there.

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