

## **Tuvaluan survival vocabulary**

Good morning

Reply to Good morning      talofa

Good afternoon

Reply talofa

Good evening

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Hello

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How are you?

Reply e.g. Fine, thank you.    ea koe?

Goodbye      tofa

Thank you

Reply fakafetai

Please fakamolemole

Excuse me [sorry]      tulou

It doesn't matter      e lei fua

Delicious      tapa i te gali!

Can I take your photo?      e mafai ne au o pei tou ata?

I want ...      au e manako.....(4,5,6)

Do you have ...?      e isi ne au.....?/ e isi se.....?

Yes      ao

No      ikai

This (one), That (one)

[pointing at goods]      tenei, tela

There isn't any e seai

How much does it cost?      e fia tena togi?

A cheaper one te mea maaaa

One tasi

Two lua

Three tolu

Four faa

Five lima

Six ono

Seven fitu

Eight valu

Nine iva

Ten sefulu

Eleven sefulutasi

Twelve sefululua

Thirteen sefulutolu

Fourteen sefulufaa

Fifteen sefululima

Sixteen sefuluono

Seventeen sefulufitu

Eighteen sefuluvalu

Nineteen sefuluiva

Twenty luasefulu

Thirty tolusefulu

Forty fasefulu

Fifty limasefulu

Sixty onosefulu

Seventy fitusefulu

Eighty valusefulu

Ninety ivasefulu

One hundred selau

Two hundred luaselau

Five hundred limaselau

One thousand afe

Two thousand luaafe

One million miliona

UNITS OF MONEY tala, sene

UNITS OF WEIGHT AND SIZE kilokalame

half afa

all of it te mea katoa

(one) more toe tasi

(one) less tuku e tasi

Excuse me

[to get attention] fakamolemole

Too expensive too mafa

Can you lower the price? e mafai o fakafoliki tena togi?

An English newspaper niusipepa

A map te mape

Stampssitamupa

Gents tagata

Ladies fafine

Entrance/In mataloa ki loto / mataloa ki tua

Exit/out ki tua

Closed pono

Can you help me? e mafai ne koe o fesoasoani mai ki te au

Where is ...? tefea te .....?

Where is ... street? tefea te ..... auala?

What place is this?

street

town sea te koga tenei?

Toilet falefoliki

Bank pagke

Department store sitoa o te malo

Restaurant falekai

Airportmalae vakalele

Train station

Underground

Bus station te pasi

Hospital fakaimasaki

Doctor tokita

Police pulisimani

Post-office ofisa meli

Telephone telefoni

Market maketi

How far?

Is it near? e pefea te mao?

How long (to get to ...)? e fia te leva?

Left fakamaui

Right fakaatamai

Straight ahead ki mua

Slow down fakatele malie

Stop here tu i konei

Wait fakatali

Ticket tiketi

When anafea

Where is ... tefea te .....?

Hotel faletalimalo

at ... o'clock i te itula e .....

Leave at what time? e tiaki ne koe i te fia?

today i te aso nei

tomorrow ma taeao

Bill, please te togi fakamolemole

**NAMES OF A FEW DISHES**

**AND DRINKS** tataa, falai, saka, tao

**A FEW COOKING TERMS**

I am (name) au ko .....

Where do you come from? koe ne vau mai ifea?

I am (a New Zealander)

I come from (New Zealand) au se tino niusila

What do you do? sea tau galuega?

I am a (teacher)  
tourist au se faiakoga

You speak (Spanish)! koe e faipati faka (palagi)

A little malie

What is your name? koi tou igoa?

How old are you? ko fia ou tausaga

Years  
[for telling age] tausaga

I have been here ... days au kooti ne nofo i konei ki se ..... o aso

I have been here ... weeks au ne nofo ikonei kise ..... o vaiaso

I have been here ... months au ne nofo i konei ki se .... o masina

I am sick au e masaki

Do you understand? koe e malamalama?

I (don't) understand au ese malamalama

Repeat toe fakafokiaka

Please speak slowly faipati malieakaz

I speak only a little (Thai) au e mafai o faipati malie faka tuvalu

What do you call this in (Spanish)? sea tenei faka tuvalu?