

Filipino, as Filipinos speak it.



Elementary Lesson: Do You Want to Talk? May Problema Ako.

May problema ako.	I have a problem.
Gusto mo bang pag-usapan?	Do you want to talk about it?
May pinatay ako.	I killed someone.
Ah, siges una na 'ko.	Oh, ok, I'll be going./ Oh, I'll go ahead.

Tambay Talk

- I. May problema ako.
- II. Gusto mo bang pag-usapan?
- III. May pinatay ako?

I.

Practice this phrase:

May problema ako. – I have a problem.

May [to have] **problema** [problem] **ako** [I].

- Use this chunk: **May** _____ **ako.** – I have _____.
[Insert the noun “you have”]

You can also try: Filipino Phrase [root word] – English meaning

May pera ako. [pera – money]	I have money.
May oras ako. [oras – time]	I have time.
May meeting ako.	I have a meeting.
May kagamitan ako. [gamit – stuff to use]	I have equipment .
May sugat ako. [sugat – wound]	I have a wound.

II.

Practice this phrase:

Gusto mo bang pag-usapan? – Do you want to talk about it?

Gusto [want] **mo** [you] **bang** [“ba”+”ng” makes it a question] **pag-usapan** [to talk about]?

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- **Pag-usapan** – Discuss. Root word “usap” which means ‘talk’.
- **Gusto mo bang _____?** – Do you want to _____?
[Insert verb to do]

You can also try: Filipino Phrase [root word] –English meaning

Gusto mo bang maglaro? [laro – game/play]	Do you want to play?
Gusto mo bang kumain? [kain – eat]	Do you want to eat?
Gusto mo bang magbanyo? [banyo – restroom]	Do you want to go to the restroom?
Gusto mo bang magpahinga? [pahinga –rest]	Do you want to rest?
Gusto mo bang magsayaw? [sayaw – dance]	Do you want to dance?

III.

Practice this phrase:

May pinatay ako. – I killed someone.

May [there is something] **pinatay** [killed] **ako** [I]?

- Here the phrase chunk is translated as ‘I _____ something/someone.’ (instead of ‘I have _____.’) wherein the blank contains a verb that you did, are doing, or will do. The tense of the sentence depends on the tense of the verb. Also, verbs in Filipino, when translated, ‘can’ sometimes “turn into” nouns.

You can also try: Filipino Phrase [root word] –English meaning

May aaminin ako. [aaminin – will confess]	I have a confession. / There is something I have to confess.
May kakainin ako. [kakainin – will eat]	I will eat something. / There will be something for me to eat.
May nakalimutan ako. [nakalimutan – forgot]	I forgot something.
May tinapon ako. [tinapon – threw away]	I threw away something.
May tinatapos ako. [tinatapos – finishing]	I am finishing something.
May kinakausap ako. [kinakausap – talking to]	I am talking to someone.

Important reminder:

1. **May** – is short for **Mayroon**. This word has two meanings which basically boils down to ”there is” or “there exists”. One meaning is “to have” or “to be in possession of” the other meaning is “there is” or “there is a presence of”.
2. **Ako** – I/me
Kami – we [talking to a third uninvolved party]
Tayo – we/us [talking to an involved party, someone “with you”]
Sila – them
Ka – you