

# Sikhism — The Birthday of Guru Nanak



## The Punjabi Language

Sikh scriptures are written in Punjabi. This language is spoken by many people in the north west of India. When Punjabi is written down, the script is called Gurmukhi. 'Chaar' begins with a soft sound, like 'choose'. 'Chhey' begins with a harder 'tch' sound, as at the end of 'catch'.

Gurmukhi script was created by Guru Angad. Its name means 'from the mouths of the Gurus'. All Sikhs are expected to learn Gurmukhi. The script is also used by many Muslims and Hindus.

Practise speaking and writing the numbers from 1 to 10:

<p>੧ lkk 1</p>	<p>੨ Doh 2</p>
<p>੩ Tinn 3</p>	<p>੪ Chaar 4</p>
<p>੫ Panj 5</p>	<p>੬ Chhey 6</p>
<p>੭ Satt 7</p>	<p>੮ Att 8</p>
<p>੯ Noh 9</p>	<p>੧੦ Dass 10</p>