

Speak like a local... well almost!

‘Pukka’ is a word of Hindi origin that is also used in Nepali, it is also often heard spoken in the UK where its been adopted as part of the language. Many expatriates in Nepal use Nepali words in their daily English conversation – how many can you use with your family this week?

Chitto = quickly [often used in reference to homework or tying shoe laces...and usually repeated ‘chitto, chitto, chitto’]

Ke garne = what to do? [said with a sigh as you clean up the spilt milk or sit in a traffic jam, it means ‘there is nothing we can do, so we just accept it’]

Ke bhayo? = what happened? or some times what are you doing?

Marph Garnus = excuse me [considering ‘marph’ sort of sounds like a burp it should be easy to remember this one]

Hola = maybe, possibly [it is a way of saying ‘yes’ without commitment]

Huncha = yes, I agree, it is settled

Pukka = real, legitimate

Kaja = snacks

Ek chin = just give me a minute