

## Cases in Sanskrit

**Class Objective:** To understand what cases (Vibhaktis) are, the types of Vibhaktis and the uses of Vibhaktis.

**Concept A:** Below are the 8 cases (Vibhaktis) used in Sanskrit:

1. Prathama/prathamā (Nominative) - प्रथमा
2. Dwitiya/dvītīyā (Accusative) - द्वितिया
3. Tṛtiya/ tṛtīyā (Instrumental) - तृतीया
4. Chaturthi/ caturthī (Dative) - चतुर्थी
5. Panchami/ pañcamī (Ablative) - पञ्चमी
6. Shashti / ṣaṣṭhī (Gentive) - षष्ठी
7. Saptami / saptamī (Locative) - सप्तमी
8. Sambodhan/ sambodhana (Vocative) - सम्बोधनम्

The Vibhaktis are used to indicate different parts of sentences like subject, object, prepositions + nouns etc.

**Concept B: Revision:**

1. The word that denotes the name of a person or thing is called a noun.
2. The words that are used as a substitute of nouns are called pronouns.
3. Nouns and pronouns are in 3 genders: masculine (Pullinga/*pulliṅga*), feminine (Streelinga/*strīliṅga*) and neuter gender (napumsaka linga/*napumsakaliṅga*)
4. The nouns also come in 3 numbers: singular (eka vachana / *ekavacana* : one), dual (dwivachana/ *dvivacana* : two) and plural [bahu vachana/*bahuvachana* : many (more than two)]
5. Gender does not often follow the meaning of the objects :  
Vrukshaha (tree) is masculine  
Lata (creeper) is feminine

Today we will be learning 4 cases:  
Prathama, Dwitiya, Tṛtiya, Sambodhana

**Concept C:**

1. Prathama (Nominative): is used to denote the subject of a sentence also called as Karta (कर्ता)

Answers the question: Who?What?

In a normal active sentence, the subject is the **doer** of actions and things. Hence, the subject will always take the Prathama/prathamā case in a normal active sentence and the verb will always follow the subject.

भक्ताः ध्यायन्ति (Bhaktaaha Dhyāyanti/ *bhaktā: dhyāyanti*) : The devotees meditate

In the above sentence, **Bhaktaaha/bhaktā:** is the subject.

Question : Who?

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