

Some central terms used in Buddhism

Sanskrit	Pali	English
<i>buddha</i>		awakened one
<i>tathāgata</i>		thus-gone (a title of the Buddha)
<i>Siddhārtha Gautama</i>	<i>Siddhattha Gotama</i>	the historical Buddha, c. 563?? – c. 483?? BCE
<i>bodhisattoa</i>	<i>bodhisatta</i>	one who has resolved to become a Buddha
<i>śramaṇa</i>	<i>samaṇa</i>	ascetic, renouncer
<i>duḥkha</i>	<i>dukkha</i>	suffering
<i>tṛṣṇā</i>	<i>taṇhā</i>	thirst, desire, craving
<i>upādāna</i>		clinging, grasping, attachment
<i>saṃsāra</i>		cycle of rebirth
<i>kalpa</i>	<i>kappa</i>	aeon
<i>karma</i>	<i>kamma</i>	action (leading to consequences)
<i>nirvāṇa</i>	<i>nibbāna</i>	extinguishing, quenching, liberation from rebirth
<i>anātman</i>	<i>anattā</i>	no self
<i>pratītyasamutpāda</i>	<i>paṭiccasamuppāda</i>	dependent arising, dependent origination
<i>skandha</i>	<i>khandha</i>	heap, aggregate
<i>dharma</i>	<i>dhamma</i>	reality, (the Buddha's) teaching, phenomenon
<i>kleśa</i>	<i>kilesa</i>	defilement
<i>moha</i>		delusion
<i>rāga</i>	<i>lobha</i>	greed
<i>dveṣa</i>	<i>dosa</i>	hate, anger
<i>dhyāna</i>	<i>jhāna</i>	meditation
<i>samādhi</i>		concentration
<i>arhat</i>	<i>arahant</i>	worthy one, one who has achieved Nirvana
<i>bhikṣu</i>	<i>bhikkhu</i>	monk (lit. beggar)
<i>bhikṣuṇī</i>	<i>bhikkhunī</i>	nun
<i>saṃgha</i>	<i>saṅgha</i>	assembly, community, the monastic order