

## OLD TAGALOG: MOTHER OF TODAY'S LANGUAGE

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Language is dynamic and ever-changing. While it may not be obvious to some, Ancient Tagalog gave birth to modern Tagalog as we know it today. Every day, as we can hear, we come into touch with a wide range of languages such as gay lingo, TagLish, Conyo, Kanto-nese, dialects, technical language, and many more terminology derived from Old Tagalog.

Tagalog, as we know it, began on the prosperous island of the Philippines. It is spoken by the majority of Filipinos and is also used as a second language in other countries. Before it was known to other nations, Tagalog had been through a lot. Old Tagalog, Classic Tagalog, and Modern Tagalog are the three most prominent periods in Tagalog history. Since the 10th century A.D., Filipinos have spoken Old Tagalog or Old Filipino. Baybayin was an earlier Tagalog writing expression. It was followed by Classic Tagalog. This is the language spoken by past generations; it contains sophisticated and lengthy terminology. The modern Tagalog that we use now comes in last. (English Bix, 2021)

Although Tagalog appears to be simple and clear, it is not. The beauty of the words and expressions we employ cannot be denied. As our language becomes more contemporary, ancient Tagalog is making a comeback. Here are a few words that will certainly catch your attention and leave you in awe of their meaning. The term "marahuyo" is used to describe the charmed experience. Pahimakas means to say farewell. The phrase padayon simply means to continue. These are sentiments that we

hear all the time now, and I believe that remembering them will help us accept our culture.

As Filipino educators, we must be familiar with these obsolete terminologies, which we studied in college. Several of these terminologies are used in the classroom to acquaint students with national lingo. The language we previously spoke, the one our ancestors employed, is culturally inspiring. The language of our forefathers is so beautiful that simply using can give us effervescent feeling.

Although the language is evolving, which is fantastic, it is still useful to remember where our language originated. Up to this moment, the youth were awestruck by its beauty. We foster languages simply by speaking them. It is a wonderful honor for me to serve as a channel for educating future generations about our culture, and I will be eternally thankful for the chance.

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