

Are you a TRUE illongo?

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You know you're a true blue Ilonggo if ...

Your one peso is pisos

Your bathroom has at least one lugod (some has one for every family member)

Your nanay used to make you drink Mirinda or Royal Tru Orange when you have a fever, which is supposed to make you feel better

Sinamak is a staple in your dining table (the best Ilonggo invention if you ask me, was even banned on airplanes long before 911)

Your toyo is patis and your patis is toyo

You use atsuede for your adobo and pinamalhan (pinaksiw)

Your daily meal will likely include laswa, kbl (kadyos, baboy, langka), ginat-an nga tambo with tugabang and okra, ginat-an nga munggo, linutik, apan- apan, etc.

November 1 means eating ibus, suman, suman latik, kalamay-hati, bayi-bayi, valenciana or other native delicacies with glutinous rice and coconut milk

You call those you love palangga, pangga, langga or ga

You call your siblings or cousins inday, nonoy or toto...the househelp may all you the same

You call those who are older than you manang or manong

You catch the attention of sales attendants by calling them "day" or "to"

Your childhood games include tumba patis, taksi, panagu-ay, balay-balay, ins, tin-tin baka, etc.

You used to be (or still are) scared to go out at night lest you meet the aswang, tik-tik, tayhu, kapre, kama-kama, morto, etc.

Your grandparents read Yuhum magazine

You call a person, thing, place and event kwan when you forget it (si kwan, ang kwan, sa kwan)

You used to sleep in an aboy-aboy made of patadyong when you were a baby (probably applies only to us below the poverty line)

You understand that "Particulars Keep Out" sign means outsiders keep out

This may look and sound English but only us Ilonggos use it... You use words such as "ahay" (expression of pity, grief, empathy), "yuga" (expression of disbelief, surprise), "ambot ah" (to say you don't know, expression of impatience)

You often start your sentence with ti

You say goodbye by saying "halong"

Your favorite cusswords are linte (if you're slightly pissed off) and yodiputa (if you're pissed off big time)...

You answer "gani" to emphasize that you agree on something and say "gid" to emphasize the extent of your emotions, such as "kapoy gid" which means "I'm extremely or very tired."

When you buy coke you say, "bakal ko cuks"

You pronounce tricycle, as trysikol, triangle as trayangol.

You call star apple or kaimito in Tagalog, star-apol. By the way is there an Ilonggo translation for this fruit?

Guilty? You are indeed a TRUE Ilonggo! He!He!