Key Words of Pāli

1. The Three Treasures (ratana)
   *Buddha*: the Awakened one
   *Dhamma*: (The Buddha’s) teaching
   *Saṅgha*: community (of monks and nuns)

2. The Six Sense Fields (salaṭyatana)
   *cakkhu*: eye
   *sota*: ear
   *ghāna*: nose
   *jivhā*: tongue
   *kāya*: body
   *mano*: mind
   *rūpa*: form
   *sadda*: sound
   *gandha*: smell
   *rasa*: taste
   *phoṭṭhabba*: tangible
   *dhamma*: mental object

3. The Five Aggregates (pañcakkhandha)
   *rūpa*: visible form
   *vedanā*: feeling
   *saññā*: perception
   *sankhārā* (pl): mental formation (*san*=together, *khāra*=doing, making)
   *viññāna*: consciousness

4. Three Characteristics (ti-lakkhaṇa)
   *sabbe sankhārā anicca*: all formations are impermanent
   *sabbe sankhārā dukkha*: all formations are suffering
   *sabbe dhammā anattā*: all phenomena are nonself.
5. Dependent Origination (patīcchasamuppāda)

avijjā: ignorance

sankhāra (pl): karmic (bodily, verbal, mental / meritorious, demeritorious, imperturbable) formations

vināṇṇa: consciousness

nāma-rūpa: name and form

salāyatana: the six organs

phassa: contact

vedanā: feeling

tanha: craving

upādāna: grasping

bhava: becoming

jāti: birth

jarā-marāna: old age and death

5. Four Realities for Noble People (cattāro ariyasaccāni)

dukkha: suffering

samudaya: the cause (of suffering)

nirodha: the extinction (of suffering)

patipada: the way (to the extinction of suffering) = eightfold path

6. Eightfold path = Middle way (majjhima-patipada) = neither hedonism nor asceticism

sammā-diṭṭhi: right view

sammā-sankappa: right thought

sammā-vācā: right speech

sammā-kammanta: right action

sammā-ajīva: right livelihood

sammā-vāyāma: right effort

sammā-sati: right mindfulness

sammā-samādhi: right concentration
7. The Four Foundations of Mindfulness (cattāri-sati-patīhānāni)
   kāya: body
   vedanā: feeling
   citta: mind
   dhamma: mental object

8. Threefold Practices
   sila: morality
   samādhi: concentration
   paññā: wisdom

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