

LEARN AMHARIC

ENGLISH-AMHARIC (PHONETIC)

Learn some basic Amharic so that you can interact with the locals and enjoy your stay in Ethiopia by experiencing the rich culture of the Ethiopian people.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- a as the a in *father*
- e as the e in *set*
- i as the i in *ship*
- o as the o in *go*
- u as the oo in *boot*
- gn as the gn in *compagne* (French)

(M) Masculine; (F) Feminine; (P) Plural

MEETING AND GREETING

Hello	Halo
Good morning	Endemn adderu/ k(M)/ sh(F)
Good afternoon	Endemn walu/ k(M)/ sh(F)
Good evening	Endemn ameshu/ eh(M)/ esh(F)
Goodbye	Dehna hunu/ hun(M)/ hugne(F)
Thank you	Amesegnalehu
How are you?	Tenayistilign/endemen not? eh(M)/esh(F)
I am well, thank you (very much)	Dehna negn (Betam) amesegenalehu
You're welcome	Minim aydel
Please come in	Yigbu/giba(M)/ gibil(F)
Please sit down	Yikemetu/ tekemet(M)/ tekemechil(F)
What is your name?	Simewo man no?h(M)/ sh(F)
My name is ...	Sime...no
Where do you come from?	Keyet Metu? ah(M)/ ash(F) Hagero yet no?eh(M)/esh(F)
I come from ...	Ke...metahu
My country is ...	Hagere...no
Can you speak Amharic?	Amaregna yenageralu? tenageraleh(M)/ tenageriyalesh(F)
Only a little	Tinish
I want to learn more	Yebeleteme mar ifelegalehu
How do you find Ethiopia?	Itiyopiyan endet agegnuat? hat(M)/ shat(F)
I like it here	Itiyopiya Tesmamtoagnal

USEFUL WORDS

Today	Zare
Tomorrow	Nege
Yesterday	Tilant
Now	Ahun
Quickly	Tolo
Slowly	Kes
Mr	Ato
Mrs	Weyzero
Miss	Weyzerit
I	Ene
You	Ersewo
He, She	Essu, Essoa
We	Egna
They	Ennessu
What?	Min?
Who?	Man?
When?	Metche?
How?	Endet?
Why?	Lemin?
Which?	Yetignaw?
Yes (all right)	Eshi
No	Aydelem / Ayhonem
Excuse me	Yikirta
I am sorry	Aznallehu
Good	Tiru / melkam
Bad	Metfo

COMMERCE

Hotel	Hotel
Room	Kifil
Bed	Alga
To sleep	Metegnat
To bathe	Galan metateb
Where is the toilet?	Metateblya betu yet new?
Where may I get something to drink?	Yemiteta neger yet agengalehu?
Coffee	Buna
One (cup of) coffee	And (sin) buna
Beer	Birra
Cold	Kezkaza
Hot	Muk
Tea	Shay
Food	Migib
Meat	Slga
Fish	Assa
Bread	Dabo
Butter	Kebe
Sugar	Sikuar
Salt	Chow
Pepper	Berbere
Shop	Suk
To buy	Megzat
To sell	Meshet
Money	Genzeb
Cent	Santime
How much does this cost?	Wagaw sint no?
That is quite expensive	Betam wood no

NUMBERS

One	And
Two	Hulet
Three	Sost
Four	Arat
Five	Amist
Six	Sidist
Seven	Sebat
Eight	Semmint
Nine	Zetegn
Ten	Asser
Eleven	Asra-and
Twelve	Asra-hulet
Thirteen, etc.	Asra-sost, etc.
Twenty	Haya
Twenty-one, etc.	Haya-and, etc.
Thirty	Selasa
Thirty-one, etc.	Selasa-and, etc.
Forty	Arba
Fifty	Amsa
One hundred	And meto
One thousand	And shi

DIRECTIONS/EMERGENCIES

Where? (Place)	Yet?
Where is it?	Yet no?
Where? (Direction)	Wodet?
Street/road	Menged
Airport	Awiroplan marefeya
Where is the hotel?	Hotelu yet no?
Where are you going?	Yet iyehedu no? eh (M)/esh(F)
I am going to ...	Wedo... iyehedku no
Turn right	Wedo kegn yitatefu/ tatef(M)/tatefi(F)
Turn left	Wedo gra yitatefu tatef(M)/tatefi(F)
Go straight	Ketita yihidu/hid(M)/ higli(F)
Please stop here	Ezih Yikumum/kum(M)/ kumi(F)
Come	Na(M)/Ney(F)/Nu(P)
Go	Hid(M)/Higi(F)/Hidu(P)
Stop	Kum(M)/Kumi(F)/ irdugn(P)
Help	Irdagn(M)/Irgegn(F)/ Irdugn(P)
Hospital	Hakem bet
Police	Polis

DAYS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	Ihud
Monday	Segno
Tuesday	Maksegno
Wednesday	Erob
Thursday	Hamus
Friday	Arb
Saturday	Kedame