

BeingAfrican, LLC Curriculum-Lesson 11

Objectives

1. To learn and understand different time references.
 2. To practise the different ways of greeting.
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Let's get wordy (time references)

Below is an illustration of the different time references we are familiar with. A day is categorised as follows

Ndebele	English
Ekuseni	Morning
Emini	Afternoon
Ntambama	Evening
Ebusuku	Night

Let's move on to the days of the week. Practise reading out the words from Monday to Sunday.

Ndebele	English
Mvulo	Monday
Lwesibili	Tuesday
Lwesithathu	Wednesday
Lwesina	Thursday
Lwesihlanu	Friday
Mgqibelo	Saturday
Sonto	Sunday

Let's move on to the months of the year. Practise reading out loud from January to December.

Ndebele	English
Zibandlela	January
Nhlolanja	February
Mbimbitho	March
Mabasa	April
Nkwenkwezi	May
Nhlangula	June
Ntulikazi	July
Ncwabakazi	August
Mpandulo	September
Mfumfu	October
Lwezi	November
Mpalakazi	December

Below are illustrations of the different ways of greeting depending on the time of the day.

1. Let's start practising morning greetings

GENERAL-Ndebele greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Livukile	Good Morning
Response: Sivukile	Good Morning

2. Morning greetings when communicating with a **young person**.

1) **Person1** is the young person or peers

2) **Response** Is a young person or peers

YOUNG PERSON-Ndebele greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Sakubona, uvukenjani Thando?	Good morning Thando, how did you sleep?
Response: <u>Ngivukile uvuke njani wena</u>	I slept well, how about you?
OR	
Person1: Uvukile?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: <u>Ngivukile wena ke?</u>	Very well, how did you sleep?

3. Morning greetings when a young person is communicating with an elder in singular form:

1) **Person1:** Is the young person

2) **Response:** Is the elder

ELDER SINGULAR-Ndebele greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: Salibonani Livukenjani?	Good morning, how did you sleep?
Response Sivukile unjani wena?	I slept well, how about you?
OR	
Person1: Livukenjani?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: Ngivukule uvuke njani wena?	I woke up well, how about you?

4. Morning greetings when communicating with a group of people or with elders.

1) Person1: A group of people being greeted at once OR a single elder

2) Response: Can be a group of people being greeted at once OR a single elder

PLURAL or an ELDER Ndebele greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: Salibonani Livukenjani?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: Sivukile unjani wena?	I woke up well, how about you?
OR	
Person1: Livukenjani?	Good morning, did you sleep well?
Response Sivukule uvukenjani wena?	I slept well, how about you?

END OF MORNING GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising afternoon greetings

GENERAL-Ndebele afternoon greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: Litshonile	Good afternoon
Response: Sitshonile	Good afternoon

2. Afternoon greetings when communicating with **young person(s)**.

1) **Person1:** is the young person or peers

2) **Response:** Is a young person or peers

YOUNG PERSON-Ndebele Greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: Utshonile?	Good afternoon, How was your day?
Young Person Response: Ngitshonile wena utshonenjani?	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too

3. Afternoon greetings when communicating with Elders. Young person communicating with an elder

1) **Person1:** Is the young person

2) **Response:** Is the elder

ELDERS-Ndebele greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: Litshonanjani?	Good afternoon, how was your day?
Elder Response: Sitshonile wena utshone njani?	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too
Young Person1: Ngitshonile	Very well, thank you

4. Afternoon greetings when communicating with a group of people or with elders.

1) **Person1:** A group of people being greeted at once OR a single elder

2) **Response:** Can be a group of people being greeted at once OR a single elder

PLURAL or an ELDER-Ndebele greetings	Intended English meaning
Person1: Litshonanjani?	Good afternoon How was your day?
Response: Sitshonile utshonenjani wena?	Our day was fine, hope yours was fine too?
Person1: Sitshonile	Very well, thank you

END OF AFTERNOON GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising Evening greetings start here

GENERAL-Ndebele Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Litshonanjani	Good evening	Good evening
Response: Sitshonile	Good evening	Good evening

2. Evening greetings when communicating with **young person(s)**.

1) **Person1:** is the young person or peers

2) **Response:** Is a young person or peers

YOUNG PERSON-Ndebele Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Utshonenjani?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did you spend your day?
Response: Ngitshonile wena ke?	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too	I have spent my day well, if you have spent yours well.

3. Evening greetings when communicating with a group of people or with an elder

1) **Person1:** A group of people being greeted at once OR a single elder

2) **Response:** Can be a group of people being greeted at once OR a single elder

PLURAL or an ELDER- Ndebele greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Litshoneni njani?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did you spend your day?
Response: Sitshonile utshone njani wena?	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too	We have spent my day well, if you have spent yours well.