

## BeingAfrican, LLC Curriculum-Lesson 8

### Objectives

1. To learn and understand the pronunciation of phonetic sounds in SiSwati.
  2. Practice sounding out the phonetic sounds using some words.
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SiSwati is a phonetic language. It is therefore easy to read or say because it only has 5 vowels. All SiSwati words are derived from the vowel sounds as shown below.

*Read it out loud*

<b>A-ah!</b>	<b>E-eh!</b>	<b>I-ih!</b>	<b>O-oh!</b>	<b>U-uh!</b>
<b>Art</b>	<b>Egg</b>	<b>Ink</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Hook</b>

In every word, each syllable must be said out clearly so that the vowel sound is heard.

**Practise sounding the following.**

<b>“b”</b>	a soft implosive sound as in	Bala, bila
<b>“bh”</b>	a hard aspirated sound-air explodes from your lips as in: “bin” in English.	Bhaca, bhaka,
<b>“d”</b>	a soft implosive sound	dobha, deka
<b>“dv”</b>	a hard aspirated sound that combines d+v “donkey”	dvweba, dvonsa, dvuba
<b>“hh”</b>	a hard aspirated <u>coarse</u> sound <u>not</u> found in English –made from the throat!	hhaka, hhabhula

Practice sounds in columns 2 through 6. **Master the sounds first**, sound it out and then read the words in the associated word column.

1	2	3	4	5	6	words	words
Aa	A A-ah!	E e-eh!	I i-ih!	O O-oh!	U u-uh!	Lana <i>there</i>	Yedvwa <i>alone</i>
Bb	Ba	Be	Bi	Bo	Bu	Bopha <i>Tie</i>	Bala <i>Count</i>
Cc ch	Ca  Cha	Ce  Che	Ci  Chi	Co  Cho	Cu  Chu	Sicoco <i>frog</i> ChaCha <i>Untie</i>	Cedza <i>Finish</i> China <i>Braid</i>
Dd	Da	De	Di	Do	Du	Dubula <i>Shoot</i>	Dida <i>Confuse</i>
Dd	Dva	Dve	Dvi	Dvo	Dvu	Dvunga <i>Stir</i>	Dvonsa <i>Pull</i>
Ff	Fa	Fe	Fi	Fo	Fu	Funa <i>Search</i>	Fuca <i>Push</i>

<b>Gg</b>	<b>Ga</b>	<b>Ge</b>	<b>Gi</b>	<b>Go</b>	<b>Gu</b>	<b>Gola Catch</b>	<b>Guca Kneel</b>
<b>Hh</b>	<b>Ha</b>	<b>He</b>	<b>Hi</b>	<b>Ho</b>	<b>Hu</b>	<b>Hamba Walk</b>	<b>Hwalele Evening</b>
<b>Jj</b>	<b>Ja</b>	<b>Je</b>	<b>Ji</b>	<b>Jo</b>	<b>Ju</b>	<b>Gijima Run</b>	<b>Geja Miss</b>
<b>Kk</b>	<b>Ka</b>	<b>Ke</b>	<b>Ki</b>	<b>Ko</b>	<b>Ku</b>	<b>Kati cat</b>	<b>Sikero Scissors</b>
<b>Mm</b>	<b>Ma</b>	<b>Me</b>	<b>Mi</b>	<b>Mo</b>	<b>Mu</b>	<b>Moto Car</b>	<b>Mani wait</b>
<b>Mm</b>	<b>Mva</b>	<b>Mve</b>	<b>Mvi</b>	<b>Mvo</b>	<b>Mvu</b>	<b>Mvula Rain</b>	<b>Mvete Show</b>
<b>Nn</b>	<b>Na</b>	<b>Ne</b>	<b>Ni</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Nu</b>	<b>Inombolo Inonumber</b>	<b>Noma Think</b>
<b>Nn</b>	<b>Nda</b>	<b>Nde</b>	<b>Ndi</b>	<b>Ndo</b>	<b>Ndu</b>		<b>Ndoda Man</b>
<b>Pp</b>	<b>Pa</b>	<b>Pe</b>	<b>Pi</b>	<b>Po</b>	<b>Pu</b>	<b>Penda Paint</b>	<b>lipiki Pick-axe</b>

<b>Ss</b>	<b>Sa</b>	<b>Se</b>	<b>Si</b>	<b>So</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>Suka Move</b>	<b>Sika. Cut</b>
<b>Ss</b>	<b>Sha</b>	<b>She</b>	<b>Shi</b>	<b>Sho</b>	<b>Shu</b>	<b>Shisa Burn</b>	<b>Shaya Burn</b>
<b>Tt</b>	<b>Ta</b>	<b>Te</b>	<b>Ti</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Tu</b>	<b>Tala Birth</b>	<b>titila Whine</b>
<b>Tt</b>	<b>Tsa</b>	<b>Tse</b>	<b>Tsi</b>	<b>Tso</b>	<b>tsu</b>	<b>Tsatsa Take</b>	<b>Tsela Pour</b>
<b>Vv</b>	<b>Va</b>	<b>Ve</b>	<b>Vi</b>	<b>Vo</b>	<b>Vu</b>	<b>Vuka Wake</b>	<b>Vika hide</b>
<b>Ww</b>	<b>Wa</b>	<b>We</b>	<b>Wi</b>	<b>Wo</b>	<b>Wu</b>	<b>Wena You</b>	<b>Wota Come</b>
<b>Yy</b>	<b>Ya</b>	<b>Ye</b>	<b>Yi</b>	<b>Yo</b>	<b>Yu</b>	<b>Yawa Fell</b>	<b>Yakhe his/her's</b>
<b>Zz</b>	<b>za</b>	<b>ze</b>	<b>zi</b>	<b>zo</b>	<b>zu</b>	<b>Zuba Jump</b>	<b>Zama Try</b>

## Vocabulary Bank

Practise reading these words out loud as guided by the phonic sounds learnt.

<b>Dzabula</b>	<b>Tear</b>
<b>Sikero</b>	<b>Scissors</b>
<b>Emkhatsini</b>	<b>Center</b>
<b>Umlotsa</b>	<b>Ashes</b>
<b>Cabanga</b>	<b>Think</b>
<b>Wani</b>	<b>Fall</b>
<b>Tsatsa</b>	<b>Take</b>
<b>Vula</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Buta</b>	<b>Ask</b>
<b>Lisela</b>	<b>Thief</b>
<b>Tsela</b>	<b>Pour</b>