

BeingAfrican, LLC Curriculum-Lesson 8

Objectives

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

IsiZulu siwulwimi olusebenzisa ifonetiki. Ngaleyondela kulula ukulufunda nokuluphimsela ngoba lunonkamisa abayisihlani kuphela.

Read it out loud

Funda uphimsela

A-ah!	E-eh!	I-ih!	O-oh!	U-uh!
<u>Anti</u>	<u>Enhla</u>	<u>Inja</u>	<u>Ongoye</u>	Umfula

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

Kuwo wonke amagama, unkamisa nonkamisa kumele mawuphinyiswe ukuze unkamisa uzwakale.

Practise sounding the following.

Zifundise ukuphimsela lamagama alandelayo.

“b”	Ungwaqa othambile ophuma ngokuhlanganisa izindebe; “ba-” This is a consonant that requires for you to close your lips together when pronouncing it.	baba
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<p>“bh”</p>	<p>Ungwaqa oqinile ophuma ngokuhlanganisa izindebe uphushe umoya sakuqhuma “bha-” A hard consonant (a combination of two soft consonants) that is pronounced by closing the lips together and applying a bit of a push from the throat as if mimicking a soft explosion. “bha”</p>	<p>Bhala (write), ibhola (ball)</p>
<p>“d”</p>	<p>Ungwaqa othambile ophuma ngokusebenzisa ulimi namankanka A soft consonant that is pronounced when placing the tongue against the upper soft pallets of the mouth and then pushing a sound some air from the throat or the vocal cords.</p>	<p>Idada (duck), udonga (wall)</p>
<p>“h”</p>	<p>Ungwaqa othambile ophuma ngokuvula izindebe ukhiphe umoya sakuphefumula A soft consonant that is pronounced by opening the lips and gently blowing as if releasing a sigh.</p>	<p>Hamba (go), ihembe (shirt), hebe (hail!).</p>

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

Zifundise lemisindo esikhaleni sesibili kanye nesesithupha. Fundisisa lemisindo kuqala bese ufunda amagama asondelene nawe esikhaleni esiseceleni.

1	2	3	4	5	6	words	words
Aa	A A-ah!	E e-eh!	I i-ih!	O O-oh!	U u-uh!	Udobo (fishing rod)	Enhle (above)
Bb	Ba	Be	Bi	Bo	Bu	Baba (father)	Ubonda (a wall)
Bb	Bha	Bhe	Bhi	Bho	Bhu	ibhande <i>belt</i>	ibhuku <i>book</i>
Cc	Ca	Ce	Ci	Co	Cu	Cela (ask0)	Amacici (earrings)
Dd	Da	De	Di	Do	Du	Idada (a duck)	Dinga (need)
Ff	Fa	Fe	Fi	Fo	Fu	Funda (read)	Funga (<i>swear</i>)
Gg	Ga	Ge	Gi	Go	Gu	Gogo (granny)	Goba (Bend)

Hh	Ha	He	Hi	Ho	Hu	Haya (recite)	Huba (Sing)
Jj	Ja	Je	Ji	Jo	Ju	Jika (turn)	Ijika (a bend)
Kk	Ka	Ke	Ki	Ko	Ku	ikati <i>cat</i>	Kama (comb)
Mm	Ma	Me	Mi	Mo	Mu	iMoto <i>motor</i>	yima <i>wait</i>
Mm	Mva	Mve	Mvi	Mvo	Mvu	Imvula (Rain)	popotamus)
Nn	Na	Ne	Ni	No	Nu	Nelisiwe (Burnt)	Nambitha (taste)
Nn	Nda	Nde	Ndi	Ndo	Ndu	Indoda (a man)	Indoni (a berry)
Pp	Pa	Pe	Pi	Po	Pu	Penda (paint)	Phinda (repeat)
Ss	Sa	Se	Si	So	Su	Suka (Move)	Siza (help)

Ss	Sha	She	Shi	Sho	Shu	Shesha (hurry)	Shono (say)
Tt	Ta	Te	Ti	To	Tu	Utamatisisi tomatoes)	itorgo (a job)
Tt	Tsa	Tse	Tsi	Tso	tsu	Ipitsi (boreho	Utsotsi (a crook)
Vv	Va	Ve	Vi	Vo	Vu	Iva (a thorn)	Vela (appear)
Ww	Wa	We	Wi	Wo	Wu	Woza (come)	
Yy	Ya	Ye	Yi	Yo	Yu	Yifa die	Yakhe his/her's
Zz	za	ze	zi	zo	zu	Ziba (ignore)	Izibi (rubble)

Vocabulary Bank (ibhange lamagama)

Practise reading these words out loud as guided by the phonic sounds learnt.
Funda ukufunda lamagama ngouphimisela ngokuholwa imisindo yefonetiki oyifundile.

dabula/ unyembezi	Tear
isikelo	Scissors
isenta	Center
Umlotha	Ashes
cabanga	Think
yiwa	Fall
thatha	Take
Vula	Open
Buza	Ask
Isela	Thief
Thela	Pour

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