

BeingAfrican, LLC Curriculum-Lesson 12

Objectives

1. To understand the 6 personal pronouns and use them in sentence construction.
 2. To further practise common verbs in IsiZulu.
 3. To construct simple sentences in IsiZulu using the Pronoun + Formative + Verb construction.
 4. Familiarize with different food categories
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Let's speak simple IsiZulu! (A) (simple present tense)

Sikhulume isiZulu! (A) (Inkathi yamanje)

Now that you know some IsiZulu verbs, let's try speaking the language.

Njengoba usuwazi amagama ezenzo esiZulu, asizame ukukhuluma ulimi lwesiZulu.

Below is an illustration of 6 personal pronouns one must know.

Ngezansi yimifanekiso yamagama ayisithupha ongawasebenzisa.

I	mina		
You (singular)	Wena	Wena	Uma ukhuluma nomngani noma nontanga
You (plural)	Nina		Uma ukhuluma neqembu labantu noma nabantu abadala
We	thina		
He/she	U- (kowesilisa noma owesifazane)		

Build up vocabulary using the personal pronouns in sentence construction as guided below

Mina	I	Mina ngipheka ukudla	I cook food
Wena	You	Wena landa izinkuni	You fetch the firewood
Thina	We	Thina skijabule	We are happy
Bona	They	Bona bajabule	They are happy
Nina	You (plural)	Nina nidla isadza	You eat sadza

The personal pronouns need helping syllables called “formatives” when one uses them to say something. See illustration below of how this goes!

Amagama okuzazisa adinga ukulekelelwa isijobelelo uma siwasebenzisela ukusho okuthize. Bheka lombhalo ongezansi.

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PRONOUN + ↓	FORMATIVE + ↓	VERB ↓	MEANING
1) Mina	ngi(ya)	idla	I sit
3) Iye/Tariro	u(ya)___	hleka	Tariro laughs
2) Iwe/Tatenda	u(ya)___	khala	Tatenda is crying or Tatenda cries
4) Thina	si(ya)___	lala	We sleep
5) Ubaba	anga_	thatha	Father you take
6) Bina	ba(ya)___	bamba	They hold
7) Mina	ngi(ya)	___ hamba	I go

The word for word translation sounds very ungrammatical-but that’s in English. Such is the nature of IsiZulu.

IsiZulu sisebenzisa izijobelelo esilekelela ukuhlanganisa amagama ngenhlonipho nonkwenza umqondo ophelele.

Learn the pronouns and the formatives that go with them. Once you know them well, you can start **EXPLORING** the language on your own!

Funda amagama kanye nezihlanganiso ahambisana nawo. Uma usuwazi kahle, usungaqala uhlole ulwimi lwakho.

Here are some more everyday verbs for your language exploration!!

Nanka amanye amagama asetshenziswa nsukuzonke ongawasebenzisa.

1) Sumuka-stand get up	9) Pheka-cook	17) Ifa –die
2) Hamba-walk	10) Geza-wash	18) Idla-eat
3) Gijima-run	11) Gqoka-put on/ wear	19) Phuza-drink/ phuza
4) Lahla-throw away	12) Khumula-take off /remove	20) Thanda –like or love or want or need or fancy/ thanda
5) Cosha-pick up	13) Thenga-buy	
6) qukula-lift up	14) Dayisa-sell	
7) Sika-cut	15) Mamatheka-smile	
8) Nqamula-chop	16) Shaya-beat /hit	

General Word building: Food category

People need food to be healthy and strong

Abantu badinga ukudla ukuze babenempilo futhi babenamandla.

Fish	Inhlanzi
Meat	Inyama
Fruits	Izithelo
Water	Amanzi
Trees	izihlahla
Maize	Umbila
Vegetables	Izitshalo
Drinks	Iziphuzo
Meat	Inyama
Fruits	Izithelo
Fish	Inhlanzi
Rice	Irayisi