

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:

Xhosa	English
Intseni	Morning
Emvakwemini	Afternoon
Ngokuhlwa	Evening
Ebusuku	Night

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

Xhosa	English
Mvulo	Monday
Lwesibini	Tuesday
Lwesithathu	Wednesday
Lwesine	Thursday
Lwesihlanu	Friday
Mgqibelo	Saturday
Cawe	Sunday

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

Xhosa	English
Eyomqungu	January
Eyomdumba	February
Eyokwindla	March
Utshazimpuzi	April
Ucanzibe	May
Eyesilimela	June
Eyekhala	July
Eyethupha	August
Eyomsintsi	September
Eyedwarha	October
Eyenkanga	November
Eyomnga	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-Xhosa greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Mholo	Good morning
Response: Mholo	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-Xhosa greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Mholo Rudo, ulele njani?	Good morning Rudo, how did you sleep?
Response: Ndilele kakuhle, wena?	I slept well, how about you?
OR	
Mholo, uvuke kakuhle?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Ingaba ulele kakhuhle?	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-Xhosa greeting	Intended English meaning
Molo mama/tata, ingaba ulele kakuhle?	Good morning, how did you sleep?
Ndilele kakuhle, wena?	I slept well, how about you?
OR	
Molo mama/tata, ingaba uvuka kakuhle?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Kakuhle kakhulu , wena?	Very well, how did you sleep?

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 Xhosa greeting	Intended English meaning
Mholweni, nivuke kakuhle?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Sivuke kakuhle, wena?	I woke up well, how about you?
OR	
Mholweni, ingaba nilele kakuhle?	Good morning, did you sleep well?
Silele kakuhle, wena?	I slept well, how about you?

END OF MORNING GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising afternoon greetings:

GENERAL-Xhosa afternoon greeting	Intended English meaning
Molo kule mvakweni	Good afternoon
Molo kule mvakweni	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-Xhosa afternoon greeting	Intended English meaning
Molo kule mvakweni, belunjani usuku lwakho? OR Molo kule mvakweni, ibinjani imini yakho?	Good afternoon, how was your day?
Usuku lwam beluluhle, ndiyathemba nolwakho beluluhle. OR Imini yam ibintle, ndiyathemba neyakho ibintle.	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 -Xhosa afternoon greeting	Intended English meaning
Molo kule mvakweni, belunjani usuku lwakho? OR Molo kule mvakweni, ibinjani imini yakho?	Good afternoon, how was your day?
Usuku lwam beluluhle, ndiyathemba nolwakho beluluhle. OR Imini yam ibintle, ndiyathemba neyakho ibintle.	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too
Kakuhle kakhulu, enkosi	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 ELDERS -Xhosa afternoon greeting	Intended English meaning
Mholweni kule mvakweni, belunjani usuku lwenu? OR Mholweni kule mvakweni, ibinjani imini yenu?	Good afternoon, how was your day?
Usuku lwethu beluluhle, siyathemba nolwakho beluluhle. OR Imini yethu ibintle, siyathemba neyakho ibintle.	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too
Kakuhle kakhulu, enkosi	Very well, thank you

END OF AFTERNOON GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising Evening greetings start here

GENERAL-Shona Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Mholo kule njikalanga	Good evening	Good evening
Mholo kule njikalanga	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-Shona Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Mholo kule njikalanga, belunjani usuku lwakho? OR Mholo kule njikalanga, ibinjani imini yakho?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good evening, how did you spend your day?

<p>Usuku lwam beluluhle, ndiyathemba nolwakho beluluhle. OR</p> <p>Imini yam ibintle, ndiyathemba neyakho ibintle.</p>	<p>My day was fine, hope yours was fine too</p>	<p>I have spent my day well, if you have spent yours well.</p>
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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-Xhosa Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
<p>Mholweni kule njikalanga, belunjani usuku lwenu? OR</p> <p>Mholweni kule njikalanga, ibinjani imini yenu?</p>	<p>Good evening, how was your day?</p>	<p>Good Evening, how did you spend your day?</p>
<p>Usuku lwethu beluluhle, siyathemba nolwakho beluluhle. OR</p> <p>Imini yethu ibintle, siyathemba neyakho ibintle.</p>	<p>My day was fine, hope yours was fine too</p>	<p>We have spent my day well, if you have spent yours well.</p>