

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

Chewa	English
M'mamawa	Morning
Masana	Afternoon
Madzulo	Evening
Usiku	Night

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

Chewa	English
Lolembe	Monday
Lachiwirii	Tuesday
Lachitatu	Wednesday
Lachinayi	Thursday
Lachisanu	Friday
Loweruka	Saturday
Sondo	Sunday

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

Chewa	English
Januwale	January
Feburuware	February
Marichi	March
Epuloyero	April
Meyi	May
Juni	June
Julaye	July
Novembala	November
Disembala	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-Chewa greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Mwadzuka	Good Morning
Response: Ndadzuka	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-chewa greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Mwadzuka Rudo, unagona bwanji?	Good morning Rudo, how did you sleep?
Response: <u>Ndinagona bwino kaya iwe</u>	I slept well, how about you?
Kapena	
Person1: <u>W</u> adzuka, unauka bwinobwino?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: <u>Ndadzuka bwino kwambiri kaya iwe unagona bwanji?</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- Chewa greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: Mwadzuka, munagona bwanji?	Good morning, how did you sleep?
Response Ndadzuka bwino kaya iweyo?	I slept well, how about you?
Kapena	
Person1: ndadzuka, mwawuka bwinobwino?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: Ndauka bwino Kaya iwe	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 chewa greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: Mwadzuka, Mwauka bwinobwino?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: Ndinawukako bwino kaya inu	I woke up well, how about you?
Kapena	
Person1: Mwadzuka, munagona bwinobwino?	Good morning, did you sleep well?
Response Ndinagona bwinobwino Kaya inu?	I slept well, how about you?

END OF MORNING GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising afternoon greetings

GENERAL-Chewa afternoon greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: Mwaswera	Good afternoon
Response: Taswera	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-chewa Greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: Waswera, tsiku lako linali bwanji?	Good afternoon, How was your day?
Young Person Response: Ndaswera, ndikukhulupirira lakonso linali bwino ndithu	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-Chewa greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: Mwaswera, tsiku lanu linali bwanji?	Good afternoon, how was your day?
Elder Response: Ndaswera, tsiku langa linali bwino ndikukhulupirira lakonso linali bwino	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too
Young Person1: Labwino kwambiri, zikomo	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-Chewa greetings	Intended English meaning
Person1: Mwaswera, tsiku lanu linali bwanji?	Good afternoon How was your day?
Response: Lathu linali bwino tikukhulupilira lanunso linali bwino	Our day was fine, hope yours was fine too?
Person1: linali bwino kwambiri, zikomo	Very well, thank you

END OF AFTERNOON GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising Evening greetings start here

GENERAL-chewa Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Mwaswera	Good evening	Good evening
Response: Ndaswera	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-Chewa Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Waswera, tsiku lako linali bwanji?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did you spend your day?
Response: Ndaswera, linali bwino ndikukhulupirira lakonso linali bwino	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- chewa greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Mwaswera, Tsiku lanu linali bwanji?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did you spend your day?
Response: Ndaswera, tsiku langa linali bwino ndikukhulupirira lakonso linali bwino	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too	We have spent my day well, if you have spent yours well.