

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

Igbo	English
Ututu	Morning
Ehihie	Afternoon
Mgbede	Evening
Abali	Night

Let's move on to the days of the week. Practise reading out the words from Monday to Sunday. Traditionally, there are 4 days in a week in Igboland. They are Eke, Orie, Afo and Nkwo.

Igbo	English
Monde	Monday
Tuusdee	Tuesday
Wenesdee	Wednesday
Toosdee	Thursday
Fraidee	Friday
Satodee	Saturday
Sunde	Sunday

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

Igbo	English
Jenuwari (onwa mbu)	January
Febuwari (onwa abua)	February
Maachi (onwa ato)	March
April (onwa ano)	April
Mee (onwa ise)	May
Junu (onwa isii)	June
Julai (onwa asaa)	July
Ogos (onwa asato)	August
Seputemba (onwa iteolu)	September
Okutoba (onwa iri)	October
Novemba (onwa iri na otu)	November
Disemba. (Onwa iri na abua)	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-Igbo greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: ututu oma	Good Morning
Response: ututu oma	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-Igbo greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: ututu oma Rudo, kedu ka isi raru ura	Good morning Rudo, how did you sleep?
Response: <u>a rarum nke oma. Kedu maka gi?</u>	I slept well, how about you?
OR	
Person1: ututu oma. I raru kwa nke oma?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: <u>a rarum nke oma. Kedu ka isi raru?</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-Igbo greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: ututu oma sir. Kedu ka isi raru?	Good morning, how did you sleep?
Response a rarum nke oma. Kedu maka gi?	I slept 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 Igbo greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: ututu oma nu	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: Tamuka kana mamukawo	I woke up well, how about you?
OR	
Person1: ututu oma, i raru kwa nke oma?	Good morning, did you sleep well?
Response a rarum nke oma. Kedu ka isi raru?	I slept well, how about you?

1. Let's start practising **afternoon** greetings

GENERAL-Igbo afternoon greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: ehihie oma	Good afternoon
Response: ehihie oma	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-Igbo Greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: ehihie oma, kedu ka ubochi gi di?	Good afternoon, How was your day?
Young Person Response: ubochi m di nma, amaram na nke gi di kwa nma.	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-Igbo greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: ehihie oma sir, kedu ka ubochi gi di?	Good afternoon, how was your day?
Elder Response: ubochi m di nma, amaram na nke gi di kwa nma?	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too
Young Person1: odi nma, imela daalu	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-Igbo greetings	Intended English meaning
Person1: ehihie oma nu, kedu ka ubochi gi di?	Good afternoon How was your day?
Response: ubochi anyi di nma, amaram na nke gi di kwa nma?	Our day was fine, hope yours was fine too?
Person1: odi nma, imela daalu	Very well, thank you

1. Let's start practising **Evening** greetings start here

GENERAL-Igbo Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: mgbede oma	Good evening	Good evening
Response: mgbede oma	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-Igbo Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: mgbede oma, kedu ka ubochi gi si gaa?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did your day go?
Response: ubobhi m gara nke oma, amaram na nke gi ga kwara nke oma	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- Igbo greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: mgbede oma nu, amaram na nke gi ga kwara nke oma?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did you spend your day?
Response: ubochi m gara nke oma, amaram na nie gi ga kwara nke oma?	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too	My day went well. I am sure that yours well too.