

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 Igbo.
 3. To construct simple sentences in Igbo using the Pronoun + Formative + Verb construction.
 4. Familiarize with different food categories
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Let's speak simple Igbo! (A) (simple present tense)

Now that you know some Igbo verbs, let's try speaking the language.
Below is an illustration of 6 personal pronouns one must know.

I	Mu	
You(singular)	Gi	e.g To a friend !
You (plural)	Gi	(Often used when referring to the adults and high authority as below) Chukwu -God Nnanna -grandfather Nnenne -grandmother Nna -father Nna -father
We	Anyi	
He/she	Ya	

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

Mu	I	E sirim nri	I cook food
Gi	You	Ikpatara nku	You fetch the firewood
Anyi	We	Obi di anyi uto	We are happy
Ha	They	Obi di ha uto	They are happy
Gi	You (plural)	I riri gari	You eat gari

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

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PRONOUN + FORMATIVE + VERB ↓ ↓ ↓	MEANING
1) A nodurum ala	I sit
3) Chike na achi ochi	Chike laughs
2) Chike ne ebe akwa	Chike is crying or Tatenda cries
4) Anyi hiri ura	We sleep
5) Nna, gi were	Father, you take
6) Ha jidere	They hold
7)A garam	I go

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

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

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

1) Bilie oto- get up	9) Isi nri -cook	17) -inwu –die
2) gaa ike -walk	10) Isa ihe -wash	18) -iri ihe -eat
3) Gbaa oso -run	11) Tinye-put on/ wear	19) -inu ihe -drink
4) Tufuo -throw away	12) wepu -take off /remove	20) -dika –ihunanya - choro ihe - mara nma like or love or want or need or fancy
5) Tutulita -pick up	13) zuta -buy	
6) Tutulita -lift up	14) ree -sell	
7) Bepu -cut	15) ime onu ochi -smile	
8) Bepu -chop	16) iku ihe - beat /hit	

General Word building: Food category

People need food to be healthy and strong - Vanhu vanoda kudya kuti vave neutano

Azu	Fish
Anu	Meat
Mkpuru osisi	Fruits
Nmiri	Water
Osiso	Trees
Oka	Maize
Akwukwo nri	Vegetables
Inu ihe	Drinks
Anu	Meat
Mkprur osisi	Fruits
Azu	Fish
Osikapa	Rice