

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

Twi	English
Adekyeeε	Morning
Awia	Afternoon
Anwummerε	Evening
Anadwo	Night

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

Twi	English
Dwoda	Monday
Benada	Tuesday
Wukuada	Wednesday
Yawada	Thursday
Efieada	Friday
Memeneda	Saturday
Kwasiada	Sunday

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

Twi	English
Ɔpɛpɔn	January
Ɔgyefoɔ	February
Ɔbɛnem	March
Oforisuo	April
Kotonimma	May
Agyewohomumɔ	June
Kitawonsa	July
Obubuo	November
Ɔpɛnimma	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-Twi Nkyia	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Maakye	Good Morning
Response: Yaa medeε	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-Twi Nkyia	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Maakye Rudo, wodaa yie?	Good morning Rudo, how did you sleep?
Response: Yaaena ,me da yie na wo nsoeε?	I slept well, how about you?
OR	
Person1: Maakye, wo sɔre yie?	Good morning, did you wake up well?

Response: <u>Me daa yie paa, wo nso wo daa sen?</u>	Very well, how did you sleep?
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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-Twi Nkyia	Intended English meaning
Person1: Maakye, wo daa sɛn?	Good morning, how did you sleep?
Response Yaa agya, me da yie na wo nsoeɛ?	I slept well, how about you?
OR	
Person1: Maakye, wo sɔre yie?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: Yaa egya, me sɔre yie na wo nsoeɜ?	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 Twi Nkyia	Intended English meaning
Person1: Maakye, wo sɔre yie?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: Me sɔre tie na wo nsoeɛ?	I woke up well, how about you?
OR	
Person1: Maakye, wo daa yie?	Good morning, did you sleep well?
Response Me daa yie na wo nsoeɛ?	I slept well, how about you?

END OF MORNING GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising afternoon greetings

GENERAL- Twi afternoon greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1:Maaha	Good afternoon
Response: Yaa medeε	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-Twi Greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: Maaha, εkɔɔ sɛn εnnε?	Good afternoon, How was your day?
Young Person Response: Yaa nua, εkɔɔ yie na wo nsoeε?	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- Twi greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: Agya,maaha na ekɔɔ sɛn ɛnnɛ?	Good afternoon, how was your day?
Elder Response: Yaa ɔba, ekɔɔ yie na wo nsoɛ?	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too
Young Person1: ekɔɔ yie, medaase.	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- Twi greetings	Intended English meaning
Person1: Me ma mo aha, ekɔɔ sɛn ɛnnɛ?	Good afternoon How was your day?

Response: Yaa agya, yɛn da kɔɔ yie na wo nsoeɛ?	Our day was fine, hope yours was fine too?
Person1: ɛkɔɔ yie,medaase	Very well, thank you

END OF AFTERNOON GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising Evening greetings start here

GENERAL-Twi. Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Maadwo.	Good evening	Good evening
Response: Yaa medeɛ.	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- Twi Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Maadwo, ekɔɔ sɛn ɛnnɛ?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did you spend your day?
Response: Yaa nua, noɔma kɔɔ yie na wo nsoeɛ?	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- Twi greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Me ma mo adwo, ekɔɔ sɛn ɛnnɛ?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did you spend your day?
Response: Yaa agya, noɔma kɔɔ yie na wo nsoeɛ?	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too	We have spent my day well, if you have spent yours well.

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