

BeingAfrican, LLC Curriculum-Lesson 4

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

Kikuyu	English
Ruciini	Morning
Muthenya	Afternoon
Hwaii	Evening
Utuku	Night

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

Kikuyu	English
Muthenya wa mbere	Monday
Muthenya wa keru	Tuesday
Muthenya wa gatatu	Wednesday
Muthenya wa kana	Thursday
Muthenya wa gatano	Friday
Muthenya wa jumamothi	Saturday
Muthenya wa kiumia	Sunday

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

Kikuyu	English
Mweri wa mbeere	January
Mweri wa keru	February
Mweri wa gatatu	March
Mweri wa kana	April
Mweri wa gatano	May
Mweri wa ithathatu	June
Mweri wa mugwanja	July
Mweri wa inyanya	August
Mweri kenda	September
Mweri wa ikumi	October
Mweri wa ikumi na imwe	November
Mweri wa thiguku	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-Kikuyu greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Wi mwega ruciini	Good Morning
Response: Ndi mwega	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-Kikuyu greeting	Intended English meaning
Person 1: Wi mwega, wakoma atia?	Good morning Rudo, how did you sleep?
Response: <u>Ndi mwega, ndakoma wega, na we tagwo?</u>	I slept well, how about you?

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-Kikuyu greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: We mweга ruciini?	Good morning, how did you sleep?
Response Ndi mweга, na we tagwo?	I slept well, how about you?

4. Morning greetings when communicating with a group of people.

1) **Person1:** A group of people being greeted at once

2) **Response:** Can be a group of people being greeted at once OR a single elder

PLURAL Kikuyu greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: Mwi eга?	Good morning, did you wake up well?
Response: Twi eга	We woke up well, how about you?
OR	
Person1: Nindamugeithia, ni mwokira weга?	Good morning, did you sleep well?
Response Ni twageithika, tukiirite weга	We slept well, how about you?

END OF MORNING GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising afternoon greetings

GENERAL-Kikuyu afternoon greeting	Intended English meaning
Person1: Wi mwega muthenya	Good afternoon
Response: Ndi mwega	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-Kikuyu Greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: Wi mwega muthenya, watinda atia?	Good afternoon, How was your day?
Young Person Response: Ndi mwega, ndatinda wega.	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-Kikuyu greeting	Intended English meaning
Young Person1: Wi mwega muthenya, watinda atia?	Good afternoon, how was your day?
Elder Response: Ndi mwega, ndatinda wega. O nawe taguo?	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too
Young Person1: Ndatinda wega	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 -Kikuyu greetings	Intended English meaning
Person1: Mwi ega muthenya, mwatinda atia?	Good afternoon How was your day?
Response: Twatinda wega, o nawe taguo?	Our day was fine, hope yours was fine too?
Person1: Wegu muno	Very well, thank you

END OF AFTERNOON GREETINGS

1. Let's start practising Evening greetings start here

GENERAL-Kikuyu Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Wi mwega hwaiini	Good evening	Good evening
Response: Ndi mwega	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-Kikuyu Greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Wi mwega, watinda atia?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did you spend your day?
Response: Ndatinda wega, o nawe taguo?	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.

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- Kikuyu greeting	Intended English meaning	Literally Translated
Person1: Mwi ega hwaiini, mwatinda atia?	Good evening, how was your day?	Good Evening, how did you spend your day?
Response: Twi ega, twatinda wega	My day was fine, hope yours was fine too	We have spent my day well, if you have spent yours well.