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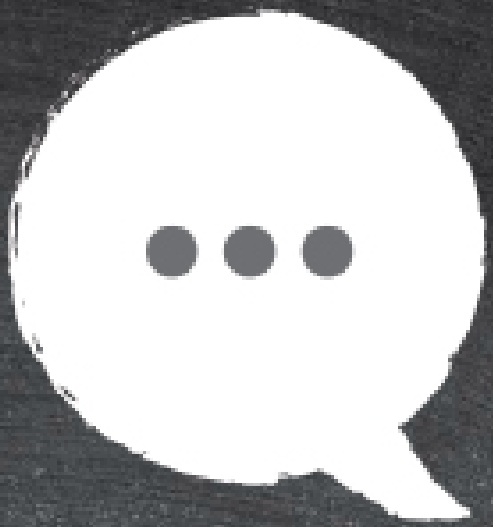

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Basic Greetings

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
Hallo!	Hello!	Hallo almal!	Hello, everyone!
Hoe gaan dit?	How are you?	Hallo, hoe gaan dit?	Hello, how are you?
Goeie môre.	Good morning.	Goeie more, het jy lekker geslaap?	Good morning, have you slept well?
Goeie dag.	Good afternoon.	Goeie dag, is jy klaar vir die dag?	Good afternoon, are you done for the day?
Goeie naand.	Good evening.	Goeie naand, gaan jy nou huis toe?	Good evening, are you heading home?
Pas jouself op!	Take care!	Pas jouself op en ons praat gou weer!	Take care and let's talk soon!
Sien jou!	See you!	Pas jouself op, sien jou!	Take care, see you!
Baai!	Bye!	Baai, veilige reis!	Bye, safe travels.
Goeie nag.	Good night.	Goeie nag, lekker slaap!	Good night, sleep well!

Being Polite

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
dankie	thank you	Baie dankie.	Thank you very much.
Jy is welkom.	you're welcome	Jy is welkom, geen probleem.	You're welcome, no problem.
asseblief	please	Die, asseblief.	This, please.
verskoon my	excuse me	Verskoon my, waar is die stasie?	Excuse me, where is the station?
jammer	sorry	Jammer, dit was nie aspris nie.	Sorry, it wasn't on purpose.
Aangename kennis.	Nice to meet you.	Hi, aangename kennis.	Hi, nice to meet you.
welkom	welcome	Welkom by my huis.	Welcome to my home.

Personal Pronouns

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
ek	I	Ek kook.	I cook.
jy	you	Jy sing.	You sing.
hy	he	Hy praat.	He speaks.
sy	she	Sy slaap.	She sleeps.
dit	it	Dit is op die tafel.	It's on the table.

ons	we	Ons eet.	We eat.
hulle	you (plural)	Hulle reis.	You travel. (plural)
hulle	they	Hulle studeer.	They study.
my	my	Hy is my pa.	He is my father.
jou	your	Sy is jou ma.	She is your mother.
syne	his	Die swart sak is syne.	The black bag is his.
haar	her	Sy is haar suster.	She is her sister.
ons	our	Dit is ons huis.	That is our house.
julle	your (plural)	Julle ma is kwaad.	Your mother is angry. (plural)
hulle	their	Hulle ma is 'n dokter.	Their mother is a doctor.

Expressing Well-being

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
OK	good	Ek is OK.	I am good.
fantasties	great	Hy is fantasties.	He is great.
so-so	so-so	Sy is so-so.	She is so-so.
moeg	tired	Ons is moeg.	We are tired.
slaperig	sleepy	Hulle is slaperig.	They are sleepy.
gelukkig	happy	Ek is gelukkig.	I am happy.
hartseer	sad	Jy is hartseer.	You are sad.
verveeld	bored	Hy is verveeld.	He is bored.
kwaad	angry	Hulle is kwaad.	They are angry.
eensaam	lonely	Ons is eensaam.	We are lonely.
ek is	I am	Ek is moeg.	I am tired.
jy is	you are	Jy is kwaad.	You are angry.
hy is	he is	Hy is gelukkig.	He is happy.
sy is	she is	Sy is verleë.	She is embarrassed.

dit is	it is	Dit is pragtig.	It is beautiful.
ons is	we are	Ons is trots.	We are proud.
hulle is	you are (plural)	Hulle is verveeld.	You are bored. (plural)
hulle is	they are	Hulle is hartseer.	They are sad.

Making Simple sentences

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
dit	this	Dit is myne.	This is mine.
daardie	that	Daardie, asseblief.	That, please.
hierdie	these	Hierdie katte is oulik.	These cats are cute.
daardie	those	Daardie katte is oulik.	Those cats are cute.
hier	here	My huis is hier.	My house is here.
daar	there	My skool is daar.	My school is there.
daar	over there	My ma is daar ver.	My mother is over there.
en	and	Dit en dat.	This and that.
van	from	Ek is van Tokyo.	I'm from Tokyo.

Numbers

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
een	one	een lemoen	one orange
twee	two	twee katte	two cats
drie	three	drie uur	three o'clock
vier	four	vier vyfstes	four fifths
vyf	five	vyf dae	five days
ses	six	ses maande	six months
sewe	seven	sewe jare	seven years
agt	eight	agt opsies	eight options
nege	nine	nege lewens	nine lives
tien	ten	tien keer tien	ten times ten
elf	11	elf keer	eleven times
twaalf	12	twaalf vloere	twelve floors
dertien	13	dertien krone	thirteen crowns
veertien	14	veertien dollars	fourteen dollars
vyftien	15	vyftien pogies	fifteen attempts
sestien	16	sestien vriende	sixteen friends
sewentien	17	sewentien bome	seventeen trees
agtien	18	agtien verjaarsdag partytjies	eighteenth birthday party
negentien	19	amper negentien jaar	almost nineteen years
twintig	20	twintig weke	twenty weeks
vyf en twintig	25	vyf en twintig sekondes	twenty-five seconds
dertig	30	dertig jaar oud	thirty years old
drie en dertig	33	drie en dertig aarbeie	thirty-three strawberries
veertig	40	veertig minute	forty minutes
vyftig	50	vyftig ure	fifty hours
sestig	60	sestig munte	sixty coins
sewentig	70	sewentig skape	seventy sheep
tagtig	80	tagtig studente	eighty students
negentig	90	negentig jaar oud	ninety years old
honderd	100	honderd woorde	hundred words

Family Members

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
pa	father	Dit is my pa.	This is my father.
ma	mother	My pa en sy ma.	My father and my mother.
broer	brother	My ouer broer is langer as ek.	My older brother is taller than me.
suster	sister	My jonger suster is oulik.	My younger sister is cute.
seun	son	Ek het 'n seun.	I have a son.
dogter	daughter	My dogter is groot.	My daughter is grown up.
vrou	wife	My vrou is ouer as ek.	My wife is older than me.
man	husband	My man reis.	My husband is traveling.
ouers	parents	Haar ouers is geskei.	Her parents are divorced.
familie	family	Ek is lief vir my vrou en familie.	I love my wife and family.

Basic Adjectives

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
warm	hot	Vandag is warm.	Today is hot.
koud	cold	Die bier is koud.	The beer is cold.
groot	big	Ek het 'n groot kat.	I have a big cat.
klein	small	Die sak is klein.	The bag is small.
hoog	high	Die prys is hoog!	The price is high!
laag	low	Die temperatuur is laag.	The temperature is low.
sterk	strong	Die stroom is sterk.	The current is strong.
swak	weak	My hande is swak.	My hands are weak.
vinnig	fast	Hy is 'n vinnige drawwer.	He is a fast runner.
stadig	slow	My rekenaar is stadig.	My computer is slow.
swaar	heavy	Die posman het 'n swaar boks afgelaai.	The postal carrier delivered a heavy package.
vriendelik	kind	Sy is 'n vriendelikke persoon.	She is a very kind person.

lig	light	Jy is so lig soos 'n veer.	You're light as a feather.
vuil	dirty	Die huis is vuil.	The house is dirty.
skoon	clean	Die kar is skoon.	The car is clean.
enkel	single	Ek is enkel lopend.	I'm single.
getroud	married	Hy is getroud.	He is married.

Basic Verbs

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
loop	walk	My broer loop vinnig.	My brother walks fast.
praat	talk	Hulle praat baie elke dag.	They talk a lot every day.
ry	drive	Ek ry werk toe elke dag.	I drive to work every day.
eet	eat	Ons eet 'n koue ete.	We are eating a cold meal.
sit	sit	Ek wil sit en rus.	I want to sit and rest.
swem	swim	Ek hou van swem.	I like to swim.
skryf	write	Ek skryf 'n brief vir my onderwyser.	I am writing a letter to my teacher.
sing	sing	Sy sing voor die klas.	She sings in front of the class.
drink	drink	My broer drink koffie in die oggend.	My brother drinks coffee in the morning.
leer	learn	Leer terwyl jy slaap.	Learn while sleeping.
luister	listen	Ek luister na my dokter se advies.	I listen to my doctor's advice.
kyk	watch	Haar suster hou daarvan om hartseer flieks te kyk.	Her sister likes to watch sad movies.
lees	read	Ek lees 'n hartseer storie.	I am reading a sad story.
praat	speak	Die onderwyser praat baie vinnig.	The teacher is speaking very fast.

Occupations

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
onderwyser	teacher	Ons onderwyser is streng.	Our teacher is strict.
student	student	Studente is in die klas.	Students are in the class.

dokter	doctor	Ek moet die dokter sien.	I need to see the doctor.
ingenieur	engineer	Ek wil 'n ingenieur word.	I want to become an engineer.
kelner	waiter	Waar is die kelner?	Where is the waiter?
verkoopspersoon	salesperson	Werk jy as 'n verkoopspersoon?	Do you work as a salesperson?
prokureur	lawyer	Die prokureur is baie goed.	My lawyer is very good.
haarkapper	hairdresser	Die haarkapper sny die hare.	The hairdresser is cutting the hair.
boer	farmer	Die boer is in die koring veld.	The farmer is in the wheat field.
kunsternaar	artist	Daar is baie tipes kunstenaars.	There are many different kinds of artists.
atleet	athlete	Atlete moet gesonde kos eet.	Athletes have to eat a healthy diet.
polisie-man	police officer	Die polisieman het die kar gestop.	The police officer stopped the car.
sanger	singer	Het jy 'n gunsteling sanger?	Do you have a favorite singer?
akteur	actor	Baie bekende akteure is in die fliek.	Many famous actors are in this movie.
posman	postal carrier	Die posman lewer die pos af.	The postal carrier is delivering the mail.
werktuigkundige	mechanic	Die werktuigkundige kyk na my kar.	The mechanic is looking at my car.
tandarts	dentist	Ek moet 'n tandarts sien.	I have to see the dentist.
wetenskaplike	scientist	Ek studeer om 'n wetenskaplikke te word.	I study to become a scientist.
joernalis	journalist	Die joernalis het ‹n interessante artikel geskryf.	This journalist wrote an interesting article.
skrywer	writer	Sy is 'n bekende kinderboek skrywer.	She is a famous kid's book writer.

Countries and Cities

Afrikaans	English	Sample Sentence Afrikaans	Sample Sentence English
Australië	Australia	Australië is 'n land en 'n kontinent.	Australia is a country and continent.
Sydney	Sydney	Sydney is die grootste stad in Australië.	Sydney is the largest city in Australia.
Brasilië	Brazil	Brasilië is die langste land in Suid Amerika.	Brazil is the largest country in South America.
Rio de Janeiro	Rio de Janeiro	Rio de Janeiro is baie warm.	Rio de Janeiro is very hot.
Kanada	Canada	kaart van Kanada	map of Canada
Vancouver	Vancouver	Vancouver is 'n stad in Kanada.	Vancouver is a city in Canada.
Sjina	China	Ek is van Sjina.	I'm from China.
Beijing	Beijing	Ek wil Beijing toe gaan.	I want to go to Beijing.
Egipte	Egypt	antieke Egypte	ancient Egypt
Kaïro	Cairo	Daar is die piramides van Kaïro.	There are pyramids in Cairo.
Engeland	England	Koningin van Engeland.	Queen of England
Londen	London	Die volgende trein Londen toe sal in dertig minute arriveer.	The next train to London will arrive in thirty minutes.
Frankryk	France	Ek sal Frankryk toe gaan more.	I'll go to France tomorrow.
Parys	Paris	Ek wil ook Parys toe gaan.	I also want to go to Paris.
Duitsland	Germany	Die derde Oktober is Duitsland se nationale vakansie.	The third of October is Germany's national holiday.
Berlyn	Berlin	Die hoofstad van Duitsland is Berlyn.	The capital city of Germany is Berlin.
Indië	India	Eerste minister van Indië.	Prime Minister of India
New-Delhi	New Delhi	New-Delhi is 'n groot stad.	New Delhi is a big city.
Italië	Italy	Wanneer gaan jy Italië toe?	When are you going to Italy?
Rome	Rome	My familie sal Rome besoek volgende jaar.	My family will visit Rome next year.
Japan	Japan	Ek was nog nooit in Japan nie.	I've never been to Japan before.
Tokyo	Tokyo	Tokyo is fantasties.	Tokyo is great.

Mexiko	Mexico	Na die suide van die Vereenigde State is die land Mexiko.	To the south of the United States is the country of Mexico.
Cancun	Cancun	Cancun het baie strande.	Cancun has many beaches.
Rusland	Russia	Rusland is die wêreld se grootste land.	Russia is the world's largest country.
Moskou	Moscow	Dit is baie koud in Moskou.	It's very cold in Moscow.
Swede	Sweden	Was jy al in Swede?	Have you been to Sweden?
Stockholm	Stockholm	My familie bly in Stockholm.	My family lives in Stockholm.
Verenigde State	United States	Ek gaan na die Vereenigde State volgende jaar.	I am going to the United States next year.
New York	New York	Ek het 'n klein woonstel in New York.	I have a small apartment in New York.

Basic questions and answers

Afrikaans	English
Wat is jou naam?	What's your name?
My naam is Lerina.	My name is Lerina.
My naam is Peter.	My name is Peter.
My naam is Ken.	My name is Ken.
My naam is Alice.	My name is Alice.
Waar kom jy vandaan?	Where are you from?
Ek is van Suid Afrika.	I'm from South Africa.
Ek is van die Vereenigde State.	I'm from the United States.
Ek is van Japan.	I'm from Japan.
Ek is van Frankryk.	I'm from France.
Hoe oud is jy?	How old are you?
Ek is sewe en twintig jaar oud.	I'm twenty-seven years old.
Ek is twee en vyftig jaar oud.	I'm fifty-two years old.
Ek is vyftien jaar oud.	I'm fifteen years old.
Ek is dertig jaar oud.	I'm thirty years old.
Waar bly jy?	Where do you live?
Ek bly in Kaapstad.	I live in Cape Town.
Ek bly in New York.	I live in New York.
Ek bly in Kyoto.	I live in Kyoto.
Ek bly in Parys.	I live in Paris.
Wat doen jy vir 'n lewe?	What do you do?
Ek is 'n ingenieur.	I'm an engineer.
Ek is 'n onderwyser.	I'm a teacher.
Ek is 'n student.	I'm a student.
Ek is 'n haarkapper.	I'm a hairdresser.

Final Review: Introducing Yourself

Afrikaans	English
Hallo!	Hello!
Aangename kennis.	Nice to meet you.
My naam is Lerina.	My name is Lerina.
Ek is van Suid Afrika.	I'm from South Africa.
Ek bly in Kaapstad.	I live in Cape Town.
Ek is sewe en twintig jaar oud.	I'm twenty-seven years old.
Ek is 'n ingenieur.	I'm an engineer.
Ek is enkel lopend.	I am single.
Ek het 'n hond.	I have a dog.
Ek het twee broers.	I have two brothers.
Goeie middag!	Good afternoon!
Aangename kennis.	Nice to meet you.
My naam is Peter.	My name is Peter.
Ek is van die Vereenigde State.	I'm from the United States.
Ek bly in New York.	I live in New York.
Ek is twee en vyftig jaar oud.	I'm fifty-two years old.
Ek is 'n onderwyser.	I'm a teacher.
Ek is getroud.	I am married.
Ek het 'n kar en twee honde.	I have a cat and two dogs.
Ek het 'n broer en 'n suster.	I have a brother and a sister.
My naam is Ken.	My name is Ken.
Ek is van Japan.	I'm from Japan.
Ek bly in Kyoto.	I live in Kyoto.
Ek is 'n student.	I'm a student.
Ek het twee jonger susters.	I have two younger sisters.
My naam is Alice.	My name is Alice.
Ek is van Frankryk.	I'm from France.
Ek is dertig jaar oud.	I'm thirty years old.
Ek het 'n man en twee seuns.	I have a husband and two sons.