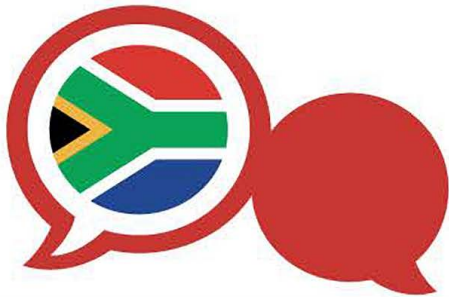


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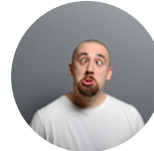
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LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #1

Banter Amongst Friends and Associates

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- Vocabulary
- Sample sentences
- Vocabulary phrase usage

#1

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
tjom	buddy	noun
boet	a close male friend	noun
china	friend	noun
tjop	silly person	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Tjom, jy moet luister.	Wat is nuus boet?
Buddy, you have to listen.	What's the news, brother?
Hoezit my china?	Jou tjop.
How is it going my friend?	You silly person.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *tjom*

Literal translation: "chum"

English meaning: "buddy"

Use this slang expression when you are talking to a friend.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hey tjom, hoe gaan dit met jou?*
"Hi buddy, how are you?"
2. *Tjom, jy moet luister.*
"Buddy, you have to listen."

2. *boet*

Literal translation: "little brother"

English meaning: "a close male friend"

Use this slang expression when you talk to a close friend, someone who is like a brother to you.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Goeiemore boet.*
"Good morning brother."
2. *Wat is nuus boet?*
"What's the news, brother?"

3. *china*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "a friend"

Use this slang expression when you want to appear very informal or casual.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Lekker my china!*
"Hi my friend."
2. *Hoezit my china?*
"How is it going my friend?"

4. *tjop*

Literal translation: "piece of meat"

English meaning: "silly person"

Use this slang expression when you want to call someone silly in a playful way.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Moenie 'n tjop wees nie.*

"Don't be silly."

2. *Jou tjop.*

"You silly person."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #2

Informal Greetings

CONTENTS

- Vocabulary
- Sample sentences
- Vocabulary phrase usage

#2

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
aweh	hey	phrase
hoesit	What's up?	phrase
heita	hello	phrase
Haail!	Yo!, Hi	sentence

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Aweh, my bru.	Hoesit, wat is nuus?
Hey, my brother.	What's up, what's the news?
Heita my bru.	
Hello brother.	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *aweh*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "hey"

Use this slang expression when you want to greet a good friend in a funny way.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Aweh ma se kind.*
"Hey there, my friend."
2. *Aweh, my bru.*
"Hey, my brother."

2. *hoesit*

Literal translation: "how is it"

English meaning: "what's up"

Use this slang expression when you want to greet a good friend.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hoesit?*
"How is it going?"
2. *Hoesit, wat is nuus?*
"What's up, what's the news?"

3. *haai*

Literal translation: "shark"

English meaning: "hi"

Use this slang expression when you want to greet someone informally.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Haai! Hoe gaan dit?*
"Hi! How are you?"
2. *Haai daar, hoe gaan dit?*
"Hi there, how are you?"

4. *heita*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "hello"

Use this slang expression when you want to greet someone informally. This is typically used in more rural areas.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Heita! Wat is nuus?*
"Hello! What is the news?"

2. *Heita my bru.*
"Hello brother."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #3

Expressing Approval

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- Vocabulary
- Sample sentences
- Vocabulary phrase usage

#3

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
lekker	good	adjective
kief	cool	adjective
sharp	OK	phrase
mooi	pretty	adverb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Kief man!	Sharp. Dit is reg met my.
Cool man!	Ok. It is fine with me.
Ek hou te veel van mooi kleres.	My vriendin is mooi.
"I like nice clothes too much."	"My girlfriend is pretty."
My nefie is nogal stout vir 'n kind sy ouderdom.	
"My nephew is pretty cheeky for a child of his age."	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *lekker*

Literal translation: "nice"

English meaning: "good"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that you like something.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ag lekker man. Ek is bly om dit te hoor.*
"Oh nice. I am glad to hear that."
2. *Ons gaan sommer baie lekker kuier.*
"We are going to have a very nice visit."

2. *kief*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "cool"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something is cool.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dit is kief.*
"It is cool."
2. *Kief man!*
"Cool man!"

3. *sharp*

Literal translation: "sharp"

English meaning: "ok"

Use this slang expression when you want to respond in the affirmative.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Sharp, ek sal dit doen.*
"Ok, I'll do it."
2. *Sharp. Dit is reg met my.*
"Ok. It is fine with me."

4. *mooi*

Literal translation: "pretty"

English meaning: "good"

Use this slang expression when you want to express your approval.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Mooi so.*
"Well done."
2. *Mooi, ek is bly.*
"Good, I'm happy."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #4

Agreeing or Disagreeing With Someone

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- Vocabulary
- Sample sentences
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#4

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
yebo	yes	phrase
aikona	No	phrase
nè?	right?	phrase
ja, nee	yeah	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Wil jy saam kom? Yebo, ek wil baie graag.	Aikona, dit sal nie werk nie.
Do you want to join us? Yes, I would really like to.	No, it will not work.
Jy hou van tee, né?	Ja, nee, hy soek altyd vir moeilikheid.
You like tea, don't you?	Yeah, he is always looking for trouble.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *yebo*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "yes"

Use this slang expression when you want to expressively agree with someone or to something. It is often used as a double positive, as in '*yebo*-yes'.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Yebo, dit is heeltemal reg met my.*
"Yes, it is totally fine with me."
2. - *Wil jy saam kom? - Yebo, ek wil baie graag.*
"Do you want to join us? Yes, I would really like to."

2. *aikona*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "no"

Use this slang expression when you want to express shock or disbelief. It is originally a Zulu term.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Aikona, dit kan nie so aanhou nie.*
"No, it cannot continue like this."
2. *Aikona, dit sal nie werk nie.*
"Nope, it will not work."

3. *nè?*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "right?"

Use this slang expression when you want to ask someone if they agree with you or know what you mean.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dit is moes so, nè?*
"It is true, right?"
2. *Jy hou van tee, né?*
"You like tea, don't you?"

4. *ja, nee*

Literal translation: "yes, no"

English meaning: "yeah"

Use this slang expression when you want to agree with someone or confirm what they have said. It is interesting as the words '*ja*' and '*nee*' seem like they are contradicting each other.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ja, nee. Ek stem heeltemal saam.*
"Yeah. I completely agree."

2. *Ja, nee, hy soek altyd vir moeilikheid.*

"Yeah, he is always looking for trouble."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #5

Talking About Weakness

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- Vocabulary
- Sample sentences
- Vocabulary phrase usage

#5

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
lig in die broek	weak (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
meer bek as binnegoed	talk a lot and never take action (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
windeier	failure (Afrikaans slang)	noun
flou kole	weak (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hy is te lig in die broek.	Om meer bek as binnegoed te he.
He is too weak.	To talk a lot and never take action.
Hy is 'n windeier.	Hy was flou kole na die wedstryd.
He is a failure.	He was very weak after the match.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *lig in die broek*

Literal translation: "light in the pants"

English meaning: "weak"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something or someone is weak.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die motorfiets is bietjie lig in die broek.*
"This motorcycle is a bit weak."
2. *Hy is te lig in die broek.*
"He is too weak."

2. *meer bek as binnegoed*

Literal translation: "more mouth than guts"

English meaning: "all mouth and no trousers"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that a person talks a lot but does not have the guts to take action.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Sy het meer bek as binnegoed.*
"She talks a lot but does not take action."
2. *Om meer bek as binnegoed te he.*
"To talk a lot and never take action."

3. *windeier*

Literal translation: "wind egg"

English meaning: "failure"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone or something is a failure.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die onderneming was van die begin af 'n windeier.*
"The business was a failure from the start."
2. *Hy is 'n windeier.*
"He is a failure."

4. *flou kole*

Literal translation: "weak coles"

English meaning: "weak, tired"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is tired or weak.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hulle is maar flou kole vannaand.*
"They are very tired tonight."

2. *Hy was flou kole na die wedstryd.*
"He was very weak after the match."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #6

Encouraging Someone to Give Their All

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#6

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
gooi mielies	knock yourself out (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
sit voet in die hoek	go flat out (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
kap dit vlou	give it your best (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
pak die bul by die horings	take the bull by the horns (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hulle gooi mielies. They are knocking themselves out.	Sy het voet in die hoek gesit om vinniger in Kaapstad te kom. She went flat out to get to Cape Town faster.
Sy kap dit vlou op die dansbaan. She is giving her all on the dance floor.	Hoe pak ons die bul by die horings? How do we approach the situation directly?

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *gooi mielies*

Literal translation: "toss corn"

English meaning: "knock yourself out"

Use this slang expression when you want to tell someone to knock themselves out. As in to exert maximum effort.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Gooi mielies!*
"Knock yourself out!"
2. *Hulle gooi mielies.*
"They are knocking themselves out."

2. *sit voet in die hoek*

Literal translation: "put foot in the corner"

English meaning: "go flat out"

Use this slang expression when you want to tell someone who is driving to go at full speed.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ons sal moet voet in die hoek sit om betyds te wees.*
"We will have to go flat out to be on time."
2. *Sy het voet in die hoek gesit om vinniger in Kaapstad te kom.*
"She went flat out to get to Cape Town faster."

3. **kap dit vlou**

Literal translation: "hit it weak"

English meaning: "give it your best"

Use this slang expression when you want to tell someone to give it their best.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Kap dit vlou vandag op die veld.*
"Give it your best today on the field."
2. *Sy kap dit vlou op die dansbaan.*
"She is giving her all on the dance floor."

4. **pak die bul by die horings**

Literal translation: "grab the bull by the horns"

English meaning: Is the same.

Use this slang expression when you want to tell someone to approach a problem or difficult situation directly and with clear, confident action.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Jy moet die bul by die horings pak vandag.*
"You have to approach the problem directly today."

2. *Hoe pak ons die bul by die horings?*

"How do we approach the situation directly?"

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #7

Slang on Campus

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- Vocabulary
- Sample sentences
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#7

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
vrek moeilik	very difficult (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
klas draf	go to class (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
duik in die hek	fail (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
die mas opkom	succeed (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hy is soms vrek moeilik.	Hoe lank moet jy klas draf?
He can be very difficult sometimes.	For how long do you have to take classes?
Sal sy in die hek duik?	Ek wonder of hy die mas sal opkom.
Will she fail?	I wonder whether he will succeed.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *vrek moeilik*

Literal translation: "die difficult"

English meaning: "very difficult"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something is very difficult.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die toets was vrek moeilik.*
"The test was very difficult."
2. *Hy is soms vrek moeilik.*
"He can be very difficult sometimes."

2. *klas draf*

Literal translation: "class jog"

English meaning: "go to class"

Use this slang expression when you want to explain that someone is going to class.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ons draf klas op Woensdae.*
"We go to class on Wednesdays."
2. *Hoe lank moet jy klas draf?*
"For how long do you have to take classes?"

3. **duik in die hek**

Literal translation: "dive into the gate"

English meaning: "to fail"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone fails or has failed.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy het in die hek geduik.*
"He failed."
2. *Sal sy in die hek duik?*
"Will she fail?"

4. **die mas opkom**

Literal translation: "the mast rises"

English meaning: "to succeed"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone has succeeded or question whether they would be able to succeed.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Sy het die mas opgekom.*
"She succeeded."

2. *Ek wonder of hy die mas sal opkom.*

"I wonder whether he will succeed."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #8

Romantic Relationships

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#8

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
uitgevat	looking very nice (Afrikaans slang)	adjective
smoor verlief	be in love (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
muisneste hê	blindly in love (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
kers opsit	visit your sweetheart (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hoekom is jy so uitgevat?	Hy is smoor verlief.
Why are you so neatly dressed?	He is madly in love.
Sy het al weer muisneste en maak baie foute. She is blindly in love again and is making many mistakes.	Hy sal moet kers opsit. He will have to visit his sweetheart.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *uitgevat*

Literal translation: "taken out"

English meaning: "looking very nice"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is very neatly dressed.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy is omtrent uitgevat.*
"He is really neatly dressed."
2. *Hoekom is jy so uitgevat?*
"Why are you so neatly dressed?"

2. *smoor verlief*

Literal translation: "suffocate in love"

English meaning: "to be in love"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is madly in love.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hulle is smoor verlief.*
"They are madly in love."
2. *Hy is smoor verlief.*
"He is madly in love."

3. *muishneste hê*

Literal translation: "to have mouse nests"

English meaning: "blindly in love"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is so in love that they are not thinking straight.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy dink nie reguit nie want hy het muishneste.*
"He is not thinking straight because he is blindly in love."
2. *Sy het al weer muishneste en maak baie foute.*
"She is blindly in love again and is making many mistakes."

4. *kers opsit*

Literal translation: "put up a candle"

English meaning: "to visit your sweetheart"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is visiting their sweetheart.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy het gaan kers opsit.*
"He went to visit his sweetheart."

2. *Hy sal moet kers opsit.*

"He will have to visit his sweetheart."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #9

Talking About Food

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#9

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
braai	barbeque	noun
bring-en-braai	barbecue where guests bring their own meat and drinks (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
moerkoffie	strong filter coffee (Afrikaans slang)	noun
potjiekos	stew (Afrikaans slang)	proper noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Jy kan maklik lekker boerewors kry vir die naweek se braai. "You can easily get some sausage for this weekends barbecue."	Enige Suid-Afrikaners hou baie van braaie. "Some South Africans love barbeques."
Dit was 'n bring-en-braai. It was a barbecue where people brought their own food and drinks.	Drink 'n koppie moerkoffie. Drink a cup of filter coffee.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *moerkoffie*

Literal translation: "hit coffee"

English meaning: "strong filter coffee"

Use this slang expression when you want to talk about strong filter coffee.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Maak vir ons moerkoffie.*
"Make us some filter coffee."
2. *Drink 'n koppie moerkoffie.*
"Drink a cup of filter coffee."

2. *potjiekos*

Literal translation: "small pot food"

English meaning: "traditional Afrikaans stew made over the fire in a cast-iron pot"

Use this slang expression when you want to talk about the traditional Afrikaans stew that is typically made over the fire in a cast-iron pot.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Maak jy vir ons potjiekos?*
"Are you making us a stew? "
2. *Ek is lus vir lekker potjiekos.*
"I am in the mood for a delicious stew."

3. *braai*

Literal translation: "grill"

English meaning: "barbecue"

Use this slang expression when you want to talk about a barbecue.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Nou gaan ons braai.*
"We are going to bbq now."
2. *Ons moet 'n braai hou.*
"We should have a barbecue."

4. *bring-en-braai*

Literal translation: "bring and barbecue"

English meaning: "a barbecue where guests bring their own meat and drinks"

Use this slang expression when you want to talk about a barbecue where guests bring their own meat and drinks. Most of the food is typically pre-prepared, except for the meat.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ons hou 'n bring-en-braai.*
"We are hosting a barbecue where you bring your own food and drinks."

2. *Dit was 'n bring-en-braai.*

"It was a barbecue where people brought their own food and drinks."

GRAMMAR

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #10

Motorcycles and Cars

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#10

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
bromponie	scooter	noun
ysterperd	motorcycle (Afrikaans slang)	noun
tjor	car (Afrikaans slang)	noun
poegie	moped	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

elektriese skooter electric scooter	Ons het in Griekeland 'n skooter gehuur om rond te ry. In Greece, we rented scooters and drove around town.
Die vrou ry 'n geel skooter. The woman is riding a yellow scooter.	geel skooter yellow scooter
Ek ry my ysterperd. I'm riding my motorcycle.	My oom het 'n ou tjorrietjie. My uncle has an old little car.
Kyk daardie poegie. Ek weet nie of hy dit by die bult op sal maak nie. Look at that dilapidated little scooter. I am not sure it will make it up the hill.	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *poegie*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "tiny scooter"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that a scooter is tiny, underpowered, or in a dilapidated condition.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Het jy met jou poegie gery?*

"Did you come on your tiny, underpowered, scooter?"

2. *Kyk daardie poegie. Ek weet nie of hy dit by die bult op sal maak nie.*

"Look at that dilapidated little scooter. I am not sure it will make it up the hill."

2. *bromponie*

Literal translation: "growling pony"

English meaning: "scooter"

Use this slang expression when you want to talk about a scooter.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy het 'n bromponie.*
"He has a scooter."
2. *Sy ry elke dag met haar bromponie werk toe.*
"She rides her scooter to work every day."

3. *ysterperd*

Literal translation: "iron horse"

English meaning: "motorcycle"

Use this slang expression when you want to talk about a motorcycle.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dit is 'n mooi ysterperd.*
"That is a pretty motorcycle."
2. *Ek ry my ysterperd.*
"I'm riding my motorcycle."

4. *tjor*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "a car"

Use this slang expression when you want to refer to a car in a diminutive way.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Kyk daardie simpel tjor.*

"Look at that silly car."

2. *My oom het 'n ou tjorrietjie.*

"My uncle has an old little car."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #11

Expressions for Difficult Situations

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#11

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
kopkrapper	difficult problem (Afrikaans slang)	noun
vergaap	be amazed (Afrikaans slang)	verb
die kat uit die boom kyk	suss out a situation (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
trou is nie perde koop nie	it's hard to get married	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ons moet die kopkrapper oplos.	Hy vergaap hom.
We have to solve the difficult problem.	He is amazed.
n Mens moet eers die kat uit die boom kyk voor jy iets se.	Hulle weet trou is nie perde koop nie, daarom vat hulle so lank om verloof te raak.
One has to suss out the situation before speaking.	They know marriage is serious, that is why they are taking so long to get engaged.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *vergaap*

Literal translation: "yawn"

English meaning: "to be amazed"

Use this slang expression when you want to express your amazement.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek vergaap my aan hom.*
"I marvel at him."
2. *Hy vergaap hom.*
"He is amazed."

2. *die kat uit die boom kyk*

Literal translation: "stare the cat out of the tree"

English meaning: "suss out a situation"

Use this slang expression when you want to wait to see how things develop before you act.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek kyk die kat uit die boom uit voor ek 'n besluit maak.*
"I am waiting to see how things develop before I make a decision."
2. *'n Mens moet eers die kat uit die boom kyk voor jy iets se.*
"One has to suss out the situation before speaking."

3. ***trou is nie perde koop nie***

Literal translation: "getting married is not buying horses"

English meaning: "marriage is serious"

Use this slang expression when you want to express that getting married is a serious decision.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Trou is nie perde koop nie en daarom is dit belangrik om reg te kies.*
"Marriage is serious and therefore it is important to choose wisely."
2. *Hulle weet trou is nie perde koop nie, daarom vat hulle so lank om verloof te raak.*
"They know marriage is serious, that is why they are taking so long to get engaged."

4. ***koprapper***

Literal translation: "head scratcher"

English meaning: "a difficult problem"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that a problem is difficult.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dit is nou 'n koprapper.*
"This is a difficult problem."
2. *Ons moet die koprapper oplos.*
"We have to solve the difficult problem."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #12

Idioms and Expressions for Serious Situations

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#12

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
tekkie die teer tref	things are getting serious (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
plaas gekoop	fall very hard (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
sleg tweede gekom	lose badly (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
agter os kom ook in die kraal	the slowest one will also finish eventually (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Die tekkie het nou teer getrek. Things have started to get serious now.	Ek het net daar 'n plaas gekoop gister. I fell very hard right there yesterday.
Julle gaan sleg tweede kom in hierdie wedstryd. You are going to lose badly in this match.	Hy is nie die vinnigste persoon nie maar die agter os kom ook in die kraal. He is not the fastest person, but the slowest person also eventually finishes.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *tekkie die teer tref*

Literal translation: "sneaker hits the tar"

English meaning: "things are getting serious"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that things are now getting serious.

Sample Sentences:

1. *As die tekkie die teer tref.*
"When things start getting serious."
2. *Die tekkie het nou teer getrek.*
"Things have started to get serious now."

2. *plaas gekoop*

Literal translation: "buy a farm"

English meaning: "to fall very hard"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone has fallen very hard.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Sy het 'n plaas gekoop.*
"She fell very hard."
2. *Ek het net daar 'n plaas gekoop gister.*
"I fell very hard right there yesterday."

3. *sleg tweede gekom*

Literal translation: "come badly second"

English meaning: "to lose badly"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone has lost badly.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek het sleg tweede gekom teen hom.*
"I lost badly against him."
2. *Julle gaan sleg tweede kom in hierdie wedstryd.*
"You are going to lose badly in this match."

4. *agter os kom ook in die kraal*

Literal translation: "behind ox also comes in the pen"

English meaning: "the slowest one will also finish eventually"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that the slowest one will also finish eventually.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Moenie bekommerd wees nie, die agter os kom ook in die kraal.*
"Do not worry, the slowest person will also finish eventually."
2. *Hy is nie die vinnigste persoon nie maar die agter os kom ook in die kraal.*
"He is not the fastest person, but the slowest person also eventually finishes."

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Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #13

Idioms Related to Animals

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#13

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
'n perd van 'n ander kleur	a very different thing or issue (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
so skaars soos hoender tande	as rare as hen's teeth (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
nie hond haar-af maak nie	struggle to get something right (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
jakkals trou met wolf se vrou	sunshower (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Sy is baie uniek, sy is 'n perd van 'n ander kleur. She is very unique, she is a horse of a different color.	Omdat dit so skaars soos hoender tande is, is dit baie duur. Because it is so rare, it is very expensive.
Hulle kon nie hond haar-af maak wat gebeur het nie. They could not figure out what happened.	Hoe vreemd, jakkals trou met wolf se vrou. How strange, it's raining while the sun is out.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *'n perd van 'n ander kleur*

Literal translation: "a horse of a different color"

English meaning: "a very different thing or issue"

Use this slang expression when you want to describe someone that is different from everyone else. It is sometimes used to say that someone is strange or dangerous.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy is 'n perd van 'n ander kleur, pasop.*
"He is a very strange person, be careful."
2. *Sy is baie uniek, sy is 'n perd van 'n ander kleur.*
"She is very unique, she is a horse of a different color."

2. *so skaars soos hoender tande*

Literal translation: "as rare as a chicken's teeth"

English meaning: "as rare as hen's teeth"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something is very rare.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hierdie kar is so skaars soos hoender tande.*
"This car is extremely rare."
2. *Omdat dit so skaars soos hoender tande is, is dit baie duur.*
"Because it is so rare, it is very expensive."

3. ***nie hond haar-af maak nie***

Literal translation: "not take a dog's hair off"

English meaning: "to struggle to get something right"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is not getting something right or not understanding something.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek kan nie hond haar-af maak wat aangaan in hierdie toets nie.*
"I am struggling to understand what is going on in this test."
2. *Hulle kon nie hond haar-af maak wat gebeur het nie.*
"They could not figure out what happened."

4. ***jakkals trou met wolf se vrou***

Literal translation: "jackal marries wolf's wife"

English meaning: "sunshower"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that it's raining while the sun is shining (literally).

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek is pap nat want jakkals trou met wolf se vrou.*
"I'm soaking wet because it's raining and the sun is out."

2. *Hoe vreemd, jakkals trou met wolf se vrou.*

"How strange, it's raining while the sun is out."

GRAMMAR

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #14

Expressions for Talking About Sleep

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#14

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
balke saag	snoring (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
skape tel	counting sheep (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
doss	nap (Afrikaans slang)	verb
sat	tired (Afrikaans slang)	adjective

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ek kan nie slaap nie want hy saag balke. I am struggling to sleep because he is snoring so loudly.	Skape tel sal jou help om vinniger aan die slaap te raak. Counting sheep will help you to fall asleep faster.
Ek het 'n vinnige doss gevat. I took a quick nap.	Ek is sat na 'n baie lang dag se werk. I'm very tired after a long day's work.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *balke saag*

Literal translation: "sawing timber"

English meaning: "snoring"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is snoring.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek hoop nie hy gaan vannaand balke saag nie.*
"I hope that he is not going to snore too loudly tonight."
2. *Ek kan nie slaap nie want hy saag balke.*
"I am struggling to sleep because he is snoring so loudly."

2. *skape tel*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "counting sheep"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is trying to fall asleep.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek kon nie slaap nie toe probeer ek skape tel.*
"I could not sleep so I tried counting sheep."
2. *Skape tel sal jou help om vinniger aan die slaap te raak.*
"Counting sheep will help you to fall asleep faster."

3. **doss**

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "nap"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is taking a nap.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek dink ek gaan bietjie doss want ek is moeg.*
"I think I am going to take a nap because I am tired."
2. *Ek het 'n vinnige doss gevat.*
"I took a quick nap."

4. **sat**

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "tired"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone or something is very tired or completely depleted.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die arme hond is nou sat gespeel.*
"The poor dog is tired from playing games."

2. *Ek is sat na 'n baie lang dag se werk.*

"I'm very tired after a long day's work."

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Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #15

Funny Idioms

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#15

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
nes 'n apie op 'n stokkie	look perplexed (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
alle grappies op 'n stokkie	all joking aside (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
'n hond uit 'n bos gesels	great conversation (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
hang aan 'n tak	hold on a moment	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Omdat hy nie verstaan nie lyk hy nes 'n apie op 'n stokkie.	Alle grappies op 'n stokkie en vertel my wat regtig aangaan.
Because he does not understand, he looks so confused.	All joking aside, tell me what is really going on.
Hang aan 'n tak dan kyk ek vir jou.	
Hang on then, I will check for you.	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *hang aan 'n tak*

Literal translation: "hang onto a branch"

English meaning: "hang on"

Use this slang expression when you want to tell someone to wait a bit.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek kom nou, hang aan 'n tak.*
"I am on my way, hang on."
2. *Hang aan 'n tak dan kyk ek vir jou.*
"Hang on then, I will check for you."

2. *nes 'n apie op 'n stokkie*

Literal translation: "just like a monkey on a stick"

English meaning: "to look perplexed"

Use this slang expression when you want to explain that someone is looking perplexed or confused.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Sy lyk nes 'n apie op 'n stokkie.*
"She looks so perplexed."
2. *Omdat hy nie verstaan nie lyk hy nes 'n apie op 'n stokkie.*
"Because he does not understand, he looks so confused."

3. **alle grappies op 'n stokkie**

Literal translation: "all jokes on a stick"

English meaning: "all joking aside"

Use this slang expression when you want to ask people to be serious and put all joking aside.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dit is nou genoeg. Alle grappies op 'n stokkie.*
"Stop it now. All joking aside."
2. *Alle grappies op 'n stokkie en vertel my wat regtig aangaan.*
"All joking aside, tell me what is really going on."

4. **'n hond uit 'n bos gesels**

Literal translation: "to chat a dog out of a bush"

English meaning: "a great conversation"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that people are having a great conversation. It can also mean that people really enjoy talking with each other.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hulle kan 'n hond uit 'n bos uit gesels.*
"They really enjoy talking to each other."
2. *Hy praat met sy beste vriend. Hulle gesels 'n hond uit 'n bos uit.*
"He is talking to his best friend. They are having a great conversation."

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Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #16

Describing People

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#16

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
lang maer blonde man	tall, dark and handsome (slang)	phrase
dik	fat (Afrikaans slang)	adjective
hemelwese	very tall (Afrikaans slang)	noun
spiertier	bodybuilder (Afrikaans slang)	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hy is 'n tipiese lang maer blonde man. He is a typical tall, dark, and handsome man.	Daardie kalf is lekker dik. That calf is nice and fat.
Vra hom om dit af te haal, hy is 'n hemelwese. Ask him to take it down. He is very tall.	Hy hou daarvan om sy swembroek te dra want hy is 'n spiertier. He likes to wear his swimming trunks because he's a bodybuilder.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *dik*

Literal translation: "thick"

English meaning: "fat"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that a person or an animal is fat. Be careful when you use this word, as it might offend people who are self-conscious about their weight.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Sjoe, maar hy is lekker dik.*
"Wow, he is really fat."
2. *Daardie kalf is lekker dik.*
"That calf is nice and fat."

2. *hemelwese*

Literal translation: "heavenly being"

English meaning: "very tall"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is very tall.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Kyk, hy raak amper die dak. Hy is 'n hemelwese.*
"Look, he is nearly touching the roof. He is very tall."
2. *Vra hom om dit af te haal, hy is 'n hemelwese.*
"Ask him to take it down. He is very tall."

3. *lang maer blonde man*

Literal translation: "tall thin blond man"

English meaning: "tall, dark and handsome"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that a man is very attractive.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Elke meisie soek 'n lang maer blonde man.*
"Every girl wants a guy who is tall, dark, and handsome."
2. *Hy is 'n tipiese lang maer blonde man.*
"He is a typical tall, dark, and handsome man."

4. *spiertier*

Literal translation: "muscle tiger"

English meaning: "bodybuilder"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is very muscular and likes to show off their muscles.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Kyk net hoe lyk hy, hy is 'n regte spiertier.*
"Just look at him, he is a real bodybuilder."

2. *Hy hou daarvan om sy swembroek te dra want hy is 'n spiertier.*

"He likes to wear his swimming trunks because he's a bodybuilder."

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Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #17

Popular Euphemisms I

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#17

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
slim vang sy baas	sometimes being too clever can trip you up (slang)	phrase
nie die skerpste potlood in die pakkie nie	not the sharpest tool in the shed (slang)	phrase
kort voor lank	soon (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
die emmer skop	die (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hy sal moet ophou jok want slim vang sy baas. He should stop lying because he might entangle himself in his lies.	Ag shame, sy is nie die skerpste potlood in die pakkie nie. Oh shame, she is not the smartest person.
Kort voor lank dan kom vra sy weer vir geld. Soon, she will come and ask for money again.	Ek wonder wanneer sy die emmer gaan skop. I wonder when she is going to die.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *slim vang sy baas*

Literal translation: "smart catches his boss"

English meaning: "sometimes being too clever can trip you up"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that one can get caught up by trying to be too clever. This is normally a euphemistic way of saying that someone who is sly has gotten caught up in their own schemes.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Jy moet pasop! Slim vang sy baas.*
"Be careful! You might get caught up in your own clever schemes."
2. *Hy sal moet ophou jok want slim vang sy baas.*
"He should stop lying because he might entangle himself in his lies."

2. *kort voor lank*

Literal translation: "short before long"

English meaning: "soon"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something is bound to happen very soon.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Kort voor lank is hier 'n baba in hierdie huis.*
"Before long there will be a baby in this house."
2. *Kort voor lank dan kom vra sy weer vir geld.*
"Before long, she will come and ask for money again."

3. ***nie die skerpste potlood in die pakkie nie***

Literal translation: "not the sharpest pencil in the packet"

English meaning: "not the sharpest tool in the shed"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is not very smart in a funny way.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Daardie student is nie die skerpste potlood in die pakkie nie.*
"That student is not the smartest."
2. *Ag shame, sy is nie die skerpste potlood in die pakkie nie.*
"Oh shame, she is not the smartest person."

4. ***die emmer skop***

Literal translation: "kick the bucket"

English meaning: "to die"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone has died in a more euphemistic way.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die ou man het die emmer geskop.*
"The old man has died."
2. *Ek wonder wanneer sy die emmer gaan skop.*
"I wonder when she is going to die."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #18

Expressions for People in Love

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#18

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
heuning om die mond smeer	butter someone up (slang)	phrase
smoef	smooth (Afrikaans slang)	adjective
koekeloer	peek (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
voetjie-voetjie	footsie (Afrikaans slang)	verb

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Sy weet hoe om hom heuning om die mond te smeer. She knows how to woo him.	Hy is so smoef hy gly opdraende. He is so smooth, he's sliding uphill.
Moenie vir my koekeloer nie! Do not peek at me!	Sy hou van hom daarom speel sy voetjie-voetjie met hom. She likes him so she plays footsie with him.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *heuning om die mond smeer*

Literal translation: "rub honey around someone's mouth"

English meaning: "butter someone up"

Use this slang expression when you want to express that someone is wooing or buttering someone else up with flattery.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy praat te veel en smeer al weer heuning om haar mond.*
"He talks too much and is flattering her again."
2. *Sy weet hoe om hom heuning om die mond te smeer.*
"She knows how to woo him."

2. *smoef*

Literal translation: ""

English meaning: "smooth"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is very skilled at social interactions and that they are capable of charming others.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy weet altyd net wat om te se, hy is so smoef.*
"He always knows what to say, he is so smooth."
2. *Hy is so smoef hy gly opdraende.*
"He is so smooth, he's sliding uphill."

3. **koekeloer**

Literal translation: ""

English meaning: "peek"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is looking when their eyes should be closed.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Jy mag nie koekeloer nie!*
"You are not allowed to peek!"
2. *Moenie vir my koekeloer nie!*
"Do not peek at me!"

4. **voetjie-voetjie**

Literal translation: "little foot little foot"

English meaning: "footsie"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that people are playing a game of footsie.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Julle moet nie voetjie-voetjie onder die tafel speel nie.*
"You must not play footsie under the table."

2. *Sy hou van hom daarom speel sy voetjie-voetjie met hom.*
"She likes him so she plays footsie with him."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #19

Expressions for Frustrating Situations

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#19

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
'n wit olifant	white elephant (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
handuit ruk	getting out of control (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
die geslane dag	the whole day (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
duim vashou	fingers crossed (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Die politiese situasie in die land ruk hand uit. The political situation in the country is getting out of control.	Hierdie wedstryd duur al die geslane dag. This match has lasted all day.
Ons hou duim vas dat hy betyds sal wees. Fingers crossed that he will be on time.	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *'n wit olifant*

Literal translation: "a white elephant"

English meaning: "it refers to something that has no purpose"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something has no purpose and is a burden.

Sample Sentences:

- Daardie groot huis is 'n regte wit olifant.*
"That large house is a real white elephant."
- Hy het die klavier gekoop, en nou is dit net 'n groot wit olifant.*
"He bought the piano, and now it is just a huge white elephant."

2. *handuit ruk*

Literal translation: "hand out jerk"

English meaning: "getting out of control"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something is getting out of control.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die partydjie het heelmaal hand uit geruk.*
"The party got completely out of control."
2. *Die politiese situasie in die land ruk hand uit.*
"The political situation in the country is getting out of control."

3. *die geslane dag*

Literal translation: "the day that has been hit"

English meaning: "the whole day"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something is taking the entire day. Typically used when someone is frustrated.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek staan al die geslane dag in hierdie ry.*
"I have been standing in this queue the entire day."
2. *Hierdie wedstryd duur al die geslane dag.*
"This match has lasted all day."

4. *duim vashou*

Literal translation: "holding thumb"

English meaning: "fingers crossed"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that you hope someone will be successful.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hou vir my duim vas vir die toets more.*
"Wish me luck for the test tomorrow."

2. *Ons hou duim vas dat hy betyds sal wees.*
"Fingers crossed that he will be on time."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #20

How To Talk About Relationship Status

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#20

VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
kêrel	boyfriend	noun
meisie	girlfriend	noun
oujongnoui	spinster (Afrikaans slang)	noun
kys	girlfriend, boyfriend (slang)	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Sy het haar kêrel gebring. "She brought her boyfriend."	My meisie het verlede jaar in Europa gereis. "My girlfriend was travelling Europe last year."
Die oujongnoui bly alleen en brei die heel dag. The spinster lives alone and knits all day.	Hulle het laas vrydag gekys geraak. They entered into a relationship last Friday.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *oujongnoui*

Literal translation: "old young maid"

English meaning: "spinster"

Use this slang expression when you want to talk about an older woman who has never been married. Be careful when you use this word, as older women might feel offended.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die oujongnoui is baie kwaai.*
"The spinster is very angry."
2. *Die oujongnoui bly alleen en brei die heel dag.*
"The spinster lives alone and knits all day."

2. *kêrel*

Literal translation: "chap"

English meaning: "boyfriend"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is your boyfriend.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Kyk, hier kom my kêrel.*
"Look, here comes my boyfriend."
2. *Hy het gese dat hy my kêrel wil wees.*
"He said that he wants to be my boyfriend."

3. *kys*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "girlfriend, boyfriend"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is in a fixed relationship with someone of the opposite sex, or is entering into such a relationship.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy het sy kys saam genooi.*
"Hy invited his girlfriend along."
2. *Hulle het laas vrydag gekys geraak.*
"They entered into a relationship last Friday."

4. *meisie*

Literal translation: "girl"

English meaning: "girlfriend"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is your girlfriend.

Sample Sentences:

1. *My meisie is vir my baie mooi.*
"My girlfriend is very pretty to me."

2. *Ek gaan more vir my meisie 'n bos blomme koop.*

"I'm going to buy my girlfriend a bunch of flowers tomorrow."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #21

Popular Euphemisms II

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VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
lepel in die dak steek	die (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
in die steek laat	let someone down (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
'n uiltjie knip	take a nap (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
holrug ry	overused (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Ons gaan almal eendag die lepel in die dak steek.	As jy laat is gaan jy hulle in die steek laat.
We are all going to die some day.	If you are late, you are going to let them down.
Hulle het die idee al hol rug gery.	
They have completely overused this idea.	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *lepel in die dak steek*

Literal translation: "stick a spoon in the roof"

English meaning: "to die"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone has died.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die arme man het die lepel in die dak gesteek.*
"The poor man has died."
2. *Ons gaan almal eendag die lepel in die dak steek.*
"We are all going to die some day."

2. *in die steek laat*

Literal translation: "leave in the lurch"

English meaning: "let someone down"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone has left someone else to face their fate at a critical moment.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy het my al weer in die steek gelaat.*
"He has left me in the lurch again."
2. *As jy laat is gaan jy hulle in die steek laat.*
"If you are late, you are going to let them down."

3. *'n uiltjie knip*

Literal translation: "cut an owl"

English meaning: "take a nap"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is sleeping for a while.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek hou daarvan om 'n uiltjie te knip op 'n Sondag middag.*
"I like taking a nap on a Sunday afternoon."
2. *My ouma knip 'n uiltjie want sy is baie moeg.*
"My grandma is taking a nap because she is very tired."

4. *holrug ry*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "overused"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone has made something powerless through constant repetition.

Sample Sentences:

1. *My vriend het die storie nou al hol rug gery.*
"My friend has told that story way too many times."

2. *Hulle het die idee al hol rug gery.*

"They have completely overused this idea."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #22

Expressions for Random or Last Minute Occurrences

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VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
halsoorkop	head over heels (slang)	adverb
holderstebolder	hastily (Afrikaans slang)	adverb
lukraak	random (Afrikaans slang)	adverb
op nommer nege-en-negentig	last minute (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hulle het halsoorkop verloof geraak. They just decided to get engaged without thinking it through carefully.	Die man het holderstebolder bedank. The man hastily resigned.
Die borde is lukraak op die tafel neergesit. The plates were placed randomly on the table.	Ons kan nie op nommer nege-en-negentig die plan verander nie. We cannot change the plans at the very last minute.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *halsoorkop*

Literal translation: "neck over head"

English meaning: "head over heels"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is doing something without thinking it through carefully.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Jy moet oppas om nie halsoorkop 'n besluit te neem nie.*
"You need to be careful not to make a decision too hastily."
2. *Hulle het halsoorkop verloof geraak.*
"They just decided to get engaged without thinking it through carefully."

2. *holderstebolder*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "hastily"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is doing something hastily.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ons het holderstebolder vlugte geboek na Thailand.*
"We hastily booked flights to Thailand."
2. *Die man het holderstebolder bedank.*
"The man hastily resigned."

3. **lukraak**

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "random"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something is happening by chance, without pattern, or at random.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek maak die boek lukraak oop en begin lees.*
"I randomly open the book and start reading."
2. *Die borde is lukraak op die tafel neergesit.*
"The plates were placed randomly on the table."

4. **op nommer nege-en-negentig**

Literal translation: "at number ninety-nine"

English meaning: "last minute"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that something is happening at the very last minute, almost too late.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hulle bel my elke keer op nommer nege-en-negentig.*
"They always phone me at the very last minute."

2. *Ons kan nie op nommer nege-en-negentig die plan verander nie.*
“We cannot change the plans at the very last minute.”

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #23

Expressions for When You're Being Deceived

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VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
skobbejak	villain (slang)	noun
kat in die sak koop	a bad purchase (slang)	phrase
'n rat voor die oë draai	deceive (Afrikaans slang)	phrase
wolf in skaapsklere	hypocrite (Afrikaans slang)	phrase

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hy jok altyd, hy is 'n regte skobbejak. He always lies, he's a real scoundrel.	Die arme vrou, sy het vir haarself 'n kat in die sak gekoop. The poor woman, she has been swindled into making that purchase.
Ek vertrou haar gladnie, sy is 'n wolf in skaapsklere. I don't trust her at all, she is a hypocrite.	

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *skobbejak*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "a villain"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is a villain or a scoundrel.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die besigheidsman is 'n regte skobbejak.*
"This businessman is a real scoundrel."
2. *Hy jok altyd, hy is 'n regte skobbejak.*
"He always lies, he's a real scoundrel."

2. *'n rat voor die oë draai*

Literal translation: "turn a gear in front of your eyes"

English meaning: "deceive"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is deceiving someone else.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die verkoopsman het ons 'n rat voor die oë gedraai.*
"The salesman has deceived us."
2. *Hy draai ons 'n rat voor die oë met die verkoop van hierdie huis.*
"He is trying to deceive us with the sale of this house."

3. *kat in die sak koop*

Literal translation: "buy a cat in the bag"

English meaning: "a bad purchase"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone has made a really bad purchase, typically used when someone has been swindled.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Ek het vir my 'n kat in die sak gekoop met hierdie ou kar.*
"I really made a bad purchase when I bought this old car."
2. *Die arme vrou, sy het vir haarself 'n kat in die sak gekoop.*
"The poor woman, she has been swindled into making that purchase."

4. *wolf in skaapsklere*

Literal translation: "a wolf in sheep's clothing"

English meaning: "hypocrite"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is playing a role that is contrary to their real character, or that they are being a hypocrite. Be careful when you use this expression as it might be offensive.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die man in hierdie film lyk soos 'n wolf in skaapsklere.*
"The man in this movie looks like a wolf in sheep's clothing."
2. *Ek vertrou haar gladnie, sy is 'n wolf in skaapsklere.*
"I don't trust her at all, she is a hypocrite."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #24

Saying Goodbye

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VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
totsiens	goodbye	expression
koebaai	goodbye (Afrikaans slang)	expression
waai	leave (Afrikaans slang)	expression
tata	bye (Afrikaans slang)	expression

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hulle moes skielik waai.	Tata! Sien julle binnekort weer.
They had to leave suddenly.	Bye! See you again soon.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *koebaai*

Literal translation: "anglicism of the word 'goodbye'"

English meaning: "goodbye"

Use this slang expression when you want to say goodbye to someone in an affectionate way.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Koebaai, sien julle more.*
"Goodbye, see you tomorrow."
2. *Ek moet eers vir my pa koebaai se voor ons gaan.*
"I have to say goodbye to my dad before we go."

2. *waai*

Literal translation: "blowing"

English meaning: "to leave"

Use this slang expression when you want to say goodbye, and that you are leaving.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Dankie vir 'n lekker aand maar ons gaan nou waai.*
"Thank you for a lovely evening, but we're saying goodbye now."
2. *Hulle moes skielik waai.*
"They had to leave suddenly."

3. **tata**

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "bye"

Use this slang expression when you want to say goodbye to someone who you are quite close with. It is also often used by adults to say goodbye to little children.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Tata my liefste kind.*
"Bye my dearest child."
2. *Tata! Sien julle binnekort weer.*
"Bye! See you again soon."

4. **totsiens**

Literal translation: "until I see you again"

English meaning: "goodbye"

Use this slang expression when you want to say goodbye to someone that you plan on seeing again.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Totsiens, tot volgende keer.*
"Goodbye, until next time."
2. *Totsiens, julle moet mooi ry.*
"Goodbye, drive safely."

LESSON NOTES

Must-Know Afrikaans Slang Words & Phrases #25

Expressions for Having Fun

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VOCABULARY

Afrikaans	English	Class
makietie	party (Afrikaans slang)	noun
hanswors	clown (Afrikaans slang)	noun
kerjaker	play (Afrikaans slang)	verb
skoppelmaai	swing (Afrikaans slang)	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

Hulle het lekker makietie gehou na hulle getroud is. They had a great party after they got married.	Hy kan soms 'n regte hanswors wees. He can be a real clown sometimes.
Die voëltjies kerjaker, eet saad, en drink water. The little birds are playing, eating seeds, and drinking water.	Hulle het 'n skoppelmaai in hulle tuin. They have a swing in their garden.

VOCABULARY PHRASE USAGE

1. *makietie*

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "party"

Use this slang expression when you want to talk about a party in a very informal way. The word originates from the native Sotho language.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Daar is vannaand 'n groot makietie op die dorp.*
"There is a big party in town tonight."
2. *Hulle het lekker makietie gehou na hulle getroud is.*
"They had a great party after they got married."

2. *hanswors*

Literal translation: "Hans sausage"

English meaning: "clown"

Use this slang expression when you are referring to someone that is a joker, or clown. It can also be used to say that someone is being silly.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die hanswors by die sirkus was baie snaaks.*
"The clown at the circus was very funny."

2. *Hy kan soms 'n regte hanswors wees.*
"He can be a real clown sometimes."

3. **kerjaker**

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "play"

Use this slang expression when you want to say that someone is enjoying something in a carefree manner.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Hy kerjaker van vroeg tot laat.*
"He lives a carefree life."

2. *Die voëltjies kerjaker, eet saad, en drink water.*
"The little birds are playing, eating seeds, and drinking water."

4. **skoppelmaai**

Literal translation: It doesn't have a literal meaning.

English meaning: "swing"

Use this slang expression when you are referring to a seat that hangs from two ropes or chains so that one can swing on it. The word originates partially from Dutch and partially from old Afrikaans.

Sample Sentences:

1. *Die dogtertjie ry graag op die skoppelmaai.*

"The little girl likes to ride on the swing."

2. *Hulle het 'n skoppelmaai in hulle tuin.*

"They have a swing in their garden."



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