

Presents a Mini isiXhosa learning Booklet for:
Muzi Collective Minds

Pronunciation Essentials:

Xhosa is **phonetic**. The sounds are always consistent. This makes learning the language soooooo much easier.

Ph is not pronounced ph as in the English word telephone but is pronounced p with the h indicating aspiration.

E.g. alive - phila well - philile

Th is not pronounced th as in the English word thought but rather as in the word for talk - thetha

Hl (keep front tip of tongue against palette whilst making a sh sound)

hlala **not** shlala hlala – live, sit

Well or beautifully - kakuhle

Rh eRhawutini - Gauteng/goud (as in Afrikaans)

The Clicks

Are written as a X, C and Q. If you see these letters in the written language you know it's a click. Don't be lazy, always make an effort to put them in.

TIP: Practice each click alone and exhale the 5 vowels sounds, with a gap at first, then no gap!

Click – X (The horse-riding click)

Tongue against side teeth.

The Xhosa language - isiXhosa

Excuse me, peace, sorry - uxolo

The C click (The ticking clock click)

Tongue behind front teeth.

I request - ndicela*

A little bit - kancinci

The Q click (The door knocking click)

Tongue in roof of mouth.

I understand - ndiyaqonda*

I don't understand - andiqondi

*Try change the prefixes in the following way:

Ndi – I u – you u – he/she

Si – we ni – you (pl) ba - they

Greetings:

(stretch the italicized bit)

Hello (to one person) – *Molo* (see titles below)

Hello (Plural) - *Molweni* everyone - nonke

Titles (always go with greetings)

Mother - molo, mama / nkosikazi (madam)

Father - molo, tata / mhlekazi (sir)

Sister - molo, sisi / dadewethu

Brother - molo, bhuti / mfowethu

(title above is roughly age relation to you)

Greetings to one person:

Person 1: Molo (title)

Person 2: **Molo (title)**

Person 1: How's **it**? **Kunjani?**

Person 2: I'm fine, thanks **ndiyaphila***, enkos

How's it **yourself**? kunjani, **wena?**

Person 1: Fine too, thanks ndiyaphila nam, enkosi

Greeting more than one person:

Hi everyone - molweni nonke, (plus above)

How are you (pl) – ninjani?

*** Variations:**

Ndiphilile / (we) Siyaphila / Sikhona / Siphilile

Slang - Ndigrend / Ndimoja / Ndiryt (right)

Escape Phrases

Sorry	- Uxolo
I speak a little bit	- ndithetha kancinci
Only	- nje

Clarification Phrases

I don't understand	- andiqondi
What are you saying?	- uthini?
What say you in English	- uthini ngesingesi?
Don't speak fast	- sukukhawuleza
Please repeat	- khawuphinde
Please write it	- ndicela ubhale

How do you say..... in Xhosa?

Uthini **ngesiXhosa?**

How do you say..... in English?

Uthini **ngesiNgesi?**

What is in Xhosa?

Yintoni **ngesiXhosa??**

Introductions

I am..... - Ndingu...

You are - Ungu.....

What is your name? - Ngubani igama lakho?

My name is - Ngu..... igama lam

I'm pleased to meet you - ndiyavuya ukukwazi

Me too - Nam (ndiyavuya)

Some questions...?

Where do you originate from? - usuka/vela *phi*?

I originate *from* Cape Town - Ndisuka eKapa

Where do you live? - uhlala *phi*?

I live in - Ndihlala e.....

Where is (a thing)? - iphi i.....?

Where is (a person) - uphi u.....?

Where are we doing? - siya phi?

Requesting politely:

I request - ndiyacela

I request to speak English/Afrikaans -

Ndicela ukuthetha isiNgesi/isiAfrikaansi

All good with gratitude:

Thanks a lot - enkosi kakhulu

I am grateful (also) - ndiyabulela (nam)

You are welcome - wamkelekile

Ok, its fine, all right, its good - kulungile

Food Vibes:

I am hungry - ndilambile

I am not hungry - andilambanga

I request ... - ndicela

To drink something hot - **uku**phunga

Do you serve vegetarian food?

- Ninako ukutya kwabantu abangatayi nyama?

It is cheap - Kutshipu

It is expensive - Kudulu

This food is delicious - Oku kutya kumnandi.

We had a good meal - sitye kamnandi.

We request food - Sicela ukutya

The food is nice - ukutya kumnandi

I have eaten - ndityile

I am full, thanks - ndihluti, enkos.

You cook nicely - Upheka kamnandi

I am stuffed - ndihluti mpu!

(add your own)

NOTES:



Good-byes

Have a nice day	- ube nemini emnandi
Go well (pl)	- hamba(ni) kakuhle
Stay well (pl)	- sala(ni) kakuhle
We will see each other	- sobonana
Tomorrow	- ngomso
On.... Monday	- ngo...Monday
Byebye	- bhabhayi

Shap!

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