

EVERYDAY CONVERSATION FOR BEGINNERS

COURSE OVERVIEW

Meet your instructor

My name is Ron Endley and I will be your instructor for this course.

I grew up on a farm in the Eastern Cape and consequently have enjoyed the lifelong privilege of being able to speak isiXhosa. I have a Master's degree in isiXhosa and professionally have been a high school teacher and lecturer at the Nelson Mandela University for more than forty years.

Developments in technology have enabled me to develop my passion for new modes of delivery and promoting the learning of this beautiful language.



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About isiXhosa

IsiXhosa, as spoken mainly in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa, is one of the Nguni languages and is mutually intelligible with isiZulu, which is mainly spoken in kwaZulu Natal. Together, these two languages are spoken by about 42% of the South African population.

IsiXhosa is a rich, rhythmic language in which tone, apart from words, also carries meaning. This can be seen in the example:

Ùhlala phi? – *Where do you stay?*

Úhlala phi? – *Where does he / she stay?*

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Furthermore, a feature which sets isiXhosa apart from Germanic languages, is the fact that words in a sentence are “laced” or “glued” together, thereby earning it the label of being an “agglutinating” language. The following serves as an example:

Ndingakwenzela ntoni? (two words) – *What can I do for you?* (six words), made up of:

Ndi + nga + kw + enz + el + a ntoni?

I can you do for what?

We hope you enjoy the learning experience!!

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ABOUT THIS COURSE

A Beginner's guide to Conversational isiXhosa

General information:

Skill level: Beginner's

Language of instruction: English

Lectures: 32

Video content: 3.5 total hours

Supplementary online tuition is also available.

Certificate

Receive a SpeakeasyXhosa certificate by completing the entire course.

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Course description

This is the first of three courses ranging from Beginners to Intermediate through to Advanced Conversational isiXhosa.

This Beginners course includes **32 videos** which can be completed at your own pace, it is completely up to you, you will have lifetime access to this course, and you may download the **PDF's** to take with you forever. The aim is to introduce you to the isiXhosa language and make you proficient in basic conversational isiXhosa, by covering important aspects of conversation in everyday topics.

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What you will learn, prerequisites and who the course is for

What you'll learn

Speaking and listening skills in basic conversation

Be able to confidently communicate with a Xhosa speaking person on an everyday basis

Extensive everyday vocabulary, so important when learning a language

Are there any course requirements or prerequisites?

There are no prerequisites, just an eagerness to learn

Who this course is for:

Anyone wanting to learn Conversational isiXhosa

Anyone visiting South Africa either short or long term

Any South African wanting to improve his or her language skills

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Course Content

1. The Sounds of isiXhosa – 16 minutes
2. Meeting for the first time – 29 minutes
3. The Weather – 6 minutes
4. Relaxation – 17 minutes
5. How are you feeling? – 17 minutes
6. Miscellaneous phrases – 8 minutes
7. Language and telephone skills – 16 minutes
8. Time – 10 minutes
9. Place where – 28 minutes
10. Basic counting – 13 minutes
11. “and” and “with” an instrument – 29 minutes
12. Finding out about people – 12 minutes
13. Where is it? – 7 minutes