

**Amharic / Amaharignia**  
Compiled by: Bethlehem Astella  
May 2014

**Greetings: Selmta**

- Selam: General Greeting word for both male/female
- Good Morning
  - Dehna Aderachu/ Plural
  - Dehna Adersh/ Singular-Female
  - Dehna Aderk/Singular –Male
- Good Afternoon
  - Dehna Walchu/ Plural
  - Dehna Wash/ Singular-Female
  - Dehna Walk/ Singular-Male
- Good Evening
  - Dehna Ameshachu /plural
  - Dehna Ameshesh/ Singular-Female
  - Dehna Ameshhek/ Singular-Male
- Good Night
  - Dehna Ederu/ plural
  - Dehna Ederi/ Singular-Female
  - Dehna Eder/ Singular-Male

- I/me ..... Ene
- She ..... Esua
- He ..... Esu
- They ..... Enesu
- Us ..... Enaga

**Meal/Migib**

- Breakfast ..... Kurs
- Lunch ..... Misa
- Dinner ..... Erat
- Snacks/ light meal in between ..... Meksese
- Water ..... Wuha
- Salt ..... Chew
- Sugar..... Sikuar
- Milk ..... Wetet

- Tea ..... Shai
- Spoon ..... Mankiya
- Fork ..... Shuka
- Knife ..... Billa
- Chair ..... Wenber
- Table ..... Terebeza
- Cold ..... Kezkaza
- Hot ..... Tikus
- Big ..... Tilik
- Small ..... Tinish
- Very good/nice ..... Betam Tiru
- Very Beautiful ..... Betam Konjo
- Thank you ..... Amesegelalehu
- Enough ..... Beka
- Something else/other ..... Lela
- Yes/Agreement ..... Ishi/Awo
- No/disagreement ..... Ay/Aydelem
- Excuse me ..... Yikerta
- Yes/When someone calls your name ..... Abet

### **Color: Kelem**

- Black..... Tikur
- White..... Netch
- Blue..... Semayawi
- Yellow..... Bicha
- Green..... Arenguade

### **Questions: Tiyake**

- What..... Min
- Why..... Le min
- How..... Endet
- When..... Meche
- So..... Selezi

### **Other Things: Lela Nerotch**

- Car..... Mekina
- Time ..... Seat

- People..... Sewotch
- Quick/ Hurry ..... Tolo
- Slow..... Kes
- Above/ top.....Lay
- Below/under..... Tatch

**Days: Kenoch**

- Today..... Zare
- Tomorrow..... Nege
- Now..... Ahun
- Later..... Behala
- Day time..... Ken
- Evening..... Mishit

**Weeks: Samintoch**

Monday ..... Segno  
 Tuesday ..... Maksogo  
 Wednesday ..... Rob  
 Thursday ..... Hamus  
 Friday ..... Arb  
 Saturday ..... Kidame  
 Sunday ..... Ehud

**Numbers: Kutir**

- One..... And
- Two..... Hulet
- Three..... Sost
- Four..... Arat
- Five..... Amist
- Six..... Sidist
- Seven..... Sebat
- Eight..... Semint
- Nine..... Zetegne
- Ten..... Asir

Eleven thru Nineteen

Use pre-fix "Asra" with numbers one to nine

- e.g., Eleven ..... Asra And
- Twelve..... Asra Hulet...

**Twenty: Haya**

Twenty one through twenty nine use pre fix "Haya "with numbers one to nine

So Twenty one: Haya And

Twenty two: Haya Hulet

**Thirty: Selasa**

Thirty one to thirty nine, use pre fix "Selasa "with numbers one to nine

Thirty one: Selasa And

Thirty Two: Selsa Hulet ....

**Forty: Arba**

Forty one to forty nice use pre fix "Arba" with numbers one to nine

Forty one: Arba And

Forty Two: Arba Hulet .....

**Fifty: Hamsa**

Fifty one to fifty nine: Use prefix "Hamsa" with numbers one to nine

Fifty one: Hamsa And

Fifty Two: Hamsa Hulet ...

**Sixty: Silsa**

Sixty one to sixty nice, use prefix "silsa" with numbers one to nine

Sixty one: Silsa And

Sixty Two: Silsa Hulet

**Seventy: Seba**

Seventy one to seventy nine: Use prefix “seba” with numbers one to nine

Seventy one: Seba And

Seventy Two: Seba Hulet ....

**Eighty: Semnya**

Eighty one to Eighty nine, use prefix “semanya” with numbers one to nine

Eighty one: Semanya And

Eighty two: Semanya Hulet .....

**Ninety: Zetena**

Ninety one to ninety nine: Use prefix “Zetena” with numbers one to nine

Ninety one: Zetena And

Ninety two: Zetena Hulet.....

**Hundred: Meto**

**Melkam Edil ...Good Luck 😊**