

Useful phrases in major Ethiopian language

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Useful phrases in three Ethiopian languages

No.

English

Amharic

Oromifaa

Tigrigna

Working language of the federal government and Amehara region , Central and Northern Ethiopia

Working language of Oromia region, Central, Southern, Eastern &Western Ethiopia

Working language of the Tigray region, Northern Ethiopia

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How are you?

Tenastalign

Akkam Jirtuu?

Kamey alekum?

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Good bye

Dehnahunu

Negaa-ti

Dehan kunu

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Good night

Dehnaderu

Nagaan-bulii

Dehan hideru

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How much is it?

Sintinew?

Meeqa?

Kindey?

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I don't want it

Ayasfeligegnim

Hin barbaadu

Aydelin

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Soft drink

Leslassa

Lalaffaa

Leslassa

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Mineral water

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Amboha

Bishaan Ambo

Mai gaz

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Beer

Birra

Biraa

Birra

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Water

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Wiha

Bishaan

Mai

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Yes

(as in 'how')

Ow

Heye

Oowe

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OK

Ishi

Tole

Harrai

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No

Aydellem

Miti

Aykonnen

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Cigarette

Sigarra

Sijaraa

Shigarra

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Toilet

Shintibait

Mana Fincaani

Shinti beit

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Coffee

Buna

Bunaa

Bun

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Tea

Shai

Shaayi

Shahi

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Sour dough pancake

Injera

Biddeena

Injera

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Sauce or stew

Wot

Ittoo

Tsebhi

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Local beer

Tela

Farsoo

Sewa

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Local honey wine

Tej

Daadhi

Meis

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Excuse me

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Yekirta

Dhiifama

Yekireta

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Thank you

Amesegenalehu

Galatoomi

Yekenyelley

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Come (for man)

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Na

Kootu

Na'a

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Go

Hid

Deemi

Kid

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No problem

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Chiger yellem

Rakoon Ingiruu

Tsegem yellen