# Xhosa

# Theme 3: Numbers, days, months, seasons

### Numbers

Inumbers	Linux
One	Inye
Two	Mbini
Three	ntathu
Four	Ne
Five	Hlanu
Six	Ntandathu
Seven	Isixhenxe
Eight	Isibhozo
Nine	Ithoba
Ten	Lishumi
One hundred Rand	Ikhulu lerandi
Two hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu amabini
Three hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu amathathu
Four hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu amane
Five hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu amahlanu
Six hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu amathandathu
Seven hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu asixhenxe
Eight hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu asibhozo
Nine hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu alithoba
One thousand Rand	Iwaka
First corner	Ikona yokuqala
Second robot	Irobhothi yesibini
Third street	Istrato sesithathu
Fourth building	Isakhiwo sesine
Fifth match	Umdlalo wesihlanu
Sixth person	Umntu wesithandathu
Seventh church	Icawa yesixhenxe
Eighth bus	Ibhasi yesibhozo
Ninth month	Inyanga yesithoba
Tenth day	Usuku lweshumi
Once	Kanye
Twice	Kabini
Last	Ekugqibeleni
Days	
Monday	uMvulo
Tuesday	uLwesibini
Wednesday	uLwesithathu
Thursday	uLwesine
Friday	uLwesihlanu
Saturday	uMgqibelo
Sunday	iCawa
What is today's date?	Ngumhla wesingaphi?
Today	Namhlanje
Tomorrow	Ngomso
	119000

Yesterday	Izolo
A long time ago	Kudala
Months	
January	uJanyuwari
February	uFebhuwari
March	uMatshi
April	u-Epreli
May	uMeyi
June	uJuni
July	uJulayi
August	u-Agasti
September	uSeptemba
October	u-Okthobha
November	uNovemba
December	uDisemba
Seasons	
Winter	Ubusika
Summer	Ihlobo
Spring	Intlakohlaza
Autumn	Ukwindla

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### Days of the week

The days of the week changed their original Xhosa names because of the Western influence of the missionaries. They brought along with them working days, i.e. ngoLwesibini (the second working day - Tuesday), ngoLwesithathu (the third working day), ngoLwesithathu (the fifth working day). Sunday became known as the day of going to church (icawa), thus ngeCawa.

#### Months in Xhosa

Traditionally, the Xhosa named the different times of the seasons together with the various occurrences within those seasons. July is *eyeKhala*, the first month of the Xhosa year, so called because the aloes (*amakhala*) are in bloom. The month of August is *EyeThupha* which indicates that the trees have started to sprout. The word eyo*Msintsi* is the name for September indicating when the coral tree is in bloom. March is *eyoKwindla*, which is the beginning of autumn. Nowadays, the Xhosa names for months are based on their English equivalents; e.g. *uJanyuwari* (January).

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### Video 3: Numbers, days, months, seasons

	Tourist Xhosa speaker	Theme 3: Numbers, days, months, seasons
A:	Ndifuna ukubukela umdlalo wesibini wanamhlanje.	I want to watch the second match today.
B:	Kulungile. Yi-R200-00.	Alright. It costs R200-00.

A:	Inye – zimbini – zintathu – zine – zintlanu – zintandathu – zisixhenxe – zisibhozo – lithoba – lishumi - Amaranti alikhulu - Amarandi angamakhulu amabini.	(Counting R10 notes): One – two – three – four – five – six – seven – eight – nine – ten – one hundred Rand – two hundred Rand.
B:	Ndiyabulela. Hamba kakuhle!	Thank you. Go well!
A:	Sala kakuhle!	Stay well!