

Theme 7: Touring and Socializing

Touring

Where is the tourist office?	Likuphi ihhovisi lezivakashi?
I would like to see:	Ngingathanda ukubona:
museums.	iminyuziyamu.
historic sites	izindawo zomlando.
the flea market.	<i>Ama-fleamarket.</i>
the small streets of the town.	Imigwaqo emincane yedolobha.
the church.	isonto.
the hospital.	isibhedlela.
the forest.	ihlathi.
the mountain.	intaba.
the vineyard.	isivini.
the river.	umfula.
the village.	idolobha elincane.
the cemetery.	Amathuna.
the beach.	ibhishi.
Where are you going?	Uyaphi / uyakuphi?
I am going to the Kruger National Park.	Ngiya eKruger National Park.
I am going to Sun City.	Ngiya eSun City.

Socializing

Sorry, can you assist me?	Uxolo, ungangisiza na?
Could you take our picture?	Ngicela usithathe isithombe.
Smile!	Mamatheka / momotheka!
We're ready!	Sesilungile, singahamba.
Where do you live?	Uhlala kuphi / uhlalaphi?
What's your name?	Ngubani igama lakho?
My name is Catherine.	Igama lami nguCatherine.
I'm from Brussels.	Ngiqhamuka eBrussels /ngivela eBrussels.
How old are you?	Uneminyaka emingaki?
I'm 24.	Ngineminyaka engu-24.
That's fantastic!	Kuhle kakhulu!
That's life!	Yimpilo! / yimpilo leyo
I love you!	Ngiyakuthanda!
I like you!	Ngiyakuthanda.
Do you love me too?	Ngabe nawe uyangithanda?
I love you too!	Nami ngiyakuthanda.
I am pleased to see you.	Ngiyajabula ukukubona!
Come in!	Ngena!
How are you doing?	Usaphila? / unjani?
Are you married?	Ushadile na? /ngabe ushadile?
Yes, I am married.	Yebo, ngishadile.
I agree.	Ngiyavuma.
I have good news.	Nginezindaba ezinhle!
Congratulations!	Halala!
Today is my birthday.	Namuhla usuku lwami lokuzalwa.
Good luck!	Ngikufisela inhlanhla!
Have a nice day!	Ube nosuku olumnandi / ube nosuku oluhle!
I wish you well.	Ngikufisela okuhle.
May God bless you.	INkosi ikubusise.

I am so glad.	Ngijabule kakhulu.
My deepest sympathy.	Ngiyakuzwela impela.
There is something I want to tell you.	Kukhona engifuna ukukutshela kona.
I forgot.	Ngikhohliwe.
Wait a little.	Ake ume isikhashana.
You are beautiful.	Umuhle!
I will try.	Ngizozama.
Wait for me!	Awungilinde / ngilinde / ngimele
Is there a problem/what is wrong?	Kunenkinga na? / kwenzenjani?
No problem!	Akunankinga!

COMMENTS:

Like and love

In Zulu the word for 'like' and 'love' is the same verb –*thanda*. If one says *Ngiyakuthanda* it can mean 'I like you' or 'I love you'.

Names in Zulu

Most Zulu names have a meaning. Names are given to children according to factors such as the circumstances of birth, which may include the day of the week, or when or where the birth took place; e.g. for a female *Nomvula* (Mother of Rain) and a male *Nhlanhla* (Luck). Events or achievements in the history of a family may also be a contributing factor; e.g. *Nonkululeko* (Mother of freedom) for a female and *Zwelethu* (our land) for a male.

Slang language in South Africa

South Africa is a multi-cultural, cosmopolitan society where slang is used by many as a *lingua franca*. Street language may be called *Isicamtho*, 'flaai-taal' or 'tsotsi taal' and incorporates Africanised articulations of English and Afrikaans. Some slang borrowings from the African languages are:

aikona - No way, absolutely not. From Nguni language meaning "No".

babalaas – Hangover. From the Zulu word *ibhabhalazi*.

bra - my brother, mate.

chana - my mate (from Zulu, 'my nephew' *umshana*).

eish! - an interjection expressing resignation, surprise, bewilderment or shock.

eita! - a greeting: "eita bra!" Originated in the townships among the youth.

hhawu! - expression of disbelief.

hhayi bo! - wow! (from Zulu, 'definitely not').

majita – men.

spaza - an informal trading-post/convenience store found in townships and remote areas.

toy-toy - protest-dancing; used in mainstream South African English.

A: Tourist	Theme 7: Touring and socializing
B: Zulu speaker	
A: Sawubona sisi!	Hello sister!
B: Yebo, sawubona!	Yes, hello!
A: Unjani?	How are you?
B: Ngikhona. Wena unjani?	I am fine. How are you?
A: Nginezindaba ezinhle. Namuhla usuku lwami lokuzalwa!	I have good news. Today is my birthday!
B: Kuhle kakhulu! Halala mngane wami! Ube nosuku olumnandi!	That is fantastic! Congratulations, my friend! Enjoy!
A: Ngiyabonga!	Thank you!

B: Uneminyaka emingaki?	How old are you?
A: Ngineminyaka u-50.	I am 50 years old.
B: INkosi ibusise!	May God bless you!