

Theme 3: Numbers, days, months, seasons

Numbers

One	Kunye
Two	Kubili
Three	Kuthathu
Four	Kune
Five	Kuhlanu
Six	Yisithupha
Seven	Yisikhombisa
Eight	Yisishiyagalombili
Nine	Yisishiyagalolunye
Ten	Yishumi
One hundred Rand	Amarandi ayikhulu
Two hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu amabili
Three hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu amathathu
Four hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu amane
Five hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu amahlanu
Six hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu ayisithupha
Seven hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu ayisikhombisa
Eight hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili
Nine hundred Rand	Amarandi angamakhulu ayisishiyagalolunye
One thousand Rand	Amarandi ayinkulungwane
First corner	Ikhona lokuqala
Second robot	Irobhothi lesibili
Third street	Isitaladi sesithathu / umgwaqo wesithathu
Fourth building	Ibhilidi lesine
Fifth match	Umdlalo wesihlanu
Sixth person	Umuntu wesithupha
Seventh church	Isonto lesikhombisa
Eighth bus	Ibhasi lesishiyagalombili
Ninth month	Inyanga yesishiyagalolunye
Tenth day	Usuku lweshumi
Once	Kanye
Twice	Kabili
Last	Ekugcineni

Days

Monday	uMsombuluko
Tuesday	uLwesibili
Wednesday	uLwesithathu
Thursday	uLwesine
Friday	uLwesihlanu
Saturday	uMgqibelo
Sunday	iSonto
What is today's date?	Zingaki namuhla?
Today	Namuhla
Tomorrow	Kusasa
Yesterday	Izolo
A long time ago	Kudala

Months

January	uJanuwari
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February	uFebhuwari
March	uMashi
April	u-Aphreli
May	uMeyi
June	uJuni
July	uJulayi
August	u-Agasti
September	uSepthemba
October	u-Okthoba
November	uNovemba
December	uDisemba

Seasons

Winter	Ubusika
Summer	Ihlobo
Spring	Intwasahlobo
Autumn	Ikwindla

COMMENTS:

Days of the week

The days of the week changed their original Zulu names because of the Western influence of the missionaries. They brought along with them working days, i.e. *ngoLwesibili* (the second working day - Tuesday), *ngoLwesithathu* (the third working day), *ngoLwesine* (the fourth working day), *ngoLwesihlanu* (the fifth working day). Sunday became known as the day of going to church (*isonto*), thus *ngeSonto*.

Months in Zulu

Traditionally, the Zulu named the different times of the seasons together with the various activities within those seasons. July is *uNcwaba*, the first month of the Zulu year, so called because new green grass appears after burning the lands. The month of August is *uMandulo* which indicates that cultivation of the land has started. The onomatopoeic word *uMfumfu* is the name for September. This word has the meaning of sprouting or coming out. March is *Mbasa*, which is the time to make fires and move inside the huts. Nowadays, the Zulu names for months are based on their English equivalents; e.g. *uJanuwari* (January).

A: Tourist B: Zulu speaker	Theme 3: Numbers, days, months, seasons
A: Ngifuna ukubukela umdlalo wesibili namhlanje.	I want to watch the second match today.
B: Kulungile. Kubiza R200-00.	Alright. It costs R200-00.

<p>A: Kunye – kubili – kuthathu – kune – kuhlanu – yisithupha – yisikhombisa – yisishiyagalombili – yisishiyagalolunye – yishumi - Amarandi ayikhulu - Amarandi angamakhulu amabili.</p>	<p>(Counting R10 notes): One – two – three – four – five – six – seven – eight – nine – ten – one hundred Rand – two hundred Rand.</p>
<p>B: Ngiyabonga. Hamba kahle!</p>	<p>Thank you. Go well!</p>
<p>A: Sala kahle!</p>	<p>Stay well!</p>