

## Helpful Amharic Words & Phrases

ENGLISH	AMHARIC
Hello	Seu-lam
How are you?	De-na neh? (m) De-na-nesh? (f) De-na-not? (pl.)
I'm fine	De-na negn
OK	eshi
Bye	ciao
Have a nice day	De-na wal (m) De-na wai (f)
Goodbye	De-na hun (m) De-na hu-nyi (f) De-na hu-nu
Sorry, I have to go now	Yi-ker-ya a-hun meu-hed al-leu-bəny
Welcome	ən-kwan deu-na meu-tah (m) ən-kwan deu-na meu-tash (f) ən-kwan deu-na meu-tu (polite)
Mr.	a-to
Mrs.	Way-zeu-ro
Miss	Way-zeu-rit
What's your name?	Se-məh man no? (m) Se-məsh man no? (f) Se-mə-wot man no? (pol)
My name is...	Se-mə (name) no?
This is...	Yi-he (name) no (m) Yi-chi (name) nat (f)
**It's beautiful	Kon-jo-no
Can you please help me?	ə-ba-kəh ər-dany ə-ba-kəsh ər-jiny
**Play/Let's have a chat	Teu-cha weut (m) Teu-cha weu-chi (f) Teu-cha weu-tu (pl)
Where are you from?	Keu yeut a-geur neuh? (m) Keu yeut a-geur neush? (f)
I'm from the USA	Keu a-me-ri-ka neuny
Excuse me	Yi-kər-ta
I'm...	
Cold	Bere-degn
Hot	Mo-kegn
Hungry	Ra-begn
Thirsty	Wu-ha-teu-magn
Tired	Deu-keu-megn
I don't/do understand	Al-geu-bagnim/geub-to-ngnal

Brother	Weun-dim
Sister	eihit
Son	Weund lej
Daughter	Set-lej
Father	Ab-bat
Mother	ə-nat
Husband	Bal
Wife	Mist
Friend	Gwa-deu-ngn
Child/children	Lej/le-joch
People	Se-woch
Woman/women	Set/se-toch
Man/Men	Wend/wendoch
I like/don't like...	...əweud-da-lo/al-weud-dəm
Music	Muziqa
Friend	Gwadegna
Reading	man-beb
Watching TV	Ti-vi ma-yeut
Where's the market area?	Gebeya yet new?
Where	yet
I would like to buy (this/that)	(yi-hen/yan) meug-zat ə-feul-lə-gal-lo
Bread	Dab-bo
Egg(s)	ən-ku-lal
Milk	Weu-teut
Soap	Sa-mu-na
Brush	Bu-rəsh
Shampoo	Sham-po
Coffee (with sugar/without sugar)	Bun-na (beu sə-kwar; ya-leu sə-kwar)
Coffee (with milk/without milk)	Bun-na (beu weu-teut; ya-leu weu-teut)
Juice	chə-ma-ki
Milk	Weu-teut
Sugar	sə-kwar
Tea (string/weak)	(weuf-ram/keu-chən) shai
Yes	Ow
Please	ə-ba-kəh (m) ə-ba-kəsh (f) ə-ba-kon (pol)
Thank you	a-meu-seu-g ə-ba-kəh-nal-lo
Sorry	Az-nal-lo
No	Yeul-lum

## **Greetings** (English/Amharic)

Hello/Selam

Good morning /indemin aderatschu

Good afternoon /indemin arefedachu

Good evening /dena ideru

## **Phrases**

How are you/Endemin nesh/neh

I am fine/Ene den negn

Please to meet you/sile tewawekn des bilognal

Where are you from?/keyet ager neh

I came from us? Ene ke US negn

Could you please repeat that/ digemilgn ebakhin

Have a good day/Melkam Ken Yihunlachu

Good luck/melkam edil

I love you all/ hulachunim ewe da chu ha le hu

Do you go to school?

What grade are you?

Do you know Ethiopian sign language? / Ye Ethiopia kwan-kwa chelale?

Do you live with your parents?

Do you have brother and sister? / Wondem ehete ale?

How many brother and sister do you have? / Sinta wondem ehete ale?

## **Important vocabulary**

Yes/ aw

NO /aj

ok/ eshi

May be/ min albat

Thank you/ameseginalehu

Excuse me/ yikirta

I am sorry/ azinalehu

I have.../alegn

I do not have.../yelegnm

advice/mikir

big/ tilik

small/ tinish

yesterday/ tilant

year/ amet

tomorrow/ nege

day/ ken

registration/ mizigebe

form/ form

signature/ firma

ID/ metawekiya

name/sim

last name/ ye ayat sim  
age/idme  
BirthDate/ yeteweledbet ken  
school/ timhirt  
work/ sira  
work experience/ yesira limid  
training/ silitena  
teaching/ mastemar  
ask/ meteyek  
words/ kal  
read/ manbeb  
appointment/ ketero  
all/ hulu  
interview/ kalemilils  
holiday/ behal  
religion/ haymanot  
chair/ wenber  
table/ terepeza  
student/ temari  
examination/ fetena  
luck/ edil  
work/ sira  
beautiful / konjo  
ugly/ askeyami  
money/ Birr  
coins/ santim  
contribution/ mewacho  
jacket/ kot  
shirt/ shemiz  
pant/ suri