80 most common Amharic phrases:

From my experience, what has been the most comfortable way for learning a language is learning it naturally. Now, what does it mean to learn a language naturally?

Learning a language naturally means learning without scrutinizing grammar too much or worrying about excessive details; it's about letting go, having fun with the language. You can achieve this by using a phrasebook. The more phrases you learn, the more you'll build your language skills. For example, in a week, you could take a day to learn around five phrases and continue practicing them. Try using these phrases with native speakers. If you can maintain this practice for several months—let's, say three months—you'll definitely notice a difference in your proficiency.

You don't need to touch the grammar rules. Just:

- Learn phrases
- Practice them
- Use them!

I found this suggestion from Moses McCormick, who speaks 50 languages. You can watch his <u>video here</u>.

In this article I have listed 80 most common Amharic phrases that we use in many situations. I have organized them into categories like greetings, everyday expressions, food, shopping, etc. Notice: If you find it hard to

pronounce them, <u>contact me here</u>. I will help you speak them with proper pronunciation.

80 most common Amharic phrases:

በአማርኛ ሰዎችን ሰላም ለማለት የምንጠቀምባቸው ሐረጎች፦ Common phrases to ask how someone is in Amharic:

The greatest greeting is "አሰላሙ ዓለይኩም።" Which means "Peace be upon you."

"As-salamu alaykum" (الْسَلَّادُمُ عَلَيْكُمُ) is an Arabic greeting used by all Muslims around the world. The typical response to "As-salamu alaykum" is "ወዓለይኩም አሰላም / Wa alaykum as-salam" (وَعَلَيْكُمُ السَّلَامُ), which means "And peace be upon you too." This greeting reflects the desire for peace and well-being for the person being greeted.

ሰላም ነው? Hello / What's up? For Singular

ሰላም ናችሁ? Hello / What's up? For Plular

ምን አዲስ ነገር አለ? What's new?

ምን እየሰራህ ነው / ነበር? What have you been up to lately?

እንዴት ነህ? How's it going?

እንዴት ነው? How's it going?

ሁሉ አማን?

አማን ነው? How are things?

ሕይወት እንዴት ነው? How's life?

ስራ እንዴት ነው?

ሕይወት እንዴት ይዞሃል?

ያለንበትን ሁኔታ ለ**ማ**ባለጽ የምንጠቀምባቸው የተለ**ማ**ዱ ሐረ**ጎ**ች፦ Common phrases to say how you are:

ደህና ነኝ፣ አጮሰማናለሁ። አንተስ እንዴት ነህ? I'm fine, thanks. How about you?

በጣም ጥሩ ነው። Pretty good.

ያው እንደ ሁልጊዜው ነው። Same as always

ምንም አይልም። Not so great.

ምንም አዲስ ነזር የለም።

አናማርርም። Can't complain

የባሰ አያምጣ፣ ያለፈ አይቁጠር።

አሞሰማናለሁ ለማለት የተለሞዱ አባባሎች

Common phrases to say thank you:

በጣም አምሰማናለሁ። I really appreciate it.

በጣም ነው የማሞሰግነው። I'm really grateful

በእውነቱ በጣም ደባ ሰው ነህ፤ ለደባነትህ አሞሰግናለሁ። That's so kind of you.

ከልብ ነው የማመሰማነው

ከልብ ነው የማመሰግ ንሽ / ንህ / ናችሁ

ውለታህ አለብኝ። I owe you one. (This means you want/need to do a favor for the other person in the future)

ብድር ለሞሞለስ ያብቃኝ።

ውለታህን የምጫልስ ያድርንኝ፡፡ May God bless me so that I can repay your kindness.

የዋልክልኝን ውለታ የምጫልስ ያድር*ገ*ኝ። May God make me return the good things he has done to me.

<u>ከዚህ በታች የቀረቡትን ቃላት በሞጠቀም 5 አረፍተ ነገሮችን</u> ሞስርቱ።

> ብድር ብድር ያድርንኝ። ውለታህን የዋልክልኝን ያድርንኝ። አለብኝ። ያብቃኝ። ያድርንኝ። የም**መልስ ው**ለታህ መላሽ ለመመለስ የምመልስ ውለታ

ለምስ*ጋና* ምላሽ ለወስጠት የምንጠቀምባቸው የተለወዱ *ሐረጎ*ች Common phrases to respond to thank you:

አንድ ሰው ሲያምሰማነን ምን እንለዋለን?

ቸግር የለም። No problem.

አትጩነቅ። No worries

አትጨናነቅ። No worries

ምን አደረኩልህና። Don't mention it. (ያደረኩልህ ነገር ቀላል / ትንሽ ነው ብዙም የሚካበድ አይደለም።) ደስታው የኔው ነው። My pleasure. ሌላም የምረዳህ ነገር ካለ በማንኛውም ሰአት ጠይቀኝ። Anytime. ውይይትን በትህትና ለ**ማቋ**ጩት የምንጠቀማቸው የተለማዱ ሀረጎች። Common phrases to end a conversation politely: **ሞረጃ ለ**ሞጠየቅ የምንጠቀማቸው ሐረ*ጎ*ች Common phrases to ask for information: ምን ይ ይጣስልሃል፣ የምትለው *ነገር* አለህ? Do you have any idea...? ታውቃለህ ኣ? Would you happen to know...? የምታውቀው አይስለኝም...? I don't suppose you (would) know...? አላውቅም ለማለት የምንጠቀማቸው አባባሎች። Common phrases to say I don't know: እኔ ስለዛ ንዳይ ምንም አላውቅም። I have no idea/clue. እኔ ስለዚህ ነገር ምንም እውቀቱ የለኝም። I can't help you there. እኔ እንጃ፤ Beats me. እኔም እንደዚህ ይጦስለኝ ነበር = I've been wondering that, too. Common phrases for not having an opinion: ብዙም አስቤበት አላውቅም፡፡ I've never given it much thought. ለእኔ ምንም ለውጥ የለውም፤ ያው ነው። It doesn't make any difference to me. እኔ በዚህ ጉዳይ ላይ ምንም ዓይነት አስተያየት የለኝም። I have no opinion on the matter.

መስማማትን ለ**ማ**ላፅ የሚጠቅሙ የተለ ተፈሳች፦

Common phrases for agreeing:

ልክ ነው። Exactly.

በፍጹም። Absolutely.

በጣም ትክክል ነው። That's so true.

በእርግጠኝነት። That's for sure. በጣም ተስጣምቻለሁ። I couldn't agree with you more. አወ፣ የምትለው ነገር ልክ ነው! Tell me about it! ኧረ አውቀው የለምወይ። You're telling me! እንደታ! I'll say! አዎ እሱማ ያው... I suppose so. አለማባባትን በተማለከተ የተለማቶት ሐረ*ጎ*ች፦ Common phrases for disagreeing: ስለዚህ ንዳይ ያን ያህል እርግጠኛ አይደለሁም። I'm not so sure about that. **እኔ እንደዚህ አይደለም የማየው**። That's not how I see it. አይ፣ አይደለም፣ ይለያያል። Not necessarily ደስ የሚል ነገር ስንሰማ ምላሽ የምንሰጥባቸው አባባሎች፦ Common phrases to respond to great news: ደስ ይላል! That's great! እንዴት ድንቅ ነው! **How wonderful!** ደስ ሲል! Awesome! ለ**ሞ**ጥፎ ዜና ምላሽ ለ**ሞስ**ጠት (ሀዘ*ንን* ለ**ሞ***ግ*ለፅ) Common phrases to respond to bad news: ውውውይ... Oh no... በጣም ያሳዝናል አንተ! በጣም የሚያሳዝን ነው። That's terrible. ምስኪኪኪን Poor you. ይሀን በስማቴ በጣም አዝኛለሁ።

I'm so sorry to hear that.

አንድን ሰው የሆነ ቦታ ለሞ*ጋ*በዝ የምንጠቀማቸው ሐረጎች፦ Common phrases to invite someone somewhere:

ቅዳሜ ማታ ላይ ይጣችሃል? Are you free Saturday night?

ቅዳጫ ማታ ላይ የምትሰራው ነገር አለህ?

Are you doing anything Saturday night?

... ትፈል*ጋ*ለህ?

Do you wanna...

(ለወንድና ለሴት የምንጠቀማቸው የአማርኛ ረዳት ማሶች እዚህ አንብብ)

Would you like to join me for dinner?

ስለ**ጣ**ማንብ ስናወራ የምንጠቀማቸው ሐረጎች፦ Common phrases for food:

በጣም እርቦኛል! (=በጣም ተርቤያለሁ)

I'm starving! (= I'm very hungry)

የሆነ ነገር እንብላ።

Let's grab a bite to eat.

ዛሬ ማታ ወጣ ብለን ብንበላስ?

How about eating out tonight? (eat out = eat at a restaurant)

ለእኔ ... ይሁንልኝ

I'll have...

እኔ አቮካዶ በቪንቶ ይሁንልኝ። I'll have an avocado juice with vinto, please.

አቮካዶ በቪንቶ ይኖራል? Can I get an avocado juice and add some vinto to it?

እኔ የምፈልንው ወተት ነው። I'll have a milk.

ስለዋ*ጋ* ስ*ጓነጋገር* የምንጠቀማቸው የተለሞዱ ሐረ*ጎ*ች፦ Common phrases for price:

ውይ፣ በጣም ውድ ነው።

It cost a fortune.

እጅ*ግ* በጣም ውድ ነው።

It cost an arm and a leg.

ይሄ ዝርፊያ ነው።

That's a rip-off.

ትንሽ ተወደደ።

That's a bit pricey.

ይሄ ዋ*ጋ*ው ተ**ጣ**ጣሳኝ ነው (= it's a good price)

That's quite reasonable.

ይሄ ጥሩ ዋ*ጋ* ነው። (= a good value for the amount of money)

That's a good deal.

ይሄ ጥሩ *ግ*ዠ ነው።

It was a real bargain.

ይሄ በጣም ርካሽ ነው።

• It was dirt cheap. (= extremely inexpensive)

አየር ፀባዩን ለማለጽ የምንጠቀማቸው የተለ ሐረ*ጎ*ች፦

Common phrases for weather:

ትንሽ ቀዝቃዛ ነው።

• It's a little chilly.

በጣም ይባረዳል።

It's freezing. (= extremely cold)

የሚሞቅ ልብስ ልበስ፡፡ (bundle up = ብርድን ለ**ሞከላከል ሞቅ ያለ ልብስ** ሞልበስ)

 Make sure to bundle up. (bundle up = put on warm clothes for protection against the cold)

ሞቃት የአየር ሁኔታን ለሞግለፅ የተለሞዱ ሐረሳች፦

Common phrases for hot weather:

ሙቀቱ አናት ያፈላል።

• It's absolutely boiling! (boiling = extremely hot)

ውጬ ያቃጥላል

• it scorching hot outside

በጣም እንደደከማን ለመግለጽ ስንፈልግ የምንጠቀማቸው አባባሎች፦

Common phrases for being tired:

በጣም ደክሞኛል።

I'm exhausted.

በጣም ደክሞኛል።

I'm dead tired.

ድክም ብሎኛል

I'm beat

አይኔን መግለጽ ራሱ አቅቶኛል / ተስኖኛል።

I can hardly keep my eyes open

ልተኛ ነው።

I'm gonna hit the sack. (hit the sack = go to bed)

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