

How to use the “Say” in Amharic?

We Amharic speakers use the word ‘say’ in so many ways, I have mentioned most of them below.

The word ‘Say’ means in Amharic is ‘ማለት (malet)’
But, when you want command someone in Amharic to say something, you should say ‘Bel’ instead of “ማለት” you say to him ‘bel’, to her, bey, to them belu.
For example, if you want someone to say something, you can command him by saying, “አንድ ነገር ተናገር / And neger tenager.”. ‘And neger tenager’ is not the translation, it’s just a phonetic representation.

We have just seen above how to use the word ‘say’ in Amharic when we want to command someone. Next we will see how to forbid and warn someone using this word. To forbid someone from saying, we say ‘አትበል / Atbel’. And when we want to warn someone from saying something, we say ‘እንዳትል / Endatl’ in Amharic.

ማዘዝ Ordering	መከላከል Prohibition	ማስጠንቀቂያ ለመስጠት To give a warning
'ሀ' በል Say 'He'. For male	እንደዚህ አትባል። Don't say like that.	ደግሞህ እንዲህ እንዳትል! Don't say like this again!
'ለ' በይ Say 'Le'. For female	እንደዚህ አትባይ። Don't say like that.	ደግሞሽ እንዲህ እንዳትይ! Don't say like this again!
'ኘ' በሉ Say 'Gne'. For plural	እንደዚህ አትባሉ። Don't say like that.	ደግሞችሁ እንዲህ እንዳትሉ! Don't say like this again!

- እኔ ቀድሞ ልባል? (Should I say first?)
- እሽ ባል። Okay, Say it.
- ነገር ግን በትክክል ማለት አለብህ። But you have to say it right.
- እንደዚህ ማለት ክልክል ነው። It is forbidden to say so.
- አባባል = saying
- አባባሎች = sayings
- The root word is “ማለት”

The English word 'Say' has many meanings and usages in Amharic. If you read this article to the end, you will know a lot of Amharic. So keep calm and try to follow. You can also [watch](#) the video [here](#). Also, don't forget to Subscribe my YouTube channel. If you have any question, leave me in the comment section.

We use the word “say / ማለት” in both present and future tenses.

The word 'to say' in Amharic functions in two tenses. Let's delve into its usage in constructing positive sentences for both present and future tense.

Simple Present tense:	Future Tens
እላላሁ I say	I will say.
እንላለን We say	We will say.
ትላለህ You say (Male)	You will say. (Male)
ትያለሽ You say (female)	You will say. (female)
ትላላችሁ You say (Plural)	You will say. (Plural)
ይላል He says	He will say.
ትላለች She says	She will say.
ይላሉ They say	They will say.

Simple Present and Future Negative tense:

Simple Present tense:	Future Tens
አልለም I don't say.	I will not say.
አንልም We do not say.	We will not say.
አትልም You don't say. (male)	You will not say.
አትይም You don't say. (female)	You will not say.
አትሉም You don't say. (plural)	You will not say.
አይልም He doesn't say.	He will not say.
አትልም She doesn't say.	She will not say.
አይሉም They don't say.	They will not say.

Now, let's use it in present continuous sentences:

1. ምን እያልክ ነው? What are you **saying**? (male)
2. ምን እያልሽ ነው? What are you **saying**? (female)
3. ምን እያላችሁ ነው? What are you **saying**? (plural)
4. ምን እያለ ነው? What is he **saying**?

5. ምን **እያለች** ነው? What is she **saying**?
6. ምን **እያሉ** ነው? What are you **saying**?

Present Continuous Negative sentences:

1. እንደዚያ **እያልኩ** አይደለም። I'm not **saying** like that.
2. እንደዚያ **እያልን** አይደለም። We are not **saying** like that.
3. እንደዚያ **እያለ** አይደለም። He's not **saying** like that.
4. እንደዚያ **እያለች** አይደለም። she's not **saying** like that.
5. እንደዚያ **እያሉ** አይደለም። They are not **saying** like that.

Present Perfect or simple past sentences:

1. ብያለሁ I have **said**
2. ብለናል We have **said**
3. ብለሃል You have **said** (male)
4. ብለሻል You have **said** (Female)
5. ብላችኋል You have **said** (Plural)
6. ብሏል He has **said**
7. ብላለች She has **said**
8. ብለዋል They have **said**

Simple Past in ጥያቄ (Question)

1. ምን **አልክ?** What did you **say**? (Male)
2. ምን **አልሽ?** What did you **say**? (Female)
3. ምን **አላችሁ?** What did you **say**? (plular)
4. ምን **አለ?** What did he **say**?
5. ምን **አለች?** What did she **say**?
6. ምን **አሉ?** What did they **say**?

1. ምን **አልከኝ?** What did you **say** to me? (Male)
2. ምን **አልሽኝ?** What did you **say** to me? (Female)
3. ምን **አላችሁ?** What did you **say**? (plular)
4. ምን **አለ?** What did he **say**?
5. ምን **አለች?** What did she **say**?
6. ምን **አሉ?** What did they **say**?

Past contnious tense Negative Sentence:

You may will need to ask also like this:

1. ምን **እያልክ** ነበር? What were you **saying**?
2. ምን **እያልሽ** ነበር? What were you **saying**?
3. ምን **እያላችሁ** ነበር? What were you **saying**?
4. ምን **እያለ** ነበር? What was he **saying**?
5. ምን **እያለች** ነበር? What was she **saying**?
6. ምን **እያሉ** ነበር? What were you **saying**?

Simple Past tense Negative Sentence:

1. እኔ እንደዛ **አላልኩም።** I didn't **say** like that.
2. እኛ እንደዛ **አላልንም።** We didn't **say** like that.
3. አንተ እንደዛ **አላልክም።** You didn't **say** like that.
4. አንች እንደዛ **አላልሽም።** You didn't **say** like that.
5. እናንተ እንደዛ **አላላችሁም።** You didn't **say** like that.
6. እሱ እንደዛ **አላለም።** He didn't **say** like that.
7. እሷ እንደዛ **አላለችም።** She didn't **say** like that.
8. እነሱ እንደዛ **አላሉም።** They didn't **say** like that.

1. **ልል እችላለሁ** I can **say**
2. **ልንል እንችላለን** We can **say**
3. **ልትል ትችላለህ** You can **say**
4. **ልትይ ትችያለሽ** You can **say**
5. **ልትሉ ትችላላችሁ** You can **say**
6. **ሊል ይችላል** he can **say**
7. **ልትል ትችላለች** She can **say**
8. **ሊሉ ይችላሉ** They can **say**

We can also say to one another as follows:

2. ብዩሃለሁ - I told you.
3. ብለንሃል - We called you. (Male)
4. ብለሽኛል - You told me. (Male)
5. ብለሽኛል - You told me. (Female)
6. ብላችሁኛል - You said to me. (Plural)
7. ብሎኛል - He told me.
8. ብላኛለች - She said to me.
9. ብለውኛል - They called me.

Present continuous sentences question:

1. ምን **ማለትህ** ነው? What do you **mean**? (Male)
2. ምን **ማለትሽ** ነው? What do you **mean**? (Female)
3. ምን **ማለታችሁ** ነው? What do you **mean**? (Plural)
4. ምን **ማለቱ** ነው? What does that **mean**?
5. ምን **ማለቷ** ነው? What does she **mean**?
6. ምን **ማለታቸው** ነው? What do they **mean**?

To say 'shouldn't have said' in Amharic:

- ማለት አልነበረብኝም። I shouldn't have said it.
- ማለት አልነበረብንም። We shouldn't have said that.
- ማለት አልነበረብህም። You shouldn't have said that.
- ማለት አልነበረብሽም። You shouldn't have said that.
- ማለት አልነበረብችሁም። You shouldn't have said that.
- ማለት አልነበረብትም። He shouldn't have said that.
- ማለት አልነበረባትም። She shouldn't have said.
- ማለት አልነበረባቸውም። They shouldn't have said that.

To say "Not because someone said"

- እኔ ስላልኩ አይደለም። Not because I said so.
- እኛ ስላልን አይደለም። Not because we said so.
- አንተ ስላልክ አይደለም። Not because you said so.
- አንች ስላልሽ አይደለም። Not because you said so.
- እናንተ ስላላችሁ አይደለም። Not because you have.
- እሱ ስላለ አይደለም። Not because he exists.
- እሷ ስላለች አይደለም። Not because she exists.
- እነሱ ስላሉ አይደለም። Not because they exist.

የወደፊት ጊዜ Future time

- እለዋለሁ I will say to him.
- እንለዋለን We call him.
- ትለዋለህ You say to him or call him.

To express that we may say in the Future:

ማን ያውቃል 'ገንዘብ አላበደርከኝም' ብለህ ትክደኝ ይሆናል። Who knows, you might reject me by saying, 'You didn't lend me money.'

- ልል እችላለሁ I can say
- ልንል እንችላለን We can say
- ልትል ትችላለህ You can say

ልትይ ትችያለሽ You can see

ልትሉ ትችላላችሁ You can say

ሊል ይችላል can say

ልትል ትችላለች She can say

ሊሉ ይችላሉ You can say

Inevitably, someone might say.

- ማለቴ የማይቀር ነው። Inevitably, I might say.
- ማለታችን አይቀርም። Inevitably, we might say.
- ማለቱ አይቀርም። Inevitably, you might say.
- ማለቱ አይቀርም። Inevitably, you might say.
- ማለቱ አይቀርም። Inevitably, you might say.
- ማለቱ አይቀርም። Inevitably, he might say.
- ማለቷ አይቀርም። Inevitably, she might say.
- ማለታቸው አይቀርም። Inevitably, they might say.

To say 'That's not what I said.'

1. እኔ ያልኩት እንደዚህ አይደለም። That's not what I said.
2. እኛ ያለነው እንደዚህ አይደለም። That's not how we are.
3. አንተ ያልከው እንደዚህ አይደለም። That's not what you said.
4. አንች ያልሸው እንደዚህ አይደለም። That's not what you said.
5. እናንተ ያላችሁት እንደዚህ አይደለም። That is not what you have.
6. እሱ ያለው እንደዚህ አይደለም። He is not like that.
7. እሷ ያላችው እንደዚህ አይደለም። That's not how she is.
8. እነሱ ያሉት እንደዚህ አይደለም። They are not like that.

አሉታዊ Negative

እኔ እንደዛ አላልኩም።	I didn't say that.
እኛ እንደዛ አላልንም።	We didn't say that.
አንተ እንደዛ አላልክም።	You didn't say that.
አንች እንደዛ አላልሽም።	You didn't say that.
እናንተ እንደዛ አላላችሁም።	You don't have that.
እሱ እንደዛ አላለም።	He didn't say that.
እሷ እንደዛ አላለችም።	She didn't say that.
እነሱ እንደዛ አላሉም።	They don't say that.

ማለት mean

ማለቱ I mean

ማለት የምፈልገው... What I want to say is...

ለማለት የፈለኩት What I want to say is...

To express that we don't mind.

ቅር አይለኝም።	I don't mind.
ቅር አይለንም።	We don't mind.
ቅር አይልህም?	don't you mind
ቅር አይልሽም?	Don't you mind?
ቅር አይላችሁም?	Don't you mind?
ቅር አይለውም?	Does he not mind?
ቅር አይለላችም?	Does she not mind?
ቅር አይላቸውም?	Don't they mind?

ይሻላል ብዩ አስቤ ነበር።	I thought it was better.
ይሻላል ብለህ ነው?	Do you just think this is better?
ይሻላል ብለሽ ነው?	Do you just think this is better?
ይሻላል ብለው ነው?	Do you just think this is better?
ይሻላል ብሎ ነው?	Do you just think this is better?
ይሻላል ብለ ነው?	Do you just think this is better?

- ማለት = to say
- ማለት = that means
- ማለት = እወዳለሁ = I want to say.
- ለማለት እወዳለሁ = I want to say.
- ብየሃለሁ = I have said to you.

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