

Amharic Basic Words Series Challenge

Do you want to build a strong Amharic vocabulary? You're in the right place! I'm starting a 10-word challenge series—similar to my previous *[1000 Amharic Words Challenge](#)*. In this new series, I'll publish short videos regularly—daily if possible, or at least three times a week.

In each lesson, **you'll not only learn 10 key Amharic words in every video but also useful phrases and example sentences.** This will help you improve your pronunciation, reading speed, listening skills, and even basic grammar as we go along.

So please pay more close attention to the phrases and sentences.

We'll begin with the letter 'U' and move all the way to 'T'. Imagine, in just a few months, you'll know over 1,000 Amharic words and speak more confidently!

Important Note:

Some letters, like 'ሂ', 'ኘ', 'ኸ', 'ሰ', 'ከ', 'ኘ', have very few or no commonly used words that start with them. That's okay! Most Amharic letters appear in the middle or at the end of words rather than at the beginning. So, we'll only focus on words that actually start with each letter in this challenge.

To get the most out of this, repeat each word and sentence after me. This will help you develop your pronunciation and listening skills more effectively.

Publishing Schedule:

If I can, I'll publish a new video every day at 5:00 PM (local time). If not, expect at least 2 videos per week. So [subscribe](#) and wait for me at 5 PM—in shaa Allah.

Learn Amharic: Essential Words - Series 1 to 5

Series 1: Must-Know Amharic Words Starting with U (Ha)

👋 Welcome to your first Amharic vocabulary lesson! Today, we're diving into 11 crucial words that begin with the letter 'U' (Ha). Let's get started!

🔑 Key Vocabulary:

- **ሀሜት = Gossip**

- 💬 ሀሜት ምን እንደሆነ ታውቃለችሁ? (Do you know what gossip is?)
- 🗣️ ሀሜት ማለት አንድ ሰው በሌለበት ቦታ እሱን በመጥፎ ነገር እያነሱ ማውራት ነው። (Gossip is talking negatively about someone in their absence.)

- **ሀብት = Wealth**

- 💰 ይህ ሰው ብዙ ሀብት አለው። (This person has a lot of wealth.)

- **ሀይማኖት = Religion**

- 🙏 ኢትዮጵያ ብዙ ሃይማኖቶች ያሉበት ሀገር ናት። (Ethiopia is a country with many religions.)

- **ሀይለኛ = Strong/Powerful**

- 💪 ንፋሱ በጣም ሀይለኛ ነው። (The wind is so powerful.)

- **ሀላፊነት = Responsibility**


- 👨👩👧👦 ልጆችን ማሳደግ ትልቅ ሀላፊነት ይጠይቃል። (Raising children requires a big responsibility.)

- **ሀዘን = Sorrow/Grief**


- 😞 የቅርብ ጓደኛዬን በማጣቴ ሀዘን ተሰምቶኛል። (I felt sorrow in losing my **close friend**.)

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- **ሀረግ = Vine**

-  በግድግዳው ላይ የበቀለው ሀረግ ቤቱን አሳምኖታል። (The vine that grew on the wall made the house beautiful.)


- **ሀፍረት = Shame/Embarrassment**

-  ስህተት በመስራቴ ሀፍረት ተሰምቶኛል። (I felt shame for making a mistake.)


- **ሀብታም = Rich/Wealthy**

-  እሱ በጣም የታወቀ ሀብታም ቢሆንም ትሁት ነው። (He is very famously wealthy, yet humble.)

- **ሀሳብ = Idea/Thought**

-  አሁን ጥሩ ሀሳብ አግኝቻለሁ! (I have got a good idea now!)

- **ሀጢአት = Sin**

-  በድብቅ ያደረከው ሀጢአት አንድ ቀን ይገለጣል። (The sin you committed in secret will one day be exposed.)

Activity 1: Test Your Knowledge!

1. Match the Amharic word to its English meaning:

2. ሀብታም → (A) Sorrow

3. ሀዘን → (B) Vine

4. ሀፍረት → (C) Shame

5. ሀሳብ → (D) Rich

6. ሀረግ → (E) Thought

2. Fill in the Blanks:

1. እሱ በጣም ____ ነው። (He is very wealthy.)

2. የቅርብ ዳደሩን በማጣቴ ____ ተሰምቶኛል። (I felt ____ after losing my friend.)

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3. ጥሩ___ አግኝቻለሁ። (I've got a good ___.)

? Multiple Choice

Which Amharic word means "sin"?

- a) ሀሜት
- b) ሀሳብ
- c) **ሀጢአት**
- d) ሀዘን

Series 2: Useful Amharic Words Starting with ሁ (Hu)

Selam! 🙌 Welcome back! In this lesson, we're learning 11 useful Amharic words that begin with the letter "ሁ" (Hu). These are words you'll often hear in Ethiopia!

🧠 Vocabulary and Sample Sentences:

1. ሁለት – Two

- 🗣️ ቅድም ሁለት ሰዎች መጥተው ነበር።
- Earlier, two people had come.

2. ሁለቴ – Twice

- 🗣️ ሁለቴ ደውያለህ ነበር ግን ስልክ አታነሳም።
- I had called you twice, but you didn't answer the call.

3. ሁለተኛው – The second one

- 🗣️ ሁለተኛው ፎቅ ላይ ውጣ።
- Go up to the second floor.


4. ሁሉም ነገር – Everything

- 🗣️ ሁሉም ነገር ለበጎ ነው፣ አትጨነቅ።


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- Everything happens for good. Don't worry.


5. ሁለቱም – Both of them

-  ሁለቱም አሉ።
- Both of them are present.


6. ሁሉንም – Everything

-  እሱ ሁሉንም ነገር ያውቃል።
- He knows everything.


7. ሁልጊዜ – Always

-  ቲክቶክ ሁልጊዜ አትመልከት።
- Don't always watch TikTok.


8. ሁኔታ – Condition / Situation

-  አሁን ያለህበት ሁኔታ ጥሩ አይደለም።
- The condition you're in right now isn't good.


9. ሁን – Be (imperative)

-  እባክህ ጥሩ ሰው ሁን።
- Please be a good person.

10. ሁከት – Chaos / Disturbance

-  ውጭ ላይ ሁከት ተቀስቅሷል።
- There is chaos outside.

11. ሁለት ቀን – Two days

-  ስራውን በሁለት ቀን ውስጥ እንድትጨርስ እፈልጋለሁ።
- I want you to finish the work in two days.


 **Quiz Time! አሁን የጥያቄ ሰአት ነው።**

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 Say the meaning in your language:

1. ሁለተኛው = The second one
2. ሁኔታ = Condition / Situation
3. ሁሉንም ነገር ያውቃል = He knows everything.
4. በሁለት ቀናት ውስጥ = In two days
5. ሁከት = Chaos / Disturbance

Series 3: Amharic Words with ካ (Hi) & ኧ (He)


 Welcome back to Day 3 of our Amharic learning! Today, we're learning 8 words starting with ካ & ኧ. Test your memory at the end!

Amharic Words with ካ:

1. ካድ = Go

- → ትንሽ ወደፊት ካድ። (Go forward.)


2. ካዶት = Process

-  የምዝገባው ካዶት ቀላል ነው። (The registration process is easy.)

3. ካሳብ = Maths

- እሷ ካሳብ ላይ በጣም ጎበዝ ናት። (She is very good at math.)

4. ካስ = Criticism/Critique

-  ገንቢ ካስ እቀበላለሁ። (I accept constructive criticism.)


5. ካፍ = Henna

- ካፍ መቀባት ጸጉር ያሳምራል። (Applying henna makes hair beautiful.)


Amharic Words with ኧ:

1. ኧሊኮፕተር – Helicopter


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-  Example: ሄሊኮፕተር በሰማይ በረረ። (The helicopter flew in the sky.)


2. ሄክታር = Hectare

-  በዚህ አመት 4 ሺ ሄክታር መሬት ታርሷል። (This year, 4,000 hectares of land have been plowed.)

3. ሄደ – He went

-  Example: ወደ ሄደ ቤቱ። (He went to his house.)

4. ሄድኩ – I went

-  Example: ትናንት ወደ ሱቅ ሄድኩ። (Yesterday, I went to a shop.)

? Quiz Time!

1. What is the English meaning of "ሂድ"? → Go
2. Translate "ትንሽ ወደፊት ሂድ" into English. → Go a bit forward.
3. What is the Amharic word for "math"? → ሂሳብ
4. Translate "እሷ ሂሳብ ላይ በጣም ጎበዝ ናት" into English. → She is very good at math.
5. What is the English meaning of "ሂስ"? → Criticism/Critique
6. What is the meaning of ገንቢ ሂስ እቀበላለሁ? → I accept constructive criticism.
7. What is the meaning of "ሄሊኮፕተር በሰማይ በረረ"? → The helicopter flew in the sky.
8. What is the Amharic word for "**He went**"? → ሄደ
9. What does "ወደ ቤቱ ሄደ" mean? → He went to his home.

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Series 4: Amharic Words Starting with ህ (Hha)

🚀 In this lesson, we'll explore 10 useful Amharic words and phrases starting with the letter "ህ" (Hha). There's a quick quiz at the end, so stay tuned!

🌟 10 Amharic words start with 'ህ':

1. ህፃን (htsan) – Baby, child

- 👶 ህፃኑ ተገኝቷል። = htsanu tegntual. (The baby is sleeping.)

2. ህግ (hg) – Law

- ⚖️ ሁሉም ሰው ህግ ማክበር አለበት። = hulum sew hg makber alebet. (Everyone must respect the law.)

3. ህይወት (hywet) – Life

- 🌍 ህይወት እንዴት ነው? = hywet endet new? (How is life?)

4. ህዝብ (hzb) – People, nation

- 🇪🇹 የኢትዮጵያ ህዝብ እንግዳ ተቀባይ ነው። = YeEthiopia hzb engda teqebay new. (The Ethiopian people are hospitable.)

5. ህንፃ (hntsa) – Building

- 🏢 ይህ ህንፃ በጣም ረጅም ነው። = Yih hntsa betam rejim new. (This building is very tall.)

6. ህክምና (hkmna) – Treatment, medical care


- 👨⚕️ ዶክተሩ ጥሩ ህክምና አደረገለት። = Dokteru tru hkmna aderegulet. (The doctor gave him good treatment.)

7. ህሊና (hlina) – Conscience


- ❤️🩹 እንድህ አይነት ስራ ለመስራት ህሊናዬ አይፈቅድም። = Endh aynet sra lemesrat hlinaye ayfeqdm. (My conscience won't let me do something like that.)

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8. ህልም (hlm) – Dream

-  ትናንት ማታ አስደሳች ህልም አየሁ። = Tnant mata asdesach hlm ayehu. (I had a pleasant dream last night.)

9. ህብረት (hbret) – Unity, union

-  በህብረት መስራት ደስ ይላል። = Behbret mesrat hayl new. (It is fun to work together.)

10. ህዳር (Hdar) = November

-  ህዳር 10 ነው የተወለድኩ? = Hdar asr new yeteweledkew? (Were you born on November 10th?)

? Quiz Time:

Put the English meanings after each Amharic word and phrase:

1. What does "ህፃን ልጅ" mean? → Baby, kid, infant, child
2. What does "ህግ ማክበር" mean? → Obeying the law
3. What does "እንደት ነው?" mean? → How is it going?
4. What does "እንግዳ ተቀባይ" mean? → Hospitable
5. What does "በጣም ረጅም ህንፃ" mean? → Very tall / long building
6. What does "ጥሩ ህክምና" mean? → A good medical care
7. What does "ህሊናዬ አይፈቅድም።" mean? → My conscience won't allow
8. What does "አስደሳች ህልም" mean? → A pleasant dream
9. What does "ደስ ይላል።" mean? → It's fun
10. What does "ህዳር 10" mean? → November 10th

 Great job! You've learned some very useful Amharic words and phrases.

Important Amharic Phrases:

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Amharic Phrase	Transliteration	English Translation
ህፃን ልጅ	Htsan lj	baby, small child
ህክምና	Hkmna	treatment, medicine
እንዴት ነው?	Endet new?	How are you?
ረጅም ህንፃ	Rejm hntsa	Tall building
ደስ ይላል	Des ylal	It's nice, It's pleasant
ህዳር 10	Hdar aser	November 10th

Series 5: Basic Amharic Words Starting with ሆ (Ho)

Selam! 🙌 Welcome back to our fifth Amharic words lesson! Today, we're learning 7 basic Amharic words that begin with the letter ሆ – 'Ho'.

💡 Pay close attention to the example sentences – they'll help you understand how to use these words naturally!

📎 Don't forget! You can download the full PDF of words and example sentences from 'He' to 'Ho' on my website. It's free and no sign-up needed!

🔑 Vocabulary and Sample Sentences:

1. ሆድ = Stomach, belly

- ሆዴ በጣም ጮኸ። (My stomach rumbled loudly.)

2. ሆቴል = Hotel

- 🏠 እዚህ አካባቢ ምቹ ሆቴል አለ። (There is a comfortable hotel around here.)

3. ሆስፒታል = Hospital

- 🏥 በጣና ስለታመምኩ ወደ ሆስፒታል ሄድኩ። (I went to the hospital because I was very sick.)

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4. ሆኗል = He/it became

- 🌡️ የአየሩ ሁኔታ በጣም ቀዝቃዛ ሆኗል። (The weather has become very cold.)

5. ሆዳም = Gluttonous

- 🍔 በጣም ሆዳም አትሁን። (Don't be very gluttonous.)

6. ሆኖ = (Various meanings depending on context)

- 😬 መረጃውን ቅንነት በጎደላቸው ሰዎች የተሰራጩ ሆኖ አግኝቼዋለሁ። (I found that the information was spread by dishonest people.)
- ❓ ምን ሆኖ ነው? (What happened to him?)
- 🙏 የሆነ ያልሆነ ምክንያት አትስጠኝ። (Don't give me all sorts of excuses.)

7. ሆን ብለው = Deliberately

- 🎯 እነሱ ሆን ብለው የተሳሳተ መረጃ ለህዝብ ያሰራጩሉ። (They deliberately spread inaccurate information among the population.)

? Quiz Time:

- What is the English meaning of the Amharic word "ሆኗል"? ➡ Stomach, belly
- Translate the following sentence into English: "እዚህ አካባቢ ምቹ ሆቴል አለ።" ➡ There is a good hotel around here.
- What is the Amharic word for "hospital"? ➡ ሆስፒታል
- Translate the following sentence into Amharic: "The weather has become very cold." ➡ የአየሩ ሁኔታ በጣም ቀዝቃዛ ሆኗል።
- What does the Amharic word "ሆዳም" mean? ➡ Gluttonous
- Give one possible English translation for the Amharic word "ሆኖ" as used in the example sentences. ➡ Became, happened, being
- What does "ሆን ብለው" mean in English? ➡ Deliberately

👍 Great job learning these words! Remember to review them and practice using them in sentences.

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Stay tuned for the next lesson where we'll explore words starting with the letter ለ! Don't forget to like and subscribe for more Amharic lessons!

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