COMPLETE AFRIKAANS

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Meet the author

Professor Lydia McDermott was a gifted teacher who, for over 35 years, inspired thousands of students from Sub A to PhD (in South Africa, the first year of school and the final qualification of academic scholarship). She was one of those rare and lucky people who don’t have to find out what it is that they love to do, they know unerringly from an early age and spend the rest of their lives glorying in doing it.

Lydia was born into a dual-medium South African family, with an Afrikaans mother and a British father. She qualified as a teacher and then amassed a raft of higher degrees, culminating in a doctorate. Over the course of her life she worked in primary, secondary, and tertiary education, lecturing at several South African universities and developing a special interest in supporting schoolteachers in isolated and deprived rural communities. She earned many accolades, including a Distinguished Teacher’s Award that she cherished.

Despite her many accomplishments, Lydia was down-to-earth, warm, and human.

This new edition of Complete Afrikaans was updated in this spirit and in her memory by her daughter-in-law Rachél McDermott (née Malherbe), her son Liam McDermott, and her daughter Rachel de Kock. Lydia’s friend and colleague of many years, Eduan Swanepoel, kindly gave pedagogical guidance.

Of the three revisers of this book, only one is a mother-tongue Afrikaans speaker: the others speak it as a second language. We tell you this to reassure you that – as we know from personal experience – the beautiful, expressive language you’re about to encounter is a friendly and straightforward language for the novice to learn. We wish you fun and fulfilment as you work through Complete Afrikaans towards competent fluency. Alles van die beste, geniet dit! All the best, enjoy!
Only got a minute?

Afrikaans takes its name from the continent of Africa and is one of eleven official languages in South Africa.

Afrikaans evolved during the last four centuries, making it the youngest natural language in the world. The first European settlers to South Africa spoke Dutch but due to the distance from the Netherlands, a new dialect of the language developed. A true language of multiculturalism, Afrikaans was shaped by immigrants and refugees (for instance, the French Huguenots), slaves (such as those from Malaysia), missionaries (including from Germany and Scotland) and the indigenous people of South Africa (for example, the Khoisan and the Nguni).

Afrikaans continues to be a dynamic and progressive language. Would you have guessed that some Afrikaans words are now common in English? Well, chances are that you know what the words veld, stoep, trek, and spoor mean. And if so, you already know more Afrikaans
than you imagined! If you don’t know these words, the glossaries at the back of this book will help you.

Afrikaans is easy to learn because, firstly, it has a relatively simple grammatical structure compared to that of the Dutch (and English and German) it derives from. Secondly, Afrikaans is wonderfully descriptive. Compare the Afrikaans term *draairoomys* (literally, *turn + ice-cream*) with the English ‘soft-serve’. Lastly, Afrikaans spelling is largely phonetic: you spell it as you say it and vice versa.

While it was badly blemished by its association with apartheid, Afrikaans is part of the shared vernacular of millions of South Africans. It is not a language of minority: Afrikaans is South Africa’s third largest home language after isiZulu and isiXhosa. It’s also not a ‘racist’ language: South Africans of colour are the largest group of Afrikaans-speakers in the country. Afrikaans is a beautiful language that is rightly cherished and celebrated by those who speak it: with the help of *Complete Afrikaans* you’ll soon be able to do the same.
Only got five minutes?

Because Afrikaans is the world’s youngest natural language, its grammatical rules are typically efficient and without many of the complexities common to the world’s older languages. This is a ‘leg-up’ for the learner that Complete Afrikaans uses to full advantage! You’ll be able to master the basics within the first few pages of the book and then build on this foundation with clear, sensible and useful material that helps you to communicate with ever-increasing confidence. With regular practice you’ll soon be able to say with pride: Ek praat Die Taal (I speak The Language). This is how native speakers refer to the Afrikaans language colloquially.

No modern language is cast in stone and Afrikaans is no exception. It is a living language, with words that come into and go out of fashion. Complete Afrikaans acknowledges this by highlighting everyday words that are typically used versus synonyms that may be considered old-fashioned. A good example is the Afrikaans for ‘milkshake’. The current usage is melskomme, literally milk + shake. If you use the word roomysmelk (literally ice-cream + milk) the older generation will be most impressed and the younger generation a little bemused!

This example also illustrates another wonderful and helpful aspect of Afrikaans: if you don’t know a word, you can often figure out what it means by breaking it down into its literal building blocks. Try this yourself with these examples: diere animals + tuin garden = animals garden/dieretuïn; toe closed + broodjie small bread = closed small bread/toebroodjie; aart earth + appel apple = earth apple/aartappel. Could you work it out? The answers are zoo, sandwich, and potato. If you enjoyed this teaser, you’ll find more words to unpack in Units 4 and 16.

The audio of Complete Afrikaans allows you the important experience of hearing the spoken language. Linguists know that
it’s near impossible to learn a language without a language community in which to acquire it. In the absence of Afrikaans speakers in your immediate circle, the audio, the book, and your own voice as you practise out loud will become your language community. Of course, you can broaden this community by accessing those South African on-line stores (like www.kalahari.net) that ship Afrikaans books, CDs and DVDs all over the world.

Many of the iconic Afrikaans films have English subtitles and can help you to build your vocabulary and give you a sense of the rhythm and intonation of the spoken word. As a starting point, we recommend productions by the highly regarded South African director Katinka Heyns: *Fiela se Kind* (based on the award-winning novel by Dalene Matthee, *Fiela’s Child*); the classic *Die Storie van Klara Viljee* (*The Story of Klara Viljee*), and the moving *Paljas* (this word doesn’t really have a direct translation in English but the closest is ‘enchantment’).

Afrikaans music ranges widely, from the traditional to middle-of-the-road to groundbreaking rock and rap. Some artists have cult status in South Africa and listening to them can help to attune your ear to the contemporary, colloquial flow of Afrikaans. Why not give Riku Lätti, Laurika Rauch, Koos Kombuis, Steve Hofmeyer, Die Antwoord, Nico Carstens or Karen Zoid a listen? And if you enjoy a fast-paced, well-written read, look out for the work of the Afrikaans thriller-writer Deon Meyer. (Colloquially, his genre is described in typically expressive terms as *skop-skiet-en-donder!* Can you work out what this means? There’s a clue to help you further on in this article; use it and your glossary to translate the individual words and then think about the kind of action typified by thrillers.) Meyer writes in his mother tongue of Afrikaans but his books have been translated into 20 languages worldwide, including English. You might like to read the original Afrikaans edition of his novel *Onsigbaar* (literally, *unseen, invisible, concealed*) and its English translation *Blood Safari*, in tandem or one after the other. You could do the same with Marita van der Vyver’s wry dramatic novel *Griet skryf ’n sprokie* (literally, *Griet writes a fairytale*) that was published in English as *Entertaining Angels.*
Reading a book in both Afrikaans and English is an unusual and satisfying way to deepen your fluency. If you enjoy poetry, we recommend that you explore the work of N.P. van Wyk Louw, Ingrid Jonker, Ernst van Heerden, Adam Small, and Antjie Krog, to mention but a few. Again, many of these poets have been translated into English so that you have the benefit of being able to use one language to deepen your understanding and experience of the other.

An important aspect of developing your understanding and expressive use of Afrikaans is coming to appreciate the nuances of context. Sometimes a novice speaker of Die Taal is confused when something they’ve said – with all good intentions! – is construed as impolite or inappropriate by a mother-tongue speaker. For example, if the dominee (clergyman) pops by for a cup of coffee, it would be best to avoid using the slang word donder that you encountered above. Literally, it translates as thunder; colloquially, it means to give someone or something a thrashing and is considered somewhat vulgar! Complete Afrikaans helps you to negotiate these subtleties by pointing out when different situations and scenarios call for the use of particular words or phrases.

Rest assured that as you become more proficient and comfortable in Afrikaans, you’ll discover the ability to ‘feel’ when something isn’t quite right. Afrikaans speakers sometimes say ‘dit klink nie reg nie’ (it doesn’t sound right). This is because Afrikaans is a musical language that you can become attuned to and begin to hear it sing to you. Ultimately, to the experienced speaker, a word out of place is as a false note in a concerto. Complete Afrikaans will allow you to become a maestro of this beautiful language with a small amount of effort and a great deal of enjoyment.
Introduction

Before you start

Read this introduction. It will give you some general information and an idea of how the book is structured and how to approach the course. It also gives you tips for learning.

By buying this book, you are indicating your intention of learning a new language. This will be an exciting, but demanding, venture. The enjoyment and excitement should arise from learning what is the youngest language in the world, Afrikaans, and from learning about the people who use it in their everyday lives. The demands will come from spending half an hour a day acquiring the language through the units in this book. You will acquire the language much more quickly and more thoroughly if you work a little each day, rather than working for a long period one day a week. Think about how you acquired your mother tongue – little by little.

The youngest natural language in the world

In a sense, Afrikaans can be said to be both a pidgin and a creole language. Pidgins are a simplified form of language used amongst people who speak different languages and using vocabulary from those languages. When pidgins are learnt by children as a mother tongue, they become grammatically more complex, and we call them creoles.

Afrikaans is a creole in that it derives from Dutch (and German and English) and has borrowed much from the African and Malay languages. It is a pidgin in that its grammatical structure is much simplified from the Dutch and has adopted much vocabulary from all the languages with which it has been in contact.
The most profound influence on Afrikaans has come from the various ‘coloured’ (mixed race) people of South Africa for whom, along with the so-called white Afrikaners, it has become the mother tongue. It is spoken also by most of the Griqua people who live along the reaches of the Orange River and who acquired the language during their contact with the Afrikaners who trekked into the hinterland to escape British Crown rule.

Over time Afrikaans has shown itself to be particularly receptive to borrowings from other languages with which it has been in contact. As such, it has accepted new concepts with the minimum of fuss and bother. Afrikaans spelling is largely phonetic – spell it as you say it – and much of the vocabulary is, as Anglo-Saxon was, made up of compound nouns which can be literally translated and metaphorically interpreted. For example, a vacuum cleaner is a stofsuier – literally, a ‘dust-sucker’. Easy isn’t it?

As the most daunting task in learning any language is acquiring a vocabulary, a vocabulary of such compounds is a real bonus. Furthermore, the language has three basic tenses (not six like English) and very few exceptions to any of the rules. Should you know German or Dutch, or any other Germanic language, you will find it very easy to master the Afrikaans word order. Remember that one theory states that you need acquire only 300 words of a language to communicate in it.

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Afrikaans speakers

As has happened with English – where many varieties of English all over the world have come to be recognized as equal to Standard British English – purist Afrikaners have had to recognize various other varieties of Afrikaans as equal in status to Standard Afrikaans. The standard form of Afrikaans, as has also happened in English, is primarily now retained almost exclusively in the written form. An ‘Academy’ has existed for many years for the sole purpose of keeping the written form of the language ‘pure’. It has, for many years,
brought out a style and spelling handbook at regular intervals. But whereas, earlier, the Academy’s task was to prevent language change in terms of ‘standard’ Afrikaans, known as AB Afrikaans (Algemeen Beskaafd Afrikaans – literally, ‘generally civilized’ Afrikaans, i.e. white Afrikaans!), it has, in recent years, been compelled by Afrikaans speakers (of all colours) to rewrite the ‘rules’ of Afrikaans to reflect the patterns of the speakers’ common language practice.

The Afrikaans you will be learning in this book will enable you to adopt both a formal and an informal position when you require it. Please note that accents and pronunciation used on the recording should not be construed as exclusive, elite or a sign of intellectual superiority. Only in the early units, in which the pronunciation is of necessity unnaturally and artificially clear, is an attempt made to pronounce the sounds in a ‘standardized’ way. In most speech, some sounds and/or syllables are elided and this is particularly true amongst mother-tongue speakers. Indeed, one way in which we become aware that someone is not a mother-tongue speaker is through the precision and perfection of his/her speech!

About this book

Like other titles in the series, this book is designed to help you acquire an additional language without having any previous knowledge of it. You may not know a single Afrikaans word – except perhaps for the word ‘apartheid’ – or understand the language at all, but by the end of the course, if you practise and work consistently, you will be able to communicate orally and in writing in simple, but adequate Afrikaans.

You will be introduced progressively to the basics of the language and to the language behaviour (pragmatics) associated with the various cultural groups which use the language. To ensure your spoken use of Afrikaans is not stilted and is appropriate, preference has been given to idiomatic expression. The focus in
the written language has been on getting a message across to a reader. By definition, then, the written forms are more formal and exacting than the spoken. You will also learn to read non-technical Afrikaans written texts, including newspaper articles, magazines, pamphlets, travel guides, instructions and even, perhaps, works of popular fiction. You should have no trouble following Afrikaans feature films (some of which are world class) or television shows. The more you practise, the quicker and more you will learn. Nothing helps like finding a mother-tongue speaker on whom to try out your Afrikaans.

The narrative content of the units will enable you, while acquiring the language, to learn about and to understand not only the speakers of Afrikaans but also South Africa itself, its painful past and its hopeful present.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course you will have acquired sufficient language and vocabulary to interact both orally and in writing with Afrikaans speakers in a variety of situations and will be able to, at least:

- greet people;
- ask for information and directions;
- interact with Afrikaners socially, whatever their cultural group;
- ask Afrikaners about themselves and about South Africa;
- talk about your own country;
- find your way around in a South African town and the countryside; and
- talk about the diverse South African social and environmental landscape.

You will also come to an understanding of the South African society in all its linguistic and cultural diversity. This knowledge will facilitate the cross-cultural interactions you are likely to face should you visit South Africa.
How is the book structured?

There are 17 language-learning units in this book including three test-yourself sections (Units 7, 13 and 17), the answers for which are given in the Key to the exercises at the back of the book. The book is organized thematically around topics which relate to Afrikaans, its speakers and their cultural practices, and to Afrikaans as an instrument of history. The themes vary in approach and in content, but all contain an explanation of particular basic grammar patterns and the vocabulary relevant to the current theme. Each unit also has plenty of activities and more formal written exercises to give you practice in spelling and grammatical patterns.

In addition, most units have useful cultural information. This covers practices which may be culturally specific to Afrikaners or, more generally, South African matters which might be of practical use and of interest. As such, the former covers both ‘coloured’ Afrikaner practices as well as those of ‘white’ Afrikanders (where these differ from one another) and the latter, the spectrum of South African society.

Keep an eye out for the Insight boxes in each unit of the book. Some of these emphasize an important point covered in the unit while others orientate you to particular cultural practices you may encounter. The Insight boxes aim to help you learn about Afrikaans people while you’re learning their language.

The units become progressively more complex and should be worked through in consecutive order. Each unit not only builds on the previous one, but also incorporates, and thus consolidates, that which has gone before. All the language structures are presented within contexts in which they are likely to be appropriate.

Where the meanings of words are deducible from their similarity to English words, the words have not been translated. This will help you to associate the Afrikaans sounds with their corresponding spelled forms, and improve your Afrikaans word power by making you take conscious note of similarities, whether orthographic or auditory.
Vocabulary – the heart of talking

The most laborious, but essential, task when learning any language is acquiring the words to say what you want to say, to ask what you need to ask. You will get somewhere with no grammar, but nowhere without vocabulary. There is no easy way to acquire the thousands of words that make up any language. Consider, however, that the average four-year-old has acquired hundreds of words and a reasonably competent grammar, without any formal learning. If a four-year-old can do it, so can you! Think about the ways you acquired your mother tongue from those around you and apply that to your target language!

It is a linguistic truism that you can only learn a language if you have a language community in which to acquire it. If you are unable to find a mother-tongue speaker or have no access to Afrikaans music, DVDs, radio or print media, in effect this book, your own voice and the recordings are your language community.

At the end of the book you will find two glossaries: one English–Afrikaans, and the other Afrikaans–English. You will find that when you are ‘composing’ you will generally use the former the most and when you are reading or listening you will use the latter the most. This is perfectly natural. Remember that even translators rely heavily on dictionaries and thesauri (if they are available). Be patient and use the glossaries. Each time you require a new word, learn it. It is always better to learn a few words at a time than to try to learn a large number, out of context of use, in one sitting. If your house companions don’t object, paste lists up in the kitchen and the toilet – anywhere you are likely to be able to spend a little time revising and memorizing! If you have bought the recordings together with this book, play them in the car or on your mp3 player.

Keep your own vocabulary list in an alphabetized book. You will be amazed at how quickly your list grows. Don’t cheat, though.
Write down only the words you really know the meaning of and can spell!

Alles van die beste. Geniet dit! All the best. Enjoy!
Don’t focus solely on the pronunciation guide on the recording. Listen, listen and listen again and again to the whole recording even if you don’t understand the meaning of what you are listening to. You are trying to acquire the ‘noise’ of the language. The more you listen to what will initially be a continuous babble, the sooner you will come to hear the babble as a series of discrete sounds and sound blocks. The more discrete the babble becomes, the better you are hearing the Afrikaans. The language is in fact becoming meaningful to you. You are recognizing the sound nuances and you are picking up the rhythms of Afrikaans. Always try to mimic the sounds you hear. If you have a tape recorder available, record your practice efforts. Alternate between the recording which accompanies the book and your own. See if you can pick up the sounds, words and phrases you are having difficulty with. Write these down. Practise them until you have mastered them. Do not repeatedly practise what you have mastered. This is a waste of time.

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Pronunciation

: indicates a long sound

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\text{\textit{t}} & \text{i, e, 'n} & \text{pik (\textit{peck}), gids (\textit{guide}), 'n tafel (\textit{a table}), in} \\
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\textit{asleep} (the unstressed vowel or schwa)
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<td>put (hole), pluk (pick), bul (bull), buffel (buffalo)</td>
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<td>Sjina (China), masjien (machine), nasionaal</td>
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<td>35</td>
<td>h</td>
<td>huis (house), haas (rabbit), hawe (harbour)</td>
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<td>36</td>
<td>ts</td>
<td>tsar, tsetse (fly), tsotsi (thug), koets (coach)</td>
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<td>37</td>
<td>tj</td>
<td>tjank (yelp/cry), tjek (cheque), tjoepstil (dead quiet)</td>
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<td>38</td>
<td>j</td>
<td>jellie, jol (have fun)</td>
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<td>39</td>
<td>j</td>
<td>jok (tell a lie), jare (years), jonk (young), jy (you)</td>
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<td>40</td>
<td>l</td>
<td>lip, lelik (ugly), leeu (lion), mallemeule (carousel)</td>
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</table>
Ref. Letter In Afrikaans words Sounds like the underlined sound in these words (British English pronunciation unless otherwise indicated)

41 r voor (in front), kamer (room); rooi (red), rok (dress)
rolled as in Scots merry

42 m man, kamer (room),
gom (glue/gum),
sommer (summer)

43 n wennern (winner), seun (son/boy), nou (now),
wanneer (when)

44 ng / nk bang (afraid), vang (catch), lank (long),
bedank (thank)

Written accents
There are three written accents in Afrikaans, the circumflex (^), the acute (́) and the two dots or trema (¨). The ^ and ́ are used to indicate a change in sound (and therefore in meaning), e.g.

hoe (how) → hoë (high)
se (the ‘s ending in English, showing possession) → sê (say)

The acute ́ is used to indicate a stressed syllable, as in
die (the) → dié (this)

Again, these words sound different, and as you see they have different meanings.
Groete
Greetings

In this unit you will learn
- About the use of greetings in Afrikaner culture
- The terms for members of the family
- The terms for the relationships among family members
- How Afrikaners distinguish between their nuclear and extended families
- How to say hello
- How to say goodbye

Note
The Afrikaans word groete greetings comes from groet, which can mean either to greet or to say ‘goodbye’.

Insight
The Afrikaners place a lot of importance on courtesy and polite behaviour. When you meet someone or phone them, your first question should be Hoe gaan dit met jou? How are you? The other person’s response will generally be Goed dankie. En met jou? Their response to your politeness is another politeness! You would never just say Môre Morning and then hurtle into what you want to talk about.
Dialogue 1

Meet the Smit family.

mev. Smit  Ek is die moeder.
mnr. Smit  Ek is die vader.
mnr. en mev. Smit  Ons het twee kinders. Een is 'n seun, die ander is 'n meisie. Ons dogter se naam is Susanna. Die gesin naem haar op haar bynaam, Sannie. Ons seun se naam is Piet.
Sannie  Ek is Sannie. Piet is my broer. Ek is sy suster.
Piet  Ek is Piet. Sannie is my suster. Ek is haar broer.
Sannie en Piet  Ons pa se naam is Jan. Ons ma se naam is Marie.

moeder  mother
vader  father
twee  two
kinders  children
een  one
seun  boy
ander  other
meisie  girl
dogter  daughter

naam  name
gesin  family
bynaam  nickname
seun  son
broer  brother
suster  sister
pa  dad
ma  mum
ek  I

Exercise 1

The following picture is of three generations of one family. Besides a father, mother and older children, the picture includes the oldest and youngest family members: the grandparents, ouna (grandmother), oupa (grandfather) and the baby (baba).

Use the following words to identify the people in the picture:

dogter, Pa, moeder, Oupa, seun, Ma, baba, vader, broer, Ouma, suster, kinders
Language patterns

Pronouns

Pronouns, as the word implies, are those words which are used to replace nouns (persons, places or things). It is likely we would find the sentence *Peter looked for Peter's book, Peter* most odd. We would normally say, *Peter looked for his book, himself*. The words *his* and *himself* substitute for the words *Peter's* and the second occurrence of *Peter* in the sentence, respectively. Pronoun substitution is used to avoid repetition, which often leads to clumsy sentences. Pronouns work the same way in Afrikaans as they do in English.

Insight

In Afrikaans, we have two ways of saying you. Generally, we use the word *jy*, but we also have a special form, *u*, for addressing those to whom we would be expected to show respect in terms of Afrikaans cultural practice. For example, we would say, *Goeiemôre, Meneer. Hoe gaan dit met u?*
(Good morning, Sir. How are you?) if we were addressing our boss or perhaps a child was addressing his/her headteacher.

In a typical Afrikaans expression of respect, mother-tongue speakers will address any adult older than themselves – including strangers – as oom or tannie (uncle or aunt). So don’t be surprised if someone addresses you in this way: they’re not claiming kinship with you, they’re being polite!

Look at the following table which sets out the English pronouns and their Afrikaans equivalents.

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<tr>
<td><strong>Singular</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Plural</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>ek, my, myne (I, me/my, mine)</td>
<td>ons, ons s’n (we/us, our/ours)</td>
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<tr>
<td>jy, u, jou, joune (you, you (respectful), your, yours)</td>
<td>julle, u, julle s’n, u s’n (you/your, you/your (respectful), yours, yours (respectful))</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hy, sy, hom, haar, syne, hare (he, she/his, him, her, his, hers)</td>
<td>hulle, hulle s’n (they/them/their, theirs)</td>
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CD1, TR 4

1 Ek is Ma.  I am Mother.
2 Ons het twee kinders.  We have two children.
3 Piet en Sannie is ons kinders.  Piet and Sannie are our children.
4 Die kinders is ons s’n.  The children are ours.
5 Meneer, is dit u boek?  Sir, is this your book?
6 Sy is Sannie.  She is Sannie.
7 Dit is sy boek.  It is his book.

Note

- While there are separate singular and plural forms of jy, the u form is used for both the singular and plural:
  To your friend/friends, you would say:
  Marie, jy is welkom.  Mary, you are welcome.
  Marie en Piet, julle is welkom.  Mary and Peter, you are welcome.
In a formal situation you would say:
Meneer, u is welkom. Sir, you are welcome.
Meneer en Mevrou, u is welkom. Sir, Madam, you are welcome.

- The formal u, the ‘respectful’ form, substitutes for jy/jou/julle;
- Sy can mean either she or his;
- My can mean either me or my;
- Ons can mean either we or our.

Language patterns

Possessive pronouns

In English, when we want to show that something belongs to someone or something, we use phrases like Mary’s hat (the hat of Mary), where the apostrophe before the s replaces the ownership word of. In Afrikaans we never use an apostrophe with a noun to show possession. For the English of we will use se in Afrikaans, and for the English ’s, we will use the particle s’n. The particles se and s’n are used in both the singular and the plural (that is whether talking about one or many persons, places or things). Both the se and the s’n come immediately after the ‘owning’ noun:

Dit is Piet se boek. This is the book of Piet.
Die tafel se poot is af. The leg of the table is broken.
Die boek is Piet s’n. The book is Piet’s.
Dit is Ma s’n. It is Mum’s.

Exercise 2
From the list below choose the correct pronoun or particle for each of the following sentences.

julle u hy haar ek sy jou se
Example:
Marie is Piet en Sannie _____ ma. →
Marie is Piet en Sannie se ma.

1 “Kinders bringasseblief Pa _____ ontbyt.”
2 Sannie groet _____ ma en pa.
3 Piet vra of _____ Ma kan help.
4 “Pa, hier is _____ ontbyt.”
5 “Hoe gaan dit met _____ Ma?”
6 “Goed dankie, Piet. Hoe gaan dit met _____?”
7 “Sannie en Piet, kan _____ kom help?”
8 _____ en Piet het lekker geslaap.
9 Ma sê _____ het ook lekker geslaap.

Exercise 3
What do you notice about the Afrikaans written address forms when they precede a name? Look carefully at the dialogue at the beginning of this unit.

Exercise 4
1 Listen again to the recording and then repeat Dialogue 1 out loud.
2 What would Sannie have said if she had had a sister, Sara?
3 What would Piet have said if he had had a brother, Dawid?

Dialogue 2
It is breakfast time in the Smit house.
Môre Morning!
ontbyt breakfast
amper reg nearly ready
dankie thank you
goed geslaap slept well
ja, dankie yes, thank you

Exercise 5
In order to practise your pronunciation, you need to tune your ear to the ‘noise’ of Afrikaans. Listening and repeating along with the dialogues will help you. You need to try to match your pronunciation to that of the recording. You will find this easier the more you listen to the language.

1. Read the dialogue again, while you listen to it on the recording.
2. Read the dialogue out loud along with the recording.
3. Role play Mrs Smit’s role, by responding to what each of the other characters says to her.

Greetings

CD1, TR 6

You will see from the dialogue that each member of the Smit family greets the others with the expression Môre. This expression is an abbreviation of the full, more formal, expression Goeiemôre. The following table sets out the most common forms of greetings, both formal and informal.

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<td>goeiemôre good morning</td>
<td>môre morning</td>
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<tr>
<td>goeiemiddag good afternoon</td>
<td>middag afternoon</td>
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<tr>
<td>goeienaand good evening</td>
<td>naand evening</td>
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<tr>
<td>goeiedag good day</td>
<td>dag good day</td>
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<td></td>
<td>dagsè good day</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>hil hil</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
Language patterns

gesin and familie

In English, the word ‘family’ refers to both your nuclear and your extended family. In Afrikaans, however, two words are used to distinguish between the two ideas. The word gesin is used to refer only to your nuclear family. The word familie refers only to your extended family.

A family tree graphically represents the extended family.

Look carefully at the following family tree, representing Sannie and Piet’s family. Note the kinship (relationship) terms. The squares represent males and the circles stand for females.

Some of the kinship terms are given in Dialogue 1, above. Here are some more:

boetie brother (affectionate, diminutive term)
neef male cousin
niggie female cousin
oom uncle
ouma grandmother
1 Oom Jan responding to Ouma, his mother.
   b Piet and Sannie responding to their cousins Sarel and Jannie.
   c Mrs Smit to her sister-in-law, Susanne.
   d Ouma to her son, Gert.
   e Mr Smit to his brother, Gert.

2 How would they all greet Ouma?
Dialogue 3

In this dialogue, we accompany Mr Smit and the children as they leave for work and school.

Pa Kom, kinders. Ons ry nou. Ons gaan laat wees.
Kinders Ons kom, Pappa. Totsiens, Mamma. Lekker dag!
Ma Totsiens, kinders. Geniet die dag.
Pa Totsiens, Marie. Sien jou vanaand.
Ma Totsiens, Jan. Lekker werk!
Pa Dankie, Ma. Jy ook.

kom come
gaan go
ry leave, drive away
nou now
laat late
vanaand tonight
geniet enjoy
werk work
ook also

c Exercise 7

None of the Smits just say ‘goodbye’. Each of them offers a pleasantry. Make a list of their pleasantries together with any English equivalent terms you might know.

Taking your leave

CD1, TR 9

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<td>totsiens</td>
<td>goodbye</td>
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<td>goeiemôre</td>
<td>sien jou</td>
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<td>goeiemiddag</td>
<td>ta ta</td>
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<td>goeienag</td>
<td>nagsê</td>
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<td>alles van die beste</td>
<td>nag</td>
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<td>stay well</td>
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Exercise 8
a Read through the table above, while you listen to the recording.
b Repeat the Afrikaans terms along with the recording.

The most important things to remember

1 When you greet someone in Afrikaans, you ask how they are at the same time: Môre. Hoe gaan dit?
2 In Afrikaans, gesin means the nuclear family (Mum, Dad and children), while familie means the extended family including grandparents, cousins etc.
3 In Afrikaans the pronoun ‘you’ has two forms: jy (informal) and u (formal).
4 In Afrikaans we don’t use an apostrophe (’s) to show possession, we use s’n.
5 To indicate possession using ‘of’, use se.
Ja meneer, nee meneer
Yes sir, no sir

In this unit you will learn
- Afrikaans address forms
- How to count
- How to tell the time
- The three Afrikaans tenses – present, past and future
- The use of the Afrikaans verb to be
- Afrikaans telephone conventions

All speakers meeting one another for the first time will say Goeiemôre Good morning in the morning, Goeiemiddag in the afternoon and Goeienaand in the evening. In formal situations and as a sign of respect, you would also include the name/s of the person/s whom you are addressing – Baie dankie, Meneer (en Mevrou) Smit. Thank you very much, Mr and Mrs Smit.

The terms for sir and madam are meneer and mevrou – literally mister and missis. As in German, in Afrikaans the term for unmarried women, mejuffrou, or more commonly nowadays, juffrou, is frequently avoided for politeness’ sake. The abbreviated written forms of address are derived from the three terms meneer, mevrou and mejuffrou – mnr., mev., and mej. As noted in Unit 1, these forms don’t take a capital letter and are closed with a full stop. The only exception to the rule of no capitalisation for these abbreviations is when they are used to start a full sentence.
For example: Mr. Smit gaat werk toe. Mr Smit goes to work.

After someone has been introduced he/she will respond, Aangename kennis – Pleased to meet you. Literally, this means ‘pleasant knowledge’. The expression Aangename kennis is an idiomatic phrase which you should learn by heart.

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Dialogue 1

Sannie and Piet arrive at school. They both see friends. After school assembly they go to their respective classes.

**Van die kinders se vriende**

Sannie en Piet

Gert

Jurg

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hi daar julle! Kom hier. Die klok gaan nou lui.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Hi, julle. Ons kom. Ons is vandag amper laat.</td>
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<td>Ja, ons sien so. Daar lui die klok.</td>
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<td>Kom ons gaan.</td>
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In Sannie’s Afrikaans class:

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<th>mnr. de Bruin</th>
<th>Goeiemôre, klas.</th>
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<td>Klas saam</td>
<td>Goeiemôre, Meneer.</td>
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<tr>
<td>mnr. de Bruin</td>
<td>Sit asseblief, kinders, en haal julle taalboeke uit.</td>
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In Piet’s biology class:

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<td>Klas saam</td>
<td>Goeiemôre, Juffrou.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mej. Malan</td>
<td>Sit asseblief, klas. Kom haal elkeen ’n padda.</td>
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</table>

- **Hier** here
- **die klok lui** the bell is ringing
- **Meneer** Sir
- **taalboeke** grammar books
- **Juffrou** Ma’am
- **elkeen** each
- ’n padda a frog
- **haal** fetch, get
Exercise 1
1 Read the dialogues while you listen to the recording.
2 Read out loud along with the recording.

Language patterns

Numbers

As in any language numbers are used for a variety of purposes: counting things, telling the time, giving dates and ranking things in a particular order. In this unit we will look first at the counting numbers and then at how these are used to tell the time. In Unit 3, we will look at ranking numbers and in Unit 5 at how these are used to say dates.

Words for counting

Note that when two options are given (e.g. agt/ag), the second is more commonly used in everyday language. The first is correct but is less up-to-date.

CD1, TR 12

Numbers 1–20

een 1  seis 6  elf 11  sesien 16
twee 2  sewe 7  twaalf 12  sewentien 17
drie 3  agtag 8  dertien 13  agtien 18
vier 4  nege 9  veertien 14  negentien neëntien 19
vyf 5  tien 10  vyftien 15  twintig 20

Units of ten

tien 10  sestig 60
twintig 20  sewentig 70
dertig 30  tagtig 80
veertig 40  negentig neëntig 90
vyftig 50  honderd 100
Tens and units

In Afrikaans, once we move from the ‘teens’, we add the numbers from 1 to 9 to the particular unit of ten:

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<td>een-en-twintig</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>vier-en-twintig</td>
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<td>twee-en-twintig</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>vyf-en-twintig</td>
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<td>drie-en-twintig</td>
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<td>ses-en-twintig</td>
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<td>seve-en-twintig</td>
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<td>twee-en-dertig</td>
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Hundreds

Once we move into the hundreds, simply add the relevant number to the word honderd:

- een honderd en sewe      107
- drie honderd, vier-en-sewentig  374

Numbers above 1,000

Once we move into the thousands, simply add the word duisend:

- een duisend, een honderd en sewe      1,107
- een-en-twintig duisend, drie honderd, vier-en-sewentig  2,374

Note

- We say the numbers formed from units of ten, like 21, ‘backwards’ – first the unit number, and then the rest – een-en-twintig.
- When we write figures, we use commas between each of the thousands, hundreds, tens and units groups: 21,374 – een-en-twintig duisend, drie honderd, vier-en-sewentig.
- In Afrikaans the practice is to write numbers in figures rather than in words.
- Look in the useful information section at the end of the book for other numbers you may find useful.
Exercise 2

Write and say the following numbers in words:

Example: 6,789 ses duisend, sewe honderd, nege-en-tagtig

1  9
2  19
3  99
4  999
5  9,999

6  32
7  2,186
8  12,345
9  345,678

Language patterns

Telling the time

Full hours
07h00  sewe-uur  seven o’clock
08h00  agtuur/ag-uur  eight o’clock

Half hours
12h30  halfeen  half past twelve
       (‘half before one’)  half past seven
07h30  halfagt/halfag  (‘half before eight’)

Quarter hours
11h15  kwart oor elf  a quarter past eleven
02h45  kwart voor drie  a quarter to three
Minutes
09h05       vyf oor nege       five past nine
10h10       tien oor tien     ten past ten
11h40       twintig voor twee twenty to two

When we use the 12-hour clock we have to say whether the time is a.m. (before 12 noon) or p.m. (after noon). In Afrikaans we do this by using the words voormiddag (before noon) and namiddag (after noon). The English abbreviations a.m. and p.m. are translated into Afrikaans as vm. and nm., respectively.

Stating the time using the 24-hour clock is easy, as one merely states the numbers in the order they are written, except that for full hours we add the words honderd (hundred) and uur (hour).

Full hours
07h00       sewe honderd uur
08h00       agt honderd uur
09h00       twintig honderd uur

Half hours
12h30       twaalf-dertig
07h30       sewe-dertig
22h30       twee-en-twintig dertig

Quarter hours
11h15       elf-vyftien
14h45       veertien-vyf-en-veertig

Minutes
09h05       nege-nul-vyf
10h10       tien-tien
13h40       dertien-veertig

Note
- In twee-uur and sewe-uur, there would be several vowels together, some of which form other actual Afrikaans vowel
sounds. Thus, a hyphen is used to separate letters so that the required vowel sound will be made.

- In agtuur and halfeen, only the correct vowel sound is possible. Thus, the hyphen is not required and the words are written as one.
- While in English, we say for 15h00, fifteen hundred hours, in Afrikaans we use the singular form, uur – vyftien-honderd-uur.

**Insight**

Invitations which say 19h30 for 20h00 are common in South Africa. This usually indicates that the ‘official’ proceedings will begin at 20h00 and that drinks and snacks will be available beforehand.

**Exercise 3**

- **CD1, TR 15**

Using the 12-hour clock, write in words, or say, in Afrikaans, the time shown on each of the clocks below. Clocks 1–4 show times before noon and clocks 5–8 show times after noon. Ensure that you make the difference clear in your answers, by stating voormiddag for a.m. and namiddag for p.m.

![Clocks](image)

**Exercise 4**

Next to each activity, using the 12-hour clock, write in words the time at which you do each. Do not forget to indicate a.m. and p.m., by using either vm. or nm.
You will find a model answer in the key to the exercises.

Example: aandete geniet have supper halfagt/halfag nm.

1. opstaan get up
2. ontbyt eet have breakfast
3. gaan werk go to work
4. tee drink have morning tea
5. huis toe gaan go home
6. nuus luister listen to the news
7. bad bath
8. gaan slaap go to sleep

Insight

In Afrikaans, noting the time on the half-hour is always in relation to the next full hour. This is the opposite to English, in which we say ‘half past twelve’: using the past full hour and adding the 30 minutes that have already passed. In Afrikaans we say halfeen, using the full hour that’s ahead and subtracting the 30 minutes that are still outstanding.

Language patterns

Verbs and tenses

All languages have verbs (doing words) and nouns (naming words) in their grammar. In fact, if you know lots of nouns and verbs in another language you should be able to make yourself understood in that language. For example, if you want to say in Afrikaans that someone’s dog is going to bite you, you really only need to know the two words hond (dog) and byt (bite) to get across your fear and acquire the listener’s help. This ‘telegraphic’ style is the way in which children talk when they are learning to speak a language.

Now you can see why it is so important to learn as much vocabulary as possible and the reason there are so many vocabulary lists throughout this book. Without the vocabulary you will be able to
say, and thus communicate, little; you will understand even less of what is said to you, even if you know all the ‘grammar’ rules. Throughout this book you will be concentrating on nouns and verbs. In this unit we will be focusing on verbs and the way in which verbs tell the time at which something is done.

1 Verbs

Verbs are the ‘heart’ of any sentence – that part of a sentence which makes the sentence ‘alive’, so to speak. Verbs are often described as the ‘doing’ words in a sentence in that they describe/state what someone or something is doing. For example:

Sannie and Piet are sleeping.
Mr Smit went to work.
Mrs Smit greets Ouma.
The cousins will arrive late.

The ‘verb’ in a sentence may be made up of more than one word - a word (the ‘main’ verb) which describes an action, something being done – and other bits which in English, because it is our first language, we sense belong to the ‘main’ verb. Because Afrikaans is foreign to us, we might find that we do not have the same kind of intuitive feeling when it comes to the parts of Afrikaans verbs. In Unit 12, you will meet these bits and pieces of the verb, more formally.

In Afrikaans, the same form of the verb is used for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd person, whether the doer is singular or plural, or masculine, feminine or neuter. In English, the verb form may change. For example, compare the following sentences:

Ek spring.
Die padda spring.
Sannie spring.
Piet spring.
Die prys spring.

I jump.
The frog jumps.
Sannie jumps.
Piet jumps.
The price jumps.
All languages allow for telling about things that are happening in the present, happened in the past and will happen in the future. Some languages, like English, allow a variety of tenses; for example, the present continuous (You are reading slowly), the past continuous (She was reading) and the perfect (I have done it). These forms are not available in Afrikaans – you will learn how to deal with them in Unit 12. Afrikaans is much simpler and basically has the three main tenses: past, present and future:

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<th>What happened previously.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Teenwoordig</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>What is happening now.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Toekomende</td>
<td>Future</td>
<td>What will happen in the future.</td>
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Present tense
Use this tense when you want to talk about things that are happening now. As noted earlier in this unit, the same form of the verb is used throughout for all persons in both the singular and plural.

Ek/Sannie/Die onderwyser loop.  I walk./Sannie/The teacher walks.
Ek/Sannie/Die onderwyser lees.  I read./Sannie/The teacher reads.
Ek/Sannie/Die onderwyser werk.  I work./Sannie/The teacher works.
Ons/Julle/Hulle loop.            We/You/They walk.
Ons/Julle/Hulle lees.            We/You/They read.
Ons/Julle/Hulle werk.            We/You/They work.

Note
Self-correcting exercises
We have said before that part of learning a new language is learning its words and learning its ‘sound’. Self-correcting exercises are indispensable when you need to acquire the sound and tense patterns of Afrikaans (or any other ‘foreign’ language) sentences. The advantage of these exercises is that you cannot give a wrong answer, and that by repeating large numbers of correct answers, your ears become attuned to the noise/sound of the structure you are practising.
The tables in Exercises 5, 6 and 7 are all self-correcting exercises. In such exercises, make a new sentence each time by choosing an alternative form from each column. As long as you read from left to right and choose one word from each column, you can’t make a mistake.

To help you along, sentences compiled from each of the three following exercises have been recorded. As you work on each of the tenses, listen carefully to the appropriate set of sentences and practise them and compile others from the tables. These are important exercises if you want to get the feel of Afrikaans.

**Exercise 5**

[D, TR 16]

Use Table 1 to compose orally as many new present-tense sentences as you can. You can make a possible 125 sentences!

**Example:**

*Elke dag ry ek dorp toe.*  
_Every day I travel to town._ (lit. _Every day travel I town to._)

*Elke oggend loop ek stasie toe.*  
_Every morning I walk to the station._

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Elke</th>
<th>dag</th>
<th>ry</th>
<th>dorp</th>
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<td></td>
<td>môre</td>
<td>stap</td>
<td>winkel</td>
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<td>middag</td>
<td>loop</td>
<td>ek</td>
<td>kafee</td>
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<tr>
<td>aand</td>
<td>draf</td>
<td>stasie</td>
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<td>oggend</td>
<td>wandel</td>
<td>poskantoor</td>
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**Table 1 Teenwoordige tyd** _Present tense_

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<td>kafee</td>
<td>café</td>
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<td>stasie</td>
<td>station</td>
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<tr>
<td>poskantoor</td>
<td>post office</td>
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<tr>
<td>toe</td>
<td>to</td>
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</table>
Additional vocabulary

From this point on, you will find that exercises and cultural practice notes frequently include extra vocabulary lists. These are provided in the belief that without an adequate vocabulary, no one can speak a language even if he/she might be able to explain the grammar of that language. The function of any grammar is to organize the meaning of what someone is saying so that another person who shares the language with the speaker/writer can understand it. Do not be tempted to skip learning the vocabulary. The more words you know and understand, the faster you will acquire Afrikaans.

Many of the vocabulary items are also recorded. Practise the words and listen to them and their English equivalents often. At this stage, you should be concentrating more on speech than on writing, so do not focus on the spelling of the words, but on sound and meaning.

Past tense

In English, the regular way in which to form the past tense is to add the particle -ed to the (main) verb (the word that names the action); i.e. Today I skip (present tense). Yesterday I skipped (past tense). The regular way to form the past tense in Afrikaans is to use the verb het and to attach the particle ge- to the ‘main’ verb. For example:

Ek/Sannie/Die onderwyser het geloop.  
I/Sannie/The teacher walked.
Ek/Sannie/Die onderwyser het gelees.  
I/Sannie/The teacher read.
Ek/Sannie/Die onderwyser het gewerk.  
I/Sannie/The teacher worked.

Verbs that begin with ver-, be-, ont- and her- don’t add the ge- particle. For example:

Ek het my boeke verkoop.  
I sold my books.
Ek het vir my boeke betaal.  
I paid for my books.
Hy het haar verjaarsdag onthou.  
He remembered her birthday.
Sy het my herken.  
She recognized me.
Exercise 6

CD1, TR 17

Use Table 2 to compose orally as many new past tense sentences as you can.

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<th>vandag</th>
<th>geswem.</th>
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<td>gehardloop.</td>
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<td>verlede week</td>
<td></td>
<td>huiswerk gedoen.</td>
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<td>verlede maand</td>
<td></td>
<td>my ma gehelp.</td>
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<tr>
<td>gisteraand</td>
<td></td>
<td>roomys gekoop.</td>
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<tr>
<td>elke dag</td>
<td></td>
<td>my boeke gelees.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ek</td>
<td>het</td>
<td>klavier gespeel.</td>
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</table>

Table 2 Verlede tyd *Past tense*

Note

You can make a possible 42 sentences from Table 2.

Example:

Ek het gister my ma gehelp.  
Ek het elke dag klavier gespeel.  

*I helped my mother yesterday.*  
*I played the piano every day.*

**verlede** last  
**week** week  
**maand** month  
**gisteraand** last night  
**vandag** today  
**gister** yesterday  
**geswem** swam  
**gehardloop** ran  

**huiswerk** housework  
**gedoen** did  
**gehelp** helped  
**roomys** ice cream  
**gekoop** bought  
**gelees** read  
**klavier** piano  
**gespeel** played

Future tense

In English we form the future tense by adding *shall* or *will* to the (main) verb; i.e. *Tomorrow I shall skip* or *Tomorrow Vasu will skip*. In Afrikaans we add the verb *sal* to the ‘main’ verb when we wish to use the future tense. For example:
Exercise 7
CD1, TR 18

Use Table 3 to compose orally as many new future tense sentences as you can.

<table>
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<th>Ons</th>
<th>jou help.</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>Hulle</td>
<td>die koppies was.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ons kinders</td>
<td>sal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Piet</td>
<td>tuis bly.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ma</td>
<td>die huis skoonmaak.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>kom groet.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>gou weer kom kuier.</td>
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</table>

**Table 3 Toekomende tyd** *Future tense*

**Note**
You can make a possible 40 sentences from Table 3.

**Example:**
Ons sal die Juffrou groet.  
Piet sal die huis skoonmaak.  

**We will greet the teacher.**  
**Piet will clean the house.**

- **koppies** cups and saucers  
- **kos** food  
- **kook** to cook  
- **tuis** home  
- **huis** house  
- **skoonmaak** to clean  
- **kom groet** to come and say goodbye  
- **gou** soon  
- **weer** again  
- **kuier** visit
Exercise 8
Write each of the following present tense sentences firstly in the past tense and then in the future tense.

Example:
Ek kook die kos. → Ek het die kos gekook. → Ek sal die kos kook.

1 Ek sien die seun.
2 Pa lees die boek.
3 Sannie en haar ma maak die huis skoon.
4 Pa koop vir Sannie en Piet ’n roomys.
5 Ouma en Oupa kuier by ons.

Language patterns

The forms of the verb ‘to be’ in Afrikaans

Most languages have a verb to be. This verb refers literally to ‘being alive’, existing. The forms in Afrikaans and English are:

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<td>is</td>
<td>was</td>
<td>sal wees</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is</td>
<td>was</td>
<td>shall be/will be</td>
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You will notice that in the past and the future tenses, the verb to be has its own unique forms, for example:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Piet is laat.</td>
<td>Piet was laat.</td>
<td>Piet sal laat wees.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hulle is laat.</td>
<td>Hulle was laat.</td>
<td>Hulle sal laat wees.</td>
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</table>

In the examples above, the forms of the verb to be are ‘main’ verbs in that they are naming the action of being, existence. You will meet these forms again in Unit 12, when we talk about auxiliary
and modal verbs in Afrikaans. For now, note only that, as in English, the verb ‘to be’ forms are often used with other ‘main’ verbs (as auxiliary/helping verbs) to complete verb phrases. For example:

**Piet** sal sy badwater net nou intap.  *Piet will run* his bath water in a while.

*will* and *sal* = auxiliary verbs  
*run* and *intap* = main verbs  
*will run* and *sal intap* = full verbs

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**Dialogue 2**

This conversation takes place amongst a group of adults of different professional status and different degrees of friendship.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Jan</th>
<th>Môre, Willem. Hoe gaan dit?</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Willem</td>
<td>Môre, Jan. Goed, dankie. En met jou?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan</td>
<td>Beter nou dat dit koeler is! Goelemôre, mnr. du Plessis. Hoe gaan dit met u?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mnr. du Plessis</td>
<td>Goed, dankie, Jan. Môre, Willem,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Willem</td>
<td>Goelemôre, Meneer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mnr. du Plessis</td>
<td>Goed. Ons beter aan die werk spring</td>
</tr>
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**goed, dankie** fine, thanks  
**beter** better  
**koeler** cooler  
**aan die werk spring** get to work

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**Dialogue 3**

Mrs Smit phones the butcher at nine o’clock to order meat for a barbecue.
'n man se stem  Salim se slaghuis. Goeiemôre.
mev. Smit  Goeiemôre, mnr. Mohamed. Dit is mev. Smit wat praat. Hoe gaan dit met u?
mnr. Mohamed  Goeiemôre, Mevrou. Lekker, dankie. Hoe kan ek u help?
mev. Smit  Kan ek asseblief vleis bestel vir 'n braai vanaand? Ek wil graag agt tjoppies hê, een kilogram boerewors en vier hoender sosaties.
mnr. Mohamed  Goed, Mevrou. Ek sal u pakkie teen middagete aflever.
mnr. Mohamed  Totsiens, Mevrou. Geniet die braai.

man se  man’s
stem  voice
slaghuis  butchery
praat  speaking
vleis  meat
bestel  order
braai  barbecue
graag  willingly
sosaties  kebabs
pakkie  parcel
teen  by
hoender  chicken
boerewors  farm sausage
tjop(pies)  (meat) chops
het  want
betal  pay
geniet  enjoy

Exercise 9
Dialogue 3 between Mrs Smit and Mr Mohamed can be used as a template to plan other telephone orders. Use the vocabulary boxes to help you to fill in the gaps in the following dialogue in which Mrs Smit telephones the pharmacy to place an order for aspiriën, tandepasta, watte, salf, pleisters (you may list these items in any order). She asks the chemist, Mr Pain, to deliver them to her by 3 p.m.

'n man se stem  ___ se ____. Goeiemôre.
mev. Smit  Goeiemôre, mnr. ____. Dit is mev. Smit wat praat. Hoe gaan dit met u?
mnr. Pain  Goeiemôre, Meyrou. Lekker, dankie. Hoe kan ek u help?

mev. Smit  Kan ek asseblief 'n paar items bestel? Ek wil graag _______ _________ _________
____________ en _________ hé.

mnr. Pain  Goed, Meyrou. Ek sal u pakkie teen vyfuur afluwer.

mev. Smit  Dankie, Meneer. Maar kan u asseblief teen _______ afluwer? Ek sal die bestuurder betaal.
Totsiens.

mnr. Pain  Totsiens, Meyrou. Geniet die dag.

**Exercise 10**

1 Look at the following collage, in which there are 12 people doing different things. The Afrikaans terms for these people are:

- musikant
- tennisspeler
- skeepskaptein
- soldaat

- bakker
- danser
- dokter
- onderwyser

- sanger
- verkeerskonstabel
- verpleegster
- visserman

2 Most of the Afrikaans words are similar to English ones. Write down the list of English equivalents next to the Afrikaans words. (You will be able to work out the unfamiliar ones by a process of elimination!)

3 All the people in the collage are numbered. Match the letters in the collage with the correct Afrikaans terms.
The most important things to remember

1. When you meet someone for the first time, it is polite to say aangename kennis.

2. The abbreviated written forms for meneer, mevrou and mejuffrou are mnr., mev., and mej. These are always in lower case unless they begin a full sentence.

3. When counting above the teens in Afrikaans add numbers one to nine in front of the unit of ten, e.g. een-en-twintig, as opposed to English where we add the number after the unit of ten e.g. twenty-one.
For hundreds, add the word honderd to the number; for thousands, add the word duisend to the number.

When telling time we use voormiddag (vm.) for before noon (a.m.), and namiddag (nm.) for after noon (p.m.).

In Afrikaans, the time reckoned from the 12-hour clock is always reckoned in terms of the nearest full hour.

In Afrikaans the same form of the verb is used for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd person whether the doer is singular or plural, masculine or feminine: Ek loop. Sannie loop. Hulle loop.

There are only three main tenses in Afrikaans: past, present, and future.

The regular way to form the past tense is to use the participle het and add ge- to the main verb.

We add the word sal to the main verb when we wish to use the future tense.
Asseblief, dankie
Please, thank you

In this unit you will learn
- *The parts of the body*
- *How to form plurals*
- *The ranking numbers*
- *About homes*
- *Some question words*
- *About polite behaviour*

Knowing how to behave appropriately

Making small talk and knowing polite forms of address are two of the social graces we have to learn. This is not always so easy to do in a foreign language situation. Yet it is a lack of these social graces which leads to others thinking we are rude or abrupt. It is thus essential that you acquire the culturally prescribed social behaviour in tandem with the language forms.

In Afrikaans, as in English, there are certain words which are used in certain contexts. The practice is similar to the way in which we speak of ‘pork’ rather than ‘pig meat’ and ‘beef’ rather than ‘cow meat’ in English. The practices represent cultural conventions.
The following are some examples of what would be considered social faux pas in Afrikaans:

- If you want to shake hands with an Afrikaans hond (dog), be sure to skud (shake) its poot (paw) not its hand (hand)!
- An animal (dier) has vier pote (four paws) not twee hande en twee voete (two hands and two feet), as mense (people) do.
- A person’s mouth is a mond; the word bek is only used about human beings in an insulting fashion, e.g. Hou jou bek! *Shut up!*
- Stroke the cat’s or the dog’s pens (belly), not its maag (stomach).
- Give your guests food to eet (eat), and your pets food to vreet (eat).
- Even if ‘she’ is an old crone, you still can’t call her hands kloue (claws) or her nose a bek (beak).
- People have boude (rumps), animals have sterte (tails, backsides). Never use the word stert for a person – you would be considered to be swearing at them!
Language patterns

Plural forms

Plurals in Afrikaans are *most commonly* formed by adding the letter -e to the end of a word:

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Arende het baie groot vlerke.  Eagles have enormous wings.
Reuse het groot hande en voete. Giants have large hands and *feet*.
Die skaapboude was baie lekker. The legs of lamb were delicious.
Hekse het baie lang neuse. Witches have very long noses.

Spelling conventions

In Afrikaans, there are several spelling conventions which relate to the length of the vowel and whether vowels fall together when plurals are formed. You should learn these forms.

- When a noun has a short vowel (only one before a word-final consonant), the consonant at the end is doubled before the plural-e is added:

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<td>heads</td>
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<td>mouths, snouts</td>
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<td>neck</td>
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Die honde krap hulle koppe. The dogs scratch their heads.
Die nekke van kameelperde is lank. Giraffes' *necks* are long.
Cape sugar birds have long, sharp beaks.

- When a noun has twin vowels (like aa, ee, oo, uu) before a word-final consonant, the vowel is shortened before the plural -e is added:

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<td>been</td>
<td>bene</td>
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<td>oor</td>
<td>ore</td>
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</table>

My ore is seer.

Diere het vier pote en dikwels twintig tone.

Voëls en mense het net twee bene.

- Some nouns arbitrarily add an -s to form plurals – you will have to learn these words as you encounter them:

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<td>voël</td>
<td>voëls</td>
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Voëls lê eiers en uit dié kom hulle kuikens.

Die seuns en die dogters werk almal saam.

Die kinders se ouers is mnr. en mev. Smit.

Ek het my vingers op die stoof gebrand.

Birds lay eggs and out of these come their chicks.
The boys and the girls all work together.
The children’s parents are Mr and Mrs Smit.
I burnt my fingers on the stove.
A few nouns change their forms exceptionally, and these too you will have to learn as you come across them. Two dots ('trema') are placed above the -e to show that the -e is to be pronounced as a separate syllable/sound.

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<td>eye</td>
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My oog is seer. My eye is sore.
My oë is seer. My eyes are sore.

Such forms often end on a vowel +-g combination.

Note
-oe- is a single sound in Afrikaans in words like boek and voet, so if this single sound is not the one to be designated, the dots must be used to split the single sound into two, o-e. The -ee sound is also a single-syllable Afrikaans sound, and has to be distinguished from e-e, two syllables. The dots frequently distinguish words of different meaning. Compare voel (to feel) and voël (a bird) and leer (to learn, a ladder, leather) and leër (an army, the armed forces).

Insight
Remember that there are three written accents in Afrikaans – two dots or trema ("), the circumflex (^), and the acute (') – all of which are used to indicate a change in sound and thus meaning. Compare hoe (how) and hoë (high), se (the Afrikaans possessive) and sê (say), and die (the) and dié (this).

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<td>vinger</td>
<td>vingers</td>
<td>finger/s</td>
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<td>oog</td>
<td>oë</td>
<td>eye/s</td>
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</table>
toon  tone          toe/s
neus  neuse        nose/s
klou  kloue        claw/s
mond  monde        mouth/s
voet  voete       foot/feet
bek   bekke        beak/s, snout/s
poot  pote         paw/s
nek   nekke        neck/s
been  bene         leg/legs
oor   ore          ear/s
boud  boude        rump/s
snor  snorre       whisker/s, moustache/s
pens  pense        gut/s
arm   arms         arm/s
vlerk vlerke      wing/s
veer  vere         feather/s
troeteldier troeteldiere pet/s
vlieg vlieë       fly/flies

Note
In Afrikaans, when you speak of your hair or an animal’s fur, use hare. The singular form, haar, is seldom used and can only refer to a single hair.

Exercise 1
Choose the correct word from each of the alternatives in the following description.

Dialogue 1

Back at home.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Kinders</th>
<th>Hallo, Mamma. Ons is tuis.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ma</td>
<td>Middag, kinders. Hoe was dit by die skool?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piet</td>
<td>Lekker, dankie. Ons het in biologie 'n padda opgesny.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sannie</td>
<td>Ugh! Hoe kan julle? Hoe kan Juffrou Malan?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pa</td>
<td>Dag almal. Ek is vandag vroeg tuis.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ma en kinders</td>
<td>Middag, Pa. Hoekom, Pa?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pa</td>
<td>Ek was klaar met my werk. Ons kan vanaand braai.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kinders</td>
<td>Yipee! Dankie.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ma</td>
<td>Dis tyd om te bad. Môre is dit weer skool. Bad jy eerste, Piet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piet</td>
<td>Goed, Ma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pa</td>
<td>Kom sê nag voor julle inklim.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sannie</td>
<td>Ons sal, Pa.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hulle ouers</td>
<td>Nag, kinders. Lekker slaap.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*opgesny* cut up

dag almal afternoon all

vroeg early

hoekom why

hulle ouers their parents

klaar finished

bad bath

eerste first

inklim get into bed

*opgesny is from opsnyn. See Unit 11 for more on this type of 'prepositional verb'.

Language patterns

Numerical ranking

CD1, TR 24

Ranking numbers mark position. They describe the position of a person, place or thing.
Die Franse hardloper het tweede gekom in die wedloop.
Piet is die Smits se eerste kind.
Vandag is haar dertiende verjaarsdag.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Dutch</th>
<th>English</th>
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<tr>
<td>1st eerste</td>
<td>1st first</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd tweede</td>
<td>2nd second</td>
</tr>
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<td>3rd derde</td>
<td>3rd third</td>
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<tr>
<td>4th vierde</td>
<td>4th fourth</td>
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<tr>
<td>5th vyfde</td>
<td>5th fifth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10th dertiende</td>
<td>10th tenth</td>
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<tr>
<td>20th twintigste</td>
<td>20th twentieth</td>
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<tr>
<td>30th dertiende</td>
<td>30th thirtieth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>40th veertigste</td>
<td>40th fortieth</td>
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<tr>
<td>50th vyftigste</td>
<td>50th fiftieth</td>
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<tr>
<td>60th sestigste</td>
<td>60th sixtyth</td>
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<tr>
<td>80th tagtigste</td>
<td>80th eightyth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90th negentigste</td>
<td>90th ninetyth</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100th honderdste</td>
<td>100th hundredth</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note

- For most numbers between 2nd and 19th -de is added to the counting number. The exceptions are eerste and agste (or agtste), which are formed by adding -ste. Een becomes eer- before the -ste is added. Agt can lose its -t and become ag- before -ste is added.

- For numbers from 20th to 100th, we add -ste to the ‘tens’ part of the number – vyftigste (50th), honderdste (100th).

- For all other numbers we add the -ste to the last word of the number – sewe duisend, vier honderd, ses-en-sestigste (7,466th); vier-en-twintig duisend, agt honderd en ses-en-tagtigste (24,886th).

- The ranking numbers for numbers in the hundreds, thousands, etc. which include ranking numbers for tens and units, e.g. 101st to 119th, consist of the hundred/thousand number, then the word for the units or tens numbers: een honderd-en-sewende (117th), een honderd-en-dertiende (113th).

- Whereas in English we generally add -th to a figure when we wish to write a ranking number in figures, in Afrikaans we use mostly -ste (sometimes -de).

eerste 1ste 1st         negentigste 90ste 90th
tweede 2de 2nd           een-en-twintigste 21ste 21st
Exercise 2

CD1, TR 25

Use Dialogue 1 to answer the following questions.

This is the first exercise in which you will answer questions set in Afrikaans, but you will manage! Except for the question words wie? (who?) and watter? (which?), you have already encountered all of the vocabulary included in the following exercise. The sentences are all written in the past tense, so you can revise this pattern also.

1 Wie was eerste tuis?
2 Wie het tweede gegroet?
3 Wie het laaste by die huis gekom?
4 Watter een van die kinders het tweede gebad?
5 Wie het laaste gaan slaap? (twee mense)

Exercise 3

Look at the floor plan of the Smit house. The plan is labelled in English. The table opposite lists the rooms in Afrikaans. Use the icons to help you associate the rooms on the floor plan with the list of Afrikaans terms. Complete the table by inserting the English translation.
Language patterns

Question words

CD1, TR 26

Question words are those we use to get information from other people. In English we would begin a question with words like *who? what? when? where? how many? and which?* to name but a few.

Question words in Afrikaans include:

hoeveel? *how many/much?*
waar? *where?*
hoe laat? *what time?*
wie? *who?*
wat? *what?*

wanneer? *when?*
hoe? *how?*
v van watter? *of/from which?*
waarop? *on what?*
watter? *which?*

Hoeveel slaapkamers is daar in die Smits se huis?  
Daar is drie slaapkamers.  

*How many bedrooms are there in the Smits’ home?*  
*There are three bedrooms.*
Wanneer slaap ons?
Ons slaap in die nag.
Van watter musiek hou jy?
Ek hou van jazz.
Hoe laat staan jy op?
Ek staan vyf uur op.
Wat is mnr. en mev. Smit se voorname?
Hulle voorname is Jan en Marie.

When do we sleep?
We sleep at night.
What music do you like?
I like jazz.
What time do you get up?
I get up at five o’clock.
What are Mr and Mrs Smit’s first names?
Their first names are Jan and Marie.

hou van like

- Learn by heart the following two questions:
  Die hoeveelste is dit vandag? What is the date today?
  Wat/Hoe is jou naam? What is your name?

(Hoe is jou naam is grammatically correct but not often used.)

Exercise 4
☞ CD1, TR 27

Fill in the correct Afrikaans words in the spaces below.

All the answers in this exercise are drawn from vocabulary you have met before. The exercise also shows you how questions are formed and the kinds of answers they might elicit.

1. Waar eet ons? Ons eet in die _______.
2. Waar kook ons die kos? Ons kook die kos in die _______.
4. Hoeveel toilete is daar in die huis? Daar is net _______ toilet.
5. Wanneer eet ons ontbyt? Ons eet ontbyt in die _______.
6. Watter kamer is die kleinste in die huis? Die _______ is die kleinste kamer in die huis.

Exercise 5
When the Smits moved into their house, they labelled each piece of furniture with the name of the room in which it belonged.
Mr Smit also drew up a table listing the furniture contents for the supervisor to use as a checklist. Use the following table, together with the vocabulary box below, to draw up Mr Smit’s list.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Vertrekke</th>
<th>Meubels</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 kombuis</td>
<td>room/s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 eetkamer</td>
<td>dressing table/s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 sitkamer</td>
<td>furniture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 slaapkamer 1</td>
<td>desk/s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 slaapkamer 2</td>
<td>piano/s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 slaapkamer 3</td>
<td>double bed/s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vertrek</td>
<td>stove/s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>spieëltafel</td>
<td>single bed/s</td>
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<tr>
<td>lessenaar</td>
<td>fridge/s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>klavier</td>
<td>bookcase/s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dubbelbed</td>
<td>couch/es</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stoof</td>
<td>pophuis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>enkelbed</td>
<td>doll’s house/s</td>
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<td>yskas</td>
<td>tafels</td>
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<td>boekrak</td>
<td>table/s</td>
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<tr>
<td>bank</td>
<td>huisplant</td>
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<td>pophuis</td>
<td>house plant/s</td>
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<td>tafel</td>
<td>ketel</td>
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<td>ketel</td>
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<td>stoel</td>
<td>chair/s</td>
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<tr>
<td>TV</td>
<td>TVs</td>
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<tr>
<td>draadloos</td>
<td>radio/s (lit. ‘wireless’)</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Dialogue 2

‘If I’d known you were coming I’d have baked a cake!’ Do you remember the words of this old song? Piet and Sannie decide to
surprise their mum who is out visiting. It all starts with Piet’s ever-growling hungry stomach.

| Piet | Waar is Ma? Ek is honger. |
| Sannie | Ma is by vriende en sal vyfuur by die huis wees. |
| Piet | Dit is nou twee-uur. Kom ons bak ’n koek, ’n sjokoladekoek. |
| Sannie | Nou goed, maar waar is Ma se resepteboek? |
| Piet | Ons het nie ’n resep nodig nie! Waar is die sout en peper? |
| Sannie | Ag Piet! Moenie so dom wees nie. Vir ’n koek het ons eiers, melk, water, botter, sjokolade en suiker nodig. |

The children mix the ingredients together. They put the cake in the oven. After an hour the cake has still not risen. Sannie realises that they should have added baking powder.

| Sannie | Oooh, ons is maar baie dom! ’n Koek het bakpoeier nodig om te rys. |
| Piet (laggend) | Wie gee om? Nou het ons sjokoladepoeding! |

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honger hungry
vriende friends
bak bake
sjokoladekoek chocolate cake
nou goed OK
resep/resepte recipe/s
resepteboek recipe book
het nodig have necessary (lit. need)
sout en peper salt and pepper
moenie/moet nie don’t/do not
so dom so silly
eiers eggs
suiker sugar
meng mix
bestanddele ingredients
saam together
oond oven
nog nie not yet
rys rise
dink think
warm hot
genoeg enough
baie very
bakpoeier baking powder
laggend laughing
Wie gee om? Who cares?

Exercise 6
1 Answer the following questions based on Dialogue 2:
   a Where has Piet and Sannie’s mother gone?
   b What time will she be home?
c Whose recipe book are they looking for?
d What ingredients does Piet think they need?
e Who is silly?
f What do the children forget to put in the cake?

2 Give the Afrikaans question words for each of the English question words which appear in italics in Question 1.

**Mealtimes**

Many Afrikaners still have three meals a day. They have breakfast and supper together and lunch at school or work with people other than their family members. At weekends, however, most meals are taken together. Mealtimes are important occasions for family gatherings. The three main meals are:

ontbyt (breakfast)   sewe-uur (seven o’clock)
middagete (lunch)    eenuur (one o’clock)
aandete (supper)     sesuur (six o’clock)

Look at the following table of favourite South African foods. This gives you another opportunity for practising your plurals.

**Vrugte Fruits**

appel/s apple/s
perskies peach/es
vlei fig/s
pruim/e plum/s
druif grape/s
tamatie/s tomato/es
piesang/s banana/s
peer/pere pear/s

**Groente Vegetables**
aartappel/s potato/es
ertjie/s pea/s
boontjie/s bean/s
kool cabbage/s
pampoen/s pumpkin/s
ui/e onion/s
raap/rape turnip/s
wortel/s carrot/s

Vleis Meats
beesvleis beef
skaaboude/e leg/s of lamb
varktjop/s pork chop/s
spek bacon
wors sausage/s
hoender/s chicken/s
niertjie/s kidney/s
maalvleis mince

Other favourites include:
brood bread eier/s egg/s
konfyt jam/s pap porridge
kaas cheese/s sap/pe juice/s
roosterbrood toast smeer spread/s

You will note that in some cases English has a plural form, while Afrikaans does not. In English, for example, we have the plural forms cabbages, sausages, jams, cheeses, spreads. There are no equivalent plurals in Afrikaans. In Afrikaans, cabbages are described as koppe kool (heads of cabbage); jams, cheeses, spreads and sausages are described in terms of words like soorte (kinds, varieties). Wors is also frequently used with the word stukke (pieces).

Brood/brode (bread), on the other hand, has a plural in Afrikaans but not in English. This is because we qualify the word ‘bread’ in English with the word loaf, which has a plural form:

ses brode six loaves of bread (literally ‘six breads’).

You will just have to learn the odd ones as you work through the book.
Exercise 7
Use the vocabulary above to compile, in Afrikaans, all the foods that might find their way on to menus for breakfast, lunch and supper.

Teatime – all about coffee

CD1, TR 29

While we might speak in South Africa of ‘teatime’ at ten o’clock and four o’clock, it is coffee which is drunk by most Afrikaners and many other South Africans.

Afrikaners wake up to coffee and a rusk in the morning. The first cup of coffee is drunk while still in bed – not surprising then that coffee is known as ‘boeretroos’ (farmers’ comfort). Rusks are oven-dried strips (fingers) of bread, sometimes sweetened, and are dunked into the coffee as a kind of pre-breakfast snack.

South African ground coffee is generally not as strong as Italian, French or Belgian coffee, for example, and nowhere near as strong as Arabic coffee. It is drunk in large cups or mugs and most often black and well sugared. South Africans who like ‘white’ coffee almost never use cream. They add milk and often hot milk at that!

**teetyd** teatime  
**koffie** coffee  
**boerebeskuit** rusks  
**moer** ground (coffee)  
**sterk** strong  
**Italiaanse** Italian  
**room** cream

**Arabiese** Arabic  
**beker** mug  
**swart** black  
**wit** white  
**Franse** French  
**Belgiese** Belgian

Teatime – all about food

Whereas food taken with tea is generally ‘light’ (sandwiches, butter biscuits, shortbread), the food which accompanies coffee is far heavier and richer: chocolate cake, fruitcake, banana loaf, carrot cake, jam tarts, etc.
Teatime – on having a tea party

When very close friends and family members ‘pop in’ (Afrikanners generally keep open house), they often sit informally in the kitchen to have a cup of coffee and a rusk – and a chat. In a more formal situation, the hostess is likely to set a formal tea table, rather than serve in the lounge. The guests are then able to fill up their side plates with their choice from the table.

**Insight**

We have commented before on the importance Afrikanners place on polite forms of behaviour. Mealtimes have their own particular practices.

Meals customarily begin and end with grace. The closest equivalent to the French expression *bon appétit* in Afrikaans is *lekker eet* (*eat nice*), but this is a fairly recent innovation. It is much more customary for the partakers of the meal to compliment their hostess during or after the meal. Saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ is an integral part of the mealtimes.
Listen to the following dialogue. Notice how people ask for things, how they say ‘thank you’ and how they excuse themselves when they wish to interrupt or leave the table.

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**Dialogue 3**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sannie</th>
<th>Kan ek iets aangee, Tannie?</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tannie Mina</td>
<td>Die sout en peper asseblief, Sannie. Wat kan ek vir jou aangee?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sannie</td>
<td>Kan ek asseblief die botter kry wanneer Pa daarmee klaar is?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oom Gert</td>
<td>Hierdie konfyt is baie lekker, Marie. Het jy dit self gemaak?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ma</td>
<td>Dankie, Gert. Ja, ek het. Wil jy koffie hê, Gert?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piet</td>
<td>Verskoon my, Oom Gert. Kan ek asseblief melk kry, Mamma?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ma</td>
<td>Ja seker, Piet. En jy, Sannie?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piet en</td>
<td>Dankie, Ma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sannie</td>
<td>Marie, dit was 'n heerlike ontbyt. Baie dankie.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pa</td>
<td>Dis 'n plesier, Jan. Julle is welkom.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sannie</td>
<td>Mag ek die tafel verlaat, Mamma?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ma</td>
<td>Ja, seker, Sannie.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Words:**

- **iets** something
- **aangee** pass
- **asseblief** please
- **daarmee** with it
- **klaar** finished
- **hierdie** this
- **verskoon my** excuse me
- **kry** get
- **heerlik** delicious
- **plesier** pleasure
- **seker** certainly
- **verlaat** leave
Exercise 8
You are at a tea party. Respond to the other guests according to the prompts.

Mrs Smit | Sal jy tee of koffie neem?
---|---
You | Say 'Coffee, please. Thank you.'
Mrs Smit | Kry iets om te eet.
You | Say ‘Thank you. I’ll have a piece of cake.’
Mrs Smit | Kry 'n kleinbordjie.
You | Say ‘Thank you. I will. May I have the sugar, please?’
...
You | Say ‘That was delicious. Thank you very much.’

The most important things to remember

1 Body parts belonging to humans and animals are differently named and using one for the other in the wrong context would be considered rude. For example, a person doesn’t have a pens, they have a maag!

2 Plurals are most commonly formed by adding -e to the end of the word.

3 When a noun has a short vowel, the consonant is doubled before the -e is added to form the plural, e.g. kop – koppe.

4 When a noun has twin vowels, the vowel is shortened before the -e is added to form the plural, e.g. poot – pote.

5 For some nouns an -s is added to form the plural; you need to learn these exceptions off by heart.

6 To form numerical ranking for most numbers, we add -de between two and 19, with the exceptions of one and eight which get -ste. For all other numbers we add -ste to the last word of the number.

7 Question words to get information are mostly similar to English, e.g. hoeveel?, wie?, wanneer?, watter?
Two questions are worth learning because they are phrased very differently from the English: (What is the date?) Die hoeveelste is dit vandag? and (What is your name?) Wat/Hoe is jou naam?

The three meals most Afrikaners have every day are ontbyt, middagete, and aandete.

In Afrikaans the plural for brood is brode; we don’t refer to loaves of bread as in English.
Kultuur en kerk
Culture and church

In this unit you will learn
• About the diverse South African cultures
• About the use of the infinitive in Afrikaans
• Time, manner, place, word order in Afrikaans
• About compounds

Dialogue 1

Listen to the following dialogue, in which members of the rich variety of South African cultural groups introduce themselves to you. This is rather a long dialogue, so you will need to listen to it several times. Most of the dialogue is in the present tense, as a reminder. You have also met most of the words before.

Willem
Ek is 'n bruinman, 'n "Kaapse Kleurling". My huistaal is Afrikaans. Ek is 'n Christen.

Ben
Ek is 'n Maleier. Ek woon ook in die Kaap. My huistaal is ook Afrikaans. Ek is Islamies.

Koos
Ek is 'n Afrikanerboer van die Vrystaat. Ek is ook 'n Christen.

Andries
Ek is 'n bruinman, 'n Griekwa, een van die Khoimense. Ek woon in die Vrystaat, langs die Garieprivier (die Oranjrivier soos die boere
dit genoem het). Die woord “Gariep” is ’n Khoi woord. Ek is ook ’n Christen en my huistaal is ook Afrikaans.

**Xai**
Ek is, wat die witmense noem, ’n Boesman. Ons mense noem onself die San. Ek woon in die Noord-Kaap en in die Kalahariwoestyn. My huistaal is San, maar soos die meeste mense van die Sanmense, praat ek ook goed Afrikaans. Ons het ons eie tradisionele geloof.

**Nadira**
Ek is ’n Indiërvrou. Ek woon in Durban in die KwaZulu-Natal provinsie. Ek het familie wat in Gauteng en in Port Elizabeth in die Ooskaap woon. My geloof is Hindu. Die meeste Indiërs praat Engels as hulle huistaal en ken nie meer hulle erfenistale soos Hindi en Tamil en Gujerati nie.

**Famieda**
Ek is ook ’n Indiërvrou en ek woon ook in Durban, maar my geloof is Islam. My huistaal is ook Engels, maar my geloofstaal is Arabies.

**Sithole, Vuyo en Nothandu**
Ons is almal inheemse mense. Ons is Zulu, Xhosa en Basotho, onderskeidelik. Ons praat amper almal meer as twee tale. Ons praat almal ons eie taal – isiZulu, isiXhosa, Sesotho, onderskeidelik – en een of twee ander “swart tale” en Engels en/of Afrikaans. Die meeste inheemse mense is Christene, maar daar is van ons mense wat die ou geloof nog volg.
Exercise 1
Check your knowledge of the peoples of South Africa based on Dialogue 1.

1. Which two people are Islamic?
2. The members of which three tribal groups participate in the dialogue?
3. Where do the Malays live?
4. In which three provinces do most Indians live?
5. Which four people claim Afrikaans as their first language?
6. What is the preferred name for Bushman?
7. What is the preferred name for Griquas?

Exercise 2
Use the question words you learnt in Unit 3 to complete the following questions, which are all based on the above dialogue. The English question forms are there to help you.

Example:
_____ is ’n bruinman? → Wie is ’n bruinman? (_____ is a coloured? → Who is a coloured?)

1. _____ is Willem se huistaal? (What?)
2. _____ woon Ben? (Where?)
3. _____ is Xai se geloof? (What?)
4. _____ tale praat die inheemse mense? (Which?)
5. _____ huistaal is San? (Whose?)
6. _____ woon die Griekwas? (Where?)
7 _____ tale praat die meeste inheemse mense? (How many?)
8 _____ erfenistale is Hindi, Tamil en Gujerati? (Whose?)
9 _____ is Koos se werk? (What?)

Insight
Fishing for a living, and all the dangers it entails, is the way of life for a large portion of the Cape coloureds. All round the southern and west coasts of South Africa there are tiny, quaint villages, reminiscent of fishing villages the world over. Some of the fisherfolk fish independently from tiny frail boats, while others work for the large fish production companies based mainly on the West Coast and at Southern Cape harbours.

Going deep-sea fishing

CD1, TR 33

Listen to and read along with the following story about a fishing trip on the west coast.

Vir die Kaapse Kleurling is visvang werk. Kaptein Bruinders is in bevel van 'n moderne vissersboot. Aan die mas van die boot hang daar groot nette. Visse word nie een-vir-een gevang nie, maar duisende der duisende op 'n slag.

Kaptein Bruinders gee die teken om die anker te lig. Na 'n uur se seil, gee Kaptein Bruinders die bevel om die nette in die water te gooï. Die vissers maak rooi vlaggies aan die nette vas voordat hulle dit in die water gooï.

Wanneer hulle terug seil na die nette, vind hulle dat hulle vol derduisende sardientjies is. Die nette word leeggemaak binne die koel skeepsruim. Wanneer al die nette ingetrek is, seil hulle weer terug Houtbaai toe. Daar word die sardientjies by die fabriek afgelaaai om behandel te word voordat dit verkoop word.
Vis is goedkoop in Suid-Afrika en kan elke dag vars gekoop word by havens en op die strande direk van privaatvissermanne af. Elke visser moet ’n lisensie hê om te kan visvang – al is dit net vir pret.

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Language patterns

Infinitives

In English, infinitive verbs are recognizable by the word to, which always precedes the ‘main’ verb – to run, to talk, to be. Infinitives (inf) can never be the only verb form in a sentence. There is always another verb form in the sentence to mark the tense of the action – She wants (V) to sing (inf) that song. You can see that infinitives, in fact, have no tense.

Afrikaans infinitives are similar to English infinitives, except that there are at least two forms of the infinitive in Afrikaans, one with om te and the other with just te. The te, whether it occurs on its own or with om, always comes just before the ‘main’ verb.
Om te (in order to)
Look at the following Afrikaans phrases and their English equivalents:

**om die nette in die water te gooi**
**to throw the nets into the water**

**om vis te vang**
**to fish**

**om te seil**
**to sail**

**om behandel te word**
**to be processed**

Notice that in each case the infinitive in Afrikaans is made up of om te + verb.

These examples represent the most common form of the infinitive. Notice also that the particle om may occur some distance from its complement piece, te (see the first, second and fourth examples, above). The position of om is dictated by the verb preceding it and the position of the te by the verb itself.

**Te on its own (to)**

**1** The words behoort (ought) and hoef (need), as they do in English, take an infinitive to complete their meaning:

a. Jy behoort jou tuin nou nat te gooi.  
   You ought to water your garden now.

b. Jy hoef dit nie te doen nie.  
   You need not do it.

**2** The words met (with) and deur (by) when they are used in the following ways require te + verb:

c. Deur die vis te vries bly dit vars.  
   By freezing the fish it stays fresh.

d. Deur hard te oefen, het hulle gewen.  
   By practising hard, they won.

e. Dit het niks met jou te doen nie.  
   It has nothing to do with you.

**Note**

- In b, above, there is no to in the English version;
- In c and d, above, the infinitive is reflected in English as an -ing form. This is common when deur is used in the Afrikaans.
To attune your ear and mind to the Afrikaans infinitive pattern, use the following self-correcting exercise. Compose orally as many new sentences as you can. (You can make a possible 84 sentences.)

Ek
Sy jou
Hulle wil hom nie dwing om
Themba haar
dit nie te doen
te luister
die werk af te handel
tei sing nie.
hokkie te speel
die toets af te lê
op te hou lekkers eet

**Exercise 4**
Fill in either om te or te in the following sentences. Remember that sometimes the om and te are separated from one another.

Example:

Jy hoef dit nie _____ doen nie. → Jy hoef dit nie te doen nie.

Die kinders help _____ die tafel _____ dek. → Die kinders help om die tafel te dek.

1. Ons hou daarvan _____ reis.
2. _____ braai is lekker.
3. Die kinders het probeer _____ 'n koek _____ bak.
4. Ek moet ophou _____ rook.
5. Deur hard _____ werk, het Sannie gewen.
6. Die kaptein hoef nie nou _____ seil nie.
8. Hulle behoort vandag _____ kom.
Word order 1: time, manner, place

In English the word order of a sentence, particularly that of the subject (‘doer’) and the verb (action), doesn’t change when we move other parts of a sentence around. Thus, we can say, *I am going to town this afternoon* or *This afternoon I am going to town*. In Afrikaans, however, moving a phrase around changes the word order of the subject and the verb. In Afrikaans, there are two ways in which the word order may change from the basic Subject–Verb–Object (SVO) sequence, which is the same in Afrikaans as it is in English:

[Die hond] (S) jaag (V)  
[die eend] (O).  
[Die voëls] (S) het (V)  
[die saad] (O) geëet.  

[The dog] (S) chases (V)  
[the duck] (O).  
[The birds] (S) ate (V)  
[the seed] (O).

Some changes occur in simple sentences – SVO sentences – and others in complex sentences – sentences made up of combinations of SVO sentences.

In this unit we will be looking at the word-order change which arises from the positioning of Time, Manner and Place phrases, which say when, how or where something is done. This type of word-order change occurs in simple sentences whether they are used on their own or as part of longer complex sentences. (We will deal with word-order changes which arise in complex sentences in Unit 10.)

In Afrikaans, Time, Manner and Place are called Tyd (T), Wyse (W), Plek (P), respectively. The order of these phrases within a sentence is strict in Afrikaans. The order is always Tyd, Wyse, Plek. If the sentence contains only two of these phrases we still follow this order. For example:

**Sannie speel vandag (T) in die huis (P).**  
*Sannie is playing in the house (P) today (T).*
Piet worked happily (M) in the garden (P) yesterday (T).
Mum will bake a cake quickly (M) tomorrow (T).

If we move a Time, Manner or Place phrase to the beginning of a sentence, the verb (or the verb particle) and the subject must swap places. For example:

Vandag (T) speel (V) Sannie (S) in die huis (P).
Gister (T) het (V part) Piet (S) lekker (W) in die tuin (P) gewerk.
Môre (T) sal (V part) Ma (S) gou (W) koek bak.

**Note**
You may move any of the phrases to the **beginning** of the sentence, but the other two must remain in their fixed order – Time, Manner, Place.

Die Smits het [gister] [per vliegtuig] [Kaapstad] toe gegaan. →
Gister het die Smits [per vliegtuig] [Kaapstad toe] gegaan. OR
Per vliegtuig het die Smits [gister] [Kaapstad toe] gegaan. OR
Kaapstad toe het die Smits [gister] [per vliegtuig] gegaan.

*The Smiths went to Cape Town by plane yesterday.* →
*Yesterday the Smiths went [by plane] [to Cape Town].* OR ‘*By plane the Smiths went [yesterday] [to Cape Town].’* OR ‘*To Cape Town the Smiths went yesterday by plane.*’ (Note: In direct translation, some of the English sentences sound odd; which is why they have been placed in inverted commas.)

**Insight**
Use a mnemonic device! The phrase *This Way Please* will remind you that there is a fixed way (i.e. order) in which we have to construct sentences in Afrikaans: *T* is for Tyd and comes first, *W* is for Wyse and is second, and *P* for Plek comes third: Tyd, Wyse, Plek.
Exercise 5
Begin each of the following sentences with the word/s in bold. (Remember that the word order will change.)

Example:
Ma het vroeg gou groente by die mark gaan koop. → Vroeg het Ma gou groente by die mark gaan koop.

1 Die kinders kom vroeg vol pret van die skool af.
2 Die kinders kom vroeg vol pret van die skool af.
3 Die kinders kom vroeg vol pret van die skool af.
4 Die Smits het verlede jaar ses weke lekker in Engeland ge kuier.
5 Die Smits het verlede jaar ses weke lekker in Engeland ge kuier.
6 Die Smits het verlede jaar ses weke lekker in Engeland ge kuier.
7 Ons gaan Junie-maand per boot rustig Suid-Afrika toe reis.
8 Ons gaan Junie-maand per boot rustig Suid-Afrika toe reis.
9 Ons gaan Junie-maand per boot rustig Suid-Afrika toe reis.

vol pret full of fun
kuijer visit
per boot by boat

A letter from a friend

CD1, TR 35

Listen to the recording while you read the following round-robin letter from your friend, Bets, who is visiting a South African farm in the Kalahari Desert.

Beste vriende,

Ek kuier lekker op Abram se plaas. Abram het interessante mense wat op sy plaas woone. Hulle word die San genoem. Xai is ‘n San. Hy praat beide die San taal en vloei Afrikaans. Hy het my baie interessante stories van sy mense vertel.

Ek weet nie of ek die San se kos sou kon eet nie!

Ek hoop dit gaan goed met julle. Een van die dae is ek weer terug in Engeland.

Groete

Bets

**interestant** interesting  
**noem** named  
**beide** both  
**vlot** fluent  
**vertel** told  
**vroeër** earlier  
**jag** hunted  
**jakkalse** jackals  
**hase** hares  
**wildsbokke** wild buck  
**pyl en boog** arrow and bow  
**skiet** shoot  
**skaars** scarce  

**miere** ants  
**sprinkane** locusts  
**krieke** crickets  
**akkedisse** lizards  
**slange** snakes  
**bessies** berries  
**uintjies** edible bulb  
**rou** raw  
**wortels** roots  
**tsammass** melons  
**heuningbier** honey-beer  
**kalbasse** calabashes  
**weer** again

**Exercise 6**

Use the letter above to help you translate the following sentences into Afrikaans:

1. On Abram’s farm, I am enjoying my holiday (lit. holidaying enjoyably).
2. For a long time Xai’s people have lived here.
Xai tells how earlier his grandfather hunted wild animals.
From the roots of plants and tsamma melons they got water.
I'll be back in England again one of these days.

Language patterns

Compounding

You will notice that in Afrikaans there are many 'long' words. This does not mean that they are difficult! In Afrikaans, words are frequently joined to represent one idea, in a sense, to make new words. Such words are commonly called 'compounds' and occur also in English, but whereas English generally uses hyphens to join words into compounds, Afrikaans joins words. All languages seem to use compounding to make new words for new things and ideas. For example, in Afrikaans:

pophuis = pop + huis
yskas = ys + kas
spieëltafel = spieël + tafel
troeteldier = troetel + dier
soogdier = soog + dier
doll + house
doll's house
ice + cupboard
mirror + table
pet + animal
suckle + animal
fridge
dressing-table
pet
mammal

In Afrikaans, when in doubt, join, regardless of how many words you are joining! A two-drawer, rosewood desk is a tweelaairooshoudlessenaar in Afrikaans. If two vowels fall together, hyphenate; for example, twee-uur. In Unit 16 we will be looking at compounding again and particularly at the way in which compounds enrich the language and make it very concrete and visual.

Exercise 7

Turn the following phrases into compounds:

pot vir blomme (vase) → blompot

doek vir die tafel (tablecloth)
boek vir die telefoon (telephone directory)
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The most important things to remember

1. Afrikaans infinitives are similar to English except that there are two forms: om te and te.
2. The infinitive is made up of om te or te plus the verb.
3. The te always comes just before the main verb (whether used by itself or with om).
4. When deur and met are used in the following way, they require te + verb; for example: Deur vis te vries bly dit vars.
5. Moving a Time, Manner and Place phrase in a sentence requires that the word order of the subject and the verb must also change.
6. Time, Manner and Place must always be strictly in this order. If one of the phrases is moved, the others must also move to remain in their correct order.
7. In Afrikaans you will often come across long words joined to represent one idea: these are called compounds.
8. When in doubt, always join words together, even if the word looks long or odd; typically in English when we're not sure we would write two words – in Afrikaans it's the opposite.
Feesvierings
Celebrations

In this unit you will learn
- How Afrikaners greet one another on special occasions
- The days of the week
- The months of the year
- How to write dates in Afrikaans
- About South African celebrations
- The gender formation rule
- About definite and indefinite articles
- How to use relative pronouns

Insight
Afrikaners of all cultures are very family orientated. As a family they share one another’s triumphs and disappointments. On such occasions, too, there are customary politenesses and expressions. It is even common for the wife/husband/parent to be congratulated as well as their spouse/child.
Look and listen

CD1, TR 36

Common expressions of felicitations include the following and you should learn them off by heart.

**Formally on birthdays**

veels geluk met jou/u verjaarsdag;  
veels geluk met jou/u vrou/ 
seun/kind se verjaarsdag  
**Informally**  
beste wense, baie geluk,  
veels geluk  
**Best wishes, congratulations**

**Formally on achievements**

veels geluk met jou/u prestasie;  
veels geluk met jou/u vrou/ 
seun/kind se prestasie  
**Informally**  
mooi so! skitterend! veels geluk!  
**Well done! Brilliant! Congratulations**

**Formally on engagements**

veels geluk met jou/u verlossing;  
veels geluk met jou/u dogter/ 
seun/kind se verlossing  
**Informally**  
alles van die beste, baie geluk,  
veels geluk  
**All the best, congratulations**

**Formally on marriage**

veels geluk met jou/u huwelik;  
veels geluk met jou/u dogter/ 
seun/kind se huwelik  
**Informally**  
alles van die beste,  
baie geluk, veels geluk  
**All the best, congratulations**
At Christmas, Easter, and New Year, set phrases are used:

_Geseënde Kersfees_  _Blessed Christmas_
_Gelukkige Nuwe Jaar_  _Happy New Year_
_Voorspoedige Nuwe Jaar_  _Prosperous New Year_
_Geseënde Paasfees_  _Blessed Easter_

Other celebrations include:

 Bridal showers (kombuistees), stag parties (rampartytjies/bokkefuiif), baby showers (ooievaarspartytjies)

**Insight**

It is still very common amongst Afrikaners to send greeting cards to one another on special occasions. The custom, when you know the person well or he/she is a relative, is to sign the appropriate card using your first name. Parents often sign Jan, Marie en kinders, rather than listing each name.

If you don’t know the recipient very well, you sign your full names; i.e., your first name and your surname: Lydia McDermott.

**Exercise 1**

Use the table and information above to design an Afrikaans card to send (1) to your aunt on her birthday and (2) to an acquaintance on the occasion of her/his engagement. You should indicate the occasion and should sign it appropriately. Any illustration on the card should also be appropriate to the occasion.
Language patterns

Days of the week

CD1, TR 37

You should learn the names of the days of the week, so that you can use them fluently in conversation to make statements or to ask questions. Listen carefully to the recording.

Maandag Monday
Dinsdag Tuesday
Woensdag Wednesday
Donderdag Thursday
Vrydag Friday
Saterdag Saturday
Sondag Sunday

Notice that in Afrikaans, as in English, we have words to speak about days shortly before or after today.

vandag today
môre tomorrow
oormôre the day after tomorrow
naasoormôre literally – the day after the day after tomorrow
naaseergister literally – the day before the day before yesterday
eergister the day before yesterday
gister yesterday

The two words naaseergister and naasoormôre are no longer that common and it would be more common to say verlede Donderdag (last Thursday) and dié Vrydag (this Friday).

The same kinds of constructions can be used to talk about weeks from the perspective of this week. Note that only vandeesweek is written as one word:
Vandeesweek  
Volgende week  
Verlede week

Twee ander baie gewone woorde is:

Naweek  
Weeksdag  
Weekend  
Week dag, usually associated with werksdag (a working day).

Note
Writing dates in Afrikaans is easy. Other than a full stop at the end after the year, there is no punctuation. Only figures are used to indicate the day, unless you leave out the month, then you must insert the word die in front of the number to which you then add either -de or -ste as you do for ranking numbers:

**Kersfees is op 25 Desember.**  
**Kersfees is op die 25ste.**  
**Ek is op 20 Junie 1945 gebore.**  
**Ek is op die 20ste gebore.**

Christmas is on 25 December.  
Christmas is on the 25th.  
I was born on 20 June 1945.  
I was born on the 20th.

Exercise 2
Look carefully at the following diary entries for a week.

1. Answer the following questions in Afrikaans. Write each answer in the future tense. In your answer use the verb used in the question.

Example:

*Wat sal jy Maandag, 8 Augustus, om halfdrie doen?* →

*Ek sal ’n koek bak.*
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**Questions:**

a. By wie sal jy Sondag, die 7de, om 13h00 eet?
b. Wat sal jy Dinsdag, 9 Augustus, om 16h30 gaan haal?
c. Waarheen sal jy Vrydag, 12 Augustus, om 13h00 gaan?
d. Wie sal jy op Donderdag, die 11de, om 14h15 by die apteek ontmoet?
e. Waarna sal jy op Maandag, 8 Augustus, om 17h30 luister?

2. Use the same diary entries to answer the following questions. The word *wanneneer* will require you to give both the time and the date. Other question words can be answered with *om* + one word. Write all times in words.
Example:
Wanneer hou jy ’n braaivleis? → Op Vrydag, 12 Augustus, om halfsewe.

Hoe laat ontmoet jy vir Asha op Saterdag die 13de? →
Om eenuur vm.

a Wie moet jy om halfnege Maandag, die 8ste, bel?
b Wanneer gaan jy vuurwerke toe?
c Hoe laat moet jy die skool bel?
d Met wie gaan jy kwart voor sewe uit?
e Wanneer gaan jy Unit 13 doen?

South African celebrations

All of the different cultures within South Africa have their own celebratory moments, which are different from the South African national celebrations. In this unit we look at two culture-specific celebrations and one which is common to all South Africans.

The Kaapse Klopse refers to the coloured people’s band clubs of, primarily, the Western Cape. The name derives from when Malay slaves paraded through the streets of Cape Town to celebrate the one day a year they were allowed a holiday. In the present day, this is commemorated by Tweede Nuwejaar (‘second New Year’) on 2 January, when a parade and competition are held in which over 10 000 bands compete for a range of trophies. The term Kaapse Klopse has been ‘sanitized’ as it has been appropriated by the band members themselves as the name for their musical activities and for the name of their parade and festival. It is also known, more officially, as the Cape Minstrel Carnival. The music played is commonly known as goema, and is jazzlike in form, with a tinny timbre, but the traditional ‘volkies’ songs are not forgotten. The term ‘volkies’ is patronizing and derogatory and refers to the coloured farm workers who sang songs while they worked (primarily) in the vineyards, on the wheatlands and on the fruit farms. The songs are reminiscent of the songs sung by the slaves in the cotton fields of the Southern States of the United States of America. The difference between them
is that, whereas the ‘slave’ songs are often religious in tone, the Cape songs reflect aspects of the daily lives and experiences of the farm workers.

Read the following lyrics:

1  Vanaand gaan die volkies koring sny, koring sny
    Vanaand gaan die volkies koring sny, koring sny
    My geliefde hang aan die bos
    My geliefde hang aan die bos
    My geliefde hang aan die bitterbessiebos.

2  Haai! Haai! Die witborskraai
    Hiervandaan na Mosselbaai
    Hoog gevlieg en laag geswaai
    Aangekom en omgedraai.

3  Pollie ons gaan Pêrel toe,
    Pollie ons gaan Pêrel toe,
    Pollie ons gaan Pêrel toe,
    Ek en jy alleen.

4  O brandewyn laat my staan,
    O brandewyn laat my staan,
    O brandewyn laat my staan,
    Want ek wil nou huis toe gaan.

(There are many slightly different versions of these ‘ditties’. These are the versions I learnt as a child.)

volkies farm workers
koring wheat
sny cut/harvest
geliefde beloved
bitterbessiebos bitter-berry bush
witborskraai pied crow
(‘white-chested’)
laag low
swaai swinging
aankom arrive
omdraai turn around
Pêrel Paarl
alleen alone
vandaan from here
Exercise 3

Use the vocabulary box to help you to describe in English the hardships intimated in each of the songs. The first song is about labour; the second, about a very common bird; the third, about a trip; and the last, about addiction to brandy. There is a sadness in all the songs, but also a wry humour.

Insight

The town called Die Pêrel in Afrikaans (from the Dutch for ‘pearl’ and translated as Paarl in English) lies at the heart of the beautiful Western Cape winelands. It is home to Die Afrikaanse Taalmonument (the Afrikaans Language Monument), which celebrates the development of Afrikaans as it evolved from a dialect to a language in its own right, achieving formal recognition as an official South African tongue in 1925.

Look and listen

→ CD1, TR 38

Read the following passage while you listen to the recording.

Diwali is ‘n Hindu fees wat vyf dae lank aanhou. Dit staan ook bekend as The Festival of Lights – die ‘Fees van ligte’. Die ligte (kerse) staan as simbool om ons te leer om oor die donkerte van die onkunde (te seëvier) wat ons ondermyn as mense te seëvier*. Elke dag van die fees word op ‘n spesifieke manier gevier en gedurende die fees (word) as geheel word* verskillende gode en godinne geëër, afhankende van waar in die land Diwali gevier word. Die fees word gehou om veral Lakshmi, die godin van rykdom en voorspoed te vereer.

*Preferred position
Exercise 4
You have been asked by a Hindu friend to write a pamphlet in Afrikaans about Diwali. Using the vocabulary box above, complete the pamphlet.

Diwali word in November ge_______. Die woord “Diwali” beteken “Fees van ______________”. Vir ______ dae brand _______ oral in die huis. Die lig is _______ van die mens se ______ oor die _______ van die onkunde wat die mensdom ___________. Die godin wat veral vereer word is Lakshmi wat die godin van rykdom en _______ is.

Language patterns

Gender forms

In Afrikaans the most common way of forming the feminine form is to add -es to the masculine form. For example:

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<tr>
<td>onderwyser</td>
<td>onderwyseres</td>
<td>teacher</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>danser</td>
<td>danseres</td>
<td>dancer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>digter</td>
<td>digteres</td>
<td>poet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sanger</td>
<td>sangeres</td>
<td>singer</td>
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There are, however, other forms which can be added:

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<tr>
<td>-in</td>
<td>god</td>
<td>god/goddess</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>vriend</td>
<td>friend</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-e</td>
<td>assistent</td>
<td>assistente</td>
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<td></td>
<td>eggenoot</td>
<td>eggenote</td>
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<tr>
<td>-ster</td>
<td>werker</td>
<td>werkster</td>
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<td></td>
<td>besoeker</td>
<td>besoekster</td>
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Afrikaans gender forms are even more likely to be unique forms. Some of the most common and most useful are given below. You will have to learn them.

**CD1, TR 39**

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<td>broer (brother)</td>
<td>suster (sister)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>man (man)</td>
<td>vrou (woman)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>oupa (grandfather)</td>
<td>ouma (grandmother)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>oom (uncle)</td>
<td>tante (aunt)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>seun (son)</td>
<td>dogter (daughter)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>seun (boy)</td>
<td>meisie (girl)</td>
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<tr>
<td>swaer (brother-in-law)</td>
<td>skoonsuster (sister-in-law)</td>
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<td>bruidegom (bridegroom)</td>
<td>bruid (bride)</td>
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<td>gasheer (host)</td>
<td>gasvrou (hostess)</td>
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<td>wewenaar (widower)</td>
<td>weduwe (widow)</td>
<td></td>
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<td>heer (gentleman)</td>
<td>dame (lady)</td>
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<td>buurman (neighbour)</td>
<td>buurvrou</td>
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<tr>
<td>hings (stallion)</td>
<td>merrie (mare)</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>ram (ram)</td>
<td>ooi (ewe)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>bul (bull)</td>
<td>koei (cow)</td>
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<td>haan (cock)</td>
<td>hen (hen)</td>
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Arbor Day began in South Africa in 1983. In 1999 Arbor Day became Arbor Week. Like Arbor Day in countries all over the world, Arbor Week seeks to make people aware of the indigenous trees and the importance of trees for soil protection, fruit, shade, as building material, food, medicine and, importantly, natural beauty. Each year schools, businesses and organizations participate during Arbor Week in ‘greening’ events at which trees are planted.

In South Africa each year two particular trees, one rare and one common, are each named ‘Tree of the Year’. These are made widely available. Areas particularly targeted are those where exotic trees have destroyed the natural vegetation or in areas where the forests or wooded areas have been destroyed by indiscriminate harvesting. People are now also being encouraged to plant fruit trees as a source of healthy food.

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Dialogue 1

**mnr. Smit**

Ons maatskappy beplan om hierdie jaar op 4 September ’n Boomplantdag te hou. Ons wil hê dat soveel moontlik van julle deelneem, omdat ons die hele voortuin van die hoofgebou wil beplant met inheemse bome. Dus het ons besluit dat ons ook 4 September as ’n “Loslidag” vier. Dié dag sal die fabriek dus toe wees vir besigheid. Almal wat van tuinmaak hou word gevra om ’n graaf saam te bring. Dié van julle wat nie wil tuinmaak nie, word gevra om te help met versiersings en so meer. Let jet daarop dat 4 September wel ’n werksdag is en dat alle personeel wel by die werk moet wees op die gewone tyd. Enige vrae of kommentaar?

**Thabo**

Waar gaan ons die bome kry?

**mnr. Smit**

Die Parkeraad-kwekery het belowe dat hulle vir elke boom wat die maatskappy koop een sal skenk.
Nomusa: Maar wat van mis en kompos?
mnr. Smit: Die sal die maatskappy ook voorsien, want ons het 'n komposhoop wat ons gemaak het van gras-snyseles. Een van ons kliente het drie honderd sakke hoendermis belowe.
Sarel: Wat as ons nie 'n graaf het nie, maar ons wil help met die plantwerk?
mnr. Smit: Ons sal verseker dat daar vyftig grave is vir die van u wat nie grave het nie. Enige ander vrae? As daar nie is nie, wil ek net dankie sé vir u ondersteuning en u herinner om hoede saam te bring. Baie dankie vir u aandag.

Exercise 5
Use the vocabulary box to help you compose a memo to post on the noticeboard to remind staff about Arbor Day on 4 September. (A model answer is given in the Key to the exercises.)

maatskappy company
hierdie this
Boomplantdag tree planting
(Arbor) day
deeelneem participate
voortuin front garden
hoofgebou main building
inheemse indigenous
dus thus/therefore
besluit decide/decision
“Losliitdag” ‘Casual Day’
besigheid business
tuinmaak garden
graaf spade
verversings refreshments
so-meer and so forth
werksdag working day
gewone normal

vrae questions
kommentaar comments
kwekery nursery
belowe promised
skenk donated
mis manure
voorsien provide
komposhoop compost heap
gras-snyseles grass cuttings
sake pockets
hoendermis chicken manure
verseker ensure
ondersteuning support
herinner remind
hoede hats
aandag attention
Language patterns

Definite and indefinite articles

In English we have two articles, which come in three forms. The two articles are the *indefinite* and the *definite*. A and an are the indefinite articles. For example, we say, *a book, an apple*, when we mean *any book or any apple* – i.e. not a specific book or apple.

The definite article in English is the *the*. We use this article when we are referring to a specific thing. For example, when we say *the book* or *the apple*, the speaker is referring to a book or apple of which his/her listener is aware: *The book is interesting* or *The apple is rotten*. The Afrikaans articles work in exactly the same way, but there are only two: the definite article *die*, and the indefinite article *’n*. Compare the following pairs of sentences:

**die the**

Die man praat met Sannie.
Kan ek die eier kry as seblief?
Die Sanvrou soek water.

(The man is talking to Sannie.)
(Can I have *the* egg please?)
(The San woman is looking for water.)

**’n a/an**

’n Man praat met Sannie.
Kan ek ’n eier kry as seblief?
’n Sanvrou soek water.

(A man is talking to Sannie.)
(Can I have *an* egg, please?)
(A San woman is looking for water.)

In the three *die* sentences, the *man*, *eier* and *Sanvrou* are all specific and particular: both speaker and listener know of the man talking to Sannie; the egg is one of several things and the speaker wants the egg; and the San woman (rather than another woman) is looking for water.

In the three *’n* sentences, a man is talking to Sannie, the speaker would like an egg (rather than a peach, say), and some other San woman is looking for water.
Note

- In Afrikaans we can use the word die to mean this, if we put an accent mark on the -e-, thus, dié. This dié can be used interchangeably with hierdie.

- 'n is never written as a capital, even when it occurs at the beginning of a sentence – when 'n occurs at the beginning of a sentence the word immediately following it is capitalized. For example: 'n Groot boom word geplant.

Relative pronouns

Relative pronouns are those words, which as their name implies, relate things to one another. Relative pronouns generally introduce sentences which describe/refer to something in a previous sentence (which is why such forms are called ‘pronouns’ – see Unit 1). In English, for example:

The two sentences

Ahmed is a Muslim. Ahmed lives in Cape Town.

can be joined to form one sentence:

Ahmed is a Muslim who lives in Cape Town.

The sentence part, who lives in Cape Town, relates to Ahmed in the ‘main’ part of the sentence. Who stands in the place of Ahmed and in this way joins the two sentences into one.

The following table lists English relative pronouns with their Afrikaans equivalents.

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<td>waarvan</td>
<td>of which</td>
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</table>
To see how these words may be used, look at the following sentences:

**CD1, TR 41**

Piet is die seun wat ’n padde moes opsny.
Jan is die man met wie Gert gepraat het.
Dit is Kaptein Bruinders wie se boot in Houtbaai staan.
Suid-Afrika is dié land wat ek wil besoek.
Die koek wat hulle geëet het was baie lekker.
Die tafel waarop ek werk is te klein.
Die kamer waarin ek slaap is baie groot.
Die potlood waarmee ek skryf is stomp.

Piet is the boy who had to cut up a frog.
Jan is the man to whom Gert spoke.
It is Captain Bruinders whose boat is in Hout Bay.
South Africa is the country which I wish to visit.
The cake which they ate was very nice.
The table on which I am working is too small.
The room in which I sleep is very big.
The pencil with which I am writing is blunt.

Each of the relative pronouns refers to a noun (Kaptein Bruinders, land, koek, tafel, kamer, potlood). Remember that when two sentences are joined together by a relative pronoun, the relative pronoun stands in place of the noun which has previously been mentioned. Relative pronouns act like conjunctions because they join sentences (see Unit 10).

**Note**

- **For people we use wat and wie se (who and whose) and [name] wie (for whom, with whom, by whom, etc.). The word wie stands on its own ONLY as a question word (see Unit 3).**
- **For everything else, we use wat (which/that) and waar + XXX (on which, by which, of which, etc.). Notice that waar + XXX forms are written as ONE word.**
Die seun wat die padda opgesny het, is Piet.
It is Piet who cut up the frog.

Sannie is die meisie van wie ek jou vertel het.
Sannie is the girl about whom I told you.

Dit is die boek waarvan ek jou vertel het.
This is the book about which I told you.

Remember that wat is used for both people and everything else when we mean who, which or that.

Exercise 6
Use the following list of relative pronouns to fill the gaps in the sentences below.

waarin  wat  wie se  waarvan  met wie
waarop  waarmee  van wie  waaruit  aan wie

1. Suid-Afrika is die land _____ ek wil besoek.
2. Die maatskappy sal die grawe voorsien _____ die gate gemaak sal word.
3. Mr. Smit is die persoon _____ ons gepar het.
4. Dit is die boek _____ jy moet lees.
5. Jou vriende in Engeland is die mense _____ jy ’n brief moet skryf.
6. Dit is die gat _____ jy die boom moet plant.
7. Sannie is die dogter _____ pa, Jan is.
8. Dit is Gert _____ siek is.
9. Die San is die mense _____ ek jou vertel het.
10. Die stoel _____ jy sit, is stukkend.

Exercise 7
Join each of the following pairs of sentences by using the relative pronoun in brackets. In each case begin with the first of the pair of sentences.

Example:
Daar is die boom. Hulle sit onder die boom. (waaronder) →
Daar is die boom waaronder hulle sit.

Note that the verb moves to the end of the sentence. (See also Unit 10, for even more on word order.)

1 Sannie het ’n brief van Piet gekry. Piet is in die Kalahari. (wat)
2 Xai eet sprinkane. Piet hou nie van sprinkane nie. (waarvan)
3 Dié boom is ’n Van Wykshout. Die Van Wykshout is die boom van die jaar. (wat)
4 Hier is die materiaal. Jy kan jou rok met die materiaal maak. (waarmee)
5 Daar is Xai se oupa. Die pyl en boog behoort aan Xai se oupa. (aan wie)
6 Vanaand is die laaste aand van Diwali. Diwali is ’n Hindu fees. (wat)
7 Kaapstad is die stad. Die Kaapse Klopse kompetisie word in die stad gehou. (waarin)
8 Tweede Nuwejaar is dié dag. Die Kaapse Klopse word op dié dag gehou. (waarop)

The most important things to remember

1 The most common way of congratulating someone in Afrikaans is Veels geluk!
2 The most common way of wishing someone a happy New Year is Voorspoedige nuwejaar!
3 Days of the week are Sondag, Maandag, Dinsdag, Woensdag, Donderdag, Vrydag and Saterdag.
4 The weekend is naweek; the other days are weeksdae.
5 Yesterday, today and tomorrow are gister, vandag and môre.
6 Definite articles are indicated with die and indefinite articles with ’n.
7 Relative pronouns act as conjunctions, joining sentences. A relative pronoun stands in place of a noun that has already been named, e.g. Dit is die potlood waarmee ek skryf (waarmee referring to the aforementioned pencil).
8 For people we use wat and wie se (who and whose), and wie (whom, with whom etc). For everything else, we use wat.
Fris, fors, vrolik
Fit, strong, happy

In this unit you will learn

- **About the sports South Africans love to watch and play**
- **About adjectives and things adjectival in Afrikaans**
- **How the degrees of comparison are formed in Afrikaans**
- **Some common Afrikaans similes**

Most South Africans are sport crazy. Soccer, rugby and cricket are the most popular sports in South Africa. Netball, tennis, athletics, squash, golf and swimming also have their supporters. Many South Africans play a sport, but many more are avid listeners or watchers.

Pre-1994, support for rugby, cricket and soccer, respectively, tended to be along ethnic lines, rugby and cricket being primarily ‘white’ sports and soccer, ‘black’. Since then, however, and particularly after Nelson Mandela’s support of the Springbok Rugby team (both by name and by game) at the 1995 World Cup and his clear jubilation at the team’s World Cup victory, rugby is now becoming more and more a national sport and seen less as a white Afrikaner sport. As more and more players of colour have become squad members and real efforts have been made to teach the game and provide proper facilities and training from school level upwards, support has been growing.
Cricket pre-1994 was perceived to be a white English sport, but in fact there have always been, for example, great ‘Indian’ teams, and in the Eastern Cape cricket has always had a strong following amongst blacks. These ‘other’ teams and groups were ‘invisible’ because of apartheid and its segregation policies. There are now more and more people of colour making the South African squad as they come through the training ranks of the development programme.

The year 2010 is synonymous with one thing in South Africa: being the host nation for the FIFA Soccer World Cup™. The ‘beautiful game’ has always been fervently supported by millions of South Africans, so to host the sport’s premier global event was a source of great national excitement and pride. South African flags flew literally everywhere: homes, cars, bicycles, motorbikes, trees, fences, shops, lampposts. And the bright yellow and green jerseys of the national team, Bafana-Bafana (Nguni for ‘the boys—the boys’), were worn by South Africans of all ages, races, shapes and sizes. Soccer, like cricket and rugby, has become everybody’s game.

Sport continues to play a crucial role in nation-building in South Africa, just as it did through South Africa’s isolation pre-1996 in bringing an end to apartheid.

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**Dialogue 1**

Listen to the following rugby radio commentary while you follow the text.

**Stan** Die spanne hardloop nou op die veld. Die gejuig van die toeskouers is omtrent oorverdowend. Die spanne staan nou reg vir die gesing van die volksliedere. Die Engelse volkslied word eers gesing.

**Tembe** Nou sing almal Nkosi sikele! iAfrika. Hoor hoe sing die Suid-Afrikaners! Daar blaas die fluitjie. Die Leeus skop af.
Stan Brown, die Leeus se sentry, stuur die bal links die veld af. White vang die bal net buite die Springbokke se twee-en-twintig. Hy ontduik Durant en skop dwars oor die veld. Die bal word deur Willemse gevang. Sy dwarsskop gaan uit.

Tembe Dis ’n lynstaan. Dit is ’n Engelse ingooi. Die gooi is skieef. Daar word weer ingegoi. Kridge het vir die Bokke. Hy gee die bal uit na Chester Williams. Williams bars deur die verdediging. Dis ’n dri! Suid-Afrika loop voor na twee minute in die eerste helfte met vyf punte.

Stan Dit is bloedig warm vandag en maar min wind. Kyk hoe tap die sweet alreeds van die spelers af. Dis ’n maklike skop van net links van die pale. H.O. behoort nie ’n probleem te hé nie.

Tembe En daar is dit! Suid-Afrika, sewe, en Engeland, nul. Solank die Bokke se verdediging rottwas kan staan het hulle ’n goeie kans om die Leeus te klop.

Stan Dis waar, maar hulle sal vir Catt en Wilkinson wanneer een van hulle die bal wen, moet goed dophou. Albei van hulle is perdfris en blitsvinnig as hulle ’n gaping kry.
Language patterns

Adjectives (1)

When we wish to talk about something (a noun ‘thing’), we use words which describe or qualify them in some way or another. These describing, qualifying words in effect distinguish between one thing and another. For example a lion is a fierce animal and
a lamb, a gentle animal; a giraffe, a tall animal, and a warthog, a short animal. We call such words adjectives. The main job of adjectives is to describe/qualify nouns. The rules for using adjectives in Afrikaans are virtually the same as those which apply in English.

**Attributive**

Usually the descriptive word precedes the noun it is describing. Such adjectives are said to be used ‘attributively’ – in other words, such adjectives add directly to the noun they are qualifying.

\[\text{'n rooi hoed} \quad \text{a red hat} \\
\text{die groot skare} \quad \text{the big crowd}\]

In Afrikaans some adjectives change their form (usually by adding -e) when they are used ‘attributively’:

\[\text{'n vinnige doel} \quad \text{a quick goal} \\
\text{die juigende toeskouers} \quad \text{the cheering crowd}\]

**Predicative**

As in English, an adjective in Afrikaans may also follow the noun it is describing by joining in a structure with the verb to be (usually is, was or sal wees forms in Afrikaans). Such adjectives are said to be used ‘predicatively’ – in other words, such adjectives add to the noun by joining with is.

\[\text{Die hoed is rooi.} \quad \text{The hat is red.} \\
\text{Die skare was groot.} \quad \text{The crowd was big.} \\
\text{Die vuurwerke is mooi.} \quad \text{The fireworks are beautiful.} \\
\text{Ek is siek.} \quad \text{I am sick.} \\
\text{Môre sal koud wees.} \quad \text{Tomorrow will be cold.}\]

**Insight**

Remember that whereas in English we use different verb forms of ‘to be’, depending on the person, Afrikaans is much simpler and we need only three for all persons (see Unit 2), depending on which tense (present, past, future) we are using – is (present), was (past), sal wees (future).
Forming attributive adjectives from predicative adjectives

Many of the spelling rules which apply when plurals are formed (discussed in Unit 3) also apply to adjectives. In the following, ‘V’ = ‘vowel’.

1 Adjectives ending in ‘twin’ vowels followed by ‘f’ (general scheme: VV - f + e)

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2 Adjectives ending in a single vowel followed by ‘f’ (general scheme: V - f + e)

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<td>do+ww+e</td>
<td>dim</td>
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<td>laf</td>
<td>la+ww+e</td>
<td>silly</td>
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3 Adjectives ending in two vowels followed by ‘g’ (general scheme: VV - g + e)

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<td>tired</td>
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<tr>
<td>hoog</td>
<td>ho+ë</td>
<td>high</td>
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<tr>
<td>laag</td>
<td>la+ë*</td>
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Adjectives ending in double vowels followed by ‘d’ (general scheme: VV – d + e)

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<td>cruel</td>
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<td>breed</td>
<td>bre+ê</td>
<td>wide</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>koud</td>
<td>kou+e</td>
<td>cold</td>
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Exceptions
Unfortunately none of the rules shown above can be said to be hard and fast. They are merely the common ‘exceptions’.

There are also times when no -e is added when an adjective is used attributively, and, when adding or not adding an -e will mark the difference between the figurative and the literal use of the adjective:

L = literal; F = figurative

L: Die arm man het niks kos nie. The poor man has no food. (The man is poor.)
F: Die arme man se huis het afgebrand. The poor man’s house has burnt down. (The man is not poor; you feel sorry for him.)
L: Boere hou van bitter koffie. Farmers like bitter coffee.
F: Dat ons verloor het, was ’n bittere pil. That we lost was a bitter pill.
L: Die All Blacks se rugbytrui is swart. The All Blacks’ rugby jerseys are black.
F: Dit was ’n zwarte dag vir die Bokke. It was a black day for the Boks.

Exercise 1
You have to submit to your editor six news headlines about the rugby game which the Springboks eventually lost. Use words/phrases from Dialogue 1, the Glossary, and the Language patterns section above to translate the following headlines into Afrikaans.
Exercise 2
Fill in the correct form of the adjectives in the following sentences.

Example:
Al die (skeef) skoppe het die Bokke die wedstryd verloor. →
Al die **skeue** skoppe het die Bokke die wedstryd verloor.

1 Die (juigend) skare het die Bokke gegroet.
2 Toe die Bokke ’n drie druk is die skare (juigend).
3 Die gejui van die toeskouers was (oorverdowend).
4 Met die (oorverdowend) gejui van die toeskouers kon ons nie die fluitjie hoor nie.
5 Die (blitsvinnig) O’Driscoll het die Leeus se drie gedruk.
6 Wilkinson sal (blitsvinnig) pale toe skop.
7 Vir die Leeus was die lynstane (maklik) om te wen.
8 Vir Pienaar was die skop pale toe (maklik).

Language patterns

Adjectives (2) – Degrees of comparison

We use degrees of comparison in Afrikaans just as we do in English. The term ‘degrees of comparison’ means to compare descriptively two or more things (or groups of things) with one another. There are three degrees – positive, comparative and superlative. The positive adjective form is used to describe one thing. The comparative form is used to compare descriptively two things, and the superlative form to compare more than two things.
Sannie is tall for her age.
Plet is taller than Sannie.
Mr Smit is the tallest member of the family.
Human beings are large mammals.
Elephants are larger mammals than human beings.
Whales are the largest mammals of all.

General rules for degrees of comparison

In English:
1. South Africa is sunny.
2. South Africa is sunnier than Scotland.
3. South Africa is the sunniest country in the Commonwealth.

In Afrikaans:
1. Suid-Afrika is sonnig.
2. Suid-Afrika is sonnier as Skotland.
3. Suid-Afrika is die sonnigste land in die Statebond.

The Afrikaans rules are as follows:
- for the comparative add -er;
- for the superlative, add -ste.

Some useful everyday examples:

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<tr>
<th>Positive</th>
<th>Comparative (-er)</th>
<th>Superlative (-ste)</th>
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<td>blink</td>
<td>shiny</td>
<td>blinker shinier</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>fluks</td>
<td>industrious</td>
<td>flukser more</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>vals</td>
<td>false</td>
<td>valser more false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mooi</td>
<td>pretty</td>
<td>mooier prettier</td>
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<tr>
<td>flou</td>
<td>weak</td>
<td>flouer weaker</td>
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<tr>
<td>lelik</td>
<td>ugly</td>
<td>leliker uglier</td>
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(Contd)
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<tr>
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<th>Comparative (−er)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>vies</td>
<td>disgusted</td>
<td>vieser more</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>viesste most</td>
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<tr>
<td>bly</td>
<td>happy</td>
<td>blyer happier</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>blyste happiest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lui</td>
<td>lazy</td>
<td>luier lazier</td>
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<tr>
<td>erg</td>
<td>serious</td>
<td>erger more serious</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>ergste most serious</td>
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**Exceptions to the rules**

As in English there are certain comparative forms that have unique forms. Some of the most common Afrikaans examples follow.

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<td>baie</td>
<td>much, many</td>
<td>meer more</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bietjie</td>
<td>little</td>
<td>minder less</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>goed</td>
<td>good</td>
<td>beter better</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dikwels</td>
<td>often</td>
<td>meermal more often</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>naby</td>
<td>near</td>
<td>nader nearer</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>naaste nearest</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Some adjectives, as in English, cannot really be used comparatively, although we frequently use them as such in casual speech. Others can never be used comparatively. One cannot literally be more or less dead. When we are speaking figuratively (suggesting an image) we might say someone is ‘deader than a dodo’, but dodos are long dead, so what we are suggesting is not that the person we are referring to is dead, but that s/he is like a dead dodo.

- **dood** dead
- **leeg** empty
- **vol** full
- **ewig** equal
- **doof** deaf
- **stom** dumb
- **blind** blind
- **half** half
- **boonste** top
- **onderste** bottom
- **binneste** inside
Other Afrikaans adjectives, many of which are polysyllabic ‘long words’, form the comparative and superlative degrees by ‘borrowing’ the words meer (more) and mees (most) for the comparative and superlative, respectively:

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>Meer Afrikaans</th>
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<th>English</th>
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<tr>
<td>beskeie</td>
<td>meer beskeie</td>
<td>mees beskeie</td>
<td>more/most shy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>verbaas</td>
<td>meer verbaas</td>
<td>mees verbaas</td>
<td>more/most amazed</td>
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<tr>
<td>bekend</td>
<td>meer bekend</td>
<td>mees bekend</td>
<td>more/most known</td>
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<td>verlate</td>
<td>meer verlate</td>
<td>mees verlate</td>
<td>more/most desolate</td>
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<td>opgewonde</td>
<td>meer opgewonde</td>
<td>mees opgewonde</td>
<td>more/most excited</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ontevrede</td>
<td>meer ontevrede</td>
<td>mees ontevrede</td>
<td>more/most dissatisfied</td>
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</table>

And then there are the spelling conventions with which you should now be familiar. Spelling rules only need to be remembered with comparative degree forms as the superlative forms almost exclusively add -ste to the stem adjective (or borrow the word mees) (‘V’ = ‘vowel’; ‘C’ = ‘consonant’).

1. Adjectives ending in ‘twin’ vowels followed by ‘f’ (general scheme: VV – f + er)

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<td>ga+w+er</td>
<td>kind/kinder</td>
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<tr>
<td>skeef</td>
<td>ske+w+er</td>
<td>skew/more skew</td>
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2. Adjectives ending in a single vowel followed by ‘f’ (general scheme: V – f + er)

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<td>do+ww+er</td>
<td>dim/dimmer</td>
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<tr>
<td>laf</td>
<td>la+ww+er</td>
<td>silly/sillier</td>
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3 Adjectives ending in two vowels followed by ‘g’ (general scheme: \(VV - g + er\))

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<td>moe+ër</td>
<td>tired/more tired</td>
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<td>hoog</td>
<td>ho+ër</td>
<td>high/higher</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>laag</td>
<td>la+ër*</td>
<td>low/lower</td>
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4 Adjectives ending in a single vowel followed by ‘g’ (general scheme: \(V - g + ter\))

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<td>sag+ter</td>
<td>soft/softer</td>
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<td>slég</td>
<td>slég+ter</td>
<td>bad/worse</td>
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5 Adjectives ending in double vowels followed by ‘d’ (general scheme: \(VV - d + er\))

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6 Adjectives ending in a short vowel followed by a consonant (general scheme: \(VC + C + er\))

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<td>vetter</td>
<td>fat/fatter</td>
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<td>dikker</td>
<td>thick/thicker</td>
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7 Adjectives ending in a long vowel followed by a consonant (general scheme: VV + C + er)

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<td>big/bigger</td>
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<td>skoner</td>
<td>clean/cleaner</td>
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<td>laat</td>
<td>later</td>
<td>late/later</td>
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8 Adjectives ending in ‘-r’ (general scheme: r + der)

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<td>donker</td>
<td>donkerder</td>
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9 Adjectives ending in ‘-lik’ or ‘-ig’ do not double their final consonants.

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<td>vinniger</td>
<td>fast/faster</td>
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<td>maklik</td>
<td>maklicher</td>
<td>easy/easier</td>
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<td>aaklig</td>
<td>aakliger</td>
<td>horrid/more horrid</td>
</tr>
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<td>vriendelik</td>
<td>vriendeliker</td>
<td>friendly/friendlier</td>
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<tr>
<td>weelderig</td>
<td>weelderiger</td>
<td>plush/more plush</td>
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Exercise 3

CD1, TR 43

Fill in the correct forms of the adjectives shown in bold in the passage below.

Die Leeus is die (sterk) rugbyspan in die wêreld. Die All Blacks is ook (sterk) as die Bokke wat hulle geklopf het, maar die All Blacks het teen die Leeus verloor. Al die rugbyspanne is baie (moeg) na die (lang) wêreldbeker. Die (moeg) van almal is die Fijianers want hulle moes die (ver) vlieg en het die (baie) gesukkel. Hulle het (goed)
Die Gees van Comrades

CD1, TR 44

Jaarliks, op 16 Junie, vind die wêreldberoemde Comrades Marathon tussen Durban en Pietermaritzburg plaas. Die marathon het onstaan na die Eerste Wêreldoorlog, en is ingestel ter herdenking van beide die soldate wat in die oorlog gesneuwel het, en ter herdenking van die swaar las waaronder hulle gelei het. Dit was ’n aaklike oorlog waarin duisende der duisende soldate aan beide* kante gesterf het of vermink is, of psigies geskend is. Die marathon staan dus as simbool vir die lyding van die soldate, maar is ook ’n kans vir individue om hulself fisies en psigies te toets.

Die marathon word op 16 Junie gehou wat bekend staan as “Jeugdag”. Dit is ’n openbare vakansiedag in Suid-Afrika en word gehou ter herdenking van die jeug wat gedurende die stryd teen apartheid gesneuwel het en is ook die gedenkdag van die uitbreek van die Soweto-onrus op 16 Junie 1976. Deur die marathon op die dag te hê, word die kinders van die Soweto-onrus en die swaar las wat hulle gedra het en die dapperheid wat hulle getoon het, ook onthou.

Die eerste Comrades, met 34 hardlopers, het in 1921 plaasgevind. Deesdae neem duisende hardlopers deel. Die een jaar hardloop die hardlopers van Durban na Pietermaritzburg (die sogenaamde “up-run”) en die volgende jaar van Pietermaritzburg na Durban (die sogenaamde “down-run”). Die marathon is omtrent negentig kilometer lank.

Die marathon staan as simbool van die mens se vermoë om te oorwin. Dit is wat bedoel word met “Die Gees van die Comrades”.

(Adapted and translated from http://www.comrades.com)

* Better: albei
Exercise 4
Test your understanding of the passage by translating the following into English.
Die marathon staan as simbool van die mens se vermoë om te oorwin. Dit is wat bedoel word met “Die Gees van Comrades”.

**Exercise 5**

Pick out 17 adjectives and numbers in the ‘Gees van Comrades’ passage above. Look out for the -e, -er and -ste endings on words, for adjectives that might be used predicatively, and remember that numbers can also be used as adjectives; for example, die *tweede* boek (*the second book*).

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**Language patterns**

**Similes**

Afrikaners are particularly fond of using ‘sayings’ of various kinds. Amongst the most commonly used are similes. You might like to learn some of these once you feel confident of your basic Afrikaans vocabulary and grammar. Similes are included here as they are descriptive (adjectival) forms.

A simile is a literary form which makes a direct comparison. Two forms may be used, without there being any difference in meaning: one a phrase and the other a compound word.

**Phrase** as red as blood  
**Compound word** blood red

The same forms occur in Afrikaans. Such words and phrases add not only to your vocabulary, but also to the literary quality and authenticity of your writing, so you should try to learn at least a few of them. Beware though of using too many simultaneously and the same ones repeatedly, lest you overdo it and your writing ends up being clichéd!

The following are among the more common and most useful similes in Afrikaans.
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<td>lightning quick</td>
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<tr>
<td>asvaal</td>
<td>ashen</td>
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<tr>
<td>wêreldberoemd</td>
<td>world famous</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>goudgeel</td>
<td>yellow/golden</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pikdonker</td>
<td>pitch dark</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>peperduur</td>
<td>expensive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>splinternuut</td>
<td>brand new</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>spotgoedkoop</td>
<td>dirt cheap</td>
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<tr>
<td>skatryk</td>
<td>filthy rich</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>helderskoon</td>
<td>sparkling clean</td>
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<tr>
<td>brandarm</td>
<td>very poor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>silwerskoon</td>
<td>sparkling clean</td>
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<td>doodseker</td>
<td>dead sure</td>
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<td>doodsiek</td>
<td>deadly ill</td>
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<td>doodbang</td>
<td>dead scared</td>
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<td>vuurwarm</td>
<td>red hot</td>
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<td>dolleeg</td>
<td>totally empty</td>
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<td>yskoud</td>
<td>ice cold</td>
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<td>propvol</td>
<td>brimful</td>
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<tr>
<td>stroopsoet</td>
<td>as good as gold</td>
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<tr>
<td>kliphard</td>
<td>rock hard</td>
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<tr>
<td>beeldskoon</td>
<td>as pretty as a picture</td>
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<tr>
<td>stokoud</td>
<td>as old as Methuselah</td>
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<tr>
<td>papdronk</td>
<td>dead drunk</td>
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<tr>
<td>bloedjonk</td>
<td>spring chicken</td>
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<tr>
<td>skreeulelik</td>
<td>as ugly as sin</td>
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<td>stokstyf</td>
<td>as stiff as a board</td>
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<tr>
<td>vrekliui</td>
<td>as lazy as sin</td>
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<tr>
<td>spekvet</td>
<td>as fat as a pig</td>
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<tr>
<td>springlewendig</td>
<td>as lively as a cricket</td>
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<tr>
<td>brandmaer</td>
<td>as thin as a rake</td>
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<tr>
<td>plankdun</td>
<td>as thin as a rake</td>
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<tr>
<td>sneeuwit, spierwit</td>
<td>snow white</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kurkdroog</td>
<td>as dry as a bone</td>
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<tr>
<td>bloedrooi</td>
<td>blood red</td>
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<tr>
<td>papnat</td>
<td>sopping wet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>grasgroen</td>
<td>as green as grass</td>
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<td>doodsbleek</td>
<td>as pale as a ghost</td>
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<td>pitch black</td>
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<td>doodmoeg</td>
<td>dead tired</td>
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*as ... as* (so ... soos ...) phrase forms include:

- so vet soos 'n vark: as fat as a pig
- arm ... 'n kerkmuis: as poor as a churchmouse
- lig ... 'n veer: as light as a feather
- bitter ... gal: as bitter as gall
- kwaai ... 'n geitjie: as fierce as a gecko
- bleek ... 'n laken: as pale as a sheet
- koel ... 'n komkommer: as cool as a cucumber
- blind ... 'n mol: as blind as a mole
- rats ... 'n kat: as agile as a cat
- dapper ... 'n leeu: as brave as a lion
- siek ... 'n hond: as sick as a dog
- dood ... 'n mossie: as dead as a sparrow
- sterk ... 'n os: as strong as an ox
- glad ... seep: as smooth as soap
- swaar ... lood: as heavy as lead
- maer ... 'n kraai: as thin as a crow
- slim ... 'n jakkals: as sly as a jackal
- dom ... 'n esel: as dumb as an ass
- wit ... sneeu: as white as snow
- mak ... 'n lam: as tame as a lamb
- swart ... die nag: as black as night
- doof ... 'n kwartel: as deaf as a quail
- groen ... gras: as green as grass
- gereeld ... klokslag: as regular as a chime
- rooi ... bloed: as red as blood
- koud ... ys: as cold as ice
- blou ... die hemel: as blue as the heavens
- sag ... sy: as soft as silk
- hard ... 'n klip: as hard as a rock

**Insight**

The two Afrikaans loves of sport and an apt turn of phrase are united in the nicknames given to sporting heroes. Use
the lists above to help you work out what the following nicknames tell you about the players. The first is a burly rugby Springbok prop who goes by the name of ‘Os’ du Randt; the second is a Protea cricketer and specialist fast bowler called ‘Vinnige Fanie’ de Villiers.

Exercise 6
Which of the Afrikaans similes listed above best fits each of the following images?

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The most important things to remember

1. The main job of an adjective is to qualify or describe a noun. The rules for using adjectives in Afrikaans are virtually the same as those which apply in English.

2. Usually the descriptive word precedes the noun it describes. Such adjectives are used attributively. They add directly to the noun they describe, e.g. 'n rooi hoed.

3. When the adjective follows the noun it describes, it is used predicatively, e.g. Die hoed is rooi.

4. To form attributive adjectives from predicative adjectives, look at these examples:
   a. Adjectives typically change their form by adding an -e when they are used attributively: mooi – mooie.
   d. Adjectives ending in two vowels followed by -g: moeg – moëe.
   e. Adjectives ending in a single vowel followed by -g: sag – sagte.

5. The general rule for degrees of comparison is to add -er to form the comparative and -ste to form the superlative, e.g. mooi – mooier – mooiste.

6. For long words use meer and mees for the comparative and superlative, e.g. bekende – meer bekende – mees bekende.

7. Spelling rules are important to remember for comparative degree forms. In some cases, they are similar to those listed above in example 4:
c Adjectives ending in two vowels followed by -g: moeg – moëer.
d Adjectives ending in a single vowel followed by -g: sag – sagter.
e Adjectives ending in double vowels followed by -d: wreed – wreder.
f Adjectives ending in a short vowel followed by a consonant: vet – vetter.
g Adjectives ending in a long vowel followed by a consonant: groot – groter.
h Adjectives ending in -r: lekker – lekkerder.

8 Afrikaners are fond of using expressive language so it will be worth your while learning some similes such as blitsvinnig, so koel soos ’n komkommer, papnat, so sterk soos ’n os.
Het dit! (1)
Got it! (1)

In this unit you will test your knowledge of:
- Afrikaans pronouns
- The verb to be in Afrikaans
- Telling the time in Afrikaans
- Afrikaans tenses
- Homes and things
- Word order – time, manner, and place
- Definite and indefinite articles
- Relative pronouns
- Adjectives

These exercises will test your grasp of the work covered so far. Don’t panic if at first you don’t do very well. Every single question you get right should be seen as an achievement and you should look on your mistakes as learning opportunities.

When you do the exercises, you should use the Glossary at the end of the book to look up any words you might have forgotten.

Exercise 1 Afrikaans pronouns (Unit 1)
Select the correct pronoun for each sentence from the following table.
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1. Tenjane loop vier minute voor sy naaste mededinger; dit lyk asof _____ die Comrades gaan wen.
2. Dis die eerste TY-toets wat _____ doen.
5. Wat makeer met _____? Is hy siek?
6. Die skrum is nie Engeland ____ nie, maar Suid-Afrika _____.
7. Hy het _____ byna doodgeskrik toe hy die slang sien.
8. Die krieketspan kan nie op _____ twee draaiboulers staatmaak nie.
9. “Meneer die President, sal _____ sit, asseblief?”
10. Sannie vra _____ ma of _____ kan gaan speel.

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**Exercise 2 The verb to be in Afrikaans (Unit 2)**

Give the correct form of the verb *to be*.

1. Die hond, die kat en die koei ____ almal in die tuin.
2. In watter dorp ____ jy môre ____?
3. En wie se boek ____ dit?
4. Die skare by die sokker ____ wild toe Engeland verloor.
5. Verlede jaar ____ ek in België.
Exercise 3 Telling the time in Afrikaans (Unit 2)
Using the 12-hour clock, write down the following times in words.
(Don’t forget to say whether it is a.m. or p.m.)

1 20h00  2 06h30  3 13h22  4 09h07  5 03h00

Exercise 4 Afrikaans tenses (Unit 2)

1 Write out the following paragraph in the past tense. If you have forgotten some of the words, either look back at Unit 4 or consult the Glossary at the end of the book.

Example:
Xai en Piet sit by die vuur en gesels oor die verlede. → Xai en Piet het by die vuur gesit en oor die verlede gesels.

Xai wys vir Piet dat die tsamma vol water is. Xai en Piet drink die water en Piet vind uit dat die vloeistof wel soos water smaak. Terwyl hulle sit, vertel Xai vir Piet van hoe sy oupa gejag het en agter die springbokke aangetrek het. Xai sê dat die San nie meer mag jag nie en nou op een plek moet bly. Sy oupa se pyl en boog hang nou teen die muur in hulle baksteenhuisie. Xai voel baie treurig omdat die ou dae verby is. Piet kry hom baie jammer.

2 Write out the following passage in the future tense. If you have forgotten some of the words, either look back at Unit 3, in which you learnt about different foods, and Unit 6, in which you learnt about the Comrades, or consult the Glossary at the end of the book.

Example:
Twintig duisend mense hardloop op 16 Junie die Comrades.
→ Twintig duisend mense sal op 16 Junie die Comrades hardloop.

Mnr. en mev. Smit neem aan die Comrades deel. Hulle maak seker dat hulle die regte kos eet en hardloop elke dag tien kilometer. Hulle eet piesangs, druïe, wortels en heuning, omdat dié kossoorte almal vol vitamines is. Om hulle liggame op te bou en te verseker dat hulle energie het, eet hulle ook
aartappels, rys en witbrood. Hulle drink ook baie melk. Die kinders eet saam met hulle ouers, want dit is alles gesonde kos.

Exercise 5 At home (Unit 3)
1 You have encountered the words below in the previous units. Firstly, give the Afrikaans for the following, and secondly, write the plural form of each. (Use the Glossary at the end of the book if you have forgotten some of the meanings.)

**a** shirt **b** pullover **c** sock **d** suit **e** jacket **f** coat **g** umbrella **h** dress **i** skirt **j** boot **k** blouse **l** tie **m** petticoat **n** belt **o** underpants

2 Translate the following advertisement from the huise te koop (houses for sale) column into English:


Exercise 6 Word order – time, manner and place (Unit 4)
Rewrite each of the following sentences by beginning with the word/s in bold. (Remember that the verb and subject forms change places.)

Example:

Die Lachmans steek vroeg die kerse op. →
Vroeg steek die Lachmans die kerse op.

1 Boomplantdag vind in September elke jaar plaas.
2 Gedurende die voetbalwedstryd is twee toeskouers ernstig op die kantlyn beseer.
3 Kallis het met vernuf vanoggend die bal sewe maal hoog oor die grens geslaan.
4 Elke jaar vier die Kaapse Klopse Tweede Nuwejaar in Kaapstad se strate.
5 Smaaklike kos, baie kerse en vuurwerke is daar elke jaar te siene by die Diwali feesvierings.
6 Dit was voor 1996 nie moontlik om te weet hoe vinnig 'n bouler boul nie. Die handige 'Speed Stick' is deur 'n
Suid-Afrikaanse maatskappy (gevestig in Stellenbosch) in daardie jaar ontwerp en getoets.

Exercise 7 Question words (Unit 3)
Translate the following questions into Afrikaans.

1  What is your name?
2  How are you?
3  When are you going home?
4  What is the time?
5  Where do you live?
6  From which city do you come?
7  What is the date today?
8  What are you reading?

Exercise 8 Indefinite and definite articles (Unit 5)
Fill in the correct definite or indefinite article in the following paragraph:

Xai en Piet het in ___1___ veld geloop en na al ___2___ woestynplante gekyk. Xai het vir Piet gewys hoe om ___3___ tsamma oop te sny om water te kry. Piet het ___4___ koel water geniet. ___5___ Bok het onder ___6___ boom gestaan en gras geëet. ___7___ leeus het ___8___ bok dopgehou.

Exercise 9 Relative pronouns (Unit 5)

1  Translate the following sentences into English.
   a  Gert is die man wat die wedren gewen het.
   b  Marie is die vrou met wie Gert getrou het.
   c  Dit is Xai se oupa wie se pyl en boog dit is.
   d  Die Kgalagadi is die land wat deur die witmense die Kalahari genoem is.
   e  Die koffie wat hulle gedrink het was baie bitter.
   f  Die bed waarop ek lê is te sag.
   g  Die kamer waarin hulle TV kyk is baie warm.
   h  Dit is die pen waarmee ek die boek geskryf het.

2  Join each of the following pairs of sentences by using the relative pronoun in brackets. In each case begin with the
first of the pair of sentences. (Remember that the verb in the sentence being joined moves to the end of the sentence.)

Example:
Daar is die boom. Hulle sit onder die boom. (waaronder) → Daar is die boom waaronder hulle sit.

a Die Parkeraad voorsien die bome. Die bome word op Boomplantdag geplante. (wat)
b Piet hou nie van die sprinkane nie. Xai eet die sprinkanies. (wat)
c Die boom is 'n Van Wykshout. Ek het jou van die boom vertel. (waarvan)
d Hier is die graaf. Jy kan die gat met die graaf maak. (waarmee)
e Daar is Xai se pa. Die baksteenhuisk en behoor aan Xai se pa. (aan wie)
f Vanaand is die Kaapse Klopse kompetisie. Die kompetisie hou die hele nag aan. (wat)
g Kaapstad is die stad. Die Kaapse Klopse kompetisie neem in die stad plaas. (waarin)
h Die Bokke se skoppe pale toe het hulle die wedstryd laat verloor. Die skoppe was skeef. (wat)

Exercise 10 Adjectives (Unit 6)
The following is a script for a newsreader but someone has only half translated the text. The news is due to be read in five minutes. Help the newsreader by supplying the correct Afrikaans adjectival forms for the English words shown in italics.

Na hundreds jare, het Mount Kenya weer begin rook. Die omgewing is grey van al die as wat die sky blue lug intrek. Die eens green as grass berghange is besmet met red hot stukke rotse en die eens snow white kuip op die bergtop het verdwyn soos die sneeu gesmelt het. Nou staan die great berg stoksielalleen – geen mens, geen dier meer op sy hange nie. Die mense is dirt poor, maar hulle is dead scared vir die kom van die blood red rivier. Die diere vlug om 'n horrible dood te ontsnap. Selfs die voëls is stil. Net die berg se warning gerommel word gehoor.
Om daar te kom
Getting there

In this unit you will learn

- About money matters in South Africa
- About adverbs and things adverbial
- About how South Africans do business
- Yes–no questions
- About getting around South Africa
- At the airport

CD2, TR 1

You have just arrived at Johannesburg International Airport*. You hear the following announcements. Listen while you follow the text.

- Vlug BA 234 vanaf Londen het so pas geland. Passasiers word deur Hek Sewentien verwag.
- Die Suid-Afrikaanse Lugdiens kondig graag aan, die aankoms van Vlug SAA 345 vanaf Durban. Passasiers kan hulle bagasie by bagasie-ontvangs B afhaal.
- Die Suid-Afrikaanse Lugdiens is jammer om die vertraging van Vlug SAA 598 vanaf Kimberley aan te kondig. Die verwagte aankoms van die vlug is om 17h50. Ons vra om verskoning vir enige ongerief.
- Mr. Smit wat die Air France Vlug 709 na Parys vertraag, word vriendelik versoek om onmiddellik na Hek 17 te gaan. Die laaste bus na die vliegtuig vertrek oor drie minute.
Internasionale passasiers word hartlik verwelkom in Suid-Afrika. Ons hoop dat u u kuier in Suid-Afrika sal geniet. Toeriste inligting is beskikbaar in die Aankomssaal. Lughawebusdienste en huurmotors na die stad is beskikbaar net buite die Aankomssaal. Auto-tellers en Bureaux de change is beskikbaar in die verversingsarea.

*Now renamed as O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg.

vlug flight
land to land
passasiers passengers
hek gate
verwag/te expect/ed
lugdiens airline
graag willingly, with pleasure
aankoms arrival
bagasie baggage
ontvangs reception
afhaal collect
vertraging delay
aankondig announce
enige any
ongerief inconvenience
vriendelik respectfully
versoek requested
vliegtuig aircraft
internasionale international
hartlik heartily, sincerely
verwelkom welcomes
hoop hope
toeriste tourists
inligting information
beskikbaar available
Aankomssaal Arrivals Hall
busdienste bus service
huurmotor/s taxi/s
auto-tellers cashpoint machines
verversings refreshments
vertrek depart

Exercise 1

CD2, TR 2

In Unit 3 we looked at some question words. We will be using some of them in this exercise, in which you will be answering questions in Afrikaans by using the information given in ‘At the airport’, above. You should give the answers both orally and in writing.

1 Watter twee vliegtueie het geland?
2 Wie vertraag die vlug Parys toe?
3 Waar kan ek my bagasie afhaal?
4 Watter vlug is vertraag?
5 Waarvandaan kom dié vlug?
6 By watter hek word die internasionale passasiers verwag?
7 Waarheen gaan die busse en huurmotors?
8 Waar kan ons iets kry om te eet?

**Question words revisited**

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<td>hoekom? why?</td>
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<td>waardeur? through what?</td>
<td>hoe lank? how long?</td>
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**Language patterns**

**Adverbs**

**Kinds of adverbs**
Just as adjectives (and adjectival phrases and clauses) describe nouns, so adverbs (and adverbial phrases and clauses) describe verbs. Generally, adverbs describe how, when, where something happens – how, where, when the action takes place.

**Look at the following sentences:**

Die padda lê op die tafel.  The frog is lying **on the table**.  Where?
Hulle het die bal vinnig ingegooi.  They threw in the ball **quickly**.  How?
Gister is die Jugend gevier.  **Yesterday** (the) youth was **celebrated**.  When?

Notice how the words vinnig and gister, and the phrase op die tafel, each ‘describes’ the action (verb) of the sentence. The characteristics of adverbs are also found in clauses which fulfil
the same function as adverbs and adverbial phrases – that is, they modify (describe) a verb.

Some adverbs are used on occasion to define other word types, including adverbs themselves, but never nouns or pronouns. Such adverbs are primarily those which represent degree to some extent. For example:

**baie laat**  
**very late**  
adverb of degree + adverb of time

**baie lelik**  
**very ugly**  
adverb of degree + adjective

We will distinguish amongst the three most common adverbial types:

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<td><strong>halfhartig</strong></td>
<td><strong>hiernatoe</strong></td>
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<td><strong>smiddags</strong></td>
<td><strong>halfheartedly</strong></td>
<td><strong>(motion)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>smôrens</strong></td>
<td><strong>sing-sing</strong></td>
<td><strong>hiernatoe</strong></td>
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toe and dan
These two adverbs of time both mean *then*, but their use is tricky. Toe is used only in past tense sentences and dan only in future tense sentences.

Ons het gewerk en toe voetbal gekyk.  
*We worked, then we watched soccer.*

Ons sal werk en dan voetbal kyk.  
*We will work and then watch football.*

Toe can also mean *when*, as it does in the next sentence:

Toe hy weer sien, lê hy op die gras.  
*When he looked again, He was lying on the grass.*

- *toe* words which are written as one word
There are a few words ending in *-toe* which are written as one word. All of them have the sense of going somewhere and are often accompanied in Afrikaans by the word gaan (going). Look at the following examples:

ondertoe (*below*)

waarnatoe (*where to?*)

boontoe (*above*)

hiernatoe (*to here*)

agtertoe (*to the back*)

daarnatoe (*to there*)

vorentoe (*to the front*)

soontoe (*to there*)

When in doubt, write any phrases containing toe as two words – huis toe (*to home*), Durban toe (*to Durban*), winkel toe (*to the shop*).

**Doubled-up adverbs**

There are two occasions on which adverbs may be formed by doubling up words. These ‘double-ups’ are peculiar to the two words gou-gou and nou-nou (adverb + adverb) and randomly in words such as lag-lag, hop-hop, sing-sing (verb + verb).
The words gou-gou (quickly) and nou-nou (now-now) are both adverbs of time and are standard forms.

Words such as lag-lag (laughingly), hop-hop (hoppingly) and sing-sing (singly) are adverbs which have randomly been formed from verbs and are used for emphasis. A great variety of such verb double-ups can be made up at any time. All such double-ups function as adverbs of manner — that is, they say how something is/was being done. There is no corresponding English form. Look at the following Afrikaans sentences, their literal English translations and their English equivalents:

Hulle loop lag-lag die straat af. They are walking ‘laughingly’ down the street. They are walking down the street laughing.

Die kind klim huil-huil in haar bed. The child gets ‘cryingly’ into her bed. The child gets into her bed crying.

**Insight**

An Afrikaans doubled-up adverb that is also firmly entrenched in South African English is nou-nou or ‘now-now’. It often confirms tourists’ notions of African time because when a South African says Ek is nou-nou daar (‘I’ll be there now-now’), it doesn’t mean immediately. The phrase just now (netnou) works in the same confusing way. It means they’ll be there ‘in a little while’, so best order a cup of coffee and relax!

**Degrees of comparison of adverbs**

Many adverbs are formed from adjectives. Like adjectives, adverbs can be used comparatively in the three degrees, positive, comparative and superlative. As for adjectives, we add -er to form the comparative and -ste to form the superlative. The same spelling rules apply as did for adjectives (Unit 6). Also as for adjectives, we use meer and mees (more and most) to form the comparative and superlative, respectively, for polysyllabic words.
Look at the following table of the more common Afrikaans adverbs.

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Exercise 2
From the following list choose the appropriate adverb for each sentence.

toe, soggens, vroeër, kort-kort, laatste, dan, meer gretig, betyds, selde, hoe laat, waar

1. _____ kom jy huis toe?
2. Hy bel my _____.
3. Sannie sal _____ wees as Piet om te kook.
4. Die mans het _____ as die vrouens wakker geword.
5. Ons gaan in die winter _____ strand toe.
6. Sy wil weet _____ die wedstryd gespeel word; Londen of Parys.
7. Vroeg _____ skreeu die hadedas.
8. Hulle het die kerse opgesteek en _____ gaan eet.
9 Die marathonlopers mag op die _____ vieruur by Drummond deur hardloop.
10 Ek was net _____ vir die vliegtuig.

**Exercise 3**

*CD2, TR 4*

The aircraft which you are piloting is about an hour from landing at Johannesburg International Airport*. You have to do the standard pre-landing announcement in English, Afrikaans and isiZulu, but you have misplaced the English version. Write out a translation of the following Afrikaans version into English and then read the Afrikaans version out in unison with the recording.

Ons hoop dat julle julle ontbyt geniet het. Ons land op Johannesburg Internasionaal om 10h20. Johannesburg (of Egoli, die goudstad, soos dit in isiZulu bekend staan) is die grootste stad in Suid-Afrika en sy besigheidssentrum. Dit is 'n kosmopolitaanse stad en oorsese besoekers vind hulself gou tuis. Dit word ook gesê dat dit die mees geboomde stad in die wêreld is, dus sal julle kan skaduwee vind onder die Afrika son. Geniet dit!

*Now renamed as O.R. Tambo International Airport.*

**Money matters**

**Cash**
The South African currency is called the Rand. The name is derived from the ridge called the Witwatersrand on which the great goldfields which underpin South Africa’s economy were discovered in 1886. It was the mining camp on the Witwatersrand which grew to be Johannesburg, Egoli, the ‘City of Gold’.
All South African money (notes and coins) have nature images rather than human profiles imprinted on them. The various denominations come in the following forms:

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<th>Coins</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<td>R5, R2, R1</td>
<td>R10, R20, R50</td>
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<tr>
<td>50c, 20c, 10c, 5c</td>
<td>R100, R200</td>
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There are still 2c and 1c coins in circulation, but these are being phased out. Many shops now choose to round off to the nearest 5c – always to the customer’s advantage!

There are cash machines (belonging to, and serviced by, all the major banks) all over in strategic positions. The machines are to be found outside banks, in malls, at petrol stations and randomly in the street.

**Credit**

South Africans are great credit card users. Virtually all shops, hotels, restaurants and general businesses accept credit cards. Even hospitals and other emergency services accept credit cards. Special cards are used to buy petrol (‘Petro’ cards). Debit cards are becoming more and more common. Shops are not always prepared to accept traveller’s cheques (or even personal cheques) as there is so much fraudulent use of traveller’s cheques. These should be exchanged at a bank or Bureau de change. Electronic payments and withdrawals have led to fewer and fewer personal cheques being used. You can only cash cheques drawn on your own account and then only at your own bank. Other cheques will have to be deposited. Cheques which you wish to deposit to your account will take seven working days to clear.

**CD2, TR 5**

toonbank counter
teller teller
depósito deposit
tjek cheque
Language patterns

Adverbial phrases revisited

1. We first dealt with adverbial phrases in Unit 4 when we dealt with the word order of Time, Manner and Place.
2. The following adverbial phrases occur frequently. You will find it useful to learn them.

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>kortliks</td>
<td>briefly</td>
<td>'n rukkie</td>
<td>a while ago</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>binnekort</td>
<td>shortly</td>
<td>daarna</td>
<td>a while later</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>kort daarna</td>
<td>shortly thereafter</td>
<td>net 'n oomblik</td>
<td>just a minute</td>
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<tr>
<td>nou-nou</td>
<td>'now-now'</td>
<td>netnou</td>
<td>just now</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>kort-kort</td>
<td>every now and again</td>
<td>onlangs</td>
<td>recently</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>gou-gou</td>
<td>quickly, quickly</td>
<td>in die verlede</td>
<td>in the past</td>
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Note
The adverbs geled (ago) and verlede (past, last) are easy to confuse.

- The word geled is always used to mean ago: lank geled long ago
- Use the word verlede at all other times: vier jare geled four years ago
  verlede week last week
  in die verlede in the past
Exercise 4
Rewrite the following sentences beginning with the words in bold so that each word or phrase occurs in its correct position:

1. Die toeris (vol klere, om agtuur, stasie toe, môre-aand, met sy tas, stap, te haal, om die trein, sal).

2. Die passasiers (gaan eet, toe, onmiddellik, lekker versings, het, bagasie, gaan afhaal, en, hul).

Business hours

**Bankure** Banking hours

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<td>09h00 tot 15h30</td>
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<td>Saterdæ</td>
<td>08h30 tot 11h00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sondæ</td>
<td>Gesluit/Toe (Closed)</td>
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Government Office hours are usually from 08h00 to 16h00 and schools from about 07h45 to 14h00.

**Supermarkte** Supermarkets

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<td>Weeksdæ en Saterdæ</td>
<td>09h00 tot 18h00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sondæ</td>
<td>09h00 tot 13h00</td>
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At the end of the month, many of the supermarkets and the banks open half an hour earlier.

**Algemene winkels** General shopping

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**Cafés and the like**

Maandæ tot Sondæ: 07h00 tot 23h00

'Servi-winkels' by petrolstasies: Shops at petrol stations

- 24 uur, 7 dae 'n week: - 24 hours, 7 days a week
Some common business expressions

na ure after hours; i.e. after normal business hours
besigheidsure business hours; i.e. during normal business hours
besigheidsdae business days; i.e. weekdays – Saturday not included

Language patterns

Yes–no questions

We saw in Unit 3 that we can ask questions by using interrogatives at the beginning of sentences.

Wie is jy? Who are you?
Hoeveel is dit? How much is it/that?

However, using special question words/interrogatives is not the only way we can ask questions. All languages allow questions to be formed by using the verb and/or parts of the verb as a kind of question word. This is done by placing the verb particle first in the sentence and by moving the subject of the sentence into the second position in the sentence. It is in this way that yes–no questions are formed in both Afrikaans and English.

Die marathon is oor.
The marathon is over.
Is die marathon oor?
Is the marathon over?
Sy sal hom na die wedstryd nooi.
She will invite him to the game.
Sal sy hom na die wedstryd nooi?
Will she invite him to the game?
Die kinders speel krieket.
The kids are playing cricket.
Die kinders krieket?
Are the kids playing cricket?
Suid-Afrika is mooi.
South Africa is beautiful.
Is Suid-Afrika mooi?
Is South Africa beautiful?

You will notice in both the English and Afrikaans sentences that when the questions are formed by moving the verb/verb particle to the beginning of the sentence, the subject takes up the second position. You will also notice that questions formed in this way can only have either yes or no answers.
In Afrikaans, as in English, you can choose to answer such questions either yes or no or use the words ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ and transform the question into a statement.

**CD2, TR 6**

**Q** Is Suid-Afrika mooi?
**A** Ja/Nee.
**A** Ja, Suid-Afrika is mooi.
**A** Nee, Suid-Afrika is nie mooi nie.

**Q** Is die marathon oor?
**A** Ja/Nee.
**A** Ja, die marathon is oor.
**A** Nee, die marathon is nie oor nie.

**Q** Kom hy saam?
**A** Ja/Nee.
**A** Ja, hy kom saam.
**A** Nee, hy kom nie saam nie.

**Q** Is South Africa beautiful?
**A** Yes/No.
**A** Yes, South Africa is beautiful.
**A** No, South Africa is not beautiful.

**Q** Is the marathon over?
**A** Yes/No.
**A** Yes, the marathon is over.
**A** No, the marathon is not over.

**Q** Is he coming with us?
**A** Yes/No.
**A** Yes, he is coming with us.
**A** No, he is not coming with us.

You will notice in the ‘full’ answers, whether positive or negative, that the part of the sentence which comes after the Yes/No and Ja/Nee has the usual statement structure of subject + verb whether or not the statement is positive or negative.

While in English we use only verb parts like are, is, have, etc. or do/did to begin yes–no questions, you will note that in Afrikaans whole verbs as well as the verb parts is, was, het, etc. can be used to ask such questions.

Neem jy deel aan die marathon?
Gaan jy hom vra?
Kom hy saam?
Hou jy van hom?
Het die kinders krieket gespeel?
Is Suid-Afrika mooi?

Are you running in the marathon?
Are you going to ask him?
Is he coming with us?
Do you like him?
Did the kids play cricket?
Is South Africa beautiful?
Insight
There are a few special things to remember about forming yes–no questions in Afrikaans:

- There is a comma after Ja and Nee.
- Not in English is translated by the double negative, nie ... nie, in Afrikaans.
- Note for now, that in Afrikaans, if a sentence is in the negative, the last word in the sentence will be a nie and that there will be another nie (or its equivalent) earlier in the sentence close to the verb which it is negating.

Exercise 5
You have been asked to construct a questionnaire for a survey. You are required to elicit the following information. The first one has been done for you. You may use either kind of question formation – yes–no or question word formation (Unit 3).

Example:
kerkverband religious affiliation → Is jy verbind aan ’n kerk?
Are you affiliated to a church?

1 huwelikstaat marital status
2 ouerskap parental status
3 kinders offspring
4 aafhanklikes dependants
5 skoolgangers school pupils
6 huisieenaar home owner
7 werknemer employer
8 werkgewer employer
9 pensioentrekker pensioner

CD2, TR 7

Exercise 6
Now answer the questions in your survey yourself in full sentences.
Example:
Ja, ek behoort aan 'n kerk. Yes, I belong to a church.
or
Nee, ek behoort nie aan 'n kerk nie. No, I do not belong to a church.

Public transport

In the urban areas, except in the major cities of Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban, public transport is limited to buses and taxis. In addition cars can also be hired on a self-drive basis. Taxis and buses can be caught at bus stops and at special stops outside hotels and shopping malls. Conventional taxis can be ordered by telephone or hired at taxi ranks. In South Africa there are also minibus taxis, which not only park at ranks, but also cruise the streets in search of customers. If you stand by the side of the road with your index finger raised, you are asking a minibus taxi to stop and pick you up! Minibus taxis will also drop you exactly where you want to be, even if it is a no-stopping zone. They are cheap in comparison to conventional taxis and are more convenient and frequent than buses. They also do not follow fixed routes, so you can go virtually anywhere in them; even on long trips out of town.

The newest addition to rail travel in South Africa is the Gautrain: a high-speed rail link between Johannesburg and Pretoria, with stations throughout Egoli including O.R. Tambo International Airport. On a national level, trains cater for tourists, holiday makers and citizens. The luxurious (and expensive) ‘Blue Train’ (‘Bloutrein’), which is famous for its good food, runs between Cape Town and Pretoria. The Shosholoza Meyl offers more affordable long distance train travel between many cities such as Pietermaritzburg, Durban, Bloemfontein, and Port Elizabeth. The Shosholoza Meyl also runs to the small town of Hoedspruit in the province of Limpopo, which is an access point to the Kruger National Park. Steam train enthusiasts can travel on the ‘Apple Express’, which runs on a narrow gauge line between Port Elizabeth and Patensie. This is the railway which was used until about 1960 to transport fruit from the Long Kloof farming area to the harbour in Port Elizabeth, from where the fruit was exported to Europe on the ‘Mail boats’.
Very popular nowadays, and cheaper than trains, planes and hire cars, is travel by luxury coach. Tickets are booked through agents and/or the coach companies themselves.

There are daily flights between all the major airports in the country and some smaller carriers run flights between the smaller centres and to many of the game reserves.

CD2, TR 8

stedelike gebiede urban areas
openbare vervoer public transport
busse buses
huurmotors/taxi’s taxis
metrospoorsisteem metro-rail systems
minibustaxi’s minibus taxis
konvensioneel conventional
selfbestuur self-drive
bushalte bus stops
winkelsentrums shopping malls
taxi-staanplek taxi ranks
weelderig luxurious
duur expensive
smalspoor narrow gauge
goedkoper cheaper
daagliks daily
bespreek booked
agente agents

Dialogue

At the reception desk of an hotel.

Toeris Verskoon my, mevrou. Hoe kan ek in die stad kom?
Ontvangstdame Die maklikste sal wees om by daardie venster waar dit sê “kaartjes” te gaan

(Contd)
Tousaan en daar 'n kaartjie te koop. Wil u terugkeer hotel toe?
Ja, asseblief.
Dan moet u vra vir 'n retoerkaartjie dorp toe.
Dit sal R5** kos. Onthou die laaste bus vertrek om tienuur vanaf die bushalte op die Markplein. Dis dieselfde plek waar u gaan afklim.
Dis 'n bietjie vroeg!
Dan moet u eerder 'n enkelkaartjie koop en 'n taxi huur om terug te kom. Hier is die nommer van die taxi-maatskappy wat ons hotel bedien.
Baie dankie. Ek waardeer u hulp.
U is welkom. Geniet jou dag.

*The ticket price nowadays would be closer to R20.
**Although the receptionist said ‘bedien’, ‘diens’ is preferable here.

verskoon my  excuse me
stad city centre
ontvangsdame receptionist
venster window
tousaan queue
terugkoms return
retoerkaartjie return ticket
markplein market square
afklim alight, get off
eerder rather
enkelkaartjie single ticket/
one-way ticket
terugkeer return
diens, bedien services
waardeer appreciate
onthou remember
dorp town (here, another word for city centre)

Exercise 7
Translate the above dialogue into English.

Self–drive journeys

South Africa has an advanced National Roads system. The routes between the main centres are known as ‘National Roads’ and are numbered in order of importance. For example: the N1 runs between Cape Town and Pretoria, the N2 between Cape Town and Durban and the N3 between Durban and Johannesburg.
Look and listen

CD2, TR 10

You hear the following from your tour guide:

Die meeste nasionale paai (hoofroetes) is nou tolpaai, maar daar is alternatiewe roetes vir almal van hulle, soos deur die wet in Suid-Afrika vereis. Tolgeld hang af van die grootte van die voertuig en die lengte van die tolpad. Tolgeld wissel tussen R5 en R35*. Die alternatiewe roetes is net so goed soos die nasionale paai (en dikwels stiller en meer natuurskoon). Alle alternatiewe roetes, en baie van die platteland se paai, is geteer. Die meeste van hierdie paai loop deur dorpies waar versiersels, brandstof en akkommodasie beskikbaar is. Die nasionale paai het diens-stasies al langs die roetes. Sulke brandstofsentrums bied ook ruskamers en restaurante aan. Daar is ook by party van hierdie stilhoussentrums, automatisie bankmasjiene.

Die brandstofsentrums is op strategiese plekke op die hoofroetes geplaas om bestuurders aan te moedig om "blaaskansies" te neem.
sodat hulle nie moeg raak en dus verongeluk nie. Dié veldtog word voortgesit deur die “Kom veilig tuis” veldtog.

Let op dat baie van die platteland se paaie, stof-/grondpaaie is. U moet versigtig ry en u spoed beperk. Moet ook nie skerp rem trap nie. Kom eerder stadig tot ’n stilstand. Pas ook op, dat u nie die onderkant van u motor beskadig op die “middelmannetjies” nie. Ry eerder met die een wiel op die rand van die middelmannetjie.

Waarskuwing! As dit gereën het, mag die paaie in ’n slechte toestand wees, met slaggate en poele water. Die pad mag ook baie glipperig wees. Nadat die paaie opgedroog het, mag hulle ook miskien gerifffeld word – d.w.s. sinkplaatpaaie wees.

Ry versigtig. Kom veilig tuis!

*The toll is now more likely to cost R65.*
Exercise 8
You didn’t quite understand everything your tour guide said, so you ask him/her the following questions. Give his/her answers in English in full sentences.
Example:
Is al die nasionale paaie nou tolpaie? (Are all of the national roads now toll roads?) No, not all of them, but most.

1. Is daar net tolpaie op die hoofroetes in Suid-Afrika?
2. Watter van die paaie in Suid-Afrika is nie geteer nie?
3. Waar kan ons brandstof en iets te etc kry op die pad?
4. Op watter paaie moet ons nie skerp rem trap nie?
5. Waardeur kan die onderkant van die motor beskadig word?
6. Wat kan gebeur met die paaie na dit gereën het?
7. Wat is die naam van die Suid-Afrikaanse padveiligheidsveldtog?

The most important things to remember

1. Adverbs describe verbs as to how, where and when an action takes place (time, e.g. gister; manner, e.g. vinnig; place, e.g. hier).
2. Toe and dan are tricky. Both mean then but toe is used in the past tense and dan only in the future tense.
3. There are a few words ending in -toe which are written as one word, e.g. ondertoe (to below). They all have a sense of going somewhere and often are accompanied by the word gaan, e.g. Ek gaan ondertoe.
4. When in doubt, write any phrases ending in -toe as two words, e.g. Ek gaan huis toe.
5. The most common doubled-up adverbs used for emphasis in Afrikaans are gou-gou and nou-nou.
6. Adverbs can also be used in the comparative and superlative forms.
   For the comparative form, add -er. For the superlative, add -ste. Apply the same spelling rules as listed in Unit 6.
7. South African currency is Rand and sent.
8. When we ask questions by using the verb or part of the verb as the question word, we are asking yes–no questions, e.g. Speel die kinders rugby?
9. Note that while in English we only use verb parts like ‘are’, ‘is’, ‘have’, etc. or ‘did’/‘do’ to ask yes–no questions, in Afrikaans we can use whole verbs as well as verb parts.
Om daar te bly
Staying there

In this unit you will learn
- About South African ‘B&Bs’
- How to say no! in Afrikaans
- Common telephone expressions
- The Afrikaans variants of English all
- About eating out in South Africa

Insight
In the last few years bed and breakfasts (known as B&Bs in both British English and Afrikaans) have sprung up all over South Africa, in both urban and rural areas. B&Bs offer cheaper accommodation than hotels and often give visitors a real chance to meet the ‘locals’ in their homes and thus absorb the local culture. You will probably even be able to practise your Afrikaans on them. Staying at a B&B in Soweto will afford you the opportunity to have an authentic African experience in terms of food, music and street theatre.

Dialogue 1

Mrs Ntuli welcomes her guests Di, Mary and Dick to her B&B.

Mary: Baie dankie, mev. Ntuli. Ek is Mary en dit is my suster, Di, en haar man, Dick.


Dick: Dankie, Hoe laat is ontbyt?


Di: Is dit maandlik om ander etes te kry terwyl ons hier is?

mev. Ntuli: Ja, seker. Solank u seker maak om u besprekings teen tiuuer in te dien. Dit is baie warm en julle is seker moeg. Hoe klink ’n koppie tee of koffie – of ’n koeldrank?

Di, Dick en Mary: Dankie. Koeldrank vir ons almal, asseblief!

*This is what mev. Ntuli should have said on the recording!
bestellings orders
in te dien to hand in, to place
klink sound
koeldrank cold drink

Exercise 1
Two friends, Petra and Rachél, have arrived on Friday evening to spend the weekend with you. Use Dialogue 1 and the Glossary to complete the following dialogue, by replacing the English words in italics with their Afrikaans equivalents.

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<tr>
<td>Petra</td>
<td>Thank you. How are you?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jy</td>
<td>Well, thanks and you?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Petra and Rachél</td>
<td>Dit gaan met ons goed, dankie.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jy</td>
<td>Kom ek wys julle where your rooms are. Petra you are here and Rachél you are across the passage.</td>
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<td>Petra and Rachél</td>
<td>Thank you very much.</td>
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<td>Jy</td>
<td>Sit jou suitcases neer en come and drink some coffee.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rachél</td>
<td>That will be very nice. Thank you.</td>
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<td>Petra</td>
<td>We will be there now-now.</td>
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Language patterns

The negative form (1)

Negative words
We saw one use of the negative in Unit 8 where we used Nee to begin negative responses to yes–no questions. The negative form is known in Afrikaans as the Ontkennend and means, literally, denying. Afrikaans is a language which uses a double negative almost exclusively. The term ‘double negative’ means that there are two words which mark a negative sentence. For example,
In English we might say: *The children do not want to sleep.* Here the *not* negates (denies) the statement *The children want to sleep.* In Afrikaans, however, we would negate the equivalent sentence *Die kinders wil slaap* by saying, *Die kinders wil nie slaap nie.* Compare the following sets of sentences:

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<th>Negative</th>
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<td>Dit is die boom van die jaar.</td>
<td>Dit is nie die boom van die jaar nie.</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>This is the tree of the year.</em></td>
<td><em>This is not the tree of the year.</em></td>
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<tr>
<td>Die kat jaag die hond.</td>
<td>Die kat jaag nie die hond nie.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>The cat chases the dog.</em></td>
<td><em>The cat does not chase the dog.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Die Bokke kan skop!</td>
<td>Die Bokke kan nie skop nie!</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>The Boks can kick!</em></td>
<td><em>The Boks cannot kick!</em></td>
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You will see that the basic negative word in Afrikaans is *nie* (*not*). There are, however, others – just as there are others in English besides *not*, like *never*, *nothing*, and *hardly*, for example. The Afrikaans words which follow all have positive and negative forms. Remember that when the negative form is used, a second *nie* must always occur with it and that the second *nie* always occurs as the very last word in the sentence.

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<td>moet al iemand</td>
<td>must already</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>moenie (moet nie)</td>
<td>mustn’t</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nog nie niemand</td>
<td>not yet no one</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nêrens geen, geeneen</td>
<td>nowhere</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>niks</td>
<td>nothing, no</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nooit</td>
<td>never</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nóg ... nóg</td>
<td>neither ... nor</td>
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<tr>
<td>niks nooit</td>
<td>nothing never</td>
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<tr>
<td>iets altyd</td>
<td>never</td>
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<tr>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>Negative</td>
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<tr>
<td>Daar is iemand by die deur.</td>
<td>Daar is niemand by die deur nie.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>There is someone at the door.</td>
<td>There is no one at the door.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tweede Nuwejaar is altyd op 1 Januarie.</td>
<td>Tweede Nuwejaar is nooit op 1 Januarie nie.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Second New Year is always on 1 January.</td>
<td>Second New Year is never on 1 January.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ek het die brief al gelees.</td>
<td>Ek het die brief nog nie gelees nie.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I have already read the letter.</td>
<td>I have not yet read the letter.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daar is baie blomme in die veld.</td>
<td>Daar is geen blomme in die veld nie.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>There are many flowers in the countryside.</td>
<td>There are no flowers in the countryside.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gaan jy die naweek êrens?</td>
<td>Nee, ek gaan dié naweek nêrens nie.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Are you going somewhere this weekend?</td>
<td>No, I am going nowhere this weekend.</td>
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Position of the first negative word
In English the negative usually follows the verb parts as closely as possible. Afrikaans is a little different. In Afrikaans, the first negative word is also placed as close to the verb forms as possible, but the first negative may occur either before or after them. This will depend on the meaning of the sentence. Thus, a nie/nooit/nêrens ... may come before or after the verb forms. The easiest way to decide on where to put the first negative is to decide on what is being negated. (Remember that the second negative nie always comes at the end of the sentence.)
Ons woon altyd die vuurwerke by.
*We always* attend the fireworks.
Ons sal die vuurwerke altyd bywoon.
*We will always* attend the fireworks.
Ons wou nog altyd die vuurwerke bywoon.
*We have always wanted to attend the fireworks.*

Ons woon nooit die vuurwerke by nie.
*We never* attend the fireworks.
Ons sal die vuurwerke nooit bywoon nie.
*We will never attend the fireworks.*
Ons wou nog nooit die vuurwerke bywoon nie.
*We have never wanted to attend the fireworks.*

In the first example, bywoon (*attend*) is being negated. In the second example bywoon (*attend*) is being negated. In the third example wou (*wanted*) is being negated. Thus, in the first and second examples the attendance is being denied, whereas in the last two examples the speaker is denying the wish to attend.

In Afrikaans, the position of the first negative in relation to an adverbial phrase of time can fundamentally alter the meaning of a sentence. Look at the following examples and at the way in which the different placements of the first negative alter the sentence meaning:

**Atlete oefen die hele jaar net vir die Comrades.**
**Athletes practise all year just for the Comrades.**
**Atlete oefen nie die hele jaar net vir die Comrades nie.**
**Athletes do not practise all year just for the Comrades.**
**Atlete oefen die hele jaar nie net vir die Comrades nie.**
**Athletes practise all year, not just for the Comrades.**
**Die vliegtuig land om 10h00 op Heathrow.**
**The aeroplane lands at Heathrow at 10h00.**
**Die vliegtuig land nie om 10h00 op Heathrow nie.**
**The aeroplane does not land at 10h00 at Heathrow.**
Die vliegtuig land om 10h00 nie op Heathrow nie. The aeroplane does not land at Heathrow at 10h00.

Exercise 2
On the aircraft, you read the following article supposedly about South Africa. Unfortunately someone has inserted the incorrect block of text. Make the text accurate by changing it into the negative.

Suid-Afrika is ’n koue reënerige land. Dis ’n klein land wat al ’n honderd jaar vry is. Jy sal èrens in die bos tigers teëkom. Suid-Afrika is ’n land van dodo’s en paradysvoëls. Net Indiërs woon in Suid-Afrika en al hulle dorpe en stede is aan die kus. Iemand sal vir jou kan reël om in die woestyn te toer. Jy sal daar èrens vervoer kan kry.

reënerig rainy
vry free
tier/e tiger/s
teëkom encounter
stede cities
kus coast
reël arrange
woestyn desert
toer tour
vervoer transport

Language patterns

The negative form (2)

There are a few occasions in Afrikaans where there is only one negative in a sentence, but these are exceptional uses. The general rule in Afrikaans is to have two negatives, and this is why we learn about the double negative before we learn about the single.
Single negatives usually occur in simple present tense sentences which reflect one of the following patterns:

1. Sentences which have only a subject and a verb.

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<td>Die kinders slaap.</td>
<td>The children are sleeping.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Die kinders slaap nie.</td>
<td>The children are not sleeping.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piet en Gert luister.</td>
<td>Piet and Gert are listening.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piet en Gert luister nie.</td>
<td>The Boks are not listening.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Die Bokke wen.</td>
<td>The Boks are winning.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Die Bokke wen nie.</td>
<td>The Boks are not winning.</td>
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2. Sentences which have objects that are pronouns.

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<tr>
<td>Mary gaan haal dit.</td>
<td>Mary is fetching it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mary gaan haal dit nie.</td>
<td>Mary is not fetching it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piet drink dit.</td>
<td>Piet is drinking it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piet drink dit nie.</td>
<td>Piet is not drinking it.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sannie bedien hulle.</td>
<td>Sannie is serving them.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sannie bedien hulle nie.</td>
<td>Sannie is not serving them.</td>
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**Note**

1. Compound verbs always take the double negative:

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<td>Mary kom saam met Dick en Di.</td>
<td>Mary is coming with Dick and Di.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mary kom nie saam met Dick en Di nie.</td>
<td>Mary is not coming with Dick and Di.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Die huurmotor laai julle hier op.</td>
<td>The taxi picks you up here.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Die huurmotor laai julle nie hier op nie.</td>
<td>The taxi does not pick you up here.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Die passassiers haal hulle bagasie daar af.</td>
<td>The passengers collect their baggage there.</td>
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</table>
Die passassiers haal hulle bagasie nie daar af nie. Hulle tel die rommel op. Hulle tel die rommel nie op nie.

The passengers do not collect their baggage there. They are picking up the rubbish. They are not picking up the rubbish.

saamkom coming with
opleai pick up
afhaal collect
optel pick up

2 A very few words in becoming their opposites imply the negative, but do not usually take a nie.

Ja, dit is waar.
Nee, dit is onwaar.
Ja, dit is moontlik.
Nee, dit is onmoontlik.
Ja, ek erken dit.
Nee, ek ontken dit.
Ja, ek aanvaar dit.
Nee, ek verwerp dit.

Yes, it is true.
No, it is false.
Yes, it is possible.
No, it is impossible.
Yes, I admit it.
No, I deny it.
Yes, I accept that.
No, I reject that.

In the positive sentences below we would be likely to stress the is in both the English and Afrikaans sentences. Should we wish to use positive words (waar, moontlik) with nie ... nie, the stress comes on the first nie where in English we stress the not. This construction is emphatic.

Dit is waar.
Dit is nie waar nie.
Dit is moontlik.
Dit is nie moontlik nie.

It is true.
It is not true.
It is possible.
It is not possible.

Other opposite words follow the normal simple present tense sentence SV only rule and take only one nie.

Ek erken dit.
Ek erken dit nie.
Ek aanvaar dit.
Ek aanvaar dit nie.

I admit it.
I do not admit it.
I accept it.
I do not accept it.
3 of ... of; nóg ... nóg either ... or; neither ... nor

These words are the Afrikaans equivalents of the English *either ... or* and *neither ... nor*, respectively. There is no nie in the negative (nóg ... nóg) sentence:

Óf Di óf Mary sal nou stort.
Nóg Di nóg Mary sal nou stort.

*Either Di or Mary will shower now.*

*Neither Di nor Mary will shower now.*

*You can take either a taxi or bus there.*

*You can take neither a taxi nor a bus there.*

*They are going to either Kimberley or Oudtshoorn.*

*They are going to neither Kimberley nor Oudtshoorn.*


Hulle gaan óf Kimberley óf Oudtshoorn toe.
Hulle gaan nóg Kimberley nóg Oudtshoorn toe.

**Exercise 3**

Write the following memo on the house rules of the B&B in the negative.

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**MEMO – HUISORDE**

- rook en sterk drank word in die kamers toegelaat
- tydskrifte mag weggedra word
- sleutels moet in u deure gelos word
- partytjies word in u kamers toegelaat
- onderklere moet in die kamers gewas word

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**Insight**

South Africa is a vast country which is almost impossible to cover with telephone lines and electrical cables. Cell phones (mobiles) are very common in South Africa, and in rural areas are often the only form of communication. In Unit 2, Mrs Smit used her landline to telephone her butcher. You learnt some telephone etiquette there. In the following...
description you will come across some typical telephonic expressions. You should learn them.

Look and listen

เฉ CD2, TR 14


skakel to phone
bestel to order
luitjie gee call, ring up (slang)
boodskap neem take a message
oomblik a moment
aan te hou hang on
sommer just (slang)
afspreek arrange

opleai pick up
bereid prepared
gereed ready
beheersentrum control centre
deur te skakel patch through
selfoon mobile phone
alles is in die haak ready to roll

Exercise 4
Answer the following questions in Afrikaans.

1 Waarom skakel mev. Ntuli die huurmotor-maatskappy?
2 Wat sê sy haar gaste moet maak as hulle iets nodig het?
3 Hoekom vra mev. Ntuli die taxibestuurder om aan te hou?
4 Vir wie moet die gaste bel as hulle met die taxibestuurder wil praat?
5 Wat sê die taxibestuurder moet die gaste die beheersentrum vra om te doen wanneer hulle hom wil hê?
Insight
The telephone signals in South Africa are different from those in Europe.

- The ‘tring-tring, tring-tring’ is the ringing tone.
- The one-second spaced ‘beep, beep, beep’ is an engaged signal.
- Rapid ‘beep, beep, beep, beep’ signals means the main line is busy and you cannot be connected to the area you want.
- The long two-second ‘beeeep, beeeep, beeeep’ means the phone is out of order or disconnected.

Language patterns

The forms of all in Afrikaans

Look at the following sentences and their Afrikaans equivalents:

Hulle het al hulle ontbyt geëet. They ate all their breakfast.
Mev. Ntuli het al die reëlings Mrs Ntuli made all the getref.
arrangements.
Sy het hulle al die nodige She gave them all the necessary inligting gee).
information.
Sy het almal van hulle ’n She wished all of them a goeie good day.
dag toe gewens. All the arrangements are getref.

In the sentences above, the Afrikaans word-equivalents for the English all are each describing a noun which follows them:

- al → ontbyt
- al → (die) reëlings
- al → (die nodige) inligting
- almal → (van) hulle
- alle → reëlings
When the Afrikaans equivalent forms follow their noun, almal is used for everything and alle and alles as above. Compare the following examples.

**Die katte het almal lekker gespeel.**
The cats all played happily.

**All the cats played happily.**

**Sy het al die katte kos gegee.**
She gave all the cats food.

**She gave food to all the cats.**

**Sy het die katte almal kos gegee.**
Piet, Sannie and Dad are all sleeping.

**She wished them all a good day.**

**Piet, Sannie en Pa slaap almal.**

**Exercise 5**
Choose the correct form of all in the following sentences.

2. Die toeskouers sal (alles, almal, al, alle) die Bokke ondersteun.
3. Sit (alles, almal, al, alle) die kos in die kas.
4. Die kos moet (alles, almal, al, alle) in die kas kom.
5. Ons het (alles, almal, al, alle) roetes probeer, maar nie die regte een gekry nie.
7. Die taxi-destuurder het hulle (alles, almal, al, alle) die interessante plekke gewys.
8. Jy sal (alles, almal, al, alle) die woorde moet leer.
9. (Alles, almal, al, alle) die honde blaf.
10. Die honde blaf (alles, almal, al, alle).

**Exercise 6**
Translate the following into Afrikaans.

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**Information for guests**

- Please switch off your lights when you leave your room.
- Please take your keys with you when you leave your room.
- Please lock your door.
- Please place your breakfast order by 18h00 the night before.
- Tea and coffee is available at all times in the dining room.
- Television is available in the lounge.

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Enjoy!
Eating out

Restaurants
Eating out is a great South African pastime, even in winter when the weather is less kind. Every hotel has at least a dining room and many have several restaurants in addition. Some of the restaurants cater for family groups, while others, which are generally more up-market, cater for business and professional groups. All over the cities and even in villages you will find restaurants both simple and sophisticated.

As smoking is banned in public and workplace environments in South Africa, restaurants that wish to cater for smokers have to have special smoking areas which are hermetically sealed from the non-smoking areas. Cigarettes may not be sold to anyone under 16.

Pubs
The South African pub culture is becoming more and more like British pub culture. Pubs are still, however, mostly associated with drinking and eating rather than just drinking. This in itself is a change from the seventies and before, when pubs were called ‘bars’ and were drinking places for men only – women were not even allowed in. When, in the seventies, ‘ladies’ bars’ became popular, really ‘decent’ women did not enter them. Women were served in ‘lounges’! The term ‘pub’ used to be used solely to describe off-sales/off-licences. The tendency nowadays is to use the term ‘bottle store’ for off-sales and ‘pub’ for a place to drink and eat – and usually, smoke. The words ‘off-sales’ and ‘off-licence’ seem to have fallen into disuse.

Under 18s may not be served liquor in pubs (or anywhere else for that matter), but now they are allowed in pubs which serve food.

Cafés
Cafés in South Africa are small shops in which basics like bread, milk, sweets, cigarettes, cold drinks, newspapers and magazines can be bought.
Coffee shops
Coffee shops in South Africa are more like French cafés, but serve no liquor, only a range of coffees and light meals and confectionery.

Fast-food
There are hundreds of fast-food restaurants in South Africa. They sell everything from chicken to sushi to hamburgers to hummus. Most of the international fast-food brands are available in South Africa.

uit et eating out
ver maak pastime
weer weather
besigheidsmense business people
professionele professional
gesofistikeerd sophisticated
verbode banned/forbidden
openbaar public
werkplek workplace
omgewing environment
drank liquor
rook-area smoking area
lugu dig hermetic
sigarette cigarettes
ordon tlike decent
buite-verkope off-sales
tendens tendency
deesdae nowadays
drankwintel bottle store
koerante newspapers
tydskrifte magazines

During the apartheid years, people of colour were not allowed into white hotels and bars and could only be sold liquor from off-sales in the ‘townships’. A shebeen culture sprang up, particularly in the black townships. Frequently, the liquor served there was (and, sometimes, still is) home-brewed, traditional African beer. Today, shebeens are an integral part of South African society.
The following exercises are simply for oral practice.

Exercise 7

CD2, TR 15

You are with four children in the Wees Tuin restaurant. Order something to eat and drink for yourself and for each of the children from the following menu.

wees tuins

SPYSKAART

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<tr>
<td>Vis en skyfies</td>
<td>R35.50</td>
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<td>Skyfies</td>
<td>R12.00</td>
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<td>Worsbroodje</td>
<td>R12.00</td>
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<td>Hamburger</td>
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<td>Hamburger en skyfies</td>
<td>R32.50</td>
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<td>Worsrolletjie</td>
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<td>R15.00</td>
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<td>Koeldrank</td>
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<td>Melk</td>
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<td>Roomysmelk/melkskommel</td>
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<td>Roomys</td>
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Insight

Like any other language, Afrikaans has words that have fallen out of daily use and are considered archaic. For example, the word roomysmelk is technically correct and
you’ll find it in the dictionary under milkshake. But if you want to impress the locals with your contemporary Afrikaans, it’s better to say melkskommel.

Exercise 8
◆ CD2, TR 16

a You are at a formal dinner. From the following menu, order a starter, a main course and a dessert.
b The waiter shows you the wine list. Order something to drink during your meal and something to drink after the meal.

Hotel Deftig
Spyskaart
Voorgereg
vrugtekelkie
tuna-kelkie
hoenderlewertjies
slakke met knoffel
mossels in kaassous
sampioene in wynsous

Hoogereg
lynvis van die dag
smoorsnoek
koningklip
kreef
gebraaide: varkboud
skaapboud
beesbriedie
almal bedien met groente

Nagereg
roomys met sjokoladesous
kersies in rooiwyn
kaasbord
koffie en likeur

Hotel Deftig
Wynkaart

Rooi:
Dieman Shiraz
Paulet Pinotage
Triomf Cinsaut

Wit:
Classic Chardonnay
De Wet Chenin Blanc
Robbins Riesling

Vonkelwyn:
Brillig Soet
Brillig Sec
Brillig Ekstra Sec

Likeurs:
Amarula
Café
Mintando
wees tuis feel at home
spyskaart menu
skyfies chips
worsbroodjie hotdog
worsrolletjie sausage roll
gerosterde toebroodjie toasted sandwich
tamatie tomato
kaas cheese
spek bacon
eiers eggs
roomysmelk, melkskommel milkshake
roomys ice cream
deftig smart
voorgereg starter
kelkie cocktail
hoenderlewertjies chicken livers
slakke snails
knoffel garlic
mossels mussels
kaassous cheese sauce
sampioene mushrooms
wynsous wine sauce
hoofgeregt main course
lynvis line-fish
smoorsnoek braised snoek (type of fish)
konkingklip kingklip (type of fish)
kreef crayfish, lobster
gebraaide roasted
vark pork
skaap lamb
beesbriedie beef stew
bedien met served with
groente vegetables
nageregt dessert
kersies cherries
kaasbord cheese board
rooi red
The most important things to remember

1 The negative form in Afrikaans is known as Ontkennend and means, literally, ‘denying’.
2 Afrikaans uses a double negative almost exclusively. There are two words marking the negative sentence, e.g. Die kinders wil nie slaap nie.
3 Besides nie there are a few other negative words in Afrikaans such as niemand or nooit. These must also be followed by a second nie at the end of a sentence, e.g. Daar is niemand by die deur nie.
4 In Afrikaans the first negative can be before or after the verb depending on what is being negated (unlike English where the negative usually follows the verb), with the second negative at the end of the sentence.
5 Only one negative is rarely used; for example, in sentences with only a subject and a verb, e.g. Die kinders slaap nie.
6 There are several forms of the word ‘all’ in Afrikaans: al, almal, alle and alles.
Koopkuns
Cunning shopping

In this unit you will learn

- About shopping in South Africa
- How to use conjunctions and their clauses
- About the ‘Proudly South African’ campaign
- More variation in word order
- About going to market

Shopping

South African shops and the South African shopping experience are equal to the best in the world.

South African fruit, for example, can rarely be beaten for quality and is readily available and cheap. Fruit and vegetables are sold, not only in shops, but also at farm stalls and along the urban streets by hawkers. Many public buildings have their cluster of hawkers offering fruit and drinks, and sometimes snacks, to their customers.

South Africa’s gold, diamond and platinum is renowned throughout the world and is still relatively cheap. South African jewellery artisans are justifiably acclaimed and all have recognized formal outlets both in shopping malls and at selected upmarket
hotels and the major game reserves. Tourist discounts are available to those who present their passports as evidence of their tourist status.

A ‘value added tax’ (VAT) of 14% (currently) is added to all purchases other than basic, unpackaged foods. While VAT is almost always inclusive, i.e. already added on to the marked price, this is not so at supermarkets. At supermarkets, because of the differentiation between basic unpackaged foods and other ‘luxury’ prepackaged foods, VAT is calculated on the total purchase, excluding VAT-free foods.

Since 2003, customers have been expected to supply their own shopping bags. This measure was instituted as a conservation measure to limit the number of plastic bags littering the environment. Shopping bags can be bought cheaply at all shops, but the distribution of thin plastic bags is prohibited by law.

South Africans are encouraged through the ‘Proudly South African’ campaign to buy South African and many goods carry the ‘Proudly South African’ logo as well as the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) logo, which is a guarantee of quality and fine workmanship.
Exercise 1
Translate into English the following flyer advertising shopping opportunities in South Africa.

UITVERKOPING

50% op alle ware

Moet dit nie misloop nie!!
Language patterns

Conjunctions

In Afrikaans, as in English, conjunctions (joining words) are used to join a series of simple sentences to form a complex sentence. The effect is, in essence, a stylistic one, which prevents the impression of a choppy, 'telegraph' style. For example, we would be unlikely to speak in the following way in English:

The sun was shining. The sardines were running. We planned to spend the day on the beach. The sardines were running. We wanted to catch some. We put buckets in the car. We also took our binoculars with us. The hump-backed whales had followed the sardines up the coast.

We would be more likely to say:

The sun was shining and the sardines were running, so we planned to spend the day on the beach. Because the sardines were running and we wanted to catch some, we put buckets in the car. We also took our binoculars with us because the hump-backed whales had followed the sardines up the coast.

The words and, so and because are all conjunctions. The original eight sentences have been combined into three but there has been no change in the meaning of the original text.

We can do the same in Afrikaans, but in Afrikaans the process is generally more complicated, because most conjunctions affect the word order of the sentence which follows the conjunction. (Note, however, that in Afrikaans we generally avoid the long complicated sentences so common in English. English-speaking writers, myself included, often find it difficult to remember to limit their sentence length when they write in Afrikaans.)
Conjunctions and word order

In English, conjunctions hardly ever affect the word order of the sentences which follow them. In Afrikaans, however, conjunctions often change the position of the verb particles. There are three sets of conjunctions in Afrikaans, each of which has a different effect on the word order. Below is a list of the more common conjunctions and the set to which each belongs.

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<td>verb or auxiliary comes after adverb</td>
<td>verb at the end of the sentence</td>
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<td>dus therefore, so</td>
<td>dat that</td>
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<td>maar but</td>
<td>daarom therefore, so</td>
<td>omdat because</td>
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<td>want because</td>
<td>dan then (future)</td>
<td>nadat after</td>
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<tr>
<td>of or</td>
<td>toe then (past)</td>
<td>sodat so that</td>
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<td>óf ... óf either ... or</td>
<td>gevolglik as a result</td>
<td>totdat until</td>
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<td>nóg ... nóg neither ... nor</td>
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<td>voordat before</td>
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Group 1

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For these conjunctions there is no change in word order.

1 Sannie speel tennis. Sannie plays tennis.
    Themba speel voetbal. Themba plays soccer.
    Sannie speel tennis en Themba speel voetbal. Sannie plays tennis and
    Themba plays soccer.
2 Ma het gebak. Pa het gelees. Mum baked. Dad read.
    Ma het gebak, maar Pa het gelees. Mum baked, but Dad read.
    Bring óf skyfies óf pretzels. Bring either crisps or pretzels.
4 Die algemene handelaar was nie oop nie. The general store was not
    Die drankwinkel was nie oop nie. open.
    Nóg die algemene handelaar The bottlestore was not open.
    nóg die drankwinkel was oop. Neither the general store nor
    die drankwinkel was oop. the bottle store was open.
5 Sy koop diamante. Diamante She is buying diamonds.
    is goedkoop in Suid-Afrika. Diamonds are cheap in
    Sy koop diamante want hulle She is buying diamonds
    is goedkoop in Suid-Afrika. because they are cheap
    in South Africa.

Group 2

CD2, TR 17, 01:08

In this group, verbs or verb parts come immediately after the conjunction.

1 Die fietsryer het geval. Die The cyclist fell. The cyclist
    fietsryer het onmiddellik showered immediately.
    gestort. The cyclist fell so he showered
    Die fietsryer het geval, daarom immediately.
    het hy onmiddellik gestort. The cyclist fell so he showered
2 Hulle sal diere kyk. immediately.

They will look at the animals.
Hulle sal braai. They will braai (barbecue).
Hulle sal diere kyk, dan sal hulle braai.

3 Die verkoopsassistent het die pakkie toegedraai.
The shop assistant wrapped the parcel.
Sy het dit vir Di gegee.
She gave it to Di.
Die verkoopsassistent het die pakkie toegedraai, toe dit vir Di gegee.
The shop assistant wrapped the parcel then gave it to Di.

4 Mandela was lank in die tronk.
Mandela was in jail a long time. He is not bitter.
Hy is nie bitter nie.
Mandela was in jail a long time yet he is not bitter.
Mandela was lank in die tronk,
tog is hy nie bitter nie.

Group 3
CD2, TR 17, 02:04

The full verb comes at the end of the sentence when using Group 3 conjunctions.

1 Die San woon nou in dorpies.
The San now live in villages.
Hulle mag nie meer jag nie.
They may no longer hunt.
Die San woon nou in dorpies,
because they may no longer hunt.
omdat hulle nie meer mag jag nie.

Remember: If a sentence is in the negative, the last word will always be nie.

2 Die kantore was gesluit.
The offices were closed.
Dit was Boomplanddag.
It was Arbor Day.
Die kantore was gesluit toe dit Boomplanddag was.
The offices were closed when it was Arbor Day.

3 Die toeriste het vroeg in die bed gekom. They had walked in the veld the entire day.
Hulle het die hele dag in die veld geloop.
Die toeriste het vroeg in die bed gekom, \textit{nadat} hulle die hele dag in die veld geloop het.

4 Koop jy die medisyne by die apteek. \textit{Ek} koop die kruideniersware.
Koop jy die medisyne by die apteek \textit{terwyl ek} die kruideniersware koop.

5 Michael het die kelner gevra. Die rooiwyn is so duur.
Michael het die kelner gevra \textit{hoe} kom die rooiwyn so duur is.

6 Hulle eet nie nagereg nie. Hulle \textit{hou} nie daarvan nie.
Hulle eet nie nagereg nie \textit{omdat} hulle nie daarvan hou nie.

7 Piet sal ons ’n luitjie gee. Hy kom vanaand kuier.
Piet sal ons ’n luitjie gee \textit{voordat} hy vanaand kom kuier.

The tourists were in bed early after they had walked in the veld all day.

Buy the medicine from the chemist. \textit{I} buy the groceries.

Buy the medicine from the chemist \textit{while} \textit{I} buy the groceries.
Michael asked the waiter. \textit{The} red wine was so expensive.
Michael asked the waiter \textit{why} the red wine was so expensive.
They do not eat dessert.
They do not like it.
They do not eat dessert \textit{because} they do not like it.

Piet will give us a ring.
He comes to visit tonight.
Piet will give us a ring \textit{before} he comes to visit tonight.

\textbf{Insight}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textit{Want} and \textit{omdat} both mean \textit{because}, but belong in different ‘groups’. Use \textit{want} when you can as there is no word order change after it.
  \item For all conjunctions ending in -\textit{dat}, the verb comes at the end of the sentence.
\end{itemize}

\textbf{Exercise 2}
Replace the English word in the following sentences with the correct Afrikaans one.
Example:
Xai hou van sprinkane, but Piet sal hulle nie eet nie. →
Xai hou van sprinkane, maar Piet sal hulle nie eet nie.

1 Die span gaan vier after hulle gewen het.
2 Hulle wil weet if daar koningkliip op die spyskaart is.
3 Mary en Di gaan inkopies doen when hulle dorp toe gaan.
4 Kaptein Bruinders het die net ingegooi then verder geseil.
5 Mev. Smit maak haar eie konfyt and haar eie brood en botter.

Exercise 3
Join the following sentences by using the conjunctions in brackets.

Example:
Jan bly in die bed. Hy is siek. (omdat) →
Jan bly in die bed omdat hy siek is.

1 Jy moet skoene aantrek. Daar is slange in die veld. (want)
2 Die Hindus gebruik baie kersse gedurende Diwali. Dit is die “Fees van Ligte”. (omdat)
3 Piet het vroeg gekom. Hy wou sy padda graag opsny. (aangesien)
4 Die rugbywedstryd sal gespeel word. Dit het baie hard gereën. (alhoewel)
5 Jy sal nou moet ry. Jy wil jou inkopies doen. Die winkels sluit. (as, voordat)
6 Die werkers sal eers gate maak. Die bome sal geplant word. (dan)
7 Die maatskappy het die bome gekoop. Die werkers het hulle geplant. (toe)
8 Hulle het gaan draf. Hulle het die huis klaar skoongemaak. (nadat)
Insight
Clothing in South Africa is relatively cheap. Sizing generally follows British sizes, but US and European sizes are often also given.

Specialist men’s outfitters and women’s boutiques are very common and are to be found in all shopping malls.

Some terms for articles of clothing are typically South African or are used in a particular way.

plakkies thong sandals
beanie woollen cap
tekkies tennis shoes
stokies soft towelling shoes
pants men’s and women’s trousers/women’s knickers
T-shirt any pullover-type cotton shirt
jersey cardigan or pullover

The following vocabulary boxes contain the words you need to be able to ‘shop till you drop’. You will have come across some of the words before.

Groente en vrugte Vegetables and fruit

aartappel potato
aspersie asparagus
beet beetroot
blaarslaai lettuce
blomkool cauliflower
ertries peas
(geel)wortel carrot
groenbone green beans
knoffel garlic
appel apple
appelkoos apricot
druise grapes
koejawel guava
lemoen orange
nartjie tangerine
papaja papaya
pear pear
perske peach
mielie maize
pampoen pumpkin
patat sweet potato
pietersielie parsley
sampioen mushroom
skorsie gem squash
ui onion
witwortel parsnip
piesang banana
pomelo grapefruit
pynappel pineapple
spanspek sweet melon
suurlemoen lemon
tamatie tomato
vy fig
waatlemoen watermelon

Vleis en melkprodukte Meat and dairy products

beesvleis beef
biefstuk steak
biltong jerky
boerewors farm sausage
frikkadel meatball
hoender chicken
lever liver
maalvleis mince
nierjie kidney
skapvleis lamb
spek bacon
tjop chop
sosatie kebab
varkvleis pork
botter butter
karrinigmelk buttermilk
kaas cheese
maaskaas cream cheese
melk milk
room cream
roomys ice cream
joghurt yoghurt

Drinkgoed Beverages

brandewyn brandy
koeldrank cold drink

tee tea
water: stil water: still
vonkel sparkling
wyn: rooi wine: red
wit white
soet/droë sweet/dry

koffie: wit coffee: white
swart black
kitskoffie instant
melk: volroom milk: fullcream
2% twee semi-skimmed
persent

vrugtesap fruit juice
Allerlei Miscellaneous

aartappelskyfies crisps  neute nuts
asyn vinegar  sout en peper salt and pepper
eiers eggs  pap porridge
bakpoeler baking powder  sigarette cigarettes
brood bread  roosterbrood toast
broodrolletjies bread rolls  slaptjips chips
vla custard  graankos cereal
gronboontjies peanuts  sop soup
heuning honey  sous sauce, gravy
tapenietjes tomato sauce  tamatiesous tomato sauce
toebroodjies sandwiches  toebroodjies sandwiches
vissmeer fishpaste  vissmeer fishpaste
vet lard  vuurhoutjies matches
mosterd mustard  vuurhoutjies matches

Klere Clothes

baadjie jacket  japon gown (hospital)
babibroek, swembroek bathing  kamerjas gown (home)
  costume  onderbroek underpants
bikini bikini  pak (klere) suit
bra bra  pantoffels slippers
broek trousers  reënjas raincoat
broekies pants, panties  plakkies sandals
broekieskousie tights  rok dress
das tie  romp skirt
doek scarf (head)  serp scarf (neck)
drafskoene running shoes  slenterpak tracksuit
drobbie vest  sweetpak tracksuit
gordel belt  tekkies tennis shoes
handskoene gloves  trui jersey, pullover
hemp shirt  jas coat
hoed hat  wolonderbaadjie cardigan
Insight
Afrikaans and the other indigenous languages of South Africa have a real give-and-take relationship! Using the list above, can you work out what the isiXhosa word llokwe means? It’s an article of women’s clothing, derivative of the Afrikaans word for the same, with a nod to the Nguni ‘lisp’ in which r becomes l. The word donga (gully) is one that Afrikaans has borrowed almost wholesale from the isiZulu word for wall: udonga.

Exercise 4
You are planning a trip to a game reserve. Your reservations are for self-catering accommodation. You find the following advice for self-catering meals in an Afrikaans guide book. Translate the paragraph into English for your friends who cannot read Afrikaans, but who are going to do the shopping.

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Die maklikste kos om saam te neem is vrugte, aartappels en vleis. Drinkgoed soos vrugtesap, koffie, tee en melk is ook belangrik. Maak seker dat u water het. Vir ontbyt is óf pap óf graankos die maklikste. Braai elke aand genoeg vleis om die volgende dag vir middagete koud te eet. U kan brood en gekookte eiers en tamaties saam met die koue braai eet. Moenie die botter, sout en die suiker, of die hout en vuurhoutjies, vergeet nie.

Exercise 5
Using the paragraph above, write out a shopping list for your friends, giving both the English and Afrikaans terms to help them learn some Afrikaans.

Exercise 6
Your partner, Robin, has left some clothes he now needs at your friend Sarie’s house. Your partner asks you to translate the following letter to Sarie into Afrikaans.
Dear Sarie,

How are you? We are enjoying ourselves, but it is cold here. I therefore need my red cardigan and my black coat. I also need some socks and a tracksuit. Please send them to me.

Regards,

Robin

Language patterns

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Word order when clauses begin sentences

You will remember from Unit 4 that when we move time, place and manner phrases or words to the beginning of a sentence, the word order changes. When we move clauses (the part of the complex sentence which begins with the conjunction) to the beginning of complex sentences, the word order may also change. Generally, only clauses beginning with Group 2 and 3 conjunctions can be moved to the beginning of the complex sentence.

The position of the verb in the clause, as you learnt earlier, depends on the type of conjunction used. When the sentence begins with a Group 2 or Group 3 conjunction clause, the verb and the verb parts in the main clause (the one that does not start with a conjunction) are affected. Look at the following examples.

1 Piet gaan vroeg skool toe, omdat hy sy padda wil opsny.
   Omdat hy sy padda wil opsny, gaan Piet vroeg skool toe.

Piet is going to school early because he wants to cut up his frog.
Because he wants to cut up his frog, Piet is going to school early.
2 The shops were already closed when Mary and Di arrived.
When Mary and Di arrived, the shops were already closed.
The crowd sings with joy when the Boks score a try.
When the Boks score a try, the crowd sings with joy.
They played the match last night, although it rained hard.
Although it rained hard, they played the match last night.

5 You will not get a booking unless you book today.
Unless you book today, you will not get a booking.

Insight
► When the clause begins the sentence, there is always a comma separating it from the main clause.
► There is always a comma between verbs in Afrikaans.

Exercise 7
Join the following sentences using the conjunctions in brackets, noting the change in word order in the second sentence.

Example:
Die Springbokke sal nooit wen nie. Hulle is bereid om te oefen.
(tensy) → Die Springbokke sal nooit wen nie, tensy hulle bereid is om te oefen.

1 Die lugdiens het hulle nie laat weet nie. Die vlug is gister gekanselleer. (waarom)
2 Die lugdiens het hulle laat weet. Die vlug is gister gekanselleer. (voordat)
3 Die lugdiens moes hulle laat weet. Die vlug is gekanselleer. 
(omdat)
4 Die werkgewers het hulle werkers ’n vakansiedag gegee. Hulle 
het almal dié jaar hard gewerk. (aangesien)
5 Die skool bring hulle leerlinge Suid-Afrika toe. Die somervakansie 
begin Juliemaand. (sodra)

Exercise 8
Using the complex sentences you made in Exercise 7, invert each 
sentence by beginning with the conjunction clause.

Example:
Die Springbokke sal nooit wen nie. Hulle is nie bereid om te 
oefen nie. (tensy) \(\rightarrow\) Die Springbokke sal nooit wen nie, tensy 
hulle bereid is om te oefen. \(\rightarrow\) Tensy hulle bereid is om te oefen, 
sal die Springbokke nooit wen nie.

The most important things to remember

1 In Afrikaans, as in English, conjunctions (joining words) are 
used to join simple sentences to form a complex sentence.
2 The process of joining sentences is more complicated in 
Afrikaans as most conjunctions affect the word order of the 
sentence following the conjunction.

There are 3 sets of conjunctions in Afrikaans, each with a 
different effect on the word order.

a Group 1 – this has no effect on word order: en, maar, 
want, of ... of, nog ... nog (e.g. Sannie speel tennis en 
Jannie speel rugby.)

b Group 2 – verb or auxiliary comes after adverb: dus, 
daarom, dan, toe, gevolglik, tog, daarna, nietemin, 
intussen (e.g. Hulle sal swem, dan sal hulle braai.)

c Group 3 – verb at the end of the sentence: dat, omdat, 
nadam, sodat, totdat, voordat, terwyl, wanneer, waarom, 
hoekom etc. (e.g. Piet sal ons bel, voordat hy vanaand 
kom kuier.)
When we move clauses (the part of the complex sentence which begins with the conjunction) the word order may also change.

Generally only clauses beginning with Group 2 and 3 conjunctions can be moved to the beginning of a complex sentence.

When a sentence begins with a Group 2 or 3 conjunction clause, the verbs and verb parts in the main clause are affected, e.g. Tensy jy vandag al bespreek, sal jy nie ’n bespreking kry nie.

When the clause begins the sentence, there is always a comma separating it from the main clause.

In Afrikaans there is always a comma between verbs.
SOS

In this unit you will learn

- About prepositions
- Prepositional verbs
- What to do in an emergency
- About herbs that heal
- How to cope with illness

Emergencies

Wherever you are in the world, whether at home or abroad, you may face an emergency. Such emergencies may be as simple as a flat tyre or as complex as suddenly falling ill.

The general emergency number in South Africa is 10111 which will put you in contact with the police who will link you to other emergency services. There are emergency telephones along all the major toll roads and highways, but not along the others. It is common for travellers to carry mobile phones with them on long trips. The AA (Automobile Association) is the most common emergency motor vehicle service, but there are others.
Exercise 1

Read the following piece while you listen to the recording, then translate it into English using the vocabulary box below to help you.

Verskoon my, meneer. Kan u ons help? Ons huurmotor het ’n pap band en daar is geen domkrag in die kattebak nie. Ons moet ook die spaarband oppomp want dit is ook pap.

nooddienste emergency services
noodgevalle emergencies
hospitaal hospital
ambulans ambulance
brandweer fire brigade
polisie police
reddingsdiens rescue service
werktuigkundige mechanic
insleep tow
huurmotor hire car
pap band flat tyre
domkrag jack
spaarwiel spare wheel
pap flat
paneelklopper panel beater

battery battery
remme brakes
enjin engine
flikkerlig indicator
ratkas gearbox
registrarssienommer licence plate
vergasser accelerator
verkoeler radiator
windskerm windscreen
vonkprop spark plug
kattebak boot
enjinkap bonnet
sitiplekgordel seatbelt
oppomp inflate
rybewys, lisensie licence

Language patterns

Prepositions

Prepositions are (usually) small words that combine with nouns to give a sense of direction. As in English they are generally used to combine a verb (action) with a noun which usually, but not always, follows it. Prepositions thus function in Afrikaans as they do in English.

Die boek is op die tafel. The book is on the table.
Sy het die boek op die tafel gesit. She put the book on the table.
Xai het nader aan die bok geloop. 
Die renoster vryf homself/ haarself 
leen die boom. 
Ons het die domkrag onder die 
motor vasgemaak. 
leen die bult het ons 'n leeu gesien. 
Op die bed lê Baba Beer. 
Die son sak in die weste.

Xai walked closer to the buck. 
The rhino is rubbing itself 
against the tree. 
We attached the jack under 
the car. 
Against the hill we saw a lion. 
On the bed lay Baby Bear. 
The sun sinks in the west.

Prepositions frequently imply a sense of place, direction or motion.

In our mother tongues, we usually know instinctively which 
prepositions go with which verbs. When we are learning a foreign 
language like Afrikaans, we have to learn the verb–preposition 
combinations. A list of the most common prepositions and 
idiomatic prepositional phrases in Afrikaans follows. The list is 
rather long but don’t be daunted. Look them up as you need them. 
You will learn them by using them.

**Prepositions and prepositional phrases**

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- **Play outside**
- **Beyond my ability**
- **Outside my reckoning**
- **It is hot outside**
- **Meet at**
- **Runs past me**
- **Thanking you in anticipation**
- **Out of the window**
- **In at the window**
- **Out of the door**
- **Walk through the garden**
- **By means of**
- **Work through the night**
- **This side of the street**
- **During the holidays**
- **In the house**
- **Climbing in the mountains**
- **In your coffee**
- **In comparison with**
- **Walk down the street**
- **Along/next to the road**
- **Walk along the river**
- **Sit next to**
- **Talk to**
- **On holiday**
- **Shake hands**
- **Come with me**
- **Walk to the shop**
- **Look at the animals**
- **Long for home (homesick)**
- **Takes after her mother**
- **On behalf of your friends**
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**Exercise 2**

Translate the phrases which have been left in English (italics) into Afrikaans. Use the table above to help you.

1. *During* die Kersfeesvakansie gaan ons Engeland toe.
2. Ek wil almal *thank in anticipation* vir al die harde werk.
3. Ek sal *think of you* terwyl ek weg is.
4. Ons vlug vertrek *at three o’clock*.
5. Ons *walked through* die slangpark.
6. *Sy is always homesick* as sy toer.
7 In comparison to Nieu-Seeland is Suid-Afrika groot.
8 Ek sal môre speak to die hotelbestuurder.

Exercise 3
The following sentences describe images in a painting. The Afrikaans sentences are accompanied by their English translations. Use the translations to help you fill in the correct Afrikaans pronouns.

1 Die wolke dryf _____ die lug.  The clouds drift across the sky.
2 Die voëls vlieg _____ die lug.  The birds fly in the sky.
3 Blomme groei _____ die boom.  Flowers grow under the tree.
4 Die kat sit _____ die boom.  The cat is sitting in the tree.
5 ’n Meisie lê _____ die boom.  A girl is lying under the tree.
6 Die boom staan _____ die rivier.  The tree is next to the river.
7 Die hond loop _____ die rivier.  The dog is walking to the river.
8 ’n Huis staan _____ die rivier.  A house stands across the river.

Insight
Another example of Afrikaans being a friendly, approachable language to learn is that prepositions in Die Taal function the same way as they do in English. So you don’t have to worry about daunting grammatical rules, you just need to practise using the prepositions with their verbs until you know instinctively which are paired together.

Emergency help in the veld

Aloes are a major South African export because of the healing properties of aloe juice. They are, however, not the only South African plants which are known to have healing properties. The sangomas (traditional healers) use a wide range of plants found in the veld and
Some of these, however, despite their healing properties, are also poisonous when used in excess and should, like all herbs, be used with care. The table below illustrates some common ailments and the herbs that may be used to alleviate them.

### Kruie wat gesond maak (Herbs that heal)

**CD2, TR 23**

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<td>aloe juice</td>
<td>rub on warts</td>
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<td>naels byt</td>
<td>aalwynsap</td>
<td>vryf op vingerpunte</td>
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<td>nail biting</td>
<td>aloe juice</td>
<td>rub on finger tips</td>
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<td>seer keel</td>
<td>kappertjie</td>
<td>kou 'n blaar</td>
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<td>sore throat</td>
<td>nasturtium</td>
<td>chew a leaf</td>
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<td>geel tande</td>
<td>aarbeie</td>
<td>vryf op tande</td>
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<tr>
<td>yellow teeth</td>
<td>strawberries</td>
<td>rub on teeth</td>
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<tr>
<td>bloublasiesteek</td>
<td>vygie</td>
<td>vryf op steek</td>
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<tr>
<td>bluebottle stings</td>
<td>mesembryan-themum</td>
<td>rub on sting</td>
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(Adapted from N. Faarsen, M. van Heerden & H. Venter, 1996. Afrikaans vir elke dag 2. Pietermaritzburg: Shuter & Shooter.)

**kwale** conditions, complaints  
**hoof** main, major  
**uitvoer** export  
**uitvoerprodukt** export product  
**aalwyn** aloe  
**sap** juice, sap  
**genees** heal  
**gesond maak** heal  
**eienskappe** properties  
**bos** forest  
**giftig** poisonous  
**versigtig** carefully  
**alldaagse** everyday, common  
**vratte** warts  
**vingernaels** finger nails  
**seer** sore  
**keel** throat  
**geel** yellow  
**bloublasies** bluebottles  
**steek** sting  
**slangbyt** snake bite  
**byt** bite  
**kou** chew  
**kappertjie** nasturtium  
**aarbeie** strawberries  
**vryf** rub
Language patterns

Prepositional verbs

\* CD2, TR 24

English examples of prepositional verbs include *pick up, put down, come across, throw down*, and so on. Similar verbs which occur in Afrikaans are written as compounds: *optel, neersit, teekom, neergooi*, respectively. In English, the parts of such verbs may be separated from one another – *pick the book up* – or used together – *pick up the book*. In Afrikaans, the parts are only separated from one another when the compound verb occurs in the present tense.

1. **optel pick up**
   
   Jan tel die boek *op*.
   
   Jan het die boek *opgetel*.
   
   Jan sal die boek *optel*.
   
   Jan *picks up the book*. Present
   
   Jan *picked up the book*. Past
   
   Jan *will pick up the book*. Future

2. **neergooi throw down**
   
   Piet *gooi die akkedis neer*.
   
   Piet het die akkedis *neergegooi*.
   
   Piet sal die akkedis *neergooi*.
   
   Piet *throws down the lizard*. Present
   
   Piet *threw down the lizard*. Past
   
   Piet *will throw down the lizard*. Future

3. **weghardloop run away**
   
   Die bok *hardloop van die leeu weg*.
   
   Die bok het van die leeu *weggehardloop*.
   
   Die bok sal van die leeu *weghardloop*.
   
   The *buck runs away from the lion*. Present
   
   The *buck ran away from the lion*. Past
   
   The *buck will run away from the lion*. Future
4. afhaal take off
   Ek haal my hoed af.  I take off my hat.  Present
   Ek het my hoed afgehaal.  I took off my hat.  Past
   Ek sal my hoed afhaal.  I will take off my hat.  Future

Note
In the past tense, when the ge- past-tense marker is added, it usually comes between the prepositional part of the verb and the rest:

Xai het die boek opgetel.  Xai picked up the book.
Piet het die akkedis neergegooi.  Piet threw down the lizard.
Die bok het van die leeu weggehardloop.  The buck ran away from the lion.
Ek het my hoed afgehaal.  I took off my hat.

Exercise 4
Give the correct form of the verb in brackets and put it in the correct place.

Example:
Piet (neergooi) die akkedis.  →  Piet gooio die akkedis neer.
(Piet throws down the lizard.)

1. Die maatskappy het (afkap) al die bome.
2. Die maatskappy sal (afkap) al die bome.
3. Die maatskappy (afkap) al die bome.
4. Die leeus (wegjaag) die bokkies.
5. Die leeus sal (wegjaag) die bokkies.
6. Die leeus (wegjaag) die bokkies.
7. Die hondjie is (omry) deur die bus.
8. Die hondjie word (omry) deur die bus.
9. Die hondjie sal (omry) word deur die bus.
10. Die passasiers het (opklim) by die bushalte.
11. Die passasiers (opklim) by die bushalte.
12. Die passasiers sal (opklim) by die bushalte.

Exercise 5
Choose the correct preposition in each sentence.
Example:
Vanoggend het ek (na/by) die werk gehardloop. → Vanoggend het ek na die werk gehardloop.

1 Moenie (agter/na) my aanloop nie.
2 Ons sal vanaand (by/na) die konsert toe gaan.
3 Die president het (na/agter) die biskop gepraat.
4 Piet ontmoet Xai (na/by) die watergat.
5 Die wenners sal lank (na/by) die wenpaal vir die ander lopers moet wag.
6 (Na/Agter) die konsert, gaan hulle koffie drink.
7 Die Lachmans sal (na/by) die Naidoos ’n besoek aflê.
8 Die motor staan (na/agter) die huis.

Exercise 6
Fill in the correct prepositions.

Dié boek is __1__ Engels geskryf. Dele daarvan is __2__ Afrikaans __3__ Engels vertaal. Die boek is geskryf __4__ mense te help __5__ Afrikaans te leer, sodat as hulle Suid-Afrika __6__ kom, hulle __7__ Afrikaners kan praat. Daar is baie oefeninge wat besoekers sal help __8__ hulle besoek __9__ Suid-Afrika te geniet. Dié oefeninge gaan __10__ die winkels, hotelle, die diere, die stede en die natuurreservate __11__ Suid-Afrika en vertel __12__ Suid-Afrika se mense.

Falling ill

One may fall ill anywhere, so it is important to know what to do when you become ill far from home. South Africa generally has a good health-care service, but has nothing like the British National Health Service. In South Africa there are both private and public hospitals. The former are expensive, while the latter, run by the Department of Health, are cheap, as they are funded by the state. A nominal charge is made for services. In the private hospitals, you generally have to pay up front or prove that you can pay the bill.
Private doctors (i.e. not doctors based at public clinics or hospitals) expect the same! Private doctors also normally expect you to book an appointment. They seldom make house calls. You can get a prescription for medicine from the doctor and can have it dispensed at a chemist. There are emergency chemists in the major cities which are open out of normal business hours.

There are clinics throughout the countryside and even ‘health’ trains which travel around the country providing dental, eye and ear care to far-flung remote rural villages.

All the major cities have 24-hour trauma hospitals which are on a par with the best in the world. Ambulances can be called on the 10111 number.

- pasiënt patient
- siek word get sick
- hospitaal hospital
- gesondheidsdienste health services
- verpleegster nurse
- privaat private
- gelde fees
- oogkundige optician
- vooruit in advance
- kliniek clinic
- ongeluk accident
- ernstig serious
- ongevalle casualties
- tandversorging dental care
- oogversorging eye care
- oorversorging ear care
- pyn pain
- tandpyn toothache
- tandarts dentist
- oorpyn earache
- hoofpyn headache
- plate X-ray
- medisyne medicine
oogdruppels eye drops
oordruppels ear drops
pynstiller painkiller
hoesstroop cough syrup
pille tablets
maagpyn stomach ache
verband bandage
ontsmettingsmiddel disinfectant
salf ointment
inspuiting injection
polsslag pulse
bloeddruk blood pressure
ondersoek examine
hartaanval heart attack
sooibrand heartburn
sonbrand sunburn
voorskrif prescription
aansteeklike siekte infectious disease
vigs HIV-Aids
griep flu
sny cut
brandwond burn
chirurg surgeon
besering injury
wond wound
dwelmmiddels drugs
omgekrapte maag enteritis
pampoentjies mumps
masels measles
Duitse masels rubella, German measles
mangelontsteking tonsillitis
waterpokkies chicken pox
harsingskudding concussion
kieme germs
uitslag rash
inwendig internal
maagsweer stomach ulcer
Exercise 7
There has been a talk show on local radio about health-related issues. Some of the speakers were English and others Afrikaans. You have to prepare the web-page text. Write the following text out entirely in Afrikaans and then in English. Use the glossaries when necessary.

Die Gemeenskapsdiensprogram vir Gesondheidsprofessionele is in 1997 geïmplementeer. Its goal was to address the lack of health care available in poor, rural areas of South Africa. Daar was gemengde reaksie op die program. For example, some graduates complain that it is a form of conscription. Ander voel egter dat dit waardevolle professionele ondervinding en opleiding bied terwyl 'n belangrike sosiale diens verskaf word.

The most important things to remember

1. Prepositions function in Afrikaans as they do in English; they are words that combine a verb with a noun to give a sense of direction.
2. Prepositions frequently imply a sense of place, direction or motion, e.g. Die renoster vryf homself teen die boom.
3. You will have to learn the verb-preposition combinations for Afrikaans.
4. Prepositional verbs in Afrikaans include optel, neersit, teekom, neergooi; these are written as compounds.
5. Remember that in Afrikaans, the parts of these compounds can only be separated in the present tense.
6. Be sure to learn the vocabulary for illnesses and emergencies, so that you’re prepared if you need it.
So maak mens
This is what people do

In this unit you will learn
- About auxiliary and modal verbs
- About participles
- How to form imperatives in Afrikaans
- About some South African wonders
- Some common exclamations

South African wonders

From this unit on, you will be visiting some of the famous South African places. You will also visit great natural wonders like the Cango (Kango) Caves and the Cape Floral kingdom.

South Africa is a country of stunning natural wonders, but it also has many man-made wonders. None, perhaps, reflects the determination (and greed) of those seeking to make their fortune more than the 'Big Hole' at Kimberley.

The 'Big Hole' is the biggest man-made hole in the world – it was dug by pick and shovel and emptied out with buckets hauled out on ropes. Its creation saw many deaths and many fortunes made. In the twentieth century, the hole was barricaded, as it had become such a popular suicide site. Today, Kimberley is a quiet little city, even though it is the capital of the Northern Cape.
The ‘old’ Kimberley around the Big Hole has been preserved as a
museum village containing many original mining village artefacts.

Deep in the Great Karoo, the high central plateau of South Africa,
lies the tiny village of Sutherland, and in Sutherland there is a great
observatory. Known for measuring the coldest mean temperatures
in South Africa, Sutherland’s crisp clear skies have made it a
prime site for astronomy and astrophysics in South Africa. The
observatory is linked to similar observatories worldwide. When
there is an astronomical happening the village bursts at the seams,
as scientists invade the village.

Exercise 1
Translate the following news report into English.

Grootgat gee weer diamante!

’n Engelse toeris lag lekker vanaand. Na amper tagtig
jaar het die Groot Gat weer van sy skatte opgelewer.
Die toeris het langs die afkamping gestaan waar so baie al selfmoord gepleeg het. Toe sy wil wegloop, het sy haar toon teen iets gestamp en toe sy kyk wat dit is, sien sy wat sy gedink het, is ’n ronde stuk glas. Toe sy dit uittrek uit die grond, sien sy dit is nie glas nie, maar ’n blink klip. By die ontvangskantoor het die beamptes bevestig dat haar stuk glas ’n diamant is.

Beamptes sê die maatskappy sal wel vir die toeris ’n deel van die waarde van die diamant gee, nadat die waarde daarvan bepaal is.

Language patterns

**Auxiliary verbs**

You already know that a sentence is composed of at least a subject (‘doer’) and a verb (‘action’) and that a sentence cannot exist without these two parts. In a very real sense the verb is the ‘heart’ of a sentence, because it names an action or state (condition). As actions or states can occur in the past, present or future (or in combinations thereof), the ‘key’ verb sometimes needs help to complete the sense of a particular time. Such ‘key’ verbs are known as roots/stems and may add endings, like -ed in English, or -e- in Afrikaans, to form the regular past tenses. Both languages, however, also employ ‘helping’ (auxiliary) verbs to complete verb time meaning. Such auxiliary verbs are all forms of the verb to be (in English: be, am, is, are, was, has, have, had ...) which although they can occur alone as main (full) verbs, function as auxiliary verbs when they are used in conjunction with verb roots/stems.

In English, for example:

Xai is a San.  
Xai is *teaching* Piet about the San.  
*is* functions as a main verb  
*teaching* is the verb stem; and *is* functions as an auxiliary verb;
The doctor has a clinic. Has functions as a main verb
The doctor has prescribed Di has functions as an auxiliary
medicine. verb; prescribe is the verb stem;

The flowers were beautiful. and has prescribed is the main (full) verb
Ambulances were fetching the were functions as a main verb
victims. were functions as an auxiliary
verb; fetch is the verb stem; and
were fetching is the main (full) verb

Look at some of the forms of the Afrikaans verb to be that we
looked at first in Unit 2 and their English equivalents.

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Afrikaans uses auxiliaries to form the past and future tenses.
For example:

**Past tense**

Xai het Piet van die San vertel. Xai told Piet about the San.
Baie jong dokters het al met Many young doctors have already
hulle gemeenskapdiens completed their community
klaar gemaak. service.
Sutherland het die sterrewag Sutherland opened the
oopgestel. observatory.

The word het in all three of the above sentences is an auxiliary
verb. The verb stems are vertel, maak and oopgestel. The ge- is the
past-tense particle. The full/main verbs are het vertel, het gemaak
and het oopgestel.
**Future tense**

Xai sal Piet van die San vertel.  
Xai will tell Piet about the San.  

Baie jong dokters sal hulle gemeenskapsdiens klaar maak.  
Many young doctors will complete their community service.  

Sutherland sal die sterrewag oopstel.  
Sutherland will open the observatory.

The word sal in all three of the above sentences is an auxiliary verb. The verb stems are vertel, maak and oopstel. The full/main verbs are: sal vertel, sal maak and sal oopstel.

**Exercise 2**
Write the following sentences in Afrikaans.

1. Sutherland will be cold this weekend.
2. The tourist will receive part of the value of the diamond.
3. The Big Hole was a treasure of diamonds.
4. The observatory was open for the week.
5. The astronomers found a new star.
6. The police arrested the drunkard.
7. The hump will damage your car.
8. After the rains the roads will be full of potholes.

**Insight**
In the English examples above, you will notice some English forms made up of a combination of an auxiliary word and a verb stem ending in -ing:

Xai *is teaching* Piet about the San.  
Ambulances *were fetching* the victims.

These forms are called the progressive or continuous tenses.
Language patterns

Translating the English -ing (progressive/continuous) tenses into Afrikaans

The English continuous tenses are often problematic for second language English speakers, because so few other languages still have these forms. As you are learning Afrikaans (and because you already know English), you will be spared the complexity of learning such tenses, because Afrikaans has no progressive (continuous) tenses, only three simple tenses: present, past and future. Look at the following examples:

Die toeris kry 'n diamant  
*The tourist finds a diamond.*  
Present tense

Die toeris het 'n diamant gekry.  
*The tourist found a diamond.*  
Past tense

Die toeris sal 'n diamant kry.  
*The tourist will find a diamond.*  
Future tense

English has six alternatives: simple present, past, future, and continuous present, past and future:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tense</th>
<th>Simple</th>
<th>Continuous/Progressive</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Present</td>
<td>The tourist gets a diamond.</td>
<td>The tourist <em>is getting</em> a diamond.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Past</td>
<td>The tourist got a diamond.</td>
<td>The tourist <em>was getting</em> a diamond.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Future</td>
<td>The tourist will get a diamond.</td>
<td>The tourist <em>will be getting</em> a diamond.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

From the above table note that the English progressive/continuous tenses use the auxiliaries *am, is, are, was, were, will be ...* in conjunction with *-ing* forms. There is a clear distinction in meaning between the ‘usual’ (known as the ‘simple tenses’) present, past and future tenses and the progressive forms of the same tenses.
The simple present, past and future tenses imply an action which a subject does, did or will do, but which is/was/will not be immediate, i.e. at that moment. The progressive tenses, as the name implies, describe a continuing action – one that is happening at a particular time (whether present, past or future). The following examples will make the matter clearer:

Present

*I am writing.* Something that the subject (I) is ‘busy’ doing now.

*I write.* Something that the subject does regularly, frequently on occasions.

Past

*I was writing.* Something that the subject was ‘busy’ doing at a particular stage.

*I wrote.* Something that the subject did and completed on an occasion.

Future

*I will be writing.* Something that the subject will be ‘busy’ doing in the future.

*I will write.* Something that the subject will do and complete on an occasion in the future.

In Afrikaans, each of the pairs of sentences above would be translated by the same Afrikaans sentence, as the following table shows.

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<tr>
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<th>English</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Present</td>
<td>Ek skryf.</td>
<td><em>I am writing.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><em>I write.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Past</td>
<td>Ek het geskryf.</td>
<td><em>I was writing.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><em>I wrote.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Future</td>
<td>Ek sal skryf.</td>
<td><em>I will be writing.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><em>I will write.</em></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In Afrikaans, the only way to make the distinction available in English through the Progressive Tense would be by qualifying the action in the ways similar to those suggested in the following table.
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Tense</th>
<th>English</th>
<th>Afrikaans</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Present</td>
<td><em>I am writing</em> [a novel].</td>
<td><em>Ek skryf</em> ['n roman].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>I write</em> [for a living].</td>
<td><em>Ek skryf</em> [v r 'n bestaan].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Past</td>
<td><em>I was writing</em> [a novel].</td>
<td><em>Ek het</em> ['n roman] geskryf.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td><em>I wrote</em> [for a living].</td>
<td><em>Ek het</em> [v r 'n bestaan] geskryf.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Future</td>
<td><em>I will be writing</em> [a novel].</td>
<td><em>Ek sal</em> ['n roman] skryf.</td>
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<td></td>
<td><em>I will write</em> [for a living].</td>
<td><em>Ek sal</em> [v r 'n bestaan] skryf.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Look at it another way. In Afrikaans, *Ek skryf* can be the answer both to the question *Wat maak jy?* and to *Wat doen jy?* (*What are you doing?* and *What do you do?*, respectively). In English, each of the questions requires its own tense format – *I am writing* and *I write*, respectively. In English, you would not say *I write a novel*, and *I am writing for a living* sounds decidedly odd. Therefore, you need to be careful when you translate the Afrikaans tenses into English. English into Afrikaans is of course much simpler, because there are fewer choices. Try your hand in the following exercise.

**Exercise 3**
Translate the following sentences into English.

**Example:**

Sewe dokters behandel die beseerdes.  
Seven doctors are treating the wounded.

1. Die verpleegsters is besig met die pasiënte.
2. Sarel lees terwyl Petra 'n koek bak.
3. Die leeu jaag die bokkies, omdat hulle honger is.
4. Dit roen so hard dat die strate met water loop.
5. Ek kan dit self doen, as jy my net wys hoe.
6. Ons speel vandag krieket teen die Wes Indies.
Language patterns

Modals

In English, we speak of ‘modal verbs’. Such verbs mark the ‘mood’ of an action – whether the verb in a sentence is expressing, for example, a statement of fact (indicative mood) or a command (imperative mood) or a wish or possibility (subjunctive mood). Modal verbs in English include shall/will, may/might, can/could, shall/should, will/would, must. Look at the following English examples:

Statement of fact – indicative mood

I will go tomorrow.
The nurse gave her an injection.
The kids are running wild.

Commands – imperative mood

Stop! = You must stop!
Turn the music down. = You must turn the music down.
Change gear. = You must change gear.
Drivers must not brake sharply on rough roads.

Wishes or possibilities – subjunctive mood

Could you please help?
They can help, if they want.
They could have helped, if they had wanted to.
The patient should not have gone home.
The diamond would not have belonged to the tourist.
If the children wished, they could have gone on holiday.

In Afrikaans, such words are included among auxiliary verbs and are sometimes called ‘modal auxiliary verbs’, but they function in the same way they do in English.
The following table shows the Afrikaans modal auxiliaries and their English equivalents.

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<th>English</th>
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<th>English</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sal</td>
<td>shall/will</td>
<td>kon</td>
<td>could, could have, was able</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wil</td>
<td>want to</td>
<td>moes</td>
<td>should have</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kan</td>
<td>can, be able</td>
<td>het</td>
<td>had</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>moet</td>
<td>must</td>
<td>sou wou</td>
<td>would have wanted to</td>
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<tr>
<td>sou</td>
<td>would</td>
<td>sou kon</td>
<td>would have been able to</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>wou</td>
<td>wanted to</td>
<td>sou moes</td>
<td>would have had to</td>
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</table>

**Note**
Look at how the forms change when the tenses change.

**Present**
Ek sal dit doen. *I will do it.*
Ek wil dit doen. *I want to do it.*
Ek kan dit doen. *I can do it.*
Ek moet dit doen. *I must do it.*

**Past**
Ek sou dit doen. *I would have done it.*
Ek wou dit doen. *I wanted to do it.*
Ek kon dit doen. *I could do it.*
Ek moes dit doen. *I had to do it.*

**Exercise 4**
Rewrite the following sentences in the past tense. (Don’t forget to change any adverbials of time (e.g. vandag becomes gister) which you may come across!)

**Example:**
Ons kan vandag na die krieketwedstryd tussen Suid-Afrika en die Wes Indies gaan. → Ons kon gister na die krieketwedstryd tussen Suid-Afrika en die Wes Indies gaan.

1. Piet en Sannie doen hulle huiswerk sodat hulle netnou TV kan kyk.
2. Die motoriste moet almal versigtig ry, want na die stormreën is daar in dié omgewing sinkplaatpaaie.
3. As hy genoeg geld het, sal hy ook Suid-Afrika toe wil kom.
5. Die bokkies kan nie van die leeus wegkom nie.
6. Ons sal eers Durban toe wil gaan en dan na die Kaap.
Oudtshoorn is a small town in what is known as the Little Karoo. The Little Karoo is sandwiched between the coastal-belt mountains of the famous Garden Route and the great mountain ranges that give rise to the plateau and the Great Karoo.

Oudtshoorn was, at the beginning of the twentieth century, the heart of the ostrich feather trade and many enormous, verandahed homes in the town remain as reminders of the great wealth acquired during the ostrich feather boom. Today ostrich farming is enjoying a revival, but more for ostrich meat and hide than for feathers.

Oudtshoorn also has a great natural wonder, the Cango Caves. The Cango Caves stretch for miles into the mountainside and some areas are yet to be explored. There are San paintings which indicate that the San used the front caves in earlier times. The caves were ‘re-discovered’ in 1780 by a herdsman and the first expedition was led by a farmer, van Zyl. The group was enchanted by the wonderland of stalactites, stalagmites and helictites (like stalactites, but spiralling) with which the first enormous cavern is festooned. Today tour parties are conducted through only a third portion of the known caves. Music concerts are held in the great cavern, named the ‘Great Hall’, and the acoustical effect is awe-inspiring.

There is little sign nowadays of the dusty veld which hid the opening to these magical caves. The caves are served by a huge complex which offers accommodation, meals and curios – including ostrich products.

Klein Karoo Little Karoo
kusstreek coastal belt
volstruis ostrich
veer feather
handel commerce, trade
boerdery farming
Exercise 5
Using the vocabulary box above, translate the following guidebook entry into English.

**Oudtshoorn**
Language patterns

Present and past participles

All participles are formed from verbs. Special endings are added to verbs to form each of the participles. In English, present participles end in -ing and past participles in -ed or -en. For example:

<table>
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<tr>
<td>rotting</td>
<td>rotted/rotten</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>crowding</td>
<td>crowded</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>labouring</td>
<td>laboured</td>
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</table>

Such words either form part of the full (finite) verb together with an auxiliary verb, or they function as adjectives. For example:

The tomatoes were rotting on the vine. Auxiliary verb (were) + present participle (rotting) = full verb.
The rotting tomatoes stank. Present participle (rotting) + describing noun (tomatoes).
The rotten tomatoes stank. Past participle (rotten) + describing noun (tomatoes).

Their fans will be crowding the stands. Auxiliary verb (will be) + present participle (crowding) = full verb.
The crowding fans caused the panic. Present participle (crowding) + describing noun (fans).
The crowded stands will be noisy. Past participle (crowded) + describing noun (stands).

The labouring workers were hot. Present participle (labouring) + describing noun (workers).
Her breath is laboured. Past participle (laboured) + describing noun (breath).
The workers have been labouring in the fields. Auxiliary verbs (have been) + present participle (labouring) = full verb.
The Afrikaans present participle is recognized by its -end ending. Afrikaans present participles are used almost exclusively as describing words – that is, as adjectives. Like normal adjectives, present participles are used attributively (see Unit 6) and thus they take a final -e just as adjectives do when they are used attributively:

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<td>lopende water</td>
<td>running water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hang</td>
<td>hangende plante</td>
<td>hanging plants</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>klop</td>
<td>kloppende gaste</td>
<td>knocking guests</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>skreeu</td>
<td>skreeuende skare</td>
<td>screaming crowds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sing</td>
<td>singende voëls</td>
<td>singing birds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kook</td>
<td>kokende water</td>
<td>boiling water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>jaag</td>
<td>jagende motors</td>
<td>speeding motor cars</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tel</td>
<td>tellende beamptes</td>
<td>counting officials</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>juig</td>
<td>juigende ondersteuners</td>
<td>cheering supporters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>slaap</td>
<td>slapende kinders</td>
<td>sleeping children</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>lag</td>
<td>laggende gehoor</td>
<td>laughing audience</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In Afrikaans, the present participle is never used as a part of the full verb, precisely because Afrikaans has no continuous tense, as you learnt earlier. Whereas in English you can rephrase present participle + noun phrases as present continuous sentences, in Afrikaans you cannot do this. Only the simple present tense is available.

<table>
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<tr>
<td>lopende water + Die water</td>
<td>running water + The water is running.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>loop</td>
<td>hanging plants + The plants are hanging.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hangende plante + Die plante hang.</td>
<td>knocking guests + The guests are knocking.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kloppende gaste + Die gaste klop.</td>
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<tr>
<td>skreeuende skare + Die skare skreeu.</td>
<td>screaming crowds + The crowds are screaming.</td>
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<td>singende voëls + Die voëls sing.</td>
<td>singing birds + The birds are singing.</td>
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<tr>
<td>kokende water + Die water kook.</td>
<td>boiling water + The water is boiling.</td>
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<tr>
<td>jagende motors + Die motors jaag.</td>
<td>speeding motor cars + The motor cars are speeding.</td>
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<tr>
<td>tellende beamptes + Die beamptes tel.</td>
<td>counting officials + The officials are counting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>juigende ondersteuners + Die ondersteuners juig.</td>
<td>cheering fans + The fans are cheering.</td>
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<tr>
<td>slapende kinders + Die kinders slaap.</td>
<td>sleeping children + The children are sleeping.</td>
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<tr>
<td>laggende gehoor + Die gehoor lag.</td>
<td>laughing audience + The audience is laughing.</td>
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**Note**
The same spelling rules apply as for plurals and degrees of comparison (Units 3 and 6, respectively). Where words have ‘twin’ vowels (ee, aa, oo, uu) + a single consonant, the twin vowel becomes a single vowel when an ending is added:

- loop → lop+ende
- slaap → slap+ende
- kook → kok+ende

When words have a single vowel (a, e, o, u) + a single consonant, the single consonant is doubled up when an ending is added:

- lag → lagg+ende
- klop → klopp+ende
- tel → tell+ende

**Exercise 6**
Fill in the correct present participle forms of the verbs in brackets in the following sentences.

**Example:**
Die gids sal die toeriste op die (kronkelend) paadjie lei.  →  Die gids sal die toeriste op die kronkelende paadjie lei.
(The guide will lead the tourists along the (wind) path. → The guide will lead the tourists along the winding path.)

1 Die (hang) stalaktiete blink in die grot.
2 (Spiraal) heliktie groei boontoe.
3 Die (soek) skaapwagter het die Kangogrotte gevind.
4 Die (besoek) toeriste het al die diere gesien.
5 Die skiedsregter het die (loop) geveg stopgesit.
6 Julle moet oppas vir (storm) renosters.
7 Daardie voël se bynaam is ‘(lag) duif’.
8 Die (skop) speler het die bal oor die pale gekry.

Afrikaans past participles

Like English past participles, Afrikaans past participles combine with auxiliary verbs to complete verbs in the past tense. The past participle in Afrikaans is marked by the particle ge- which is added to a verb when required.

<table>
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<tr>
<td>het gepraat</td>
<td>have spoken</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>was gebreek</td>
<td>was broken</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sou gebel het</td>
<td>would have phoned</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gegaan</td>
<td>did go/went</td>
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</table>

Afrikaans past participles can, like present participles, be used as adjectives and, thus, also attributively. To form attributive past participles either -te or -de is added to the verb stem. Which you use will depend on the last letter of the stem. Stems ending on ‘soft’ sounds like -s or -k, usually take -te. The rest take -de. For example:

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<tr>
<td>gesteelde motors</td>
<td>stolen cars</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gebarste borrel</td>
<td>burst bubble</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gebreekte koppies</td>
<td>broken cups</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gebakte aartappel</td>
<td>baked potato</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gedrukte materiaal</td>
<td>printed material</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gebuigde paal</td>
<td>bent pole</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>getekende tjek</td>
<td>signed cheque</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gevlegde hare</td>
<td>plaited hair</td>
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But, while most verbs have only one past participle form in Afrikaans, some have two past participle forms (both beginning with ge-).
One, the usual, standard, form (like all those above), can be used as part of a full verb or as an adjective:

**Standard form as part of verb**

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<tr>
<td>het gebind</td>
<td>have tied</td>
<td>is gebuig</td>
<td>is bent</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>was gebreek</td>
<td>was broken</td>
<td>sal oorgetrek</td>
<td>will be covered</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>word</td>
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**Standard form functioning as an adjective (ge ... de/te)**

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<th>English</th>
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<tr>
<td>gebinde gordel</td>
<td>tied belt</td>
<td>gebuigde draad</td>
<td>bent wire</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gebreekte koppies</td>
<td>broken cups</td>
<td>oorgetrekte boek</td>
<td>covered book</td>
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The other, ‘idiosyncratic’ form, is an alternate form used when the past participle functions as an adjective, but figuratively, not literally:

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<tr>
<td>gebonde lewe</td>
<td>restricted life</td>
<td>geboë hoof</td>
<td>bowed head</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gebroke hart</td>
<td>broken heart</td>
<td>oortrokke rekening</td>
<td>overdrawn account</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Sometimes both forms can function as adjectives (and have the -de/-te ending), but only the standard form can be used as part of a main/full verb (without the -de/-te ending).

When a past participle is used in Afrikaans as part of the verb or to describe literally, there is usually little difficulty with the spelling. The particle ge- is merely added to a verb stem. The alternate form, however, reflects idiosyncratic spelling and it is this idiosyncratic spelling that cues the figurative usage. There is no easy rule for the idiosyncratic forms and you will have to learn them as you go along.

The following table lists some of the more common and useful standard and alternate forms of the past participle in Afrikaans.
<table>
<thead>
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<th>English</th>
<th>Alternate Afrikaans</th>
<th>English</th>
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<tr>
<td>aangeneem (de)</td>
<td>taken on</td>
<td>aangeneome kinders</td>
<td>adopted children</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>beskryf (de)</td>
<td>described</td>
<td>beskrewre wette</td>
<td>written laws</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>betrek</td>
<td>involved</td>
<td>betrokke lug</td>
<td>overcast sky</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gebind</td>
<td>tied</td>
<td>gebonde lewe</td>
<td>restricted life</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>begin</td>
<td>began</td>
<td>begonne taak</td>
<td>begun task</td>
</tr>
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<td>gebreek (te)</td>
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<td>frozen</td>
<td>bevrore vleis</td>
<td>frozen meat</td>
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<td>verbind</td>
<td>bandaged</td>
<td>verbonde wond</td>
<td>bandaged wound</td>
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**Insight**
Verbs beginning with be- (beskryf, begin ...) and ver- (verbied, verdink ...) do not have ge- at the beginning. If you try to say any of these words with the ge- you will realize that they sound clumsy. Verbs which themselves begin with ge- or those beginning with ont- or pro- also do not take the past tense marker ge-.

**Exercise 7**
Give the correct form of the word in brackets.

Example:
Die kinders drink die (loop) water. → Die kinders drink die lopende water.
The children are drinking the (run) water. → The children are drinking the running water.

1 Die mense het die (dood) hond (begrawe).
2 Die (bederf) kinders was baie stout.
3 Die (insit) in die taxi het lekker (lag) en (gesels).
4 Die (gebraai) tjops was heerlik.
5 Die woestyn is ’n baie (verlaat) plek.
6 Die (verdink) man het in die hof (verskyn).
7 Die (afkap) bome word vir telefoonpale (gebruik).

Exercise 8
Choose the correct form from the two in brackets.

Example:
Die arme man is (verslaafd/verslaaf) aan dwelms. → Die arme man is verslaaf aan dwelms. (The poor man is addicted to drugs.)

1 Die professor lyk baie (geleer/geleerd).
2 Die kraancoël word (beskermd/beskerm).
3 Die werk is baie (vermoeiend/vermoeid).
4 Dit is nou ’n (gedoen/gedane) saak.
5 Ek is (verbaasde/verbaas) om jou in Suid-Afrika te sien.
6 Die verpleegster het die (verbonde/verbinde) wond ondersoek.
7 Die dokter is (bekommerd/bekommer) oor sy pasiënt.
8 Die (sterwende/gestorwe) man is vanoggend begrawe.

Language patterns

Commands

All languages have ways of giving commands. Formally, commands are called imperatives and are formed by using a verb on its own without a subject. Many commands are one word: Run! Stop! Stand! Sit! Commands can be expressed in various ways, some
abruptly and others as apparent requests. Look at the following English imperatives and their Afrikaans equivalents.

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<td>Stop it!</td>
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<td>Loop!</td>
<td>Get out!</td>
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<td>Staan op!</td>
<td>Stand up!</td>
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<td>Hou asseblief op.</td>
<td>Please stop it.</td>
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<td>Loop asseblief.</td>
<td>Please get out.</td>
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<td>Staan asseblief op.</td>
<td>Kindly stand up.</td>
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Beantwoord die volgende vrae.  
Op julle merke. Gereed! Weg!  
Answer the following questions.  
On your marks. Get ready! Go!

In all the above examples, a subject, you (either singular or plural), is understood to be there. All commands are, in fact, full sentences made up of at least a subject and a verb. It is just that the subject is generally not articulated, although it is understood to be there. Thus, Run! is really, You run! and Stand up! is really, You stand up!

Commands are often seemingly expressed as requests, but, in fact, the person being addressed does not really have a choice about whether to obey or not. A minister or priest would not say, ‘Pray!’ but would say, ‘Let us pray.’ The congregation really has no choice in the matter and so prays!

Commands are often (especially in their ‘abrupt’ form) expressed as exclamations and end with an exclamation mark rather than a full stop.

Exercise 9
Write the following imperatives in Afrikaans.

Example:  
Command someone politely to close the gate. → Maak die hek asseblief toe.

1 Command someone politely to phone you.  
2 Command someone to sit down.  
3 Command someone to keep quiet.  
4 Command someone politely to close the door.
5 Command someone politely to turn the music down.
6 Command someone to put down the book.

Exclamations

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All languages have exclamations, many of which are common
(idiomatic) expressions. The following are some in Afrikaans.
These you should learn off by heart.

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<td>ag nee!</td>
<td>oh no! (irritation, frustration)</td>
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<td>ag tog!</td>
<td>oh please! (irritation)</td>
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<tr>
<td>aitsa!</td>
<td>oops!</td>
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<tr>
<td>rērig?!</td>
<td>really? (doubtful) really! (irritation)</td>
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<td>eina!</td>
<td>ouch!</td>
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<tr>
<td>neel</td>
<td>no! (in shock or surprise)</td>
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| ja neel!  | mmmm! (not really translatable – a ‘what do
   you expect’ reaction)             |
| en toe?   | and so? (often on greeting someone) |
| nee wat!  | no ‘man’ (rejection of proposition or rejection
   of behaviour)                      |
| sies!     | yuck! (expression of disgust)       |
| sies tog! | shame! (colloquial SA expression used randomly
   as response to issues)             |
| sjoe!     | ouch!/it’s hot! emotional reaction/literal response
   to weather                         |
| sterkte!  | good luck! literally ‘strength to you’ |

Insight

The word eina can be used both as an exclamation (as above)
and as an adjective meaning sore. For example: My seer
vinger is baie eina. In literal translation this is: My sore finger
is very sore. It’s a wry emphasis of the pain suffered! And in
yet another example of Afrikaans’ multicultural heritage, eina
is derived from the Khoisan word /é +//náu.
The most important things to remember

1. Auxiliary verbs are all forms of the verb ‘to be’.
2. They can occur alone as main (full) verbs or function as auxiliary verbs in conjunction with verb roots/stems.
3. Om te wees in the present tense is is, in the past tense was, and in the future tense sal wees.
4. Afrikaans also uses auxiliaries to form past and future tenses, e.g. Sutherland het die sterrewag oopgestel. (In this instance, het is an auxiliary verb.)
5. Afrikaans has no progressive (continuous) tenses, only present, past and future.
6. So how do we translate the English ‘-ing’ (progressive/continuous tense)? Example: I write and I am writing are both Ek skryf in Afrikaans.
7. Only by qualifying when or what you are writing can you indicate the difference, e.g. Ek skryf ’n boek (I am writing a book) vs. Ek skryf vir ’n lewe (I write for a living).
8. In Afrikaans, English modal verbs (indicating whether the sentence is a statement, command or wish) are included among auxiliary verbs and are sometimes called modal auxiliary verbs. They function the same way as they do in English. Examples are sal, moet, kan, wil, sou.
9. Participles are formed from verbs by using suffixes and prefixes.
   a. Afrikaans present participles are recognised by the suffix -end, e.g. Die plante is hangend.
   b. Present participles can be used attributively by adding another -e, for example, die hangende plante.
   c. The same spelling rules apply as those for plurals and degrees of comparison.
   d. Afrikaans past participles are recognised by the ge- prefix added to a verb, e.g. Die motor is gesteel.
   e. Past participles can be used attributively by adding -de, for example, die gesteelde motor.
10. Commands in Afrikaans (as in English) are often expressed as exclamations.
Het dit! (2)
Got it! (2)

In this unit you will test your understanding of
- Adverbs (and revise adjectives)
- Questions and answers
- Conjunctions
- Negatives
- Prepositions
- Auxiliary and modal verbs
- Participles
- Imperatives

These exercises should be used to test your grasp of the work covered so far. Every question you get right should be seen as an achievement, and you should look at your mistakes as learning opportunities.

You should use the glossary at the end of the book to look up any words you might have forgotten.

Exercise 1 Degrees of comparison, adverbs and adjectives (Units 6 and 8)
Fill in the degrees of comparison.

Example:
Positive       Comparative       Superlative
klein          kleiner          kleinste
groot
seer
lelik
baie
moeg
dun
leeg
mooi
dood
goedkoop

Exercise 2 Adverbs and adjectives (Units 8 and 6, respectively)
1. Pick out four adverbs and six adjectives in the following paragraph.
2. Label the adverbs as time, manner or place.

Suid-Afrika is 'n baie groot land. Dit strek vanaf die Atlantiese Oseaan tot by die Indiese Oseaan. Die Weskus is veel koeler as die Ooskus waar die see lekker warm is. Op die Weskus is die natuur woestynagtig, maar op die Ooskus is dit tropies. Snags is dit koud in die woestyn.

strek stretches   woestynagtig desert-like
tropies tropical   oseaan ocean

Exercise 3 Statements into questions (Unit 3)
Turn the following statements into questions so that the phrase in bold would be the answer to your question.

Example:
Sannie is vandag siek. → Wie is vandag siek?

1. Sarel is die man met wie ek gaan toer.
2. In November hou die Hindus Diwali.
3. By die juwelier kan jy mooi diamante kry.
4 Sosaties en wors kan ons by die slaghuis koop.
5 Dick moes na die uitruster gaan want hy het sy baadjie verloor.
6 Die dokter het vir Di 'n inspuiting gegee.

Exercise 4 Interrogative word questions revisited (Unit 3)
Translate the following questions into Afrikaans.

1 Where do you come from?
2 What is your name?
3 Where are you staying?
4 When did you arrive?
5 What time is breakfast?

Exercise 5 Yes–no questions; negatives (Units 8 and 9, respectively)
1 Translate the following questions into English.
2 Answer the questions in Afrikaans, using full sentences, but in the negative only.

Example:
Gaan jy swem? → Are you going to swim? → Nee, ek gaan nie swem nie.

a Kan jy my sê waar die stasie is?
b Is dit die bus na die Kasteel?
c Sal die dokter my nou kan sien?
d Het die bloublasie jou gesteek?
e Moet ons brood, melk en vrugte koop vir ontbyt?

Exercise 6 Word order (Unit 10)
Begin each sentence with the word in bold.

Example:
Jy moet bel as jy moeg word. → As jy moeg word, moet jy bel.

1 Ons het ons kaartjies weggegee, omdat Di siek is.
2 Ongevalle was baie besig na die groot brand.
3 Piet sal huis toe skryf sodra hy en Xai weer in die dorp is.
4 Die ambulans sal onmiddellik vertrek wanneer die pasient ingelaai is.
5 Die brandweer het die vuur geblus, nadat hulle vir twaalf ure gesukkel het.

**besig** busy  
**inlaai** load in  
**brand,** ’n fire, a  
**blus (vuur)** put out (fire)  
**vertrek** depart, leave  
**sukkel** struggle

**Exercise 7 Conjunctions (Unit 10)**
Join the sentences by using the Afrikaans equivalent of the English conjunction suggested in brackets.

**Example:**
Die strate is stil. Dit is ’n vakansiedag. *(because)* → Die strate is stil want dit is ’n vakansiedag. / Die strate is stil omdat dit ’n vakansiedag is.

1 Die boom is baie groot. Die boom is ’n kremetartboom. *(which)*
2 Dit is die rots. Ons het op die rots gestaan. *(on which)*
3 Xai is die Sanseun. Piet het by die San-seun gaan kuier. *(with whom)*
4 Dit is die noodnommer. Jy moet die noodnommer skakel. *(which)*
5 Hulle wil weet waar hy gaan toer. Hy kom volgende week aan. *(when)*
6 Ons sal die straatteater gaan kyk. Ons sal shebeen toe gaan. *(then)*

**Exercise 8 Negatives (Unit 9)**
Rewrite the following sentences in the negative.

**Example:**
Het jy Mandela ooit ontmoet? → Het jy Mandela nooit ontmoet nie?
1 Iemand sal jou help met die toets.
2 Of Di of Mary sal die inkopies gaan doen.
3 Die klein jakkals het al 'n bokkie gevang.
4 Jy moet die medisyne alles in een dag opdrink.
5 Daar is êrens op dié pad 'n piekniekplek.
6 Dié teerpad het die baie slaaggate.

Exercise 9 Prepositions (Unit 11)
Fill in the correct prepositions in the following sentences.

Example:
Die kaart hang _____ die muur. → Die kaart hang aan die muur.

1 _____ behulp van die polisie, het ons ons motor gevind.
2 Dit is _____ danke _____ mev. Ntuli dat ons die taxi gekry het.
3 Die verkeer het _____ 'n stilstand gekom na die ongeluk.
4 Die vuurwerke het hoog die lug _____ geskiet.
5 Ons het _____ die rivier visgevang en _____ gebraai.
6 Die toeriste wens Suid-Afrika geluk _____ sy tiende verjaarsdag.
7 Mary verlang _____ haar kinders in Engeland.

Exercise 10 Prepositional verbs (Unit 11)
Rewrite the following sentences by placing the correct form of the verb in brackets in the correct position in the sentence.

Example:
Die koppie het (afval) van die tafel. → Die koppie het van die tafel afgeval.

1 Di het (agterbly) want sy is sick.
2 Die bokkies (weghardloop) van die leeus.
3 In die warm weer sal ons (opbruik) baie koeldrank.
4 Die gaste moet (afskakel) hulle kamerligte as hulle vertrek.
5 Omdat hulle 'n pap wiel gehad het, het hulle (afhaal) dit.
Exercise 11 Auxiliary and modal verbs (Unit 12)
Write the following sentences in Afrikaans.

Example:
*The bus will leave for Cape Town at three o’clock this afternoon.* → *Die bus sal om drie-uur vanmiddag na Kaapstad vertrek.*

1. When will you be coming to South Africa?
2. The tourists are going to Kimberley on Monday.
3. The San are now living in villages.
4. A music concert was held in the Cango Caves last Saturday.
5. Because there has been no rain, Arbor Day will now be on 20 November.
6. All the children enjoyed the fireworks.
7. The family all went to Grandmother’s birthday lunch.
8. The road will be open again at 19hoo.

Exercise 12 Participles (Unit 12)
In each of the following sentences, fill in the correct form of the participle in brackets.

Example:
*Die (huil) kind het tandpyn.* → *Die huilende kind het tandpyn.*
*The (cry) child has toothache.* → *The crying child has toothache.*

1. Die (glinster) water was baie mooi.
2. Die werk was vir hom (vermoei).
3. Die wedstryd is (eerskom) Saterdag.
4. Sjoe! Die hitte is (uitput).
5. Pak die (vries) groente in die yskas.
6. Ons het die vars vis (vries).
7. Het julle die (gestryk) klere alles (wegpak)?

Exercise 13 Imperatives (Unit 12)
1. Translate the following sentences into English.
Bel my, asseblief → *Phone me, please.*

**a** Kom asseblief binne.

**b** Sit u tasse hier neer.

**c** Ontmoet passasiers in die Aankomssaal.

**d** Skakel die ligte af wanneer u vertrek.

**e** Selfone mag nie in die bank gebruik word nie.

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2 Translate the following commands into Afrikaans.

Example:

Command someone politely to come to you. → Kom asseblief hier.

**a** Command someone politely (ask) to follow you.

**b** Command someone to turn the music down.

**c** Command someone to keep quiet.

**d** Command someone politely (ask) to help you.

**e** Command the kids to get into the bath.
Volg jou maag
Follow your stomach

In this unit you will learn
- How to use and form the passive voice in Afrikaans
- About South African Malay gastronomic delights
- Some rhythm and rhyme idiomatic expressions

The expansion of South Africa over four centuries has led not only to the birth of Afrikaans as the newest language in the world, but also to world-renowned wine, wool, mohair, furniture, jewellery and grass-craft. The skills and talents of the indigenous people, European settlers and the slaves and indentured labourers imported mainly from the East combined to produce a productive nation. Into the great South African melting pot has gone also a wide range of gastronomic cultural practices. Today, we have ‘traditional’ South African cuisine which is as culturally mixed as it is delicious.

The Malays, in particular, have had an enormous influence on South African food, and especially on regional Cape cookery. Foods such as sosaties, bobotie and smoorsnoek were all originally Malay foods, but are all now considered to be typically South African. The names of these foods are all accepted Afrikaans terms and sosatie and bobotie (among others) are also accepted South African English words!
The early European settlers, in their contact with other peoples, learned to make and eat South African regional dishes. It is hardly surprising that the Europeans should mimic the eating habits of the indigenous peoples – Europe was far away and the vegetables and meats common to Europe were not available. On their treks into the hinterland or when living on remote farms, meat had to be preserved, vegetables were in short supply and bread had to be made without ovens being available. These factors gave rise to biltong, waterblommetjiebriedie, roosterkoek/-brood and vetkoek, respectively.

**Words and Phrases**
- bevolk: populate
- eeue: centuries
- wol: wool
- sybokhaar: mohair
- ingevoer: imported
- smeltpot: melting pot
- kookkuns: cuisine
- eetgewoontes: eating habits
- talente: talents
- vaardighede: skills
- kontrakarbeider: contract labourer
- sosaties: kebabs
- bobotie: curried mince pie
- smooersnoek: braised snoek
- waterblommetjiebriedie: waterlily stew
- roosterkoek/-brood: barbecue-grid bread
- vetkoek: deep-fried dough
- biltong: jerky, dried meat
- afgelei: remote, lonely
- oonde: ovens
- behoeftes: needs
- grashandwerk/-kuns: grass-crafts

**Exercise 1**
Use the vocabulary box above and the glossary at the back of the book to make a list in Afrikaans of South African foods and South African industries.

**Dialogue 1**

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You are on a walking tour through Cape Town’s Malay Quarter in the Bo-Kaap. Your guide Aziz is telling you about Malay food.

Die kos wat my mense eet, staan bekend as Maleise kos. Bredies, gebraaide vleis en gekookte groente word baie geëet.
Daar is baie peper en kruie in die kos. Groot frikkadelle word saam met geelrys en beetslaai geëet. Saam met kerriekos word suurmelk en lemoenskyfies geëet. Maleise kos, waarvan baie Suid-Afrikaners hou, en wat nou as tradisionele Suid-Afrikaanse kos beskou word, is sosaties en bobotie.

Alle vleis word by 'n Moslemslagter gekoop wat dit op 'n spesiale manier bewerk – baie soos die manier waarop die vleis wat Jode eet bewerk word. Moslems, ook soos die Jode, eet nie varkvleis nie. Moslems drink ook nie sterk drank nie.

(Adapted from N. Farsen, M. van Heerden & H. Venter, 1996. Afrikaans vir elke dag 2. Pietermaritzburg: Shuter & Shooter.)

staan bekend as is known as
manier way, manner
gekookte cooked, boiled
bewerk prepare
frikkadelle rissoles, meatballs
Jode Jews
geelrys saffron (yellow) rice
beetslaai beetroot salad
kerriekos curried food
suurmelk sour milk
lemoenskyfies orange slices/wedges

Language patterns

The passive voice

Look at the emboldened sections in Aziz’s talk above. You will notice that each contains the word word. Each of the emboldened pieces has been written in what is called the passive voice.
Generally, when we are saying something, we speak of the doer of an action doing something to someone/something – there is a subject, verb and object in direct interaction. For example:

_The ant_ [doer – subject] _nipped_ [doing something – verb] _the elephant_ [to something – object] _on the trunk._

Such sentences are said to be in the active voice – literally, the actor (doer) and action are the focus of the sentence.

On some occasions we might choose to move the focus of the sentence from the doer of an action to the object of the action by moving the object to the beginning of the sentence. For example:

_The elephant was nipped on the trunk by the ant._

**Note**

- The emphasis is now on the elephant and not on the ant, because _elephant_ is at the beginning of the sentence.
- The elephant is now the subject of the sentence.
- The verb form has changed from _nipped_ to _was nipped._
- The preposition _by_ has been added to the phrase _the ant._
- There is no longer an object.

Such sentences are said to be in the passive voice – literally the actor (doer) is passive.

The passive voice is used less in English than in Afrikaans. As its use is common in Afrikaans, it is an important grammatical structure to learn. Generally, the passive in Afrikaans employs the same principles as it does in English.

1 The object of the active sentence becomes the subject of the passive sentence.
2 The subject of the active sentence becomes part of a prepositional phrase using _by_ in the passive sentence.
3 There is change in the verb pattern.
Look again at the ‘mighty ant’ example – this time in Afrikaans:

Active: Die mier [S] het [V₁] die olifant [O] op die been gehap [V₂].

Passive: Die olifant [S] is [V₁] deur die mier op die been gehap [V₂].

The changes from active to passive voice are:

1. The object [O] (die olifant) of the active sentence has become the subject [S] of the passive sentence.
2. The subject [S] (die mier) of the active sentence has become part of a prepositional phrase using deur in the passive sentence.
3. There is a change in the verb pattern – het gehap has become is gehap.

In Afrikaans, as in English, the deur (by) phrase is often omitted if the doer is unspecified (e.g. mense (people)).

Look again at the emboldened examples from Aziz’s talk:

1. Bredies, gebraaide vleis en gekookte groente word baie geëet.  
   (Stews, grilled meat and cooked/boiled vegetables are eaten a lot.)
2. Groot frikkadelle word saam met geelrys en beetslaai geëet.  
   (Large meatballs/rissoles are eaten with yellow rice and beetroot salad.)
3. Saam met kerrie-kos word suurmelk en lemoenskyfies geëet.  
   (Together with curries, sour milk and orange slices are eaten.)
4. [Maleise kos] ... wat nou as tradisionele Suid-Afrikaanse kos beskou word.  
   ([Malay food] ... which is now considered to be traditional South African food.)
5. Alle vleis word by ’n Moslemslagter gekoop.  
   (All meat is bought at a Muslim butcher.)
6. ... die manier waarop die vleis wat Jode eet bewerk word.  
   (... the way in which the meat that Jews eat is processed.)
These examples are derived from the following active forms, respectively:

1 [Mense] eet baie briedies, gebraaide vleis en gekookte groente. ([People] eat a lot of stews, grilled meat and boiled/cooked vegetables.)
2 [Mense] eet groot frikkadelle met geelrys en beetslaai. ([People] eat large rissoles/meatballs with yellow rice and beetroot salad.)
3 [Mense] eet suur melk en lemoenskyfies met kerrie kos. ([People] eat sour milk and orange slices with curries.)
4 [Mense] besku hormaleise kos as tradisionele Suid-Afrikaanse kos. ([People] now consider Malay food to be traditional South African food.)
5 [Mense] koop alle vleis by ’n Moslem slagter. ([People] buy all meat from a Muslim butcher.)
6 ... die manier waarop [mense] die vleis voorberei wat Jode eet. (... the way in which [people] prepare the meat that Jews eat.)

Tenses and the passive voice

Just as the active voice can be used in all three tenses, present, past and future, so too can the passive.

Present passive

All of our examples of the passive from Aziz’s talk were in the present tense. The following observations can be made about all of them:

- Each sentence contains the word word. This is the auxiliary marker (Unit 12) of the present tense passive in Afrikaans.
- The stem verb forms nearly all have ge- attached to them (geëet, geëet, geëet, gekoop), only besku and bewerk do not, and you will remember that these (like other verbs beginning with be-) do not take ge-. (Look back at the Note in the section on past participles in Unit 12, if you have forgotten.)
Let us look now at past and future passive.

**Past passive**

Using the ‘mighty ant’ example:

**Active:** Die mier het die olifant op die been gehap. (*The ant nipped the elephant on the leg.*)

**Passive:** Die olifant is **deur** die mier op die been gehap. (*The elephant was nipped on the leg by the ant.*)

Both the active and passive sentences are in the past tense. Notice the following things about the passive sentence:

- The auxiliary marker in the passive sentence is **is**.
- The stem verb has ge- attached to it.
- The **deur** phrase has not been left out.

Here are some more examples of sentences in the past passive:

1. **Die toeriste is deur die gids gelei.** (*The tourists were led by the guide.*)
2. **Die Groot Gat is deur diamantsoekers gemaak.** (*The Big Hole was made by diamond-seekers.*)
3. **Die pasiënte is deur die verpleegsters versorg.** (*The patients were cared for by the nurses.*)
4. **Die bome is deur die werkers geplan.** (*The trees were planted by the workers.*)
5. **Di en Mary is deur die taxi opgetel.** (*Di and Mary were picked up by the taxi.*)

**Future passive**

Let us now look at the same sentences in the future passive. Once again, let’s start with the ‘mighty ant’ example:

**Die olifant sal op die been **deur** die mier gehap word.** (*The elephant will be nipped on the leg by the ant.*)
We notice the following:

- The usual future tense marker sal is present (Unit 2).
- ge- is attached to the verb stem.
- The ge- verb is followed by word.
- deur is present.

Let us test these observations against our other examples, now written in the future passive.

1. Die toeriste sal deur die gids geleë word. *(The tourists will be led by the guide.)*
2. Die Groot Gat sal deur diamantsoekers gemaak word. *(The Big Hole will be made by diamond-seekers.)*
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- The past tense passive marker is is.
- The future tense passive marker is sal + word.
- If the doer is present in the sentence it is always preceded by deur.

Exercise 2
You are sending a round robin letter home. Translate Aziz’s talk into English.

Exercise 3

CD2, TR 31

Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice.
Example:
Die toergids het die slang doodgeslaan. → Die slang is deur die
toergids doodgeslaan.

The tour guide beat the snake to death. → The snake was beaten
to death by the tour guide.

1 Die vlieënier vertel die passasiers van Johannesburg.
2 Asha en haar dogters het baie kersie vir Diwali opgesteek.
3 Sal die sekretarisvoël die slang vang?
4 Jan het die sprinkane oor die kole gebraai.
5 Die Maleiers maak bobotie van oorskietvleis, eiers, brood
   en melk.
6 Die toergids sal die toeriste deur die Bo-Kaap lei om die
   Groot Moskee te gaan besoek.
7 Het die maatskappy die bome vir Boomplantesdag bestel?
8 Die wet beskerm sommige voëls, anders roei mense hulle uit.
9 Toe die son ondergegaan het, het ons die vuur gemaak.
10 Die jagter sal die luiperd wat beseer is moet skiet.

vlieënier, loods pilot skiet shoot
opsteek to light sonsondergaan sunset
sekretarisvoël secretary bird sommige some
kole coals uitroei eradicate
oorskiet leftovers luiperd leopard

Exercise 4
Rewrite the following sentences in English.

1 Word die vliegtuig vroeg verwag?
2 Wanneer julle klaar geeet het, moet die tafel afgedek word.
3 Nadat die perskes gepluk is, is hulle verpak vir uitvoer.
4 Die mielieslande sal deur die sprinkane opgevreet word.
5 Gedurende die griep-epidemie is al die toeriste medisyne gegee.
6 Die teepot word eers warm gemaak voordat die tee gemaak
   word.

Exercise 5
Rewrite the following sentences into the English active voice.
Example:
Die borde moet gewas word. → [Someone] must wash the plates.

1 Word die vliegtuig vroeg verwag?
2 Wanneer julle klaar geëet het, moet die tafel afgedek word.
3 Nadat die perskes gepluk is, is hulle verpak vir uitvoer.
4 Die mielieelande sal deur die sprinkane opgevreet word.
5 Gedurende die griep-epidemie is al die toeriste medisyne gegee.
6 Die teepot word eers warm gemaak voordat die tee gemaak word.

Exercise 6
Translate the following sentences into Afrikaans.

1 The class cut up frogs.
2 The fire was made by Mr Smit.
3 The marathon will be run to Durban this year.
4 The employees were given a holiday by the business.
5 New Year’s Day falls on a Tuesday next year.
6 Hotdogs were eaten by all the children.
7 Mr and Mrs Smit will drink wine with their meal.
8 Milkshakes will be ordered for Piet and Sannie.

Language patterns

Rhythm and rhyme

CD2, TR 32

All languages have idiomatic expressions – i.e. common fixed ways of saying things. Proverbs such as ‘Like father like son’ and ‘Between the devil and the deep blue sea’ are such examples. Rhythm and rhyme is another. Among the common English ones are ‘here, there, everywhere’, ‘thick and thin’ and ‘high and low’.

Rhythm and rhyme phrases have a particular musical quality about them and as such are easy to remember and, thus, are also used often.
A list of common Afrikaans rhythmic phrases (and their English meanings) follows. You might like to learn and use these. Notice how many of them have comparable English rhythmic expressions.

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Insight

A beautiful example of rhythm and rhyme in Afrikaans is this short poem written by the great Afrikaans poet N.P. van Wyk Louw and translated into English by another great Afrikaans poet, Adam Small. Read it aloud in Afrikaans several times before you look at the translation. Doing so will give you more than just good speaking practice; it will help you to understand the poem. Listen to the expressive and evocative sounds created by the words. Their rhythm and rhyme echo the flight patterns of the literal subject of the poem (the seagull) and its metaphorical meaning (describing the dizzying suspension of the human condition between birth and death). Please note that Adam Small rightly prides himself on translations of spirit rather than letter; you can find literal English meanings of particular words used by N.P. van Wyk Louw in the glossary.

Seemeeu
Lewe
en
sterwe
is swewe
en swerwe
tussen blydskap se wolke
en see van die smart;
iets van die vuurvlieg,
iets van die ster,
en stilte en dood lê weerskant
soos die horison daar ver.

Seagull
To live
and to die
is to hover in the sky
is to fly
between joy's clouds
and sorrow's sea:
something of the firefly
something of the star
but silence and death lie right around
like the horizon far

Oh wide and sad land: Afrikaans Poetry of N.P. van Wyk Louw in English translation by Adam Small (1975) Cape Town: Maskew Miller
The most important things to remember

1 A sentence is in the active voice when the focus is on the doer (actor) and the action, e.g. Die mier byt die olifant.

2 By moving the object to the beginning of the sentence we move the focus from the doer to the object. For example, Die olifant is deur die mier gebyt.

3 Such sentences are in the passive voice: the actor (doer) is passive.

4 The passive voice is used more often in Afrikaans than in English and therefore is an important grammatical structure to learn.

5 Generally, the passive in Afrikaans employs the same principles as in English.

6 Rules for the passive in Afrikaans:
   a In all tenses the main verb takes ge- (unless it begins with be-, ont-, ver-). Look at Unit 12 if you need a reminder.
   b The present tense passive marker is word.
   c The past tense passive marker is is.
   d The future tense passive marker is sal + word.
   e If the doer is present in the sentence, he/she/it is always preceded by deur.

7 There are many idiomatic expressions in Afrikaans and they provide a real lilt to the language (like hiet en gebied or sak en pak) so they’re well worth mastering.
Voed jou siel
Feed your soul

In this unit you will learn
- About direct and indirect speech in Afrikaans
- The basic Afrikaans punctuation rules
- About letter writing in Afrikaans
- About South African cultural festivals

Dialogue 1

The following dialogue takes place on a morning TV programme.

Vuyo Hartlik welkom, Suné. Vertel ons bietjie van die voorbereidings vir die KKNK-fees – die Klein-Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees – wat Maartmaand in Oudtshoom plaasvind.

Suné Môre, Vuyo. Bale dankie vir die uitnodiging. Soos u sê, word die fees hierdie jaar in Maartmaand gehou. Ons hou die fees altyd gedurende die Paasvakansie sodat ouers en hulle kinders dit saam kan bywoon.

Vuyo Wat is daar vir die gesinslede om te sien en doen? Sal jy almal kan tevrede stel?

Suné Ja, ek dink so. Aan die een kant is daar die meer ernstige klassieke musiek, dramas en beeldende kunste, en aan die ander is daar poporkeste, straattheater, graffiti-uitstallings ensomeer.
**Vuyo**
Daar is natuurlik ook baie om te eet en drink, en wonderlike klere om te koop.

**Suné**
Hoe het die KKNK tot stand gekom?

**Vuyo**
Die veertigjarige sukses van die Nasionale Kunste fees in Grahamstad wat die 1820 Britse Setlaars herdenk, het daartoe geleë dat van ons groot Afrikaanse kunstenaars aangemoedig is om ’n soortgelyke fees wat Afrikanerkultuur sou feesvier*, te organiseer. Nou lok die KKNK selfs opvoerings wat ook by die Grahamstad fees opgevoer word. Almal wat trots is op Afrikaans as taal en kultuur kom fees toe om te sing, om op te voer, om te eet – om saam te span.

**Suné**
Is daar nie kompetisie tussen die twee feeste nie?

**Vuyo**
Nee, daar is nie, want, alhoewel sommige van die opvoerings en uitstallings beide feeste bywoon, en alhoewel daar ’n oorvleueling is van generiese kunstipes, is daar nie ’n oorvleueling van kulturele fokus nie. Beide feeste is ’n wonderlike platform vir nuwe talent en albei feeste bied veeltalige opvoerings aan.

**Vuyo**
Dankie, Suné, dat jy ons kom inlig het. Ek hoop die KKNK is ’n wonderlike sukses. Sterkte!

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**Vier (to celebrate)** would be more accurate here; feesvier is a celebration.

**voorbereidings** *preparations*

**plaasvind** *takes place*

**kunstfees** *arts festival*

**uitnodiging** *invitation*

**kunstenaars** *performers*

**gedurende** *during*

**aangemoedig** *encouraged*

**Paasvakansie** *Easter holidays*

**soortgelyke** *similar*

**gesinslede** *family members*

**beeldende kunste** *fine art*

**lok** *attract*

**tevrede stel** *satisfy*

**opvoerings** *productions*

**ernstig** *serious*

**oorvleueling** *overlap*
Exercise 1
You have been asked by your tour group, which is considering going to the KKNK, to interpret the dialogue. Rewrite the dialogue in English in dialogue form.

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Language patterns

Direct speech

Throughout this book you have encountered dialogues of various kinds. Dialogues, like the scripts of films or plays, are written in the format we have used for the dialogues – the name of a person and the words that they speak. Direct speech is very similar to dialogue in that in direct speech we also use the exact words that someone speaks. The difference is that in direct speech we also say the name of the person before we say his/her exact words, whereas in dialogue form only the person’s spoken words are said. For example, the following piece of dialogue:

**Vuyo** Hartlik welkom, Suné. Vertel ons bietjie van die voorbereidings vir die KKNK-fees – die Klein-Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees – wat Maartmaand in Oudtshoorn plaasvind.

**Suné** Môre, Vuyo. Baie dankie vir die uitnodiging. Soos u sê, word die fees hierdie jaar in Maartmaand gehou. Ons hou die fees altyd gedurende die Paasvakansie sodat ouers en hulle kinders dit saam kan bywoon.
would be written in direct speech as follows:

**CD2, TR 34**


Direct speech generally occurs in written forms like novels and short stories or in formal records like reports. When journalists want to quote someone, they, too, use direct speech. A court reporter, however, would use the dialogue format, because the record has to be a word-for-word account and direct speech, as we saw above, requires ‘cue’ words. As these words are chosen by the person repeating another’s words, they would be inadmissible in a legal record.

**Punctuation**

Using direct speech entails knowing something more about Afrikaans punctuation than just commas and full stops. You need to learn the following punctuation conventions that apply when writing indirect speech.

- Afrikaans uses double inverted commas.
  
  Vuyo groet Suné: “Hartlik welkom ...”

- The first word of a quotation begins with a capital letter:
  
  Vuyo groet Suné: “Hartlik welkom ...”

- A colon follows the ‘speech’ verbs (vra, sê, verduidelik ...) when these occur at the beginning of a sentence:
  
  Vuyo sê: ...; Suné vra: ...; Suné verduidelik: ...

- If the quotation comes before the ‘speech’ verb or is wrapped around it, a comma is used before and after the ‘speech’ verb phrase. If the quotation is a question and is followed by the ‘speech’ verb, it will end with a question mark:
  
  “Wat,” vra Vuyo, “is daar vir die gesinslede om te doen?”
  “Wat is daar vir die gesinslede om te doen?” vra Vuyo.
General punctuation (commas, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks) fall within the inverted commas:
“Hartlik welkom!” and “Wat is daar ... om te doen?”

If the quotation is wrapped around the ‘speech’ verb phrase, the first portion of the quotation is in inverted commas, the ‘speech’ verb follows and then the speaker, and then a comma, after which inverted commas are again opened and closed only at the end of the passage, however many sentences there are:
“Wat,” vra Vuyo, “is daar vir die gesinslede om te doen?”
“Môre, Vuyo,” groet Suné, “baie dankie vir die uitnodiging. Soos u sê, word die fees hierdie jaar in Maartmaand gehou. Ons hou die fees altyd gedurende die Paasvakansie sodat ouers en hulle kinders dit saam kan bywoon.”

When quotations are split and wrapped around ‘speech’ words, only the first word of a sentence begins with a capital letter. Quotations are often split mid-sentence. In such cases the words after the ‘speech’ phrases will not be capitalized. The subsequent full sentence will begin with a capital.
“Môre, Vuyo,” groet Suné, “baie dankie vir die uitnodiging. Soos u sê, word die fees hierdie jaar in Maartmaand gehou. Ons hou die fees altyd gedurende die Paasvakansie sodat ouers en hulle kinders dit saam kan bywoon.”

Exercise 2
Rewrite the rest of the dialogue in Afrikaans direct speech.

Example:

Vuyo  Wat is daar vir die gesinslede om te sien en doen? Sal jy almal kan tevrede stel? → Vuyo vra Suné: “Wat is daar vir die gesinslede om te sien en doen?”

Suné  Ja, ek dink so. Aan die een kant, is daar die meer ernstige klassieke musiek, dramas en beeldende kunste, en aan die ander is daar poporkeste, straattheater, graffiti-uitstallings ensomeer. Daar is natuurlik ook baie om te eet en drink, en wonderlike klere om te koop.

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Dankie, Suné, dat jy ons kom inlig het. Ek hoop die KKNK is 'n wonderlike sukses. Sterkte!

Exercise 3
Punctuate the following passage.

Example:


Vuyo vra sal daar beide klassieke en popmusiek-konserte by die KKNK wees ja antwoord Suné daar is musiek vir almal en nie net bekende orkeste nie maar ook nuwe orkeste uit al die verskillende kultures. Vuyo sê dit is die wonder van musiek dit kruis oor alle tale en kulture. Suné vertel baie van die nuwe orkeste kry besprekings vir na die fees, sodat die fees dikwels die begin van nuwe loopbane beteken.
In the dialogue, mention was made of the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown. This is held annually over ten days in the period at the end of June and the beginning of July. The small city of Grahamstown, known for its churches, schools and Rhodes University, sees up to 10,000 visitors flood in. Every nook and cranny is booked for accommodation or as a performance venue. Every conceivable type of artistic endeavour is accommodated, from all cultural communities – arts and crafts, music, theatre, food and clothing from all over Africa and the rest of the world finds a place at this most famous of the South African festivals.

Other festivals are the Knysna Oyster and the Cape Town Jazz Festival. Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban all hold world-class film festivals. Durban hosts, through the University of KwaZulu-Natal, poetry and fiction festivals which draw participants from all over the world and audiences from across the southern African region.

Many small towns and districts hold festivals to celebrate their produce. Thus, you may attend cheese festivals, cherry festivals, olive festivals and the like. The spirit at these festivals is reminiscent of the harvest festivals of old and these are essentially celebrations of successful harvests.

Unique, and in celebration of a natural wonder, is the Hermanus Whale Festival which takes place in August when most Southern Right whales give birth in sheltered bays like that at Hermanus. Such an event is a never-to-be-forgotten sight.
Language patterns

Punctuating addresses and writing letters

Afrikaans has conventions different from the English ones for writing addresses. Look at the following examples.

Writing your own address in a letter

Oxfordstraat, 45,
Londen.
SW1.
30 Mei 2010.

Addressing an envelope to someone

mnr. en mev. P. Smit,
Hoofstraat, 17,
Sandton,
Johannesburg.

Note
- Street numbers come after the name of the street and between commas.
- The words straat (street), weg (road), laan (avenue), rylaan (drive) and singel (crescent) are attached to the street name.
- The name of the suburb follows on the next line and is followed by a comma.
The city or town comes on the following line and ends with a full stop.

The postal (Zip) code appears on the last line and ends with a full stop.

If a country’s name is to be included, it comes after the postal code and on its own line.

A PO box number is written as Posbus 1234, and is followed by a comma, then the city/town on the next line (followed by a full stop as usual). The postal code comes on the next line and ends with a full stop.

Dates end with a full stop.

Informal letter to friends, family and acquaintances all begin with the salutation Beste X, (Dear X,) and end Vriendelike groete, X. or just, Groete, X. (Yours sincerely, X. or Regards, X.). When closing the letter, the person’s name comes on the line following the closing greeting, as it does in English.

Business letters are particularly formal in Afrikaans and there is no distinction, as there is in English, between a semi-formal and a formal business letter – you will always use the following format.

(your address
the date

(your addressee's business title
(your addressee's address
Geagte mnr./mev. X,

Die Uwe,
Your signature
Your name in block capitals

Exercise 4
Your local sixth form college is planning a festival tour to South Africa. The principal has received the following letter from Suid-Afrika Beste which you have been asked to translate.
SUID-AFRIKA BESTE

Posbus 1760,
Kaapstad,
7000.
Tel. +27 (0) 21 12345
Faks. +27 (0) 21 12378
e-pos beste@co.za*

31 Mei 2010.

Die Hoof,
Chelsea Sixth Form College,
Westvillerylaan, 177,
Chelsea,
Londen,
SW1.

Geagte mnr. Windsor,

Dankie vir u brief. Daar word die hele jaar feeste gehou oor die hele land, maar die meeste val gedurende die skoolvakansies.

Die twee groot kunstefeeste word in Oudtshoorn en Grahamstad gehou in Maart/April en Junie/Julie, onderskeidelik. Musiekfeeste word in April, Junie en Oktober, in Kaapstad, Pretoria en Bloemfontein, onderskeidelik, gehou. Seefeeste word in Durban, Port Elizabeth, Kaapstad, Ooslonden, Knysna, Plettenbergbaai, Mosselbaai en Hermanus gehou in die somermaande – vanaf laat Augustus tot die einde April.

Akkommodasie is in al die dorpe en stede beskikbaar en besprekings kan gewoonlik direk deur die feesorganisasies gemaak word. U kan kies watter feeste om by te woon deur te kyk op die Suid-Afrika Beste webbladys: <www.suid-afrikabeste.co.za>* waar u ook besprekings kan maak.

As ons u verder kan help, kan u ons per telefoon, faks of e-pos kontak.

Die Uwe,
L.E. McDermott
L.E. MCDERMOTT.

*not real Internet addresses!
Another popular Afrikaans cultural and arts festival is **Aardklop** (roughly translated as *earth beat*), which is held annually in the North-West Province town of Potchefstroom. Like the KKNK, it also celebrates Afrikaans theatre, music, poetry, arts and crafts, and draws large crowds to enjoy the festivities.

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**Language patterns**

**Indirect speech**

Generally, in normal life, we do not quote the words of others. We usually report others’ speech. For example, instead of saying,

Vuyo asked Suné, ‘Is the festival well attended?’

we would be more likely to say,

Vuyo asked Suné whether the festival was well attended.

In English, we call the latter type of structure either reported speech or indirect speech. The same type of reported speech structure occurs in Afrikaans. In both English and Afrikaans indirect speech, the words of others are thus indirectly reported – which means that a speaker’s words are accurately reported, but not as spoken speech. Hence, the use of the inverted commas falls away, but ‘speech’ words are retained.

In indirect speech in Afrikaans, the speech words like *vra*, *sê* and *verduidelik* are followed by words like *dat* and *of*. Look at the following examples:

Vuyo *vra*: “Woon baie mense die fees by?” → Vuyo *vra of baie mense die fees bywoon.”
Vuyo asks, 'Do many people attend the festival?' → Vuyo asks whether many people attend the festival.

Suné antwoord: "Ja, duisende mense woon die fees by, veral oor die naweke." → Suné antwoord dat duisende mense die fees bywoon, veral oor die naweke.

Suné replies, 'Yes, thousands of people attend the festival, particularly over the weekends.' → Suné replies that thousands of people attend the festival, particularly over the weekends.

Note
- The inclusion of the words of and dat between the 'speech' verbs and the actual quote results in a change in the word order of the sentence following the words dat and of. The verbs all move to the end of the sentence. This is because dat and of both function here as conjunctions of the Group 3 type. (Look back at Unit 10 to remind yourself about the different kinds of conjunctions and the word order groups to which they belong.)

Look at the following extract from the Vuyo–Suné interview:

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<td>Is daar nie kompetisie tussen die twee feeste nie?</td>
<td>Nee, daar is nie, want, alhoewel sommige van die opvoerings en uitstallings beide feeste bywoon, en alhoewel daar 'n oorveuling is van generiese kunstipes, is daar nie 'n oorveuling van kulturele fokus nie. Beide feeste is 'n wonderlike platform vir nuwe talent en albei feeste bied veeltalige opvoerings aan.</td>
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| Dankie, Suné, dat jy ons kom inlig het. Ek hoop die KKNK is 'n wonderlike sukses. Sterk te! |}

We would ‘report’ the above as follows:

Vuyo vra of daar nie kompetisie tussen die twee feeste is nie. Suné antwoord dat daar nie is nie, want, alhoewel sommige
van die opvoerings en uitstallings beide feeste bywoon, en alhoewel daar ’n oorvleueling is van generiese kunstipes, daar nie ’n oorvleueling van kulturele fokus is nie en sê dat beide feeste ’n wonderlike platform is vir nuwe talent en dat albei feeste veeltalige opvoerings aanbied. Vuyo bedank Suné dat sy hulle kom inlig het en sê dat hy hoop die KKNK is ’n wonderlik sukses. Hy wens almal sterkte toe.

When a quotation is composed of more than one sentence, in indirect speech the sentences are joined into one – usually using en (and). You may choose to retain separate sentences but then you will have to repeat the speaker’s name or use an appropriate pronoun (he, she, they ...) with an appropriate speech word in each sentence. You will also often have to add a word such as verder (further) or ook (also). You can also use a combination of the two forms and thus have a mix of joined sentences and separate ones. (The mixed form sounds more natural in both English and Afrikaans.) The following piece of dialogue,

Vuyo Dankie, Suné, dat jy ons kom inlig het. Ek hoop die KKNK is ’n wonderlike sukses. Sterkte!
Vuyo Thank you, Suné, for coming to inform us. I hope the KKNK is a wonderful success. All the best!

and its direct speech version,

Vuyo sê: “Dankie, Suné, dat jy ons kom inlig het. Ek hoop die KKNK is ’n wonderlike sukses. Sterkte!”
Vuyo says, ‘Thank you, Suné, for coming to inform us. I hope the KKNK is a wonderful success. All the best!’

could be reported, put into indirect speech, as,

Vuyo bedank Suné dat sy hulle kom inlig het. Hy sê ook dat hy hoop die KKNK is ’n wonderlike sukses. Hy wens hulle sterkte toe.
Vuyo thanks Suné for coming to inform them. He also says that he hopes the KKNK will be a wonderful success. He wishes them all the best.

Vuyo bedank Suné dat sy hulle kom inlig het en hy sê ook dat hy hoop die KKNK is ’n wonderlike sukses en hy wens hulle sterkte toe.

Vuyo thanks Suné for coming to inform them and he also says that he hopes the KKNK will be a wonderful success and he wishes them all the best.

Vuyo bedank Suné dat sy hulle kom inlig het en hy sê ook dat hy hoop die KKNK is ’n wonderlike sukses. Hy wens hulle sterkte toe.

Vuyo thanks Suné for coming to inform them and he also says that he hopes the KKNK will be a wonderful success. He wishes them all the best.

Both direct and indirect speech can be written in all three tenses. Our examples, thus far, have all been in the present tense. Look at the above examples again in the past and future tense forms:

**Past tense**

Vuyo **het** Suné **bedank** dat sy hulle kom inlig het en hy **het** ook gesê dat hy hoop die KKNK is ’n wonderlike sukses. Hy **het** hulle sterkte toe **gewens**.

Vuyo **thanked** Suné for coming to inform them and he also **said** that he hopes the KKNK is a wonderful success. He **wished** them all the best.

**Future tense**

Vuyo **sal** Suné **bedank** dat sy hulle kom inlig het en hy **sal** ook sê dat hy hoop die KKNK sal ’n wonderlike sukses wees. Hy **sal** hulle sterkte toe-**wens**.

Vuyo **will thank** Suné for coming to inform them and he **will** also **say** that he hopes the KKNK will be a wonderful success. He **will wish** them all the best.
Pronoun changes occur when we switch from direct speech or dialogue to indirect speech:

| jy/u you (singular) | → sy/hy he/she |
| julle/u you (plural) | → hulle they |
| ons we | → hulle they |
| ek I | → hy/sy/hulle he/she/they |

For example:

Vuyo sê: “Dankie, Suné, dat jy ons kom inlig het. Ek hoop die KKNK is 'n wonderlike sukses. Sterkte!”

Vuyo says, ‘Thank you, Suné, for coming to inform us. I hope the KKNK is a wonderful success. All the best!’

Vuyo bedank Suné dat sy hulle kom inlig het en hy sê ook dat hy hoop die KKNK is 'n wonderlike sukses. Hy wens hulle sterkte toe.

Vuyo thanks Suné for coming to inform them and he also says that he hopes the KKNK will be a wonderful success. He wishes them all the best.

Changes also occur in time words when indirect speech is rewritten in the past or future tense:

| vandag today | → daardie dag that day |
| gister yesterday | → die vorige dag the previous day |
| môre tomorrow | → die volgende dag the following day |

For example:

Sannie het gevra: “Kom hulle vandag Suid-Afrika toe?”

→ Sannie het gevra of hulle daardie dag Suid-Afrika toe kom.

Sannie asked, ‘Are they coming to South Africa today?’

→ Sannie asked whether they were coming to South Africa that day.
Sannie sal vra: "Kom hulle vandag Suid-Afrika toe?"
→ Sannie sal vra of hulle daardie dag Suid-Afrika toe kom.

*Sannie will ask, 'Are they coming to South Africa today?'
→ Sannie will ask whether they would be coming to South Africa that day.*

**Exercise 5**
Rewrite the following extract from the Vuyo–Suné dialogue in indirect speech in the present tense.

*Example:*

- **Vuyo**  Hartlik welkom, Suné. Vertel ons 'n bietjie van die voorbereidings vir die KKNK-fees – die Klein-Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees – wat Maartmaand in Oudtshoorn plaasvind.
  → Vuyo heet Suné hartlik welkom en vra haar om hulle 'n bietjie van die KKNK-fees – die Klein-Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees – wat Maartmaand in Oudtshoorn plaasvind, te vertel.

- **Vuyo**  Welcome, Suné. Tell us a little about the preparations for the KKNK festival – the Klein-Karoo National Arts Festival – which takes place in March.
  → Vuyo welcomes Suné and asks her to tell them a little about the preparations for the KKNK festival – the Klein-Karoo National Arts Festival – which takes place in March.

- **Suné**  Môre, Vuyo. Baie dankie vir die uitnodiging. Soos u sê, word die fees hierdie jaar in Maartmaand gehou. Ons hou die fees altyd gedurende die Paasvakansie sodat ouers en hulle kinders dit saam kan bywoon.

- **Vuyo**  Wat is daar vir die gesinslede om te sien en doen? Sal jy almal kan tevrede stel?

- **Suné**  Ja, ek dink so. Aan die een kant, is daar die meer ernstige klassieke musiek, dramas en beeldende kunste, en aan die ander, is daar poporkeste, straatteater, graffiti-uitstallings ensomeer. Daar is natuurlik ook baie om te eet en drink, en wonderlike klere om te koop.
Exercise 6
Rewrite the following extract from the Vuyo–Suné dialogue in indirect speech in the past tense.

**Example:**

Vuyo: Hartlik welkom, Suné. Vertel ons 'n bietjie van die voorbereidings vir die KKNK-fees – die Klein-Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees – wat Maartmaand in Oudtshoorn plaasvind. → Vuyo welcomed Suné and asked her to tell them a little about the preparations for the KKNK festival – the Klein-Karoo National Arts Festival – which takes place in March.

Vuyo: Hoe het die KKNK tot stand gekom?

Suné: Die veertigjarige sukses van die Nasionale Kunstefees in Grahamstad wat die 1820 Britse Setlaars herdenk, het daartoe gelei dat van ons groot Afrikaanse kunstenaars aangemoedig is om 'n soortgelyke fees wat Afrikanerkultuur sou vier, te organiseer. Nou lok die KKNK selfs opvoerings wat ook by die Grahamstadfees opgevoer word. Almal wat trots is op Afrikaans as taal en kultuur kom fees toe om te sing, om op te voer, om te eet – om saam te span.

The most important things to remember

1. Moving between direct and indirect speech in Afrikaans is not that much different from English.
2. Direct speech requires specific punctuation conventions you will need to learn.
In Afrikaans indirect speech, as in English, the words of others are indirectly reported.

In indirect speech, the speech words like vra, sê and verduidelik are followed by words like dat and of. For example: Vuyo vra of baie mense die fees bywoon.

Afrikaans conventions for writing and punctuating letters and addresses are different from English and you will have to learn them.
Veld toe
To the veld

In this unit you will learn
- About Afrikaans compound verbs and compound nouns
- How to form diminutives in Afrikaans
- About some of the wonders of the South African bush

Much of this unit has to do with vocabulary and spelling. We will be revisiting compounding as one of the basic ways of word formation and we will be learning the ways in which Afrikaans forms diminutives.

Language patterns

Compound verbs

In Unit 11 we studied prepositional verbs. In this section we are returning to verbs, but to those that are compounds in the truest sense in that they are made up of two or even three words to form a new word which does not necessarily have a meaning related to the sum of its parts. Such verbs include the verbs onderzoek (investigate), goedkeur (approve) and waarsku (warn).
When such words are used in the past tense, they may take one of three forms:

- Words, the parts of which are separable and which take the ge- particle between the parts.
  Die komitee het die plan goedgekeur. *The committee approved the plan.*
  Die KKNK het April plaasgevind. *The KKNK took place in April.*
  Mevrou Ntuli het voorgestel dat hulle ’n taxi huur. *Mrs Ntuli suggested that they hire a taxi.*

- Words, the parts of which are inseparable and which never take the past tense ge- particle.
  Hy het die ongeluk ondersoek. *He investigated the accident.*
  Hulle het in Kaapstad oornag. *They overnighted in Cape Town.*
  Die skrywer het haar boek voltooi. *The writer has finished her book.*

- Words, the parts of which are inseparable, but which take the particle ge- at the beginning of the word.
  Die polisie het die man gewaarsku. *The police warned the man.*
  Die toeriste het die toergids geraadpleeg. *The tourists consulted the tour guide.*

The following table lists the more common compound verbs. You should learn particularly Groups 2 and 3, as the Group 1 verbs are less exceptional. This means that if you come across a compound verb and you don’t know it, you can fairly safely assume that it takes the ge- between the parts.

**Group 1 - separable & ge-**

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<th>Verb</th>
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<td>aflweer</td>
<td>aflgelewer  (deliver - delivered)</td>
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<td>deelneem</td>
<td>deelgeneem (take part - took part)</td>
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<tr>
<td>weghardloop</td>
<td>weghardloop (run away - ran away)</td>
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<td>gelukwens</td>
<td>gelukgewens (congratulate - congratulated)</td>
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<td>goedkeur</td>
<td>goedgekeur (approve - approved)</td>
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Group 1 – separable & ge

liefhê – liefgehad (love – loved)
plaasvind – plaasgevind (take place – took place)
saamgaan – saamgegaan (accompany – accompanied)
stilhou – stilgehou (stop – stopped)
terugkeer – teruggekeer (return – returned)
toustaan – tougestaan (queue – queued)
visvang – visgevang (fish – fished)
voorskryf – voorgekryf (prescribe – prescribed)
voorstel – voorgestel (propose – proposed)

Group 2 – inseparable & no ge

aanvaar (accept – accepted)
onderhandel (negotiate – negotiated)
onderneem (undertake – undertook)
ondersoek (investigate – investigated)
oordink (think over – thought over)
oornag (overnight – overnighted)
oorwin (win – won)
voltooii (finish – finished)

Group 3 – inseparable & ge

glimlag – geglimlag (smile – smiled)
hardloop – gehardloop (run – ran)
huisves – gehuisves (accommodate – accommodated)
opbaar – geopenbaar (reveal – revealed)
raadpleeg – geraadpleeg (consult – consulted)
regverdig – geregverdig (justify – justified)
seëvier – gesëëvier (triumph – triumphed)
waarborg – gewaarborg (guarantee – guaranteed)
waarsku – gewaarsku (warn – warned)

Exercise 1
Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the compound verb in brackets.
Example
Hy (onderneem) om die boodskap te (afl ewer). → Hy onderneem om die boodskap af te lewer.

1. Die toer sou (plaasvind) sodra die toergids het (terugkom).
2. Nadat hulle die pap wiel (regmaak) het, is die toer (voortsit).
4. As julle met die juwelier (onderhandel) het, sou hy 'n paar Rand het (aftrek).
5. Die bus het in Hermanus (stilhou) sodat almal die walvisse kon (dophou).
6. Kaptein Bruinders moes (oornag) visvang om genoeg (visvang) vir die mark.
7. Nadat die spelers hulle oorwinning (vier) het, het hulle (terugkeer) na die hotel.

Language patterns

Compound nouns

CD2, TR 35

In the introduction and in Unit 4, we spoke about the propensity Afrikaans has for making up new words by compounding — joining words together to form new ones. Anglo-Saxon (‘Old English’) did the same! The effect of compounding is that Anglo-Saxon was, and Afrikaans is, a very picturesque language. The following table lists some of the more common and interesting Afrikaans compound nouns.

Insight

Not all of the words are simply joined; some have idiosyncratic spellings and these have been marked for you on the table. You should learn them.
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<td>earth + movement</td>
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<td>farmer + biscuit</td>
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<td>boom + slang</td>
<td>tree + snake</td>
<td>boomslang</td>
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<td>broek + pyp</td>
<td>pants + pipe</td>
<td>broekspyp</td>
<td>trouser leg</td>
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<td>by + korf</td>
<td>bee + basket</td>
<td>byekorf</td>
<td>beehive</td>
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<td>dier + tuin</td>
<td>animal + garden</td>
<td>dieretuin</td>
<td>zoo</td>
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<td>eet + tyd</td>
<td>eating + time</td>
<td>etenstyd</td>
<td>mealtime</td>
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<td>fees + tyd</td>
<td>feast + time</td>
<td>feestyd</td>
<td>festival</td>
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<td>god + diens</td>
<td>god + service</td>
<td>godssiens</td>
<td>religion</td>
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<td>honger + nood</td>
<td>hunger + need</td>
<td>hanger snood</td>
<td>famine</td>
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<td>koning + ryk</td>
<td>king + realm</td>
<td>koninkryk</td>
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<td>krimp + vark</td>
<td>shrink + pig</td>
<td>krimpvark</td>
<td>hedgehog</td>
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<td>lam + wol</td>
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<td>lammerwol</td>
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<td>land + taal</td>
<td>country + language</td>
<td>landstaal</td>
<td>national language</td>
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<td>lewe + werk</td>
<td>life + work</td>
<td>lewenswerk</td>
<td>life’s work</td>
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<td>man + skoen</td>
<td>man + shoe</td>
<td>mansskoen</td>
<td>man’s shoe</td>
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<td>mens + kennis</td>
<td>people + knowledge</td>
<td>mensekennis</td>
<td>people-wise</td>
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<td>mode + winkel</td>
<td>fashion + shop</td>
<td>modewinkel</td>
<td>boutique</td>
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<td>garage</td>
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<td>oog + arts</td>
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<td>pottebakker</td>
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<td>reis + tas</td>
<td>travel + bag</td>
<td>reistas</td>
<td>suitcase</td>
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<td>sak + roller</td>
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<td>tand + arts</td>
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<td>dentist</td>
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<td>vee + arts</td>
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<td>vet</td>
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<td>vrugte + slaai</td>
<td>fruit + salad</td>
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<td>wild + dief</td>
<td>game + thief</td>
<td>wilddief</td>
<td>poacher</td>
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The Addo National Park is in the Eastern Cape. This park is of particular interest because its focus is the Addo elephant which is distinct from the elephants in the other South African – and African – reserves. The other main attraction at Addo is the dung beetle which is protected and has right of way throughout the reserve! The reserve is being doubled in size and the animals which used to roam the arid scrub are being reintroduced to the area.

Bird watching has become a popular pastime in South Africa, which is not surprising as South Africa has just over 900 species. These range from the largest flightless bird in the world, the ostrich, to the largest bustard in the world, the Kori bustard. While the bushveld and fynbos birds are not particularly colourful and are therefore very challenging to birders, the forest birds are stunning. In the summer, swallows, swifts, storks, waders and raptors from Europe fill the skies and the wetlands and estuaries in their millions.

Durban, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town have ‘water worlds’ and many other towns and cities have snake parks. The Paarl area (in the midst of the fruit and wine area of the Western Cape) offers a particularly interesting smaller snake park (Die Vonds – ‘The Find’) near to which is Butterfly World. Both centres allow close viewing and have guides on hand all the time.

**Definitions:**

- **Olivier** elephant
- **Verskil van** distinct from
- **Miskruier** dung beetle
- **Reg van oorgang** right of way
- **Swerf** roam
- **Dorre** arid
- **Rugtes** scrubland
- **Her invoer** reintroduce
- **Voëloyd** birding
- **Gewilde** popular
- **Kleurvol** colourful
- **Uitdaging** challenge
- **Bosvoëls** forest birds
- **Pragtig** stunning
- **Swaeltjie** swallow
- **Windswael** swift
- **Ooievaar** stork
- **Watervoël** wader
- **Roofvoël** raptor
- **Vlei** wetland
ontspanning pastime
doors species
dolphyne dolphins
nie-vliegende flightless
slangpark snake park
gompou bustard
skoelnapper butterfly
bosveld bushveld
riviermonding estuary
natuurbewaring nature conservation

Exercise 2
Use the vocabulary lists to translate the following information pamphlet into English for your friends who are planning a safari to South Africa.

wildpark game park
wildreservaat game reserve
naturereservaat nature reserve
tereg deservedly, rightly
welbekend, goedbekend well known
Groot Vyf Big Five
Krugerwildtuin Kruger Park
transnasionale transnational
Kgalagadi new spelling of Kalahari
ononheinde unfenced
grense borders
oorsteek cross
trekoete migration route
onverhindered unhindered

Safari in Suid-Afrika

Die Suid-Afrikaanse wild- en natuurreservate is tereg welbekend. Hulle is van die min in Afrika waar jy seker kan wees dat jy die gesogte “Groot Vyf” sal sien. Die kaart hieronder wys die nasionale reservate. Daar is ook baie kleiner privaatparke, maar dié het nie altyd die “Groot Vyf” nie.

(Contd)
Die Krugerwildtuin is miskien die mees bekende Suid-Afrikaanse wildpark. Dit is die oudste reservaat en ook die grootste. In die laaste tyd is transnasionale parke soos die Kgalagadi gestig. Hulle laat diere toe om onomheinde nasionale grense oor te steek en laat hulle dus toe om hulle tradisionele trekroetes onverhinderd te gebruik.

**Insight**

When you go into the bush, you’ll experience a **middelmannetjie**. This is a word you first encountered way back in Unit 8. It means a continuous ridge in the middle of a dirt road caused by car tyres wearing away two parallel tracks on either side. It translates literally as *the small man in the middle*!

**Exercise 3**

*CD2, TR 37*

You are about to go on safari in South Africa. The English introductory recording has been broken and your Griqua tour guide, Karel, speaks mainly Afrikaans.
Natuurbewaring is baie belangrik in Suid-Afrika. Alhoewel daar nie soveel diere is as wat daar was voor die koloniale periode nie, is daar nog baie in Suid-Afrika. Dié land beskerm die laaste groot troppe wit en swart renosters in Afrika. Olifanttroppe is aan die groei, wat problematies kan wees as die troppe groter word as wat die beskikbare grond kan onderhou.

Leeus, luiperde, jagluiperde, buffels, wildebeeste, seekoeie, kameelperde, sebras, jakkalse, hiēnas is almal volop. Daar is ’n wye verskeidenheid wildsbokke en ook snaakse diere soos blouape, bobbejane, ystervarde en die vlakvark – seker die mooiste-lelijke dier op aarde.

**belangrik** important  
**koloniale** colonial  
**beskerm** protect  
**aan die groei** on the increase  
**troppe** herds  
**problematies** problematic  
**onderhou** support  
**leeus** lions  
**luiperde** leopards  
**jagluiperde** cheetahs  
**buffels** buffaloes  
**wildebeeste** gnu  
**kameelperde** giraffes  
**sebras** zebras  
**jakkalse** jackals  
**hiēnas** hyenas  
**verskeidenheid** variety  
**seekoeie** hippopotamuses  
**wildsbokke** buck  
**snaakse** amusing  
**blouape** vervet monkeys  
**bobbejane** baboons  
**ystervarde** porcupines  
**vlakvark** warthog

Language patterns

**Diminutives**

Mother-tongue speakers of Afrikaans have a particular liking for using diminutives – calling something the ‘small’ of itself – where
in English we use *little* as in *little baby* (babatjie). Diminutives in Afrikaans have either an *-ie* or *-kie* sound ending. These sounds are often added to people’s names (Pietie, Sannie, Saartjie, Marietjie) and the practice has also been adopted in South African English. For example, the British term *lad* is routinely translated in South African English as *boytjie* (pronounced boykie).

The usual Afrikaans diminutive ending is either *-ie* or *-tjie* (pronounced *-kie*). Some words, however, have unique diminutive forms and these need to be learned. These are usually the ‘small’ of living things. There are far fewer of these than in English. Among the most common are:

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<tr>
<td>mens (person)</td>
<td>baba (baby)</td>
<td>voël (bird)</td>
<td>kuiken (chick)</td>
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<td>bees (cattle)</td>
<td>kalf (calf)</td>
<td>skaap (sheep)</td>
<td>lam (lamb)</td>
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<td>perd (horse)</td>
<td>vul (foal)</td>
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These words, too, are frequently made into diminutives (*little ...*) merely by adding either *-ie* or *-tjie*:

baba → babatjie   kuiken → kuikentjie
kalf → kalfie     lam → lammertjie
vul → vulletjie

You will notice from the above examples that some of the words, like *vul* and *lam*, have idiosyncratic spellings. The general spelling rules follow. Diminutives which have ‘odd’ spellings will have to be learned. Fortunately most of these conform to a rule which applies to their particular group.

**Forming diminutives**

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The same basic spelling rules apply as for plurals (Unit 3) and comparative formations (Units 6 and 9).
Spelling reminder note

- Words with short vowels followed by a single consonant double the final consonant before adding -ie – bos → bossie.
- Words with long ‘twin’ vowels followed by a single consonant drop the second of the pair of vowels before adding -ie – skaap → skapie.

1 Adding -ie
This is the most usual diminutive form and is applied to words ending with -s, -k, -p, -g and -f. For example:

<table>
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<tr>
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<td>vark</td>
<td>varkie</td>
<td>pig</td>
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<tr>
<td>bos</td>
<td>bossie</td>
<td>bush</td>
<td>tak</td>
<td>takkie</td>
<td>branch</td>
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<td>gans</td>
<td>gansie</td>
<td>goose</td>
<td>stoep</td>
<td>stoepie</td>
<td>verandah</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>skaap</td>
<td>skapie</td>
<td>sheep</td>
<td>neef</td>
<td>nefie</td>
<td>nephew</td>
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Exceptions when adding -ie:

- words ending with -m add -pie

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<td>arm</td>
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<tr>
<td>swerm</td>
<td>swerpie</td>
<td>swarm</td>
<td>besem</td>
<td>besempie</td>
<td>broom</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>oom</td>
<td>oompie</td>
<td>uncle</td>
<td>duim</td>
<td>duimpie</td>
<td>thumb</td>
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- most ‘long’ words ending with -ing drop the -g- and add -kie:

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<td>drawing</td>
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<td>varing</td>
<td>varinkie</td>
<td>fern</td>
<td>paling</td>
<td>palinkie</td>
<td>eel</td>
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<tr>
<td>woning</td>
<td>woninkie</td>
<td>home</td>
<td>rekening</td>
<td>rekeninkie</td>
<td>account</td>
</tr>
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</table>
2 Adding -tjie (pronounced -kie)
This form is added to most of those words to which -ie is not added, with the exception of -d and -t. It is thus a very common form. The table gives some common examples.

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<td>soentjie</td>
<td>kiss</td>
<td>lepel</td>
<td>lepeltjie</td>
<td>spoon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>koei</td>
<td>koeitjie</td>
<td>cow</td>
<td>stoel</td>
<td>stoeltjie</td>
<td>chair</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tuin</td>
<td>tuintjie</td>
<td>garden</td>
<td>uil</td>
<td>uiltjie</td>
<td>owl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>appel</td>
<td>appeljie</td>
<td>apple</td>
<td>blaar</td>
<td>blaartjie</td>
<td>leaf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>leeu</td>
<td>leeutjie</td>
<td>lion</td>
<td>meisie</td>
<td>meisietjie</td>
<td>girl</td>
</tr>
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</table>

-tjie is also added to words which end with the vowels i, o, or u. These get an apostrophe before the -tjie (as they do for plurals). These are often words borrowed from other languages:

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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>impi</td>
<td>impi’tjie</td>
<td>impi (Zulu regiment)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>okapi</td>
<td>okapi’tjie</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3 Adding -jie (pronounced -kie)
This form is added to words which end with -d or -t. Some common examples are given in the table.

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<td>maatjie</td>
<td>friend</td>
<td>rant</td>
<td>rantjie</td>
<td>ridge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mond</td>
<td>mondjie</td>
<td>mouth</td>
<td>rot</td>
<td>rotjie</td>
<td>rat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hoed</td>
<td>hoedjie</td>
<td>hat</td>
<td>woord</td>
<td>woordjie</td>
<td>word</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rand</td>
<td>randjie</td>
<td>edge</td>
<td>lied</td>
<td>liedjie</td>
<td>song</td>
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</table>
Exceptions in the -jie group:

The following words double up their vowels before adding -jie:

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<tr>
<td>blad</td>
<td>blaadjie</td>
<td>newspaper</td>
<td>vat</td>
<td>vaatjie</td>
<td>barrel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pad</td>
<td>paadjie</td>
<td>mouth</td>
<td>gat</td>
<td>gaatjie</td>
<td>hole</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**4 Adding -etjie (pronounced -ekie)**

This form is usually for consonant–verb–consonant words which end with -b, -l, -m, -n or -r. Because of the short vowel, the consonant is doubled and then -etjie is added.

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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>bal</td>
<td>balletjie</td>
<td>ball</td>
<td>pan</td>
<td>pannetjie</td>
<td>pan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dam</td>
<td>dammetjie</td>
<td>dam</td>
<td>ram</td>
<td>rammetjie</td>
<td>ram</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kam</td>
<td>kammetjie</td>
<td>comb</td>
<td>son</td>
<td>sonnetjie</td>
<td>sun</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>kar</td>
<td>karretjie</td>
<td>cart</td>
<td>vul</td>
<td>vulletjie</td>
<td>foal</td>
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<tr>
<td>pen</td>
<td>pennettejie</td>
<td>pen</td>
<td>wul</td>
<td>walletjie</td>
<td>bank</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rib</td>
<td>ribbetjie</td>
<td>rib</td>
<td>rob</td>
<td>robbetjie</td>
<td>seal</td>
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Exceptionally, the words ring and slang also take -etjie:

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<td>ring</td>
<td>ringetjie</td>
<td>ring</td>
<td>slang</td>
<td>slangetjie</td>
<td>snake</td>
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</table>
Exercise 4

Fill in the diminutives for the following:

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<td>ant</td>
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<td>kers</td>
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<td>deken</td>
<td>bedspread</td>
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<td>flower</td>
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<td>perd</td>
<td>horse</td>
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<td>sprinqua</td>
<td>locust</td>
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<td>speler</td>
<td>player</td>
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<td>slang</td>
<td>snake</td>
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<td>maan</td>
<td>moon</td>
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<td>buck</td>
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<td>seed</td>
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<td>pea</td>
<td></td>
<td>saag</td>
<td>saw</td>
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<td>aartappel</td>
<td>potato</td>
<td></td>
<td>leeu</td>
<td>lion</td>
<td></td>
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<td>seun</td>
<td>boy</td>
<td></td>
<td>lam</td>
<td>lamb</td>
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<td>skoen</td>
<td>shoe</td>
<td></td>
<td>luiperd</td>
<td>leopard</td>
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<tr>
<td>mandjie</td>
<td>basket</td>
<td></td>
<td>woning</td>
<td>home</td>
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<td>round</td>
<td></td>
<td>klip</td>
<td>stone</td>
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<td>boek</td>
<td>book</td>
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<td>piesang</td>
<td>banana</td>
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<td>dam</td>
<td>dam</td>
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<td>dogter</td>
<td>girl</td>
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<td>rhinoceros</td>
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<td>tree</td>
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<td>chain</td>
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<td>druwe</td>
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<td>road</td>
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<td>wiel</td>
<td>wheel</td>
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</table>

Although the diminutive form usually marks the 'small' of something, in Afrikaans it is also used to express emotional responses like affection, sympathy, modesty, disdain, sarcasm, camaraderie and so on. Listen to, or read, the examples which follow.

"Dag, boytjie! Hoe gaan dit?"  ‘Hi, Boy! How are you?’ (affection)
"Ag, liefie. Ek is jammer."  ‘Oh, lovie. I am sorry.’ (sympathy)
At first you will have to listen carefully to the tone used by the speaker in order to pick up the nuances. With practice, you will register the nuances almost immediately.

- When the word klein is used in close proximity to a noun, the noun is almost always used in its diminutive form:
  klein seun → klein seuntjie (boy) klein hond → klein hondjie (dog)
  klein boom → klein boompie (tree) klein bok → klein bokkie (buck)

- The penchant Afrikaans has for diminutives means that it is not only nouns that are made into diminutives. We saw in the first paragraph of this section on diminutives how people’s names are made into diminutives; and so are pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, and even verbs. Such forms occur almost exclusively in spoken Afrikaans, but often occur in friendly letters and notes. They are also very likely to occur in dramatic dialogue and in direct speech in novels and short stories.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Words</th>
<th>Afrikaans Diminutives</th>
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<td>People’s names</td>
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<td>Susie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piet</td>
<td>Pietie</td>
<td>Pete</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>David</td>
<td>Dawie</td>
<td>Davie</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Adjectives
- moeg → moegies → tired (to children, usually)
- warm
- siek → siekies → ill (to children, usually)
- wit → wittetjies → (the) white ones
- rond → rondetjies → (the) round ones

### Verbs
- soen → soentjies → kisses (sentimental)
- druk → drukkies → hugs (sentimental)
- hardloop → hardlopies → run (persuasion)
- kyk → kykies → look (persuasion)

### Adverbs
- sag → saggies → softly
- stil → stilletjies → quietly

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**The most important things to remember**

1. **Compound verbs** – where two or more words are combined to form a new word that does not necessarily have a meaning related to the sum of its parts – are common in Afrikaans, e.g. ondersoek and goedkeur.

2. When compound verbs are used in the past tense they may take one of three forms:
   - a. Where the parts of the words are separable, they will be split by adding the ge- particle between the parts, e.g. Die plan is goedgekeur.
   - b. Where the parts of the words are inseparable and never take the ge- particle, e.g. Hy het die ongeluk ondersoek.
   - c. Where the parts of the words are inseparable but do take the ge- particle at the beginning of the word, e.g. Die polisie het die man gewaar sku.
Afrikaans has the propensity for making up new words by compounding or joining words together to form new ones.

The list of Afrikaans compound nouns in this chapter is well worth learning because these ‘portmanteau’ words are so expressive. For example: honger + nood is hunger + need which equals hongersnood, which is famine. Isn’t that a much more descriptive word than its English counterpart?

Diminutives are formed using these rules:

a. Adding -ie is the most usual diminutive form and is applied to words ending with -s, -k, -p, -g and -f, e.g. huis – huisie.

b. Words ending with -m are an exception as these take -pie. For example, boom – boompie.

c. Most ‘long’ words ending with -ing drop the -g and add -kie, e.g. koning – koninkie.

d. -tjie is added to most of the words to which -ie is not added, with the exception of -d and -t, e.g. soen – soentjie. This is a very common form.

e. -tjie is also added to words which end with the vowels i, o, or u. These get an apostrophe before the -tjie (as they do for plurals). These are often words borrowed from other languages, e.g. impi – impi’tjie (the isiZulu word for ‘regiment’).

f. Add -jie (pronounced -kie) to words that end with -d or -t. For example, maat – maatjie.

g. An exception in the -jie group is the instance in which the vowel is doubled up before adding the -jie, e.g. blad – blaadjie.

h. Adding -etjie (pronounced -ekie) is typically used for consonant–verb–consonant words that end with -b, -l, -m, -n or -r. Because of the short vowel, the consonant is doubled and then -etjie is added, e.g. bal – balletjie.

i. Two important exceptions are: the words ring and slang which also take -etjie and become ringetjie and slangetjie respectively.
Het dit! (3)
Got it! (3)

In this unit you will test your knowledge of
- **The passive voice**
- **Direct and indirect speech**
- **Punctuation**
- **Compound verbs and nouns**
- **Diminutives**

These exercises should be used to test your grasp of the work covered in Units 14–16. Every single thing you get correct should be seen as an achievement. Learn from your mistakes and know that mistakes are in fact lessons.

You should use the glossary at the end of the book to look up any words you might have forgotten.

**Exercise 1 Active and passive (Unit 14)**
Rewrite the following sentences in the active voice.

**Example:**
Die slang is deur die toergids doodgeslaan. → Die toergids het die slang doodgeslaan.

*The snake was beaten to death by the tour guide. → The tour guide beat the snake to death.*
Die passasiers is deur die vlieënier van Johannesburg vertel.
Baie kerce is deur Asha en haar dogters vir Diwali opgesteek.
Sal die slang deur die sekretarisvoël gevang word?
Die sprinkane is oor die kole deur Xai gebraai.
Bobotie word van oorskietvleis, eiers, brood en melk deur die Maleiers gemaak.
Die toeriste sal deur die toergids deur die Bo-Kaap gelei word om die Groot Moskee te gaan besoek.
Is die bome vir Boomplantdag deur die maatskappy bestel?
Sommige voëls word deur die wet beskerm, anders roei mense hulle uit.
Toe die son ondergaan, is die vuur deur ons gemaak.
Die luiperd wat beseer is, sal deur die jagter geskiet moet word.

Exercise 2 Active and passive (Unit 14)
Translate the following sentences into English.

1. Die passasiers is deur die vlieënier van Johannesburg vertel.
2. Baie kerce is deur Asha en haar dogters vir Diwali opgesteek.
3. Sal die slang deur die sekretarisvoël gevang word?
4. Die sprinkane is oor die kole deur Xai gebraai.
5. Bobotie word van oorskietvleis, eiers, brood en melk deur die Maleiers gemaak.
6. Die toeriste sal deur die toergids deur die Bo-Kaap gelei word om die Groot Moskee te gaan besoek.
7. Is die bome vir Boomplantdag deur die maatskappy bestel?
8. Sommige voëls word deur die wet beskerm, anders roei mense hulle uitroei.
9. Toe die son ondergaan, is die vuur deur ons gemaak.
10. Die luiperd wat beseer is, sal deur die jagter geskiet moet word.

Exercise 3 Active and passive (Unit 14)
Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice.

Example:
Die toergids het die toeriste die kameelperde gewys. → Die kameelperde is deur die toergids vir die toeriste gewys.
Die diere het by die watergat saamgekom.
Die Umfolozowildreservaat het die wit renosters gered.
Die orkes sal al sy gewildste musiek by die fees speel.
Gedurende die winter en lente sal die walvisse geboorte gee.
Die olifante breek baie takke van die bome af.
Die voëlkykers sal in die woestyn die gompou soek.
Die Nederburgmaatskappy hou in die Pêrel die wynfees.
Die krimpvarkie rol homself op soos ’n balletjie as hy bang is.
Ons kan die penne van ystervarske gebruik as inkpenne.
Erdvarke soek in die nag miere om te eet.

Exercise 4 Active and passive (Unit 14)
Translate the following sentences into Afrikaans.

1 The buck was eaten by the leopard up in a tree.
2 The black rhino pulls leaves off trees and shrubs.
3 Grass is eaten by white rhinos and zebras.
4 Hippos follow paths under the water.
5 Many elephants and rhinos have been killed by poachers.
6 Nature conservation has protected most raptors now for a long time.
7 The trees of the year are to be found on the web page.
8 Small animals are hunted by the aardwolf at night.
9 By the end of the winter, there had been 20,000 visitors to the Mkuze Game Reserve.
10 Wetlands are used by elephants, rhinos and warthogs as bathrooms!

Exercise 5 Direct speech (Unit 15)
Rewrite the following passage in direct speech.

Example:
Die toergids het gesê dat daar ’n trop kameelperde staan. → Die toergids het gesê: “Daar staan ’n trop kameelperde.”

Die gids het aan die toeriste verduidelik dat wit renosters gras eet, maar dat swart renosters blare en takke eet. Hy het ook gesê
dat hulle monde dus van mekaar verskil. Die wit renoster het ’n groot, wye bek en die swart renoster ’n lang, skerp bek. Wit renosters loop gewoonlik in familiegroepe in die oop veld saam, maar swart renosters loop alleen in die ruigtes. Die gids vra of enigiemand vrae het.

Exercise 6 Indirect speech (Unit 15)
Rewrite the following passage in indirect speech.

Example:
Die toergids het gesê: “Daar staan ’n trop kameelperde op die berg.” → Die toergids het gesê dat daar ’n trop kameelperde op die berg staan.


Exercise 7 Compound verbs (Unit 16)
Rewrite the following sentences using the correct form of the compound verb in brackets.

Example:
Hy (onderneem) om die boodskap te (aflewer). → Hy onderneem om die boodskap af te lewer.

1 Die sebras (weghardloop) van die leeus wat hulle (agtervolg).
2 Sy het (glimlag) toe die blomme aan haar (aflewer) is.
3 Die hotel het nie die hele groep (huisves) nie en ses van hulle het (oornag) by ’n B en B.
4 As jy haar (raadpleeg) moet jy (aanvaar) wat sy sê.
5 Die skoolhoof het die wenners (gelukwens) toe hulle hulle oorwinning (vier) het.
6 Natuurbewaring het die renosters se dood (ondersoek) en (onderneem) om die wilddiewe te vang.
7 Die nuwe pad deur die reservaat is (goedkeur) nadat almal die saak goed (oordink) het.
8 Toe sy hoor die fees (plaasvind), het sy gesê sy wil (saamgaan).

Exercise 8 Vocabulary: compound nouns (Unit 16)
Translate the following into Afrikaans.

1 rusks  10 festival  
2 beehive  11 life’s work  
3 famine  12 mealtime  
4 boutique  13 game park  
5 potter  14 warthog  
6 vet  15 garage  
7 hedgehog  16 bushveld  
8 countryside  17 dung beetle  
9 estuary  18 family members

Exercise 9 Compound nouns (Unit 16)
Combine the following words into compound nouns.

Example
aart + appel → aartappel
aard + bewing → aardbewing
aard + vark → erdvark

1 bed + goed  10 pan + kock  
2 sak + roller  11 mans + skoen  
3 lam + wol  12 blou + aap  
4 verhaal + kuns  13 god + diens  
5 dier + tuin  14 water + voël  
6 plat + land  15 pop + orkes  
7 wild + bees  16 oog + arts  
8 broek + pyp  17 pot + bakker  
9 vrugte + slaai  18 koning + ryk

Exercise 10 Diminutives (Unit 16)
Give the diminutives of the following words. Where there is more than one possibility this has been indicated and you should give both.
Example
vark → varkie
boom → boompie
perd → perdjie/vul

1 sag
2 lam
3 rond
4 maan
5 baba
6 tafel
7 vul
8 huis
9 boek
10 besem
11 dam
12 renoster
13 bees (2)
14 skaap (2)
15 motor
16 mond
17 bal
18 mandjie
19 ketting
20 kat
Key to the exercises

Unit 1
Exercise 1: 1 Oupa 2 Ouma 3 Ma, moeder 4 Baba 5 Pa, vader 6 seun en broer 7 dogter en suster 6 & 7 kinders.

Exercise 2: 1 se 2 haar 3 hy 4 u 5 u 6 jou 7 julle 8 ek 9 sy.

Exercise 3: The words meneer and mevrou are abbreviated to mnr. and mev.; neither of them starts with a capital letter and each ends with a full stop. The only time these abbreviations are capitalised is when they are used at the beginning of a full sentence.

Exercise 4: 2 Ek is Sannie. Sara is my suster. Ek is haar suster. 3 Ek is Piet. Dawid is my broer. Ek is sy broer.


Exercise 7: Lekker dag!/Geniet die dag. (Have a nice/good day)/Sien jou vanaand. (See you tonight)/Lekker werk. (Enjoy your work.)/Jy ook. (You too.)

Unit 2
Exercise 2: 1 Piet 2 Sannie 3 Pa 4 Sannie 5 Pa en Ma.

Exercise 3: Main bedroom, Piet’s bedroom, Sannie’s bedroom, dining room, lounge, kitchen, shower, bathroom, toilet.

Exercise 4: 1 eetkamer 2 kombuis 3 sitkamer 4 een 5 oggend 6 toilet.
Exercise 5: 1 stoof, yskas, tafel, ketel, stoele 2 tafel en stoele 3 bank, klavier, TV, huisplante, draadloos 4 dubbelbed, spieëltafel, draadloos 5 enkelbed, boekkrak, lessenaar 6 enkelbed, pophuis, lessenaar.

Exercise 6: 1 a to visit friends b five o’clock/5 p.m. c their mother’s d salt & pepper e Piet f baking powder 2 a waarheen b hoe laat c wie se d watter e wie f wat.

Exercise 7: Breakfast – pap, sap, spek, wors, niertjes, eiers, tomaties, roosterbrood, konfy; Lunch – brood, kaas, smeer, sap, konfy, appels, perskes, vye, pruime, druwe, piesangs, pere; Supper – beesvleis, skaapboud, varktjop, hoender, maalvleis, aartappels, ertjies, boontjies, kool, pampoen, wortels, kaas.

Exercise 8: Koffie asseblief, dankie; Ek sal ’n stukkie koek neem, dankie; Dankie, ek sal. Kan ek die suiker kry, asseblief?; Dit was heerlik. Baie dankie.

Unit 4

Exercise 1: 1 Ben & Famieda 2 Zulu, Xhosa & Basotho 3 in die Kaap 4 KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng & Ooskaap 5 Willem, Koos, Andries & Ben 6 San 7 Khoi.

Exercise 2: 1 wat 2 waar 3 wat 4 watter 5 wie se 6 waar 7 hoeveel 8 wie se 9 wat.


Exercise 5: 1 Vol pret kom die kinders vroeg van die skool af. 2 Vroeg kom die kinders vol pret van die skool af. 3 Van die skool af kom die kinders vroeg vol pret. 4 In Engeland het die Smits verlede jaar ses weke lekker gekuier. 5 Lekker het die Smits verlede jaar ses weke in Engeland gekuier. 6 Verlede jaar het die Smits ses weke lekker in Engeland gekuier. 7 Per boot gaan ons Junie-maand rustig Suid-Afrika toe reis. 8 Rustig gaan ons Junie-maand per boot Suid-Afrika toe reis. 9 Junie-maand gaan ons per boot rustig Suid-Afrika toe reis.
Exercise 6: 1 Op Abram se plas kuier ek lekker. 2 Al lank woon Xai se mense hier. 3 Xai vertel hoe sy oupa vroër wilde diere gejag het. 4 Van die wortels van plante en tsammies het hulle water gekry. 5 Ek sal weer een van die dae terug wees in Engeland.

Exercise 7: 1 tafeldoek 2 telefoonboek 3 motorhuis 4 stofpan 5 besigheidsentrum 6 boekrak 7 speelgoed 8 verkeerskonstabel 9 poskantoor 10 bushalte.

Unit 5
Exercise 1: 1 Should have Verjaarsdag on front; inside, must have either Veels geluk or Beste wense met jou verjaarsdag; your addressee – Beste Tante X; and your salutation – met beste wense/ baie geluk, veels geluk, then if you like, jou niggie and your name or just give your name. 2 Should have Verlowing on front; inside, must have Veels geluk met jou verlowing; your addressee – Beste Meneer XX or Mejuffrou XX; and your salutation – Groete, and your full name.

Exercise 2: 1 a Ek sal by Marie eet b Ek sal vuurwerke gaan haal c Ek sal Robbeneiland toe gaan d Ek sal Xai by die apтек ontmoet e Ek sal na die CD luister 2 a die slagter b Op Woensdag, 10 Augustus, om agtuur/twintig honderd uur c Om tienuur/ tien honderd uur d Xai e Woensdag, 10 Augustus, om twee-uur/ veertien honderd uur.

Exercise 3: 1 the speaker’s lover has been hanged 2 an aimless existence 3 a secret assignation 4 alcohol addiction.

Exercise 4: gehou; ligte; vyf; kersse; simbool; seëvier; donkerte; ondermyn; voorspoed.

Exercise 5: Onthou boomplantdag op 4 September! or Herinnering!! Boomplantdag. 4 September.

Exercise 6: 1 wat, 2 waarmee, 3 met wie/van wie, 4 wat, 5 aan wie, 6 waarin, 7 wie se, 8 wat, 9 van wie, 10 waarop.
Exercise 7: 1 Sannie het ’n brief van Piet wat in die Kalahari is gekry. 2 Xai eet sprinkane waarvan Piet nie hou nie. 3 Dié boom is ’n Van Wykshout wat die boom van die jaar is. 4 Hier is die materiaal waarmee jy jou rok kan maak. 5 Daar is Xai se oupa aan wie die pyl en boog behoort. 6 Vanaand is die laaste aand van Diwali wat ’n Hinduëes is. 7 Kaapstad is die stad waarin die Kaapse Klopse kompetisie gehou word. 8 Tweede Nuwejaar is dié dag waarop die Kaapse Klopse gehou word.

Unit 6
Exercise 1: 1 Bokke geklop! 2 Fluitjie blaas op Bokke 3 Leeus breek deur 4 Pale te hoog vir Bokke 5 Leeus staan rotsvas 6 Bokke sweet; Leeus wen.

Exercise 2: 1 juigende 2 juigend 3 oorverdowend 4 oorverdowende 5 blitsvinnige 6 blitsvinnig 7 maklik 8 maklik.

Exercise 3: sterkste; sterker; moeg; lang; moegste; verste; meeste; beter; mees opgewonde.

Exercise 4: The marathon stands as a symbol of humankind’s capacity to overcome/conquer. That is what is meant by ‘The Spirit of the Comrades’.

Exercise 5: wêreldberoemde; Comrades; Eerste; swaar; aaklige; duisende; albei; psigies; openbare; eerste; 34; een; sogenaamde; volgende; omtrent; negentig; lank.

Exercise 6: 1 propvol 2 so slim soos ’n jakkals 3 yskoud 4 spotgoedkoop 5 wêreldberoemd 6 so lig soos ’n veer 7 so siek soos ’n hond 8 skatryk or peperduur.

Unit 7
Exercise 1: 1 hy 2 u/jy 3 se ... se 4 hulle 5 hom 6 s’n ... s’n 7 hom 8 sy 9 u 10 haar ... sy.

Exercise 2: 1 is 2 sal ... wees 3 is 4 was 5 was.
Exercise 3: 1 agtuur nm. 2 halfsewe vm. 3 twee-en-twintig minute na een nm. 4 sewe minute oor nege vm. 5 drie-uur vm.

Exercise 4: 1 Xai het vir Piet gewys dat die tsamma vol water is (or was). Xai en Piet het die water gedrink en Piet het uitgevind dat die vloeistof wel soos water smaak. Terwyl hulle gesit het, het Xai vir Piet vertel van hoe sy Oupa gejag het en agter die springbokke aangetrek het. Xai het gesê dat die San nie meer mag jag nie en nou op een plek moet bly. Sy oupa se pyl en boog het nou teen die muur in hulle baksteenhuise gehang. Xai het baie treurig gevoel omdat die ou dae verby was. Piet het hom baie jammer gekry. 2 Mnr. en mev. Smit sal aan die Comrades deelneem. Hulle sal seker maak dat hulle die regte kos eet en sal elke dag tien kilometer hardloop. Hulle sal piesangs, druive, wortels en heuning eet, omdat dié kossoorte almal vol vitamines is. Om hulle liggappe op te bou en te verseker dat hulle energie het, sal hulle ook aartappels, rys en witbrood eet. Hulle sal ook baie melk drink. Die kinders sal saam met hulle ouers eet, want dit is alles gesonde kos.

Exercise 5: 1 a hemp/hemde b trui/e c kous/e d pak/ke e baadjie/s f jas/se g sambreel/sambrele h rok/ke i romp/e j stewel/s k bloes/e l das/se m onderrok/ke n gordel/s o onderbroek/ke 2 Umhlanga four-bedroomed home with two and a half bathrooms, dining room, lounge, family/TV room. New kitchen with separate laundry. Double garage. Large garden with barbecue area and swimming pool. One million, two hundred thousand Rand.

Exercise 6: 1 Elke jaar vind Boomplantdag in September plaas. 2 Op die kantlyn gedurende die voetbalwedstryd is twee toeskouers ernstig beseer. 3 Met vernuf het Kallis vanoggend die bal sewe maal hoog oor die grens geslaan. 4 In Kaapstad se strate vier de Kaapse Klopsie elke jaar Tweede Nuwejaar. 5 By die Diwali feesvierings is daar elke jaar smaaklike kos, baie kerse en vuurwerke te siene. 6 Voor 1996 was dit nie moontlik om te weet hoe vinnig 'n bouler boul nie. In daardie jaar is die handige "Speed Stick" deur 'n Suid-Afrikaanse maatskappy (gevestig in Stellenbosch) ontwerp en getoets.
Exercise 7: 1 Wat/Hoe is jou naam? 2 Hoe gaan dit met jou/u? 3 Wanneer gaan jy huis toe? 4 Hoe laat is dit? 5 Waar woon jy? 6 Van watter stad kom jy? 7 Die hoeveelste is dit vandag? 8 Wat lees jy?

Exercise 8: 1 die 2 die 3 ’n 4 die 5 ’n 6 ’n 7 Die 8 die.

Exercise 9: 1 a Gert is the man who won the race. b Marie is the woman whom Gert married. c It is Xai’s grandfather whose bow and arrow it is. d The Kgalagadi is the land which was called the Kalahari by the whites. e The coffee which they drank was very bitter. f The bed on which I am lying is too soft. g The room in which they watch TV is very hot/warm. h This is the pen with which I wrote the book. 2 a Die Parkeraad voorsien die bome wat op Boomplantdag geplant word. b Piet hou nie van die sprinkane wat Xai eet nie. c Dié boom is ’n Van Wykshout waarvan ek jou vertel het. d Hier is die graaf waarmee jy die gat kan maak. e Daar is Xai se pa aan wie die baksteen huis behoort. f Vanaand is die Kaapse Klopse kompetisie wat die hele nag aanhou. g Kaapstad is die stad waarin die Kaapse Klopse kompetisie gehou word. h Die Bokke se skoppe pale toe wat skeef was, het hulle die wedstryd laat verloor.

Exercise 10: honderde; grys; helderblou; grasgroene; vuurwarne; sneeuwitte; groot; stokarm/brandarm; doodbang; bloedrooi; aakklike; waarskuwende.

Unit 8
Exercise 1: 1 Vlug BA 234 vanaf Londen en Vlug SAA 345 vanaf Durban 2 mnr. Smit 3 By bagasie-ontvangs B 4 Vlug SAA 598 5 vanaf Kimberley 6 Hek Sewentien 7 Na die stad 8 In die verversingsarea.

Exercise 2: 1 Hoe laat 2 kort-kort 3 meer gretig 4 vroeër 5 selde 6 waar 7 soggens 8 toe 9 laatste 10 betyds.

Exercise 3: We hope you have enjoyed your breakfast. We will be landing at Johannesburg International at 10h20. Johannesburg
(or *Egoli*, the city of gold, as it is known in isiZulu) is the largest city in South Africa and its business centre. It is a cosmopolitan city and overseas visitors soon find themselves at home. It is also said to be the wooded city in the world, so you will find shade under the African sun. Enjoy!

Exercise 4: 1 Die toeris sal more-aand om agtuur (*or* om agtuur more-aand) met sy koffer vol klere stasie toe stap om die trein te haal. 2 Die passasiers het onmiddellik hul bagasie gaan afhaal en toe lekker versiersings gaan eet.


Exercise 6: 1 Ja, ek is getroud./Nee, ek is nie getroud nie. 2 Ja, ek het kinders./Nee, ek het nie kinders nie. 3 Ek het X kinders. 4 Ja, ek het afhanklikes./Nee, ek het nie afhanklikes nie. 5 Ja, my kinders is skoolgangers./Nee, my kinders is nie skoolgangers nie. 6 Ja, ek is ’n huiseienaar./Nee, ek is nie ’n huiseienaar nie. 7 Ja, ek werk vir iemand./Nee, ek werk nie vir iemand nie. of Nee, ek werk vir niemand nie. 8 My werkgewer is X. 9 Ja, ek is ’n pensioentrekker./Nee, ek is nie ’n pensioentrekker nie.

Exercise 7: Tourist: Excuse me, madam. How can I get into the city? Receptionist: The easiest would be for you to go and queue at that window which says ‘Tickets’ and to buy a ticket there. Do you want to come back to the hotel? Tourist: Yes, please. Receptionist: Then you must ask for a return ticket to town. It will cost R5. Remember that the last bus leaves the bus stop in Market Square at 22h00. It is the same place at which you will get off. Tourist: That’s a bit early! Receptionist: Then you should rather buy a single ticket and hire a taxi to come back. Here is the number of the taxi company which services the hotel. Tourist: Thank you very much, I appreciate your help. Receptionist: You’re welcome. Enjoy your day.
Exercise 8: 1 No, there are not only toll roads on the main routes/national roads. 2 The country roads are sometimes not tarred. 3 You can get petrol and something to eat along the road at the fuel stations. 4 You must not brake sharply on gravel/rough roads. 5 A hump can damage the underside of the motor car. 6 After rains there may be potholes, pools of water, corrugations, and the roads may be slippery. 7 The South African road safety campaign is called ‘Arrive Alive’.

Unit 9

Exercise 1: Goeienaand; Welkom; Dankie. Hoe gaan dit met jou?; Goed, dankie en met jou?; waar julle kamers is. Petra jy is hier en Rachél jy is oorkant die gang; Baie dankie; tasse; kom drink ’n bietjie koffie; Dit sal lekker wees. Dankie; Ons sal nou-nou daar wees.


Exercise 3: MEMO – HUISORDE · rook en sterk drank word nie in die kamers toegelaat nie · tydskrifte mag nie weggedra word nie · sleutels moet nie (moenie) in u deure gelos word nie · partytjies word nie in u kamers toegelaat nie · onderklere moet nie (moenie) in die kamers gewas word nie.

Exercise 4: 1 Om ’n taxi te bestel. 2 Haar ’n luitjie gee. 3 Sy wil na Dick luister. 4 Die beheersentrum 5 Om hulle deur te skakel na hom.

Exercise 5: 1 alles 2 almal 3 al 4 alles 5 alle 6 alles 7 al 8 al 9 al 10 almal.

Exercise 6: Inligting vir gaste · Skakel asseblief u ligte af wanneer u u kamer verlaat · Neem asseblief u sleutels saam wanneer
Unit 10

Exercise 1: Sale 50% off all goods. Gold and silver goods and diamonds at discount prices. Available to tourists GST/VAT free. Annual sale. Don’t miss it!!

Exercise 2: 1 nadat 2 of 3 wanneer 4 toe 5 en.

Exercise 3: 1 Jy moet skoene aantrek want daar is slange in die veld. 2 Die Hindus gebruik baie kerse gedurende Diwali omdat dit die “Fees van Ligte” is. 3 Piet het vroeg gekom aangesien hy sy padda graag wou opsny. 4 Die rugbywedstryd sal gespeel word alhoewel dit baie hard gereën het. 5 Jy sal nou moet ry as jy jou inkopies wil doen voordat die winkels sluit. 6 Die werkers sal eers gate maak; dan sal die bome geplaas word. 7 Die maatskappy het die bome gekoop; toe het die werkers hulle geplant. 8 Hulle het gaan draf nadat hulle klaar die huis skoongemaak het.

Exercise 4: The easiest food to take with you is fruit, potatoes and meat. Drinks like fruit juice, coffee, tea and milk are also important. Ensure that you have water. For breakfast, either porridge or cereal are the easiest. Braai (barbecue) enough meat each evening to eat cold the next day for lunch. You can eat bread and hardboiled eggs and tomatoes with the cold braai (barbecue). Don’t forget the butter, salt and the sugar, or the wood and matches!


Exercise 6: Beste Sarie, Hoe gaan dit met jou? Ons geniet ons, maar dit is koud hier. Ek het dus my rooi trui (or wolonderbaadjie)

**Exercise 7:** 1 Die lugdiens het hulle nie laat weet waarom die vlug gister gekanselleer is nie. 2 Die lugdiens het hulle laat weet voordat die vlug gister gekanselleer is. 3 Die lugdiens moes hulle laat weet omdat die vlug gekanselleer is. 4 Die werkgewers het hulle werkers 'n vakansiedag gee gegee aangesien hulle almal dié jaar hard gewerk het. 5 Die skool bring hulle leerlinge Suid-Afrika toe sodra die somervakansie Juliemaand begin.

**Exercise 8:** 1 Waarom die vlug gister gekanselleer is, het die lugdiens hulle nie laat weet nie. 2 Voordat die vlug gister gekanselleer is, het die lugdiens hulle laat weet. 3 Omdat die vlug gekanselleer is, moes die lugdiens hulle laat weet. 4 Aangesien hulle almal dié jaar hard gewerk het, het die werkgewers hulle werkers 'n vakansiedag gee gegee. 5 Sodra die somervakansie Juliemaand begin, bring die skool hulle leerlinge Suid-Afrika toe.

**Unit 11**

**Exercise 1:** Excuse me, sir. Can you help us? Our hire car has a flat tyre and there is no jack in the boot. We also do not have a spare as it is also flat.

**Exercise 2:** 1 gedurende 2 by voorbaat dank 3 aan jou dink 4 om drie-uur 5 het deur ... geloop 6 verlang na die huis 7 in vergelyking met 8 praat met.

**Exercise 3:** 1 oor 2 in 3 onder 4 in 5 onder 6 langs 7 na 8 oorkant.

**Exercise 4:** 1 Die maatskappy het al die bome afgekap. 2 Die maatskappy sal al die bome afkap. 3 Die maatskappy kap al die bome af. 4 Die leeu jaag die bokkies weg. 5 Die leeu sal die bokkies wegjaag. 6 Die leeu het die bokkies weggejaag. 7 Die hondjie is deur die bus omgery. 8 Die hondjie word deur die bus omgery. 9 Die hondjie sal deur die bus omgery word. 10 Die passasiers het by die bushalte opgeklim. 11 Die passasiers klim by die bushalte op. 12 Die passasiers sal by die bushalte opklim.
Exercise 5: 1 agter 2 na 3 na 4 by 5 by 6 na 7 by 8 agter.

Exercise 6: 1 in 2 uit 3 in 4 om 5 om 6 toe 7 met 8 om 9 na 10 oor 11 van 12 van.

Exercise 7: Die Gemeenskapsdiensprogram vir Gesondheidsprofessionele is in 1997 geïmplementeer. Die doel daarvan was om die gebrek aan gesondheidsdienste in arm landelike areas van Suid-Afrika aan te spreek. Daar was gemengde reaksie op die program. Byvoorbeeld sommige gegradeerdes het gekla dat dit ’n vorm van konskripsie is. Ander voel egter dat dit waardevolle professionele ondervinding en opleiding bied terwyl ’n belangrike sosiale diens verskaf word. The Community Service Programme for Health Professionals was implemented in 1997. Its goal was to address the lack of health care available in poor, rural areas of South Africa. There has been mixed reaction to the programme. For example, some graduates complain that it is a form of conscription. However, others feel it offers invaluable professional experience and training while providing an important social service.

Unit 12
Exercise 1: Big Hole gives diamonds again. Tonight an English tourist is laughing. After nearly 80 years the Big Hole has again delivered its treasure. The tourist had been standing against the barricade where so many have committed suicide. When she turned to leave, she stubbed her toe against something. When she looked to see what it was, she saw what she thought was a round piece of glass. When she pulled it out of the ground, she saw that it was not glass but a shiny stone. At reception, officials confirmed that it was a diamond. Officials say that the company will indeed give the tourist a portion of the value of the diamond once the value has been determined/established.

Exercise 2: 1 Sutherland sal dié nawee koud wees. 2 Die toeris sal deel van die waarde van die diamant ontvang. 3 Die Groot Gat was ’n diamantskat. 4 Die sterrewag was vir die week oop. 5 Die sterrekundiges het ’n nuwe ster gevind. 6 Die polisie het
Exercise 3: 1 The nurses are busy with the patients. 2 Sarel is reading while Petra is baking a cake. 3 The lions are chasing the buck, because they are hungry. 4 It is raining so hard that the streets are running with water. 5 I can do it myself if you only show me how. 6 We are playing cricket today against the West Indies.

Exercise 4: 1 Piet en Sannie het hulle huiswerk gedoen sodat hulle later TV kon kyk. 2 Die motoriste moes almal versigtig ry, want na die stormreën was daar in daardie omgewing sinkplaatpaaie. 3 As hy genoeg geld gehad het, sou hy ook Suid-Afrika toe wou kom. 4 Di en Mary wou graag daardie naweek hulle hare laat sny terwyl Dick ’n motor gaan huur het. 5 Die bokkies kon nie van die leeus wegkom nie. 6 Ons sou eers Durban toe wou gaan en dan na die Kaap. 7 As sy nie gister die kompetisie gewen het nie, sou sy self moes betaal vir die toer. 8 Die polisie sou die toeskouers by die rugbywedstryd onder beheer moes hou.

Exercise 5: Oudtshoorn: Little Karoo town, known for ostriches and the Cango Caves. Farming with ostriches mainly for meat and hides. Best known for Cango Caves with their San paintings and stalactites, stalagmites and helictites. Tours available. Regular music concerts held. Tickets available at the entrance.

Exercise 6: 1 hangende 2 spiralende 3 soekende 4 besoekende 5 lopende 6 stormende 7 laggende 8 skoppende.

Exercise 7: 1 dooie, begrawe 2 bedorwe 3 insittendes, gelag, gesels 4 gebraaide 5 verlate 6 verdagte, verskyn 7 afgekapte, gebruik.

Exercise 8: 1 geleerd 2 beskerm 3 vermoeiend 4 gedane 5 verbaas 6 verbinde 7 bekommerd 8 gestorwe.
Unit 13

Exercise 1: groter, grootste; seerder, seerste; leliker, lelikste; meer, meeste; moeër, moegste; dunner, dunste; leër, leegste; mooier, mooiste; dood, dood; goedkoper, goedkoopste.

Exercise 2: adverbs: baie (degree), veel (degree), lekker (manner), snags (time); adjectives: groot, koeler, warm, woestynagtig, tropies, koud.


Exercise 4: 1 Waarvandaan kom jy? 2 Wat/Hoe is jou naam? 3 Waar bly jy? 4 Wanneer het jy (aan)gekom? 5 Hoe laat is ontbyt?

Exercise 5: a Can you tell me where the station is? Nee, ek kan jou nie sê waar die stasie is nie. b Is this the bus to the Castle? Nee, dit is nie die bus na die Kasteel toe nie. c Will the doctor be able to see me now? Nee, die dokter sal jou nie nou kan sien nie. d Did the bluebottle sting you? Nee, die bloblasie het my nie gesteek nie. e Must we buy bread, milk and fruit for breakfast? Nee, julle moet nie (moenie) brood, melk en vrugte koop vir ontbyt nie.

Exercise 6: 1 Omdat Di siek is, het ons ons kaartjies weggegee. 2 Na die groot brand, was Ongevalle baie besig. 3 Sodra hy en Xai weer in die dorp is, sal Piet huis toe skryf. 4 Wanneer die pasiënt ingelaai is, sal die ambulance onmiddellik vertrek. 5 Nadat hulle vir twaalf ure gesukkel het, het die brandweer die vuur geblus.

Exercise 7: 1 Die boom wat baie groot is, is 'n kremetartboom. 2 Dit is die rots waarop ons gestaan het. 3 Xai is die Sanseun by wie Piet gaan kuier het. 4 Dit is die noodnommer wat jy moet skakel. 5 Hulle wil weet waar hy gaan toer wanneer hy volgende
week aankom. 6 Ons sal die straatteater gaan kyk; dan sal ons shebeen toe gaan.

Exercise 8: 1 Niemand sal jou met die toets help nie. 2 Nóg Di nóg Mary sal die inkopies gaan doen. 3 Die klein jakkals het nog nie 'n bokkie gevang nie. 4 Jy moet nie/moenie die medisyne alles op een dag opdrink nie. 5 Daar is nêrens op die pad 'n pieknieplek nie. 6 Dié teerpad het nie baie slaggate nie.

Exercise 9: 1 met 2 te ... aan 3 tot 4 in(geskiet) 5 langs, toe 6 met 7 na.

Exercise 10: 1 Di het agtergebly want sy is siek. 2 Die bokkies hardloop van die leeus weg. 3 In die warm weer sal ons baie koeldrank opgebruik. 4 Die gaste moet hulle kamerligte afskakel as hulle vertrek. 5 Omdat hulle 'n pap wiel gehad het, het hulle dit afgehaal.

Exercise 11: 1 Wanneer kom jy Suid-Afrika toe? 2 Die toeriste gaan Maandag Kimberley toe. 3 Die San woon nou in dorpies. 4 'n Musiekkonsert is verlede Saterdag in die Kangogrotte gehou. 5 Omdat daar geen reën was nie, sal Boomplantaag nou op 20 November wees. 6 Al die kinders het die vuurwerke geniet. 7 Die familie het almal na Ouma se verjaarsdagmiddagete gegaan. 8 Die pad sal weer om sewe-uur n.m. oop wees.

Exercise 12: 1 glinsterende 2 vermoeiend 3 eerskomende 4 uitputtend 5 bevlore 6 bevries 7 gestrykte, weggepak.

Exercise 13: 1 a Please come in. b Put your suitcases here. c Meet passengers in the Arrivals Hall. d Switch the lights off when you leave. e Mobile phones may not be used in the bank. 2 a Volg my, asseblief. b Sit die musiek sagter! c Bly stil! d Help my, asseblief. e Klim in die bad!

Unit 14
Exercise 1: food: sosatie, bobotie, waterblommetjiebriedie, roosterkoek/-brood, vetkoek, biltong; industries: wyn, wol, sybokhaar, meubels, juweliersware, graskuns/grashandwerk
Exercise 2: The food which my people eat is known as Malay food. Stews, grilled meat and boiled/cooked vegetables are eaten often. There is a lot of pepper and herbs in the food. Large rissoles/meatballs are eaten with yellow rice and beetroot salad. With curries, sour milk and orange slices/wedges are eaten. Malay foods, which many South Africans like and which are now considered to be traditional South African food, are sosaties and bobotie. All meat is bought from a Muslim butcher who prepares it in a special way – in much the same way as that in which the meat that Jews eat, is prepared. Muslims, also like the Jews, do not eat pork. Muslims also do not drink alcohol.

Exercise 3: 1 Die passasiers word deur die vlieënier van Johannesburg vertel. 2 Baie kerse is deur Asha en haar dogters vir Diwali opgesteek. 3 Sal die slang deur die sekretarisvoël gevang word? 4 Die sprinkane is deur Jan oor die kole gebraai. 5 Bobotie word deur die Maleiers van oorskietvleis, eiers, brood en melk gemaak. 6 Die toeriste sal deur die toergids deur die Bo-Kaap geleë word om die Groot Moskee te gaan besoek. 7 Is die home vir Boomplantdag deur die maatskappy bestel? 8 Sommige voëls word deur die wet beskerm, anders roei mense hulle uit. 9 Toe die son ondergegaan het, is die vuur deur ons gemaak. 10 Die luiperd wat beseer is sal deur die jagter geskiet moet word.

Exercise 4: 1 Is the aircraft/aeroplane expected early? 2 When you have finished eating, the table must be cleared. 3 After the peaches have been picked, they are packed for export. 4 The maize/mealie fields will be eaten by the locusts. 5 During the flu epidemic all the tourists were given medicine. 6 The teapot is warmed first before the tea is made.

Exercise 5: 1 Is [someone] expecting the aircraft/aeroplane early? 2 When you have finished eating, you must clear the table. 3 After [someone] has picked the peaches, [someone] packs them for export. 4 The locusts will eat the maize/mealie fields. 5 During the flu epidemic, [someone] gives all the tourists medicine. 6 [Someone] warms the teapot first before making the tea.
Exercise 6: 1 Die klas het paddas opgesny. 2 Die vuur is deur mnr. Smit gemaak. 3 Die marathon sal hierdie jaar na Durban toe gehardloop word. 4 Die werkers is deur die besigheid ’n vakansie gegee. 5 Nuwejaarsdag val volgende jaar op ’n Dinsdag. 6 Worsrolletjies is deur al die kinders geëet. 7 Meneer en Mevrou Smit sal wyn drink saam met hulle kos. 8 Melkskommels sal vir Piet en Sannie bestel word.

Unit 15
Exercise 1: Vuyo: Welcome, Suné. Tell us a bit about the preparations for the KKNK festival – Klein-Karoo National Arts Festival – which takes place in March. Suné: Morning, Vuyo. Thank you very much for the invitation. As you say, this year the Festival is being held in March. We always have the Festival during the Easter holidays so that parents and their children can attend it together. Vuyo: What is there for family members to see and do? Can you satisfy everyone? Suné: Yes, I think so. On the one hand, there is serious classical music, dramas and fine arts, and, on the other, there are pop bands, street theatre, graffiti exhibitions, and so on. There is also lots to eat and drink, and wonderful clothes to buy. Vuyo: How did the KKNK come about? Suné: The 40-year success of the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown which celebrates the 1820 British Settlers led to a group of our big-name Afrikaans performers being encouraged to organize a similar festival which would celebrate Afrikaans culture. Now the KKNK even attracts productions that attend the Grahamstown Festival. Everyone who is proud of Afrikaans as a language and culture comes to the festival to sing, to produce, to eat – to get together. Vuyo: Is there no competition between the two festivals? Suné: No, there is not, because, although some of the productions and exhibitions attend both festivals, and although there is an overlap of generic art types, there is not an overlap of cultural focus. Both festivals are wonderful platforms for new talent and both festivals present multilingual productions. Vuyo: Thank you, Suné, for coming to enlighten/inform us. I hope the KKNK is a wonderful success. All the best!

Exercise 2: Suné antwoord: “Ja, ek dink so. Aan die een kant is daar die meer ernstige klassieke musiek, dramas en beeldende
kunste, en aan die ander is daar poporkeste, straattheater, graffiti-uitstallings ensommeer. Daar is natuurlik ook baie om te eet en drink, en wonderlike klere om te koop.” Vuyo vra: “Hoe het die KKNK tot stand gekom?” Suné vertel: “Die veertigjarige sukses van die Nasionale Kunstfees in Grahamstad wat die 1820 Britse Setlaars herdenk, het daartoe geleë dat van ons groot Afrikaanse kunstenaars aangemoedig is om ’n soortgelyke fees wat Afrikanerkultuur sou vier, te organiseer. Nou lok die KKNK selfs opvoerings wat ook by die Grahamstadfees opgevoer word. Almal wat trots is op Afrikaans as taal en kultuur kom fees toe om te sing, om op te voer, om te eet – om saam te span.” Vuyo vra: “Is daar nie kompetisie tussen die twee feeste nie?” Suné verduidelik: “Nee, daar is nie, want, alhoewel sommige van die opvoerings en uitstallings beide feeste bywoon, en alhoewel daar ’n oorvleueling is van generiese kunsttipes, is daar nie ’n oorvleueling van kulturele fokus nie. Beide feeste is ’n wonderlike platform vir nuwe talent en albei feeste bied veeltalige opvoerings aan.” Vuyo sê: “Dankie, Suné, dat jy ons kom inlig het. Ek hoop die KKNK is ’n wonderlike sukses. Sterkte!”


Exercise 4:

31 May 2010.

The Principal,
Chelsea Sixth Form College,
177 Westville Avenue,
Chelsea,
London,
SW1.
Dear Mr Windsor,

Thank you for your letter. Festivals are held throughout the year all over the country, but most fall during the school holidays.

The two big arts festivals are held in Oudtshoorn and Grahamstown in March/April and June/July, respectively. Music festivals are held in April, June and October in Cape Town, Pretoria and Bloemfontein, respectively. Sea festivals are held in Durban, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, East London, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay, Mossel Bay and Hermanus in the summer months – from late August to the end of April.

Accommodation is available in all the towns and cities and bookings can usually be made directly through the festival organizations.

You can choose the festivals you wish to attend by looking on the Suid-Afrika Beste web page: <www.suid-afrikabeste.co.za>, where you can also make bookings.

If we can assist you further, you can contact us by telephone, fax or e-mail.

Yours faithfully,
L.E. McDermott

Exercise 5: Suné groet Vuyo en bedank hom vir sy uitnodiging. Sy sê dat soos hy sê, die fees daardie jaar in Maartmaand gehou word. Sy verduidelik verder dat hulle die fees altyd gedurende die Paasvakansie hou sodat ouers en hulle kinders dit saam kan bywoon. Vuyo vra wat daar is vir die gesinslede om te sien en doen en of hulle almal sal kan tevrede stel. Suné antwoord dat sy so dink, want, aan die een kant, is daar die meer ernstige klassieke musiek, dramas en beeldende kunste, en aan die ander is daar poporkeste, straatetheater, graffiti-uitstallings ensomeer. Sy sê ook dat daar natuurlik ook baie is om te eet en drink, en dat daar wonderlike klere is om te koop.
Exercise 6: Vuyo het gevra hoe die KKNK tot stand gekom het. Suné het verduidelik dat die veertigjarige sukses van die Nasionale Kunstfees in Grahamstad wat die 1820 Britse Setlaars herdenk, daartoe geleë het dat van hulle groot Afrikaanse kunstenaars aangemoedig was om 'n soortgelyke fees wat Afrikanerkultuur sou vier, te organiseer. Sy het gesê dat die KKNK nou selfs opvoerings wat ook by die Grahamstadfees opgevoer word lok, en het gesê dat almal wat trots is op Afrikaans as taal en kultuur, fees toe kom om te sing, om op te voer, om te eet – om saam te span.

Unit 16

Exercise 1: 1 Die toer sou plaasvind sodra die toergids teruggekom het. 2 Nadat hulle die pap wiel reggemaak het, is die toer voortgesit. 3 Mev. Ntuli het die hele toergroep gehuisves. 4 As julle met die juwelier onderhandel het, sou hy 'n paar Rand afgetrek het. 5 Die bus het in Hermanus stilgehou sodat almal die walvisse kon dophou. 6 Kaptein Bruinders moes oornag vis om genoeg vis te vang vir die mark. 7 Nadat die spelers hulle oorwinning gevier het, het hulle teruggekeer na die hotel.

Exercise 2: The South African game and nature reserves are deservedly well known. They are among the few in Africa in which you are virtually guaranteed to see the sought-after ‘Big Five’. The map below shows the national reserves. There are also many smaller private parks, but these do not always have the ‘Big Five’.

The Kruger National Park is probably the best known South African game reserve. It is the oldest reserve and also the biggest. In recent years, transnational parks like the Kgalagadi, have been set up. These allow animals to cross now-unfenced national borders and thus allow them to use their traditional migration routes unhindered.

Exercise 3: Nature conservation is very important in South Africa. Although there are not as many animals as there were before the colonial period, there are still many in South Africa. This country protects the last great herds of white and black rhinoceroses in Africa. Elephant herds are on the increase, which could become
a problem if the herds become bigger than the available land can support.

Lions, leopards, cheetahs, buffalo, gnus, hippopotamuses, giraffes, zebras, jackals, hyenas are all abundant. There is a wide variety of buck and also amusing animals like vervet monkeys, baboons, porcupines and the warthog – surely the most beautifully ugly animal on earth.

**Exercise 4:** miertjie, dekentjie, balletjie, sprinkaantjie, slangetjie, pampoentjie, saadjie, ertijetjie, aartappeltjie, seuntjie, skoentjie, mandjietjie, rondtjetjie, boekie, dammetjie, renostertjie, meisietjie, kettinkie, voëltjie, paadjie, kersie, blommetjie, perdjie, spelertjie, maantjie, bokkie, gaatjie, sagie, leeutjie, lammertjie, luiperdjie, woninkie, klippie, piesankie, dogtertjie, toertjie, boompie, lampie, druivetjie, wieletjie.

**Unit 17**

**Exercise 1:** 1 Die vlieënier het die passasiers van Johannesburg vertel. 2 Asha en haar dogters het die baie kerse vir Diwali opgesteek. 3 Saladie die sekretarisvoël die slang vang? 4 Xai het die sprinkane oor die kofie gebraai. 5 Die Maleiers maak bobotie van oorskietvleis, eiers, brood en melk. 6 Die toerists sal die toeriste deur die Bo-Kaap lei om die Groot Moskee te gaan besoek. 7 Het die maatskappy die bome vir Boomplantdag bestel? 8 Die wet beskerm sommige voëls, anders roei mense hulle uit. 9 Toe die son ondergaan, het ons die vuur gemaak. 10 Die jagter sal die luiperd wat beseer is, moet skiet.

**Exercise 2:** 1 The passengers were told about Johannesburg by the pilot. 2 Many candles were lit by Asha and her daughters for Diwali. 3 Will the snake be caught by the secretary-bird? 4 The locusts were braaied (grilled) over the coals by Xai. 5 Bobotie is made of leftover meat, eggs, bread and milk by the Malays. 6 The tourists will be guided through the Bo-Kaap by the tour guide to visit the Great Mosque. 7 Were the trees for Arbor Day ordered by the company? 8 Some birds are protected under the law, otherwise people would eradicate them. 9 When the sun set, the fire was
made by us. 10 The leopard that is injured will have to be shot by the hunter.

Exercise 3: 1 Daar is by die watergat deur die diere saamgekom. 2 Die wit renosters is deur die Umfoloziwildreservaat gered. 3 Al sy gewildste musiek sal deur die orkes by die fees gespeel word. 4 Gedurende die winter en lente sal daar deur die walvisse geboorte gee gegee word. 5 Baie takke word deur die olifante van die bome afgebreek. 6 Die gompou sal deur die voëlkykers in die woestyn gesoek word. 7 Die wynfees word deur die Nederburgmaatskappy in die Pèrel gehou. 8 Daar word deur die krimpvarkie soos 'n balletjie opgerol as hy bang is. 9 Die penne van ystervarkie kan deur ons gebruik word as inkpenne. 10 Miere word in die nag deur erdvarke gesoek om te eet.

Exercise 4: 1 Die bok is deur die luiperd bo in 'n boom geëet. 2 Die swart renoster trek blare van bome en struike af. 3 Gras word deur wit renosters en sebras geëet. 4 Seekoeie volg paadjies onder die water. 5 Baie olifante en renosters is deur wilddiewe doodgemaak. 6 Natuurbewaring beskerm nou al lank vir roofvoëls. 7 Die bome van die jaar is te vinde op die web-bladsy. 8 Klein diere word in die nag deur die erdwolf gejag. 9 Teen die einde van die winter was daar twintig duisend besoekers by Mkuzewildreservaat. 10 Vleie word deur olifante, renosters en vlakvarke as badkamers gebruik!


Exercise 7: 1 Die sebras hardloop weg van die leeus wat hulle agtervolg. 2 Sy het geglimlag toe die blomme aan haar afgelewer is. 3 Die hotel het nie die hele groep gehuisves nie en ses van hulle het oornag by ’n B en B. 4 As jy haar raadpleeg moet jy aanvaar wat sy sê. 5 Die skoolhoof het die wenners gelukgewens toe hulle hulle oorwinning gevier het. 6 Natuurbewaring het die renosters se dood ondersoek en onderneem om die wilddiewe te vang. 7 Die nuwe pad deur die reservaat is goedgekeur nadat almal die saak goed oordink het. 8 Toe sy hoor die fees vind plaas, het sy gesê sy wil saamgaan.

Exercise 8: 1 boerebeskuit 2 byekorf 3 hongersnood 4 modewinkel 5 pottebakker 6 veearms 7 krimpvarkie 8 platteland 9 riviermonding 10 fees 11 lewenswerk 12 maaltyd 13 wildtuin/wildpark 14 vlakvark 15 motorhuis 16 bosveld 17 miskruier 18 familielede.

Exercise 9: 1 beddegoed 2 sakkeroller 3 lammerwol 4 verhaalkuns 5 dieretuin 6 platteland 7 wildebees 8 broekspyp 9 vrugteslaai 10 pannekoek 11 mansskoen 12 blouaap 13 godsdiens 14 watervoël 15 poporkes 16 oogarts 17 pottebakker 18 koninkryk.

Exercise 10: 1 saggies 2 lammertjie 3 rondetjie 4 maantjie 5 babatjie 6 tafeltjie 7 vulletjie 8 huisie 9 boekie 10 besempie 11 dammetjie 12 renostertjie 13 besie/kalf 14 skapie/lam 15 motortjie 16 mondjie 17 balletjie 18 mandjietjie 19 kettinkie 20 katjie.
Taking it further

If you have enjoyed working your way through *Complete Afrikaans* and want to take your Afrikaans further, try the following for opportunities to build on your existing knowledge and improve your skills:

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Real Afrikaans on-line:

http://www.rsg.co.za/ (radio)
http://www.mnet.co.za/kykNET/ (TV)

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Other Internet resources

**Afrikaans newspapers**

www.newspaperdirect.com/ (subscription only)
http://www.beeld.com/ (free on-line edition)
http://www.dieburger.com/ (free on-line edition)

**Dictionaries**

http://www.freelang.net/dictionary/afrikaans.html

**Articles about Afrikaans**

http://www.omniglot.com/writing/afrikaans.htm
www.strauss.za.com/afr/afrikaans.html
Useful links

Access a range of Afrikaans books, films, and music at this South African online store:
http://www.kalahari.net/

You learnt about the Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees in Unit 15; you can find the festival’s (bilingual) website at:
http://www.kknk.co.za/

Speak Afrikaans within minutes:

http://www.mieliestronk.com/phrase1.html

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Courses

Outside South Africa, Afrikaans is taught as part of degree courses at the African Studies Center, UCLA:
http://www.isop.ucla.edu/africa/programs/

For a list of the South African universities, many of which teach Afrikaans as full-time degree courses and shorter, intensive courses of study, go to:
http://www.studysa.co.za/

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# Appendix: useful information

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10,000 tienduizend 10,000ste tienduizendste
100,000 honderdduizend 100,000ste honderdduizendste
1,000,000 miljoen 1,000,000ste miljoenste
1,000,000,000 miljard 1,000,000,000ste miljardste
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**5 Geld** Money

Rand **rand**
100 sent = 100 cents = 1 rand

banknote **banknotes**
R10, R20, R50, R100, R200

muntstukke **coins**
5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, R1, R2, R5

**6 Nasionale hoofstede** National capitals

Kaapstad – wetgewend Cape Town – legislative
Pretoria – uitvoerende Pretoria – executive/administrative
Bloemfontein – regterlike Bloemfontien – judicial

**7 Provinces en hul hoofstede** Provinces and their capitals

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Afrikaans–English glossary

aaklig horrid
aaklige horrible
aalwyn/e aloe/s
aan die werk spring get to work (V)
aan te hou hang on (V)
aan wie to whom
aandag attention
aangee pass (V)
aangename kennis pleased to meet you
aangename (kinders) adopted children
aanhou continue (V)
aankom arrive (V)
aANKoms arrival
Aankomssaal Arrivals Hall
aankondig announce (V)
aanmoedig encourage (V)
aannem take on (V)
aansteeklike infectious
aantrek dress, move on (V)
aarbe/e strawberry/ies
aardbeweging/s earthquake/s
aartappel/s potato/es
aartappelskyfie/s crisp/s
aardwolf maned jackal
afdroog dry off (V)
afhang van depends on (V)
afgeleë remote, lonely
afhaal fetch (V)
afhandel complete (V)
afhanklike/s dependant/s
afkamp barricade (V)
afklim alight (V)
aflaai off load (V)
aflè sit (the test) (V)
afspreek arrange (V)
agent/e agent/s
agter behind
agtertoe towards the back
akkedis/se lizard/s
akkommodasie accommodation
al already, all
albei both
alhoewel although
alledaagse everyday, common
alleen alone
allerlei miscellaneous
alles everything
almal everyone, all
alreeds already
alternatiewe alternative
altyd always
ambulans/e ambulance/s
amper nearly
ander other
anker/s anchor/s
appel/s apple/s
appelkoos/kose apricot/s
aptek/teke pharmacy/ies, chemist/s
apteker/s pharmacist/s, chemist/s
Arabierse Arabic
Arabies Arabic (language)
areas areas
arm/s arm/s
arm  poor
as  ash
as if, when
as of as if
aspersie/s  asparagus
aspirien  aspirin/s
asseblief  please
astrofisika  astrophysics
asvaal  ashen
asyn  vinegar
auto-teller/s  cashpoint machine
automatiese-teller/s  cashpoint machine

baadjie/s  jacket/s
baaibroek/e  bathing costume/s (male)
baaikostuum/tume  bathing costume/s (female)
baba/s  baby/ies
bad  bath (V)
bad/dens  bath/s
bagasie  baggage
bagasie-ontvangs  baggage-reception
baie  much, many, very
bak  bake, fry (V)
bakker/s  baker/s
bakpoeier  baking powder
baksteen/stene  brick/s
bal/balle  ball/s
bank/e  couch/es
bankbestuurder/s  bank manager/s
bankmasjien/e  cashpoint machine/s
bars  burst (V)
battery/e  battery/ies
beboomde  ‘treed’, wooded

bed/dens  bed/s
bedags  during the day
beddegoed  bedding, linen
bederf  spoil (V)
bedien  serve (V)
bedorwe (kinders)  spoiled children
bedryf/drywe  industry/ies
beeldende kuns/te  fine art/s
beeldskoon  beautiful
been/bene  leg/s
bees/te  cattle
beesbredie  beef stew
beespelas/plase  cattle farm/s
beesvleis  beef
beet  beetroot
beetslaai  beetroot salad
begin  begin (V)
begonne (taak)  task in hand
begrawe  bury (V)
beheer  process (V)
beheersentrum/s  control centre/s
behoefte/s  need/s
behoort  should
behoort aan  belongs to (V)
behou  preserve (V)
beide  both
bek/ke  beak/s, mouth/s (impolite when applied to a person)
beekend  well-known, famous
beker/s  mug/s
bekommer  worry (V)
belangrik  Important
Belgiese  Belgian
beloftes  promise/s
belowe  promise (V)
bemanning/s  crew/s
benodig  need (V)
bepaal  fix, establish (V)
berei prepare (V)
berghang/e mountainside/s
bergtop/pe peak/s
beseer injure (V)
beseerde/s casualty/ies
besem/s broom/s
besering/s injury/ies
besig busy
besigheid/hede business/es
besigheidsmense business people
besigheidspersoon/one business person
besigheidssentrum/s business centre/s
beskadig damage (V)
beseie shy
beskerm protect (V)
beskikbaar available
beskou consider (V)
beskrewe (wette) written (laws)
beskryf describe (V)
besluit decide (V)
besluit/e decision/s
besmet litter (V)
besoeker/s visitor/s
bespreek reserve, book (V)
bessie/s berry/ies
bestandeel/dele ingredient/s
bestel order (V)
bestelling/s order/s
bestuur drive (V)
bestuurder/s driver/s
betaal pay (V)
beter better
betower enchant (V)
betrek involve (V)
betrokke (lug) overcast sky
betryds just in time
beveel command, order (V)
bevel/velle command/s, order/s
bevind find (oneself) (V)
bevolk populate (V)
bevolking/s population/s
bevries freeze (V)
bevrore (vleis) frozen (meat)
bewaar protect, conserve (V)
bewerk prepare (V)
bied offer (V)
biefstuk/ke steak/s
bietjie little
bikini’s bikini/s
biltong jerky, dried meat
bind tie (V)
binne inside
binnekort shortly
binneste inner
biskop bishop
bitter bitter
bitterbessiebos/se bitter-berry bush/es
blaar/blare leaf/ves
blaarslaai lettuce/s
blaas blow (V)
blaaskansie/s rest period/s
blad/de newspaper/s
bleek pale
blind blind
blink shiny
blitsvinnig lightning quick
bloed blood
bloeddruk blood pressure
bloedig warm very hot
bloedjong very young
bloedrooi blood red
bloes/e blouse/s
blomkool cauliflower/s
blou blue
blouaap/ape vervet monkey/s
bloublasie/s bluebottle/s
blus (vuur) put out (fire) (V)
bly happy
bly stay, live (V)
blydskap joy, happiness
bo on top
bo-aan at the top
bobejaan/jane baboon/s
bobotie curried mince pie
boek/e book/e
boekrak/ke bookcase/s
boer/e farmer/s
boerdery farming
boerebeskuit rusk/s
boeretroos coffee
boerewors farm sausage
Boesman/s Bushman/men
bok/ke buck
Bo-Kaap Upper Cape Town
Bokke Springboks (rugby)
bokkefuif/fuwe stag party/ies
boodskap/pe message/s
boog/boë bow/s
boom/bome tree/s
Boomplantedag Arbor day
boonste top
boontjie/s bean/s
boontoetowards the top
bos/se bush/es, wood/s, forest/s
bottelstoore/store off-licence/s
boller butter
boud/e rump/s
bouler bowler (cricket)
bra/s bra/s
braai/s barbecue/s
brand/e fire/s
brand burn (V)
brandarm very poor
brandewyn brandy
brandmaer as thin as a rake
brandstof petrol/fuel
brandweer fire brigade
brandwond/e burn/s
breek break (V)
breek deur break through (V)
broek/e pants, trousers
broekie(s) panty/ies
broekiekouse tights (US panty hose)
brueksyp/e trouser leg/s
broer/s brother/s
brood/broed bread
broodrolletjie/s bread roll/s
brosbrood shortbread
bruide/ken bride/s
bruidegom/s bridegroom/s
bruinman/ke of mixed race
buig bend (V)
buite outside
buite-verkope off-licence
bul/le bull/s
bure neighbours
bus/se bus/es
busdiens/te bus service/s
bushalte/s bus stop/s
buurman/ne neighbour/s (male)
buurvrou/ens neighbour/s (female)
by at
bye bee/s
byekor/ke beehive/s
byna nearly
bynamel/name nickname/s
byt bite (V)
byvoorbeeld for example
chirurg/e surgeon/s
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dubbelbed/dens double bed/s
duidelijk clearly
duim/e thumb/s
duisend/e thousand/s
duitse masels rubella, German measles
dus thus, therefore
duur expensive
dwarsskop/pe crossfield-kick/s
dwelmmiddel/s drug/s
dwing force (V)

een one
een-vir-een one by one
eens once
eerder rather
eers first
eerskomende next (next week, next Monday)
eerste first
eet eat (V)
eetgewoonte/s eating habit/s
eetkamer/s dining-room/s
eeu/e century/ies
echter however
eienskap/pe property/ies
eier/s egg/s
ek I
eksklusief/uitsluitend exclusive
elke every, each
elkeen each one
emmer/s bucket/s
en and
energie energy
enjin/s engine/s
enjinkap/pe bonnet/s
enkelbed/dens single bed/s
enkelkaartje/s single ticket/s, one-way ticket/s

en so-meer and so on
ensovoorts and so forth
erdvark/e aardvark/s
êrens somewhere
erfenis heritage
erg serious
erken admit (V)
ernstig seriously, serious
er tjie/s pea/s
esel/s ass/es
etenstyd/tye mealtime/s
ewig equal

fabriek/e factory/ies
fees/te festival/s
feesroete/s festival route/s
feesviering/s celebration/s
festoon/er festoon (V)
fiks fit
filmfees/te film festival/s
fisies physical
flikkerlig/te indicator/s
flou weak
fluit whistle (V)
fluit-fluit while whistling
fluitjie/s whistle/s
fluks industrious/ly
formele ete/s formal dinner/s
fors strong, sturdy
Franse French
frikkadel/le rissole/s, meatball/s
fris crisp (air), well built (body)
frokkie/s vest/s

gaan go (V)
gal gall
gang/e passage/s
gans/e goose/geese
gaping/s gap/s
gas/te guest/s
komposhoop/hope compost
koms arrival
konfyt jam/s
konskripsie conscription
kontantkaart/e cash card/s
kontrakarbeider/s contract labourer/s
konvensioneel conventional
kook cook (V)
kookkuns cuisine
kool cabbage/s
koop buy (V)
kop/pe head/s
koppie/s cup/s
koppies crockery
koring wheat
kort short
kort daarna shortly thereafter
kort-kort every now and again
kortliks briefly
kos food
kosmopolitaanse cosmopolitan
kossoort/e food type/s
kou chew (V)
koud cold
kous/e sock/s
kraai/e crow/s
kraan/kraan tap/s
kraanoël/s crane/s (bird/s)
kredietkaart/e credit card/s
kreef crayfish, lobster
kremetartboom baobab tree
kriek/e cricket/s
krieket cricket (sport)
krimpvark/e hedgehog/s
Krugerwildtuin Kruger Park
kuier visit, holiday (V)
kuif/kuiwe fringe/s
kuiken/s chick/s
kunste fees/te arts festival/s
kunsmatig man made
kunsproduk/te artefact/s
kurkdroog bone dry
kus/te coast/s
kusstreek/streke coastal belt/s
kwaai strict
kwal/kwale condition/s, complaint/s
kwartel/s quail/s
kweekery/e nursery/ies (plants)
kyk look (V)
laag low
laaste last
laat late
lag laugh (V)
lag-lag while laughing
laggend laughingly
laken/s sheet/s
lam/mers lamb/s
land land (V)
land/e country/ies, farmland/s
landelijk rural
lands wapen/s national crest/s
langs mekaar adjoining
lankal long
lappieshoed/e cloth hat/s
las/se burden/s
lè lie down (V)
leeg empty
leegmaak empty (V)
leer learn (V)
lees read (V)
leeu/s lion/s
Leeus Lions (rugby)
lei lead (V)
lekker enjoyable
lekker/s sweet/s (US candy)
lelik ugly
lemoen/e orange/s
lemoenskyfie/s orange wedge/s
lessenaar/s desk/s
lewe live (V)
lewe/ns life/ves
lever liver
liedere song/s, hymn/s
liedjie/s song/s, ditty/ies
liefde love
lief he love (V)
lieg tell lies (V)
lig light
liggaam/game body/ies
likeur/s liqueur/s
links left
lisensie/s licence/s
lood lead
loop walk (V)
loopbaan/bane career/s
loop voor be ahead (V)
Loslidtag ‘Casual Day’
lug sky, air
lugdiens/e airline/s, aircarrier/s
lugdig hermetic
lughawe/ns airport/s
lui lazy
lui phone, ring up (V)
luiperd/e leopard/s
luister listen (V)
luitjie/s phonecall/s (slang)
ly suffer, endure (V)
lyding suffering
lyk (soos) look (like) (V)
lynstaan/stane line-out/s
lynvis/se line fish
mal’s mother/s
maag/mae/mage stomach/s
maagpyn/e stomach ache/s
maagsweer/swere stomach ulcer/s
maak seker ensure
maalvleis mince
maan/mane moon/s
maand/e month/s
maar but
maaskaas cream cheese
maatskappy/e company/ies
maer thin
mag may (V)
magistraat/strate magistrate/s
mak tame
makker/s comrade/s, mate/s
maklik easy
Maleier/s Malay/s
Maleikwartier Malay Quarter
man/ne man/men
man/s husband/s
man se man’s
mandjie/s basket/s
mangelontsteking tonsillitis
manier way, manner
manskoen/e man’s/men’s shoe/s
margarien margarine
markplien market square
mas/te mast/s
masels measles
mededing e competitor
medisyne medicine/s
meegevoel condolences
meer more
meeste most
meet measure (V)
meisie/s girl/s
mekaar together
melk milk
melkproduk/te milk product/s
melkskommel, roomysmelk milkshake
Meneer Sir
meng mix (V)
mens (die) humankind
mens/e person/s, people
mensdom humanity
mensekennis people-wise
menslikheid humanity
merrie/s mare/s
met wie with whom
metrospoorsisteem metro-rail system
meubels furniture
middag/dae afternoon/s
middelmannetjie/s hump/s
mielies maize
mier/e ant/s
min little, few
minibustaxi/s minibus taxi/s
minuut/nute minute/s
mis manure
miskruijer/s dung beetle/s
modewinkel/s boutique/s
moeder/s mother/s
moeg raak tire (V)
moeilik difficult
moenie/moet nie don’t/do not, mustn’t/must not
moer grounds (coffee)
moet must
mol/le mole/s
mond/e mouth/s
mooi pretty, beautiful
môre tomorrow
moskee mosque
mossel/s mussel/s
mossie/s sparrow/s
mostert mustard
motor/s motor car/s, cars
musikant/e musician/s
muur/mure wall/s
’n a, an
naam/name name/s
naartjie/s tangerine/s
naaste nearest
naby close, near
nagereg/te dessert, pudding
nagkleere night clothes, pyjamas
nagrok/ke nightdress/es
nasionale skat/te national treasure/s
natuurbewaring nature conservation
natuurreservaat/vate nature reserve/s
natuurskoon scenic
natuurwonder/s natural wonder/s
navraag/vrae inquiry/ies
nee no
neem take (V)
nek/ke neck/s
nêrens nowhere
net only
net/nette net/s
netnou just now
neus/e nose/s
neut/e nut/s
nie … nie not
nie-vliegende flightless
niemand no one
nier/e kidney/s
niks nothing
nodig necessary
noem name (V)
nog still
smörens in the morning
snags at night
snee snow
sneeuwit snow white
sneuwel die in battle (V)
snor/re moustache/s, whisker/s
sny cut, harvest (V)
sny/e cut/s
so pas just
sodra as soon as
soek seek, search (V)
soen kiss (V)
soentjie/s kiss/es
soetkoekie/s butter biscuit/s
sogenaamde so-called
soheentoe there (motion)
sokker soccer, football
solank as long as
soldaat/date soldier/s
somer summer
sommer just (slang)
sommige some
son sun; sonbrand sunburn
sonneblomolie sunflower oil
sonsondergaan sunset
sooibrand heartburn
soom/some seam/s
soontoe there (motion)
soort/e specie/s, kind/s
soortgelyk similar, same
soos like
sop/pe soup/s
ososatie/s kebab/s
sosiale social
sous gravy
sous/e sauce/s
sout en peper salt and pepper
spaarwiel/e spare wheel/s
span/ne team/s
spankek/ke sweet melon/s
speel play (V)
spek bacon
spekvet as fat as a pig
spelonk/e cavern/s, cave/s
spieël/s mirror/s
spieëltafel/s dressing table/s
spierwit snow white
splinternuut brand new
spoedbeperking/s speed limit/s
spoor animal track
spotgoedkoop dirt cheap
springbok/ke springbuck
Springbok/ke Springboks (rugby)
springlewendig as lively as a cricket
sprinakaan/kane locust/s
sprokiesland fairyland
spyskaart/e menu/s
staan bekend known as (V)
staan reg ready (V)
staandruipsteen/ene stalagmite/s
staatmaak rely on (V)
stad city centre, town
stad/y/ies city/towns
stadig slow, slowly
stalagmiet/e stalagmite/s
stalaktiet/e stalactite/s
stamgroep/e tribe/s, clan/s
stammense tribal/clan members
stap walk (V)
staptoer/e walking tour/s
stasie/s station/s
stede cities
stedelike gebied/e urban area/s
steek sting (V)
stem/me voice/s
ster star
sterf die (V)
sterk strong
sterk drank strong drink, alcohol
sterrekunde astronomy
sterrekundige/s astronomer/s
sterrewag/te observatory/ies
stert/e backside/s, tail/s
steuwel/s boot/s
stil quiet, quietly
stilte silence
stilhou stop (V) (vehicle)
stoel/e chair/s
stoep/e verandah/s, stoop/s
stof dust
stof/-grondpad/paaie rough, gravel road/s
stokkie/s stick/s
stokoud as old as Methuselah
stoksielalleen completely alone
stokstyf as stiff as a board
stom dumb
stoof/stowe stove/s
storm storm (V)
storm/s storm/s
stort/e shower (V)
stort/e shower/s
stowwerig dusty
straat/strate street/s
straatteater/s street theatre/s
strand/e beach/es
strategies strategic
strek stretch (V)
strokie/s transaction slip/s
stroopsoet as good as gold
stryd/e struggle/s
stryk iron (V)
strykyster/s iron/s
stuk/ke piece/s
stukkend broken
stuur send (V)
suiker sugar
sukkel struggle (V)
suster/s sister/s
suurlemoen/e lemon/s
suurmelk sour milk
swaai swing (V)
swaar heavy
swaeltjie/s swallow/s (bird)
swaer/s brother/s-in-law
swart black
Swart/es Black/s
swart taal/tale black language/s
sweet perspire, sweat (V)
sweet perspiration, sweat
sweetpak/ke tracksuit/s
swem swim (V)
swerf wander, roam (V)
swerm/s swarm/s
swerwe drifter, wanderer
swewe suspended, poised
sy his, her
sybokhaar mohair
taalboek/e grammar book/s
tafel/s table/s
tak/takke branch/es
talent/e talent/s
tamatie/s talent/s
tandarts/e dentist/s
tandeborsel/s toothbrush/es
tandepasta/s toothpaste/s
tandpyn toothache
tandversorging dental care
tante/s aunt/s
tap af drip, run off
tas/se suitcase/s
taxi-staanplek/ke taxi rank/s
teeft/tewe bitch/es
van vroër, van ouds of old
van watter of which
van wie from whom
vanaand tonight
vandaan where from
vandag today
vang catch (V)
vangs/e catch/es
vark/e pig/s
varktjop/s pork chop/s
varkvleis pork
vars fresh
vas close, tight
vasberadenheid determination
vasmaak fasten (V)
vat take (V)
vat/vatte barrel/s
veearts/e vet/s
veer/vere feather/s
vel skin
veld field of play
veld countryside, fields
veldkos wild food (live off land)
veldtog/te campaign/s
venster/s window/s
ver far
verbaas surprise, amaze (V)
verband/e bandage/s
verbasing amazement, surprise
verbied forbid, ban (V)
verbinding bandage (V)
verbode (toegang) no admission
verbonde (wond) bandaged
wound
verby passed
verdagte (dief) suspected (thief)
verdedig defend (V)
verdediging defence
verdink suspect (V)
verduidelijk explain (V)
verdwyn disappear (V)
vereer honour (V)
vereis demand (V)
vereis/te demand/s
vergasser/s accelerator/s
verhaalkuns fiction
verjaarsdag/dae birthday/s
verkeerskonstabel/s traffic cop/s
verkoeler/s radiator/s
verkoop sell (V)
verlaat desert, leave (V)
verlate lonely, deserted
verlede last, past
verloor lose (V)
verlore lost
verlowing/s engagement/s
vermaak entertain (V)
vermaak entertainment, pastime
vermink maim, mutilate (V)
vermoë/ns capacity/ies
vermoei exhaust (V)
vermoeiend exhausting
vernederend humbling
vernuf expertise
verongeluk have an accident (V)
verpleegster/s nurse/s
verrassing/s surprise/s
verseker ensure (V)
versigtig careful, carefully
verskaf provide (V)
verskeidenheid variety
verskeie several
verskil differ, disagree (V)
verskillend different
verskoon excuse (V)
verskyn appear (V)
vertel tell (V)
vertraging/s delay/s
vries freeze (V)
vroeër earlier
vroeg early
vrot rot (V)
vrot rotten
vrou/ens woman/men, wife/ves
vroue women’s
vrug/te fruit/s
vrugtekoek fruitcake
vrgtesap/pe fruit juice/s
vry free
vryf rub (V)
Vrystaat Free State
vul/le foal/s
vulstasie/s filling station/s
vuur fire
vuurhoudjie/s match/es
vuurvlieg/vlieë firefly/flies
vuurwarm red hot
vy/e fig/s

waar where
waarborg guarantee (V)
waarborg/e guarantee/s
waardeer appreciate (V)
waardering appreciation
waardeur through which, by which
waardevolle valuable
waarheen where to
waarin in which
waarmee with which
waarnatoe where to
waarop on which, on what
waarsku warn (V)
waarskuwing/s warning/s
waaruit from which, out of which
waarvan of which
waarvandaan from where

waatlemoen/e watermelon/s
wakker awake
wakker maak wake up (someone) (V)
wakker word awake (V)
wal/le bank/s (of earth)
walvis/se whale/s
wandel stroll (V)
wanneer when
want because, as
warm warm, hot
wasbak/ke washbasin/s
waslap/pe facecloth/es
wat that, which, who, what
water water
waterblommetjiebredie water-lily stew
waterpokkies chicken pox
watervoël/s wader/s (birds)
watte cottonwool
watter which
wederkoms return
wedren/ne race/s
wedstryd/e match/es, game/s
weduwée/s widow/s
week/weke week/s
weelderig luxurious, plush
weer weather, again
weerskant flanked by
wees be (V)
wees tuis feel at home
weghardloop run away (V)
wekker/s alarm clock/s
wel certainly, well, good
welbekend famous, well known
wen win (V)
wêreldberoemd world famous
wêreldoorlog/loë world war/s
werk work (V)
werk work, job/s
werkgever/s employer/s
werknemer/s employee/s
werkplek/ke workplace/s
werkdag/dae working day/s
werktuigkundige/s mechanic/s
wet/te law/s
wewenaar/s widower/s
wie who
wie se whose
wiel/e wheel/s
wild wild
wilddief/diewe poacher/s
wildebees gnu/s
wildpark/e game park/s
wildsbok/ke wild buck
wildsvleis venison
windskerm/s windscreen/s
windswael/s swift/s (bird)
winkel/s shop/s
winkelsentrum/s shopping mall/s
winter winter
wissel range, change (V)
wit white
witborskraai/e pied crow/s
witbrood/brode white bread
witwortel/s parsnip/s
woestyn/e desert/s
woestynagtig desert-like
woll/e wool
wolke clouds
wolonderbaadjie/s cardigan/s
wond/e wound/s
wonder wonder
wonderwerk/e miracle/s
woning/s home/s
woord/e word/s
wors sausage/s
worsbroodjie/s hotdog/s
worsrolletjie/s sausage roll/s
wortel/s root/s, carrot/s
wortelkoek carrot cake/s
wyn/e wine/s
wynsous wine sauce
wys show (V)
ys ice
yskas/te fridge/s
yskoud ice cold
yslike enormous
yster iron (ore)
ystervark/e porcupine/s
a, an ’n
aardvark/s erdvark/e
about omtrent
abundant volop
accelerator/s vergasser/s
accident/s ongeluk/ke
accommodation akkommodasie
accompany (V) saamgaan
achievement/s prestasies/s
across the way oorkant
adjoining langs mekaar
admission, no verbode (toegang)
admit (V) erken
adopted (children) aangeneome (kinders)
advance, in vooruit
afternoon/s middag/dae
afternoon, in the smiddags
again weer
against teen
agent/s agent/e
agile rats
air lug
aircarrier/s lugdiens/e
aircraft vliegtuig/tuie
airline/s lugdiens/te
airport/s lughawe/ns
alarm clock/s wekker/s
alcohol sterk drank
alight (V) afklim
alive lewend
all almal, al, alles, alle
all day heeldag
allow (V) toelaat
aloe/s aalwyn/e
alone alleen, stoksiel alleen
already alreeds
also ook
alternative alternatiewe
although alhoewel
always altyd
amaze (V) verbaas
amazement verbasing
ambulance/s ambulans/e
anchor/s anker/s
and en
and so forth en so-meer,
ensovoorts
and so on ensomeer
angry kwaad, vies
animal/s dier/e
anniversary/ies gedenkdae
announce (V) aankondig
ant/s mier/e
apologize (V) vra om verskoning
appear (V) versyn
apple/s appel/s
appreciate (V) waarder
appreciation waardering
approve (V) goedkeur
apricot/s appelkoos/kose
Arabic Arabiers, Arabiese
Arbor day Boomplantdag
area, in the omgewing
arid dorre
arm/s arm/s
arrange (V) afspreek, reël
arrival koms, aankoms
bucket/s emmer/s
bull/s bul/le
burn (V) brand
burst (V) bars
burst (through) (V) breek (deur)
bury (V) begrawe
bus/es bus/se
bus service/s busdiens/te
bus stop/s bushalte/s
bush/es bos/se
bushman/men Boesman/s
business/es besigheid/hede
business centre/s
besigheidssentrum/s
business people
besigheidsmense
business person/s
besigheidspersoon/one
bustard/s gompou/e
busy besig
but maar
butchery/ies slaughuis/e
butter botter
butter biscuit/s soetkoekje/s
butterfly/ies skoenlapper/s
buttermilk karringmelk
buy (V) koop
by teen

cabbage/s kool
calabash/es kalbas/se
calf/ves kalf/kalwers
campaign/s veldtog/te
can (V) inlê
candle/s kers/e
Cango Caves Kangogrotte
capacity/ies vermoë/ns
car/s motor/s
car boot/s kattebak/ke
car jack/s domkrag/te
cardigan/s wolonderbaadjie/s
career/s loopbaan/bane
carefully versigtig
carrot/s geelwortel/s, wortel/s
carrot cake/s wortelkoek
cart/s kar/re
cash card/s kontantkaart/e
Casual Day Loslitag
casualty ongevalle
cat/s kat/te
catch (V) vang
catch/es vangs/e
cattle bees/te
cattle farm/s beesplaas/plase
cauliflower/s blomkool
cave/s grot/te, spelonk/e
cavern/s spelonk/e
celebrate (V) vier
celebration/s feesviering/s
century/ies eeu/e
cereal graankos
certainly wel
chain/s ketting/s
chair/s stoel/e
challenge (V) uitdaag
challenge/s uitdaging/s
change (V) verander, wissel (geld)
change (small change, money)
kleingeld
cheap goedkoop, spotgoedkoop
cheer (V) juig
cheese/s kaas
cheese board/s kaasbord/e
cheese sauce kaassous
delay (V) vertraag
delay/s vertraging/s
delicious heerlijk, lekker
demand (V) vereis
demand/s vereis/tes
demonstrate (V) toon, wys
dental care tandversorging
dentist/s tandarts/e
depart (V) vertrek
dependant/s afhanklike/s
depend on (V) afhang van
deposit/s deposito/’s
describe (V) beskryf
desert/s woestyn/e
desert (V) verlaat
deserted verlate
desert-like woestynagtig
deservedly tereg
design/s ontwerp/e
desk/s lessenaar/s
dessert/s nagereg/te
determination vasberadenheid
discovery/ies ontdekking/s
die (V) (human) doodgaan, sterf
die (V) (non-human) vrek
die in battle (V) sneuvel
differ (V) verskil
different verskillend
difficult moeilik
dining-room/s eetkamer/s
disagree (V) verskil
disappear (V) verdwyn
discover (V) ontdek
disease siekte
disgusted (V) vies
disinfectant/s
ontsmettingsmiddel/s
dissatisfied (V) ontevrede
ditty/ies liedjie/s
do (V) doen
doctor/s dokter/s
dodge (V) ontdui
dog/s hond/e
doll’s house/s pophuis/e
dolphin/s dolfyn/e
do not moet nie
don’t moenie
donate (V) skenk
done deed gedane (saak)
double dubbel
double bed/s dubbelbed/dens
draw (V) teken
drawing/s tekening/e
dress/es rok/ke
dress (V) aantrek
dressing table/s spieëltafel/s
drink (V) drink
drink/s drankie/s
drip (V) tap af
drive (V) ry, bestuur
drive away (V) ry weg
driver/s bestuurder/s
drone (V) dreun
drug/s dwelmmiddel/s
drunkard dronklop
dry off (V) opdroog
dumb stom, dom
dung beetle/s miskruier/s
during gedurende
dust stof
dusty stowwering
each elke
each one elkeen
ear/s oor/ore
ear ache oorpyn
ear care oorversorging
ear drop/s oordruppel/s
earlier vroeër
early vroeg
earthquake/s aardbeweging/s
Easter holidays Paasvakansie
easy maklik
eat (V) eet
eat out (V) uiteet
eating habit/s eetgewoonte/s
gender rand/e
eel/s paling/s
egg/s eier/s
either ... or óf ... óf
eldest oudste
elephant/s olifant/e
embers kole
emergency/ies noodgeval/le
emergency service/s nooddiens/te
employee/s werknemer/s
employer/s werkgewer/s
empty (V) leegmaak
empty leeg
empty, totally dolleeg
enchant (V) betower
enclose (V) toekamp, insluit
encounter (V) teëkom
encourage (V) aanmoedig
energy energie
engagement/s verlowing/s
engine/s enjin/s
enjoy (V) geniet
enjoyable lekker
enormous yslik
enough genoeg
ensure (V) maak seker, verseker
teritis omgekrapte maag
terain (V) vermaak
entertainment vermaak
environment/s omgewing/s
equal ewig, gelyk
eradicate (V) uitroei
escape (V) ontsnap, ontglip
escape/s ontsnapping/s
estuary/ies riviermonding/s
even selfs
ever ooit
every elke
ever now and again kort-kort
everyday alledaagse
everyone almal
everything alles
eye/s ooi/e
examine (V) onderzoek
excited opgewonde
excitement opgewondenheid
excuse (V) verskoon
exercise (V) oefen
exercise/s oefening/e
exhaust (V) vermoei, uitput
exhausting vermoeiend,
...uitputtend
expect (V) verwag
expected verwagte
expensive duur, peperduur
experience ondervinding
explain (V) verduiinglik
export (V) uitvoer
export product/s uitvoerprodukt/te
eye/s oog/öê
eye care oogversorging
eye drop/s oogdruppel/s
face/s gesig/te
closet/ies waslap/pet
factory/ies fabriek/e
fairyland sprokiesland
fall (V) val
fall (autumn) herfs
false/ly vals
family/ies gesin/ne, familie/s
family member/s gesinslid/lede,
familie/iede
famine hongersnood
fresh vars
fridge/s yskas/te
friend/s vriend(e), vriendin/ne (female), vriend(e) (male)
friendly vriendelijk
friendship vriendskap
fringe/s (hair) kuif/kuwe
frog/s padda/s
from where waarvandaan
from which waaruit
from whom van wie
front garden voortuin
front, in ... of voor
frozen (meat) bevrore (vleis)
fruit/s vrug/te
fruitcake vrugtekoek
fruit juice/s vrugtesap/pe
fry (V) bak
full vol
full cream volroom
full of fun vol pret
full to overflowing propvol
fully prepared klaar
fun pret
furniture meubels
gal gal
game/s wedstryd/te
game park/s wildpark/e
gap/s gaping/s
garden/s tuin/e
garden (V) tuinmaak
garlic knoffel
gate/s hek/ke
gather (V) opgaar
gearbox/es ratkas/te
gcko/s geitjie/s
gem squash/es skorsie/s
generic generiese
gentleman/men heer/here
German measles Duitse masels
get (V) kry
get into (V) inklim
girl/s meisie/s, dogter/s
giraffe/s kameelperd/e
glisten (V) glinster
glove/s handskoen/e
gnu/s wildebees
go (V) gaan
goal doel
god/s god/e
Goddess/es godin/ne
golden yellow goudgeel
good goed, wel
good as gold stroopsoet
good fortune geluk
goodbye (say ‘goodbye’) groet
goose/geese gans/e
gown/s (hospital) japone/ne
gown/s (home) kamerjas/se
gradient/s opdraand/e
graduate/s gegradeerdee/s
grammar book/s taalboek/e
grandfather/s oupa/s
grandmother/s oma/s
grapes druwe
grapefruit pomelo/’s
grass/es gras/se
grass crafts grashandwerk/-kuns
glass cutting/s grassnyssel/s
glass green gragroen
glass-mat huts grasmathutte
gravel road/s stof-/grondpad/paai
gravy sous
great groot
greed gulsigheid
greedy gulsig
green groen
green bean/s groenboon/bone
Jackal/s jakkals/e
Jacket/s baadjie/s
Jam/s konfyt
Jam tart/s tertjie/s
Jerky (dried meat) biltong
Jersey/s trui/e
Jew/s Jood/Jode
Job/s werk
draag (V) draf
Juice/s sap/pe
Just (V) regverdig
Just (slang) sommer
Just (time) so pas
Just in time betyds
Just now netnou
Justify (V) regverdig

Kebab/s sosatie/s
Keen gretig
Kettle/s ketel/s
Key/s sleutel/s
Kick (V) skop
Kidney/s nier/e, niertjie/s
Kind/s soort/e
Kind gaaf
Kindly request (V) vriendelijk vra
Kiss (V) soen
Kiss/es soentjie/s
Kitchen/s kombuis/e
Kitchen tea/s kombuistee/s
Knee/s knie/ë
Know (V) weet, ken
Known bekend
Kruger Park Krugerwildtuin

Lack gebrek
Lady/ies dame/s
Lamb/s lam/mers
Lamb (roast) skaapvleis
Land (V) land
Land/s land/e
Lard vet
Large groot
Last laaste, verlede
Last night gisteraand
Late laat
Laugh (V) lag
Laughingly laggend
Law/s wet/te
Lazy lui
Lazy (as lazy as sin) vreklui
Lead (V) lei
Lead lood
Leaf/ves blaar/blare
Learn (V) leer
Learned geleerd
Leave (V) ry, wegry, vertrek, verlaat
Left links
Leftovers oorskiet
Leg/s been/bene
Leg/s of lamb skaapboud/e
Lemon/s suurlemoen/e
Leopard/s luiperd/e
Lettuce/s blaaarslaai
Licence/s lizensie/s, rybewys/te
Licence plate registrasienummer
Life/ves lewe/ns
Light (V) opsteek
Light (weight) lig
Light/s lig/te
Lightning quick blitsvinnig
Like (V) hou van
Like soos
Line-fish lynvis/se
Linen beddegoed
Line-out/s (rugby) lynstaan/stane
run away (V) weghardloop
run off (V) (fluids) tap af
runner/s hardloper/s
running shoe/s drafskoen/e
rural landelijk
rusk/s boerebeskuit

sad treurig, ongelukkig
saffron (yellow) rice geelrys
salt sout
same soortgelyk, dieselfde
sandal/s sandaal/dale, plakkie/s
sap (plant) sap
sandwich/es toebroodjie/s
sardine/s sardientjie/s
sauce/s sous/e
sausage/s wors
sausage roll/s worsrolletjie/s
saw (V) saag
saw/s saag/sae
say (V) sê
scar (V) skend
scarce skaars
scare to death (V) doodskrik
scarf/ves (neck) serp/e
scarf/ves (head) doek/e
scenic natuurskoon
scholar/s skoolganger/s
scream (V) skreeu
scrum/s (rugby) skrum/s
seam/s soom/some
search (V) soek
seatbelt/s sitplekgordel/s
secretary bird/s sekretarisvoël/s
see (V) sien
seed/s saad
seek (V) soek
seldom selde
self-drive selfbestuur
sell (V) verkop

send (V) stuur
serious erg, ernstig
seriously erg
serve (V) bedien
service/s dienste/s
set (V) dek
several verskeie
shade skaduwee
shadow/s skadu/s, skaduwee/s
sharp skerp
sheep skaap/skape
sheet/s laken/s
shiny blink
ship’s captain/s skeepskaptei/e
ship’s hold/s skeepsruiim/tes
shirt/s hemp/de
shoe/s skoen/e
shoot (V) skiet
shop/s winkel/s
shopping mall/s winkelsentrum/s
short kort
shortbread brosbrood
shortly binnekort
shortly thereafter kort daarna
shot/s skoot/skote
should behoort
shovel/s skopgraaf/grawe
show (V) toon, wys
shower (V) stort
shower/s stort/e
shrill/y skril
shy skaam, beskeie
sick siek
sick, get (V) siek word
side-plate/s kleinkordjie/s
sight/s gesig/te
sign (V) teken
sign/s teken/s
silly dom
similar soortgelyk
they hulle
thin maer
thin as a rake brandmaer
think (V) dink
think about (V) oordink
thirsty dors
this dié, hierdie
thorn bush/es doringboom/bome
thousand/s duisend/e
three drie
throat/s keel/kele
through which waardeur
throw (V) gooii
throw-in (V) ingooii
thumb/s duim/e
thus dus
ticket/s kaartjie/s
tie (V) bind, vasmaak
tie/s das/se
tiger/s tier/s
tight vas
tights (panty hose) broekiehouse
time/s tyd/tye
tire (V) moegraak
to toe, om te
toast roosterbrood
toasted geroosterde
today vandag
toe/s toon/tone
together by mekaar, saam
toll fee/s tolgeld/e
toll road/s tolpad/paale
tomato/es tamatie/s
tomorrow mòre
tonight vanaand
tonsillitis mangelontsteking
toothache tandpyn
toothbrush/es tandeborsel/s
toothpaste/s tandepasta/s
top, at the bo-aan
top, on bo, bo-op
totally empty dolleeg
tour/s toer/e
tourist/s toeris/te
tow in (V) (vehicle) insleep
towards the back agtertoe
towards the bottom ondertoe
towards the top boontoe
towel/s handdoek/e
town/s dorp/e
toysuit/s sweetpak/ke,
slenterpak/ke
traffic police

verkeerskonstabel/s
train, by per train
training opleiding
transaction slip/s strokie/s
transport vervoer
travel (V) reis
traveller’s cheque/s

reisigerstjek/s
tray/s skinkbord/e
treasure/s skat/te
tree/s boom/bome

tribal members stammense
tribe/s stamgroep/e
triumph (over) (V) seëvier
tropical tropies
trouser leg/s broekspyp/e
trousers broek/e
try (V) probeer
try/tries (rugby) drie/ë (rugby)
turn (V) draai
turn/s draai/e
turn around (V) omdraai
turnip/s raap/rape
TV/s TV’/s
two twee

ugly lelik
ugly as sin skreeulelik
umbrella/s sambreel/brele
umpire/s skeidsregter/s
tale/s oom/s
under onder
undermine (V) ondernyn
underpants onderbroek/e
underside onderkant
undertake (V) onderneem
undress (V) uittrek
unfenced onomheinde
unforgettable onvergetelik
unhappy ongelukkig
unhindered onverhinderd
unique uniek
unreserved onbesproke
unrest onrus
Upper Cape Town Bo-Kaap
urban area/s stedelike gebied/e
use (V) gebruik
use/s gebruik/e
useful bruikbaar
usual gewone
usually gewoonlik

valuable waardevolle
variety verskeidenheid
vegetable/s groente
vehicle/s voertuig/tuie
venison wildsvleis
venue/s plek/ke
verandah/s stoep/e
vervet monkey/s blouaap/ape
very baie
vest/s frokkie/s
vet/s veearts/e
village/s dorpie/s
vinegar asyn
visit (V) kuier
window/s venster/s
windscreen/s windskerm/s
wine sauce wynsous
wine/s wyn/e
wing/s vierk/e
winter winter
wireless/es draadloos/lose
with it daarmee
wife/ves vrou/ens
woman/men vrou/ens
wonder/s wonder/s
wonderland towerland
wood/s bos/se
wooded beboomde
wool woll/e
word/s woord/e
work werk
work (V) werk
work, get to (V) aan die werk
spring
working day/s werksdag/dae
workplace/s werkplek/ke
world famous wêreldberoemd
world war/s wêreldoorlog/loë
worry (V) bekommer
wound/s wond/e, seerplek/ke
written laws beskrewe (wette)
written text geskrewe (teks)

X-ray/s plaat/plate

year/s jaar/jare
yellow geel
yes ja
yesterday gister
yoghurt yoghurt
you (respectful) u
you (informal) jy
young jonk, yong
young, very bloedjonk
your (respectful) u
your (informal) jou
yours (respectful) u s’n
yours (informal) joune
youth jeug

zero nul
zoo/s dieretuin/e
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