



100 COMMON ISIXHOSA FIRST WORDS BY CATEGORY (WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS)



ABANTU / PEOPLE

ubhuti (brother)
umakhulu/ugogo
(grandma/granny)
umama (mommy/mom)
umntwana (child)
usana/ubhabha/nana
(baby)
usisi (sister)
utata (daddy)

YIMIBUZO BUCIKO / QUESTIONS

intoni? (what?)

IINQWELO / VEHICLES

imoto (car)

IIMPAHLA / CLOTHES

*inapkeni/ikhimbi/
iphampasi*
(nappy)
isihlangu (shoe)

AMALUNGU OMZIMBA / BODY PARTS

ibele/amabele
[breast(s)]
iinwele (hair)
iinyawo (feet)
intloko (head)
isandla (hand)
umlomo (mouth)
isisu (tummy)

IFENITSHALA / FURNITURE

ibhedi (bed)
isitulo (chair)
iTV (TV/television)
ucango/icango (door)

IINDAWO ZOKUHANJELWA / WORDS FOR PLACES

icawa (church)
ikhaya (home)

IZINTO ZOKUDLALA / TOYS

ibhola (ball)
incwadi (book)
unodoli/unopopi
(doll)

IZICHAZI / DESCRIBING WORDS

(i)buhlungu ([it's]sore)
(u)lele ([he/she is]
asleep)
(i)mnandi ([it's] nice)

IZILWANYANE / ANIMALS

igusha (sheep)
ihagu (pig)
ihashe (horse)
ikati (cat)
inja (dog)
inkomo (cow)
inkukhu (chicken)



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IZINTO ZASEKHAYA EZINCINCI / SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

ibhotile (bottle)	isitya (dish)
icephe (spoon)	itawuli (towel)
ifowuni (phone)	ieyeza (medicine)
imali (money)	umtshayelo
ingubo (blanket)	(broom)

IMIDLALO NEZINTO EZENZIWA MIHLA NGEMIHLA / GAMES AND ROUTINES

bhayibhayi
(bye/ta ta)
enkosi (thank you)
ewe (yes)
hayi (no)
hayi bo (oh no)

iphi?/uphi?
(where is it?/where is he or she?)
molo (hello/hi)
ndiphe (ta [give it to me])
sho! (sure!)
thula (shush)

ACACISA UBUME BENDAWO / WORDS ABOUT PLACES

akekho/ayikho (he or she is not here / it is not here)
nantsi (here it is)
nanku (here he/she is)
phandle (outside)

UKWENZA / ACTION WORDS

baleka (run)	chama (wee)	lila (cry)	sela (drink)
bamba (touch/hold)	hamba (leave/go)	luma (bite)	suka (go away)
beka (put)	hlala (sit)	ncanca (breastfeed)	thatha (take)
beleka (carry on back)	hlamba/vasa (wash)	phuma (get out)	vala (close)
betha (hit)	khulula (take off [clothes])	pupa (poo)	vula (open)
buya (come back)	lala (sleep)	s'apha/zisa (bring)	yiza (come)

UKUTYA NEZISELO / FOOD AND DRINK

amasi (sourmilk)	idrink/icoke (cooldrink/coke)	inyama (meat)	iti (tea)
amanzi (water)	igwinya (vetkoek)	ipapa (pap)	iyogathi (yoghurt)
ibhanana (banana)	iikellogs/iiwheatbix/iicornflakes (cereal/kellogs/corn flakes)	ipoloni (polony)	ubisi/ibisi (milk)
ibhiskithi (biscuit)	iitships (chips)	isidudu (porridge)	ukutya (food)
		isonka (bread/roll/bun)	