

This interactive course covers 24 everyday topics presented in the form of :

- 66 short videos totalling more than 5 hours of viewing;
- 1100 phrase flash cards for memory practice;
- 24 quizzes set to an 80% required pass mark. (A certificate of completion is awarded if you achieve this)

Everyday conversation ideally functions as a prelude to any context-specific module, i.e. Primary health care, Education, Law, Local Government, etc.

Topics covered are:

1. An introduction to isiXhosa.
2. The Sounds of isiXhosa.
3. Meeting for the first time.
4. Miscellaneous phrases covering topics such as expressing good wishes, thanks, relaxing activities, future plans & bidding farewell.
5. The Office Administrator where you will learn how to apologise for your lack of language skills w.r.t isiXhosa, take down some personal details, and be of assistance on the telephone, etc.
6. Everyday questions such as “who?”, “when?”, “Why?”, “How”? etc as well as some responses.
7. Phrases relating to time.
8. Expressing place where.
9. Talking about a third person.
10. Looking for someone / something – questions and answers.
11. What people do and when – the Tenses (positive and negative)
12. The Weather - Find out how to communicate about the types of weather and what conditions are like today, will be like tomorrow and were like yesterday.
13. In the garden - Apart from learning general gardening vocabulary, most importantly, we learn how to give instructions, issue requests and express obligation, etc in isiXhosa - to be used in any context.
14. Unlocking Possession - IsiXhosa nouns are divided into groups according to a shared prefix. This prefix determines what form the word expressing possession will take. A challenging section.

15. Learning to count - Because of the isiXhosa noun groupings mentioned above, counting can be quite daunting. We now explore this in detail to get some idea of how isiXhosa works and to avoid rote / parrot-like learning.
16. Clothing - Terms for garments worn by men, women and children. Colours and other adjectives as well as verbs associated with clothing are also included.
17. The Home - Imagine your own home - learn to talk about its appearance, what we find in each room as well as the activities involved. Quite comprehensive.
18. Inside the Home - Here we will learn about the meals, what we eat and drink, and all about home appliances and their uses.
19. How to describe in isiXhosa - This is a slightly more formal look at how the nouns of isiXhosa are grouped, and how they are used in descriptive phrases, using everyday vocabulary.
20. The question "Which?" – One cannot avoid sometimes delving into the mechanics of isiXhosa. There is a lot of information in this topic, so take your time.
21. A Job Interview – Typical questions and answers used in this situation.
22. The body - Terms for body parts and some common ailments.
23. While things are happening – learn how to express simultaneous action.
24. A summary of all the uses of the isiXhosa verb.

After completing all of this, you should be well equipped!!