

This interactive course is divided into a beginners, intermediate and advanced section and covers 27 everyday topics presented in the form of :

- 66 short videos totalling more than 5 hours of viewing;
- 1100 phrase flash cards for memory practice providing more than 90 minutes of viewing;
- 24 quizzes set to an 80% required pass mark. (A certificate of completion is awarded if you achieve this). Estimated completion time for each quiz is 30 minutes.

EACH SECTION WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 60 HOURS OF ONLINE AND PRACTICE TIME TO COMPLETE – 180 HOURS IN ALL.

This Everyday Conversation programme 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 with regard to 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. 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. Learning how to give instructions, issue requests and express obligation, etc in isiXhosa – in a familiar 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. Therefore “my” in “my dog” and “my work” will be expressed differently. A challenging section.
15. Learning to count - Because of the isiXhosa noun groupings mentioned above, counting can be quite daunting. As in 14 above, “one” as in “one book” and “one question” will be expressed differently. We shall 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. Learning how to describe familiar objects, e.g. “The old house” as opposed to “The house is old”
18. Learning how to express “by means of” in a familiar context, e.g. the home and link nouns to associated verbs, e.g. “spoon” > “eat “
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 linked to adjectives phrases, using everyday vocabulary. Discover why, “green” in “a green shirt” and “a green roof” is expressed differently. (An extension of 17)
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. Learn how to express simultaneous action.
24. Learn how to discuss actions “that take place / that do not take place”
25. Learn how to describe actions that “were / were not taking place”
26. A summary of all the uses of the isiXhosa verb.
27. A summary of all the uses of the noun.

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