

Greetings

Morning greeting sequence:

1. Mwauka uli? (uli = how)
2. Nauka makora; kwa li imwe? (kwa li imwe = how are you)
1. Makora, yêwo. (fine, thanks)

Afternoon/evening greeting sequence:

1. Mwantandara uli?
2. Nantandara; kwa li imwe?
1. Makora, yêwo.

Informal greeting sequence:

1. Monire; mu li uli? (hi, how are you)
2. Ni li makora, kwa li imwe? (ni li makora = I am fine)
1. Makora, yêwo.

(note, to a child or a person close to you it would be u li uli?)

Monire mose = hello to group, regardless of age

Monire wa gogo = hello to elderly person

Zina linu njani? = What is your name?

Ine ndine Edward = I am Edward

bye bye = bye bye

mwende makora = go well (to someone leaving you)

kalani makora = stay well (to someone whom you are leaving)

nawonga = thank you (formal) (singular)

tawonga = thank you (formal) (for group, though very often used in singular)

yêwo = thank you (informal) or your welcome (as a response to nawonga or tawonga)