

A Collection of our ‘Phrases of the Day’

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(1) Yes and No and ‘I don’t know’

E	<i>Yes</i>
Aa	<i>No</i>
Akía	<i>I don’t know.</i>
Akía ng’á miel.	<i>I don’t know who is dancing.</i>

(2) Greetings and Goodbyes

.Oyáwore	<i>Good morning</i>
.Oyíwore	<i>Good evening</i>
.Osáwore	<i>Hello (any time of day)</i>
Náde	<i>Hello</i>
.Amor ka anéni	<i>I’m happy to see you! (It’s good to see you!)</i>
.Amor ni ibíro	<i>I’m happy that you’ve come!</i>
Oríti	<i>Good bye</i>

(3) Introductions

Nyíngi (.en) ng’á?	<i>What is your name?</i>
Nyínga (.en) Seth.	<i>My name is Seth.</i>
Ia kánye?	<i>Where are you from?</i>
Aa Boston.	<i>I am from Boston.</i>

(4) Polite Sayings

.Erokamáno	<i>Thank you / You’re welcome</i>
.Erokamáno ahínye	<i>Thank you very much / You’re very welcome</i>
.Erokamáno .kuom puonja	<i>Thank you for teaching me</i>
Ee	<i>Here you are (when offering something)</i>
Kí .ye	<i>Please</i>
Mos	<i>I’m sorry</i>

(5) **Feelings**

.Idhi náde? / .Iwinjo náde?	<i>How are you?</i>
.Adhi ma .ber / .Awinjo ma .ber	<i>I am well. (I'm doing good)</i>
.Ok adhi ma .ber / .Ok .awinj ma .ber	<i>I don't feel well. (I feel bad)</i>
Aol	<i>I feel tired.</i>
Atuo	<i>I feel sick.</i>
Ahéro	<i>I like it. / I love it.</i>

(6) **Talking about Dholuo**

(Mbende) iwacho Dholuo?	<i>Do you (also) speak Dholuo?</i>
“X” iluóngo nang’o?	<i>What is the word for “X”?</i>
Gíní iluóngo nang’o?	<i>What is the word for this thing?</i>

(7) **The Weather**

Peny chál náde?	<i>How is the weather?</i>
Peny .ber	<i>The weather is nice.</i>
Peny rach	<i>The weather is not good. (The weather is bad)</i>
Peny .ng’ich .kawóno	<i>It's cold today.</i>
Peny liet .kawóno	<i>It's hot today. (It's warm today)</i>
Chieng’ .rién .kawóno	<i>It's sunny today. (The sun is shining today)</i>
Peny otweyo suka	<i>It's cloudy today. (The sky is wearing a wrap)</i>

(8) **Coming and Going**

Idhi kánye?	<i>Where are you going?</i>
Adhi e dúka.	<i>I'm going to the store.</i>
Adhi nyéwo buk.	<i>I'm going to buy a book.</i>