



Duoluo Language Guide

Greetings

Translation and *transliteration*

How are you?	Idhi nade? (<i>id-hee nah-dee</i>)
I'm fine	Adhi maber (<i>ah-thee ma-ber</i>)
And you?	To in? (<i>toh-ein</i>)
How was your day?	Iriyo nade? (<i>Ee-ree-oh nah-dee</i>)
It was fine	Ariyo maber (<i>ah-ree-oh mah-ber</i>)
Good morning	Oyaure (<i>oh-yah-oh-ray</i>)
Response (good morning back)	Oyauore ahinya (<i>oh-yah-oh-ray ahi-nyah</i>)
Good evening	Oimore (<i>oh-ee-moh-ray</i>)
Response	Oimore ahinya (<i>oh-ee-moh-ray ahi-nyah</i>)
General greeting	Ber (<i>bear</i>)
Response	Ber ahinya (<i>bear ahi-nyah</i>)
May I come in?	Anyalo donjo? (<i>anyah-loh don-joh</i>)
Welcome	Karibu (<i>ka-ree-boo</i>)
Okay	Onge wach (<i>on-gay werch</i>)
What's up (informal)	Nango (<i>Nah-ngo</i>)
Response (lit. "no news")	Onge wach (<i>on-gay werch</i>)
I'll see you later	Abiro neni bang'e (<i>ah-bee-roh neh-ni bah-nge</i>)
Goodbye	Oriti (<i>oh-ree-tee</i>)

Introductions

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What is your name?	Nyingi ng'a? (<i>nyi-ngee ngah</i>)
My name is...	Nyinga (<i>Nyi-ngah</i>)...
I call myself...	Iluonga ni (<i>iluo-ngah ni</i>)...
Pleased to meet you	s- Amor ka neni (<i>amour ka neh-nee</i>)
Pleased to meet you (pl)	pl- Amor ka nenou (<i>amour ka neh-nou</i>)
Where are you from?	ia kanye? (<i>ee-ah ka-nyeh</i>)
I'm from America	Aa America (<i>ah-ah America</i>)
I am a student	An nyathi skul (<i>ahn nya-thi skool</i>)
I am doing work for Village Volunteers	Atiyo gi Village Volunteers (<i>ah-tee-yo gi village</i>
I don't speak Luo very well	Ok andeyo dholuo maber (<i>ohk ah-nge-yo tho-luo m</i>
Do you speak English?	ber) Bende ing'eyo kisungu? (<i>be-nde u-nge-yo kiss-</i>
I am learning Luo	ongoo) Apuonora dholuo (<i>ah-puo-njo-rah tho-luo</i>)

Etiquette

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Thank you	Ero kamano (ero kah- <i>mah</i> -noh)
You're welcome	Machiegni (mah-chiehg-nee)
Please (lit. "if you will")	Kiyie (<i>kee</i> -yieh)
Sorry	Mos (mohs)
Yes	Ayie (ah-yieh)
No	Adagi (ah- <i>dah</i> -gee)
No "I refuse"	okayie (ok-ah-yieh)

Classroom

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Teacher	Japuonj (jah-puonj)
Practice	Puonjruok (puonj-rwok)
Sit down	Bed piny (bade peiny)
Draw	goroo (go-roh)
Keep quiet	ling (ling 'as in king')
No	okayie (ok-ah-yieh)
Enough	Oromo (o-roh-moh)
Look	Ne (neh)
Come here	Be ka (bee kah)
Pen/Pencil	Kalam (ka-lahm)
That's bad!	Mano rach! (mah-noh rach)
Write here	Ndik ka (ndeek kah)
Give me	Miya (mee-yah)
Go outside	Dhi oko (thee o-koh)
To read	Somo (so-mo)
Read	som (sohm)
Stand up	chung malo (choong mah-lo)

Relationships

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Me	An
You	In
Us	Wan
Him/Her	En (as in 'end')
Them	Gin
Friend	Osiep (o-see-ape)
My friend	Osiepna (o-see-ape nah)
Daughter	Nyar (Nyahr)
Son	Wuod (wuohd)
Relative	Wat (wart)
Brother	Owadwa (o-wad-wah)

Sister	Nyamin (nyah-mein)
Father	Wuon (wuohn)
Mother	Min (mein)
Doctor	Jathieth (jah-thieth) or laktar (lak-tarr)
Term of respect for elder (m/f)	Jatelo (jah-tell-oh)
Term of respect (m only)	Mzee (muh-zay)
Man, men	Chuo, Dichuo (choo-oh, dee-choo-oh)
Woman, women	Dhako, Mon (thah-ko, mone)
Girl, girls	Nyako, Nyiri (nya-ko, nyee-ree)
Boy, boys	Wuoyi, Yowuoyi (wuoh-ee, yo-wuoh-ee)

Food/Drink

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I am thirsty	Riyo ohinga (ree-oh oh- <i>hi</i> -nga)
I am hungry	Adenyo (ah-deh-nyoh)
I would like	Anyalo hero (ah-nya-lo heh-ro)
I want	Adwaro (ah-dwa-raw)
Give me (not rude, "please give me")	Miya (mee-yah)
Drink	Madh (mer-th)
Coffee	Kahawa (kah-ha-wa)
Tea	Chai (cha-ee)
Water	Pi (pee)
Drinking water	Pi modho (pee motho)
Milk	Chak (char-k)
Beer	kongo (koh-ngoh)
Juice	Juice
Cold Soda	Soda mangich (soda mah-ngee-ch)
Food	Chiemo (chee-em-oh)
Bread	Mkati (mm-kah-tee)
Meat	Ring'o (ree-ngo)
Fish	Rech (reh-ch)
Vegetables	Alot (ah-lot)
Fruit	Olemo (o-leh-moh)
Banana	Rabolo (rah-bow-low)
Cow	Dhiang (thee-ang)
Chicken	Gweno (gwe-noh)
Corn	Oduma (o-doo-mah)
Ugali	Kuon (Ku-own)
Salt	Chumbi (choo-mbee)
Candy	Tam Tam (tahm tahm)
Rice	Mchele (mm-cheh-leh)
Lunch	Chiemb Sabirio (chee-emb sah-bee-ree-oh)

Numbers**Translation and transliteration**

1	Achiel (ah-chee-el)
2	Ariyo (ah-ree-oh)
3	Adek (ah-deck)
4	Ang'wen (ah-ngwen)
5	Abich (ah-beach)
6	Auchiel (ah-u-chiel)
7	Abiriyo (ah-bee-ree-oh)
8	Aboro (ah-bo-ro)
9	Ochiko (oh-chee-ko)
10	Apar (ah-par)
11	Apar gi achiel (ah-par gee ah-chee-el)
20	Pir ariyo (pir ah-ree-oh)
21	Pir ariyo gi achiel (pir ah-ree-oh gee ah-chee-el)
30	Pir adek (pir ah-deck)
40	Pir ang'wen (pir ah-ngwen)
50	Pir abich (pir ah-beach)
60	Pir auchiel (pir ah-u-chiel)
70	Pir abiriyo (pir ah-bee-ree-oh)
80	Pir aboro (pir ah-bo-ro)
90	Pir ochiko (pir oh-chee-ko)
100	Mia achiel (mee-ah ah-chiel)

Useful Words/Phrases**Translation and transliteration**

Yes	Ee ("a" as in way)
No	Uh-Uh
Maybe	Samoro (saa-moro)
Now	Sani (sah-nee)
Later	Bang'e (bang-ey)
Mine	Mara (mah-rah)
Yours	Mari (mah-ree)
No worries	Ong'e wach (ong-gay wach)
I am satisfied (by this meal)	Ayieng' (ah-yee-eng)
I want to go...	Adwaro dhi (add-war-oh thi (th in "the"))
You want to go...	Idwardo dhi...
She wants to go...	Odwaro dhi...
I want to buy	Adwaro ng'iewo (add-war-oh ng-ee-woh)

Don't worry	Kik iluor (keek il-oo-or)
I'm tired	aol (ah-ohl)
I'm lost	Alal (ah-lal)
I don't know	Akia or Ok angeyo
I don't understand you	Ok awinji (ohk ah-win-jee)
How do you say in Luo?	Iwacho nade gi dholuo?
Can you repeat that please	Nwona ka iyie
Repeat that slowly	Nwona kanyo mos
I'm going home	Adhi dala
I miss my home	Agombo dalana
I'm sleeping	Anindo

Miscellaneous

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Peace	Kwe (kway)
Love	Hera
Work	Tich (teach)
Enough	Oromo
Beautiful	Ber
Slowly	Mos
Strength	Teko
Bad	Rach
Long life	Ngima machwere (ng-gima mach-werey)
Sick	Tuo
I'm sick	Atuo (ah-too-oh)
Good	Ber
Stop	We! (way)
I'm back	aseduogo (ah-said-oo-ogo)
It's hot	Piny liet (lee-et)
Today	Kawuono
Tomorrow	Kiny
Joy	Mor
I'm happy	Amor
I'm sad	Asin (ah-sin)
Who	Ng'a (<i>ng-ah</i>)
What	Ang'o (<i>ang-oh</i>)
Where	Kanye (<i>kan-yay</i>)
Where are you going?	Idhi Kanye? (<i>id-dhee kan-yay</i>)
When	Saa mane
Why	Nang'o
How	Nadi