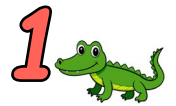




Amarīñña Säwasäw



'Good morning!'

	PERFECT(SIMPLE PAST)			SUFFIXES	
SINGULAR	1p	īne	addärku	I spent the night	-ku
	2pm	antä	addärk	you spent the night	-k
	2pf	anč'i	addärš	you spent the night	-š
	3m	īssu	addärä	he spent the night	-ä
	3f	īss'wa	addäräčč	she spent the night	-äčč
PLURAL	1p	īñña	addärin	we spent the night	-in
	2p	innantä	addäraččihu	you spent the night	-aččihu
	3p	innässu	addäru	they spent the night	-u
RESP.	2p	irso	addäru	You spent the night	-u
	3p	issaččäw	addäru	He/She spent the night	-u



In the morning, instead of simply wishing someone 'good morning,' it is customary in Amharic to ask, 'Did you spend the night well?' or 'How was your night?' This isn't necessarily because one is deeply concerned, but rather it serves as a polite, conventional greeting.



- ▣ dähna addärš, Helen? Good morning, Helen!
 - dähna, igzer yimmäsgän. Fine, thanks to God!
 - ▣ dähna addärk, David? Good morning, David!
- ▣ indämīn addäraččihu? Good morning!
 - dähna, indämīñ addärk, Yosef? Fine, good morning, Yosef!
- ▣ Hawassa sīnt qän addäraččihu? How many nights did you spend in Hawassa?
 - 2 (hulätt) qän addärn. We spent two nights.
- ▣ Yonas, tilant yät addärk? Yonas, where did you spend the night yesterday?
 - 'club' addärku. I spent the night in the club. :)



dähna - fine
indämīn/ indet- how
igzer - God
yimmäsgän - Thanks

č - ch as in church
g - j as in joke
š - sh as in she
ž - as in 'je' in french

➔ Further reading on this tense- Amharic Textbook, Wolf Leslau Page: 64 - 91



'Good afternoon!'

PERFECT(SIMPLE PAST)

SUFFIXES

SINGULAR

1p	ine	walku	I spent the day
2pm	antä	walk	you spent the day
2pf	anči	walš	you spent the day
3m	issu	walä	he spent the day
3f	iss'wa	waläčč	she spent the day

-ku

-k

-š

-ä

-äčč

PLURAL

1p	iñña	wal'in	we spent the day
2p	innantä	waläčč'ihu	you spent the day
3p	innässu	walu	they spent the day

-in

-äčč'ihu

-u

RESP.

2p	irso	walu	You spent the day
3p	issaččäw	walu	He/She spent the day

-u

-u



In Amharic, afternoon greetings are more than just saying "good afternoon." People typically ask, "Did you spend the day well?" or "How was your day?" This question acts as a polite, customary greeting rather than showing deep concern.



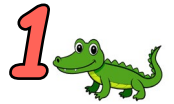
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ dähna walš, Helen? ● dähna, igzer yimmäsgän. | <p>Good afternoon, Helen!</p> <p>Fine, thanks to God!</p> <p>Good afternoon, David!</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ indäm'in wäläčč'ihu? ● dähna, indäm'iñ walk, Yosef? | <p>Good afternoon!</p> <p>Fine, good afternoon, Yosef!</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ zare yät walk? ● zare gäbäya walku. | <p>Where did you spend the day today?</p> <p>I spent the day at the Market.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ tilant yät walš? ● bet walku. | <p>Where did you spend the day yesterday?</p> <p>I spent the day at home.</p> |

dähna- fine
indäm'in - how
zare - today

gäbäya- market
tilant - yesterday
bet - house/home

č - ch as in church
g - j as in joke
š - sh as in she
ž - as j in 'je' in french

➔ Further reading on this tense- Amharic Textbook, Wolf Leslau Page: 64 - 91



'Good evening!'

PERFECT(SIMPLE PAST)

SUFFIXES

SINGULAR	1p	ine	amäššähu	I spent the evening	-ähu
	2pm	antä	amäššäh	you spent the evening	-äh
	2pf	anči	amäššäš	you spent the evening	-äš
	3m	ïssu	amäššä	he spent the evening	-ä
	3f	ïsswa	amäššäčč	she spent the evening	-äčč
PLURAL	1p	iñña	amäššän	we spent the evening	-än
	2p	innantä	amäššäččihu	you spent the evening	-äččihu
	3p	innässu	amäššu	they spent the evening	-u
RESP.	2p	irso	amäššu	You spent the evening	-u
	3p	ïssaččäw	amäššu	He/She spent the evening	-u



In Amharic, evening greetings go beyond a simple "good evening." Instead, people often say, "Did you spend the evening well?" or "How was your evening?" This question serves as a polite, customary greeting rather than an expression of genuine concern.

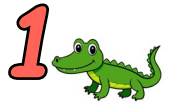


- ▣ dähna amäššäš, Helen? Good evening, Helen!
 - dähna, igzer yimmäsgän. Fine, thanks to God!
 - dähna amäššäh, David? Good evening, David!
- ▣ indämīn amäššäččihu? Good afternoon!
 - dähna, indämīñ amäššäh, Yosef? Fine, good evening, Yosef!
- ▣ yät amäššäh? Where did you spend the evening?
 - biro amäššähu. I spent the evening in the office.
- ▣ yät amäššäš? Yonas, where did you spend the evening?
 - bet. At home.

yät - where
 biro - office
 bet - house, home

č - ch as in church
 ğ - j as in joke
 š - sh as in she
 ž - as j in 'je' in french

➔ Further reading on this tense- Amharic Textbook, Wolf Leslau Page: 64 - 91



Bye!

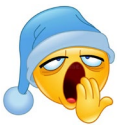


'Good day'!

		IMPERATIVE			SUFFIXES
singular	2pm	antä	wal	spend the day!	-
	2pf	anč'i	way	spend the day!	-i
plural	2p	innantä	walu	spend the day!	-u
respect	2p	irso	walu	spend the day!	-u

To wish someone a good day when leaving, one says in Amharic, "dähna wal" which translates to "spend the day well!" .

- dähna wal, David! Good day, David!
- dähna way, Helen! Good day, Helen!
- dähna walu! Good day!



'Good night'!

		IMPERATIVE			SUFFIXES
singular	2pm	antä	idär	spend the night!	-
	2pf	anč'i	idäri	spend the night!	-i
plural	2p	innantä	idäru	spend the night!	-u
respect	2p	irso	idäru	spend the night!	-u

To wish someone a good night when leaving, one says in Amharic, "dähna idär!" which translates to "spend the night well!" .

- dähna idär! Good night!
- dähna idäri! Good night!
- dähna idäru! Good day!

č - ch as in church

ç - j as in joke

š - sh as in she

ž - as j in 'je' in french



'Good day!'

		IMPERATIVE			SUFFIXES
singular	2pm	antä	hun	be!	-
	2pf	anč'i	huñi	be!	-i
plural	2p	innantä	hunu	be!	-u
respect	2p	irso	hunu	be!	-u

To wish someone a good bye when leaving, one says in Amharic, "Dehna hun" which translates to "be well" .



- ▣ dähna hun! Be well!
- dähna huñi! Be well!
- ▣ dähna hunu! Be well!

- ▣ gobäz hun! Be clever!
- řiru säw huñi Be a good person!
- ▣ bet hunu! Be at home!