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## Shona for Dummies

Most Zimbabweans are friendly folk with an easy sense of humour and speak excellent English, having one of the highest standards of education in Africa. They generally appreciate if you make the effort to speak the lingo. Here are some useful and amusing Shona phrases that should get you some smiles:

Good Morning

Good Afternoon

Elder (Male)

Elder (Female)

Where is Harare?

I want to...

Go to...

Buy

How Much?

Expensive

All

Eat

Maize meal (beloved staple diet)

Elephant

Crocodile

Fish

Fishing

Motorcar

Town

Onomatopoeics:

Motorbike

20 litre plastic container

Loud party (lots of music)

Joking threat

I don't know

I don't want

No

Affirmation

What?

Mangwanani

Masikati

Sekuru

Amai

Harare ari kupi?

Ndinoda ku....

Enda ku

Tenga

Ita Mari?

Dhura

Zvose

Djga

Sadza

Nzhou

Ngarwe

Hove

Kubata Hove

Motokari

Dhorobva

Mhudududu

Chigubu (goes Chigu, chigub, chigub when you pour it)

Dindindi

Ucha siya Sadza! (you will leave our Sadza behind!)

Handizivi

Aikona

Handidi

Chokwadi?

Anzi Chii?

Show your manners by dropping in a few of these words and brighten up someone's day!