

Afrikaans for Beginners

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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: English – Afrikaans: Master “have” and hê fast

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun English – Afrikaans mini-lesson helps you learn the verb “have” – hê and its key forms. Practice everyday phrases like ek het, jy het, hy het, sy het, dit het, ons het, julle het, and hulle het with laughs, culture tips, and quick drills. Perfect for beginners who want clear examples, short dialogues, and a quick quiz to lock in the meaning and use of the Afrikaans verb “have.”

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey there, language hero! This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more bite-size lessons and freebies.

Today you’ll master the English – Afrikaans verb “have,” especially the must-know hê and everyday forms like ek

het and ons het. Get ready for a quick, funny, and super-practical workout.

Your goal today

In a few minutes, you'll say all the key forms without blinking. Repeat after me and smile – smiling improves pronunciation. True story.

- Infinitive: to have = hê.
- I have = ek het. You (sing.) have = jy het.
- He has = hy het. She has = sy het. It has = dit het.
- We have = ons het. You (plural) have = julle het. They have = hulle het.
- Chant it with me: ek het, jy het, hy het, sy het, dit het, ons het, julle het, hulle het!

Mini dialogues

Time for tiny scenes you can steal for real life. Act it out with me.

- A: Do you have the keys? B: Yes, ek het die sleutels.
- A: Great – ons het snacks. B: And hulle het die kaartjies.
- A: Who's got the map? B: Sy het die kaart.
- A: Music? B: Hy het die speellys.
- A: How's the car? B: Dit het twee deure – fancy!
- A: Seats? B: Julle het die beste sitplekke.

Form tip: magic of hê vs het

Quick grammar superpower incoming.

- Use hê (the base word 'to have') after 'to' structures: "to have time" = "om tyd te hê."
- Use the everyday form het with pronouns: ek het tyd; jy het 'n plan; ons het kaartjies.
- Try it: "We are lucky to have a home" → "Ons is gelukkig om 'n huis te hê."

Culture tip

A tasty way to remember this: picture a South African braai.

Someone smiles and says, "Dis lekker om vriende te hê." It's nice to have friends – and even nicer when ons het broodjies and hulle het die sous!

Lightning drills

Say it out loud after the beep – own it like a language rock-star.

- I have two tickets → Ek het twee kaartjies.
- You (sing.) have the keys → Jy het die sleutels.
- He has time today → Hy het vandag tyd.
- She has an umbrella → Sy het 'n sambreel.
- It has a warranty → Dit het 'n waarborg.
- We have a plan → Ons het 'n plan.

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- You (plural) have great seats → Julle het goeie sitplekke.
 - They have questions → Hulle het vrae.
 - To have time to relax → om tyd te hê om te ontspan.

Quick quiz

Test time, but friendly. Answer, then I'll confirm.

- Q1: Translate "we have" into Afrikaans. A: ons het.
- Q2: What's the infinitive/base 'to have'? A: hê.
- Q3: Fill the blank: - - - - die kaart? (you, singular) A: Jy het die kaart.
- Q4: Say "she has a book." A: Sy het 'n boek.
- Q5: True or false: dit het means "it has." A: True!

Final challenge

Beat the boss level: say them all smoothly. I'll give prompts – then model answers.

- Say: I have time. Model: Ek het tyd.
- Say: You have two tickets. (sing.) Model: Jy het twee kaartjies.
- Say: He has a car. Model: Hy het 'n motor.
- Say: She has an umbrella. Model: Sy het 'n sam-breel.
- Say: It has two doors. Model: Dit het twee deure.

- Say: We have a plan. Model: Ons het 'n plan.
- Say: You (plural) have talent. Model: Julle het talent.
- Say: They have questions. Model: Hulle het vrae.
- Bonus: Say “to have a coffee break.” Model: om 'n koffiepouse te hê.

Goodbye and next steps

Nice work – your brain just did push-ups in Afrikaans!

Thanks for listening to SynapseLingo. Keep practicing ek het, jy het, hy het, sy het, dit het, ons het, julle het, hulle het, and the infinitive hê. Share the episode with a friend – after all, it's great to hê a learning buddy. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more lessons, printables, and mini-quizzes. Tot volgende keer!

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: English → Afrikaans To Be: be wees, I am ek is, you are jy/julle is

Learn English – Afrikaans 'to be' fast and fun: be = wees, I am = ek is, you are = jy is / julle is, he is = hy is, she is = sy is, it is = dit is, we are = ons is, they are = hulle is. This bite-size podcast teaches real-life phrases, pronunciation cues, and quick drills. Perfect for Afrikaans grammar, 'to be' verb practice, and English Afrikaans learning with laughs. Master everyday identity and description sentences you can use right now.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey there! This show is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your smart, friendly language coach.

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drills and downloads. Today you'll nail English → Afrikaans forms of the verb to be – be wees, I am ek is, you are jy is and julle is, he is hy is, she is sy is, it is dit is, we are ons is, they are hulle is. Ready? Let's make grammar giggle.

Your goal today

By the end, you'll confidently say who you are, who they are, and what it is – without overthinking.

Mission: Master the full 'to be' set in Afrikaans: wees, ek is, jy is, hy is, sy is, dit is, ons is, julle is, hulle is. We'll use quick rhythms, jokes, and mini-dialogues. You bring your voice; I'll bring the tempo.

Forms at a glance

Say them with me – twice for confidence, thrice for swag-ger.

- Base form: be = wees
- I am = ek is | you (sing.) are = jy is
- he is = hy is | she is = sy is
- it is = dit is
- we are = ons is
- you (plural) are = julle is
- they are = hulle is
- Pro tip: For questions, flip word order (are we? = is ons?) – but today we focus on the statements.

Mini dialogue: The doorbell mystery

Play along – you're the detective with superb grammar.

- You: Who's at the door?
- Friend: He is here – hy is hier.
- You: Is that your new dog?
- Friend: Yes, it is – dit is my hond.
- You: And the snacks?
- Friend: We are ready – ons is gereed. They are hungry – hulle is honger!
- You: You (all) are saviors – julle is lewensredders!
- Narrator whisper: To be calm... just be – wees rustig.

Repeat-after-me drill

Speak out loud – your couch will not judge. Your cat might, but only a little.

- I am happy = ek is bly. Repeat.
- You are kind (sing.) = jy is vriendelik. Repeat.
- She is ready = sy is gereed. Repeat.
- He is funny = hy is snaaks. Repeat.
- It is tasty = dit is lekker. Repeat.
- We are on time = ons is betyds. Repeat.
- You are champions (plural) = julle is kampioene. Repeat.

- They are here = hulle is hier. Repeat.
- Coach voice: Be brave! = wees dapper! Repeat with gusto.

Culture tip: Braai banter

At a South African braai, these lines make you instantly likable.

- It is perfect! = Dit is perfek!
- We are hungry. = Ons is honger.
- You all are legends. = Julle is legendes.
- They are the grill masters. = Hulle is die braaimeesters.
- Be friendly. = Wees vriendelik.

Pop quiz (you've got this)

Answer out loud, then I'll confirm. No pressure – only good vibes.

- Translate: I am from Cape Town. Answer: ek is van Kaapstad.
- Translate: You (sing.) are late. Answer: jy is laat.
- Translate: She is a doctor. Answer: sy is 'n dokter.
- Translate: He is my friend. Answer: hy is my vriend.
- Translate: It is a good idea. Answer: dit is 'n goeie idee.

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- Translate: We are ready. Answer: ons is gereed.
 - Translate: You (plural) are awesome. Answer: julle is awesome. (Bonus: wonderlik)
 - Translate: They are at home. Answer: hulle is by die huis.
 - Translate the base form: be. Answer: wees.

Lightning challenge

Fill the blank fast – say the Afrikaans out loud before I reveal it.

- Be calm! = - - - - - rustig! Answer: Wees rustig!
- I am ready = - - - - - gereed. Answer: ek is gereed.
- You (sing.) are funny = - - - - - snaaks. Answer: jy is snaaks.
- He is tall = - - - - - lank. Answer: hy is lank.
- She is here = - - - - - hier. Answer: sy is hier.
- It is cold = - - - - - koud. Answer: dit is koud.
- We are a team = - - - - - 'n span. Answer: ons is 'n span.
- You (plural) are early = - - - - - vroeg. Answer: julle is vroeg.
- They are busy = - - - - - besig. Answer: hulle is besig.

Wrap-up

You crushed the core of Afrikaans 'to be' – high five!

Quick recap: be wees; I am ek is; you are (sing.) jy is; he is hy is; she is sy is; it is dit is; we are ons is; you are (plural) julle is; they are hulle is. Thanks for listening! Keep practicing daily, and for more lessons, printables, and audio, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. Brought to you by SynapseLingo – learn smart, smile often.

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: English to Afrikaans: Go = gaan – Fun Present Tense Practice

Learn Afrikaans from English with a quick, funny guide to the verb “go” = gaan. We’ll conquer the core forms: ek gaan, jy gaan, hy gaan, sy gaan, dit gaan, ons gaan, julle gaan, hulle gaan. Perfect for English – Afrikaans learners searching “learn Afrikaans,” “English to Afrikaans,” “verb go gaan,” and “Afrikaans conjugation.” By the end, you’ll use them naturally in dialogues and mini drills.

Welcome

Hey, friend! This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more tools at www.synapse-lingo.com.

Today we make the English verb “go” groove in

Afrikaans with gaan. Expect jokes, quick drills, and brain-friendly pauses. Ready? Let's go – uh, gaan!

Your goal today

Your mission: master the present forms so well you can use them without thinking.

- to go = gaan
- I go = ek gaan
- you go (singular) = jy gaan
- he goes = hy gaan
- she goes = sy gaan
- it goes = dit gaan
- we go = ons gaan
- you (plural) go = julle gaan
- they go = hulle gaan

Rhythm forms

Clap or tap; after I prompt, echo the Afrikaans out loud.

- I go – ek gaan
- you go (sing.) – jy gaan
- he goes – hy gaan
- she goes – sy gaan
- it goes – dit gaan