

# **Hausa for Beginners**

Practical Learning with SynapseLingo

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# Lesson 1

## Lesson 1: English to Hausa: Have = da – From I have to They have

*Learn how to say have in Hausa: da, plus all the must-know forms – ina da (I have), kana da (you have, sg), yana da (he/it has), tana da (she has), muna da (we have), kuna da (you have, pl), and suna da (they have). This fun English – Hausa episode drills the essentials with dialogues, culture tips, and a quick quiz. Keywords: have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have, Hausa da. Practice real phrases you can use in daily life.*

### Welcome

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sources and goodies.

Today your mission is to master have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), and they have – using the Hausa super-tool da. Buckle up for laughs, drills, and a dash of market-day flair!

## **Your forms today**

Say them out loud with me – short, punchy, and powerful.

- have → da
- I have → ina da
- you have (singular) → kana da
- he has → yana da
- she has → tana da
- it has → yana da
- we have → muna da
- you have (plural) → kuna da
- they have → suna da

## **Mini-dialogue**

Listen in, smile, and repeat the Hausa lines after the pause.

- A: Do you have water? B: Yes – Eh, ina da ruwa.
- A: Great, we have cups – muna da kofuna.
- A: Does he have the book? B: Eh, yana da littafi.

- A: Does she have time? B: Tana da lokaci.
- A: Do you have (plural) tickets? B: Kuna da tikiti? A: They have seats – suna da kujeru!

## Drill time

Echo me like a language ninja. I say English, you fire back the Hausa.

- have → da
- I have → ina da
- you have (singular) → kana da
- he has → yana da
- she has → tana da
- it has → yana da
- we have → muna da
- you have (plural) → kuna da
- they have → suna da
- Bonus combo: I have a book → ina da littafi ; We have time → muna da lokaci ; It has a problem → yana da matsala

## Culture tip

Picture yourself in a busy Hausa market – color, sound, and great phrases to grab.

Vendors proudly call out what they have: muna da sab-bin kaya (we have new goods), muna da tumatir (we have

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tomatoes)! You will also hear quick checks like *kuna da kuɗi?* (do you have money?) and confident replies such as *eh, muna da* (yes, we have). Smile, bargain kindly, and you'll have stories for days.

## Quick quiz

No stress – quick questions, quick wins. Say or think the answer before I reveal it.

- 1) What is the Hausa for have? Answer: *da*.
- 2) I have time → say it in Hausa. Answer: *ina da lokaci*.
- 3) He has a car → Hausa? Answer: *yana da mota*.
- 4) She has a book → Hausa? Answer: *tana da littafi*.
- 5) You have (plural) tickets → Hausa? Answer: *kuna da tikiti*.
- 6) We have water → Hausa? Answer: *muna da ruwa*.

## Final challenge and outro

Your turn to shine – build your own sentences.

Create one sentence for each: have, I have, you have (singular), he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have. For example: *ina da littafi, kana da lokaci, yana da tikiti, tana da madara, yana da matsala, muna da ruwa, kuna da gurbi, suna da abokai*. Thanks for learning with SynapseLingo! Keep practicing daily, and visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more lessons, drills, and laughs. You've got this – happy speaking!

## Lesson 2

# Lesson 2: English – Hausa: to be = kasance – From “I am” to “they are”

*Level up your Hausa with a fast, funny dive into English and Hausa identity phrases: to be, I am, you are, he is, she is, it is, we are, you (pl) are, they are. You'll master kasance, ina, kai ne, shi ne, ita ce, mu ne, ku ne, and su ne in real mini-scenes. Perfect for quick wins in daily intros, pointing things out, and cheering your team. Press play, smile, and speak with confidence in both English and Hausa.*

## SynapseLingo welcome

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Today your superpower is the English – Hausa verb “to

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be,” a.k.a. kasance. Fast, fun, and friendly – you’ll speak like a champ by the end.

## **Your goal today**

You’ll nail the whole ‘to be’ family, from solo to squad. Ready? Deep breath – smile!

- to be → kasance
- I am → ina
- you are (singular, to a man) → kai ne
- he is → shi ne
- she is → ita ce
- it is → shi ne
- we are → mu ne
- you are (plural) → ku ne
- they are → su ne

## **Quick wins**

Repeat after me – short lines, big results. You’ve got this!

- I am happy → Ina farin ciki.
- You are the teacher (to a man) → Kai ne malami.
- He is the leader → Shi ne shugaba.
- She is the doctor → Ita ce likita.
- It is my book → Shi ne littafina.

- We are friends → Mu ne abokai.
- You are the winners (to a group) → Ku ne masu nasara.
- They are my colleagues → Su ne abokan aikina.

## Mini-dialogue

Listen in, then echo the Hausa lines out loud. Say it with flair!

- A: Who's the new coach?
- B: Shi ne koci.
- A: And the captain?
- B: Ita ce kyafin.
- A: Which bag is yours?
- B: Shi ne jakata.
- A: Where are you now?
- B: Ina nan.
- A: Who's presenting today?
- B: Ku ne!
- A: Who organized the party?
- B: Mu ne.
- A: And the winners?
- B: Su ne masu nasara!

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## Beat and repeat

Clap softly or tap your desk. Rhythm sticks words in your memory!

- Boom – ina. Clap – kai ne.
- Boom – shi ne. Clap – ita ce.
- Boom – mu ne. Clap – ku ne.
- Boom – su ne. Cheer – kasance awesome!

## Culture tip

Tiny grammar trick to sound natural – this is gold.

Use ina for your current state or location (e.g., Ina gida = I am at home). Use kai ne/shi ne/ita ce/mu ne/ku ne/su ne to identify people or things (e.g., Ita ce likita = she is the doctor). When pointing at a thing, “it is” is also shi ne (e.g., Shi ne littafina).

## Laugh break

A quick giggle locks the lesson in – science-ish and stylish.

You drop your keys, find a cookie instead, and proudly declare: Shi ne mai laifi – it is the culprit! Meanwhile your friend points at you: Kai ne the cookie monster.

## Lightning quiz

Say the answer out loud, then I’ll reveal it. Ready, speedster?

- Q1: English “I am” in Hausa? A: ina.

- Q2: “She is the teacher”? A: Ita ce malama.
- Q3: “It is my pen”? A: Shi ne alƙalamina.
- Q4: “We are the organizers”? A: Mu ne masu shiryawa.
- Q5: Tell a group “You are the best.” A: Ku ne mafi kyau.
- Q6: Point to a team and say “They are the champions.” A: Su ne zakarun.
- Q7: The base verb “to be” in Hausa? A: kasance.
- Q8: To a man: “You are my friend.” A: Kai ne abokina.

## Challenge mode

Your turn – tiny steps, big victory. Speak it into existence.

- Make three lines about yourself, a friend, and an object:
- 1) I am ready → start with Ina ...
- 2) He is the leader → use Shi ne ...
- 3) It is my phone → start Shi ne ...
- Bonus: Introduce your team with Mu ne, hype another group with Ku ne, and celebrate winners with Su ne!



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## Wrap-up and thanks

You crushed it – seriously. Let's seal the win.

Today you owned “to be”: kasance, ina, kai ne, shi ne, ita ce, mu ne, ku ne, su ne. Thanks for listening! Keep practicing a few lines daily and you'll sound smoother every time. This episode was brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more lessons, printables, and practice drills. See you next time!

## Lesson 3

# Lesson 3: English to Hausa: Learn “to go” = tafi fast

*Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun mini-lesson helps you learn the English-to-Hausa verb set for movement: to go, I go, you go, he goes, she goes, we go, you (plural) go, they go – and the small-talk mood so-so. Master tafi, kana tafiya, yakan tafi, tana tafiya, muna tafiya, kuna tafiya, and ba laifi with jokes, drills, and a quick quiz. Perfect for English speakers who want everyday Hausa you can use immediately. Visit SynapseLingo at [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more resources.*

## Welcome aboard

Hey, it's SynapseLingo in your ears – your friendly boost for real Hausa you can use today. Stick with me, and by the end you'll say “we go” like a pro! Visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for extras.

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- Today's mission: English to Hausa – how to say “to go” in all the everyday shapes.
  - Your power words: tafi, kana tafiya, yakan tafi, tana tafiya, muna tafiya, kuna tafiya, and mood check: ba laifi.

## Your goal today

You'll nail these forms and understand when to use each – fast and with a smile.

- to go → tafi
- I go → (base you'll hear) tafi in combos like “zan tafi”
- you go (sing.) → kana tafiya
- he goes (habit) → yakan tafi
- she goes → tana tafiya
- we go → muna tafiya
- you go (plural) → kuna tafiya
- they go (base) → tafi
- so-so (as in “it goes/okay-ish”) → ba laifi

## Mini dialogue: Market dash

Listen in and repeat – then we'll break it down.

- A: Ready? We go now – muna tafiya!
- B: Great. You go left – kuna tafiya hagu – then straight.

- A: He goes every Saturday – yakan tafi kowace Asabar.
- B: She goes with an umbrella if it rains – tana tafiya da dala idan ruwa ya yi.
- A: If we miss the bus, we just go on foot – muna tafiya a kafa.
- B: How's the day? Meh... ba laifi.

## Form sprint

Echo me – big energy, tiny pauses.

- Base: to go → tafi. You: tafi.
- You go (sing.): kana tafiya. You: kana tafiya.
- He goes (habit): yakan tafi. You: yakan tafi.
- She goes: tana tafiya. You: tana tafiya.
- We go: muna tafiya. You: muna tafiya.
- You go (plural): kuna tafiya. You: kuna tafiya.
- They go (use base): ...they tafi. You: tafi.
- Mood check, “so-so”: ba laifi. You: ba laifi.

## Culture tip: Small talk win

Sound natural in a greeting – this tiny phrase does big work.

- When someone asks “How are you?”, a mild “so-so” in Hausa is ba laifi – literally “no fault.”
- Try it: A: How's your day? B: ba laifi.