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Some **Common Words**

SOMALI	ENGLISH
Shir	Conference
Jaamacad	University
Kambas	Campus
Talafishin	Television
Hoteel	Hotel
Xafiis	Office
Maqaaxi	Restaurant
Musqul	Toilet



Features of **Somali Language**

- Somali is the official language of Somalis.
- Somali language is spoken by 18 million people.
- Somali is the 85th most spoken language globally in the world.
- The word order of Somali is Subject – Object – Verb.
- Waxaan baranaayaa Af Soomaali. (I am learning Somali Language)
- Somali is known for its grammatical regularity and logical structure. It follows strict rules, and exceptions are rare.
- Somali have grammatical genders.



Some **Common Words**

There are 26 letters in the Somali alphabet. 21 consonants and 5.

Somali Consonants

Bb, Tt, Jj, Xx,
KHkh, Dd, Rr, Ss,
SHsh, DHdh, Cc, Gg,
Ff, Qq, Kk, Ll,
Mm, Nn, Ww, Hh, Yy.

Somali Vowels

Aa, Ee, Ii, Oo, Uu



Ereyo (Words)

Bb - "Biyo" (Water)

Tt - "Tababar" (Training)

Jj - "Jaamacad" (University)

Xx - "Xarun" (Center)

KHkh - "Khabiiir" (Expert)

Dd - "Dugsi" (School)

Rr - "Raali ahow" (Excuse me/Sorry)

Ss - "Suuq" (Market)

SHsh - "Shir" (Conference)

DHdh - "Dhigasho" (Enrollment)

Cc - "Cunto" (Food)

Gg - "Guddi" (Committee)

Ff - "Fadlan" (Please)

Qq - "Qiimeyn" (Assessment)

Kk - "Kursi" (Chair)

Ll - "La taliye" (Consultant)

Mm - "Maya" (No)

Nn - "Natiijo" (Result)

Ww - "Warqad" (Paper)

Hh - "Haa" (Yes)

Yy - "Yool" (Goal)

EACON - "Shirweynaha
Bulshada Bariga Afrika"
(East Africa Community Conference)



Tirooyinka (Numbers)

1 koow

2 Labo

3 Saddex

4 Afar

5 Shan

6 Lix

7 Todobo

8 Sideed

9 Sagaal

10 Toban

11 Kow iyo Toban

12 Labo iyo Toban

13 Saddex iyo Toban

14 Afar iyo Toban

15 Shan iyo Toban

16 Lix iyo Toban

17 Todobo iyo Toban

18 Sideed iyo Toban

19 Sagaal iyo Toban

20 Labaatan

30 Soddon

40 Afartan

50 Konton

60 Lixden

70 Todobaatan

80 Sideetan

90 Sagaashan

100 Boqol

1000 kun

1000000 milyan

Greetings and Introduction

Salaam	: Hello
Soo Dhawoow	: Welcome
Mahadsanid	: Thank you
Magacaa ?	: What's your name?
Magacaygu Waa	: My name is
Barasho Wanaagsan	: Nice to meet you.
Sidoo kale Barasho Wanaagsan	: Nice to meet you, too.
Sidee tahay ?	: How are you?
Waan fiicanahay, Mahadsanid	: Fine, thank you.
Halkee ka soo jeedaa?	: Where are you from?
Waxaan ka soo jeedaa	: I am from
Kulanti danbe	: See you







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