

Unit 4 **Numbers, family, and kinship**

Introduction: So you can start speaking Bahtssal right away, we are now going to learn words you can use every day. Numbers are useful, but they are also easy and fun to practice; just look around you and count the things you see. Most people are also around their family a lot, so we are going to learn to talk about family members. You can speak Bahtssal the very next time you want to talk about a member of your family or a friend's family.

Lesson 1: Numbers and counting

Intro:

Vocabulary:

kallij	1
xotch	2
xomkah	3
doal	4
laemma	5
ts`aadij	6
ku`laxotch	7
xogadol	8
hadagal-shum	9
tek	10

Basic Lesson:

Activity:

Suggestions for Daily Use:

Lesson 2: Family and people

Intro:

Vocabulary:

hametgii	relatives
mekah	brother
kaputsa	sister
qaawae'lip`	son
qaawae'lit`	daughter
mātey	mother
ma'eh	father

Basic Lesson:

Activity:

Suggestions for Daily Use:

Lesson 3: Pronouns for kinship relations

We learned about possessive pronouns in Unit 3.

Now we will learn the special possessive pronouns that are used to talk about family members. They are special because they are used only for family members and because they are actually prefixes. This means that they attach to the front of a word. Lets's see how this works.

Relationship prefix pronouns

wa-	my
mii-	your
miippiha-	his
miiirri-	her

wai- (waima-)	our
mai- (maihami-)	your
bekiha- (bekihami-)	their

Here is how they are used, remember, they attach to the front of the word:

wagaatch	wa- + gaatch	my grandfather
waimiitae	wai- + miitae	our mother
maixkawii	mai- + xkawii	your (plural) son

Practice:

Match the Bahtssal with the English

wabailae	your mother
wadaahuts	my husband
miiibailae	my son
wamehha	my father
wamiitae	my older brother
miiimiitae	your father
miiimehae	my daughter
wamehae	your husband

waxkawii

my mother

[add two more exercises for practice. Ideally, they should not involve translation]

Speak Bahtssal every day!

Now you know your words for people in your family. Use these words whenever you talk to your family. Replace the English words that you use now with the Bahtssal words. Your family will be very happy to hear you speaking your language to them. Teach them how to address each other and you in Bahtssal. This will really help you and everyone else learn to speak. If you hear it and use it every day, you own Bahtssal.

Expanding your experience of the language.

Here are kin terms with relationship pronouns used in some sentences. Each sentence is explained. You don't have to learn these sentences right away. They are given here so you can start getting familiar with the language. Notice how the words in the Bahtssal sentences go together.

duggah, mijx gotch heh mukh hah ganul`eh

[gloss will appear here]

I talked with your Grandfather yesterday

[explanation of a grammatical point illustrated by the sentence will appear here]

[all these sentences examples are to be gloosed and explained like the first sentence]

wax miitae heh q`odii xhaduum heh duweh

My mother had a good dream last night

wax dahkats heh duggah xkawii k`uus xkawii heh`e

My son was born yesterday

mijx thaetha heh wax thaetha mukh shabaexma

My uncle went fishing with your uncle

miiip hijbax duxkatch/mexa heh ye.elma

He is jealous of his (younger/older) brother (about a woman)

???hah shex mukh gaad

I visited with my aunt (*word for aunt?? BV: 'tooch')

hah shex mukh pashalgii

I visited with my aunt

wax hamii'eh heh mudalla
My father died (just now)

wax hamii'eh mudal heh`e
My dad died recently