

Dictionary

There are approximately 250 ethnic groups and tribes in Nigeria and each group has its own language. The three main groups are Hausa-Fulani, Yoruba and Igbo. We provide you with a brief dictionary that introduces the most common terms and daily phrases of these three groups and hopefully simplifies the local communication for you.

DEUTSCH	ENGLISH	HAUSA	YORUBA	IGBO
Begrüßung	Greeting	Gaisuwa	Ikini	Ekele
Guten Morgen!	Good Morning!	Ina Kwana? (Response: Lafiya)	E ku aro	Ututu Oma
Guten Tag!	Good Afternoon!	Barka da yama! (Response: Barka kadai)	Ekaasan	Ehiehie oma
Hallo!	Hello!	Sannu! (Arabic: Salamu Alaikum)	Bawo ni	Kedu
Response: Hallo!	Response: Hello!	Response: Yauwa, Sannu! (Alaikum Salam)	Dada	Odinma
Wie geht's dir?	How are you?	Kina (w)/ Kana (m) lafiya?	Dada lo wa?	Kedu ka ime?
Gut	Fine	Lafiya	Dada	Odinma
Bis Morgen!	See you tomorrow!	Sai gobe!	Mo ma rie lo la	Ka odi echi
Tschüss!	Bye!	Sai an juma!	Odabo	Bye
Wie heißt du?	What's your name?	Mene ne sunanki (w)/ka (m)?	Kin ni oruko re?	Gini bu afga gi?

Danke	Thanks	Naa gode	Ose	Dalu
Bitte	Please	Don Allah	Jowo	Biko
Ja	Yes	I/Eh	Oda	Eeh
Nein	No	A'a	Koda	Mba
Wie viel Uhr ist es?	What time is it?	Kafte nawa ne?	Ago melo?/ iyba wo?	Gini na aku

Essen	Food	Abinci	Ohunje	Nri
Wasser	Water	Ruwa	Omi	Mmri
Gemüse	Vegetables	Kayan lambu	Efo	Akwuk wo nri
Tomaten	Tomato	tumatir	Timati/ tomati	Tomato
Karotten	Carrots	Karas	Karoti	Karoti
Fleisch	Meat	Nama	Eron	Anu
Fisch	Fish	Kifi	Eja	Azu
Yam	Yam	Doya	Isu	Ji
Reis	Rice	Shinkafa	Rice	Osikapa
Brot	Bread	Burodi	Bread	Bread
Kartoffeln	Potatoes	Dankali	Oduku	Potato
Ich habe Hunger	I'm hungry	Ina jin yunwa	Ebi ipa mi	Agu na agum
Ich habe Durst	I'm thirsty	Ina jin kishirwaa	Ohungbe gbe mi	Nchoro ingu mmiri

Auf dem Markt	At the market	A kasuwa	Inu oja	Na afia
Markt	Market	Kasuwa	Oja	Afia
Geschäft	Shop	Kanti	Iso	Ulo afia
Wo ist de Markt?	Where is the market?	Ina kasuwa ne?	Nebo loju na?	Ke be afia di?
Hast du.../ Haben sie...?	Do you have...?	Kina (w)/ Kanu (m) da...?	Inje oni...?	I nwere...?
Wie viel kostet...?	How much is the...?	... nawa (nawa) nee?	E lo ni...?	Ego ole...?
Reisen	Travelling	Tafiya	Irin ajo	Njem
Auto	Car	Mota	Moto	Ugbo ala
Fahrrad	Bicycle	Keke	Keke	Bicycle
Zug	Train	Jirgin Kasa	Oko oju irin	Ugbo oloko
Schiff	Ship	Jirgin ruwa	Oko oju omi	Ugbo mmiri
Flugzeug	Plane	Jirgin sama	Oko oju ofurufu	Ugbo elu
Wo ist der Weg nach...?	Where is the way to...?	Ina hanyar zuwa...?	Ibo ni ona...?	Kedu uzo...?
Ich möchte nach...fahren	I want to go to ...?	Ina so in je ...	Mo fe lo...?	Nchoro ijee...?
Bitte, halte hier an	Please, stop here	Don Allah, ka tsya a nan	Dakun duro	Biko kwusi ebea
Zahlen	Numbers	Lamba	Ohunka	Ogu onu

Eins	One	D'aya	Eyokan	Ofu
Zwei	Two	Biyu	Eji	Abuoa
Drei	Three	uku	Eta	Ato
Vier	Four	Hudu	Erin	Ano
Fünf	Five	Biyar	Arun	Ise
Sechs	Six	Shida	Eva	Isii
Sieben	Seven	Bakwai	Eje	Asaa
Acht	Eight	Takwas	Ejo	Asato
Neun	Nine	Tara	Esan	Itolu
Zehn	Ten	Goma	Meoa	Iri
Elf	Eleven	(goma) sha d'aya	Mo kam la	Iri ofu
Zwölf	Twelve	(goma) sha biyu	Mejila	Iri abuoa
Dreizehn	Thirteen	(goma) sha uku	Metala	Iri ato
Vierzehn	Fourteen	(goma) sha hudu	Merinla	Iri ano
Zwanzig	twenty	Ashirin/ ishirin	Ogun	Ogu
Einundzwanzig	Twenty-one	Ishirin sha d'aya	Moka le logun	Ogu nofu
Dreißig	Thirty	Talatin	Ogban	Iri ato
Einunddreißig	Thirty –one	Talatin da d'aya	Okun le logban	Iri ato nofu
Vierzig	Forty	Arba'in	Oyuji	Ogu nabo
Fünfzig	Fifty	Hamsin	Adota	Iri ise

Sechzig	Sixty	Sittin	Ogota	Iri isii
Siebzig	Seventy	Saba'in	Adorin	Iri asaa
Achtzig	Eighty	Tamanin	Ogorin	Iri asato
Neunzig	Ninety	Casa'in	Adorun	Iri itolu
Hundert	Hundred	D'ari	Ogorun	Nari
Zweihundert	Two hundred	D'ari biyu	Igba	Nari abuo
Eintausend	Thousand	dubu	egberun	Puku

Wochentage	Days of the week	Ranar mako	Oruko ojo	Ubochi izu
Montag	Monday	Litinin	aje	Ubochi Monday
Dienstag	Tuesday	Talata	Isegun	Ubochi Tuesday
Mittwoch	Wednesday	Laraba	Ojoru	Ubochi Wednesday
Donnerstag	Thursday	Alhamis	Ojobo	Ubochi Thursday
Freitag	Friday	Juma'a	Eti	Ubochi Friday
Samstag	Saturday	Asabar	Abameta	Ubochi Saturday
Sonntag	Sunday	Lahadi	Aiku	Ubochi Uka
Woche	Week	Mako	Ose	Izu
Tag	Day	rana	ojo	Tata