

Greetings (in the morning)

English	Wolof	Seereer
Good Morning	A: Naka Subba si	A: Mboldo
Good Morning	B: Mangi ci jam	B: Feedee jam
Did you sleep well?	A: Mba nelaw nga bu baax	A: Mbar daana a paax?
Yes, I slept well	B: Waw, nelaw na baax	B: ii, daanam a paax

(in the afternoon)

Good Afternoon?	A: nakka ngoon si?	A: jooko?
Good Afternoon?	B: Mangi ci jam	B: yonga jam
Peace only?	A: jam rek	A: jam som?
Yes, peace only!	B: jam rek keey	B: jam rek keey!

(in the evening)

Good Evening?	A: nakka guddi bi?	A: Ngiropo?
Good Evening?	B: Mangi ci jam	B: Yaare jam
Peace only?	A: jam rek	A: Jam som?
Yes, peace only!	B: jam rek keey	B: jam rek keey!

General Greetints

Hello (peace be with you)	A: Salaam maalikum!	A: Nam nu mbiyu?
Hello!	B: Maalikum salaam	B: Inn wey menn
How are you	A: Nanga def	A: Nam fio
I am fine	B: Mangi fi rek	B: Mexey menn
How is family doing?	A: Ana wa kër nga	A: Naa mbin na mbiyu
Family is doing good!	B: Ñu nga fa	B: O way ma
Nobody is sick	A: Mbaa kenn feebarul	A: Mbaa jiree
No, they all good.	B: Deedeet, ñëppagi ci jam	B: ha a, o way na jam
Give them my best regards	A: Nga nuyul malen	A: O sim nanam a denn
I will	B: Dinañ ko dëgg	B: Xann da nanin

Introductions

What's your name?	A: Naka nga tuddu?	A: Nam ne e?
My name is ...	B: Mangui tuddu+(name)	B: (name)+ne eem
Where are you from?	A: fàan nga deuk?	A: Mam geno?
I'm from ...	B: Mangui deuk+(country)	B: (country)+genum
Why are you here?	A: Lutax nga ñow fi?	A: Xar taxu o gar men?
I'm here to build a school	B: Dama ñow ngir tabax fi 'ecole'	B: kam tabaxiid men 'ecole'
Thank you! That's a good initiative	A: Jërëjëf way! lolu lu bax la	A: Jokanjall! Kaga paaxo
You're welcome	B: ñokko bokk, jërëjëf	B: ino mbogun, jokanjall!

Temperature / Weather

English	Wolof	Seereer
It's hot	Dafa tang	Ka sum
It's cold	Dafa sed	Ka bub
It's sunny	Dafa nadj	Ka sey
It's windy	Dafa ngelaw	Ka bey
Moon	Weer	O nqool
Stars	Bidew	Xa nqoor
Lightening	Melax	O xiñan
Thunder	Denn	Dude
Rainy Season	Nawet	Ndiig
Dry Season	Noor	ñiid

Numbers

N	Wolof	Seereer
0	Tus / Neen	Tus
1	Benn	Leng
2	ñaar	dikk
3	ñett	Tadik
4	ñeent	Nahik
5	Juróom	Betik
6	Juróom-benn	Betaa fo leng
7	Juróom-ñaar	Betaa ñak
8	Juróom-ñett	Betaa tadak
9	Juróom-ñeent	Betaa nahak
10	Fukk	Xarbayax

Questions / Directions

English	Wolof	Seereer
WHAT	LANE	XAR
WHERE	ANA	TAM
WHO	KANE	ANE
HOW	NAKA	NAM
WHY	LUTAX	XAR TAXU

Where is the bathroom	Ana Wanag yi	Ta fulang fe
What do you like the most?	Lane nga gena bëgg?	Xar moño bugg?
Who wants to play with me?	Kane mo beug fo ak mane	Ane buggu Njass fa mi?
Naka ligey bi tey?	How was work today?	Nam Caalel ke xe?
Why are you shy???	Lutax nga ngay russ?	Xar taxu o seda?
I am going to my house	Mangui dem sama keur	Mexey reta mbides
I am lost	Dama gëlëm	Kam gulum
Is it far? / It's far	Sori na? / Soriwul	A goda? / gode
Is it Near? / It's near	jegena? / Jegewul	A mata? / mate
Is there a church/mosque here?	Fi ame na Jang'gu/Juuma?	Meke jega jang'gu/juma
I live in _____'s house	kër _____ la dëkk	Mbin _____ genum

Members of the family

English	Wolof	Seereer
Grand Father	Maam bu goor	Maam koor
Grand Mother	Maam bu jigen	Maam fa ndew
Father / Mother	Baay / Yaay	Paap / Ya
Uncle / Aunt	Nijaay / Bajan	Tokor / Faap o tew
Big brother	Maag bu goor	O maag o kor
Little brother	Rakk bu goor	O ndeb o ngoor
Big sister	Maag jigen	O maag o tew
Little sister	Rakk bu jigen	O ndeb o ndew
Son	Doom bu goor	O biy o ngoor
Daughter	Doom bu jigen	O biy o ndew
Husband / Wife	Jekker / Jabar	O kor / o tew
Nephew	Jarbaat bu goor	O ndokor o ngoor
Grand child	Sët	Daan
Grand son	Sët bu ngoor	O ndaan o ngoor
Grand daughter	Sët bu jigen	O ndaan o ndew
Niece	Jarbaat bu jigen	O ndokor o ndew
Child	Xale	O jaac
baby	Liir	O nqeq
Boyfriend	Far	O fes
Girlfriend	Coro	O toog
Friend / Cousin	Xarit / Mass	Xaarit / O masir

Gender

Boy	Xale bu goor	O njayo ngoor
Girl	Xale bu jigen	O njayo ndew
Man	Ngoor	O kor
Woman	Jigen	O tew

Body Parts

English	Wolof	Seereer
Head	Bopp	Xoox
Eyes	Bët	A kid
ears	Nopp	Nof
Mouth	Gëmiññ	O don
Lips	Tuñ	Muuceek
teeth	Bëñ	A ñiiñ
Hands	Loxo	Xa bëey
Fingers	Baraam	Nqol
Neck	Baat	O cok
Hair	Karaw	Wiil
Arms	Loxo	Xa bëey
Legs	Tàng	A caf
Feet	Tàng	A caf
Nose	Bakkan	O ñiis
Shoulders	Mbag	A kand
Knees	Óom	Ngubey
Nails	Wee	Mbaambaañ
Stomach	Biir	O fuud
Face	Kanam	Muk'kit

Animals & Insects

English	Wolof	Seereer
Pig	Ndox	Ruul
Chicken	Ginaar	A cek
Cow	Nag	Naak
Fish	Jen	Lip
Goat	Bey	Fambe
Dog	Xaj	O Box
Spider	Jargoñ	A porxolaac
Ant	Melentaan	ñiñaax
Mosquito	Yoo	Book
Snake	Jaam	Fangool
Sheep	Soos	Mbaal
Horse	Fas	Pis
Donkey	Mbam	A faam
Cat	Muus	Muus
Hen	Ginaar bu jigen	A cek a tew
Rooster	Sëq	A siik

Food

English	Wolof	Seereer
Food	Lekk	ñaaamel
Water	Ndox	Fofi
Chicken	Ganaar	A cek
Beef	Yapp Nag	Ndawal naak
Fish	Jen	Lip
Goat	Bey	Fambe
Rice	Ceb	Maalo
Beans	ñebbe	A ñaaw
Tomato	Tamaate	Tamaate
Peppers	Kani	Kane
Onion	Soble	Soble
Sause	Soos	Soos
Eggplant	Batanse	Batanse
Apple	Pomm	Pom
Mango	Màngo	Mangu
Banana	Banana	Banana
Cabbage	Suppome	Supome
Potatoes	Pompiteer	Pompiteer
Corn	Mbook	Pursiñ
Baobab(fruit)	Buy	Paak
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Basic Phrases for Host Family

English	Wolof	Seereer
Yes / No	Waw / Deedeet	Iyo / Xa'aa
Please	Su la neexee	A felangaag
Thank you!	Jërëjëf!	Jokanjall!
Sorry / Excuse me	Baal ma	Wasanam
Have a good day	ñu yendok jamm	I yong fa jam
Have a good night	ñu fanaan jamm	Yengule moss
I'll miss you	Dinaleen namme	Xan nu sobaam
Do you understand?	Degg nga?	Nanaa?
I understand	Degg na	Nanaam
I don't understand	Degguma!	Naniim
Speak slowly	Waxal ndànk	Layi o ndang
Repeat that	Waxatal	Baati lay
How do you say __ in Wolof/seereer?	Nooy waxee __ ci Wolof/Seereer	Nam __ laytel na Olof/Seereer
Reduce the price	wàñil ma njëg li	wandanam jigan ne
How much does it cost	ñaata lay jar ?	Pod'num ta jara
I love this village!	Deuk bi neex na!	Saate fe a fela
I don't want to go home	Bëgatuma ñibbi	Bugatim o xaad
I want to shower	Dama bëgg sangu	Kam bugu bogox
Come eat	Kaay lekk	Gari ñaam
Full / I have eaten enough	Suma / Lekk na bë suur	Giñaam / ñaamam bo giñ
You have a beautiful home	Ame genn kër gu rafet	Nu Njega mbin mossu
Can you help me wash my clothes?	Dimbalima ma foot samay yëre	Dimle am um dap tik'korikes

<i>n. safara</i>	fire
<i>v. teeru</i>	To welcome
<i>v. jënd</i>	To buy
<i>v. bëgg</i>	to love
<i>v. dem</i>	to go
<i>n. mbëggeel</i>	love
<i>v. woo</i>	to call
<i>v. seetaan</i>	to watch
<i>v. fas, takk</i>	to tie
<i>v. xaar</i>	to wait
<i>prep. ak</i>	and
<i>n. roppëlaan</i>	airplane
<i>v. am</i>	to have
<i>n. yaakaar</i>	hope
<i>v. sangu</i>	to shower
<i>adj. suuf</i>	sand
<i>adj. rafet</i>	beautiful
<i>adv. bare</i>	many
<i>n. taar</i>	beauty
<i>n. caaxaan</i>	to joke
<i>v. naan</i>	to drink
<i>adj. baax</i>	good
<i>n. tangal</i>	candy
<i>n. coow</i>	noise
<i>v. lakk</i>	to burn
<i>v. waxtaan</i>	to discuss
<i>n. tangaay</i>	tangoor
<i>n. ndox</i>	water
<i>v. baal</i>	to excuse
<i>v. deglu</i>	to listen
<i>v. bind</i>	to write
<i>v. defar</i>	to make
<i>v. soon</i>	to be tire
<i>adj. yomb</i>	eazy
<i>v. xiif</i>	to be hungry
<i>v. def</i>	to do
<i>v. solu</i>	to dress up
<i>n. aada</i>	custom
<i>n. gan</i>	guess
<i>adj. toy</i>	wet
<i>n. et adj. ñaaw</i>	ugly

<i>n. neeg</i>	room
<i>n. woy</i>	song
<i>v. woy</i>	to sing
<i>v. rëbb</i>	to hunt
<i>n. dall</i>	shoes
<i>tann</i>	to choose
<i>n. assamaan</i>	the sky
<i>adj. leer</i>	light
<i>n. caabi</i>	key
<i>n. xol</i>	heart
<i>adv. ñaata</i>	how much/ how many
<i>v. degg</i>	to hear
<i>v. xam</i>	to know
<i>beg</i>	happy
<i>n. yaram</i>	body
<i>v. daw</i>	to run
<i>adj. gatt</i>	short
<i>v. gëm</i>	to believe
<i>n. waañ</i>	kitchen
<i>v. togg</i>	to cook
<i>v. xalaat</i>	to think
<i>n. soxna</i>	lady
<i>v. fecc</i>	to dance
<i>v. door</i>	to begin
<i>adv. biti</i>	outside
<i>n. v. ndekki</i>	breakfast
<i>v. laaj</i>	to ask
<i>n. adv. xaaj</i>	half
<i>adv. ginnaaw</i>	behind
<i>v. simmeeku</i>	to undress
<i>v. bëgg</i>	to love / to like
<i>adv. jafe</i>	difficult
<i>v. reesal</i>	to digest
<i>v. wax</i>	to say
<i>v. jox</i>	to give
<i>v. nelaw</i>	to sleep
<i>v. jeem</i>	to try
<i>v. ub</i>	to close
<i>v. tisooli</i>	to sneeze
<i>n. xew</i>	party