

## Let's Learn Lingala

The main local language of western Congo is Lingala [leen-GAH-lah]. Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *eh* as in better; *ee* as bee; *ih* as in him; *oh* as in boat; *oo* as in boot.

Good morning	Mbote	mm'BOH-teh
Hello	Mbote	
Happy Sabbath	Sabata malam	sah-BAH-tah mah-LAH-moo
Thank you	Matondo mingi	mah-TOHN-doh meen-gee
Welcome	Boyeyi malam	boh-YAY-yee mah-LAH-moo
Goodbye	Bokende malam	BOH-kehn-deh mah-LAH-moo

## Counting

one	Moko	MOH-koh
two	Mibale	MEE-bah-leh
three	Misatu	MEE-sah-too
four	Mineyi	MIHN-eh-yee
five	Mitanu	MEE-tah-noo
six	Motoba	moh-TOH-bah
seven	Sambo	SAHM-boh
eight	Mwambe	MWAHM-beh
nine	Libwa	Lee-BWAH
ten	Zomi	ZOH-mee

## Days of the Week

Sunday	Mokolo ya lomingo	moh-KOH-loh yah loh-MEEN-goh
Monday	Mokolo ya poso moko (literally, "day one")	moh-KOH-loh yah MOH-koh
Tuesday	Mokolo ya poso mibale (literally, "day two")	moh-KOH-loh yah MEE-bah-leh
Wednesday	Mokolo ya misatu	moh-KOH-loh yah MEE-sah-too
Thursday	Mokolo ya mineye	moh-KOH-loh yah MIHN-eh-yee
Friday	Mokolo ya mitanu	moh-KOH-loh yah MEE-tah-noo
Saturday	Mokolo ya poso (literally, "day of the week")	moh-KOH-loh yah POH-soh
Sabbath	Sabata	sah-BAH-tah

## God Is So Good

N'zahn-beh mah lah moo  
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Mah lah moo poh-nahn gah