

## Introductions & Greetings #1

Objective: In this lesson you will learn how to introduce yourself and say some basic greetings in Mandinka.

### Vocabulary:

Name - <b>tó</b>	Morning - <b>somundá</b>
Last name - <b>kontoŋo</b>	Breakfast - <b>dásamo</b>
Peace - <b>kayira / héra</b>	Thank you - <b>a'baraka</b> (literally: <i>bless it</i> )
Only - <b>doroŋ</b>	Hunger - <b>konko</b>
How - <b>ñádi</b> (sometimes shortened to <i>di</i> in greetings)	Are you hungry? - <b>konko be-ila?</b> ( <i>do you have hunger?</i> )
Here - <b>jaŋ</b>	Dude, man (casual / joking) - <b>wai</b>
Time - <b>wáto / wáti</b>	Until - <b>fo</b>
Another, one, some - <b>do</b>	Later / forward - <b>ñáto</b>

### Verbs:

To give (something) - Ka (a') <b>dí</b> (transitive)	To be good - Ka <b>beteyá</b> (intransitive)
To eat (something) - Ka (a') <b>domo</b> (transitive)	To come - Ka <b>ná</b> (intransitive)
To breakfast - Ka <b>dásamo</b> (intransitive)	To go - Ka <b>tá</b> (intransitive)

### Grammar:

Question Marker - ...**duŋ?**

Location Marker - **to**

Emphasis Marker - **le**

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### Perfect Aspect

To Be (perfect) - **mu... ti** (unchangeable; physical characteristics, who / what something is)

Past / Present Description Tense (for Intransitive Verbs) : [subject] + [verb]+ **-TA**

Past / Present Description Tense (for Transitive Verbs) : **Na** (1P) + [obj.] + [verb]

### Imperfect Aspect

To Be (imperfect) - **be** (changeable; locations, temporary conditions, where / how something is)

Present / Future Tense : [subject] + **BE...** + [obj. if verb is transitive] + [verb]+ **-LA**

Subject Pronouns	Object Pronouns
<b>N / M</b> - I (1st Person Singular, 1PS)	<b>Nte</b> - Me (1PS)
<b>I</b> - You (2nd Person Singular, 2PS)	<b>Ite</b> - You (2PS)
<b>A</b> - She/He/It (3rd Person Singular, 3PS)	<b>Ate</b> - Her/Him/It (3PS)

## Conversation

A: Salaam malekum!

Peace be upon you! (Hello)

B: Malekum salaam!

And upon you, peace! (Hello)

A: **I tó dun?** (or *I tó n dí*)

**What's your name?** (or *Give me your name*)

B: **N tó mu** \_\_\_\_\_ le ti. Ite dun?

My name **is** \_\_\_\_\_. And you?

A: N tó **mu** Yankuba le ti. **I kontonjo** dun? My name **is** Yankuba. And **your last name?**

B: **N kontonjo** mu \_\_\_\_\_ le ti. Ite dun? **My last name** is \_\_\_\_\_. And you?

A: Nte, n kontonjo mu Barro le ti.

Me, my last name is Barro.

B: Ok Barro. **I be héra** (or *kayira*) **to?**

Ok Barro. **Are** you **at** peace?

A: Há, kayira doron! **I be ñádi** le?

Yes, peace only, **How** **are** you?

B: **M be jan** doron!

I **am** here only! (I'm fine)

A: **A beteyaata le**. Somundaa **be di?** (It) **is good**. **How** **is** the morning?

B: Somundaa be jan! The morning is here! (The morning is fine)

A: Konko be-ila? **Ná dásamo!**

Are you hungry? **Come** breakfast!

B: A baraka. **Na-a domo** le.

Thank you, [but] I [already] **ate**.

A: **Ná-a domo** wai!

Come eat **(it)** man! (joking)

B: A baraka! Waati do! **M be taala**.

Thank you! Next time! I **am going**.

A: Inshallah, **fo ñaato!**

If God wills it, until later!

B: Fo ñáto!

Until later!