

Shona greetings, phrases & etiquette

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Mangwanani	Good morning
Masikati	Good afternoon
Manheru	Good evening
Mhoroi	Hello (to more than 1 person or to indicate respect)
Ndinonzi _____.	My name is _____.
Munonzi ani?	What is your name?
Makadini?	How are you?
Ndiripo. Makadiniwo?	I am fine. How are you?
Mhuri yakadini?	How is the family?
Marara sei?	How did you sleep?
Maswera sei?	How did you spend the day?
Ndaswera zvakanaka.	I spent the day well.
Muve nezuva rakanaka.	Have a nice day.
Ndafara kukuzivai	It is nice to know you.
Tichaonana zvakare.	We will see each other again.
Tinobonga, Tinotenda, Mwashuma.	Thank you.
Muchitendei.	You are welcome.
Chisarai zvakanaka.	Goodbye.
Tichoanana mangwana.	See you tomorrow.
Mwari ave nemi.	God be with you.
Hambai Nerugare.	Go in peace.

From email correspondence with people in Zimbabwe:

Andiwa (or Mudikani)	Dear
Ndini (or Ndini wenyu)	Yours
Mwashuma maningi	Thank you very much!
Ndinotenda maningi	Thank you very much!
Kuno tinotamba	Here we are very fine.
Mwari vakukomboereyi	God bless you
Phedo nekure pasina musharo.	May God bless and keep you safe.