Part 1

Waan ku salaamay 1

READERS

SOMALI FOR BEGINNERS

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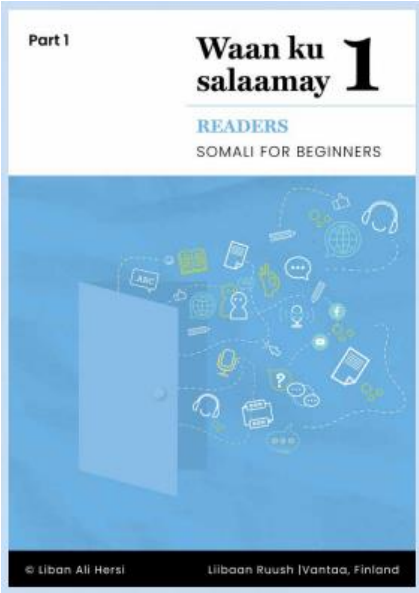

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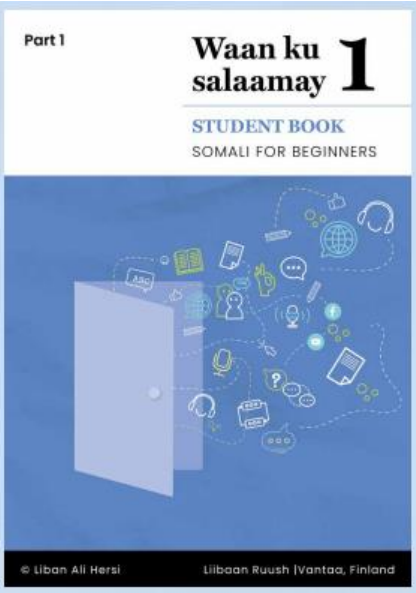

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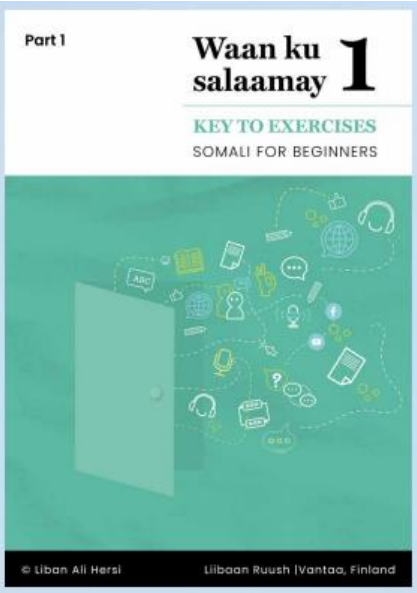

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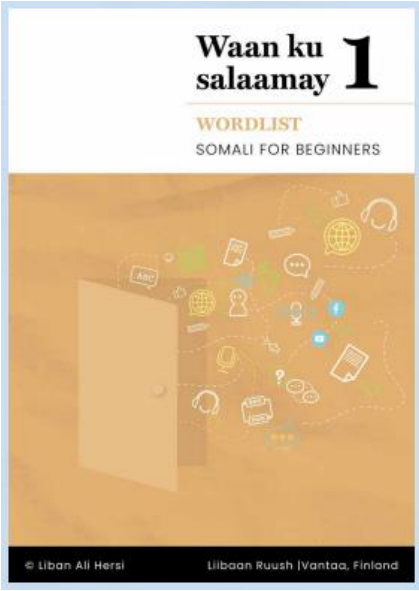

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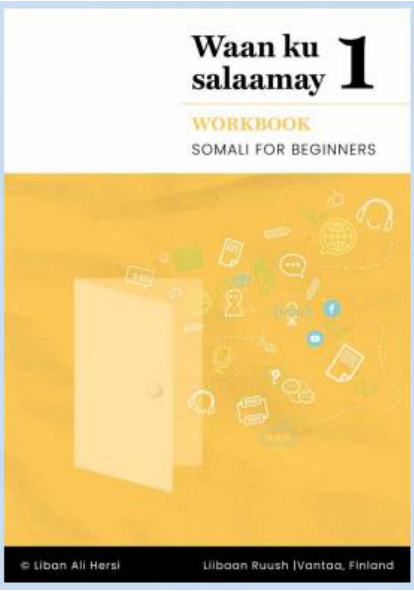

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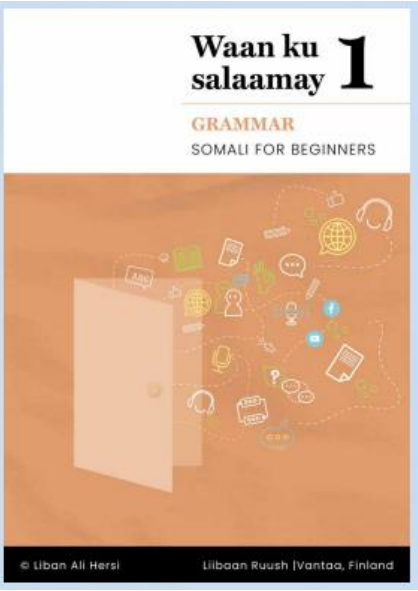

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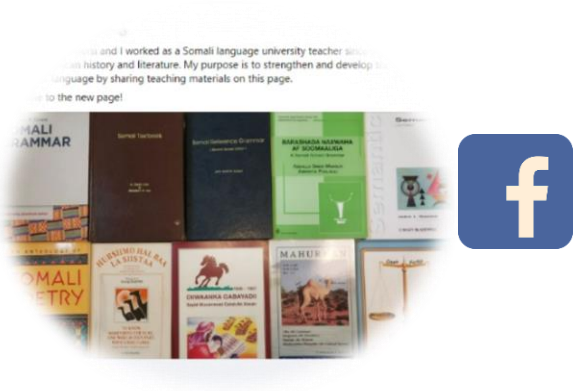

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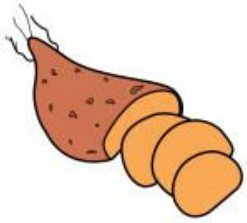
ALPHABET

1 **Listen and repeat.**

Bb ba’

bas *bus*	la**b**a *two*	da**b** *fire*

Tt ta’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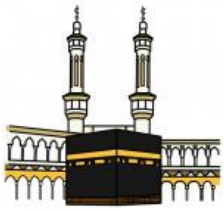
Jj ja’

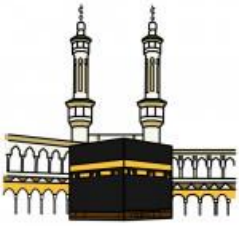
		
jid *road*	ba**j**aa**j** *autorickshaw*	xa**j** *pilgrimage to Mecca*

a

2 **Look at the pictures and write the missing letters.**

1	2	3
da_	_imir	ba_aa_

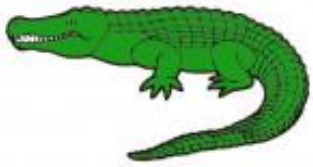
4	5	6
ba_aa_i macaan	la_a	_id

7	8	9
		
xa_	_as	_usbax

ALPHABET

1 **Listen and repeat.**

Xx xa’

		
xanjo buufis *bubble gum*	ya**x**aas *crocodile*	badmaa**x** *sailor*

Khkh kha’

khad *ink*	dha**kh**tar *doctor*	shee**kh** *sheikh (learned man of religion)*

Dd da’

dalla**d** *umbrella*	khu**d**aar *vegetables*	ba**d** *sea*

b

2 **Look at the pictures and write the missing letters.**

1	2	3
_a_	dha___tar	_an_o_uufis

4	5	6
ba_maa_	shee___	ya_aas

7	8	9
___ad	___u_aar	_alla_

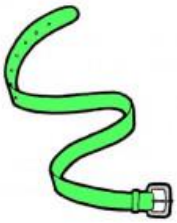
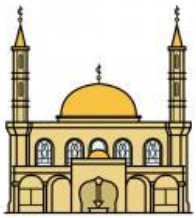
ALPHABET

1 **Listen and repeat.**

Rr ra’

rah *frog*	fu**r**e *key*	bu**r** *flour*

Ss sa’

		
suun *belt*	ma**s**aajid *mosque*	ma**s** *snake*

Shsh sha’

shaah *tea*	ca**sh**o *dinner*	**sh**aambo *shampoo*

c

2 **Look at the pictures and write the missing letters.**

1	2	3
ma_	ma_aa_i_	_uun

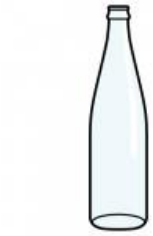
4	5	6
_u_	fu_e	_ah

7	8	9
ca___o	___aah	___aam_o

ALPHABET

1 **Listen and repeat.**

Dhdh dha’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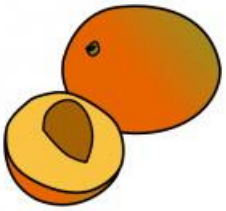
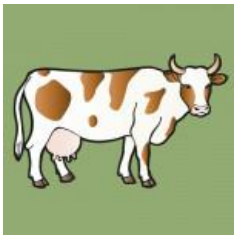
Cc ca’

		
cambe *mango*	saa**c**ad *clock*	sa**c** *cow*

Gg ga’

goonno *skirt*	ma**g**aalo *city*	muusi**g** *music*

d

2 **Look at the pictures and write the missing letters.**

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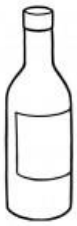
sa_	saa_a_	_am_e

4	5	6
_uu_i_	ma_aalo	_oonno

7	8	9
		
__lo	__u__un	__a_

ALPHABET

1 **Listen and repeat.**

Ff fa’

far *finger*	a**f**ar *four*	a**f** *mouth*

Qq qa’

qalin *pen*	da**q**ii**q**ad *minute*	suu**q** *market*

Kk ka’

kirli *teapot*	du**k**aan *shop*	**k**alluun *fish*

e

2 **Look at the pictures and write the missing letters.**

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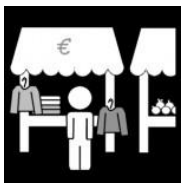
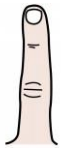
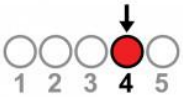
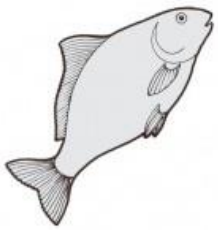
		
suu_	_u_aan	_a_

4	5	6
		
_i_li	_a_ii_ _d	a_a

7	8	9
		
a_	_lin	_alluun

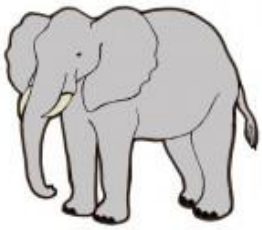
ALPHABET

1 **Listen and repeat.**

Ll la’

lug *foot*	ca**l**an *flag*	baa**l** *wing*

Mm ma’

		
mindi *knife*	**m**aa**m**ule *manager*	**m**aroodi *elephant*

Nn na’

nabar *wound*	caa**n**o *milk*	dhaba**n** *cheek*

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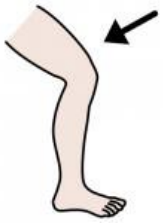
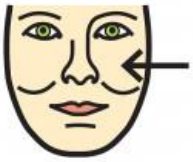
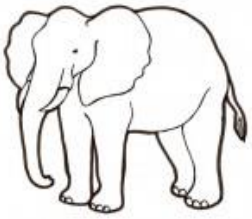
		
_aa_ule	_a_ar	_u_

4	5	6
		
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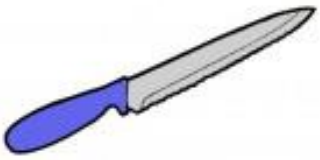
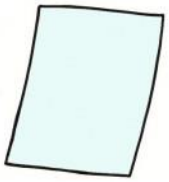
7	8	9
		
_aa_	_in_i	_ala_

ALPHABET

1 **Listen and repeat.**

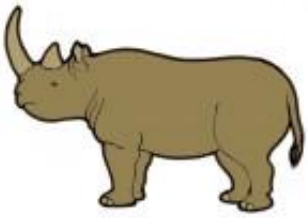
Ww wa’

		
wiifo**w** *swing*	da**w**aco *fox*	**w**arqad *paper*

Hh ha’

hoos *shadow*	bo**h**ol *gorge*	daa**h** *curtain*

Yy ya’

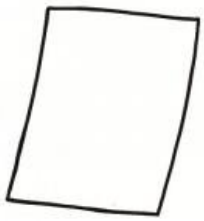
		
yaanbo *hoe*	wi**y**il *rhinoceros*	**y**aan**y**o *tomato*

g

2 **Look at the pictures and write the missing letters.**

1	2	3
_aa_	_oo_	_aan_o

4	5	6
wi_i_	_a_aco	_aan_o

7	8	9
		
_o_ol	_iifo_	_ar_ad

VOWELS

	SHORT VOWELS		LONG VOWELS	
a	**afaf**	*languages*	**afaaf**	*doorway*
	cad	*white*	**caad**	*cloud*
e	**edeb**	*good manners*	**eed**	*accusation*
	bed	*safety*	**been**	*lie*
i	**in**	*amount (of)*	**iin**	*damage, defect*
	tin	*hair (single)*	**tiin**	*cactus plant*
o	**onkod**	*thunder*	**oon**	*thirst*
	gol	*river bank*	**gool**	*lioness*
u	**ur**	*smell*	**uur**	*pregnancy*
	bur	*flour*	**buur**	*mountain*

CONSONANTS

	SINGLE CONSONANTS		GEMINATE CONSONANTS	
b	**gabal**	*portion*	**gabbal**	*daylight*
d	**shido**	*ignite for yourself*	**shiddo**	*nuisance*
g				
l				
m	**damiin**	*slow learner*	**dammiin**	*bail bond*
n				
r	**caro**	*anger*	**carro**	*dirt, soil*

DIPHTHONGS

ay	**aygarad**	*perceptive*	**oday**	*old man*
aw	**awliyo**	*saints*	**caws**	*grass*
ey	**eyni**	*type, kind*	**deyn**	*debt*
oy	**hoy**	*home*	**qoys**	*family*
ow	**bowd**	*fence, corral*	**gows**	*back tooth*

PRONUNCIATION EXERCISES

Numbers

0	eber	14	afar iyo toban / toban iyo afar
1	kow	15	shan iyo toban / toban iyo shan
2	laba	16	lix iyo toban / toban iyo lix
3	saddex	17	toddoba iyo toban / toban iyo toddoba
4	afar	18	siddeed iyo toban / toban iyo siddeed
5	shan	19	sagaal iyo toban / toban iyo sagaal
6	lix	20	labaatan
7	toddoba	21	kow iyo labaatan / labaatan iyo kow
8	siddeed	22	laba iyo labaatan / labaatan iyo laba
9	sagaal	23	saddex iyo labaatan / labaatan iyo saddex
10	toban	24	afar iyo labaatan / labaatan iyo afar
11	kow iyo toban / toban iyo kow	25	shan iyo labaatan / labaatan iyo shan
12	laba iyo toban / toban iyo laba	26	lix iyo labaatan / labaatan iyo lix
13	saddex iyo toban / toban iyo saddex	27	toddoba iyo labaatan / labaatan iyo toddoba *etc.*

30	soddon	70	toddobaatan
40	afartan	80	siddeetan
50	konton	90	sagaashan
60	lixdan	100	boqol

101	boqol iyo kow	104	boqol iyo afar
102	boqol iyo laba	105	boqol iyo shan
103	boqol iyo saddex	106	boqol iyo lix *etc.*

200	laba boqol	600	lix boqol
300	saddex boqol	700	toddoba boqol
400	afar boqol	800	siddeed boqol
500	shan boqol	900	sagaal boqol

1000	kun	100 000	boqol kun
2000	laba kun	1 000 000	malyan, malyuun

712
toddoba boqol iyo laba iyo toban /
toddoba boqol laba iyo toban

1890
kun iyo siddeed boqol iyo sagaashan /
kun siddeed boqol iyo sagaashan

2451
laba kun iyo afar boqol iyo kow iyo konton /
laba kun afar boqol kow iyo konton

Words

haa	*yes*	**hadda, imminka**	*now*
maya	*no*	**isla hadda**	*immediately*
laga yaabe	*perhaps, maybe*	**mar walba**	*always*
halkan	*here*	**maxay?**	*what?*
halkaas	*there, over there*	**kuma?**	*who?*
guriga	*at home*	**xaggee? halkee?**	*where?*
		sabab?	*why?*
yar	*little*	**goorma?**	*when*
badan	*much, a lot*	**sidee?**	*how?*
aad u yar	*very small*		
		shalay	*yesterday*
waxba	*nothing*	**maanta**	*today*
qofna	*no one, nobody*	**berri**	*tomorrow*
meelna	*nowhere*		
marna	*never*	**wanaagsan**	*good*
		xun	*bad*
qurxoon	*pretty, beautiful*	**yar**	*small*
foolxun	*ugly*	**weyn**	*big*
		duug, duq	*old*
kan	*this*	**cusub**	*new*
kaas	*that*		

Loanwords

BORROWED FROM ARABIC			
aalad	*apparatus*	**albaab**	*door*
calan	*flag*	**ciid**	*eid, holiday*
cilmi	*knowledge, science*	**digaag**	*chicken*
jaamacad	*university*	**jawaab**	*answer*

BORROWED FROM ENGLISH			
boorash	*porridge*	**bas**	*bus*
furuut	*fruit*	**keeg**	*cake*
koob	*cup*	**wiig**	*week*

BORROWED FROM ITALIAN			
banooni	*ball*	**boorso**	*purse*
buundo	*bridge*	**jallaato**	*ice cream*
jeermi	*germ*	**shaneemo**	*movie theater*
shukumaan	*towel*		

Personal names (f.)

Aamina / Aamino	*Amina*	**Kheyrto**	*Kheirto*
Ayaan	*Ayan*	**Nadiifa / Nadiifo**	*Nadifa*
Caaliya	*Alia*	**Nafiso**	*Nafiso*
Caasha	*Asha*	**Ruqiya / Ruqiyo**	*Ruqia*
Faaduma/Faadumo	*Faduma*	**Raxiima**	*Rahima*
Filsan	*Filsan*	**Sahra / Sahro**	*Sahra*
Habboon	*Habon*	**Saynab**	*Sainab*
Hibo	*Hibo*	**Shamso**	*Shamso*
Ilhaan	*Ilhan*	**Shukri**	*Shukri*
Ismahaan	*Ismahan*	**Yaasmiin**	*Yasmin*
Khadiija / Khadiijo	*Khadija*	**Yusur**	*Yusur*

Personal names (m.)

Aadan	*Aden*	**Muuse**	*Musse*
Axmed	*Ahmed*	**Siciid**	*Saed*
Cabdi	*Abdi*	**Saalax**	*Salah*
Cali	*Ali*	**Shariif**	*Sharif*
Daahir	*Dahir*	**Sheekh**	*Sheik*
Daa'uud	*Daud*	**Warmooge**	*Warmoge*
Faarah	*Farah*	**Warsame**	*Warsame*

Farxaan	*Farhan*	**Xasan**	*Hassan*
Gallad	*Gallad*	**Xuseen**	*Hussein*
Guuleed	*Guled*	**Yaasiin**	*Yassin*
Maxamed	*Mohammed*	**Yuusuf**	*Yussuf*

Days of the week

isniin	*Monday*	**isniinta**	*on Monday*
talaada / talaado	*Tuesday*	**talaadada**	*on Tuesday*
arbaca / arbaco	*Wednesday*	**arbacada**	*on Wednesday*
khamiis	*Thursday*	**khamiista**	*on Thursday*
jimce	*Friday*	**jimcaha**	*on Friday*
sabti	*Saturday*	**sabtida / sabtiga**	*on Saturday*
axad	*Sunday*	**axadda**	*on Sunday*

Months

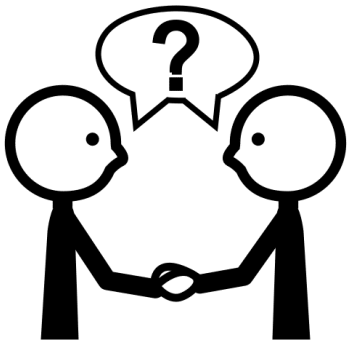
bisha koowaad	*January*	**bisha toddobaad**	*July*
bisha labaad	*February*	**bisha siddeedaad**	*August*
bisha saddexaad	*March*	**bisha sagaalaad**	*September*
bisha afaraad	*April*	**bisha tobanaad**	*October*
bisha shanaad	*May*	**bisha kow iyo tobanaad**	*November*
bisha lixaad	*June*	**bisha laba iyo tobanaad**	*December*

Seasons of the year

gu'	*spring*	**guga**	*in spring*
xagaa	*summer*	**xagaaga**	*in summer*
dayr	*autumn*	**dayrta**	*in autumn*
jiilaal	*winter*	**jiilaalka**	*in winter*

Greetings and other phrases

Subax wanaagsan	Maalin wanaagsan
Fiid wanaagsan	Habeen wanaagsan
Waan ku salaamay!	Soo dhowow!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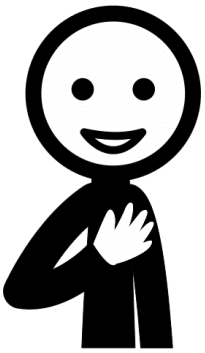
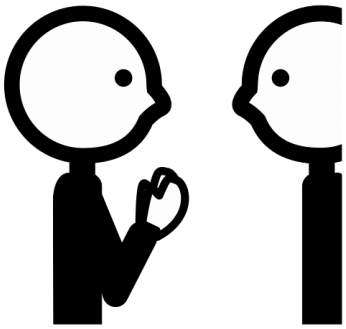
Nabadgelyo!	
	
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	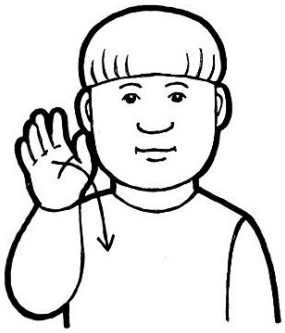
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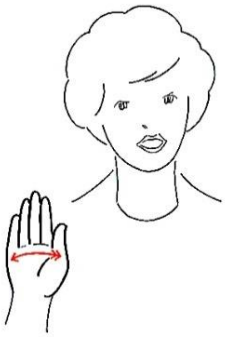	
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01 Nice to meet you!

1.1 SOME BASIC GREETINGS AND EXPRESSIONS

Ma nabad baa? Haa, waa nabad.	Sidee la yahay? Waa la fiicanyahay.
Ma la ladanyahay? Waa la ladanyahay.	Iska warran? Waan fiicanahay.
Maxaad sheegtay? Nabad baan sheegay.	Warkaaga keen? Waan fiicanahay.
Sidee tahay? Waan fiicanahay.	Maxaad haysaa? Wax khaas ah ma hayo.

All the above question-answer pairs in one way or another mean *How are you? I'm fine.*

Europeanized greetings

Subax wanaagsan.	*Good morning.*
Maalin wanaagsan.	*Good day.*
Galab wanaagsan.	*Good afternoon.*
Fiid wanaagsan.	*Good (early) evening.*
Habeen wanaagsan.	*Good night.*

Use the attached glossary if needed.

Traditional morning greetings

Nabad ma ku baridey?	*Have you had a peaceful night?* [singular]
Nabad ma ku barideen?	*Have you had a peaceful night?* [plural = addressed to group]
Waa nabad.	*Yes.*

Traditional nighttime greetings

Nabad ku bari!	*Be in peace for the night!* [singular]
Nabad ku barya!	*Be in peace for the night!* [plural]

Annual greetings

Ciid wanaagsan.	*Happy Eid.*
Dhalasho wanaagsan.	*Happy birthday.*
Kirismas wanaagsan.	*Happy Christmas.*
Sannad wanaagsan.	*Happy New Year.*

1.2 **USEFUL PHRASES** LISTEN, REPEAT AND MEMORIZE

Waa inoo berri.	*See you tomorrow.*
Soo dhowow.	*You're welcome.*
Dhib ma laha.	*No problem.*
Mahadsanid.	*Thank you.*
Iga raalli noqo.	*Excuse me.*
Kaalay!	*Come! Come here!*

1.3 LISTEN AND READ THE DIALOGUES A–C

A

SAHRA: Waan ku salaamay, magacaygu waa Sahra.

AMAAL: Waan ku salaamay, Magacaygu waa Amaal. Barasho wanaagsan.

SAHRA: Barasho wanaagsan.

Waan ku salaamay	*Hi* (lit. *I salute you*)
magacaygu waa ...	*my name is ...*
Barasho wanaagsan	*Nice to meet you*

B.

MAXAMED: Waan ku salaamay, Muuse. Ma nabad baa?

MUUSE: Waa nabad. Iska warran?

MAXAMED: Waan fiicanahay. Adiguna?

MUUSE: Waan fiicanahay.

Ma nabad baa?	*How are you?*
Waa nabad	*I'm fine.*
Iska warran?	*How are you?*
Waan fiicanahay	*I'm fine*
Adiguna?	*And you?*
Waan fiicanahay	*I'm fine*

C.

HOOYO: Nabadgalyo, Cabdi.

CABDI: Nabadgalyo, hooyo.

AABBE: Nabaday, Cabdi.

CABDI: Nabaday, aabbe.

Hooyo	*Mother*
Nabadgalyo	*Goodbye, bye*
Nabaday	*Bye, goodbye*
Aabbe	*Father*

1.4

Meet people

Ma nabad baa?

Iska warran?

Maxaad sheegtay?

Respond

Waa nabad.

Waan fiicanahay.

Nabad baan sheegay.

Introduce yourself

Magacaygu waa ...

Barasho wanaagsan!

Respond

Magacaygu waa ...

Barasho wanaagsan!

Say goodbye

Nabadgalyo.

Nabaday.

1.5

– Ma qalin baa?

– Haa, waa qalin

qalin	*pen*
Haa	*yes*

– Ma jaamacad baa?

– Maya, waa iskuul.

jaamacad	*university*
Maya	*no*

– Maanta jimce miyaa?

– Haa, maanta waa jimce.

Maanta	*today*
jimce	*Friday*

– Maanta sabti miyaa?

– Maya, maanta waa isniin.

sabti	*Saturday*
isniin	*Monday*

– Ma albaab baa?

– Haa, waa albaab.

albaab	*door*

– Albaab miyaa?

– Maya, waa dariishad.

dariishad	*window*

– Ma noorweejiyaan baa?

– Maya, waa soomaali.

noorweejiyaan	*Norwegian*
soomaali	*Somali*

– Muqdisho miyaa?

– Maya, waa Helsinki.

Muqdisho	*Mogadishu*
Helsinki	*Helsinki*

1.6 SOMALI FORMS OF ADDRESS

LISTEN, REPEAT AND MEMORIZE

Wax walba waa okey.	*Everything is okay.*
Waan ku faraxsanahay inaan ku arko.	*I'm glad to see you.*
Sidoo kale, waan ku faraxsanahay inaan ku arko.	*I'm glad to see you too.*
Sidoo kale	*Also, too*
Caweysin wanaagsan	*Good evening*
Caweysin	*Evening*
Wax walba way wanaagsanyihiin.	*Everything is well.*
Wax walba	*Everything*
Waa inoo berri.	*See you tomorrow.*
Ma soo gali karaa?	*Can I come in?*
dabcan	*certainly*
Adigaa mudan.	*You're welcome.* (lit. *You deserve it.*)
Iga raalli noqo	*Excuse me*
qolka in yar ma ka bixi karaa?	*may I leave the room for a moment?*
qolka	*the room*
in yar	*for a moment* (lit. *a while, a bit*)
ma ka bixi karaa?	*may I leave?*
kombiyuutarkaaga ma isticmaali karaa?	*may I use your computer?*
kombiyuutarkaaga	*your computer*
ma isticmaali karaa?	*may I use?*
Iga raalli noqo.	*Excuse me.*
Dhib ma laha.	*No problem.*

1.7 DIALOGUES

1	
Waan ku salaamay, Siciid!	*Hello, Said!*
Waan ku salaamay, Bishaaro!	*Hello, Bisharo!*
Iska warran?	*How are you?*
Waan wanaagsanahay, mahadsanid. Adiguna iska warran?	*Good, thanks. And how are you?*
Aniguna waan wanaagsanahay.	*I'm good too.*
Nabadgalyo!	*Goodbye!*
Nabadgalyo!	*Goodbye!*
2	
Waan ku salaamay, Bilaal!	*Hi, Bilal!*
Waan ku salaamay, Daa'uud!	*Hi, Daud!*
Maxaad sheegtay?	*How are you?*
Nabad baan sheegay. Adiguna?	*Fine. And you?*
Wax walba waa okey.	*Everything is okay.*
Nabaday!	*Bye!*
Nabaday!	*Bye!*
3	
Galab wanaagsan, Leyla!	*Good afternoon, Leila!*
Galab wanaagsan, Luul! Waan ku faraxsanahay inaan ku arko.	*Good afternoon, Luul! I'm glad to see you.*
Sidoo kale, waan ku faraxsanahay inaan ku arko.	*I'm glad to see you too.*
Sidee tahay?	*How are you?*
Waan fiicanahay, mahadsanid. Adiguna?	*Good, thanks. And you?*
Waan ladanahay.	*Good.*

Nabaday!	*Bye!*
Nabaday!	*Bye!*
4	
Caweysin wanaagsan, Filsan!	*Good evening, Filsan!*
Caweysin wanaagsan, Faaduma!	*Good evening, Faduma!*
Waan ku faraxsanahay inaan ku arko.	*I'm glad to see you.*
Sidoo kale, waan ku faraxsanahay inaan ku arko.	*I'm glad to see you too.*
Ma nabad baa?	*How are you?*
Waa nabad, mahadsanid, adiguna?	*Very well, thanks. And you?*
Wax walba way wanaagsanyihiin, mahadsanid.	*Everything is well, thanks.*
5	
Subax wanaagsan, Ismaaciil!	*Good morning, Ismail!*
Subax wanaagsan, Guuleed!	*Good morning, Guled!*
Ismaaciilow, maxaad sheegtay?	*How are you doing, Ismail?*
Nabad baan sheegay, mahadsanid. Adiguna?	*Fine, thanks. And you?*
Sidoo kale, nabad baan sheegay.	*Also fine.*
Nabadgalyo.	*Goodbye.*
Waa inoo berri.	*See you tomorrow.*
6	
Galab wanaagsan, Yuusuf!	*Good afternoon, Yusuf!*
Galab wanaagsan, Cabdiraxmaan! Waan ku faraxsanahay inaan ku arko.	*Good afternoon, Abdirahman! I'm glad to see you.*

Mahadsanid. Sidoo kale, waan ku faraxsanahay inaan ku arko. Yusufow, sidee la yahay?	*Thanks. I'm glad to see you too. How are you, Yusuf?*
Waa la fiicanyahay, mahadsanid. Adiguna?	*Good, thanks. And you?*
Waa la fiicanyahay.	*Good.*
Nabadgalyo.	*Goodbye.*
Waa inoo berri.	*See you tomorrow.*
7	
Waan ku salaamay, Safiya. Ma soo gali karaa?	*Hello, Safia. Can I come in?*
Haa, dabcan.	*Yes, certainly.*
Mahadsanid.	*Thank you.*
Adigaa mudan.	*You're welcome.*
8	
Iga raalli noqo, qolka in yar ma ka bixi karaa?	*Excuse me, may I leave the room for a moment?*
Haa, dabcan.	*Yes, certainly.*
9	
Iga raalli noqo, kombiyuutarkaaga ma isticmaali karaa?	*Excuse me, may I use your computer?*
Haa, dabcan	*Yes, certainly.*
Mahadsanid	*Thank you.*
Adigaa mudan.	*You're welcome.*
10	
Iga raalli noqo.	*Excuse me.*
Dhib ma laha.	*No problem.*

02 Countries and Nationalities

2.1

Waddan	*Country*	**Jinsiyad**	*Nationality*
Koonfur Afrika	*South Africa*	**koonfur afrikaan**	*South African*
Nayjeeriya	*Nigeria*	**nayjeeriyaan**	*Nigerian*
Senegaal	*Senegal*	**senegaalays**	*Senegalese*
Marooko	*Morocco*	**marookaan**	*Moroccan*
Tuniisiya	*Tunisia*	**tuniisiyaan**	*Tunisia*

Magaalo	*Town / City*	**Qof ama dad**	*Person or people*
Muqdisho	*Mogadishu*	**reer Muqdisho**	*from Mogadishu*
Xamar	*Hamar*	**reer Xamar**	*from Hamar*
Nayroobi	*Nairobi*	**reer Nayroobi**	*from Nairobi*
Addis Ababa	*Addis Ababa*	**reer Addis Ababa**	*from Addis Ababa*
Jabbuuti	*Djibouti*	**reer Jabbuuti**	*from Djibouti*

Ameerikada Woqooyi	
Ameerikada Koonfureed	
Yurub	
Afrika	
Aasiya	
Awstaraaliya	

Qaarad	*Continent*	**Qof ama dad**	*Person or people*
Afrika	*Africa*	**afrikaan**	*African*
Aasia	*Asia*	**aasiyaan**	*Asian*
Yurub	*Europe*	**yuribiyaan**	*European*

2.2

– Ma reer Ameerikada Woqooyi baa?

– Maya, waa reer Ameerikada Koonfureed.

– Reer Ameerikada Koonfureed miyaa?

– Maya, waa reer Ameerikada Woqooyi.

– Ma afrikaan baa?

– Maya, waa aasiyaan.

– Afrikaan miyaa?

– Haa, waa afrikaan.

– Ma reer Ameerikada Koonfureed baa?

– Maya, waa awstaraaliyaan.

03 Things you have

3.1

D1

saacad (-ta)	*watch, a watch*
saacadda	*the watch*
saacaddan	*this watch*
saacaddaas	*that watch*
saacaddayda	*my watch*

D2

durbaan (-ka)	*drum, a drum*
durbaanka	*the drum*
durbaankan	*this drum*
durbaankaas	*that drum*
durbaankaaga	*your drum* (sg.)

D3

dheri (-ka)	*clay pot, a clay pot*
dheriga	*the clay pot*
dherigan	*this clay pot*
dherigaas	*that clay pot*
dherigiisa	*his clay pot*

D4

buug (-ka)	*book, a book*
buugga	*the book*
buuggan	*this book*
buuggaas	*that book*
buuggeeda	*her book*

3.2

A

AABBE: Shukriyey, kani waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa guri.

AABBE: Kani waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa baabuur.

AABBE: Kani waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa buug.

AABBE: Kani waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa kamarad.

AABBE: Kani waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa telefoon.

Aabbe (/ha)	*father, dad*
kani	*this*
guri (/ga)	*house*
baabuur (-ka)	*car*
buug (/ga)	*book*
kamarad (/da)	*camera*
telefoon (-ka)	*telephone*

B

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AABBE: Shukriyey, taasi waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa dariishad.

AABBE: Kaasi waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa maqas.

AABBE: Kaasi waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa madaxkuti.

AABBE: Kaasi waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa armaajo.

AABBE: Kuwaasi waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa buugag.

AABBE: Kani waa maxay?

SHUKRI: Waa buug sawireed.

taasi	*that (f.)*
dariishad (/da)	*window*
kaasi	*that (m.)*
maqas (-ka)	*scissors*
madaxkuti (/ga)	*bear, teddy bear*
armaajo	*cupboard*
buugag (-ta)	*books*
buug sawireed (-ka)	*picture book*

C

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– Tani waa Leyla.

– Leyla waddankeedu waa Soomaaliya.

– Afkeedu waa soomaali.

– Tani waa Leyla bisaddeeda.

– Bisadda magaceedu waa Miyaw.

waddan (-ka)	*country*
keeda	*her*
waddankeedu	*her country*
af (-ka)	*language*
Afkeedu	*her language*
bisaddeeda	*her cat*
magaceedu	*her name*

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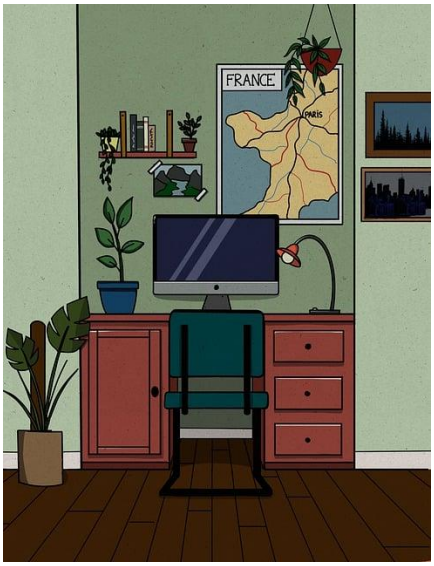
D

– Kani waa Leyla qolkeeda.

– Kaasi waa Leyla kombiyuutarkeeda.

– Kuwaasi waa Leyla buugagteeda.

– Kani waa Leyla kursigeeda.



qolkeeda	*her room*
kombiyuutarkeeda	*her computer*
buugagteeda	*her books*
kursigeeda	*her chair*

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– Kani waa Cumar.

– Cumar waa arday.

– Cumar waa arday wanaagsan.

– Tani waa Cumar macallimaddiisa.

– Kuwaasi waa Cumar saaxiibbadiisa.

arday	*pupil*
wanaagsan	*good*
macallimaddiisa	*his teacher*
saaxiibbadiisa	*his friends*

F * * *

– Kani waa Cumar qolkiisa.

– Taasi waa Cumar sariirtiisa.

– Kaasi waa Cumar ubaxiisa.

– Kuwaasi waa Cumar buugagtiisa.

sariirtiisa	*his bed*
ubaxiisa	*his flower*

04 Family and pets

4.1

D5

eey (/ga)	*dog, a dog*
eeyga	*the dog*
eeygan	*this dog*
eeygaas	*that dog*
eeygeenna	*our dog*

D6

magaalo (/da)	*town, a town*
magaalada	*the town*
magaaladan	*this town*
magaaladaas	*that town*
magaaladiinna	*your town* (pl.)

D7

bare (/ha)	*teacher, a teacher*
baraha	*the teacher*
barahan	*this teacher*
barahaas	*that teacher*
barahooda	*their teacher*

4.2 CAASHA QOYSKEEDA *ASHA'S FAMILY*

Axmed waa wiilkayga.

Caasha waa gabartayda.

Xaliima waa xaaskayga.

wiilkayga	*my son*
gabartayda	*my daughter*
xaaskayga	*my wife*

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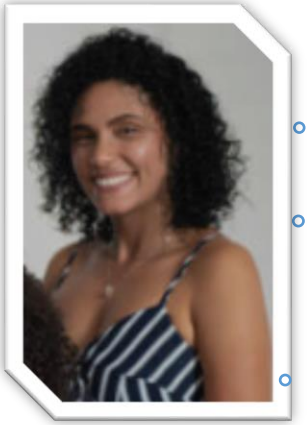

Axmed waa wiilkayga.

Caasha waa gabartayda.

Cali waa ninkayga.

ninkayga	*my husband* (lit. *my man*)

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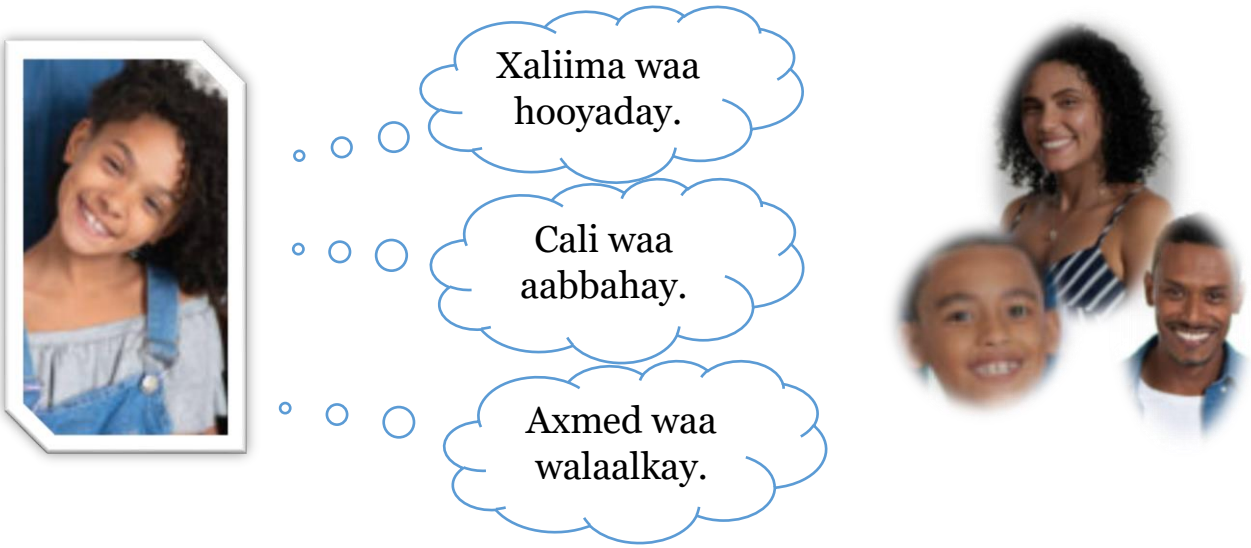

hooyaday	*my mother*
aabbahay	*my father*
walaalkay	*my brother*

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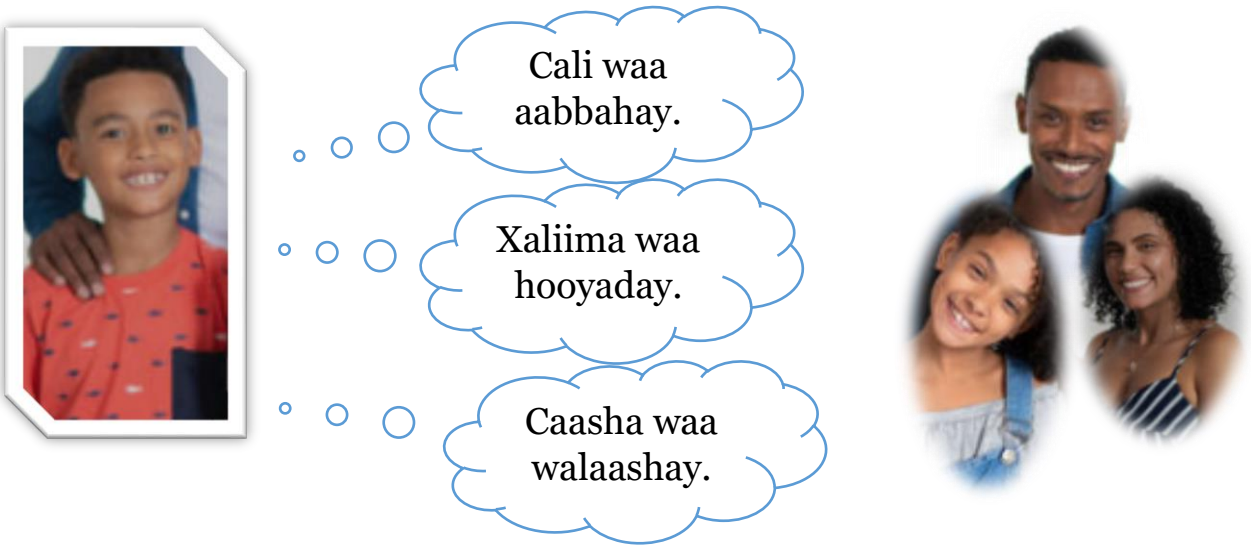

walaashay	*my sister*

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Kani waa wiilkayga.

Kani waa wiilkayga	*This is my son*

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Tani waa gabartayda.

Tani waa gabartayda	*This is my daughter*

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Kuwani waa carruurteenna.

Kuwani waa carruurteenna	*These are our children*

***

Kuwani waa waalidkeenna.

Kuwani waa waalidkeenna	*These are our parents*

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	Kani waa aabbihiis.	Tani waa hooyadiis.	Tani waa walaashiis.

aabbihiis	*his father*
hooyadiis	*his mother*
walaashiis	*his sister*

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	Kani waa aabbaheed.	Tani waa hooyadeed.	Kani waa walaalkeed.

aabbaheed	*her father*
hooyadeed	*her mother*
walaalkeed	*her brother*

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	Kani waa aabbahood.	Tani waa hooyadood.	Kani waa gurigooda.

aabbahood	*their father*
hooyadood	*their mother*
gurigooda	*their house*

4·3

1. Cali xaaskiisa magaceedu waa Xaliima.
2. Cali gabartiisa magaceedu waa Caasha.
3. Cali wiilkiisa magaciisu waa Axmed.

4. Xaliima ninkeeda magaciisu waa Cali.
5. Xaliima gabarteeda magaceedu waa Caasha.
6. Xaliima wiilkeeda magaciisu waa Axmed.

7. Axmed aabbihiis magaciisu waa Cali.
8. Axmed hooyadiis magaceedu waa Xaliima.
9. Axmed walaashiis magaceedu waa Caasha.

10. Caasha aabbaheed magaciisu waa Cali.
11. Caasha hooyadeed magaceedu waa Xaliima.
12. Caasha walaalkeed magaciisu waa Axmed.
13. Caasha qoyskeeda magaciisu waa reer Cali.

4.4

A

– Soomaaliya magaalamadaxdeedu magaceed?

– Soomaaliya magaalamadaxdeedu waa Muqdisho.

magaalamadaxdeedu	*its capital city* (lit. *her capital city*)

B

– Waddankan magaalamadaxdiisu magaceed?

– Waddankan magaalamadaxdiisu waa Muqdisho.

Waddankan	*this country*
magaalamadaxdiisu	*its capital city* (lit. *his capital city*)

C

– Muqdisho jidweynaheeda magaciis?

– Muqdisho jidweynaheeda magaciisu waa Maka al Mukarama.

jidweynaheeda	*its main street* (lit. *her main street*)

D

– Turku ma Finland magaalamadaxdeeda baa?

– Maya, Finland magaalamadaxdeedu waa Helsinki.

Tips

jidweyne (/ha)	*main street, a main street*
jidweynaha	*the main street*
jidweynahan	*this main street*
jidweynaheeda	*its main street* (lit. *her main street*)

4·5

CANAB: Qofkan waa kuma?

CALI: Waa Xasan.

CANAB: Xirfaddiisu waa maxay?

CALI: Isagu waa cuntakariye.

CANAB: Qofkanna waa kuma?

CALI: Waa Xaliima.

CANAB: Xirfaddeedu waa maxay?

CALI: Iyadu waa ganacsato.

CANAB: Waa hagaag, nabadgalyo Cali.

CALI: Nabadgalyo, Canab!

Qofkan waa kuma?	*Who is this person?*
Waa Xasan.	*This is Hassan.*
Xirfaddiisu	*His profession*
Xirfaddiisu waa maxay?	*What is his profession?*
Isagu waa cuntakariye.	*He is a cook.*
-na	*and*
Qofkanna waa kuma?	*And who is this person?*
Xirfaddeedu waa maxay?	*What is her profession?*
Iyadu waa ganacsato.	*She is a businesswoman.*
waa hagaag	*OK*
nabadgalyo	*goodbye*

Tips

xirfad (/da)	*profession*	**cuntakariye** (/ha)	*cook, a cook*
xirfadda	*the profession*	**cuntakariyaha**	*the cook*
xirfaddan	*this profession*	**cuntakariyahan**	*this cook*
xirfaddaas	*that profession*	**cuntakariyahaas**	*that cook*

4.6 INTRODUCTIONS

LISTEN, REPEAT AND MEMORIZE

Adigana?	*And yours?* (lit. *And you?*)
Adiga	*You*
-na	*and*
Anigana sidoo kale.	*Me too.* (lit. *Same with me too.*)
Aan ku baro ...	*Let me introduce you to ...*
Aan idin baro ...	*Let me introduce you to ...* This form is used when referring to more than one person.
ayo?	*who?* [interrogative pronoun]
Waan idin salaamay!	*Hello!* (lit. *I greet you*) This form is used when referring to more than one person.
Macallinkiinna ayaan ahay.	*I am your teacher.*
iyo	*and* (between nouns)
Kaasi waa kuma?	*Who is that?*
Naanaystaydu	*My nickname*
Naanays	*Nickname*

4.7 DIALOGUES

1	
Waan ku salaamay! Magacaygu waa Nasteexo. Adigana?	*Hello! My name is Nasteho. And yours?*
Magacaygu waa Suubban.	*My name is Suubban.*
Barasho wanaagsan.	*Nice to meet you.*
Anigana sidoo kale.	*Me too.*
2	

Galab wanaagsan! Magacaygu waa Guuleed. Adigana?	*Good afternoon! My name is Guled. And yours?*
Magacaygu waa Daa'uud.	*My name is Daud.*
Barasho wanaagsan.	*Nice to meet you.*
Anigana sidoo kale.	*Me too.*
3	
Caliyow, aan ku baro, kani waa saaxiibkay. Magaciisu waa Ciise.	*Ali, let me introduce you, this is my friend. His name is Isse.*
Barasho wanaagsan. Magacaygu waa Cali.	*Nice to meet you. My name is Ali.*
Sidoo kale, barasho wanaagsan.	*Nice to meet you too.*
4	
Aan ku baro, qofkani waa walaashay Shukri.	*Let me introduce you, this is my sister Shukri.*
Barasho wanaagsan. Magacaygu waa Cismaan.	*Nice to meet you.* *My name is Osman.*
Barasho wanaagsan.	*Nice to meet you.*
5	
Cabdullaahiyow, kani ma saaxiibkaa baa?	*Abdullahi, is this your friend?*
Haa, waa saaxiibkay.	*Yes, it's my friend.*
Magaciis?	*What is his name?*
Magaciisu waa Mahad. Qofkani walaashaa miyaa?	*His name is Mahad.* *Is this your sister?*
Maya, tani waa hooyaday. Magaceedu waa Shamso.	*No, this is my mother.* *Her name is Shamso.*
6	
Galab wanaagsan!	*Good afternoon!*

Magacaygu waa Aadan.	*My name is Adan.*
Aadan ayo?	*Adan who?*
Aadan Cabdi.	*Adan Abdi.*
Aadan Cabdi ayo?	*Adan Abdi who?*
Aadan Cabdi Cumar.	*Adan Abdi Omar.*
7	
Waan idin salaamay! Macallinkiinna ayaan ahay. Magacaygu waa Abshir.	*Hello! I am your teacher.* *My name is Abshir.*
Barasho wanaagsan.	*Nice to meet you.*
Magacaa?	*What is your name?*
Magacaygu waa Maryan Muuse.	*My name is Marian Musse.*
Adigana magacaa?	*And what is your name?*
Magacaygu waa Maxamed Cali.	*My name is Mohammed Ali.*
Barasho wanaagsan, Maryan iyo Maxamed.	*Nice to meet you, Marian and Mohammed.*
8	
Kaasi waa kuma?	*Who is that?*
Kaasi waa macallinkeenna.	*That's our teacher.*
Magaciis?	*What's his name?*
Magaciisu waa Abshir.	*His name is Abshir.*
Abshir ayo?	*Abshir who?*
Abshir Maxamuud.	*Abshir Mohamud.*
9	
Subax wanaagsan!	*Good morning!*
Subax wanaagsan!	*Good morning!*
Magacaygu waa Faarax.	*My name is Farah.*
Anigana magacaygu waa Jaamac. Naanaystaydu waa Iley.	*And mine is Jama.* *My nickname is One-eyed.*

Jaamac Iley.	*Jama One-eyed.*
Jaamac Ileyow, barasho wanaagsan.	*Nice to meet you, Jama One-eyed.*
Sidoo kale. Faaraxow, iska warran?	*Me too. Farah, how are you doing?*
Waan fiicanahay, mahadsanid. Adiguna?	*Very well, thank you.* *And you?*
Wax walba way wanaagsanyihiin, mahadsanid.	*Everything is fine,* *thank you.*

05 Using “of” for possessive forms

5.1

D1

saacado (/ha)	*watches*
saacadaha	*the watches*
saacadahan	*these watches*
saacadahaas	*those watches*
saacadahayga	*my watches*

D2

durbaanno (/da)	*drums*
durbaannada	*the drums*
durbaannadan	*these drums*
durbaannadaas	*those drums*
durbaannadaada	*your drums* (sg.)

D3

dheryo (/ha)	*clay pots*
dheryaha	*the clay pots*
dheryahan	*these clay pots*
dheryahaas	*those clay pots*
dheryihiisa	*his clay pots*

D4

buugag (-ta)	*books*
buugagta	*the books*
buugagtan	*these books*
buugagtaas	*those books*
buugagteeda	*her books*

D5

eeyo (/ha)	*dogs*
eeyaha	*the dogs*
eeyahan	*these dogs*
eeyadaas	*those dogs*
eeyaheenna	*our dogs*

D6

magaalooyin (-ka)	*towns, cities*
magaalooyinka	*the towns*
magaalooyinkan	*these towns*
magaalooyinkaas	*those towns*
magaalooyinkiinna	*your towns* (pl.)

D7

barayaal (/sha)	*teachers*
barayaasha	*the teachers*
barayaashan	*these teachers*
barayaashaas	*those teachers*
barayaashooda	*their teachers*

5.2

A

– Magaalamadaxda Soomaaliya magaceed?

– Magaalamadaxda Soomaaliya waa Muqdisho.

Magaalamadax (/da)	*Capital city*
Magaalamadaxda	*The capital city*
Magaalamadaxda Soomaaliya	*The capital city of Somalia*

B

– Magaalamadaxda waddankan magaceed?

– Magaalamadaxda waddankan waa Muqdisho.

Magaalamadaxda waddankan	*The capital city of this country*

C

– Jidweynaha Muqdisho magaciis?

– Jidweynaha Muqdisho magaciisu waa Maka al Mukarama.

Jidweynaha Muqdisho	*The main street of Mogadishu*

D

– Turku ma magaalamadaxda Finland baa?

– Maya, magaalamadaxda Finland waa Helsinki.

5·3

1.

DAA'UUD: Fiiri, kani waa sawirka qoyskayga.

DARMAAN: Naagtaas ma hooyadaa baa?

DAA'UUD: Haa, waa hooyaday. Iyadu waa yeminiyad.

DARMAAN: Runtii? Waa kuma qofkaas? Xaaskaaga miyaa?

DAA'UUD: Maya, waa walaashay. Magaceedu waa Safiya.

DARMAAN: Walaashaa waa gabar qurxoon. Kuwani ma carruurta walaashaa baa?

DAA'UUD: Haa, waa carruurta walaashay.

DARMAAN: Da'doodu waa immisa?

DAA'UUD: Gabarteedu waa afar jir, wiilkeeduna waa toddoba jir.

DARMAAN: Qofkaasna waa kuma? Ma walaashaa ninkeeda baa?

DAA'UUD: Maya.

DARMAAN: Waa kuma?

DAA'UUD: Ma garanayo!

Fiiri	*Look*
sawirka qoyskayga	*the picture of my family*
naagtaas	*that woman*
yemeniyad (f.)	*Yemeni*
Xaaskaaga	*Your wife*
Runtii?	*Really?*
qofkaas	*that person*
qurxoon	*beautiful, pretty*
carruurta walaashaa	*the children of your sister*
Da'	*age*
Da'doodu	*Their age*

waa immisa	*how many, how much*
Da'doodu waa immisa?	*How old are they?*
afar jir	*four years old*
wiilkeeduna	*and her son*
toddoba jir	*seven years old*
Qofkaasna	*And that person*
Waa kuma?	*Who is it?*
Ma garanayo!	*I don't know!*

5.4 QOFKANI WAA KUMA? *WHO IS THIS PERSON?*

In order to avoid possible misunderstandings, it is good that foreign names are written in the same way as in the source languages, which usually means according to the English spelling.

– Qofkani waa kuma? – Waa Benazir Bhutto.	– Qofkani waa kuma? – Waa Mahatma Gandhi
– Qofkani waa kuma? – Waa Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.	– Qofkani waa kuma? – Waa Madonna.

06 Talking about yourself

6.1 REER ISMAACIIL

Ismaaciil 49

Hibo 45

Nimco 23

Jibriil 17

Cabdiraxmaan 14

Amaal 10

Dhagaweyne 2

CULTURAL NOTE

Somali names consist of one's own name followed by that of one's father and one's grandfather. Thus, **Nimco Ismaaciil Xasan** means *Nimo* who is the *daughter of Ismail* and the *granddaughter of Hassan*.

6.2 REERKAYGA AAN IDIN BARO

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU (pl.) *TO MY FAMILY*

NIMCO: Waan idin salaamay! Magacaygu waa Nimco Ismaaciil. 23 sano ayaan jiraa. Waxaan ahay dukaanle. Kani waa dukaankayga. Kani waa reerkayga. Tani waa hooyaday.

HIBO: Waan idin salaamay! Magacaygu waa Hibo Warsame. Waxaan ahay dhakhtar ilko. Kani waa ninkayga.

ISMAACIIL: Waan idin salaamay! Magacaygu waa Ismaaciil Xasan. Anigu 49 sano ayaan jiraa, xaaskayguna 45 sano ayay jirtaa. Waxaan ahay injineer. Kuwani waa wiilasheenna.

JIBRIIL: Waan idin salaamay! Magacaygu waa Jibriil oo 17 sano ayaan jiraa. Kanina waa walaalkay.

CABDIRAXMAAN: Waan idin salaamay! Magacaygu waa Cabdiraxmaan. 14 sano ayaan jiraa. Jibriil iyo anigu araday baan nahay.

JIBRIIL: Haa, waa sax. Arday baan nahay. Tanina waa walaasheen. Magaceedu waa Amaal. 10 sano ayay jirtaa.

AMAAL: Waan idin salaamay!

JIBRIIL: Tani waa walaasheen Nimco. 23 sano ayay jirtaa.

NIMCO: Waan idin salaamay!

JIBRIIL: Kanina waa Dhagaweyne. Waa Amaal bakaylaheeda. 2 sano ayuu jiraa.

Waan idin salaamay!	*I greet you!* (pl.)
23 sano ayaan jiraa.	*I'm 23 years old.*
Waxaan ahay dukaanle.	*I'm a business owner.*
Kani waa dukaankayga.	*This is my shop.*
Waxaan ahay dhakhtar ilko.	*I'm a dentist.*

Anigu 49 sano ayaan jiraa, xaaskayguna 45 sano ayay jirtaa.	*I'm 49 and my wife is 45 years old.*
Waxaan ahay injineer.	*I'm an engineer.*
Kuwani waa wiilasheenna.	*These are our sons/boys.*
Magacaygu waa Jibriil oo 17 sano ayaan jiraa.	*I'm Jibril, and I'm 17 years old.*
oo (conj.)	*and* (between verbs / adjectives)
Kanina waa walaalkay.	*And this is my brother.*
-na (conj. suff.)	*and*
14 sano ayaan jiraa.	*I'm 14.*
Jibriil iyo anigu arady baan nahay.	*Jibril and I are students.*
Haa, waa sax.	*Yes, that's right.*
Arday baan nahay.	*We're students.*
Tanina waa walaasheen.	*And this is our sister.*
10 sano ayay jirtaa.	*She's ten.*
23 sano ayay jirtaa.	*She's.*
Kanina waa Dhagaweyne.	*And this is Dhagaweyne.*
Waa Amaal bakaylaheeda.	*It's Amal's rabbit.*
2 sano ayuu jiraa.	*It's two years old.*

6.3

Ismaaciil waa **Nimco** aabba**heed**. *Ismaaciil is **Nimo's** father.*

Isagu waa aabba**heed**. ***He** is **her** father.*

Hibo waa Nimco hooyadeed. *Hibo is Nimo's mother.*

Iyadu waa hooya**deed**. ***She** is **her** mother.*

Amaal Ismaaciil waa Nimco walaasheed.	*Amal Ismail is Nimo's sister.*
Iyadu waa walaash**eed**.	***She** is **her** sister.*
Jibriil Ismaaciil iyo Cabdiraxmaan Ismaaciil waa Nimco walaalaheed.	*Jibril and Cabdirahman Ismail are Nimo's brothers.*
Iyagu waa walaalah**eed**.	***They** are **her** brothers.*
Dhagaweyne waa Amaal bakaylaheeda.	*Dhagaweyne is Amal's rabbit.*
Isagu waa bakaylah**eeda**.	***It** is **her** rabbit.*
Ismaaciil waa Jibriil aabbihiis.	*Ismail is Jibril's father.*
Isagu waa aabbi**hiis**.	*He is **his** father.*
Ismaaciil iyo **Hibo** carruurtoodu waa afar.	***Ismail** and **Hibo** have four children.*
Gabdhah**oodu** waa Nimco iyo Amaal.	**Their** daughters are Nimo and Amal.
Wiilash**oodu** waa Jibriil iyo Cabdiraxmaan.	**Their** sons are Jibriil and Abdirahman.
Nimco waa **Jibriil** walaash**iis**.	*Nimo is **Jibril's** sister.*
Iyadu waa walaash**iis**.	*She is **his** sister.*

Cabdiraxmaan waa Jibriil walaalkiis.	*Abdirahman is Jibril's brother.*
Isagu waa walaal**kiis**.	*He is **his** brother.*
Tani waa sariirta **Dhagaweyne**.	*This is **Dhagaweyne's** bed.*
Tani waa sariir**tiisa**.	*This is **its** bed.*

6.4

Carruurta **Ismaaciil iyo Hibo** waa laba wiil iyo laba gabdhood**.**
(lit. *The children of **Ismail and Hibo** are two sons and two daughters.*)
Ismail and Hibo have two sons and two daughters.

Carruur**toodu** waa laba wiil iyo laba gabdhood.
(lit. ***Their** children are two sons and two daughters.*)
Ismail and Hibo have two sons and two daughters.

6.5

Magacyada gabdha**hoodu** waa Nimco iyo Amaal.
***Their** daughters' names are Nimo and Amaal.*

Gabdhah**ooda** magacyad**oodu** waa Nimco iyo Amaal.
(lit. ***Their** daughters' **their** names are Nimo and Amaal.)*
***Their** daughters' names are Nimo and Amaal.*

Tips

gabdho	*daughters, girls*
gabdhaha	*the daughters*
magacyada gabdhaha	*daughters' names*
magacyada gabdhuhu waa ...	*daughters' names are ...*
magacyada gabdhahoodu waa ...	*their daughters' names are ...*
gabdhaha magacyadooda	*daughters' names*
gabdhaha magacyadoodu waa ...	*daughters' names are ...*
gabdhahooda magacyadoodu waa ...	*their daughters' names are ...*

6.6

Magacyada wiilash**oodu** waa Jibriil iyo Cabdiraxmaan.

Their *sons' names are Jibril and Abdirahman.*

Wiilash**ooda** magacyad**oodu** waa Jibriil iyo Cabdiraxmaan.

(lit. ***Their*** *sons'* ***their*** *names are Jibril and Abdirahman.)*

Their *sons' names are Jibril and Abdirahman.*

Tips

wiilal	*sons, boys*
wiilasha	*the sons*
magacyada wiilasha	*sons' names*
magacyada wiilashu waa ...	*sons' names are ...*
magacyada wiilashoodu waa ...	*their sons' names are ...*
wiilasha magacyadooda	*sons' names*
wiilasha magacyadoodu waa ...	*sons' names are ...*
wiilashooda magacyadoodu waa ...	*their sons' names are ...*

6.7 NAMBARRO *NUMBERS*

1	kow	**11**	kow iyo toban / toban iyo kow
2	laba	**12**	laba iyo toban / toban iyo laba
3	saddex	**13**	saddex iyo toban / toban iyo saddex
4	afar	**14**	afar iyo toban / toban iyo afar
5	shan	**15**	shan iyo toban / toban iyo shan
6	lix	**16**	lix iyo toban / toban iyo lix
7	toddoba	**17**	toddoba iyo toban / toban iyo toddoba
8	siddeed	**18**	siddeed iyo toban / toban iyo siddeed
9	sagaal	**19**	sagaal iyo toban / toban iyo sagaal
10	toban	**20**	labaatan

21	kow iyo labaatan / labaatan iyo kow
22	laba iyo labaatan / labaatan iyo laba

30	soddon	**70**	toddobaatan
40	afartan	**80**	siddeetan
50	konton	**90**	sagaashan
60	lixdan	**100**	boqol

101	boqol iyo kow	**400**	afar boqol
200	laba boqol	**500**	shan boqol
300	saddex boqol	**600**	lix boqol

1000	kun	**100 000**	boqol kun
2000	laba kun	**1 000 000**	malyan / malyuun

6.8 KELI IYO WADAR *SINGULAR AND PLURAL*

1 = **keli** *singular*: **Kani waa jiir**. *This is a mouse.*

Kaasi waa jiir. *That is a mouse.*

Tani waa bisad. *This is a cat.*

Taasi waa bisad. *That is a cat.*

2 = **wadar** *plural*: **Kuwani waa jiirar**. *These are mouses.*

Kuwaasi waa jiirar. *Those are mouses.*

Kuwani waa bisado. *These are cats.*

Kuwaasi waa bisado. *Those are cats.*

hal jiir	*one mouse*	**laba jiir**	*two mouses*
hal bisad	*one cat*	**laba bisadood**	*two cats*
hal wiil	*one boy*	**laba wiil**	*two boys*
hal gabar	*one girl*	**laba gabdhood**	*two girls*
hal buug	*one book*	**laba buug**	*two books*
hal naag	*one day*	**laba naagood**	*two days*

Note that only feminine nouns with the plural ending **-o** can receive the counting form that ends in **-ood**. All other nouns have the same counting form as the singular form.

bisad	*a cat*	**naag**	*a woman*
bisado	*cats*	**naago**	*women*
hal bisad	*one cat*	**hal naag**	*one woman*
laba bisadood	*two cats*	**laba naagood**	*two women*

6.9

D4

buug	*a book*	**buugag**	*books*
buugga	*the book*	**buugagga**	*the books*
buuggan	*this book*	**buugaggan**	*these books*
buuggaas	*that book*	**buugaggaas**	*those books*
hal buug	*one book*	**laba buug**	*two books*

D1

shimbir	*a bird*	**shimbiro**	*birds*
shimbirta	*the bird*	**shimbiraha**	*the birds*
shimbirtan	*this bird*	**shimbirahan**	*these birds*
shimbirtaas	*that bird*	**shimbirahaas**	*those birds*
hal shimbir	*one bird*	**laba shimbirood**	*two birds*

D2

guri	*a house*	**guryo**	*houses*
guriga	*the house*	**guryaha**	*the houses*
gurigan	*this house*	**guryahan**	*these houses*
gurigaas	*that house*	**guryahaas**	*those houses*
hal guri	*one house*	**laba guri**	*two houses*

D1

buur	*a mountain*	**buuro**	*mountains*
buurta	*the mountain*	**buuraha**	*the mountains*
buurtan	*this mountain*	**buurahan**	*these mountains*
buurtaas	*that mountain*	**buurahaas**	*those mountains*
hal buur	*one mountain*	**laba buurood**	*two mountains*

D2

durbaan	*a drum*	**durbaanno**	*drums*
durbaanka	*the drum*	**durbaannada**	*the drums*
durbaankan	*this drum*	**durbaannadan**	*these drums*
durbaankaas	*that drum*	**durbaannadaas**	*those drums*
hal durbaan	*one drum*	**laba durbaan**	*two drums*

D1

saacad	*a watch*	**saacado**	*watches*
saacadda	*the watch*	**saacadaha**	*the watches*
saacaddan	*this watch*	**saacadahan**	*these watches*
saacaddaas	*that watch*	**saacadahaas**	*those watches*
hal saacad	*one watch*	**laba saacadood**	*two watches*

6.10 **NAMBAR TELEFOON** *TELEPHONE NUMBER*

1) Here's a telephone number: 441122

   We can say **afar afar hal hal laba laba** *four four one one two two.*

2) Here's another telephone number: 428910

We can say **afar laba siddeed sagaal hal eber** *four two eight nine one zero.*

3) Here's another telephone number: 213500

We can say **laba hal saddex shan eber eber** *two one three five zero zero.*

Nambarka telefoonkaagu waa maxay?	*What's your phone number?*
Waa 0171 492 702. Adiga kaagana?	*It's 0171 482 702. And yours?*
Waa 0181 272 4659. Telefoonkayga shaqaduna waa 0171 400 424.	*It's 0181 272 4659. And my work phone is 0171 400 424.*

6.11 HALOW! HALOW! *HELLO! HELLO!*

A

NACIIMA: Halow! Sahra miyaa?

NIN: Maya! Waa Daahir.

NACIIMA: Daahirow, iga raalli noqo.
Nambarkan 01394 46029 miyaa?

DAAHIR: Maya. Nambarkani waa 01934 46029.

NACIIMA: Iga raalli noqo. Ma ku soo celin kartaa?

DAAHIR: 01934 46029.

NACIIMA: Mahadsanid, Daahir.

DAAHIR: Adigaa mudan. Nabadgalyo.

NACIIMA: Nabaday.

iga raalli noqo	*excuse me*
Nambarkan	*This number*
Ma ku soo celin kartaa?	*Can you repeat that?*
Adigaa mudan.	*You're welcome.* (lit. *You deserve it.*)

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CODKA SAHRA: Waan idin salaamay. Waa nambarka Sahra: 01394 46029. Waan ka xumahay, hadda halkan ma joogo. Fadlan farriin reeb, mahadsanid.

NACIIMA: Grrrr!

CODKA SAHRA	*SAHRA'S VOICE*
cod	*voice*
Waan ka xumahay	*Sorry*
hadda halkan ma joogo	*I'm not here now*
Fadlan farriin reeb	*Please leave a message*
fadlan	*Please*
farriin	*a message*
reeb	*leave*

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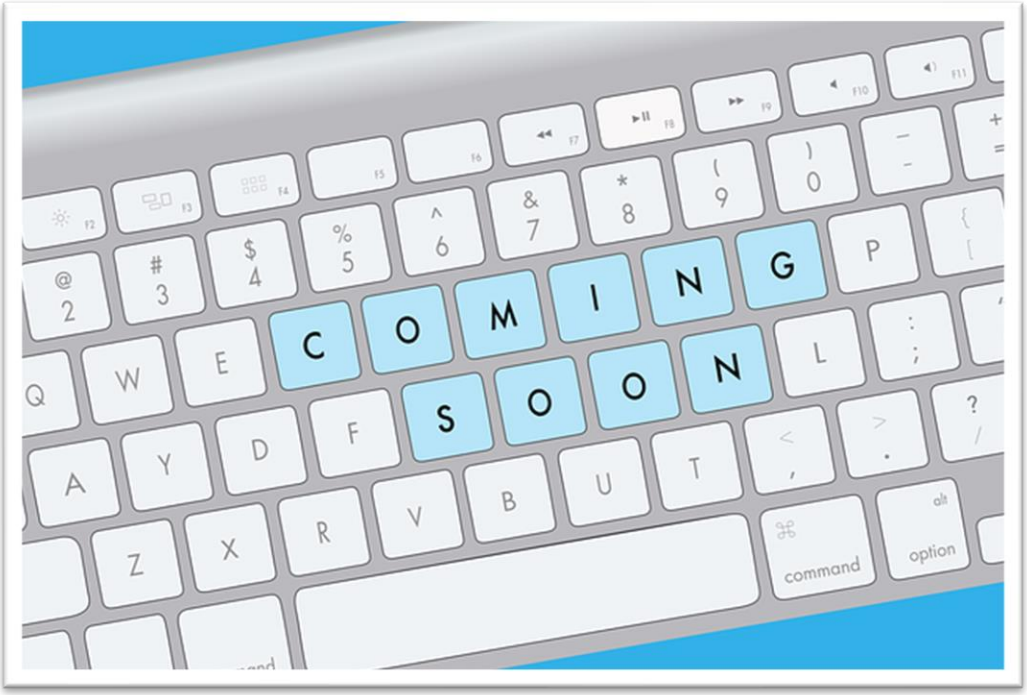
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