

Chichewa Cheat Sheet

Daily/ Need to know

Muli bwanji? *How are you?*
 → **Ndili bwino, kaya inu?** *I'm fine, how are you?*
 → **Ndili bwino, zikomo** *[response]*

Madzuka bwanji? *Good morning, how are you?*
 → **Dadzuka bwino, kaya inu?** *[response]*
 → **Dadzuka bwino, zikomo** *[response]*

Masuela bwanji? *Good afternoon, how are you?*
 → **Dasuela bwino, kaya inu?** *[response]*
 → **Dasuela bwino, zikomo** *[response]*

Zikomo Thank you/Excuse me/All-purpose

Tionana See you later
Tionana mawa See you tomorrow
Tionana masana See you this afternoon

Azungu Rich person

Daily/Helpful

Tatocoza Thank you very much

Zikomo, mwatinthandziza Thank you, you have helped me.

Ndikunphunzila Chichewa I am learning Chichewa.

Pangono Slowly/Little by little

Sindikunwezeza I don't understand you

Zinalanga ndi [name] My name is...
Zinalanu What is your name?

Paribe kanthu No problem

Usikula bwino Have a nice day
Gonani bwino Good night
Inuso The same to you

Odi Excuse me

Cha bwino OK

Mwatchokela ketch Where are you from?
Ndima kale St. Gabriel's hospital I am from/working at St. Gabriel's hospital

Eh Yes
Ayi No

Food

Peyala Avocado
Ntoche Bananas
Mandaz Donut
Kanyenya Fishy fried things
Tumbuwa Banana/maize pancakes
Batata Irish potatoes
Nsima Nsima (Malawian staple food)
Chiponde Peanut butter
Ndewu Relish
Zimbe Sugarcane
Mapika bwino This is cooked well *(cook present)*
Zapsa bwino This is cooked well *(cook not present)*

Parevutu? Any problems?
Muli ndid mimba? Are you pregnant?
Mukutenga mjira yanji yakulela? Are you using family planning?

Mankwhala Pills

Huwawa Pain

Harikuti... (silent h) Where is... (person)?
Hirikuti... (silent h) Where is... (place/thing)?
 → **Kaya** I don't know
 → **Dikuphezani** I will find you



Hospital

Njinga Bike
Jambulani Camera
Dsot Dust
Malawi amutu Flames of fire
Zanga Friend
Nkhanga Giraffe
Mvu Hippo
Kunyomba Home
Ndimakonda chitenje I like your chitenje
Tandisye Leave me alone, please.
Phoni Phone
Kalulu Rabbit
Sapates Shoes
Mwende bwino Travel safely
Mwamba Up
(Pas) down

Other