



NOUN CLASS TABLE

NOUN CLASS	PREFIX OF NOUN <i>Singular / Plural</i>	EXAMPLE	SUBJECT LINK (SL) with example verb
1 (for people)	um- / umu- aba- / abe-	umuntu - a person abantu – people	uyaphuza. bayaphuza.
1a (for people)	u- o-	umama - lady/mother omama – ladies/mothers	uyaphuza. bayaphuza.
2 (for objects)	um- / umu- imi-	umuthi - tree imithi - trees	uyakhula. iyakhula.
3 (i- words that aren't in-, im-, isi or izi-)	i- ama-	ikati – cat amakati - cats	liyaphuza. ayaphuza.
4	isi- izi-	isithandwa – loved one izithandwa – loved ones.	siyaphuza. ziyaphuza.
5	im- / in- izim- / izin-	inkomo – cow izinkomo – cows/cattle	iyaphuza. ziyaphuza.
6 (rare class)	u- izim- / izin-	Ufudu - tortoise Izimfudu – tortoises	luyaphuza. ziyaphuza.
7 (to be/abstract)	ubu-	Ubuntu – humanity/humaneness	bukhona
8 (it - nothing in particular)	uku- (infinitive)	Ukudla – food/to eat	kumnandi

Rhyme to Remember

Um - Aba	u - ba
U - O	u - ba
Um - Imi	u - i
I - Ama	li - a
Isi - Izi	si - zi
In/m - Izin/m	i - zi
u - izin	li - zi
ubu	bu
uku	ku