

# Bilingual Phrase Cards

## Oromo/English

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Harka fuune/Nagaan turi.

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Hello/Goodbye.

har-ka fuu-ne/nagaan turi.

Oromo

Baga Nagaan Dhuftan.

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Welcome.

ba-ga na-gaan dhuf-tan.

Oromo

Nagaa bultanii/tee.

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Good morning.

na-gaa bul-tanii/tee.

Oromo

Akkam ooltan/te.

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Good afternoon.

akk-am ool-tan.

Oromo

**Baga Guyyaa Dhaloota  
Keen si Gahe!**

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Happy Birthday!

ba-ga gu-yyaa dha-lootaa keen si ga-he!

Oromo

**Guyyaa kabajaa gaarii!**

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Happy Anniversary!

guy-yaa ka-ba-jaa gaa-rii!

Oromo

**Baga Dhalachuu Gooftaan  
Si Gahe!**

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Merry Christmas!

ba-ga dha-la-chuu goof-taa-n si ga-he!

Oromo

**Baga Waggaa Haaraa Geesse!**

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Happy New Year!

ba-ga wag-gaa haa-raa gees-se/ssan!

Oromo

**Guddaa Galatooma.**

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Thank you so much.

gud-daa ga-la-too-ma.

Oromo

**Hoomaa Miti.**

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You're welcome.

hoo-maa mi-ti.

Oromo

**Maqaan koo...  
Har'a ana kan si kunuunsu.**

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My name is...  
I will be caring for you today.

ma-qaan koo...  
har-'a ana kan si ku-nuun-su.

Oromo

Si jeequu koof dhiifama.

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Sorry for disturbing you.

si jee-quu koo-f dhii-fa-ma.

Oromo

Dhiifama/Nan gadda.

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I am sorry.

dhii-fa-ma/nan gad-da.

Oromo

Akkam jirtu?

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How are you?

akk-am jir-tu?

Oromo

Har'a miira akkamiitu  
sitti dhagahama?

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How are you feeling today?

har-'a mii-ra akk-amii-tu si-tti dha-ga-hama?

Oromo

Jaalatamaa/tuu koo kottu  
haa eegalluu!

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Come on dear,  
Let's get started!

jaa-la-ta-maa/ttuu koo kot-tu haa ee-galluu!

Oromo

Osoo na gargaartee  
nan jaaladha.

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I would love you to help me.

os-oo ana gar-gaar-tee nan jaa-la-dha.

Oromo

Na gargaaruu  
dandeessaa, maaloo?

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Can you help me, please?

na gar-gaa-ruu dan-dees-saa, maa-loo?

Oromo

Sin gargaara.

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I will help you.

sin gar-gaa-ra.

Oromo

Qama dhiqachuu  
ni barbaaddaa?

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Would you like to have a shower?

qaa-ma dhi-qa-chuu ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Maal uffachuu barbaaddaa?

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What would you like to wear?

maal uf-fachuu bar-baad-da?

Oromo

Saamunaan kunooti.

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Here is the soap.

saa-mu-naa-n ku-noo-ti.

Oromo

Bishaan tuqi.

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Touch the water.

bi-shaa-n tu-qi.

Oromo

Bishaanichi ho'aa moo  
qorraa dha?

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Is the water hot or cold?

bi-shaa-ni-chi ho-'aa moo qor-raa dha?

Oromo

Dhiqachuun raawwateera.

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Showering is finished.

dhi-qa-chuu-n raaw-wa-tee-ra.

Oromo

Ani qaama kee siif haa  
qoorsu mee.

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Let me dry your body.

ani qaa-ma kee sii-f haa qoor-su mee.

Oromo

Uffata akka uffattuuf  
sin gargaara.

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Let me help you get dressed.

uf-fa-ta ak-ka uf-fat-tuu-f si-n gar-gaa-ra.

Oromo

**Raawwateera.  
Amma ni bareedda!**

Done.  
Now you look great!

raaw-wa-tee-ra.  
am-ma nib a-reed-da!

Oromo

**Qophoofteettaa?**

Are you ready?

qo-phoof-teet-taa?

Oromo

**Mana fincaanii  
deemuu barbaaddaa?**

Do you need the toilet?

ma-na fin-caa-nii dee-muu bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

**Gara kutaa soorataa  
si faanan deema.**

I will walk with you to the dining room.

ga-ra ku-taa soo-ra-taat-ti si faa-na-n dee-ma.

Oromo

Teessuma irra waliin haa  
teenyu, maaloo.

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Let's sit down on the chair, please.

tees-su-ma ir-ra haa tee-nyu, maa-loo.

Oromo

Gara kutaa kee deemaa jirra.

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We are going to your room.

ga-ra ku-taa kee dee-maa jir-ra.

Oromo

Gara mana fincaanii  
deemaa jirra.

---

We are going to the toilet.

ga-ra ma-na fin-caa-nii dee-maa jir-ra.

Oromo

Manni fincaanii kunooti.

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This is your toilet.

man-ni fin-caa-nii kee ku-noo-ti.

Oromo

**Kutaan dhiqannaa  
kee kunooti.**

—  
This is your bathroom.

ku-taa-n dhi-qan-naa kee ku-noo-ti.

Oromo

**Kun kutaa keeti.**

—  
This is your room.

kun ku-taa kee-ti.

Oromo

**Uffata kee siifan jijjiira.**

—  
Let me change your clothes.

uf-fa-ta kee sii-fa-n jij-jii-ra.

Oromo

**Maaloo rafi.**

—  
Please go to sleep.

maa-loo ra-fi.

Oromo



Halkan gaarii.

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Good night.

hal-ka-n gaa-rii.

Oromo

Kun yeroo cireeti.

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It is breakfast time.

kun ye-roo ci-ree-ti.

Oromo

Kun yeroo shaayii kan  
ganamaa/waaree boodaati.

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It is time for morning/afternoon tea.

ku-n ye-roo shaa-yii ka-n ga-na-maa/waa-ree boo-daa-ti.

Oromo

Kun yeroo laaqanaati.

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It is lunch time.

ku-n ye-roo laa-qa-naa-ti.

Oromo

Kun yeroo dhiyaanaati.

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It is dinner time.

ku-n ye-roo dhi-yaa-naa-ti.

Oromo

Shoorbaa ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want soup?

shoor-baa ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Nyaata ijoo ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want the main course?

nyaa-ta ij-oo ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Nyaatatti aantuu ni  
barbaaddaa?

Do you want dessert?

nyaa-tat-ti aan-tuu ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Shaayii ykn buna ni  
barbaaddaa?

Do you want tea or coffee?

shaa-yii ykn bu-na ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Daabboo ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want bread?

daab-boo ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Ruuzii ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want rice?

ruu-zii ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Moosee ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want potatoes?

moo-see ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Paastaa ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want pasta?

paas-taa ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Muuzii ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want a banana?

muu-zii ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Sukkaara ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want sugar?

suk-kaa-ra ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Lukkuu ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want chicken?

luk-kuu ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Qurxummii ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want fish?

Qur-xummii ni bar-baa-ddaa

Oromo

Foon xobbolaa ni  
barbaaddaa?

Do you want lamb?

foon xob-bo-laa ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Foon sangaa  
ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want beef?

foon san-gaa ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Cuunfaa ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want juice?

cuun-faa ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Ashaboo ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want salt?

asha-boo ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Salaaxaa ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want salad?

sa-laa-xaa ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Kuduraalee ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want vegetables?

ku-du-raa-lee ni barbaaddaa?

Oromo

Bishaan ni barbaaddaa?

Do you want water?

bi-shaa-n ni barbaaddaa?

Oromo

Dhiyaanni gaariidhaa?

Is the meal nice?

dhi-yaan-ni gaa-rii dhaa?

Oromo

Baay'ee ho'aa?

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Is it too hot?

baay-'ee ho'aa?

Oromo

Baay'ee qorraa?

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Is it too cold?

baay-'ee qor-rraa?

Oromo

Gaariidhaa?

---

Is it good?

gaa-rii-dhaa?

Oromo

Shoorbaa dabalataa  
ni barbaaddaa?

---

Do you want more soup?

shoor-baa da-ba-la-taa ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Muduraalee dabalataa  
ni barbaaddaa?

---

Do you want more fruit?

mu-du-raa-lee da-ba-la-taa ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Beeloftee jirtaa?

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Are you hungry?

bee-lof-tee jir-taa?

Oromo

Hanga si gahu  
nyaatteettaa?

---

Have you eaten enough?

han-ga si ga-hu nyaat-teet-taa?

Oromo

Xumurtee jirtaa?

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Have you finished?

xu-mur-tee jir-taa?

Oromo



Dheebotteettaa?

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Are you thirsty?

dhee-bot-teet-taa?

Oromo

Nyaadhu maaloo.

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Please eat.

nyaa-dhu maa-loo.

Oromo

Maaliif gaddite?

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Why do you look sad?

maa-lii-f gad-di-te?

Oromo

Maaltu si yaaddressa?

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What is worrying you?

maal-tu si yaad-des-sa?

Oromo

Aartee jirta.  
Maaliif akka ta'e natti  
himuu dandeessaa?  
Yoo sitti tole qofa.

---

You're upset.  
Would you like to tell me why?  
Only if you're comfortable.

aar-tee jir-ta.  
maa-lii-f akka ta-'e nat-ti hi-muu dan-dees-saa?  
yoo sit-ti to-le qo-fa.

Oromo

Aartee jirta.  
Maaliif akka ta'e natti  
himuu dandeessaa?  
Yoo sitti tole qofa.

---

You're angry.  
Would you like to tell me why?  
Only if you're comfortable.

aar-tee jir-ta.  
maa-lii-f akka ta-'e nat-ti hi-muu dan-dees-saa?  
yoo sit-ti to-le qo-fa.

Oromo

Hin booyiin maaloo.  
Wanti hundinuu ni sirrataa.

---

Please don't cry.  
Everything will be fine.

hin boo-yii-n maa-loo wan-ti hun-di-nuu ni sir-ra-taa.

Oromo

Si waliin dubbachuu nan  
danda'aa, maaloo?

---

Can I talk to you, please?

si wa-lii-n dub-ba-chuu na-n dan-da-'aa, maa-loo?

Oromo

Si waliin dubbachuun  
qaba, maaloo.

---

I need to talk to you, please.

si wa-lii-n dub-ba-chuu-n qa-ba maa-loo.

Oromo

Deggorsa ni barbaaddaa?

---

Do you need help?

deg-ger-sa ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo



Si gargaaruuf si biran jira.

I am here to help you.

si gar-gaa-ruuf si bi-ra-n jira.

Oromo

Maal siif godhu?

What can I do for you?

maal sii-f go-dhu?

Oromo

Deemuu dandeessaa?

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Can you walk?

dee-muu dan-dees-saa?

Oromo

Deemuun akka sitti  
ulfaatu argaan jira.  
Mee sin gargaara.

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I can see that you're  
finding it hard to walk.  
Let me help you.

dee-muu-n akka sit-ti ul-faa-tu ar-gaa-n ji-ra.  
mee si-n gar-gaa-ra.

Oromo

Rakkoo jiru natti himi.

---

Tell me what's wrong.

rak-koo ji-ru nat-ti hi-mi.

Oromo

Waaqa koo, maaltu ta'e?

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Oh my goodness,  
what happened?

waa-qa koo maal-tu ta-'e?

Oromo

Kun narsii dha.

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This is the nurse.

kun nar-sii dha.

Oromo

Kun dooktora.

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This is the doctor.

kun dook-to-ra.

Oromo

Narsiin si  
gargaaruuf as jira/rti.

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The nurse is here to help you.

nar-siin si gar-gaa-ruuf as ji-ra/ti.

Oromo

Dooktoriin si  
gargaaruuf as jira.

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The doctor is here to help you.

dook-to-riin si gar-gaa-ruuf as ji-ra/ti.

Oromo

**Dooktoriin si  
qorachuu barbaada.**

The doctor would like to examine you.

dook-to-rii-n si qo-ra-chuu bar-baa-da.

Oromo

**Afaan kee bani, maaloo.**

Open your mouth, please.

af-aa-n kee ba-ni, maa-loo.

Oromo

**Qilleensa fudhuu baasi.**

Breathe in and out.

qil-leen-sa fu-dhuu baa-si.

Oromo

**Essa keetu sitti dhagahama?  
Essatu si dhukkuba?**

Where does it hurt?  
Where is the pain?

es-sa kee-tu sit-ti dha-ga-ha-ma?  
es-sa-tu si dhuk-ku-ba?

Oromo

Si hooksisaa?

Does it feel itchy?

si hook-si-saa?

Oromo

Mataa bowwuu ni qabdaa?

Do you have a headache?

ma-taa bow-wuu ni qab-daa?

Oromo

Gara dhukkubbii ni qabdaa?

Do you have stomach pain?

ga-ra dhuk-kub-bii ni qab-daa?

Oromo

Miira bututaa qabdaa?

Do you feel dizzy?

mii-ra bu-tu-taa qab-daa?

Oromo

Harganuu dandeessaa?

Can you breathe?

har-ga-nuu dan-dees-saa?

Oromo

Balaqqamtee jirtaa?

Have you vomited?

ba-la-q-qam-tee jir-taa?

Oromo

Dhukkubbiin sitti  
dhagahamaa?

Do you feel sick?

dhuk-kub-bii-n sit-ti dha-ga-ha-maa?

Oromo

Balaqqami balaqqami  
siin jedhaa?

Do you feel like  
you need to vomit?

ba-la-q-q-a-mi ba-la-q-q-a-mi sii-n je-dhaa?

Oromo

Dugdi kee si dhukkubaa?

Does your back hurt?

dug-di kee si dhuk-ku-baa?

Oromo

Luqqeettuun kee si  
dhukkubaa?

Does your hip hurt?

luq-qeet-tuu-n kee si dhuk-ku-baa?

Oromo

Sitti tolaa hin jiruu?

Are you uncomfortable?

sit-ti to-laa hin ji-ruu?

Oromo

Gad taayuu  
dandeessaa, maaloo?

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Can you sit down, please?

gad taa-yuu dan-dees-saa maa-loo?

Oromo

Garaa si gogsaa?

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Are you constipated?

ga-raa si gog-saa?

Oromo

Sitti ho'aa?

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Are you hot?

sit-ti ho-'aa?

Oromo

Sitti qorraa?

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Are you cold?

sit-ti qor-raa?

Oromo

Wiixata

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Monday

wii-xa-ta

Oromo

Kibxata

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Tuesday

kib-xa-ta

Oromo

Roobii

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Wednesday

roo-bii

Oromo

Kamisa

---

Thursday

ka-mi-sa

Oromo

**Jimaata**

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Friday

ji-maa-ta

Oromo

**Sambata xiqqaa**

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Saturday

sam-ba-ta xiq-qaa

Oromo

**Dilbata**

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Sunday

dil-ba-ta

Oromo

**Amajji**

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January

amaj-ji

Oromo

Guraandhala

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February

gu-raan-dha-la

Oromo

Bitootessa

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March

bi-too-tes-sa

Oromo

Eebila

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April

ee-bi-la

Oromo

Caamsaa

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May

caam-saa

Oromo

Waxabajjii

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June

wa-xa-baj-jii

Oromo

Adoolessa

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July

adoo-les-sa

Oromo

Hagayya

---

August

ha-gay-ya

Oromo

Fulbaana

---

September

ful-baa-na

Oromo

Onkoololessa

---

October

on-ko-loo-le-sa

Oromo

Sadaasa

---

November

sa-daa-sa

Oromo

Mudde

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December

mud-de

Oromo

Waggaa

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Year

wag-gaa

Oromo

Abaaboo ni jaalattaa?

Do you like flowers?

abaa-boo ni jaa-lat-taa?

Oromo

Muduraa ni jaalattaa?

Do you like fruit?

mu-du-raa ni jaa-lat-taa?

Oromo

Suur-sagaleewwan  
ilaaluu ni jaalattaa?

Do you like watching videos?

suur- sa-ga-leew-wan ilaa-luu ni jaa-lat-taa?

Oromo

Amma maal  
hojjechuu barbaadda?

What would you like to do now?

amma maal hoj-je-chuu bar-baad-da?

Oromo

**Kitaaba maalii dubbista?**

What books do you read?

ki-taa-ba maa-lii dub-bis-ta?

Oromo

**Akkam namatti tola!**

How adorable!

akka-m na-mat-ti to-la?

Oromo

**Kutaan kee keessi  
ni qorraa?**

Is it cold in your room?

ku-taa-n kee kee-si ni qor-raa?

Oromo

**Maatii kee akkan  
qunnamu ni barbaaddaa?**

Do you want me to contact  
your family?

maa-tii kee akka-n qun-na-mu ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Uffata qulqulluu  
ni barbaaddaa?

---

Do you need fresh clothes?

uffa-ta qul-qul-luu ni bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Dhukkubbii malee  
socho'uu ni dandeessaa?

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Can you exercise without pain?

dhuk-kub-bii ma-lee so-cho-uu ni dan-dees-saa?

Oromo

Maatii kee yoom  
arguu barbaadda?

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When do you want to see your family?

maa-tii kee yoom ar-guu bar-baad-da?

Oromo

Dooktora arguu  
barbaaddaa?

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Do you want to see the doctor?

dook-to-ra ar-guu bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Mana rifeensaa  
deemuu barbaaddaa?

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Do you want to see the hairdresser?

ma-na ri-feen-saa dee-muu bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Poodiyaatiristii  
arguu barbaaddaa?

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Do you want to see the podiatrist?

poo-di-yaa-ti-ris-tii ar-guu bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Sochii keenyatti  
makamuu barbaaddaa?

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Do you want to join our activity?

so-chii kee-nyat-ti ma-ka-muu bar-baad-daa?

Oromo

Gara kutaa soorataa  
dhufuu barbaaddaa?

---

Do you want to come  
to the dining room?

ga-ra ku-taa soo-ra-taa dhu-fuu bar-baad-daa?

Oromo



Kutaa kee keessatti  
nyaachuu barbaaddaa?

---

Do you want to eat in your room?

ku-taa kee kees-sa-tti nyaachuu barbaad-daa?

Oromo

Qama dhiqachuun  
ganama dha.

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The shower is in the morning.

qaa-ma dhi-qa-chuu-n ga-na-ma dha.

Oromo