

LUGANDA WORD OR PHRASE	ENGLISH TRANSLATION
Wasuze otya nno?	Good morning (literally 'how was your night?')
Osiibye otya nno?	Good afternoon (literally, 'how was your day?')
Osiibye otya nno?	Good evening
Bulungi	Fine...
Ki kati?	Hi (informal)
Oli otya?	How are you?
Gyendi	I am okay
Siiba bulungi	Have a nice day
Sula bulungi	Good night (on retiring)
Weeraba	Goodbye (to one person)
Mweraba	Goodbye (to several people)
Tukusanyukidde	Welcome (to one person)
Tubasanyukidde	Welcome (to several people)
Tunaalabagana	See you later
Mwattu	Please
Mwattu ggalawo oluggi	Please shut the door
Mwattu yingira	Please come in
Mwattu tuula wansi	Please sit down
Weebale	Thank you
Kale	You are welcome
Owange	Excuse me (to get attention)
Wangi? / Ogambye ki?	Pardon (what did you say?)

Nsonyiwa	I'm sorry (apology)
Erinnya lyo ggwe ani	What is your name?
Erinnya lyange nze....	My name is..

Forms of Address

It is considered polite to show respect to older people regardless of their station in life. Respectful forms of address should be used when addressing superiors.

Ssebo	Sir
Nnyabo	Madam
Mwami	Mr
Mukyala	Mrs

Age

Olina emyaka emeka?	How old are you?
Nina... Emyaka abiri (20)	I am...20 years old
Nina... Emyaka abiri mu etaano (25)	I am...25 years old