



Twɛ (Akan) Common Phrases Cheat Sheet

Everyday Conversations Made Easy (Asante Focus)

Quick Reference for Diasporans & Foreigners

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Overview

These 60 high-frequency phrases help you hold basic conversations right away. Greetings are key in Ghana — always start with one! Combine with words from previous sheets. Pronunciation is approximate; tones matter (listen to natives on YouTube: LearnAkan, Twɛ lessons).

Greetings & Politeness (Quick Reminders)

(From earlier sheet — use first!)

- Maakye / Maaha / Maadwo — Good morning/afternoon/evening (short)
- Wo ho te sɛn? — How are you?
- Me ho ye (Onyame adom) — I'm fine (by God's grace)
- Meda wo ase — Thank you
- Mepa wo kyew — Please / Excuse me
- Kose / Kafra — Sorry
- Aane / Daabi — Yes / No
- Yoo — Okay

Introductions & Basic Chat

Twɛ	English	Pronunciation (approx.)
Me din de ...	My name is ...	Meh deen deh ...
Wo din de sɛn?	What is your name?	Woh deen deh sɛn?
Mefiri ...	I am from ...	Meh-fee-ree ...
Wofiri he?	Where are you from?	Woh-fee-ree heh?
Wo ho te sɛn nne?	How are you today?	Woh hoh teh sɛn neh?
Me ho ye paa	I'm very fine/well	Meh hoh yeh paa

Twi	English	Pronunciation (approx.)
Na wo nso ε?	And you?	Nah woh nso eh?
Woaye adee!	You've done well! / Good job!	Woh-ah-yeh ah-deh!
M'ani agye se yeahyia	Nice to meet you	M'ah-nee ah-gyeh seh yeh-ah-hee-ah
Yebehya bio	See you later	Yeh-beh-hee-ah bee-oh

Feelings, Needs & Daily Life

Twi	English	Pronunciation (approx.)
Ekɔm de me	I'm hungry	Eh-kohm deh meh
Nsuo kɔm de me	I'm thirsty	Nsoo-oh kohm deh meh
Mepɛ nsuo / aduane	I want water / food	Meh-peh nsuo / ah-doo-ah-neh
Merebre	I'm tired	Meh-reh-bre
Mente apɔ	I don't feel well	Men-teh ah-poh
M'ani agye	I'm happy	M'ah-nee ah-gyeh
Mepa wo kyew, twen me	Please wait for me	Meh-pah woh chew, twen meh
Merekɔ fie	I'm going home	Meh-reh-koh fee-eh
Yɛn kɔ!	Let's go!	Yehn koh!
Bra!	Come!	Brah!

Market / Shopping Phrases

Twi	English	Pronunciation (approx.)
Wei ye sen?	How much is this?	Way yeh sen?
Mepɛ se metɔ yi	I want to buy this	Meh-peh seh meh-toh yee
Wo wɔ ... anaa?	Do you have ...?	Woh woh ... ah-nah?
Te so kakra	Reduce the price a bit	Teh soh kah-krah
Ne boɔ eyɛ den dodo	It's too expensive	Eh-yeh doh-doh
Mefa eno	I'll take it	Meh-fah noh
Wogyɛ mobile money?	Do you accept mobile money?	Woo-gyeh moh-bee-lay moh-nee?
Meda wo ase paa!	Thank you very much!	Meh-dah woh ah-seh paa!

Eating & Food Chat

Twi	English	Pronunciation (approx.)
Meredi aduane	I'm eating	Meh-reh-dee ah-doo-ah-neh
Eyɛ de	It's delicious	Eh-yeh deh deh
Mepa wo kyew, ma me nsuo	Please give me water	Meh-pah woh chew, mah meh nsuo
Woadi aduane?	Have you eaten?	Woh-ah-dee ah-doo-ah-neh?
M'amen	I'm full/satisfied	Meh hoh yeh ah-chee

Directions & Travel

Twi	English	Pronunciation (approx.)
Ehe na ... wɔ?	Where is ...?	Eh-heh nah ... woh?
Kyerɛ me kwan	Show me the way	Cheh-reh meh kwahn
Meyera	I'm lost	Meh-yeh-rah
Merekɔ ...	I'm going to ...	Meh-reh-koh ...
Ehe na metumi anya taxi?	Where can I get a taxi?	Eh-heh nah meh-too-mee ah-nyah taxi?
Nante yie!	Safe journey!	Nahn-teh yee-eh!

Mini Everyday Dialog Example

You: Maakyɛ! Wo ho te sɛn?

Friend: Yaa nua. Me ho yɛ, medaase. Na wo nso ɛ?

You: Me ho yɛ paa. Mepɛ aduane. Wei yɛ sɛn?

Seller: Ɛyɛ 20 cedis.

You: Te so kakra, mepa wo kyɛw. Mefa no. Meda wo ase!

Quick Tips: Smile + greet first — it opens doors! Practice with audio (YouTube: LearnAkan, Twi for Beginners). Start small: greetings + thank you + how are you = instant respect.

Happy conversing — *Yɛbɛkasa pii wɔ Twi mu!* (We'll talk a lot in Twi!)