

Amharic

Amharic is the second largest Semitic language (behind Arabic) and is the official language of the Amhara tribe as well as the working class of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Amharic syllables are created usually by a beginning consonant followed by a vowel ending. There can also be syllables with only a vowel. In total, there are 31 consonants, 2 vowels, and 18 explosives (that are rarely used). This abridged version begins with "l". Notice how the consonant changes with each vowel. Fill in the blanks of the following consonants and vowel. After that, try to fill in the blanks below the chart using the English alphabet or Amharic characters.

	ä	u	i	a	e	eh	o
l	ለ	ሁ	ሀ	ለ	ህ	ሐ	ሎ
k	ከ		ከ	ካ		ከ	ኮ
s	ሰ				ሴ	ሰ	ሶ
b	በ			ባ		ባ	ቦ
n	ነ	ኑ		ና	ኔ	ን	ኖ
ñ	ኘ		ኘ	ኘ	ኘ		
vowel	አ	ኡ	ኢ	ኣ	ኤ		ኦ
t	ተ	ቱ	ቲ	ታ	ቲ	ት	ቶ

ለበሰ

läbäsä

wore

ተኛ

sleep (command)

Bila

ሴላ

knife

Buna

coffee

ቤት

house

Seño

Monday

Sini

teacup