

African American Heritage

Fun facts and phrases



Word phrases derived from The Gambia and Senegal

Both countries are located on the coast of West Africa. Senegal borders the North Atlantic Ocean. The Gambia is located in Senegal and is surrounded by the Gambia River. The Gambia is known as “The Smiling Coast”. There are many dialects across Africa. Specifically, The Gambia and Senegal speaks both Wolof and Mandinka.

1) Good morning

- a. In Wolof is: _____ Subasi.
- b. In Mandinka is: Esama.

2) Farewell

- a. In Wolof is: Be _____ Yon
- b. In Mandinka is: Foo Watido

3) How are you?

- a. In Wolof is: Naka nga deff
- b. In Mandinka is: Kori _____

4) I am fine

- a. In Wolof is: _____ fi rek
- b. In Mandinka is: Tenant

Word phrases derived from Somalia

Somalia is located on the coast of East Africa. Somalia is bordered by the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden.

1) How are you?

- a. In Somali is: _____ tahay?

2) What is your name?

- a. In Somali is: _____?

3) You are welcome

- a. In Somali is: waa _____ soo dhaweynayaa

4) Thank you

- a. In Somali is: _____