

Lesson 17

Connectivity

-di -di ==> and

Two suffixes, **-di -di**, are used to connect two words to mean "and" in English. In the geez script, **-di** and **-di** are attached to the words they connect. One **-di** is not enough to connect words if the meaning is "and".

Example 17.1

Adi Bdi	A and B
Adi Bdi Cdi Ddi Edi	A, B, C, D and E
Gabrđi Hailedi shan gn	Gabr and Haile are brothers.
Gabrđi Afyētdi shan gn	Gabr and Afyet are siblings.
dmuredi gd'ngdi enkelsngeni	A cat and a dog dislike each other.
Gabrđi Afyētdi Umerdi Awkadi entnuKw	Gabr, Afyet, Umer and Awka came.
yigenadi yi'Krdi entnuKw	My mother and my father came.

When you call father or mother in person, or if a child is talking, you would say, instead:

ebedi adedi entnuKw	=	pap and mom came.
(ebe	=	daddy, papa,
ade	=	mom, mum).

When the two connected words are pronouns, the form of the personal pronoun changes as in the following examples.

Example 17.2

-di di = and (in Personal Pronouns)
an feriya gn = I shall go (alone). This is personal pronoun (**an** = I) .
But observe the following:
ydi ... di ferno gn = Me and ... will go (never use **andi** ==> **an** + **-di**,
but **an** + **di** ==> **ydi** = I and ...)

ydi kudi ferno gn	=	I and you will go (Singular; or me and ypu)
ydi nidi ferno gn	=	I and he will go
ydi nrđi ferno gn	=	I and she will go
ydi enthedī fēni	=	I and you will go you (Plural)
ydi nadi ferno gn	=	I and they will go (naw + di = nadi)
ydi Ibrahimđi ferno gn	=	I and Ibrahim will go
ynedi nidi ferno gn	=	We and he will go (yn + di = ynedi)

The meaning does not change if the sentence starts with the second word also, as in: **ydi kudi ferno gn** = **kudi ydi ferno gn** = you and I will go.

The general pattern for the personal pronouns connected with **-di ... -di** (= and) is as follows.

ydi ... di	=	I and ...(or me and ..)
kudi -di	=	you and
nidi -di	=	he and ...

nrđi -di	=	she and ...
ynedi ... -di	=	we and ...
entedi ... -di	=	you (P) and ...
nadi ... -di	=	they and