

## **P.DOT – Wolof Lessons**

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## Lesson 1: The Alphabet

| Wolof Alphabet | Pronounced as in |
|----------------|------------------|
| i              | Kit              |
| e              | Met              |
| é              | No equivalent    |
| ë              | Fun              |
| a              | But              |
| à              | Fat              |
| o              | Pot              |
| u              | Book             |
| ii             | Meat             |
| ee             | Fair             |
| ée             | No equivalent    |
| ëë             | Girl             |
| aa             | Far              |
| oo             | Boy              |
| óó             | Goat             |
| uu             | Food             |
| b              | Bad              |
| c              | Chair            |
| d              | Door             |
| f              | Father           |
| g              | Good             |

|           |                           |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| <b>j</b>  | <b>Job</b>                |
| <b>k</b>  | <b>Kit</b>                |
| <b>l</b>  | <b>Like</b>               |
| <b>m</b>  | <b>Mother</b>             |
| <b>n</b>  | <b>Noon</b>               |
| <b>ñ</b>  | <b>Señor (in Spanish)</b> |
| <b>ŋ</b>  | <b>Sing</b>               |
| <b>p</b>  | <b>Part</b>               |
| <b>q</b>  | <b>No equivalent</b>      |
| <b>r</b>  | <b>Rice</b>               |
| <b>s</b>  | <b>Sit</b>                |
| <b>t</b>  | <b>Talk</b>               |
| <b>w</b>  | <b>Word</b>               |
| <b>x</b>  | <b>Juan (in Spanish)</b>  |
| <b>y</b>  | <b>Yes</b>                |
| <b>mb</b> | <b>No equivalent</b>      |
| <b>nd</b> | <b>No equivalent</b>      |
| <b>ng</b> | <b>No equivalent</b>      |
| <b>nj</b> | <b>No equivalent</b>      |

## Lesson 2: Vocabulary 1

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Man</b>            | <b>I</b>        |
| <b>Yow</b>            | <b>You</b>      |
| <b>Moom</b>           | <b>He</b>       |
| <b>Moom</b>           | <b>She</b>      |
| <b>Nun</b>            | <b>We</b>       |
| <b>Yéen</b>           | <b>You</b>      |
| <b>Ñoom</b>           | <b>They</b>     |
| <b>Jigéen</b>         | <b>A woman</b>  |
| <b>Ay jigéen</b>      | <b>Women</b>    |
| <b>Góor</b>           | <b>A man</b>    |
| <b>Ay góor</b>        | <b>Men</b>      |
| <b>Xale bu jigéen</b> | <b>A girl</b>   |
| <b>Xale yu jigéen</b> | <b>Girls</b>    |
| <b>Xale bu góor</b>   | <b>A boy</b>    |
| <b>Xale yu góor</b>   | <b>Boys</b>     |
| <b>Xale</b>           | <b>A child</b>  |
| <b>Ay xale</b>        | <b>Children</b> |
| <b>Waa kër</b>        | <b>A family</b> |
| <b>Yaay</b>           | <b>Mother</b>   |
| <b>Baay</b>           | <b>Father</b>   |
| <b>Jabar</b>          | <b>Wife</b>     |

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Jëkkër</b>         | <b>Husband</b>         |
| <b>Mag bu jigéen</b>  | <b>Elder sister</b>    |
| <b>Rakk bu jigéen</b> | <b>Younger sister</b>  |
| <b>Mag bu góor</b>    | <b>Elder brother</b>   |
| <b>Rakk bu góor</b>   | <b>Younger brother</b> |
| <b>Suba</b>           | <b>Morning</b>         |
| <b>Bëccëg</b>         | <b>Noon</b>            |
| <b>Ngoon</b>          | <b>Afternoon</b>       |
| <b>Guddi</b>          | <b>Night</b>           |
| <b>Ndekki</b>         | <b>Breakfast</b>       |
| <b>Añ</b>             | <b>Lunch</b>           |
| <b>Reer</b>           | <b>Dinner</b>          |

### Lesson 3: Greetings

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Salaamaalekum</b>        | <b>Peace be upon you (use at any time of the day)</b> |
| <b>Maalekum salaam</b>      | <b>And on you, too (reply to the above greeting)</b>  |
| <b>Jamm nga fanaan</b>      | <b>Good morning</b>                                   |
| <b>Jamm nga yendu</b>       | <b>Good afternoon</b>                                 |
| <b>Jamm nga yendu</b>       | <b>Good evening</b>                                   |
| <b>Mbaa yaangi ci jamm?</b> | <b>Are you in peace?</b>                              |
| <b>Jamm rekk</b>            | <b>Peace only</b>                                     |
| <b>Nanga def?</b>           | <b>How are you?</b>                                   |
| <b>Maangi fi rek</b>        | <b>I am fine</b>                                      |
| <b>Naka waa kër ga?</b>     | <b>How is the family?</b>                             |
| <b>Ñunga fa</b>             | <b>They are fine</b>                                  |
| <b>Naka liggéey bi?</b>     | <b>How is the work?</b>                               |
| <b>Jamm rekk, imdilaay</b>  | <b>It is fine</b>                                     |
| <b>Nanga def ak coono?</b>  | <b>How are you with tiredness?</b>                    |
| <b>Jamm rekk</b>            | <b>I am fine</b>                                      |
| <b>Naka Mary?</b>           | <b>How is Mary?</b>                                   |
| <b>Mary mungi ci jamm</b>   | <b>Mary is fine</b>                                   |
| <b>Naka xale yi?</b>        | <b>How are your children?</b>                         |
| <b>Ñunga fa</b>             | <b>They are fine</b>                                  |
| <b>Bisimila!</b>            | <b>Welcome!</b>                                       |
| <b>Mba!</b>                 | <b>Thank you!</b>                                     |

### Lesson 4: Numbers – Counting 1 to 20

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Benn</b>                 | <b>One</b>       |
| <b>Ñaar</b>                 | <b>Two</b>       |
| <b>Ñatt</b>                 | <b>Three</b>     |
| <b>Ñeent</b>                | <b>Four</b>      |
| <b>Juróom</b>               | <b>Five</b>      |
| <b>Juróom benn</b>          | <b>Six</b>       |
| <b>Juróom ñaar</b>          | <b>Seven</b>     |
| <b>Juróom ñatt</b>          | <b>Eight</b>     |
| <b>Juróom ñeent</b>         | <b>Nine</b>      |
| <b>Fukk</b>                 | <b>Ten</b>       |
| <b>Fukk ak benn</b>         | <b>Eleven</b>    |
| <b>Fukk ak ñaar</b>         | <b>Twelve</b>    |
| <b>Fukk ak ñatt</b>         | <b>Thirteen</b>  |
| <b>Fukk ak ñeent</b>        | <b>Fourteen</b>  |
| <b>Fukk ak juróom</b>       | <b>Fifteen</b>   |
| <b>Fukk ak juróom benn</b>  | <b>Sixteen</b>   |
| <b>Fukk ak juróom ñaar</b>  | <b>Seventeen</b> |
| <b>Fukk ak juróom ñatt</b>  | <b>Eighteen</b>  |
| <b>Fukk ak juróom ñeent</b> | <b>Nineteen</b>  |
| <b>Ñaar fukk</b>            | <b>Twenty</b>    |

### Lesson 5: Vocabulary 2 (Common Objects)

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|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Taabal</b>    | <b>A table</b>     |
| <b>Siis</b>      | <b>A chair</b>     |
| <b>Bunt</b>      | <b>A door</b>      |
| <b>Palanteer</b> | <b>A window</b>    |
| <b>Istilo</b>    | <b>A pen</b>       |
| <b>Kereyoŋ</b>   | <b>A pencil</b>    |
| <b>karne</b>     | <b>A notebook</b>  |
| <b>Tééré</b>     | <b>A book</b>      |
| <b>Saak</b>      | <b>A bag</b>       |
| <b>Kare</b>      | <b>Chalk</b>       |
| <b>Tablo</b>     | <b>Chalk board</b> |
| <b>Palaat</b>    | <b>A plate</b>     |
| <b>Kuddu</b>     | <b>A spoon</b>     |
| <b>Paaka</b>     | <b>A knife</b>     |
| <b>Bale</b>      | <b>A broom</b>     |
| <b>Lal</b>       | <b>A bed</b>       |
| <b>Mbajj</b>     | <b>A blanket</b>   |
| <b>Darab</b>     | <b>A bed sheet</b> |
| <b>Ndes</b>      | <b>A mat</b>       |
| <b>Yëre</b>      | <b>Clothes</b>     |
| <b>Simis</b>     | <b>A shirt</b>     |
| <b>Tubey</b>     | <b>Pants</b>       |



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|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Ay dall</b> | <b>Shoes</b>       |
| <b>Welo</b>    | <b>Bike</b>        |
| <b>Lunett</b>  | <b>Eye glasses</b> |
| <b>Ndox</b>    | <b>Water</b>       |
| <b>Attaaya</b> | <b>Tea</b>         |
| <b>Kafe</b>    | <b>Coffee</b>      |
| <b>Meew</b>    | <b>Milk</b>        |
| <b>Suukër</b>  | <b>Sugar</b>       |
| <b>Xorom</b>   | <b>Salt</b>        |
| <b>Ceeb</b>    | <b>Rice</b>        |
| <b>Jën</b>     | <b>Fish</b>        |
| <b>Yàpp</b>    | <b>Meat</b>        |

**Lesson 6: Vocabulay 3 (Names of Places)**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Ekool</b>         | <b>School</b>                                 |
| <b>Kalaas</b>        | <b>Classroom</b>                              |
| <b>Wanag</b>         | <b>Toilet</b>                                 |
| <b>Waañ</b>          | <b>Kitchen</b>                                |
| <b>Mbaar</b>         | <b>Hangar (Straw roof that you sit under)</b> |
| <b>Kër</b>           | <b>House</b>                                  |
| <b>Néeg</b>          | <b>Room</b>                                   |
| <b>Xayma</b>         | <b>Tent</b>                                   |
| <b>Dispañseer</b>    | <b>Dispensary</b>                             |
| <b>Marse</b>         | <b>Market</b>                                 |
| <b>Bitik</b>         | <b>Shop</b>                                   |
| <b>Biro</b>          | <b>Office</b>                                 |
| <b>Dex</b>           | <b>River</b>                                  |
| <b>Teen</b>          | <b>A well</b>                                 |
| <b>Pomp</b>          | <b>Pump</b>                                   |
| <b>Sardeñ</b>        | <b>Garden</b>                                 |
| <b>Tool</b>          | <b>Field</b>                                  |
| <b>Liggéeyu kaay</b> | <b>Working place</b>                          |
| <b>Jakk</b>          | <b>Mosque</b>                                 |
| <b>Bànk</b>          | <b>Bank</b>                                   |
| <b>Kaar</b>          | <b>Bus</b>                                    |
| <b>Aeroport</b>      | <b>Airport</b>                                |

### Lesson 7: Days of the Week and Some Expressions of Time

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Altine</b>          | <b>Monday</b>          |
| <b>Talaata</b>         | <b>Tuesday</b>         |
| <b>Allarba</b>         | <b>Wednesday</b>       |
| <b>Alxamis</b>         | <b>Thursday</b>        |
| <b>Ajjuma</b>          | <b>Friday</b>          |
| <b>Aseet</b>           | <b>Saturday</b>        |
| <b>Dibeer</b>          | <b>Sunday</b>          |
| <b>Bes bu nekk</b>     | <b>Every day</b>       |
| <b>Suba su nekk</b>    | <b>Every morning</b>   |
| <b>Ngoon su nekk</b>   | <b>Every afternoon</b> |
| <b>Guddi gu nekk</b>   | <b>Every night</b>     |
| <b>Altine bu nekk</b>  | <b>Every Monday</b>    |
| <b>Ajjuma ju nekk</b>  | <b>Every Friday</b>    |
| <b>Bes</b>             | <b>Day</b>             |
| <b>Ayu bes</b>         | <b>Week</b>            |
| <b>Weer</b>            | <b>Month</b>           |
| <b>At</b>              | <b>Year</b>            |
| <b>Ayu bes bu nekk</b> | <b>Every week</b>      |
| <b>Weer wu nekk</b>    | <b>Every month</b>     |
| <b>At mu nekk</b>      | <b>Every year</b>      |

### Lesson 8: Introducing Self/Someone

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| <b>Maam laa tudd</b>                       | <b>My name is Maam</b>                                 |
| <b>Baas laa sant</b>                       | <b>My last name is Baas</b>                            |
| <b>Nanga tudd?</b>                         | <b>What's your name?</b>                               |
| <b>Nanga sant?</b>                         | <b>What's your last name?</b>                          |
| <b>Waa Moritani laa</b>                    | <b>I am from Mauritania</b>                            |
| <b>Sama jabar waa Moritani la</b>          | <b>My wife is from Mauritania</b>                      |
| <b>Yow waa fan nga?</b>                    | <b>Where are you from?</b>                             |
| <b>Sa jabar waa fan la?</b>                | <b>Where is your wife from?</b>                        |
| <b>Moom waa fan la?</b>                    | <b>Where is she from?</b>                              |
| <b>Moom waa fan la?</b>                    | <b>Where is he from?</b>                               |
| <b>John la tudd</b>                        | <b>His name is John</b>                                |
| <b>Hogan la sant</b>                       | <b>His last name is Hogan</b>                          |
| <b>John du waa Moritani. Waa amerik la</b> | <b>John is not from Mauritania. He is from America</b> |
| <b>Waa Amerik nga?</b>                     | <b>Are you from America?</b>                           |
| <b>Déedéet, du ma waa Amerik.</b>          | <b>No, I am not from America.</b>                      |
| <b>Waa Moritani nga?</b>                   | <b>Are you from Mauritania?</b>                        |
| <b>Waaw, waa Moritani laa</b>              | <b>Yes, I am from Mauritania.</b>                      |
| <b>Jangalekat laa</b>                      | <b>I am a teacher</b>                                  |
| <b>Sama jabar du jangalekat</b>            | <b>My wife is not a teacher</b>                        |
| <b>John wolonteer la</b>                   | <b>John is a volunteer</b>                             |
| <b>Jabaram du wolonteer</b>                | <b>His wife is not a volunteer</b>                     |
| <b>Jabaru John doctoor la</b>              | <b>John's wife is a doctor</b>                         |

### Lesson 9: Leave-taking Expressions

|                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Ci jamm!</b>          | <b>Good-bye!</b>                |
| <b>Ba beneen yoon!</b>   | <b>See you!</b>                 |
| <b>Yendul ak jamm</b>    | <b>Have a good day</b>          |
| <b>Fanaanal ak jamm</b>  | <b>Have a good night</b>        |
| <b>Nu fanaan ak jamm</b> | <b>May we have a good night</b> |
| <b>Ci jamm!</b>          | <b>Stay in peace</b>            |
| <b>Aamiin!</b>           | <b>Amen!</b>                    |
| <b>Ba ëllëg ci suba</b>  | <b>See you in the morning</b>   |
| <b>Ba ngoon</b>          | <b>See you in the afternoon</b> |
| <b>Ba booru bëccëg</b>   | <b>See you around noon</b>      |
| <b>Ba guddi</b>          | <b>See you in the evening</b>   |
| <b>Ba ëllëg</b>          | <b>See you tomorrow</b>         |
| <b>Ba ci kanam</b>       | <b>See you soon</b>             |
| <b>Ba ci fan yii</b>     | <b>See you later</b>            |

### Lesson 10: Some Useful Expressions & Phrases

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|--|--|
| <b>Dama sonn</b>                       | <b>I am tired</b>                      |
| <b>Dama gëmentu</b>                    | <b>I am sleepy</b>                     |
| <b>Dama xiif</b>                       | <b>I am hungry</b>                     |
| <b>Xiif-u ma</b>                       | <b>I am not hungry</b>                 |
| <b>Dama mar</b>                        | <b>I am thirsty</b>                    |
| <b>Mar-u ma</b>                        | <b>I am not thirsty</b>                |
| <b>Dafa tang</b>                       | <b>It's hot</b>                        |
| <b>Tang-ul</b>                         | <b>It's not hot</b>                    |
| <b>Dafa sedd</b>                       | <b>It's cold</b>                       |
| <b>Sedd-ul</b>                         | <b>It's not cold</b>                   |
| <b>Baal ma</b>                         | <b>Excuse me</b>                       |
| <b>Baal naa la</b>                     | <b>You are excused</b>                 |
| <b>Fan nga jëm?</b>                    | <b>Where are you going?</b>            |
| <b>Maa ngi jëm kër ga</b>              | <b>I am going home</b>                 |
| <b>Maa ngi jëm ekool</b>               | <b>I am going to school</b>            |
| <b>John mungi jëm marse</b>            | <b>John is going to the market</b>     |
| <b>Mungi jëm ci bitik bi</b>           | <b>He is going to the shop</b>         |
| <b>Jëm-uma biro ba</b>                 | <b>I'm not going to the office</b>     |
| <b>Degg nga Wolof?</b>                 | <b>Do you speak Wolof?</b>             |
| <b>Waaw, degg naa Wolof tuuti rekk</b> | <b>Yes, I speak Wolof a little bit</b> |
| <b>John degg-ul Wolof</b>              | <b>John doesn't speak Wolof</b>        |
| <b>Bëgg-uma français</b>               | <b>I don't like French</b>             |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Bëgg-uma kafe</b>                 | <b>I don't like coffee</b>    |
| <b>Jennifer dafa bëgg lakk Wolof</b> | <b>Jennifer likes Wolof</b>   |
| <b>Damay jang</b>                    | <b>I study</b>                |
| <b>Damay lekk</b>                    | <b>I eat</b>                  |
| <b>Damay liggéey</b>                 | <b>I work</b>                 |
| <b>Moom jang-ul</b>                  | <b>He doesn't study</b>       |
| <b>Moom lekk-ul</b>                  | <b>She doesn't eat</b>        |
| <b>Ñoom liggéey-uñu</b>              | <b>They don't work</b>        |
| <b>Damay nelaw tuuti</b>             | <b>I am having some sleep</b> |
| <b>Liggéey-uma léegi</b>             | <b>I don't work now</b>       |
| <b>Dama bëgg noppalu</b>             | <b>I want to rest</b>         |