

This is a list of the 1,000 most commonly spoken Xhosa words.

Number	Xhosa	in English
1	xa	as
2	mna	I
3	yakhe	his
4	ukuba	that
5	yena	he
6	yaba	was
7	kuba	for
8	phezu	on
9	zezi	are
10	kunye	with
11	bona	they
12	kuba	be
13	ngexesha	at
14	Nye	one
15	kuba	have
16	le	this
17	ku	from
18	ngokuthi	by
19	shushu	hot
20	igama	word
21	kodwa	but
22	Intoni	what
23	ezinye	some
24	na	is
25	kuyo	it
26	nina	you
27	okanye	or
28	kwafuneka	had
29	le	the
30	ye	of
31	ukuze	to
32	kwaye	and
33	i	a
34	e	in
35	thina	we
36	unako	can
37	phandle	out

38	omnye	other
39	zaye	were
40	apho	which
41	ukwenza	do
42	zabo	their
43	ixesha	time
44	ukuba	if
45	uya	will
46	Njani	how
47	wathi	said
48	ye	an
49	ngamnye	each
50	xelela	tell
51	ntoni	does
52	iseti	set
53	Ntathu	three
54	nqwenela	want
55	umoya	air
56	kakuhle	well
57	ngokunjalo	also
58	umdlalo	play
59	amancinane	small
60	isiphelo	end
61	beka	put
62	ikhaya	home
63	funda	read
64	isandla	hand
65	izibuko	port
66	ezinkulu	large
67	pela	spell
68	ukongeza	add
69	nokuba	even
70	umhlaba	land
71	Apha	here
72	kufuneka	must
73	enkulu	big
74	phezulu	high
75	ezifana	such
76	landela	follow
77	isenzo	act

78	ngoba	why
79	cela	ask
80	amadoda	men
81	utshintsho	change
82	waya	went
83	ukukhanya	light
84	uhlobo	kind
85	off	off
86	imfuneko	need
87	indlu	house
88	umfanekiso	picture
89	zama	try
90	thina	us
91	kwakhona	again
92	isilwanyana	animal
93	indawo	point
94	umama	mother
95	ihlabathi	world
96	kufutshane	near
97	ukwakha	build
98	ukuzeyisa	self
99	umhlaba	earth
100	utata	father
101	nayiphina	any
102	olutsha	new
103	umsebenzi	work
104	inxalenye	part
105	thabatha	take
106	fumana	get
107	indawo	place
108	yenziwe	made
109	phila	live
110	apho	where
111	emva	after
112	umva	back
113	kancinane	little
114	kuphela	only
115	ngukuva	round
116	indoda	man
117	unyaka	year

118	weza	came
119	bonisa	show
120	yonke	every
121	kulungile	good
122	mna	me
123	nika	give
124	yethu	our
125	phantsi	under
126	igama	name
127	kakhulu	very
128	ngokusebenzisa	through
129	nje	just
130	imo	form
131	isigwebo	sentence
132	kakhulu	great
133	cinga	think
134	ithi	say
135	Nceda	help
136	phantsi	low
137	umgca	line
138	kwahluka	differ
139	lithuba	turn
140	unobangela	cause
141	kakhulu	much
142	kuthetha	mean
143	phambi kokuba	before
144	shukuma	move
145	kunene	right
146	inkwenkwe	boy
147	ubudala	old
148	kakhulu	too
149	enye	same
150	yena	she
151	zonke	all
152	Pha	there
153	nini	when
154	phezulu	up
155	ukusebenzisa	use
156	akho	your
157	indlela	way

158	malunga	about
159	ezininzi	many
160	ngelo xesha	then
161	bona	them
162	bhala	write
163	babeya	would
164	ezifana	like
165	ukuze	so
166	ezi	these
167	yena	her
168	elide	long
169	enza	make
170	into	thing
171	khangela	see
172	yena	him
173	Mbini	two
174	unalo	has
175	khangela	look
176	Kaninzi	more
177	usuku	day
178	nako	could
179	ukuya	go
180	kuza	come
181	wenza	did
182	inani	number
183	isandi	sound
184	hayi	no
185	uninzi	most
186	abantu	people
187	yam	my
188	phezu	over
189	azi	know
190	amanzi	water
191	ngaphezu	than
192	umnxeba	call
193	Ekuqaleni	first
194	ngubani	who
195	UCanzibe	may
196	phantsi	down
197	icala	side

198	ibe	been
199	ngoku	now
200	fumana	find
201	intloko	head
202	yima	stand
203	yakhe	own
204	iphepha	page
205	kufuneka	should
206	ilizwe	country
207	bafumana	found
208	impendulo	answer
209	isikolo	school
210	khula	grow
211	isifundo	study
212	nangoku	still
213	funda	learn
214	isityalo	plant
215	isiciko	cover
216	ukutya	food
217	ilanga	sun
218	Ne	four
219	phakathi	between
220	imeko	state
221	gcina	keep
222	iliso	eye
223	soze	never
224	kugqibela	last
225	makhe	let
226	ingcinga	thought
227	isixeko	city
228	umthi	tree
229	umnqamlezo	cross
230	ifama	farm
231	lukhuni	hard
232	ukuqala	start
233	amandla	might
234	ibali	story
235	isarha	saw
236	kude	far
237	ulwandle	sea

238	zoba	draw
239	khohlo	left
240	kade	late
241	baleka	run
242	musa	don't
243	lo gama	while
244	cinezela	press
245	kufutshane	close
246	busuku	night
247	yenene	real
248	ubomi	life
249	mbalwa	few
250	mantla	north
251	incwadi	book
252	ukwenza	carry
253	wathabatha	took
254	inzululwazi	science
255	nidle	eat
256	igumbi	room
257	umhlobo	friend
258	waqala	began
259	uluvo	idea
260	intlanzi	fish
261	intaba	mountain
262	yeka	stop
263	Kanye	once
264	isiseko	base
265	eniyivayo	hear
266	ihashe	horse
267	sika	cut
268	qiniseka	sure
269	khangela	watch
270	umbala	color
271	ubuso	face
272	iinkuni	wood
273	eyona	main
274	vula	open
275	ngathi	seem
276	kunye	together
277	Okulandelayo	next

278	mhlophe	white
279	abantwana	children
280	qala	begin
281	wavuka	got
282	ukuhamba	walk
283	umzekelo	example
284	ukonwaba	ease
285	iphepha	paper
286	iqela	group
287	rhoqo	always
288	umculo	music
289	abo	those
290	bobabini	both
291	uphawu	mark
292	rhoqo	often
293	ileta	letter
294	kude	until
295	imayile	mile
296	umlambo	river
297	imoto	car
298	iinyawo	feet
299	inkathalo	care
300	Isibini	second
301	konele	enough
302	cacile	plain
303	intombazana	girl
304	njengesiqhelo	usual
305	abatsha	young
306	lungele	ready
307	ngasentla	above
308	kuze	ever
309	bomvu	red
310	uluhlu	list
311	nangona	though
312	bazive	feel
313	thetha	talk
314	intaka	bird
315	msinyane	soon
316	umzimba	body
317	inja	dog

318	usapho	family
319	ngqo	direct
320	woku-	pose
321	shiya	leave
322	ingoma	song
323	umlinganiselo	measure
324	ucango	door
325	imveliso	product
326	mnyama	black
327	mfutshane	short
328	inani	numeral
329	eklasini	class
330	umoya	wind
331	umbuzo	question
332	kwenzeka	happen
333	epheleleyo	complete
334	inqanawa	ship
335	ummandla	area
336	isiqingatha	half
337	iliwa	rock
338	umyalelo	order
339	umlilo	fire
340	mazantsi	south
341	ingxaki	problem
342	iqhekeza	piece
343	wathi	told
344	wayesazi	knew
345	Kwathi	pass
346	ukususela	since
347	umphezulu	top
348	onke	whole
349	ukumkani	king
350	isitalato	street
351	intshi	inch
352	kuyandisa	multiply
353	akukho nto	nothing
354	ikhosi	course
355	ukuhlala	stay
356	ivili	wheel
357	ngokupheleleyo	full

358	amandla	force
359	luhlaza	blue
360	into	object
361	gqiba	decide
362	umphandle	surface
363	nzulu	deep
364	inyanga	moon
365	isiqithi	island
366	unyawo	foot
367	isixokelelwano	system
368	ndixakekile	busy
369	uvavanyo	test
370	irekhodi	record
371	isikhephe	boat
372	eqhelekileyo	common
373	igolide	gold
374	nokwenzeka	possible
375	moya	plane
376	esikhundleni	stead
377	omile	dry
378	ukumangaliswa	wonder
379	hleka	laugh
380	iwaka	thousand
381	kudala	ago
382	wabaleka	ran
383	khangela	check
384	umdlalo	game
385	ukumila	shape
386	kungaba	equate
387	shushu	hot
388	khumbula	miss
389	wazisa	brought
390	ubushushu	heat
391	ikhephu	snow
392	ukudinisa	tire
393	zizisa	bring
394	ewe	yes
395	kude	distant
396	zalisa	fill
397	bucala ngasekhohlo	east

398	ukupeyinta	paint
399	ulwimi	language
400	phakathi	among
401	unit	unit
402	amandla	power
403	idolophu	town
404	isohlwayo	fine
405	ezithile	certain
406	impukane	fly
407	bawe	fall
408	ukukhokela	lead
409	isikhalo	cry
410	mnyama	dark
411	umatshini	machine
412	Phawula	note
413	yima	wait
414	iplani	plan
415	inani	figure
416	inkwenkwezi	star
417	ibhokisi	box
418	isibizo	noun
419	intsimi	field
420	phumla	rest
421	lungile	correct
422	nako	able
423	isikiti	pound
424	nzileyo	done
425	ubuhle	beauty
426	qhuba	drive
427	wema	stood
428	ziqulethe	contain
429	phambili	front
430	fundisa	teach
431	iveki	week
432	sokugqibela	final
433	wanika	gave
434	luhlaza	green
435	oh	oh
436	ngokukhawuleza	quick
437	phuhlisa	develop

438	ocean	ocean
439	efudumeleyo	warm
440	khulula	free
441	mzuzu	minute
442	olomeleleyo	strong
443	ezikhethekileyo	special
444	ingqondo	mind
445	ngemva	behind
446	ecacileyo	clear
447	umsila	tail
448	velisa	produce
449	inyaniso	fact
450	isithuba	space
451	ndeva	heard
452	eyona	best
453	yure	hour
454	ngcono	better
455	oyinyaniso	true
456	ngexesha	during
457	ikhulu	hundred
458	Ntlanu	five
459	khumbula	remember
460	inyathelo	step
461	kusasa	early
462	bamba	hold
463	bucala ngasekunene	west
464	umhlaba	ground
465	umdla	interest
466	ukufikelela	reach
467	ngokukhawuleza	fast
468	isenzi	verb
469	cula	sing
470	ukuphulaphula	listen
471	Ntandathu	six
472	itafle	table
473	hamba	travel
474	Ngaphantsi	less
475	ntseni	morning
476	Shumi	ten
477	elula	simple

478	eziliqela	several
479	isikhamiso	vowel
480	ndibhekise	toward
481	imfazwe	war
482	beka	lay
483	ngokuchasene	against
484	ipatheni	pattern
485	olucothayo	slow
486	iziko	center
487	uthando	love
488	umntu	person
489	imali	money
490	khonza	serve
491	avele	appear
492	indlela	road
493	imephu	map
494	imvula	rain
495	umthetho	rule
496	lawula	govern
497	Tsala	pull
498	ingqele	cold
499	isaziso	notice
500	ilizwi	voice
501	amandla	energy
502	ukuzingela	hunt
503	mhlawumbi	probable
504	ibhedi	bed
505	ubhuti	brother
506	iqanda	egg
507	ukukhwela	ride
508	iseli	cell
509	kholelwa	believe
510	mhlawumbi	perhaps
511	ukcola	pick
512	ngeqbuliso	sudden
513	bala	count
514	isikwere	square
515	isizathu	reason
516	ubude	length
517	mela	represent

518	ubugcisa	art
519	isifundo	subject
520	ummandla	region
521	ubungakanani	size
522	kwahluka	vary
523	lungisa	settle
524	thetha	speak
525	ubunzima	weight
526	ngokubanzi	general
527	umkhenkce	ice
528	umcimbi	matter
529	isangqa	circle
530	iperi	pair
531	ziquka	include
532	yahlula	divide
533	nelungu	syllable
534	waziva	felt
535	Grand	grand
536	ibhola	ball
537	kanti	yet
538	iliza	wave
539	imenyu	drop
540	intliziyo	heart
541	mna	am
542	isipho	present
543	nzima	heavy
544	umdaniso	dance
545	injini	engine
546	indawo	position
547	ingalo	arm
548	banzi	wide
549	iseyile	sail
550	imathiriyeli	material
551	iqhezu	fraction
552	ihlathi	forest
553	hlala	sit
554	uhlanga	race
555	ifestile	window
556	ivenkile	store
557	ihlobo	summer

558	uloliwe	train
559	ukulala	sleep
560	zingqina	prove
561	eyedwa	lone
562	umlenze	leg
563	umsebenzi	exercise
564	udonga	wall
565	babambisa	catch
566	entabeni	mount
567	umnqweno	wish
568	isibhakabhaka	sky
569	ibhodi	board
570	uvuyo	joy
571	ubusika	winter
572	Wahlala	sat
573	ebhaliweyo	written
574	zasendle	wild
575	isixhobo	instrument
576	zigcinwe	kept
577	iglassi	glass
578	ingca	grass
579	inkomo	cow
580	umsebenzi	job
581	isiphelo	edge
582	uphawu	sign
583	utyelelo	visit
584	elidlulileyo	past
585	ezithambileyo	soft
586	ukonwaba	fun
587	eliqaqambileyo	bright
588	igesi	gas
589	yemozulu	weather
590	inyanga	month
591	kwezigidi	million
592	kuthwala	bear
593	entanjeni	finish
594	onwabile	happy
595	ithemba	hope
596	intyatyambo	flower
597	zokumambesa	clothe

598	engaqhelekanga	strange
599	phelile	gone
600	urhwebo	trade
601	uncuthu lwengoma	melody
602	uhambo	trip
603	iofisi	office
604	kufumana	receive
605	ukrozo	row
606	umlomo	mouth
607	kanye	exact
608	umqondiso	symbol
609	kufa	die
610	ubuncinane	least
611	inkathazo	trouble
612	amayeyeye	shout
613	ngaphandle	except
614	wabhala	wrote
615	imbewu	seed
616	ilizwi	tone
617	joyina	join
618	bacebisa	suggest
619	acocekileyo	clean
620	ikhefu	break
621	inenekazi	lady
622	iyadi	yard
623	phakama	rise
624	olubi	bad
625	ngesibetho	blow
626	ioyile	oil
627	igazi	blood
628	ukuchukumisa	touch
629	wakhula	grew
630	ekhulwini	cent
631	xuba	mix
632	iqela	team
633	ucingo	wire
634	ixabiso	cost
635	ezilahlekileyo	lost
636	ntsundu	brown
637	nxiba	wear

638	igadi	garden
639	ngokulinganayo	equal
640	wathumela	sent
641	khetha	choose
642	wawa	fell
643	ilingane	fit
644	iiflowu	flow
645	lungile	fair
646	ibhanki	bank
647	ukuqokelela	collect
648	gcina	save
649	ulawulo	control
650	wokugqibela	decimal
651	indlebe	ear
652	enye	else
653	kakhulu	quite
654	waqhekeza	broke
655	ityala	case
656	phakathi	middle
657	bulala	kill
658	unyana	son
659	ichibi	lake
660	umzuzu	moment
661	isikali	scale
662	elikhulu	loud
663	intlakohlaza	spring
664	qaphela	observe
665	umntwana	child
666	Ngqo	straight
667	ulwazi lwezandi	consonant
668	isizwe	nation
669	isichazi-magama	dictionary
670	ubisi	milk
671	isantya	speed
672	indlela yokwenza	method
673	ilungu lomzimba	organ
674	hlawula	pay
675	ubudala	age
676	icandelo	section
677	isinxibo	dress

678	ilifu	cloud
679	Ndamangaliswa	surprise
680	zolile	quiet
681	ilitye	stone
682	zincinane	tiny
683	ukhwelo	climb
684	kuhle	cool
685	uyilo	design
686	amahlwempu	poor
687	iqashiso	lot
688	umfuniselo	experiment
689	ezantsi	bottom
690	isitshixo	key
691	intsimbi	iron
692	enye	single
693	intonga	stick
694	iflethi	flat
695	Amashumi amabini	twenty
696	ulusu	skin
697	uncumo	smile
698	ngokucha-	crease
699	umngxuma	hole
700	xhuma	jump
701	usana	baby
702	Sibhozo	eight
703	ilali	village
704	dibana	meet
705	ingcambu	root
706	kuthenga	buy
707	ukunyusa	raise
708	sombulula	solve
709	isinyithi	metal
710	nokuba	whether
711	Dudula	push
712	Sixhenxe	seven
713	umhlathi	paragraph
714	Isithathu	third
715	uya	shall
716	zabanjwa	held
717	iinwele	hair

718	chaza	describe
719	umpheki	cook
720	umgangatho	floor
721	nokuba	either
722	isiphumo	result
723	aqhumisele	burn
724	induli	hill
725	ekhuselekileyo	safe
726	ikati	cat
727	inkulungwane	century
728	ingqalelo	consider
729	uhlobo	type
730	umthetho	law
731	isuntswana	bit
732	unxweme	coast
733	ikopi	copy
734	ibinzana	phrase
735	cwaka	silent
736	emide	tall
737	isanti	sand
738	umhlaba	soil
739	umqulu	roll
740	iqondo lobushushu	temperature
741	umnwe	finger
742	ishishini	industry
743	ixabiso	value
744	umlo	fight
745	ubuxoki	lie
746	bamtyabula	beat
747	-nik'ihlombe	excite
748	endalo	natural
749	uluvo	view
750	intsingiselo	sense
751	inkunzi	capital
752	akayi	won't
753	isitulo	chair
754	Ingozi	danger
755	iziqhamo	fruit
756	tyebile	rich
757	zamafu	thick

758	ijoni	soldier
759	inkqubo	process
760	ukusebenza	operate
761	ukwenza	practice
762	eyahlukileyo	separate
763	nzima	difficult
764	ugqirha	doctor
765	ndiyacela	please
766	khusela	protect
767	emini enkulu	noon
768	isivuno	crop
769	yanamhlanje	modern
770	isiqalelo	element
771	betha	hit
772	umfundi	student
773	ikona	corner
774	iqela	party
775	isibonelelo	supply
776	kabani	whose
777	fumana	locate
778	umsesane	ring
779	umlinganiswa	character
780	isinambuzane	insect
781	babambisa	caught
782	ixesha	period
783	zibonisa	indicate
784	unomathotholo	radio
785	wathetha	spoke
786	iatom	atom
787	umntu	human
788	imbali	history
789	isiphumo	effect
790	ombane	electric
791	silindele	expect
792	ithambo	bone
793	ngololiwe	rail
794	ucinge	imagine
795	ukubonelela	provide
796	uyavuma	agree
797	ngoko ke	thus

798	nobubele	gentle
799	inkosikazi	woman
800	ikhapteni	captain
801	unokuthekelela	guess
802	kuyimfuneko	necessary
803	ezibukhali	sharp
804	iphiko	wing
805	dala	create
806	ummelwane	neighbor
807	hlamba	wash
808	ilulwane	bat
809	kunokuba	rather
810	isihlwele	crowd
811	umbona	corn
812	thelekisa	compare
813	umbongo	poem
814	umtya	string
815	intsimbi	bell
816	kuxhomekeka	depend
817	inyama	meat
818	hlikihla	rub
819	umbhobho	tube
820	dumile	famous
921	dollar	dollar
822	umlambo	stream
823	uloyiko	fear
284	ukubona	sight
825	angamarhoqorhoqo	thin
826	unxantathu	triangle
827	iplanethi	planet
828	khawuleza	hurry
829	inkosi	chief
830	thanga	colony
831	ikloko	clock
832	yam	mine
833	iqhina	tie
834	faka	enter
835	enkulu	major
836	fresh	fresh
837	ukufuna	search

838	thumela	send
839	lubhelu	yellow
840	umpu	gun
841	kuvumela	allow
842	ushicilelo	print
843	ofileyo	dead
844	ibala	spot
845	intlango	desert
846	isuti	suit
847	angoku	current
848	nyusa	lift
840	wavuka	rose
850	zifika	arrive
851	inkosi	master
852	umkhondo	track
853	umzali	parent
854	unxweme	shore
855	ulwahlulo	division
856	ishiti	sheet
857	into	substance
858	isisa	favor
859	ukudibanisa	connect
860	isikhundla	post
861	chitha	spend
862	ikhodi	chord
863	amafutha	fat
864	Ndiyavuya	glad
865	original	original
866	isabelo	share
867	isitishi	station
868	utata	dad
869	isonka	bread
870	intlawulo	charge
871	eyiyo	proper
872	ibhari	bar
873	umnikelo	offer
874	segment	segment
875	ikhoboka	slave
876	idada	duck
877	ngephanyazo	instant

878	imarike	market
879	iqondo	degree
880	bazalise	populate
881	intshontsho	chick
882	abathandekayo	dear
883	utshaba	enemy
884	impendulo	reply
885	isiselo	drink
886	zenzeka	occur
887	inkxaso	support
888	intetho	speech
889	indalo	nature
890	uluhlu	range
891	umphunga	steam
892	isindululo	motion
893	indlela	path
894	ulwelo	liquid
895	ilog	log
896	kwakuthetha	meant
897	quotient	quotient
898	amazinyo	teeth
899	iqokobhe	shell
900	intamo	neck
901	ioksijini	oxygen
902	iswekile	sugar
903	ukufa	death
904	intle	pretty
905	ubuchule	skill
906	abafazi	women
907	ixesha lonyaka	season
908	isisombululo	solution
909	imagethi	magnet
910	isilivere	silver
911	bulela	thank
912	isebe	branch
913	umdlalo	match
914	isimamva	suffix
915	ngakumbi	especially
916	ikhiwane	fig
917	boyika	afraid

918	enkulu	huge
919	usisi	sister
920	intsimbi	steel
921	xoxa	discuss
922	phambili	forward
923	ezifanayo	similar
924	khokela	guide
925	amava	experience
926	Inqaku	score
927	apile	apple
928	bathenga	bought
929	i-LED	led
930	lokuqhubekaka	pitch
931	ibhatyi	coat
932	ubunzima	mass
933	ikhadi	card
934	band	band
935	intambo	rope
936	isiliphu	slip
937	ukuphumelela	win
938	iphupha	dream
939	ngokuhlwa	evening
940	imeko	condition
941	ifidi	feed
942	isixhobo	tool
943	iyonke	total
944	ezisisiseko	basic
945	ivumba	smell
946	intlambo	valley
947	okanye	nor
948	kabini	double
949	isihlalo	seat
950	kuqhubeka	continue
951	ibhloko	block
952	itshathi	chart
953	umnqwazi	hat
954	thengisa	sell
955	impumelelo	success
956	inkampani	company
957	thabatha	subtract

958	isiganeko	event
959	kanye	particular
960	nesahlulo	deal
961	qubha	swim
962	ikota	term
963	malunga	opposite
964	inkosikazi	wife
965	isihlangu	shoe
966	igxalaba	shoulder
967	sasaza	spread
968	amalungiselelo	arrange
969	inkampu	camp
970	abaliqulunqa	invent
971	umqhaphu	cotton
972	eyamazibulo	born
973	ukumisela	determine
974	nelitha	quart
975	Thoba	nine
976	ilori	truck
977	ingxolo	noise
978	kwinqanaba	level
979	ithuba	chance
980	ndibahlanganise	gather
981	ivenkile	shop
982	Kumgama	stretch
983	ukuphosa	throw
984	ukukhanya	shine
985	ipropati	property
986	intsika	column
987	zinemoletyhule	molecule
988	khetha	select
989	engalunganga	wrong
990	ngwevu	gray
991	phinda	repeat
992	funa	require
993	ebanzi	broad
994	lungiselela	prepare
995	ityuwa	salt
996	impumlo	nose
997	isininzi	plural

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