

(B) Ndebele (1/1) [15 Points]

Ndebele verbs have prefixes to mark the subject:

- ngi-** - 1st person singular
- u-** - 2nd person singular *or* 3rd person singular
- si-** - 1st person plural
- ba-** - 3rd person plural

There is also the prefix **uku-**, marking the infinitive, and the infix **-ya-**, which marks a verb with no “following” word, either an object or an adverb. It is still used when the verb is followed by the question particles **na** or **angithi** (marking a “tag” question).

The question-word adverbs **njani** and **ngaphi** can also act as verbs (“Where is she?” = “She wheres?”), in which case they take the subject prefixes above.

The Ndebele nouns given here are marked by the prefix **um-** in the singular and **aba-** in the plural.

1. (a) Yes, they want to see. (b) How is the boy learning to sew? (c) Where are we? (d) I am cooking tea.
2. (a) **Unjani umntwana?** (b) **Sifunda ukupheka angithi?** (c) **Yebo, bayakhuluma.** (d) **Bafuna ukubona ubaba na?**

