

About the conditional and ways of using “If”

How do I say “If” in Wolof? Well, there are ways in which the “If” expression is embedded in the verbal structure and it can give it a conditional form for example. This is not a treaty on grammar 😊. We are trying a way to help any foreign language learner of Wolof to make sense of certain structures that will be helpful for their improvement 😊. Jàmm!

Misaal (Example):

Wolof	Àngale
Buma amee sibbiru, dina soxla ab fajkat.	If I have malaria, I will need to see a doctor

Misaal: With an idea expressed in the present.

Wolof	Ànglae
Buma demee Senegaal, dinaa jàng Wolof.	If I go to Sengal, I will study Wolof.
Boo demee Senegaal, dinga jàng Wolof.	If you go to Senegal, you will study Wolof.
Bu demee Senegaal, dina jàng Wolof.	If he/she goes to Senegal, she/he will study Wolof.
Bunu demee Senegaal, dinanu jàng Wolof.	If we go to Senegal, we will study Wolof.
Buléén demee Senegaal, dingéén jàng Wolof.	If you (all) go to Senegal, you will study Wolof.
Buñu demee Senegaal, dinañu jàng Wolof.	If they go to Senegal, they will study Wolof.

NB: When it used with an expression in the past, the particle *-ee* becomes *-oon*.