

Nthawi	time, season	-loŵa	enter, go in, come in
Chaka	year, feast	-tuluka	go out, come out
Mwezi	month, moon	-kwera	go up, climb, ascend
Mlungu	week	-tsiku	come down, descend
Dzuŵa	sun	-weruka	leave work and go
Tsiku	day	-ŵala	shine
Mvula 4	rain	-tsogola	go in front
Msana	noon, back	-tsata	follow

Chaka chatha last year. Chaka chino this year. Chaka chamaŵa next year.
Mwezi watha last month. Mwezi uno this month. Mwezi wamaŵa next month.
Mlungu watha last week. Mlungu uno this week. Mlungu wamaŵa next week.

Masiku ano these days.

Nthawi yanji? At what time? Munafika nthawi yanji ku mudzi?

Munaweruka sukulu nthawi yanji?

(nthawi ya) m'maŵa in the morning Timaphunzira (nthawi ya) m'maŵa.
(nthawi ya) masana at noon (10.00 to 3.00) Timaweruka masana.
(nthawi ya) madzulo in the afternoon, evening Kodi mvula ibwera madzulo?
(nthawi ya) usiku at night or early in the morning Mvula inagwa u iku.

Usana ndi usiku day and night, also (msana, masana)

Dzuŵa lili kutuluka at sunrise: Tinaloŵa m'tchalitchi dzuŵa lili kutuluka.
Dzuŵa lili pakati at 12.00 noon. Pakati in the middle (...lili panutu)
Dzuŵa lili kuloŵa at sunset: Tinafika kumudzi dzuŵa lili kuloŵa.
Nthawi ili bwanji? What time is it?

Mvula ili kugwa It is raining Munali kuti? Masiku ano simuoneka.
Kodi mvula ibwera madzulo? Ana inu, musalowe m'nyumba umo.
Tiyeni; dzuŵa lili pafupi kuloŵa. Amayi ali kumva msana. — Pepani!
Mvula imagwa kawirikawiri. Chabwino, tsogolani! Ndikutsatani.
Dzuŵa limaŵala kwambiri masana. Inu anyamata, musakwere mumtengo!

THERE IS: Remember the verb -li is replaced by the verb -khala in the Future, for a habit, and in the Subjunctive:

Pali	Panali	Padzakhala	Pamakhala	Pakhale
Kuli	Kunali	Kudzakhala	Kumakhala	Kukhale
Muli	Munali	Mudzakhala	Mumakhala	Mukhale

Pamudzi pano pamakhala njala kawirikawiri.
M'nyumba umo mumakhala katundu.

Greetings:—Moni anyamata!
—Moninso atsikana!
—Muli paulendo?
—Kodi! Muli bwanji nanga?
—Inenso ndili bwino.

—Zikomo!
—Zimatha! (:Zikomo) women only
—Ee! Tikupita kumsika.
—Tili bwino ndithu. Kaya inu?
“Nanga”: Well, by the way

Adverbs: Here are some adverbs expressing the position of an object: they take as prefix one of the preposition pa, ku or mu.

Pamwamba (pa) on the top (of) : Pamwamba paphiri pali mtengo.
Pansi (pa) at the bottom (of) : Pansi patebulo pali katundu under

Panja (pa) outside : Ndinasiya katundu panja (:pa khomo)
Pakati (pa) in the middle (of) : Pakati pa usiku mfumu anandiitana.

Patsogolo in front, further on : Sitoro ili patsogolo.
Pambuyo (pa) behind, after : Mwamuna ali patsogolo, mkazi pambuyo.

Mumayamba ntchito nthawi yanji? Timatuluka sukulu nthawi ya madzulo.
Kunalibe mvula mwezi watha. Kumudzi kwa Chimutu kupali chaka dzulo.
Padzakhala njala chaka chino. Tidzapanga msonkhano mlungu wamaŵa.
Tiyeni, tikhale pansu pa mtengo! Anthufe timadya nthawi ya masana.
Sanagone tulo usiku. Nyama sizioneka masana koma usiku.

- At what time do you start the work, in the morning or at noon?
- Last week, I did not go to church; I had a pain in the back.
- There won't be any meeting in this village this month.
- The rain started in the morning and stopped in the evening.
- You children, don't be lazy! Get up! Look, the sun is coming out.
- Is it going to rain?—I don't know. Perhaps in the afternoon.
- In this village there is a school; there was no teacher last year.
- Let us have a meeting in Chimutu village next week!
- The month is nearly finished and I did not write any letter.
- We will climb the hill in the morning and come down at noon.
- They should not stay outside. Open the door, let them come in!
- Take a basket and put the books at the bottom, the clothes on top.
- The children were walking behind the teacher.
- The chief wants the school to be in the middle of the village.
- Let the boys be in front, and the girls behind!

Proverb: Mlandu suola