**Narrator)** Welcome to the Kurdish Sorani language course for English listeners, developed by Agora Vision.

We use a combination of the latest language learning techniques to help you progress in learning a new language in the easiest and most successful way. All techniques are scientifically supported and recommended by language learning experts worldwide. Examples of some of these techniques include active listening and speaking, frequent and structured repetition, using conversations in a natural context, grammar explanations, and lesson variety.

One of the biggest strengths of this course is that all conversations are conducted by native speakers of the target language, helping to make you sound more fluent and natural. Another one of our top strengths is that this course is completely audio-based. This means you can start and continue learning several new languages just by listening while working, driving, exercising, or at any other time.

It's also important to note that the content of this course, both text and audio, is not taken from any external sources and is exclusive to Agora Vision. All lessons are unique and exclusive, available only to our users.

Let's start with our first topic - Greetings and Introductions. This is our first standard lesson. In this lesson, you'll learn basic greetings in Kurdish Sorani, how to ask how someone is doing, and how to say goodbye. These are essential phrases that will help you start and end any conversation. Let's begin!

**Man**) سڵاو!

**Woman**) سڵاو! چۆنی؟

**Man**) باشم، سوپاس. چۆنی؟

**Woman**) باشم، سوپاس.

**Man**) خواحافیز!

**Woman**) خواحافیز!

**Narrator)** Let's learn our first word in Kurdish Sorani: the word for "hello". Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) سڵاو

[pause]

**Man**) سڵاو

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! This is how you say "hello" in Kurdish Sorani. It's a common greeting used when meeting someone. You can use it any time of day, whether it's morning, afternoon, or evening.

**Narrator)** Now, let's see if you remember. How do you say "hello" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Woman**) سڵاو

**Narrator)** Our next word means "how are you" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the woman:

**Woman**) چۆنی

[pause]

**Woman**) نی

[pause]

**Woman**) نی

[pause]

**Woman**) چۆ

[pause]

**Woman**) چۆ

[pause]

**Woman**) چۆنی

[pause]

**Narrator)** Excellent! This word is used to ask someone how they are doing. In Kurdish Sorani, this single word is equivalent to the English phrase "how are you".

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to ask "How are you?" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the woman:

**Woman**) چۆنی؟

[pause]

**Woman**) چۆنی؟

[pause]

**Narrator)** Perfect! Notice that the intonation rises slightly at the end to indicate that it's a question. When you meet someone after saying "سڵاو", you can ask "چۆنی؟" to inquire about how they're doing.

**Narrator)** Let's check if you remember. How do you ask "How are you?" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) چۆنی؟

**Narrator)** Our next word means "good" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) باش

[pause]

**Man**) باش

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! This word is used to describe that you're feeling good or well. It's a common response when someone asks "چۆنی؟".

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to say "I am good" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) باشم

[pause]

**Man**) شم

[pause]

**Man**) شم

[pause]

**Man**) با

[pause]

**Man**) با

[pause]

**Man**) باشم

[pause]

**Narrator)** Excellent! In Kurdish Sorani, "باشم" means "I am good". The "م" at the end of "باش" indicates "I am". So "باشم" literally means "good I am" or "I am good".

**Narrator)** Let's understand how questions and answers work in Kurdish Sorani. When someone asks you "چۆنی؟", you can respond with "باشم". In Kurdish Sorani, the verb "to be" is often attached to the end of words as a suffix. The suffix "م" added to "باش" means "I am". This is how we form the phrase "I am good" in Kurdish Sorani.

**Narrator)** Let's practice this question and answer pattern. Imagine someone asks you "چۆنی؟". How would you respond to say that you are good?

[pause]

**Woman**) باشم

**Narrator)** Our next word means "thank you" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the woman:

**Woman**) سوپاس

[pause]

**Woman**) پاس

[pause]

**Woman**) پاس

[pause]

**Woman**) سو

[pause]

**Woman**) سو

[pause]

**Woman**) سوپاس

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! This word is used to express gratitude or thanks. It's a polite expression that you can use in many situations.

**Narrator)** Let's check if you remember. How do you say "thank you" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) سوپاس

**Narrator)** Now let's learn how to say "I am good, thank you" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) باشم، سوپاس

[pause]

**Man**) سوپاس

[pause]

**Man**) سوپاس

[pause]

**Man**) باشم

[pause]

**Man**) باشم

[pause]

**Man**) باشم، سوپاس

[pause]

**Narrator)** Excellent! This phrase combines "باشم" (I am good) with "سوپاس" (thank you). It's a polite and complete response when someone asks "چۆنی؟".

**Narrator)** Let's check if you remember. How do you say "I am good, thank you" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Woman**) باشم، سوپاس

**Narrator)** Our next word means "goodbye" in Kurdish Sorani. Listen and repeat after the man:

**Man**) خواحافیز

[pause]

**Man**) فیز

[pause]

**Man**) فیز

[pause]

**Man**) حا

[pause]

**Man**) حا

[pause]

**Man**) خوا

[pause]

**Man**) خوا

[pause]

**Man**) خواحافیز

[pause]

**Narrator)** Great! This word is used when parting ways with someone. It's the equivalent of saying "goodbye" in English.

**Narrator)** Let's check if you remember. How do you say "goodbye" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Woman**) خواحافیز

**Narrator)** In Kurdish Sorani, greetings and farewells are straightforward. "سڵاو" is used to greet someone, and "خواحافیز" is used when parting. These expressions are used in the same way as their English counterparts. They're essential for starting and ending conversations politely.

**Narrator)** Let's practice using greetings and farewells. What would you say to greet someone in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) سڵاو

**Narrator)** And what would you say when leaving?

[pause]

**Woman**) خواحافیز

**Narrator)** Expressing gratitude in Kurdish Sorani is simple. The word "سوپاس" is used to show appreciation. It can be used on its own or combined with other phrases, like "باشم، سوپاس" (I am good, thank you). This is a polite way to respond when someone asks how you are doing.

**Narrator)** Let's practice expressing gratitude. How would you say "thank you" in Kurdish Sorani?

[pause]

**Man**) سوپاس

**Narrator)** Now, let's combine what we've learned. How would you greet someone and then ask how they are doing?

[pause]

**Woman**) سڵاو! چۆنی؟

**Narrator)** Let's practice a short conversation. If someone asks you "چۆنی؟", how would you respond to say that you are good and thank them?

[pause]

**Man**) باشم، سوپاس

**Narrator)** Now, let's imagine you've had a brief conversation with someone. After saying "باشم، سوپاس", how would you say goodbye?

[pause]

**Woman**) خواحافیز

**Narrator)** Let's listen to our dialogue again and see if you can understand everything:

**Man**) سڵاو!

**Woman**) سڵاو! چۆنی؟

**Man**) باشم، سوپاس. چۆنی؟

**Woman**) باشم، سوپاس.

**Man**) خواحافیز!

**Woman**) خواحافیز!

**Narrator)** Congratulations! You've completed your first lesson in Kurdish Sorani. You now know how to greet someone with "سڵاو", ask how they're doing with "چۆنی؟", respond with "باشم، سوپاس", and say goodbye with "خواحافیز". These basic phrases will help you start and end conversations in Kurdish Sorani. In our next lesson, we'll learn how to introduce ourselves and ask for someone's name. We'll build on what we've learned today and expand our conversation skills. See you in the next lesson!