



There are a number of ways to say goodbye in Malagasy. We will start with the most common ones:

- ⇒ Veloma tompoko
- ⇒ Veloma e
- ⇒ Mazotoa
- ⇒ Amin'ny manaraka indray



Indray = koa, and can be used interchangeably.

If you want to specify a time when you will be meeting again, you will have to add the word “again” or “koa” at the end of the sentence. For example:

If you will be meeting each other again in the afternoon, you can say

Veloma/Mazotoa + harivariva koa



This formula can be extended to days in the future or even specific days of the week. For example, if you want to say “see you tomorrow”, it is:

Veloma/Mazotoa + rahampitso<sup>off</sup> / amarainy<sup>tsm</sup> koa



For specific days of the week, e.g. “see you on Wednesday”, you will say:

Veloma/Mazotoa + Alarobia koa



If you want to be brief, you can drop “veloma/mazotoa” and simply say the time when you will meet again followed by “koa”.

For example:

Amin'ny alina koa (see you tonight)



Amarainy koa (see you tomorrow)

Talata koa (see you on Tuesday)

To say “see you later”, you can say  
REHEFA AVY EO  
(in a short while - minutes to hours  
on the same day)  
Or  
MANDRAPIHAONA  
(on the same day or the next)

Don't forget to add the word “koa” at the end of the sentence!

Finally, if you are saying goodbye before heading off for your meal, you can say:

Person 1: Mazotoa homana<sup>tsm</sup>/mihinana<sup>off</sup>



Person 2: Misaotra ianao koa

#### Vocabulary:

Veloma = goodbye

Manaraka = next

Indray = again

Koa = again

Homana<sup>tsm</sup>/mihinana<sup>off</sup> = to eat



Parts of day is relative to the position of the sun:

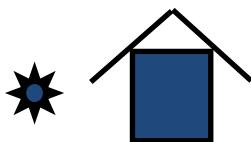
"Morning"—sunrise to late morning

"Noon"—late morning to midday

"Early afternoon"—midday to early afternoon

"Afternoon"—the rest of the afternoon before sunset

"Night"—sunset till sunrise



#### PARTS OF THE DAY

English	Official	Tsimihety
Morning	Maraina	Maraindrainy
Noon	Atoandro	Matsagna
Early afternoon	Tolakandro	Folakandro
Afternoon	Hariva	Harivariva
Night	Alina	Alina



In tsimihety, sometimes the "n" consonant has a nasal sound which can be written as ñ or ñ . We will spell it as "gn" in our notes for convenience.

#### YESTERDAY / TODAY / TOMORROW

English	Official	Tsimihety
Yesterday	Omaly	Nomoaligny
Today	Androany	Niany
Tomorrow	Rahampitso	Amarainy



#### DAY / WEEK / MONTH / YEAR

English	Official	Tsimihety
Day	(ny) andro	(ny) andro
Week	(ny) herinandro	(ny) herinandro
Month	Volana	Volagna
Year	Taona	Taogno



There are English and French influenced words for months in Malagasy. Both are commonly used, however, Tsimihety uses the French version.

#### DAYS OF THE WEEK



#### MONTHS OF THE YEAR

English	Official	Tsimihety
Monday	Alatsinainy	Tinainy
Tuesday	Talata	Talata
Wednesday	Alarobia	Robia
Thursday	Alakamisy	Kamisy
Friday	Zoma	Zoma
Saturday	Asabotsy	Sabotsy
Sunday	Alahady	Lahady/Dimansy

English	Official (english)	Official (French)/Tsimihety
January	Janoary	Zanvie
February	Febroary	Fevrie
March	Martsa	Marsa
April	Aprily	Avrily
May	May	May
June	Jona	Jona
July	Jolay	Jolay
August	Aogositra	Aogositra
September	Septambra	Septambra
October	Oktobra	Oktobra
November	Novambra	Novambra
December	Desambra	Desambra