

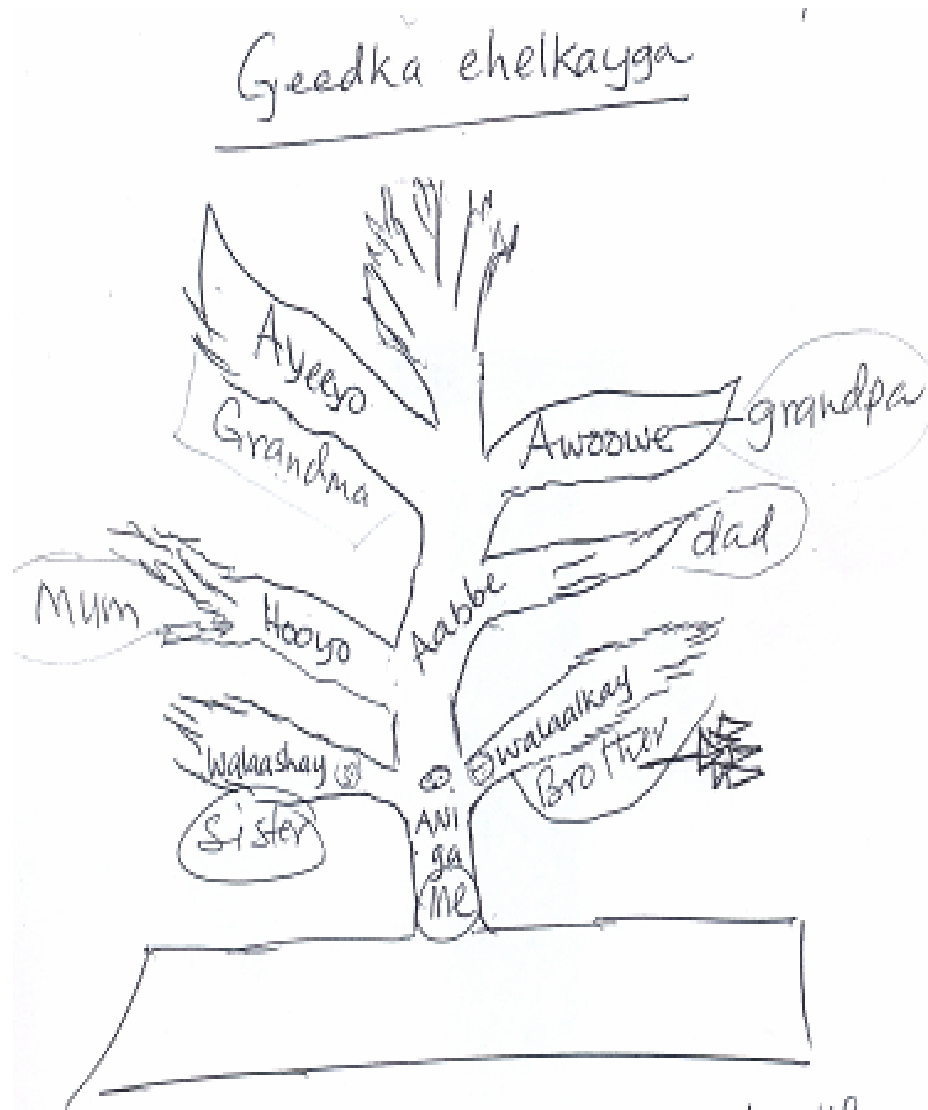
Grandparents

These resources can be used for

- Cross-curricular topic work involving children's different languages
- Language classes in the community
- MFL classes

See also resource sheet and lesson plans ([links](#))

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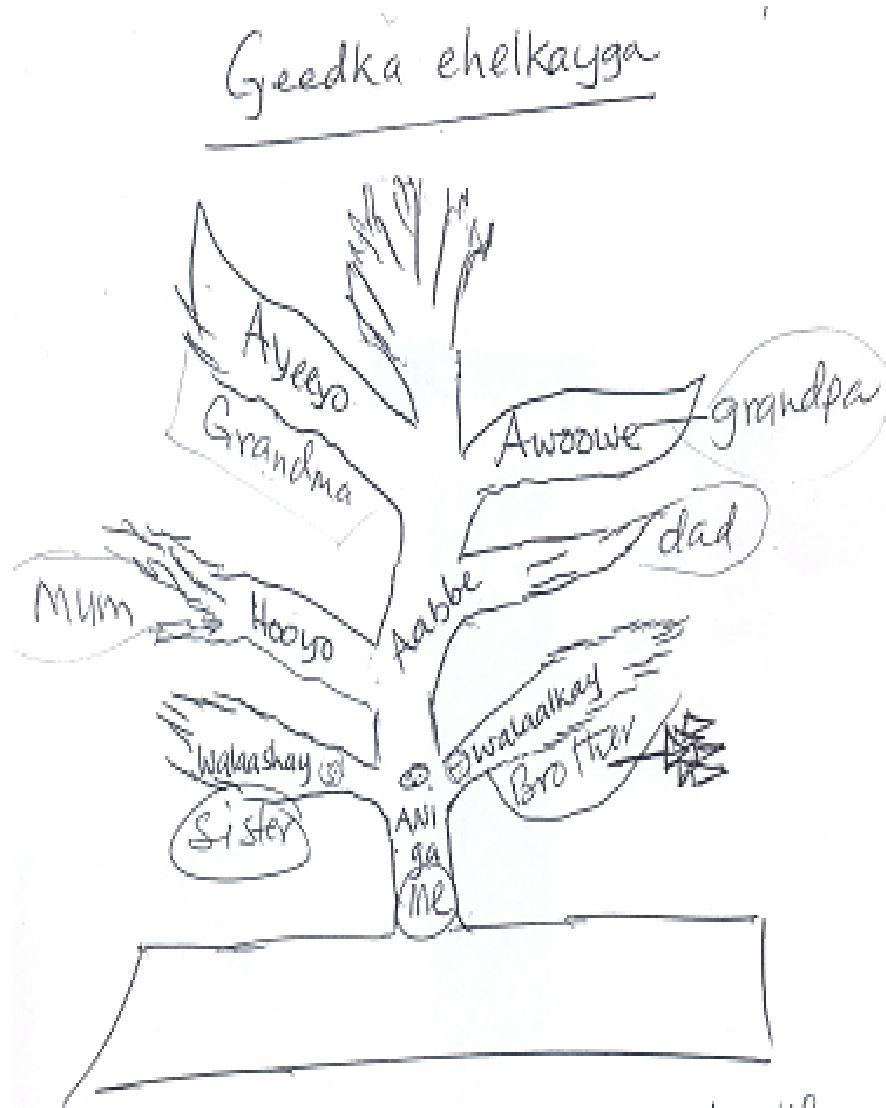


- Family tree: words for relatives
- Children learn with actions and rhythm
- Make family trees in different languages
- Families bring photos of grandparents
- Imagine what you would like to say to your grandparent in Somalia (practise orally and on phone)
- Write messages to grandparents
- Create powerpoint presentation from class
- Hold a Grandparents Day

Kinship terms in different cultures

- Find out whether there are different words for maternal and paternal relatives in each language eg *khala* (maternal aunt) and *fufu* (paternal aunt) in Bengali
- Some languages may have more detailed terms as well eg *sasar goror bhai* (father's brother's son – literally 'the male child born in my father's brother's house')

Acting out your family tree

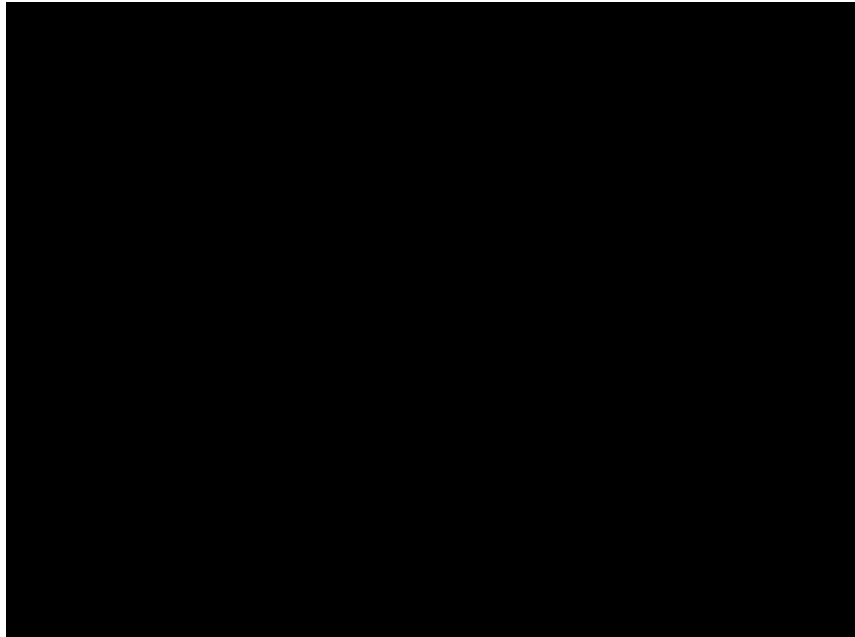


- Say own name
- Step forward and put out one arm, say word for sister
- Put out other arm, say word for brother
- Step forward again, put out each arm, say words for mum and dad
- Repeat for grandparents
- Talk about or role play each family member

Family tree game

- Children each pick a card that has a kinship term in a particular language
- Children find out what term they have by seeking assistance from each other and bilingual adults for translation
- Children arrange themselves into a family tree for each language

My sweet grandma I miss you
could you come with me
bye bye.
Rahima



Warqad awoowe

by Mohammad and Asya

Awoowe Salaam calaykum

Aad baan kuu salama aniga. Aad baan u fiicanahay. Awoowe Allah waxan kaaga baryaya-inaad ku waarto caafimaad.

Awoowe ii so ducee.

Letter to dada (grandpa)

Asalamu alaikum dada. Are you O.K. I am writing to you to hope you have good health and wealth. Could you read me dua (make a prayer for me).



From: Xafsa Hashim

Asalamu Aleikum, hi grandma and grandpa.

After greeting you I am fine and hope you are going to be fine and healthy and in good faith. I am also expecting your dua (prayer for me) to help me do good deeds and turn me away from bad and evil things. Hoping to see each other soon.

Ku-FOOTO Katiimid XAFSA-HASHIM
AYEYO iyo AWOOWE
A SALAMU GALAYKUM WARAXMOTULAAHI WABARAKATU
SALAANKA BACDI
AWOOWE iyo AYEYO WAAN FII CANAHAY
ADINKA NA WAXAAN ALAHI IDINKA NA BARYAAN
CAAFIMAAD iyo CIBAADU SUBHAN
AWOOWE iyo AYEYO ADINKUNA INSHA ALAHI
HI FII DUCEEYA IN ALLAAH WIXII FII CAN IFATANSIYO
WIXII XUNNA IGA LEEXIYO IYO IN ALLAAH
IFKAANA TUFO DHAWAAN. AMIIN-AMIIN-

Grandparents Day

- Find out from children where grandparents live
- Do some of the activities already mentioned
- Children prepare messages and questions they would like to ask grandparents
- Invite grandparents for coffee morning or for the afternoon
- Children show their messages and interview grandparents in class