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50 Essential Georgian Phrases

The phrases you'll actually use — at the bakery,
in taxis, with neighbors, and at supra.

გამარჯობა საქართველო

"Hello Georgia"

EasyGeorgian

Modern tools for learning Georgian

How to Use This Guide

These aren't textbook phrases that sound stiff and overly formal. These are the expressions Georgians *actually* use in daily life — the ones we've picked up living in Tbilisi for years.

Each phrase includes the Georgian script (so you can recognize it on signs and menus), a pronunciation guide, and a real-world tip for when and how to use it.

PRO TIP

Don't try to memorize all 50 at once. Start with Section 1 (Greetings) — you'll use every single one of these today. Then add a new section each week. Within a month, you'll have a functional vocabulary that covers 80% of daily situations.

ABOUT PRONUNCIATION

Georgian pronunciation is mostly phonetic — what you see is what you say. Stress is usually even across syllables (unlike English). The biggest challenge is consonant clusters like *ts*, *dz*, *ch*, *tch*, *kh*. Don't worry about getting them perfect — Georgians will understand you and appreciate the effort.

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The basics you'll use 20+ times a day



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Greetings & Pleasantries

Phrases 1-10

1 გამარჯობა

gamarjoba

Hello

The universal Georgian greeting. Literally means "victory." Works in every situation — formal, informal, morning, evening. Add **-თ** (gamarjobat) for extra politeness.

2 მადლობა

madloba

Thank you

Say it constantly — at shops, restaurants, taxis, everywhere. **დიდი მადლობა** (didi madloba) = "thank you very much." Young Georgians also use **მერსი** (mersi, from French).

3 კი / არა

ki / ara

Yes / No

Short and clear. Combine freely: **კი, მადლობა** (yes, thanks) or **არა, მადლობა** (no, thanks). Watch for the upward head tilt with tongue click — that means "no."

4 გამარჯობა, როგორ ხარ?

gamarjoba, rogor khar?

Hello, how are you?

Use **როგორ ხარ?** with friends (informal) or **როგორ ბრძანდებით?** (rogor brdzandebit?) for elders and formal situations. The answer is usually **კარგად** (kargad — "well").

5 კარგად

kargad

Good / Well / Fine

One of the most useful words in Georgian. "How are you?" → **კარგად**. "How's the food?" → **კარგია** (kargia — "it's good"). Also used as "okay" or "alright."

6 ნახვამდის

nakhvamdīs

Goodbye

Literally means "until next time we see each other." Casual alternative: კარგად (kargad — basically "take care") or just ჰოი (hoi) among young people.

7 ბოდიში

bodishi

Excuse me / Sorry

Works both for "excuse me" (getting past someone) and "sorry" (apology). Essential in crowded metro/buses. For emphasis: უკაცრავად (uk'atsravad) is more formal.

8 თუ შეიძლება

tu sheizleba

Please / If it's possible

The go-to "please" for requests. თუ შეიძლება, ერთი ყავა (tu sheizleba, erti q'ava) = "One coffee, please." More polite than just pointing at things.

9 დილა მშვიდობისა

dila mshvidobisa

Good morning

Literally "morning of peace." Use before noon. Afternoon: შუადღე მშვიდობისა (shuadghe mshvidobisa). Evening: საღამო მშვიდობისა (saghamo mshvidobisa). Night: ღამე მშვიდობისა (ghame mshvidobisa).

10 არაფრის

arapris

You're welcome / It's nothing

When someone thanks you. Literally means "of nothing" (like "de rien" in French). Casual and warm. Georgians use it constantly.



Restaurant & Shopping Phrases 11-20

11 რა ღირს?

ra ghirs?

How much does it cost?

Essential for markets, shops, and taxis. Point at something and ask **ეს რა ღირს?** (es ra ghirs? — "how much is this?"). At the Dezerter Bazaar, this is your best friend.

12 მენიუ, თუ შეიძლება

menu, tu sheizleba

Menu, please

Most Tbilisi restaurants have English menus, but asking in Georgian earns instant respect. Menus outside the capital are often Georgian-only — knowing the script helps.

13 ანგარიში, თუ შეიძლება

angarishi, tu sheizleba

The bill, please

In Georgia, the waiter won't bring the bill until you ask. This is politeness, not neglect. They'll never rush you out. Just catch their eye and say this when ready.

14 ძალიან გემრიელია

dzalian gemrielia

It's very delicious

Say this to your host at a supra (feast) and watch their face light up. Georgians take enormous pride in their food. **გემრიელია** (gemrielia) alone means "it's delicious."

15 ერთი ყავა / ჩაი

erti q'ava / chai

One coffee / tea

Georgia runs on coffee and tea. **ორი** (ori) = two, **სამი** (sami) = three. Numbers are essential for ordering: **ერთი ლუდი** (erti ludi) = one beer.

16 ეს მინდა*es minda***I want this**

Point and say it. Works at bakeries, market stalls, cafés, anywhere. More polite version: **ეს მინდა, თუ შეიძლება** (*es minda, tu sheizleba*). At a *tonis puri* bakery, just point at the bread.

17 ბარათით შეიძლება?*baratit sheizleba?***Can I pay by card?**

Georgia is surprisingly card-friendly (Bank of Georgia and TBC are everywhere). But some small shops and market stalls are cash-only. Ask before you order to avoid an awkward sprint to the ATM.

18 წყალი, თუ შეიძლება*ts'q'ali, tu sheizleba***Water, please**

Georgian tap water is safe and excellent (from mountain springs). At restaurants, specify: **გაზიანი** (*gaziani* — sparkling) or **უგაზო** (*ugazo* — still). Borjomi is the national sparkling water and a point of pride.

19 ხინკალი / ხაჭაპური*khinkali / khachapuri***Dumplings / Cheese bread**

Georgia's two most iconic foods. Order khinkali by quantity: **ათი ხინკალი** (*ati khinkali* — 10 dumplings). Eat them by the stem, don't use a fork, and drink the broth inside. Never eat the top knob — it's the handle.

20 გაუმარჯოს!*gaumarjos!***Cheers! / To victory!**

The Georgian toast. At a supra, the tamada (toastmaster) leads toasts. When you hear **გაუმარჯოს**, drink! To toast someone specifically: **გაუმარჯოს [name]-ს!** Warning: Georgian wine culture is serious. Pace yourself.



Directions & Transport Phrases 21-30

21 სად არის...?

sad aris...?

Where is...?

The most important direction phrase. **სად არის მეტრო?** (sad aris metro?) = "Where is the metro?"
სად არის ტუალეტი? (sad aris tualeti?) = "Where is the toilet?" Combine with any noun.

22 მარჯვნივ / მარცხნივ

marjvniv / martskhniv

Right / Left

When someone gives you directions, listen for these. **პირდაპირ** (p'irdap'ir) = straight ahead.
Combine: **პირდაპირ, მერე მარჯვნივ** = "straight, then right."

23 შორს არის?

shors aris?

Is it far?

Essential before deciding to walk. Answers you'll hear: **ახლოსაა** (akhlosaa — "it's close"), **შორსაა** (shorsaa — "it's far"), or a hand wave with **ცოტა** (tsota — "a little").

24 მეტროს სადგური

metros sadguri

Metro station

Tbilisi's metro is fast, cheap (~1 GEL), and the station names are only in Georgian on the platforms. Knowing the script means you won't miss your stop. Key stations: **თავისუფლების მოედანი** (Liberty Square), **რუსთაველი** (Rustaveli).

25 აქ გაჩერდით, თუ შეიძლება

ak gacherdit, tu sheizleba

Stop here, please

For taxis and marshrutkas (minibuses). In marshrutkas, shout **გაჩერდი!** (gacherdi!) to the driver. In Bolt/Yandex taxis, this phrase helps when GPS gets confused in old Tbilisi's winding streets.

26 რამდენი ხანი?

ramdeni khani?

How long? (time)

Useful for transport and queues. **რამდენი ხანი სჭირდება?** (ramdeni khani sch'irdeba?) = "How long does it take?" Common answers: **ხუთი წუთი** (khuti ts'uti) = 5 minutes, **ნახევარი საათი** (nakhevari saati) = half hour.

27 აეროპორტი

aerop'ort'i

Airport

Many Georgian words for modern things are adapted from European languages. **ავტობუსი** (avtobusi) = bus, **ტაქსი** (t'aksi) = taxi, **ტრამვაი** (t'ramvai) = tram. Recognizing these in Georgian script makes navigation much easier.

28 ფეხით რამდენი წუთია?

pekhit ramdeni ts'utia?

How many minutes on foot?

Georgians love walking and will often give walking times. **ფეხით** means "on foot" / "walking." If they answer with a suspiciously low number, they're probably being optimistic — add 50%.

29 რომელი ავტობუსი?

romeli avtobusi?

Which bus?

Public transport in Tbilisi runs on the MetroMoney card (works for metro + bus). Bus numbers are usually in Arabic numerals, but destinations are in Georgian. Google Maps works well for routes.

30 დამეკარგა

damekarga

I'm lost

Don't panic — Georgians are incredibly helpful to lost foreigners. Say this + show your destination on Google Maps. Someone will probably walk you there personally. Georgian hospitality is real.



Social & Conversation Phrases 31-40

31 რა გქვია?

ra gk'via?

What's your name?

Informal — use with people your age or younger. Formal: რა გქვიათ? (ra gk'viat?). Reply: მე მქვია [name] (me mk'via...) = "My name is..."

32 საიდან ხარ?

saidan khar?

Where are you from?

You'll be asked this constantly — Georgians are curious about foreigners. Reply: მე ვარ [country]-დან. For Denmark: დანიიდან (daniidan). For the US: ამერიკიდან (amerikidan).

33 ქართული არ ვიცი

kartuli ar vitsi

I don't know Georgian

Ironically, saying this *in Georgian* impresses people. They'll often switch to Russian or gesture-based communication. Add ცოტა ვიცი (tsota vitsi — "I know a little") if you want to practice.

34 ინგლისურად ლაპარაკობ?

inglisurtad lap'arakob?

Do you speak English?

Young Tbilisi (under 30) usually speaks some English. Older generations more often speak Russian. Outside Tbilisi, English drops off sharply. That's when your Georgian really matters.

35 მომწონს საქართველო

momts'ons sakartvelo

I like Georgia

The magic phrase. Say this and watch any Georgian beam with pride. საქართველო is what Georgians call their country (not "Georgia"). Saying ძალიან მომწონს (dzalian momts'ons — "I really like it") makes it even better.

36 მოგწონს...?*mogts'ons...?***Do you like...?**

Great conversation starter. **მოგწონს თბილისი?** (mogts'ons tbilisi?) = "Do you like Tbilisi?"
მოგწონს ღვინო? (mogts'ons ghvino?) = "Do you like wine?" (The answer in Georgia is always yes.)

37 რა არის შენი ტელეფონის ნომერი?*ra aris sheni t'elep'onis nomeri?***What's your phone number?**

Georgians exchange numbers freely and love making new friends. You'll need basic numbers: **ერთი** (1), **ორი** (2), **სამი** (3), **ოთხი** (4), **ხუთი** (5), **ექვსი** (6), **შვიდი** (7), **რვა** (8), **ცხრა** (9), **ათი** (10).

38 მოდი, ჩაი დავლიოთ*modi, chai davliot***Come, let's have tea**

Georgian hospitality in one phrase. If someone says this to you, accept — it's an invitation to connect. Replace **ჩაი** (chai) with **ყავა** (q'ava — coffee) or **ლუდი** (ludi — beer) as appropriate.

39 ვეთანხმები*vetankhmbi***I agree**

Useful in conversations and at work. The casual version is just **ჰო** (ho — like "yeah") or **ზუსტად** (zustad — "exactly"). Disagreeing politely: **არ ვეთანხმები** (ar vetankhmbi).

40 გილოცავ!*gilotsav!***Congratulations!**

For birthdays, weddings, achievements. Georgians celebrate enthusiastically. On birthdays: **გილოცავ დაბადების დღეს!** (gilotsav dabadebis dghes!). You'll hear this at every supra and family gathering.

SOS**Emergency & Practical** Phrases 41-50**41 დამეხმარეთ!***damekhmaret!***Help me!**

Emergency phrase. Georgians will respond immediately — community spirit is strong. For less urgent situations: **შეგიძლიათ დამეხმაროთ?** (shegidzliat damekmarot?) = "Can you help me?" (polite).

42 ექიმი მჭირდება*ekvimi mch'irdeba***I need a doctor**

Emergency number in Georgia: **112** (operators often speak English). For pharmacy: **აფთიაქი** (aptiaki). Georgian pharmacies can dispense many medications without prescriptions, and pharmacists are often knowledgeable.

43 სად არის აფთიაქი?*sad aris aptiaki?***Where is the pharmacy?**

Look for green cross signs — pharmacies are everywhere in Tbilisi. Major chains: GPC, Aversi, PSP. Many are open 24/7. Staff usually know basic drug names in English/Russian.

44 პოლიცია*p'olitsia***Police**

Georgian police are generally helpful and not corrupt (major reform post-2003). Emergency: **112**. Patrol police: **122**. For theft/crime: go to any **იუსტიციის სახლი** (Justice House) — they have English-speaking staff.

45 ალერგია მაქვს*alergia makvs***I have an allergy**

Critical for food safety. Specify: **თხილის ალერგია** (tkhilis alergia — nut allergy), **რძის ალერგია** (rdzis alergia — dairy allergy). Georgian cuisine uses lots of walnuts — be specific if this matters.

46 ვერ გავიგე*ver gavige***I didn't understand**

Honest and useful. Follow up with: **ნელა, თუ შეიძლება** (nela, tu sheizleba — "slowly, please") or **კიდევ ერთხელ?** (kidev ertkkhel? — "one more time?"). Georgians are patient with learners.

47 რა საათია?*ra saatia?***What time is it?**

Useful even in the smartphone age — sometimes your phone dies. Answers use the clock: **ხუთი საათია** (khuti saatia — "it's 5 o'clock"). Georgian punctuality is... flexible. If someone says "5 minutes," plan for 15.

48 Wi-Fi-ს პაროლი რა არის?*wifi-s p'aroli ra aris?***What's the Wi-Fi password?**

Essential for cafés and co-working spaces. Georgia has excellent internet — Tbilisi averages 50-100 Mbps. Most cafés have free Wi-Fi. The password is often written on a wall or receipt.

49 ტუალეტი სად არის?*tualeti sad aris?***Where is the toilet?**

The phrase you'll use more than you expect. Public toilets exist but aren't always obvious — look for **WC** signs or the Georgian **ტ** (for ტუალეტი). In restaurants, just ask the waiter. Most malls have clean facilities.

50 მიყვარს საქართველო*miq'vars sakartvelo***I love Georgia**

The ultimate phrase. Say this at a supra, to a taxi driver, to a new friend — you'll get hugged. Georgians love their country deeply. When a foreigner says this sincerely, you become family. 🇬🇪 ❤️



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