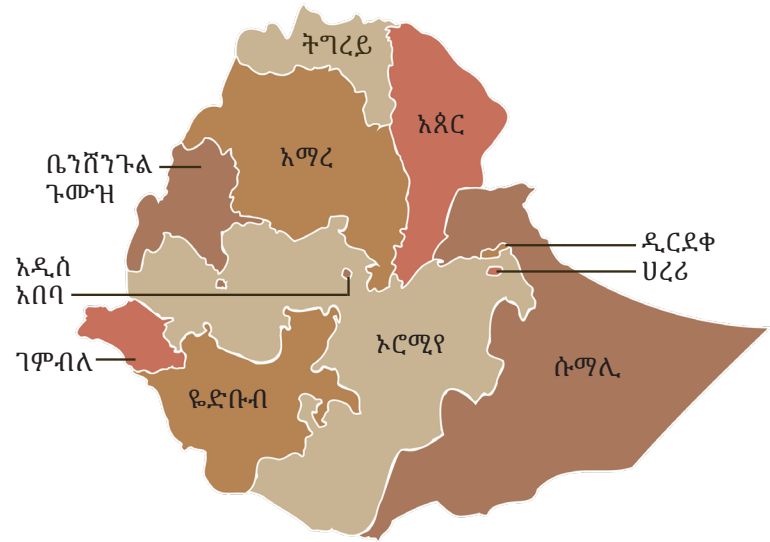


# The Signs of Ethiopian Identity

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This map shows the regions of Ethiopia, with names written in Ge'ez script, which is used to write several of the languages of the Horn of Africa, including Amharic, the most widely spoken language in Ethiopia.



## Puzzle 1

Match the names of the regions with their English transliterations\*, which are given in a different order.

*\*Note: The transliterations are letter-by-letter descriptions of how the words are pronounced in English, not their conventional spellings in Latin script. Those conventional spellings are listed in parentheses.*

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| a. ትግረይ       | 1. Adis Ababaa (Addis Ababa)             |
| b. ቤንሽንጉል ጉሙዝ | 2. Afar                                  |
| c. ኦሮሚያ       | 3. Amaara (Amhara)                       |
| d. ሀረሪ        | 4. Beenshangul Gumuz (Benishangul-Gumuz) |
| e. ዲርዲቀ       | 5. Diredawa (Dire Dawa)                  |
| f. ሰሜን        | 6. Gambela                               |
| g. አዳር        | 7. Harari                                |
| h. አዲስ አበባ    | 8. Oromiya (Oromia)                      |
| i. ዩድቡብ       | 9. Sumaali (Somali)                      |
| j. አማራ        | 10. Tegray (Tigray)                      |
| k. ገምብለ       | 11. Yeedebub (YeDebub)                   |

## Puzzle 2

Now that you are familiar with Ge'ez script, here are the names of five European countries, transliterated into Amharic. Which are they?

- i. አይርላንድ
- ii. ጀርመን
- iii. ራሽያ
- iv. ብሪታንያ
- v. ስዊዘርላንድ