

Glossary

Swahili-English

A

-a	of
-a bei nafuu	affordable
-a juu	top
-a kuchosha	boring
-a kufurahisha	pleasant, enjoyable
-a kupendeza	interesting
-a kuisimuwa	exciting, fun
-a kuvutia	interesting
-a kwanza	first
-a mwisho	last
-a pili	second
-a upesi	fast, quick
-a zamani	old
abiria	passenger/s
afadhali	it's better that . . . , ought
Afrika	Africa
Agosti	August
aisikrimu	ice cream
akaunti	account/s
akaunti ya	savings account
akiba	

akaunti ya hundi	checking account
-ake	his, her
akiba	savings
-ako	your (singular)
alasiri	late afternoon (3:00 p.m.– 4:59 p.m.)
alfajiri,	early morning (5:00 a.m.– 5:59 a.m.)
Alhamisi (Alkhamisi)	Thursday (Sixth Day)
amali	profession/s
amba–	which, that, who (relative)
-angu	my
anuani (anwani)	address/es
-ao	their
Aprili	April
arobaini	forty
asante	thank you
asilimia	percentage
askari	soldier/s, guard/s
askari wa zimamoto	fireman/men

asubuhi	morning (6:00 a.m.– 11:59 a.m.)
asubuhi mapema sana	early morning (5:00 a.m.– 5:59 a.m.)
ATM	ATM
au	or

B

baa	bar/s
baada ya	after
baada ya hapo	after that
baadaye	then
baadhi	some
baba	father/s
babu	grandfather/s
bahari	ocean/s, sea/s
bahasha	envelope/s
baidi	far
bajeti	budget
barabara	road/s, street/s
barabara kuu	highway/s
baridi	cool
barua	letter/s
baruapepe	e-mail
basi	so
basi/mabasi	bus/es
–baya	bad
bayolojia	biology
bega/mabega	shoulder/s
bei	price/s
bei gani?	how much?

bei za vyakula	food price list, menu
betri	battery/ies
bia	beer
biashara	business/s
bibi	grandmother, Mrs., Ma'am
bila shaka!	of course!
blauzi	blouse/s
bluu (buluu)	blue
bora	good, better
bosi/mabosi	boss/es
bustani	yard/s, garden/s
bwawa/ mabwawa	swimming pool/s

CH

–chache	few
–chafu	dirty
chai	tea
chakula cha jioni	dinner, evening meal
chakula/ vyakula	food/s
chamsha– kinywa	breakfast
chandarua/ vyandarua	mosquito net/s
–changa	young
chango/ machango	intestine/s
chochote	anything
choo/vyoo	toilet/s, bathroom/s, stool

chui	leopard/s	Disemba	December
chumba cha kulala/vyumba vya kulala	bedroom/s	disketi	diskette/s
chumba/vyumba	room/s	divai	wine
chumvi	salt	-dogo	small, little, a little bit
chungwa/machungwa	orange/s	dokyumenti	document/s
chupa	bottle/s	dola	dollar/s
D		duka la nguo/maduka ya nguo	clothing store/s
dada	sister/s	duka la viatu/maduka ya viatu	shoe store/s
daftari/madaftari	notebook/s	duka/maduka	store/s, shop/s
dakika	minute/s	E	
daktari wa meno/madaktari wa meno	dentist/s	-ekundu	red
daktari/madaktari	doctor/s	elfu	one thousand
dalili	symptom/s	-ema	good
damu	blood	email	e-mail/s
darasa/madarasa	classroom/s	-embamba	thin, narrow, skinny
dawa	medicine, drug/s	-enu	your (plural)
dawa za kinga	preventive drugs	-enye	having, possessing, with
dawa za kufukuza mbu	mosquito spray	-enye afya	healthy
dereva wa basi	bus driver/s	-enye nguvu	strong
dhaifu	weak	-enye thamani	valuable
dhamana	mortgage	-enye umbo la kimazoezi	in shape
dirisha/madirisha	window/s	-erevu	smart, cunning
		-etu	our
		-eupe	white
		-eusi	black

F

faili/mafaili	file/s
Februari	February
fedha	money
filamu	movie/s, film/s
fizikia	physics
fleti	apartment/s
fomu	form/s
fotokopi	photocopy/ies
fulana	undershirt/s
fundi/mafundi	mechanic/s
fundi/mafundi bomba	plumber/s
fundi/mafundi umeme	electrician/s
-fupi	short

G

gani?	which?, what kind/sort of?
gari/magari	car/s
gazeti/ magazeti	newspaper/s
-geni	foreign
gereza	prison/s
ghali	expensive
glasi/glasi	glass/es
gofu	golf
goti/magoti	knee/s
gumba	thumb/s
-gumu	hard, difficult

H

habari	news
Habari gani?	How are you doing? How are you?
hadithi	story/ies
halfau	again
hali	situation/s, condition/s
Hamna tabu!	No problem!
hamsini	fifty
hapa	here
hapana	no
Hapana tabu.	No problem.
haragwe/ maharagwe	bean/s
hasa	particularly
hata	even
hatari	danger
hema/mahema	tent/s
hesabu, hesabati	mathematics
hindi/mahindi	corn
hisa	stock/s
historia	history
Hodi hodi!	Knock, knock!
hospitali	hospital/s
hoteli	hotel/s
hudhurungi	brown
Hujambo?	How are you?
hundi	check/s
huru	free

I

Ijumaa	Friday (Congregation Day)
Inategemea.	It depends.
Inawezekana.	It is possible.
-ingi	a lot, many, much
-ingine	other, another
ishirini	twenty
Itabidi . . .	It will be necessary . . .

J

jaketi/majaketi	jacket/s
jambo/mambo	matter/s, affair/s
jana	yesterday
jangwa/ majangwa	desert/s
jani/majani	leaf/ves, grass
Januari	January
jengo la ofisi/ majengo ya ofisi	office building/s
jengo/majengo	building/s
jibu/majibu	answer/s
jicho/macho	eye/s
jiko/majiko	kitchen/s, fireplace/s, oven/s, stove/s, cooker/s
Jina lako ni nani?	What is your name?
jina/majina	name/s
-jinga	stupid
jino/meno	tooth/teeth

jiografia	geography
jioni	evening (5:00 p.m.- 6:59 p.m.)
jirani/majirani	neighbor/s
jiwe/mawe	stone/s
jua	sun
juisi	juice
Julai	July
Jumamosi	Saturday (First Day)
Jumanne	Tuesday (Fourth Day)
Jumapili	Sunday (Second Day)
Jumatano	Wednesday (Fifth Day)
Jumatatu	Monday (Third Day)
Juni	June
juzi	day before yesterday

K

kabati/ makabati	filing cabinet/s
kabila/ makabila	tribe/s
kabla ya	before
kadi ya malipo/ kadi za malipo	credit card/s
kahawa	coffee
kahawia	brown
kaka	brother/s
kalamu	pen/s

kalenda	calendar/s	kesho kutwa	the day after tomorrow
–kali	sour	keyboard	keyboard/s
kalima	word/s	–ki–	if
kama	if, as, like	kiangazi/viangazi	summer/s (dry season/s)
kamili	sharp (at a specific time), exact	kiasi gani?	how much?
kampuni	company/ies	kiatu cha buti/viatu vya buti	boot/s
kanisa/makanisa	church/es	kiatu/viatu	shoe/s
kanzu	dress/es, robe/s	kiazi/viazi	potato/es
kaptura	shorts	kibanda/vibanda	hut/s
karata	card/s	kibiriti/vibiriti	match/es (to light)
karatasi ya kuchapishia	printing paper	kiboko/viboko	hippopotamus/es
karibu	welcome; nearby, close	kichekesho	fun
karibu na	close to, near, next to	kichwa/vichwa	head/s
Karibu.	Welcome.	kidole/vidole	finger/s, toe/s
karoti	carrot/s	kifaa/vifaa	tool/s, accessory/ies, item/s
kaskazini	north	kifaru/vifaru	rhinoceros/es
kasorobo	a quarter before, quarter to (the hour)	kifua/vifua	chest/s
kati kati ya mji	downtown, city center	Kiingereza	English language
katibu muhutasi	secretary/ies	kijani	green
kazi	job/s, work	kijiji/vijiji	village/s
kazi ya kujitolea	volunteer work	kijiko/vijiko	spoon/s
kazi za shule	homework	kikombe/vikombe	cup/s
kemia	chemistry	kikopo/vikopo	can/s, tin/s
kesho	tomorrow	kila	every
		kila kitu	everything
		kilima/vilima	hill/s
		kima	monkey/s

kimya	quiet	kitunguu/ vitunguu	onion/s
kinga	prevention	kituo cha basi/ vituo vya basi	bus station/s
kinywaji/ vinywaji	drink/s	kituo/vituo	station/s, stop/s, stand/s
kioo/vioo cha/ vya kompyuta	screen/s	kiu	thirst
kipande/piece/s vipande		kiungo/viungo	spice/s
kipima joto/ vipima joto	thermometer/s	kiuno/viuno	hip/s
kipupwe/ vipupwe	spring season/s (cold season/s)	kivuli/vivuli	shadow/s
kisha	then	kiwango cha riba/viwango vya riba	interest rate/s
kisu/visu	knife/knives	kiwanja/ viwanja	court/s, field/s, ground/s
kisugudi/ visugudi	elbow/s	kizunguzungu	dizziness
Kiswahili	Swahili language	kliniki	clinic/s
kitabu cha anuani/vitabu vya anuani	address book/s	kofia/makofia	hat/s, cap/s
kitabu cha/ vitabu vya tarehe	datebook/s	kompyuta	computer/s
kitabu/vitabu	book/s	kompyuta ya/za mkononi	laptop computer/s
kitambulisho	identity card	–kongwe	old
kitanda/ vitanda	bed/s	koo/makoo	throat/s
kitango/ vitango	cucumber/s	kosa/makosa	error/s, mistake/s
kitega uchumi/ vitega uchumi	investment/s	koti/makoti	coat/s
kiti/viti	chair/s	kreditu kadi	credit card/s
kitu/vitu	thing/s	–ku–	you (object)
kitunguu thomu/ vitunguu thomu	garlic	kuacha ujumbe	leave a message (to)
		kuajiri	hire (to)
		kualika	invite (to)
		kuambia	tell (to)
		kuamka	wake up (to), get up (to)

kuamua	decide (to)	kuelewa	understand (to)
kuandika	write (to)	kuenda	go (to)
kuangalia	view (to), watch (to), look at (to)	kuenda	go camping (to)
kuangalia email	check e-mail (to)	kupiga kambi	
kuangalia mchezo/sinema	watch a movie (to)	kuenda	take a break (to), rest (to)
kuanza	begin (to), start (to)	mapumziko	
kubadilisha	change (to), exchange (to)	kuenda mbio	run (to)
kubeba	carry (to)	kuenda	go to a meeting (to)
kuboresha	improve (to)	mkutanoni	
-kubwa	big	kuendesha	ride a bike (to)
kuchagua	choose (to), pick out (to)	baskeli	
kuchapisha	print (to)	kufa	die (to)
kucheka	laugh (to)	kufanya	do (to)
kuchelewa	late (to be)	kufanya	take a test (to)
kuchemsha	boil (to)	jaribio/mtihani	
kucheza	play (to), dance (to)	kufanya kazi	work (to)
kucheza chesi	play chess (to)	kufanya mazoezi	exercise (to), work out (to)
kucheza gemu	play a game (to)	kufika	arrive (to)
kucheza karata	play cards (to)	kufikiri	think (to)
kuchoka	tired (to be)	kufua (nguo)	wash clothes (to)
kuchoma	roast (to)	kufuata	follow (to)
kuchukua	carry (to), take (to), hold (to), keep (to)	kufuliwa	washed (to be)
kuchukua ujumbe	take a message (to)	kufuma	weave (to)
kuchukuliwa	carried (to be)	kufundisha	teach (to)
kuelekeza	explain (to), direct (to)	kufundishwa	taught (to be)
		kufunga	close (to), tie (to)
		kufungua	open (to), turn on (to)
		kufungua faili	open a file (to)
		kufungua kompyuta	turn on the computer (to)
		kufurahi	happy (to be)

kufurahisha	please (to)	kukaanga	fry (to)
kuharibiwa	destroyed (to be)	kukaribisha	welcome (to)
kuharibu	destroy (to)	kukasirika	angry (to be)
kuharisha	cause diarrhea (to)	kukata	cut (to)
kuhifadhi faili	save a file (to)	kukataa	refuse (to)
kuhisi	feel (to)	kukimbia	run (to)
kuhitaji	need (to)	kukodi	rent a movie (to)
kuhitajiwa	needed (to be)	mchezo	
kuhusu	about, about (to be)	kukohoa	cough (to)
kuiba	steal (to)	kukojoa	urinate (to)
kuigiza	act (to)	kukopa	borrow (to)
kuimba	sing (to)	kukopesha	lend (to)
kuimbwa	sung (to be)	kuku	chicken/s
kuingia	enter (to), go in (to)	kukubali	accept (to)
kuingia katika tovuti	log on to a website (to)	kukubaliwa	accepted (to be)
kuishi	live (to)	kukumbuka	remember (to)
kuita	call (to)	kukumbusha	remind (to)
kuja	come (to)	kukutana	meet (to)
kujaribiwa	tried (to be), tested (to be)	kula	eat (to)
kujaribu	try (to), test (to)	kulala	sleep (to)
kujaza	fill out (to)	kulaza	put to bed (to)
kujaza fomu	fill out forms (to)	kuleta	bring (to)
kujenga	build (to)	kulewa	drunk (to be)
kujengwa	built (to be)	kulia	right
kujibu	answer (to), respond (to)	kulipa	pay (to)
kujifunza	learn (to)	kulisha	feed (to)
kujua	know (to)	kuliwa	eaten by (to be)
kukaa	live (to), stay (to), sit (to)	kumaanisha	mean (to)
		kumaliza	finish (to), end (to)
		kumaliza masomo	finish studies (to)
		kumi	ten

kumi na mbili	twelve	kuonana na daktari	see the doctor (to)
kumi na moja	eleven	kuondoa	move something (to), remove (to)
kumi na nane	eighteen	kuondoka	leave (to), depart (to)
kumi na nne	fourteen	kuondolewa	moved (to be), removed (to be)
kumi na saba	seventeen	kuongea	talk (to)
kumi na sita	sixteen	kuongeza	increase (to)
kumi na tano	fifteen	kuonya	warn (to)
kumi na tatu	thirteen	kuonyesha	show (to)
kumi na tisa	nineteen	kuonyeshwa	shown (to be), screened (to be)
kumudu	afford (to)	kuota	dream (to), grow (to)
kuna	there is, there are	kuota jua	lie in the sun (to)
kundi/ makundi	group/s	kupa	give (to)
kungoja	wait (to)	kupanda	get on (to), board (to), climb (to)
-kunjufu	happy, cheerful	kupanda milima	go mountain climbing (to)
kununua	buy (to)	kupandishwa	get a raise (to)
kununuliwa	bought (to be)	kupanga miadi	schedule an appointment (to)
kunyanyua vyuma	weight lifting	kupata	get (to), obtain (to), catch (to), suffer an illness (to), earn (to), find (to)
kunyoa, kunyoa ndevu	shave (to)	kupata mkopo	get a loan (to)
kunywa	drink (to)	kupata ngozi ya kahawia	get a tan (to)
kunywewa	drunk by (to be)	kupatikana	available (to be)
kuoga	take a shower or bath (to)	kupeleka	send (to)
kuogelea	swim (to)		
kuogopa	afraid of (to be), fear (to)		
kuoka	bake (to)		
kuomba	ask (to), pray (to)		
kuona	see (to)		
kuona mchezo	see a play (to)		
kuonana na	meet with (to)		

kupenda	like (to), love (to)	kuruka	jump (to)
kupendwa	liked (to be), loved (to be)	kuruka chini	long jump
kupewa	given (to be)	kuruka juu	high jump
kupiga	hit (to), beat (to)	kuruka	dive (to)
kupiga chafya	sneeze (to)	kwenye maji	
kupiga chapa	type (to)	kurusha mpira	throw a ball (to)
kupiga mbizi	dive (to)	kusababisha	cause (to)
kupiga mswaki	brush your teeth (to)	kusafisha	clean (to)
kupiga simu	telephone (to), call up (to)	kusahau	forget (to)
kupigana	fight (to)	kusahauliwa	forgotten (to be)
kupigwa	hit (to be), beaten (to be)	kusahihisha	correct (to)
kupigwa shindano	injected (to be)	kusaidia	help (to)
kupika	cook (to)	kusaidiwa	helped (to be)
kupikwa	cooked (to be)	kusalimiwa	greeted (to be)
kupinda	turn (to)	kusalimu	greet (to)
kupona	get better (to), recover (to)	kusamehe	forgive (to)
kuponya	cure (to)	kusamehewa	forgiven (to be)
kupotea	lost (to be)	kusema	say (to), speak (to)
kupoteza	waste (to)	kusemwa	spoken (to be)
kupumzika	rest (to), relax (to), take a break (to)	kushauri	advise (to)
kupungua	decrease (to)	kushinda	win (to)
kupunguza	reduce (to)	kushindwa	lose (to)
kurahisisha	simplify (to)	kushona	sew (to)
kurudi	come back (to), return (to)	kushoto	left
kurudisha	bring back (to)	kushughulika	busy (be)
kuruhusu	permit (to), let (to)	kushukuru	thank (to)
		kusikia	hear (to)
		kusikiliza	listen (to)
		kusimama	stop (to)
		kusini	south
		kusoma	read (to), study (to)

kusomesha	teach (to)	kutolewa	taken out (to be), put out (to be)
kusubiri	wait (to), patient (to be)	kutosha	enough (to be), suffice (to)
kusukuma	push (to)	kutuma	send (to)
kusumbuliwa	troubled (to be), disturbed (to be)	kutuma	send a
kutafuta	look for (to), search for (to)	ujumbe	message (to)
kutaka	want (to)	kutumaini	hope (to)
kutamani	wish (to)	kutumia	use (to)
kutapika	vomit (to)	kutumiwa	used (to be)
kutembea	walk (to)	kutupa	throw (to)
kutembea	hike (to), go	-kuu	great
masafa marefu (kwa burudani)	hiking (to)	kuua	kill (to)
kutembelea	visit (to)	kuugua	sick (to get)
kutengeneza	manufacture (to), fix (to)	kuuliwa	killed (to be)
kutengenezwa	manufactured (to be), fixed (to be)	kuuliza	ask (to)
kuteua	appoint (to)	kuuma	hurt (to)
kuteuliwa	appointed (be)	kuumba	create (to)
kutia	put (to)	kuumia	hurt (to be), injured (to be)
kutia sahihi	sign (to)	kuumiza	hurt (to), cause pain (to)
kutoa	deliver (to), give (to), offer (to), remove (to); take out (to), put out (to)	kuumwa na kichwa	have a headache (to)
kutoa damu	take a blood sample (to), give blood (to)	kuunga	join (to)
kutoa pesa	withdraw money (to)	kuungua kwa jua	get a sunburn (to)
kutoka	come from (to)	kuuwa	kill (to)
kutokea	happen (to)	kuuza	sell (to)
		kuuzwa	sold (to be)
		kuvaa	wear (to)
		kuvua	fish (to), undress (to)
		kuvunjisha cheki	cash a check (to)

kuvuta	pull (to)	kuzoea	familiar with (to be), know (to), used to (to be)
kuwa na	have (to)	kuzungumza	talk (to), converse (to)
kuwa na ahadi	have an appointment (to)	kwa	by
kuwa na homa	have a fever (to)	kwa ajili ya	for (the purpose of)
kuwa na tafrija/sherehe	have a party (to), entertain oneself (to)	kwa gari	by car
kuwaka	burn (to), on fire (to be)	kwa hiyo (kwa hivyo)	therefore, so
kuwasha	switch on (to), light on fire (to)	kwa kawaida	usually
kuwashwa	switched on (to be), burned (to be)	kwa likizo	for break (vacation)
kuwasili	arrive (to)	kwa mfano	for example
kuweka	put (to), place (to)	kwa mwezi	per month
kuweka akiba	save (to)	kwa nini?	why?, for what?
kuweka kitega uchumi	invest (to)	kwa sababu	because
kuweka miadi	make an appointment (to)	kwaheri	good-bye
kuweka pesa	deposit money into an account (to)	kwanza	first
kuweka rehani	mortgage (to)	kwanza	in the beginning, at first
kuwekesha	book (to), reserve (to)	kweli	true
kuweza	able to (to be), can	L	
kuwezekana	possible (to be)	labda	perhaps, maybe
kuwinda	hunt (to)	laini	soft, smooth
kuzaa	have a child (to)	lakini	but
kuzaliwa	born (to be)	lazima	it's necessary that . . . , must
kuzama	drown (to)	leo	today
kuzamisha	cause to drown (to), sink (to)	leseni	license/s
		likizo	break/s, vacation/s, leave/s
		limau/malimau	lemon/s

lini?	when?	maradhi	disease/s, ailment/s
lipo/malipo	payment/s	mashariki	east
lugha	language/s	mashine	machine/s
M		mashine ya/za faksi	fax machine/s
-m/mw-	him/her	mashine ya/za kuchapisha	printer/s
maana	meaning	masikini	poor
maarufu	popular, famous	masomo ya lugha	language studies
Machi	March	matamshi	pronunciation
madhubuti	strong	matokeo	result/s
mafuta (ji/ma plural)	oil	matokeo ya uchunguzi wa damu	blood test result/s
magharibi	west, dusk	maumivu (ji/ma plural)	pain
mahali	place	mawasiliano	communication
maisha (ji/ma plural)	life	mazingira	environment/s
maji (ji/ma plural)	water	maziwa (ji/ma plural)	milk
majira ya baridi (no singular form)	winter	mazoezi ya mwili (mazoezi ya viungo)	exercise/s
maktaba	library/ies	mazoezi ya nyumbani	homework
makumbusho	museum/s	mazungumzo (ji/ma plural)	discussion, conversation
mama	mother/s	mbali	far
manjano	yellow	mbatata	potato/es
maonyesho ya sanaa	art exhibition	mbele ya	in front of
mapema	early	mbili	two
mapokezi (ji/ma plural)	reception desk	mboga	vegetable/s
mapukutiko	fall (no singular form)	mbuga	wildlife park/s, reserve/s
mara kwa mara	frequently		
mara nyengine	another time, sometimes		

mbwa	dog/s	mdudu/ wadudu	insect/s, bug/s
mchana	daytime, noon, afternoon (12:00 p.m.– 2:59 p.m.)	Mei	May
mchezo wa kivita	war movie	menyu	menu/s
mchezo wa kuchekesha	comedy	meza	table/s, desk/s
mchezo wa kuigiza/ michezo ya kuigiza	play/s (theater)	mfano/mifano	example/s
mchezo wa kupigana	action movie	mfanyabiashara/ wafanyabiashara	businessperson/ businesspeople
mchezo wa kusikitisha	sad movie	Mfaransa/ Wafaransa	French person/ people
mchezo wa kutisha	horror movie	mfuko/mifuko	pocket/s
mchezo wa kutumia ubao/ michezo ya kutumia mbao	board game/s	Mganda/ Waganda	Ugandan/s
mchezo wa mapenzi	love story, romantic movie	mgeni/wageni	foreigner/s
mchezo wa masumbwi	boxing	mgomba/ migomba	banana plant/s
mchezo/ michezo	game/games, sport/s, movie/s	mgongo/ migongo	back/s
mchicha	spinach	mguu/miguu	leg/s, foot/feet
Mchina/ Wachina	Chinese person/ people	mhandisi/ wahandisi	engineer/s
mchungwa/ michungwa	orange tree/s	Mhindi/ Wahindi	Indian/s
mchuzi/ michuzi	stew/s	mhusika mkuu/ wahusika wakuu	movie star/s
mdomo/ midomo	mouth/s	mia	one hundred
		miadi (plural)	appointment/s
		mimi	I
		Mjerumani/ Wajerumani	German/s
		mji/miji	city/ies, town/s
		mjomba/ wajomba	maternal uncle/s

mjukuu/ wajukuu	grandchild/ grandchildren	mnanasi/ minanasi	pineapple plant/s
mkahawa wa shule	school cafeteria	mnazi/minazi	coconut palm/s
mkahawa/ mikahawa	restaurant/s	mnyama/ wanyama	animal/s
mkanda/ mikanda	belt/s	mnyamapori/ wanyamapori	wildlife, wild animal/s
mkate/mikate	bread/s	moja (-moja)	one
mke/wake	wife/wives	moto/mioto	fire/s
Mkenya/ Wakenya	Kenyan/s	motokaa	car/s
mkoba/mikoba	bag/s, basket/s	moyo/mioyo	heart/s
mkojo/mikojo	urine	mpaka	until
mkono wa kulia	right hand	mpira	ball/s
mkono/ mikono	arm/s, hand/s	mpira wa kikapu	basketball
mkopo/ mikopo	loan/s	mpira wa kimarekani	American football
mkulima/ wakulima	farmer/s	mpira wa magongo	hockey
mkurufunzi/ wakurufunzi	intern/s, apprentice/s	mpira wa meza	table tennis (ping-pong)
mkurugenzi/ wakurugenzi	director/s	mpira wa miguu	soccer
mkutano/ mikutano	meeting/s	mpira wa pete	netball
mlango/ milango	door/s	mpira wa wavu	volleyball
Mlima wa Kilimanjaro	Mount Kilimanjaro	mpwa/wapwa	nephew/s
mlima/milima	mountain/s	Mrusi/Warusi	Russian/s
mlimau/ milimau	lemon tree/s	msaada/ misaada	help (aid)
Mmarekani/ Wamarekani	American/s	msaidizi/ wasaidizi	assistant/s
		msanii/ wasanii	artist/s
		mshahara/ mishahara	salary/ies

msikiti/ misikiti	mosque/s	mvinjari	unemployed
msimu wa kiangazi/ misimu ya kiangazi	dry season/s	mvinyo	wine/s
msimu wa mvua/misimu ya mvua	rainy season/s	mvua	rain/s
msimu/ misimu	season/s	mwaka/miaka	year/s
Msumbiji	Mozambique	mwaliko/ mialiko	invitation/s
mtafiti wa wanyama/ watafiti wa wanyama	wildlife researcher/s	mwalimu/ walimu	teacher/s
mtalii/watalii	tourist/s	mwanafunzi/ wanafunzi	student/s
Mtanzania/ Watanzania	Tanzanian/s	mwanamuziki/ wanamuziki	musician/s
mteja/wateja	customer/s	mwanasheria/ wanasheria	lawyer/s
mti/miti	tree/s	mwandishi wa habari/ waandishi wa habari	journalist/s
mtihani/ mitihani	exam/s, test/s	mwandishi/ waandishi	writer/s
mto/mito	pillow/s; river/s	mwanzo/ mianzo	beginning/s
mtoto/watoto	child/ren	mwavuli/ miwavuli	umbrella/s
mtu/watu	person/people	mwembe/ miembe	mango tree/s
muda mrefu	a long time	mwenye– nyumba	landlord/s, landlady/ies
muhimu	important	mwenza/ wenza	colleague/s
muhogo/ mihogo	cassava/s	mwezi/miezi	month/s, moon/s
mume/waume	husband/s	mwigizaji/ waigizaji	actor/s
Mungu/ mimungu	God/s	mwili/miili	body/ies
muuguzi/ wauguzi	nurse/s	mwimbaji/ waimbaji	singer/s
muuwaji/ wauaji	murderer/s	Muingereza/ Wauingereza	English person/ people
muwa/miwa	sugar cane/s		

mwisho/ miwisho	end/s
mwitu/miwitu	forest/s
mwizi/wezi	thief/ves
mwuuguzi/ wauguzi	nurse/s
mwuzaji/ wauzaji	salesperson/ people
mzazi/wazazi	parent/s
mzee/wazee	elder/s, older person/people
mzigo/mizigo	piece/s of luggage
Mzungu/ Wazungu	European/s, white person/people

N

na	and, with
na dakika	minutes after (the hour)
na nusu	half past (the hour)
na robo	quarter past (the hour)
nanasi/ mananasi	pineapple/s
nane (-nane)	eight
nani?	who?
nazi	coconut/s
nchi	country/ies
ndani	inside
ndio, ndiyo	yes
ndizi	banana/s
ndoto	dream/s
ndugu	sibling/s, relative/s, comrade/s

-nene	fat
neno la siri	password
neno/maneno	word/s
nepkini	napkin/s
nesi	nurse/s
ng'ambo	overseas
ng'ombe	cow/s
-ngapi?	how many?
ngoma	drum/s
ngozi	skin
nguo	clothes
nguo ya mtumba/nguo za mitumba	used clothes
-ni-	me
ni bei gani?	how much?
Ni kweli.	That's true. That's right. Indeed.
nini?	what?
njaa	hunger
nje	outside
njia	road/s
nne (-nne)	four
noti	bill/s, paper money
Novemba	November
nusu	half
nyama	meat
nyama ya ng'ombe	beef
nyama ya nguruwe	pork
nyani	baboon/s

nyanya	grandmother/s	penseli	pencil/s
nyingine	many more	pesa	money
nyingi		pesa taslimu	cash
nyinyi	you (pl.), all of you, you all	pia	also
nyoka	snake/s	picha	picture/s, photograph/s
nyuma, nyuma ya	behind	pilau ya kuku	spiced cooked rice with chicken
nyumba	house/s	pilipili	spicy, pepper, chili
nyumba ya sanaa/nyumba za sanaa	art gallery/ies	pilipili manga	black pepper
nyumbani	home/at home	–po–	when (relative)
nyundo	hammer/s	–pofu	blind
O		polisi/mapolisi	policeman/men, policewoman/women
–o –ote	any	pombe	beer
ofisi	office/s	posta	post office/s
Oktoba	October	printa	printer/s
–ote	all, the whole	pua	nose/s
P		punda milia	zebra/s
paa	roof/ves	pwani	coast/s
pafu/mapafu	lung/s	–pya	new
paka	cat/s	R	
pale	there, over there	rafiki	friend/s
pamoja	together	rafu	shelf/ves
–pana	wide	rahisi	cheap, easy
pasi ya kusafiria	passport	ramani	map/s
paundi	pound/s	rangi	color/s, paint/s
peke (+ possessive)	alone	–refu	long, tall
peni/mapeni	coin/s	rehani	mortgage
		riadha	athletics
		ripoti	report/s
		risiti	receipt/s

rubani/ marubani	pilot/s	sehemu	place/s
runinga (televisheni)	television/s	sehemu ya kulaza gari	garage
S		sehemu ya kulia/sehemu za kulia	dining room/s
saa	time/s, hour/s, watch/s, clock/s	sekunde	second/s
saba	seven	Septemba	September
sababu	reason/s, cause/s	serikali	government/s
sabini	seventy	shaka/ mashaka	doubt/s
safari	trip/s, safari/s	shakawa	problem/s, hardship/s, difficulty/ies
safi	clean	shangazi	paternal aunt/s
sahani	plate/s	shati/mashati	shirt/s
sahani nzima	full plate	shauri/ mashauri	advice/pieces of advice
sahihi	signature/s	sherehe	party/ies
saladi	salad	shilingi	shilling/s
saladi ya matunda	fruit salad	shindano/ mashindano	competition/s
salama	peace, peaceful	shingo	neck/s
Samahani.	Sorry. Excuse me.	shubaka/ mashubaka	drawer/s
samaki mzima	whole fish	shule	school/s
samaki wa kipande	fish in pieces	shule ya bweni	boarding school
samaki wa kukaanga	fried fish	shule ya sekondari	secondary school
sana	very much, a lot	siagi	butter
sanduku/ masanduku	box/es	sidiromu	CD-ROM
seremala	carpenter/s	–sie na afya	unhealthy
sasa	now	sifuri	zero
sauti	sound/s	sikio/masikio	ear/s
savieti	napkin/s	siku	day/s
Sawa.	Well. Okay. All the same.		

simba	lion/s	tako/matako	buttock/s
simu	telephone/s	takriban	almost
sindano	needle/s, syringe/s	–tamu	sweet
sinema	cinema/s, movies	tangawizi	ginger
sio sawa	not the same, not okay, not right	tano (–tano)	five
sisi	we	tarehe	date/s (calendar)
sita	six	tatizo/ matatizo	problem/s
sitini	sixty	tatu (–tatu)	three
skrini	screen/s	tawi/matawi	branch/es, division/s
skuli	school/s	tayari	ready
soda	soda	tekisi	taxi/s
soko la hisa	stock market	tembo	elephant/s
soko/masoko	market/s	tena	again
soksi	sock/s	thelathini	thirty
somo/masomo	study/studies, subject/s	theluji	snow
stampu	stamp/s	themanini	eighty
stoo	pantry/ies	tiketi	ticket/s
sukari	sugar	timu	team/s
supamaketi	department store/s	tisa	nine
supu	soup	tisini	ninety
suruali	pants	tofaa/matofaa	apple/s
suruali ya ndani/suruali za ndani	underpants	tofauti	different
suti	suit/s	tovuti	website/s
swali/maswali	question/s	treni/matreni	train/s
T		tu	just, only
tafadhali	please	–tu–	us
tafrija	party/ies	tufaa/matufaa	apple/s
tai	tie/s	tumbo/ matumbo	belly/ies, stomach/s
tajiri	rich	tunda/ matunda	fruit/s

tungule (nyanya)	tomato/es	ujumbe/jumbe	message/s
Tutaonana!	See you!	ukumbi/ kumbi	living room/s
twiga	giraffe/s	ukumbi/ kumbi wa/za mkutano	meeting room/s
U			
ua/maua	flower/s	ukurasa/ kurasa	page/s
ubao/mbao	board/s, plank/s	ukuta/kuta	wall/s
ubavu/mbavu	rib/s	ulimi/ndimi	tongue/s
ubaya	ugliness, badness	uma/nyuma	fork/s
ubongo	brain	umeme	electricity
uchale/chale	cut/s	unga	flour
uchumi	economics	unusu	half past (the hour)
uchunguzi wa damu	blood test	urefu	length, height
uchunguzi/ chunguzi	investigation/s	usiku	night (7:00 p.m.– 4:59 a.m.)
udongo	clay, dirt, soil	uso/nyuso	face/s
Ufaransa	France	uwanja/nyanja	court/s, field/s, ground/s, courtyard/s
ufuko/fuko	beach/es	uwanja wa gofu	golf course
ufukwe/fukwe	beach/es	uwanja wa mpira wa wavu	volleyball court
ufunguo/ funguo	key/s	uwanja wa ndege/ viwanja vya ndege	airport/s
ugali	maize meal, porridge	uzi/nyuzi	thread/s
ugomvi/ magomvi	argument/s	uzito	weight
ugonjwa/ magonjwa	disease/s	uzuri	beauty/goodness
ugumu	difficulty		
uhifadhi wa wanyama	wildlife conservation		
uhuru	freedom		

V

vifaa vya shule school items

vilevile also

vipi? how?

vizuri well, properly, correctly

W

–wa– you all, all of you (object); them

wakati/nyakati time/s, season/s

wali rice

wali mweupe plain cooked rice

wao they

wapi? where?

waraka/nyaraka document/s

wazo/mawazo idea/s, thought/s

wembamba thinness, slimness

wewe you (sing.)

wiki week/s

wiki ijayo next week

wikiendi weekend/s

–wili two

wimbo/nyimbo song/s

wingu/mawingu cloud/s

wino ink

Y

yai/mayai egg/s

yeni yen/s

yeye he, she

yuro Euro/s

Z

zaidi more, too much, extra

zambarau purple

zao/mazao crop/s

zawadi gift/s, present/s

–zee old (people)

–zima healthy, whole, complete

–zito heavy

ziwa/maziwa lake/s

–ziwi deaf

zoezi/mazoezi exercise/s

–zuri good, beautiful, fine, pretty

Glossary

English-Swahili

A

a little bit	-dogo	affordable	-a bei nafuu
a long time	muda mrefu	afraid of (to be)	kuogopa
a lot	-ingi, sana	Africa	Afrika
able to (to be)	kuweza	after	baada ya
about	kuhusu	after that	baada ya hapo
about (to be)	kuhusu	afternoon (12:00 p.m.- 2:59 p.m.)	mchana
accept (to)	kukubali	again	tena, halfau
accepted (to be)	kukubaliwa	ailment/s	maradhi
accessory/ies	kifaa/vifaa	airport/s	uwanja wa ndege/ viwanja vya ndege
account/s	akaunti	all	-ote
act (to)	kuigiza	almost	takriban
action movie	mchezo wa kupigana	alone	peke (+ possessive)
actor/s	mwigizaji/ waigizaji	also	pia, vilevile
address book/s	kitabu cha anuani/ vitabu vya anuani	American football	mpira wa kimarekani
address/es	anuani (anwani)	American/s	Mmarekani/ Wamarekani
advice/pieces of advice	shauri/mashauri	and	na
advise (to)	kushauri	angry (to be)	kukasirika
affair/s	jambo/mambo	animal/s	mnyama/ wanyama
afford (to)	kumudu		

another	–ingine	autumn	mapukutiko (pl.)
another time	mara nyengine	available (to be)	kupatikana
answer (to)	kujibu	B	
answer/s	jibu/majibu		
any	–o –ote	baboon/s	nyani
anything	chochote	back/s	mgongo/ migongo
apartment/s	fleti	bad	–baya
apple/s	tofaa/matofaa, tufaa/matufaa	badness	ubaya
appoint (to)	kuteua	bag/s	mkoba/mikoba basket/s
appointed (be)	kuteuliwa	bake (to)	kuoka
appointment/s	miadi (plural)	ball/s	mpira
apprentice/s	mkurufunzi/ wakurufunzi	banana plant/s	mgomba/ migomba
April	Aprili	banana/s	ndizi
argument/s	ugomvi/magomvi	bar/s	baa
arm/s	mkono/mikono	basketball	mpira wa kikapu
arrive (to)	kufika, kuwasili	bathroom/s	choo/vyoo
art exhibition	maonyesho ya sanaa	battery/ies	betri
art gallery/ies	nyumba ya sanaa/ nyumba za sanaa	beach/es	ufuko/fuko, ufukwe/fukwe
artist/s	msanii/wasanii	bean/s	haragwe/ maharagwe
as	kama	beat (to)	kupiga
ask (to)	kuomba, kuuliza	beaten (to be)	kupigwa
assistant/s	msaidizi/wasaidizi	beautiful	–zuri
at first	kwanza	beauty	uzuri
at home	nyumbani	because	kwa sababu
athletics	riadha	bed/s	kitanda/vitanda
ATM	ATM	bedroom/s	chumba cha kulala/vyumba vya kulala
August	Agosti		
aunt/s	shangazi		

beef	nyama ya ng'ombe	book (to)	kuwekesha
beer	bia, pombe	book/s	kitabu/vitabu
before	kabla ya	boot/s	kiatu cha buti/viatu vya buti
begin (to)	kuanza	boring	–a kuchosha
beginning/s	mwanzo/mianza	born (to be)	kuzaliwa
behind	nyuma, nyuma ya	borrow (to)	kukopa
belly/ies	tumbo/matumbo	boss/es	bosi/mabosi
belt/s	mkanda/mikanda	bottle/s	chupa
better	bora	bought (to be)	kununuliwa
big	–kubwa	box/es	sanduku/masanduku
bill/s (money)	noti	boxing	mchezo wa masumbwi
biology	bayolojia	brain	ubongo
black	–eusi	branch/es	tawi/matawi
black pepper	pilipili manga	bread/s	mkate/mikate
blind	–pofu	break/s (pause, vacation)	likizo
blood	damu	breakfast	chamshakinywa
blood test	uchunguzi wa damu	bring (to)	kuleta
blood test result/s	matokeo ya uchunguzi wa damu	bring back (to)	kurudisha
blouse/s	blauzi	brother/s	kaka
blue	bluu (buluu)	brown	hudhurungi, kahawia
board (to)	kupanda	brush your teeth (to)	kupiga mswaki
board game/s	mchezo wa kutumia ubao/michezo ya kutumia mbao	budget	bajeti
board/s	ubao/mbao	bug/s	mdudu/wadudu
boarding school	shule ya bweni	build (to)	kujenga
body/ies	mwili/miili	building/s	jengo/majengo
boil (to)	kuchemsha	built (to be)	kujengwa
		burn (to)	kuwaka

burned (to be)	kuwashwa	carry (to)	kubeba, kuchukua
bus driver/s	dereva wa basi	cash	pesa taslimu
bus station/s	kituo cha basi/ vituo vya basi	cash a check (to)	kuvunjisha cheki
bus/es	basi/mabasi	cassava/s	muhogo/mihogo
business/s	biashara	cat/s	paka
businessman/ men	mfanyabiashara/ wafanyabiashara	catch (to)	kupata
business-- woman/ women	mfanyabiashara/ wafanyabiashara	cause (to)	kusababisha
		cause	kuharisha
		diarrhea (to)	
busy (be)	kushughulika	cause pain (to)	kuumiza
but	lakini	cause to drown (to)	kuzamisha
butter	siagi	cause/s	sababu
buttock/s	tako/matako	CD-ROM/s	CD-ROM, sidiromu
buy (to)	kununua	chair/s	kiti/viti
by	kwa	change (to)	kubadilisha
by car	kwa gari	cheap	rahisi
C		check	kuangalia email
		e-mail (to)	
calendar/s	kalenda	check/s	hundi
call (to)	kuita	checking account	akaunti ya hundi
call on the phone (to)	kupiga simu	cheerful	-kunjufu
can (be able)	kuweza	chemistry	kemia
can/s	kikopo/vikopo	chest/s	kifua/vifua
cap/s	kofia	chicken/s	kuku
car/s	gari/magari, motokaa	child/ren	mtoto/watoto
card/s	karata	chili	pilipili
carpenter/s	seremala	Chinese person/people	Mchina/Wachina
carried (to be)	kuchukuliwa	choose (to)	kuchagua
carrot/s	karoti	church/es	kanisa/makanisa

cinema/s	sinema	company/ies	kampuni
city center	kati kati ya mji	competition/s	shindano/ mashindano
city/ies	mji/miji	complete	–zima
classroom/s	darasa/madarasa	computer/s	kompyuta
clay	udongo	comrade/s	ndugu
clean	safi	concerning	kuhusu
clean (to)	kusafisha	condition/s	hali
climb (to)	kupanda	conversation	mazungumzo (ji/ma plural)
clinic/s	kliniki	converse (to)	kuzungumza
clock/s	saa	cook (to)	kupika
close (to)	kufunga	cooked (to be)	kupikwa
close, close by, close to	karibu, karibu na	cooker/s	jiko/majiko
clothes	nguo	cool	baridi
clothing store/s	duka la nguo/ maduka ya nguo	corn	hindi/mahindi
cloud/s	wingu/mawingu	correct (to)	kusahihisha
coast/s	pwani	correctly	vizuri
coat/s	koti/makoti	cough (to)	kukohoa
coconut palm/s	mnazi/minazi	country/ies	nchi
coconut/s	nazi	court/s (field, ground)	kiwanja/viwanja
coffee	kahawa	court/s, courtyard/s	uwanja/nyanja
coin/s	peni/mapeni	cow/s	ng'ombe
colleague/s	mwenzu/wenza	create (to)	kuumba
color/s	rangi	credit card/s	kadi ya malipo/ kadi za malipo, krediti kadi
come (to)	kuja	crop/s	zao/mazao
come back (to)	kurudi	cucumber/s	kitango/vitango
come from (to)	kutoka	cunning	–erevu
comedy	mchezo wa kuchekesha	cup/s	kikombe/vikombe
communica- tion	mawasiliano		

cure (to)	kuponya	destroyed	kuharibiwa
customer/s	mteja/wateja	(to be)	
cut (to)	kukata	die (to)	kufa
cut/s	uchale/chale	different	tofauti
D		difficult	–gumu
dance (to)	kucheza	difficulty/ies	shakawa, ugumu
danger	hatari	dining room/s	sehemu ya kulia/ sehemu za kulia
datebook/s	kitabu cha/vitabu vya tarehe	dinner	chakula cha jioni
date/s (calendar)	tarehe	direct (to)	kuelekeza
day before yesterday	juzi	director/s	mkurugenzi/ wakurugenzi
day/s	siku	dirt	udongo
daytime (12:00 p.m.– 2:59 p.m.)	mchana	dirty	–chafu
deaf	–ziwi	discussion	mazungumzo (ji/ma plural)
December	Disemba	disease/s	ugonjwa/ magonjwa, maradhi
decide (to)	kuamua	diskette/s	disketi
decrease (to)	kupungua	disturbed (to be)	kusumbuliwa
deliver (to)	kutoa	dive (to)	kupiga mbizi, kuruka kwenye maji
dentist/s	daktari wa meno/ madaktari wa meno	division/s	tawi/matawi
depart (to)	kuondoka	dizziness	kizunguzungu
department store/s	supamaketi	do (to)	kufanya
deposit money into an account (to)	kuweka pesa	doctor/s	daktari/madaktari
desert/s	jangwa/majangwa	document/s	dokumentu, waraka/nyaraka
desk/s	meza	dog/s	mbwa
destroy (to)	kuharibu	dollar/s	dola
		door/s	mlango/milango
		doubt/s	shaka/mashaka

downtown	kati kati ya mji	eighteen	kumi na nane
drawer/s	shubaka/ mashubaka	eighty	themanini
dream (to)	kuota	elbow/s	kisugudi/visugudi
dream/s	ndoto	elder/s	mzee/wazee
dress/es	kanzu	electrician/s	fundi/mafundi umeme
drink (to)	kunywa	electricity	umeme
drink/s	kinywaji/vinywaji	elephant/s	tembo
drown (to)	kuzama	eleven	kumi na moja
drug/s	dawa	e-mail/s	email, baruapepe
drum/s	ngoma	end (to)	kumaliza
drunk (to be)	kulewa	end/s	mwisho/miwisho
drunk by (to be)	kunywewa	engineer/s	mhandisi/ wahandisi
dry season/s	msimu wa kiangazi/misimu ya kiangazi	English language	Kiingereza
dusk	magharibi	English person/people	Muingereza/ Wauingereza
E		enjoyable	–a kufurahisha
ear/s	sikio/masikio	enough (to be)	kutosha
early	mapema	enter (to)	kuingia
early morning (5:00 a.m.– 5:59 a.m.)	alfajiri, asubuhi mapema sana	entertain oneself (to)	kuwa na tafrija/ sherehe
earn (to)	kupata	envelope/s	bahasha
east	mashariki	environment/s	mazingira
easy	rahisi	error/s	kosa/makosa
eat (to)	kula	Euro/s	yuro
eaten by (to be)	kuliwa	European/s	Mzungu/Wazungu
economics	uchumi	even	hata
egg/s	yai/mayai	evening (5:00 p.m.– 6:59 p.m.)	jioni
eight	nane (–nane)	evening meal	chakula cha jioni
		every	kila

everything	kila kitu	feed (to)	kulisha
exact (at a specific time)	kamili	feel (to)	kuhisi
exam/s	mtihani/mitihani	few	-chache
example/s	mfano/mifano	field/s	kiwanja/viwanja, uwanja/nyanja
exchange (to)	kubadilisha	fifteen	kumi na tano
exciting	-a kulisimuwa	fifty	hamsini
Excuse me.	Samahani.	fight (to)	kupigana
exercise (to)	kufanya mazoezi	file/s	faili/mafaili
exercise/s	zoezi/mazoezi, mazoezi ya mwili (mazoezi ya viungo)	filing cabinet/s	kabati/makabati
expensive	ghali	fill out (to)	kujaza
explain (to)	kuelekeza	fill out forms (to)	kujaza fomu
extra	zaidi	film/s	filamu
eye/s	jicho/macho	find (to)	kupata
F		fine	-zuri
face/s	uso/nyuso	finger/s	kidole/vidole
fall (autumn)	mapukutiko (pl.)	finish (to)	kumaliza
familiar with (to be)	kuzoea	finish studies (to)	kumaliza masomo
famous	maarufu	fire/s	moto/mioto
far	baidi, mbali	fireman/men	askari wa zimamoto
farmer/s	mkulima/wakulima	fireplace/s	jiko/majiko
fast	-a upesi	first	-a kwanza
fat	-nene	first, at first	kwanza
father/s	baba	fish (to)	kuvua
fax machine/s	mashine ya/za faksi	fish in pieces	samaki wa kipande
fear (to)	kuogopa	five	tano (-tano)
February	Februari	fix (to)	kutengeneza
		fixed (to be)	kutengenezwa
		flour	unga

flower/s	ua/maua	fried fish	samaki wa kukaanga
follow (to)	kufuata	friend/s	rafiki
food price list	bei za vyakula	fruit salad	saladi ya matunda
food/s	chakula/vyakula	fruit/s	tunda/matunda
foot/feet	mguu/miguu	fry (to)	kukaanga
for (the purpose of)	kwa ajili ya	full plate	sahani nzima
for break (vacation)	kwa likizo	fun	–a kuisimuwa, kichekesho
for example	kwa mfano		
for what?	kwa nini?	G	
foreign	–geni	game/s	mchezo/michezo
foreigner/s	mgeni/wageni	garage	sehemu ya kulaza gari
forest/s	mwitu/miwitu	garden/s	bustani
forget (to)	kusahau	garlic	kitunguu thomu/vitunguu thomu
forgive (to)	kusamehe	geography	jiografia
forgiven (to be)	kusamehewa	German/s	Mjerumani/Wajerumani
forgotten (to be)	kusahauliwa	get (to)	kupata
fork/s	uma/nyuma	get a loan (to)	kupata mkopo
form/s	fomu	get a raise (to)	kupandishwa
forty	arobaini	get a sunburn (to)	kuungua kwa jua
four	nne (–nne)	get a tan (to)	kupata ngozi ya kahawia
fourteen	kumi na nne	get better (to)	kupona
France	Ufaransa	get on (to)	kupanda
free	huru	get up (to)	kuamka
freedom	uhuru	gift/s	zawadi
French person/people	Mfaransa/Wafaransa	ginger	tangawizi
frequently	mara kwa mara	giraffe/s	twiga
Friday (Congregation Day)	Ijumaa	give (to)	kupa, kutoa

give blood (to)	kutoa damu
given (to be)	kupewa
glass/es	glasi
go (to)	kuenda
go camping (to)	kuenda kupiga kambi
go hiking (to)	kutembea masafa marefu (kwa burudani)
go in (to)	kuingia
go mountain climbing (to)	kupanda milima
go to a meeting (to)	kuenda mkutanoni
God/s	Mungu/mimungu
golf	gofu
golf course	uwanja wa gofu
good	bora, –ema, –zuri
good-bye	kwaheri
goodness	uzuri
government/s	serikali
grandchild/ren	mjukuu/wajukuu
grandfather/s	babu
grandmother/s	bibi, nyanya
grass	jani/majani
great	–kuu
green	kijani
greet (to)	kusalimu
greeted (to be)	kusalimiwa
ground/s	kiwanja/viwanja, uwanja/nyanja
group/s	kundi/makundi
grow (to)	kukua, kuota (hair, plants)
guard/s	askari

H

half	nusu
half past (the hour)	na nusu
half past (the hour)	unusu
hammer/s	nyundo
hand/s	mkono/mikono
happen (to)	kutokea
happy	–kunjufu
happy (to be)	kufurahi
hard	–gumu
hardship/s	shakawa
hat/s	kofia/makofia
have (to)	kuwa na
have a child (to)	kuzaa
have a fever (to)	kuwa na homa
have a headache (to)	kuumwa na kichwa
have a party (to)	kuwa na tafrija/sherehe
have an appointment (to)	kuwa na ahadi
having	–enye
he	yeye
head/s	kichwa/vichwa
healthy	–enye afya, –zima
hear (to)	kusikia
heart/s	moyo/mioyo
heavy	–zito
height	urefu

help (aid)	msaada/misaada	hotel/s	hoteli
help (to)	kusaidia	hour/s	saa
helped (to be)	kusaidiwa	house/s	nyumba
her (object pronoun)	–m–/mw–	How are you?	Habari gani?
her (possessive)	–ake	How are you?	Hujambo?
here	hapa	how many?	–ngapi?
high jump	kuruka juu	how much?	bei gani? kiasi gani? ni bei gani?
highway/s	barabara kuu	how?	vipi?
hike (to)	kutembea masafa marefu (kwa burudani)	hunger	njaa
hill/s	kilima/vilima	hunt (to)	kuwinda
him	–m/mw–	hurt (to be)	kuumia
hip/s	kiuno/viuno	hurt (to)	kuuma, kuumiza
hippopotamus/es	kiboko/viboko	husband/s	mume/waume
hire (to)	kuajiri	hut/s	kibanda/vibanda
his	–ake	I	
history	historia	I	mimi
hit (to be)	kupigwa	ice cream	aisikrimu
hit (to)	kupiga	idea/	wazo/mawazo
hockey	mpira wa magongo	identity card	kitambulisho
hold (to)	kuchukua	if	kama, –ki–
home	nyumbani	important	muhimu
homework	kazi za shule, mazoezi ya nyumbani	improve (to)	kuboresha
hope (to)	kutumaini	in front of	mbele ya
horror movie	mchezo wa kutisha	in shape	–enye umbo la kimazoezi
hospital/s	hospitali	in the beginning	kwanza
		increase (to)	kuongeza
		Indeed.	Ni kweli.
		Indian/s	Mhindi/Wahindi

injected (to be)	kupigwa sindano	join (to)	kuunga
injured (to be)	kuumia	journalist/s	mwandishi wa habari/waandishi wa habari
ink	wino		
insect/s	mdudu/wadudu	juice	juisi
inside	ndani	July	Julai
interest rate/s	kiwango cha riba/viwango vya riba	jump (to)	kuruka
interesting	–a kupendeza, –a kuvutia	June	Juni
intern/s	mkurufunzi/wakurufunzi	just	tu
		K	
intestine/s	chango/machango	keep (to)	kuchukua
invest (to)	kuweka kitega uchumi	Kenyan/s	Mkenya/Wakenya
investigation/s	uchunguzi/chunguzi	key/s	ufunguo/funguo
investment/s	kitega uchumi/vitega uchumi	keyboard/s	keyboard
invitation/s	mwaliko/mialiko	kill (to)	kuua, kuuwa
invite (to)	kualika	killed (to be)	kuuliwa
It depends.	Inategemea.	kind (what . . . of)?	gani?
It is possible.	Inawezekana.	kitchen/s	jiko/majiko
It will be necessary . . .	Itabidi . . .	knee/s	goti/magoti
It's better that . . .	Afadhali . . .	knife/knives	kisu/visu
It's necessary that . . .	Lazima . . .	Knock, knock!	Hodi hodi!
item/s	kifaa/vifaa	know (to)	kujua, kuzoea
J		L	
jacket/s	jaketi/majaketi	lake/s	ziwa/maziwa
January	Januari	landlady/ies	mwenyenyeumba/wenyenyeumba
job/s	kazi	landlord/s	mwenyenyeumba/wenyenyeumba
		language studies	masomo ya lugha

language/s	lugha	like	kama
laptop computer/s	kompyuta ya/za mkononi	like (to)	kupenda
last	–a mwisho	liked (to be)	kupendwa
late (to be)	kuchelewa	lion/s	simba
late afternoon (3:00 p.m.– 4:59 p.m.)	alasiri	listen (to)	kusikiliza
laugh (to)	kucheka	little	–dogo
lawyer/s	mwanasheria/ wanasheria	live (to)	kuishi, kukaa
leaf/ves	jani/majani	living room/s	ukumbi/kumbi
learn (to)	kujifunza	loan/s	mkopo/mikopo
leave (to)	kuondoka	log on to a website (to)	kuingia katika tovuti
leave a message (to)	kuacha ujumbe	long	–refu
leave/s (of absence)	likizo	long jump	kuruka chini
left	kushoto	look at (to)	kuangalia
leg/s	mguu/miguu	look for (to)	kutafuta
lemon tree/s	mlimau/milimau	lose (to)	kushindwa
lemon/s	limau/malimau	lost (to be)	kupotea
lend (to)	kukopesha	love (to)	kupenda
length	urefu	love story	mchezo wa mapenzi
leopard/s	chui	loved (to be)	kupendwa
let (to)	kuruhusu	luggage/pieces of luggage	mzigo/mizigo
letter/s	barua	lung/s	pafu/mapafu
library/ies	maktaba	M	
license/s	leseni	ma'am	bibi
lie in the sun (to)	kuota jua	machine/s	mashine
life	maisha (ji/ma plural)	maize meal	ugali
light on fire (to)	kuwasha	make an appointment (to)	kuweka miadi
		mango tree/s	mwembe/miembe

manufacture (to)	kutengeneza	minute/s	dakika
manufactured (to be)	kutengenezwa	minutes after (the hour)	na dakika
many	-ingi	mistake/s	kosa/makosa
many more	nyingine nyingi	Monday (Third Day)	Jumatatu
map/s	ramani	money	fedha, pesa
March	Machi	monkey/s	kima
market/s	soko/masoko	month/s	mwezi/miezi
match/es (to light)	kibiriti/vibiriti	moon/s	mwezi/miezi
maternal uncle/s	mjomba/wajomba	more	zaidi
mathematics	hesabu, hesabati	morning (6:00 a.m.– 11:59 a.m.)	asubuhi
matter/s	jambo/mambo	mortgage	dhamana, rehani
May	Mei	mortgage (to)	kuweka rehani
maybe	labda	mosque/s	msikiti/misikiti
me	-ni- mie	mosquito net/s	chandarua/ vyandarua
mean (to)	kumaanisha	mosquito spray	dawa za kufukuza mbu
meaning	maana	mosquito/es	mbu
meat	nyama	mother/s	mama
mechanic/s	fundi/mafundi	Mount Kilimanjaro	Mlima Kilimanjaro
medicine	dawa	mountain/s	mlima/milima
meet (to)	kukutana	mouth/s	mdomo/midomo
meet with (to)	kuonana na	move something (to)	kuondoa
meeting room/s	ukumbi/kumbi wa/za mkutano	moved (to be)	kuondolewa
meeting/s	mkutano/ mikutano	movie star/s	mhusika mkuu/ wahusika wakuu
menu/s	menyu, bei za vyakula	movie/s	filamu, mchezo/ michezo
message/s	ujumbe/jumbe	movies, movie theater	sinema
milk	maziwa (ji/ma plural)		

Mozambique	Msumbiji
Mrs.	bibi
much, very much	–ingi, sana
murderer/s	muuwaji/wauaji
museum/s	makumbusho
musician/s	mwanamuziki/ wanamuziki
must, it must be the case that . . .	lazima
my	–angu

N

name/s	jina/majina
napkin	nepkini, saviyeti
narrow	–embamba
near	karibu na
nearby	karibu
neck/s	shingo
need (to)	kuhitaji
needed (to be)	kuhitajiwa
needle/s	sindano
neighbor/s	jirani/majirani
nephew/s	mpwa/wapwa
netball	mpira wa pete
new	–pya
news	habari
newspaper/s	gazeti/magazeti
next to	karibu na
next week	wiki ijayo
night (7:00 p.m.– 4:59 a.m.)	usiku

nine	tisa
nineteen	kumi na tisa
ninety	tisini
no	hapana
No problem.	Hamna tabu., Hapana tabu.
noon (12:00 p.m.– 2:59 p.m.)	mchana
north	kaskazini
nose/s	pua
not okay	sio sawa
not right	sio sawa
not the same	sio sawa
notebook/s	daftari/madaftari
November	Novemba
now	sasa
nurse/s	mwaguzi/waaguzi, mwuguzi/ wauguzi, nesi

O

obtain (to)	kupata
ocean/s	bahari
October	Oktoba
of	–a
of course!	bila shaka!
offer (to)	kutoa
office building/s	jengo la ofisi/ majengo ya ofisi
office/s	ofisi
oil	mafuta (ji/ma plural)
okay	sawa

old	–a zamani, –kongwe, –zee (of people)	paper money	noti
older person/ people	mzee/wazee	parent/s	mzazi/wazazi
on fire (to be)	kuwaka	particularly	hasa
one	moja (–moja)	party/ies	sherehe, tafrija
one hundred	mia	passenger/s	abiria
one thousand	elfu	passport	pasi ya kusafiria
onion/s	kitunguu/ vitunguu	password	neni la siri
only	tu	patient (to be)	kusubiri
open (to)	kufungua	pay (to)	kulipa
open a file (to)	kufungua faili	payment/s	lipo/malipo
or	au	peace	salama
orange tree/s	mchungwa/ michungwa	peaceful	salama
orange/s	chungwa/ machungwa	pen/s	kalamu
other	–ingine	pencil/s	penseli
ought	afadhali	pepper	pilipili
our	–etu	per month	kwa mwezi
outside	nje	percentage	asilimia
oven/s	jiko/majiko	perhaps	labda
over there	pale	permit (to)	kuruhusu
overseas	ng'ambo	person/people	mtu/watu
P		photocopy/ies	fotokopi
page/s	ukurasa/kurasa	photograph/s	picha
pain	maumivu (ji/ma plural)	physics	fizikia
paint/s	rangi	pick out (to)	kuchagua
pantry/ies	stoo	picture/s	picha
pants	suruali	piece/s	kipande/vipande
		pillow/s	mto/mito
		pilot/s	rubani/marubani
		pineapple	mnanasi/minanasi
		plant/s	
		pineapple/s	nanasi/mananasi
		ping-pong	mpira wa meza

place	mahali
place (to)	kuweka
place/s	sehemu
plain cooked rice	wali mweupe
plank/s	ubao/mbao
plate/s	sahani
play (to)	kucheza
play a game (to)	kucheza gemu
play cards (to)	kucheza karata
play chess (to)	kucheza chesi
play/s (theater)	mchezo wa kuigiza/michezo ya kuigiza
pleasant	–a kufurahisha
please	tafadhali
please (to)	kufurahisha
plumber/s	fundi/mafundi bomba
pocket/s	mfuko/mifuko
policeman/ men	polisi/mapolisi
policewoman/ women	polisi/mapolisi
poor	masikini
popular	maarufu
pork	nyama ya nguruwe
porridge	ugali/uji
possessing	–enye
possible (to be)	kuwezekana
post office/s	posta

potato/es	kiazi/viazi, mbatata
pound/s	paundi
pray (to)	kuomba
present/s	zawadi
pretty	–zuri
prevention	kinga
preventive drugs	dawa za kinga
price/s	bei
print (to)	kuchapisha
printer/s	mashine ya/za kuchapisha, printa
printing paper	karatasi ya kuchapishia
prison/s	gereza/ magereza
problem/s	shakawa, tatizo/ matatizo
profession/s	amali
pronunciation	matamshi
properly	vizuri
pull (to)	kuvuta
purple	zambarau
push (to)	kusukuma
put (to)	kutia, kuweka
put out (to be)	kutolewa
put out (to)	kutoa
put to bed (to)	kulaza

Q

quarter before/to (the hour)	kasorobo
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quarter past (the hour)	na robo
question/s	swali/maswali
quick	–a upesi
quiet	kimya

R

rain/s	mvua
rainy season/s	msimu wa mvua/ misimu ya mvua
read (to)	kusoma
ready	tayari
reason/s	sababu
receipt/s	risiti
reception desk	mapokezi (ji/ma plural)
recover (to)	kupona
red	–ekundu
reduce (to)	kupunguza
refuse (to)	kukataa
relative/s	ndugu
relax (to)	kupumzika
remember (to)	kukumbuka
remind (to)	kukumbusha
remove (to)	kuondoa, kutoa
removed (to be)	kuondolewa
rent a movie (to)	kukodi mchezo/ sinema
repair (to)	kutengeneza
report/s	ripoti
reserve (to)	kuwekesha
reserve/s, wildlife park/s	mbuga
respond (to)	kujibu

rest (to)	kuenda mapumziko, kupumzika
restaurant/s	mkahawa/ mihakawa
result/s	matokeo
return (to)	kurudi
rhinoceros/es	kifaru/vifaru
rib/s	ubavu/mbavu
rice	wali
rich	tajiri
ride a bike (to)	kuendesha baskeli
right	kulia
right hand	mkono wa kulia
river/s	mto/mito
road/s	barabara, njia
roast (to)	kuchoma
robe/s	kanzu
romantic movie	mchezo wa mapenzi
roof/ves	paa
room/s	chumba/vyumba
run (to)	kuenda mbio, kukimbia
Russian/s	Mrusi/Warusi

S

sad (to be)	kuhuzunika
sad movie	mchezo wa kusikitisha
safari/s	safari
salad	saladi
salary/ies	mshahara/ mishahara
salesperson/ people	mwuzaji/wauzaji

salt	chumvi	send a message (to)	kutuma ujumbe
Saturday (First Day)	Jumamosi	September	Septemba
save (to)	kuweka akiba	seven	saba
save a file (to)	kuhifadhi faili	seventeen	kumi na saba
savings	akiba	seventy	sabini
savings account	akaunti ya akiba	sew (to)	kushona
say (to)	kusema	shadow/s	kivuli/vivuli
schedule an appointment (to)	kupanga miadi	sharp (at a specific time)	kamili
school cafeteria	mkahawa wa shule	shave (to)	kunyoa, kunyoa ndevu
school items	vifaa vya shule	she	yeye
school/s	shule, skuli	shelf/ves	rafu
screen/s	kioo/vioo, skrini	shilling/s	shilingi
screened (to be)	kuonyeshwa	shirt/s	shati/mashati
sea/s	bahari	shoe store/s	duka la viatu/ maduka ya viatu
search for (to)	kutafuta	shoe/s	kiatu/viatu
season/s	msimu/misimu, wakati/nyakati	shop/s	duka/maduka
second	–a pili	short	–fupi
second/s	sekunde	shorts	kaptura
secondary school	shule ya sekondari	shoulder/s	bega/mabega
secretary/ies	katibu muhutasi	show (to)	kuonyesha
see (to)	kuona	shown (to be)	kuonyeshwa
see a play (to)	kuona mchezo	sibling/s	ndugu
see the doctor (to)	kuonana na daktari	sick (to get)	kuugua
See you!	Tutaonana!	sign (to)	kutia sahihi
sell (to)	kuuza	signature/s	sahihi
send (to)	kupeleka, kutuma	simplify (to)	kurahisisha
		sing (to)	kuimba
		singer/s	mwimbaji/ waimbaji
		sink (to)	kuzamisha

sister/s	dada	soup	supu
sit (to)	kukaa	sour	–kali
situation/s	hali	south	kusini
six	sita	speak (to)	kusema
sixteen	kumi na sita	spice/s	kiungo/viungo
sixty	sitini	spiced cooked rice with chicken	pilau ya kuku
skin	ngozi	spicy	pilipili
skinny	–embamba	spinach	mchicha
sleep (to)	kulala	spoken (to be)	kusemwa
slimness	wembamba	spoon/s	kijiko/vijiko
small	–dogo	sport/s	mchezo/michezo
smart	–erevu	spring season/s	kipupwe/vipupwe
smooth	laini	stamp/s	stampu, stempu
snake/s	nyoka	stand/s (bus, taxi)	kituo/vituo
sneeze (to)	kupiga chafya	start (to)	kuanza
snow	theluji	station/s	kituo/vituo
so (therefore)	kwa hiyo, kwa hivyo	stay (to)	kukaa
so, then	basi	steal (to)	kuiba
soccer	mpira wa miguu	stew/s	mchuzi/michuzi
sock/s	soksi	stock market	soko la hisa
soda	soda	stock/s	hisa
soft	laini	stomach/s	tumbo/matumbo
soil	udongo	stone/s	jiwe/mawe
sold (to be)	kuuzwa	stop (to)	kusimama
soldier/s	askari	stop/s	kituo/vituo
some	baadhi	store/s	duka/maduka
sometimes	mara nyengine	story/ies	hadithi
song/s	wimbo/nyimbo	stove/s	jiko/majiko
Sorry.	Samahani.	street/s	barabara
sort (what . . . of)?	gani?		
sound/s	sauti		

strong	–enye nguvu, madhubuti	take (to)	kuchukua
student/s	mwanafunzi/ wanafunzi	take a blood sample (to)	kutoa damu
study (to)	kusoma	take a break (to)	kuenda mapumziko, kupumzika
study/studies	somo/masomo	take a message (to)	kuchukua ujumbe
stupid	–jinga	take a shower or bath (to)	kuoga
subject/s	somo/masomo	take a test (to)	kufanya jaribio/ mtihani
suffer an illness (to)	kupata	take out (to)	kutoa
suffice (to)	kutosha	taken out (to be)	kutolewa
sugar	sukari	talk (to)	kuongea, kuzungumza
sugar cane/s	muwa/miwa	tall	–refu
suit/s	suti	Tanzanian/s	Mtanzania/ Watanzania
summer/s	kiangazi/viangazi	taught (to be)	kufundishwa
sun	jua	taxi/s	tekisi
Sunday (Second Day)	Jumapili	tea	chai
sung (to be)	kuimbwa	teach (to)	kufundisha, kusomesha
Swahili language	Kiswahili	teacher/s	mwalimu/walimu
sweet	–tamu	team/s	timu
swim (to)	kuogelea	telephone (to)	kupiga simu
swimming pool/s	bwawa/mabwawa	telephone/s	simu
switch on (to)	kuwasha	television/s	runinga (televisi)
switched on (to be)	kuwashwa	tell (to)	kuambia
symptom/s	dalili	ten	kumi
syringe/s	sindano	tent/s	hema/mahema
T		test (to)	kujaribu
table tennis	mpira wa meza		
table/s	meza		

test/s	mtihani/mitihani	throw a ball (to)	kurusha mpira
tested (to be)	kujaribiwa	thumb/s	gumba
thank (to)	kushukuru	Thursday (Sixth Day)	Alhamisi (Alkhamisi)
thank you	asante	ticket/s	tiketi
that (relative clause)	amba–	tie (to)	kufunga
That's true.	Ni kweli.	tie/s	tai
That's right.		time/s	saa, wakati/nyakati
the day after tomorrow	keshokutwa	tin/s (can or container)	mkebe/mikebe
thief/ves	mwizi/wezi	tired (to be)	kuchoka
their	–ao	today	leo
them	–wa–	toe/s	kidole/vidole
then	baadaye, kisha	together	pamoja
there	pale	toilet/s	choo/vyoo
there is/are	kuna	tomato/es	tungule (nyanya)
therefore	kwa hiyo, kwa hivyo	tomorrow	kesho
thermometer/s	kipima joto/vipima joto	tongue/s	ulimi/ndimi
they	wao	too much	zaidi
thin	–embamba	tool/s	kifaa/vifaa
thing/s	kitu/vitu	tooth/teeth	jino/meno
think (to)	kufikiri	top	–a juu
thinness	wembamba	tourist/s	mtalii/watalii
thirst	kiu	town/s	mji/miji
thirteen	kumi na tatu	train/s	treni/matreni
thirty	thelathini	tree/s	mti/miti
thought/s	wazo/mawazo	tribe/s	kabila/makabila
thread/s	uzi/nyuzi	tried (to be)	kujaribiwa
three	tatu (–tatu)	trip/s	safari
throat/s	koo/makoo	troubled (to be)	kusumbuliwa
throw (to)	kutupa		

true	kweli
try (to)	kujaribu
Tuesday (Fourth Day)	Jumanne
turn (to)	kupinda
turn on (to)	kufungua
turn on the computer (to)	kufungua kompyuta
twelve	kumi na mbili
twenty	ishirini
two	mbili, –wili
type (to)	kupiga chapa

U

Ugandan/s	Mganda/Waganda
ugliness	ubaya
umbrella/s	mwavuli/ miwavuli
underpants	suruali ya ndani/ suruali za ndani
undershirt/s	fulana
understand (to)	kuelewa
undress (to)	kuvua
unemployed	mvinjari
unhealthy	–sie na afya
until	mpaka
urinate (to)	kukojoa
urine	mkojo/mikojo
us	–tu–
use (to)	kutumia
used (to be)	kutumiwa
used clothes	nguo ya mtumba/ nguo za mitumba

used to (to be)	kuzoea
usually	kwa kawaida

V

vacation/s	likizo
valuable	–enye thamani
vegetable/s	mboga
view (to)	kuangalia
village/s	kijiji/vijiji
visit (to)	kutembelea
volleyball	mpira wa wavu
volleyball court	uwanja wa mpira wa wavu
volunteer work	kazi ya kujitolea
vomit (to)	kutapika

W

wait (to)	kungoja, kusubiri
wake up (to)	kuamka
walk (to)	kutembea
wall/s	ukuta/kuta
want (to)	kutaka
war movie	mchezo wa kivita
warn (to)	kuonya
wash clothes (to)	kufua (nguo)
washed (to be)	kufuliwa
waste (to)	kupoteza/kutupa
watch (to)	kuangalia
watch a movie (to)	kuangalia mchezo / sinema
watch/s	saa

water	maji (ji/ma plural)	whole, the	–ote
we	sis	whole	
weak	dhaifu	why?	kwa nini?
wear (to)	kuvaa	wide	–pana
weave (to)	kufuma	wife/ves	mke/wake
website/s	tovuti	wild animal/s	mnyamapori/ wanyamapori
Wednesday (Fifth Day)	Jumatano	wildlife	mnyamapori/ wanyamapori
weekend/s	wikiendi	wildlife	uhifadhi wa
week/s	wiki	conservation	wanyama
weight	uzito	wildlife park/s	mbuga
weight lifting	kunyanyua vyuma	wildlife	mtafiti wa
welcome	karibu	researcher/s	wanyama/watafiti wa wanyama
welcome (to)	kukaribisha	win (to)	kushinda
Welcome.	Karibu.	window/s	dirisha/madirisha
well	vizuri	wine/s	mvinyo, divai
west	magharibi	winter (no singular form)	majira ya baridi
What is your name?	Jina lako ni nani?	wish (to)	kutamani
what?	nini?	with	–enye
when (relative)	–po–	with	na
when?	lini?	(accompany- ing)	
where?	wapi?	withdraw money (to)	kutoa pesa
which (relative clause)	amba–	word/s	kalima, neno/ maneno
which?	gani?	work	kazi
white	–eupe	work (to)	kufanya kazi
white person/ people	mzungu/wazungu	work out (to) (gym, exercise)	kufanya mazoezi
who?	nani?	write (to)	kuandika
whole	–zima	writer/s	mwandishi/ waandishi
whole fish	samaki mzima		

Y

yard/s	bustani
year/s	mwaka/miaka
yellow	manjano
yen	yeni
yes	ndio, ndiyo
yesterday	jana
you (object)	–ku–
you (pl.), all of you, you all	nyinyi

you (pl.), you all, all of you (object)	–wa–
you (sing.)	wewe
young	–changa
your (plural)	–enu
your (singular)	–ako

Z

zebra/s	punda milia
zero	sifuri