

(I) A Large Spoon is Enough (1/3)

Nouns fall into 3 classes, marked by prefixes which also attach to agreeing adjectives. Verbs agree in class and number with their subject, also marked by a prefix. The trick is that there is some convergence between two of the classes (*m-* in singular, different in plural), so you have to figure out which class an *m-* noun belongs to.

The classes are:

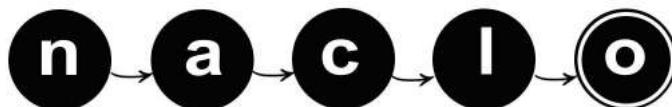
- (A) *m-/wa-* marks verbs as *a-/wa-*
- (B) *ki-/vi-* marks verbs as *ki-/vi-*
- (C) *m-/mi-* marks verbs as *u-/i-*

Vocabulary:

<u>Nouns:</u>	<i>tu</i>	man	Class A
	<i>toto</i>	child	Class A
	<i>siwa</i>	island	Class B
	<i>azi</i>	potato	Class B
	<i>falme</i>	king	Class A
	<i>fuko</i>	bag	Class C
	<i>jiko</i>	spoon	Class B
	<i>wavuli</i>	umbrella	Class C

<u>Adjectives:</u>	<i>baya</i>	bad
	<i>zuri</i>	good
	<i>kubwa</i>	large
	<i>refu</i>	long
	<i>dogo</i>	small

<u>Verbs:</u>	<i>na</i>	have
	<i>natosha</i>	be enough



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II.

- a. The small children have good spoons.

W	a	t	o	t	o		w	a	d	o	g	o		w	a	n	a						
v	i	j	i	k	o		v	i	z	u	r	i											

- b. A long umbrella is enough.

M	w	a	v	u	l	i		m	r	e	f	u		u	n	a	t	o	s	h	a		

- c. A bad potato has a good bag.

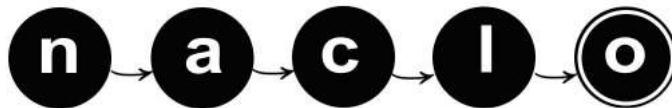
K	i	a	z	i		k	i	b	a	y	a		k	i	n	a		m	f	u	k	o		
m	z	u	r	i																				

- d. Good Kings are enough.

W	a	f	a	l	m	e		w	a	z	u	r	i											
w	a	n	a	t	o	s	h	a																

- e. The long island has bad rivers.

K	i	s	i	w	a		k	i	r	e	f	u		k	i	n	a		m	i	t	o		
m	i	b	a	y	a																			



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f. The spoons have long bags.

V	i	j	i	k	o	v	i	n	a	m	i	f	u	k	o					
m	i	r	e	f	u															

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w	a	k	u	u																
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The explanation should mention that there is a choice between *wakuu* and *mikuu*, and MUST mention that the choice is based on the fact that words in the *m-/wa-* class seem to denote humans.

Grading:

I1: 7/25 point for each correct word in (a)-(f) (max 25).

I2: Up to 3 points for the correct answer and a full explanation, but 0 points if the fact that the *m-/wa-* class denotes humans is not mentioned.

Total: 10 points

