

(10 points)

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

Swahili is a Bantu language spoken by various ethnic groups that inhabit large areas of eastern Africa. Although only 5-10 million people speak it as their native language, Swahili is a lingua franca for much of the region, it is a national or official language of four nations, and it is the only language of African origin among the official working languages of the African Union.

Study the following sentences with their English translations, given in order, and then translate the sentences given below. Swahili does not have any words for 'the' or 'a'.

Mtu ana watoto wazuri.

The man has good children.

Mto mrefu una visiwa vikubwa.

The long river has large islands.

Wafalme wana vijiko vidogo.

The kings have small spoons.

Watoto wabaya wana miwavuli midogo.

The bad children have small umbrellas.

Kijiko kikubwa kinasosha.

A large spoon is enough.

Mwavuli una mfuko mdogo.

The umbrella has a small bag.

Kisiwa kikubwa kina mfalme mbaya.

The large island has a bad king.

Watu wana mifuko mikubwa.

The men have large bags.

Viazi vibaya vinatosha.

The bad potatoes are enough.

Mtoto ana mwavuli mkubwa.

The child has a large umbrella.

Mito mizuri mirefu inatosha.

Good long rivers are enough

Mtoto mdogo ana kiasi kizuri.

A small child has a good potato.

II. Translate the following phrases into Swahili:

a. The small children have good spoons.

b. A long umbrella is enough.



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c. A bad potato has a good bag.

d. Good kings are enough.

e. The long island has bad rivers.

f. The spoons have long bags.

12. If the Swahili word for 'the prince' is *mkuu*, what do you think the word for 'the princes' is, and why?

a. Write the Swahili word for 'the princes' in the box below.

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b. Explain your answer to (a). (Write your explanation on the following page.)



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