

(I) The Afrihili Word Machine (1/1)

A.

English	Afrihili
machinist	afimadi
ships	imeli
presidents	ajamura
Flower	ature
Baker	amkamate
group of girls	omukazisini
date fruit	entindi
language	oluga
shoe	isabatu
king	omukama

B. Below are three more Afrihili words and three options for a likely translation of the word. Pick the most likely translation to be correct, and explain your choice.

1. imulenzi (a) fruit (b) boys (c) bridge Answer: B

Explain your choice: Identical initial and final vowel => plural form. The only plural word is *boys*.

2. aposino (a) baggage (b) classroom (c) parent Answer: A

Explain your choice: The suffix *-sin-* is used to derive collective nouns. The only truly collective noun among these choices is *baggage*.

3. iwelemase (a) book (b) library (c) librarian Answer: C

Explain your choice: The *-ma-* infix is used to derive nouns of profession. The only noun referring to a profession is *librarian*.

C. Describe what you have learned about the morphological structure of words in Afrihili.

On structure of nouns: Start and end with V. – 1 point

Inflectional morphology:

Singular form: Initial and final V differ. – 1 point

Plural formation: Final vowel replaces initial vowel of singular form. – 1 point

Derivational morphology:

Head of an organization (1): Final and initial vowel of root noun are reversed (1). – 2 pts

Nouns of profession (1): Infix *-ma-* (1) is inserted in penultimate position (1). – 3

Collective noun (1): Suffix *-sin-*(1) +final vowel of root noun (1). -- 3

