

LIVING LANGUAGE®



SWAHILI

AUDIO SCRIPT

This Living Language program is designed to teach you enough of the basics of Swahili so that you can show courtesy, make a good first impression, and—we hope—make the decision to take your studies further. For a complete course in Swahili, please consider *Living Language Swahili*, with a textbook and six hours of recordings.

Part 1: Greetings and Basic Courtesy Expressions

<i>Welcome.</i>	Karibu.
<i>How are you doing? / How are things?</i>	Habari gani?
<i>Hi! How are you?</i>	Hujambo?
<i>I'm fine.</i>	Sijambo.
<i>What's your name?</i>	Jina lako ni nani?
<i>My name is Ali.</i>	Jina langu ni Ali.
<i>Well. / Okay.</i>	Sawa.
<i>Do you speak Swahili?</i>	Unasema Kiswahili?
<i>Do you speak English?</i>	Unasema Kiingereza?
<i>Good. / Fine.</i>	Nzuri.
<i>Thank you.</i>	Asante.
<i>Good-bye.</i>	Kwaheri.

Part 2: Dialogue

Ali: Habari gani?
How are you doing?

Lela: Nzuri.
Fine.

Ali: Hujambo?
How are you?

Lela: Sijambo.
I'm fine.

Ali: Habari za asubuhi?
How are things this morning?

Lela: Salama. Na wewe?
Fine. And with you?

Ali: Salama.

Fine.

Lela: Habari za hapa?

How are things here?

Ali: Nzuri tu. Na wewe?

Just fine. And with you?

Lela: Nzuri.

Fine.

Ali: Karibu.

Welcome.

Lela: Asante sana.

Thank you very much.

Part 3: More Greetings and Courtesy Expressions

Hello! How are you? (sing.)

Hujambo?

Hello! How are all of you? (pl.)

Hamjambo?

We're fine.

Hatujambo.

How are you doing? / What's the news?

Habari gani?

Good. / Fine.

Nzuri.

Good morning! / How are things this morning?

Habari za asubuhi?

Good afternoon!

Habari za mchana?

Good evening!

Habari za jioni?

How are you? (general)

Habari gani?

Fine, thank you.

Nzuri, asante.

I'm fine.

Sijambo.

What's your name?

Jina lako ni nani?

My name is . . .

Jina langu ni . . .

His/Her name is . . .

Jina lake ni . . .

I'm glad to see you.

Nimefurahi kukuona.

Good-bye.

Kwaheri.

See you!

Tutaonana!

Good night! (before bed)

Usiku mwema!

Have a nice day!

Have a nice evening!

Siku njema!

Jioni njema!

Part 4: Dialogue

Liz: Habari gani?

How are you doing?

Ali: Nzuri sana.

Very well.

Hujambo?

How are you?

Liz: Sijambo.

I'm fine.

Habari za hapa?

How are things here?

Ali: Nzuri. Karibu.

Fine. Welcome.

Liz: Asante.

Thank you.

Jina lako ni nani?

What's your name?

Ali: Jina langu ni Ali.

My name's Ali.

Na wewe?

And you?

Liz: Jina langu ni Liz.

My name's Liz.

Ninatoka Marekani.

I come from the United States.

Mimi ni Mmarekani.

I'm an American.

Ali: Nimefurahi kukuona.

I'm happy to meet you.

Liz: Asante. Na mimi pia.
Thank you. And me too.

Na huyu ni rafiki yangu.
And this is my friend.

Ali: Vizuri. Jina lake ni nani?
Good. What's his name?

Liz: Jina lake ni Mark.
His name is Mark.

Ali: Nimefurahi kukuona, Mark.
It's nice to meet you, Mark.

Huyu ni rafiki yangu,
This is my friend;

jina lake ni Lela.
her name is Lela.

Liz: Nimefurahi kukuona, Lela.
It's nice to meet you, Lela.

Ali: Tutaonana
See you.

Liz: Tutaonana.
See you.

Part 5: The Family

my father

my mother

my brother

my sister

Welcome (to my) home.

What's your name?

Where do you live?

Where are you staying?

What are you doing? / What do you do?

Do you speak Swahili?

baba yangu

mama yangu

kaka yangu

dada yangu

Karibu nyumbani.

Jina lako ni nani?

Unaishi wapi?

Unakaa wapi?

Unafanya nini?

Unasema Kiswahili?

Do you speak English?

I speak just a little Swahili.

Sit down! / Have a seat!

I'm glad to see you.

Unasema Kiingereza?

Ninasema Kiswahili kidogo tu.

Kaa chini!

Nimefurahi kukuona.

Part 6: Dialogue

Liz: Hodi hodi!

Knock, knock!

Ali: Karibu.

Welcome.

Liz: Asante.

Thank you.

Ali: Kaa chini.

Have a seat.

Liz: Asante.

Thank you.

Ali: Huyu hapa ni baba yangu.

This is my father.

Jina lake ni Juma.

His name is Juma.

Liz: Asante sana.

Thank you very much.

Nimefurahi kukutana na wewe Baba Ali.

I'm glad to meet you, Baba Ali.

Ali: Na yule ni mama yangu.

And that's my mother.

Jina lake ni Aisha.

Her name is Aisha

Liz: Asante sana.

Thank you.

Nimefurahi kukuona Mama Ali.

I'm glad to see you, Mama Ali.

Ali: Na wale ni ndugu zangu.
And those are my siblings.

Yule ni Daudi na yule ni Sarah.
That's Daudi and that is Sarah.

Liz: Asante.
Thank you.

Ali: Na hawa ni bibi yangu na babu yangu.
And these are my grandmother and grandfather.

Liz: Asante.
Thank you.

Na huyu ni rafiki yangu.
And this is my friend.

Jina lake ni Mark.
His name is Mark.

Ali: Asante.
Thank you.

Karibuni nyumbani Mark na Liz.
Welcome to my home, Mark and Liz.

Part 7: Introductions

How are things here?

Here are my grandparents.

Here's my father.

This is my friend.

Welcome (to my) home.

I'm glad to meet them.

I like Tanzania a lot.

Where does your friend come from?

My friend comes from Los Angeles.

Do you like Swahili?

Do you like Tanzania?

Habari za hapa?

Hawa hapa ni bibi yangu na babu yangu.

Huyu hapa ni baba yangu.

Huyu ni rafiki yangu.

Karibuni nyumbani.

Nimefurahi kuwaona.

Ninapenda sana Tanzania.

Rafiki yako anatoka wapi?

Rafiki yangu anatoka Los Angeles.

Unapenda Kiswahili?

Unapenda Tanzania?

Part 8: Numbers

<i>one</i>	moja
<i>two</i>	mbili
<i>three</i>	tatu
<i>four</i>	nne
<i>five</i>	tano
<i>six</i>	sita
<i>seven</i>	saba
<i>eight</i>	nane
<i>nine</i>	tisa
<i>ten</i>	kumi

<i>eleven</i>	kumi na moja
<i>twelve</i>	kumi na mbili
<i>thirteen</i>	kumi na tatu
<i>fourteen</i>	kumi na nne
<i>fifteen</i>	kumi na tano
<i>sixteen</i>	kumi na sita
<i>seventeen</i>	kumi na saba
<i>eighteen</i>	kumi na nane
<i>nineteen</i>	kumi na tisa
<i>twenty</i>	ishirini

Part 9: Days of the Week

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Jumamosi

Jumapili

Jumatatu

Jumanne

Jumatano

Alhamisi

Ijumaa

Part 10: At Home

This house has three bedrooms.

This is a bedroom.

This room has a bathroom.

Do the small rooms have bathrooms too?

This is the kitchen here.

Where is the living room?

The living room is big and beautiful.

Let's go outside.

Nyumba hii ina vyumba vitatu.

Hiki ni chumba cha kulala.

Chumba hiki kina choo.

Vyumba vidogo vina vyoo pia?

Hili hapa ni jiko.

Ukumbi uko wapi?

Ukumbi ni mzuri na mkubwa.

Twende nje.

The house is beautiful.

We're watching television.

I'm reading a book.

Nyumba ni nzuri.

Tunaangalia televisheni.

Ninasoma kitabu.

Part 11: Around Town

Where are the buses to the city?

Where is my hotel?

Where's the bus station?

How do I get to the train station?

What's the fare?

Are there tours to the wildlife park?

Is it far from here?

Is that true? / Is that so?

Mabasi ya kuenda mjini yako wapi?

Hoteli yangu iko wapi?

Kituo cha basi kiko wapi?

Vipi ninaweza kuenda kituo cha reli?

Nauli kiasi gani?

Kuna safari za kwenda mbugani?

Ni mbali kutoka hapa?

Alaa kumbe?

Part 12: In a Restaurant

A table for two, please.

The menu, please.

The wine list, please.

What sort of food do you have?

Do you have vegetarian dishes?

Can I have plain rice?

I'm very hungry.

I'm very thirsty.

I would like something to drink.

Can I have a cold soda?

Please bring me a fork and a knife.

Please bring me the check (bill).

Is the tip included?

Tunaomba meza ya watu wawili, tafadhali.

Niletee orodha ya chakula, tafadhali.

Niletee orodha ya mvinyo, tafadhali.

Kuna chakula gani?

Una chakula cha mboga mboga?

Naomba wali mweupe?

Nina njaa sana.

Nina kiu sana.

Ninataka kinywaji.

Naomba soda baridi sana.

Tafadhali niletee uma na kisu.

Niletee hesabu (bili) tafadhali.

Bakshishi imo ndani?

Part 13: Dialogue

Liz: Habari za hapa Baba Ali?
How are things here, Baba Ali?

Baba Ali: Nzuri. Habari za Marekani?
Fine. How are things in the United States?

Liz: Nzuri.
Fine.

Baba: Unapenda Tanzania?
Do you like Tanzania?

Liz: Ndio, ninapenda sana Tanzania.
Yes, I like Tanzania very much.

Baba Ali: Unapenda Kiswahili pia?
Do you like Swahili, too?

Liz: Ndio ninapenda Kiswahili.
Yes, I like Swahili.

Lakini sisemi Kiswahili bado.
But I don't speak Swahili yet.

Ninasema Kiswahili kidogo tu.
I only speak a little Swahili.

Unasema Kiingereza, Baba Ali?
Do you speak English, Baba Ali?

Baba Ali: Mimi sisemi Kiingereza.
I don't speak English.

Ninasema Kiswahili tu.
I only speak Swahili.

Liz: Mimi ninasoma Kiswahili,
Now I'm studying Swahili

Chuo Kikuu cha Dar es Salaam sasa.
at the University of Dar es Salaam.

Baba Ali: Wewe unatoka Washington, DC?
Are you from Washington, DC?

Liz: Hapana, sitoki Washington, DC.
No, I'm not from Washington, DC.

Ninatoka New York.
I'm from New York.

Baba Ali: Na rafiki yako anatoka wapi?
And where does your friend come from?

Liz: Rafiki yangu anatoka New York pia.
My friend comes from New York, too.

Baba Ali: Yeye anasema Kiswahili?
Does he speak Swahili?

Liz: Hapana yeye hasemi Kiswahili.
No, he doesn't speak Swahili.

Baba Ali: Nimefurahi kukuona.
I'm glad to meet you.

Karibu Tanzania.
Welcome to Tanzania.