

**COMPARISON (FAMPITAHANA)****A - Equality**

The following comparison markers can be used interchangeably to express similarity:

Toa an'**Tahaka an' / ny****Toy ny****Mitovy amin'****Sahala amin'**

These correspond to English expressions such as “**as ... as**” or “... like ...”.

Predicate (Adjective, Noun, or Verb)	Comparison Marker	Subject Personal Pronoun	Object Personal Pronoun
Nosy (island)	toa an' / tahaka an' (like)	I Angletera	I Madagasikara
Mamy (sweet)	mitovy amin' / sahala amin' (as... as)	ny siramamy (sugar)	ny tantely (honey)

Example Sentences:



Nosy toa an'I Madagasikara I Angletera.

→ England is an island like Madagascar.

Mamy mitovy amin'ny tantely ny siramamy.

→ Sugar is as sweet as honey.

B - Both (SAMY in Official Malagasy, SAMBY in Tsimihety)

The following markers indicate that two elements are similar or equivalent:

Samy (Off) / Samby (Tsm) → Used before a predicate to indicate both subjects share the same quality.

Sy (Off) / Ndrekky (Tsm) → Used to connect two nouns indicating both belong together.

Comparison Marker	Predicate (Adjective, Noun, or Verb)	Name/Noun + Sy/Ndrekky	Name/Noun
Samy / Samby (both)	Nosy (island)	I Madagasikara sy	I Angletera
Samy / Samby (both)	Mamy (sweet)	Ny Siramamy (sugar) ndrekky	Ny fandrama (honey)

Example Sentences:



Samy mamy ny tantely sy ny siramamy.

→ Both sugar and honey are sweet.

Samy Nosy I Madagasikara sy I Angletera.

→ Both Madagascar and England are islands.



- 1- MAMY toy ny akondro ny voasary
- 2- MAMY tahaka ny akondro ny voasary
- 3- MAMY sahala amin'ny akondro ny voasary
- 4- Samy MAMY ny akondro sy ny voasary
(Tsm) Samby MAMY ny fontsy ndrekky tsoà



C - Exercise



Create four sentences like the examples above using these words:

I Madagasikara (Madagascar) – I Angletera (England) → *TSARA TAREHY (beautiful)*

Akoho (chicken) - hena omby (beef) → *MATSIRO (delicious)*

Translate the following sentences into your native language:



- a. **Samby mazava ny masôva ndreky davôlana.**
- b. **Samby mangitry ny manasy ndreky manga.**
- c. **Samby tsara amin'ny fahasalamana ny legioma ndreky voankazo.**
- d. **Samby nianatra malagasy zahay.**
- e. **Mangatsiaka mitovy amin' I Suisse I Canada.**
- f. **Lafo toy ny akoho ny hena omby.**
- g. **Dokotera tahaka ny papany izy.**
- h. **Lava toa azy ny zanany.**



D - Vocabulary List

Adjectives	Verbs	Nouns
Mazava (bright)	Mianatra (learn, study)	Dokotera (doctor)
Manitra / Mangitry (Tsm) (fragrant)		Papany (his father)
Lava / Ambo (Tsm) (tall)		Zanany (his child)
Mangatsiaka / Manintsy (Tsm) (cold)		Hena omby (beef)
Lafo (expensive)		Akoho (chicken)
Tsara (good, fine)		Legioma (vegetables)
		Voankazo (fruit)
		Manasy (pineapple)
		Manga (mango)
		Masôva (sun)
		Volana / Davôlana (Tsm¹) (moon)
		Azy (him/her)
		Izy (he/she)