

# Malagasy-Tsimihety with Bako

Introduction-Lesson 4: Going to the market  
(Appendix: numbers, money and groceries)



Now that you have gained some basic expressions and grammar, this lesson will help you get ready to take on the local market and hopefully do your first shop!

Manao bazary / Mandeha bazary  
("shopping for groceries" / "Going to the market")



## 1. At the shops

Customer: Haody

*(you say it if you don't see the shopkeeper)*

Shopkeeper: Mandroso

Customer: Salama tompoko

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Customer: Misy atody ve ? (are there any eggs?)

Shopkeeper: Ia, misy . (yes, there are)

Customer: Ohatrino(na) ? (how much are they?)

Shopkeeper: Fitonjato (700)

Customer: Amezo<sup>tsm</sup>/Omeo<sup>off</sup> telo (3) azafady (give me 3 please)

Misy.....ve? = is there....?

"ve" is an interrogative particle which is very useful.

You add it to a closed question to elicit a "yes" or "no" answer. Think of it as a word to replace a rising intonation when you ask a question.

## 2. At the market



Vendor: Mandroso

Customer: Ohatrino vary? (vary = rice)

Vendor: 700 Ar

Customer: Amezo telo (3) kapoaka azafady.

Vendor: Azafady tsisy la monnaie / tsisy madinika. (madinika = change)

Mandroso

Even though there is no physical shop, mandroso is used to invite the customer to approach and make their purchase.

If the price is not displayed, do ask. The price is usually quoted in Ariary.

## Units of measurement at the market



1. individual units
2. Pile = toko
3. Kilo = kilao
4. Litre = litatra
5. Cups/tins = kapoaka

- 3 eggs = atody telo
- 3 piles of tomatoes = tomaty/voatabia 3 toko
- 3 kilos de sugar = siramamy 3 kilao
- 3 litres of milk = ronono 3 litatra
- 3 cups of rice = vary 3 kapoaka

Malagasy Franc was replaced by Ariary in 2005 at a rate of 5 francs = 1 Ar.

Hence, you will still find vendors quoting prices in Francs especially to foreigners.

Always check if it's Francs or Ariary, and know your 5 times table well!

## Money (Vola)

1 Ar = 1 ariary

Ariary x 5 = FRANC Malagasy

When talking about money, Ariary is used with 10 Ar (ariary folo) and 100 Ar (ariary zato) only. For all the other values, the word is dropped, e.g. 200 Ar = roanjato.

In the market, prices generally start from about 100 Ar.

## Vocabulary:

Atody = eggs

Mandroso = come and buy

Telo kapoaka = 3 cups

Telo toko = 3 piles

Tsisy madinika<sup>off</sup>/lamonnaie<sup>tsm</sup> = no change

Vary = rice

Ronono = milk

Tomaty/voatabia = tomatoes

Siramamy = sugar

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## APPENDIX 1 (Introduction-Lesson 4)



### Numbers / Counting

NY ISA = NUMBERS

ISA => MANISA = TO COUNT



Audio clip starts from the right to left of the table

1000 ARIVO	Zato <i>Ariary zato</i>	100	Folo <i>Ariary folo</i>	10	Iray araiky	1
2000 ROA ARIVO	roanjato	200	roapololo	20	Roa arao	2
3000 TELO ARIVO	telonjato	300	telopololo	30	telo	3
10 000 IRAY ALINA	efajato	400	efapololo	40	efatra	4
20 000 ROA ALINA	dimanjato	500	dimampolo	50	Dimy	5
100 000 IRAY HETSY	eninjato	600	enimpolo	60	Enina	6
200 000 ROA HETSY	fitonjato	700	fitopololo	70	Fito	7
1 000 000 IRAY TAPITRISA	valonjato	800	valopololo	80	valo	8
2 000 000 ROA TAPITRISA	sivinjato	900	sivifolo	90	sivy	9
Thousands etc		hundreds		tens		units

Rule 1: Malagasy numbers are read from RIGHT to LEFT

Rule 2: The use of the connector “and”, is replaced with:

- AMBIN'NY - for numbers between 11 to 19
- AMBY - for numbers between 21-199
- SY - for numbers beyond 200



- 11      **iraika** ambin'ny folo
- 17      fito ambin'ny folo
- 19      sivy ambin'ny folo
- 21      **iraika** ambiy roapololo
- 85      dimy ambiy valopololo
- 113     telo ambin'ny folo amby zato
- 151     **iraika** ambin'ny folo
- 214     efatra ambin'ny folo sy roanjato
- 228     valo amby roapololo sy roanjato
- 716     enina ambin'ny folo sy fitonjato
- 1 190    sivifolo amby zato sy arivo
- 2 398    valo amby sivifolo sy telonjato sy roa arivo
- 16 114    efatra ambin'ny folo amby zato sy enina arivo sy iray alina
- 24 239    sivy amby telopololo sy roanjato sy efatra arivo sy roa alina
- 185 321    iraika amby roapololo sy telonjato sy dimy arivo sy valo alina sy iray hetsy
- 4 218 115    dimy ambin'ny folo amby zato sy valo arivo sy iray alina sy roa hetsy sy efatra tapitrisa
- 109     sivy amby zato
- 210     folo sy roanjato
- 4010    folo sy efajato



Common market items



English	Malagasy	English	Malagasy	English	Malagasy
RICE	VARY	OIL	MENAKA	GARLIC	TONGOLO GASY
WHITE BEANS	TSARAMASO	BREAD	MOFO	ONIONS (PURPLE)	TONGOLO BE
SUGAR	SIRAMAMY	FONTSY <sup>TM</sup> /	BANANAS	ONIONS (GREEN)	TONGOLO MAINTSO
SALT	SIRA	AKONDRO <sup>OFF</sup>		ONIONS (GENERIC TERM)	TONGOLO
LAFRINA	FLOUR	MEAT	HENA	COCONUTS	VANI(O) - O is silent
MILK	RONONO	BEEF	HENA OMBY	MANGOES	MANGA
EGGS	ATODY	PORK	HENAN-KISOA	PAPAYA	MAPAZA
POTATOES	OZY	CHICKEN	AKOHO	HONEY	TANTELY
CARROTS	KARAOTY	"FATTENED" CHICKEN	AKOHO CHER	PEA-LIKE VEG	ANTSOTRY
LEMONS	CITRON	CUCUMBER	KONKONBRA	PINEAPPLE	MANANASY

**Exercise:**

Try saying these sentences in Malagasy.

Ohatrino ny....

1. How much is the rice?
2. How much are the big onions? (note: big = be. Adjectives come after the noun).
3. How much is the flour?
4. How much is the oil?
5. How much is the chicken?

Misy.....ve?

6. Is there any sugar?
7. Is there any milk?
8. Are there any eggs?
9. No meat
10. No bread

Amezo<sup>tm</sup>/Omeo<sup>off</sup>....

11. Give me 2 eggs please.
12. Give me 2 big onions please.
13. Give me 2 kilos of salt please.
14. Give me 2 litres of oil please.
15. Give me 2 cup of rice please.
  
16. 1 kilo of meat
17. 4 bananas
18. 3 piles of tomatoes
19. 5 tins of rice
20. How much are the bananas? 200 Ar, or 3 for 500 Ar.