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1 Vocabulary

1.1 Nouns

1.1.1 Food

mvura *water*

chibage *corn*

mbambaira *sweet potato*

mupunga *rice*

nzungu *peanuts*

munyu *salt*

1.1.2 Relatives

amai *mother*

baba *father*

sekuru *grandfather*

ambuya *grandmother*

mwana *child/baby*

tete *father's sister*

mainini *mother's younger sister*

maiguru *mother's older sister*

babamunini *father's younger brother*

babamukuru *father's older brother*

munin'ina *younger brother or sister*

mukoma *older brother or sister*

mukomana *boy*

musikana *girl*

murume *man*

mukadzi *woman*

1.1.3 Animals/Creatures

imbwa *dog*

mombe *cow*

hove *fish*

mbudzi *goat*

huku *chicken*

mhuka *animals*

mbongoro *donkey*

1.1.4 Clothes/Body Parts

shangu/bhutsu *shoe/shoes*

bhachi *coat*

bhurukwa *pants*

bhande *belt*

mhete *earrings*

nguwani *hat*

tsoka *feet*

gumbo *leg*

maoko *hands*

zvipeko *clothes*

ziso *eye*

1.1.5 Things you own

mugoti *cooking stick*

mutsvairo *broom*

ndiro *plate*

bhuku *book*

bhasikoro *bike*

1.1.6 Occupations/People

shamwari *friend*

mudzidzisi *teacher*

mukoti *nurse*

chiremba *doctor*

mutyairi *driver*

moto *fire*
mota *car*
murimi *farmer*
muvhimi *hunter*
mupurisa *policeman/woman*
gweta *lawyer*
muimbi *singer*
mambo *king*

1.1.7 Weather/Time

kunaya *raining*
kupisa *hot*
hutonhora *cold*
zuva *sun/day*
gore *year/cloud*

1.1.8 Other

zororo *break*
basa *work*
chikoro *school*
chitoro *store*
maruva *flowers*

1.2 Verbs

bika *cook*
bata *touch/hold/catch*
rara *sleep*
dira *pour*
muka *wake up*
fara *be happy*
ona *see*
buda *go out*

gara *sit*
ifa *die*
ipa *give*
ida *like*
isa *put*
seka *laugh*
geza *bath/wash*
vaka *build*
tsvaga/wana *find*
simuka *stand up*
tarisa *look*
tevera *follow*
buruka *get down*
kurumidza *hurry/be quick*
dzinga *chase away*
nhonga *pick up*
shaya *lack*
unza *bring*
shevedza *call*
dimbura *break*
rasa *throw away*
ziva *know*
namata *pray*
uya *come*
mira *stand/wait*
famba *walk*
mhanya *run*
dzidza *learn*
verenga *count/read*
nyora *write*
pinda *come in*
simudza *lift up*
idya *eat*
inwa *drink*
pedza *finish*
chema *cry*
dhidha *swim*
nyarara *be quiet*

bhururuka *fly*
tenga *buy*
tengesa *sell*
tanga *start/begin*
vhara *close*
vhura *open*
tamba *play/dance*
enda *go*
pfeka *wear/put on*
cheka *cut*
pfura *shoot*
udza *tell/inform*
batsira *help*
gadzira *fix/repair*
nongedza *point to*

1.3 Negatives

Handidi *I don't want*
Handina *I don't have*
Handizivi *I don't know*
Handikudi *I don't love you*
Handiende *I don't go*
Handisi *I am not*
Handidyi *I don't eat*
Handinwi *I don't drink*
Handigezi *I don't bathe*
Haarare

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2.1 Greetings

2.2 About You

1. “Unonzi ani?”
What is your name?
 “Ndinonzi Mufaro.”
My name is Mufaro.
2. “Unogara kupi?”
Where do you live?
 “Ndinogara kuHouston”
I live in Houston.

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3.1 Pre-Class Homework

1. “Handidi ipa Tinofara ndibhachi!”
I don’t want to give Tinofara my coat!
2. “Handina nguva taura, kurumidza.”
I don’t have time to talk, hurry up.
3. “Handizivi gadzira ndimota nokuti handina nguva dzidz gadzira.”
I don’t know how to fix my car because I don’t have the time to learn repair.
4. “Handikudi nokuti handisi nofara.”
I don’t love you because I am not happy.
5. “Handiende kuchikoro nokuti kutonhora uye kunaya!”
I don’t go to school because it’s cold and raining.
6. “Handisi fara nokuti ndiamai nababa rasa Kiki, ndihuku.”
I am not happy because my mother and father sold Kiki, my chicken.
7. “Handidyi na mombe na mbudzi na huku na hove na mbongoro na imbwa!
Ndiri vegetarian.”
I don’t eat cow, goat, chicken, fish, donkey, and dog! I’m vegetarian.
8. “Handinwi mvura kupisa.”
I don’t drink hot water.
9. “Handigezi kuchikoro.”
I don’t bathe at school.
10. Haarare means