

Morphological Analysis practice

Introduction to Linguistics

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1 Swahili

Swahili is a Bantu language which is spoken primarily in East Africa. There are approximately 800,000 native speakers of Swahili, and some 30,000,000 people worldwide speak Swahili as a second language.

anapenda	'she likes'	alimona	'he saw her'
atapenda	'they(sg) will like'	alimsaidia	'she helped them(sg)'
alipenda	'he liked'	alimpiga	'she hit him'
amependa	'they(sg) has liked'	alimchukua	'they(sg.) carried him'
alinipenda	'she liked me'	alimua	'he killed him'
alikupenda	'he liked you'	ananitazama	'they(sg) look at me'
alimpenda	'he liked him'	atakusikia	'he will hear you'
alitupenda	'they(sg) liked us'	alitupanya	'she cured us'
aliwapenda	'he liked them(pl)'	ninakupenda	'I like you'
nitampenda	'I will like her'	nitawapenda	'I will like them(pl)'

(a.) Fill in the correct morpheme in the table below.

Pronoun	Tenses	Verbs
they/she/he: _____	[present]: _____	see: _____
me: _____	[future]: _____	help: _____
you: _____	[past]: _____	hit: _____
them/her/him: _____	[past part.]: _____	carry: _____
us: _____		kill: _____
them(pl): _____		look: _____
I: _____		hear: _____
		cure: _____
		like: _____

(b.) Translate the following English sentences into Swahili:

- She has cured me.
- They (sg.) help us.
- I will look at you.