

Grammar list – Edexcel IGCSE in Swahili (4SW0)

Here is the grammar list as mentioned on page 6 of the specification. Students will be expected to have acquired knowledge and understanding of the grammar of Swahili during their course. In the examination they will be required to apply their knowledge and understanding from the list.

- 1 Maamkizi (greetings)
- 2 Herufi za Kiswahili (Swahili alphabet)
- 3 Aina za maneno (types of words)
 - I Nomino (nouns); za pekee, kawaida, dhahania, n.k.
 - II Vitenzi (verbs); vikuu, visaidizi, sambamba, n.k.
 - III Vivumishi (adjectives); vya sifa, pekee, viashiria, idadi, n.k.
 - IV Vielezi (adverbs); vya hali, wakati, mahali, n.k.
 - V Viwakilishi (pronouns); vya nafsi, sifa, visitizi, n.k.
 - VI Viunganishi (conjunctions).
 - VII Vihusishi (prepositions); vya wakati, mahali, n.k.
 - VIII Vihisishi (interjections); vya furaha, majuto, n.k.
- 4 Uakifishaji (punctuation); alama za, na umuhimu wa uwakifishaji.
- 5 Ngeli (noun classes)
 - I A/WA mtoto **analia**, n'gombe **amechinjwa** - watoto **wanalia**, n'gombe **wamechinjwa**
 - II U/I mti **umeanguka** - miti **imeanguka**
 - III I/ZI nyumba **inajengwa** - nyumba **zinajengwa**
 - IV KI/VI **kitabu kilisomwa** - vitabu **vilisomwa**
 - V LI/YA gari **limeibwa** - magari **yameibwa**
 - VI U/ZI ukuta **utapakwa rangi** - kuta **zitapakwa rangi**
 - VII U/YA ugonjwa **umetibiwa** - magonjwa **yametibiwa**
 - VIII YA/YA maji **yanachotwa** - maji **yanachotwa**
 - IX I/I sukari **inauzwa** - sukari **inauzwa**
 - X U/U urembo **ulimfaidi** - urembo **uliwafaidi**
 - XI KU/KU kusoma **kulimshinda** - kusoma **kulimshinda**
 - XII PA/KU/MU hapa **panapendeza** - huku **kunapendeza**, - humu **munapendeza**
- 6 Upatanisho wa kisarufi na vivumishi (noun class agreement with verbs): kitabu kizuri, kalamu nzuri, mzazi mzuri, n.k.
- 7 Virejeshi 'o' na 'amba-' (relatives)
- 8 Viulizi (-pi, nani, lini, gani, nini?) (interrogatives)
- 9 Nyakati, hali na ukanushaji (tenses and negation)
- 10 Kauli za vitenzi (forms of verbs: active/passive or verbal endings and extensions);
tenda,
tendwa, tendana, n.k.
- 11 Vitenzi vya silabi moja (mono-syllabic verbs); fa, la, pa, nywa, n.k. Amenipa kalamu (S/he has given me a pen.)
- 12 Viambishi na mofimu (affixes and morphemes)
- 13 Usemi halisi na usemi wa ripoti (direct and indirect speech)
- 14 Visawe, vitawe na vinyume (synonyms, homonyms and antonyms)

- 15 Udogo na ukubwa, nyumba(house); chumba(room), jumba (a very big house)
- 16 Uundaji wa maneno (word formation)
- 17 Saa, siku za wiki, miezi, majira n.k. (time, calendar and seasons)
- 18 amathali za usemi (figures of speech); methali, semi na nahau, maneno ya kutilia mkazo, n.k.
- 19 Kiambishi 'ndi-'; mimi **ndimi**, wewe **ndiwe**, hapo **ndipo**, hilo **ndilo**, n.k

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