

Useful words and Expressions in Kiswahili

(Maneno na Misemo Muhimu ya Kiswahili)

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| A. | - Yes! | - | Ndiyo! Naam |
| | - No! | - | Siyo / Hapana |
| | - Please | - | Tafadhali |
| | - Thank You (Very Much) | - | Asante (sana) |
| | - Very good | - | Vizuri Sana |
| | - Help | - | Saidia |
| | - Listen | - | Sikiliza |
| | - Fast | - | Haraka |
| | - Come here | - | Njoo hapa |
| | - Sit down | - | Kaa / Keti Chini |
| | - Stand up / stop | - | Simama |
| | - Very well, thank you | - | Vyema, asante |
| B. | - Good morning Sir / Madam | - | Habari za asubuhi Bwana / Mama |
| | - Good Evening? | - | Habari za jioni? |
| | - How are you? | - | U hali gani? |
| | - How are things (news)? | - | Habari gani? |
| | - How have you slept? | - | Umelalaje? |
| | - How is home? | - | Habari za nyumbani? |
| | - Are you well? | - | U mzima? |
| | - Meet my friend / teacher | - | Fahamiana na rafiki yangu / mwalimu wangu |
| | - I am well / fine | - | Sijambo / salama |

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C.	- Happy to meet you	- Nafurahi kukufahamu
	- What is your name?	- Jina lako nani?
	- My name is	- Jina langu ni / Naitwa
	- Come in / welcome	- Karibu
	- May I come in?	- Hodi?
	- Goodbye	- Kwaheri
	- Wait a little	- Ngoja kidogo
	- Good night	- Usiku mwema
	- I am off now	- Nakwenda / naondoka sasa
	- See you soon / tomorrow	- Tuonane karibuni / kesho
	- Excuse me	- Samahani / niwie radhi
	- Don't mention it	- Siyo neno

D.	- Please, can you help me	- Tafadhali unaweza kunisaidia
	- Could I have	- Nisaidie
	- Would you show me	- Naomba unionyeshe
	- Is this	- Hii ni
	- For how long?	- Kwa muda gain?
	- How many times?	- Mara ngapi?
	- What is this?	- Nini hii?
	- This is (book)	- Hiki ni kitabu
	- What is the matter?	- Kuna nini?
	- What is the matter with you?	- Una nini?
	- What does it mean?	- Ina maana gain?
	- What time is it now?	- (Ni) saa ngapi sasa?
	- It is 8.00 O'clock in the morning	- (Ni) Saa mbili kamili asubuhi?
	- What are you doing now?	- Unafanya nini sasa?

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| - Who? | - Nani? |
| - When? | - Lini? |
| - Where? | - Wapi? |
| - What? | - Nini? |
| - Why? | - Mbona / Kwa sababu gani? |
| - Where were you? | - Ulikuwa wapi? |
| - What is the price? | - Ni bei gani? |
| - Where can I find a pen? | - Naweza kupata kalamu wapi? |
| - Where is Ali? | - Ali yuko wapi? |
| - Whom shall I ask? | - Nimwulize nani? |
| - Why are you late? | - Mbona umechelewa? |
| - Who is this? | - (Ni) nani huyu? |
| - Are you a student? | - Wewe ni mwanagunzi? |

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| - It is good / nice | - Ni nzuri / tamu (sweet) |
| - very good | - Ni nzuri sana |
| - It is not good | - Si nzuri |
| - It is bad | - Ni mbaya |
| - Better than | - Bora Kuliko |
| - Bigger than | - Kubwa kuliko |
| - It is cold / cheap / difficult / early | - Ni baridi / rahisi / gumu / mapema |
| - I can | - Naweza |
| - I can't | - Siwezi |
| - I know | - Najua |
| - I don't know | - Sijui |
| - I am hungry / thirsty | - Nina njaa / Kiu |

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| - I am in a hurry | - | Nina haraka |
| - I am tired | - | Nimechoka |
| - I like | - | Ninapenda / napenda |
| - I don't like | - | Sipendi |
| - I would like | - | Ningependa |
| - I am lost | - | Nimepotea |
| - It does not matter | - | Haidhuru |
| - What a pity | - | Inasikitisha |

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| - Can you show me the way to | - | Unaweza kunionyesha njia ya kwenda..... |
| - Excuse me, where is the school? | - | Samahani, shule iko wapi? |
| - What are you giving me? | - | Unanipa nini? |
| - Can you see me? | - | Unaweza kuniona? |
| - I am looking for | - | Ninatafuta |
| - Continue straight a head | - | Endelea mbele moja kwa moja |
| - What is the day today? | - | Leo ni siku gani? / Lini? |
| - Turn to the right / left | - | Geuka / Pinda kulia / kushoto |
| - Do you speak English? | - | Je, unazungumza kiingereza |
| - What is the date today? | - | Leo ni tarehe ngapi? / gain |
| - Give me one book | - | Nipe kitabu kimoja |