

## **Kiswahili words and phrases**

### **Greetings - Salamu**

- Hello, how are you? - Habari yako ?
- Am fine - Mzuri
- Goodbye - Kwa heri
- Nice to meet you = Nafurahi kukuona
- Goodnight - Lala salama

### **Communication - Mazungumzo**

- Yes - Ndio
- No - Hapana /La
- Thank you - Asante
- Thank you very much - Asante sana
- Please - Tafadhali
- OK - Sawa
- Excuse me - Samahani
- You're Welcome - Karibu
- Can you help me? - Nisaidie Tafadhali
- What is your name? - Jina lako ni?
- My name is Lisa - Jina langu ni Lisa...
- Where are you from? - Unatoka wapi?
- I'm from London.. - Nimetoka London...
- May I take a picture? - Naweza piga picha
- Do you speak English? -Unaongea Kizungu?
- Just a little bit - Kidogo tu!
- How do you say Hallo in Swahili? = Unasemaje Hallo kwa Kiswahili
- I don't understand - Sifahamu
- Friend of mine -Rafiki yangu/Shoga yangu
- Me - Mimi
- You -wewe
- I am - Mimi ni
- Let's go - Twende
- Ok - Sawa
- Enough - Tosha

### **Moving around...**

- Where is the ... - ni wapi...
- Road - barabara
- Market -soko
- Toilet/bathroom - choo
- Plane - ndege
- Is there a bus going to Arusha...? - Kuna basi ya kuenda Arusha..?
- Is it far - Ni mbali

- Over there - pale
- Ticket - tikiti
- Where are you going? - Unaenda wapi?
- How much is it? -Ni pesa ngapi?
- Hotel - hoteli
- Room - chumba
- Are there any vacancies for tonight? -Kuna nafasi leo usiko?
- No vacancies - Hamna nafasi
- How much is it per night? - ni bei gani kwa usiku?

### **Time and Days - Wakati na Siku**

- What is the time - ni saa ngapi?
- Today - leo
- Tomorrow - kesho
- Yesterday - jana
- Now - sasa
- Later - baadaye
- Every day - kila siku
- Monday - Jumatatu
- Tuesday - Jumanne
- Wednesday - Jumatano
- Thursday - Alhamisi
- Friday - Ijumaa
- Saturday - Jumamosi
- Sunday - Jumapili

### **Numbers - Hesabu**

- 1 - moja
- 2 - mbili
- 3 - tatu
- 4 - nne
- 5 - tano
- 6 - sita
- 7 - saba
- 8 - nane
- 9 - tisa
- 10 - kumi
- 11 - kumi na moja (ten and one)
- 12 -kumi na mbili (ten and two)
- 20 - ishirini
- 21 - ishirini na moja (twenty and one)
- 30 - thelathini
- 40 - arobaini
- 50 - hamsini
- 60 - sitini

- 70 - sabini
- 80 - themanini
- 90 - tisini
- 100 - mia
- 200 -mia mbili
- 1000 - elfu
- 100,000 -laki moja
- 200,000 -laki mbili....

### **Food - Chakula**

- Hot - moto
- Cold - baridi
- Water - maji
- Hot water - maji moto
- Cold water - maji baridi
- Drinking water - maji ya kunywa
- Soda (soft drinks) - soda
- Beer - bia
- Milk - maziwa
- Meat - nyama
- Chicken - kuku
- Fish - samaki
- Beef - nyama ya ng'ombe
- Fruit - matunda
- Vegetables - mboga

### **Health - Afya**

- Doctor = daktari/mganga
- Hospital = hospitali
- I'm sick = mimi ni mgonjwa
- I need a doctor = nataka kuona daktari
- It hurts here = naumwa hapa ( hapa –point at where the pain is)
- Fever = homa
- Malaria = malaria
- I have a headache = naumwa na kichwa
- I have diarrhoea = naendesha
- Vomiting = tapika
- Medicine = dawa

### **Animals - Wanayama**

- Animal = mnyama
- Buffalo = Nyati / Mbogo
- Cheetah = Duma / Chita
- Elephant = Tembo / Ndovu
- Giraffe = Twiga

- Hippo = Kiboko
- Hyena = Fisi
- Leopard = Chui
- Lion = Simba
- Rhino = Kifaru
- Warthog = Ngiri
- Wildebeest = Nyumbu
- Zebra = Punda milia