Introductions / Utangulizi

What is your name?	Jina lako nani?
My name is John.	Jina langu ni John.
Pleased to meet you.	Nimefurahi kuonana nawe.
How old are you?	Un umri gani?
I'm 25.	Ni miaka ishirini na tano
Where do you come from?	Unatoka wapi?
I come from England / the USA.	Nakota Ungereza / Marekani.
I am American / English.	Mimi ni Amerikani / Ingereza.
I'm not American / English.	Sisi si Amerikani / Ingereza.
We are Australian.	Sisi ni Australia.
This is my husband / wife.	Huyu ni mume / mke wangu.
How are the parents/children?	Watato/Wazazi hawajambo?
What have you come here for?	Kwa nini umekuja hapa?
For a holiday.	Kwenye likizo.
For tourism.	Kutalii.
I am going on safari.	Nenda safari.
I like Kenya very much.	Ninapenda Kenya sana.
Have you ever been to Kenya?	Umekwisha kutembeya Kenya?
Never.	Bado
When did you arrive?	Uliifika lini?
Where do you work?	Unafanja kazi wapi?
I'm a student.	Mimi ni mwanafunzi.
I'm here on business.	Nipo hapa kwa kazi.

Monday	Jumamosi
My name is John.	Jina langu ni John.
Pleased to meet you.	Nimefurahi kuonana nawe.
How old are you?	Un umri gani?
I'm 25.	Ni miaka ishirini na tano
Tuesday	Jumapili
Where do you come from?	Unatoka wapi?
I come from England / the USA.	Nakota Ungereza / Marekani.
I am American / English.	Mimi ni Amerikani / Ingereza.
I'm not American / English.	Sisi si Amerikani / Ingereza.
Wednesday	Jumatatu
We are Australian.	Sisi ni Australia.
Thursday	Jumanne
This is my husband / wife.	Huyu ni mume / mke wangu.
How are the parents/children?	Watato/Wazazi hawajambo?
What have you come here for?	Kwa nini umekuja hapa?
Friday	Jumatano
For a holiday.	Kwenye likizo.
For tourism.	Kutalii.
Saturday	Alhamisi
I am going on safari.	Nenda safari.
I like Kenya very much.	Ninapenda Kenya sana.
Have you ever been to Kenya?	Umekwisha kutembeya Kenya?
Never.	Bado
Sunday	Ijumaa
When did you arrive?	Uliifika lini?
Where do you work?	Unafanja kazi wapi?
I'm a student.	Mimi ni mwanafunzi.
I'm here on business.	Nipo hapa kwa kazi.

Basics / Shemu

Hello!	Hujambo (or) Jambo	Goodbye	Kwa heri.
OK / Good	Sawa / Nzuri	How are you?	Habari?
Yes / No	Ndiyo / Hapana	Fine, thanks, and you?	Sijambo, asante, na wewe je?
Good morning	Habari za asubuhi.	Thank you very much.	Asante sana.
Good evening	Habari za jioni.	Please	Tafadhali
Good night	Usiku mwema.	You're welcome.	Karibu.
See you later	Baadaye	No problem	Hakuna shida.
See you tomorrow	Tutaonana kesho.	How much is it?	Ni kiasi gani?
Excuse me (I'm sorry)	Samahani.	I'll take it	Nitanunua
I'm lost	Nimepotea.	Cheers! (toast)	Chiaz!, kwa afya yako!
Open / Closed	Imefunguliwa / Imefungwa	Pull / Push	Kutoa / Kusukuma
Do you speak English?	Unawza kusema Kiingereza?	A little	Ndogo

I don't speak Swahili	Sifahamu Kiswahili.
I only speak a little Swahili	Ninasema Kiswahili kidogo tu.
I only speak English	Nasema Kingereza tuhi.
I understand	Sifahamu
I don't understand	Nofahamu
Could you...say that again, please?	Sema mara ngine, tafadhali?
"...speak more slowly, please?	pole pole, tafadhali?
"...write that down, please?	Naweza kuandikia, tafadhali?
My bag / wallet / passport was stolen!	Wameiba mfuko/karatasi/cheti cha njia yangu!
I need a doctor!	Nataka daktari!
Call the police!	Ita polisi!

Shopping & Directions / Ununuzi & Maelekezo

How much does this cost?	Hii ni bei gani?
Can I see a menu please?	Ninataka meza ya watu.
I'd like a cold beer	Tafadhli nataka bia baridi.
Small / Big	Kubwa / Kidogo
The bill, please	Nipe bili, tafadhali.
Do you have anything cheaper?	Unacho kitu cha rahisi?
Can I pay by credit card?	Je, naweza kulipa na kredit kadi?
Where are the toilets?	Choo iko wapi?
Men / Women	Watu / Wanawake
Where is the...bank?	Benko iko wapi?
"...hotel?	Hoteli iko wapi?
"...bakery?	Duka la mkate ni wapi?
"...taxi stand?	Kiko wapi kituo cha teksi?
"...airport?	Uwanja wa ndege uko wapi?
"...police station?	Kituo cha polisi kiko wapi?
"...nearest internet cafe?	Mgahawa wa intaneti wa karibu uko wapi?

East/West/North/South		Mashariki/Magharibi/Kaskazini	
Right	Kulia	Above	Juu ya
Left	Kushoto	Below	Chini ya
Straight ahead	Moja kwa moja	There	Huko
Turn around	Kata/Geuka	Over there	Pale
Turn back	Rudi nyuma	Next to	Jirani/Karibu na
Map	Ramani		

Numbers / Idadi

0..... Sifuri	21.... Ishirini na moja
1..... Moja	22..... Ishirini na mbili
2..... Mbili	23..... Ishirini na tatu
3..... Tatu	30..... Thelathini
4..... Nne	40..... Arobaini
5..... Tano	50..... Hamsini
6..... Sita	60..... Sitini
7..... Saba	70..... Sabini
8..... Nane	80..... Themanini
9..... Tisa	90..... Tisini
10.... Kumi	100... Mia moja
11.... Kumi na moja	101... Mia moja na moja
12.... Kumi na mbili	102... Mia na mbili
13.... Kumi na tatu	120... Mia na mbili
14.... Kumi na nne	200... Mia mbili
15.... Kumi na tano	500... Mia tano
16.... Kumi na sita	1000. Elfu moja
17.... Kumi na saba	10 thousand. Elfu kumi
18.... Kumi na nane	100 thousand. Laki moja
19.... Kumi na tisa	1 million. Milioni moja
20.... Ishirini	1 billion .. Bilioni moja

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