

Introductions / Utanguuzi

What is your name?	Ma nani ni jina lako?
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 mliaka ishirini na tano.
Where do you come from?	Unatoka wapi?
I come from England / the USA.	Nakota Uingereza / Marekani.
I am American / English.	Mimi ni Americani / Ingereza.
I'm not American / English.	Sisi si Americani / Ingereza.
We are Australian.	Sisi ni Australia.
This is my husband / wife.	Huyu ni mume / mke wangu.
How are the parents/children?	Watao/Wazazi hawajambo?
What have you come here for?	Kwa nini umekuja hapa?
For a holiday.	Kwenye livu.
For tourism.	Kutali.
I am going on safari.	Naenda safari.
I like Kenya very much.	Ninapenda Kenya sana.
Have you ever been to Kenya?	Umekwisha kutembeza Kenya?
Never.	Bado.
When did you arrive?	Ufikika lini?
Where do you work?	Unafanya kazi wapi?
I'm a student.	Mimi ni mwanafunzi.
I'm here on business.	Nipo hapa kwa kazi.

Monday	Jumamosi
Tuesday	Jumapili
Wednesday	Jumatatu
Thursday	Jumane
Friday	Jumatano
Saturday	Alhamisi
Sunday	Ijumaa

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.	Tafadhili 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 / Left	Above..... Juu ya
Straight ahead	Below..... Chini ya
Turn around	There..... Huko
Turn back	Over there..... Pale
Map	Next to..... Jirani/Karibu na

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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Basic words and phrases for tourists



Hello!	Hujambo (or) Jambo
OK / Good	Sawa / Nzuri
Yes / No	Ndiyo / Hapana
Good morning	Habari za asubuhi.
Good evening	Habari za jioni.
Good night	Usiku mwema.
See you later	Badaye
See you tomorrow	Tutaonana kesho.
Excuse me (I'm sorry)...	Samahani.
I'm lost	Nimepotea.
Open / Closed	Imefunguliwa / Imefungwa
Pull / Push	Kutoa / Kusukuma
A little	Ndogo
Do you speak English? ...	Unawza kusema Kiingereza?
Goodye	Kwa heri.
How are you?	Habari?
Fine, thanks, and you?	Sijambo, asante, na wewe je?
Thank you very much	Asante sana.
Please	Tafadhali
You're welcome	Karibu.
No problem	Hakuna shida.
How much is it?	Ni kiasi gani?
I'll take it	Nitannua
Cheers! (toast)	Chazi, kwa alya yako!
Close / Open	Imefunguliwa / Imefungwa
I don't understand	Sifahamu Kiswahili.
I only speak a little Swahili	Ninasema Kiswahili kidogo tu.
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 kuandika, tafadhali?
My bag / wallet / passport was stolen!	Wameiba mfuko/karatasi/chevi cha njia yangu!
I need a doctor!	Nataka daktari!
Call the police!	Ita polisi!