

SWAHILI

Kiswahili

36 phrases · stressed syllable in capitals; stress is almost always second-to-last

THE ESSENTIALS

Hello	Habari hah-BAH-ree
Goodbye	Kwaheri kwah-HEH-ree
Please	Tafadhali tah-fah-DHAH-lee
Thank you	Asante ah-SAHN-teh
Yes / No	Ndiyo / Hapana n-DEE-yoh / hah-PAH-nah
Excuse me / Sorry	Samahani sah-mah-HAH-nee

GETTING BY

Do you speak English?	Unaongea Kiingereza? oo-nah-ohn-GEH-ah kee-een-geh-REH-zah
I don't understand	Sielewi see-eh-LEH-wee
Could you repeat that?	Tafadhali rudia tah-fah-DHAH-lee roo-DEE-ah
Please speak slowly	Tafadhali sema polepole SEH-mah poh-leh-POH-leh
My name is...	Jina langu ni... JEE-nah LAHN-goo nee
Nice to meet you	Nimefurahi kukutana nawe nee-meh-foo-RAH-hee koo-koo-TAH-nah NAH-weh

GETTING AROUND

Where is...?	... iko wapi? ... EE-koh WAH-pee
How do I get to...?	Nitafikaje...? nee-tah-fee-KAH-jeh
Where is the toilet?	Choo kiko wapi? choh KEE-koh WAH-pee
Left / Right	Kushoto / Kulia koo-SHOH-toh / koo-LEE-ah
Straight ahead	Moja kwa moja MOH-jah kwah MOH-jah
Is it far?	Ni mbali? nee m-BAH-lee

FOOD AND DRINK

A table for two, please	Meza ya watu wawili MEH-zah yah WAH-too wah-WEE-lee
The menu, please	Menyu, tafadhali MEH-nyoo tah-fah-DHAH-lee
I would like...	Ningependa... neen-geh-PEHN-dah
Water, please	Maji, tafadhali MAH-jee tah-fah-DHAH-lee
I am allergic to...	Nina mzio wa... NEE-nah m-ZEE-oh wah
The bill, please	Bili, tafadhali BEE-lee tah-fah-DHAH-lee

SHOPPING AND MONEY

How much is it?	Ni bei gani? nee bay GAH-nee
That's too expensive	Ni ghali sana nee GHAH-lee SAH-nah
Do you take cards?	Mnakubali kadi? m-nah-koo-BAH-lee KAH-dee
I am just looking	Naangalia tu nah-ahn-gah-LEE-ah too
Do you have...?	Una...? OO-nah
A receipt, please	Risiti, tafadhali ree-SEE-tee tah-fah-DHAH-lee

EMERGENCIES

Help!	Msaada! m-sah-AH-dah
Call the police	Piga simu polisi PEE-gah SEE-moo poh-LEE-see
Call an ambulance	Piga simu ambulensi PEE-gah SEE-moo ahm-boo-LEHN-see
I need a doctor	Nahitaji daktari nah-hee-TAH-jee dahk-TAH-ree
I am lost	Nimepotea nee-meh-poh-TEH-ah
Where is the hospital?	Hospitali iko wapi? hoh-spee-TAH-lee EE-koh WAH-pee