

# **BASIC SWAHILI PHRASES FOR TRAVELLERS**

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# **MTIRIRIKO WA UWASILISHAJI**

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## GREETINGS

Hello = *Jambo/ Hujambo*

How are you? = *Habari gani*

Fine (response) = *Nzuri*

Goodbye = *Kwa heri/ Kwa herini* (more than one person)

See you later = *Tutaonana*

Nice to meet you = *Nafurahi kukuona*

Goodnight = *Lala salama*

# CIVILITIES

Yes = *Ndiyo*

No = *Hapana*

Thank you = *Asante*

Thank you very much = *Asante sana*

Please = *Tafadhali*

OK = *Sawa*

Excuse me = *Samahani*

You're welcome = *Starehe*

## CIVILITIES CONT.....

What is your name? = *Jina lako nani?*

My name is = *Jina langu ni*

Where are you from? = *Unatoka wapi?*

I'm from... = *Natokea...*

May I take a picture? = *Naomba kupiga picha*

Do you speak English? = *Unasema kiingereza?*

Do you speak Swahili? = *Unasema Kiswahili?*

## CIVILITIES CONT.....

Just a little bit = *Kidogo tu!*

How do you say in Swahili? = *Unasemaje ... kwa kiswahili*

I don't understand = *Sielewi*

I don't want = *Sitaki/Sipendi*

Friend = *Rafiki*

# GETTING AROUND

Where is the...? = *Ni wapi...?*

Airport = *Uwanja wa ndege*

Bus station = *Stesheni ya basi/Kituo cha basi*

Bus stop = *Bas stendi*

Taxi stand = *Stendi ya tekisi/kituo cha texi*

Train Station = *Stesheni ya treni/kituo cha treni/gari moshi*

Bank = *Benki*

Market = *Soko*

## GETTING AROUND CONT....

Police station = *kituo cha polisi*

Post office = *Posta*

Tourist Office = *Ofisi ya watalii*

Toilet/ bathroom = *Choo/Bafu*

What time is the... leaving? = *Inaondoka saa... ngapi?*

Bus = *Basi*



## GETTING AROUND CONT.

Minibus = *Matatu (Kenya); dalla dalla (Tanzania)*

Plane = *Ndege*

Train = *Treni/ gari la moshi*

Is there a bus going to...? = *Kuna basi ya...?*

I'd like to buy a ticket = *Nataka kununua tikiti*

Is it near = *Ni karibu?*

Is it far = *Ni mbali?*

There = *Huko*

## GETTING AROUND CONT.

Over there = *Pale*

Ticket = *Tikiti*

Where are you going? = *Unakwenda wapi?*

How much is the fare? = *Nauli ni kiasi gani?*

Hotel = *Hoteli*

Room = *Chumba*

## GETTING AROUND CONT.

Reservation = *akiba*

Are there any vacancies for tonight? = *mna nafasi leo usiku?* (Kenya: *iko nafasi leo usiku?*)

No vacancies = *hamna nafasi.* (Kenya: *hakuna nafasi*)

How much is it per night? = *ni bei gani kwa usiku?*

# DAYS AND NUMBERS

Today = *leo*

Tomorrow = *kesho*

Yesterday = *jana*

Now = *sasa*

Later = *baadaye*

Every day = *kila siku*

Monday = *Jumatatu*

## DAYS AND NUMBERS CONT.

Tuesday = *Jumanne*

Wednesday = *Jumatano*

Thursday = *Alhamisi*

Friday = *Ijumaa*

Saturday = *Jumamosi*

Sunday = *Jumapili*

# DAYS AND NUMBERS CONT.

1 = *Moja*

2 = *Mbili*

3 = *Tatu*

4 = *NNe*

5 = *Tano*

6 = *Sita*

7 = *Saba*

## DAYS AND NUMBERS CONT.

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)*

# DAYS AND NUMBERS CONT.

30 = *Thelathini*

40 = *Arobaini*

50 = *Hamsini*

60 = *Sitini*

70 = *Sabini*

80 = *Themanini*

90 = *Tisini*



## DAYS AND NUMBERS CONT.

100 = *Mia*

200 = *Mia mbili*

1000 = *Elfu*

100,000 = *Laki*

# FOOD AND DRINKS

I'd like = *Nataka*

Food = *Chakula*

Hot/ cold = *Ya moto/ baridi*

Water = *Maji*

Hot water = *Maji ya moto*

Drinking water = *Maji ya kunywa*

Soda = *Soda*

Beer = *Bia*

## FOOD AND DRINKS CONT.

Milk = *Maziwa*

Meat = *Nyama*

Chicken = *Nyama kuku*

Fish = *Sumaki*

Beef = *Nyama ng'ombe*

Fruit = *Matunda*

Vegetables = *Mboga*

# HEALTH

Where can I find a... = *Naweza kupata... wapi?*

Doctor = *Daktari/mganga*

Hospital = *Hospitali*

Medical center = *Matibabu*

I'm sick = *Mimi ni mgonjwa*

I need a doctor = *Nataka kuona daktari*

It hurts here = *Naumwa hapa*

# HEALTH CONT.

Fever = *Homa*

Malaria = *Malaria*

Mosquito net = *Chandalua/Chandarua*

Headache = *Umwa kichwa*

Diarrhoea = *Kuhara*

Vomiting = *Tapika*

Medicine = *Dawa*

# ANIMALS

Animal = *Wanyama*

Buffalo = *Nyati/ mbogo*

Cheetah = *Duma/ chita*

Cow = *N'gombe*

Elephant = *Tembo/ ndovuh*

Giraffe = *Twiga*

Goat = *Mbuzi*

Hippo = *Kiboko*

## ANIMALS CONT.

Hyena = *Fisi*

Leopard = *Chui*

Lion = *Simba*

Rhino = *Kifaru*

Warthog = *Ngiri*

Wildebeest = *Nyumbu*

Zebra = *Punda milia*

**CLIP**

*Let's ask and comment after this clip.*

