

ESSENTIALS

English	Swahili
Slow	Pole pole
Thank you (very much)	Asante (sana)
(Very) welcome	Karibu (sana)
Yes	Ndio
No	Hapana
Let's go!	Twende!
I'm sorry / excuse me!	Samahani!
OK!	Sawa!
Danger!	Hatari!
Great!	Nzuri!
I'm tired	Nimechoka
Water	Maji
Toilet	Choo
Hot	Moto
Cold	Baridi
Much	Mengi
Little	Kidogo
Fast	Haraka

NAME AND ORIGIN

English	Swahili
What is your name?	Jina lako nani?
My name is ...	Jina langu ni ...
Where are you from?	Unatoka wapi?
I'm from ...	Natoka...

GREETINGS

English	Swahili
Hello	Jambo
How are you [<i>informal greeting</i>]	Habari
(Very) good [<i>response to habari</i>]	Nzuri (sana)
Hello [<i>to an older person; literally "I touch your feet"</i>]	Shikamoo
Fine [<i>response to shikamoo; literally "I acknowledge your respect"</i>]	Marahaba
What's up [<i>casual slang greeting</i>]	Mambo (vipi)
Cool [<i>response to mambo (vipi)</i>]	Poa
Crazy cool like a banana (in the fridge) [<i>reponse to mambo (vipi) if you feel particularly well</i>]	Poa kichizi kama ndizi (ndani ya friji)

ADDRESSING PEOPLE

English	Swahili
Sir	Bwana
Madam; grandmother [<i>addressing a woman of older age</i>]	Bibi
Grandfather [<i>addressing a man of older age</i>]	Babu
Friend	Rafiki
Sister [<i>addressing a woman of similar age</i>]	Dada
Brother [<i>addressing a man of similar age</i>]	Kaka

OTHER

English	Swahili
Naomba ... / Naraka ...	I need ... / I want ...
Congratulation	Hongera
European (white foreigner)	Mzungu
Strong like a lion	Nguvu kama simba