

Swahili

Swahili is a Bantu language from the Niger-Congo language family. It is spoken by tens of millions of people living in East Africa. Together with English it is considered the main lingua franca in this area. It is an official language in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda.

Below are sixteen Swahili sentences together with their corresponding translations into English.

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| 1. <i>hawasomi leo</i> | They are not studying today. |
| 2. <i>hamzoei kusema</i> | You(pl.) are not getting used to speaking. |
| 3. <i>tunapenda kula</i> | We like to eat. |
| 4. <i>halali nyumbani</i> | He is not sleeping at home. |
| 5. <i>unapenda kusoma asubuhi</i> | You(sg.) like to study in the morning. |
| 6. <i>wanaweza kusema</i> | They can speak. |
| 7. <i>hamli nyumbani</i> | You are not eating at home. |
| 8. <i>unakuja usiku</i> | You are coming at night. |
| 9. <i>anazoea kulala</i> | He is getting used to sleeping. |
| 10. <i>tunakunywa</i> | We are drinking. |
| 11. <i>hatuji asubuhi</i> | We are not coming in the morning. |
| 12. <i>hawezi kunywa</i> | He cannot drink. |
| 13. <i>wanasema</i> | They are speaking. |
| 14. <i>tunakuja leo</i> | We are not coming today. |
| 15. <i>unasema</i> | You(sg.) are speaking. |
| 16. <i>hamwezi kulala</i> | You(pl.) cannot sleep. |

Task 1: Translate the following sentences into English.

17. *wanazoea kuja*
18. *mnalala leo*
19. *husemi*
20. *tunapenda kula usiku*

Task 2: Translate the following sentences into Swahili.

21. We are sleeping at home.
22. He does not like to study.
23. They are not drinking.

Task 3: Translate the following two sentences into Swahili. Briefly justify your translations.

24. He is studying.

25. You(pl.) are eating.

Note: *ny, j* are consonants, pronounced as in English “canyon” and “judge”. *w* is also pronounced as in English. For example, the word *kunywa* from sentence 12. is pronounced as two syllables.