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Bilingual Dictionary for ESL Beginners

*Kamusi ya kiswahili na kiingereza kwa
wanao jifunza lugha ya kiingereza kama
lugha ya pili.*

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Introduction

The *Bilingual Dictionary for ESL Beginners* has been developed for use by students in the early stages of learning English as a second language.

The list of words contained in this dictionary includes the most common words that students use in everyday communication and in the classroom. This list provides a scaffold for further language acquisition.

The *Bilingual Dictionary for ESL Beginners* takes into consideration the Australian culture and way of life including frequently encountered colloquial words and phrases. It is expected that students will use this publication as a reference point for the first 12 to 18 months of English language acquisition.

A companion volume titled *Thematic Picture Dictionary for ESL Beginners* may be used in conjunction with this volume. It contains over 400 illustrated words, all of which can be found with their translations in this volume.

The two dictionaries are designed for individual student use at school and at home to support English language acquisition.

The skills of many ESL teachers were utilised in the choice of lexicon for this dictionary. Their enthusiastic participation has helped to produce a valuable teaching and learning resource suited to the needs of beginner ESL students.

How to use this dictionary

Notes for the teacher

The information in this dictionary is presented simply showing part of speech, headword in bold, definition if required and phrases for words which need to be read in context for clarity of meaning. You will find explanations regarding the organisation of the dictionary below.

Page Header

The page header is found at the top left of each page in bold for easy identification of the page contents. It shows the first and last English entry on the page.

Example from page 1:

a - afterwards indicates that the first entry on this page is **a** and the last entry is **afterwards**.

The Headword

The headword is the word being defined in an entry. It appears in large bold type and is alphabetically ordered. Definitions of the headword appear under the headword (if applicable) and are numbered. Phrases, colloquial phrases, phrasal verbs and interjections containing the headword are translated in full and appear under the definitions.

Example from page 4:

		Headword	Translation
part of speech		back	
n	Definition	1. body part	only the word <i>back</i> is translated as a noun with the meaning <i>body part</i>
adv	Definition	2. opposite front	only the word <i>back</i> is translated as an adverb with the meaning <i>opposite front</i>
phrase		3. give it back	the phrase <i>give it back</i> is translated in full

Example from page 31:

		Headword	Translation
part of speech		help	
n	Definition	1. aid	only the word <i>help</i> is translated as a noun with the meaning <i>aid</i>
phrase		2. help yourself (serve yourself)	the phrase <i>help yourself</i> is translated in full with the meaning <i>serve yourself</i>
colloq phr		3. I can't help it (I have no control over it)	the colloquial phrase <i>I can't help it</i> is translated in full with the meaning <i>I have no control over it</i>

Where there is more than one meaning for an item of lexicon but only one is in common usage the meaning for translation has been included next to the headword in brackets.

Example from page 2:

	Headword	Translation
n	angle (mathematical usage)	only the word <i>angle</i> is translated as a noun with the meaning <i>mathematical usage</i>

Abbreviations

Words commonly found in the lexicon as abbreviations appear in the dictionary as abbrev and are not translated. They indicate the full spelling of the word where the translation may be found.

Example from page 4:

	Headword	Translation
abbrev	barbie *see barbecue	no translation - translation is found at the entry <i>barbecue</i>

Common present and past tense verb forms

Commonly used irregular present and past tense verb forms have been included in the body of the dictionary as they may not be recognised by the student as a derivative of the base form. These are not translated however and indicate the base form where the translation may be found.

Examples from page 2:

	Headword	Translation
prt v	am *see be	no translation - translation is found at the entry <i>be</i>
prt v	are *see be	no translation - translation is found at the entry <i>be</i>

Appendices

Six appendices have been included and may be found at the end of the word list. These are:

1. numerals and ordinals
2. common countries/states and their adjectival forms
3. common irregular verbs showing the base form, past tense and past participle forms
4. times in analog and 24 hour format
5. days of the week/months of the year/units of time
6. weights and measures.

These appendices have not been translated.

Parts of speech

Parts of speech are abbreviated and found in the left hand column of the English text in the dictionary. Other descriptors such as colloquialism are also abbreviated. A full list of abbreviations used is shown below.

Abbreviations used in this dictionary

Abbreviation	Meaning
abbrev	abbreviation
adj	adjective
adv	adverb
colloq	colloquialism
colloq phr	colloquial phrase
conj	conjunction
det	determiner
int	interjection
n	noun
phr v	phrasal verb
prep	preposition
pron	pronoun
prt v	present tense verb form
pt v	past tense verb form
v	verb

a – afterwards

A

det	a/an	a
n	ability	uwezo
	able	
v	1. be able to	weza
adj	2. talented	tunukiwa
n	Aboriginal person	mu-aboringinal
	about	
adv	1. approximately	karibu
prep	2. concerning	kuhusu
	above	
prep	1. over	juu
phrase	2. the example above	mfano tangulizi
adj	absent	hakuna
adv	absolutely	kabisa
n	accent	tamshi
v	accept	kubali
adj	acceptable	kubalika
n	accident	ajali
adj	accidental	ki-ajali
v	accompany	pamoja
n	account	hesabu
v	ache	maumivu/ugua
v	achieve	pata
n	achievement	kupata
prep	across	upande
v	act	fanya
n	activity	utendaji
n	actor	muigizaji
v	add	ongeza
n	addition	ongeza/nyongeza
n	address	anwani
n	adjective	kivumishi
	admit	kubali
v	1. tell the truth about	ungama
v	2. allow to enter	ingiza
v	adopt (take on)	kubalisha
n	adult	mtu mzima
n	advantage	faida
n	adventure	shani
n	adverb	kielezi
n	advice	mawaitha
n	aerobics	mazoezi
n	aeroplane	ndege/aeropleni
v	afford	weza
adj	afraid	ogopa
prep	after	baada
n	afternoon	jioni
adv	afterwards	baadaye

again – argue

adv	again (one more time)	tena
	against	
prep	1. next to	karibu na
prep	2. anti	kinyume
n	age	umri
adv	ago	zamani
v	agree	kubali
	aid	
n	1. help	saidia
v	2. help	usaidizi
v	aim (try)	nia
n	air	hewa
n	airport	kiwanja cha ndege
adj	all (every)	wote
v	allow	ruhusu
adv	alone	pweke
adv	aloud	kwa sauti
n	alphabet	alphabeti
adv	already	tayari
adv	also (too)	pia/vile vile
conj	although	ijapokuwa
adv	altogether	pamoja
adv	always	kawaida
prt v	am *see be	
n	ambulance	ambulansi
n	amount	kiwango
n	amphibian	mnyama aishiye arthini na majini
v	analyse (study)	changanua
conj	and	na
n	angle (mathematical usage)	penbe
adj	angry	kasirika
n	animal	mnyama
n	ankle	kifundo
adj	annual	mwaka
	answer	
n	1. reply	jibu
v	2. reply	itika
adj	any	yeyote
adv	anymore	na-zaidi
pron	anyone	yeyote
pron	anything	chochote
adv	apart (separate)	kando
n	apology	radhi
v	appear (come into view)	onekana/tokea
n	apple	tunda
n	appointment	mwaliko/uteuzi
prt v	are *see be	
n	area	eneo/uwanja
v	argue	jadili

argument – autumn

n	argument	ubishi/mzozo
v	arise	inuka
n	arm (part of body)	mkono
n	army	jeshi
prep	around	humuhumu
	arrange	
v	1. put in order	rekebisha
v	2. make plans	faya mipango
v	arrest (take into custody)	tia nguvuni/shika
v	arrive	wasili
n	arrow	mshale
n	art	sanaa
n	artist	msanii
adv	as (to such a degree)	kama
n	ash	jivu
adj	ashamed	haibika/ona haya
v	ask	uliza
v	assemble	kusanya
n	assembly	baraza
n	assignment (for school)	mazoezi
v	assist	saidia
n	assistant	msaidizi
prep	at	kwenye
pt v	ate *see eat	
n	athletics	riadha
phrase	athletics carnival	tamasha la wana riadha
n	atom	atomu
v	attach	shikanisha
	attack	
n	1. fight	vita
v	2. fight	vita/pigana
	attempt	
n	1. try	jaribu
v	2. try	jaribu
v	attend	hudhuria
n	attendance	hudhuria
n	attention	uangalifu/usikivu
v	attract	vutiya/pendeza
adj	attractive	inavutia
n	aunt	shangazi
abbrev	Aussie *see Australian	
n	Australia	Australia
adj	Australian	mu-Australia
n	Australian flag	bendera ya Australia
n	Australiana	yaki-Australia
n	author	mwandishi
n	autumn	majiri ya joto puguani

average – basketball

	average	
n	1. arithmetical mean	kiwango cha katikati
adj	2. ordinary	kawaida
v	avoid	zuiya/kwepa/epuka
adj	awake	amka
adv	away	mbali
prep	away from	kuwa mbali na
adj	awful	mbaya
pt v	awoke *see awake	
n	axe	shoka
B		
n	baby	mtoto
	back	
n	1. body part	mgogo
adv	2. opposite front	nyuma
phrase	3. give it back	rudisha
n	backbone	nguzo/uti wa mgogo
n	background	picha ya nyuma
n	backpack	egeza gari vibaya
n	backyard	upande wa yuma
adj	bad	mbya
n	badminton	mchezo
n	bag	begi
v	bake	pika keki
v	balance	sawazisha/mabaki
n	balcony	kipumzikio
adj	bald	kipara
	ball	
n	1. toy	mpira wa mtoto
colloq phr	2. have a ball (good time)	wakati mwema
n	balloon	baluni
n	banana	ndizi
n	band (music group)	bendi
n	bangle	bangili/pochi
n	bank	benki/kando
	bar	
n	1. place to drink	kilabu
v	2. stop from something	wacha
n	3. metal rod	kipande cha chuma
n	barbecue	nyama choma
abbrev	barbie *see barbecue	
adj	bare	kavu/tupu
n	barrier	kizuishi
n	base (bottom)	chini/msingi
n	basin (wash)	beseni/bakuli
n	basket	kikapu
n	basketball	mpira wa kikapu

basketball court – bid

n	basketball court	kiwanja cha mpira wa kikapu
	bat	
n	1. sporting equipment	fimbo
n	2. animal	popo
n	bath	oga
n	bathroom	bafu
n	battle	vita
n	bay (inlet)	kando/ufuoni
abbrev	BBQ *see barbecue	
v	be	kuwa
n	beach	uvuoni
n	beach towel	taulo
n	beach umbrella	mwavuli
n	beak	mdomo
	beam	
n	1. ray of light	muali
n	2. wooden plank	ubao
n	bean	maharagwe
n	beard	ndevu
	beat	
v	1. win	shinda
v	2. hit	pinga
n	3. rhythm	mpingo
adj	beautiful	vizuri/maridadi
pt v	became *see become	
conj	because	kwa sababu
v	become	kuwa
n	bed	kitanda
n	bedroom	chumba cha kulala
n	bee	nyuki
n	beef	nyama ya ngombe
pt v	began *see begin	
v	begin	tangulia
n	beginner	mtangulizi/mwanzilishi
v	behave	tenda/jiweka
n	behaviour	tabia/mwenendo/adabu
prep	behind	nyuma
n	bell	kengele
v	belong	ni ya
n	belt	mshipi
n	bench	kiti
v	bend	kunja
pt v	bent *see bend	
adj	best	bora zaidi
v	bet	bahatisha
adj	better	bora
prep	between	katikati/kati ya
n	bicycle	baiskeli
v	bid	zabuni

big – boat

adj	big	kubwa
abbrev	bike *see bicycle	
	bill	
n	1. money	pesa
n	2. account	akaoti
n	3. of a bird	ya ndege
n	bird	ndege
	birth	
n	1. act of being born	jifunguwa/kuzaa
phrase	2. date of birth	tarehe ya kuzaliwa
n	birthday	sikukuu ya kuzaliwa
n	biscuit	biskuti
	bit	
n	1. small piece	kidogo
phrase	2. a little bit	kidogo
pt v	3. *see bite	
v	bite	uma
adj	black (colour)	nyeusi
n	blackboard	bodi nyeusi
n	blade	upanga
	blame	
n	1. censure	laani
v	2. lay responsibility with	lazimika
adj	blank	kavu/tupu
n	blanket	blanketi
v	bleed	vuja damu
pt v	blew *see blow	
	blind	
adj	1. unable to see	upovu
n	2. window covering	paziya
n	blindness	upovu
	block	
n	1. child's toy	mpira
v	2. stop from doing something	kusimamisha jambo
phrase	3. a block away	kupita nyumba moja
phrase	4. block of flats	nyumba ya orofa
adj	blond	mrembo
n	blood	damu
adj	bloody	damu damu
	blow	
n	1. hit	gonga/piga
v	2. pertaining to wind	kuhusu upepo
phr v	3. blow up	puliza/lipua
	blue	
adj	1. colour	rangi
colloq	2. sad	kasirika/huzuni
n	board (stiff material)	mbao/bodi
n	board game	mchezo wa bodi
n	boat	mashua/dau

body – break

n	body	mwili
v	boil	chemsha
	bold	
adj	1. as typeface	mrembo
adj	2. daring	ujasili
n	bomb	bomu
n	bone	mfupa
n	book	kitabu
n	bookshelf	rafu ya kitabu
n	boomerang	rudi tena
	boot	
n	1. of car	buti
n	2. footwear	kiatu
	border	
n	1. as of country, state	mpaka
n	2. edge	pembeni/ukingo
adj	bored	kuboeka
adj	boring	kutofurahisha
v	borrow	omba/kopa
	boss	
n	1. person in charge	msimamizi
v	2. tell what to do	kuamrisha
adj	both	pamoja
v	bother	sumbua
n	bottle	chupa
	bottom	
n	1. body part	tako
n	2. lower edge	chini
pt v	bought *see buy	
v	bounce	rukaruka
n	bowl	bakuli/kombe
n	box	sanduku
n	boy	mvulana
abbrev	bra *see brassiere	
n	brain	ubongo
	branch	
n	1. of tree	kipande cha mti
v	2. separate	gawanya/achanisha
n	brassiere	sindiria
adj	brave	shujaa
adv	bravely	kishujaa
n	bread	mkate
n	breadth	pumzi
	break	
n	1. pause	pumziko
v	2. opposite of fix	vunja
phr v	3. break down (as in car)	kuharibika
phr v	4. break down (as health)	kuwa mgonjwa

breakfast – bus stop

phr v	5. break in (as housebreak)	kuvunja nyumba
phr v	6. break up (for holidays)	kwenda likizo
n	breakfast	kifungua kinywa
n	breath	pumua/hema
v	breathe	pumzi
v	breed	zalisha
n	brick	tofali
n	bridge	daraja
	bright	
adj	1. shiny	metameta/angaza
adj	2. clever	mwerevu
v	brighten	angazisha
adj	brilliant	elevu
v	bring	leta
adj	broad	pana
n	broccoli	mboga
pt v	broke *see break	
colloq	broke (penniless)	kutokuwa na pesa
phrase	broken arm	kuvunjika mkono
n	brother	ndugu wa kiume
pt v	brought *see bring	
n	brush	brashi
n	bucket	kikapu/ndoo
v	build	jenga
pt v	built *see build	
n	bulb (electric light)	globu
n	bullet	risasi
	bully	
n	1. person who harasses others	mtu wa kisirani/muudhi
v	2. harass	subua/chokoza
	bunch	
n	1. group	kundi
phrase	2. bunch of flowers	kifungo cha mauwa
	burn	
n	1. injury caused by fire	maumivu kitokana na moto
v	2. be on fire	chomeka
v	burst	lipuka
v	bury	zika
n	bus	basi
	bush	
n	1. outback	koko
n	2. small tree	msitu
	business	
n	1. company	kampuni
colloq phr	2. mind your own business	sugulika na kazi yako
n	bus stop	kitua cha basi

bust – cardboard

	bust	
colloq	1. break	vunjika
n	2. female body part	matiti
adj	busy	shughuli
conj	but	lakini
n	butcher	mchinjaji
n	button	chini
v	buy	nunua
prep	by	kwa
C		
n	cabbage	kabeji
n	cable	waya
n	cafe	hoteli/mkahawa
n	cage	pango
n	cake	keki
v	calculate	hesabu
n	calculator	machine ya kuhesabia
n	calendar	kalenda
	call	
v	1. name	jina/ita
n	2. as for phone	piga simu
phr v	3. call for	simu ya/taka
phr v	4. call off	simamisha
phr v	5. call out	itana
	calm	
adj	1. peaceful	salaam/tulifu
phr v	2. calm down	tulia
pt v	came *see come	
n	camera	kamera
v	camp	kambi
	can	
v	1. able to	weza
n	2. steel container	mkebe
n	candle	mshumaa
n	canteen (tuck shop)	kantini
	cap	
n	1. headwear	kofia/kitambaa cha kichwa
n	2. top	kifuniko/juu
	capital	
n	1. important location	mji mkuu
phrase	2. capital letter	herufi kubwa
n	capsicum	pilipili
n	capsule	tembe/kapsuli
n	captain	kapteni
n	car	gari
n	card	kadi
n	cardboard	kadbodi

care – chalk

v	care	jali
adj	careful	angalifu
adv	carefully	taratibu
n	carnival	tamasha
n	carrot	karoti
	carry	
v	1. take	chukuwa/beba
phr v	2. carry on (keep going)	endelea
	case	
n	1. bag	begi
phrase	2. just in case	kama hauta
n	cash	pesa/fedha
	cassette	
phrase	1. audio cassette	kaseti ya kusikiza
phrase	2. video cassette	kaseti ya video
	cast	
n	1. of a play	mchezo
v	2. throw	rusha/tupa
n	castle	nyumba kubwa
adj	casual	kibarua/nadra
n	cat	paka
	catch	
phrase	1. catch a train	panda gari la moshi
phrase	2. catch a cold	shika homa
colloq phr	3. catch on (understand)	fahamu/elewa
phr v	4. catch up (reach)	karibiya/wasili
pt v	caught *see catch	
	cause	
n	1. reason	sababu
v	2. make happen	sababisha
n	cave	pango
abbrev	CD *see compact disc	
n	ceiling	dari
n	cell	shina
n	cent	senti
adj	central	katikati
	central processing unit	
n	1. pertaining to computer	Injini ya komputa
abbrev	2. CPU	
n	centre	katikati
n	century	karne
n	cereal	nafaka
n	ceremony	sherehe
adj	certain	weza
adv	certainly	wezekana
n	chain (jewellery)	mkufu
n	chair	kiti
n	chalk	chaki

chance – cigarette

n	chance	nafasi
	change	
n	1. money	chenji
v	2. alter	badili/geuza
phrase	3. change one's mind	badilisha mawazo
phrase	4. change clothes	badilisha mavazi/nguo
adj	changeable	kigeugeu
n	change room	chumba cha kubadilisha nguo
n	channel	mlango/njia
n	chapter	sura
n	character (literary)	tabia/silika/namna
	charge	
n	1. cost	bei
v	2. as for battery	weka moto
phr v	3. in charge	msimamizi
v	chase	kimbiza
adj	cheap	rahisi
v	cheat	danganya
v	check	chunguza/angalia
n	cheek (body part)	shavu
colloq	cheeky (naughty)	mjeuri
	cheer	
v	1. make happy	furahisha/shangilia
n	2. sound expressing enthusiasm	cheka
n	chemist	duka la dawa
n	cheque	cheki/hundi
n	cherry	switi ya sini
n	chess	mchezo wa chesi
n	chest	kifua
n	chewing gum	peremende ya kutafuna
	chicken	
n	1. animal	kuku
colloq	2. not brave	mwoga
n	child	mtoto/mwana
adj	childish	kitoto
n	chin	kidevu
	chips	
n	1. hot variety	viazi
n	2. cold crisps	chipsi baridi
n	chocolate	chocoleti
n	choir	waimbaji
v	choose	chagua
	chop	
n	1. meat cut	kata nyama
v	2. cut	kata
pt v	chose *see choose	
n	church	kanisa
n	cigarette	sigara

cinema – coin

n	cinema	sinema
n	circle	duara
adj	circular	mviringo
n	circumference	mzuguko
n	city	mji mkuu
	claim	
n	1. assertion	dai
v	2. assert	dai
	clap	
n	1. loud noise	makofi
v	2. show appreciation	piga makofi
n	class (group of students)	darasa
n	classmate	wanafunzi wenzake
n	classroom	darasa
phrase	classroom block	sehemu ya darasa
n	claw	kucha
n	clay	mchanga/udongo
	clean	
v	1. remove dirt	kusafisha
adj	2. opposite dirty	safi
adj	clear	wazi/safi
adj	clever	mwerevu/mjanja
n	cliff	mwamba
v	climb	panda juu
v	cling	ninginia/ambata
n	clock	saa ya mezani au ukutani
	close	
v	1. shut	kufunga
adj	2. near	karibu
adj	closed	fungwa
n	cloth	vazi/nguo
n	clothes	mavazi/nguo
n	clothes line	safu ya nguo
n	clothing	nguo/vazi
n	cloud	wingu
adj	cloudy	mawingu mengi
	club	
n	1. group of people	chama
n	2. implement	tekeleza
n	clue	dalili/elekezo
n	coal	mawe
n	coast	pwani
adj	coastal	ya pwani
n	coat	kabuti/koti
n	cockatoo	ndege/mkulima
n	coconut	nazi
n	coffee	kahawa
n	coin	sarafu

cold – concern

	cold	
n	1. illness	homa
adj	2. opposite hot	baridi
adj	cold-blooded	muaji
n	collar	kola
v	collect	kusanya
n	collection	kusanyo
n	college	chuo kikuu
	colour	
n	1. hue	rangi
v	2. make colourful	paka rangi
adj	colourful	maridadi
	comb	
n	1. hair accessory	kichana
v	2. do one's hair	chana
	come	
v	1. move towards	karibia/njoo
phr v	2. come from	kutoka kwa
phr v	3. come out (as in sun)	kuchomoza
colloq phr	4. Come on! (Let's go.)	twende
adj	comfortable	starehe
n	comic	mchezo
n	comic strip	andiko la mchezo
v	command	agizo/amri
adj	common	kawaida
n	commonsense	hisia
n	communication	mawasiliano
n	community	jamii
n	compact disc	kaseti
n	company (business)	kampuni
v	compare	linganisha
n	compass	bikari
n	compasses (geometry equipment)	kompasi
v	compete	shindana
n	competition	shindano
v	complain	lalamika
n	complaint	lalamiko
	complete	
v	1. finish	maliza
adj	2. finished	malizika
v	complicate	gumisha/tatanisha
adj	complicated	ni ngumu/tatizo
n	complication	ugumu/mashaka
n	composer	muandishi/msanii
n	composition	utungo/insha
n	computer	kompyuta/kichakato
n	concern	husu/pasa

concerned – couple

adj	concerned	husiana
n	concert	kuigiza
n	condition	hali
n	cone (geometrical shape)	koni
v	confuse	changanya/vuruga mawazo
v	congratulate	pongeza
v	connect	unganisha
n	connection	unganisho
adj	conscious	kupata fahamu/tanabahi
v	consider	fikiri
phr v	consist of	ina
n	consonant	konsonanti
v	contain	ina
n	container	kikebeo
n	contents (as of a book)	yaliyomo/faharasa
v	continue	endelea
	contrast	
n	1. difference	tofauti
v	2. find differences	tofautisha
v	control	endesha
n	conversation	mazungumzo
	convict	
n	1. person convicted of a crime	mahabusu
v	2. find guilty of a crime	hukumu
v	cook	pika
	cool	
adj	1. opposite warm	baridi
colloq	2. trendy	mzuri/poa
	copy	
n	1. imitation	uigaji/fuasa
v	2. imitate	iga
n	corner	kona
	correct	
v	1. make right	sahihisha
adj	2. right	sahihi/haki
n	corridor	ukumbi
v	cost	bei/gharama
n	cotton	pamba
n	cotton wool	uzi wa pamba
	cough	
n	1. the act or sound of coughing	kohoa
v	2. expel air from the lungs	kukohoa
n	council	diwani
n	counsellor	hatibu/mshauri
	country	
n	1. political division	chama
n	2. opposite city	nchi
n	couple	bibi na bwana

courage – crush

n	courage	moyo
adj	courageous	hodari/shujaa
	course	
n	1. set of lessons	mafunzo/masomo
n	2. way to go	mwelekeo
phrase	3. of course (naturally)	kwa kawaida
n	court (as tennis court)	uwanja
n	cousin	ndugu/binamu
	cover	
n	1. outside of a book	jalada/kava
v	2. put cover on something	funika
n	coward	mwoga
n	crab	mnyama wa mjini
v	crack	ufa
	craft	
n	1. vessel	chombo
n	2. handiwork	kazi ya mkono/sana
	crash	
n	1. collision	pigana/gongana
v	2. shatter	tawanya
adj	crazy	wazimu/kichaa
n	creature	kiumbe
n	creek	hori
v	creep	tambaa
n	crescent (shape)	umbo
	cricket	
n	1. insect	mdudu
n	2. sport	mchezo
	criminal	
n	1. person who commits crime	mvunja sheria/jambazi
adj	2. against the law	mvunja sheria
n	crocodile	mamba
adj	crooked	kombokombo
n	crops	mimea
	cross	
n	1. a symbol of two intersecting lines	kia
adj	2. angry	hasira/kasirika
v	3. move from one side to another	kupitana
phr v	4. cross out (delete)	vuta
n	crossword	mchezo wa kujaza maneno
n	crowd	umati
adj	crowded	kujazana
adj	cruel	katili
	crush	
v	1. flatten	bomoa
colloq	2. a liking for someone	kumpenda mtu/kutamani

cry – darkness

	cry	
n	1. loud utterance	kilio
v	2. weep	lia
n	cube	mcheraba
n	cucumber	tango
n	cupboard	kabati
v	cure	tibu
adj	curious	dadisi/chunguza
	curl	
n	1. ringlet of hair	kifungo cha nywele
v	2. form curls	kuwa nyepesi/nyororo
n	currency (money)	pesa/fedha
	current	
adj	1. topical	sasa
n	2. moving water	mto
n	curtain	pazia
n	curve	mkunjo
n	custom	mila/desturi
n	customer	mteja
v	cut	kata
adj	cute	mrembo
	cycle	
v	1. ride	endesha
n	2. circular event	hali ya mviringo
n	cylinder	mcheduara
D		
abbrev	dad *see father	
abbrev	daddy *see father	
adj	daily	kila siku
	damage	
n	1. injury	maumivu/jeraha
v	2. cause injury	sababisha jeraha
adj	damp	unyevu
n	damper (type of bread)	unyevu zaidi
	dance	
n	1. social gathering for dancing	kusanyiko la wacheza densi
v	2. rhythmical movement	densi
n	danger	hatari
adj	dangerous	hatari
adj	daring	mjasiri
	dark	
adj	1. opposite light	giza
adj	2. opposite fair	mbaya
n	darkness	giza

date – dependable

	date	
n	1. calendar	kalenda
n	2. fruit	tunda
n	daughter	binti
n	day	siku/mchana
adj	dead	kufa
adj	deaf	kiziwi
	deal	
n	1. amount	kiwango
v	2. give out	patiana/peana
n	death	kifo
n	debt	deni
	decay	
n	1. decomposition	kuoza
v	2. rot	oza
v	deceive	danganya
v	decide	amua
n	decimal	kidude
n	decision	uwamuzi
n	deck (of house)	nyumba
v	declare	tangaza/julisha
	decrease	
n	1. diminution	upungufu
v	2. become smaller in number	punguza
adj	deep	undani/refu
	defeat	
n	1. loss	poteza
v	2. beat	shindwa
v	define	elezea
	degree	
n	1. of temperature	joto/baridi
n	2. amount	kiwango
	delay	
n	1. hold up	chelewesha
v	2. put off till later	aherisha
abbrev	deli *see delicatessen	
n	delicatessen	maankuli/mchuzi
n	delight	furahi
adj	delightful	furahia
v	deliver	fikisha
	demand	
n	1. urgent requirement	hitaji la haraka
v	2. ask for with authority	kudai
v	demonstrate	onyesha/fundisha
n	demonstration	onyesho/maandamano
n	dentist	daktari wa meno
v	depend	tegemea
adj	dependable	kumtegemea

dependant – discussion

adj	dependant	jitegemea
n	depth	undani
v	descend	kwenda chini
v	describe	elezea
n	description	elezeo
	desert	
n	1. hot, dry place	jangwa
v	2. leave	kwenda/toka/ondoka
v	deserve	stahili
	desire	
n	1. longing	tarajia/husudu
v	2. wish for	takia/tamani
n	desk	dawati
v	destroy	haribu
n	destruction	uharibifu
	detail	
n	1. minute part	kanaga
v	2. describe fully	kanaganaga
n	detective	jasusi/kachero
n	detention (pertaining to school)	jela
v	dial	piga
n	diameter	kipenyo
	diamond	
n	1. precious stone	mawe ya zamani/uru
adj	2. shape	sura/umbo
n	diary	shajara/kalenda
n	dictionary	kamusi
pt v	did *see do	
n	didgeridoo	chumbo cha mziki cha wa-Aboriginal
v	die	kufa/kuaga dunia
n	diet	chakula
adj	different	tofauti/ingine
adj	difficult	ngumu
v	dig	chimba
n	dingo	mnyama/mbwa mwitu
n	dinner	chakula cha mchana
n	dinosaur	dinosa
n	direction	elekezo
n	dirt	uchafu
adj	dirty	chafu
v	disagree	bishana/kataa
n	disagreement	ubishi/kutokubaliana
n	disc (round, flat object)	diski
n	disco	densi/disko
v	discover	vumbua
n	discovery	uvumbuzi
v	discuss	jadili
n	discussion	majadiliano

disease – drop

n	disease	ugonjwa/maradhi
n	dish	sahani
n	dishwasher (appliance)	machine ya kuoshea vyombo
n	disk (of computers)	diski
n	disk drive	diski mdadi
v	dislike	dharau/chukia
v	dismiss	tupilia/fukuza
n	distance	umbali
v	disturb	sumbua
v	dive	tumbukia/piga mbizi
v	divide	gawanya
n	division	mgawanyiko
v	divorce	talaka
	do	
v	1. perform	fanya
phrase	2. What does she do? (What's her job?)	Anafanya kazi gani?/Kazi yake ni ipi?
phrase	3. How do you do? (greeting)	habari yako/hujambo
n	doctor	tabibu/daktari
n	document	cheti
n	dog	mbwa
n	dollar	dola
n	door	mlango
v	double	mara mbili
	doubt	
n	1. uncertainty	shaka
v	2. hesitate to believe	kutia shaka
v	drag	vuruta
n	dragon	mnyama wa kutisha
pt v	drank *see drink	
v	draw	chora
n	drawer	sanduku/mchoraji
	dream	
n	1. images during sleep	ndoto
v	2. imagine	ota
pt v	dreamt *see dream	
	dress	
n	1. woman's clothing	vazi la manamke/kitenge
v	2. to put on clothing	vaa nguo
pt v	drew *see draw	
	drink	
n	1. beverage	kinywaji
v	2. swallow liquid	meza kinywaji
v	drive	endesha
n	driveway	njia ya gari
	drop	
n	1. small amount of water	tone
v	2. let fall	angusha

drought – email

n	drought	ukame/kiangasi
pt v	drove *see drive	
v	drown	zama
n	drug	dawa
n	drum	deramu/ngoma
n	drunk (person who drinks too much alcohol)	kulewa/mlevi
adj	dry	kavu
pt v	dug *see dig	
adj	dumb (of speech)	kiziwi
prep	during	wakati
	dust	
n	1. dirt	uchafu/vumbi
v	2. clean of dirt	panguza/osha
n	duster	kivutia uchafu
n	duty (something you must do)	jukumu/wajibu
E		
n	eagle	mwewe/tai
n	ear	sikio
adj	early	mapema
v	earn	mapato/mshahara
n	earring	hereni
n	earth	arthi
n	east	magharibi
adj	easy	rahisi
v	eat	kula
n	echidna	mnyama
n	edge	kando/ukingo
v	edit	hariri
n	education	elimu
n	effect	tukio/athari
n	effort	juhudi/bidii
n	egg	yai
adj	either	ama/moja wapo
n	elastic	inavutika
n	elbow	kisugudi/kiko
	elder	
adj	1. older than	mzee kuliko
n	2. older person	mzee
n	election	uchaguzi
n	electrician	fundi wa stima
n	electricity	stima/umeme
	email	
n	1. Internet letter	barua pepe
v	2. send an Internet letter	tuma barua pepe

embarrass – excellent

v	embarrass	haibisha
adj	embarrassed	haibika/fadhaika
n	emergency	tharura
n	emigrant	mhamiaji
n	emotion	hisia
v	employ	ajiri
n	employee	muajiriwa/mfanya kazi
n	employer	muajiri
n	employment	kazi/ajira
adj	empty	kavu/tupu
n	emu	emu-ndege
v	encourage	tia changamoto
	end	
n	1. termination	simamisha
v	2. finish	mwisho
n	enemy	adui/hasimu
	engaged	
adj	1. busy	shugili nyingi
adj	2. soon to be married	oza
n	engine	ingini
v	enjoy	furahia
adj	enormous	kubwa mno
adj	enough	tosha
v	enquire	uliza
v	enter	ingia
v	entertain	burudisha
n	entertainment	burudisho/tamasha
n	entrance	mlango
n	entry	kiingilio
n	envelope	bahasha
n	environment	mazingira
adj	equal	sawa
n	equator	ikweta
n	equipment	kifaa
	escape	
n	1. an act of escaping	toroka/ponyoka
v	2. get away	kutoka/pona
adj	even (divisible by two)	gawika/sawa sawa
n	evening	jioni
n	event	tukio
adj	every	kila
abbrev	exam *see examination	
n	examination	mtihani
	example	
n	1. illustration	mfano
abbrev	2. e.g.	
adj	excellent	mzuri sana/bora

exchange – factory

	exchange	
n	1. act of exchanging	badilisha
v	2. give up for an equivalent	biashara
v	excite	chochea
adj	excited	furahia
n	excitement	furahisho/msisimko
adj	exciting	furahisha
n	excursion	matembezi
	excuse	
n	1. justification	sababu
v	2. pardon	samehe/radhi
int	3. Excuse me!	tafadhali!/samahani!
	exercise	
n	1. physical work	mazoezi
n	2. class work	zoezi
n	3. exercise book	daftari
	exit	
n	1. way out	kutoka
v	2. go out	toka inje
v	expect	tazamia
adj	expensive	ghali
	experience	
n	1. thing undergone	tajiriba
v	2. undergo	pitia
	experiment	
n	1. science trial	jaribio
v	2. try something	jaribu
v	explain	eleza
n	explanation	maelezo/hoja
v	explode	lipusha
v	explore	vumbua/peleleza
	express	
adj	1. fast	haraka
v	2. say	sema
	expression	
n	1. on face	kauli
n	2. in words	kwa maneno
adj	extra	ziada
n	eye	jicho
n	eyebrow	nywele za jicho/unyuzi
F		
	face	
n	1. part of body	uso
phrase	2. face the front	angalia/tazama mbele
colloq phr	3. Face it! (believe it)	amini!
n	fact	jambo
n	factory	kiwanda

fade – fence

v	fade	parara/fifia
v	fail	anguka/kosa
	faint	
adj	1. not dark	dimu
v	2. become unconscious	poteza fahamu/zimia
	fair	
adj	1. just	adili
adj	2. light	nuru
adv	fairly (quite)	vikamilifu
n	fairy	vizuri
v	fall	anguka
adj	false	uwongo
adj	familiar	kawaida
	family	
n	1. kin	ndugu
n	2. family tree	jamii
adj	famous	mashuhuri
	fan	
n	1. great admirer	shabiki
n	2. equipment to blow air	fani
adj	far	mbali
n	fare (cost for trip)	nauli
n	farm	shamba
n	fashion	fashoni
adj	fashionable	kuwa fashoni
	fast	
adv	1. quick	haraka
adv	2. forward in time	bila kuchelewa
v	3. go without food	kuwa na njaa
v	fasten	harakisha
adj	fat	nono
n	father	baba
n	fault	kosa
n	favour	upendeleo
adj	favourite	pendeleo/chaguo
n	fax	nakunishi
	fear	
n	1. feeling of impending danger	woga
v	2. be afraid	ogopa
n	feather	ubawa/unyoya
v	feed	lisha
	feel	
v	1. as emotion	hisia
v	2. touch	guza
pt v	fell *see fall	
pt v	felt *see feel	
adj	female (of gender)	mke/kike
n	fence	ua

ferry – flashing

n	ferry	feri/vusha
n	festival	sherehe
n	fever	joto/homa
adj	few	chache
	field	
n	1. where sport is played	uwanja
n	2. open land	kiwanja
adj	fierce	kali
	fight	
n	1. battle	vita
v	2. engage in battle	pigana/vitani
	figure	
n	1. number	namba
n	2. person	mtu
phr v	3. figure out (understand)	waza
v	fill	jaza
n	film	filamu
adj	final	mwisho
v	find	pata
	fine	
adj	1. not raining	tulia
adj	2. opposite thick	nyembamba
adj	3. well (healthy)	mzima
n	finger	kidole
	finish	
n	1. end point	mwisho
v	2. end	mwisho
	fire	
v	1. cease to employ	vuta kazi
v	2. shoot	piga risasi
n	3. something burning	chomeka
n	fireworks	fataka
adv	first	kwanza
n	first aid	huduma ya kwanza
	fish	
n	1. water creature	samaki
v	2. catch fish	vua samaki
n	fishing rod	kijiti cha kuvulia samaki
	fit	
adj	1. healthy	afya njema
n	2. size	ukubwa
phrase	3. fit in with (match well)	linganisha
v	fix	rekebisha/tengeneza
n	flag	bendera
n	flame	ulimi wa moto
n	flash (bright light)	mwangaza/nuru
adj	flashing	angaza

flat – form

	flat	
n	1. dwelling	nyumba
adj	2. shape	mfano
n	flavour	aina/ladha
pt v	flew *see fly	
n	flight	ndege
v	float	elea
n	flood	gharika/mafuriko
	floor	
n	1. part of a room	chumba
n	2. level of a building	gorofa
n	floppy disk	diski laini
v	flow	tiririka
n	flower (plant)	maua
abbrev	flu *see influenza	
	fly	
n	1. insect	nzi
v	2. move through the air	angaa/ruka
n	fog (weather condition)	ukungu/unyevu
adj	foggy	ukungu
v	fold	kunja
n	folder	folda
v	follow	fuata
n	font	ukubwa
n	food	chakula
n	fool	mjinga
adj	foolish	ujinga
n	foot	mguu/wayo
n	football	mpira wa miguu
n	footwear	viatu
	for	
phrase	1. for us	yetu
phrase	2. for NSW	ya NSW
phrase	3. for \$5	ya dola 5
	force	
n	1. strength	nguvu
v	2. impose on	lazimisha
adj	foreign (not native)	geni
n	foreigner	mgeni
n	forest	msitu
pt v	forgave *see forgive	
v	forget	sahau
v	forgive	samehe
pt v	forgot *see forget	
n	fork	uma
	form	
n	1. paper you fill in	fomu
v	2. make	muundo

fortnight – funeral

n	3. shape	umbo
n	fortnight	wiki mbili
adj	fortunate	bahati
adv	fortunately	kwa bahati
	fortune	
n	1. large amount of money	pesa nyingi
n	2. luck	bahati/nasibu
pt v	fought *see fight	
pt v	found *see find	
n	fountain	chemichemi
n	fraction	sehemu
n	frame	upande
	free	
adj	1. costing nothing	bure/bila malipo
adj	2. unoccupied	hakuna mtu
v	3. let go	tupilia mbali/sare
n	freedom	uhuru
v	freeze	weka barafu
n	freezer (appliance)	mchini ya barafu
adj	frequent	mara nyingi
adj	fresh	mpya
abbrev	fridge *see refrigerator	
n	friend	rafiki
adj	friendly	kirafiki
n	fright	hofu/woga
v	frighten	kusitua/ogofya
	from	
phrase	1. from Sydney	kutoka Sydney
phrase	2. from my grandmother	kutoka kwa nyanya yangu
phrase	3. from \$10	kutoka dola 10
	front	
adj	1. opposite back	mbele
prep	2. in front of	mbele ya
n	front door	mlango wa mbele
n	front steps	hatua za mbele
v	frown	kunja uso/chukia
pt v	froze *see freeze	
n	fruit	tunda
	full	
adj	1. opposite empty	kujaa
adj	2. not hungry	kushiba
n	full stop (punctuation mark)	kituo/nukta
	fun	
n	1. mirthful amusement	furahi
colloq phr	2. make fun of (ridicule)	kijeli
n	funeral	mazishi

funny – girl

	funny	
adj	1. humorous	furahisha
adj	2. strange	geni
n	fur	mayoya
n	furniture	vifaa/fenicha
adj	further	zaidi
n	future	usoni/wakati ujao
G		
v	gamble	karata/cheza kamari
n	game	mchezo
n	gaol *see jail	
n	gap	mwanya
n	garage (of house)	geraji
n	garden	shamba/bustani
n	garlic	kitunguu saumu
n	gas	hewa
n	gate	mango
v	gather	kusanya
pt v	gave *see give	
	gay	
adj	1. happy	furaha
adj	2. homosexual	shoga
n	gender	uzazi/jinsia
	general	
adj	1. usual	kawaida
n	2. rank in army	generali/mkuu wa majeshi
adv	generally	kwa kawaida
n	generosity	fadhili/ukarimu
adj	generous	mkarimu
adj	gentle	pole
	get	
v	1. become	kuwa/pata
v	2. receive	pokea
v	3. possess	hifadhi/miliki
v	4. arrive	fika
v	5. obtain	kupata
phr v	6. get on with (like)	kumbatiana/kabiliana
phr v	7. get out (leave)	toka nje/ondoka
phr v	8. get together (meet)	kutana
phr v	9. get up (arise)	amka
phr v	10. get rid of (dispose of)	tupilia mbali/tupa
	giant	
n	1. huge mythical being	jitu
adj	2. very big	kubwa sana
n	gift	zawadi
n	girl	msichana

give – grain

	give	
v	1. hand to	mpatie
phr v	2. give in (hand in)	leta
colloq phr	3. give in (surrender)	salimisha
phr v	4. give out (distribute)	patiana/sambaza
phr v	5. give up (surrender)	jisalimishe
phr v	6. give up (stop as for smoking)	wacha
adj	glad	faraha
	glass	
n	1. window material	dirisha
n	2. drinking vessel	kikombe cha ya maji
n	glasses (for eyesight)	miwani
n	glove	mpira ya mikono
	go	
v	1. move	songesa
phrase	2. go by bus	safari kwa basi
phrase	3. go out with	tembea na
phr v	4. go wrong	kwenda mrama
phr v	5. go on with (continue)	endelea
phr v	6. go well	enenda salama
phr v	7. go over (check)	tazama
phr v	8. go through (check)	pitia
phr v	9. go after (chase)	kimbiza
n	god	mungu
n	gold	dhahabu
adj	golden	ya dhahabu
	good	
adj	1. opposite bad	mzuri
phrase	2. vegetables are good for you	mboga ni mzuri kwako
colloq phr	3. Good for you! (congratulations)	pongezi!
int	4. Good afternoon (greeting)	habari ya jioni
int	5. Goodbye	kwaheri
int	6. Good day (greeting)	siku njema
int	7. Good morning (greeting)	habari ya asubuhi
int	8. Good night (farewell)	lala salama/usiku mwema
	goodness	
n	1. virtue	uzuri
int	2. My goodness! (expression of surprise)	kumbe!/kweli!
	goods	
n	gossip	bidhaa
pt v	got *see get	sengenya
v	govern	tawala
n	government	serekali
n	governor	gavana
v	grab	nyakua
adv	gradually	pole pole
n	grain	mbegu

grand – habit

adj	grand	kubwa
n	grandchild	mjukuu
n	granddaughter	mjukuu
n	grandfather	babu
n	grandmother	yanya/bibi
n	grandparent	mababu
n	grandson	mjukuu
n	grape	zabibu
n	graph	mchoro
n	grass	nyasi
adj	grateful	shukuru
n	grave	kaburi
adj	great	kubwa
n	greed	tama
adj	greedy	mwenye tama
adj	green	manjano
v	greet	salimu
n	greeting	salamu
pt v	grew *see grow	
adj	grey	rangi
n	grief	huzunika
v	grieve	huzuni
v	grill (cooking)	choma
	gross	
adj	1. total	jumla
colloq	2. disgusting	chukiza
	ground	
n	1. earth	arhi
adj	2. bottom (as for ground floor)	chini/sakafuni
n	group	kundi/kikundi
phrase	group of students	kikundi cha wanafunzi
v	grow	kuwa/endelea
n	grown-up	kuwa ki umri/zeeka
v	guard	linda
n	guardian	mlinzi
v	guess	kisia
n	guest	mgeni
	guide	
n	1. leader	kiongozi
v	2. show the way	onyesha njia
n	guilt	hatia
adj	guilty	uaili/mwenye hatia
n	guitar	gitaa/zeze
n	gum tree	muti wa gamu
abbrev	gym *see gymnasium	
n	gymnasium	chumba cha mazoezi
	H	
n	habit	mazoea/desturi/tabia

had – have

pt v	had *see have	
n	hail (weather condition)	garika
n	hailstorm	mvua ya garika
n	hair	nywele
n	haircut	nyolewa
adj	halal	nyama ya kuchinjwa
	half	
adj	1. equal part of	nusu
phrase	2. half-past eight	saa mbili unusu
n	hall	ukumbi
n	hallway	ukumbini
v	halve	nusu
n	hamburger	nyama
n	hammer	nyundo
	hand	
n	1. body part	mkono
n	2. hand-out	patiana
phr v	3. hand in	leta
n	handbag	mkoba wa mkono
n	handball	mpira wa mkono
	handle	
n	1. thing that may be held	kishikio
v	2. touch	guza
adj	handsome	mrembo
n	handwriting	mwandiko
	hang	
v	1. suspend	aherisha/nyonga
phr v	2. hang around (loiter)	randa randa
phr v	3. hang onto (hold)	shikilia
phr v	4. hang up (put receiver down)	weka simu chini
int	5. Hang on! (wait)	subiri
v	happen	tukia
n	happiness	furaha
adj	happy	furahi
n	harbour	bandari
	hard	
adj	1. difficult	ngumu
adj	2. not soft	ngumu
adv	hardly (rarely)	haipatikani
v	harm	umiza
n	harvest	vuna
n	hat	kofia
v	hate	dharau
	have	
v	1. own	pata/miliki
phrase	2. have a headache	maumivu ya kichwa
phrase	3. have dinner	kula chakula cha mchana
phrase	4. have a hair cut	kunyolewa
phr v	5. have on (wear)	kuvaliya/kuvaa

have to – his

phr v	have to (be compelled to)	ni lazima
pron	he	yeye
	head	
n	1. body part	kichwa
n	2. leader	kiongozi
n	headache	kuumwa na kichwa
n	heading (title)	kichwa
n	health	afya
adj	healthy	mwenye afya
n	heap (pile)	rundiko
v	hear	sikia
pt v	heard *see hear	
n	heart	roho/moyo
v	heat	
v	1. warm	joto
n	2. warmth	joto/moto
n	heater (appliance)	jiko
adj	heavy	mzito
n	height	urefu
pt v	held *see hold	
n	helicopter	helicopta
int	hello	jambo
	help	
n	1. aid	msaada
phrase	2. help yourself (serve yourself)	jisaidie
colloq phr	3. I can't help it (I have no control over it)	siwezi/sina uwezo
adj	helpful	saidia
n	hemisphere	angani
	her	
phrase	1. ask her	mulize yeye
phrase	2. her book	kitabu chake
adv	here	hapa
n	hero	suja
v	hesitate	sita sita
n	hexagon	pembe sita
int	hi	jambo
pt v	hid *see hide	
v	hide	kuficha
	high	
adj	1. tall	mrefu
adj	2. as for musical note	sauti ya juu
phrase	high-heeled shoe	vitu virefu
n	high school	sekondari/shule ya upili
n	hill	mlima
pron	him	yeye
n	hip	yingi/tako
v	hire	agiza
pron	his	yake

history – however

n	history	historia
	hit	
v	1. strike	gonga
colloq	2. winner	shinda
v	hitch-hike	pata/pewa lifti
n	hobby	furahisho
	hold	
v	1. grasp	shika
n	2. hold-up (robbery)	wizi
n	3. hold-up (delay)	chelewesha
int	4. Hold it! (stop)	wacha/simamisha
colloq phr	5. hold on (wait)	subiri/gojea
n	hole	shimo
n	holiday	likizo
adj	hollow	kavu
adj	holy	safi/bila mawaa
n	home	nyumbani
adj	homesick	kumbuka nyumbani sana
n	homework (school work you do at home)	kazi ya kufanya yumbani
n	honest	myofu
	hook	
n	1. curved piece of metal	ndoano
v	2. catch	shika
	hope	
n	1. expectation	tazamiyo
v	2. wish	tarajiyo
n	horizon	upeo
	horn	
n	1. animal part	pembe
n	2. car part	honi
adj	horrible	kutisha/kuogofya
n	horror	kutisha
n	horse	farasi
n	hospital	hospitali/mathabahu
n	host	mwenyeji
n	hostel	bweni
	hot	
adj	1. very warm	moto sana
colloq	2. very good	mzuri sana
n	hotel	hoteli
n	hotplate	chombo cha kupikia
n	hour	saa
n	house	nyumba
n	housework (domestic work)	kazi ya nyumbani
	how	
adv	1. in what way	kivipi
colloq phr	2. how come? (why)	kwanini? kwa njia gani?
conj	however	hata hivyo

huge – industry

adj	huge
	human
adj	1. of people
n	2. human being
n	humour
n	hung *see hang
adj	hungry
v	hunt
	hurry
v	1. move quickly
colloq phr	2. hurry up
	hurt
v	1. injure
adj	2. wounded
n	hut

I

pron	I
n	ice
n	ice-cream
adj	ideal
conj	if
adj	ill
adj	illegal
n	illness
n	illustration
v	imagine
adj	immediate
adv	immediately
n	immigrant
adj	important
adj	impossible
v	improve
	in
prep	1. indicates enclosed place
phrase	2. in Australia
phrase	3. in January
phrase	4. in English
phrase	5. in pencil
phrase	6. in love
phrase	7. in danger
phrase	8. in time (not late)
v	include
n	income
adj	incorrect
v	increase
n	index
adj	indoor
n	industry

kubwa

ya watu
binadamu
furahisha

njaa
winda

tembea haraka
harakisha

dhuru/umiza
umia/jilaha
kibanda/nyumba

mimi
barafu
icekrimu
kipekee/saawa
iwapo/kama
mgonjwa
siofuata sheria
ugonjwa
eleza kwa mifano
waza
mara moja
sasa hivi
mhamiaji
muhimu
haiwezekani
nafuu/stawisha

ndani
nchini Austarlia
mwezi wa Januari
kwa lugha ya kingereza
kwa penseli
kupendana
hatarini
kwa wakati/saa
pamoja
pato
siyo sawa
kwa wingi/zidisha/ongeza
kielezi
ndani
kiwanda

infect – is

v	infect	ambukiza
n	infection	maradhi
v	influence	onyesha
n	influenza	homa
v	inform	fahamisha/julisha
n	information	julisho/habari
prep	in front of	mbele ya
v	inhabit	kaa/ishi
n	inhabitant	mkaazi
	initial	
adj	1. first	mwanzo
n	2. first letter of name	herufi
n	injection	sindano
v	injure	dhuru/umiza
n	injury	jelaha
adj	inner	ndani
adj	innocent	bila hatia
n	insect	mdudu
v	insert	weka/tia ndani
prep	inside	ndani
v	insist	sisitiza
	instant	
n	1. moment	kitambo kidogo
adj	2. immediate	mara moja
adv	instead	badala
v	instruct	funza
n	instruction	funzo
n	instrument (musical)	chumbo cha uimbaji
n	insurance	bima
adj	intelligent	enye akili
v	intend	kusudia
n	interest	faida/penda
adj	interested	pendezeka
adj	interesting	pendesha
n	Internet	mtandao
v	interrupt	tatiza
n	intersection	makutano
n	interview	hoji
prep	into	katika
v	introduce	tanguliza
n	introduction (of a book)	uanzilishi
v	invent	vumbua
n	invitation	mwaliko
v	invite	alika
	iron	
n	1. metal	chuma
n	2. household appliance	vyumbo
v	3. as for clothing	pasi
prt v	is *see be	

island – keyboard

n	island	inchi kavu kati ya ziwa
	it	
pron	1. subject	ilikuwa
pron	2. object	kitu
pron	its (possessive)	yake

J

n	jacket	koti
n	jail	jela
n	jar	chungu
adj	jealous	wivu
n	jeans	vazi la jeans
n	jet	jeti
n	jewel	mawe ya dhamana
n	jewellery	mikufu/mawe ya dhamana
n	job	kazi
v	jog	kimbia
n	jogger	mkimbiaji
	join	
v	1. unite	shikanisha
v	2. as a club	jiunge/ungana
adj	joint	unganisho/shikanisho
n	joke	cheza
n	journey	safari
n	joy	furaha
	judge	
n	1. person in court	hakimu
v	2. make a decision about	hukumu
n	judgment	hukumu/maamuzi
n	judo	mweleka
n	juice	kinywaji
v	jump	ruka
n	jumper (clothing)	sweta/koti
	just	
adv	1. only	pekee
adj	2. fair	vizuri

K

n	kangaroo	kangaruu
	keep	
v	1. hold on to	shikilia/kamata
phr v	2. keep away	tupilia/weka mbali
phr v	3. keep going	endelea
phr v	4. keep out	weka nje
phr v	5. keep up	fanya bidii
colloq phr	6. The teacher kept us in	mwalimu alitukalisha/chelewesha
pt v	kept *see keep	
n	key	funguo
n	keyboard	kibao

keyring – large

n	keyring	mkufu wa funguo
n	keyword	neni kamili
v	kick	piga teke
colloq	kid (child)	mtoto
v	kill	angamiza/ua
n	killer	muuwaji
	kind	
adj	1. good hearted	mkalimu
n	2. type	mfano
n	kindness	uzuri
n	king	mfalme
v	kiss	busu
n	kitchen	jikoni
n	knee	goti
v	kneel	piga magoti
pt v	knelt *see kneel	
pt v	knew *see know	
n	knife	kisu
v	knit	shona
n	knob	nobu
v	knock	bisha
n	knot	fungo
	know	
v	1. understand	fahamu
v	2. be acquainted with	fahamika
phrase	3. Let me know (tell me)	ni julishe/fahamize
n	koala	koala
n	kookaburra	kookaburra
L		
abbrev	lab *see laboratory	
n	label	katambulisho
n	laboratory	laboratori
n	labour	kazi
v	lack	upunguvu
n	lad	mvulana
n	ladder	ngazi
pt v	laid *see lay	
n	lake	ziwa
n	lamp	taa
	land	
n	1. opposite of sea	ardhi
n	2. country	nchi
v	3. as for plane	tua
n	language	lugha
	lap	
n	1. body part	goti/magoti
n	2. distance in a pool	urefu/upeo
adj	large	kubwa

last – less

	last	
adj	1. opposite of first	mwisho
v	2. endure	dumu
adv	lastly	hatimae
adj	late (opposite of early)	chelewa
adv	lately	hivi karibuni
adv	later	baadaye
v	laugh	cheka
n	laughter	kicheko
n	laundry	kuvua nguo
n	law	sheria
n	lawn	kuanikia nguo
n	lawyer	wakili
	lay	
v	1. as for eggs	tega
v	2. put	weak
adj	lazy	mvivu
	lead	
v	1. go first	tangulia/enenda mbele
n	2. holder for a dog	kamba/nyororo ya kungoza umbwa
n	leader	kiongozi
n	leadership	uongozi
n	leaf	tawi
v	leak	vuja
	lean	
v	1. incline	egemea
adj	2. thin	nyebamba
v	leap	ruka
n	leap year	mwaka wa kurukia
v	learn	soma
pt v	learnt *see learn	
adj	least	kidogo
n	leather	ngozi
	leave	
v	1. separate from	tenganisha
n	2. time off	wacha/simamisha
phr v	3. leave alone	kuishi pekeyako
phr v	4. leave on	endelea
phr v	5. leave out	sahau
pt v	led *see lead	
pt v	left *see leave	
adj	left (opposite of right)	kushoto
adj	left-handed	wa kushoto
n	leg	mguu
n	lemon	ndimu
v	lend	azima
n	length	urefu
pt v	lent *see lend	
adv	less	punguza

lesson – lizard

n	lesson	somo
	let	
v	1. allow	kubalisha
v	2. rent	agiza
	letter	
n	1. as of alphabet	anuani
n	2. correspondence	mbarua
n	letterbox	sanduku la barua
n	lettuce	mboga
adj	level	sawa sawa/sabamba
n	liar	muongo
n	library	ukumbi
n	licence	liseni
v	lick	onja
n	lid	kifuniko
	lie	
v	1. tell untruths	danganya
phr v	2. lie down	lala
n	life	maisha
n	lifesaver	muokoaji/mwokozi
	lift	
v	1. raise	inua/kuinua
n	2. elevator	ngazi ya sitima
n	3. car ride	beba
	light	
n	1. opposite of darkness	giza
n	2. as for electric light	stima
adj	3. not dark	mwangaza
adj	4. not heavy	nyepezi
n	lighter (as for cigarettes)	kiberiti
n	lightning	radi
	like	
v	1. be fond of	pendezwa
prep	2. similar to	sawa na
n	limit	umbali
n	line	laini
n	lip	mdomo
n	liquid	maji maji
n	list	taja
v	listen	sikiliza
pt v	lit *see light	
n	litter	taka taka
adj	little	kidogo
	live	
v	1. exist	kuishi
adj	2. opposite of dead	ishi
n	living (job)	kazi
n	living room	sebule
n	lizard	mjusi

load – lunch

v	load	mzigo
n	lobster	samaki
	local	
n	1. person from a particular area	mkaaji wa
adj	2. pertaining to an area	ya nchini
n	location	sehemu
v	lock	kifuli/kifungio
n	log (wood)	kuni
n	lolly	peremende/switi
adj	lonely	pweke
	long	
adj	1. opposite of short	ndefu
phr v	2. long for (want)	tarajia/tazamia
phrase	3. How long? (as time)	lini?
phrase	4. How long? (as length)	ni mrefu?
phrase	5. long ago	zamani
	look	
n	1. glance	tazama
phr v	2. look at	angalia
phr v	3. look after	linda/tunza
phr v	4. look for	tafuta
phr v	5. look forward to	tazamia
phr v	6. look up to	tegemea
phrase	7. look like (resemble)	kama
adj	loose	regea
	lose	
v	1. opposite of find	poteza
v	2. opposite of win	shindwa
phrase	3. she lost her mother (her mother died)	mama yake alifariki/mama yake
	loss	aliaga dunia/mama yake alikufa
n	lost *see lose	poteza
pt v	lot	
n	1. destiny	nyumbani
phrase	1. a lot of	nyingi
adj	loud	kwa sauti
n	lounge room	chumba cha makaribisho
	love	
n	1. passionate affection	mapenzi
v	2. feel passionate	pendo
adj	low	chini
n	lower case	herufi ndogo
adj	loyal	tulivu
n	luck	bahati
adj	lucky	bahatika
n	lump	kundi
n	lunch	chakula cha mchana

machine – match

M

n	machine	mashini
	mad	
adj	1. angry	kasirika
adj	2. insane	enda wazimu
colloq phr	3. mad about (loves)	penda kupindukia
n	madam	mama
pt v	made *see make	
n	magazine	gazeti
n	magic	ugaga
n	magpie	mkusanaji/muokoaji
	mail	
n	1. correspondence	barua
v	2. send	tuma
adj	main	kamili
	make	
v	1. manufacture	unda
phrase	2. make the bed	tandika kitanda
phrase	3. make friends	fanya urafiki
phr v	4. make up (reconcile)	samehe
n	make up (cosmetics)	rembesha
adj	male	mume
n	mammal	mnyama mwenye kunyonyesha
n	man	mwanamume/kiume
v	manage	tunza
n	manager	manaja
n	mandarin	sandara
n	mango	maembe
n	manner (way)	jinsi
n	manners (pertaining to polite behaviour)	jinsi/namna/tabia
v	manufacture	tengeneza/unda
adj	many	nyingi/mingi
n	map	ramani
n	margin (of a book)	laini ya kando
n	marijuana	bangi/ganja
	mark	
v	1. correct	rekebisha
n	2. numerical value for work	alama
n	3. spot	weka alama
n	market	soko
n	marriage	harusi
v	marry	kuoa/olewa
n	mat	mkeka
	match	
v	1. suit	lingana
n	2. implement for lighting	kiberiti

mate – midday

n	3. game	mchezo
n	mate (friend)	rafiki
n	material	chombo
n	mathematics	hesabu
abbrev	maths *see mathematics	
	matter	
n	1. substance	jambo
phrase	2. What's the matter?	ni shida gani?
phrase	3. It matters a lot	ina jalisha sana
v	may (allowed to)	tafadhali
adv	maybe	engine
pron	me	mimi
n	meal	chakula
	mean	
v	1. intend	tazamiyo/kusudi
n	2. average	katikati/kadiri
phrase	3. I didn't mean it (accidental)	ni kwa bahati mbaya/ siku maanisha hivyo
n	meaning	maana
n	means (resources)	upato
pt v	meant *see mean	
adv	meanwhile	kwa muda
v	measure	pima
n	measurement	kipimo
n	meat	nyama
n	meat pie	sambusa
n	mechanic	muunda vyuma
n	medication	matibabu
n	medicine	dawa
adj	medium	katikati
v	meet	kutana
n	melon	matunda
v	melt	kuwa maji maji
n	member	mwenyeji/memba
v	memorise	kumbuka
n	memory	kumbukumbu
v	mend	rekebisha
adj	mental	mawazo/akili
v	mention	taja
	menu	
n	1. list in restaurant	yaliyomo/menu
n	2. list on a computer	yaliyomo
n	mess	haribika
n	message	ujumbe
pt v	met *see meet	
n	metal	chuma
n	method	jinsi
n	microscope	darubini
n	microwave (oven)	jiko la stima
n	midday	saa sita ya mchana

middle – moist

	middle	
adj	1. central	katikati
n	2. centre	katikati
adj	middle-aged	umri wa kadiri
n	midnight	usiku wa manane
	might	
v	1. express possibility	engine
n	2. strength	nguvu
n	migrant	mhamiaji
adj	mild	kadili
n	military	jeshi
n	milk	maziwa
n	milkbar	duka la kuuzia maziwa
	mind	
n	1. consciousness	fahamu
phrase	2. Keep in mind	kumbuka/tia maanani
phrase	3. Never mind (don't worry)	usijali
phrase	4. I don't mind	sijali
phrase	5. Mind the step (be careful of the step)	tahadhali/tazama
	mine	
pron	1. possessive	angu
n	2. underground excavation	chumbua
n	mineral	madini
n	minister (government)	waziri
prep	minus	punguza/toa
	minute	
n	1. unit of time	dakika
adj	2. very small	kidogo
n	mirror	kioo
adj	miserable	maskini
v	misplace	poteza
	miss	
n	1. woman's title	bibi/bi
v	2. long for	tazamia/tarajia
v	3. opposite of hit	poteza/ponyoka
adj	missing	kutopatikana/kukosekana
n	Missus	haribu/tumia vibaya
n	Mister	bwana
n	mistake	kosa
v	misunderstand	kutoelewana
v	mix	mchanganya
n	mixture	changanyo
n	mobile phone	simu ya mkono
	model	
n	1. representation	uwakilishi
n	2. person who shows clothes	tarakibu
adj	modern	mtulifu/muangalifu
adj	modest	kisasa
adj	moist	nyevu

moment – naked

n	moment	wakati
n	money	pesa
n	monitor (computer)	monita
n	month	mwezi
n	mood (frame of mind)	hali ya mawazo
n	moon	mwezi
adj	moral	enye maadili/nyofu
adv	more	zaidi
n	morning	asubuhi
n	mosque	musikiti
adj	most	nyingi
n	mother	mama
n	motor	gari
n	motor bike	piki piki
n	motor scooter	piki piki
	mouse	
n	1. animal	panya
n	2. computer part	mkono wa kompiuta
phrase	mouse button (computer)	kiungo cha kompiuta
n	mousepad	padi ya kompiuta
n	moustache	ndevu
n	mouth	mdomo
v	move	songeza
n	movement	maandamano
n	movie	sinema
abbrev	Mr *see Mister	
abbrev	Mrs *see Missus	
n	Ms	bi
adv	much	zaidi
adj	multicultural	makabila mbali mbali
n	multiplication	ongezeko
v	multiply	piga mara
abbrev	mum *see mother	
	murder	
n	1. unlawful killing	mauwaji
v	2. kill unlawfully	kuuwa
n	muscle	misuli
n	mushroom	mboga
n	music	mziki/nyimbo
v	must	lazima
pron	my	yangu
n	mystery	haifahamiki
N		
v	nag	sumbua
	nail	
n	1. body part	kucha
n	2. metal spike	msumari
adj	naked	uchi

name – nobody

n	name	1. title	mamlaka/jina la heshima
phrase		2. given name	jina lingine
phrase		3. family name	jina la familia
adj	narrow		nyembamba
adj	nasty		mbaya
n	nation		nchi
adj	nationality		nchi ya kuzaliwa
adj	native		mzaliwa
	nature		
n		1. person's character	tabia
n		2. environment	mazingira
prep	near		karibu
adv	nearby		karibuni
adv	nearly		karibia
adj	neat		safi/nadhifu
adj	necessary		lazima
n	neck		shingo
v	need		hitaji
n	needle		shindano
	negative		
n		1. film	filamu ya picha
adj		2. opposite of positive	kinyume
v	neglect		wachilia/uzembe
n	neighbour		jirani
adv	neither		yeyote
n	nerve		nafsi/shipa
adj	nervous		wasi wasi/uwoga
n	nest		kiota
	net		
n		1. trap	mtego
n		2. sport equipment	neti
abbrev	Net * see Internet		
n	netball (game)		mchezo wa neti boli
adv	never		kamwe
adj	new		mpya
n	newspaper		gazeti
	next		
adv		1. after this	baadaye
adj		2. following	kufuatilia
phrase		3. next door	mlango mwingine
adj	nice		mzuri/nzuri
n	night		usiku
n	nightclub		kilabu cha usiku
n	night dress		vazi la jioni
	no		
int		1. opposite yes	la
det		2. not at all	siyo kamwe/hapana
pron	nobody		si yeyote

nocturnal – obvious

adj	nocturnal	usiku
v	nod	kubali/tikisa kichwa
n	noise	kelele
adv	noisily	makelele
adj	noisy	kelele
pron	none	hakuna
n	noon	mchana/adhuhuri
pron	no-one	hakuna
conj	nor	wala
adj	normal	kawaida
n	north	kaskazini
n	nose	pua
n	nosebleed	toa ndumu kwenye pua
adv	not	siyo
	note	
n	1. money	pesa
n	2. short piece of writing	nakala
phrase	3. take note (be careful)	tahadhari
phrase	4. take notes	nakili
pron	nothing	bila
n	notice	tangazo
n	notice board	ubao wa matangazo
n	noun	nomino
n	novel	kitabu cha hadithi
adv	now	sasa
adv	nowadays	siku hizi
adv	nowhere	hakuna popote
adj	nude	uchi
	number	
n	1. numeral	namba
v	2. count	hesabu
phrase	3. a number of	idadi
abbrev	4. no. (see number)	namba
n	nurse	muuguzi
	nut	
n	1. fruit	tunda
colloq	2. mad person	mwenda wazimu
n	nutrition	viakula/ulaji
O		
adj	obedient	mtiifu
v	obey	tii
	object	
n	1. thing	chombo
n	2. aim	kusudi/lengo
v	3. be against	kinyume
n	objection	pingamizi
v	obtain	pata/pokea
adj	obvious	wazi wazi/dhahiri

occasion – only

n	occasion	sherehe/wakati/kisa
adv	occasionally	sio kila wakati
n	occupation	kazi
n	ocean	ziwa
adv	o'clock	saa
	odd	
adj	1. strange	siyo kawaida/geni
phrase	2. odd number	namba isiyo gawanyika na mbili
prep	of	ya
int	of course	kwaida/ndiyo
	off	
adv	1. away from	mbali na
prep	2. opposite on	ondoka
colloq phr	3. Off you go!	enenda sasa/ondoka sasa
n	offence	hatia/kosa
	offer	
n	1. proposal	pendekezo/azimio
v	2. present for approval	kubalisha
n	office	offisi
n	officer	offisaa
adj	official	halali
adv	often	wakati mwingi/mara kwa mara
int	oh!	ah!
	oil	
n	1. of petroleum	petroli
v	2. grease	mafuta
int	okay	sawa
	old	
adj	1. opposite new	nzee
adj	2. opposite young	mzee
n	old age	uze
adj	old-fashioned	ya zamani
	on	
prep	1. representing location	kwenye
adj	2. opposite off	washa
phrase	3. on fire	motoni
phrase	4. on foot	kwa miguu
phrase	5. on time	kwa saa
phrase	6. on holidays	likizoni
phrase	7. on the left	kushoto
phrase	8. on the right	kulia
phrase	9. on top	juu
	once	
adv	1. one time	wakati moja
phrase	2. at once	mara moja
phrase	3. once a week	mara moja kwa wiki
adj	one	moja
n	onion	kitunguu
adv	only	pekee

open – overcrowded

	open	
adj	1. opposite of closed	fungua
phrase	2. in the open (outside)	nje/wazi wazi
n	opening	kufungua
	operate	
v	1. work	kazi
v	2. carry out surgery	upasujaji
n	operation	oparesheni
n	opinion	wazo
n	opportunity	nafasi
v	oppose	pinga
n	opposite	kinyume
	orange	
adj	1. colour	rangi
n	2. fruit	tunda
n	orchestra	waimbaji
	order	
n	1. numerical sequence	mapangilio wa nambari
n	2. direction for a supply	njinsi yaku oda
v	3. put in sequence	panga kwa mpagilio
v	4. arrange supply of	fanya oda
adj	ordinary	kawaida
	organ	
n	1. musical instrument	chombo
n	2. body part	kiungu
n	organisation	kikundi
v	organise	tayarisha
n	origin	mwanzo
pron	other	nyingine
conj	otherwise	vingine
pron	our	yetu
	out	
adv	1. opposite in	nje
prep	2. out of	kati ya
phrase	3. Lights out!	zima
phrase	4. made out of	kutoka kwa
phrase	5. out of bounds	kaa kando/hujaruhusiwa
phrase	6. out of date	nzee
phrase	7. out of order	haribika
phrase	8. out of work	bila kazi/kutoka kazini
adv	outside	nje
adj	oval (shape)	mviringo
	over	
adv	1. finished	kamilisha
prep	2. pertaining to location	pahali
phrase	3. over and over	mara nyingi
phrase	4. over there	pale
phrase	5. fall over	tengana
adj	overcrowded	jaa watu

overdo – pass

v	overdo
adj	overdue
n	overhead projector
v	overhear
adj	overnight
adv	overseas
v	oversleep
v	overtake
v	owe
phrase	owing to (due to)
	own
v	1. have
phrase	2. his own money
n	owner
n	oxygen

P

v	pack
phrase	pack of cards
n	packet
n	pad (as note-pad)
n	paddock
n	page
pt v	paid *see pay
n	pain
v	paint
n	painting
n	pair
adj	pale
n	pan
n	pants
n	pantyhose
n	paper
n	paragraph
adj	parallel
n	parallelogram
n	parent
	park
n	1. green space
v	2. as a car
n	part
n	participle (grammar)
adj	particular
n	partner
adj	part-time
n	party (gathering)
	pass
v	1. go by
v	2. opposite of fail

zidisha
pita wakati
mashini ya kuonyesha picha
kusikia
usiku kucha
ngambo/ulaya
kulala kupindukia
pita mbele
dai
ni ya

pata
pesa zake
mwenyewe
pumzi/hewa

panga
furushi la kadi
paketi
kitabu
kifuli
kurasa

uchungu/maumivu
rangi
kupaka rangi
mbili
hafifu
sufuria
suruari
shika
karatasi
paragrafu
sabamba
umbo la uru
mzazi

uwanja
agiza gari
sehemu
tenzi
hasa/maalum
mwenzangu/mshirika
wakati wa saa
sherehe

kupitia
pita

passage – persuade

v	3. hand over	patiana
phrase	4. train pass	pasi ya gari la moshi
n	passage	kifungo
n	passenger	abiria
n	passport	pasipoti
	past	
n	1. time gone by	zamani
phrase	2. walk past	pitia
phrase	3. half past three	saa sita unusu
phrase	4. past tense	yaliyo pita
n	pasta	chakula
	paste	
n	1. glue	shikisha/gundi
v	2. stick with paste	paka
n	path	kichoro choro/njia
	patient	
n	1. a person under medical treatment	mgonjwa
adj	2. calm under stress	tulia
n	pause	tulia
n	paw	kucha
	pay	
n	1. earnings	ujira/pato
v	2. provide with money	lipa
n	pea	njugu
n	peace	amani
adj	peaceful	kwa amani
n	pen	kalamu
n	pencil	penseli
n	pencil case	mfuko wa penseli
n	penguin	pengwini
n	pentagon	pembe tano
n	pepper	pilipili
adv	per cent	kwa mia
n	percentage	kwa mia
adj	perfect	sawa
v	perform	fanya
n	perfume	manukato
adv	perhaps	pengine
	period	
n	1. school day division	mhula
n	2. pertaining to menstruation	damu ya uke ya mwezi
n	3. amount of time	wakati
n	permission	ruhusa
	permit	
n	1. licence	leseni
v	2. allow	ruhusu
n	person	mtu
v	persuade	pembeleza/uliza

pet – plate

n	pet	mnyama rafiki
n	petrol	petroli
abbrev	phone *see telephone	
n	photocopy	nakala
	photograph	
n	1. picture	picha
v	2. take a picture	piga picha
n	phrase	usemi
adj	physical	asili
n	pianist	mcheza/mpiga piano
n	piano	piano/kinanda
	pick	
v	1. choose	chagua
colloq phr	2. pick on (bully)	chukia
colloq phr	3. pick up some English	fahamu lugha ya kingereza
phrase	4. take your pick	chaguo lako
n	picnic	pikiniki
n	picture	picha
n	piece	sehemu
n	pile	kusanya
n	pill	dawa/tembe
n	pillow	sehemu ya kweka kichwa
n	pilot	rubani
n	pin	pini
n	pineapple	nanasi
n	pipe	mfereji
	pity	
n	1. shame	aibu
v	2. feel sorry for	hurumia
	place	
n	1. location	pahali
v	2. put	weka
phrase	3. take place (occur)	tendeka
phrase	4. my place (home)	nyumbani/kwangu
	plain	
n	1. field	uwanja
adj	2. ordinary	kawaida
phrase	3. It's plain (clear)	ni kavu
	plan	
n	1. scheme	mpango
v	2. organise	panga
abbrev	plane *see aeroplane	
n	planet	sayari
n	plant	mumea
	plastic	
adj	1. resinous substance	plastiki
n	2. mouldable	undika/umbika
n	plate (household item)	sahani

platform – pool

	platform	
n	1. on station	jukwaa
n	2. for diving	jukwaa
n	platypus	ndege wa majini/bata
	play	
n	1. drama	mchezo wa kugiza
v	2. have fun	furahia
phrase	3. play a game	cheza mchezo
phrase	4. play a CD	cheza cd/mziki
n	playground	uwanja
adj	pleasant	mzuri
int	please	tafadhali
adj	pleased	furahishwa
n	pleasure	nafasi
n	plenty	nyingi
	plug	
n	1. stopper	simamizi
n	2. electrical	sitima
phr v	3. plug in	weka kwenye sitima
	plural	
adj	1. more than one	zaidi ya moja
n	2. grammar form	hali ya utenzi
prep	plus	ongeza
	pocket	
n	1. pouch	mkufu/mfuko
n	2. pocket money	mkufu/mfuko wa pesa
n	poem	msemo
n	poet	msemi
n	poetry	usemi
	point	
n	1. sharp end	makali
n	2. reason	sababu
n	3. numerical value	nambari
v	4. gesture with finger	onyesha
phr v	5. point out	elekeza
phrase	6. point of view	wazo
v	poke	choma
n	pole	nguzo
n	police	askari/polisi
	polish	
n	1. substance used for shining	brashi
v	2. make glossy	paka
adj	polite	mpole
n	politics	siasa
v	pollute	haribu
n	pollution	uharibifu
n	pool (of water)	ziwa

poor – preparation

	poor	
adj	1. opposite rich	masikini
adj	2. not very good	mbaya
colloq	3. pitiable	hurumia
abbrev	pop *see popular	
adj	popular	mashuhuri
n	population	idadi
	position	
n	1. location	pahali
n	2. viewpoint on	maoni
	positive	
adj	1. opposite negative	dhahiri
adj	2. sure	hakika
v	possess	kuwa
n	possession	mali
adj	possible	wezekana
n	possum	lala
v	post	tuma
n	postage stamp	stampu ya kutuma barua
n	postcard	postkadi
n	post office	posta
n	poster	matangazo
n	pot (container)	nyungu/sufuria/kopo
n	potato	viazi
n	pot plant	chungu cha mimea
n	pouch	mkufu
n	powder	poda
	power	
n	1. strength	nguvu
phrase	2. in power (in charge)	mwenye mamlaka/nguvuni
adj	powerful	yenye nguvu
n	power point	sehemu ya nguvu
adj	practical	mazoezi
n	practice	mazoezi
v	practise	fanya/zoeza
	praise	
n	1. approval	pendekaza
v	2. express approval	pendekezo
v	pray	omba
n	prayer	ombi
adj	precious	manufaa
v	prefer	chaguo
adj	pregnant	mjamzito
n	prejudice	upendeleo
	premier	
n	1. state government leader	gavana
adj	2. leading	ongoza
n	preparation	tayarisha/maandalizi

prepare – progress

v	prepare	tayarisha
n	preposition	kuhusisha
n	prescription (doctor's)	barua ya dawa
	present	
n	1. gift	zawadi
v	2. give out	peyana
adj	3. opposite absent	kuwepo
phrase	4. at present (now)	sasa
n	president	raisi
	press	
n	1. media	wakusanya habari
v	2. push	bonyeza
v	pretend	kujifanya
adj	pretty	mrembo/mzuri
v	prevent	zuiya
adj	previous	awali
n	price	bei
v	prick	gwaruza
n	pride	furaha/majivuno
adj	primary	mwazo/msingi
n	primary school	shule ya msingi
n	prime minister	waziri mkuu
	principal	
n	1. school head	mwalimu mkuu
adj	2. leading	ongoza
n	principle	mkuu wa chuo
	print	
v	1. of handwriting	andika
v	2. of machine	piga chapa
n	printer (computer)	printa/machini ya piga chapa
n	prison	jela
adj	private	binafsi
n	prize	tuzo
n	probability	wezekano
adj	probable	pengine/labda
adv	probably	huenda
n	problem	shida/tabu
v	proceed	endelea
n	process	njinsi
n	procession	maandamano
	produce	
n	1. yield	mavuno
v	2. make	tengeneza
n	product	mazao
n	profession	kazi
n	professor	msomi/profesa
n	profit	faida
n	program	programu
n	progress	endelea

project – pyjamas

n	project (as school project)	programu
	promise	
n	1. assurance	hakikisho
v	2. vow	ahadi
n	pronoun	tamshi
v	pronounce	tamko
n	pronunciation	matamshi
n	proof	ushahidi
adj	proper	sawa sawa
adv	properly	vizuri
n	property	mali
v	protect	tunza
n	protection	ulinzi
	protest	
n	1. objection	pingamizi
v	2. object	pinga
adj	proud	kiburi/furahia
v	prove	zibitisha
v	provide	toa
n	pub	bar/nyumba ya pombe
adj	public	watu wote
n	public school	shule ya watu wote
phrase	public transport	magari ya abiria
	pull	
v	1. tug	vuta
phr v	2. pull down (demolish)	bomoa
phr v	3. pull up (stop)	simama
colloq phr	4. pull oneself together	kuji kuyata
n	pump	weka pumzi
adj	punctual	kwa saa
v	punish	adhibu
n	punishment	adhabu
	pupil	
n	1. eye part	jicho/macho
n	2. school student	mwanafunzi
adj	pure	bila mchanganyo
adj	purple	rangi
	push	
v	1. exert force	sukuma
phr v	2. push in (go before your turn)	sukumana
	put	
v	1. place	pahali
phr v	2. put away (pack up)	weka kando
phr v	3. put off (delay)	chelewesha
phr v	4. put on (dress in)	valia/vaa
phr v	5. put out (as fire)	zima
phr v	6. put up with (endure)	vumilia
n	puzzle	hekaya/msemo/ficho
n	pyjamas	nguo ya kulala

pyramid – realise

n	pyramid	piramidi
Q		
v	qualify (make competent)	hitimu/boresha
adj	quality	uzuri
n	quantity	kiwango
v	quarrel	fanya vita/gombana
n	quarter	robo
n	queen	malkia
n	question	shwali
n	queue	piga laini/msitari
adj	quick	haraka
adv	quickly	haraka
adj	quiet	nyamaza/tulia
adv	quietly	kwa utulivu
v	quit	wacha/ondoka
adv	quite	achilia mbali
R		
	race	
n	1. competition	mashindano
n	2. ethnicity	kabila
v	3. compete	shindana
n	racism	ukabila
n	radio	redio
n	radius	ukubwa/unene
n	railing	kazi ya reli
n	railway	njia ya gari la moshi
n	rain	mvua
n	rain coat	koti la mvua
v	raise	inua
pt v	ran *see run	
pt v	rang *see ring	
n	range	umbali
v	rank	mamlaka
adj	rapid	haraka/upesi
adj	rare	haba
n	rash (skin eruption)	upele
adv	rather (to a certain extent)	vinginevyo
adj	raw	mbichi
	reach	
v	1. arrive at	fika
phrase	2. out of reach (unobtainable)	mbali/pungufu
v	react	jibu
n	reaction	jibu
v	read	soma
adj	ready	tayari
adj	real	ilioko
v	realise	ng'amua/timiza

really – republic

adv	really	kweli/ndiyo
adj	rear	nyuma
n	reason	sababu
v	receive (get)	pokea
adj	recent	karibuni
n	recess (morning tea)	chai ya asubuhi
colloq	reckon (think or suppose)	nafikiri
v	recognise	tambua
v	record	nakili
	recount	
n	1. story genre	hadithia
v	2. narrate	elezea
	recover	
v	1. get back	pata
v	2. get better	pona
n	rectangle	mstatili
adj	red	nyekundu
v	reduce	punguza
v	refer	tuma
n	referee	mwamuzi
n	refrigerator	barafu
n	refugee	mkimbizi
v	refuse	kataa
n	region	sehemu
v	regret	juta
adj	regular	kila wakati
adv	regularly	wakati wote
n	relation (kin)	ndugu
n	relationship	uhusiano
n	relative	wa nyumba/ndugu
v	relax	punzika
n	religion	dini
v	remain	baki
n	remark	maoni
v	remember	kumbuka
v	remind	kumbusha
n	reminder	kumbusho
v	remove	ondoa
	rent	
n	1. payment for accommodation	malipo ya nyumba
v	2. hire	kodi/panga
v	repeat	rudia
v	replace	badilisha
v	reply	jibu
	report	
n	1. written account	ripoti
v	2. give an account	hadithia/elezea
n	reporter	muandishi
n	republic	nchi/jamhuri

request – ring

	request	
n	1. petition	haja
v	2. ask for	uliza
v	rescue	okoa
	reserve	
n	1. park	egeza
v	2. keep aside	hifadhi
n	resident	mkaazi/mkaaji
n	respect	heshima
n	responsibility	jukumu
adj	responsible	wajibu
	rest	
n	1. relaxation	pumziko/starehe
v	2. relax	pumzika
n	3. remainder	kumbusho
n	restaurant	nyumba ya kulia/restoranti
n	rest room	nyumba ya mapumziko
n	result	matokeo
	return	rudisha
n	1. arrival back	rudi
v	2. go back to	rudi tena
v	3. give back to	rudishia
phrase	4. return tickets	tiketi ya kwenda na kurudi
	reverse	
adj	1. opposite forward	nyuma
v	2. go backwards	rudi nyuma
v	revise	rekebisha
	revolution	
n	1. full circle	kamilisha mzunguko
n	2. war	vita
n	reward	zawadi
n	rhythm	mwelekeo
n	ribbon	kitambaa
n	rice	mchele/wali
adj	rich	tajiri
v	rid	ondoa
v	ride	endesha
	right	
adj	1. opposite wrong	mzuri
adj	2. opposite left	kulia
adv	3. direction	njia/elekezo
n	4. just claim	haki
phrase	5. all right (as for health)	mzima
phrase	6. all right (as for agreement)	vema
phrase	7. right now (immediately)	hivi sasa
n	right angle	digrii tisini
	ring	
n	1. jewellery	pete
v	2. as a phone	piga simu

ripe – run

v	3. as a bell	piga kengele
adj	ripe	iva
	rise	
n	1. ascent	inuka/panda
v	2. get up	amka
n	risk	hatarisha
n	river	mto
n	road	barabara
v	roar	nguruma
n	robot	roboti
n	rock	mawe/jiwe
n	rockpool	puli kwenye mawe
n	rod	fimbo
pt v	rode *see ride	
	roll	
n	1. absentee list	orodha la wasio hudhuria
n	2. form of bread	mkate
v	3. move by turning over	geuza
n	roof	paa
n	room	chumba
n	root	mzizi
n	rope	kamba
	rose	
n	1. flower	ua/maua
pt v	2. *see rise	
adj	rough	siyo adalifu/siyo mpole
	round	
adj	1. circular	mviringo
phrase	2. round the corner	karibu na kona
	row	
n	1. arrangement in a line	panga kwa laini
n	2. fight	vita
v	3. as a boat	mtumbwi
adj	royal	kifalme
v	rub	sugua
n	rubber	raba
n	rubbish	uchafu
adj	rude	kosa heshima
v	ruin	haribu
	rule	
n	1. regulation	sheria
v	2. as a line	gawa
v	3. govern	ongoza
n	ruler (school equipment)	chombo cha kuchorea/rula
	run	
v	1. move fast	kimbia
phrase	2. a river runs into the ocean	Mto huteremuka kuelekea kwenye ziwa/ Mto huteremuka kuelekea ziwani
phr v	3. run away from	toroka
phr v	4. run out of	maliza

rung – scissors

phr v	5. run over (with a car)
n	rung (of a ladder)
n	runner-up
phrase	runny nose
v	rush

S

adj	sad	pitia juu
adj	safe	ngazi
pt v	said *see say	mfuatilizi
	sail	homa ya mafua
n	1. part of ship	harakisha
v	2. cause movement of ship using wind	
n	salad	huzunika/kasirika
n	salary	salama
n	sale	
n	salt	meli/mtumbwi
adj	same	safiri kwa maji
n	sand	
n	sandal	mboga/saladi
n	sandwich	mshahara
pt v	sang *see sing	bei nafuu
pt v	sat *see sit	chumvi
n	satisfaction	sawa
adj	satisfactory	mchanga
adj	satisfied	patapata/viatu
v	satisfy	sandiwichi
n	sauce	
n	sausage	tosheleka/kuridhika
	save	toshelesha/kuridhisha
v	1. rescue	tosheka
v	2. keep on computer	toshelasha
v	3. keep as money	supu
	saw	matumbo/motura
n	1. tool	
pt v	2. *see see	okoa
v	say	hifadhi
	scale	hifadhi
n	1. covering on animals	
n	2. measuring device	saw
adj	scarce	sema
n	scarf	
n	scene	ngozi
n	scenery	ratili
n	school	punguani/chache
n	school shoe	kitambaa/shali
n	science	pahali
n	scissors	uani
		shule
		viatu vya shule
		sayansi
		makazi

score – set

	score	
n	1. points made in a game	alama
v	2. to get points	pata alama
v	scream	piga nduru
n	screen	zuiyo
n	screw	shikisha
n	sea	ziwa
n	seagull	ndege wa majini
	search	
n	1. the act of searching	pelepele/uvumbuzi
v	2. look for	tafuta
n	season	msimu
n	seat	kiti
	second	
n	1. unit of time	nukta
adj	2. after first	wa pili
adv	secondly	ya pili
	secret	
n	1. something hidden	fichwa
adj	2. unknown by others	siri
n	section	sehemu
v	see	angalia
n	seed	mbegu
v	seek	tafuta
adv	seldom	mara chache/si aghdlabu
v	select	chagua
adj	selfish	mchoyo
v	sell	uza
v	send	tuma
	sense	
n	1. one of the five faculties	hisia
phrase	2. make sense (be intelligible)	wazo
adj	sensible	eleweka
pt v	sent *see send	
n	sentence	sentensi
	separate	
adj	1. disconnected	katishwa
v	2. to keep apart	tawanya
n	sequence	fuatilizizi
n	series	mfuatiliyo
	serious	
adj	1. important	muhimi
adj	2. opposite of lighthearted	mbaya
n	servant	mtumwa/mtumishi
v	serve	hudumia
n	service	huduma
	set	
v	1. to put in a particular place	panga
n	2. a group of things	fungo

settle – short cut

phr v	3. set off (go)
phr v	4. set out (put in order)
phr v	5. set up (prepare)

settle

v	1. to live in
phr v	2. settle on (agree on)

n **settlement**

n **settler**

adj **several**

v **sew**

n **sex**

n **sexism**

n **shade**

n **shadow**

v **shake**

v **shall**

adj **shallow**

n **shame**

n **shampoo**

n **shape**

share

n 1. portion

v 2. divide up

adj **sharp**

n **sharpener**

v **shave**

pron **she**

n **sheep**

sheet

n 1. of paper

n 2. of bedding

n **shelf**

n **shell** (of sea)

n **shelter**

v **shine**

adj **shiny**

n **ship**

n **shirt**

n **shock**

n **shoe**

v **shoot**

shop

n 1. place to buy goods

v 2. buy goods

n **shore**

short

adj 1. opposite tall

adj 2. opposite long

n **short-cut**

ondoka/kwenda

pangilia

tayarisha

ishi

kubaliana

malipo/maagano/makubaliano

mkaazi

nyingi

shona

uzazi/jinsia

chukizo/dharao kwa sababu ya uzazi

kivuli/punguza

kivuli

tikisa/tingiza

itakuwa

siyo ndani/karibu

aibu

sabuni ya nywele

umbo

sehemu

gawa

kali

makali

nyoa

yeye

kondoo

karatasi

malazi

kabati

nyumba ya konokono

nyumba/makaazi

angaza

angazika

meli

shati

shituka/mshangao

kiatu

piga risasi

duka

nunua

ufuoni

mfupi

karibu

njia ya mkato

shorts – skate

n	shorts (clothing)	suruari
	shot	
n	1. gunfire	piga risasi
pt v	2. *see shoot	
v	should	lazima
v	shout	kwa sauti
v	shove	piga chenga
	show	
v	1. display	onyesho
n	2. as on TV	onyesha
phr v	3. show off (be pretentious)	ringa
	shower	
n	1. weather condition	mvua
v	2. wash oneself	oga mwili
n	3. bathroom apparatus	bafu
v	shrink	kunyata
v	shut	funga
adj	shy	aibu
adj	sick	ugua/mgojwa
n	sick bay	chumba cha wagonjwa
n	side	upande
adv	sideways	kando kando
n	sight	macho
	sign	
n	1. information board	ubao wa matangazo
v	2. write one's signature	weka sahihi
n	signal	ishara
n	signature	sahihi
n	sign language	kuongea kwa ishara
n	silence	kimya
adj	silent	nyamavu/kimya
n	silk	hariri
adj	silly	mjinga
n	silver	shaba
adj	similar	sawasawa
adj	simple	rahisi
v	sing	imba
adj	single	pekee/moja
n	singlet	vesiti
n	singular (grammatical)	umoja
	sink	
n	1. tub for washing	basheni ya maji
v	2. go down	zama
n	Sir (respectful form of address)	muheshimiwa/bwana
n	sister	dada
v	sit	keti
	skate	
v	1. glide over the ground	ruka
n	2. equipment for skating	sketi

skateboard – so

n	skateboard	bodi ya sketi
n	skateboarding	ogelea ukitumia sketi bodi
n	ski	tereza kwenye barafu
n	skiing	mchezo wa bafaru
adj	skilful	kwa makini
n	skill	ujuzi
n	skin	ngozi
	skip	
v	1. jump	ruka
v	2. pass over	wacha
n	skirt	sketi
n	sky	angani
n	slang	lugha ya mtaa
v	slap	piga kofi
n	slave	mtumwa
v	sleep	lala
adj	sleepy	usingizi
pt v	slept *see sleep	
n	slice	kipande
v	slide	tereza
adj	slim	nyebamba
n	sling	tupa/ninginia
v	slip	tereza
n	slipper (type of shoe)	patapata
adj	slippery	telezi
v	slit	gawanya/pasua/kata
n	slope	mteremko
	slow	
adj	1. opposite fast	polepole
adj	2. behind time	chelewa
adv	slowly	polepole
adj	small	kidogo
adj	smart (clever)	mwerevu
v	smash	vunja
	smell	
n	1. odour	uvundo
v	2. inhale an odour	nusia uvundu
	smile	
n	1. facial expression	tabasamu
v	2. make facial expression	geuza/badilisha sura
	smoke	
n	1. visible substance from fire	moshi
v	2. inhale a substance	vuta sigara
adj	smooth	laini
n	snack	chakula
n	snake	nyoka
v	sneeze	chafya
n	snow	barafu
conj	so (consequently)	kwa hivyo

soap – sphere

n	soap	sabuni
n	soccer	mchezo wa mipira wa miguu
n	society	jamii
n	sock (clothing)	sokisi
	soft	
adj	1. opposite hard	nyofu
adj	2. opposite loud	sauti nyororo
adv	softly	kwa unyofu
pt v	sold *see sell	
	solid	
adj	1. having three dimensions	dhabiti
n	2. matter that is not liquid or gas	ngumu
	solution	
n	1. answer	jawabu
n	2. mixture (scientific)	mchanganyiko
v	solve	suluhisha/tatua
det	some	baadhi
n	somebody	mtu fulani
n	someone	mtu fulani
adv	sometimes	wakati mwingine
n	son	mtoto wa kiume/mwana wa kiume
n	song	wimbo
adv	soon	karibuni
	sore	
adj	1. painful	uchungu/
n	2. painful spot	kidonda
phrase	3. sore throat	kidonda cha koo
adj	sorry	pole
v	sort	chagua
n	soul	roho
n	sound	sauti
n	soup	supu/mchuzi
adj	sour	chungu
n	south	kusini
	space	
n	1. outside earth's atmosphere	angani
n	2. room	chumba
n	spade	jembe
adj	spare	hifadhi
v	speak	ongea
adj	special	muhimu
n	speech	tamko
	speed	
n	1. rapidity	kwa haraka
v	2. go fast	haraka
v	spell	nakili
v	spend	tumia
pt v	spent *see spend	
n	sphere	angani

spill – starfish

v	spill	mwaga
v	spin	zungusha
n	spirit (soul)	roho
v	spit	tema
v	splash	mwaga/rusha maji
v	split	gawanya/gawa
v	spoil	haribu
pt v	spoke *see speak	
n	spoon	kijiko
n	sport	mchezo
n	sports oval	uwanja wa michezo
n	sports shoe	viatu vya michezo
	spot	
n	1. circular pattern	duara
n	2. sore	kidonda
n	3. place	pahali
v	4. see	angalia/ona
v	spread	sambaza/tawanya
	spring	
n	1. season	msimu/majira
v	2. jump	ruka
	spy	
n	1. person who keeps secret watch on others	jasusi
v	2. watch	saa ya mkono
	square	
n	1. plane figure	mraba
adj	2. shaped as a square	mchemraba
n	staffroom	chumba cha wafanyakazi
n	stage	jukwaa
n	stair	ngazi
	stamp	
n	1. as for postage	stampu
v	2. impress a mark on	wepa alama
v	3. strike with foot	kanyanga kwanguvu
	stand	
v	1. take upright position	simama
phr v	2. stand back	kando
phr v	3. stand for (signify)	simamia/maanisha
phr v	4. stand up for (defend)	linda
colloq phr	5. I can't stand it (I hate it)	sipendi
n	standard	yenye kufaa/sahihi
	star	
n	1. astral body	nyota
n	2. famous actor, singer etc.	muigizaji
adj	3. shape	mafano wa nyota
n	starfish	samaki

start – stop

	start	
n	1. beginning	mwanzo
v	2. begin	anza
	state	
v	1. say	sema
n	2. political division	sehemu ya ubunge/serikali
n	statement	andiko
	station	
n	1. of railway	stesheni
n	2. police station	kituo cha polisi
n	statue	sanamu
v	stay	baki
adj	steady	thabiti
n	steak	nyama ya mguu/mnofu
v	steal	iba
n	steam	mvuke
n	steel	chuma
adj	steep	mteremko
n	stem	shina
	step	
v	1. move using feet	hatua
n	2. stair	ngazi
phrase	3. watch your step (be careful)	tembea kwa uangalifu
n	stepbrother	ndugu wakambo
n	stepfather	baba wakambo
n	stepmother	mama wakambo
n	stepsister	dada wakambo
	stick	
v	1. fasten	shikisha
n	2. piece of wood	kijiti
adj	sticky	yenye kushikashika
adj	stiff	ngumu
	still	
adv	1. without moving	imara
adv	2. yet	bado
v	sting	dunga
	stink	
n	1. bad odour	uvundo
v	2. smell very bad	nuka vibaya sana
v	stir	koroga
pt v	stole *see steal	
n	stomach	tumbo
n	stomach ache	maumivu ya tumbo
n	stone	mawe
pt v	stood *see stand	
	stop	
n	1. cessation	simamisha/komesha
v	2. halt	simama

store – suburb

n	store	weka/hifadhi
n	storey	orofa
n	storm	dhoruba
n	story	hadithi
n	stove	jiko
n	stove top	kifuniko cha jiko
	straight	
adj	1. not crooked	mnyofu
adj	2. not wavy or curly (of hair)	laini
phrase	3. straight ahead	mbele/tangulia
v	straighten	nyorosha
v	strain	gadhaibika
adj	strange	geni
n	stranger	mgeni
n	strawberry	matunda
n	stream	mto
n	street	barabara
n	strength	nguvu
	stress	
v	1. put emphasis on	sisitiza
n	2. tension	waza
adj	strict	goma
	strike	
v	1. hit	piga/gonga
n	2. blow	lipua
phrase	3. on strike (not working)	mgomo
n	string	kamba
n	strip	vua nguo
v	stroke	ugonjwa wa kukimbia damu
adj	strong (powerful)	mwenye nguvu
n	struggle	sumbuka
pt v	stuck *see stick	
n	student	mwanafunzi
	study	
n	1. room of house	chumba cha kusomea
v	2. endeavour to acquire knowledge	soma
	stuff	
n	1. material	chombo
v	2. push	sukuma
adj	stupid	mjinga
n	style	mtindo
	subject	
n	1. course of study	somo
n	2. topic	kichwa/mada
n	substance	mwili/kiunga
v	subtract	punguza
n	subtraction	toa
n	suburb	mji/kijiji

succeed – survey

v	succeed	faulu
n	success	kufaulu/mafanikio
v	suck	nyonya
adj	sudden	ghafila
adv	suddenly	kwa ghafla
v	suffer	ugua
n	sugar	sukari
v	suggest	pendekeza
n	suggestion	pendekezo/dokezo
	suit	
n	1. clothing	suti
v	2. be appropriate	faa
adj	suitable	kubalika/mzuri
n	sum (total)	jumla
n	summer	majiri ya jua
n	sun	jua
n	sunburn	kuchomeka kwa jua
n	sunglasses	miwani ya kuzuia jua
n	sunhat	kofia ya kuzuia jua
adj	sunny	jua
n	sunscreen	pazia/kateni ya kuzua jua
n	sunshine	mwangaza wa jua
	supply	
n	1. provisions	mapato/malipo
v	2. provide	patia/pea
	support	
n	1. assistance	msaada
v	2. provide assistance	kusaidia
v	suppose (assume)	ikiwa
adj	sure	hakika
	surf	
n	1. seaswell	wimbi
v	2. ride a surfboard	piga binzi
n	surface	sakafu
n	surfboard	bodi ya kuogelea
n	surfer	ugua
	surgery	
n	1. doctor's room	chumba cha upasuaji
n	2. operation by doctor	upasuaji
n	surname	jina la familia
	surprise	
n	1. unexpected event	mshangao
v	2. catch unprepared	bumbuazi
adj	3. unexpected	gutuka
v	surrender	salimisha
v	surround	zunguka
	survey	
n	1. poll	hesabu
v	2. ask questions of	uliza maswali

survival – tame

n	survival	stawi
v	survive	stahimili/stawisha
n	swagman	msafiri/mfanya kazi
v	swallow	meza
pt v	swam *see swim	
	swear	
v	1. use bad language	tukana
v	2. take oath of truth	apa/apiswa
v	sweep	fagia
adj	sweet	tamu
n	sweet corn	mahindi tamu
n	sweet potato	viazi vitamu
v	swim	ogelea
n	swimmer	muogeleaji
n	swimming	kuogelea
n	swimming carnival	tamasha ongelezi
n	swimming costume	mavazi ya kuogelea
	swing	
v	1. sway	pembea
n	2. play equipment	cheza chombo
	switch	
n	1. device for turning on/off	kinobu
v	2. change	badilisha
adj	swollen	uvimbe
phrase	swollen ankle	uvimbe wa mguu
n	sword	kisu/upanga

T

	table	
n	1. furniture	meza
n	2. list	yaliyomo
n	table tennis	mipira wa mezani
n	tablet (medication)	tembe
n	tail	mkia
	take	
v	1. seize	teka
v	2. last for (as time)	dumu/ishi
phr v	3. take away (mathematical)	toa
phr v	4. take away (remove)	gawa
phr v	5. take away (fast food)	chakula cha njiani
phr v	6. take off (as clothing)	vua
phr v	7. take off (as plane)	paa
n	tale	hadithi
	talk	
n	1. conversation	maongezi
v	2. converse	ongea
adj	tall	mrefu/ndefu
adj	tame	fuga

tan – terrific

	tan	
v	1. sunbake	pika ukitumia jua
adj	2. colour	rangi
n	tank	tangi
n	tap (as for water)	mfereji
v	tape (record)	nakili/kaninga
n	task	jukumu/kazi
	taste	
v	1. sample	ladha
phrase	2. the food tastes good	chakula niki tamu/ chakula kina onja vizuri
		tamu
adj	tasty	
pt v	taught *see teach	
n	tax	ushuru
n	taxi	tekisi/taxi
	tea	
n	1. beverage	chai
n	2. dinner	chakula cha mchana
v	teach	fundisha/somesha
n	teacher	mwalimu
n	teacher's aide	maelezo ya mwalimu
n	team	timu
	tear	
v	1. rip	kata
n	2. liquid from the eye	machozi
v	tease	kejeli/chokoza
n	technology	teknolojia
n	teenager	kijana
	telephone	
n	1. device for phoning	simu
v	2. ring	piga simu
n	telephone booth	chumba cha simu
n	telescope	darubini
	television	
n	1. receiver for broadcasts	televisheni
abbrev	2. TV	
v	tell	ambia/sema
n	temper	hasira/ghadhabu
n	temperature	kiwango cha joto
n	temple	kanisa
adj	temporary	kwa muda
n	tennis	tenisi
n	tent	hema
	term	
n	1. a period of time	muhula
n	2. a naming word	jina
adj	terrible	mbaya
adj	terrific	kuogofya

test – tie

	test	
n	1. examination	mtihani
v	2. check	jaribu
n	text	kurasa
	thank	
v	1. express appreciation	asante
phrase	2. give thanks	sukuru
int	3. thank you (polite expression of gratitude)	asante sana
	that	
pron	1. indicator of person or thing	hiyo/huyo
conj	2. used as subject of relative clause	hilo
det	the	a/u
n	theatre	ukumbi wa mikutano
pron	their	yao
pron	them	wao
adv	then	wakati huo
adv	there	pale
conj	therefore	kwahivyo
n	thermometer	kipimo cha joto
pron	they	wao/hao
adj	thick	kubwa
n	thief	mwizi
adj	thin	nyembamba
v	think	fikiri
n	thong (footwear)	viatu
	thought	
n	1. idea	wazo
pt v	2. *see think	
	thread	
n	1. cotton	pamba
v	2. put through eye of needle	weka uzi kwenye jicho la shindano
pt v	threw *see throw	
prep	through (from one side to another)	pitia
v	throw	tupa
n	thumb	kidole cha gumba
n	thunder	radi
n	thunderstorm	mvua ya ngurumo
adv	thus	kwa hivyo
v	tick (indicate correctness)	alama ya kuwa sawa
n	ticket	tiketi
n	tide	upepo
adj	tidy	safi
	tie	
n	1. clothing	tai
v	2. fasten	funga
n	3. equal place	sawasawa

tight – town

adj	tight	kaza
v	tilt	inamisha
	time	
n	1. measurement of duration	saa
phrase	2. in time (not late)	kwa saa
phrase	3. on time (at the appointed time)	kwa wakati kamili
phrase	4. at times	mara kwa mara
phrase	5. a good time	waki mzuri
phrase	6. take your time (don't rush)	nafasi
phrase	7. What's the time?	ni saa ngapi?
phrase	8. two times four (mathematical)	mbili piga mara na nne
n	timetable	ratiba
	tip	
n	1. hint	dokezo
n	2. rubbish dump	takataka
v	3. tilt	inamisha
n	4. pointed extremity	makali
phr v	5. tip over (spill)	mwaga
n	tissue	kitambaa
n	title	cheo
prep	to	kwa
n	today	leo
n	toe	kidole cha mguu
adv	together	pamoja
n	toilet	choo
pt v	told *see tell	
n	tomato	nyanya
n	tomorrow	kesho
n	tongue	ulimi
pt v	took *see take	
n	tool	chombo
n	tooth	jino
n	toothache	maumivu ya jino
	top	
n	1. highest point	kilele
n	2. clothing	shati
n	topic	kichwa
pt v	tore *see tear	
	total	
n	1. complete amount	yote/timilifu
v	2. add up	hesabu/jumla
v	touch	guza
n	tour	tembea
v	tow	vuta
prep	towards	kweleka
n	towel	taulo
n	tower	juu/jukua
n	town	mji

toy – turn

n	toy	toi
v	trace	tafuta
n	track (pathway)	njia
n	tracksuit	vazi la mazoezi
n	tractor	tingatinga
	trade	
n	1. exchange of commodities	biashara
v	2. carry on trade	fanya biashara
n	traffic	magari
	train	
n	1. means of transport	gari la moshi
v	2. practise	mazoezi
	trap	
n	1. device for catching things	mtego
v	2. catch	kamata/shika
n	trapezium	pembe tano
v	travel	safari
v	tread	jinsi
v	treat (as a disease)	tibu
n	tree	mti
v	tremble	tetemeka
n	triangle	pembe tatu
phrase	triangular prism	pembe mche
n	tribe	kabila
v	trick	tega
v	trim	punguza/kata
	trip	
n	1. journey	safari
v	2. fall over	anguka
adj	tropical	joto
	trouble	
n	1. problem	shida
v	2. cause worry	taabisha
phr	3. in trouble with	taabani/kwenye shida
n	trousers	suruari ndefu
n	truck	gari
adj	true	kweli
n	trunk (as of elephant)	pembe
	try	
n	1. attempt	jaribu
phrase	2. try hard	jaribu
phr v	3. try on (as for clothing)	valia
phr v	4. try out for (audition for)	jaribu
n	T-shirt	nguo
n	tub	baseni/bafu
n	tube	mpira
	turn	
v	1. move around	geuka

twice – urge

n	2. action following someone else's
phr v	3. turn into (become)
phr v	4. turn off (switch off)
phr v	5. turn on
phr v	6. turn up (arrive)
adv	twice
v	twist
	type
n	1. kind
v	2. use a machine to write
n	tyre

U

adj	ugly
n	umbrella
n	uncle
adj	unconscious
prep	under
v	undergo
adj	underground
v	underline
adv	underneath
n	underpants
v	understand
pt v	understood *see
	understand
n	underwear
v	undo
adj	unemployed
n	uniform
n	union
	unit
n	1. type of housing
n	2. measurement
v	unite
n	universe
n	university
prep	until
adj	unusual
prep	up (to a higher place)
prep	upon (up and on)
adj	upper
adj	upright
adj	upset
adj	upside-down
adv	upstairs
v	urge

mwingine

kuwa
zima
washa
wasili/fika
mara mbili
geuza

namna
piga chapa
tairi

sura mbaya
mwavuli
mjomba
poteza fahamu
chini
pitia
chini ya arthi
piga msitari
chini
suruari ya ndani
elewa

vazi la ndani
rudia
bila kazi
unifomu
kusanyiko

nyumba ya kukomboa
kipimo
kutanisha
dunia
chuo kikuu
mpaka
sikawaida
juu
juu ya
juu kidogo
myofu/aminifu/adilifu
kasirika
inamisha
gorofani
uliza

urgent – wall

adj	urgent	haraka
pron	us	sisi
	use	
n	1. the act of using	tumia
v	2. employ	tumia
adj	used (not new)	mtumba
V		
n	vaccination	chanjo
adj	vain	bure
n	valley	bonde
adj	valuable	fani
	value	
n	1. worth	thamani
v	2. to hold in high esteem	thamani
n	van (truck)	gari
n	variety	nyingi
v	vary	tofauti
adj	various	kadhaa/mbali mbali
n	vegetable	mboga
n	vegetable garden	shamba la mboga
n	vegetarian	mila mboga
n	vehicle	gari
n	verandah	veranda
n	verb	kitendo
adv	very	mno
abbrev	vet *see veterinarian	
n	veterinarian	daktari wa mifugo
n	video (recording)	rekodi video
n	view	oni
n	village	kijiji
adj	violent	dhalimu
n	violin	chombo cha muziki
v	visit	tembelea
n	visitor	mgeni
n	voice	sauti
n	volleyball (game)	voliboli/mchezo wa mpira wa mikono
n	volume	ukubwa
v	vote	chagua
n	vowel	sauti nyororo/voeli
n	voyage	safari
W		
n	wage	pato/ujira
v	wait	subiri/ngonjea
v	wake	amka
v	walk	tembea
n	walkway	njia
n	wall	ukuta

wallaby – Web

n	wallaby	mnyama/wallaby
n	wallet	pochi
v	wander	hanja
v	want	hitaji
n	war	vita
n	waratah	waratah
n	wardrobe	sanduku
adj	warm (opposite cool)	mtoto/joto
adj	warm-blooded	wanyama wa arthini
v	warn	onya
n	warning	onyo
pt v	was *see be	
	wash	
v	1. clean with water	osha
phr v	2. wash up (of dishes)	osha vyombo
n	washing machine (clothes)	mashini ya kuosha nguo
	waste	
v	1. employ uselessly	ajiri kiholela
n	2. rejected products	bidhaa ovu
	watch	
n	1. timepiece	saa ya mkono
v	2. look at	angalia
phr v	3. watch out (be careful)	mwangalifu
	water	
n	1. liquid	maji
v	2. moisten	lowa mji
n	watermelon	tunda
n	wattle tree	mti
	wave	
n	1. swell of water	wimbi
v	2. make a hand signal	punga
adj	wavy	kiwimbi
n	wax	waxi
	way	
n	1. road	barabara
phrase	2. a long way	mbali
phrase	3. a good way	vizuri
phrase	4. give way	pisha
pron	we	sisi
adj	weak	mlegefu
n	wealth	mali
adj	wealthy	tajiri
n	weapon	silaha
	wear	
v	1. erode	toweka/kulika
v	2. put on (as for clothing)	vaa/valia
n	web (as for spider)	neti
abbrev	Web *see World Wide Web	

wedding – width

n	wedding	harusi
n	week	wiki
v	weigh	pima
n	weight	uzito
	welcome	
n	1. a kind greeting	karibu
int	2. You're welcome! (polite response to thank you)	asante sana
	well	
n	1. hole in earth	kizima
adj	2. in good health	mzima
adv	3. in a satisfactory manner	vizuri/mzuri
int	4. Well! (expresses relief, pause)	ndiyo!
int	5. Well done!	pongezi!
pt v	went *see go	
pt v	were *see be	
n	west	magaribi
	wet	
v	1. moisten	lowa mji
adj	2. opposite dry	maji maji
pron	what (interrogative)	nini/je
n	wheel	gurudumu
pron	when (interrogative)	lini
conj	whenever	kila mara
pron	where (interrogative)	wapi
	which	
pron	1. what one of a number (interrogative)	gani?
pron	2. relative (refers to something previously mentioned)	ipi
conj	while	wakati
n	whip	charaza
v	whisper	nongoneza
	whistle	
v	1. make a musical sound	binja
n	2. equipment used to make a sound	firimbi
adj	white	nyeupe
n	whiteboard	bodi ya kuadikia
	who	
pron	1. interrogative	uliza
pron	2. relative pronoun	nani
adj	whole	mzima
adv	why	kwanini
adj	wicked	moavu
adj	wide	pana
n	widow	mjane/mfamku
n	widower	mfiliwa
n	width	upande/unene

wild – write

adj	wild	kinyama
	will	
v	1. auxiliary used in future tense	nita
n	2. declaration of wishes on one's death	mrithi
n	3. choice of one's actions	pendekezo
v	win	shinda
	wind	
n	1. movement of air	upepo
v	2. turn in a circular way	zunguka
colloq phr	3. wind up (finish)	maliza
phr v	4. wind up (as a clock)	sawazisha
n	windmill	mashine ya upepo
n	window	dirisha
n	window sill	gamu ya dirisha
adj	windy	upepo
n	wing	upande
n	winter	majira ya baridi
v	wipe	panguza
n	wire	waya
adj	wise	mwerevu
n	wish	penda
prep	with	pamoja
v	withdraw (as for money)	toa
n	witness	shuhudia
pt v	woke *see wake	
n	woman	mwanamke
n	wombat	mnyama
pt v	won *see win	
v	wonder	shangaa
n	wood	mbao
n	woodwork	kazi ya mbao
n	wool	pamba
n	word	neni
pt v	wore *see wear	
	work	
n	1. labour	kazi
v	2. carry out labour	fanya kazi
v	3. be operational	kazini
phr v	4. work out (solve)	kutatua
n	world	dunia
n	World Wide Web	mfumo enezi wa habari
v	worry	wasi wasi
adv	worse	mbaya
n	worth	garimu
v	wrap	funga/kunja
v	wring	finya
n	wrist	sehemu ya mkono
v	write	andika

wrong – zucchini

adj **wrong** (incorrect)
pt v **wrote** *see **write**
abbrev **www** * see **World Wide Web**

X

n **x-ray**

Y

n **yacht**
n **yard**
v **yawn**
n **year**
adj **yellow**
int **yes**
n **yesterday**
pron **you**
adj **young**
pron **your** (possessive)

Z

n **zone**
n **zoo**
n **zucchini**

siosahihi

picha ya eksirei

mtumbwi/meli
yadi
muayo
mwaka
manjano
ndiyo
jana
wewe
mchanga
yenyu

eneo
hifathi la wanyama
mboga

Appendix 1

Numerals and Ordinals

Symbol	Numeral	Ordinal
1	one	first
2	two	second
3	three	third
4	four	fourth
5	five	fifth
6	six	sixth
7	seven	seventh
8	eight	eighth
9	nine	ninth
10	ten	tenth
11	eleven	eleventh
12	twelve	twelfth
13	thirteen	thirteenth
14	fourteen	fourteenth
15	fifteen	fifteenth
16	sixteen	sixteenth
17	seventeen	seventeenth
18	eighteen	eighteenth
19	nineteen	nineteenth
20	twenty	twentieth
30	thirty	thirtieth
40	forty	fortieth
50	fifty	fiftieth
60	sixty	sixtieth
70	seventy	seventieth
80	eighty	eightieth
90	ninety	ninetieth
100	one hundred	one hundredth
1000	one thousand	one thousandth
10000	ten thousand	ten thousandth
100000	one hundred thousand	one hundred thousandth
1000000	one million	one millionth

Appendix 2

Common Countries/States and their Adjectival Forms

Country/State	Adjectival Form	Country/State	Adjectival Form
Afghanistan	Afghani	Japan	Japanese
Argentina	Argentinian	Korea	Korean
Bangladesh	Bangladeshi	Kosovo	Kosovar
Bolivia	Bolivian	Kurdistan	Kurdish
Brazil	Brazilian	Laos	Laotian
Bulgaria	Bulgarian	Lebanon	Lebanese
Cambodia	Cambodian	Macedonia	Macedonian
Chile	Chilean	Malaysia	Malaysian
China	Chinese	Nigeria	Nigerian
Colombia	Colombian	Pakistan	Pakistani
Cook Islands	Cook Islanders	Peru	Peruvian
Croatia	Croatian	Philippines	Filipino
East Timor	East Timorese	Poland	Polish
Ecuador	Ecuadorian	Portugal	Portuguese
Egypt	Egyptian	Russia	Russian
El Salvador	El Salvadorian	Samoa	Samoan
Eritrea	Eritrean	Serbia	Serbian
Ethiopia	Ethiopian	Somalia	Somalian
Fiji	Fijian	Sudan	Sudanese
Ghana	Ghanian	Syria	Syrian
Greece	Greek	Taiwan	Taiwanese
Hungary	Hungarian	Thailand	Thai
India	Indian	Tonga	Tongan
Indonesia	Indonesian	Turkey	Turkish
Iran	Iranian	Ukraine	Ukrainian
Iraq	Iraqi	Uruguay	Uruguayan
Israel	Israeli	Venezuela	Venezuelan
Italy	Italian	Vietnam	Vietnamese

Appendix 3

Common Irregular Verbs

Base Form	Past Tense	Past participle
awake	awoke	awoken
be	was, were	been
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bet	bet	bet
bid	bid	bid
bite	bit	bitten
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
burn	burned/burnt	burned/burnt
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
dig	dug	dug
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
dream	dreamed/dreamt	dreamed/dreamt
drive	drove	driven
drink	drank	drunk
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	gotten
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held

Common Irregular Verbs (continued)

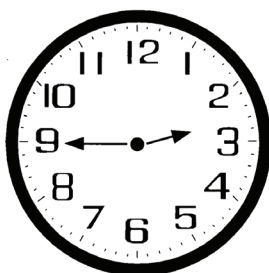
Base Form	Past Tense	Past participle
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
learn	learned/learnt	learned/learnt
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
read	read	read
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
show	showed	showed/shown
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
stand	stood	stood
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

Appendix 4

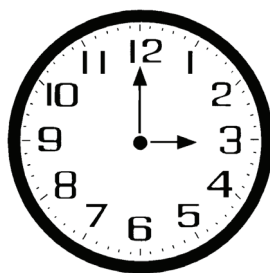
Times

	Analog time		24 hour time
12.00am	12 o'clock; midnight	00:00	zero zero hundred hours
1.00am	1 o'clock	01:00	zero one hundred hours
2.00am	2 o'clock	02:00	zero two hundred hours
3.00am	3 o'clock	03.00	zero three hundred hours
4.00am	4 o'clock	04.00	zero four hundred hours
5.00am	5 o'clock	05.00	zero five hundred hours
6.00am	6 o'clock	06:00	zero six hundred hours
7.00am	7 o'clock	07:00	zero seven hundred hours
8.00am	8 o'clock	08:00	zero eight hundred hours
9.00am	9 o'clock	09.00	zero nine hundred hours
10.00am	10 o'clock	10:00	ten hundred hours
11.00am	11 o'clock	11:00	eleven hundred hours
12.00pm	12 o'clock; midday; noon	12:00	twelve hundred hours
1.00pm	1 o'clock	13:00	thirteen hundred hours
2.00pm	2 o'clock	14:00	fourteen hundred hours
3.00pm	3 o'clock	15:00	fifteen hundred hours
4.00pm	4 o'clock	16:00	sixteen hundred hours
5.00pm	5 o'clock	17:00	seventeen hundred hours
6.00pm	6 o'clock	18:00	eighteen hundred hours
7.00pm	7 o'clock	19:00	nineteen hundred hours
8.00pm	8 o'clock	20:00	twenty hundred hours
9.00pm	9 o'clock	21:00	twenty one hundred hours
10.00pm	10 o'clock	22:00	twenty two hundred hours
11.00pm	11 o'clock	23:00	twenty three hundred hours

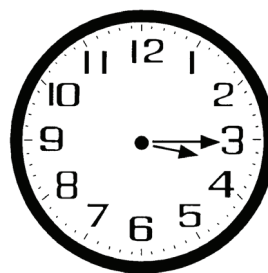
Examples of quarter and half hours (analog)



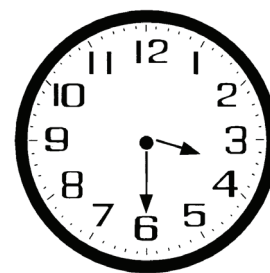
quarter to three
2.45am or 2.45pm



three o'clock
3.00am or 3.00pm



quarter past three
3.15am or 3.15pm



half past three
3.30am or 3.30pm

Examples of quarter and half hours (24 hour time)



zero two forty five



zero three hundred hours



zero three fifteen



zero three thirty

Appendix 5

Days of the week/Months of the year/Units of time

Days
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Months
January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

Units of time	
60 seconds	= 1 minute
60 minutes	= 1 hour
24 hours	= 1 day
7 days	= 1 week
4 weeks	= 1 month
12 months	= 1 year
4 years	= 1 leap year
10 years	= 1 decade
100 years	= 1 century
1000 years	= 1 millenium

Appendix 6

Weights and measures

Weight (mass)	Length	Volume
1000 milligrams = 1 gram	1000 millimetres = 1 metre	1000 millilitres = 1 litre
1000 grams = 1 kilogram	100 centimetres = 1 metre	1000 litres = 1 cubic metre
1000 kilograms = 1 metric tonne	1000 metres = 1 kilometre	

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