

## TANZANIA

According to [Ethnologue](#), there are a total of 126 [languages](#) are spoken in Tanzania. Two are institutional, 18 are developing, 58 are vigorous, 40 are endangered, and 8 are dying. There are also three languages that recently became extinct.<sup>[1]</sup>

English and Swahili are the official languages of Tanzania.

### SWAHILI

A collection of useful phrases in Swahili, a Bantu language spoken in much of east Africa by about 140 million people.

Key to abbreviations: sg = singular (said to one person), pl = plural (said to more than one person), inf = informal

English	kiSwahili (Swahili)
Welcome	Karibu (sg) Karibuni (pl)
Hello (General greeting)	Habari (inf) Hujambo (sg) Hamjambo (pl) Sijambo (reply)
How are you?	Habari? Hujambo? Habari yako? Habari gani?
Reply to 'How are you?'	Nzuri Sijambo
What's your name?	Jina lako ni nani?
My name is ...	Jina langu ni ...
Where are you from?	Unatoka wapi?
I'm from ...	Natoka ...
Pleased to meet you	Nafurahi kukuona Nimefurahi kukutana nawe

Good morning (Morning greeting)	Habari ya asubuhi
Good afternoon (Afternoon greeting)	Habari ya mchana
Good evening (Evening greeting)	Habari ya jioni
Good night	Usiku mwema Lala salama ( <i>sleep well</i> )
Goodbye (Parting phrases)	Kwaheri
Good luck	Kila la kheri!
Cheers! Good Health! ( <i>Toasts used when drinking</i> )	Maisha marefu! Afya! Vifijo!
Have a nice day	Nakutakia siku njema!
Bon appetit / Have a nice meal	Ufurahie chakula chako (sg) Furahieni chakula chenu (pl) Chakula chema
Bon voyage / Have a good journey	Safari njema!
I understand	Naelewa
I don't understand	Sielewi
I don't know	Sijui
Please speak more slowly	Tafadhali sema polepole
Please write it down	Waweza kuiandika?
Do you speak English?	Unazungumza Kingereza?
Do you speak Swahili?	Unazungumza Kiswahili?
Yes, a little	Ndiyo, kidogo tu

(reply to 'Do you speak ...?')	
How do you say ... in Swahili?	Unasemaje ... kwa Kiswahili?
Excuse me	Samahani nipishe (to get past) Samahani (to get attention or say sorry)
How much is this?	Hii ni bei gani?
Sorry	Samahani
Please	Tafadhali
Thank you	Asante Asante sana (sg) Asanteni (pl)
Reply to thank you	Asante kwa kushukuru
No thanks	Hapana asante
Where's the toilet?	Choo kiko wapi?
This gentleman/lady will pay for everything	Mtu huyu atalipia kila kitu
Would you like to dance with me?	Tucheze ngoma? Utapenda kudansi?
I love you	Ninakupenda
Get well soon	Ugua pole
Help!	Msaada!
Fire!	Moto!
Stop!	Usifanye hivyo!
Go away!	Nenda zako!
Leave me alone!	Usinisumbue!
Call the police!	Mwite polisi!
Christmas and New Year greetings	Krismasi Njema Heri ya krismasi

	Heri ya mwaka mpya
Easter greetings	Heri ya Sikukuu ya pasaka
<p>Birthday greetings</p> <p><i>Swahili birthday song</i></p>	<p>Nakutakia mema katika siku yako ya kuzaliwa!</p> <p>Sikukuu njema ya kuzaliwa!</p> <p>Furaha katika siku yako ya kuzaliwa!</p> <p><u>Heri katika siku yako ya kuzaliwa!</u></p>
<p>My hovercraft is full of eels</p> <p><i>Why this phrase?</i></p>	Gari langu linaloangama limejaa na mikunga
One language is never enough	Lugha moja haitoshi