

Swahili 5

1	long bridge	daraja refu	31	that jealous cook	mpiši mwivu yule
2	long bridges	madaraja marefu	32	those jealous cooks	wapiši wawivu wale
3	nice puzzle	fumbo zuri	33	that heavy stick	mbaraᅇgo mzito ule
4	nice puzzles	mafumbo mazuri	34	those heavy sticks	mibaraᅇgo mizito ile
5	heavy log	gogo zito	35	that white book	kitabu čeupe kile
6	heavy logs	magogo mazito	36	those white books	vitabu vyeupe vile
7	small pumpkin	boga dogo	37	that short bow	upindi mfupi ule
8	small pumpkins	maboga madogo	38	those short bows	p ^h indi fupi zile
9	large piece	čoto kubwa	39	that long bridge	daraja refu lile
10	large pieces	mačoto makubwa	40	those long bridges	madaraja marefu yale
11	good target	leᅇgo zuri	41	that fat lion	simba nono ile
12	good targets	malᅇgo mazuri	42	those fat lions	simba nono zile
13	small banana	ndizi ndogo	43	that good auctioneer	mnadi mzuri yule
14	small bananas	ndizi ndogo	44	those foreign missionaries	wamisionari wageni wale
15	big mosquito	mbu k ^h ubwa	45	that tall coffee bush	mbuni mrefu ule
16	big mosquitos	mbu k ^h ubwa	46	those long chains	mikufu mirefu ile
17	small vegetable	mboga ndogo	47	that big room	čumba kikubwa kile
18	small vegetables	mboga ndogo	48	those big baskets	vikapu vikubwa vile
19	unripe coconut	nazi mbiči	49	that long broom	ufagio mrefu ule
20	unripe coconuts	nazi mbiči	50	those long brooms	fagio ndefu zile
21	sweet date	t ^h ende t ^h amu	51	that unripe pumpkin	boga biči lile
22	sweet dates	t ^h ende t ^h amu	52	those large targets	malᅇgo makubwa yale
23	white chicken	k ^h uku ᅇeupe	53	that unripe coconut	nazi mbiči ile
24	white chickens	k ^h uku ᅇeupe	54	those unripe coconuts	nazi mbiči zile
25	heavy ring	p ^h ete nzito	55	that one foreign communist	mkomunisti mgeni mmoja yule
26	heavy rings	p ^h ete nzito	56	those three tall coffee bushes	mibuni mirefu mitatu ile
27	fat lion	simba nono	57	those five big rooms	vyumba vikubwa vitano vile
28	fat lions	simba nono	58	those three long hairs	siᅅga ndefu t ^h atu zile
29	large bee	ᅇuki k ^h ubwa	59	those two heavy logs	magogo mazito mawili yale
30	large bees	ᅇuki k ^h ubwa	60	those five large bees	ᅇuki k ^h ubwa t ^h ano zile

The data above introduce two new genders and one member of a new subclass of adjectives known as demonstratives. The latter has its own set of gender prefixes and occurs as the last constituent in noun phrases. Give the basic forms of the noun and adjective prefixes for the six genders encountered thus far. (Note that Gender 6 nouns should be considered as having a prefix identical in form [in both singular and plural] to one that occurs with Gender 4 nouns in the plural.)

gender	nouns		descriptive adjectives & numerals		demonstratives	
	sg.	pl.	sg.	pl.	sg.	pl.
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
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List underlying roots for the words as indicated:

Nouns

Gender 5

bridge _____

log _____

piece _____

pumpkin _____

puzzle _____

target _____

Gender 6

banana _____

bee _____

chicken _____

date _____

lion _____

mosquito _____

ring _____

coconut _____

vegetable _____

Descriptive Adjectives

fat _____

foreign _____

good _____

heavy _____

jealous _____

large, big _____

long, tall _____

nice _____

short _____

small _____

sweet _____

unripe _____

white _____

Numerals

one _____

two _____

three _____

five _____

Demonstrative

that _____

Is it always possible to be sure of the basic shape of the roots? Explain. What evidence can be used in cases where there seems to be ambiguity?

Translate the following expressions into Swahili:

that one tall tree _____

those two small stools _____

those three large pumpkins _____

those five long vegetables _____