

TO HELP YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY IN KENYA HERE ARE A FEW COMMONLY SPOKEN TERMS

Greetings (Salamu)

Hello?	Hujambo?
How are you?	Habari?
I am well (good, fine)	Mzuri
Thank you	Asante
Very much	Sana
Goodbye	Kwaheri

General

Hotel	Hoteli
Room	Chumba
Bed	Kitanda
Food	Chakula
Coffee	Kahawa
Beer	Pombe
Cold	Baridi
Warm	Moto
Hot	Moto sana
Tea	Chai
Water	Maji
Meat	Nyama
Fish	Samaki
Bread	Mkate
Bad	Mbaya

Time (Saa)

Today	Leo
Tomorrow	Kesho
Now	Sasa
Quickly	Upesi
Slowly	Polepole

Facilities

Hospital	Hospitali
Police	Polisi
Street/road	Barabara
Airport	Uwanja wa ndege
Shop	Duka
Money	Pesa

People (Watu)

Mister	Bwana
Mrs.	Bibi
Miss	Bi
I	Mimi
You	Wewe
He, She	Yeye
We	Sisi
They	Wao

Questions (Maswali)

What?	Nini?
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Who?	Nani?
Where? (place)	Mahali gani?
Where? (direction)	Wapi?
When?	Lini?
How?	Namna gani?
Why?	Kwa nini?
Which?	Ipi?
Yes	Ndio
No	Hapana
To eat	Kula
To drink	Kunywa
To go	Kwenda
To stop	Kusimama

Numbers (Nambari)

One	Moja
Two	Mbili
Three	Tatu
Four	Nne
Five	Tano
Six	Sita
Seven	Saba
Eight	Nane
Nine	Tisa
Ten	Kumi

Phrases commonly used

Where is the hotel?	Hoteli iko wapi?
Good morning	Habari ya asubuhi
Good afternoon	Habari ya mchana
Good evening	Habari ya jioni
You're welcome	Karibu, Una karibishwa
Where do you come from?	Umetoka wapi?
I come from...	Nimetoka...
What is your name?	Jina lako ni?
My name is...	Jina langu ni...
Can you speak Swahili?	Unaweza kuongea Kiswahili?
Only a little	Kidogo tu
Where are you going?	Unakwenda wapi?
I am going...	Nakwenda...
How much?	Pesa ngapi?
Wait a minute	Ngoja kidogo
Excuse me	Samahani
Where is the toilet?	Choo kiko wapi?
Where can I get a drink?	Naweza kupata kinywaji wapi?
One cup of...	Kikombe kimoja cha...