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SPEAKING THE LANGUAGE

LANGUAGE Kiswahili (Swahili) is the national language of Kenya and Tanzania, although the spoken language is different, with different words and phrases, in each country, as in many other dialects/languages. English is widely spoken in these countries. You may want to learn a few words before you go.

SWAHILI HELPFUL PHRASES: In Swahili, the accent is always on the syllable before the last as in TANZAN**IA**, although you will also hear it pronounced as TANZAN**IA**.

Although there are so many Swahili Words you will hear and some you will speak, before you leave Tanzania, here are just a few that are common and most heard. At least one of these words you will speak before you depart Tanzania or as you are welcomed in Tanzania!

Hello....jambo

Goodbye....kwaheri

Please.....tafadhali

Thank you/very much.....asante , asante sana

Water....maji

Milk....maziwa

Beer....pombe

Let's Go....twende

Sleep Well....Lala Salama

Chai....tea

Stop Please...Simama tafadhali

Photograph/Picture...picha

Journey...safari

No....hapana

Leopard...chui

Cheetah....duma

Elephant....tembo

Lion....simba

MEAL/Food....chakula

Coffee....kahawa

Pole Pole...slowly

Good morning...habari ya asubuhi

Ready? Sawa Sawa

Welcome...karibu

Welcome back...karibu tena

Well/Good/Fine...Nzuri

Yes...Ndiyo

Elephant...tembo

Hare/Rabbit...Sungura

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In life one has a choice to take one of two paths: to wait for some special day - or to celebrate each special day.

- Rasheed Ogunlaru