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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 TANZANIA, although you will also hear it pronounced as TANZANIA.

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