
Chapter 1: Swahili

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Below are 6 words in Swahili, followed by their translations in English in random order:

Swahili words: mbuzi, kibuzi, mgeni, jito, mtu, jitu

English translations in random order:

man, giant (a large man), kid (young goat), goat, big river, guest

A. Match each Swahili word to its English translation.

B. What is the meaning of 'mtu'?

C. Based on these data, what do you think the word for 'dwarf (a small man)' is in Swahili? After you have made your guess, find a good Swahili dictionary and check your answer. If your answer was wrong, try to explain why the form isn't what you expected.