

Shopping and Market Vocabulary

Prices, quantities and useful market language

Tip: The fastest way to remember a word is to use it in a complete sentence.

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Core vocabulary and phrases

English	Somali	Swahili
price	qiime	bei
money	lacag	pesa
cheap	jaban	nafuu
expensive	qaali	ghali
buy	iibso	nunua
sell	iib	uza
how much?	immisa?	bei gani?
too much	aad u badan	nyingi sana
small	yar	ndogo
large	weyn	kubwa
piece	xabbo	kipande
kilo	kiilo	kilo
market	suuq	soko
cash	lacag caddaan	taslimu
change	haraaga lacagta	chenji / baki
Can you reduce the price?	Qiimaha ma iga dhimi kartaa?	Unaweza kupunguza bei?

Useful sentence patterns

English pattern: How much does this cost?

English pattern: I would like two pieces.

English pattern: That is too expensive.

Practice

Translate the sentence patterns into Somali and Swahili, then personalise them with your own words.