

Somali-Swahili-English Basic Vocabulary Pack

50 practical starter words in three languages

Tip: Learn vocabulary in themes, not isolated words.

Free download for learners of Somali, Swahili and English.

How to use this pack

Start with 20-30 words a day. Say each word aloud, write it once, and use it in a short sentence. The English column is the reference meaning; Somali and Swahili entries are practical learner forms.

English	Somali	Swahili
hello	salaan	jambo / hujambo
goodbye	nabadgelyo	kwaheri
please	fadlan	tafadhali
thank you	mahadsanid	asante
yes	haa	ndiyo
no	maya	hapana
water	biyo	maji
food	cunto	chakula
house	guri	nyumba
school	iskuul	shule
book	buug	kitabu
work	shaqo	kazi
money	lacag	pesa
friend	saaxiib	rafiki
family	qoys	familia
child	ilmo	mtoto
mother	hooyo	mama
father	aabbe	baba
today	maanta	leo
tomorrow	berri	kesho
yesterday	shalay	jana
big	weyn	kubwa
small	yar	ndogo
good	wanaagsan	nzuri
bad	xun	mbaya
come	kaalay	njoo
go	tag	enda
eat	cun	kula
drink	cab	kunywa
see	arag	ona

English	Somali	Swahili
know	ogow	jua
speak	hadal	sema
learn	baro	jifunza
write	qor	andika
read	akhri	soma
help	caawi	saidia
here	halkan	hapa
there	halkaas	huko
who	yaa	nani
what	maxaa	nini
where	xaggee	wapi
when	goorma	lini
why	maxaa	kwa nini
how	sidee	vipi
one	kow	moja
two	laba	mbili
three	saddex	tatu
four	afar	nne
five	shan	tano

Mini practice

Translate these into Somali and Swahili: 1) water 2) friend 3) today 4) help 5) speak 6) school 7) money 8) family. Check your work by using the vocabulary above.