

Swahili Nouns 1

Construct a minilexicon and minigrammar to account for the data below. Ask yourself what is predictable and what is not. Do not posit more classes than you need.

sh represents a voiceless palatal fricative.

ch represents a voiceless palatal affricate.

ng represents either a velar nasal or a velar nasal followed by *g*.

A word-initial nasal before a consonant is syllabic, as in *mtoto*.

	SINGULAR	PLURAL	GLOSS
1.	tunda	matunda	'fruit'
2.	soko	masoko	'market'
3.	mtoto	watoto	'child'
4.	kikombe	vikombe	'cup'
5.	mpishi	wapishi	'cook'
6.	chumba	vyumba	'room'
7.	sikio	masikio	'ear'
8.	kikapu	vikapu	'basket'
9.	mgeni	wageni	'stranger, guest'
10.	mwenzi	wenzi	'companion'
11.	chombo	vyombo	'utensil, vessel'
12.	mwoga	woga	'coward'
13.	tawi	matawi	'branch'
14.	mke	wake	'wife'
15.	mwana	wana	'son, daughter'
16.	kitabu	vitabu	'book'
17.	shoka	mashoka	'axe'
18.	mlevi	walevi	'drunkard'
19.	kipilefti	vipilefti	'road sign'
20.	mtu	watu	'person'
21.	cheti	vyeti	'note, chit'
22.	mzee	wazee	'elder'
23.	neni	maneni	'word'
24.	mwalimu	walimu	'teacher'
25.	mchungu	wachungu	'herdsman'
26.	jani	majani	'leaf'
27.	jipu	majipu	'boil'
28.	mwarabu	warabu	'Arab'