

Swahili Morphology

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The following data come from *Swahili*, a language spoken in East Africa.

Strategy tip: As you solve any morphology problem like this one, keep in mind the order of affixes as you work towards a solution.

1.	atanipenda	's/he will like me'
2.	atakupenda	's/he will like you'
3.	atampenda	's/he will like him/her'
4.	atatupenda	's/he will like us'
5.	atawapenda	's/he will like them'
6.	nitakupenda	'I will like you'
7.	nitampenda	'I will like him/her'
8.	nitawapenda	'I will like them'
9.	utanipenda	'you will like me'
10.	utampenda	'you will like him/her'
11.	tutampenda	'we will like him/her'
12.	watampenda	'they will like him/her'
13.	wametulipa	'they have paid us'
14.	tulikulipa	'we paid you'
15.	atanipiga	's/he will beat me'
16.	atakupiga	's/he will beat you'
17.	atampiga	's/he will beat him/her'
18.	ananipiga	's/he is beating me'
19.	anakupiga	's/he is beating you'
20.	anampiga	's/he is beating him/her'
21.	amekupiga	's/he has beaten you'
22.	amenipiga	's/he has beaten me'
23.	amempiga	's/he has beaten him/her'
24.	alinipiga	's/he beat me'
25.	alikipiga	's/he beat you'
26.	alimpiga	's/he beat him/her'
27.	atakusumbua	's/he will annoy you'
28.	unamsumbua	'you are annoying him/her'

A. Give the Swahili morphemes which mean:

1. I	_____	6. we	_____
2. him/her	_____	7. you (subject)	_____
3. s/he	_____	8. you (object)	_____
4. me	_____	9. us	_____
5. they	_____	10. them	_____

11. Future _____
 12. Past _____
 13. Present Progressive _____ (e.g. *we are trying, you are helping, etc.*)
 14. Present Perfect _____ (e.g. *we are have tried, you have tried, etc.*)

15. pay _____ 17. like _____
 16. beat _____ 18. annoy _____

B. Give the Swahili word for the following English translations:
 [Reminder: pay attention to the proper ordering of morphemes!]

19. 'I have beaten them.' _____
 20. 'They are beating me.' _____
 21. 'They have annoyed me.' _____
 22. 'You have beaten us' _____
 23. 'We beat them.' _____
 24. 'I am paying him/her.' _____

C. What is the meaning (in English) of the following Swahili words:

25. *walikupendaba* _____
 26. *utawapiga* _____
 27. *nimemsumbua* _____
 28. *atanilipa* _____