

SWAHILI ACCENT CHEAT SHEET

Basic Components for Come From Away:

- We are focusing on the African Swahili accent.
- Swahili is almost entirely phonetic- words are spoken as they are written. Yay!
- If you can do the Wakanda accent, this will be a breeze :).

Important Sounds for the Swahili accent:

1. In English, one syllable is normally stressed in a word, ie CON-tract or con-TRACT.
In Swahili, stress is almost always on the second-to-last syllable.
2. Many words have an M or N at the beginning, and they are pronounced with a slight hum:
M-tu (person) is pronounced “um-too.”
N-ne (four) is pronounced “in-neh.”
3. Vowels are pure:
a: sounds like “a” in *father* or *car*.
e: sounds like “eh” in *bed*.
i: sounds like “ee” in *ski* or *feet*.
o: sounds like “oh” in *go* or *so*.
u: sounds like “oo” in *boot* or *flute*.

Muhumuza,	Wewe watuchukuwa wapi?	pg39
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All (Except Muhumuza)	GHAFLA MWANGAZA PANDE ZOTE SISI GIZA NA MITI	pg45
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All	KATI YA GIZA (OUT OF THE DARKNESS) GHAFLA MWANGAZA (SUDDENLY BRIGHTNESS) MA-BADILIKO (EVERYTHING CHANGES) GIZA NA MITI (DARKNESS AND TREES) KATI YA GIZA (OUT OF THE DARKNESS) MA-BADILIKO
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