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DONALD'S VOCABULARY.

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SWAHILI and all Bantu languages divide their nouns into a number of classes, which are distinguished by their first syllable, and bring their adjectives, pronouns and verbs into relation with substantives by the use of corresponding changes in their first syllables.

English.	Swahili.		English.	Swahili.	
	Miss W.	Col. M.		Miss W.	Col. M.
Man (person)	<i>mtu</i>	<i>mtu.</i>	Reach, to	<i>kufika</i>	—
Male, n.	<i>mwanaume</i>	—	He will reach	<i>atafika</i>	<i>tafika.</i>
Woman, female, n.	<i>mwanaume</i>	—	Call, to	<i>kuwa</i> ..	} <i>mwite.</i>
” ” adj.	<i>-ke</i>	—	Call him	<i>mwite</i>	
” ” (of animals).	<i>jike</i>	—	Finish, to	<i>kuisha</i>	} <i>mekwisha</i> (finished).
Wife	<i>mke</i>	<i>mke.</i>	He has finished	<i>amekwisha</i>	
Water hole....	<i>tundu la maji</i>	—	Drink, to	<i>kunywa</i>	<i>kunywa.</i>
Game	<i>mawindo</i>	—	Make (imper.)	<i>fanya</i>	<i>fanya.</i>
Son	<i>mtoto mume</i>	<i>mtoto.</i>	Unripe	<i>-bichi</i>	<i>bichi.</i>
” (male child)	<i>mwana</i>	—	Unripe fruit	<i>matunda mabichi</i>	—
How many ?	<i>-ngapi ?</i>	<i>wangapi.</i>	Good	<i>-ema</i>	—
How many people ?	<i>watu wangapi ?</i>	—	” (fine)....	<i>-zuri</i>	<i>mzuri.</i>
All	<i>-ote</i>	<i>wote.</i>	A good person	<i>mtu mwema</i>	—
All people	<i>watu wote</i>	—	A beautiful person	<i>mtu mzuri</i>	—
Whose	<i>-a nani ?</i>	<i>ya nani.</i>	Bad	<i>-baya</i>	<i>mbaya.</i>
Whose house ?	<i>nyumba ya nani ?</i>	—	A bad person	<i>mtu mbaya</i>	—
My	<i>-angu</i>	<i>yangu.</i>	Red	<i>-ekundu</i>	<i>mwekundu.</i>
My house	<i>nyumba yangu</i>	—	A red house	<i>nyumba nyekundu</i>	—
Your	<i>-ako</i>	<i>yako.</i>	White	<i>-eupe</i>	<i>mweupi.</i>
Your trees	<i>miti yako</i>	—	A white child	<i>mtoto mweupe</i>	—
His	<i>-ake</i>	<i>yake.</i>	Black	<i>-eusi</i>	<i>mweusi.</i>
His house	<i>nyumba yake</i>	—	Black people	<i>watu weusi</i>	—
Come (imper.)	<i>njoo</i>	<i>njoo.</i>	Blue....	<i>kama maji ya bahari</i> (like sea-water).	<i>kama maji ya bahari.</i>
Come, to	<i>kuja</i>	—			