

# BREAKING LANGUAGE BARRIERS



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United States English (Dr. Brenda)	Iran Persian	Kurdish Iraq	Amharic Ethiopia (Fasil)	Kikuyu Kenya (Janny)	Swahili Tanzani (John)
Hello					Mambo
Nice to meet you					Vyema Kukutana
How are you					Uhaligani / Jambo
Goodbye					Kwaheri
ACADEMICS					
Academic					Kitaaluma
College					Chuo cha elimu
University					Chuo kikuu
School					Shule
Education					Elimu
Professor					Profesa
Student					Mwanafunzi
Teams					Timu
Academic Advisor					Msahuri wa elimu
Journal					Gazeti (periodical), Shajara, Jarida
Book					Kitabu
Read					Soma
Article					Makala
Author					Mwandishi, mtunzi.
Content					Yaliyomo

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Language					Luga
Course					Kozi
Class					Darasa
Syllabus					Silabasi
Instructions					Maelekezo
Activities					Shughuri
Schedule					Ratiba
Late/Absent					Chelewa/ Tolo
Assignment					Kazi (especially in class)
Goals / Objectives					Malengo/ Nia
Learning / Studying					Jifunza/ Soma
Study					Soma
Library					Maktaba
Explanation					Maelezo
Research					Utafiti
Investigation					Chunguza
Participants					Washiriki
Passed					Iliyo faulu
Failed					Iliyo feli
Grade					Daraja
Finished					Iliyo isha
Transcript					Nakili, Nukuu
Graduate					Hitimu

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					masomo for university students)
Graduation ceremony					Mahafali
Degree					Stashahada
Bachelor's degree					Stashahada ya kwanza
Master's degree					Stashahada ya mastas
Doctorate's degree					Stashahada ya udocta
Conference					Kongamano
Seminar					Semina
Webinar					Semina ya mtandaoni
Presenter					Muwakilishi

United States English (Dr. Brenda)	Indonesian (Elli)				Swahili Tanzani (John)
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Health					Hafya
Gender					Jinsia
Men					Mwanaume
Women					Mwanamke
Disability					Isiyo na uwezo
Medication					Tumia dawa

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Food					Chakula
Vitamin					Vitadini
Herbs					Viungo
Health Food Store/ Food Market					Rishe bora hifadhi/ Vyakula vya sokoni
Cafeteria					Kafeteria
Consumption					Utumiaji
Weight					Uzito, Upana (width)
Height					Urefu
Brain					Ubongo
Think					Waza
Meditation					Mazingatio
Massage					Meseji
Death					Kifo

United States English (Dr. Brenda)					Swahili Tanzani (John)
<b>LAW</b>					
Law					Sheria
Policy					Sera, hati
Regulations					Taratibu, kanuni
Lawsuit					Shitaki, dai

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Litigation / Testimony					Enda mahakamani/ Ushuhuda
Lawyer / Attorney					Wakili, mwanasheria
Contract					Mkataba
Hire					Kodi, pangisha
Legal					Halali, haki
Illegal					Isiyo Halali
Ethics					Maadili
Dishonesty					Udanganyifu
Harassment/ Sexual Harassment					Sumbua, bughuzi/ Unyanyasaji wa ngono
Gift/Present					Zawadi
Fraud					Udanganyifu, hila
Embezzlement					Mbadhirifu
Terminate					Isha, komesha
I'm sorry					Pole
Thank you					Aksante

*Notes with Viva Voce:*

1) "It's not matter whether you're in class or not, but he should fulfill all assignment and participate during university exams, so if he/she passes, then he will graduate. So if he miss test or university examination (UE), he will disqualify and not participate in graduation ceremony" (John, social media personal communication, June 2016)

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2) Swahili is the national language of Kenya, but Kikuyu is a tribal language for the tribe Kikuyu residing in Kenya. Excluding Swahili, there are 42 languages in Kenya, the languages are named after the 42 tribes. English (British) is spoken, however, in official meeting because Kenya was colonized by Britain. Current accents are influenced by African dialect (Janny, personal telecommunication, June 2016)

3) Santee is my tribal language. My indigenous tribal is Hehe from Iringa. In companies, I use Swahili, my national language, unless if there are some members who do not know this language.” (John, social media personal communication, June 2016)

4) “Uhaligani, jambo and uko yip have same meaning, we normally use it for greeting according to age met. Uko yip normally used by teens, while jambo and uhaligani used by any” (John, social media personal communication, June 2016)

5) Syrians speak Arabic and the Arabic language do not use the English lettering system for example: Hello مرحباً; Nice to meet you سعدت لقاؤك; How are you حالك كيف; Goodbye وداعاً  
Academic أكاديمي; College كلية; University جامعة; School مدرسة; Education تعليم; Professor  
عالم; Student طلاب; Teams فرق; Academic advisor مرشد أكاديمي (Mohamed, social media personal communication, June 2016)

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