

LING 222: Hedberg
Assignment 2
Due: June 2, 2009
(problems from Koutsoudas, Tallerman, Hurford)

A. Swahili noun class agreement. Describe the formation of simple sentences in Swahili based on the following data. Include a lexicon, with each Swahili morpheme categorized. The data exhibit the phenomenon of noun class or gender. In distinguishing noun classes, you can give each class an identifying number. Give a general statement explaining noun class agreement in Swahili.

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| 1. | kisu kidogo kimoja kilitoša | One small knife sufficed. |
| 2. | visu vidogo vitatu vilitoša | Three small knives sufficed. |
| 3. | kikapu kikubwa kile kitatoša | That big basket will suffice. |
| 4. | vikapu vikubwa vile vitatoša | Those big baskets will suffice. |
| 5. | vikapu vizuri vile vitatoša | Those good baskets will suffice. |
| 6. | mtoto mzuri mmoja atatoša | One good boy will suffice. |
| 7. | watoto wazuri watatu watatoša | Three good boys will suffice. |
| 8. | mtu mrefu yule alitoša | That tall man sufficed. |
| 9. | watu warefu wale walitoša | Those tall men sufficed. |
| 10. | mtu mzuri mmoja atatoša | One good man will suffice. |
| 11. | mkate mzuri ule utatoša | That good loaf of bread will suffice. |
| 12. | mikate mizuri ile itatoša | Those good loaves of bread will suffice. |
| 13. | mzizi mrefu ule utatoša | That long root will suffice. |
| 14. | mizizi mirefu ile itatoša | Those long roots will suffice. |
| 15. | mizizi midogo itatu itatoša | Three small roots will suffice. |
| 16. | yai kubwa lile lilitoša | That large egg sufficed. |
| 17. | mayai makubwa yale yalitoša | Those large eggs sufficed. |
| 18. | cungwa dogo litatoša | The small orange will suffice. |
| 19. | macungwa madogo yatatoša | The small oranges will suffice. |

B. Past Participles. Identify the past participles in the following. There are eight in all.

1. She was so deeply embedded in my consciousness that for the first year of school I seem to have believed that each of my teachers was my mother in disguise.
2. This would never have been revealed, if you had not intervened.
3. He had fallen backwards when I hit him.
4. He fell backwards after I had hit him.
5. Bill could have come yesterday, but Fred can't come until tomorrow.

C. Historical change in English dialects.

Do exercise 1 on p. 90 of Tallerman.

D. Matrix and subordinate clauses

Do exercise 2 on pp. 90-91 of Tallerman.