

Lesson 5:

Possessive Pronouns

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There are three possessive pronouns in Swahili:

- A). First person possessive
- B). Second person possessive
- C). Third person possessive

Each possessive pronoun has a singular and a plural form.

A). First Person Possessive

<u>Umoja [singular]</u> -ANGU [my]		<u>Wingi [plural]</u> -ETU [our]	
Mifano:			
Mwalimu wangu	[My teacher]	Mwalimu wetu	[Our teacher]
Walimu wangu	[My teachers]	Walimu wetu	[Our teachers]

B). Second Person Possessive

<u>Umoja [singular]</u> -AKO [your]		<u>Wingi [plural]</u> -ENU [your (pl.)]	
Mifano:			
Kalamu yako	[Your pen]	Kalamu yenu	[Your (pl.) pen]
Kalamu zako	[Your pens]	Kalamu zenu	[Your (pl.) pens]

C). Third Person Possessive

<u>Umoja [singular]</u> -AKE [his/her]		<u>Wingi [plural]</u> -AO [their]	
Mifano:			
Jina lake	[His/her name]	Jina lao	[Their name]
Majina yake	[His/her names]	Majina yao	[Their names]

Muhtasari [Summary]

<i>1st Person Singular:</i> -ANGU [My]	<i>1st Person Plural:</i> -ETU [Our]
<i>2nd Person Singular:</i> -AKO [Your]	<i>2nd Person Plural:</i> -ENU [Your (pl.)]
<i>3rd Person Singular:</i> -AKE [His/Her]	<i>3rd Person Plural:</i> -AO [Their]

Zingatia [Note]

-angu	[my]
-ako	[your]
-ake	[his/her]
jina	[name]
langu	[my]
lako	[your]
lake	[his/her]
nani?	[Who? What is his/her name?]
ni	[is]

Question Formation

Mifano:	
1. Jina langu ni nani?	
[What is my name?]	
Jina lako ni Peter.	[Your name is Peter.]
2. Jina lako ni nani?	
[What is your name?]	
Jina langu ni Darnell.	[My name is Darnell.]
3. Jina lake ni nani?	
[What is his/her name?]	
Jina lake ni Don.	[His/her name is Don.]
4. Jina lako ni nani mama/mwalimu?	
[What is your name, mom/teacher?]	