

# Lesson 31:

## Subject and Object Prefixes

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### A). Subject Prefixes and Noun Classes

<b>NGELI</b> [noun class]	<b>JINA</b> [noun]	<b>Subject Prefix</b>	<b>Verb with Subject Prefix</b>
M	mtu	<b>a-</b>	alipendeza
WA	watu	<b>wa-</b>	walipendeza
KI	kiti	<b>ki-</b>	kilipendeza
VI	viti	<b>vi-</b>	vilipendeza
M	mti	<b>u-</b>	ulipendeza
MI	miti	<b>i-</b>	ilipendeza
JI	tunda	<b>li-</b>	lilipendeza
MA	matunda	<b>ya-</b>	yalipendeza
N	nyumba	<b>i-</b>	ilipendeza
N	nyumba	<b>zi-</b>	zilipendeza
U	ukuta	<b>u-</b>	ulipendeza
U	kuta	<b>zi-</b>	zilipendeza
U	urembo	<b>u-</b>	ulipendeza
U	urembo	<b>u-</b>	ulipendeza
KU	kupika	<b>ku-</b>	kulipendeza
KU	kupika	<b>ku-</b>	kulipendeza
PA	pahali	<b>pa-</b>	palipendeza
PA	pahali	<b>pa-</b>	palipendeza
MU	darasani	<b>m-</b>	mlipendeza
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## B). Subject Prefixes and Personal Pronouns

Subject Prefix		Subject Prefix + Verb
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Person:</i>		
<b>Mimi</b>	<b>Ni-</b>	<b>Nilipenda</b>
<b>Sisi</b>	<b>Tu-</b>	<b>Tulipenda</b>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Person:</i>		
<b>Wewe</b>	<b>U-</b>	<b>Ulipenda</b>
<b>Nyinyi</b>	<b>M-</b>	<b>Mlipenda</b>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Person:</i>		
<b>Yeye</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>Alipenda</b>
<b>Wao</b>	<b>Wa-</b>	<b>Walipenda</b>

## C). Object Prefixes and Noun Classes

NGELI [noun class]	JINA [noun]	Object Prefix	Verb with Object Prefix
M	mtu	<b>-a-</b>	nime <b>m</b> wona
WA	watu	<b>-wa-</b>	nime <b>w</b> aona
KI	kiti	<b>-ki-</b>	nime <b>k</b> iona
VI	viti	<b>-vi-</b>	nime <b>v</b> iona
M	mti	<b>-u-</b>	nime <b>u</b> ona
MI	miti	<b>-i-</b>	nime <b>i</b> ona
JI	tunda	<b>-li-</b>	nime <b>l</b> iona
MA	matunda	<b>-ya-</b>	nime <b>y</b> aona
N	nyumba	<b>-i-</b>	nime <b>i</b> ona
N	nyumba	<b>-zi-</b>	nime <b>z</b> iona
U	ukuta	<b>-u-</b>	nime <b>u</b> ona
U	kuta	<b>-zi-</b>	nime <b>z</b> iona
U	urembo	<b>-u-</b>	nime <b>u</b> ona
U	urembo	<b>-u-</b>	nime <b>u</b> ona
KU	kupika	<b>-ku-</b>	nime <b>k</b> uona
KU	kupika	<b>-ku-</b>	nime <b>k</b> uona
PA	pahali	<b>-pa-</b>	nime <b>p</b> aona
PA	pahali	<b>-pa-</b>	nime <b>p</b> aona
MU	darasani	*	* <i>Never used as</i>
MU	darasani	*	<i>an object prefix *</i>

## D). Object Prefixes and Personal Pronouns

Object Prefix	Object Prefix + Verb
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Person:</i>	
<b>Mimi</b> -ni-	Amen <b>iona</b>
<b>Sisi</b> -tu-	Ametu <b>ona</b>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Person:</i>	
<b>Wewe</b> -ku-	Ameku <b>ona</b>
<b>Nyinyi</b> -wa-	Amewa <b>ona</b>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Person:</i>	
<b>Yeye</b> -m(w)-	Amemw <b>ona</b>
<b>Wao</b> -wa-	Amewa <b>ona</b>

### Zingatia [Note]

The object prefix must be included **when the object of the verb is an animate object** (i.e. human animals, insects, etc.).

**When the object of the verb is inanimate**, we can have both the object prefix and the object noun or just one of them.

## Sentence Formation

Mifano:

**1.** Kiti kilich**onunuliwa** na mama kilipendeza.

[The chair that was bought by mom was very attractive.]

Viti viliv**yonunuliwa** na mama vilipendeza sana.

[The chairs that were bought by mom were very attractive.]

**2.** Pahali pa Zak **palipendeza**.

[Zak's place is attractive.]

Pahali pa Zak **palipendeza**.

[Zak's place is attractive.]

**3.** Nimem**wona** mgeni wa kaka yangu.

[I have seen my brother's guest.]

Nimewa**ona** wageni wa kaka yangu.

[I have seen my brother's guests.]