

Lesson 4:

Personal Pronouns

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There are three personal pronouns in Swahili:

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

Each personal pronoun has a singular and a plural form.

A). First Person Pronoun

Umoja [singular]
Mimi [I/Me]
 Represented by **NI-**

Wingi [plural]
Sisi [We/Us]
 Represented by **TU-**

Sentensi:

Mimi ninaitwa Jeremy.	[I am called Jeremy. / <i>My name is Jeremy.</i>]
Sisi tunaitwa Jeremy.	[We are called Jeremy. / <i>Our names are Jeremy.</i>]

B). Second Person Pronoun

Umoja [singular]
Wewe [You]
 Represented by **U-**

Wingi [plural]
Nyinyi/Ninyi [You (pl.)]
 Represented by **M-**

Sentensi:

Wewe unaitwa Jeremy.	[You are called Jeremy. / <i>Your name is Jeremy.</i>]
Nyinyi/Ninyi mnaitwa Jeremy.	[You (pl.) are called Jeremy. / <i>Your names are Jeremy.</i>]

C). Third Person Pronoun

Umoja [singular]
Yeye [He/She, Her/Him]
 Represented by **A-**

Wingi [plural]
Wao [They/Them]
 Represented by **WA-**

Sentensi:	
Yeye anaitwa Jeremy.	[He is called Jeremy. / <i>His name is Jeremy.</i>]
Wao wanaitwa Jeremy.	[They are called Jeremy. / <i>Their names are Jeremy.</i>]

Muhtasari [Summary]		
Nafsi [Personal Pronoun]		Kiwakilishi [Marker]
1st Person: Mimi Sisi	[I/Me] [We/Us]	NI- TU-
2nd Person: Wewe Nyinyi/Ninyi	[You] [You (pl.)]	U- M-
3rd Person: Yeye Wao	[He/She, Her/Him] [They/Them]	A- WA-

Zingatia [Note]	
ita	[call]
itwa	[be called]
Ninaitwa ____ .	[I am called ____ . / <i>My name is ____.</i>]
Nani?	[Who?/What is his/her name?]
Na wewe je?	[And what about you?]

Question Formation	
Mifano:	
1. Wewe <u>n</u>aitwa nani?	
[What is your name?]	
Mimi <u>n</u>inaitwa Jeremy.	[I am called Jeremy / <i>My name is Jeremy.</i>]
2. Nyinyi <u>m</u>naitwa nani?	
[What are your names?]	
Sisi <u>t</u>unaitwa Jeremy.	[We are called Jeremy/ <i>Our names are Jeremy.</i>]

3. Yeye anaitwa nani?

[What is he/she called? / *What is his/her name?*]

Yeye anaitwa Jeremy.

[He is called Jeremy / *His name is Jeremy.*]

4. Wao wanaitwa nani?

[What are they called? / *What are their names?*]

Wao wanaitwa Jeremy.

[They are called / *Their names are Jeremy.*]

5. Mimi ninaitwa John.

[I am called John]

Na wewe je?

[And what about you?]

Mimi ninaitwa Andrew.

[I am called Andrew.]