

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

#### B). Second Person Possessive

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

#### C). Third Person Possessive

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

## Muhtasari [Summary]

<i>1<sup>st</sup> Person Singular:</i> <b>-ANGU</b> [My]	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Person Plural:</i> <b>-ETU</b> [Our]
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Person Singular:</i> <b>-AKO</b> [Your]	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Person Plural:</i> <b>-ENU</b> [Your (pl.)]
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Person Singular:</i> <b>-AKE</b> [His/Her]	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Person Plural:</i> <b>-AO</b> [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:	
<b>1. Jina langu ni nani?</b>	
[What is my name?]	
Jina lako ni Peter.	[Your name is Peter.]
<b>2. Jina lako ni nani?</b>	
[What is your name?]	
Jina langu ni Darnell.	[My name is Darnell.]
<b>3. Jina lake ni nani?</b>	
[What is his/her name?]	
Jina lake ni Don.	[His/her name is Don.]
<b>4. Jina lako ni nani mama/mwalimu?</b>	
[What is your name, mom/teacher?]	