



**Baba Yetu
(Our Father)**

SWAHILI

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(Swahili is also known as Kiswahili)

- In general: vowels pronunciation
The vowels: Ah [a], Ey [e], E [i], O [o], Ooo [u], have the same pronunciation as the Spanish vowels
- In general: morphemes
Many Swahili words are already built in with a Subject-Verb-Object, and so complex sentences can sometimes be expressed with a few words. The clear pronunciation of each morpheme (smallest grammatical unit in a language) within a word becomes essential to understand its larger meaning. For example: *aliye* represents two words in English (*a* = he or she, and *ye* = who)
- In general: syllable accentuation
In Swahili, the second to last syllable is always accented. Here are some example in the lyrics:
Utupe leo chakula chetu
Tunachohitaji utusamehe
Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea