

Nominalklassar og genus i swahili

GENDERS / CLASSES	NOMINAL PREFIXES	EXAMPLES	SEMANTIC CATEGORIES
M-/WA- Cl 1 Singular Cl 2 Plural	M-, MW- WA-, W-	‘person’ MTU WATU	Names of human beings exclusively, + 2 names of animals. No object.
M-/MI- Cl 3 Singular Cl 4 Plural	M-, MW- MI-, M-	‘tree’ MTI MITI	Names of trees, plants, nature, parts of the human body, human activities.
JI-/MA- Cl 5 Singular Cl 6 Plural	Ø- or JI- MA-	‘fruit’ TUNDA MATUNDA	Names of fruits, uncountables, everyday life objects, persons, augmentatives, nouns of Arabic origin, etc...
KI-/VI- Cl 7 Singular Cl 8 Plural	KI-, CH- VI-, VY-	‘chair’ KITI VITI	Everyday objects, animals, parts of the human body, persons, diminutives, languages.
N- Cl 9 Singular Cl 10 Plural	Ø- or N- Ø- or N-	‘cloth’ NGUO NGUO	Abstract and concrete things, persons, animals, natural elements, nouns of foreign origin, etc.
U- Cl. 11, 14 Cl 10 Plural	U-, W- Ø- or N-	‘face’ USO NYUSO	Nouns of objects (Cl. 11), Singular abstract nouns (Cl. 14).
KU- Cl. 15	KU-, KW-	‘reading’ KUSOMA	Substantivated verbs. («Infinitives.»)
Cl. Locatives Cl. 16, 17, 18	PA-, KU-, M-	‘place’ MAHALI	A single noun. They are present in class agreements.