

Learn Swahili!



Many of the words used during Kwanzaa come from the African language of Swahili. This language is formally called Kiswahili.

Practice saying these Swahili words aloud. Use phonetics to correctly match each Swahili word with its pronunciation.

PRONUNCIATIONS

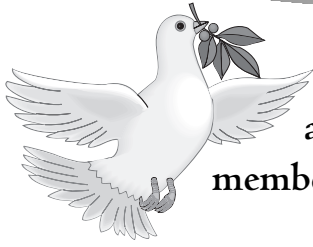
- ___ Habari gani? What's new?
- ___ Harambee! Let's pull together!
- ___ imani: believing in yourself
- ___ karamu: the feast
- ___ kikombe cha umoja: the cup of togetherness
- ___ kinara: the candleholder
- ___ kujichagulia: acting and speaking for yourself
- ___ kuumba: thinking of new ways to do things
- ___ Kwanzaa: first fruits, an African American holiday
- ___ Kwanzaa yenu iwe na heri! May your Kwanzaa be happy!
- ___ mazao: the fruits and vegetables
- ___ mishumaa saba: the seven candles
- ___ mkeka: the place mat
- ___ muhindi: the corn
- ___ nguzo saba: the seven principles of Kwanzaa
- ___ nia: having a reason and purpose for doing what you do
- ___ ujamaa: going to each other buy services and things
- ___ ujima: working together
- ___ umoja: staying together, unity
- ___ zawadi: the gifts

a = ah as in father e = a as in day
i = ee as in free o = o as in go
u = oo as in too

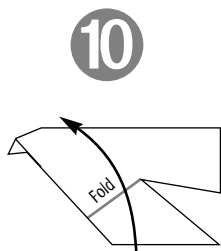
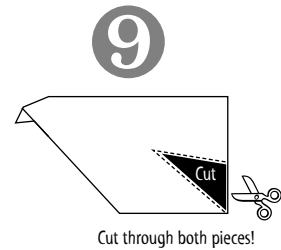
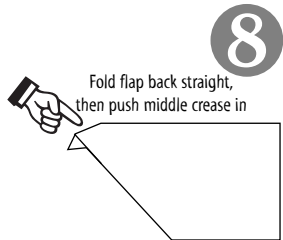
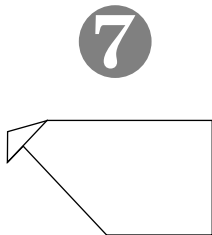
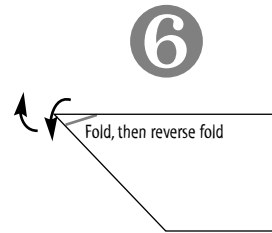
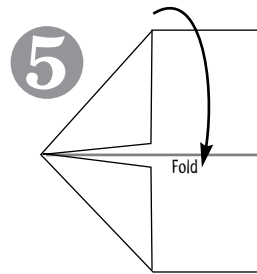
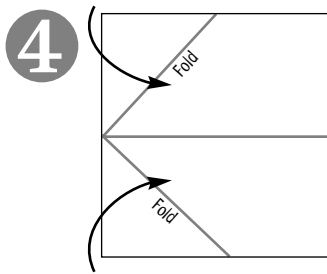
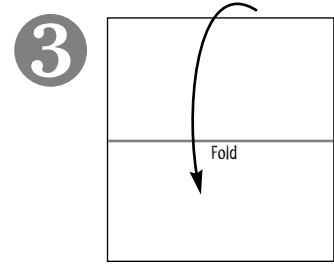
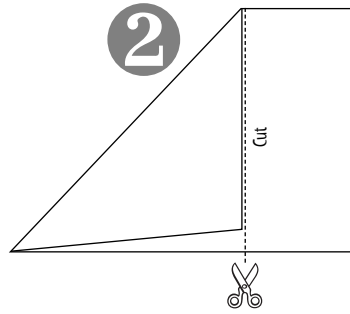
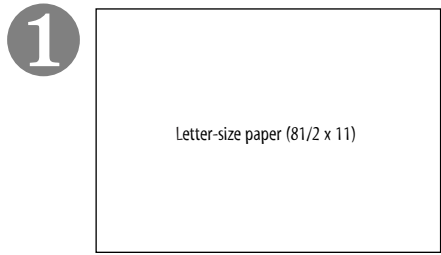
- A. hah-rahm-BEH
- B. mah-ZAH-oh
- C. kah-RAH-moo
- D. kee-NAH-rah
- E. zah-WAH-dee
- F. koo-OO-mbah
- G. ee-MAH-nee
- H. KWAH-nzah
- I. hah-BAH-ree GAH-nee
- J. KWAH-nzah YEH-noo EE-weh nah HEH-ree
- K. oo-jah-MAH
- L. mee-shoo-MAH SAH-bah
- M. oo-MOH-jah
- N. mm-KEH-kah
- O. oo-JEE-mah
- P. kee-KOM-beh chah oo-MOH-jah
- Q. moo-HIN-dee
- R. koo-ji-chah-goo-LEE-ah
- S. NEE-ah
- T. nn-GOO-zoh SAH-bah

ANSWER KEY: I, A, G, C, P, D, R, F, H, J, B, L, N, Q, T, S, K, O, M, E

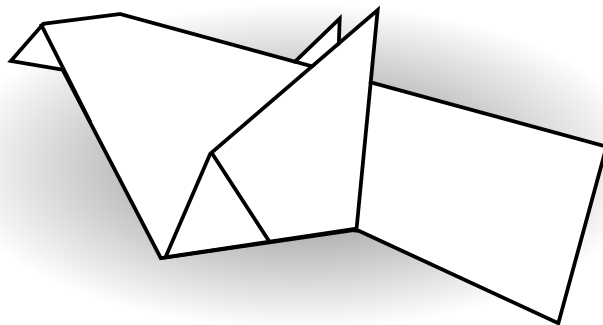
🕊️ Kwanzaa Peace Doves 🕊️



Kwanzaa promotes peace, love, and unity in its seven principles and symbols. Fold origami peace doves for your family members this Kwanzaa.



TIP: Use your fingernail to make sharp creases!



Kwanzaa Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle below.



WORD BANK

PRINCIPLE ● DETERMINATION ● HISTORY
 COOPERATE ● PRIDE ● MAULANA ● CULTURE
 FAITH ● LOVE ● BENDERA ● ANCESTOR ● UNITY
 LABOR ● HOME ● SWAHILI ● TRADITION ● AFRICA
 KINARA ● JOIN ● SHARE ● KARAMU
 PURPOSE ● SYMBOL ● FRIEND ● CREATE

F	C	G	B	P	R	I	N	C	I	P	L	E
A	N	A	L	U	A	M	Z	F	X	R	L	S
D	E	T	E	R	M	I	N	A	T	I	O	N
A	T	O	L	P	B	J	K	I	J	D	B	O
E	A	R	L	O	V	E	A	T	O	E	M	I
Y	R	O	T	S	I	H	N	H	I	E	Y	T
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U	M	A	R	A	K	A	K	I	N	A	R	A