UNIT 10: ADJECTIVES, ADVERBS, AND SYNTAX

**Tip:** **Read aloud every Swahili word to practice your sight-reading fluency.**

**Part 1: Noun-Adjective Pairs**

1) Translate the following phrases

   a. Big house             nyumba kubwa
   b. Few beans             maharagwe machache
   c. Clean toilet          choo safi
   d. Short journey         safari fupi
   e. Deep water            maji marefu
   f. Two small chickens    kuku wadogo wawili
   g. Those large fruit     matunda hayo makubwa
   h. Thin cloth            nguo nyepesi
   i. Important questions   maswali muhimu
   j. Skinny child          mtoto mwembamba
   k. Local people          watu wenyeji
   l. This long journey     safari hii ndefu
   m. Many crops            mazao mengi
   n. Other students        wanafunzi wengine
   o. Foreign things        vitu vigeni
   p. Lots of rain          mvua nyingi
   q. Unripe maize          mahindi mabichi
   r. Cold water            maji baridi
   s. Red fruit             matunda mekundu
   t. Many trees            miti mingi
   u. Many chairs           viti vingi
   v. Lots of work          kazi nyingi
   w. Rotten cucumbers      matango mabovu
   x. Lots of foods         vyakula vyingi
   y. Other seeds           mbegu nyingine/zingine
   z. Many vegetables       mboga nyingi
   aa. Another tree         mti mwingine
   bb. Little brother       kaka mdogo
   cc. Good food            chakula kizuri
   dd. Difficult work       kazi ngumu
   ee. Good seeds           mbegu bora
   ff. Difficult journey    safari ngumu
PART 2: TRANSLATING SENTENCES

1. Translate the following sentences from English to Swahili:
   a. Do you sell other food?  
      **Je, unauza chakula kingine?**
   b. This food is very expensive.  
      **Chakula hiki ni ghali sana**
   c. The three brothers bought a black car yesterday.  
      **Kaka watatu walinunua gari jeusi jana.**
   d. A few people wanted to open the meeting.  
      **Watu wachache walitaka kufungua kikao.**
   e. My brother brought three small chairs on Friday.  
      **Kaka yangu alileta viti vitatu vidogo Ijumaa**
   f. The elders read five good books this year.  
      **Wazee walisoma vitabu vitano vizuri mwaka huu**  
      [*you can flip vizuri and vitano]*
   g. His brothers will harvest a lot of fruit on Friday.  
      **Kaka zake watavuna matunda mengi Ijumaa.**
   h. Many teachers do not like to teach Swahili.  
      **Walimu wengi hawapendi kufundisha Kiswahili.**
   i. These people have not finished their very long journey.  
      **Watu hawa hawajamaliza safari yao ndefu.**
   j. Many of our crops died on Wednesday.  
      **Mazao yetu mengi yaliyukufa Jumatano.**
   k. We did not get much money yesterday.  
      **Hatukupata fedha/hela nyingi jana.**
   l. The other group members did not come to the meeting this morning.  
      **Wanakikundi wengine hawakuja kikao asubuhi hii.**
   m. We agreed to plan our harvest together.  
      **Tulikubali kupanga pamoja mauzo yetu.**

2. Translate the following sentences from Swahili to English:
   n. Sipendi kula chakula kibaya.  
      **I do not like to eat bad food.**
   o. Wageni warefu watatu walikuja kijijini jana.  
      **Three tall foreigners came to the village yesterday.**
   p. Dada wawili wengine wamepanga kupika maandazi makubwa kesho.  
      **The other two sisters decided to cook big maandazi tomorrow.**
   q. Tutaonana siku nyingine.  
      **We will see each other another night.**
r. Sitaki kusoma kitabu hiki kibaya. Naomba kitabu kingine. **I do not want to read this bad book. I am asking for another book.**

s. Walichelewa kuvuna mazao haya manane kwa sababu bibi yao alifika nyumbani asubuhi hii. **They were late to harvest these 8 crops because their grandmother arrived at home this morning.**

t. Majembe yetu makubwa yatafaa. **Our large hand-hoes will be suitable.**

u. Mbegu mbaya hazitakua. **Bad seeds will not grow.**

v. Chakula rahisi cha duka hilo ni chakula kichafu sana. **This shop’s cheap food is very bad food.**

w. Mmeamua kusafisha viti hivi vifupi vitano. **You all decided to clean these five dirty chairs.**

x. Mama alienda kuoga saa kumi na moja na nusu asubuhi. **Mama went to bathe at 5:30 AM.**

y. Hatukuweza kuondoka kijijini Alhamisi kwa sababu watoto wetu wadogo walipata magonjwa mabaya. **We could not leave the village on Thursday because three little kids got bad illnesses.**

z. Juma hakujibu simu yake kwa sababu haikupatikana. **Juma did not answer his phone because it was unavailable.**