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Salamu & Greetings

KIIRAQW	KISWAHILI	ENGLISH
Laawo guute e.g. Ako laawo guute	Habari za asubuhi, baba.	Good morning, father
Saitaa e.g. Khae saitaa way	Hujambo, habari yako?	Hey, how are you?

Misemo & Methali (Proverbs)

Methali za Wairaqw kutoka Mbulu — hekima, subira, malezi na maadili ya jamii.

KIIRAQW	KISWAHILI	ENGLISH
Anu	Mimi.	I
Anu lach murue a buut	Mimi ni mkali, vitu vyangu ni vya kulipa.	I am fierce; my things must be paid for.
Baba	Baba.	father
Baba o xwayla bir kahh o haraaye ikahi?	Baba wa kukuzaa kama hayupo, hata wa malezi hayupo?	If the birth father is absent, is there even a parent for upbringing?
Bara amoker ghumta lohi huek	Ukienda sehemu beba kibuyu cha njiani.	When you go somewhere, carry a gourd for the journey.
Bawu bara si ari a sia	Ukikataa kuonywa, kitakachokukuta utakataa.	If you refuse warning, you will refuse what befalls you.
buhhtar	Hasira.	anger
Buhhtar wawtamo ador o'rotlor dirangw	Hasira za mtawala ni kama ngurumo ya simba.	A ruler's anger is like a lion's roar.
buut	Kulipa (deni).	to pay / repay
Delor buhare a tsar	Muda wa masika ni mbili.	The rainy season is short.
diraangw	Simba.	lion
Do a sleer yae tlakw a tsegamis	Nyumba ni sawa na ng'ombe mwenye mguu mbovu.	A house is like a cow with a lame leg.
Do bura qwareska dir masombimar uqwares dir seemir a'wak	Usipopoteza nyuma ukiwa kijana utapoteza ukizeeka.	If you fall behind as a youth, you will be lost in old age.
ehat	Tai.	eagle
gaslay	Jasho / faida (kutoka kwa kazi).	sweat / gain (from work)
Gaw masomba gwaresi gwa ehat	Uwindaji wa vijana, tai huwafuata.	When youths hunt, the eagle follows them.

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ghumta	Sehemu / mahali.	place
gwaresi	Uwindaji.	hunt / hunting
haraaye	Malezi / ulezi.	upbringing / care
Hhae	Ndugu.	sibling / brother or sister
Hhae iala'ne, ial lagwalie	Ndugu wapendane wawe pamoja na wazae pamoja.	Siblings should love one another, stay together and bear children together.
huek	Njiani / safari.	path / journey
Ilwar	Maziwa.	milk
Ilwar sleer ghasarmo ki iwitananang'w wa wahahanka	Maziwa ya ng'ombe wa kuazima hayanywewi kwa kukaa.	Borrowed cow's milk is not drunk while sitting idle.
imi	Watu.	people
Kuro	Mwewe / tai.	eagle
Kuro tsihay u gawta tsahh	Mwewe mwenye mimba utamtambua juu.	The pregnant eagle will recognize it from above.
lohi	Kibuyu.	gourd (calabash)
Mangu	Mguu.	foot
Mangu tsui ti alen	Mguu wa mbu utupelee.	The foot of a mosquito lifts us.
Mara kwaslemuser yari naqwariye	Nyumba za wapenda kesi wengi zinapotea.	Houses of those who love disputes perish.
masomba	Vijana (winds wa uwindaji).	youth / young hunters
Matle	Asubuhi.	morning
Matle a tlaghandi	Asubuhi ni kiraka.	Morning is a sieve (time is short).
Nanagi doos gu ghoer	Mdudu wa mahindi atafika tu kwake.	The maize pest will only reach him.
nii	Watoto.	children

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Puru	Unga.	flour
Puru khoslaro ahhoer faa a'tlemis iloa tsuu	Unga uliosagwa ni rahisi kusonga ugali.	Well-ground flour is easy to stir into ugali.
qatso	Miguu (iliyokaa bila kazi).	legs / feet (idle)
qaymo	Shamba / uwanja wa kilimo.	field / farm
Qaymo bara nii yaa'b inos kosi gi yaa'b	Ukiwatuma watoto shambani, nao watawatuma watoto wenzao.	If you send children to the farm alone, they will send each other away.
Sarhha	Uso.	face
Sarhha tsuf a gaslay, qatso tsuf a gaslayka	Uso unaotoa jasho hupata lakini miguu iliyokaa haipati chochote.	The face that sweats gains; idle legs gain nothing.
Slaa	Kichaka.	bush
Slaa iakhmis	Kichaka kinasikia.	The bush hears.
sleer	Nyumba (au ng'ombe katika msemu mwingine).	house (also cow in other expressions)
tlaghandi	Kiraka (sifa ya muda mfupi asubuhi).	sieve (symbol of short morning time)
tlakw	Ng'ombe (katika msemu huu).	cow (in this proverb)
tsegamis	Mguu mbovu.	lame leg
Tsir-ir-dayouso ka nii yari'	Ndege mwoga ana watoto wengi.	A timid bird has many chicks.
tsui	Mbu.	mosquito
tsuu	Ugali.	stiff porridge (ugali)
wawtamo	Mtawala / kiongozi.	ruler / leader
xwayla	Baba wa kuzaa / kuzaliwa.	biological father (birth)
Yama	Maeneo / mahali pa watu.	people's place / area
Yama imi ahembeto	Maeneo ya watu yabebwe kwa pamoja.	People's places should be borne together.

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yari'	Watoto.	children / offspring

Utenganishaji wa Maneno — Word Breakdown

Maneno ya ndani ya salamu na sentensi za Kiiraqw.

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Ako e.g. Ako laawo guute	Baba.	father
guute e.g. Ako laawo guute	Habari njema / za asubuhi.	good (morning greeting)
Khae e.g. Khae saitaa way	Hujambo / hey.	hey (greeting)
Laawo e.g. Ako laawo guute	Asubuhi (salamu).	morning (in greetings)

Other Phrases

KIIRAQW	KISWAHILI	ENGLISH
ar	Kwa fimbo.	with (instrumental)
bará e.g. danú guna loxoós bará miringamoo ar xwaytsi	Ndani ya mzinga.	in / into
danú e.g. danú guna loxoós bará miringamoo ar xwaytsi	Asali (katika mfano hapo).	honey
guna e.g. danú guna loxoós bará miringamoo ar xwaytsi	Yeye / alitoboa (kiambishi cha kitendo).	he (3sg subject on verb)
Luxoos e.g. danú guna loxoós bará miringamoo ar xwaytsi	Alitoboa asali ndani ya mzinga kwa fimbo.	He poked into the honey in the bee-hive with a stick.
miringamoo e.g. danú guna loxoós bará miringamoo ar xwaytsi	Mzinga wa nyuki.	bee-hive
na/ay e.g. án ta-wa na/ay	Mtoto.	child
Qanhi e.g. Laari Qanhi	Yai.	egg
tloma e.g. Lei i dirqa ba tloma	Kilima.	hill
xwaytsi e.g. danú guna loxoós bará miringamoo ar xwaytsi	Fimbo.	stick

Maneno / Vocabulary

Kamusi ya maneno kutoka hifadhidata ya Nukta Kamusi.

KIIRAQW	KISWAHILI	ENGLISH
Laari (verb)	kuchuja	to peel

KIIRAQW**KISWAHILI****ENGLISH****Lei** (noun)

mbuzi

goat (singular)

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