



# Introduction

1. The writing is cursive i.e. Letters are designed to be joined together.
2. The numerals and Capitals are always written as stand-alone characters.
3. Direction of writing is from left to right just like Latin.
4. The main 'X-HEIGHT' of the letters is the height of the VOWEL. The ASCENDERS go above the vowel height and the DESCENDERS go below the BASE LINE. All the lines shown below for practice are the BASE LINE.
5. The script can be used to write any African language.
6. Exceptions to the norm are;
  - ch is just written as  $\lambda$  only.
  - ng' is just written as  $\text{ŋ}'$  only.
  - $\text{ǀ}$  is the southern Africa 'click' sound.
7. There are DOTTED letters that should be traced first, thereafter the blank spaces provided should be filled in PENCIL to enable erasure and also for repeated practice on the same spaces. Practice makes perfect.
8. Remember the cardinal rule: write the syllable FIRST then add the diacritic mark(s).

# Writing Upper Case, Lower Case and Numbers

A	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	a	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
B	ᐅ	ᐅ	_____	b	ᐅ	ᐅ	_____
CH	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	ch	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
D	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	d	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
E	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	e	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
F	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	f	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
G	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	g	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
H	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	h	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
I	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	i	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
J	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	j	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
K	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	k	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
L	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	l	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
M	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	m	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
N	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	n	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
NG'	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	ng'	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
O	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	o	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
P	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	p	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____
CL	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____	cl	ᐱ	ᐱ	_____

R	Ƨ	⦿	_____
S	Ɔ	⦿	_____
T	Ɔ	⦿	_____
U	Ɔ	⦿	_____
V	Ɔ	⦿	_____
W	Ɔ	⦿	_____
Y	Ɔ	⦿	_____
Z	Ɔ	⦿	_____

r	Ƨ	⦿	_____
s	Ɔ	⦿	_____
t	Ɔ	⦿	_____
u	Ɔ	⦿	_____
v	Ɔ	⦿	_____
w	Ɔ	⦿	_____
y	Ɔ	⦿	_____
z	Ɔ	⦿	_____

0	⦿	⦿	_____
1	Ɔ	⦿	_____
2	Ɔ	⦿	_____
3	Ɔ	⦿	_____
4	Ɔ	⦿	_____
5	Ɔ	⦿	_____
6	Ɔ	⦿	_____
7	Ɔ	⦿	_____
8	Ɔ	⦿	_____
9	Ɔ	⦿	_____
10	Ɔ	⦿	_____

100	ᐅᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅ	_____
1981	ᐅᐅᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅᐅ	_____
2009	ᐅᐅᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅᐅᐅ	_____
07/07/14	ᐅᐅ/ᐅᐅ/ᐅᐅ	ᐅᐅ/ᐅᐅ/ᐅᐅ	_____

## Syllables

With all the letters and numbers done, let us practice consonant and vowel combinations. These combinations will form the most commonly used syllables. Join the consonant to the vowel FIRST then add the diacritic marks afterwards.

	ᐅ	ᐅ	ᐅ	ᐅ	ᐅ
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	_____	_____	_____	_____
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	_____	_____	_____	_____
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	_____	_____	_____	_____
ᐅ	ᐅᐅ	_____	_____	_____	_____
ᐅ	_____	ᐅᐅ	_____	_____	_____
ᐅ	_____	_____	ᐅᐅ	_____	_____
ᐅ	_____	_____	_____	ᐅᐅ	_____
ᐅ	_____	_____	_____	_____	ᐅᐅ
ᐅ	_____	_____	_____	ᐅᐅ	_____
ᐅ	_____	_____	ᐅᐅ	_____	_____

ሶ	_____		_____	_____	_____
ታ		_____	_____	_____	_____
ሶ		_____	_____	_____	_____
ኧ	_____		_____	_____	_____
ሮ	_____	_____	ሮሮ	_____	_____
ቸ	_____	_____	_____		_____
ቸ	_____	_____	_____	_____	
ቸ	_____	_____	_____		_____
ፍ	_____	_____		_____	_____
ረ	_____		_____	_____	_____
ረ		_____	_____	_____	_____
ፍ	_____		_____	_____	_____
ገ	_____	_____		_____	_____
ገ	_____		_____	_____	_____
ገ	_____	_____		_____	_____

**Short Words**

With the syllables completed, we should now write syllable combinations which create words. This will be done by practicing three words from each letter. Attempt to read the words before writing in the spaces provided.

a	ኦ		
abudu	ኦፍኪኪ		_____
alama	ኦፍኪኪ		_____
adui	ኦፍኪኪ		_____

b

bado

ታዳዎ

ታዳዎ

\_\_\_\_\_

bega

ቤገላዎ

ቤገላዎ

\_\_\_\_\_

bibi

ቲግራዎ

ቲግራዎ

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c

chora

ታራ

ታራ

\_\_\_\_\_

chupa

ታላቁ

ታላቁ

\_\_\_\_\_

changa

ታላቁ

ታላቁ

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d

debe

ዳይ

ዳይ

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dira

ዳራ

ዳራ

\_\_\_\_\_

dola

ዳራ

ዳራ

\_\_\_\_\_

e

enea

ኤንያ

ኤንያ

\_\_\_\_\_

enzi

ኤንዳ

ኤንዳ

\_\_\_\_\_

eti

ኤትያ

ኤትያ

\_\_\_\_\_

f

fedha

ፊደላ

ፊደላ

\_\_\_\_\_

fika

ፊቅ

ፊቅ

\_\_\_\_\_

funga

ፊንጋ

ፊንጋ

\_\_\_\_\_

g

gofu

ገዳ

ገዳ

\_\_\_\_\_

gubu

ገባ

ገባ

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gari

ገራ

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h

hema

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hivi

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hofu

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i

imla

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idara

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imara

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j

jiko

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jaza

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jumba

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k

kero

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kiko

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kopo

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l

lugha

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lamba

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leso

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m

mila

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moshi

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mungu

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n

nona

ᠨᠣᠨᠠ

ᠨᠣᠨᠠ

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nuna

ᠨᠤᠨᠠ

ᠨᠤᠨᠠ

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nanga

ᠨᠠᠩᠭᠠ

ᠨᠠᠩᠭᠠ

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ng'

ng'ombe

ᠨᠭᠣᠮᠪᠡ

ᠨᠭᠣᠮᠪᠡ

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ng'ambo

ᠨᠭᠠᠮᠪᠣ

ᠨᠭᠠᠮᠪᠣ

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ng'ara

ᠨᠭᠠᠷᠠ

ᠨᠭᠠᠷᠠ

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o

okoa

ᠣᠬᠤᠠ

ᠣᠬᠤᠠ

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ongea

ᠣᠩᠭᠡᠠ

ᠣᠩᠭᠡᠠ

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ofisi

ᠣᠶᠢᠰᠢ

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p

pesa

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pole

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pura

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r

radi

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reli

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rika

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s

soko

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sumu

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sawa

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t

tiba

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thamani

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tundu

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u

umia

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uvumi

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umri

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v

vita

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vazi

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vunda

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w

watu

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wito

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wema

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yowe

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yule

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yaya

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z

zetu

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zidi

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zaka

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**More words practice**

The words we have been practicing are short and the syllables easy to construct. Now let us practice different words as per subject indicated. remember that writing the syllable makes your work easy and fast. As with the previous exercise, read the word first before writing in the spaces provided.

**Body Parts**

Kichwa	ፑረገላ	ፑረገላ	_____
Shingo	ቀይረካሮ	ቀይረካሮ	_____
Shavu	ቀይረረ	ቀይረረ	_____
Bega	ዳህላ	ዳህላ	_____
Paja	ፀሃጊ	ፀሃጊ	_____
Goti	ሐሮሮ	ሐሮሮ	_____
Wayo	ጸሃይ	ጸሃይ	_____
Tako	ፀሃይ	ፀሃይ	_____
Dole	ጸሃይ	ጸሃይ	_____
Mgongo	ጸሃይ	ጸሃይ	_____

**Animals**

Kobe	ፑሮገላ	ፑሮገላ	_____
Ndovu	ፀሃይ	ፀሃይ	_____
Simba	ቀይረገላ	ቀይረገላ	_____
Twiga	ፀሃይ	ፀሃይ	_____
Nyati	ፀሃይ	ፀሃይ	_____
Kifaru	ፑረገላ	ፑረገላ	_____
Duma	ጸሃይ	ጸሃይ	_____
Swara	ቀይረገላ	ቀይረገላ	_____

Chui	ጊሮ	ጊሮ	_____
Ngiri	ጆሳጅ	ጆሳጅ	_____

**Transport**

Jahazi	ጊሳጅ	ጊሳጅ	_____
Pikipiki	ፔፕፕፕ	ፔፕፕፕ	_____
Lori	ጎሮ	ጎሮ	_____
Basi	ዳታ	ዳታ	_____
Teksi	ፐታ	ፐታ	_____
Trela	ፐጎጎ	ፐጎጎ	_____
Feri	ጊታ	ጊታ	_____
Meli	ጎታ	ጎታ	_____
Baisikeli	ዳጎጎጎጎ	ዳጎጎጎጎ	_____

**Insects**

Kupe	ፑፑ	ፑፑ	_____
Funza	ጊጎጎ	ጊጎጎ	_____
Siafu	ቀጎጎ	ቀጎጎ	_____
Mbu	ጎጎ	ጎጎ	_____
Nyuki	ጆጎጎ	ጆጎጎ	_____
Nzi	ጆጎ	ጆጎ	_____
Kipepeo	ፑፑፑፑ	ፑፑፑፑ	_____
Nzige	ጆጎጎ	ጆጎጎ	_____
Chawa	ጊጎጎ	ጊጎጎ	_____
Panzi	ፔጎጎ	ፔጎጎ	_____

**Tools**

Nyundo	ፎፎሮ	ፎፎሮ	_____
Msumeno	ገብገብ	ገብገብ	_____
Shoka	ቀጠቀ	ቀጠቀ	_____
Randa	ጸጸጸ	ጸጸጸ	_____
Pimamaji	ፎፎፎፎፎ	ፎፎፎፎፎ	_____
Tupa	ፎፎ	ፎፎ	_____
Sururu	ቀጠቀ	ቀጠቀ	_____
Timazi	ፎፎፎ	ፎፎፎ	_____
Spana	ቀጠቀ	ቀጠቀ	_____
Utepe	ፎፎፎ	ፎፎፎ	_____

**Fish**

Papa	ፎፎ	ፎፎ	_____
Kibua	ፎፎፎ	ፎፎፎ	_____
Pomboo	ፎፎፎፎ	ፎፎፎፎ	_____
Dagaa	ጸጸጸ	ጸጸጸ	_____
Kambare	ፎፎፎፎፎ	ፎፎፎፎፎ	_____
Kaa	ፎፎ	ፎፎ	_____
Mkizi	ገብገብ	ገብገብ	_____
Mkunga	ገብገብ	ገብገብ	_____
Pweza	ፎፎፎ	ፎፎፎ	_____
Nyangumi	ፎፎፎፎፎፎ	ፎፎፎፎፎፎ	_____

**Domestic Animals**

Punda	ፎፎ	ፎፎ	_____
Ng'ombe	ገብገብ	ገብገብ	_____

Mbuzi	ጸግረር	ጸግረር	_____
Paka	ፀኦኦ	ፀኦኦ	_____
Nguruwe	ፀሌኦኦ	ፀሌኦኦ	_____
Farasi	ፈኦኦ	ፈኦኦ	_____
Sungura	ቀኦኦ	ቀኦኦ	_____
Kondoo	ፑኦኦ	ፑኦኦ	_____
Ngamia	ፀኦኦ	ፀኦኦ	_____
Mbwa	ጸግላ	ጸግላ	_____

**Sports**

Uogeleaji	ፎኦኦ	ፎኦኦ	_____
Ndondi	ፀኦኦ	ፀኦኦ	_____
Miereka	ጸኦኦ	ጸኦኦ	_____
Raga	ጸኦኦ	ጸኦኦ	_____
Tenisi	ፐኦኦ	ፐኦኦ	_____
Riadha	ጸኦኦ	ጸኦኦ	_____
Voliboli	ፎኦኦ	ፎኦኦ	_____
Karate	ፑኦኦ	ፑኦኦ	_____
Kriketi	ፑኦኦ	ፑኦኦ	_____
Kandanda	ፑኦኦ	ፑኦኦ	_____

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