



## Basic Maa for Travelers

Maa is the language of the Maasai, Samburu and Camus people found in Kenya and Tanzania. This guide is a brief introduction to the Maa language and contains key words and simple phrases. We strongly suggest learning and using basic greetings and phrases during your stay. The locals will greatly appreciate your efforts and will be all the more welcoming to you during your stay.

### Basic Conversation

### Translation and *transliteration*

How are you?	Supa
I am fine	Pa
Please	Sii sii
I don't know	Mayiolo
Thank you for the tea	Ashe te chai
Thank you very much	Ashe oleng

### Vocabulary Words

### Translation and *transliteration*

Goat	Ekine
Sheep	Enker
Water	Enkarre
Understandt	Kayiolo
House	Kaji
Tea	Chai
Shower/wash	Suja
Food	Endaa

### Questions

### Translation and *transliteration*

How	Kája
Where	Káji
Why	Ánáá íjo
How many	Ája

**Verbs****Translation and *transliteration***

To do	a-ik̄
To want	a-ŋúárr
To need or desire	a-yíéú
To have	a-atá
To go	a-ló

**Pronouns****Translation and *transliteration***

I, me	nán̄
We, us	iyíóók

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