

Auxiliaries

kuwa

“ used to refer to the protracted nature of an action or action at a definite moment in the past or in the future.

Has this interpretation when the verb that follows is modulated by markers like '-ki-' or '-na'.

weza

“ assumes the meaning of potentiality and possibility at some point in the past, present, or future.

the full verb that follows is infinitive.

pata

“ implies ability or opportunity for a subject to accomplish a particular thing or, on the contrary, suffers a stroke of misfortune by the occurrence of the action denoted by the main verb.

verb stem that follows can either be infinitive or not.

kuja

“ used to refer to an action that will take place at an implied time in the near or distant future

verb stem that follows is likely infinitive.

taka

“ suggests the meaning of assurance that a desire or purpose will definitely or most probably be fulfilled.

- Can be followed by bare verb stem or *ku* + verb stem.
- Mgonjwa ataka kunywa maji (the patient wants to drink water)
- Mwizi yule ataka toroka (that thief wants to escape)

kwenda

1. when used with *me-* *li-* tense, it assumes the meaning of an action being carried out at the time indicated in the context (concurrent actions).
- Hamida amekwenda kuleta chakula (Hamida has gone to get food.)
2. When used with or without a subject prefix and with the relative *po*, the verb indicates something like "should it happen", "if by chance"
- Wendapo hutakuja shuleni kesho, mwalimu wako atahamaki (and if it happens that you do not come to school tomorrow, your teacher will get angry)
3. When followed by *-ka-* or *-me-* the word *huenda* means "perhaps", "Pmaybe"

- Huenda mvua ikayesha leo. (it may rain today)

kwisha

“ refers to a state of existing or action completed before the point in time indicated in the context.

- simba amekwish kuuliwa (the lion is already killed)
- Walimu wamekwisha fika mkutaoni (the teachers have already arrived in the meeting)

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