

Jina langu ni Eli. Nimetaka kujifunza Kiswahili tangu nilikuwa mdogo, kwa sababu Afrika ya Mashariki ni sehemu kuvutia sana ya dunia. Ninafikiri kwamba darasa hili ni muhimu kwa sababu Kiswahili ni lugha ya Afrika – si lugha ya Ulaya au Amerika. Tunahitaji kuzungumza lugha ya asili ya nchi kadhaa ili kufahamu juu ya watu na mila yao. Pia, ni ishara ya heshima. Ni muhimu hasa kwa sababu hakuna lugha ya Afrika ingine katika Brown.

My name is Eli. I have wanted to learn Swahili since I was little, because East Africa is a very interesting part of the world. I think that this class is important because Swahili is an African language – it is not a language of Europe or America. We need to speak the native languages of various countries in order to understand about people and their cultures. Also, it is a symbol of respect. It is especially important because there are no other African languages at Brown.

Jina langu ni Becca. Ninatoka Houston, mji katika jimbo la Texas. Ninasoma katika chuo Kikuu cha Brown, chuo katika Providence, mji katika jimbo la Rhode Island. Sasa, ninasoma lugha ya Kiswahili katika shule. Nilitaka kusoma Kiswahili kwa sababu mara kwa mara, katika Providence, ninafanya kazi ya wakimbizi kutoka Afrika ya mashariki, na wanasema Kiswahili. Ninataka kuweza kuzungumza na wao. Pia, nitaenda kusoma katika nchi la Kenya mwaka ijayo. Ninapenda kusoma Kiswahili, na ninapenda GISP letu.

My name is Becca. I am from Houston, a city in the state of Texas. I study at Brown University, a school in Providence, which is a city in Rhode Island. Now, I am studying the language of Swahili in school. I wanted to study Swahili because often, in Providence, I work with East African refugees, and they speak Swahili. I wanted to be able to talk to them. Also, I am going to study in the country of Kenya. I really like learning Swahili, and I love our GISP.

Kipindi hiki, nimejifunza mengi sana, kama kusema, kusoma, kuandika, na kusikiliza kwa Kiswahili. Kwa mfano, sasa ninaweza kuzungumza na mwalimu wangu wa Kiswahili juu ya jamaa langu, masomo yangu, na vitu vingine mbalimbali. Ingawa darasa hii imekuwa vigumu, nilitaka kujifunza juu ya watu na tamaduni ya Afrika ya Mashariki. Kwa kweli ni lugha ndiyo njiya nzuri ya kujifunza juu ya tamaduni nyingine. Ninatarajia kutakuwa lugha ya Afrika mengine mengi katika chuo Kikuu cha Brown hivi karibuni.

This semester, I have learned very much, like to speak, to read, to write, and to listen in Swahili. For example, now I am able to converse with my Swahili teacher about my family, my lessons, and various other things. Although this class has been difficult, I wanted to learn about people and cultures of East Africa. It is true that languages are the best way to learn about other cultures. I hope there will be many more African languages at Brown University soon.