Swahili in Kenya Video Transcripts

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"Do You Have Change for 20 Shillings?"

Swahili transcript:

"Lolo: Habari?

Karis: Nzuri sana.

Lolo: Uko na change ya shilingi ishirini?

Karis: Unataka pesa kufanya nini?

Lolo Nataka kupiga simu kwa sababu hii haiwezi kuingia hapo.

Karis Wacha niangalie. Nafikiri hii itakusaidia.

Lolo: Ahsante sana, nimeshukuru (ninashukuru) sana."

English translation:

"Lolo: What’s the news?

Kazari: Good.

Lolo: Do you have change for twenty shillings?

Karis: What do you want the money for?

Lolo: I need it to make a call because this doesn’t fit.

Karis: Let me take a look. I think this will help you

Lolo: Thanks a lot. I appreciate it."

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