

# Kyanga-English Dictionary

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The Kyanga dictionary, with English finderlist, was compiled in Nigeria by SIM missionary Dr Ross McCallum Jones over a seven year period while doing Bible translation. It forms a trilogy together with the simultaneously published Illo-Busa and Shanga dictionaries. This cluster of languages belongs to the Eastern sub-division of the Mande language family. Dictionaries of the other three languages of this cluster, Boko, Bokobaru and Busa/Bisã, also compiled by the author, were published in 2004 by Lincom Europa.

The database is stem based so that any word that begins with a lexeme stem will appear as a sub-entry under that lexeme. The 5000+ head and subwords are written in Kyanga orthography, followed by phonetic representations, including tones, a part of speech label and glosses in English.

Borrowed words, etymology, synonyms and variants are given as appropriate, with the borrowings being mainly from Hausa and English. Kyanga is regarded as the oldest language in the area where it is spoken. The 50 page introduction includes an historical survey and a summary of Kyanga phonology and grammar. The author's PhD thesis, the Boko/Busa Language Cluster describing the grammar of Boko, Bokobaru and Bisã, was published by Lincom Europa in 1998.

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## 0.0 Introduction

### 0.1 Classification

**Kyanga** is a language spoken by about 20,000 people living in the south of Kebbi State in north-western Nigeria. There are six Kyanga speaking villages on the southern bank of the Niger river west of Illo, with another town just over the border in Benin Republic. More than 200,000 ethnic Kyanga have assimilated to Hausa and other languages. Those in Benin Republic now speak Dendi while the Hausa speakers live in Niger Republic and Dandi LGA in Nigeria. Kyanga belongs to the Eastern segment of the South-Eastern group of Mande languages together with Shanga, Boko, Bokobaru, Bisā and Illo Busa. This dictionary is prepared primarily for linguists interested in lexical typology, and also for local use.

Many names have been used for this ethnic group including Kyanga, Kyenga, Tyenga, Tienga, Tchanga and Changa. Kyanga is the name they call themselves and also the name that the Hausa, the dominant language group of the area, call them. Tienga/Tyenga/Tchenga have been used in francophone countries and thus the Ethnologue identification code TYE. The Busa and Bokobaru call them Kyàngà, the Boko form is Kèà and Busa Illo call them Kèngà. The Shanga call them Kyängãa, the Yoruba call them Changa, the Dendi/Zarma call them Changa or Kyenga. The original name was most probably Kyàngà or Kèngà.

More than 200,000 ethnic Kyanga live in Nigeria, Niger and Benin, in the area where these three countries meet. Most of them have assimilated to other languages on all

sides. North of the Niger River in Kebbi State, Nigeria, over 100,000 Kyanga have assimilated to Hausa. The main centres historically are Kamba and Kyangakwai. To the west in Niger Republic 70,000 have assimilated to Hausa and to a lesser degree Dendi. The main centres are Bana, Tounouga, Yelou and Gaya. There have been no Kyanga speakers north of the Niger River for 50 years. In Benin Republic there are 17,000 Kyanga of whom 14,000 have assimilated to Dendi. The main Kyanga centres are Tungan Noma (Kassa), Garou, Garou Tedji and Akoti.

Four Busa villages south-west of Illo have 6,000 ethnic Kyanga who have assimilated to Busa while another 10,000 in the area have assimilated to Hausa. Further south another 2000 have assimilated to Boko. Segbana to the south was founded by a Kyanga named Se Gbãa (Tall Sabi) and Segbana may be derived from this name. He was a hunter and did not want to be chief. An early French colonial officer appointed his Boko worker as the first Segbana chief.

Most Kyanga speakers live in the Illo district south of the Niger River in Bagudo LGA which in 2006 had a population of 238,014 of whom 12% were estimated to be ethnic Kyanga. The Kyanga speakers live in 7 towns and villages, all within 20 km of each other. These villages are 90% Kyanga. The geographical coordinates for Illo, Bagudo LGA, Kebbi State, Nigeria are 11° 33' 0' North, 3° 42' 0' East. 100 km down the Niger river to the east in the Shanga Local Government Area there are about 20,000 Shanga people of whom only 5,000 still speak the Shanga language which is closely related to Kyanga.

## 0.2 Lexical comparison of 6 East Mande languages

	% Cognate words					
	Boko	Bisã	Bokobaru	Illo Busa	Kyanga	Shanga
Boko		88%	89%	93%	59%	62%
Bisã	47%		89%	93%	57%	56%
Bokobaru	51%	50%		85%	62%	54%
Illo Busa	65%	57%	50%		62%	62%
Kyanga	20%	21%	21%	20%		78%
Shanga	21%	16%	19%	20%	33%	
% Virtually identical words						

Above are the percentages of identical and cognate words between the different Mande languages of Nigeria and Benin, based on a 100 word list.

Cognate percentages with other languages in Burkina Faso (BF), Côte d'Ivoire (CI) and Liberia (LB) generated by Valerie Vydrine in the Journal of Language Relationship are as follows:

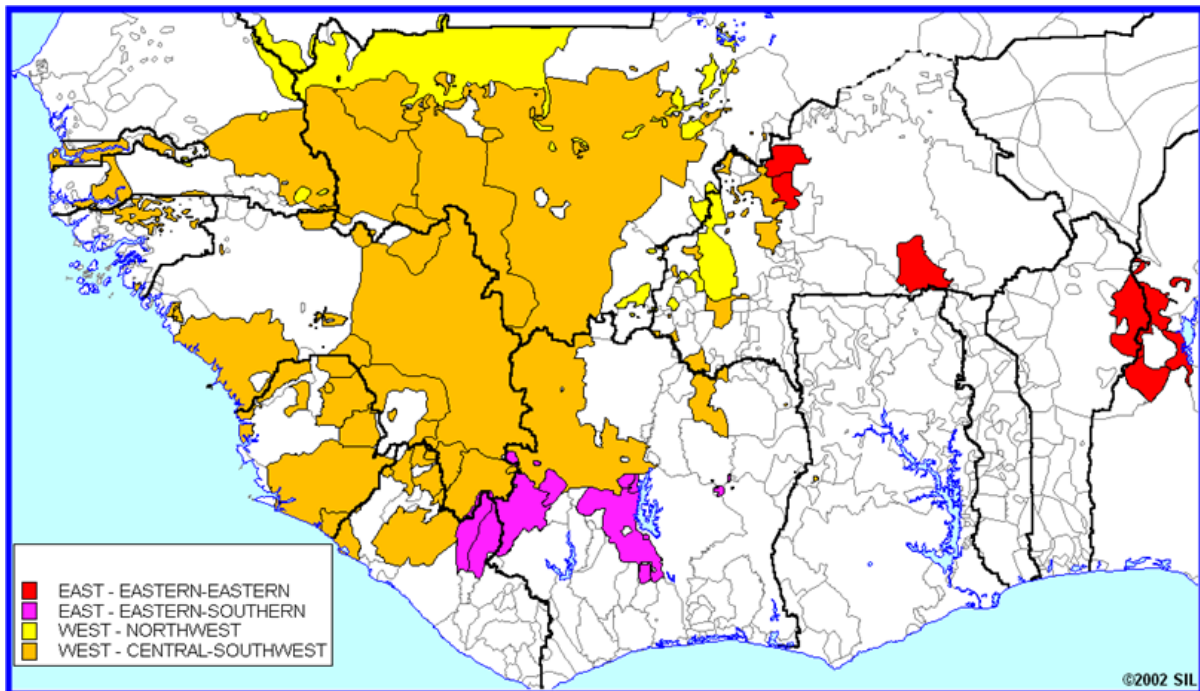
	<b>Boko</b>	<b>Busa</b>	<b>Kyanga</b>	<b>Shanga</b>
<b>Lebir (BF)</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>San (BF)</b>	50	48	54	52
<b>Mwa (CI)</b>	51	48	55	49
<b>Toura (CI)</b>	43	44	51	44
<b>Yaure (CI)</b>	48	47	52	48
<b>Mano (LB)</b>	49	46	49	45

### **0.3 History of research**

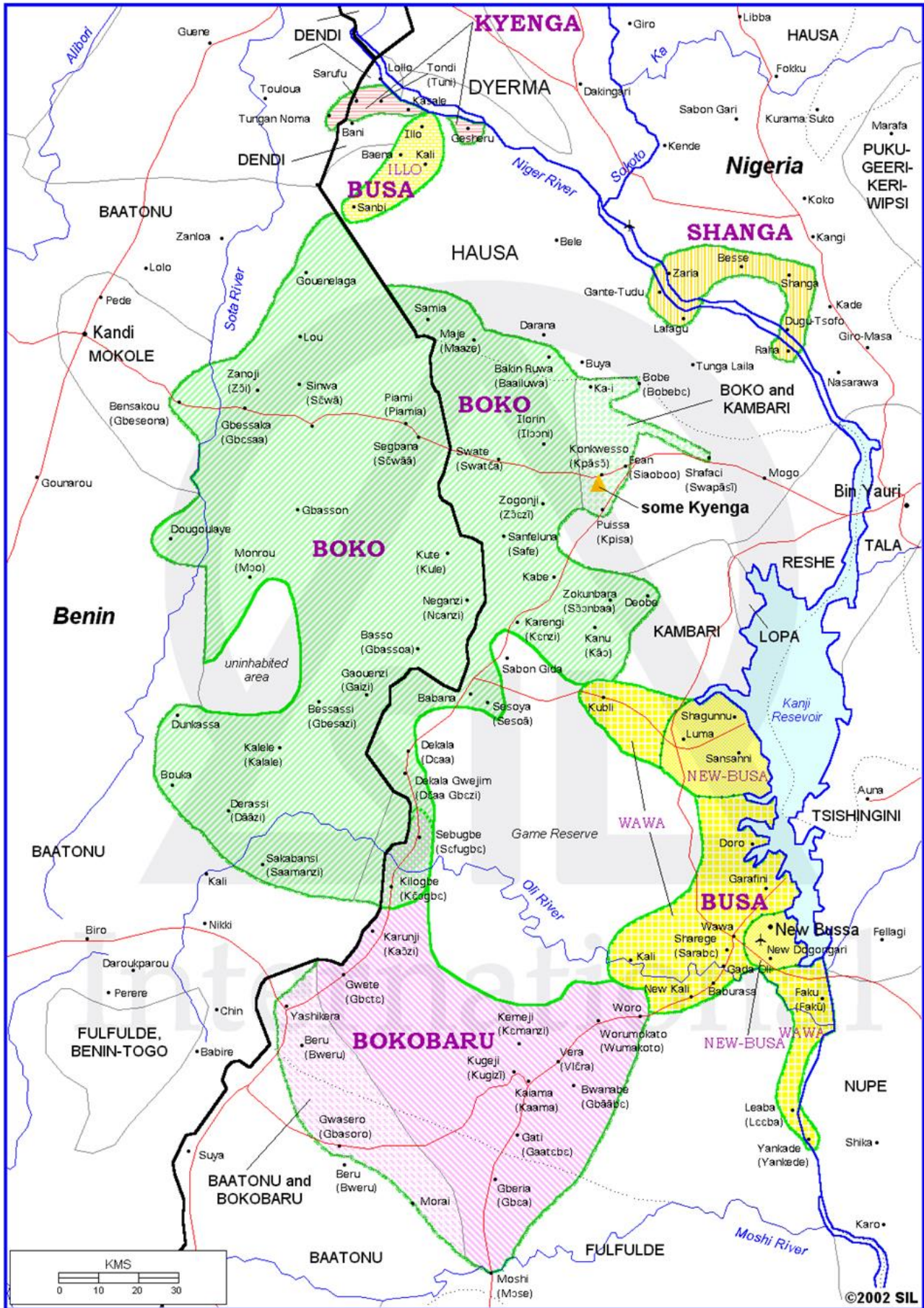
Kyanga has not been previously researched. The author has studied Boko and other languages closely related to Kyanga for 48 years and he has written a PhD thesis on the Boko/Busa language cluster (LINCOS Europa 1998). He developed literacy programmes for those languages and studied Kyanga and Shanga during 2010-2016, eliciting vocabulary from Kyanga language consultants, recording various audio clips and translating 35% of the Bible. Kyanga is not mutually intelligible with the Boko/Busa language speakers and there is only partial intelligibility with Shanga.

### **0.4 Geography**

Map of the East Mande language areas with Kyanga/Shanga on the far right.



**Map of the East Mande languages straddling the Benin/Nigeria border**







**Map  
of  
Kyanga  
speaking  
villages:**

**Kasati,  
Tondi,  
Sarahu,  
Tungan Bage,  
Tungan Noma.**

### **0.5 Ethnography**

The majority of Kyanga have assimilated to Hausa and to a lesser extent Zarma, Dendi, Busa and Boko. Nearly everyone in the Kyanga speaking villages speak Hausa and Dendi or Zarma, even the old people. They don't speak for long without using Hausa or Zarma words. There are many new Zarma settlements in the area. A common cause of language loss is intermarriage with Hausa women, in which case the children no longer learn Kyanga in the home. Kyanga is still spoken in the home, but young boys in the street can be heard speaking in Hausa in preference to their mother tongue. The vocabulary is diminishing and Hausa loanwords are often preferred.

Kasati is said to have the purest form of Kyanga. Their dialect is a minority and they use /f/ where other speakers use /h/, but their dialect is used in the literature. Tondi people can't speak long without using Hausa or Zarma words. Tungan Noma and Sarahu are more influenced by Hausa and Dendi. Most of them speak Hausa as their primary language. As an example of the ethnic mixing that can occur in this area, one of my language informants speaks Kyanga, Hausa and Zarma fluently and also English. His mother is ethnic Zarma, but speaks only Kyanga, while his father is ethnic Busa and speaks Kyanga and Hausa.

There are four Kyanga clans: Shiba, Mishira, Kosoro and Saaki. They speak the same Kyanga language, but their body markings, especially facial scars, differ according to clan. They have many parallel scars on the side of the face beginning diagonally from the crown of the head to the top of the ears, then vertically down to the bottom of the ears, then diagonally forward, converging towards the mouth. The number of parallel scars may vary from 5 to 10. Some children are still receiving these markings. The Shanga tribal markings are similar, as are the unrelated Kabawa (people of Kebbi).

The Shiba are found at Kasati, Madecali, Garu and Garu Tegi. The Mishira may have chicken foot markings on the body but upward pointing . These are the Barugu Kyanga. A diagonal scar under eye is called /bule/.

The Kosoro (Kosoro) have a downward pointing chicken foot scar or a V scar between the eyebrows and on the outside of the eyes. They are found at Tungan Noma, Kassa, Tungan Bage, Sarafu, Tondi and Illo. The Saaki have 3 vertical lines /// anywhere on the body in addition to normal markings.



**SAAKI**



**SIBA**



**MISHIRI**



**KOSORO**

## 0.6 Historical survey

The Kyanga people are the original inhabitants of the region where Nigeria, Niger Republic and Benin Republic meet. They continue to live in that area although the majority has ceased speaking the Kyanga language, having assimilated to Hausa, Zarma, Dendi, Busa and Boko. There are over 200,000 ethnic Kyanga living today, but the number who speak it today are only 20,000 and most of them live within 20 km of each other just south of where the three countries meet. The historical area of the Kyanga extends from Karimama, Benin Republic in the west, to Yelou, Niger Republic in the north, Bunza down to Yelwa-Yauri, Nigeria, in the east, from Yauri through Kaoje to Segbana, Benin Republic, in the south, and then back up to Karimama.

### First settlements

The very first settlements may have been in Benin. It is said that Garou, near where the Sota tributary enters the Niger, was the first settlement, but children swimming in the river were dying and the settlement moved to Monkasa. One report says that the Kyanga were opposed by Borgu and they subsequently moved north of the river. Kyanga were early settlers at Segbana until the Boko from the Nikki area came and pushed them north to the Illo area. There is still an ancient Kyanga quarter at Segbana where ethnic Kyanga live. The Boko towns of Konkwesso and Bakinrwa in Nigeria have Kyanga chiefs to this day.

According to the Kyanga of Bakinrwa the Kyanga under a leader called /Dɔká/ founded Kaoje, despite Fulani claims to the contrary. The original name of Kaoje is /Pátee/ which is used in Boko and Kyanga to refer to both Kaoje and the nearby stream. The Boko and Kyanga still use the name /Pátee/ to refer to Kaoje. Dɔka was driven away by the Emir of Gwandu in the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and he fled east and founded Gante.

It is reported that the Kyanga were on the island of Lele (Laata in Kyanga) near Gaya 1000 years ago. From there they moved to Katanga near Ouna and then to Barsamba, and from there to Tudun Magari near Yelou. A 17<sup>th</sup> century chief named Umaru converted to Islam and went to Mecca and on his return moved to and founded Yelou. The Kyanga extended from Yelou and maybe even further north down through Bana to Gaya on the Niger River. In Nigeria they founded Kyangakwai north of the river and Illo south of it.

In Benin many of the present Dendi speaking population are ethnic Kyanga, stretching from Kompa and Karimama in the west to Madekali in the east and south down the Nigerian border to Tungan Noma and Tungan Goge.

The Songai/Zarma/Dendi people arrived and found the Kyanga there. The Kyanga have always held the religious power associated with animism and their worship of spirits and the earth. The newcomers were more adept at politics and defence and in time became the ruling class. Because of political domination, the Kyanga have over the last 100 years or so abandoned their own language and assimilated to the languages of the Zarma, Dendi, Hausa, Busa and Boko. New migrants coming to use land on the banks of the Niger near Gaya still pay rent to the original Kyanga owners.

### 0.7 Format of dictionary

Kyanga words (headwords or lexemes) are followed by the phonetic representation in square brackets, including tones. The tone on the lexemes is orthographic with minimal tone marking. Full tone marking is shown in the phonetic representation, and for verbs, both the lexical and PRF forms are given. There is no entry if it doesn't differ from the lexeme, and it is not shown for regular sub-entries. Then follows the grammatical category, for which the abbreviations used are listed below. The English gloss is sometimes followed by an example sentence in Kyanga and its translation into English. Borrowed words are flagged by *From:* The etymology (*Etym:*), synonyms (*Syn:*), variant forms (*Variant:*) and literal meanings (*Lit:*) of some idioms may also be added. Latin names for botanical and biological items are in underlined italic.

Borrowings mainly occur from Hausa, Dendi, English and Arabic. Kyanga is an agglutinative language. As many as five morphemes can join together to form a single word. Simple words are presented as headwords, followed by suffixed forms as Sub-entries. Sub-entries include suffixed headwords, significant compounds and phrases beginning with the headword, and reduplicated words. The sub-entries are in alphabetical order without consideration to meaning.

### 0.8 Abbreviations and Suffixation

#### Part of speech abbreviations

Each word is accompanied by its lexical or grammatical category written in italic in the following abbreviated forms. If a word functions as various parts of speech, then the meaning will be given for each function.

<i>aadj</i>	attributive adjective	<i>num</i>	numeral
<i>adj</i>	adjective ( <i>aadj</i> & <i>padj</i> )	<i>padj</i>	predicative adjective
<i>adv</i>	adverb	<i>post</i>	postposition
<i>cn</i>	count noun	<i>prep</i>	preposition
<i>cnj</i>	conjunction	<i>pro</i>	pronoun
<i>ideo</i>	ideophone	<i>ptcl</i>	particle
<i>intej</i>	interjection	<i>vi</i>	intransitive verb
<i>n</i>	noun	<i>vt</i>	transitive verb

### Other grammatical abbreviations

3indef	third person indefinite	OBJ	Object
3p	third person plural	OBL	Oblique
3s	third person singular	PL	Plural
ADES	Adessive	POSS	Possessive
ALL	Allative	PRF	Perfective
APPO	Appositive	PROG	Progressive
BEN	Benefactive	PROH	Prohibitive
COM	Comitative	REL	Relative clause
COND	Conditional	SBJ	Subjunctive
CONT	Continuative	SF	Subject focus
DAT	Dative	SG	Singular
ESS	Essive	STAT	Stative
HAB	Habitual	SUBJ	Subject
IMPRF	Imperfective	SUP	Superessive
INES	Inessive	TOP	Topical
NEG	Negative	UNAC	Unaccomplished
NP	Noun Phrase		

### Suffixation

Following are the common suffixes used to make compound words in Kyanga. Words with these suffixes are listed as sub-entries under the headword, but not all possible compounds are shown in the dictionary.

### End of sentence suffix

-a	question expecting positive answer
-ba	NEG
-dee	question expressing surprise or incredulity
-mi	clause focus marker

vowel length    yes/no question

### Noun suffixes

-badi	‘non-possessor/owner’		
-ci(i)*	‘black’	-mi	‘Identity copula’
-di	‘day’	-n	‘Presentative copula’
-dɔ̃(ɔ)	‘female, large’	-nadi	‘possessor/owner’
-fɔ	‘thing’	-ni	‘child, offspring, fruit’
-fu(u)	‘white’	-tɛ̃(ɛ)	‘red’
-kɛ(ɛ)	‘abstract marker’	-yã	‘matter, affair’

\*A vowel in parentheses throughout the dictionary means that the vowel is long but becomes short when modified, or when used as a predicate.

### NP/pronoun suffixes (clitic postpositions)

-ji	ADES	-ni	BEN
-la	SUP	-lu	INES
-lɛ	ALL	-zɔ	COM
-ma	DAT		

### Pronoun suffixes

-ba	NEG	gũa	IMPRF.CONT
-babi/bai	PROG.NEG	-na	SBJ (3 <sup>rd</sup> person only)
-bata	HAB.NEG	-na	Factual.COND
-bi/i	PROG	-naa	Remote.COND
-ci	UNAC	-ta	HAB
-gũa	SBJ.CONT		

### Numeral suffixes

-dibi	‘ordinal marker	-wokoori	plus 10
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### Verb suffixes

-a	IMPRF marker	-gu	place
-ba	NEG	-fɔ	thing
-bɔ(ɔ)*	instrument	-na	predicative participle marker
-da	actor (PRF verb)	-na(a)	nominal participle marker
-di	day/time	-yã	matter, affair

## 1.0 Phonology

### 1.1 The Alphabet

The following symbols are employed to write 35 phonemes in Kyanga.

a, ã, b, c, d, e, ε, ê, f, g, gb, h, i, ï, j, k, kp, l,  
m, n, o, ɔ, õ, p, r, s, sh, t, u, ù, v, w, y, z, ‘

#### Vowels

As with other Mande languages of Nigeria and Benin there are seven oral vowels, five of which have a nasalised form.

i	e	ε	a	ɔ	o	u
ï		ê	ã	õ		ù/N

Nasalisation is indicated by the presence of a tilde /~ / over the vowel. The nasalisation spreads to following vowels, except for /e, o/ which are never nasalised. The aperture of the front mid nasal vowels /ê, õ/ is between that of the oral vowels /e, ε/ and /o, ɔ/, but closer to mid-open than mid-close. To simplify the orthography when long vowels and groups of vowels occur, nasalisation is not shown on the second vowel, but is written again on the third vowel if /ù/. It is not written after nasal consonants. /e/ is a near-close near-front unrounded vowel as in the English word ‘bit’. /ε/ is used in the phonetic realisations because it is clearer than /ɪ/.

#### Syllable

Kyanga syllables are basically CV, but some consist of or end in a syllabic nasal.

The only consonant clusters are /ky, kw, gy, gw/

Only suffixes can start with a vowel. All other words including pronouns which appear to start with a vowel actually start with a glottal stop, although this is not shown in the orthography. Medial glottal stops are marked by an apostrophe.

**Syllables ending in /ï, ù/** are pronounced with a final syllabic nasal homorganic with the following consonant, or velar or bilabial before pause. Many are HH.

cĩnjĩnjĩn	‘ghost’	shĩn	‘wing’
dĩn	‘work’	shín	‘story’
dín	‘bark (of dog)’	usõcĩn	noon’
gbĩn	‘smell’	wadajĩn	‘presence’

gĩngĩn	‘tight’	wereshĩn	‘eyelash’
gucijĩn	‘east’	kusũn	‘breadth’
ĩn	‘nose’	lévũn	‘bad breath’
jĩn	‘small’	tũn	‘hip’
kpĩn	‘fish sp.’	vũn	‘blow’
kpĩn	‘thief’	vũn	‘flower’
kúcin	‘short’	zũn	‘heart’
najĩn	‘later’		

In some words it is hard to hear if the vowel remains nasalised:

icicin	‘plain water’	dun	‘hawk’
kín	‘as for’	sukutun	‘entire’

### Consonant sounds

	Labial	Alevolar	Palatal	Velar	Labio-velar	Glottal
Plosives	b	d	j	g	gb	
	p	t	c	k	kp	ʔ
Fricatives	f	s	ʃ			
	v	z	ʒ			
Approximants	m	n/l/r	y/ɲ	ŋ	w	h

### Syllabic nasal

m          n          ɲ          ŋ

The glottal stop /ʔ/, a voiceless glottal plosive, is a regular Kyanga consonant, but it is not written word initially in the orthography. Medially it is represented by the apostrophe, as it is also in the phonetic representation.

Word medial /d, t, l, r/ are flapped.

/n, l, r) are allophones of the same phoneme, but all are written to conform with the writing of neighbouring languages. /l, r/ are only followed by oral vowels, while /n/ is only followed by nasal vowels, although the nasalisation is not as strong as after other consonants. /r/ is an import from Hausa as it doesn't occur in Shanga, Boko or Busa. A few loanwords begin with /r/. /r/ rather than /l/ usually occurs between identical intervocallic vowels, however, /l/ is reduplicated with /l/. Clitic postpositions which are interpreted as suffixes are realized as /lu, la, le/.

Their are some minimal pairs:

/lalu/ ‘ask’ and /laru/ ‘chest’      /gala/ ‘course (river)’ and /gara/ ‘dry up’



All plosives and the approximants /y, w/ are nasalised to varying degrees when followed by nasal vowels, depending on the consonant and the speaker. /y/ in a nasal syllable becomes a palatal nasal stop /ɲ/, but is written in the orthography as /y/ with a nasal vowel following. /w/ in a nasal syllable is realised as a nasal labio-velar approximant /w̃/ and with some speakers as a nasal labio-velar stop (ɲ<sup>w</sup>). It is always written as /w/.

/p, b, gb, kp/ are rather strongly postnasalised as /p<sup>m</sup>, b<sup>m</sup>, gb<sup>m</sup>, kp<sup>m</sup>), while /d, t, g, k/ are strongly nasalised by some speakers as /d<sup>n</sup>, t<sup>n</sup>, g<sup>n</sup>, k<sup>n</sup>/. This nasalisation of consonants is not shown in the orthography and in the phonetic representation of words in the dictionary only /ɲ/ is indicated.

The alveolar sibilants /s, z/ are palatalised before the front vowels /i, e, ε/, being realized as palato-alveolar sibilants /ʃ, ʒ/. /ʃ/ is written as /sh/ and /ʒ/ as /j/.

There are several occurrences of /ʃ/ before the vowel /a/.

[j] occurs only in one morpheme written as /djii/ ‘father’. This contrasts with [dii] ‘ox’ and [ʒii] ‘possessing spirit’.

In a similar way there is a transition from /t > c/ before the front vowels /i, e, ε/. This is not consistent, so the word is written with the letter most commonly used.

The following syllabic nasal plus consonant combinations occur at syllable junctions:

/nd, nt, nc, ng, nk, nkp/

The /p/ of most Boko/Busa words has changed to /f/ at Kasati, and /h/ in most other Kyanga speaking villages. The voiceless palatal fricative /ç/ is also heard before /a/.

The syllabic nasal (N) is always homorganic with the following consonant. It is written as /m/ before /p, b, m/, and as /n/ before all other consonants. In the phonetic representations in the dictionary the velar syllabic nasal is written as /ŋ/.

/n/ is used in the orthography to represent both the consonant and the syllabic nasal. The latter is sometimes marked by tone. Syllable final /n/ which is not interpreted as a syllabic nasal due to compounding is interpreted as a coda, being the only consonant

allowed as a coda. The syllabic nasal often occurs in compound words, either as a 2s or 3p pronoun, or as the termination of the first word in a compound noun.

## 1.2 Phonological processes

Vowel assimilation and consonant elision occur mainly in the auxiliary and the interface between SUBJ and OBJ pronouns.

- Ex. /ba/ NEG + /bi/ PROG > /bai/  
 /ma/ 1sPerf + /ma/ 1sOBJ/POSS > /maa/  
 /wo/ 1pPerf + /wo/ 1sOBJ/POSS > /woo/  
 /ma/ 1sPerf + /î/ 3sOBJ/POSS > /mɛ̀/  
 /wo/ 1pPerf + /î/ 3sOBJ/POSS > /wɛ̀/  
 /wò/ 3indef + /î/ 3sOBJ/POSS > /wè̀/

This process occurs with IMPRF and SBJ pronouns as well, resulting in the similar contractions with different tones.

There is a general vowel harmony tendency with /a/ assimilating to /ɛ/.

- /Samɛ/ > /Sɛmɛ /      /yã/ > /yẽ/

### Palatal and labiovelar glides

Verbs in IMPRF, PROG and CONT are suffixed by /-à/ and take L on the first syllable of the verb root, or the second syllable if the first syllable is already L. If the final vowel of the verb is a front vowel /i, e, ɛ/ preceded by a palatal consonant, the front vowel elides, but this is not written in the orthography.

- |     |      |            |                   |                   |
|-----|------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ex. | jẽ   | ‘cut’      | mabi jèà [ʒà]     | ‘I am cutting’    |
|     | wucé | ‘lie down’ | mabi wùcèà [wùcà] | ‘I am lying down’ |
|     | shi  | ‘take’     | má shià [ʃà]      | ‘I will take it’  |
|     | yẽ   | ‘dig’      | má yèà [ɲà]       | ‘I will dig it’   |

Other consonants exhibit a degree of palatalisation in this context, but without elision. The palatalisation is not written.

- |     |                    |                |                |
|-----|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Ex. | be + à > bèà [byà] | dɛ > dèà [dyà] | gẽ > gèà [gyà] |
|     | fi > fià [fyà]     | li > lià [lyà] | kɛ > kèà [kyà] |
|     | mi > mià [myà]     |                |                |

In a similar fashion back rounded vowels are labialised:

- |             |                             |                    |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| bu ‘build’  | wóbi bùà [b <sup>w</sup> à] | ‘we are building’  |
| bɔ ‘go out’ | wóbi bòà [b <sup>w</sup> à] | ‘we are going out’ |

### 1.3 Tone

There are three lexical tones in Kyanga, H, M and L. Every syllable (i.e. every vowel or syllabic nasal) in the Kyanga language has a tone, but the tones are only written in the orthography where needed to avoid ambiguity, mainly on monosyllabic and sometimes bisyllabic words. Tone on nasal vowels is written above the tilde.

ã nasalization	mid tone is unmarked
á high tone	ã (unmarked tone)
à low tone	ằ nasalization with L
̀/́ syllabic nasals	Ṃ variable syllabic nasal

On comparing Kyanga tone with Boko tone, it is found that there is less H in Kyanga due to its instability. In the literature tone is generally written only on pronouns, low tone verb roots, and other words where deemed helpful.

̀̀ yaa 'go'                      n yà 'you went'  
 abata biba 'you never eat it'                      àbata biba 'they never eat it'

With compound verbs L is marked on the initial syllable of the verb root in PRF

à dikinake 'work'                      a dikinakè 'you (PL) worked'

#### Unstable H tone

No floating tones or tone spread or down-step has been observed. However lexically H monosyllabic verbs becomes M when not preceded by H or followed by pause.

Ex:    ḿ                      'come'                      mɔ ̀̀ bɔ                      'come out'  
          má shià                      'I'll capture it'                      matà shi                      'I capture it'

Lexically M monosyllabic verbs become L when preceded by L.

         má kèà    matà kè  
          'I'll do it'    'I do it'

H monosyllabic nouns are unstable and become M if not preceded by a H or pause.

Ex.    t́                      'groundnut'                      ma tẽ sò                      'I ate groundnut'

#### The grammatical tone on the verb root in PRF and PROG

The majority of verbs are nominal compounds in which distinction must be made between the verb root and its nominal OBJ. In PRF the tone on the first syllable of the

verb root becomes L. If the tone on the first syllable of a disyllabic verb root is already L, then the tone on the second syllable becomes L.

Ex.            má zíkɛa ‘I will work’                            ì likaa ‘he will go around’  
                  ma zíkè ‘I worked’                            ì likà ‘he went around’

A reduplicated lexically H verb becomes HM in PROG, and LL in PRF.

Likewise, a reduplicated lexically M verb becomes ML and LL.

àbi líli ‘they are slicing it’                            àbi gūna dɛdɛ ‘they are killing people’  
 à lìlì ‘they sliced it’ people’                            à gūna dɛdɛ ‘they killed people’

### Length of final vowel in NP items

Nouns spoken in isolation are sometimes pronounced long. This never occurs in Boko/Busa languages and is probably a Hausa influence. Apart from this, there is final vowel length on many NP items which is lexical. A list of mono and bisyllabic nouns is given in 3.1 and 3.2, specifying those that have length. Items with lexical length become short before the PL marker, adjectives, demonstratives and another NP which is in apposition to it. In other words they are long when NP final, otherwise short. They are long when followed by postpositions and in compound verb constructions, unless the OBJ has been incorporated into the compound verb. NP items have the following tone patterns, most of which can have final lexical vowel length:

H, M, L,

HH, HM, HL, MM, ML, LH, LM, LL,

HHH, HHL, HMM, HML, MMM, MML, MHL, MLL, LLL, LLM.

### 1.4 Hausarisation

The prestige language, Hausa, has brought about considerable change to Kyanga phonology.

- Elicited words are stated with length as they are in Hausa, whereas in Boko/Bisã no length is allowed. Even in sentences nouns may be pronounced with extra length. This non-lexical length is not written.
- The importance of tone is diminished. Hausa has only two tones and they are not written very often. Overall, this results in a flattening out of tone to mid and low.

- Interference from Hausa has resulted in the palatization of the consonants /d, s, t, z/ resulting in the appearance of the consonants /ʒ, ʃ, c/.  
/t/ becomes /c/ before front vowels.  
/s/ becomes /ʃ/ before front vowels.  
/z/ has become /ʒ/ before front vowels.  
/d/ tends to become /ʒ/ before front vowels.

These sounds are written as /j, sh, c/.

- Verb stems ending in a front vowel are palatalised before the PROG and IMPRF verb suffixes /a, à/ as outlined above. This palatization is not written in the orthography.

ke + à > /kèà/ [kyà] 'do'

ké + à > /kéà/ [kyà] 'tear'

mi + à > /mìa/ [myà] 'drink'

shí + à > /shìa/ [shà] 'take'

- Some retroflex Hausa consonants like the /b, d/ appear in random words.  
Ex. /guβε/ 'there'
- There is no /p/ in Hausa. /f/ is a bilabial fricative in the east of the Hausa area, but in the north and west /f/ is more likely to be pronounced as /h/. As a result, the /p/ of many Boko/Busa words has weakened to /f/ in Kasati and /h/ elsewhere.
- /r/ is not an original consonant in Kyanga, but is inserted between vowels to make the language sound more like Hausa. There are also some words beginning with /r/ borrowed from Hausa.
- With many younger speakers /ɔ/ in Kyanga words becomes /o/ and /ε/ becomes /e/ as these open vowels don't occur in Hausa.
- Many less frequent words are borrowed from Hausa because they are better known to the speaker than the Kyanga words. Hausa conjunctions are very common. Conjunctions like /amaa/ 'but', and /sai/ 'then, until, only' are borrowed, plus quite a few nouns. The Hausa NEG marker /ba/ has also been assimilated.

At Bakinrua, a Boko village 80 km to the south of Illo, there are 20 people who still speak Kyanga and 50 who can understand it. They claim to speak a more original form of Kyanga that has less influence from Hausa. Some words are different, they do not

lengthen words when elicited, and there is no /c, j, r/ in their language. This is additional evidence that these features, which do not occur in Boko/Busa languages, are a result of Hausa influence.

## 2.0 Syntax

The Kyanga text is presented in Kyanga orthography. Initial glottal stop and most tones are not written. For the phonetical representation of any word, please consult the dictionary.

### 2.1 Broad characteristics of Kyanga grammar

- Basic word order is SUBJ, OBJ, Predicate, Adverbials.
- Aspect/tense/auxiliary markers follow the SUBJ.
- There is no case system or noun classes.
- There is no dual or gender system.
- Passive voice is expressed by 3indef SUBJ pronouns.
- There are seven oral and five nasal vowels.
- Syllables are open, but may close with a syllabic nasal.
- All grammatical categories have a three-way lexical tone contrast: H, M & L.
- Morphologically economic, most words being mono-morphemic
- There is a productive pattern of nominal compounding.
- Genitive precedes governing noun.
- Adjective follows noun and precedes other modifiers.
- Most adpositions are postpositions.
- Adverbs follow the predicate.
- Mood markers are sentence final.
- There is logophoricity and a set of LOG pronouns.
- Relative clauses are not imbedded in the NP as they are in Boko

### 2.2 Verbal sentences

The canonical clause structure is SOV. An enlarged version is:

c – S – AUX – OBJ – verb – PP – adv – modal markers

Apart from the end of sentence modal markers and tone marking on the verb, all tense marking occurs in AUX and in the following order:

aspect markers – auxiliary verbs – SBJ mood markers

The minimum information in AUX is zero in PRF which is marked by L on the verb stem.

ma	dikinakè	mabata	waaji	mà	dikinakè-a
1s.PRF	work.PRF	1s.HAB.NEG	want	1s.SBJ	work-NEG
'I worked'		'I never want to work'			

In the second example the SUBJ pronoun is suffixed with the auxiliary aspect marker /bata/ and the verb /kè/ 'do' is compounded with its OBJ /dikina/ 'work' and suffixed with NEG marker /a/. A compound verb may include an OBJ NP, a PP or both.

- |                       |                 |                                      |        |      |        |         |            |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------|------|--------|---------|------------|
| 1. Adamu              | dikinakè-mani   | 2. Adamu                             | dikina | nɔɔ  | kè     | a       | djii-ni    |
| Adam                  | work.PRF-1s.BEN | Adam                                 | work   | good | do.PRF | 3s.POSS | father-BEN |
| 'Adam worked for me.' |                 | 'Adam did good work for his father.' |        |      |        |         |            |

The OBJ and OBL NPs may be topicalised by front shifting and adding a focus marker. A PP will remain in the post verbal position.

- |                           |      |    |        |        |                             |    |        |                    |       |
|---------------------------|------|----|--------|--------|-----------------------------|----|--------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. dikina                 | nɔɔ  | ye | ma     | kè     | 2. Adamu                    | ye | ma     | dikinakè'ini       | ya    |
| work                      | good | SF | 1s.PRF | do.PRF | Adam                        | OF | 1s.PRF | work.do.PRF-3s.BEN | inter |
| 'It was good work I did.' |      |    |        |        | 'Was it Adam I worked for?' |    |        |                    |       |

### 2.3 Direct and indirect speech

Direct and indirect speech are differentiated by the pronouns used. In direct speech an independent clause containing a speech verb is usually followed by the quotation introducer /î kè/ 'he said', followed by the quotation which may contain first and second person pronouns.

- |  |                   |        |         |        |           |            |
|--|-------------------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|------------|
| ì  | cì'ini            | ì      | kè      | ̀      | yaa-mazɔ  | oro-ji     |
| 3s.PRF   | answer.PRF-3s.BEN | 3s.PRF | say.PRF | 2s.SBJ | go-1s.COM | river-ADES |
| 'He answered him saying, go with me to river.' |                   |        |         |        |           |            |

If the quotation is indirect, the pronouns of the indirect quote relate to the SUBJ or OBJ of the quotation introducer.

- |                             |                 |          |          |          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. wà                       | fì-mani         | mà       | yaa      | fudafuda |
| 3indef.PRF                  | tell.PRF-1s.BEN | 1s.SBJ   | go       | quickly  |
| 'I was told to go quickly.' |                 |          |          |          |
| 2. n                        | kè              | ń        | yaa      |          |
| 2s.PRF                      | say.PRF         | 2s.IMPRF | go.IMPRF |          |
| 'You said you would go.'    |                 |          |          |          |

If the quotation is in the third person, pronouns in the quotation may be coreferential to the SUBJ in the quotation introducer and will take the LOG form.

1. ì kè ina wee-'azo oro-ji dun ana imi  
3s.PRF say.PRF 3s.SBJ go-3s.OBJ.LOG river-ADES so.that 3s.SBJ.LOG drink  
'He said he should go with him to river so he could drink.'
2. ma fi-'i-ni ina nu a gũ-na-zo  
1s.PRF tell.PRF-3s.BEN 3s.SBJ come 3sPOSS.LOG person.PL-COM  
'I told him to come with his people,'

## 2.4 Interrogative sentences

The interrogative word is usually clause initial and followed by the focus marker /ye/ with no end of sentence mood marker.

### Interrogative words:

borokpa	'how many'	dí	'who'	lá/laala	'how'
bó	'what'	di kpaci	'when'	maa	'where'
bɔyãaji	'why'	kpaci	'which'		

- |  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. maa ye n b̀̀                        | 2. bó ye mbi kea        |
| where SF 2s.PRF exit.PRF               | what SF 2s.PROG do.PROG |
| 'From where did you come?'             | 'What are you doing?'   |
| 3. dí ye fi ñ tambu ginaa de           | 4. n yà di-zo           |
| who SF tell.PRF 2s.SBJ sheep that kill | 2s.PRF go.PRF who-COM   |
| 'Who told you to kill that sheep?'     | 'Who did you go with?'  |

### End of sentence question markers

There are several ways to frame a question:

Yes/no question	-a
Question expecting positive answer	final vowel length
Question expecting negative answer	
or expressing some degree of doubt	koó
IW questions	no marker
Negative question expecting negative answer	-ba dèè
Question expressing surprise/incredulity	dè

## 2.5 Imperative sentences



Imperative sentences are independent sentences with second person SUBJ in SBJ mood, however, the 2s Imperative pronoun is not expressed. Hortative (first person) and Jussive (third person) also occur.

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|--|---|
| 1. yaa<br>'go'   | 4. mà yaa<br>'let me go'  |
| 2. ì yaa<br>'let him go'                                       | 5. m̄-ba wee-da<br>'don't go!'  |
| 3. à            ì        fà<br>2p.SBJ 3s.OBJ hit<br>'hit him!' | 6. ñ            ma            mu            shite<br>2s.SBJ 1s.POSS possession take<br>'take mine!' |

The NEG form is called PROH marked both by the auxiliary NEG marker /ba/ and the end of sentence NEG marker /ba/.

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Adamu ba yaa-ba<br>'Adam mustn't go!' | 2. m̄-bata ke-ba<br>'Never do it!' |
|--|------------------------------------|

## 2.6 Subordination

Subordinate clauses are marked by clause initial subordinators or by SBJ mood. Unless they are incomplete sentences, subordinate clauses only occur with main clauses. Their construction is generally the same as for independent clauses, but the subordinator eliminates the possibility of front shifting.

### Verb complement clauses

Verb complement clauses are introduced by the Complementizer (COMP) /ka/ 'that', but its use is diminishing. It occurs mainly after the verb /d̄/ 'know'. (The complementizer is /ké/ in Boko, /kè/ in Bokobaru, /pó/ in Illo Busa, /kú/ in Bisā and /tá/ in Shanga.) It follows the verb it complements, but an adverbial may intervene.

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|---|
| 1. ye        à        d̄        tandi ka    nn̄    huntu<br>then 3p.PRF realise.PRF now that 3p.LOG naked<br>'They then realised that they were naked.'   |
| 2. f̄kan    ba    bii    kpetana-ba    ka    jea            b̄ɔɔ-ji            gufu-ma<br>nothing NEG be hidden-NEG COMP fail.IMPRF exit-Purpose light.DAT<br>'Nothing is hidden <b>that</b> will fail to be revealed (come out into light).' |

The Complementizer doesn't occur after modal verbs, mental process verbs or causal verbs.

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|---|--|
| 1. ì    kè    abi    yaa<br>'He said he.LOG was going.' | 2. mabi waa má    difiaakea'azo<br>'I think I'll spend time with you.' |
|---|--|

Purpose and reason clauses are introduced by /dun/. Followed by SBJ it has the meaning ‘so that’, ‘because’ or ‘for’.

1. ì dǎ a ì wà      3. ì dǎ dun ì ì wà  
 ‘He knows he.LOG saw him.’      ‘He knows because he saw him.’
2. ì wèe dun ì ì wà  
 ‘He went so that he might see him.’

Causative constructions have no subordinator.

ici      i ta      ì miba  
 ‘He didn’t find water to drink.’

The Complementizer is not used if the verb is followed directly by SBJ mood.

fɔ ka ma yābò mà ke-’ani-n lè  
 thing that I decide.PRF to do-spBEN-COP this  
 ‘This is what I decided to do for you.’

Nor is it used if the clause is Conditional.

Ladu dǎ ana bì, a wɛɛ gua  
 God knows if you eat (it), your eyes will open (you will be enlightened).’

The same morpheme /ka/ introduces subordinate PRF clauses, meaning ‘when’.

ka ma n kɔsɔngu mà, di ma wohumà  
 ‘When I heard your sound, then I was afraid.’

## 2.7 Relative clauses

The same morpheme /ka/ also doubles as the Relative clause marker which may mean ‘that, who, which, where, when or why’. Relative clauses in Kyanga and Shanga are not contained within the NP in which its head is located, as they are in the Boko/Busa languages, they follow all other NP items.

gūnanɔ ka dikina be kè būsā  
 person REL work that do.PRF tire.PRF  
 ‘Those people who did that work are tired.’

Relative clauses which relate to the head of an OBJ NP, whether direct or indirect, are not contained within the clause in which its head is located. An OBJ NP with a Relative clause must be fronted, while an OBL NP with a Relative clause may be fronted for emphasis or otherwise follow all other items of the sentence.

gūnanɔ        **ka** dikina be kè,    ma à wà  
 ‘Those people **that** did that work, I saw them.’  
 ò    i kpa gūnɔma        **ka** dikina be kè  
 ‘Give water to the people **who** did that work.’

The Relative clause may have a multiple core:

1. akɔ **ka**    ma            jè-'nni            ò            ì            ni su,    n            sù-a  
 tree that 1s.PRF refuse.PRF-2s.BEN 2s.SBJ 3indef.POSS fruit eat 2s.PRF eat.PRF-inter  
 ‘Tree **that** I forbid you to eat its fruit, did you eat it?’
2. Adamu yà            ì            jèkè cɛrɛma    **ka** Ladu    ì            kè-zɔ  
 Adam go.PRF 3s.PRF cultivate.PRF soil-on that God 3s.OBJ make.PRF-COM  
 ‘Adam went and he cultivated the soil **which** God made him with.’

Resumptive SUBJ pronouns are not required after the Relative clause marker.

gūna **ká** bii gubɛ    ‘people who are there’

3s and 3p Subject pronouns don't occur after the Relative clause maker.

- Ex.                    gū ka bì                    ‘person who ate (it)’  
                           gū ka ma wà              ‘person who saw me’  
 Compare:        gū ka ma ì wà            ‘person whom I saw’

Temporal nouns /di/ ‘day’ and /looto(o)/ ‘time’, the locational noun /gu(u)/ ‘place’ and the manner adverb /la/ ‘how’ are relativised to create adverbial NPs.

1. **lootoo ka** à    bii    gubɛ, ì    ni'idii            bùru  
 ‘**While** they were there, her delivery time arrived.’
2. **guu ka** ì bɛ̀ woci dɔ̀ba  
 ‘We don't know **where** he came from.’
3. ina    kemani    **laaka**    n    fi  
 ‘Let him do to me **whatever** you have said.’

## 2.8 Copular sentences

A copula serves to link a SUBJ NP to a predicate. There are 5 copulas, each with variations in construction. They occur quite frequently.

Identity copula	-mi
Presentative copula	-n
Ascriptive copula	ke
Locational copula	bii

Ingressive copula      gbeagũ

The **Identity copula** is non-verbal and is suffixed to a NP which is preceded or followed by an Appositional pronoun or a NP.

- |                            |                   |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. yādadada- <b>mi</b> nni | 2. akɔ- <b>mi</b> | 3. ì tɔ- <b>mi</b> Pita |
| ‘You are a teacher.’       | ‘It is a tree.’   | ‘His name is Peter.’    |

The **Presentative copula** is non-verbal and is suffixed to an NP and followed by the predicative adjectives /lè/ ‘this’ and /bɛ/ ‘that’.

- |                               |                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. di farashinaa- <b>n</b> bɛ | 2. laaka      Yoabu yācì- <b>n</b> lè |
| ‘That was the first day.’     | ‘This is how Joab answered.’          |

The **Ascriptive copula** /kɛ/ is verbal, which intransitively means ‘to be’.

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. ma      zūn      kea’mma      nda    | 2. yá ginaa kè-mani      nɔɔ        |
| 1s.POSS heart be.IMPERF-2s.DAT pleasant | affair that be.PRF-1sBEN good       |
| ‘I’ll be happy with you.’               | ‘That affair was acceptable to me.’ |

The **Locational copula** /bii/ is verbal and means ‘to be somewhere’. Usually followed by a locational adverb, it may also be followed by an adverbial phrase, or a defining clause in SBJ mood.

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|---|---|
| 1. wula <b>bii</b> cɛrɛ ginaa-lu              | 5. nigɔni kūni ì nɛɛɔ      à <b>bii</b> huntu |
| ‘There is gold in that land.’                 | ‘Man and his wife were naked.’                |
| 2. n <b>bii</b> mai                           | 6. ñgũ <b>bii</b> larubadi                    |
| ‘Where are you?’                              | ‘Be faultless.’                               |
| 3. ma      ì      gūa <b>bii-</b> ’azɔ        |   |
| ‘My concern IMPRF.CONT be-2s.COM              |   |
| 4. dun      inabagũ <b>bii</b> dipai-ba       |   |
| ‘So that 3s.SBJ.NEG.CONT won’t live forever.’ |   |

The **Ingressive copula**, or semi-copula, /gbɛɛgũ/ is verbal and occurs in all aspects. It normally has the ingressive meaning ‘become’, but may be ingressive continuous ‘become and remain’.

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| 1. ñ <b>gbɛɛgũ</b> a laalikena      ì kpà      tubɔna-la |
| ‘You will be cursed more than domestic animals.’         |
| 2. ì <b>gbɛɛgũ</b> kākāgbādanadi                         |
| ‘He become.PRF (a) strong spirited person.’              |

## 2.9 Coordination

There are two conjunctions which coordinate simultaneous actions or states, /mɔɔ/ ‘and’ and /ye/ ‘then, so’ which indicates a time lapse and is often causal. /mɔɔ/ also functions as an adverb meaning ‘also’ and ‘again’

1. maa gɔ̃jidan **mɔɔ** ma nɛɛ jidakè  
‘I am an old man **and** my wife is old.’
2. ì gbishekè **di** ì a ginda dùdu hari mɔ sɔɔru  
‘She became pregnant **then** she hid herself for five months.’

Simultaneous action is often expressed by parataxis with the second clause in PROG.

ye à dɔ̃ kũma àbi yaa  
‘Then they followed each other (and) they were going.’

Other coordinators include the adversative coordinator /amaa/ ‘but’ and the alternative coordinator /koo/ ‘or, whether’.

1. kuturu-na gbãa **amaa** ici à kan baanikɛ-ba  
leper-PL many but 3s.UNAC 3p.POSS any heal-NEG  
‘There were many lepers **but** he did not heal any of them.’
2. ì jɛɛ zɔ wòna fɔɔɔ-kɛ usãdia **koo** fɔ vãni-i  
3s.PRF way have 3indef.SBJ good-do rest.day **or** thing evil-interrog  
‘Is it permitted to do good on the Sabbath **or** evil?’

## 2.10 Negation

Negation is obligatorily expressed by two morphemes, one in the AUX and the other, post-verbal. The UNAC AUX marker is /ci/, but for all other aspects it is /ba/. The end of clause NEG marker is also /ba/.

1. amaa i-**ba** waaji-**ba**      2. ici      burodi su-**ba**  
‘But he didn’t want it.’      ‘He didn’t eat bread.’

Sentence level adverbials may follow the NEG marker:

à kè nnɔ-**ba** fɔbia-ba nnɔ-**ba**  
3p.PRF say.PRF 3p.LOG.IMPRF-NEG eat-IMPRF-NEG 3p.LOG.IMPRF-NEG  
imi-a-**ba** sai lootoo ka nnɔ-na ì dè  
drink.IMPRF-NEG unless time that 3pLOG.SBJ 3s.OBJ kill  
‘They said they won’t eat (and) they won’t drink until they have killed him.’

### Negation of sentence constituents



1sIMPRF.NEG know-NEG really      1sIMPRF.NEG know.NEG interrog  
 ‘I don’t **really** know.’      ‘Don’t I know?’

NPs and adverbials are front shifted for emphasis. SUBJ NPs are normally clause initial. They are given added emphasis by adding the SUBJ focus marker /ye/.

1. ita      kɛ    ì    jida    ye    nɔɔ      2. Ladu    ye    wa      dudugu    kũni    wa      gbāda-zɔ  
 3sHAB say its old SF goo      God SF 1pPOSS refuge and 1pPOSS strength-COM  
 ‘He says the old is better.’      ‘God is our refuge and our strength.’

Postpositions follow the OBJ NP in focus rather than being expressed post verbally:

bɔ-ma      ye    à      bɔ̀  
 what-DAT Foc 3p.PRF resemble  
 ‘What are they like?’

### Fronted OBJ NP with NEG

Compare the following:

1. ì      jè      guce-ji      3. ici      je      guce-ji-ba  
 3sPRF reject.PRF man-ADES      3sUNAC reject man-ADES-NEG  
 ‘He rejected a man.’      ‘He didn’t reject a man.’
2. guce    ye    ì      jè-ji      4. ici    kɛ    guce    ì      jè-ji-ba  
 man SF 3sPRF reject.PRF-ADES      3sUNAC be man 3s.PRF reject.PRF-ADES-NEG  
 ‘It was a man he rejected.’      ‘It is not man he rejected.’

### Topicalisation

A new topic may be introduced by the postposition /kin/ in a preposed phrase. It can mean ‘as for’, or ‘now’ or ‘it so happened that’.

1. gũ-kena      **kĩn**    àbi    à      ia-a  
 person-some TOP 3pPROG 3pOBJ mock.PROG  
 ‘**Now** others were mocking them.’
2. looto    ginaa    **kĩn**    Ibrahĩ    ba    ni      zɔ-ba  
 time that TOP Abraham NEG child have-NEG  
 ‘**Now** at that time Abraham had no child.’

The Topicaliser may follow a clause:

ka    n      sunkè    **kĩn**,    laaka    n      waaji,    ní      kɛ-a      kũni    ì      kawɛɛ-zɔ  
 when 2sPRF sell.PRF TOP how 2sPRF want 2sIMPRF do-IMPRF with its money.COM  
 ‘**Now** when you sold it, whatever you wanted you could do with the money.’

The Topicaliser follows APPO pronouns to express contrast.

1. wo      gè      guru'imulu, àni   kīn   à      sòri   kpe  
 1pPRF enter.PRF boat-INES 3pAPPO TOP 3p.PRF return.PRF home  
 'We entered the boat, as for them they returned home.'
  
2. mani   kīn   yāa   ma      yābò      má      kε-a  
 1sAPPO TOP past 1sPRF decide.PRF 1sIMPRF do-IMPRF  
 'As for me, in the past I decided I would do it.'

### 3.0 NP construction

The NP may occur as SUBJ, OBJ or OBL of a clause or as the complement of a copular sentence. The simple NP consists of a nucleus with a noun as head followed by an optional attributive adjective or quantifier (QNT), followed again by an optional periphery which consists of an initial POSS pronoun and four layers after the nucleus: demonstrative (DEM), article, PL marker and Relative clause (REL).

Structure of the NP:

± POSS.pro + (NP nucleus (noun ± aadj ± QNT) ± DEM ± PL)<sub>1-4</sub> ± REL

Modification by POSS pronouns, adjectives, quantifiers and Relative clauses is generally restrictive, being used to define the referent rather than to describe it, so the accumulation of modifiers is rare.

#### Complex NP

The NP becomes complex in two ways. After the initial POSS pronoun the nucleus complex can be repeated up to four times in a genitive construction. The Relative clause follows the normal NP construction. This contrasts with Boko where the Relative clause is imbedded in the NP and precedes demonstratives and PL marker. If a Direct OBJ NP is a Complex NP, it will precede the SUBJ NP. If an OBL NP is a Complex NP, the NP follows the verb and is suffixed by a postposition with the Relative clause following the postposition. See 1.3-4 for phonological changes in NP length and tone.

#### Plural markers

The Kyanga plural marker is /na/. There is also a specific noun plural marker /nò/.

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| 1. ma      djii-nò<br>1sPOSS father-specific-PL<br>'my father and those with him' | 2. ma      djii-na<br>1sPOSS father-PL<br>'my father and uncles' |
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The plural marker never follows numerals directly unless it the plural of the anaphoric article /nanɔ/.

sɔrɔ guda sɔɔfia-nanɔ ka n wà  
 star unit seven-those REL 2s.PRF see.PRF  
 ‘Those seven stars that you saw.’

Modification by Poss. pronouns, genitive nouns, adjectives, quantifiers and relative clauses is generally restrictive, being used to define the referent rather than to describe, so the accumulation of modifiers is not common. To call Jesus God’s Son, implies that God has a daughter. To say that my green bicycle was stolen implies that I have another bicycle of another colour.

### Noun classification

There is no noun classification system in Shanga whereby each noun requires one of a set of classifiers. There is no gender distinction. However there is a set of count nouns that are commonly used in counting various items.

awa	‘hour’	lita	‘liter’
di	‘day’	mɔ	‘month’
ɛmɛ	‘daytime’	mɔwɛrɛ	‘minute’
fɛ	‘calabash	naila	‘naira’
gandu	‘group’	ni	‘small item’
gbirina(a)	‘part’	ɔkũsũ	‘cubit’
gũ	‘person’	tara	‘time’
guda	‘unit’	wɛ̀	‘year’
jika	‘200 naira’		
kilo	‘kg’		
lée	‘measures’		

### Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns

Predicative	Attributive	Pronoun
	ginaa ‘this/that’ (aforementioned)	
	-kɛɛ ‘a ; a certain, some’	kɛna (PL) ‘some’
	-kan ‘any, none’	kan ‘none, any’
lɛ ‘here’	lɛɛ ‘this here’	lɛɛ ‘this one’
bɛ ‘there’	bɛɛ ‘this’	bɛɛ ‘that one’
lele ‘over there’	lelee ‘that over there’	lelee ‘yonder one’

Ex.	ma-ba	kan	kaa-'a-lu-ba
	1sIMPRF-NEG	any	afflict.IMPRF-2pINES-NEG
	'I won't afflict you with any.'		

### Anaphoric article

The anaphoric article /ginaa/ follows an NP that was previously mentioned. It is used to focus on a prior referent, or to identify an OBJ previously referred to. It is also used to refer to a referent not previously mentioned, but to what is obvious or known to both speaker and hearer in the context.

n	gũ	ginaa	wà-a
2sPRF	person	that see.PRF-interrog	
'Did you see that person?'			

### Specific article or adjective

This article has three forms: singular, plural and negative, and each form can be used to refer to a specific referent, a non-specific referent or one of a group (partitive). The context will show whether the article is specific or not. If it is partitive, the article will be preceded by a group of referents or a 3p<sub>poss.</sub> pronoun.

<b>kε(ε)</b>	'a certain, a, another, any, one of'
gũkε(ε)	'a certain person, any person, another person, one of them'
gukε(ε)	'a certain place, any place, another place, some place'
fɔkε(ε)	'a certain thing, something, another thing, one of them'
<b>kεna</b>	'certain ones, some, some other, some of them'
gũkεna	'certain people, some people, others, some of them'
gukεna	'certain places, some places, other places, some of the places'
fɔkεna	'certain things, some things, others, some of them'
<b>kan</b>	'no, none, none of' Always used in NEG clause.
gũkan	'no one, not of them'
gukan	'nowhere, no part of'
fɔkan	'nothing, none of'

## 3.1 Monosyllabic NP items

### Monosyllabic NP items

These may be nouns, adjectives or demonstratives.

**H monosyllables** which never lengthen, becoming M if not preceded by H or pause.

bé	'horn'	ní	'child'	ú	'mash'
cé	'fire'	só	'tooth'	vó	'reed'
fó	'thing'	té	'groundnut'	yá	'word'
gbá	'person'	tó	'fool'	yó	'breast'
gú	'person'	tó	'name'	zá	'husband'
í	'water'	tó	'fart'		
lé	'mouth'	ú	'cry'		

**H tone that lengthens when NP final**

'á	'yam'	kwá	'crocodile'	sá	'bow'
ká	'crab'	kó	'fireplace'	sí	'four'

**M that never lengthen**

ba	'handle'	gbɛ	'leg'	kpe	'house'
di	'day'	jɛ	'farm'	kyo	'reading'
ẽ	'shoulder'	kpe	'locust bean cake'	mu	'own'

**M that lengthens to MM when NP final \*PL has long vowel**

bã	'bird'	gbẽ	'dog'	nɛ	'wife'
be	'warthog'	gbi	'egg'	ɔ	'hand'
bɛ	'that'	go*	'tree sp.'	pã	'useless'
bẽ	'monitor'	gu	'place'	sõ	'animal'
ci*	'black'	gya	'stick'	tẽ*	'red'
fa	'tree sp.'	kɛ	'abstract suffix'	wẽ	'beer'
fɛ	'calabash'	kyã	'catarrh'	wo	'tick'
fu*	'white'	la	'rain'	za	'fierce'
ga	'death'	lu	'inside'	zã	'jewellery'
gba	'gift'	mɔ	'moon'		

**L monosyllables that lengthen to LM in NP final position.**

bà	'share'	dà	'tree sp.'	gà	'guinea fowl'
bà	'race'	dè	'fight'	gbò	'faeces'
bà	'home'	dì	'ox'	gè	'corpse'
bè	'seed'	dò	'fig'	gè	'sickness'
bè	'rope'	dò	'granary'	gì	'mat'
bò	'sore'	dù	'soup'	jè	'clay'
dà	'character'	fò	'greeting'	kè	'a'

kò	‘arrow’	shè	‘skin’	yḽ	‘ember’
kù	‘shea’	shḽ	‘grass’	yù	‘amusement’
lè	‘song’	sò	‘basket’	zḽ	‘slave’
lḽ	‘this’	tḽ	‘taboo’	zḽ	‘fish’
mà	‘drum’	tò	‘friend’	zù	‘buffalo’
mì	‘head’	tḽ	‘penis’		
nò	‘hunger’	wḽ	‘year’		

**L monosyllables** that lengthen to LL in NP final position.

à	‘three’	dò	‘substitute’	jì	‘demon’
bò	‘instrument’	dù	‘one (of)’		
bù	‘dump’	gbè	‘print’		

### 3.2 Bisyllabic NP items

**HH** that never lengthen

ama	‘squirrel’	digi	‘glass’	izḽ	‘bubal’
ashi	‘big’	ḽne	‘rat’	kahu	‘donkey blanket’
azu	‘pain’	firi	‘dew’	kāna	‘row’
āa	‘bitter’	firi	‘violin’	kici	‘small bit’
bashi	‘flesh’	fūi	‘hare’	kīsā	‘bitter’
berḽ	‘termite’	gara	‘raffia’	kohi	‘portent’
biti	‘confusion’	gbeshḽ	‘kapok’	kokun	‘large ant’
bīni	‘town wall’	gbírí	‘giant rat’	kḽno	‘hump’
buru	‘cloud’	guda	‘mortar’	kpata	‘eggplant’
butu	‘raw’	guni	‘pestle’	kpiri	‘back’
cici	‘spoon’	guru	‘cart’	kpizā	‘Kob’
cii	‘powder’	isā	‘reed’	kpīn	‘theft’
dān	‘slime’	ishḽ	‘shoulder’		

**HH** that lengthen to HHH in NP final position

shingi ‘spear’

**HM** that never lengthen

boa	‘beans’	indi	‘anvil’	kure	‘tortoise’
buka	‘hut’	ita	‘water pot’		
fara	‘town’	izo	‘well’		

**HM** that lengthen to HMM in NP final position

busā ‘soft’	gūkīn ‘each one’	kūfa ‘foam’
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**HL** that never lengthen

bindo ‘sling’	iri ‘orphan’	kutu ‘short’
bōkō ‘goitre, gill’	jetu ‘saw’	kwama ‘sickle’
danko ‘slingshot’	kiri ‘tree sp.’	zugu ‘swamp’
doka ‘crest’	kpato ‘chisel’	
iri ‘sort (thing)’	kumbu ‘lower back’	

**MM** that never lengthen

asu ‘load’	dee ‘grandmother’	gbādi ‘cheek’
ata ‘space’	diji ‘ancestor’	gbānda ‘custard apple’
baje ‘creek’	dima ‘one week from’	gbēda ‘thigh’
balu ‘island’	diō ‘milk’	gbēne ‘large tree sp.’
bella ‘jar’	dira ‘chat’	gbiri ‘jigger’
biro ‘grass torch’	dīn ‘work’	gbishe ‘pregnancy’
bisa ‘horse’	djii ‘father’	gbīn ‘smell’
bishe ‘lie’	dōo ‘mother’	gbītā ‘heavy’
bite ‘alive’	dūn ‘eagle’	gboru ‘nausea’
boli ‘rice’	ere ‘forehead’	gere ‘wheel’
bue ‘neck chain’	faci ‘stalk’	gobi ‘bee sp.’
buki ‘celebration’	fasa ‘fishing line’	goda ‘bell’
bula ‘washing blue’	fata ‘sprout’	goru ‘river’
bule ‘diag. face mark’	fān ‘tree parasite’	goto ‘hawk sp.’
bunda ‘flax’	foro ‘window’	guce ‘person’
Busa ‘Busa’	fōga ‘lagoon’	gufu ‘open area’
busā ‘food no sauce’	fōrō ‘liver’	gule ‘threshold’
butu ‘wet’	fōnō ‘baobab’	guma ‘yesterday’
cekū ‘trap’	fure ‘sisal hemp’	gumba ‘fellow wife’
cere ‘ground’	gala ‘course’	gumbi ‘spiny bush’
ciba ‘blacksmith’	galla ‘sweat bee’	gumbo ‘ladle’
cinga ‘seed for soup’	gambu ‘door’	guru ‘wire trap’
daku ‘young sib’	ganga ‘high bank’	gutu ‘speckled pigeon’
dame ‘chameleon’	gbando ‘fruit picking rod’	gwagwa ‘sieve’
dare ‘widow bird’	ngbāa ‘many’	gwānda ‘papaya’

hangu	‘mumps’	kākā	‘hair’	kpele	‘doorway’
hawe	‘aunt’	ketε	‘bunch’	kpeni	‘messenger’
haya	‘hire’	keke	‘bicycle’	kpīn	‘fish sp.’
hoo	‘greeting’	kēkē	‘fly-catcher’	kubu	‘vine sp.’
horo	‘discipline’	kia	‘parrot’	kuce	‘chest (animal)’
horo	‘breach’	kiri	‘chief’	kuji	‘duck’
huntu	‘naked’	kīni	‘vein’	kukū	‘block’
ia	‘expense’	koko	‘chicken’	kukū	‘game’
iho	‘dove’	kolu	‘room’	kuru	‘mound’
iko	‘authority’	komi	‘raffia fruit’	kusūn	‘breadth’
infε	‘porridge pot’	kondo	‘carton’	kutta	‘local fabric’
īn	‘nose’	koro	‘owl’	kūkū	‘soldier ant’
jedi	‘enemy’	koshi	‘hoof’	kūngbo	‘hippo’
jere	‘road’	kolo	‘ball’	kūsū	‘knee’
jika	‘200 naira’	kontɔ	‘stalking’	kwanɔ	‘corr. iron’
jīn	‘small’	kɔɔ	‘pimple’	kwākw	‘garganey duck’
kaba	‘bit for horse’	kōnɔ	‘locust bean’	lee	‘Hades’
kafe	‘coffee’	kpagu	‘hyena’	nɔɔ	‘good’
kaka	‘itch’	kpako	‘back of head’	pɔɔ	‘growl’
kao	‘maternal uncle’	kpangu	‘chameleon’	tɔɔ	‘gourd’
kata	‘navel’	kpasu	‘soap’		
kato	‘African birch’	kpata	‘orange root’		
		kpata	‘suburb’		

**MM** that lenthen to MMM in NP final position

busā	‘straw’	gara	‘invocation’	hundi	‘life’
cinga	‘veranda’	gatta	‘trap’	jenge	‘left’
danga	‘desire’	gāsā	‘armpit’	jida	‘old’
dawa	‘sorghum’	gbako	‘cheek pouch’	kangu	‘loincloth’
dēbu	‘battle’	gbara	‘bark’	kāna	‘bamboo’
fāna	‘weed sp.’	gbāda	‘strength’	kēne	‘vein’
fēde	‘sour’	gege	‘dry’	kɔɔ	‘yellow tit’
finde	‘debt’	godo	‘trad. Cloth’	koto	‘large hoe’
foto	‘photo’	gōri	‘bitter root’	kpε’ɔ	‘ring’
foto	‘gum tree’	guba	‘Af. fan palm’	kuru	‘moun’
fuda	‘hot’	gufu	‘light’	lele	‘yonder’
futa	‘light’	hina	‘strength’	mɔnɔ	‘tail’

nani	‘spirit’	sɔɔ	‘star’	tɔɔ	‘shirt’
nda	‘sweet’	tātā	‘side’	yāda	‘truth’

**ML that never lengthen**

buda	‘fog, harmattan’	gande	‘tree sp.’	kōkō	‘tin can’
diga	‘pick’	gandu	‘group’	kuti	‘goose’
dura	‘week’	jiba	‘pocket’		
fari	‘famine’	kilo	‘Kg’		

**ML that lengthen to MLM in NP final position**

bɛzɔ	‘bundle’	danga	‘fence grass’	kpakpa	‘oil palm’
bisɛ	‘cloth’	ɛɛ	‘lame’	kutu	‘remaining’
bɔɔ	‘filth’	faya	‘common sense’	wula	‘gold’

**ML that lengthen to MLL in NP final position**

dumi	‘kidney’	kata	‘entrance hut’	kuce	‘flute’
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**LH which become LM before non-H**

bata	‘tension drum’	gēne	‘razor’	guga	‘bucket’
bumbu	‘whole’	gishi	‘footprint’	gyambo	‘trop. ulcer’
fuka	‘lung’	goge	‘violin’	lɔk	‘neck’

**LM**

ama	‘blood’	fuka	‘cap’	kiro	‘antimony’
ama	‘popular’	gbāci	‘dirt’	kohi	‘male’
bembe	‘mushroom’	guru	‘chair’	koto	‘neck’
bunu	‘whole’	gūma	‘bedbug’	kɔsɔ	‘gravel’
dēne	‘wrestle’	hima	‘similarity’	kpene	‘tree sp.’
digo	‘cobra’	honko	‘empty’	Kuma	‘lump/bump’
fēne	‘knife’	ida	‘parent’	kuru	‘horn’
		ijē	‘medicine’	kusu	‘half’
		kasa	‘grave’		

**LM that lengthen to LMM in NP final position**

baci	‘sandal’	buna	‘witch’	misa	‘root’
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**LL**

bangu	‘circumcision’	gigi	‘stutter’	koro	‘weaver bird’
bata	‘vagina’	ginda	‘self’	koto	‘hole in tree’
bui	‘goat’	gishi	‘fish sp.’	kɔshi	‘chewing stick’
dɔbɔ	‘trousers’	goro	‘cola’	kɔ̃nɔ	‘crippled’
fina	‘twin’	gɔ̃nɔ	‘cowife’	kpɛtɛ	‘porridge’
gaa	‘camp’	gyāa	‘widow’	kpiti	‘waist’
gandu	‘quiet place’	kɛa	‘next (week)’	saa	‘long, high’
gasa	‘dregs’	kohi	‘tassle’		

#### LL that lengthen to LLL in NP final position

dɛrɛ	‘new’	kali	‘fence’	lɔkɔ	‘corner’
ɛrɛ	‘hole’	kɔkɔ	‘insect’	mɛnɛ	‘snake’
jɛrɛ	‘monitor lizard’	kpɛrɛ	‘hawk’		

#### LL that lengthen to LLM in NP final position

bice	‘right’	gbɛrɛ	‘stone’	kpara	‘congealed blood’
bɔgɔ	‘bag’	gɛrɛ	‘mussel’	kuzɔ	‘tree parasite’
bɔtɔ	‘young’	iba	‘follower’	sara	‘first’
gāsā	‘rough’	kara	‘cake’	sɔ̃nɔ	‘womb’
gbɛrɛ	‘stomach’	kàsa	‘hill’	vīna	‘sound of movement’

Trisyllabic NPs occur in the following tone patterns, with the majority being MMM.

Some of them lengthen: HHH, HHL, HMM, HML, MMM, MML, MLL, LLL, LLM

### 3.3 Compound Nouns

#### Noun plus noun compounds are very productive:

qualifying	nɛ-gũ	‘woman’	(wife-person)
	akɔ-kpɛ	‘forest’	(tree-home)
material	mɔ-bɛ	‘chain’	(iron-rope)
	bisɛ-kpɛ	‘tent’	(cloth-house)
part-whole	ɔ-kūsũ	‘elbow’	(hand-knee)
	lɛ-bashi	‘upper lip’	(mouth-flesh)
possession	zɔrɔ’i	‘honey’	(bee-water)
	ladu-gu	‘heaven’	(God-place)

#### Noun plus adjective



zũṅ-ṅda(a)	‘integrity’	(heart-pleasant)	gba-kutu	‘bribe’	(gift-close)
tṅṅ-gbāda(a)	‘stubbornness’	(ear-hard)	le-du(u)	‘harmony’	(mouth-one)
gu-fu(u)	‘light’	(place-white)	gu-ci(i)	‘darkness’	(place-black)

### Suffixed forms

The proprietor suffix /nadi/ is suffixed to nouns and the suffixed forms may function as nouns or attributive adjectives. The construction is very productive. There is also an abessive suffix /badi/ ‘without’ and an abstraction suffix /kε(ε)/.

albalikanadi	‘blessed’	bishenadi	‘liar’
amincinadi	‘faithful person’	amincibadi	‘unfaithful person’
gberɛnadi	‘thoughtful person’	gberɛbadi	‘thoughtless person’
kwaacinadi	‘householder’	hundinadi	‘living’
minadi	‘head person’	mibadi	‘fool’
surunadi	‘patient person’	surubadi	‘impatient’
taalinadi	‘transgressor’	taalibadi	‘innocent’

/nadi/and /badi/may be suffixed to a compound noun:

gberɛhunadi	‘compliant’	stomach-white-owner
gberɛ’ɛnanadi	‘even-tempered’	stomach-cool-owner
ladu’amincinadi	‘believer in God’	God-trust-owner
ladu’amincibadi	‘non-believer in God’	God-trust-non-owner
mɔbisanadi	‘cyclist’	iron-horse-owner’
mɔṅsaanadi	‘long-tailed’	tail-long-owner
mi’ndanadi	‘fortunate person’	head-pleasant-owner
tṅṅgbādanadi	‘stubborn person’	ear-hard-owner

**Actor suffix /da/** nouns are productive. The verb root has PRF tone.

ambəkɛda	‘doctor’	gindalabuda	‘humble person’
baanikɛda	‘healer’	ni’ida	‘fruitful’
dɔda	‘follower’	sāmakɛda	‘priest’
fɔbida	‘diner’	sheeshɛfɛda	‘flute player’
findekpada	‘creditor’	shɛkpada	‘carpenter’
gɛkɛda	‘sick’	tɔda	‘searcher’

**Abstract marker /kε/** nouns are also productive:

ashikε	‘greatness’	annabikε	‘prophecy’
amake	‘grace’	dɔbadikε	‘ignorance’

fɔ̀nɔ̀kɛ	‘goodness’	gbãcike	‘dirtyness’
fɔ̀vãnikɛ	‘evil’	gbãdabadikɛ	‘weakness’
fuukɛ	‘shine’	geekɛnakɛ	‘longevity’
futakɛ	‘insignificance’	gõnɔ̀kɛ	‘jealousy’

#### Diminutive marker /ni/ nouns:

buini	‘kid’	dini	‘calf’
dĩnni	‘worker’	fasani	‘hook’
fɛni	‘calabash cup’	gangani	‘wilderness’
gbeni	‘toe’	gbereni	‘small grinding stone’
kpegucini	‘prisoner’	gbini	‘spawn’

### 3.4 Participles

The attributive participle marker is /nàà/. If qualified or used predicatively it becomes /nà/. The participles are a rich source of vocabulary. They are not temporal; there is no distinction between past and present participles. They are used frequently as adjectives, both attributive and predicative, and as nouns.

dõnaa	‘knowledge’	fɔ̀binaa	‘food’
fɔ̀kɛnaa	‘deed, creation’	futẽna	‘scattered’
ga’unaa	‘mourning’	gbɛdinaa	‘footstep’
usãnaa	‘rest’	gbɛɛɛzukanaa	‘abortion’
gbirinaa	‘division’	geekɛnaa	‘delay’

Ex. ì **geekɛna** koru ì à gbà mamaaki  
 ‘His **delay** in the house surprised them.’  
 ye ì gũna lì **ɔ̀kũna** gube  
 ‘Then he found people **gathered** there.’

If there is no primary predicate, /bii/ ‘be there’ is used.

gũna ka bii **acɛna** gubɛ  
 ‘People who were **seated** there.’

### 3.5 Attributive adjectives

Kyanga has a rich supply of over 100 simple adjectives. Adjectives formed by suffixing is also very productive. Adjectives are typically bisyllabic, some have 3-4 syllables. Many simple adjectives terminate with vowel length, a nominal characteristic. If followed by PL or a demonstrative, the short form is used.

bòtɔ(ɔ)	‘young’	busã(a)	‘soft, calm’
dɛɛ(ɛ)	‘new’	gbāda(a)	‘strong, hard’

Nouns are suffixed with the proprietor suffix to form attributive adjectives.

bishɛnadi	‘false, lying’	bīninadi	‘walled’
ciinadi	‘floury, ground’	daamanadi	‘better’
darajanadi	‘precious, valuable’	dēnadi	‘contentious’
dōdunadi	‘of the same mother’	fɔnadi	‘wealthy’

Others are formed with the abessive suffix /badi/.

amincibadi	‘faithless’	bangubadi	‘uncircumcised’
incebadi	‘endless, eternal’	nibadi	‘childless’

A less productive means of adjectival formation is via the actor suffix /da/

jɛkɛda	‘labouring’	kukuda	‘crooked, perverse’
ni’ida	‘fruit bearing’	sɔtɔdɛda	‘castrated’

Numerals are suffixed with /dibi/ to create ordinal numbers.

fiadibi	‘second’	aadibi	‘third’
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Nominal participles are very productive in creating adjectives. /nà(à)/ is suffixed to the simple verb root or a compound verb.

arina(a)	‘fried’	bashina(a)	‘running’
ɛkɛna(a)	‘bright’	dakūna(a)	‘joined’
didina(a)	‘stacked’	ɛshɛna(a)	‘fat, swollen’

### 3.6 Personal Pronouns

	1s	2s	3s	3sLOG <sup>2</sup>	3inan	1p	2p	3p	3pLOG
<b>OBJ</b>	ma	n	ì	a	ø <sup>1</sup>	wo	a	à	nnɔ
<b>POSS</b>	ma	n	ì	a	ì	wo	a	à	nnɔ

1. The regular animate 3s.OBJ pronoun is distinguished from the 3sinan pronoun ‘it’ which is not expressed.
2. When POSS and OBJ pronouns are coreferential with the SUBJ, they take the LOG form.

ì yà a nizɔ            ‘He went with his child.’

If someone else’s child, it would be: /ì yà ì nizɔ/

À nnɔ kokoo dè

‘They killed their chicken.’

After verbs of mental process or communication third person OBJ and POSS pronouns are distinguished when the pronoun is coreferential with the SUBJ NP.

1. ì kè mà kpa’ani

‘He said I should give it to **him**.’

2. à kè mala’ikana b̀̀ à ǹ̀ ǹ̀ gu

‘They said angels appeared to **them**.’

### OBL pronouns

OBL pronouns are followed by clitic and nominal postpositions. Clitic postpositions and their associated pronouns are suffixed to the verb in the orthography. Clitic postpositions all have low tone, which is not written. As the inanimate pronoun is a zero morpheme the postposition follows directly after the verb.

ALL suffix /ɛ/ ‘to, toward’

BEN suffix /ni/ ‘to, for, on behalf of’

DAT suffix /ma/ ‘on, off’

ADES suffix /ji/ ‘near, around, after, to, against’

COM suffix /zɔ/ ‘with, from’

INES suffix /lu/ ‘in, into, from’

SUP suffix /la/ ‘over’

Ex. ì kpàwoni ‘He gave it to us’            ma waa’nji ‘I love you.’

à yaa’azɔ ‘They’ll go with you.’            ì kɔtaa lèma ‘He applied tar to it.’

Locative suffix /gu/ ‘at (place of)’ is a nominal postposition. See 6.3.

à mà ma gu ‘They heard it from me.’

The basic pronoun set shown above function as OBJ, OBL and POSS pronouns, and as SUBJ pronouns in PRF. Although all pronouns begin with a consonant, initial glottal stop is only written in these OBL constructions. The **reciprocal pronoun** /kũ/ ‘each other’ often occurs in the OBL before these clitic postpositions.

àgũ waa kũji ‘Love each other.’

### Free pronouns

**Appositive** pronouns are found in pronoun-noun constructions where both elements have the same reference. They occur with all persons and the plural forms are

1s	2s	3s	3sLOG	1p	2p	3p	3pLOG
mani	nni	ini	ani	woni(nɔ)	ani(nɔ)	àni(nɔ)	nnɔ(nɔ)
Ex.	n zəkɛdanami woni			‘We are your servants.’			
	àniɔ kūni à ninazɔ lɛdule			‘They and their children together.’			

APPO pronouns are often followed by focus markers or by the topical marker /kĩn/.

ee, manimi	‘Yes, it is me.’
mani kīn má mɔrɔmɔrɔ	‘As for me, I’m smooth.’
mani ye n b̀̀	‘It was me who saved you.’

<b>Quantifier pronoun phrases</b>	ma din	‘I alone’ etc.
	wo fia	‘the two of us’ etc.
	wo pai	‘all of us’ etc.

**Reflexive pronouns** (myself etc.)

1s	ma ginda	1p	wo ginda
2s	n ginda	2p	a ginda
3s	ì ginda	3p	à ginda
3s.Log	a ginda	3p.LOG	nnɔ ginda

### 3.7 Numerals

Kyanga numerals are based on a finger and toes system. After 1-5 there is 5 plus 1 to 4 and then 10. Then 10 plus 1 to 4 plus, then 15, then 10 plus 6 to 9, then 20. After that numbers compound in twenties (1 x 20, 2 x 20 etc.) until 200.

1	du	11	koori awereduzɔ
2	fia	12	koori awerefiazɔ
3	à	13	koori awere’azɔ
4	shi	14	koori awereshizɔ
5	sɔɔru	15	koori aweresɔɔruzɔ/wakaasɔru
6	sɔɔdu	16	koori aweresɔɔduzɔ
7	sɔɔfia	17	koori aweresɔɔfiazɔ
8	sɔɔwa	18	koori aweresoowazɔ
9	sɔɔshi	19	koori aweresooshizɔ
10	koori	20	keedu
25	kedosɔru	30	kedokoori
40	keefia	50	keefiawokoori

60	kee'a	70	kee'awokoori
80	keeshi	90	keeshiwokoori
100	keesɔru		

kee + number = multiples of 20

-wokoori = plus 10 (suffix)

aweresɔruzɔ = plus 5

After 200 the English system of counting is followed.

Numbers 1-4 act like nominals in that they have two forms with long and short vowel length. The long form is used within NPs as an attributive adjective, even after a count noun. The short form is used when counting and predicatively, whether alone or after a count noun. This also occurs with 6-9 as they terminate in numbers 1-4.

	<u>Nominative</u>	<u>Predicative</u>
1.	du(u)	du
2.	fia(a)	fia
3.	à(a)	à
4.	shi(i)	shi

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|---|--|
| 1. ma gũ àa wà<br>'I saw three people.'                   | 3. wò bæ ìrì'ìrì ì tǒnɔ guda <b>shi</b> ima pai<br>'Rope was tied on all of its four corners.' |
| 2. à gbìri guda shi<br>'They divided it into four parts.' | 4. ì ɔni gbìri shi.<br>'It divided into four tributaries.'                                     |

/dùù/ 'one' may also mean 'same' and also functions as a pronoun.

In genitive constructions the pronoun is long.

Ex. duu tɔ Ada 'one's name was Ada'

It is preferred in Kyanga that numbers be used predicatively, often with a count noun, rather than as a NP modifier. Ordinal forms are suffixed by /dibi/.

The short form /du/ also functions with /zɔ/ as a discontinuous simile subordinator meaning 'like' or 'the same as'.

Numbers in a NP do not take the PL marker, except for a compound PL marker /nanɔ/ 'those aforementioned'.

#### 4.0 Verb Phrase Construction

As in other Mande family languages, the sentence structure is SUBJ-OBJ-Verb (SOV). A larger version is:

c – SUBJ – AUX – OBJ – verb – PP – adverbials - modal markers

The SUBJ may be preceded by a conjunction and is followed by AUX, OBJ, verb, Postpositional Phrase, adverbials and modal markers. Apart from the modal markers and verb tone, all aspect marking occurs in AUX.

#### 4.1 Verb morphology

In Kyanga there is a closed class of simple lexical verbs, leaving it to the compound verbs to receive new members. There are less than 200 verb roots, half of which are monosyllabic, and up to 200 derivations or duplications. They are very versatile. Most of them function both transitively and intransitively and many of them form compounds with nominals, postpositions or a combination of both. There are inflectional tone changes in some aspects and a participle which has predicative and attributive forms. Voice and mood as a constituent of the verb structure do not exist. Kyanga verbs are similar to Boko verbs, but tone is less significant.

#### 4.2 Monosyllabic verbs

Monosyllabic verbs may have either H or M lexical tone, but the tone is variable due to both grammatical tone and tone instability. Monosyllabic verbs in PRF are always L and the STAT verb /zð/ ‘have’ is always L. Apart from grammatical tone changes lexically H verbs becomes M if not preceded by H, while lexically M verbs become L when preceded by L.

##### Lexically H monosyllabic verbs (M when not supported by a preceding H)

dã	‘wait’	kpa	‘give	tã	‘weave’
fa	‘hit’	kũ	‘catch’	tõ	‘sow’
fẽ	‘suck’	le	‘obstruct’	tõ	‘search’
fõ	‘able’	lo	‘crush’	tu	‘allow’
fõ	‘pierce’	lu	‘buy’	u	‘cry’
gõ	‘count’	mɔ	‘swallow’	wi	‘break’
ka	‘put’	nu	‘come’	yẽ	‘dig’
kã	‘tighten’	su	‘chew’		
kẽ	‘write’	ta	‘walk’		

##### Lexically M monosyllabic verbs (L when not supported by adjacent M)

ba	‘brew’	bã	‘fall(rain)	bi	‘eat’
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bo	‘go out’	gbẽ	‘thresh’	sã	‘be lost’
bu	‘build’	gẽ	‘enter’	shi	‘receive’
ci	‘return’	gu	‘open’	sɔ	‘pour libation’
da	‘release’	hẽ	‘attack’	sõ	‘shout’
dã	‘taste’	hõ	‘fart’	ta	‘close’
dɛ	‘kill’	i	‘harden’	tẽ	‘refuse’
dẽ	‘send’	je	‘refuse’	võ	‘rot’
di	‘put’	ke	‘do’	võ	‘wake’
dɔ	‘knead’	ke	‘say’	võ	‘blow’
ẽ	‘heal’	ku	‘cook’	wa	‘see’
fa	‘fill’	li	‘find’	wã	‘beat’
fẽ	‘wind’	ma	‘hear’	wi	‘breathe’
fi	‘tell’	ma	‘be ready’	yõ	‘test’
fu	‘clean’	mi	‘drink’	zõ	‘stab’
ga	‘die’	mɔ	‘show’	zu	‘throw’
gba	‘give(gift)’	na	‘place’		

### 4.3 Bisyllabic verb stems

HH verbs become either LH or LL in PRF aspect

#### HH/LH

bowi	‘choose’	hite	‘take down’	shite	‘pick up’
gita	‘pass by’	kuce	‘bow’	sũte	‘dive’

#### HH/LL

ari	‘break’	gara	‘drag’	uru	‘uproot’
buru	‘arrive’	ikpa	‘swim’	usã	‘rest’
firi	‘boil’	kasu	‘split’	wuri	‘spoil’
furu	‘loosen’	kishi	‘dip’		

MH verbs become LH in PRF aspect

ace	‘sit down’	ice	‘descend’	suatɛ	‘squat’
buce	‘take off fire’	ince	‘finish’	sute	‘fall over’
dɛce	‘throw down’	kpɛte	‘rise’	wuce	‘lie down’
duce	‘stand’	kpite	‘roast’	zuku	‘throw away’
fitẽ	‘be bent’	nace	‘be quiet’		



**MM, ML and LM** verbs become LL in PRF and PROG aspects.

**ML/LL**

Many are reduplicated verbs

bɛbɛ	‘dance’	dɔdɔ	point	lili	‘fly’
bɔbɔ	‘hatch’	dudu	‘hide’	nana	‘dream’
bura	‘cross over’	ɛɛ	‘swell’	nɔnɔ	‘stretch’
busã	‘tire’	fɔ̃fɔ̃	‘pierce’	puta	‘break open’
dada	‘teach’	gaga	‘die’	shishi	‘call’
dãdã	‘prevent’	kɛkɛ	‘chase’	sori	‘change’
didi	‘stack’	koko	‘carry on back’	susɔ̃	‘insult’

**MM/LL**

ari	‘fry’	kpara	‘steer’	takpa	‘make effort’
bara	‘pluck’	kporo	‘be rough’	toro	‘care for’
ciri	‘darken’	labi	‘sew’	usɔ̃	‘draw’
gara	‘dry up’	labu	‘decrease’	viri	‘bury’
gbiri	‘divide’	lafa	‘increase’	wara	‘sweep’
gboro	‘break down’	lalu	‘ask’	were	‘relax’
gifa	‘erect’	nɔ̃gɔ̃	‘sprout’	wɛ̃nɛ	‘cut open’
ia	‘laugh’	poto	‘untie’	yara	‘mix’
kara	‘miss’	shia	‘climb’	yɔ̃kɛ	‘loosen’
kasa	‘turn back’	sobu	‘de-husk’	yɔ̃rɔ̃	‘melt’
kata	‘cut off’	sowa	‘rust’		
kɔ̃rɔ̃	‘scrape’	sɔ̃tɔ̃	‘insert’		

**LM/LL**

dɔkɔ	‘rub’	igo	‘burp’	tuka	‘rub’
firi	‘jump’	lika	‘encircle’	yukpa	‘joke’

#### 4.4 Compound verbs

The SOV sentence lends itself to noun + verb stem compounds. There are many compound verbs that are included in the dictionary and are written as one word.

compound verb = ± n + vs ± pp

A compound verb consists of a generic noun followed by a verb stem followed by an optional postpositional. The generic noun and postposition are integral parts of the compound verb. The verb stem is often a light verb with little

meaning in itself, the meaning of the compound verb being determined more by the generic noun and postposition. Most compounds are intransitive verbs.

tɔkɔ-'o	'cough'	yã-fi ...ni	'speak to'
waa ...ji	'want, love'	kpa ...ni	'give to'
wohu-kpa ...ji	'frighten'	tubu-kɛ ...ma	'inherit from'

A sentence like /ma n yã mà/ is literally 'I heard your word'. But the /n/ is better interpreted as an OBJ of the compound verb, in which case the sentence means 'I heard you' or 'I obeyed you'. But in the sentence /ma Lua yã mà/ 'I heard God's word', 'God's word' becomes the OBJ of the verb /ma/ 'hear'. In these cases the semantics will govern the grammatical interpretation.

Compound noun formation from these compound verbs is very productive as illustrated by the verb /i-mi/ 'drink', literally water-drink.

imi	'drink'	iminaa	'drinking'	imidi	'drinking time'
imida	'drinker'	imigu	'trough'		

#### 4.5 Clitic Postpositions

There are seven clitic postpositions that follow OBJ pronouns and NPs. All have L.

-ji	'near, against'	-ma	'on/to'	-ni	'to/for'
-la	'over'	-lu	'in, inside'	-zɔ	'with'
-lɛ	'in/into'				

Other postpositions are nominal.

musu	'above'	kpɛɛ	'after'	lɛ	'edge, end'
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Others are a combination of a nominal plus a clitic postposition:

kuce-lu	'under'	tâtãa-ma	'beside'
wata-lu	'in front of'	gbẽ-ji	'behind'

#### OBL pronouns

The basic pronoun set are used in the OBL where they are often followed by clitic postpositions. The meaning may be genitive or ablative.

		Genitive	Ablative
ADES	-ji	'near, around, after, to	'against'
ALL	-lɛ	'in	
BEN	-ni	'to, for, on behalf of'	'from'
COM	-zɔ	'with'	'from'

DAT	-ma	‘on’	‘off’
INES	-lu	‘in, into’	‘from’
SUP	-la	‘over, more than’	

In the orthography the clitic postposition and its OBL pronoun are suffixed to the verb, because the postposition is an integral part of the compound verb and in the other SE Mande languages there are many fused forms of pronoun plus postposition.

Ex.	ì waa- <b>ma-ji</b>	‘He loves me.’
	ì daa- <b>ma-le</b>	‘He will meet me.’
	ì kpà- <b>ma-la</b> gbāda	‘He is stronger than me.’
	ì yāfi- <b>ma-ni</b>	‘He spoke to me.’
	ì yà- <b>ma-zɔ</b>	‘He went with me.’
	ì ɔkè- <b>ma-ma</b>	‘He touched me.’
	ì gè- <b>ma-lu</b>	‘It entered me.’

The nominative postposition /gu/ ‘place’ is often used as an alternative to the DAT postposition /ma/ with the locative meaning ‘to, at’. /gu/ is M and interpreted as a nominal postposition and written separately.

#### 4.6 Labile verbs

Most of the verb roots are labile, they function both intransitively and transitively with some variation in meaning. The SUBJ of an intransitive verb is a patient, while the SUBJ of a transitive verbs is an agent and its OBJ a patient. In the following list of verbs, general meanings for intransitive and transitive forms are given.

Verb	Intransitive	Transitive
ace	‘sit down, settle’	‘sit down, settle’
buru	‘arrive, reach’	‘bring to’
ceke	‘shine, sparkle’	‘shine, turn on’
da	‘meet’	‘put, appoint’
dakũ	‘join’	‘put together’
di	‘consider’	‘put, order’
dudu	‘hide’	‘hide’
fa	‘be filled/fulfilled’	‘fill’
fɔ̃	‘able ; can’	‘support, put up with’
firi	‘boil’	‘cook’

fute	‘fall apart, disperse’	‘scatter’
gara	‘recede’	‘drag, pull’
gboro	‘collapse’	‘break down ; demolish’
ice	‘descend, come down’	‘bring down’
kã	‘be satisfied’	‘tighten’
ka	‘swarm, settle’	‘put, pour’
kaka	‘swell, expand’	‘wear’
kakace	‘spoil, be ruined’	‘spoil, ruin, destroy’
kata	‘separate from, leave’	‘remove, cut off’
ke	‘be (copula)’	‘do, make’
kẽ	‘dawn’	‘tear, write’
kpa	‘be placed, rest’	‘give’
kpɛtɛ	‘rise, ascend, resurrect’	‘dry in sun, spread to dry’
kũ	‘benefit, be appropriate’	‘catch, grab, keep, infect’
ma	‘be ripe, cooked’	‘hear, understand, feel’
nace	‘be quiet, silent’	‘stalk, lie in wait for’
puta	‘burst, explode’	‘burst, explode’
sã	‘be lost, disappear’	‘lead astray, deceive’
shi	‘accept’	‘receive, take, carry’
sori	‘turn back, change’	‘overturn, change’
tata	‘embrace’	‘close up’
tõ	‘drip’	‘sow, plant’
wi	‘break, dislocate’	‘shatter, break down, ruin’
wuce	‘lie down’	‘subdue, control’
zõ	‘discover’	‘stab’

#### 4.7 Stative predicates

STAT predicates express continuity of state rather than action. They contrast with active verbs in PROG (action in progress) and HAB (action habitally performed). STAT predicates are restricted to SBJ, IMPRF and IMPRF.CONT. There are only two STAT verbs and they are invariable; they don’t take PRF tone or the IMPRF suffix.

bii	‘be there, live, dwell, exist’
waa...ji	‘love, want, need’

For present meaning, use PRF pronouns, but for NEG use IMPRF. For future meaning use IMPRF.CONT pronouns with optional NEG, /gũa/ and /bagũa/. STAT predicates in SBJ are preceded by /gũ/ and /bagũ/ in the auxiliary.

ma bii fu	'I am white'	ma hundii zo	'I am alive'
ma bii acena	'I am sitting'	magūa bii baani	'I'll be OK'
ma waa'nji	'I love you'	magūa waa'nji	'I'll love you'
mába waa'njiba	'I don't love you'	àgū waa kūji	'love one another'

**Predicative adjectives** are also STAT predicates and take PRF pronouns to express present meaning, IMPRF.NEG pronouns for present NEG.

má gbāda	'I'm strong'	ì nɔɔ	'it's good'
ába kakajiba	'you're not useless'	ma ɛ gbītā	'my mouth is heavy'

In CONT and SBJ adjectives must be preceded by /bii/.

magūa bii gbāda	'I'll be strong.'
ma waaji ñgū bii gbāda	'I want you to be strong.'

**Intransitive participles** also occur as secondary predicates.

igūa bii acena gube	'He will be seated there.'
ma ì lì ducena	'I found him standing up.'

### Irregular verbs

/zò/ 'have' is an irregular verb. It only occurs with PRF or IMPRF.NEG. It does not occur with the CONT marker. For all other aspects use /li/.

ma zo	'I have some.'	maba zɔba	'I don't have any.'
ma zo yāa	'I had some.'	ì hundi inceɓadi lia.	'He'll have eternal life.'

The verb /dõ/ means 'know' but it can also have the active meaning of 'recognise, differentiate' or 'get to know' in which case it acts normally. But for the present meaning of 'know' use PRF and UNAC for present negative meaning.

ma dõ	'I know.'	magūa dõa	'I'll know.'
ma dõ yāa	'I knew.'	maci dõba	'I don't know.'

/zã ..lu/ 'hate' and /kpa ...la/ 'surpass' function the same way as /dõ/.

ì iiko kpāmala	'His authority surpasses mine.'
gū ka zāmala zã ma djiilu	'Person who hates me hates my father.'

/yaa/ 'go'. Use invariable /yaa/ for all aspects except PRF which is /yà/.

ma yà	'I went.'	má yaa	'I'll go.'
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mabi yaaba ‘I didn’t go.’

mabai yaaba ‘I’m not going.’

### Control verbs

The following verbs maybe followed by a SBJ pronoun and a second verb.

### Verbs of ordering, deciding and choosing

bowi	‘choose to’	shi	‘accept, believe’
dē	‘send to’	t̃	‘seek, look for’
di	‘command to’	wotuke ...ma	‘ask, pray’
fi ...ni	‘tell to’	yābɔ	‘decide’ to

### Verbs of ability, permitting and prohibiting

f̃	‘able to’	li	‘find opportunity to’
gba jere	‘permit to’	tu	‘allow, cause’
je ...ji	‘refuse to’		

### Verbs of suitability, desirability and hope

kū	‘appropriate for’	wiji	‘willing to’
sooluke	‘prepared to’	zūnka	‘hope to’
waaji	‘want to’		

### Reciprocal verbs

Many verbs are constructed with the reciprocal pronoun /kū/ ‘each other’. The meaning is usually a coming together or a moving apart.

bɔ kūlu	‘separate’	gu kūma	‘separate’
bɔ kūma	‘be opposite to’	kūshi	‘agree, match’
dakū	‘put together’	ledakū...ji	‘plot against’
didi kūma	‘stack’	waa kūji	‘love each other’
gē kūlu	‘associate’	waadɔdɔ kūji	‘be opposite’

There are also many nouns formed with the reciprocal pronoun.

didinakūma	‘stacked, storied’	nanakūma	‘folded’
dōnakūji	‘mutual understanding’		
kakakū	‘tangle’		
kūgūna	‘companions’		
kūyāmanaa	‘agreement’		
kūyamanabadi	‘disorder’		

## 5.0 Auxiliary

### Auxiliary markers in the 6 East Mande languages

There are six East Mande languages which head up the columns. The auxiliary is a place for aspect to be expressed. Strictly speaking tense does not exist in these languages. The distinctions are better expressed as aspects, with time implied. These aspects head up the following rows and sometimes include NEG. Because some aspectual markers consist of tone change on the SUBJ pronouns and others involve fusion of aspectual marker and SUBJ pronouns, in the orthography of these languages all auxiliary markers are suffixed to the SUBJ pronouns.

Aspects	Boko	Bokobaru	Bisā	Busa	Kyanga	Shanga
PRF	ma <sup>1</sup>	ma	ma	ma	ma	ma
PFAT	má	má	-	ma	-	máá
STAT	má	má	má	má	ma	má
STAT.NEG				má(ba)	má(ba)	má(ba)
SBJ	mà	mà	mà	mà	mà/nà	mà
IMPRF	má/ <sup>2</sup> a	mé/é	má(ní)	máa/da	má	má
IMPRF.NEG					má(ba)	má(ba)
PROG 1	má <sup>2</sup> (lé)	méε/e	má(tén)	-	má(bi)	má(bi)
PROG 2	máá	má(gá)	-	má(dá)	-	-
PROG.NEG					ma(babi)	má(bai)
HAB	mi/î	mεè/è	ma(dì)	mi/dì	ma(tà)	ma(ta)
HAB.NEG	mi(lí)	mà(tón)	má(sún)	mi(dì)	ma(batà)	ma(batà)
UNAC	mi/ <sup>1/2</sup> <sup>3</sup>	méε/e	má(dí)	mi/di	ma(ci)	ma(tà)
SUBS	mí/í	-	má	mí/dí	-	-
PROH	(su) <sup>4</sup>	mà(tón)	má(sún)	(su)	mà(ba)	mà(ba)
DUR <sup>5</sup>	lí	-gae	-	-	-	-
CONT <sup>6</sup>	-ɔ	-gɔ̃	-gɔ̃	-kũ	-gũ	-gɔ̃
IMPRF.CONT					-gũa	-gɔ̃a
COND <sup>8</sup>					-nà <sup>7</sup>	

1. Some auxiliary markers are tonal and are fused to the SUBJ pronouns, so the 1s pronoun (ma/mi) is shown together with the auxiliary marker.
2. The form in parenthesis or after/ is the form that follows a NP.
3. /î/ is an /i/ with a semilow tone. This is a fourth tone which occurs in Boko, occurring between M and L. The other languages have 3 level tones.

4. /su/ in Boko and Busa are verbs rather than auxiliary markers.
5. The Duration marker (DUR) usually follows IMPRF pronouns, but may occur with SBJ and SUBS.
6. The CONT marker is obligatory with STAT verbs in a future context and with all verbs when an adverb expressing duration of time is present, or even implied. It may occur together with IMPRF, SBJ, SUBS, HAB and DUR. HAB.CONT occurs in Kyanga, but not Shanga, with the markers /tagũ, tagũa/.
7. /nà/ is preceded by NEG marker /ba/ and followed by aspect markers. They are all auxiliary markers. /nà/ is used for PRF verbs, /nàà/ for IMPRF and STAT.
8. Only Kyanga has a COND marker occurring in the auxiliary. The other languages use an 'if' conjunction with no marker in the auxiliary.

### 5.1 Tense, Aspect and Mood

Tense, aspect and mood (TAM) are not discrete in Kyanga. PRF, PROG and SBJ and NEG are all part of the auxiliary system. They are expressed by auxiliary markers which follow SUBJ NPs or are suffixed or fused to SUBJ pronouns. Because many forms are fused to the pronoun (as in other Eastern Mande languages), auxiliary markers are regarded as suffixes, the compounded pronoun forms reflecting person, number and TAM. They precede the OBJ and verb. Some aspects also cause changes in the verb, notably a tone change or a suffix. There is also an end of clause NEG suffix.

Aspect rather than tense is the basic thought in the auxiliary system, so in this dictionary we refer to PRF, IMPRF and PROG rather than Past, Future and Present respectively. The suffixing or fusion of auxiliary markers to SUBJ pronouns results in many sets of SUBJ pronouns which are distinguished by tone and suffixes and are named after the auxiliary markers involved as shown below. It is principally these SUBJ pronouns that indicate the aspect of the clause. Mood is more often expressed by modal verbs and end of sentence modal markers.

**SBJ** expresses such mood categories such as possibility, probability and unreality. The SBJ pronouns are characterised by L and a /-nà/ suffix on third person pronouns. They typically follow verbs of desire and control. SBJ mood also expresses Imperative, PROH and Remote COND. The verb is unchanged in SBJ, but lexically M monosyllabic verbs following SBJ pronouns are realized as L and lexically H monosyllabic verbs are realized as M due to tonal instability. This is true also of the first syllable of longer verb roots.



**Imperative** expresses a command. The 2sSUBJ pronoun /n̄/ is optional, the 2p pronoun is /à/.

1. à nu 'come'                      2.    à kè 'do it'                      3.    ke 'do it'

**PROH** is a negative command and is expressed by SBJ pronouns and NEG.

m̄ba yaaba 'don't go'

**IMPRF** generally expresses the future, but is more accurately described as incomplete or unfinished action. It may express prediction, potentiality, intentionality or improbability. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> person SUBJ pronouns are characterized by H and /à/ is suffixed to the verb. Third person SUBJ pronouns are omitted after NP, Relative Clause marker and focus marker, but they are retained if followed by an OBJ pronoun.

**PROG** aspect expresses an action in progress rather than present tense. In the context the action maybe past or future. The PROG marker /bi/ follows the NP or is suffixed to IMPRF pronouns. The /b/ may elide if the pronoun ends in /a/, and especially after the NEG marker /ba/ resulting in /bai/.

Ex.                      ma(b)i yaa 'I'm going'                      mabai yaaba 'I'm not going'

**PRF** generally expresses a past action, but more accurately expresses an action that is complete, whether the context is past, present or future. PRF pronouns are unmarked and are accompanied by L on the verb root.

**UNAC** expresses an action that is not complete in the context. The auxiliary marker /ci/ is suffixed to PRF pronouns or follows a NP with final NEG. There is no change to the verb.

Ex. maci keba 'I didn't do it'                      Saraya ci ni'iba 'Sarah had not given birth'

**HAB** expresses an action that is done habitually. The HAB marker /tà/ is suffixed to PRF pronouns or follows a NP with no change to the verb, unless caused by tone instability. The HAB.NEG marker is /batà/. The 2s.HAB.NEG pronoun is /nibatà/.

Ex. mata dikinake 'I work'                      mabata dikinakeba 'I never work'

All aspects (except UNAC which is already negative) may be negated by the presence of the NEG marker /-ba/ in the AUX and also clause final.

## 5.2 Conditional clauses

There are three types of COND clauses which have decreasing degrees of probability that are called Factual, Remote and Counterfactual. **Factual** COND clauses are highly probable propositions, Remote COND clauses are only a possibility, while Counterfactual clauses are hypothetical.

The **COND** marker is equivalent to the English 'if', but it is an auxiliary marker, not a conjunction. There are two markers, /nà/ for PRF and /nàà/ for IMPRF. These COND markers precede NEG and secondary aspect auxiliary markers in the AUX.

The **Factual COND** marker /nà/ follows a SUBJ NP or is suffixed to PRF or UNAC Pronouns. The verb is lexical. The /nà/ marker is identical with the marker suffixed to third person SBJ pronouns, but here it occurs with all persons, not just third person.

1. nà wìjì  
2s.COND will  
'If you are willing.'
2. manà fì ì zunubina b̀̀'ima,  
1s.COND say 3s.POSS sins forgive-PRF-3s.DAT,  
koo manà fì ina kpè̀te ina ta, kpaci ye faala  
or 1s.COND say 3s.SBJ rise 3s.SBJ walk, which SF easy  
'If I say his sins are forgiven him, or if I say he should rise and walk,  
which is easier?'
3. wònà kè laalè de, asu dèrèè kakacè-a  
3indefCOND do.PRF thus now cloth new destroy-IMPRF  
'Now if one did that, the new cloth would be destroyed.'

If a fronted OBJ NP precedes the SUBJ NP they will both follow the COND marker.

- ina fò vā̀ni ma fì  
3sCOND thing bad 1sPRF say-PRF  
'If it was something bad I said,'

In Factual COND clauses the verb is lexical, but due to tone instability, the first syllable of the verb root will often have L as in the examples above. In the following example /shi/ is lexically H and becomes M after /yā/ which in this context is M.

- nà ma yā shi, dà n bii baani  
2s.COND 1s.POSS word accept, in-that-case 2sPRF be well  
'If you believed me, you would have been well.'

Tone changes in lexical verbs in Factual COND clauses due to the instability of H is shown in the following example.

- |                      |                          |         |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| 1. nnà dikina-kè ... | 'If you worked...'       | M > L   |
| 2. nnà bàshi         | 'if you ran'             | LH > LM |
| 3. nnà kucɛmanì      | 'if you bowed before me' | HH > MM |
| 4. manà bowi         | 'If I chose'             | HH > MM |
| 5. nnà zūn-sorì      | 'if you repented'        | ML > ML |
| 6. nnà yā-dada-manì  | 'if you taught me'       | ML > ML |
| 7. manà bèbè         | 'if I danced'            | ML > LL |
| 8. manà buru         | 'if I arrived'           | HH > MM |
| 9. manà furu         | 'if I undid it'          | HH > MM |
| 10. manà labu        | 'If I reduced it'        | MM > LL |

The **Remote COND marker** /nà/ follows SUBJ NP or is suffixed to IMPRF or PROG pronouns with IMPRF verb. The COND marker precedes optional NEG and secondary aspect auxiliary markers.

1. n̄-naa-bai                      kũ-à-ba  
2sIMPRF.COND.PROG keep-IMPRF.NEG  
'If you are not keeping it,'
2. àbi              taashika-a-'iji,                      inaa              gũ      ginaa gba-à      baani  
3pPROG watch-IMPRF-3s.ADES, 3sIMPRF.COND person that give-IMPRF health  
'They were watching him, if he would make that person well.'
3. gũ              nàà              waaji a      kɛ      ma      ibaa  
person IMPRF.COND want 3sLOG be 1sPOSS follower  
'If a person should want to be my disciple,'
4. ánaabi              wotukeà,      à      kè  
2pCOND.PROG pray-Imp, 2pSBJ say  
'If/whenever you are praying, say:'

**Counterfactual COND** are hypothetical. The COND clause may be Factual or Remote **with** /nà/ or /nàa/, and the main clause has the conjunction /dà/ 'in that case'.

1. anà              ma      d̄,              dà              a              ma      djii      d̄  
2pCOND 1sOBJ know.PRF, in-that-case 2pPRF 1sPOSS father know.PRF  
'If you knew me, you would have known my Father.'
2. gũ      ginaa      nàà              annabì-mì,              dà              yāa

person that COND.IMPRF prophet-COP, in-that-case before

nɛgũ ka bi ɔkɛ-à-'imà ì ì takali d̃

woman REL PROG touch-IMPRF-3sDAT 3sPRF 3sOBJ type know-PRF

'If that person was a prophet, he would have known the type of woman  
who was touching him.'

### 5.3 Subject pronouns

The three superordinate sets of SUBJ pronouns, PRF, IMPRF and SBJ are differentiated by tone alone as shown below. Some of the third person pronouns are identical. PRF is generally past tense while IMPRF is generally future. These pronouns and the auxiliary markers which are suffixed to them form pronoun sets that are a mixture of tense, aspect and mood (TAM).

#### Superordinate TAM SUBJ pronouns

	1s	2s	3s	3sLOG <sup>4</sup>	1p	2p	3p	3indef	3pLOG	verb <sup>4</sup>
<b>PRF</b>	ma	n	(i) <sup>2</sup>	a	wo	a	(à)	wò	nnɔ	L
<b>IMPRF</b>	má	ń	(i)	a	wó	á	(à)	wò	nnɔ	-à
<b>SBJ</b>	mà	ń <sup>1</sup>	(i)na <sup>3</sup>	a	wò	à	(à)na	wòna	nnɔ	-

Notes:

1. 2s Imperative pronoun is a zero morpheme
2. Third person SUBJ pronouns occur after a NP if followed by an OBJ pronoun, but do not occur after REL marker /ka/ and SE marker /ye/.  
Ex. gũna à ì wà 'People saw him'  
gũnanɔ ye ì wà 'It was those people who saw him'  
gũna ka ì wà 'People that saw him'
3. The third person SBJ marker /nà/ follows directly after the NP, but SUBJ pronouns follow a Coordinate NP
4. SUBJ LOG pronouns occur after verbs of mental process and communication, but not in REL clauses
5. Monosyllabic M verb roots are realised L after a preceding L

#### Negative forms of superordinate SUBJ pronouns

	1s	2s	3s	3sLOG	1p	2p	3p	3indef	3pLOG	verb
<b>UNAC</b>	maci	nci	ici	aci	woci	aci	àci	wòci	nnɔci	-ba
<b>IMPRF NEG</b>	mába	ńba	iba	aba	wóba	ába	àba	wòba	nnɔba	-àba

SBJ NEG	màba	m̃ba	inaba	anaba	wòba	àba	ànaba	wònaba	nnɔba	-ba
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Notes:

1. PROH: 2sSBJ /m̃ba/, 2pSBJ /àba/ with /ba/ clause final
2. Auxiliary markers /ci, ba, naba/ occur alone after NP

### Secondary Aspects and their auxiliary markers – SG

	1s	2s	3s	3sLOG	After NP/REL/SE
PROG	mabi	mbi	ibi	abi	bi
PROG.NEG	mabai	mbai	ibai	abai	bai
HAB	mata	nta	ita	ata	tà
HAB.NEG	ma	mbata	ibata	abata	bata
SBJ.CONT	màgũ	ngũ	inagũ	anagũ	nagũ
SBJ.NEG.CONT	màbagũ	mbagũ	inabagũ	anabagũ	nabagũ
IMPRF.CONT	magũa	ngũa	igũa	anaa	gũa
IMPRF.N.CONT	mabagũa	mbagũa	ibagũa	abagũa	bagũa
Factual.COND	mana	nna	ina	ana	nà
Factual.COND.N	manaaci	nnaaci	inaaci	annaci	naaci
Remote.COND	manaa	nnaa	inaa	anaa	nàa
Remote.COND.N	manaaba	nnaaba	inaaba	anaaba	naaba
PROG.COND	manaabi	nnaabi	inaabi	anaabi	naabi
PROG.COND.N	manaabai	nnaabai	inaabai	anaabai	naabai

### Secondary Aspects and their auxiliary markers – PL

	1p	2p	3p	3pLOG	3indef
PROG	wobi	abi	àbi	nnɔbi	wòbi
PROG.NEG	wobai	abai	àbai	nnɔbai	wòbai
HAB	wota	ata	àta	nnɔta	wòta
HAB.NEG	wobata	abata	àbata	nnɔbata	wòbata
SBJ.CONT	wònagũ	ànagũ	ànagũ	nnɔnagũ	wònagũ
SBJ.NEG.CONT	wòbagũ	àbagũ	ànabagũ	nnɔnabagũ	wònabagũ
IMPRF.CONT	wogũa	agũa	àgũa	nnɔgũa	wògũa

IMPRF.NEG.CONT	wobagũa	abagũa	àbagũa	nnɔbagũa	wòbagũa
Factual.COND	wona	ana	àna	nnɔna	wòna
Factual.COND.NEG	wonaaci	anaaci	ànaaci	nnɔnaaci	wònaaci
Remote.COND	wonaa	anaa	ànaa	nnɔnaa	wònaa
Remote.COND.NEG	wonaaba	anaaba	ànaaba	nnɔnaaba	wònaaba
PROG.COND	wonaabi	anaabi	ànaabi	nnɔnaabi	wònaabi
PROG.NEG.COND	wonaabai	anaabai	ànaabai	nnɔnaabai	wònaabai

<b>PROG</b>	Suffix /bi/ to IMPRF pronouns and suffix /à/ to verb.
<b>PROG.NEG</b>	Suffix /bai/ to IMPRF pronouns and suffix /à/ to verb with /-ba/ clause final.
<b>HAB</b>	Suffix /tà/ to PRF pronouns. Lexical verb root.
<b>HAB.NEG</b>	Suffix /bata/ to PRF pronouns. /ba/ clause final.
<b>CONT</b>	Suffix /gũ/ to SBJ pronouns with STAT predicate. Suffix /gũa/ to IMPRF pronouns with STAT predicate
<b>Factual.COND</b>	Suffix /na/ to PRF pronouns. Verb is lexical.
<b>Factual.COND.NEG</b>	Suffix /naaci/ to PRF Pronouns. Verb is lexical.
<b>Remote.COND</b>	Suffix /naa/ to IMPRF pronouns. Verb is IMPRF
<b>Remote.COND.NEG</b>	Suffix /naaba/ to IMPRF Pronouns. Verb is IMPRF
<b>PROG.COND</b>	Suffix /naabi/ to IMPRF Pronouns. Verb is IMPRF
<b>PROG.COND.NEG</b>	Suffix /naabai/ to IMPRF Pronouns. Verb is IMPRF

#### 5.4 Logophoricity

Logophoricity is not as pervasive as in Boko where any reference to a person coreferent to the SUBJ NP will take a LOG form. The 3sLOG pronoun is /a/, 3pLOG is /nnɔ/. Logophoricity usually occurs in indirect quotations after the verbs /fi/ ‘tell, speak’, and /kɛ/ ‘say’, but it also occurs after mental process and communication verbs, like:

/tú/ ‘allow’, /di, yāgifa/ ‘command’, /wa/ ‘see’, /ma/ ‘hear’

and psychological states like:

wiji	‘be willing’	waaji	‘want’	tĩ	‘seek’
dĩ	‘know’	bowi	‘choose’	zũnka	‘hope’

1. ì wà Shela ashikè wòci a kpa-'ini nɛɛ-ba  
 3sPRF see.PRF Sela grew.PRF 3indefUNAC 3sOBJ.LOG give-3sBEN wife-NEG  
 ‘She saw that Shela had grown up and she had not been given to him as wife.’
2. ka ma djii wà **abi** yaa gaa-ji ì kè

when 1sPOSS father see.PRF 3sLOG.PROG about-to die-ADES 3sPRF sayPRF  
 mà a viri gbere'erēlu ka a lù a ginda mu  
 1sSBJ 3sLOG bury tomb-in REL 3sLOG buy.PRF 3sLOG own possession  
 'When my father saw he was about to die, he told me to bury him in a tomb he had  
 bought for himself.'

In Kyanga LOG is controlled by syntax and coreference. It is not affected by reliability, it is never used to express evidentiality or point of view, and it is never optional. LOG can occur in REL clauses, Complement clauses, Adverbial clauses and even within a Simple clause.

Adamu kè mà kpa'ama  
 'Adam said I should give it to **him**.'

If the final pronoun was not coreferential with the SUBJ NP, it would not be LOG.

Adamu kè mà kpa'ima  
 'Adam said I should give it to him (another person).'

## 6.0 Adverbials

### 6.1 Simple adverbs

**Denominal locational adverbs** (some of them also function as postpositions)

baa	'outside, on outskirts'	n.	'house'
buden	'between'	n.	'middle'
cεε	'down, below'	n.	'ground'
εε	'forward, ahead'	n.	'forehead'
gbēji	'beyond, behind, last, after'	n.	'back'
kpe	'home'	n.	'house'
laduwei	'in sky/heaven'	n.	'heaven' (God's house)
musu	'above'	n.	'sky'

**Compound nouns ending in /gu/ 'place'**

acεgu	'place to sit/settle'	n.	'sit-place'
asabugu	'urinal'	n.	'urine-do-place'
bɔgu	'gate, exit'	n.	'go out-place'
cεkagu	'kitchen'	n.	'fire-make-place'
sāmakegu	'altar'	n.	'sacrifice-do-place'
tubikegu	'hunting spot'	n.	'hunt-do-place'

usõbõgu ‘at sunrise’ n. ‘sun-come out-place’

### Denominal temporal adverbs

bεεε ‘now’ n. ‘present’  
 lehũ ‘in the future’ n. ‘tomorrow’  
 gãoni ‘at night’ n. ‘night’  
 guma ‘yesterday’ n. ‘yesterday’

### Compound nouns ending in /di/ ‘day, time’

azukedi ‘day/time of suffering’ n. ‘pain-do-day’  
 bukidi ‘holiday’ n. ‘celebration-day’  
 idi ‘birthday’ n. ‘bear-day’  
 neshidi ‘wedding day’ n. ‘wife-take-day’

### Denominal manner adverbs

baani ‘fine, well’ n. ‘health, peace’  
 kpĩn ‘stealthily’ n. ‘theft’  
 yāda ‘truly, really’ n. ‘truth’  
 indawere ‘pitiable’ n. ‘pity’

### Deadjectival adverbs (often with reduplication)

gbāa ‘much, in great number’ adj. ‘many’  
 gbējigbēji ‘backwards, late’ adj. ‘latter’ /gbēji/  
 busābusā ‘gently, slowly’ adj. ‘soft, calm’ /busā/  
 dεε ‘anew, recently’ adj. ‘new’ /dεε/  
 saasaa ‘by far’ adj. ‘far, deep, high, long’

### Suffixed denominal adverbs

The following adverbs consist of temporal noun plus demonstrative /ε/ ‘this’:

dikena lè ‘this morning’ ‘εmena lε ‘this noon’  
 usõtē lε ‘this afternoon’ ‘itɔkε lè ‘this evening’  
 gãoni lε ‘tonight’

## 6.2 Adverbial NPs

**Adverbial NPs**, especially REL clauses with the headwords /gu/ ‘place’, /di/ ‘day’, /lootoo/ ‘time, season’ or the subordinator /laaka/ ‘as, just as, what’

1. ì yà Tondi **gu** ka wò ì tòro



3sPRF go.PRF Tondi place REL 3indefPRF 3sPBJ rear.PRF

‘He went to Tondi **where** he was brought up.’

2. ì zɔnadi ci-a **di** ka ici di-ba,

3sPOSS lord return-IMPRF day REL 3sUNAC consider-NEG

**lootoo** ka ici dɔ̃ba

time REL 3sUNAC know-NEG

‘His lord will return **on a day** that he didn’t consider,

**at a time** that he didn’t know about’

3. ma d̃ɔ̃ **laaka** má kɛ-a

1sPRF know.PRF what 1sIMPRF do-IMPRF

‘I know **what** I will do’

### 6.3 Denominal postpositions

The following denominal postpositions occur with OBJ pronouns and NPs:

Abessive	badi	‘without’
Agency	sàbu	‘by means of, thanks to’
Anterior	watalu	‘in front of’
	wadajĩn	‘in presence of’
Causal	yāaji	‘reason, because of’
Citerior	baaji læɛzɔ	‘this side or bank of’
Comitative	kūni...zɔ	‘with, and (accompaniment, instrument, source, material, manner)’
Directional	ɔ̃ji	‘towards’
ESS	∅	‘as (unmarked NP following a copula)’
Exception	baashi	‘except, apart from’
Extent	le, lɛma	‘boundary, extent of, up to’
Exterior	baa	‘outside of’
Inclusion	ataalu	‘between, among, during’
Lateral	kutu, kuma	‘beside’
	bicɛɛma	‘on right of’
	ɔ̃jɛngema	‘on left of’
Medial	buden	‘between, in middle of’
Posterior	gbɛ̃ji	‘beyond, behind, after’
Reference	yā musu	‘concerning’
Substitutive	gurubi	‘instead of/as replacement/substitute for’
Superior	musu	‘above’

Temporal	looto	‘time, season’
Ulterior	baaji	‘the other side/bank’

#### 6.4 Denominal postposition phrases

̀̀ ma zuu m̀̀gõ gbãshĩ <b>badi</b>	‘Bathe me that I might be clean.’
ce sùte cerema gũna wadajĩn	‘Fire fell to the ground in people’s <b>presence</b> .’
̀̀ dabodabona k̀̀ ̀̀ <b>watalu</b>	‘He performed miracles <b>in front of</b> him.’
n taabik̀̀ ma <b>yãaji</b>	‘You suffered <b>because of</b> me.’
bõgu guda àa bii <b>gucijĩmma</b>	‘Three gates were toward the <b>east</b> .’
akõna bii ̀̀ <b>baaji</b> kũni ̀̀ <b>baaji</b> læzõ	‘There were trees <b>on that side</b> and <b>this side</b> .’
àta zõkẽ’ini ̀̀ koru emena <b>kũni</b> gãõnizõ	‘They serve him in his temple day <b>and night</b> .’
̀̀ saake musu bùru bisa kaba <b>lema</b>	‘Its height was <b>up to</b> a horse’s bit.’
Wò à miishì gũnalu	‘They were rescued from <b>among</b> the people.’
ma sùte ̀̀ gbẽ <b>kutu</b>	‘I fell beside his feet.’
Ataa nagũ bii ina <b>buden</b>	‘Let there be space <b>between</b> the waters.’
À bõ fõ bena <b>gbẽji</b> weredawere	‘Oppose those things openly.’
Wo wẽe tà buru du kee’a <b>saara</b>	‘Our year reach to <b>about</b> sixty.’
wòta guu walu <b>du</b> digizõ	‘One sees through it <b>like</b> glass.’
̀̀ gà wo <b>gurubi</b>	‘He died in our <b>place</b> .’
à usãa akõ <b>kucelu</b> gule	‘You will rest <b>under</b> the tree here.’

The following **conjunctions** occur with adverbial clauses:

Purpose	dun	‘so that’
Causal	zaaka	‘for’
	dun, ka ... yãaji	‘because’
Concessive	baa ka	‘even, even though’
Exception	sai ... baashi	‘except, unless’
Past	ka	‘when (past)’
Simile	du ... zõ	‘like’
Anterior duration	hari	‘until, before’
Posterior duration	hari	‘before’

Ex.	àta ni’i <b>hari</b> wó nua	‘They give birth <b>before</b> we come. (IMPRF)’
	<b>hari</b> ̀̀ bùru gube	‘ <b>Until</b> he arrived there. (PRF)’
	<b>hari</b> àna bura garaama	‘ <b>Until</b> they cross onto dry land. (SBJ)’

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- a<sub>1</sub>** *pro.* 2p.PRF, 2p.OBJ, 2p.POSS.  
**abata** *pro.* 2p.HAB.NEG.  
**aci** *pro.* 2p.UNAC.  
**ana** *pro.* 2p.Factual.COND.  
**anaa** *pro.* 2p.Remote.COND.  
**anaaba** *pro.* 2p.Remote.COND.NEG.  
**anaaci** *pro.* 2p.Factual.COND.NEG.  
**aninɔ** *pro.* 2p.APPO.  
**ata** *pro.* 2p.HAB.
- a<sub>2</sub>** *pro.* 3s.LOG.PRF, 3s.IMPRF, 3s.SBJ,  
 3s.OBJ, 3s.POSS.  
**aba** *pro.* 3s.LOG.IMPRF.NEG.  
**abagũa** *pro.* 3s.LOG STAT.NEG.  
**abai** *pro.* 3s.LOG.PROG.NEG.  
**abata** *pro.* 3s.LOG.HAB.NEG.  
**abi** *pro.* 3s.LOG.PROG.  
**aci** *pro.* 3s.LOG.UNAC.  
**agũa** *pro.* 3s.LOG.IMPRF.CONT.  
**ana** *pro.* 3s.LOG.SBJ,  
 3s.LOG.Factual.COND.  
**anaa** *pro.* 3s.LOG.Remote.COND.  
**anaaci** *pro.* 3s.LOG.UNAC.COND.  
**anaaba** *pro.* 3s.LOG.Remote.COND.NEG.  
**anaabai** *pro.* 3s.LOG.PROG.COND.NEG.  
**anaabi** *pro.* 3s.LOG.PROG.COND.  
**anaba** *pro.* 3s.LOG.SBJ.NEG.  
**anabagũ** *pro.* 3s.LOG.SBJ.CONT.NEG.  
**anagũ** *pro.* 3s.LOG.SBJ.CONT.  
**ani** ['ani] *pro.* 3s.LOG.APPO.  
**ata** *pro.* 3s.LOG.HAB.
- a<sub>3</sub>** *ptcl.* plus.
- a<sub>1</sub>** [à] *ptcl.* end of sentence question  
 marker expecting positive answer.
- a<sub>2</sub>** [à] *ptcl.* IMPRF verb suffix.
- á<sub>2</sub>** ['á] *pro.* 2p.IMPRF.
- ába** *pro.* 2p.IMPRF.NEG.  
**ábai** *pro.* 2p.PROG.NEG.  
**ábi** *pro.* 2p.PROG.  
**ábagũa** *pro.* 2p.IMPRF.CONT.NEG.  
**águã** *pro.* 2p.IMPRF.CONT.  
**ánaabai** *pro.* 2p.PROG.COND.NEG.  
**anaabi** *pro.* 2p.PROG.COND.
- à<sub>1</sub>** ['à] *pro.* 3p.PRF, 3p.IMPRF, 3p.OBJ,  
 3p.POSS.  
**àba** *pro.* 3p.IMPRF.NEG.  
**àbagũa** *pro.* 3p.IMPRF.CONT.NEG.  
**àbai** *pro.* 3p.PROG.NEG. *Variant:* àbai.  
**àbata** *pro.* 3p.HAB.NEG.  
**àbi** *pro.* 3p.PROG.  
**àci** *pro.* 3p.UNAC.  
**àgũa** *pro.* 3p.IMPRF.CONT.  
**àna** *pro.* 3p.SBJ, 3p.Factual.COND.  
**ànaa** *pro.* 3p.Remote.COND.  
**ànaaba** *pro.* 3p.Remote.COND.NEG.  
**ànaabai** *pro.* 3p.PROG.COND.NEG.  
**ànaabi** *pro.* 3p.PROG.COND.  
**ànaaci** *pro.* 3p.Factual.COND.NEG.  
**anaba** *pro.* 3p.SBJ.NEG.  
**ànabagũ** *pro.* 3p.SBJ.CONT.NEG.  
**ànagũ** *pro.* 3p.SBJ.CONT.  
**àninɔ** *pro.* 3p.APPO.  
**àta** *pro.* 3p.HAB.
- à<sub>2</sub>** ['à] *pro.* 2p.SBJ.  
**àba** *pro.* 2p.SBJ.NEG.  
**àbagũ** *pro.* 2p.SBJ.CONT.NEG.  
**àgũ** *pro.* 2p.SBJ.CONT.
- à<sub>3</sub>** ['à] *num.* three.  
 — *adj.* three.  
**àa** ['àà] *adj.* three.  
**aa'aa** ['àà'àà] *num.* three each, in  
 threes.

- adibi** *adj.* third.
- a'a** ['áá] *intj.* oh! *Variant:* o'o.
- á(a)** ['áá] *n.* yam.
- áa yē** *vt.* harvest yams.
- àa** ['àà] *pro.* 3p.APPO.
- aai** ['àà] *intj.* no.
- aala** ['aalà] *n.* wild date palm. *Phoenix reclinata.*
- abaliba** ['àbaliba] *n.* pineapple. *Ananas comosus.*
- abani** ['àbàni] *n.* ladle.
- abu** ['àbú] *n.* cotton.
- abuke** ['àbuke kè] *vi.* go mouldy.
- ace** ['acé 'acé] *vi.* sit down, settle.  
— *vt.* sit down, settle.
- ace'ace** *vi.* sit down (many).
- acegu** *n.* place to settle/sit.
- acena** *padj.* seated.
- ada<sub>1</sub>** ['àdá] *n.* machete, coup coup. *From:* Hausa.
- ada<sub>2</sub>** ['àdá] *n.* praying mantis. *Syn:* ladubisa.
- adaka** ['àdàkà] *n.* wooden box, coffin.
- adua** ['adua] *n.* thorn tree, soapberry tree. *Balanites aegyptiaca.*
- agbeshe** ['ágbé'jé] *n.* cassava, manioc.
- agogo** ['agogo] *n.* wrist watch. *From:* Hausa.
- aiba** ['àibà] *n.* banana, plantain. *From:* Dendi: àyàbà.
- akoori(zò)** [akoorìzò] *num.* plus ten. *Syn:* -wokoori.
- akò** ['akò] *n.* wood, tree. *Variant:* akòdṣò 'tree'.
- akò di ...ma** *vt.* put wood on.
- akò kpetena(a)** *n.* firewood.
- akò shi** *vt.* gather firewood.
- akòba** ['akòba] *n.* wooden handle.
- akòdṣò** ['akòdṣò] *n.* tree. *Variant:* akò.
- akòfṣda** ['akòfṣda] *n.* grey woodpecker. *Dendropicos goertae.*
- akògaaru** ['akògaaru] *n.* wooden cross.
- akògbara(a)** ['akògbaraa] *n.* bark (tree).  
**akògbaraa gu** *vt.* strip off bark.
- akògbi(i)** ['akògbii] *n.* knot in wood.
- akògifa** ['akògifá] *n.* vertical pole.
- akò'í** ['akò'í] *n.* sap.
- akòkoto** ['akòkòtò] *n.* hole in tree.
- akòkpa** ['akòkpa kpà] *vi.* draw straws/twigs.
- akòkpe** ['akòkpe] *n.* forest.
- akòkpiti** ['akòkpìtì] *n.* trunk of tree.
- akòlubòbò** ['akòlubòbò bòbò] *vi.* hollow out wood. *Syn:* akò'erebòbò.
- akòmikutu** ['akòmìkutù] *n.* tree stump.
- akòmisa(a)** ['akòmìsaa] *n.* tree root. *Syn:* misa(a).
- akòni** ['akòni] *n.* fruit.
- akòṣ** ['akòṣ] *n.* double-spurred francolin, partridge. *Francolinus bicalcaratus.*
- akò'òni** ['akò'òni] *n.* branch of tree.
- akòshida** ['akòʃìda] *n.* firewood gatherer.
- akòzāke** ['akòzāke kè] *vi.* graft.  
**akòzāke iri** *vt.* tie graft.  
**akòzakena(a)** *n.* graft, grafting.
- akòzugu** ['akòzugù] *n.* river gallery.
- akuru** ['ákuru] *n.* yam hill.
- alaama** ['àláàmà] *n.* sign of something to come. *From:* Hausa.
- alayaho(o)** ['àlayàhoo] *n.* spinach.
- albalika** ['àlbalika] *n.* blessing. *From:* Arabic.
- albalikanadi** *n.* blessed one.
- albalikaka ...ni** ['àlbalikaká kà] *vi.* bless.
- albaru** ['àlbaru] *n.* gunpowder. *From:*

Hausa.

**albasa** [ʔalbasa] *n.* onion. *From:* Arabic.

**albasakici** [ʔalbasakíci] *n.* garlic.

**aleke** [ʔaléké] *n.* sugar cane. *From:* Hausa.

**alfa** [ʔalfa] *n.* 1) butterfly. 2) Muslim teacher. *From:* Arabic.

**alfudafuda** [ʔalfudafuda] *n.* violet turaco. *Musophaga violacea.*

**alheli** [ʔalheli] *n.* hospitality. *From:* Hausa.

**aljanna** [ʔaljanna] *n.* paradise. *From:* Arabic.

**alkoro** [ʔalkòrò] *n.* double-spurred francolin, partridge. *Francolinus bicalcaratus.* *From:* Arabic.

**alkoto** [ʔalkòtò] *n.* snail. *From:* Arabic.

**alkporodajin** [ʔalkporodaʒĩŋ] *n.* white-throated francolin. *Francolinus albogularis.*

**allo** [ʔàlo] *n.* 1) shoulder blade. 2) writing tablet, blackboard. *From:* Arabic.

**Almashihu** [ʔàlmaʒihù] *n.* Messiah. *Syn:* Kirishi. *From:* Arabic.

**ama**<sub>1</sub> [ʔàma] *n.* blood.

**ama ... bo** *vi.* bleed.

**ama ... ice** *vi.* bleed profusely.

**ama**<sub>2</sub> [ʔàma] *n.* favour, popularity.

**amanadi** *n.* popular person.

**áma** [ʔámá] *n.* striped ground squirrel. *Euxerus erythropus.*

**amaa**<sub>3</sub> [ʔamaa] *cnj.* but. *From:* Hausa.

**amake ...ni** [ʔàmake kè] *vi.* favourable/kind (be) to.

**amakeda** *n.* gracious/kind person.

**amali ...ma** [ʔàmali lì] *vi.* find favour before.

**amali ... werema** *vi.* find favour in eyes of. *Manà amali n weremà* If I have found grace in your eyes,

**amamusu** [ʔámámùsu] *n.* Gambian sun squirrel. *Heliosciurus gambianus.*

**ambere** [ʔambere] *n.* needle, injection.

**aminci** [ʔamincì] *n.* faithfulness, trust. *From:* Hausa.

**amincibadi** *n/aadj.* faithless (person).

**amincinadi** *n/aadj.* faithful (person).

**amincike** [ʔamincìke kè] *vt.* trust, believe in.

**an** [ʔaŋ] *pro.* their, 3p.POSS.

**anaga** [ʔánàga] *n.* centipede.

**anasara** [ʔànàsárá] *n.* white man, European. *Syn:* shehu. *From:* Arabic: ànnàsáará.

**anasara yã** *n.* English.

**anasara ãne** *n.* guinea-pig.

**andalika** [ʔàndalika] *n.* hammer.

**anga** [ʔàŋga ʔàŋgà] *vt.* chop down, strike at.

**anga'anga** *vt.* harvest.

**angana(a)** *n.* harvest, felling.

**ani** [ʔanì] [ʔaa] *pro.* 3s.LOG.APPO. *Ye ì gĩnaa kè, aa le.* Then he responded, he was here. *Variant:* aa.

**ani(nɔ)** [ʔanìnò] *pro.* 2p.APPO.

**àni(nɔ)** [ʔànìnò] *pro.* 3p.APPO, them.

**ankpata** [ʔàŋkpàtà] *n.* baboon. *Papio anubis.*

**annabi** [ʔàŋabì] *n.* prophet, fortune teller. *Syn:* wali. *From:* Hausa.

**annabike** *n.* prophecy.

**annabikeke** [ʔàŋabikeke kè] *vi.* prophesy.

**anzarafu** [ʔanzarafù] *n.* silver. *From:* Dendi.

**ari** [ʔari ʔàrì] *vt.* fry.

**arina(a)** *adj.* fried.

**ári** [ʔárí ʔàrì] *vi.* break. *Ma ɔɔ àri.* My arm broke.

— *vt.* break.  
**arina** *adj.* broken.  
**aroke** [ˈaroke kɛ̀] *vt.* borrow.  
**aroke...ni** *vt.* lend to.  
**arokɛda** *n.* borrower.  
**asaasa** [ˈàsààsá] *n.* sack.  
**asasa(a)** [ˈasasaa] *n.* urine.  
**asasaabu** [ˈasasaabu bù] *vi.* piss, urinate.  
**asasabugu** *n/adv.* urinal.  
**asasatɔ̀ɔ̀** [ˈasasatɔ̀ɔ̀] *n.* bladder. *Lit:* 'urine gourd'.  
**ashe** [ˈaʃe] *conj.* so.  
**ashi** [ˈáʃí] *adj.* big, large.  
**ashikɛ(e)** *n.* greatness, standing, position, status.  
**ashikɛ** [ˈáʃíkɛ kɛ̀] *vi.* grow, get big, enlarge, fatten.  
**asoro** [ˈásóró] *n.* waste, catastrophe. *From:* Dendi.  
**asorokɛ** [ˈásórókɛ kɛ̀] *vt.* lay waste, bring catastrophe.  
**asu** [ˈasu] *n.* load, burden. 2) thing, clothing.  
**asu di ...ma** *vt.* put load on.  
**asu shite** *vt.* pick up load.  
**asuna** *n.* things, clothes, belongings.  
**asuka** [ˈasuka kà] *vi.* dress.  
**ata(a)** [ˈataa] *n.* space, in between area.  
**ataa ka ... buden** *vt.* put space between.  
**ataagara** [ˈataagara] *n.* coconut. *From:* Hausa.  
**ataalu** [ˈataalù] *adv.* in space.  
— *post.* 1) among, between (locative).  
2) during (temporal).  
**Ataura** [ˈataura] *n.* law of Moses, Ataura.  
*From:* Arabic.  
**a'u** [ˈá'ú] *n.* pounded yam.

**awa** [ˈawà] *cn.* hour. *From:* English.  
**awere'azo** [awere'ázò] *num.* plus three.  
**awereduzo** [aweredùzò] *num.* plus one.  
**awerefiazo** [awerfiazò awereçazò] *num.* plus two.  
**awereshizo** [awereʃizò] *num.* plus four.  
**aweresooshizo** [aweresooʃizò] *num.* plus nine.  
**aweresoowazo** [aweresoowàzò] *num.* plus eight.  
**aweresoɔ̀duzo** [aweresoɔ̀dùzò] *num.* plus six.  
**aweresoɔ̀fiazo** [aweresoɔ̀fiazò aweresoɔ̀çazò] *num.* plus seven.  
**aweresoɔ̀ruzo** [aweresóɔ̀ruzò] *num.* plus five.  
**awokoorizo** [awokoorizò] *num.* plus ten.  
**azanci** [ˈazanci] *n.* intelligence. *From:* Hausa.  
**azancibadi** *n.* fool, unintelligent person.  
**azancinadi** *n.* intelligent person.  
**azancikɛ ...ni** [ˈazancikɛ kɛ̀] *vi.* trick, outwit.  
**azancikɛda** *n.* deceiver, cheat, cunning/crafty person.  
**azu** [ˈázú] *n.* pain.  
— *adv.* painful, difficult.  
**azunadi** *adj.* painful.  
**azuka ...ma** [ˈázúka kà] *vi.* punish, persecute, mistreat.  
**azukada** *n.* persecutor, oppressor.  
**azukana(a)** *n.* persecution, punishment.  
**azukɛ** [ˈázúkɛ kɛ̀] *vi.* pain. Ma mii bi azukɛa. I have a headache.  
**azukɛdi** *n/adv.* day of pain.  
**azuma**<sub>2</sub> [ˈázúma mà] *vi.* sick (be), hurt (be), feel pain.

## Ã - ã

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**ãa** ['áá] *adj.* bitter.  
— *n.* 1) gall bladder. 2) bile, gall.  
**ãake(ε)** *n.* bitterness.

**ãatē** ['ãatē] *n.* sand, soil.  
**ãatē ci(i)** *n.* black soil.

## B - b

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**ba<sub>1</sub>** *ptcl.* 1) negation marker after NP.  
2) sentence initial negation marker.  
Ba mani ye fɔpai kèba dee? Was it not me who made everything?

**-ba** *ptcl.* 1) negation suffix for SUBJ pronouns. 2) sentence final negation suffix.

**ba<sub>2</sub>** [ba bà] *vt.* ferment, brew.

**ba<sub>3</sub>** *n.* handle.

**ba jida** *n.* former state.

**ba ...ma** *vi.* continue with. Ka àbi baa àbi ì lalua When they continued to ask him,

**baa<sub>1</sub>** *cnj.* even.

**baa ka** *cnj.* even though/if/when.

**baa<sub>2</sub>** [baa] *adv.* on the outskirts (of town), outside.

— *post.* outside of, outskirts of, bank of.

**bà(a)<sub>1</sub>** [bàa] *n.* running, race.

**banadi** *n.* runner.

**bà(a)<sub>2</sub>** [bàa] *n.* share.

**Baaba** [bààba] *n.* Father (vocative).

**baaji** [baaʒì] *post.* far bank/side of.

**baaji leezɔ** *post.* this side/bank of.

**baakudõndõ** [bààkúdõndõ] *n.* grey plantain-eater. *Crinifer piscator*.

**baalu** [báálù] *n.* news, information, history.

**baalu ma** *vt.* hear news.

**baalukpa (...ni)** [báálùkpa kpà] *vi.* report news.

**baalukpada** *n.* broadcaster.

**baalukpana(a)** *n.* broadcasting.

**baalunwɔkpa ...ni** [báálùnɔkpa kpà] *vi.* tell good news to, evangelise.

**baalunwɔkpada** *n.* evangelist.

**baani<sub>1</sub>** [bààni] *intj.* fine, well. Baani shã.

All is well. *From:* Dendi.

**baanibadi** *n.* unwell person.

**baaninadi** *n.* healthy person.

**baani<sub>2</sub>** [baani] *n.* Egyptian mimosa. *Acacia nilotica*.

**baanike** [bàànike kè] *vi.* get well, healed (be).

— *vt.* cure, heal.

**baanikebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* remedy, treatment.

**baanikeda** *n.* healer.

**baanima** [bààanima mà] *vi.* get well, healed (be).

**baashi(ba)** [bààʃiba] *post.* except, apart from.

— *cnj.* unless. Sai anagũ biimalu

baashiba. Unless you remain in me.

**baci(i)** [bàcii] *n.* shoe, sandal. *Syn:* kubuta.

**bacii bɔ** *vt.* take of shoes.

**bacii ka** *vt.* put on shoes.

**bacii mɔkε** *vt.* polish shoes.

**bacimwokeda** [bàcimwòkèda] *n.* shoe



polisher.

**badi** *post.* without. Wòbata fɔkan kɛ ì badiba. Nothing is done without him.

**-badi** *ptcl.* non-owner of.

**badike** [badike kɛ] *vi.* die, pass away. *Lit:* 'be without'.

**bado** [bado] *n.* waterlily. *From:* Hausa.

**bagarua** *n.* spiny tree species. *Acacia kirkii.*

**bagũa** *ptcl.* IMPRF.CONT.NEG marker after SUBJ NP.

**bai** *ptcl.* PROG.NEG aspect marker. *Variant:* babi.

**-bai** *ptcl.* PROG.NEG pronoun suffix.

**baje** [baje] *n.* stream, creek.

**baje'ere(ɛ)** [baje'ɛrɛ] *n.* river bed.

**bajelɔkɔ** [bajelɔkɔ] *n.* course of stream.

**baje'ɔni** [baje'ɔni] *n.* tributary of stream.

**bakadɔɔ** *n.* tree species. *Terminalia mollis.*

**bakara** [bakàrà] *adv.* abundant, very much.

**bakasu** [bakasù] *n.* toad. *Bufo regularis.*

**bakere** [bakèrè] *n.* older brother.

**balikibaliki** [bàlikìbàlikì] *ideo.* spotted.

**balu** *n.* island.

**balu shě(ɛ)** *n.* water-weed.

**bandaabu** *n.* storeroom.

**bandubandu** [bàndubàndu] *n.* dysentery.

**bangu** [bàngù] *n.* circumcision.

**bangunadi** *n.* circumcised.

**bangubadi** *n.* uncircumcised.

**bangubadikedi** *adv.* time when uncircumcised.

**banguka** [bàngùka kà] *vi.* circumcised (be). *Syn:* tɔjě.

**bara** [bara bàrà] *vt.* remove seeds (maize cob), pluck (leaves, chicken).

**-bara** *ptcl.* too.

**baraga(a)** *n.* maturity, wet dream.

**baraganadi** *n.* mature person.

**baraga'i** *n.* sperm.

**baragake** [baragake kɛ] *vi.* mature, wet dream (have).

**baragaluilui** [baràgaluilui] *n.* firefly.

**baraganda** *n.* small tree species. *Combretum fragrans.*

**barake** [baràke kɛ] *vi.* beg.

**barakɛda** *n.* beggar.

**bari** *n.* duiker.

**bari ci(i)** bush duiker. *Sylvicapra grimmia.*

**baritě(ɛ)** *n.* red-flanked duiker. *Cephalophus rufilatus.*

**Barugu** [bàrùgu] *n.* Borgu. Historical Boko/Baatonu area of Borgu.

**barugu** *n.* south.

**baraguna** *n.* Borgu inhabitants.

**baruguna sɔ(ɔ)** *n.* mushroom. *Syn:* bembɛ.

**bashi** [bàʃi bàʃi] *vi.* run, flee, flow.

**bashi ...ni** *vi.* run way from.

**bashina(a)** *adj.* running (water), race.

**báshi** [báʃí] *n.* flesh.

**bata<sub>1</sub>** [bàtá] *n.* tension drum.

**bata<sub>2</sub>** [batà] *ptcl.* HAB.NEG aspect marker, never.

**-bata** *ptcl.* HAB.NEG SUBJ pronoun suffix.

**bàta** [bàtà] *n.* vagina.

**batawɛrɛ** [bàtawérɛ] *n.* clitoris.

**bã** [bã bà] *vi.* rain.

**bã(a)** *n.* bird.

**bãda** *n.* bustard.

**bãfu(u)** *n.* cattle egret.

**bãboogu** [bãbóógú] *n.* common house martin. *DElichon urbica.*

**bācici** *n.* piapiac. *Ptilostomus afer.*

**bāciciri** *n.* 1) red-cheeked Cordonbleu.

*Uraeginthus bengalus.* 2) red-billed firefinch. *Lagonosticta senegala.*

**bāde** *n.* spiny tree species. *Acacia tortilis.*

**bāgbō(ɔ)** [bāgbōɔ] *n.* birdlime.

**bākpe** *n.* nest.

**bāntoro** [bāntòrò] *n.* grey-headed sparrow. *Passer griseus.*

**bāntoro shēnte** *n.* common bulbul. *Pycnonotus barbatus.*

**becikasa** [becikàsa] *n.* puff adder, viper. *Bitis arietans.*

**be(e)** *n.* common warthog. *Phacochoerus africanus.*

**bè(e)** [bèe] *n.* kind, type, race, seed, descendant, clan. *Bè kpacimi nni?*  
What race are you?

**beyā** [bèñā] *n.* language.

**beegeke** [beegeke kè] *vt.* long for, miss.

**beeke** [bèeke kè] *vi.* produce progeny.

**be** *pro.* that.

**be(ε)** [bèε] *adj.* that.

— *pro.* that one.

**bèbe** [bèbè bèbè] *vi.* dance, trample.

**bèbeda** *n.* dancer.

**bèbena(a)** *n.* dance.

**bècε(re)** *n/adv.* now. *Variant:* betε(re).

**bèceregūna** *n.* this/present generation.

**bècεrebεcεre** *adv.* just/right now.

**bèε** *adj.* that.

**bè(ε)** [bèε] *n.* rope, string, belt.

**bèε ka** *vt.* tie on belt.

**bèε kpa** *vt.* set trap (rope).

**bèε yō ...ma** *vt.* measure off with rope.

**bèlekata** [bèlekata] *n.* plaited rope.

**bèlla** [bèla] *n.* jar.

**bèmbε** [bèmbε] *n.* mushroom. *Syn:*  
baruguna sō(ɔ).

**bembem** [bèmbém] *n.* swollen spleen.

**bemizō** [bèmizō] *n.* coil (rope).

**Benεε** [benεè] *n.* Benin Republic.

**bεre** [béré] *n.* termite.

**beshīn** [bèʃīn] *n.* string.

**bεzō(ɔ)** [bèzōɔ] *n.* bundle.

**bεzu ...ni** [bèzu zù] *vi.* trap with net.

**bē** [bé] *n.* horn.

**bē(ε)** [bèε] *n.* savannah monitor. *Varanus exanthematicus.*

**bi<sub>1</sub>** *ptcl.* PROG marker.

**-bi** *ptcl.* PROG pronoun suffix.

**bi<sub>2</sub>** [bi bì] *vt.* 1) eat, win, inherit.  
2) cheat.

**bi ...ma/zō** *vi.* defeat. *Syn:* bi dēnema.

**bi jēεzō** *vt.* defeat in war.

**bicε(ε)** [bìcèε] *n.* right hand, right handed person.

**bicεema** *post.* on right of. *Ì bii acena ma bicεema.* He is seated on my right.

*Variant:* bitεε.

**bii<sub>2</sub>** [bíi] *vi.* be, live, dwell. *Kíri kεε ye bii.*  
There once was a king. *Mana bii irina*  
If I am tied up

**bii hundiizō** *vi.* alive (be).

**bii ima** *vi.* float.

**bii ...ma/musu** *vi.* on (be), ride on.

**biro** [biirò] *n.* 1) ball point pen. *From:*  
English. 2) hired worker.

**bilobilo** *n.* pipistrelle. *Pipistrellus pipistrellus.*

**bindo** [bíndò] *n.* sling.

**bini** *adj.* honorable. *Syn:* kàn.

**birigi** [bìrìgi] *n.* fishing net for casting.

**birigi fō** *vt.* cast net. *Syn:* birigi zu.

**birikeceda** [bìrikèceda dà] *vi.* roll.

— *vt.* roll. *From:* Hausa.

**biro** [biró] *n.* grass torch. *Syn:* shēεε.

**bisa** *n.* 1) horse. 2) beam.

**bisa nigõni** *n.* colt.

**bisacehe** *n.* mare.

**bisaguru** [bisagúru] *n.* chariot.

**bishe**<sub>1</sub> [biʃɛ] *n.* lie.

**bishenadi** *n.* dishonest person, liar.

— *adj.* lying, false.

**bishe(ε)** [biʃɛɛ] *n.* cloth.

**bisheε ke** *vt.* weave cloth.

**bisheε labi** *vt.* sew.

**bishejẽ** [biʃɛzẽ zẽ] *vi.* tell lie.

**bishejẽ ...zɔ** *vi.* deceitful with (be).

**bishekɛda** [biʃɛkɛda] *n.* cloth weaver.

**bishekpe** [biʃɛkpɛ] *n.* tent.

**bishelabida** [biʃɛlàbida] *n.* seamstress.

**bite** [bité bité] *vi.* alive (be).

— *adj.* alive, living.

**biti** [bíti] *n.* confusion, worry.

**bitidi ...ni** [bitídi di] *vi.* concerned (be) about.

**bitike ...ni** [bitíke kè] *vi.*

confused/anxious (be) about.

**bíni** [bíní] *n.* town wall.

**bíninadi** *adj.* walled.

**boboi** [bòbò] *n.* egg-plant. *Solanum scabrum* Miller.

**boici** [bòici] *n.* catch thorn. *Ziziphus abyssinica*.

**boli** *n.* rice.

**boli su** *vt.* eat rice.

**boogu** [bóógú] *adj.* blue.

**borokpa** *adj.* how much/many.

**borokpakpa** *adv.* how many.

**bowi** [bówí bòwì] *vi.* chose to.

— *vt.* choose.

**bɔ** [bɔ bɔ] *vi.* go out, exit, escape.

— *vt.* take out, remove, redeem.

**bɔ ... gbɛji** *vi.* betray, oppose, deny,

rebel against.

**bɔ gindazɔ wei** *vi.* spill seed outside (premature withdrawal).

**bɔ ...kutu** *vi.* surprised (be).

**bɔ kũlu** *vt.* separate, halve.

**bɔ kũma** *vt.* separate, break up.

**bɔ ...ni** *vi.* get out of way of.

— *vt.* bring out for.

**bɔ ... nu ...ma** *vi.* appear to.

**bɔ ... sheε** *vi.* surprised (be) at.

**bɔ ... sute** *vi.* fall over, stumble.

**bɔbɔ** [bɔbɔ bɔbɔ] *vi.* hatch.

— *vt.* take out, throw out.

**bɔgu** *adv.* at gate.

**bɔ ...zɔ** *vi.* go out with.

**bɔ yãlu** *vt.* prove innocence, acquit.

— *vi.* acquitted (be).

**bɔna(a)** *n.* leaving, exodus, removal, flow, redemption.

**bɔ** *pro.* what. Bɔ beemi? What is that?

*Variant:* bɔ ye (If Subject of clause.).

**bɔa** [bɔa] *n.* beans.

**bɔbũnu** [bɔbũnú] *n.* sore, abscess, wound.

**bɔdagũgbɛji** [bɔdagũgbɛzi] *n.* betrayer, traitor.

**bɔgbɛε** [bɔgbɛɛ] *n.* sore, wound.

**bɔgɔ(ɔ)** [bɔgɔɔ] *n.* bag, pocket.

**bɔgu** *n.* 1) gate. 2) source. 3) way of escape.

**bɔ'i** [bɔ'í] *n.* pus.

**bɔkici** [bɔkíci] *n.* small sores, eczema.

**bɔkicike** [bɔkícike kè] *vi.* small sores/eczema (have).

**bɔkɔ** [bɔkɔ] *n.* 1) goitre. 2) crop (of bird). 3) gill. *Variant:* zɔbɔkɔ. *From:* Dendi.

**bɔkɔke** [bɔkɔke kè] *vi.* swollen goitre (have).

**bɔkɔsɔ** [bɔkɔsɔ] *n.* mudfish.

**bɔnini** [bɔ̀nini] *n.* scar. *Syn:* tambo.

**-bɔ(ɔ)** [bɔ̀ɔ] *ptcl.* instrument.

**bɔ̀(ɔ)** [bɔ̀ɔ] *n.* scab, sore.

**bɔ̀rɔ̀bɔ̀rɔ̀** *n.* shrub species. *Grewia barteri*.

**bɔ̀rɔ̀gɔ̀** [bɔ̀rɔ̀gɔ̀] *n.* brain, marrow.

**bɔ̀rɔ̀gɔ̀** [bɔ̀rɔ̀gɔ̀] *n.* blanket.

**bɔ̀rɔ̀kɛ(ɛ)** *n.* wet/rainy season.

**bɔ̀rɔ̀kɛ** *adv.* wet/rainy season.

**bɔ̀rɔ̀kɛ dɛrɛ(ɛ)** *n.* Spring (before rains).

**bɔ̀rɔ̀(na)** [bɔ̀rɔ̀na] *n.* ant.

**bɔ̀tɛkɛ** [bɔ̀tɛkɛ] *n.* scab.

**bɔ̀tɔ̀** [bɔ̀tɔ̀] *n.* plaster.

**bɔ̀tɔ̀kɛ ...ma** [bɔ̀tɔ̀kɛ kɛ] *vi.* plaster, paint.

**bɔ̀tɔ̀kɛda** *n.* painter, plasterer.

**bɔ̀tɔ̀kɔ̀** [bɔ̀tɔ̀kɔ̀] *n.* soft mud.

**bɔ̀tɔ̀ni** *n.* tree species. *Stereospermum kunthianum*.

**bɔ̀tɔ̀(ɔ)** [bɔ̀tɔ̀ɔ] *n.* filth.

**bɔ̀tɔ̀nadi** filthy person.

**bɔ̀tɔ̀(ɔ)** [bɔ̀tɔ̀ɔ] *adj.* young.

**bɔ̀tɔ̀ɔbu** [bɔ̀tɔ̀ɔbu bɔ̀] *vt.* disdain.

**bɔ̀yɔ̀aji** [bɔ̀yɔ̀aji] *adv.* why. *Bɔ̀yɔ̀aji ye n yà?* Why did you go?

**bu** *vt.* 1) build. 2) pick. 3) shave (head). 4) redeem.

**bubu** [bubù búbù] *vt.* pick many.

**buce** [bucé búcé] *vt.* take off fire.

**buceba ...ma** [buceba bà] *vi.* 1) make hillocks (for yams). 2) make waves.

**buci(i)** *n.* smut, blight (on grain).

**buda** [budà] *n.* fog, mist, harmattan dust. *From:* Hausa.

**budari** *n.* zorilla, weasel. *Ictonyx striatus*. *From:* Hausa: budari.

**budari waakiwaaki** *n.* spotted mongoose.

**budari fu(u)** *n.* white tailed mongoose. *Ichneumia albicauda*.

**budari ci(i)** *n.* marsh mongoose. *Atilax paludinosus*.

**buden** [budeŋ] *post.* between. — *adv.* middle.

**budenbuden** *adv.* right in the middle.

**budengũ** [budeŋgũ] *n.* go-between, mediator.

**bue** *n.* neck chain, bead waistband.

**bue du(u)** *n.* bead.

**buga(a)** *n.* fig tree species. *Ficus vallis-choudae*.

**bugubugu** *adv.* beaten up.

**bui** [bùì] *n.* goat. *Capra hircus*.

**bui negũ** *n.* she goat, nanny goat.

**bui nigõni** *n.* he-goat.

**buini** *n.* kid.

**buii** *adv.* in a rush.

**buikohi** [bùìkòhi] *n.* mature billygoat.

**buka** [búka] *n.* hut, shelter. *Variant:* lalabuka.

**bukatunu** *n.* Barbados nut, purging nut. *Jatropha curcas*.

**buki** *n.* festival, celebration. *Syn:* gingalu. *From:* Hausa.

**bukidi** *n/adv.* holiday.

**bula** *n.* washing blue.

**bule** *n.* diagonal facial marking under eye.

**bulubulushi** [bùlùbùlùʃi] *n.* four-banded sandgrouse. *Pterocles quadricinctus*.

**bumbu** [bùmbú] *adj.* whole (world), full (moon).

**bumbum** [bùmbum] *padj.* naked.

**buna(a)** [bùnaa] *n.* witch.

**bunda** *n.* flax.

**bura** [burà bùrà] *vt.* cross over.

**burabura** *vt.* cross back and forth.

**buragu(a)** *n.* ford.

**buragu** *adv.* at ford.

**burodi** [burodì] *n.* bread. *From:* English.  
**burodi ke** *vt.* bake bread.  
**burodikeda** [burodikèda] *n.* baker.  
**buru**<sub>1</sub> [búru bùrù] *vi.* arrive, enough (be), worthy (be).  
**buru ...ji** *vi.* reach, attain to.  
**buru ...ma** *vi.* arrive at, enough (be) for.  
 — *vt.* bring to. *Yāfinaa tà gū búru kãnaama.* Talking brings people to prosperity.  
**buruna(a)** *n.* boasting, conceit.  
**buru**<sub>2</sub> [búru] *n.* cloud. *From:* Hausa.  
**buruburu** [búrubúru] *n.* clouds.  
**buruka** *n.* bush species. *Feretia apodanthera.*  
**burukuceke** [bùrukùceke kè] *vt.* search thoroughly, ransack.  
**burunake (...ji)** [burunake kè] *vi.* boast (about).  
**burunakeɓ(ɔ)** *n.* boast, something one is proud of.

**Busa** *n.* Boko, Busa, Bisã, Bokobaru.  
**busã**<sub>1</sub> *n.* 1) straw for mixing with clay.  
 2) food without sauce.  
**busã**<sub>2</sub> [búsã búsà] *vi.* tire, grow weak/soft.  
 — *adj.* soft, calm, gentle.  
**busã ...zo** *vi.* grow tired of.  
**busãbusã** *adv.* gently, slowly.  
**bushia(a)** [buʃiaa] *n.* white-bellied hedgehog. *Atelerix albiventris.*  
**busubusu** [búsúbúsú] *n.* kerosene lamp.  
**busuka** [bùsùka] *n.* 1) husk, bran.  
 2) smallpox.  
**buta** *n.* small tree species. *Terminalia mollis or avicennioides.*  
**butu** *n.* moisture, dampness, refreshment.  
 — *adj.* wet, damp.  
**bútu** [bútú] *adj.* raw, uncooked, fresh, unripe.  
**butukpa ...ma** [butukpa kpà] *vi.* moisten.  
**bù(u)** [bùù] *n.* rubbish heap, dump.  
**buzuzu** [bùzuzù] *n.* dung beetle.

## C - c

**caca** [cáca] *n.* dice.  
**caca bi** *vt.* win gamble/vote.  
**cacake** [cácake kè] *vi.* gamble, vote, play cards.  
**cece** [cècè] *n/adv.* today.  
**cecekpa** [cecekpa kpà] *vt.* gently lead.  
**ce** [cé] *n.* fire. *Variant:* té.  
**cebã(a)** [cébãa] *n.* bee-eater. 1) European bee-eater. *Merops apiaster.* *Variant:* luafi. 2) carmine bee-eater. *Merops nubicus.* 3) Blue-cheeked bee-eater. *Merops persicus.*

**cebeela** [cébeela] *n.* flame. *Syn:* cɛnɛnɛ.  
**ceɓ** [céɓ b̀] *vi.* spark.  
**cecihici** [cécíhìcì] *n.* charcoal, black coals.  
**ceci(i)** [cécii] *n.* ashes.  
**cecilelekeda** [cécilelekèda] *n.* great great grandchild, fourth generation.  
**cefucena(a)** [cэфucénàà] *n.* spark.  
**cegbere(ɛ)** [cégbèrèè] *n.* bullet.  
**cegbi(i)** [cégbii] *n.* light bulb.  
**cehĩni** [cehĩni] *n.* scorpion.  
**cehĩni bisa** *n.* spider species.  
**ceka** [céká kà] *vi.* set/kindle fire.

- cekagu** *adv.* at/to kitchen.  
**cekagu** *n.* kitchen.
- ceke** [céke kè] *vi.* sparkle, shine.  
 — *vt.* make shine.  
**cekena** *adj.* bright, sparkling.  
**cekena(a)** *n.* radiance, brightness.  
 — *adj.* bright, radiant, sparkling.
- cekpa** [cékpá kpà] *vi.* warm oneself by fire.  
*Variant:* cekpakpa.  
**cekpa ...lu** *vi.* inspire, drive on.
- cekpeshe** [cékpéʃé] *n.* smoke. *Variant:* cékɔshe.
- cekpeshebo** [cékpéʃébo bò] *vi.* smoke.
- cekpiri** [cékpiri] *n.* fan.
- cekũ<sub>1</sub>** [cékũ kũ] *vi.* burn.  
**cekũna(a)** *n.* burn.
- cekũ<sub>2</sub>** [cékũ] *n.* trap.  
**cekũ kpa (...ni)** *vt.* set trap (metal) (for).
- cele** [céle] *n.* burn.
- cena ...ma** [céna nà] *vi.* set alight.
- cenene** [cénene] *n.* flame. *Syn:* cebeela.
- cere** *n.* ground, land, nation.  
 — *adj.* low.  
 — *adv.* down, below, on the ground.
- cereguru** [cerégúru] *n.* train.
- ceretẽ(ẽ)** [cerẽʒetẽẽ] *n.* clod.
- cerelijidana(a)** [cerẽzigidanàà] *n.* earthquake.
- cerekeda** [cerékèda] *n.* diviner. *Syn:* cerewāda.
- cerekũ** [cerékũ kũ] *vi.* fall down. *Syn:* sute.
- cevõ** [cévõ võ] *vi.* blow/fan fire.  
**cevõ ...ma** *vi.* inflame.  
**cevõ ...ni** *vi.* encourage, spur on, inspire.
- cewi** [cėwí] *adv.* in fire.
- ceyõ(ɔ)** [cėpõ] *n.* hot embers/coal.
- cẽe** [cẽe cẽè] *vi.* go back, turn, repeat. Ì cẽè
- ì gbishekè mɔ̀ɔ. She got pregnant again.  
 — *vt.* replace, put back, send back.  
*Variant:* tẽe (Kasati).
- cẽe gbẽji** *vi.* turn back.
- cẽe ...ma** *vi.* turn on.
- cẽe ...ni** *vt.* go back to.
- ci<sub>1</sub>** [ci cì cà] *vi.* return.  
**ci ...ji** *vi.* return from (SUBJ speaking).  
**ci ...ma** *vi.* return to.  
**ci ...ni** *vt.* 1) return to. 2) respond to, answer.  
**ci ...zɔ** *vi.* return from.
- cidi** *n/adv.* return time.
- cina(a)** *n.* return.
- ci<sub>2</sub>** [ci cì] *vi.* become black/dark.  
 -**ci** *ptcl.* black.  
**ci burukuburuku** [ci bùrùkùbùrùkù] *n.* mainly black (goat).  
**ci dugudugu** *adv.* jet black. *Syn:* ci gĩnigĩni.  
**ci(i)** *adj.* black.
- ci<sub>3</sub>** *ptcl.* UNAC auxiliary marker.  
 -**ci** *ptcl.* UNAC suffix for PRF pronouns.
- ciba** *n.* 1) blacksmith. 2) African mesquite. *Prosopis africana.*
- cibi** [cíbí] *n.* spoon.
- ciibo** [cífbo bò] *vt.* grind to powder/flour.
- ciinadi** [cínadi] *adj.* floury, ground up.
- cinga** [ciŋga] *n.* black seed used in soup.
- cinga(a)** [ciŋgaa] *n.* veranda.
- cingo** [ciŋgo cìŋgò] *vt.* heap, pile.  
**cingona(a)** *n.* pile, heap.
- cinkoli** [cìŋkòlì] *n.* grey hornbill. *Tockus nasutus.*
- cip** [cíp] *ideo.* still (meaning varies). À dùce cip. They stood still.
- ciri** [ciri cìrì] *vi.* black/dark (become).  
 — *vt.* blacken, darken.

**ciri ...ma** *vi.* overtaken by darkness  
(be).

**cizɔzɔ(ɔ)** *n.* cuckoo. *Cuculus canorus.*

**cĩnjĩnjĩn** [cĩŋzĩŋzĩŋ] *n.* ghost.

## D - d

**da** [da dà] *vt.* put.

**da ...le** *vi.* meet.

**da ...le ...zɔ** *vt.* grant (ex success).

**da ...ma** *vt.* cover (one thing not many).

**da ...ni** *vt.* release, dismiss.

**-da** *ptcl.* actor suffix.

**dà** *cnj.* Conditional marker.

**dà yāa** *cnj.* Counterfactual Conditional marker.

**dà(a)** [dàa] *n.* character, bad character, crime.

**danadi** *n.* person of bad character.

**daake** [dàake kè] *vi.* commit crime.

**dakena(a)** *n.* crime.

**dakeda** *n.* criminal.

**daama** [dáámá] *n.* good condition, improvement.

**daama zɔ** *vt.* better (be).

**daamanadi** *adj.* better.

**daamake** [dáámáke kè] *vi.* get better, improve.

**dabali** *n.* wisdom, skill.

**dabalinadi** *n.* wise person.

**dabalibadi** *n.* foolish person.

**dabalike ...ni** [dabalike kè] *vi.* act wisely toward.

**dabeke** [dabeke kè] *vt.* flatten. *From:* Hausa.

**dabeni** [dabeni] *n.* bat. *Variant:* dakpeni. *From:* Hausa.

**dabinɔ** [dabinɔ] *n.* date. *Phoenix* *dactylifera.*

**dabodabo** *n.* wonder, magic. *Syn:* mamaaki.

**dabodaboke** [dabodaboke kè] *vi.* wonder/magic do.

**dabodabokeda** *n.* miracle-worker, wonder-worker.

**dada** [dadà dàdà] *vi.* learn. — *vt.* imitate.

**dada ...ni** *vt.* teach.

**dagara** *n.* ladder. *Variant:* dōgaga.

**daidaike ...ni** [daidaike kè] *vi.* explain to.

**dakpeni** [dakpeni] *n.* floor beater. *Variant:* dabeni.

**daku** *n.* younger brother/sister.

**daku ne(ɛ)** *n.* sister-in-law.

**daku negū** *n.* younger sister.

**daku zā** *n.* brother-in-law.

**dakū** [dakū dākū] *vt.* put together, mix.

**dakū ...ji** *vt.* join, gather together.

**dakū ...ma** *vi.* abound in.

**dakūdakū** *vt.* gather (many times).

**dakūna** *adj.* gathered, assembled.

**dakūna(a)** *n.* gathering, assembly.

— *adj.* joined, brought together, mixed.

**dakūkpe** *n.* hall, mosque, church.

**dakūkpenadi** *n.* hall leader.

**dalama(a)** [dàlámàà] *n.* lead. *From:* Hausa.

**dam** [daṃ] *n.* dam. *From:* English.

**dame** *n.* chameleon. *Syn:* kpangu.

**danga(a)**<sub>1</sub> [daŋgàa] *n.* grass used for

fencing.

**danga(a)**<sub>2</sub> [daŋɡaa] *n.* desire, covetousness. *From:* Hausa.

**danganadi** *n.* covetous/greedy person.

**dangaake** [daŋɡaake kè] *vt.* covet, desire, long for.

**dangaake ...ma** *vi.* desire, long for.

**dankanɔma** [daŋkanɔma] *n.* shrub species. *Ipomoea carnea.*

**danko** [daŋkò] *n.* slingshot.

**daraja** [daraja] *n.* honour, value. *From:* Hausa.

**darajanadi** *adj.* precious, valuable.

**dare** *n.* paradise widow. *Vidua interjecta.*

**dawa(a)** *n.* guinea corn, sorghum. *From:* Hausa.

**dawa akɔ** *n.* guinea corn stalk.

**dawamɔkedi** [dawamɔ̀̀kedi] *n/adv.* guinea corn harvest time.

**dã**<sub>1</sub> [dá dà] *vt.* wait for, protect, guard.

**dãda** *n.* superintendant, guard.

**dã**<sub>2</sub> [dã dà] *vt.* dip out.

**dã ... ma** *vt.* taste. *Ká ì inabi'i ginaa dà ì mà* When he tasted that wine,

**dã(a)**<sub>1</sub> *n.* dog almond (tree). *Andira inermis.*

**dãdã** [dãdã dãdã] *vt.* obstruct, prevent. *Bó ye ma dãdã mà ka'iwike? What prevents me from being baptised? Syn: jerele.*

**dãdã ...ji** *vt.* prevent from. *Ì ì dãdã gaaji.* He prevented him from dying.

**dãna** [dãná] *n.* slime.

**dãnakpa** [dãnákpá kpà] *vi.* slimy (be).

**dãnkoke** [dãŋkòke kè] *vi.* sticky (be).

**de** [dè] *ptcl.* 1) end of sentence mood marker expressing surprise or incredulity. *A keɛ fɔ̃a de? Is any of them able?* 2) end of subordinate

clause mood marker meaning 'so, now'. *Nnaa kuceamani de* Now if you'll bow down to me 3) end of Imperative clause mood marker meaning 'just'. *Ma amincike de.* Just trust me.

**dee**<sub>1</sub> *n.* grandmother.

**dee**<sub>2</sub> [dèè] *ptcl.* end of sentence question marker for negative question expecting positive reply.

**deece** [deecé dèècé] *vt.* 1) cook, put on stove. 2) forge.

**deede** *adv.* in equal/exact amount.

**deedeke (...ni)** [deedeke kè] *vt.* relate, recount.

**deedekena(a)** *n.* account, narration.

**de** [dɛ dè] *vt.* 1) kill. 2) bother, convulse. 3) extinguish, quench. 4) play musical instrument (drum, violin). *Variant: je* (Kasati).

**dede** [dedè dèdè] *vt.* 1) kill many. 2) sharpen (metal).

**dɛɛ** [dɛɛ dèɛɛ] *vt.* throw down (person), refute (by argument).

**dekereke (...zɔ)** [dekereke kè] *vt.* meet with (by chance).

**Dendi** *n.* Dendi.

**dere(ɛ)** [dèrèè] *adj.* new.

**dere** *adj.* anew, recently.

**dē** [dē dē] *vt.* send.

**dē ...ji** *vt.* send against.

**dē (...ma)** *vt.* send (to).

**dē ...ni** *vt.* send to/for.

**dēda** *n.* sender.

**dēbugbeshite** [dēbugbɛʃité ʃité] *vi.* use war strategy.

**dēbu'ɔɔfuru** [dēbu'ɔɔfúru fùrù] *vi.* extend battle line.

**dēbutɔɔ(ɔ)** [dēbutɔɔɔ] *n.* battle armour.



**dēbu(u)** [dēbuu] *n.* war, battle.  
**dēbunadi** *n.* warlord.  
**dēbugu** *adv.* battlefield.  
**dēbugu** *n.* battlefield.  
**dēbuubi ...ma** [dēbuubi b̄i] *vi.* conquer.  
**dēbubida** *n.* conqueror, victor.  
**dēbuuke** [dēbuuke k̄è] *vi.* fight war.  
**dēbukeb̄(ɔ)** *n.* weapon.  
**dēbukeda** *n.* warrior.  
**dēbukena(a)** *n.* battle.  
**dēbuz̄(ɔ)** [dēbuz̄ɔ] *n.* slave of war.  
**d̄(ɛ)** [d̄ɛ] *n.* fight.  
**d̄ɛ ka** *vt.* start fight.  
**d̄ɛnadi** *adj.* contentious, strife-ridden.  
**d̄ɛke** [d̄ɛke k̄è] *vi.* fight.  
**d̄ɛkeb̄(ɔ)** *n.* weapon.  
**d̄ɛkeda** *n.* fighter, rival.  
**d̄ɛkena(a)** *n.* fight, fighting.  
**d̄ɛkeb̄k̄ūda** [d̄ɛkeb̄k̄ūda] *vi.* armour-bearer.  
**d̄ɛne** [d̄ɛne] *n.* wrestle.  
**d̄ɛnebi** [d̄ɛnebi b̄i] *vi.* win wrestle.  
**d̄ɛnebu** [d̄ɛnebu b̄u] *vi.* wrestle. *Variant:* d̄ɛnemi.  
**d̄ɛnebuda** *n.* wrestler.  
**d̄ɛnebuna(a)** *n.* wrestle, wrestling.  
**d̄ɛnez̄ā(a)** [d̄ɛnez̄āa] *n.* spiked bracelet worn by wrestlers.  
**di**<sub>1</sub> *n.* day.  
 -**di** *ptcl.* day.  
**di ... k̄ɛ** *vi.* dawn.  
**di kpaci** *adv.* when, on what day, at what time. Usually emphatic /di kpaci ye/.  
**dike(ɛ)** [dik̄ɛ] *adv.* one day, at a certain day.  
**dik̄ena(a)** *n.* dawn.  
**di**<sub>2</sub> *vt.* put, command.  
 — *vi.* consider, expect.

**di k̄ūma** *vt.* put/stack on each other.  
**di ...ma** *vt.* impute, charge.  
**di miima** *vt.* put on head.  
**di ...ni** *vt.* put before, serve.  
**digu** *n.* parking place.  
**dí** *n.* who? SUBJ NP use /dí ye/. Takes specific PL marker /n̄/.  
**Di'ashi(di)** [di'áʃidi] *n.* Friday.  
**dibeedi** *adv.* at that time.  
**-dibi** [d̄ibi] *ptcl.* ordinal number marker.  
**dibike** [dibike k̄è] *vi.* make trouble, cause disturbance.  
**dibikeda** *n.* trouble-maker.  
**Dibuden(di)** [dibudɛndi] *n.* Saturday.  
**didi** [didì d̄idì] *vt.* stack.  
**didi ...ma** *vi.* take hold.  
**didina(a)** *adj.* stacked.  
**didinak̄ūma** [didin̄ak̄ūm̄à] *adv.* storied.  
**difia(a)** *n.* two days, some time.  
**difia** *adv.* for some time.  
**difiaake** [difiaake k̄è] *vi.* spend time.  
**difiakena(a)** *n.* sojourn.  
**diga** [digà] *n.* pick. *From:* English: digger.  
**digb̄'icegu** [digb̄'icegu] *n.* manure heap.  
**digb̄(ɔ)** [digb̄ɔ] *n.* cow manure.  
**digi** [dígi] *n.* glass, mirror. *From:* Dendi.  
**digo** [digo] *n.* black cobra. *Naja nigricollis.*  
**diguru** [digúru] *n.* bullock cart.  
**dì(i)** [d̄ii] *n.* ox, steer.  
**dì ashi** *n.* large bull.  
**dì s̄ɔt̄ɔd̄ɛda** *n.* steer.  
**dì d̄ɔ** *n.* cow. *Syn:* d̄i n̄ɛḡɔ.  
**dì jifakeda** *n.* working ox.  
**dì niḡɔni** *n.* bull.  
**dini** *n.* calf.  
**dini b̄ɔt̄ɔ** *n.* young ox.  
**diibidibi** *n.* swindle.  
**diibidiibinadi** *n.* swindler.

**Di'icidi** *n.* Thursday.

**dii'ida** [jii'ida] *n.* biological father.

**diji** [dizi] *n.* 1) grandfather. *Etym:* Boko: dezi 'old father'.

**dijina** *n.* ancestors.

**dikali(i)** [dikàlii] *n.* cattle pen.

**dikan** [dikaŋ] *adv.* ever.

**dikamba** [dikamba] *adv.* never.

**dikæedi** [dikæedi] *adv.* one day.

**dikēna(a)** [dikēnàà] *n.* morning, dawn.

**dikēna** *adv.* in the morning.

**dikēna guma** *adv.* day before yesterday.

**dikēnaa dè** *intj.* Good morning! *Variant:* Hoo dikēnaazɔ.

**dikēna lè** *adv.* this morning.

**dikina(a)** [dikinàà] *n.* work.

**dikinake** [dikinàke kè] *vi.* work.

**dikinake ...ni** *vi.* serve.

**dikinakeda** *n.* servant.

**dikinakegu** *n/adv.* workplace. *Variant:* dikinagu(u).

**Dikina'ɔkadi** [dikinà'ɔkadi] *n.* Monday.

**dima** [dima] *adj.* one week from (yesterday, today, tomorrow).

**din** [díŋ] *adj.* alone, exclusive, pure.

**din** *post.* exclusively.

**di'ibɔ** [di'ibɔ bɔ] *vt.* milk.

**dipai** [dipái] *adv.* every day, always. *Syn:* dishã.

**Dipainadi** *n.* the Eternal one.

**dira** *n.* chat, talk.

**dirabu** [dirabu bù] *vi.* chat, converse, joke.

**dirabugu** *n/adv.* chatting place.

**dishã** *adv.* always, every day.

**disɔɔfia(a)** [disɔɔfiaa] *n.* funeral.

**disɔɔfiaake** [disɔɔfiaake kè] *vi.* mourn dead for 7 days.

**disuka** [disúká] *adv.* every day.

**diyɔ** [dipɔ] *n.* udder.

**diyɔ'i** [dipɔ'í] *n.* milk.

**diyɔ akɔ** *n.* balsam spurge. *Euphorbia* *balsamifera*.

**diyɔ bútu** *n.* fresh milk.

**diyɔ fēde(ɛ)** *n.* curdled milk.

**diyɔ deecena(a)** *n.* cheese.

**dizuya(a)** [dizuyàa] *n.* heifer.

**dīn** [dīŋ] *n.* work. Hoo dīnzɔ. Well done!

**dīnni** [dīŋi] *n.* worker.

**dín** [díŋ] *n.* bark (of dog).

**dīnda ...ma** [díŋda dà] *vi.* bark, rebuke.

**djii** [jii] *n.* father.

**djiibadi** *n.* bastard.

**djiidunadina** [jiidunàdina] *n.* having same father.

**dogalake ...ma** [dogalake kè] *vi.* worship.

*From:* Hausa.

**dogari** *n.* bodyguard. *From:* Hausa.

**doka** [dókà] *n.* crest, comb (bird).

**dɔ** [dɔ dɔ] *vt.* knead.

**dɔ ...gu** *vi.* pass by/through.

**dɔ ...ji** *vi.* resemble.

**dɔ ...ma** *vi.* follow.

**dɔ ...gbæema** *vi.* pursue, go after, follow example.

**dɔ jɛrema** *vi.* leave on one's way.

— *vt.* send on way.

**dɔda** *n.* follower.

**dɔgu** *n.* track.

**dɔbadi** *n.* crooked, perverse.

**dɔbɔ** [dɔbɔ] *n.* trousers.

**dɔdɔ** [dɔdɔ dɔdɔ] *vi.* 1) settle out.

2) point.

— *vt.* straighten.

**dɔdɔna** *adj.* settled.

**dɔkɛ** [dɔkè] *n.* arrogance.

**dɔkɛ ...zɔ** [dɔkɛ kè] *vi.* overfamiliar

with (be), blaspheme, despise, disrespect.

**dɔkɛmɔ ...ni** [dɔkɛmɔ m̀] *vi.* disregard, ignore.

**dɔkɔ ...ma** [dɔkɔ d̀kɔ] *vt.* apply, rub in.

**dɔkɔlɛ** *n.* joint.

**dɔkɔlɛkɛ** [dɔkɔlɛkɛ k̀] *vt.* stack.

**dɔma(a)** *n.* nature spirit that is sacrificed to, god, idol.

**dɔmaake** [dɔmaake k̀] *vi.* worship spirits.

**dɔmakɛna(a)** *n.* idolatry.

**Dɔngɔ** [dɔngɔ] *n.* nature spirit (name of).

**dɔngɔmɔni** [dɔŋkɔm̀ni] *n.* meteorite.

**dɔɔ** [d̀ɔɔ] *post.* replacement, substitute.

**d̀(ɔ)** [d̀ɔ] *n.* fig, sandpaper tree. *Ficus sur* or *Ficus exasperata*.

**dɔfu** *n.* fig species. *Ficus sycomorus*.

**dɔtɛ** *n.* fig species.

**dɔɔbɔ ...zɔ** [d̀ɔɔbɔ b̀] *vt.* replace with.

**dɔɔka** [d̀ɔɔka] *n.* law, rule, regulation, order. *Syn:* dɔɔkayã.

**dɔɔkake** [d̀ɔɔkake k̀] *vt.* command.

**dɔɔkayã ka** [d̀ɔɔkayãkã] *vi.* obey law.

**dɔɔkayãkãbadi** *n.* lawbreaker.

**dɔɔkayãkãkada** *n.* law abider.

**dɔɔkayãdadada** [d̀ɔɔkayãdadã] *n.* law teacher.

**dɔɔkayãdɔɔda** [d̀ɔɔkayãdɔɔdã] *n.* lawyer.

**dɔɔke** [d̀ɔɔke k̀] *vt.* normal (be).

**dɔ** [d̀ɔ d̀] *vt.* know, recognise (PRF).

**d̀ ...zɔ** *vt.* differentiate.

**d̀badikɛ(ɛ)** *n.* ignorance.

**d̀da** *n.* knowledgable person.

**d̀na(a)** *n.* knowledge.

**dɔgaga** [d̀gãgã] *n.* ladder. *Lit:* 'granary swamp palm'. *Variant:* dagara.

**d̀nakũji** [d̀nakũzi] *n.* mutual understanding.

**dɔɔ<sub>2</sub>** *n.* 1) mother. 2) tree. *Syn:* akɔdɔɔ.

**d̀(ɔ)** [d̀ɔ] *n.* granary.

**dɔɔdu(u)** [dɔɔd̀u] *adj.* of the same mother.

**dɔɔ'ida** [dɔɔ'ida] *n.* biological mother.

**dɔɔni** [dɔɔni] *n.* relative.

**dɔɔnikɛna(a)** *n.* relationship.

**du** [d̀] *num.* one.  
— *adj.* same.

**du ...saara** *post.* about.

**du ...zɔ** *post.* like, same as.

**du(u)** [d̀u] *adj.* one, another, fellow.  
— *pro.* one (of them), other. *Duu kin taabinadimi.* As for the other he was poor.

**duuduu** [d̀uɔd̀u] *adv.* one by one.

**dubu** *num.* one thousand, thousand. *From:* Hausa.

**duɛ** [d̀uɛ d̀uɛ] *vi.* stand, stay, stop.

**duɛ ...gu** *vi.* stand by, support.

**duɛ ...ji** *vi.* implore, persist.

**duɛ ...ni** *vi.* farewell, say goodbye to.

**duɛ ...zɔ** *vi.* stay with, trust.

**duɛ gishi** *vi.* stand up straight.

**duɛda** *n.* supporter, companion.

**duɛna** *adj.* standing.

**duɛna(a)** *n.* 1) stature, position.  
2) restraint.

**duɛnaa badi** *adv.* without warning/stopping.

**dudu (...ni)** [d̀d̀u d̀d̀u] *vi.* hide (from).  
— *vt.* hide (from).

**dudugu** *n.* refuge, hiding place.

**duduna** *adj.* stealthily, hiding.

**duduna(a)** *adj.* sparse.

**dugukpa** [dugukpa k̀pã] *vi.* agitated (be), polluted (be).

**dukuri** [d̀ukuri] *n.* shock, deep emotion.

**dukurima** [d̀ukurima m̀] *vi.* deeply

moved (be), experience shock.

**dulala** [dùlálá] *n.* soup leaves.

**dumi(i)** [dumì] *n.* kidney.

**dun**<sub>1</sub> [duŋ] *conj.* 1) so that. 2) because.

*From: Hausa.*

**dun**<sub>2</sub> [duŋ] *n.* eagle, marsh harrier. *Circus aeruginosus.*

**duna** [dùnà] *adj.* different, apart, separate, holy.

**dunaduna** *adj.* different (many).

**dunia** *n.* world. *Variant: andunia. From: Arabic.*

**dunia tu** *vt.* leave world, die.

**dunia'incēdi** *n/adv.* end of world.

**dura** [durà] *n.* week.

**dura dēre(ε)** *adv.* next week.

**dura ka gitaa** *adv.* last week.

**dura ke** *vt.* spend week.

**du(u)** [dùu] *n.* soup.

**du fōna** *n.* soup ingredients.

**duu ku** *vt.* cook soup.

**duwere** *n.* body.

**duwere bútu** *n.* leprosy.

**duwere de** *vt.* weaken body.

**duwere ... fa** *vi.* warm body (have).

**duwere fuda(a)** *n.* fever, malaria.

**duwere gu(u)** *n.* body member.

**duwere ... kpete** *vi.* aroused (be).

**duweregaga** [duweregaga gàgà] *vi.* discouraged (be), lifeless (be).

**duwerekākā** [duwerekākā] *n.* body hair.

**duwerekpa ...ni** [duwerekpa kpà] *vi.* promote, pay attention to.

**duwereli** [duwereli lì] *vi.* put on weight, have healthy body.

**duwereyere(ε)** [duwereyèrèè] *n.* skeleton.

## E - e

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**ee** [ʼee] *intj.* yes. *Syn: mm.*

**eece** [ʼèèce] *n.* market.

**Eece sooludi** *n.* Tuesday.

**ee'ee** [ʼee'ee] *adv.* crying, sobbing.

**eeni** [ʼééni] *n.* mat (woven with plastic).

## ε - ε

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**εata** [ʼεata tà] *vi.* haggle.

**εeria** [ʼεeria] *n.* aerial. *From: English.*

**εme** [ʼεme] *cn.* day.

**εmena** [ʼεmena] *n.* daytime, heat of day.

εmena dè! Good day! *Variant: imina.*

**εmena le** *adv.* this noon.

**εre** [ʼεre] *n.* forehead.

— *adv.* forward, ahead.

**εrebɔɔ** [ʼèrèbɔɔ bɔɔ] *vt.* hollow out.

*Syn: akɔlubɔɔ.*

**εredɔ ...ma** [ʼεredɔ dɔ] *vi.* face.

**εredɔɔ kúma** *vi.* face each other.

**εre(ε)<sub>2</sub>** [ʼεrèè] *n.* lame person, cripple.

**ère(ε)<sub>1</sub>** [ʼèrèè] *n.* hole, pit.

**εree zɔ** *vt.* deep (be).

**εree yě** *vt.* dig hole.

**εree zɔba** *vt.* shallow (be).

**εrekata** [ʼεrekata] *n.* facial marking on

forehead.

**erekuce ...ni** [ʼerekucé kùcɛ́] *vi.* serve,  
submit to.  
**erekucena(a)** *n.* submission, humility.

**eshe** [ʼɛʃɛ ʼɛʃɛ̀] *vi.* swell.

**eshena(a)** *n.* swelling.  
— *adj.* swollen, fat.

## Ĕ - ě

**ĕ<sub>1</sub>** [ʼĕ ʼĕ̀] *vt.* heal, cool, comfort.**ĕna** *adj.* gentle, at ease, cold.**ĕna(a)** *n.* cold.

— *adj.* 1) cold, cool. Usō ĕnaazɔ. At  
the going down of the sun. 2) dim.  
— *n.* coldness.

**ĕ ...ma** [ʼĕ ʼĕ̀] *vi.* doubt.**ĕ'ĕna ...ma** *vi.* doubting.**ĕ<sub>2</sub>** [ʼĕ̀] *n.* shoulder. *Variant:* isĕ.**ĕnaama** [ʼĕnààma mà] *vi.* feel cold.**ĕne** [ʼĕné] *n.* mouse, rat.**ĕnefu(u)** *n.* house rat.**ĕnebusu** [ʼĕnébusu] *n.* crested porcupine.*Hystrix cristata.***ĕneda** [ʼĕnéda] *n.* cane rat. *Thryonomys**swinderianus.***ĕnekaci** [ʼĕnékaci] *n.* rufous rat.**ĕnekolu** [ʼĕnékolù] *n.* house rat.

**ĕnekwaakwa** [ʼĕnékwáàkwáà] *n.* rat  
species.

**ĕnesuli** [ʼĕnésúlí] *n.* shrew.

**ĕnetankpa** [ʼĕnétaŋkpa] *n.* multimammate  
rat. *Mastomys natalensis.*

## F - f

**fa<sub>1</sub>** [fa] *intj.* really. *From:* Areal.**fa<sub>2</sub>** *vi.* full (be), fulfilled (be).— *vt.* fill.**fa ...ni** *vi.* complete/sufficient for (be).**fana** *adj.* full.**fana(a)** *n.* fulfilment, completion.— *adj.* full.**fá** *vt.* hit, strike, sting.**fá tēzɔ** *vt.* kick (ball, person).**fafa** [fafà fâfâ] *vt.* hit repeatedly.**fafa gberekotozɔ** *vt.* stone.**fana(a)** *n.* sting, strike.**fa(a)<sub>3</sub>** [faa] *n.* large tree species, berlinia.*Berlinia grandiflora.***faaba** *n.* help. *From:* Areal.**faaba li** *vt.* find help.**faabake** [faabake kè] *vt.* help, rescue, save.**faabakebɔ(ɔ)** *adj.* rescue (boat).**faabakeda** *n.* saviour, rescuer, helper.**faabakedi** *n/adv.* day of salvation.**faabakena(a)** *n.* salvation, rescue.**faala** [faala] *adj.* easy, cheap.**faala** *adv.* easy.**faalake(ɛ)** *n.* ease.**faci** *n.* stalk.**fakafakake** [fakafakake kè] *vt.* chase away.*Syn:* keke.**fansashi ...ma** [fansaʃi ʃi] *vi.* avenge.**fanta** *n.* ruby.

**fara** [fára] *n.* town.

**fara le** *adv.* in this town.

**farashi ...ni** [faraʃi ɲi] *vi.* begin to.

**farashina** [faraʃina] *adv.* first, in the beginning.

**farashina(a)** *n.* beginning.

— *adj.* first.

**fari** [fari] *n.* famine. *Syn:* nɔ, fɔbina gānadena.

**fariga(a)** *n.* donkey. *Equus asinus.*

**farigabisa** *n.* mule.

**farinwuta** [fariŋwuta] *n.* sulphur.

**fasa** *n.* fishing line (rod and line).

**fasani** fish hook.

**fasabɛ(ɛ)** [fasabɛɛ] *n.* fishing line.

**fasake** [fasake kɛ] *vi.* fish (with line and hook).

**fata** *n.* sprout, shoot.

**fatana** [fatana nà] *vi.* sprout, branch.

**fatata** [fatata tà] *vi.* sprout.

**faya(a)** [fayàa] *n.* common sense, meaning.

**fayabadi** *n.* person with no common sense, fool.

**fayanadi** *n.* sensible person.

**fayabadikɛ(ɛ)** *n.* folly.

**fã(a)** [fãa] *n.* false abura. *Mitrangyna inermis.*

**fãn** [fãN] *n.* tree parasite. *Tapinanthus pentagonia.*

**fãna(a)** *n.* weed species. *Excoecaria grahamii.*

**fãnkɛ** [fãnkɛ kɛ] *vi.* affected by tree parasite (be).

**feekɛ ...zɔ** [féekɛ kɛ] *vi.* separate (from).

**feekɛna(a)** *n.* separation, division.

**fɛ(ɛ)** *n.* 1) calabash. 2) bowl (plastic/metal), plate.

**fɛ** *cn.* calabash measure.

**fɛni** *n.* calabash cup.

**fɛkasu** *n.* common swift, swallow. *Apus apus.*

**fɛ<sub>1</sub>** [fɛ fɛ̃] *vt.* twist, bind.

**fɛ ...ma** *vi.* attack.

**fɛ(fɛ) ...ma** *vt.* bind/wind on.

**fɛ<sub>2</sub>** [fɛ́ fɛ̀] *vt.* 1) suck (breast, mango, bone), squeeze. 2) blow (horn), play (flute).

**fɛkna(a)** *n.* blowing, playing (instrument).

**fɛdɛ(ɛ)** [fɛdɛɛ] *adj.* sour, acidic, severe.  
— *n.* anger, cruelty, severity.

**fɛdɛɛbɔbɔ ...ma** [fɛdɛɛbɔbɔ̀ bɔ̀bɔ̀] *vi.* pour out wrath on.

**fɛdɛbɔbɔna(a)** *n.* pouring out anger.

**fɛdekũ** [fɛdekũ kũ] *vi.* sour (be).

**fɛekɛ** [fɛekɛ kɛ] *vt.* squeeze.

**fɛfɛ** [fɛfɛ̀ fɛ̀fɛ̀] *vt.* thatch, wind.

**fɛfɛna** *adj.* bound.

**fɛfɛda(a)** *n.* eagle.

**fɛnɛ** [fɛnɛ] *n.* knife.

**fɛnɛba** [fɛnɛba] *n.* knife handle.

**fɛnɛwɛtɛ** [fɛnɛwɛtɛ́] *n.* knifeblade.

**fɛtɛkɛ** [fɛtɛkɛ kɛ] *vt.* avoid people who are dirty/have sickness.

**fi ...ni** [fi fi] *vt.* tell, say to. *Variant:* hi.

**fi gba** *vi.* talk aloud, argue.

**fida** *n.* speaker.

**fifi ...ni** *vi.* talk (many).

**fina(a)** *n.* telling, saying.

**fia** [fià çà] *num.* two.

**fia(a)** *adj.* two.

**fiadibi** *n/adj.* second.

**fiafia** *adv.* in twos.

**fiana** [fiana çana] *adj.* close, friendly.

**ficifici** *n.* drizzle, light rain.

**fina** [finà] *n.* twin.

**findebu ...ma** [findebu bù] *vi.* 1) pay debt/salary. 2) avenge. *Variant:* hinde.

**findebubɔ(ɔ)** *n.* payment, ransom.

**findebudi** *n/adv.* day of vengeance.

**findebuna(a)** *n.* salary, wages, payment.

**findenadi** *n.* debtor.

**finde(e)** [findee] *n.* debt, payment.

**findee di ...miima** *vt.* put up security for.

**findekpa ...ni** [findekpa kpà] *vi.* give credit.

**findekpada** *n.* moneylender, creditor.

**findeshi** [findeʃi ʃi] *vi.* borrow.

— *vt.* lend. Ma findeshi kawere. Lend me money.

**finkpeteke ...ni** [finʃpeteke kè] *vi.* deny.

**finkpetekena(a)** *n.* denial.

**firi** [firi firi] *vi.* jump.

— *vt.* strike (snake). *Variant:* hiri.

**firifiri** *vi.* pound (waves).

**firi<sub>1</sub>** [fíri] *n.* dew.

**firi ... kpa** *vi.* fall (dew).

**firi<sub>2</sub>** [fíri] *n.* 1) horsehair used to make violin strings or birdtrap. 2) violin, birdtrap.

**firi de** *vt.* play violin.

**firi<sub>3</sub>** [fíri firi] *vi.* boil. Í bi firia. The water is boiling.

— *vt.* 1) boil, wash. 2) forge.

**firina(a)** *n.* bath, washing.

**firidèda** [fíridèda] *n.* violinist.

**firifiri** [fírifíri] *n.* pipistrelle.

**fisāsā** [fisāsā] *n.* fig tree species. *Ficus ovata.*

**fishike** [fiʃike kè] *vi.* greasy (be).

**fitē** [fité fité] *vi.* crooked (be), bent (be), twisted.

**fitēda** *n.* crooked/depraved person.

**fitēna(a)** *adj.* crooked, leaning over, perverse.

**fitike ...ma** [fitike kè] *vi.* reveal to.

**fitikoro** [fitikoro] *n.* carpet viper. *Echis ocellatus & leucogaster.*

**fitila** [fitilà] *n.* lamp. *From:* Arabic.

**fitila gbīn** *n.* clay oil lamp.

**fitila i** *n.* light of lamp.

**fitiladɛbɔ(ɔ)** [fitilàdbòò] *n.* lamp snuffer.

**fitiladibɔ(ɔ)** [fitilàdibòò] *n.* lampstand.

**fò(o)** [fòo] *n.* greeting.

— *intj.* greetings. Foo dikēnaazɔ. Good morning! *Variant:* hoo.

**fooda** [foodà] *n.* talcum powder. *From:* English.

**fookpa ...ni** [fookpa kpà] *vi.* greet.

**foro** *n.* window. *Variant:* horo.

**foto(o)<sub>1</sub>** *n.* picture, photo. *From:* English.

**foto(o)<sub>2</sub>** *n.* Karaya gum tree. *Sterculia setigera.*

**fotooke** [fotooke kè] *vt.* draw picture.

**fɔ** [fɔ] *n.* thing.

**fɔ nɔɔ** *n.* goodness, good thing.

**fɔ vāni** *n.* evil, bad thing.

**fɔbadi** *n.* poor person.

**fɔke(ɛ)** *n.* something, anything.

**fɔnadi** *n.* wealthy person.

**fɔbe(e)** [fɔbèe] *n.* seed (for sowing).

**fɔbetakakeda** [fɔbetàkakèda] *n.* person who does such a thing.

**fɔbi** [fɔbi bi] *vi.* eat.

**fɔbibɔ(ɔ)** *n.* eating implement.

**fɔbida** *n.* eater.

**fɔbigu** *adv.* eating place, dining room.

**fɔbigu** *n.* manger, pasture, livelihood.

**fɔbina gānadena** *n.* famine.

**fɔbina(a)** *n.* food, feast, eating.

- fɔbinaa ke** *vt.* make food.
- fɔbinaa mɔɔke** *vt.* prepare food.
- fɔbikolu** [fɔbikolù] *adv.* banquet hall.
- fɔbinakagu** [fɔbinàkagu] *n.* food-store.
- fɔbinakèda** [fɔbinakèda] *n.* food preparer.
- fɔbinakegu** *n.* kitchen. *Syn:* cɛkagu.
- fɔbinawida** [fɔbinaàwida] *n.* greedy person.
- fɔbinawina** *n.* greed for food.
- fɔbɔ ...ĩnlu** [fɔbɔ bɔ] *vi.* snort.
- fɔdangamana(a)** [fɔdangamanàà] *n.* temptation, desire for something.
- fɔdã** [fɔdã dã] *vt.* shepherd.
- fɔdãda** *n.* shepherd, grazier. *Syn:* fɔkurukèda.
- fɔdèda** [fɔdèda] *n.* musician.
- fɔdɔ** [fɔdɔ] *n.* knowledgeable person.
- fɔ'eshena(a)** [fɔ'ɛʃenàà] *n.* food with yeast in it.
- fɔ'eshena'ijē** [fɔ'ɛʃenà'izē] *n.* yeast.
- fɔfiri** [fɔfiri firì] *vi.* wash clothes.
- fɔga** *n.* lagoon (temporary).
- fɔgãnadena(a)** [fɔgãnadenàà] *n.* poverty, want.
- fɔkakajitɔ** [fɔkakajitɔ tɔ] *vi.* chase vanity.
- fɔkakajitɔda** *n.* chaser after fantasy, dreamer.
- fɔkan** [fɔkaŋ] *n.* nothing. *Variant:* hɔkan.
- fɔkankebadi** [fɔkaŋkebàdi] *adj.* unproductive.
- fɔkankena(a)** [fɔkaŋkenàà] *n.* inactivity.
- fɔkan'urunabadi** [fɔkaŋ'urunàbadi] *n.* slackness.
- fɔkanwabadi** [fɔkaŋwabàdi] *adv.* without seeing.
- fɔke** [fɔke kè] *vi.* act, make/do something.
- fɔkena(a)** *n.* creation.
- fɔkena ì jerema** *n.* righteousness.
- fɔkici** [fɔkíci] *n.* small thing.
- fɔkĩn** [fɔkĩŋ] *n.* each thing, everything.
- fɔkuruke** [fɔkùruke kè] *vi.* herd animals.
- fɔkurukèda** *n.* herdsman. *Syn:* fɔkèda.
- fɔlabibɔ(ɔ)** [fɔlabibɔɔ] *n.* needle.
- fɔluda** [fɔlùda] *n.* buyer. *Variant:* luda.
- fɔmɔ ...ni** [fɔmɔ mɔ] *vi.* indicate. *Syn:* gumɔ ...ni.
- fɔmɔɔke** [fɔmɔɔke kè] *vi.* harvest grain.
- fɔmɔɔkèda** *n.* harvester.
- fɔmɔɔkedi** *n/adv.* harvest time.
- fɔmɔɔkena(a)** *n.* harvest.
- fɔnakena(a)** [fɔnakenàà] *n.* acts, deeds, activity.
- fɔnɔɔke** [fɔnɔɔke kè] *vi.* good (do). *Syn:* yãnɔɔke.
- fɔnɔɔke(ɛ)** [fɔnɔɔkeɛ] *n.* goodness.
- fɔnɔɔkèda** *n.* righteous person.
- fɔnɔɔkena(a)** *n.* righteousness, good deed.
- fɔpai** [fɔpai] *n.* everything.
- fɔpaisuda** [fɔpaisùda] *n.* person who eats anything.
- fɔrɔ** *n.* liver.
- fɔshina'àma** [fɔʃinà'àmà] *n.* robbery.
- fɔsubɔ(ɔ)** [fɔsúbɔɔ] *n.* provisions.
- fɔsunke** [fɔsuŋke kè] *vi.* sell goods.
- fɔsunkèda** *n.* seller.
- fɔtaabi** [fɔtaabi] *n.* poverty.
- fɔtɔ** [fɔtɔ tɔ] *vi.* sow seed.
- fɔtɔda** *n.* sower.
- fɔtɔna(a)** *n.* sowing.
- fɔvãnike** [fɔvãnike kè] *n.* evil/wrong (do).
- fɔvãnikèda** *n.* wrongdoer.
- fɔvãnikena(a)** *n.* iniquity, wrongdoing.
- fɔwere** [fɔwere] *n.* grain.
- fɔwerekagu** [fɔwerekagu] *n/adv.* barn.



**fɔwɛrɛwǎ** [fɔwɛrɛwǎ wǎ] *vi.* thresh grain.

**fɔwɛrɛwǎgu** *n/adv.* threshing floor.

**fɔwɛrɛwǎgu** [fɔwɛrɛwǎgu] *n/adv.*

threshing place.

**fɔwina(a)** [fɔwinàà] *n.* love of things, materialism.

**fɔyɔ̃bɔ(ɔ)** [fɔɲɔ̃bɔ̃] *n.* measuring rod, scales.

**fɔyɔ̃na(a)** *n.* weighing, measuring.

**fɔ̃<sub>1</sub>** [fɔ̃ fɔ̃] *vi.* able (be), can. Control verb.

— *vt.* endure, put up with.

**fɔ̃na(a)** *n.* ability.

**fɔ̃<sub>2</sub>** [fɔ̃ fɔ̃] *vt.* 1) pierce, stab. 2) cast (net).

**fɔ̃fɔ̃** [fɔ̃fɔ̃ fɔ̃fɔ̃] *n.* sprinkle.

**fɔ̃fɔ̃na(a)** *adj.* sprinkled.

**fɔ̃na(a)** *n.* piercing.

**fɔ̃nɔ** *n.* baobab. *Adansonia digitata*. *Syn:* fāla.

**fu** [fu fù] *vt.* clean/clear (make).

— *vi.* clean/clear (become).

— *adj.* white.

**fufu** *adj.* off white, pale.

**fu(u)** *adj.* total. Ma gbāda fu lema.

According to all my strength.

**fucike** [fucike kè] *vi.* pant. *Syn:* fucibɔ.

**fuda** *adj.* quick, hot.

**fuda(a)** *adj.* hot, fast.

— *n.* haste, heat.

**fudafuda** *adv.* quickly.

**fudake(ɛ)** *n.* swiftness.

**fudakena(a)** *n.* zeal, haste.

**fudaaka ...ma** [fudaaka kà] *vi.* stir up, bring trouble (heat) to.

**fudaake** [fudaake kè] *vi.* hasten, hurry, rush.

**fudaama** [fudaama mà] *vi.* feel hot/feverish.

**fufuke** [fufuke kè] *vt.* broil.

**fufukena** *adj.* broiled.

**fuka** [fùkà] *n.* lung.

**fukaye** *n.* great egret. *Egretta alba*. *Syn:* ibafu(u).

**fula** [fùla] *n.* cap. *Variant:* hula.

**fula ka** *vt.* put on/wear cap.

**fula bɔ/uru** *vt.* take off cap.

**funga** [fuŋga gà] *vt.* lick (with tongue).

**fure** *n.* sisal hemp. *Agave sisalana*.

**Furentě(ɛ)** *n.* Fulani.

**furu (...ma)** [fúru fùrù] *vi.* detach (from), loosen.

— *vt.* untie, take off (clothes), loosen.

*Variant:* huru.

**furu ...ni** *vt.* explain to, straighten (way) for.

**furufuruna** *adj.* spread out, extended, untied.

**furuna(a)** *n.* explanation.

**futa(a)** *adj.* light, insignificant.

— *n.* foam, froth.

**futake(ɛ)** *n.* levity, insignificance.

**futana(a)** *adj.* light, insignificant.

**futaabɔ** [futaabɔ bɔ] *vt.* produce foam/froth.

**futakū** [futakū kù] *vi.* lighten.

**futě** [futě fütě] *vi.* disperse, scatter, fall apart.

— *vt.* scatter.

**futěna** *adj.* scattered.

**fu(u)** [fuu] *adj.* white. *Variant:* hu.

**fu** *adj.* white.

**-fu** *ptcl.* white.

**fuuke** [fuuke kè] *vi.* shine.

— *vt.* whiten, brighten, illumine.

**fuuni** [fuunì] *n.* turban.

**fūfūa** *n.* pumpkin, squash.

**fūi** [fúí] *n.* scrub hare. *Lepus crawshayi*.

Variant: hūi.

## G - g

**ga** *vi.* 1) die, break down (machine).  
2) blunt (be).

**ga iwi** *vi.* drown.

**ga ...zɔ** *vi.* soaked (be) with.

**ga(a)** *n.* death.

**gabadi** *adj.* inextinguishable.

— *n.* immortality.

**gaga** [gagà gàgà] *vi.* die (many).

**gagana(a)** *n.* plague.

**gana(a)** *n.* death, dying.

**gaa** [gàà] *n.* farm settlement, camp.

**gaa gifa** *vt.* encamp, set up camp.

**gaa kpɛtɛ** *vt.* break camp.

**gaagaa** *adv.* in camps/settlements.

**gaaba** *n.* enmity.

**gaabanadi** *n.* opponent.

**gaabake ...zɔ** [gaabake kè] *vi.* against  
(be), oppose.

**gaabakena(a)** *n.* enmity, opposition.

**gaabakeyã** *n.* opposing idea.

**gaafara** [gaafarà] *n.* excuse.

— *intj.* pardon/excuse (me).

**gaafarake ...ni** [gaafaràke kè] *vi.* excuse.

**gaagifagu** [gààgifagu] *n.* camping place.

**gaake** [gaake kè] *vt.* aid, help, assist.

**gaakeda** *n.* helper, assistant.

**gaakena(a)** *n.* help, assistance.

**gaalula** [gàalula] *n.* blue or purple dye.

**gaalulanadi** *adj.* blue or purple dyed.

**gaari** [gààrì] *n.* saddle.

**gaaribɔgɔ(ɔ)** [gààribògòɔ] *n.* saddlebag.

**gaaru** *n.* cross, shackle.

**gaaruke ...ni** [gaaruke kè] *vi.* shackle.

**gadama** *n.* argument.

**gadamake** [gadamake kè] *vi.* argue.

**gadamakɛna(a)** *n.* argument.

**gagɛ(ɛ)** [gagèɛ] *n.* plague.

**gaike** [gaike kè] *vt.* detain.

**gaiwasa** *n.* gingerbread plum. *Neocarya*  
*macrophylla*.

**gala** *n.* course (river).

**galla** [gaɻa] *n.* sweat bee. *From:* Hausa.

**gamafada** *n.* drumstick tree. *Cassia*  
*sieberiana*.

**gambu** *n.* door.

**gangam** [gaŋgaŋ] *ideo.* bright red.

**gandɛ** [gandè] *n.* tree species. *Xeroderris*  
*stuhimannii*.

**gandu** [gandù] *n.* large family group.

— *cn.* group.

**gandugandu** *adv.* in/by

families/groups.

**gàndu** [gàndù] *adv.* quiet place (where  
one can be alone).

**ganga** [gaŋga] *n.* high bank of river.

**gangani** *n.* wilderness, desert.

**ganima** *n.* plunder.

**ganima shi** *vt.* plunder.

**ga'nkpetɛke** [ga'ŋkpetéke kè] *vi.* rise from  
dead.

**ga'nkpetɛda** *n.* resurrected person.

**gara<sub>1</sub>** [gara gàrà] *vi.* dry up, evaporate.

**gara(a)** *n.* dry land.

**gara<sub>2</sub>** [gàrà gàrà] *vt.* drag, pull, lead, draw  
(water).

— *vi.* recede.

**gára** [gàrà] *n.* raffia palm frond. *Raphia*

*sudanica*.

**gara(a)** *n.* invocation/blessing (human), wish.

**garaake ...ni** [garaake kè] *vi.* make wish/invocation, bless.

**garakena(a)** *n.* blessing.

**garafe** *adj.* grafted. *From:* English.

**garam** [garaṃ] *cn.* gram. *From:* English.

**garanɔɔfi ...ni** [garanɔɔfi fi] *vi.* bless (human).

**garavānifi ...ni** [garavānifi fi] *vi.* curse (human).

**garaya** *n.* two stringed guitar.

**garige** [garigè] *n.* flock.

**garuwa** *n.* tin. *Syn:* konkon.

**gasa** [gàsà] *n.* dregs, granules, residue, bran.

**gasurɛ** *n.* shrub species. *Phyllanthus reticulatus*.

**gatta(a)** [gaṭaa] *n.* trap (that falls on victim).

**ga'u** [ga'u ù] *vi.* mourn.

**ga'uda** *n.* mourner.

**ga'una(a)** *n.* mourning. *Variant:* ge'una(a).

**gaude azu** *n.* cashew. *Anacardium occidentale*.

**gaude nɔɔ** *n.* shrub species. *Gardenia erubescens*.

**ga'unaake** [ga'unààke kè] *vi.* mourn for dead. *Variant:* ge'unaake.

**gã** *n.* edge, rim.

**gã(a)** [gãa] *n.* helmeted guinea fowl. *Numida meleagris*.

**gãnade (...ma)** [gãnade dè] *vi.* 1) lack. 2) faint, fail.

**gãnadena** *adj.* weak, helpless.

**gãnadena(a)** *adj.* least.

— *n.* lack, want; weakness.

**gãɔni** [gãɔní] *n.* night.

**gãɔni le** *adv.* this night, tonight.

**gãɔni buden** *adv.* middle of the night.

**gãɔnidu** [gãɔnidu] *adv.* midnight.

**gãsä(a)<sub>1</sub>** *n.* armpit.

**gãsä(a)<sub>2</sub>** [gãsäa] *adj.* rough.

**gãsäake** [gãsäake kè] *vi.* rough (be).

**gba** *vt.* give gift. Ì ma gbà u. He gave me food.

**gba baani** *vt.* make well.

**gba jere** *vt.* permit, allow.

**gba yã** *vt.* advise.

**gba usãna** *vt.* give rest.

**gba yu** *vt.* amuse.

**gba(a)** *n.* gift.

**gbada** [gbada dà] *vt.* give gift.

**gbadada** *n.* giver, generous person.

**gbadana(a)** *n.* gift giving.

**gbako(o)** *n.* cheek pouch.

**gbakutu** [gbakutù] *n.* bribe.

**gbandake** [gbandake kè] *vt.* roast. *Syn:* kpete.

**gbando** *n.* fruit picker (long rod).

**gbangara** [gbangara] *adj.* flat, level. Cf. /gugbangara/.

**gbangere** [gbangere] *n.* flake rubber tree. *Ficus platyphylla*.

**gbara(a)** *n.* bark, peel, husk, crust, skin (fruit).

**gbãa** [gbãa] *adv.* many, abundant.

— *adj.* many, abundant.

— *n.* surrounding crowd.

**gbãa bakara** *adv.* in big amounts.

**gbãagbãa** *adv.* too much.

**gbãake(ɛ)** *n.* abundance.

**gbāci** [gbāci] *n.* 1) dirt, impurity.

2) defilement (from body, sex, wife's

pregnancy etc ).  
 — *adj.* dirty.  
**gbācibadi** *n.* clean, holy.  
**gbācinadi** *n.* dirty person, defiled person.  
**gbācike(ɛ)** *n.* dirtiness, defilement. *Syn:* gbācini.  
**gbācibɔ ...ma** [gbācibɔ bɔ] *vi.* remove dirt/defilement from ;  
**gbācibɔ ...ni** *vi.* consecrate, purify.  
**gbācibɔdi** *n/adv.* purification day.  
**gbācibɔna(a)** *n.* consecration.  
**gbācike** [gbācike kɛ] *vi.* 1) get dirty, become defiled. 2) adultery (commit).  
**gbācikedā** *n.* adulterer.  
**gbācikenā(a)** *n.* impurity, immorality, adultery.  
**gbāda(a)** [gbādaa] *n.* power, strength.  
 — *adj.* strong, hard, powerful.  
**gbāda** *adj.* strong, hard, loudly, violently.  
**gbādaazɔ** *adv.* powerfully, loudly.  
**gbādabadi** *n.* weak person.  
**gbādabadike(ɛ)** *n.* weakness, powerlessness.  
**gbādāgbāda** *adv.* very strong, loudly.  
**gbādanadi** *n.* strong/powerful person.  
**gbādaalafa** [gbādaalafa lāfā] *vi.* revive, strengthened (be).  
**gbādaali** [gbādaali li] *vi.* find strength.  
**gbādaligu** *n.* source of strength, fortress.  
**gbādaama** [gbādaama mǎ] *vi.* strengthened (be), feel strong.  
**gbādaamɔ ...ni** [gbādaamɔ mɔ] *vi.* overpower, oppress.  
**gbādamɔda** *n.* oppressor.  
**gbādamɔna(a) gūnani** *n.* oppression.  
**gbādakū** [gbādakū kū] *vi.* strong (become).

**Gbādapainadi** [gbādapainàdi] *n/adj.*  
 Almighty.  
**gbādi** *n.* cheek.  
**gbādishɛeta werema** [gbādiʃɛeta tǎ] *vi.* humiliated, dismayed (be).  
**gbādashɛetana werema** *n.* humiliation, embarrassment.  
**gbādiyere(ɛ)** [gbādiyèrɛɛ] *n.* jawbone.  
**gbāgbā** [gbāgbǎ gbāgbǎ] *vt.* put/use strength of.  
**gbānda** *n.* wild custard apple. *Annona senegalensis*. *Syn:* awandendaji.  
*Variant:* Masud sudaakɔ.  
**gbɛ** *n.* foot, lower leg.  
**gbɛ dɔ** *vt.* know meaning, understand.  
 Maci ì gbɛ dɔba. I don't understand it.  
**gbɛ firi** *vt.* wash feet.  
**gbɛ gifa** *vt.* set foot.  
**gbɛni** *n.* toe.  
**gbɛcere** *n.* sole of foot.  
**gbɛcere dɔdɔ ...ni** *vt.* guide one's steps.  
**gbɛcere gifa** *vt.* plant foot.  
**gbɛda** *n.* thigh.  
**gbɛdasɔni** *n.* lower thigh muscle.  
**gbɛda'u** *n.* thigh muscle.  
**gbɛda'usɔ(ɔ)** *n.* thigh muscle.  
**gbɛdi** [gbɛdi dɪ] *vi.* take step.  
**gbɛdi ...ma** *vi.* step on.  
**gbɛdibɔ(ɔ)** *n.* footstool.  
**gbɛdigu** *n.* step.  
**gbɛdina(a)** *n.* footstep.  
**gbɛɛ** [gbɛɛ] *n.* print, track, result.  
**gbɛɛ dɛ** *vt.* erase, catch up with.  
**gbɛɛ li** *vt.* get result of, suffer consequences of.  
**gbɛɛgũ** [gbɛɛgũ gbɛɛgũ] *vi.* remain.  
*Variant:* gbɛagũ.  
**gbɛɛgũ ...ma** *vi.* rest on.  
**gbɛɛgũ ...ni** *vi.* become possession of.

**gbɛɛgũ ...zɔ** *vi.* stay with.  
**gbɛgbɛɛ** [gbɛgbɛɛ] *n.* footprint.  
**gbɛka** [gbɛka gbɛkà] *vi.* put foot down.  
**gbɛka ...ma** *vi.* trample on.  
**gbɛkoshi** [gbɛkofɪ] *n.* hoof. *Variant:* koshi.  
**gbɛkɔkɔ(ɔ)** [gbɛkɔkɔ] *n.* toenail.  
**gbɛkɔnɔ** *n.* top of foot.  
**gbɛkũsũ** [gbɛkũsũ] *n.* knee.  
**gbɛlɔkɔ** [gbɛlɔkɔ] *n.* ankle.  
**gbɛnimida** [gbɛnimida] *n.* big toe.  
**gbɛrɛ'azu** [gbɛrɛ'ázú] *n.* hernia, bellyache.  
**gbɛrɛbashi** [gbɛrɛbàʃɪ] *n.* diarrhoea.  
**gbɛrɛbashike** [gbɛrɛbàʃike kɛ] *vi.*  
 diarrhoea (have).  
**gbɛrɛbɔ(ɔ)** [gbɛrɛbɔ] *n.* miscarriage.  
**gbɛrɛbɔnaa** *n.* stillborn child.  
**gbɛrɛbɔɔke** [gbɛrɛbɔɔke kɛ] *vi.* miscarry.  
**gbɛrɛ(ɛ)<sub>1</sub>** [gbɛrɛɛ] *n.* stomach, belly.  
**gbɛrɛ kɔkɔ** *n.* intestinal worm.  
**gbɛrɛbadi** *n.* thoughtless person.  
**gbɛrɛnadi** *n.* thoughtful/discerning  
 person.  
**gbɛrɛ(ɛ)<sub>2</sub>** [gbɛrɛɛ] *n.* stone.  
**gbɛrɛ ashi** *n.* rock.  
**gbɛrɛni** *n.* small grinding stone.  
**gbɛrɛ'ɛrɛ(ɛ)** [gbɛrɛ'ɛrɛɛ] *n.* cave.  
**gbɛrɛɛzuku** [gbɛrɛɛzuku zùkù] *vi.* abort.  
**gbɛrɛzuku(a)** *n.* abortion.  
**gbɛrɛ'ɛna(a)** [gbɛrɛ'ɛnàà] *n.* gentleness,  
 meekness.  
**gbɛrɛ'ɛnanadi** *n.* cool-headed person,  
 even-tempered person.  
**gbɛrɛfu(u)** [gbɛrɛfuu] *n.* integrity,  
 honesty.  
**gbɛrɛje(ɛ)** [gbɛrɛzɛɛ] *n.* stone heap, cairn.  
**gbɛrɛkoto** [gbɛrɛkòto] *n.* stone, rock.  
*Variant:* gbɛakoto.  
**gbɛrɛkɔsɔ** [gbɛrɛkòsɔ] *n.* gravel. *Variant:*

kɔsɔ.

**gbɛrɛlɔkɔ(ɔ)** [gbɛrɛlɔkɔ] *n.* crevice.  
**gbɛrɛlufɔna** [gbɛrɛlufɔna] *n.* insides, offal.  
*Variant:* gbɛrɛlu'asuna.  
**gbɛrɛzu** [gbɛrɛzù] *vi.* throw stone.  
**gbɛrɛzuna sutena(a)** *n.* stone's throw.  
**gbɛshe** [gbɛʃɛ] *n.* 1) kapok. 2) silk-cotton  
 tree. *Ceiba pentandra.* 3) red kapok  
 tree. *Bombax costatum.*  
**gbɛsɔni** [gbɛsɔni] *n.* calf muscle.  
**gbɛtaahi** [gbɛtaahi] *n.* foot.  
**gbɛtunɛ** [gbɛtunɛ] *n.* heel.  
**gbɛwã (..ma)** [gbɛwã wã] *vi.* stamp foot,  
 trample on.  
**gbɛwɛrɛ** [gbɛwɛrɛ] *n.* ankle bone.  
**gbɛzɔ** [gbɛzɔ] *adv.* with foot, on foot.  
**gbɛ** *vt.* spank, thresh, beat (rain), eat alot  
 (meat).  
**gbɛ(ɛ)<sub>1</sub>** [gbɛɛ] *n.* dog.  
**gbɛ negũ** *n.* bitch.  
**gbɛji** [gbɛzì] *post.* beyond, behind, after.  
 — *n.* back.  
**gbɛjigbɛji** *adv.* backwards, late.  
**gbɛjizɔ** *adv.* later, in the end.  
 — *adj.* latter.  
**gbɛjicɛɛda** [gbɛzicɛɛda] *n.* backslider.  
**gbɛjigũ** [gbɛzìgũ] *n.* last person.  
**gbɛne** *n.* West African Gum Copal. *Daniellia*  
*oliveri.*  
**gbɛtɔ(ɔ)** [gbɛtɔ] *n.* termite mushroom.  
**gbibɔbɔ** [gbibɔbɔ bɔbɔ] *vi.* hatch eggs.  
**gbida** [gbida dà] *vi.* lay egg.  
**gbigbara(a)** *n.* eggshell.  
**gbi(i)** *n.* egg, lump.  
**gbini** *n.* spawn, larva.  
**gbiri** [gbírí] *n.* giant rat. *Cricetomys*  
*gambianus.*  
**gbiri<sub>2</sub>** *n.* jigger.

**gbiri (...ni)** [gbiri gbìrì] *vt.* divide, share.

**gbiri kùni** *vi.* share with each other,  
divide among selves.

**gbirina** *adj.* divided.

**gbirina aalu duu** *n.* one third part. *Lit:*  
'division three-in one'.

**gbirina(a)** *n.* division, part.

**gbishe** [gbife] *n.* pregnancy.

**gbishe zɔ** *vi.* pregnant (be).

**gbishenadi** *n.* pregnant woman.

**gbisheka ...ni** [gbifeká kà] *vi.*

impregnate, make pregnant.

**gbisheke** [gbifekè kè] *vi.* pregnant  
(become), conceive.

**gbisheke ...zɔ** *vi.* become pregnant by.

**gbishekeda** *n.* impregnator.

**gbĩmma** [gbĩma mà] *vt.* smell.

**gbĩn** [gbĩN] *n.* odour, smell.

**gbĩnda** [gbĩnda dà] *vt.* smell. *Syn:* gbĩnshi.

**gbĩnke** [gbĩnke kè] *vi.* smell.

**gbĩnshi** [gbĩnʃi ʃi] *vt.* smell.

**gbĩtã** [gbĩtã] *adj.* heavy.

— *adj.* honorable, worthy, noble.

— *n.* 1) weight. 2) security.

**gbĩtã di/shite ... miima** *vt.* go  
guarantor for. *Variant:* gũ gbĩtã  
di/shite ...ni.

**gbĩtãshiteda** [gbĩtãʃitɛda] *n.* guarantor.

**gbooto** *n.* red-headed lovebird. *Agapornis*  
*pullaria.*

**gboro** [gboro gbòrò] *vi.* fall down.

— *vt.* break down.

**gboru** *n.* nausea.

**gboruke** [gboruke kè] *vi.* vomit.

**gboruma** [gboruma mà] *vi.* feel nauseous.

**gbõkõkõ(ɔ)** [gbõkõkõ] *n.* dung beetle.

**gbõ(ɔ)** [gbõ] *n.* faeces, excreta.

**gbõwõ** [gbõwõ fõ] *vi.* defecate. *Variant:*

gbõwõhõ.

**gbõfõgu** *n.* latrine. *Syn:* salanga.

**ge(e)** [gèe] *n.* corpse.

— *adj.* dead.

**ge** *adj.* dead.

**gee viri** *vt.* bury dead.

**gena** *n.* spirits of the dead.

**geekè** [gèèkè kè] *vi.* delay, long time (be).

— *vt.* detain.

**geekena(a)** *n.* delay.

**geekena(ε)** *n.* longevity.

**geeza** *n.* mane.

**ge'ere(ε)** [gè'èrèè] *n.* grave.

**gege(e)** *adj.* dry.

**gege** *adj.* dried up.

**gekõkõ(ɔ)** [gèkõkõ] *n.* unrevivable  
corpse (found in morning).

**genakpe** [gènakpe] *n.* cemetery.

**gere** *n.* wheel.

**geshishi** [gèʃiʃi ʃiʃi] *vi.* call the dead.

**geshishida** *n.* necromancer.

**ge'utubõ** [gè'útúbõ bõ] *vi.* mourn, perform  
funeral ceremony.

**gevirigu** [gèvirigu] *n.* burial place.

**geyere(ε)** [gèyèrèè] *n.* skeleton.

**gede** [gède dè] *vi.* sick (be). *Variant:* geeke.

**gedena(a)** *n.* sickness. *Variant:*

gekena(a).

**ge(ε)** [gèε] *n.* sickness.

**geε ... ẽ** *vi.* get better, recover.

**geε shite** *vt.* become ill.

**genadi** *n.* sick person, patient.

— *adj.* barren (land).

**geeke** [gèèkè kè] *vi.* get sick. *Variant:* gede.

**gekeda** *n.* sick person. *Variant:* gededa.

**gekena(a)** *n.* sickness.

**gegbini** [gègbini] *n.* bacteria.

**gegi(i)** [gègii] *n.* sickbed (or mat).

**gere(ε)** [gèrèè] *n.* mussel.  
**Gesolo** [gèsoló] *n.* Kyanga village.  
**gē<sub>2</sub>** *vi.* enter.  
**gē .. gūnalu** *vi.* united with ancestors (be).  
**gē ...ji** *vi.* enter against, invade.  
**gē kūlu** *vi.* associate with each other, engage one another.  
**gēgu** *n.* entry (place).  
**gēna(a)** *n.* entrance (action).  
**gēda** [gēda dà] *vi.* make noise, rumbling thunder.  
**gēdana(a)** *n.* rumbling noise, thunder.  
**gēne** [gèné] *n.* razor.  
**gēneshi** [gènéʃi ʃi] *vi.* shine.  
**gēneshina(a)** *adj.* shiny, bright.  
**gicike** [gicike kè] *vi.* panic, apprehensive (be).  
**gifa** [gifa gifà] *vt.* erect, found, establish.  
**gifada** *n.* founder.  
**gifagifa** *vt.* erect (many).  
**gifana** *adj.* erected (camp), established.  
**gifana(a)** *n.* establishment, foundation.  
**gigi** [gìgì] *n.* stutter.  
**giginadi** *n.* stutterer.  
**gigike** [gìgìkè kè] *vi.* stutter, startled (be), agitated (be).  
**gigikeda** *n.* stutterer.  
**gì(i)** [gii] *n.* mat.  
**gii furu** *vt.* unroll mat, installed (be).  
**gii tā** *vt.* weave mat.  
**ginaa** *adj.* the aforesaid, this, that.  
 Anaphoric demonstrative. PL form /-nanɔ̃/.  
**ginda** [gìndà] *n.* self, own.  
 — *post.* self.  
**gindadābɔ̃(ɔ)** [gìndàdābɔ̃] *n.* charm.  
**gindafɔ̃keda** [gìndàfɔ̃kèda] *n.* self-willed

person.  
**gindafɔ̃kena(a)** *n.* self-will, selfish ambition.  
**gindakūda** [gìndàkūda] *n.* quiet/self controlled person.  
**gindakūbadi** *n.* person lacking self-control.  
**gindakūna(a)** *n.* self-control.  
**gindakūnadōda** [gìndàkūdōda] *n.* person who knows self-control.  
**gindalabu** [gìndàlabu làbù] *vi.* humble oneself.  
**gindalabuda** *n.* humble person.  
**gindalabuna(a)** *n.* humility.  
**gindamɔ̃na'ani** [gìndàmɔ̃nà'àni] *n.* immodesty.  
**gindashite musu** [gìndàʃité ʃiʃé] *vi.* exalt oneself.  
**gindashiteda** *n.* proud person.  
**gindashitena musu** *n.* pride, self-exaltation.  
**gingaluke ...ma** [gìngálúke kè] *vi.* celebrate, worship. *From:* Dendi.  
**Gingalukeda** *n.* Muslim.  
**gingalukpe** [gìngálúkpe] *n.* mosque.  
**gingalushishi** [gìngálúʃiʃi ʃiʃi] *vi.* pray (as Muslim); Muslim (be).  
**ginshigi(i)** [ginʃigii] *n.* pillar. *From:* Hausa.  
**gishi** [gìʃi] *n.* hip.  
**gìshi** [gìʃi] *n.* fish species.  
**gishicē(ε)** *n.* fish species.  
**gishifu(u)** *n.* fish species.  
**gishici(i)** *n.* fish species.  
**gishiibu** [giʃiibu bù] *vi.* stumble.  
**gishimuceni** [gìʃimùceni] *n.* fish species.  
**gishitada** [gìʃítàda] *n.* foot-soldier.  
**gishiyere(ε)** [gìʃiyèrèè] *n.* hip bone.

**gitaa** [gítáá gítáá] *vi.* pass by.  
**gitaa ...ma** *vi.* overtake, pass by.  
**gitaagu** *n.* place to pass.  
**gitāda** [gítāda] *n.* mat weaver.  
**gīna** [gínà] *adv.* first, yet.  
**gīnaba** *adv.* not yet.  
**gīnaa** [gīnaa] *vi.* do after.  
**gīnaake** [gīnaake kè] *vi.* first (do).  
**gīngīn** [gínǵín] *adv.* tight, firm, secure.  
**gīnigīni** *ideo.* very black.  
**gobi** *n.* 1) bee species. 2) inferior honey.  
**goda** [goda] *n.* bell.  
**goda wā** *vt.* ring bell.  
**godo(o)** *n.* traditional woven cloth.  
**goge** [gògé] *n.* violin.  
**goge de** *vt.* play violin.  
**gogedɛda** [gogedɛda] *n.* violinist.  
**gombo** *n.* dish.  
**go(o)** *n.* tree species. *Terminalia mantaly* (*masud*); *Ficus glumosa* (*abdul*).  
 Irregular PL /goona/.  
**gooru** *n.* river, stream.  
**gooru'ere(ɛ)** [gooru'èrèè] *n.* riverbed.  
**goorulɔkɔ** [goorulòkó] *n.* river bend.  
**goorulungu** [goorulungu] *n.* river gallery.  
*Variant:* lungu.  
**gooru'ɔni** *n.* tributary.  
**goro** [gòrò] *n.* cola nut.  
**goto** *n.* hawk species.  
**gõ** [gǒ gǒ] *vi.* count.  
**gõna(a)** *n.* counting, census.  
**gõnadi** *n/adv.* census time.  
**gõbishɛ(ɛ)** [gõbiʃɛɛ] *n.* gown, robe.  
**gõbishɛfukada** [gõbiʃɛfukàda] *n.* white robe wearer.  
**gõbushi** [gõbuʃi] *n.* 1) single man.  
 2) boyfriend of married woman.  
**gõgwɔ** *n.* giant millipede. *Archispirostreptus*

*gigas.*

**gõjida** [gõʒida] *n.* old man.  
**gõke** [gõke kè] *vi.* commit adultery (woman).  
**gõkeni** *n.* bastard.  
**gõkebo(ɔ)** [gõkebòò] *n.* male organ.  
**gõnawanawere** [gõnawanàwereɛ] *n.* captivating eyes.  
**gõnke** [gõŋke kè] *vi.* cast lot.  
**gõnɔ** *n.* cowife.  
**gõnɔke(ɛ)** *n.* jealousy.  
**gõnɔke ...zɔ** [gõnɔke kè] *vi.* jealous of (be).  
**gõnɔkɛda** *n.* jealous person.  
**gõri** *n.* 1) bush with bitter root.  
 2) bitterness.  
**gu** *vi.* open, bloom (sorghum).  
 — *vt.* open, detach, peel, remove.  
**gu kũma** *vt.* separate from each other.  
**gu ...ma** *vi.* leave, depart from.  
**gu ...ni** *vt.* open for.  
**guna** *adj.* open, wide.  
**guna(a)** *adj.* open (flower).  
**guba(a)** *n.* African fan palm (young).  
*Borassus aethiopim.*  
**gubaka** [gubaka kà] *vi.* clear land.  
**gubaka ...ni** *vi.* poison.  
**gubɛ** [gubɛ] *adv.* that place, there. *From:* Hausa.  
**gucɛ** *n.* person, inhabitant. *Syn:* gú. *Variant:* gute.  
**gucɛkebadi** *n.* inhuman/callous person.  
**gucɛke(ɛ)** *n.* 1) humaneness, kindness, benevolence, grace, favour, respect.  
 2) human state.  
**gucɛ'ashi** [gucɛ'áʃí] *n.* adult, important person, big person.  
**gucɛde** [gucɛde dè] *vi.* murder.  
**gucɛdɛda** *n.* murderer.



**gucɛdɛna(a)** *n.* murder.  
**gucɛkɛkɛ ...ni** [gucɛkɛkɛ kɛ] *vi.*  
 gracious/kind/beneficial to (be).  
**gucɛkɛkɛda** *n.* benevolent person.  
**gucɛkɛkɛna(a)** *n.* kindness,  
 benevolence.  
**gucɛsaa** [gucɛsàà] *n.* giant.  
**gucɛsunkɛda** [gucɛʊŋkɛda] *n.* slave-  
 trader.  
**guciguciizɔ** [guciguciizò] *adv.* while very  
 dark.  
**guci(i)** [gucii] *n.* darkness.  
**guciike** [guciike kɛ] *vi.* get dark.  
**gucijĩn** [gucizĩN] *n.* twilight, east. *Syn:*  
 usɔ̀bɔ̀gu. *Variant:* gutijĩn.  
**gucijĩn sɔ̀rɔ** *n.* morning star, Venus.  
**gucijĩmma** *adv.* in the east.  
**guda** [guda] *cn.* unit, part.  
**gúda** [gúdá] *n.* mortar.  
**gudakũna(a)** [gudakũnàà] *n.* twilight.  
**gudã** [gudã dã] *vi.* guard.  
**gudãda** *n.* guard.  
**gudɛ(ɛ)** *n.* deceit.  
**gudɛna(a)** *n.* deception.  
**gudɛnadi** *n.* trouble-maker.  
**gudɛyã** *n.* deceit.  
**gudɛkɛ** [gudɛkɛ kɛ] *vi.* cause trouble.  
**gudu(u)** *adv.* in same place.  
**gufu** *n.* 1) light. 2) open area.  
**gufuma** *adv.* in the open, outside.  
**gufulu** *adv.* in the light.  
**gufuda(a)** *n.* heat.  
**gufuda'i** *n.* hot season, summer.  
**gufuka ... buden** [gufuka kà] *vi.* put  
 space between.  
**gufuke (...ni)** [gufuke kɛ] *vi.* lighten,  
 enlighten.  
**gufukpa** [gufukpa kpà] *vi.* give light.

**gufukpada** *n.* light bearer.  
**guga** [gùgá] *n.* small bucket (metal,  
 rubber, plastic, calabash).  
**gugbangara** [gugbangara] *n.* plain, flat  
 place.  
**gukan** [gukaŋ] *adv.* nowhere.  
**gukasanadi** [gukàsànàdi] *n.* hill-country.  
**gukɛna** [gulɛnà] *n.* obstruction, blockage.  
**gulele** *adv.* that place over there, yonder.  
**gule** *adv.* this place, here.  
**gulimma** [gulimá] *n.* dizziness.  
**guma** *n/adv.* yesterday.  
**gumbi** *n.* spiny bush species. *Mimosa pigra.*  
**gumbi ci(i)** *n.* small spiny shrub species.  
*Acacia ehrenbergiana/erythrocalyx.*  
**gumbi fu(u)** *n.* spiny tree species.  
*Acacia macrostachya.*  
**gumbo** *n.* ladle.  
**gumɔ ...ni** [gumɔ mɔ] *vi.* indicate. *Syn:*  
 hɔ̀mɔ ...ni.  
**guni** [gúní] *n.* pestle.  
**gupai** *n/adv.* everywhere.  
**gure** *adj.* high (place).  
 — *n.* height.  
**gurenadi** *adj.* elevated, highland.  
**guru<sub>1</sub>** [gùru] *n.* chair. Use /tukufa/ for  
 throne.  
**guru<sub>2</sub>** *n.* wire trap.  
**guru kpakpa** *vt.* set wire trap.  
**gúru** [gúrú] *n.* 1) cart, chariot. 2) boat,  
 ship. *Syn:* guru'imu.  
**gurunadi** *n.* ship's captain/owner.  
**gurubi** [gúrúbì] *post.* instead of, in place  
 of.  
**gurubɔ** [gúrúbɔ bɔ] *vi.* paddle, row.  
**gurubɔnadi** *n.* rower, paddler, pilot.  
*Syn:* gurukparada.  
**guru'ere** [gúrú'ere] *n.* bow (of boat).

**guru'i(mu)** [gúrú'ímu] *n.* boat, canoe.  
**guru'imu'irigu** [gúrú'ímu'irigu] *n.* boat dock.  
**gurukpara** [gúrúkpara kpàrà] *vi.* paddle boat, row boat.  
**gurukparabɔ** *n.* paddle, oar.  
**gurukparada** *n.* pilot, rower, paddler.  
**gurumi** *n.* three stringed instrument.  
**gurumu** [gurumù] *n.* cripple.  
**gurusuni** [gúrúsuni] *n.* pig.  
**gutɔ̃da** [gutɔ̃da] *n.* seeker.  
**gutu** *n.* speckled pigeon. *Colomba guinea.*  
**guturu** [gútúrí] *n.* ungrateful person.  
**gu(u)** [guu] *n.* place, member.  
**gu** *post.* place, towards, from.  
**-gu** *ptcl.* place.  
**guke(ɛ)** *n.* a certain place, somewhere.  
**guna** *n.* members (body).  
**guu ka ...buden** *vt.* set distance between.  
**guu ... li ...ma** *vi.* dizzy (be).  
**guu tɔ̃** *vt.* seek audience with.  
**guu yē** *vt.* dig place.  
**guuda(a)** [guudàa] *n.* ululation.  
**guudaada** [guudàada dà] *vi.* ululate.  
**guudaada ..ma** *vi.* gloat over.  
**guufa ...ji** [guufa fà] *vi.* press/crowd around.  
**guule ..ni** [guule lè] *vi.* block way for.  
**guuni** [guuni] *n.* growl.  
**guunike ...ni** [guunike kè] *vi.* 1) growl (dog). 2) grumble.  
**guunike ...ji** *vi.* grumble against.  
**guunikena(a)** *n.* grumbling, murmuring, complaining.  
**guushi** [guuʃi ʃi] *vi.* take up space.  
**guuwa** [guuwa wà] *vi.* see.  
**guwagu** *n.* watchtower.

**guwana(a)** *n.* site, seeing.  
**guwucena(a)** [guwucénàà] *n.* valley.  
**gũ<sub>1</sub>** [gŋ] *n.* person. *Syn:* guce.  
 — *cn.* person.  
**gũna** *n.* people, inhabitants.  
**gũ<sub>2</sub>** [gŋ] *ptcl.* SBJ.CONT marker.  
**-gũ** *ptcl.* SBJ.CONT pronoun suffix .  
**gũa** [gũa] *ptcl.* IMPRF.CONT marker .  
**-gũa** *ptcl.* IMPRF.CONT pronoun suffix.  
**gũ'ashi** [gŋ'áʃi] *n.* adult, elder.  
**gũbaanitɔ̃da** [gũbàanitɔ̃da] *n.* peacemaker.  
**gũbina(a)** [gũbinàà] *n.* fraud.  
**gũdeyã** [gũdeɲá] *n.* homicide.  
**gũdɔ̃na(a)** [gŋdɔ̃nàà] *n.* acquaintance.  
**gũdu(u)** [gŋdùù] *n.* 1) one person, lonely person. 2) companion, neighbour; fellow.  
**gũ'iada** [gŋ'ìada] *n.* mocker.  
**gũkan** [gŋkaŋ] *n.* nobody, anyone.  
**gũke(ɛ)** [gŋkèɛ] *n.* someone, anyone.  
**gũkena** *n.* some people, other people.  
**gũkĩn** [gŋkĩŋ] *pro.* each one.  
**gũkɔ̃tekɛna(a)** [gũkɔ̃tekenàà] *n.* witchcraft, sorcery.  
**gũma** [gũma gŋma] *n.* bedbug.  
**gũnɔ̃ɔ̃** [gŋnɔ̃ɔ̃] *n.* good person.  
 2) handsome person.  
**gũnubi(i)** [gŋnubii] *n.* bushy vine species.  
*Baissea multiflora.*  
**gũpai** [gũpai] *n.* everyone, each one.  
**gũsãna(a)** [gũsãnàà] *n.* deception.  
**gũsusɔ̃da** [gũsùsɔ̃da] *n.* slanderer, abuser.  
**gũsusɔ̃na(a)** *n.* slander, abuse.  
**gũtaaliwada** [gũtààliwàda] *n.* fault-finder.  
**gũtɔ̃wurida** [gũtɔ̃wùrìda] *n.* slanderer.  
**gūturu** [gúturu] *n.* good/righteous

person.

**gūvāni** [gūvāni] *n.* bad/evil person.

**gūvirigu** [gūvirigu] *n.* burial place.

**gūyōda** [gūyōda] *n.* tempter.

**gwaani** *n.* draw soup.

**gwagwa** *n.* sieve.

**gwaiba** [gwaibà] *n.* guava. *Psidium guajava*. *From: English.*

**gwanda** *n.* papaya.

**gya(a)** *n.* stick, staff, club.

**gya ... wā** *vt.* suffer consequences, receive penalty.

**gyakūda** [gyakūda] *n.* guide (for blind).

**gyam** [gyám] *intj.* expression of disgust, God forbid!

**gyambo** [gyàmbó] *n.* tropical ulcer.

**gyāa** [gyāà] *n.* widow, widower.

**gyāake'asuna** [gyāàke kè] *n.* widow's clothes.

## H - h

**haaga** *n.* torch.

**haaganadi** *adj.* shining.

**haagado** [haagado dō] *vi.* shine.

**haagadōna(a)** *n.* shining, illumination.

**hakaye** *n.* Great egret. *Egretta alba*.

**haligi** *n.* trident, harpoon. *From: Hausa.*

**hama** [hamà] *n.* hammer. *From: English.*

**hanam** [hanam] *n.* tall vine species.

*Leptadenia hastata*.

**hangasu** [hángásù] *n.* reclining.

**hangasuke** [hángàsùke kè] *vi.* recline.

**hangasukena** *adj.* reclining.

**hangu** [han̄gu] *n.* mumps.

**hanjere** [han̄zere] *n.* spindle.

**hari** [harì] *prep.* until.

— *cnj.* 1) until (with NP or clause in.PRF or SBJ). Hari n hūndi lēma. Until the end of your life. 2) before (with.IMPRF verb). 3) while, as long as. Má ubia hari ànaabi yāfia. I will eat while they are talking. *From: Hausa.*

**hasali** *n.* danger. *From: Hausa.*

**hasalinadi** *adj.* harmful, dangerous.

**Hausa** *n.* Hausa.

**hausanke** [hausan̄ke] *n.* Hausa man/woman. *From: Hausa.*

**hawe** *n.* aunt.

**haya** [hayà] *n.* hire. *From: English.*

**hayashite** [hayàʃité ʃité] *vt.* hire.

**hāihāi** *intj.* cry of disapproval.

**heeke** [hééke kè] *vi.* announce.

**heekeda** *n.* announcer.

**heeke ...zo** [heeke kè] *vi.* leave, separated from (be). *Variant: feeke.*

**hehere** *n.* reed.

**hehere fē** *vt.* blow reed whistle.

**hē ...ma** *vt.* attack.

**hēna'ama** *n.* raid.

**Hibarani** *n.* Hebrew. *From: Arabic.*

**hikohikoke** [hikohikoke kè] *vi.* hiccup.

**hima** [hìma] *n.* similarity. *From: Zerma.*

**himanadi** *n.* similarity, resemblance.

**himake ...zo** [hìmake kè] *vi.* 1) similar to (be). 2) deserve, appropriate for (be).

**himma** [hímà] *n.* industriousness, effort.

*From: Hausa.*

**himmake** [hímàke kè] *vi.* try hard,

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make effort. *Syn:* wɛrɛtɛɛmɔ ...n.

**hina(a)** *n.* strength.

**hiroro** *n.* hissing (in disgust).

**hirorogara** [hirorogárà gàrà] *vi.* hiss.

**hite** [híté hìtɛ́] *vt.* take down, overtake (sleep). *Variant:* shite.

**hite miima** *vt.* take down from head.

**hitihiti** *n.* sprinkle of rain, shower.

**hitihitike** [hitihitike kɛ̀] *vi.* sprinkle (rain).

**honko** [hòŋko] *adj.* empty.

**ho(o)** *n.* greeting. *Variant:* foo.

**hookpa ...ni** [hookpa kpà] *vi.* greet.

**hooro** *n.* discipline, punishment.

**hooroke** [hooroke kɛ̀] *vt.* discipline, punish.

**hoorokena(a)** *n.* discipline.

**hoozɔ** [hoozò] *adv.* deliberately, on purpose.

**horo** *n.* hole (in something), breach, socket, window. *Variant:* foro.

**hõhõke** [hõhõke kɛ̀] *vi.* grunt.

**hukɔhukɔ** *n.* tree species. *Hannoa undulata.*

**hundibɔgu** *n.* source of life.

**hundi(i)** *n.* life.

**hundi incebadi** *n.* eternal life.

**hundii bɔ** *vt.* take life.

**hundii ke** *vi.* stay alive, come alive.

**hundii kpa ...ni** *vt.* give life to.

**hundinadi** *adj.* living, life imparting.

**hundike** [huɔdike kɛ̀] *vi.* stay alive, live.

**huntu** *adv.* naked.

**huntuke(ɛ)** *n.* nakedness, nudity. *Syn:* bumbum.

**huri'ura** *n.* spiny shrub species, wild cassada. *Phyllanthus muellerianus; Jatropha gossypifolia.*

## I - i

**i** [i 'i] *vi.* 1) harden, solidify. 2) sleep somewhere, spend the night. Wò i baani. Let us sleep well.  
— *vt.* bear (child).

**i ...ni** *vt.* produce for.

**i ...zɔ** *vi.* sleep with.

**ida** [ìda] *n.* parent.

**idana** *n.* parents.

**idi** *n/adv.* birthday.

**igu** *n.* bedroom, den, sleeping area.

**ina(a)** [ìnàà] *n.* birth. Kyanga mani inaalu. I am Kyanga by birth.

**í** [í] *n.* 1) water, juice. 2) colour. 3) taste. 4) concern, commitment, covenant. Ma i bii. Ma i ba biiba. I am concerned. I don't care. Ma i bii'nzɔ.

My covenant is with you.

**í ka** *vt.* pour water.

**í kishi** *vt.* scoop/dip water.

**ì** [ì] *pro.* 3s.PRF, 3s.IMPRF, 3s.OBJ, 3s.POSS.

**iba** *pro.* 3s.IMPRF.NEG.

**ibagũa** *pro.* 3s.IMPRF.CONT.NEG.

**ibai** *pro.* 3s.PROG.NEG. *Variant:* ibabi.

**ibata** *pro.* 3s.HAB.NEG.

**ibi** *pro.* 3s.PROG.

**ici** *pro.* 3s.UNAC.

**igũa** *pro.* 3s.IMPRF.CONT.

**ina** *pro.* 1) 3s.SBJ, 3s.Factual.COND.

**inaba** *pro.* 3s.SBJ.NEG.

**inaa** *pro.* 3s.Remote.COND.

**inaaba** *pro.* 3s.Remote.COND.NEG.

- inaabai** *pro.* 3s.PROG.CONT.NEG.  
**inaabi** *pro.* 3s.PROG.COND.  
**inaaci** *pro.* 3s.Factual.COND.NEG.  
**inabagũ** *pro.* 3s.SBJ.CONT.NEG.  
**inagũ** *pro.* 3s.SBJ.CONT.  
**ita** *pro.* 3s.HAB.
- ia**<sub>1</sub> ['ia 'là] *vi.* laugh. Mai iaa. I'm laughing  
 — *vt.* mock.  
**iabɔ(ɔ)** *n.* object of scorn/mockery.  
**iada** *n.* mocker.  
**iana(a)** *n.* laughter, mockery.
- ia**<sub>2</sub> ['ia] *n.* expense. Ì ia zò. It is expensive.  
**ianadi** *adj.* expensive.  
**iakε** ['iakε kè] *vi.* expensive (be).  
**iba(a)**<sub>2</sub> ['ìbàa] *n.* follower, disciple,  
 attendant.  
**ibakε(ε)** *n.* discipleship.  
**ibabi** ['ìbabi bì] *vi.* grow thin.  
**ibafu(u)** ['ìbafuu] *n.* great egret. *Egretta*  
*alba*. *Syn:* fukaye (Kasati).  
**ibara** ['ìbara] *n.* current.  
**ibashi** ['ìbàʃi] *n.* gutter, stream.  
**ibashi'ere(ε)** ['ìbàʃi'èrèè] *n.* water erosion.  
**ibere** ['ìbere] *n.* enemy. *Syn:* jedi.  
**ibereke(ε)** *n.* enmity.  
**iberekeke ...zɔ** ['ìberekeke kè] *vi.* make  
 enemies with.  
**Ibilishi** ['ìbiliʃi] *n.* the devil. *From:* Arabic.  
**ibisa** ['ìbisa] *n.* current. *Lit:* 'water horse'.  
**ibɔ** ['ìbɔ bɔ] *vi.* produce water.  
**ibɔgu** *n.* spring.  
**ibɔbɔ** ['ìbɔbɔ bɔbɔ] *vi.* grow thin,  
 emaciated (become).  
**ice (...ma)** ['icé 'icé] *vi.* 1) descend (on),  
 come down, come to stay. 2) spill.  
 — *vt.* lower, bring down, throw away  
 (water).  
**ice akɔma** *vi.* swarm on tree.
- icegu** *n.* lodging, inn.  
**icegunadi** *n.* inn-keeper.  
**icena(a)** *n.* descent.  
**icicin** ['iciciŋ] *n.* plain water.  
**ici(i)** ['icii] *n.* deep water. *Lit:* 'dark water'.  
**ida'ida** ['ìdà'ìdà] *adv.* clean.  
**idana** *adj.* clean, clear.  
**ide** ['ìde 'ìdè] *vi.* bubble.  
**idena(a)** *n.* bubble, bubbling.  
**idibi** ['idibi] *n.* relative, family.  
**idigu** ['idigu] *n.* pool.  
**idɔɔ** ['ìdɔɔ] *n.* lake.  
**idɔɔsunkε'imɔɔɔlu**  
 ['ìdɔɔsɔŋkè'ìmɔɔɔlù] *n.* yellow-  
 shouldered whydah. *Lit:* 'he sold  
 mother and bought tail'. *Euplectus*  
*macrourus*.  
**iemasūsū** ['iemasūsū] *n.* tree species.  
*Breonadia salicina*.  
**ifēne**<sub>1</sub> ['ifènè] *n.* whip.  
**ifēne**<sub>2</sub> ['iféné] *n.* house fly.  
**ifɔfɔ** ['ifɔfɔ fɔfɔ] *vi.* sprinkle water (by  
 hand).  
**igara** ['igara gàrà] *vi.* draw water.  
**igbādamida** ['igbādamida] *n.* drunkard.  
**igo** ['igo 'igò] *vi.* 1) burp. 2) ruminant,  
 chew the cud.  
**iguru** ['igúru] *n.* canoe, boat.  
**igũ** ['igú] *n.* sailor.  
**ihĩhĩ** ['ihĩhĩ] *n.* vine. *Variant:* ihĩhĩ'akɔma.  
**iho** ['iho] *n.* dove, pigeon. *Columbidae*.  
**ihoci(i)** *n.* red eyed dove. *Streptopelia*  
*semitorquata*. *Variant:* iholɔkɔci(i).  
**ihotē(ε)** *n.* laughing dove. *Streptopelia*  
*senegalensis*. *Variant:* iholɔkɔtē(ε).  
**ihobodo** ['ihobodo] *n.* 1) mourning dove.  
*Streptopelia decipiens*. 2) turtle-dove.  
*Streptopelia turtur*.

**ihokpe** [ˈihokpɛ] *n.* laughing dove.

*Streptopelia senegalensis.*

**iholace** [ˈiholacɛ] *n.* vinaceous dove.

*Streptopelia vinacea. Variant: lace'iho.*

**ihomɔ̀nɔ̀saa** [ˈihomɔ̀nɔ̀sàà] *n.* turtle-dove.

*Streptopelia turtur.*

**ii**<sub>1</sub> [ˈii] *pro.* 3s.PROG. *Variant: ìbi.*

**ii**<sub>2</sub> [ˈii] *intj.* yes.

**i'icena(a)** [ˈi'icɛnàà] *n.* waterfall.

**iiko** [ˈiiko] *n.* authority.

**iikonadi** *n.* man of authority.

— *adj.* mighty.

**iikoke ...ma** [ˈiikokɛ kɛ] *vi.* rule over.

**ijere** [ˈiʒɛɾɛ] *n.* watercourse.

**ijē** [ˈiʒɛ] *n.* medicine, magic.

**ijēnadi** *n.* medicine man, herbalist, doctor.

**ijēke** [ˈiʒɛkɛ kɛ] *vi.* practise sorcery/black magic.

**ijēkeda** *n.* medicine man, sorcerer.

**ijēkena(a)** *n.* black magic, sorcery.

**ikabɔ̀(ɔ̀)** [ˈikábòò] *n.* water container/pot.

**ikagu** *n.* water tank.

**ikere** [ˈikɛ̀rɛ̀] *n.* older sister.

**ikere zã** *n.* brother-in-law.

**ike** [ˈíkɛ kɛ] *vi.* shine.

**ikɔ̀nɔ̀nɔ̀gara** [ˈikɔ̀nɔ̀nɔ̀gara gàrà] *vi.* snore.

**ikpa** [ˈíkpa kpa] *vi.* swim.

**ikpada** *n.* swimmer.

**ikpagu** *n/adv.* swimming pool.

**ikpako** [ˈíkpa kɔ̀] *n.* spring.

**ikpakonadi** *adj.* having springs.

**ikpako'izɔ̀** [ˈíkpa kɔ̀'izɔ̀] *n.* fresh water spring.

**ikporona(a)** [ˈíkporonàà] *n.* wave.

**ile** [ˈílɛ] *adv.* water's edge, beach.

**Ilo** [ˈilò] *n.* Illo.

**imfe(ɛ)** [ˈimfɛɛ] *n.* porridge pot. *Variant:*

*inhe(ɛ).*

**imi** [ˈími mì] *vi.* drink.

— *vt.* consume, emaciate.

**imi** [ˈími] *n.* thirst.

**imibɔ̀(ɔ̀)** *n.* trough.

**imigu** *n.* drinking place.

**imina** *adj.* emaciated, shrivelled.

**imina(a)** *n.* drinking.

**imima** [ˈímima mà] *vi.* thirsty (be).

**inaaba ka** [ˈinààba] *conj.* unless, if it had not been that.

**inabi** [ˈinabi] *n.* grapevine.

**inabi jefu** *n.* vineyard.

**inabi jenadi** *n.* vinedresser.

**inabi ni** *n.* grape, raisin.

**inabi'i** [ˈinabi'i] *n.* wine.

**inabi'ibɔ̀da** [ˈinabi'ibòda] *n.* wine waiter.

**inabi'ifēgu** [ˈinabi'ifɛ̀gu] *n.* winepress.

**inani** [ˈinani] *n.* free person.

— *adj.* free.

**inanike(ɛ)** *n.* freedom.

**ince** [ˈincɛ̀ ˈincɛ̀] *vi.* finish.

**ince ...ma** *vi.* finished for (be).

**incebadi** *adj.* endless, eternal.

**incedi** *n.* last day.

**incena(a)** *n.* end, outcome.

— *adj.* last, final.

**indawere** [ˈindawɛ̀ɾɛ̀] *n.* compassion, pity.

— *adv.* pitiable.

**indawere zò** *vt.* compassionate (be).

**indawerebadi** *n.* pitiless/calous person.

**indawerenadi** *n.* pitiable person, very poor person.

**indawereke ...ni** [ˈindawereke kɛ] *vi.* gracious/compassionate to (be).

**indawerekena(a)** *n.* compassionate act, show of mercy.

**indawerema** [ˈindawɛ̀ɾɛ̀ma mà] *vt.*

compassion/pity for (have).  
**indawerena(a)** *n.* empathy.  
**indawerewa** [ˈindawerewa wà] *vi.* look at  
 with compassion, pity.  
**indawerewana(a)** *n.* compassion, pity.  
**indi** [ˈíndi] *n.* anvil.  
**Ingilishi** [ˈɪŋgiliʃi] *n.* English.  
**ini** [ˈínì] *pro.* 3s.APPO.  
**-ini** *pro.* 3s.BEN. Ma wè'ini. I answered  
 him.  
**iri**<sub>1</sub> [ˈiri ˈrì] *vt.* tie, bind, fasten, tether.  
**iri ...ma** *vt.* tie on.  
**irigu** *n/adv.* dock, tether.  
**iri'iri** *vt.* tie (many).  
**iri'irina** *adj.* bound up.  
**irina** *adj.* distressed, chained.  
**irina(a)** *adj.* bondage.  
**iri**<sub>2</sub> [ˈírì] *n.* orphan.  
**iri**<sub>3</sub> [ˈírì] *adj.* sort, kind (inanimate), copy.  
**isaa** [ˈísàà] *n.* expanse of water.  
**isã** [ˈísá] *n.* reed used to make basket.  
**ishē** [ˈíʃē] *n.* shoulder. *Syn:* ē.  
**isɔ ...ma** [ˈísɔ sɔ] *vi.* pour libation on.  
**ita** [ˈíta] *n.* drinking water pot.  
**itē** [ˈitē] *vi.* coagulate, become thick. Ama  
 kè itē. Blood coagulated.  
 — *adj.* thick (liquids).  
**itɔ** [ˈítɔ tɔ] *vi.* draw water.  
**itɔda** *n.* water drawer.  
**itɔgu** *n.* water source.  
**itɔkɛ(ɛ)** [ˈítɔ̀̀̀̀kɛɛ] *n.* evening, dusk.

**itɔkɛ** *adj.* in the evening.  
**itɔkɛma** *adv.* west.  
**itɔkɛ fɔbina** *n.* evening meal, dinner.  
**itɔkɛ lè** *adv.* this evening.  
**itɔrɔ** [ˈítɔ̀̀̀̀rɔ] *n.* water gourd, water bottle.  
**itɔ̀̀̀̀na(a)** [ˈítɔ̀̀̀̀nàà] *n.* drop of water.  
**itɔ̀̀̀̀tɔ̀̀̀̀na(a)** [ˈítɔ̀̀̀̀tɔ̀̀̀̀nàà] *n.* dripping water.  
**iwehake** [ˈiwehake kè] *vi.* yawn.  
**iwere** [ˈiwere] *n.* 1) sleep. 2) plain nightjar.  
*Caprimulgus inornatus.*  
 — *adv.* asleep.  
**iwere mɔ̀̀̀̀nɔ̀̀̀̀saanadi** *n.* standard-winged  
 nightjar. *Macrodipteryx longipennis.*  
**iwere ... de(de)** *vt.* sleepy (be).  
**iwerebadikɛ** [ˈiwerebàdikɛ kè] *vi.* keep  
 vigil. *Variant:* iweretē.  
**iwerekɛ** [ˈiwerekɛ kè] *vi.* sleep.  
**iwerekɛda** *n.* sleeper.  
**iwe** [ˈíwe wè] *vi.* fish. *Syn:* zɔ̀̀̀̀kũ, zɔ̀̀̀̀tɔ̀̀̀̀.  
**iwɛda** *n.* fisherman.  
**iweretē** [ˈiweretē tē] *vi.* keep vigil. *Variant:*  
 iwerebadikɛ.  
**iwi** [ˈíwí] *adv.* in water.  
**iwikoko(o)** [ˈíwíkokoo] *n.* reed-hen.  
*Porphyrio alleni.*  
**izɔ** [ˈízɔ] *n.* well, dam.  
**izɔ'ere(ɛ)** [ˈízɔ'èrèè] *n.* well hole.  
**izɔ'i** [ˈízɔ'í] *n.* well water.  
**izɔ̀̀̀̀** [ˈízɔ̀̀̀̀] *n.* bubal antelope. *Alcelaphus*  
*buselaphus major.*  
**izu** [ˈízu zù] *vi.* spit (cobra).

## Ĩ - ĩ

**ĩmbi** [ˈĩmbi bì] *vi.* take bribe, corrupt (be).  
**ĩmbibɔ(ɔ)** *n.* bribe.  
**ĩmbida** *n.* bribe taker. *Variant:*

ĩmbibɔshida.  
**ĩmbina(a)** *n.* corruption, bribe taking.  
**ĩmbisa** [ˈĩmbisa] *n.* bridge of nose.

**ĩmfě ...ji** [ˈĩmfě fě] *vi.* treat with contempt.  
**ĩn** [ˈĩN] *n.* nose.

**ĩndo** [ˈĩndo dɔ] *vi.* snort.  
**ĩnzã(a)** [ˈĩnzãa] *n.* nose-ring.

## J - j

**jangali** [ʒaŋgali] *n.* tax.  
**jangali kpa** *vt.* pay tax.  
**jangali shi (...ma)** *vt.* collect tax (from).  
**jangalishida** [ʒaŋgaliʃida] *n.* tax-collector.  
**jangalishikpɛ** [ʒaŋgaliʃikpɛ] *n.* tax-office.  
**jangba** [ʒaŋgba] *n.* fig tree species. *Ficus abutilifolia* flake-rubber tree; *Ficus platyphylla*. *Syn:* gāji, akɔtē.  
**jankpata** [ʒàŋkpata] *n.* agama lizard.  
**jankpata negũ** *n.* female agama lizard.  
**jankpata nigõni** *n.* male agama lizard.  
**je** [ʒe zè] *vi.* refuse. *Ma nɛɛ jè.*  
**je ...ji** *vi.* refuse, divorce, deny, despise, scorn, oppose, against (be).  
**jezɔ ...ni** [ʒezɔ zèzɔ] *vi.* refuse someone concerning.  
**jeda** [ʃèda] *n.* reject.  
**jena bɛɛzɔ** *cnj.* despite that.  
**jedi** [ʒedi] *n.* enemy. *Syn:* ibɛɛ.  
**jedike(ɛ)** *n.* enmity.  
**jedikeɛke ...zɔ** [ʒedikeɛke kè] *vi.* make enemy with.  
**je** [ʒe] *n.* farm.  
**jefu** *n.* cultivated field.  
**jefunadi** *n.* field owner.  
**jè(ɛ)** [ʒèɛ] *n.* 1) clay, mud. 2) anthill.  
 3) heap of something (stones, grain).  
**jè ɔtɔni** *n.* small anthill.  
**jetě** [ʒètě(ɛ)] *n.* large red anthill.  
**jeni** [ʒèni] *n.* building mud.  
**jeebu** [ʒèebu bù] *vi.* build foundation/wall.

**jefugarada** [ʒɛfugàràda] *n.* ploughman.  
**jefu(u)** [ʒɛfu] plough.  
**jefuu gara** *vt.* plough.  
**jekɛ** [ʒɛkɛ kè] *vi.* cultivate, hoe weeds, plough.  
 — *n.* bush.  
**jekɛda** *n./adj.* labourer, farmer.  
**jekukɔ** [ʒèkukɔ] *n.* mud block.  
**jenge(ɛ)** [ʒɛŋgɛɛ] *adj.* left. *Variant:* ɔjenge(ɛ).  
 — *n.* left handed person.  
**jerɛ** [ʒɛɛ] *n.* road, way.  
**jerɛ bɔ ...ni** *vt.* make way/opportunity for.  
**jerɛ bɔbɔ** *vt.* make new road.  
**jerɛ furu ...ni** *vt.* straighten way for.  
**jerɛ gu ...ni** *vt.* open way for.  
**jerɛ jĩn** *n.* path.  
**jerɛ kpa** *vt.* give permission.  
**jerɛ lɛ ...ni** *vt.* obstruct, block way, prevent.  
**jerɛ li** *vt.* find way.  
**jerɛ tɔ** *vt.* seek way to.  
**jerɛ zɔ** *vt.* right, correct, just (be).  
**jerɛbadi** *adj.* incredible, depraved, abnormal.  
**jerɛjerɛ** *adv.* in rank/line/order.  
**jerɛnadi** *n.* religious adherent.  
 — *adj.* right.  
**jèrɛ** [ʒèrɛ(è)] *n.* Nile monitor lizard.  
*Varanus niloticus.*  
**jerədɔda** [ʒɛrədɔda] *n.* one who follows a



certain route.  
**jerəkata(a)** [ʒerəkatãa] *n.* crossroads.  
**jerəkū** [ʒerəkū kù] *vi.* start journey.  
**jerelēda** [ʒerelēda] *n.* highway robber. *Lit:* 'road-blocker'.  
**jeretagi(i)** [jeretagi] *n.* woven grass door. *Lit:* 'door-close-mat'.  
**jeretātāma'ere(ε)** [ʒérétātāma'èrèè] *n.* roadside ditch.  
**jetu** [ʒétù] *n.* saw.  
**jewi** [ʒewi] *adv.* at the farm. *Syn:* lace.  
**jě** [ʒě ʒě] *vt.* 1) tear, chop, cut, slaughter. 2) control. Ici fõ ìna a ginda jěba. He couldn't control himself.  
**jějě** *vt.* tear up, cut into pieces.  
**jěna(a)** *adj.* cut (stone).  
**-ji<sub>1</sub>** [ʒi] *ptcl.* Purpose marker. Mai ya á shitejeji. I am going to get some yams.  
**-ji<sub>2</sub>** [ʒi] *post.* Adessive suffix.  
**ji'akɔ** [ʒi'akɔ] *n.* wooden idol, idol tree.  
**jiba** [ʒibà] *n.* pocket.  
**jida(a)** [ʒidaa] *adj.* old, deserted, ancient.  
**jida** *adj.* old, obsolete.  
— *adv.* formerly.  
**jidake(ε)** *n.* age, old age.  
**jidake** [ʒidake kè] *vi.* grow old.  
**jidake kɔtɔkɔtɔ** *vi.* grow very old, grow senile.  
**jifake** [ʒifake kè] *vi.* mature.  
**jigida** [ʒigida dà] *vt.* shake.  
— *vi.* shake, disturbed (be) (water).

**jigidana(a)** *n.* shaking, disturbance.  
**jiguda** [ʒìgùda] *n.* exorcist.  
**jiguna'ama** *n.* exorcism.  
**ji(i)** [ʒì] *n.* djin, possessing spirit, demon. *From:* Arabic.  
**jii gu ...ma** *vt.* exorce spirit from.  
**jinadi** *n.* demon possessed person.  
**jiike ...ma** [ʒiìke kè] *vi.* practice idolatry/animism.  
**jikeda** *n.* idolater, pagan.  
**jikena(a)** *n.* idolatry.  
**jika** [ʒika] *cn.* two hundred naira.  
**jingi** [ʒiŋgi] *n.* young man, fiancé, youth.  
**jingike(ε)** *n.* youth. *Variant:* jingikewi.  
**jingijinke(ε)** [ʒiŋgiʒiŋkεε] *n.* primary school age.  
**jingike** [ʒiŋgike kè] *vi.* pass youth.  
**jingikedi** *n/adv.* youth (time).  
**jingikewi** [ʒiŋgikewi] *adv.* youth. *Variant:* jingike(ε).  
**jingo** [ʒiŋgo] *n.* dozing.  
**jingoke** [ʒiŋgokε kè] *vi.* doze.  
**jinikpe** [ʒinikpε] *n.* vine species.  
**jirike** [ʒirike kè] *vi.* polish, plane.  
**jirikena(a)** *adj.* polished.  
**jĩmbara** [ʒĩmbara] *adj.* too small.  
**jĩmbɔ ...zɔ** [ʒĩmbɔ bù] *vt.* belittle, ridicule.  
**jĩn** [ʒĩN] *adj.* small.  
— *adv.* a little.  
**jĩnjĩn** *adv.* very small.

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**ka<sub>1</sub>** *cnj.* 1) when. Ka n nù, ma n wà. When you came, I saw you  
2) Complimentizer. Fɔke ka ma fi. Do

what I said.  
— *pro.* who, that (Relative pronoun).  
Ma gũ d̃̃ ka gà. I knew the person

- who died.
- ka ...yāaji** *conj.* because. *Variant:* dun.
- ka<sub>2</sub>** [ká kà] *vt.* put, pour, compose, appoint, wear.  
— *vi.* swarm, settle.
- ka ereelu** *vt.* bury.
- ka iwi** *vt.* baptised (be).
- ka ...ma** *vi.* perch, land on, come on (spirit).  
— *vt.* inflict with, pounce on, patch.
- kagu** [kágu] *n.* perch, receptacle, place.
- kaka** [káka kàkà] *vi.* swell, blow up.  
— *vt.* wear (many).
- kaka ...ji** [káka kàkà] *vi.* block way, obstruct.
- kaka ...ni** *vt.* 1) relate/narrate to (matter), explain. 2) make drunk (wine).
- kakana(a)** *adj.* well built.
- kana** [kanà] *adj.* wearing, placed ;. Pita ba tɔgɔ zò kanaba. Peter was not wearing a shirt.
- kana(a)** *n.* plague.
- ká(a)<sub>2</sub>** [káá] *n.* crab. *Sudanonautes.*
- kaakaabu** [kaakaabù] *n.* bar (of gate).  
**kaakaabu ka ...ni** *vt.* bar.
- kaalua** [kaalùà] *n.* prostitute. *From:* Hausa.  
**kaaluake(ε)** *n.* prostitution (profession).  
**kaaluakena(a)** *n.* prostitution (act).
- kaba** *n.* bit (for horse).
- kacakaca** *adv.* all over the place.
- kacere** *n/adv.* plaza, square, street.
- kacikacike ...ni** [kacikacike kè] *vi.* fetter, shackle.
- kada'ɔɔlu** [kadà'ɔɔlù] *n.* betrayer, traitor.  
*Lit:* 'who put in hand'.
- kafe** *n.* coffee. *Variant:* kahe. *From:* English.
- kaho** *n.* horn. *Syn:* bẽ. *From:* Hausa.
- kahu** [kááhú] *n.* saddle blanket (for donkey).
- kaahu iri ...ni** *vt.* tie donkey blanket to.
- kai** [kaì] *intj.* hey!
- kài** [kài] *intj.* definitely. N ìa kài. You did so laugh.
- kaito** [kaito] *intj.* woe. Kaito mani. Woe is me.
- ka'iwike** [ká'íwíke kè] *vi.* baptise.  
**ka'iwikeda** *n.* baptiser.  
**ka'iwikena(a)** *n.* baptism.
- kaka<sub>2</sub>** [kaka] *n.* 1) chaff. 2) itch.  
**kakana(a)** *n.* itching, scabies.  
**kakanadi** *adj.* itchy, itch producing.
- kakace** [kakacé kàkàcé] *vi.* ruined (be), destroyed (be).  
— *vt.* ruin, destroy.  
**kakaceda** *n.* destroyer.  
**kakacena(a)** *n.* ruin, destruction.
- kakagenadi** [kákagènàdi] *n.* oedematous person.
- kakaji** [kakaʒi] *adj.* dry, empty, useless, immoral.  
— *adj.* annulled, cancelled, for no reason.  
**kakajike(ε)** *n.* immorality.
- kakajikpa ...ji** [kakaʒikpa kpà] *vi.* abandon.
- kakakũ** [kákákũ kàkàkũ] *vt.* tangle.
- kakaranda** *n.* West African bamboo.  
*Oxytenanthera abyssinica.*
- kakarando** *n.* roan antelope. *Hippotragus equinus.*
- kakarasa** *n.* Nile perch. *Lates niloticus.*
- kakau** *n.* quarrel.
- kakauke (...zɔ)** [kakauke kè] *vt.* contradict, quarrel (with).  
**kakaukeda** *n.* quarrelsome person.  
**kakaukena(a)** *n.* quarrel, discord.
- kalakala** *ideo.* very happy.

**kali(i)** [kàlìi] *n.* 1) fence, wall, pen.

2) herd, group.

**kalii ka ...ji** *vt.* protect.

**kalii ke ...ma** *vt.* entrap, ensnare.

**kalikena** [kàlikènà] *adj.* walled up.

**kalime** [kalime] *n.* large hoe.

**Kambali** [kámbálib] *n.* Kambari. *Syn:* shéé.

**Kambalina bakasu** *n.* frog. The Kambari eat frogs.

**kamike** [kamike kè] *vi.* blink.

**kamikenadu** [kamikenàdù] *adv.* in the blink of an eye.

**kan<sub>1</sub>** [kaŋ] *adj.* none, no. See: /dikan, fòkan, gukan, gũkan, yãkan/.

**kan<sub>2</sub>** [kaŋ] *adj.* honorable. *Syn:* bini.

**kanari** [kanari] *n.* yellow-fronted canary. *serinus mozambicus.* *From:* English.

**kandama** *n.* dragon (legendary serpent). *From:* Dendi.

**kange(e)** [kaŋgee] *n.* anchor.

**kangu** [kaŋgu] *n.* loincloth.

**kangu dɔ** *vi.* tie on loincloth. *Variant:* kangu iri.

**kankami** [kaŋkami] *n.* confined place.

**kankanke** [kaŋkaŋke kè] *vt.* 1) press, force, exhort, urge, cramp. 2) hurt, annoy, bother.

**kankakena(a)** *n.* appeal, exhortation.

**kankare** *n.* concrete. *From:* English.

**kao** *n.* maternal uncle.

**kap** [káp] *ideo.* suddenly.

**kara** [kàra] *conj.* since, as far as, until. *Variant:* hari.

**kara ...ji/ni** [kara kàrà] *vi.* miss, lack, lose.

**karana(a)** *adj.* lacking, wanting.

**kàra(a)** [kàràa] *n.* cake, biscuit, unleavened bread.

**karacii** [kàràcíf] *n.* unleavened flour.

**karacii dɔ** *vt.* knead dough.

**karaciidɔna(a)** [kàràcífidenàà] *n.* dough.

**karaga** *n.* bed or bench.

**karaji** [karaʒi] *n.* spiny plant species.

*Tapinanthus voltensis; Mimosa pigra (Abdul).*

**kararakpa** [kararakpa kpà] *vi.* grope.

**karo** *n.* ram.

**kasa<sub>1</sub>** [kàsa] *n.* grave.

**kasa<sub>2</sub>** [kasa kàsà] *vi.* turn aside.

**kasa ...lu** *vi.* traverse, cross over.

**kàsa(a)** [kàsàa] 1) hill.

**kàsa ashi** *n.* mountain.

**kasanadi** *adj.* hilly.

**kasa'ere(ɛ)** [kàsà'èrèè] *n.* grave pit.

**kasagberɛ(ɛ)** [kàsàgbèrèè] *n.* gravestone.

**kasami(i)** [kàsàmìi] *n.* hilltop, mountaintop.

**kasara** [kasara] *adj.* mature, full grown.

**kasatãatã(a)** [kàsàtãtãa] *n.* hillside.

**Kasati** [kasati] *n.* Kyanga town.

**kasheedi** [kaʃeedi] *n.* announcement.

**kasheedika** [kaʃeedika kà] *vi.* announce.

**kasheedikada** *n.* herald, announcer.

**kasheedikana(a)** *n.* proclamation, announcement.

**kashigi** [kàʃigì] *n.* halter (for donkey).

**kasu** [kású kàsù] *vt.* split, cut in two, tear. — *n.* half, fragment, part, piece.

**kasugu** *n.* quarry.

**kasukasu** *vt.* tear up, cut to pieces.

**kasukasuna** *adj.* torn up, ripped in pieces.

**kasukasuna(a)** *n.* tearing to pieces.

**kata<sub>1</sub>** *n.* navel.

**kata<sub>2</sub>** [kata kàtà] *vt.* 1) cut off, remove. 2) wean.

**kata ...ma** *vi.* separate from, leave.  
**kata ...ni** *vt.* release to/for.  
**katakata** *vt.* break up.  
**katana(a)** *adj.* weaned.  
 — *n.* separation.  
**kata(a)** [katàà] *n.* entrance hut.  
**katakata** [kátákàtà] *n.* kitchen (building).  
**katako** *n.* plank.  
**katako dɔɔ** *n.* teak tree. *Tectona grandis*.  
**katanga** [katɔŋga] *n.* wall. *From:* Hausa.  
**katatuitui** [katatùitùì] *n.* Senegal coucal.  
*Centropus senegalensis*.  
**katē** *n.* buffalo thorn. *Ziziphus mucronata/mauritiana*. *Variant:* tabakuta.  
**kato** *n.* African birch. *Anogeissus leiocarpus*.  
**katufa** [kàtùfà] *n.* phlegm.  
**katufake** [kàtùfàkè kè] *vi.* expectorate, spit phlegm.  
**kau** *ideo.* peacefully (sleep).  
**kauri** [kauri] *n.* thickness. *From:* Hausa.  
**kaurike(ɛ)** *n.* thickness.  
**kaurinadi** *adj.* thick.  
**kawere** [kawéré] *n.* money.  
**kawere li** *vi.* get/earn money, get rich.  
**kawere were** *n.* coin.  
**kawere werefu(u)** *n.* cowrie.  
**kawerebadi** *n.* person without money, penniless person.  
**kawerenadi** *n.* rich man.  
**kawerenadike(ɛ)** *n.* riches, wealth.  
**kawerebɔgɔ(ɔ)** [kawérébɔgɔ] *n.* money bag.  
**kawerede** [kawéréde dè] *vi.* spend money.  
**kaweredɔɔ** [kawérédɔɔ] *n.* capital.  
**kawere'i** [kawéré'í] *n.* interest.  
**kawere'i gba** *vt.* charge interest.  
**kawerekpɛtada** [kawérékpɛtàda] *n.*

treasurer.  
**kawereshi** [kawéréʃi ʃì] *vi.* take/collect money.  
**kawereshida** *n.* treasurer.  
**kawereshigu** *n/adv.* treasury.  
**kaweresori** [kawéréSORì sòrì] *vi.* exchange money.  
**kaweresorida** *n.* moneychanger.  
**kaweretɔna(a)** [kawéréTɔnàà] *n.* money-making.  
**kawerevāni** [kawérévāni] *n.* corrupt money.  
**kawerevānilida** *n.* dealer in corrupt money.  
**kawerewida** [kawéréwida] *n.* lover of money.  
**kā** [ká kà] *vi.* tighten.  
 — *vi.* satisfied (be).  
 — *vt.*  
**kāna** *adj.* 1) fat. 2) tight, sated.  
**kāna gbāda(a)** *n.* plenty (food).  
**kāna(a)** *adj.* satisfied.  
**kāakāaki** [kààkààki] *n.* trumpet.  
**kāakāaki fē** *vt.* blow trumpet.  
**kāakāakifēna(a)** [kààkààkifēnàà] *n.* trumpet blowing.  
**kāakāaki'una(a)** [kààkààki'unàà] *n.* trumpet blast.  
**kākā** [kākā] *n.* 1) hair. 2) feather.  
 3) spirit. Ni gbèegū kākā gbādanadi.  
 The child became strong in spirit.  
**kākā de** *vt.* crush spirit, discourage.  
**kākā shi** *vt.* agreeable to spirit (be), excite, stir.  
**kākānadi** *adj.* hairy.  
**kākābara** [kākābara bàrà] *vt.* pluck.  
**kākāgbādanadi** [kākāgbādanàdi] *n.* strong spirited person.  
**kākākata** [kākākata kàtà] *vt.* shear.

**kākākatada** *n.* shearer.  
**kāna** [káná] *n.* row, line.  
**kānakāna** *adv.* in ranks.  
**kāna(a)** *n.* bamboo. *Oxytenanthera abyssinica*. *Syn:* wabangere.  
**kāna'ata(a)** [káná'ataa] *n.* furrow.  
**kedokoori** [kedòkooɾì] *num.* thirty.  
**kee'a** [kee'à] *num.* sixty.  
**kee'awokoori** *num.* seventy.  
**kee'a(a)** *adj.* sixty.  
**kee'adibi** *num.* sixtieth.  
**keedu** [keedù] *num.* twenty.  
**keedu awereduzɔ** *num.* twenty one.  
**keedu(u)** *adj.* twenty.  
**keefia(a)** [keefiaa] *num.* forty.  
**keefiafia** *num.* in forties.  
**keefiwokoori** *num.* fifty.  
**keeke** *n.* grey-headed sparrow. *Passer griseus*.  
**keekoori** [keekooɾì] *num.* two hundred.  
**keeshi** [keesí] *num.* eighty.  
**keeshi(i)** *adj.* eighty.  
**keeshiwokoori** *num.* ninety.  
**keesooshi** [keesoofí] *num.* one hundred and eighty.  
**keesooshi(i)** *adj.* one hundred and eighty.  
**keesooshiwokoori** *n.* one hundred and ninety.  
**keesoowa** [keesoowà] *num.* one hundred and sixty.  
**keesoowawokoori** *num.* one hundred and seventy.  
**keesɔɔdu** [keesɔɔdù] *num.* one hundred and twenty.  
**keesɔɔduu** *adj.* one hundred and twenty.  
**keesɔɔduwokoori** *num.* one hundred and thirty.

**keesɔɔfia** [keesɔɔfià keesɔɔçà] *num.* one hundred and forty.  
**keesɔɔfia(a)** *adj.* one hundred and forty.  
**keesɔɔfiawokoori** *num.* one hundred and fifty.  
**keesɔru** *num.* one hundred.  
**keesɔruwokoori** *num.* one hundred and ten.  
**keesɔru koori** *num.* one thousand.  
**keesɔrusɔru** *num.* in/by hundreds.  
**ke<sub>1</sub>** [kɛ kɛ̀] *vt.* do, make.  
 — *vi.* be, enough (be).  
**ke fuda** *vt.* persuade.  
**ke gbāa** *vi.* multiply.  
**ke ...ni nda** *vi.* please.  
**ke ...ni watalu** *vi.* guide, lead.  
**kebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* material.  
**keɔda** *n.* creator, maker, doer.  
**keɔdi/looto(o)** *n.* time to act/do.  
**kegu** *n.* place where something is done.  
**kena(a)** *n.* creation, making, being, happening, example, activity.  
**ke<sub>2</sub>** [kɛ kɛ̀] *vi.* say.  
**ke(ɛ)** [kɛɛ] *adj.* a certain, other, any.  
**kena** *adj.* some, other.  
 — *pro.* some, others.  
**-ke(ɛ)** [kɛɛ] *ptcl.* abstract marker suffixed to nouns.  
**keke<sub>1</sub>** [kekè kekè] *vt.* chase, drive away.  
*Syn:* fakafakake.  
**kekɛna(a)** *n.* chasing, expulsion.  
**keke<sub>2</sub>** *n.* bicycle.  
**kekɛnadi** *n.* cyclist.  
**kenɛnɛ** *n.* nagging.  
**kenɛnɛke ...ni** [kenɛnɛke kɛ̀] *vi.* nag.  
**kenɛnekɛda** *n.* nagger.  
**kerede** [kerɛde dɛ̀] *vi.* chant.  
**kerededa** *n.* griot.

**kerekere** *n.* small tree species. *Antidesma venosum*.

**kete** *n.* hand/cluster (bananas).

**ketekokoi** *n.* stone partridge. *Ptilopachus petrosus*.

**kē** [kɛ̀ kɛ̀] *vt.* write, cut (grass).  
— *vi.* dawn.

**kēna** *adj.* written.

**kēekē** *n.* red-flanked duiker. *Cephalophus rufilatus*.

**kēkē** *n.* African paradise fly-catcher. *Terpsiphone viridis*.

**kēne(ɛ)** *n.* vein, ligament, tendon.  
**kēneɛ jē** *vt.* hamstring (animal).

**kia** *n.* Senegal parrot. *Poicephalus senegalus*.

**kici** [kíci] *adj.* small bit.  
**kicikici** *adv.* very small.

**kiine** [kíine] *n.* bad report, gossip.  
**kiinenadi** *n.* telltale, gossip.

**kiineke ...ni** [kíineke kɛ̀] *vi.* tell on, report, gossip about.  
**kiinekena(a)** *n.* gossip.

**kiini** *n.* key. *Syn:* kpegubɔ(ɔ).  
**kiini ka ...lu** *vt.* lock.

**kiinidɔ** *n.* lock.

**kila** [kílà] *n.* perhaps. *From:* Hausa.

**kilaali** [kílaáli] *n.* praise song, flattery.

**kilaalike** [kílaálike kɛ̀] *vi.* sing/chant praise, flatter.  
**kilaalikena(a)** *n.* praise, praising.

**kilo** [kilò] *cn.* kilogram. *From:* English.

**kiloyɔ** [kilòɲɔ ɲɔ] *vi.* weigh. *Variant:* kilole.

**kiri**<sub>1</sub> *n.* chief.  
**kirike(ɛ)** *n.* kingdom, rule.

**kiri**<sub>2</sub> [kírì] *n.* tree species. *Variant:* tiri.

**kiria** [kírì] *n.* ironwood tree. *Prosopis*

*africana*. *Syn:* shibama.

**kiribe(e)** [kiribèe] *n.* of royal blood.

**kirige(ɛ)** [kirigèe] *n.* smallpox.

**kirike ...ma** [kirike kɛ̀] *vi.* rule over, reign over.  
**kirikeda** *n.* ruler.  
**kirikedi** *n/adv.* reign (time).  
**kirikegu** *n.* dominion.  
**kirikena(a)** *n.* reign (act).

**kirikefula** [kirikefùla] *n.* crown.

**kirikegya(a)** *n.* sceptre.

**kiriketɔɔ(ɔ)** *n.* royal robe.

**kirikewei** *n.* palace. *Variant:* kiriwei.

**Kirishi** [kírìʃi] *n.* Christ. *Syn:* Almashihu.

**Kirishita** [kírìʃità] *n.* Christian. *From:* English.

**kiro** [kìro] *n.* antimony, eyeshadow.  
**kiro ka** *vt.* apply eyeshadow.

**kirokori** *n.* starling. 1) long-tailed glossy starling. *Lamprotornis caudatus*.  
2) purple glossy starling. *Lamprotornis purpureus*.

**kishi** [kíʃi kìʃi] *vt.* dip, scoop.

**kishia** [kíʃia] *n.* calamity (malicious).

**kitila** *n.* heap.  
**kitila ka** *vt.* make heap, heap up.

**kitilo** *n.* fence, wall. *Syn:* kali(i).

**kĩn** [kíŋ] *ptcl.* as for, topicaliser.

**kocikoci** [kocikòcì] *n.* red-billed hornbill. *Tockus erythrorhynchus*.

**kodoroko** [kòdorokò] *n.* bridge.

**kohi** [kòhi] *n.* male.  
— *adj.* male.

**kóhi** [kóhí] *n.* 1) portent, bad omen.  
2) fulfilment of bad omen.

**kòhi** [kòhì] *n.* tassle.

**kohifida** [kóhífida] *n.* enchanter.

**koko** [kokò kòkò] *vt.* carry on back.

**koko ...gbēji** *vi.* confirm, agree with.  
**kokoda** [kokoda dà] *vi.* bend over, crooked (be).  
**koko(o)** *n.* chicken.  
**koko nɛgũ** *n.* hen.  
**koko nigõni** *n.* cock, rooster.  
**kokodõ** *n.* mother hen.  
**kokoni** *n.* chick.  
**kokoroko** [kokorókò] *n.* crow (rooster).  
**kokorokpa** [kókórókpa kpà] *vt.* gnaw at.  
**koko'ula** *n.* shrub species. *Ipomoea carnea*.  
*Syn:* taki kali.  
**kokɔwɛɛ** *n.* Christmas bush. *Alchornea cordifolia*.  
**kokun** [kókú] *n.* large ant.  
**kolu** [korù] *n.* room.  
 — *adv.* in/from house.  
**komi** *n.* fruit of raffia palm. *Raphia sudanica*.  
**kondo** *n.* carton, leather basket.  
**koõ**<sub>1</sub> *conj.* or, whether. *From:* Hausa.  
**koõ**<sub>2</sub> [koó] *ptcl.* end of sentence question marker expecting positive answer.  
*From:* Hausa.  
**kó(o)** [kóó] *n.* fireplace.  
**koohi**<sub>1</sub> [koohì] *n.* cup.  
**koohi**<sub>2</sub> [koohì] *n.* girl's waistband.  
**kooke** [kóókɛ kè] *vi.* refine, evaporate.  
**kooke ...ma** *vt.* shake out/off.  
**kookena(a)** *adj.* refined.  
 — *n.* refining.  
**koori** [koorì] *num.* ten.  
**koori awere'azɔ** *num.* thirteen.  
**koori awereduzɔ** *num.* eleven.  
**koori awerefiazɔ** *num.* twelve.  
**koori awereshizɔ** *num.* fourteen.  
**koori aweresɔɔduzɔ** *num.* sixteen.  
**koori aweresɔɔfiazɔ** *num.* seventeen.

**koori aweresooshizɔ** *num.* nineteen.  
**koori aweresoowazɔ** *num.* eighteen.  
**kooridibi** *n.* tenth.  
**koorikoori** *adv.* ten each, in/by tens.  
**koorinadi** *adj.* ten. Kwansa bè  
 koorinadi. Ten stringed harp.  
**kori** *adv.* last year.  
**kori kè** *adv.* year before last.  
**koro** *n.* owl.  
**koro'ashi** *n.* barn owl. *Tyto alba*.  
**kòro** [kòrò] *n.* village weaver (bird), red-billed quelea. *Placeus luteolus*; *Quelea quelea*.  
**korotē(ɛ)** *n.* red-billed firefinch.  
*Lagonosticta senegala*.  
**Kororo** *n.* Kyanga clan.  
**koroshīn** *n.* pearl-spotted owlet.  
*Glaucidium perlatum*.  
**korɔ(ɔ)** *n.* yellow penduline tit.  
*Anthoscopus parvulus*.  
**kosai** *n.* camel's foot. *Piliostigma reticulatum*. *Variant:* bɔrɔbɔrɔ, kalago.  
**koshi** [koʃi] *n.* hoof. *Variant:* gbekoshi.  
**kosoro** *n.* deep palm leaf basket.  
**koto**<sub>1</sub> [kòto] *n.* neck.  
**kòto** [kòtò] *n.* hole (in tree). *Variant:* akɔkoto.  
**kotokoli** [kotokòli] *n.* maize, corn. *From:* Dendi.  
**kotokoto** [kòtokòto] *adv.* scarce.  
**koto(o)** *n.* large hoe.  
**kɔ** [kò] *adv.* already.  
**kɔba** [kòba] *n.* arrow shaft.  
**kɔkɔbashīn** [kɔkɔbafɪn] *n.* striped crane.  
*Aenigmatolimnas marginalis*.  
**kɔkɔhi** *n.* grey woodpecker. *Dendropicos goertae*.  
**kɔkɔ(ɔ)** [kòkò] *n.* insect.

**kɔkɔ kākānadi** *n.* caterpillar.  
**kɔkɔkɛ** [kɔkɔkɛ kɛ] *vi.* infested with maggots (be).  
**kɔkɔsɔkɛ** [kɔkɔsɔkɛ kɛ] *vt.* strain, filter.  
**kɔkɔsɔ(ɔ)** *n.* strainer, filter.  
**kɔkɔtɔ** [kɔkɔtɔ] *n.* quiver.  
**kɔlo** *n.* ball.  
**kɔlo wā wā** *vt.* kick ball.  
**kɔlogbɛ** *n.* football.  
**kɔlogufu** *n.* football ground.  
**kɔlɔgɔ** *n.* burrow, nest (animal).  
**kɔntɔ** *n.* stalking.  
**kɔntɔkɛ ...ji** [kɔntɔkɛ kɛ] *vi.* stalk, hunt.  
**kɔ(ɔ)** [kɔ] *n.* arrow, stinger (insect).  
**kɔɔ zu** *vt.* shoot arrow.  
**kɔzuna(a)** *n.* archery.  
**kɔrɔ** [kɔrɔ kɔrɔ] *vt.* scrape, claw, hollow out.  
**kɔshi** [kɔʃi] *n.* chewing stick.  
**kɔsɔ<sub>1</sub>** [kɔsɔ] *n.* gravel. *Variant:* gberekɔsɔ.  
**kɔsɔ<sub>2</sub>** *n.* pimple.  
**kɔsɔkɛ ...ma** [kɔsɔkɛ kɛ] *vi.* touch (woman).  
**kɔsɔngɔ** [kɔsɔngɔ] *n.* noise, sound (vocal).  
**kɔsɔngunadi** *adj.* noisy.  
**kɔsɔngukɛ** [kɔsɔngukɛ kɛ] *n.* make noise, resound.  
**kɔsɔnguma** [kɔsɔnguma mɔ] *n.* hear noise.  
**kɔtaa** [kɔtɔ] *n.* coaltar. *From:* English.  
**kɔteke** [kɔteke kɛ] *vt.* black magic (do), sorcery (practise).  
**kɔtekɛda** *n.* sorcerer.  
**kɔtɔkɛ** [kɔtɔkɛ kɛ] *vt.* hang up, suspend.  
**kɔtɔkɛna** *adj.* hanging, in suspense.  
**kɔtɔkɔtɔ** [kɔtɔkɔtɔ] *ideo.* very old.  
**kɔwɛrɛ** [kɔwɛrɛ] *n.* arrow tip.  
**kɔzuda** [kɔzuda] *n.* archer.

**kɔkɔ** [kɔkɔ] *n.* tin, can.  
**kɔnɔ<sub>1</sub>** [kɔnɔ] *n.* upper back, hump.  
**kɔnɔnadi** *n.* hunchback.  
**kɔnɔ<sub>2</sub>** [kɔnɔ] *n.* disability, infirmity.  
**kɔnɔkɛ(ɛ)** *n.* 1) crippled state. 2) lump, slice.  
**kɔnɔnadi** *adj.* crippled.  
 — *n.* crippled person.  
**kɔnɔ<sub>3</sub>** *n.* African locust bean tree. *Parkia biglobosa.*  
**kɔnɔ'i** *adj.* yellow. Locust bean pod powder is yellow.  
**kɔnɔkɔ** [kɔnɔkɔ] *vt.* disabled (be).  
**kɔntigi(i)** *n.* small one stringed harp.  
**kɔwɔkɔ(a)** *n.* eel. *Syn:* kpɔkɔsɔ.  
**kpa** [kpá kpà] *vi.* rest, placed (be).  
**kpa ...la** *vi.* more than (be), overcome. N kpàmala gbāda. You are stronger than me. Wó yāwānikɛa'nni ìna kpa à mula. We will do worse to you than to them. STAT verb. Use.PRF for present meaning, UNAC for present NEG, othererwise normal.  
**kpa ...ma** *vi.* bump into.  
**kpa ...ni** *vt.* give to, offer, lend.  
**kpada** *n.* giver.  
**kpaakpaa** *adv.* from place to place.  
**kpaci** [kpací] *adj.* which? *Variant:* kpati.  
**kpagu** *n.* 1) spotted hyena. *Crocuta crocuta.* 2) striped hyena. *Hyaena hyaena.*  
**kpagu gaude** *n.* small tree species. *Gardenia aqualla.* *Variant:* atakuruma gaude.  
**kpako** *n.* back of head.  
**kpàko** [kpàkò] *n.* tongs.  
**kpakokpa ...ni** [kpakokpa kpà] *vi.* turn back on, turn face from.  
**kpakpa** [kpakpà kpàkpà] *vt.* lie in wait



for.

— *vi.* copulate.

**kpakpada** *n.* one lying in wait.

**kpakpana(a)** *n.* copulation.

**kpakpa(a)** [kpakpàa] *n.* oil palm. *Elaeis guineensis*.

**kpakpa lala** *n.* palm frond.

**kpakpa ataagara** *n.* palmyra palm.  
*Borassus flabellifer*.

**kpakpa yere** *n.* palm spike/needle.

**kpakpa yōnɔ** *n.* palm oil.

**kpalukoko** *n.* epilepsy.

**kpalukokonadi** *n.* epileptic.

**kpanamu** [kpanamù] *n.* rope trap.

**kpangu** [kpaŋgu] *n.* chameleon.

**kpara** [kpara kpàrà] *vt.* drive, steer, stir.  
Mai moota kparaa. I am driving the car.

**kparabɔ(ɔ)** *n.* rudder, steering wheel.

**kparada** *n.* driver.

**kpàra(a)** [kpàràa] *n.* congealed blood.

**kpasakpasa** *adj.* perfect.

**kpasakpasake(ε)** *n.* perfection.

**kpasu** *n.* soap.

**kpasufe(ε)** *n.* soap container.

**kpasuke** [kpasuke kè] *vi.* make soap.

**kpasukeda** *n.* soap maker.

**kpata<sub>1</sub>** *n.* orange root. *Cochlospermum tinctorium*.

**kpata<sub>2</sub>** *n.* place, suburb, direction.

**kpata du(u)** *adv.* same area/suburb.

**kpata ke(ε)** *n/adv.* another place.

**kpata dugūna** *n.* neighbours.

**kpáta** [kpátá] *n.* African eggplant. *Solanum aethiopicum*.

**kpatage(ε)** [kpatagèε] *n.* hepatitis, yellow fever, jaundice.

**kpata'i** [kpata'í] *padj.* orange.

**kpatapai** [kpatapai] *adv.* everywhere, wherever. *Syn:* gupai.

**kpato** [kpátò] *n.* chisel.

**kpato gifa ...ma** [kpátògífá gífá] *vi.* chisel.

**kpānini** [kpānini] *n.* gecko.

**kpāsākūna(a)** [kpāsākūnàà] *adj.* runt.

**kpete** [kpété kpèté] *vt.* roast. *Syn:* gbandake.

**kpetena(a)** *adj.* roasted.

**kpɛ** *n.* 1) house, building, home. 2) clump (trees).

— *adv.* in the house, home.

**kpɛ bu** *vt.* build house.

**kpɛnadi** *n.* host.

**kpɛbɔ** [kpɛbɔ bɔ] *vt.* shame, dishonour.

**kpɛbɔna(a)** *n.* dishonour, disgrace, shame.

**kpɛbɔnayā** *n.* shameful affair.

**kpɛbuda** [kpɛbùda] *n.* builder.

**kpɛbuna(a)** *n.* building (act).

**kpɛcere** *n.* floor (of house).

**kpɛdāda** [kpɛdāda] *n.* jailor.

**kpɛdi(di)nakūma** [kpɛdidinākūmà] *n.* two-story/multistory building.

**kpɛɛ** *n.* locust bean cake.

**kpɛgbɛjiwa** [kpɛgbɛziwa wà] *vi.* period (have). *Syn:* zagara'iri.

**kpɛgubɔ(ɔ)** [kpɛgubɔ̀̀] *n.* key. *Syn:* kiini.

**kpɛguci(i)** [kpɛgucii] *n.* prison.

**kpɛgucini** *n.* prisoner.

**kpɛji(i)** [kpɛzì] *n.* house idol.

**kpɛkpiti** [kpɛkpìtì] *n.* house foundation.

**kpɛle** *n.* doorway, front door area.  
— *adv.* front door area.

**kpɛle ta (...ma)** *vt.* close door (on).

**kpɛledāda** [kpɛledāda] *n.* doorkeeper.

**kpɛledāna(a)** *n.* doorkeeping.

**kpelleke ...ni** [kpéłéke kè] *vt.* send (thing) to.

**kpelu(u)** *n.* inside room.

**kpemus** [kpemùsu] *n.* roof.

**kpene** [kpène] *n.* tree species.

**kpeni** *n.* messenger.

**kpè'ɔ(ɔ)** *n.* ring.  
**kpè'ɔ sheedukèbɔ** *n.* signet ring.

**kpere(ɛ)** [kpèrèè] *n.* hawk. 1) yellow-billed kite. *Milvus migrans parasitus*. 2) black kite. *Milvus migrans migrans*.

**kpere ashi** *n.* brown snake eagle.  
*Circaetus cinereus*.

**kperehu(u)** *n.* Montagu's harrier. *Circus pygargus*.

**kpere hukahuka** *n.* hawk species.

**kperekigo** *n.* African harrier hawk.  
*Polyboroides typus*.

**kpeta** [kpeta tà] *vt.* honour (by not revealing something).

**kpetana** *adj.* in secret.

**kpetana(a)** *adj.* secret, hidden.  
 — *n.* honouring, mystery.

**kpeanayã** *n.* secret.

**kpetaɔ(ɔ)** [kpetaɔ̀̀] *n.* door.

**kpetaã(a)** [kpetaãã] *n.* wall of house.

**kpete** [kpeté kpèté] *vi.* stand up, rise, fly, leave, resurrect.  
 — *vt.* dry in sun, spread to dry.

**kpete ...ma** *vi.* pursue, follow after.

**kpete ...ni** *vi.* rise up against.

**kpete musu** *vi.* float on.

**kpetegu** *n.* drying place, clothesline.

**kpetena(a)** *n.* pursuit, recovery, resurrection, waking, floating.

**kpète<sub>1</sub>** [kpètè] *n.* porridge.  
**kpète ganiga** *n.* thick porridge.

**kpète<sub>2</sub>** [kpètè] *n.* cripple, hunchback.

**kpetekũ** [kpètèkũ kũ] *vt.* crippled

(become).

**kpiri** [kpírí] *n.* back.

**kpirinagu** [kpírínagu] *n.* backrest.

**kpiriye(ɛ)** [kpíríyèrèè] *n.* backbone, dorsal fin.

**kpisa** [kpisa kpìsà] *vi.* faint.

**kpisãsä** *n.* African peach. *Sarcocephalus latifolius*.

**kpishigēne** [kpíʃigēne] *n.* doorway.

**kpishigēnele** [kpíʃigēnele] *n.* door opening.  
**kpishigēnele ta** *vt.* close the door.  
*Variant:* kpele ta.

**kpishigēnetabɔ(ɔ)** [kpíʃigēneletabò̀̀] *n.* door. *Syn:* kpetabɔ.

**kpiti** [kpìtì] *n.* 1) loins, waist, backside.  
 2) base (mountain), foundation.  
**kpiti dɔkɔle** *n.* lumbar region.

**kpiti'ere(ɛ)** [kpìtì'èrèè] *n.* anus.

**kpitigbītã** [kpìtìgbītã] *n.* laziness.

**kpitigbītãke** [kpìtìgbītãke kè] *vi.* lazy (be).

**kpitika ...ma** [kpìtika kà] *vt.* lay foundation (on), found, establish.  
**kpitikabɔ(ɔ)** *n.* foundation material.  
**kpitikana** *adj.* founded, established.  
**kpitikana(a)** *n.* foundation.

**kpitikoni** [kpìtikoni] *n.* hip joint.

**kpitila** [kpitila là] *vt.* refine (oil).

**kpiti'u** [kpìtì'u] *n.* backside, bottom.

**kpizã** [kpízã] *n.* Kob antelope. *Kobus kob*.

**kpĩ<sub>1</sub>** [kpíń] *n.* theft, thief.  
 — *adj.* stolen.  
 — *adv.* stealthily.  
**kpĩn weredawere** *n.* robber, highway robber.

**kpĩ<sub>2</sub>** [kpĩŋ] *n.* fish species. *Tilapia sp.*

**kpĩnke** [kpíńke kè] *vt.* steal.  
**kpĩnke ...ni** *vt.* tell secretly.

**kpĩnkeda** *n.* thief.  
**kpĩnkena(a)** *n.* theft.  
**kporo** [kporo kpòrò] *vi.* turbulent (be).  
**kporona(a)** *adj.* turbulent.  
**kpòkòsò** [kpòkòsò] *n.* eel. *Syn:* kǒkǎ(a).  
**ku** [ku kù] *vt.* cook, blend.  
**kuaa** *n.* wail, howl.  
**kuaada** [kuaada dà] *vi.* cry aloud, howl, wail.  
**kuaadana(a)** *n.* howling, wailing.  
**kubeeni** *n.* Senegal eremomela. *Eremomela pusilla.*  
**kubeewa** *n.* ocras. *From:* Hausa.  
**kubu** *n.* vine species. *Opilia celtidifolia.*  
**kubuta** *n.* shoe, sandal. *Syn:* baci(i).  
**kuce** *n.* chest (animal, reptile).  
**kucelu** *post.* 1) under, beneath. 2) bottom (hill).  
 — *adv.* down.  
**kuce (...ni)**<sub>1</sub> [kúcé kùcé] *vi.* 1) bow, bend down (to). 2) capsize.  
**kuce ...ma** *vi.* straddle, incubate, come down on.  
**kucekuce** *vi.* bow down (many).  
**kucena** *adj.* bowed down.  
**kuce(ε)**<sub>2</sub> [kucèè] *n.* flute (short). *Variant:* kute(ε).  
**kucikuci** *n.* African giant kingfisher. *Megaceryle maxima.*  
**kucín** [kúciṅ] *adj.* short, shallow. *Variant:* kutín.  
**kuguru** [kùgùru] *adj.* whole, virgin, celibate.  
**kuji** [kuʒi] *n.* duck.  
**kuke** [kúke kè] *vi.* call out (in bush).  
**kukpe** [kùkpe] *n.* clump of shea trees.  
**kuku** [kúkú] *intj.* eh!, oh!  
**kukuda** [kukuda dà] *vi.* fold up, roll up.

— *vt.* fold up, roll up.  
**kukudana** *adj.* bent, crooked, folded, perverse.  
**kukudana(a)** *adj.* rolled up, folded.  
**kukũ**<sub>1</sub> [kukŋ] *n.* amusement, game.  
**kukũyã** *n.* amusement, play.  
**kukũ**<sub>2</sub> [kukŋ] *n.* block, brick. *Variant:* jekukũ.  
**kukũ bɔ** *vt.* brick (make).  
**kukũbɔna(a)** [kukũbɔnàà] *n.* brick-making.  
**kukũke** [kukŋke kɛ] *vi.* play, amuse oneself.  
**kukũkeda** *n.* player.  
**kukũkena(a)** *n.* play, pleasure, sport.  
**kukũkefɔ** [kukŋkefɔ] *n.* musical instrument.  
**kuma** [kùma] *n.* lump, bump.  
 — *post.* beside.  
**kumbu** [kúmbù] *n.* small of back.  
**kunahau** *n.* baby sling.  
**kundu** *n.* fishing net.  
**kundukpa** [kundukpa kpà] *vt.* knot.  
**kure** [kúre] *n.* tortoise.  
**kuria** *n.* red kapok, silk cotton tree.  
*Bombax constatum.* *Syn:* laholu gbeshe.  
**kuru**<sub>1</sub> *n.* mound, hillock.  
**kuru**<sub>2</sub> [kùru] *n.* horn.  
**kuru fɔ** *vt.* blow horn.  
**kurufɛna(a)** [kùrufɛnàà] *n.* horn-blowing.  
**kuruke** [kùruke kè] *vt.* herd.  
**kurukeda** *n.* herder, shepherd.  
**kurukedani** *n.* child shepherd.  
**kurukegu** *n/adv.* pasture.  
**kurukena(a)** *n.* pasturing.  
**kurukebɔgɔ(ɔ)** [kùrukebɔgɔ] *n.* shepherd's bag.  
**kuruma** *n.* deaf person. *From:* Hausa.

**kuru'u(nàa)** [kùru'unàà] *n.* horn blast.  
**kusakushi** [kúsàkúfí] *n.* filaria.  
**kushiteda** [kùuʃiteda] *n.* sheanut gatherer.  
**kusu** [kùsu] *adj.* half.  
**kusūn** [kusūŋ] *n.* breadth.  
**kuti** [kutì] *n.* spur-winged goose.  
*Plectropterus gambensis*. *Variant:* kuti'imu.  
**kutonturu** [kùtontùrù] *n.* log. *Variant:* akòkutonturu.  
**kutta** [kuṭa] *n.* expensive cotton fabric woven in village.  
**kutu<sub>1</sub>** [kútù] *adj.* short.  
 — *adv.* near, close.  
 — *post.* beside.  
**kutuke(ε)** *n.* closeness, brevity.  
**kutukutu** *adv.* closely.  
**kutu'iri** [kutù'iri 'ìrì] *vt.* hide a part, pilfer.  
**kuturu** *n.* leper. *From:* Hausa.  
**kuturuke(ε)** *n.* leprosy.  
**kuturuke** [kuturuke kè] *vi.* leprosy (have).  
**kutu(u)<sub>2</sub>** [kutùu] *n.* 1) remainder, rest.  
 2) half, part.  
 — *adj.* remaining, part of.  
**kutuna** *n.* remains.  
**kù(u)** [kùu] *n.* shea tree. *Vitellaria paradoxa*.  
**kuu shite** *vt.* gather shea nuts.  
**kuudaku** [kúúdàkú] *n.* sweet potato.  
**kuusa** [kúúsà] *n.* nail.  
**kuwere** [kùwere] *n.* shea nut.  
**kuyōnòkε** [kùjònòkε kè] *vi.* make sheanut butter.  
**kuyōnòkεda** *n.* sheanut butter maker.  
**kuzò(ɔ)** [kùzòɔ] *n.* tree parasite like mistletoe. *Tapinanthus dodoneifolius*.  
**kū<sub>2</sub>** [kɿ] *pro.* each other.

**kū yā ma** *vt.* understand each other.  
**kū (...ma)<sub>2</sub>** [kɿ kɿ] *vt.* catch, seize, hold, control.  
 — *vi.* benefit, appropriate (be).  
**kū ... ɔma**  
**kūa** [kūà] *vt.* hold. Mai ì kūa. I am holding it.  
**kūkū** *vt.* capture (many).  
**kūkūna** *adj.* control (oneself).  
**kūna** [kūnà] *padj.* holding, caught.  
**kūna(a)** *n.* capture, arrest.  
**kūfa** [kúfa] *n.* foam.  
**kūfabɔ** [kúfabɔ bɔ] *vi.* foam.  
**kūgūna** [kūgūna] *n.* mates, companions.  
**kūgūnake(ε)** *n.* companionship, fellowship.  
**kūkpere** [kūkpèrè] *n.* winnowing tray.  
**kūkū** [kɿkɿ] *n.* soldier ant.  
**kūkūmbe** [kɿkɿmbe] *n.* butterfly.  
**kūmaye** [kūmaye] *n.* black crowned crane.  
*Balearica regulorue*.  
**kūngbo** [kūŋgbo] *n.* hippopotamus.  
*Hippopotamus amphibius*.  
**kūni ...zɔ** [kúnì] *cnj.* and, with. Ma eece kūni ma dɔzɔ. I went to the market with my mother.  
**kūnukūnu** [kúnúkúnú] *n.* Guinea worm.  
**kūshi ...zɔ** [kūʃi ʃi] *vi.* agree with, match with.  
**kūsū** [kūsɿ] *n.* 1) knee. 2) corner.  
 — *adj.* square, rectangular.  
**kūsūbadi** *adj.* without corners.  
**kūsūgara** [kūsūgara gàrà] *vi.* crawl.  
**kūsūke** [kūsūke kè] *vi.* make corner.  
**kūsūkpete** [kūsūkpeté kpèté] *vi.* kneel.  
**kūsūkpete ...ni** *vi.* kneel before, plead before, pacify. *Syn:* kūsūkuce.  
**kūsūkpetena(a)** *n.* kneeling, pleading.

**kūyāmanabadi** [kū̀ɲamanàbàdi] *n.*  
disorder.

**kwaace** [kwaacè] *n.* compound, yard,  
courtyard.

**kwaace gifa** *vt.* establish household.

**kwaacegũ** *n.* relative, family member.

**kwaacegũna** *n.* family.

**kwaacenadi** *n.* householder.

**kwaaceni** *n.* born in home, indigene.  
Igũa bii kwaaceni dabalinaladalu He  
will be at home among the wise.

**kwaace'aceda** [kwaacè'àceda] *n.*  
homebody.

**kwaacegifada** [kwaacègìfàda] *n.*  
household founder.

**kwaaci** [kwááci] *n.* throat.

**kwaacike** [kwáácike kè] *vt.* strangle,  
throttle.

**kwaama** [kwààmà] *n.* sickle.

**kwalaba** *n.* bottle. *From:* Hausa.

**kwano** *n.* corrugated iron. *From:* Hausa.

**kwansa** [kwánsà] *n.* two stringed harp.  
**kwansa de** *vt.* play harp.

**kwansade** [kwansade dè] *vi.* play harp.  
**kwansadeda** *n.* harpist.

**kwansadeda** [kwánsàdèda] *n.* harp  
player.

**kwansadena(a)** *n.* harp-playing.

**kwaraga** [kwàràga] *n.* pied crow. *Corvus*

*albus.*

**kwarankwali** [kwàranjkwali] *n.* long  
tailed glossy starling. *Lamprotornis*  
*caudatus.*

**kwatanci** [kwatanci] *n.* comparison. *From:*  
Hausa.

**kwatancike** [kwatancìke kè] *vt.* compare.  
*From:* Hausa.

**kwatancikena(a)** *n.* comparison.

**kwá(a)** [kwáá] *n.* Nile crocodile.  
*Crocodylus niloticus.*

**kwãkwã** *n.* garganey duck. *Anas*  
*querquedula.*

**kwãzã(a)** [kwázãa] *n.* African dwarf  
crocodile. *Osteolaemus tetraspis.*

**kyakukyaku** *n.* black scrub robin.  
*Circotrichas podobe.*

**Kyanga** [kyanjà] *n.* Kyanga.

**kyangakuna(a)** [kyanjàkunàà] *adj.*  
thin, haggard.

**kyaukyau** [kyáúkyáú] *adv.* exactly.

**kyã(a)** [kyãa] *n.* catarrh, cold.  
**kyãa fẽ** *vt.* blow nose.

**kyãakyãa** *adv.* quickly, immediately, fast.

**kyãkyã** [kyãŋkyãŋ] *adv.* completely.

**kyo** *n.* reading, study.

**kyoke** [kyoke kè] *vi.* read.  
**kyokena(a)** *n.* reading.

**kyorokò** *n.* lower leg.

## L - 1

**-la** [là] *post.* superessive postposition.

**la(a)** *n.* rain.  
**laa bã** *vt.* rain, It rained . Wò laabã.

**laace** *n.* farm, field. *Syn:* jèhu, jewi.

**laada** [láádá] *n.* reward, salary. *From:*

Arabic.

**laaka** [laaká] *cnj.* just as, what, whatever.

**laakali** [làakali] *n.* care, warning,  
attention. *From:* Dendi: lakkàl.

**laakalibadi** *n.* fool.

- laakalinadi** *n.* careful/attentive person.
- laakalidunadi** [làakalidùnàdi] *n.* like-minded person.
- laakalika ...ji** [làakalìka kà] *vi.* beware of, careful (be) of.
- laakalike ...ma** [làakalìke kè] *vi.* take care of, pay attention to.
- laakalike ...zo** *vi.* beware of.
- laakaliken(a)** *n.* attention, care.
- laakalikpete** [làakalikpetè kpèté] *vi.* discouraged (be), dull (be).
- laakaliwuçe** [làakaliwuçé wùcè] *vt.* settled in mind (be), calm (be).
- laakaliwuçeda** *n.* calm person, peacemaker.
- laakaliwuçena(a)** *n.* calmness.
- laala (ye)** [laàla] *adv.* how. Laala ye bii. That is how it is.
- laale** [lààlè] *adv.* like this, in this way.
- laalike** [láálìke kè] *vt.* curse.
- laalikebo(ɔ)** *n.* cursed thing.
- laaliken(a)** *adj.* cursed.
- laaliken(a)** *n.* cursing.
- laasaabu** [lààsáábù] *n.* thought.
- laasaabubadi** *n.* thoughtless person.
- laasaabunadi** *n.* thoughtful person.
- laasaabuke** [lààsáábùke kè] *vi.* think.
- laasaabukeda** *n.* thinker, philosopher.
- laasaabukena(a)** *n.* thought, meditation.
- laasaabukuceda** [lààsáábùlekuceda] *n.* perverse-minded person.
- laasaabunɔkeda** [lààsáábùnɔkèda] *n.* good thinker/planner.
- laasaabuvānikeda** [lààsáábùvānikèda] *n.* one who plots evil.
- laba** *n.* large tree species. *Isobertina tomentosa*. *Syn:* gbalashina.
- labāna(a)** [laabānà] *n.* rain, raining.
- labi**<sub>1</sub> [labi làbì] *vt.* sew, mend.  
— *n.* sewn garment.
- labibadi** *adj.* seamless.
- labilabi** *vt.* sew (many).
- labi**<sub>2</sub> [labì] *n.* half. *Syn:* mikutu. *From:* Hausa.
- labu** [labu làbù] *vi.* decrease, reduce.  
— *vt.* decrease, shorten, subtract, humble.
- labuna** *adj.* humbled.
- labuna(a)** *n.* humility.
- labulabu** [labulàbù] *n.* straw-coloured fruit bat. *Eidolon helvum*.
- labule** *n.* curtain.
- lacirina(a)** [lacirinà] *n.* dark cloud.
- lada** [lada ladà] *vi.* swear on oath.
- lada ...zo** *vi.* swear against doing by.
- ladana(a)** *n.* oath.
- Ladu** [làdù] *n.* God.
- Ladu amincike** *vt.* believe/trust in God.
- ladugu** *n.* sky, heaven.
- laduke(ε)** *n.* deity, divinity.
- ladu'amincibadi** [làdù'amincibadi] *n.* unbeliever.
- ladu'amincinadi** *n.* believer.
- ladu'amincikenabadi**  
[làdù'amincikenàbadi] *n.* unbelief (in God).
- ladu'amincike(ε)** *n.* faith, trust in God.
- ladu'amincikena(a)** *n.* faith (in action).
- ladubiigu** [làdùbiigu] *n/adv.* sanctuary.
- ladubisa** [làdùbisa] *n.* praying mantis.
- laduciri** [làdùcìrì] *n.* black stormclouds, dark sky.
- ladudina(a)** [làdùdinà] *n.* destiny, lot.
- ladudõbadi** [làdùdõbadi] *n.* ignorance of God.
- ladudõbadina** *n.* those who don't know God.

**ladugutōda** [lādùgutōda] *n.* God-seeker.  
**ladukegbāda** [lādùkegbāda] *n.* divine power.  
**ladumōni** [lādùmōni] *n.* meteor.  
**ladutōshitena(a)** [lādùtōshitenāa] *n.* worship (of God).  
**ladutōshiteyā** *n.* worship regulation.  
**ladutōda** [lādùtōda] *n.* God seeker.  
**laduwei** [lādùwei] *n.* heaven (not sky).  
 — *adv.* in heaven.  
**laduyākabadi** [lādùyākábadi] *n.* unbeliever.  
**laduyākabadike(ε)** *n.* godlessness.  
**laduyākada** *n.* believer (in God).  
**laduyākana(a)** *n.* godliness.  
**laduyāmada** [lādùyamàda] *n.* devout person.  
**laduyāmana(a)** *n.* devotion (to God).  
**laduzūnwinakeda** [lādùzūnywinākèda] *n.* one who does God's will.  
**lafa** [lafa lafà] *vi.* accumulate, pass (time).  
*Variant:* laha.  
**lafa ...ma** *vt.* add, increase.  
**lafa ...ni** *vi.* add for. Má lafaa'nni. I will add for you.  
**lafana** *adj.* profitable.  
**lafana(a)** *n.* increase, profit.  
**lafanaa ke ...ni** *vt.* give yield/increase to, profitable for (be).  
**lafanabadi** *adj.* unprofitable.  
**laga** *n.* cargo, ware.  
**lagake** [lagake kè] *vi.* barter, trade.  
**lagakeda** *n.* trader.  
**lagata** [lagata tà] *vi.* buy goods.  
**lagatada** *n.* buyer of goods.  
**lagaye** *n.* goat glands that hang from neck.  
**lagbādabāna(a)** [lagbādabānāa] *n.* torrential rain.

**lagbere(ε)** [lagbèrèε] *n.* hail.  
**lagbereε bā** *vt.* hail.  
**lagēdana(a)** [lagēdanāa] *n.* thunder.  
**laha** *n.* sweat, perspiration.  
**laho(o)** [láhòo] *n.* bushland.  
**lahoci(i)** *n.* deep forest.  
**lahoolu** *n/adv.* in the bush, bushland.  
**lahoolugbē(ε)** [láhòolùgbēε] *n.*  
 1) common jackal. *Canis aureus*.  
 2) side striped jackal. *Canis adustus*.  
**lahoolugū** [láhòolùgū] *n.* bushman.  
**lahoolukoko(o)** [láhòolùkokoo] *n.* white-faced whistling duck. *Dendrocyfna viduata*.  
**lahoolusō(ɔ)** [láhòolùsōɔ] *n.* bush animal, bush meat.  
**lahoolusōsaa** [láhòolùsōsàa] *n.* giraffe.  
**la'i** [la'i] *n.* rainwater.  
**lake** [lake làkè] *vi.* add, increase, enlarge, accumulate.  
 — *vt.* add, increase, enlarge, accumulate.  
**lala** [lálá] *n.* leaf, plant.  
**lalabuka** [lálábúka] *n.* hut, shelter.  
*Variant:* buka.  
**laladu(u)** [láládùù] *n.* okra soup.  
**lalage(ε)** [lalagèε] *n.* hepatitis, jaundice.  
**lala'i** [lálá'í] *adj.* green. *Syn:* shē'i.  
**lalata ...la** [láláta tà] *vi.* cover over, overlook.  
**lalu<sub>1</sub>** [lalu làlù] *vt.* ask for.  
**lalu ...ma** *vi.* question about.  
 — *vt.* ask from.  
**lalulalu** *vt.* question, ask many.  
**laulaluna(a)** *n.* interrogation.  
**lalu<sub>2</sub>** *n.* chest.  
**laludi ...ma** [laludi dì] *vi.* stretch over, leap over.

**lalufuru ...ma** [lalufuru fùrù] *vi.*

challenge, defy.

**lalugara** [lalugárá gàrà] *vi.* crawl.

**lalugaradacerema** [lalugárádaceremà] *n.*

reptile.

**laluka ... ima** [laluka kà] *vi.* confidently

(act).

**lalukpa ...ma** [lalukpa kpà] *vi.* face,

oppose.

**laluwɛɛ** *n.* breastbone.

**lamba** *n.* notice, numberplate, number,

brand, label. *From:* English.

**lambu** *n.* garden.

**lambunadi** *n.* gardener.

**laputana(a)** [laputànàà] *n.* sound of

lightning strike.

**laru** [larù] *n.* blemish, fault, defect.

**larubadi** *adj.* faultless.

**larunadi** *adj.* blemished, deformed,

faulty.

**larukɛ** [larùkɛ kè] *vi.* blemished/defiled

(be).

**larula** *n.* desire.

**larula ... ya ...ma** *vi.* desire (have) for.

*Syn:* danga(a).

**lato** [làto] *n.* sack. *Syn:* asasa.

**la'utu** [la'útú] *n.* storm wind.

**layani** *n.* finch.

**layanicɛ̃(ɛ)** *n.* African firefinch.

*Lagonnesticta rubricata.*

**layani shishiã** *n.* village indigobird.

*Vidua chalybeata.*

**lee** *n.* Hades, underworld.

**lè(e)** [lèe] *n.* song.

**leedio** [léédiò] *n.* radio. *From:* English.

**leemu** [leemù] *n.* lime.

**leemu fɛ̃dɛ** *n.* lemon.

**leeshi** [lèɛʃi ʃi] *vi.* sing.

**leshida** *n.* singer.

**leshina(a)** *n.* singing.

**lefũ** [lèfũ] *n/adv.* tomorrow. *Variant:* lehũ.

**lefũli** [lèfũli li] *vi.* saved (be).

**lefũlida** *n.* saved person.

**lefũlinayã** *n.* word of salvation.

**lefũnadina** *n.* future generation.

**lefũnaagũ** [lèfũnààgũ] *adv.* day after

tomorrow.

**legelege** [lègèlégé] *n.* gum.

**lele** *adj.* over there.

**lele(e)** *adj.* yonder.

— *pro.* that one over there.

**leleke** [leleke kè] *vt.* winnow.

**le<sub>1</sub>** [le lè] *pro.* this.

**lè(ɛ)** [lèɛ] *adj.* this.

— *pro.* this one here.

**le<sub>2</sub>** [lé lè] *vt.* obstruct, hinder, block.

**leda** [lèda] *n.* blocker, shield. *Syn:*

lebɔ(ɔ).

**-le** [lè] *post.* Allative postposition.

**lé** [lé] *n.* 1) mouth. 2) edge, end.

— *post.* edge, end, extent. *Variant:*

lɛma.

**lé kɛ du ...zɔ** *vi.* agree.

**le'ari (...ni)** [lé'ári 'àri] *vi.* quote proverb

(to).

**le'arina(a)** *n.* proverb.

**lebana(a)** [lébanàà] *n.* hem.

**lebashi** [lébáʃi] *n.* lip, upper lip.

**lebɔ ...lu** [lébɔ bɔ] *vi.* 1) make

opening/door. 2) withdraw consent

from.

**lebɔkũda** [lébɔkũda] *n.* shield-bearer.

**lebɔ(ɔ)** [lébɔɔ] *n.* shield. *Syn:* leda(a).

**lecɛɛ** [lécɛɛ] *n.* bottom lip.

**leda(a)** *n.* shield. *Syn:* lebɔ(ɔ).

**ledakū (...ji)** [lédakū dākũ] *vi.* agree,



- plot, plan, discuss.  
**ledakū ...ma** *vi.* plot against.  
**ledakūbadi** *n.* lack of counsel.  
**ledakūda** *n.* plotter.  
**ledakūna(a)** *n.* agreement, plan.  
**ledakūna vāni ke ...ji** *vt.* plot evil against.  
**ledāda** [lédāda] *n.* gate-keeper.  
**lede** [lède dè] *vt.* terminate, finish. *Syn:* lega.  
**ledana(a)** *n.* end, termination.  
**ledi ...ni** [lédi dì] *vi.* instruct, give instructions.  
**ledina(a)** *n.* instruction.  
**ledɔdɔ ...ma** [lédɔdɔ dɔdɔ] *vi.* open mouths at, shout instructions to.  
**ledubadi** [lédùbàdi] *adj.* disagreeing.  
**ledule** *adv.* together.  
**ledu(u)** [lédùù] *n.* unity, accord, harmony.  
**leduuke** [lédùùke kè] *vi.* make agreement.  
**lefě ...ma** [lefě fě] *vi.* grimace at.  
**lefi ... ni** [lefi fi] *vt.* curse. *Variant:* lehi.  
**lefi(a)** [léfi(a)] *adj.* double-edged.  
**lefianadi** *n.* insincere person.  
**lefɔ** [léfɔ fɔ] *vi.* control mouth, keep quiet, silent (be). *Syn:* leta.  
**lega** [léga gà] *vi.* terminate, end. *Syn:* lede.  
**legagu** *n.* end, termination.  
**legu** [légu gù] *vi.* open mouth wide ;  
— *vt.* dedicate, consecrate, inaugurate. *Lit:* 'open door'.  
**lehe** [lèhè] *n.* 1) fan. 2) capital of pillar.  
**lehelehe** [lèhèlèhè] *adj.* fine, light, thin.  
**lehě ...ni** [lehě hě] *vi.* defy.  
**le'i** [lé'í] *n.* saliva, spit.  
**le'ibuče** [lé'íbucé búcé] *vi.* spit saliva.  
**le'ika ...ma** [lé'íkà kà] *vi.* spit on.
- le'iri** [lé'iri 'ìrì] *vi.* fast.  
**le'irina(a)** *n.* fast.  
**leka ...ma** [lékà kà] *n.* kiss.  
**lekana(a)** *n.* kiss.  
**lekākā** [lékākā] *n.* beard.  
**leke ...ma** [léke kè] *vi.* vow to.  
**leke ...ni** *vi.* curse.  
**lekena(a)** *n.* curse.  
**lekedu** [lékèdù] *n.* agreement, harmony.  
**lekeduke ...zɔ** [lékèdùke kè] *vi.* make agreement with.  
**lekpelle** [lékpélé] *n.* errand, message.  
**lekpelleke (...ni)** [lékpéléke kè] *vi.* send message (to).  
**lekuce** [lékúcé kúcé] *vt.* overturn.  
**lekucena** *adj.* perverse.  
**lekucena(a)** *adj.* perverse.  
**lekwashi** [lékwaʃi] *n.* chin.  
**leleke** [léléke kè] *vt.* sieve flour/powder.  
**lelu** [lélù] *post.* in mouth of, from mouth of.  
**lembe** *n.* speckled pigeon. *Columba guinea.*  
**lemuike** [lemuike kè] *vi.* make direction with mouth.  
**lemusu** [lémùsú] *n.* palate.  
**le'nda(a)** [lé'nda(a)] *adj.* sharp.  
**le'ndaake ...ni** [lé'ndaake kè] *vi.* flatter.  
**leshε(ε)** [léʃèε] *n.* lower lip.  
**leshi** [léʃí ʃi] *vt.* sharpen.  
**lesori** [lésorì sòrì] *vi.* change mind/what was said.  
**lesuki** [lésúkí] *n.* pursed lips.  
**lesukike** [lésúkíke kè] *vi.* purse lips.  
**lesukike ...ma** *vi.* scoff at.  
**lesukikeda** *n.* scoffer.  
**leta** [léta tà] *vi.* close mouth, keep quiet, silent (be). *Variant:* /lata/ is weakened form.

**letabɔ(ɔ)** [létabòò] *n.* gate. *Syn:* bɔgu.

**letɔ̄** [létɔ̄ tɔ̄] *vt.* seek quarrel.

**le'utu** [lé'útú] *n.* breath.

**levāninadi** [lévāninàdi] *n.* deceitful person.

**levūn** [lévūn] *n.* bad breath.

**lewā** [lewā wā] *vt.* make silent.

**leyāfi** [léyāfi] *n.* eloquence.

**lezake ...ni** [lézake kè] *vi.* warn about.

**lezɔ̄** [lézɔ̄ zɔ̄] *vt.* punch in face.

**lezɔ̄ ...ma** *vi.* taste.

**lezu ...ji** [lézu zù] *vi.* call out to.

**lezu gbāda** *vi.* call out loud.

**lezu ...ni** *vi.* say goodbye to.

**li<sub>1</sub>** [li lì] *vi.* giddy (be).

**li<sub>2</sub>** *vt.* 1) find, get, reach, infect. inaa lia if possible 2) might, find opportunity.  
— *vt.* implicate, help.

**li ...gu** *vi.* get infection from.

**li ...ma** *vt.* find on.

**lina(a)** *n.* finding, acquisition.

**lizɔ̄** *vt.* help.

**ligida** *n.* keloid.

**ligima** [lìgimà] *n.* disturbance.

**ligimake** [lìgimàke kè] *vi.* riot.

**lika<sub>1</sub>** [lìka lìkà] *vi.* go around, fly around.

**lika ...ji** *vi.* encircle, go around.

— *vt.* surround.

**likada** *adj.* encircling.

**likalika** turn, go around, wander, fly.

**likana** *adj.* encircling.

**likana(a)** *n.* circumference.

**lile** [lilé lìlé] *vi.* turn over.

— *vt.* pour.

**lilelile** *vi.* turn over and over.

**lili** [lìlì lìlì] *vi.* fly, hover, wander.

**lili ...ma** *vi.* hover around/over, turn over.

**lilibɔ(ɔ)** *n.* socket, hinge.

**lililili** *vi.* turn over and over.

**lilimaka** [lilimàka] *n.* never-die, horse-radish tree. *Moringa oleifera*.

**lingo** [lìŋgɔ] *n.* sandfly.

**lingoke ...ji** [lìŋgɔke kè] *vi.* leer at.

**lita** [lità] *cn.* litre. *From:* English.

**litokpa** [litokpa kpà] *vt.* exchange.

**liū** [liū] *n.* neem tree. *Azadirachta indica*.

**lobiatē** [lobiatē] *n.* wild olive. *Ximenia americana*.

**lodolodo** *n.* tallow tree. *Detarium senegalense*.

**lokoto** *adj.* round.

**lokotoro** [lòkòtorò] *n.* doctor. *From:* English.

**lonshi** [lonʃi ʃi] *vi.* curve.

**looba** [loobà] *n.* rubber, plastic. *From:* English.

**loogo** [loogò] *n.* manioc, casava. *From:* Hausa.

**lootogbe** [lòtòtògbè] *adv.* sometimes.

**looto(o)** [lòtòtò] *n.* time, season.

**looto** *post.* time, season. *Variant:* waate (Kasati).

**lootoowuri** [lòtòtòowúrí wùrì] *vi.* spend time.

**lootopai** [lootòpáí] *adv.* often, always.

**ɔ** [lɔ̄ ɔ̄] *vt.* crush, grind, smooth.

**ɔɔ** [lɔ̄ɔ̄ ɔ̄ɔ̄] *vt.* grind, make smooth.

**ɔɔna(a)** *adj.* smooth.

**ɔaga** *n.* deep cavity, depths.

**ɔgɔɔgɔ** *adj.* warm.

**ɔkɔ<sub>1</sub>** [lòkɔ̄] *n.* neck.

**ɔkɔ gbere** *n.* necklace bead, pearl.

**ɔkɔ kwaacike** *vt.* choke, strangle.

**ɔkɔfi** [lòkɔ̄fì fì] *vt.* break neck.

**ɔkɔlu(u)** [lòkɔ̄luu] *n.* voice.

**lɔkɔni** [lɔkɔni] *n.* Adam's apple, larynx.

**lɔkɔni mɔɔkɛ** *vt.* clear throat, express indignation.

**lɔkɔnimɔɔkɛna(a)** *n.* indignation.

**lɔkɔ(ɔ)**<sub>2</sub> [lɔkɔɔ] *n.* 1) corner (inside).

2) bay, lagoon.

**lɔkɔyɛrɛ(ɛ)** [lɔkɔyɛrɛɛ] *n.* nape of neck.

**lɔɔma** [lɔɔmà] *n.* morsel, mouthful.

**lɔɔma jě** *vt.* take morsel.

**lɔɔsɔɔ** [lɔɔsɔɔ] *adv.* sliding.

**-lu** [lù] *post.* Inessive suffix.

**lu (...ma)** [lú lù] *vt.* buy (from).

**luda** *n.* buyer. *Variant:* fɔluda.

**luadi** [luadì] *n.* homosexual. *From:* Arabic.

**luadikɛ** [luadikɛ kɛ̀] *vi.* practice homosexuality.

**luadikɛda** *n.* homosexual.

**lu'ã(a)** *n.* envy.

**lu'ãnadi** *n.* envious person.

**lu'ãake ...ni** [lu'ãake kɛ̀] *vi.* envy.

**lu'ãkena(a)** *n.* envy.

**lubɔɔbɔ** [lubɔɔbɔ bɔ̀bɔ̀] *vi.* hollow out.

**luci(i)** *n.* ill-temper. *Lit:* 'black interior'.

**lufěde** [lufěde dɛ̀] *vi.* severe (be).

**lufěde(ɛ)** *adj.* severe, harsh.

— *n.* severity, fury.

**lufědenadi** *n.* severe/cruel/harsh person.

**luguda(a)** [lugùdaa] *n.* pot.

**lugudajĩn** [lugùdazĩn] *n.* soup pot.

**lugudakɛda** [lugùdakɛda] *n.* potter.

**lukpa ...ji** [lùkpa kpà] *vi.* desire, covet.

**lukpakpa** *vi.* shiver, tremble.

**lukpakpana(a)** *n.* trembling.

**lukpo** *n.* cruelty.

**lukuɛ** [lùkùɛ] *n.* dust.

**lullubi** [luʎubi] *n.* shawl. *From:* Hausa.

**lungu** [luŋgu] *n.* river gallery. *Variant:* gorulungu.

**lungumake (...ma)** [luŋgumake kɛ̀] *vt.* embrace, pounce on. *Syn:* tata ...ma.

*From:* Hausa.

**lungumakena(a)** *adj.* pouncing.

**lu(u)** *n.* inside, breadth.

**lu'ulu'u** *n.* pearl.

## M - m

**ma<sub>1</sub>** *pro.* 1s.PRF, 1s.OBJ, 1s.POSS.

**ma din** *pro.* I alone.

**ma ginda** *pro.* myself.

**mabata** *pro.* 1s.HAB.NEG.

**maci** *pro.* 1s.UNAC.

**mana** *pro.* 1s.Factual.COND.

**manaaci** *pro.* 1s.Factual.COND.NEG.

**mata** *pro.* 1s.HAB.

**matagũ** *pro.* 1s.HAB.CONT.

**ma<sub>2</sub>** [ma mà] *vi.* ready (be), ripe (be), cooked (be).

— *vt.* hear, understand, feel, obey.

**ma(ma) ...ma** *vt.* rub on, apply to.

**mabadi** *adj.* without

hearing/understanding.

**mana(a)** *n.* hearing.

**-ma<sub>1</sub>** [mà] *post.* 1) Dative suffix.

2) direction.

**má** *pro.* 1s.IMPRF.

**mába** *pro.* 1) 1s.IMPRF.NEG.

**mabagũa** *pro.* 1s.IMPRF.CONT.NEG.

**mabai** *pro.* 1s.PROG.NEG. *Variant:* mababi.

**mabi** *pro.* 1s.PROG. *Variant:* mai.

**magūa** *pro.* 1s.IMPRF.CONT.  
**manaa** *pro.* 1s.Remote.COND.  
**manaaba** *pro.* 1s.Remote.COND.NEG.  
**manaabai** *n.* 1s.PROG.COND.NEG.  
**manaabi** *pro.* 1s.PROG.COND.  
**mà<sub>1</sub>** *pro.* 1s.SBJ.  
**màba** *pro.* 1s.SBJ.NEG.  
**màbagū** *pro.* 1s.SBJ.CONT.NEG.  
**màgū** *pro.* 1s.SBJ.CONT.  
**maa** *adv.* where?  
**mà(a)<sub>2</sub>** [màa] *n.* drum.  
**maa de** *vt.* beat/play drum.  
**madena(a)** *n.* drumming.  
**maaje** [maaʒe] *n.* francincense tree.  
*Daniellia thurifera.* *From:* Hausa.  
**ma'ana** *n.* meaning. *Syn:* makari. *From:*  
Hausa.  
**maanike** [maanike kè] *vi.* approach.  
**mada** [màdà] *n.* python. *Python sebae.*  
**madèda** [màadèda] *n.* drummer.  
**makaranta** *n.* school. *From:* Hausa.  
**makarantani** *n.* student.  
**makari** *n.* sense, meaning. *Variant:*  
ma'ana.  
**malaalake** [malaalake kè] *vi.* flood. *From:*  
Hausa.  
**malaalakena(a)** *n.* flooding, flood.  
**malafa** *n.* Fulani hat. *Variant:* milehe.  
**mala'ika** [màla'ikà] *n.* angel.  
**mama ...zɔ** [mamà màma] *vi.* continue  
with.  
**mamaaki** [màmaaki] *n.* miracle, wonder,  
surprise. Ì wo gbà mamaaki. It  
surprised us. *From:* Hausa.  
**mamaakinadi** *adj.* wonderful.  
**mamaakike ...ni** [mamaakike kè] *vt.*  
surprise, amaze. À ì mamaakikè. They  
were surprised at him.  
**mamaakikeda** *n.* miracle/wonder

worker.  
**mamaakikena(a)** *n.* wonder-working.  
**mamaakikpa ...ni** [mamaakikpa kpà] *vi.*  
astonish, surprise.  
**mampaka** *n.* underpants.  
**mampakaka** [mampakaka kà] *vi.* put  
on/wear underpants.  
**mandi** *n.* fog, mist.  
**manga** [maŋga] *n.* knob of hair worn by  
women on either side of crown.  
**manguru** [maŋgùrù] *n.* mango.  
**manguru garafe** *n.* grafted mango.  
**mani<sub>1</sub>** [manì] [máá] *pro.* 1s.APPO. Maa le!  
Here I am! *Variant:* maa.  
**mani<sub>2</sub>** [manì] *n.* hyena.  
**màni** [mànì] *adj.* ripe, cooked.  
**mara** *n.* wound.  
**maraba** [márabà] *intj.* welcome.  
**marabake ...ni** [márabàke kè] *vi.*  
welcome.  
**marake** [marake kè] *vi.* wounded (be),  
accident (have).  
— *vt.* harm.  
**mare** [máre] *n.* older man, elder,  
important person.  
— *adj.* honoured, valuable.  
**mare ashi** *n.* mature man.  
**mareke(ε)** *n.* honour, glory.  
**marekenadi** *adj.* honourable, glorious,  
precious.  
— *n.* honorable person.  
**mare(e)** [maree] *n.* north.  
**mareema** *adv.* north of.  
**marekeεke** [marekeεke kè] *vi.* flourish,  
glorious (be).  
**Masa(r)** [màsà másà] *n.* Egypt. *From:*  
Arabic.  
**mashīni** [maʃĩni] *n.* machine. *From:*

English.

**masuke** [màsùkè kè] *vi.* divine, augur.  
**masukebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* divining tool.  
**masukeda** *n.* diviner, augur.  
**masukena(a)** *n.* divination.  
**mba** [ˈmba] *pro.* 2s.IMPRF.NEG.  
**mbagūa** *pro.* 2s.IMPRF.CONT.NEG.  
**mbai** *pro.* 2s.PROG.NEG. *Variant:*  
 mbabi.  
**mbi** *pro.* 2s.PROG.  
**m̄ba** [ˈm̄ba] *pro.* 2s.SBJ.NEG.  
**m̄bagū** *pro.* 2s.SBJ.CONT.NEG.  
**mbata** [m̄batà] *pro.* 2s.HAB.NEG.  
**mɛ** [mɛ mɛ] *vi.* fall down, collapse.  
**m̄ɛɛ** [m̄ɛɛ] *adv.* lying down in submission.  
**menɛda** [mènɛda] *n.* African rock python.  
*Python sebae.*  
**menɛ(ɛ)** [mènɛɛ] *n.* snake.  
**menemenetɛ(ɛ)** [mènɛnɛnɛtɛɛ] *n.* skink.  
**meshe** [mɛʃɛ] *n.* broom.  
**mesheje ...niba** [mɛʃɛzɛ zɛ] *vi.* marry as  
 concubine. Negūna ka ici  
 mɛʃheje'àniba. Concubines.  
**meshekere** [mɛʃkɛrɛ] *n.* vomit.  
**meshekereke** [mɛʃkɛrɛkɛ kɛ] *vi.* vomit.  
**mi**<sub>1</sub> [mi mi] *vt.* drink, suck.  
**mibɔ(ɔ)** *n.* drink.  
**mina(a)** *adj.* drinkable.  
**-mi** [mi] *ptcl.* 1) clause focus marker.  
 akɔmi it's a tree 2) Identity copula.  
 Zɔnadimi nni. You are the Lord.  
**mi'ashike** [mì'áʃíkɛ kɛ] *vi.* boast, arrogant  
 (be). *Syn:* burunake.  
**mi'ashikeda** *n.* arrogant person.  
**mi'ashikena(a)** *n.* pride, arrogance.  
**mi'azu** [mì'azu] *n.* headache.  
**mibadiyãkɛ** [mìbàdɪyãkɛ kɛ] *n.* foolish  
 (be).

**mibadiyãkɛna(a)** *n.* madness,  
 foolishness.  
**mibarana(a)** [mìbaranàà] *n.* baldness.  
**mibarananadi** *n.* bald man.  
**mibɔnayã** [mìbɔnàpá] *n.* defence.  
**mibɔrɔgɔ** [mìbɔrɔgɔ] *n.* brain.  
**midibɔ(ɔ)** [mìdibɔ̀̀] *n.* pillow.  
**mi(i)** [mi] *n.* head, summit, top.  
**mibadi** *n.* fool.  
**mibadike(ɛ)** *n.* folly.  
**mibadiyã** *n.* folly.  
**minadi** *n.* head person, most important  
 one.  
**miibɔ** [mìibɔ b̀̀] *vi.* produce head of grain  
 (millet).  
**miibɔ ...ma** *vi.* relinquish, give up.  
**miibu** [mìibu bù] *n.* shave head, cut hair.  
**mibuda** *n.* barber.  
**miide** [mìide d̀̀] *vt.* finish, complete (be).  
*Variant:* miile.  
**miihite** [mìihítɛ hítɛ] *vi.* proud (be).  
*Variant:* miishite.  
**mihiteda** *n.* proud person.  
**miihitena(a)** *n.* pride, arrogance.  
**miihiteke ...ni** [mìihítɛ hítɛ] *vi.* arrogant  
 towards (be).  
**miijigida** [mìizigida dà] *vi.* shake/nod  
 head.  
**miika ...ma** [mìika kà] *vi.* head for.  
**mikagu** *n/adv.* shelter.  
**miike ...ni** [mìike kɛ] *vi.* motion with  
 head at.  
**miikuɛ ...ni** [mìikucé kùcɛ́] *vi.* bow head  
 to, submit to.  
**mikucena(a)** *n.* submission.  
**miile** [mìile l̀̀] *vt.* finish, complete (be).  
*Variant:* miide.  
**milena(a)** *n.* end, completion.

**miishi** [miiʃi ʃi] *vt.* save, rescue.  
**mishibɔ(ɔ)** *n.* ransom.  
**mishida** *n.* saviour.  
**mishidi** *n/adv.* day of salvation.  
**mishigu** *n.* refuge.  
**mishina(a)** *n.* salvation.  
**mishiyā** *n.* word of salvation.  
**miishite** [miiʃitɛ ʃitɛ] *vi.* proud (be).  
*Variant:* miihite.  
**miitā** [miiɾā tā] *vi.* plait hair.  
**mitāda** *n.* hairdresser.  
**mitana(a)** *n.* braiding of hair.  
**miizɔ (...ni) cere** [miiɾɔ zɔ] *vi.* bow down (to).  
**mikākā** [mikākā] *n.* hair (of head).  
**mikutu** [mikutu] *n.* stump, part.  
**milian** [milian] *num.* million. *From:* English.  
**min** [miiŋ] *n.* headpad.  
**min hēhē** *vt.* wind on headpad.  
**mi'nda(a)** [mii'ndaa] *n.* luck, good fortune.  
**mi'ndabadi** *n.* unlucky/unfortunate person.  
**mi'ndanadi** *n.* lucky/fortunate person.  
**mi'ndaake** [mii'ndaake kɛ] *vi.* lucky (be), fortunate (be).  
**minke** [miiŋke kɛ] *vi.* wear headpad.  
**mira** [miiɾā] *n.* in-law.  
**mira nedɔɔ** *n.* mother-in-law. *Syn:* ne dɔɔ.  
**mira nigōni** *n.* father-in-law. *Syn:* zǎ djii.  
**mirake** [miiɾake kɛ] *vi.* engaged (be).  
**misa(a)** [miiɾaa] *n.* root. *Variant:* akɔmisa(a).  
**misaa gifa** *vt.* found, establish.  
**misagifana** *adj.* established.  
**misagifana(a)** *n.* establishment.  
**misarike** [miiɾarike kɛ] *vi.* comb hair.

**misarikebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* comb.  
**Mishiri** *n.* Kyanga clan.  
**miyere** [miiyɛrɛ] *n.* skull.  
**mizɔ** *n.* bundle.  
**mm** [m] *intj.* yes. *Syn:* ee.  
**mɔ** [mɔ mɔ] *vt.* swallow.  
**mɔmɔ** [mɔmɔ mɔmɔ] *vt.* swallow up.  
**mɔ ...ni** [mɔ mɔ] *vt.* show.  
**mɔbe(ɛ)** [mɔbɛɛ] *n.* chain. *Syn:* salika, sheeni.  
**mɔbisa** [mɔbisa] *n.* bicycle. *Syn:* kɛkɛ.  
**mɔbisanadi** *n.* cyclist.  
**mɔbɔdi** *n/adv.* new moon.  
**mɔdeece** [mɔdeecɛ mɔdɛɛcɛ] *vi.* forge, extract iron.  
**mɔdeeceda** *n.* ironworker.  
**mɔdecegu** *n.* furnace, forge.  
**mɔga** [mɔga] *n.* African mahogany. *Khaya senegalensis.*  
**mɔgagbɛ** [mɔgagbɛ] *n.* red tree ant.  
**mɔgifana(a)** [mɔgifanā] *n.* metal pole.  
**mɔgwɔ(ɔ)** *n.* mud.  
**mɔkalaale** [mɔkālāale] *post.* at this precise time. *Wɛ dɛrɛ mɔkalaale i ia.* At this time next year she will give birth.  
**mɔkoo** [mɔkoo] *n.* metal stove.  
**mɔlɔkɔ** [mɔlɔkɔ] *n.* metal necklace.  
**mɔluguda(a)** [mɔlɔgudaa] *n.* iron pot.  
**mɔwɔ** *adv.* again.  
— *cnj.* and.  
**mɔwɔba** *adv.* no more, no longer.  
**mɔwɔ(ɔ)** *n.* tail.  
**mɔwɔkɛ** [mɔwɔkɛ kɛ] *vi.* stick to palate (tongue).  
**mɔwɔkɛ ...ni** *vi.* crouch before.  
**mɔwɔna ...ni** [mɔwɔnā nā] *vi.* cringe before.

**mɔ̀nɔ̀saanadi** [mɔ̀nɔ̀sàànàdi] *adj.* long tailed.

**mɔ̀(ɔ̀)** [mɔ̀] *n.* 1) moon. *Syn:* mɔ̀boni.  
2) month.

**mɔ̀** *cn.* month.

**mɔ̀ bũnu** *n.* full moon.

**mɔ̀ gẽ guciilu** *vi.* wane (moon).

**mɔ̀ kasu** *n.* new moon.

**mɔ̀ sɔ̀ni** *n.* Venus.

**mɔ̀fu(u)** *n.* moonlight.

**mɔ̀'ɔ̀** [mɔ̀'ɔ̀] *n.* ring (for finger).

**mɔ̀(ɔ̀)** [mɔ̀] *n.* metal, iron.

**mɔ̀ ka ...ni** *vt.* chain up.

**mɔ̀ wã** *vt.* ring bell.

**mɔ̀ni** *n.* axe.

**mɔ̀tẽ(ɛ)** *n.* copper, brass, bronze.

**mɔ̀kɛ** [mɔ̀ðkɛ kɛ] *vt.* 1) settle affair/problem, arrange. 2) raise, discipline (child). 3) polish. 4) harvest.

**mɔ̀kɛda** *n.* harvester.

**mɔ̀kɛdi** *n/adv.* harvest time. *Syn:* mɔ̀kɛlooto.

**mɔ̀kɛna(a)** *n.* harvest.

**mɔ̀kɛlooto** [mɔ̀ðkɛlòòtò] *n.* harvest season. *Syn:* mɔ̀kɛdi.

**mɔ̀ta** [mɔ̀tà] *n.* car, vehicle. *From:* Hausa.

**mɔ̀take** [mɔ̀tàkɛ kɛ] *vi.* repair vehicle.

**mɔ̀radu** [mɔ̀radù] *n.* need, usage.

**mɔ̀rɔ̀mɔ̀rɔ̀** [mɔ̀rɔ̀mɔ̀rɔ̀] *adj.* smooth.

**mɔ̀she** [mɔ̀ʃɛ] *n.* unslaughtered meat.

**mɔ̀sɔ̀** [mɔ̀sɔ̀] *n.* mosquito.

**mɔ̀sɔ̀kpɛ** [mɔ̀sɔ̀kpɛ] *n.* mosquito net.

**mɔ̀wɛɛ** [mɔ̀wɛɛ] *cn.* minute. *Lit:* 'iron (watch) seed'.

**mɔ̀zɔ̀** *n.* messenger, apostle. *From:* Hausa.  
**mɔ̀zɔ̀kɛ(ɛ)** *n.* apostleship.

**mu** [mu] *n.* own, possession. *Ma mu* sìtɛ. I took my own. *Tambu bɛɛ ma mu.* That sheep is mine.

**muna** *n.* own (PL). *Wo muna* sìtɛ. We took our own.

**munafici** [munafici] *n.* hypocrisy.

**munaficibadi** *adj.* sincere.

**munafucikɛ(ɛ)** *n.* hypocrisy.

**munaficiyã** *n.* hypocrisy, falsehood.

**munafikike** [munafikike kɛ] *vi.* act hypocritically.

**munafucikɛda** *n.* hypocrite.

**musai** [músáí] *n.* disaster, calamity, ruin.

**musaidi** *n/adv.* day of disaster.

**musaike ...ni** [músáíkɛ kɛ] *vt.* ruin, devastate.

**musu<sub>1</sub>** [mùsu] *n.* sky, top.

— *adv.* above.

— *post.* above, over, concerning.

**musu fɔ̀na** *n.* heavenly bodies.

**musumus** *adv.* high up.

**Musunadi** *n.* Most High.

**musu<sub>2</sub>** [músù] *n.* 1) wild cat. *Felis syvestris.*  
2) domestic cat.

**musu'ashi** [músù'áʃí] *n.* lion. *Panthera leo.*

**musuguru** [músúgúrú] *n.* aeroplane.

**musuko** [músùko] *n.* domestic cat.

**musumusuke** [músúmúsúke kɛ] *vi.* smile.

**musunabarasa** [músùnabarasa] *n.* serval.  
*Felis serval.*

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- n** [ˈN] *pro.* 2s.PRF, 2s.OBJ, 2s.POSS.  
**mbata** *pro.* 2s.HAB.NEG.  
**nci** [ˈŋci] *pro.* 2s.UNAC.  
**nna** [nà] *pro.* 2s.Factual.COND.  
**nnata** *pro.* 2s.HAB.COND.  
**nta** [natà] *pro.* 2s.HAB. *Variant:* nata.  
**ntagũ** *pro.* 2s.HAB.CONT.
- n** [n̄] *ptcl.* Presentative copula.  
**-n lè** *ptcl.* this is.  
**-n be** *ptcl.* that is.
- ń** [ˈN̄] *pro.* 2s.IMPRF.  
**nda** [nda] *pro.* 2s.IMPRF.  
**ngũa** *pro.* 2s.IMPRF.CONT.  
**nnaa** *pro.* 2s.Remote.COND.  
**nnaaba** *pro.* 2s.Remote.COND.NEG.  
**nnaabai** *pro.* 2s.PROG.COND.NEG.  
**nnaabi** *pro.* 2s.PROG.COND.  
**nnaaci** *pro.* 2s.UNAC.COND.
- ñ** [ˈñ] *pro.* 2s.SBJ, 2s Imperative.  
**ñgũ** *pro.* 2s.SBJ.CONT.
- na** *vt.* 1) turn on (light). 2) crowd.  
— *vi.* 1) come on (light). 2) near (be).  
**na ...wolu** *vt.* entrust to.  
**na ...ma** *vi.* close to (be), join.  
— *vt.* stick.  
**nana** *vt.* place (many).  
— *padj.* placed (be), lit.  
**nana kũma** *vi.* placed on each other.  
**nanaa** *adj.* narrow.
- na<sub>2</sub>** *ptcl.* plural marker.
- nà** *ptcl.* 1) SBJ marker. 2) Factual.COND marker.  
**naba** *ptcl.* SBJ.NEG marker.  
**nabagũ** *ptcl.* SBJ.CONT.NEG marker.  
**nabata** *ptcl.* Factual.COND.HAB.NEG marker.  
**nagũ** *ptcl.* SBJ.CONT marker.
- na(a)<sub>1</sub>** [nàà] *ptcl.* attributive participle marker.
- na** [nà] *ptcl.* predicative participle marker.
- nàa** [nàà] *ptcl.* 1) Remote.COND marker, if, when (PRF or.IMPRF).  
**naaba** *ptcl.* Remote.COND.NEG marker after SUBJ NPs.  
**naabai** *ptcl.* PROG.COND.NEG marker after SUBJ NPs.  
**naabi** *ptcl.* PROG.COND marker after SUBJ NPs.  
**naaci** *ptcl.* Factual.COND.NEG marker after SUBJ NPs.
- naani** [naani] *n.* cat.  
**nace** [nácé nàcé] *vi.* silent (be).  
**nace ...ji** *vi.* stalk, lie in wait for.
- nadi<sub>1</sub>** [nàdi] *n.* this person. Dimi nadi lè? Who is this?  
**nadi<sub>2</sub>** [nàdi] *n.* owner.  
— *pro.* person under discussion.  
**-nadi** *ptcl.* owner, proprietor.
- naga(a)** *n.* pearl millet. *Pennisetum glaucum.*
- Naija** [naižà nɛɛza] *n.* Niger State.
- najĩn** [nazĩn] *adv.* later.
- namuntěne** [namùntěne] *n.* common genet. *Genetta genetta.*  
**namuntěnci(i)** *n.* blotched genet. *Genetta tigrina.*
- nana** [nanà nàà] *vi.* dream.  
**nanada** *n.* dreamer.  
**nanana(a)** *n.* dream, dreaming. PL /nananana/.
- nani(i)** [nani] *n.* 1) shadow, reflection. 2) ghost, spirit.  
**Nani** *n.* Spirit (of God).  
**nani ... firi** *vi.* terrified (be) (feeling cold or numb).  
**nanike(e)** *n.* spiritual state.
- nana** [nanà] *ptcl.* those.



**nasatē(ε)** [nasatēε] *n.* spleen.  
**nda(a)** [ˈnda] *adj.* 1) sweet, pleasant.  
 2) sharp (edge). 3) eloquent (mouth).  
**nda** *adj.* sweet, successful, pleased,  
 right.  
**ndabadi** *adj.* non-sweet, poor quality.  
**nda'nda** *adv.* very sweet/agreeable.  
**nda'nda(a)** *adj.* tender, flattering.  
**ndaake ...ni** [ˈndaake kè] *vi.* good to (do),  
 show favour to.  
**ndakena(a)** *n.* favour.  
**ndaakū** [ˈndaakū kù] *vt.* sweeten, come  
 good.  
**ndaama** [ˈndaama mà] *vi.* at ease (be),  
 comfortable (be), enjoy.  
**ndake(ε)** *n.* sweetness.  
**ndamada** *n.* person living in luxury.  
**ndamana(a)** *n.* easy life, luxury,  
 prosperity.  
**ndakpa ...lu** [ˈndakpa kpà] *vi.* annoy,  
 bother.  
**nɛbɛ(ε)** *n.* West African ebony. *Diospyros*  
*medpiliiformis*. *Syn:* kāyā.  
**nɛbushi** [nɛbuʃi] *n.* 1) single woman.  
 2) girlfriend of married man.  
**nɛda(a)** *n.* barren woman.  
 — *adv.* barren.  
**nɛdaakū** [nɛdaakū kù] *vi.* barren  
 (become).  
**nɛdunadi** [nɛdùnàdi] *n.* husband of one  
 wife.  
**nɛ(ε)** [nɛε] *n.* wife.  
**nɛ djii** *n.* father-in-law.  
**nɛ dǔɔ** *n.* mother-in-law.  
**nɛbadi** *n.* batchelor, single man.  
**nɛε kɛ gbādaazɔ** *vt.* rape woman.  
**nɛε shi** *vt.* marry (for man).  
**nɛnadi** *n.* bridegroom. *Syn:* nɛshida.  
**nɛɛda** [nɛɛda dà] *vt.* divorce (a wife).

**nɛgenɛɛ** *adj.* brackish, acerbic.  
**nɛgenɛɛ(ε)** *adj.* 1) brackish, salty.  
 2) acerbic, harsh tasting (unripe fruit).  
**nɛgũ** *n.* woman.  
 — *adj.* female.  
**nɛgũ kakaji** *n.* immoral woman.  
**nɛgũkɛ(ε)** *n.* femineity.  
**nɛgũni** *n.* daughter.  
**nɛjida(a)** [nɛzidaa] *n.* old woman.  
**nɛkakaji** [nɛkakaʒi] *n.* immoral woman.  
**nɛkakajike** [nɛkakaʒike kè] *vi.* immoral  
 woman (be).  
**nɛkakajikena(a)** *n.* immorality.  
**nɛnagɛ(ε)** [nɛnagèε] *n.* gonorrhoea,  
 biharzia.  
**nɛnatē(ε)** *n.* bilharzia.  
**nɛnafu(u)** *n.* gonorrhoea.  
**nɛnagenadi** *n.* person suffering from  
 gonorrhoea/bilharzia.  
**nɛnatōda** [nɛnatōda] *n.* womaniser.  
**nɛnatōna(a)** *n.* sexual immorality.  
**nɛnɛ** *n.* 1) tongue. 2) blade (weapon).  
**nɛnɛ ... nace ... lɛ musu** *vi.* tongue  
 stuck to roof of mouth.  
**nɛnɛ'i** *n.* speech.  
**nɛpushi** [nɛpuʃi] *n.* single woman.  
**nɛshida** [nɛʃida] *n.* groom. *Syn:* nɛnadi.  
**nɛshidi** *n.* marriage day.  
**nɛshina(a)** *n.* marriage. *Variant:* nɛshi.  
**nɛshifɔbina(a)** [nɛʃifɔbinàà] *n.* marriage  
 feast/reception.  
**nɛshibuki**  
**nɛshile(e)** [nɛʃilee] *n.* wedding song.  
**ngurutu** [ŋgurutu] *n.* fish trap.  
**ngwaa** [ŋgwàà] [ŋgwàì] *intj.*  
 acknowledging a greeting (men).  
*Variant:* ngwai.  
**ngwe** [ŋgwè] *intj.* acknowledging a

- greeting (women). *Variant*: angwe.
- ni** [ní] *n.* child, fruit, offspring.  
— *cn.* small item, part. *Ì ì tātāyere ni du b̀̀.* He took out one of his ribs.
- ni bɔ** *vi.* bring out newborn.
- ni ina(a)** *n.* biological child.
- ni ne** *n.* daughter-in-law.
- ni negũ** *n.* daughter. *Variant*: ninifi.
- ni nigõni** *n.* son.
- ni zã** *n.* son-in-law.
- nibadi** *adj.* childless.
- ninadi** *n.* nursing mother.
- ni** [nì] *post.* Benefactive suffix.
- niba** [nibá] *n.* flamboyant tree. *Delonix regia*.
- niba(a)** [nibàa] *n.* stranger.  
— *adj.* strange, foreign.
- nibake(ɛ)** *n.* hospitality.
- nibaata<sub>1</sub>** [nibàata tà] *vi.* sojourn.
- nibatada** *n.* sojourner.
- nibatana(a)** *n.* sojourn.
- nibakeshida** [nibàkɛʃida] *n.* hospitable person.
- nibata** [nibatà] *pro.* 2s.HAB.NEG.
- nibɔbɔ** [nìbɔb̀̀ b̀̀b̀̀] *vi.* hatch.
- nifi(i)** *n.* girl.  
**nifi dere** *n.* bride.
- nifikelooto(o)** [nifikelòòtò] *n.* girlhood.
- nigõni** [nìgõni] *n.* male, man, boy.  
**nigõnike(ɛ)** *n.* manhood.  
**nigõnikɛɛ ke** *n.* act bravely, show manhood.
- nigõnikɛbɔ(ɔ)** [nìgõnikɛb̀̀] *n.* weapon.
- ni'i** [ní'i ì] *vi.* 1) give birth. 2) bear fruit.  
**ni'ibadi** *padj.* childless, fruitless.  
**ni'ida** *n.* fruit-bearer.  
— *adj.* fruit-bearing.  
**ni'idi** *n.* birthing/delivery time.  
**ni'i(i)** *n.* childbirth.
- ni'ina(a)** *n.* 1) childbirth. 2) biological child.
- ni'i'azu** [ní'i'azu] *n.* birthpains.  
**ni'iazu ke** *vt.* suffer birth pains.
- ni'i'azukeda** [ní'i'azukèda] *n.* woman in birth pains.
- ni'ishi** [ní'ifi ʃi] *vi.* act as midwife.  
**ni'ishida** *n.* midwife.
- Nijɛɛ** [niʒɛɛ] *n.* Niger Republic. *From*: French.
- nijĩnke(ɛ)** [níʒĩŋkɛɛ] *n.* infancy.
- ninagoro** [ninagòrò] *n.* small tree species. *Ficus umbellata*.
- ninagoru ninaboro** *n.* yellow oleander. *Theveta nerifolia*.
- nini** *n.* cold.
- nini'i** *n.* harmattan.
- ninima** [ninima mà] *vi.* feel cold.
- nisara(a)** [nìsàraa] *n.* first-born.
- nisarakejere** [nìsàràkɛʒɛɛ] *n.* birthright.
- nitẽne** [nítẽne] *n.* baby.
- nitoroda** [nítòròda] *n.* child-rearer.  
**nitorona(a)** *n.* child-rearing.
- nn** ['ŋŋ] *intj.* acknowledgement, yes. *Variant*: ñi.
- nni** [ñi] *pro.* 2s.APPO.
- nnɔ** [ñɔ] *pro.* 1) 3p.LOG.PRF, 3p.LOG.IMPRF, 3p.LOG.OBJ, 3p.LOG.POSS ; 3p.LOG.APPO. *À kè nnɔ à í hindebɔa.* They said that they would pay him.  
**nnɔ ginda** *pro.* themselves (LOG).  
**nnɔba** [ñɔba] *pro.* 3p.LOG.IMPRF.NEG, 3s.LOG.SBJ.NEG.  
**nnɔbagũa** *pro.* 3p.LOG.IMPRF.CONT.NEG.  
**nnɔbai** *pro.* 3p.LOG.PROG.NEG. *Variant*: nnɔbai.  
**nnɔbata** *pro.* 3p.LOG.HAB.NEG.

**nnɔbi** *pro.* 3p.LOG.PROG.  
**nnɔci** *pro.* 3p.LOG.PRF.  
**nnɔgũa** *pro.* 3p.LOG.IMPRF.CONT.  
**nnɔna** *pro.* 3p.LOG.SBJ,  
 3p.LOG.Factual.COND.  
**nnɔnaa** *pro.* 3p.LOG.Remote.COND.  
**nnɔnaaba** *pro.*  
 3p.LOG.Remote.COND.NEG.  
**nnɔnaabai** *pro.*  
 3p.LOG.PROG.COND.NEG.  
**nnɔnaabi** *pro.* 3p.LOG.PROG.COND.  
**nnɔnaaci** *pro.*  
 3p.LOG.Factual.COND.NEG.  
**nnɔnabagũ** *pro.*  
 3p.LOG.SBJ.CONT.NEG.  
**nnɔnagũ** *pro.* 3p.LOG.SBJ.CONT.  
**nnɔta** *pro.* 3p.LOG.HAB.  
**nnɔni(nɔ)** [nɔnɔni] *pro.* 3p.LOG.APPO.  
**-nɔ** [nɔ] *ptcl.* 1) Specific PL marker. Used with APPO PL pronouns and /dí/ 'who'. 2) PL marker used with personal nouns to indicate that person and those with him/her . Ma djiinɔ. My father and those with him. Ma djiina. My fathers (father and uncles).  
**nɔdɛ** [nɔdɛ dɛ] *vi.* starve.  
**nɔdeni** *n.* starving person.  
**nɔgɔ** [nɔgɔ nɔgɔ] *vi.* shoot, sprout.  
 — *n.* shoot, sprout.  
**nɔgɔna(a)** *n.* shoot.  
**nɔni** [nɔni] *n.* intestine.

**nɔnɔ (...ji)** [nɔnɔ nɔnɔ] *vi.* stretch out (towards).  
**nɔnɔ** *adj.* beautiful, good.  
 — *n.* good/beautiful one.  
**nɔnɔkɛ(ɛ)** *n.* beauty, goodness, grace.  
**nɔnɔnɔ** [nɔnɔnɔ] *adv.* very good, very much.  
**nɔnɔ(ɔ)** [nɔnɔ] *n.* hunger.  
**nɔnɔfi** [nɔnɔ fi] *vi.* admire, speak good of.  
**nɔnɔkɛ (...ni)**<sub>2</sub> [nɔnɔkɛ kɛ] *vi.* good (for) (do), kind (be).  
**nɔnɔkɛda** *n.* well behaved person, righteous person.  
**nɔnɔkɛna(a)** *n.* righteousness, kindness.  
**nɔnɔkɛyã** *n.* grace, gracious word.  
**nɔnɔkɛɛfi ...ni** [nɔnɔkɛɛfi fi] *vi.* commend.  
**nɔnɔma** [nɔnɔma mɔ] *vi.* hungry (feel).  
**nɔnɔmada** *n.* hungry person.  
**nɔnɔũ** [nɔnɔ] *n.* Doum plam. *Hyphaene thebaica*.  
**nu** [nú nù] *vi.* come, arrive.  
**nu ... gu** *vi.* come to/towards, approach.  
**nu ...ji** *vi.* come against, approach.  
**nu kutu** *vi.* come near to.  
**nu ...ma** *vi.* come to.  
**nu ...ni ...zɔ** *vi.* bring to.  
**nu ...zɔ** *vi.* bring.  
**nudi** coming/arrival day.  
**nuna(a)** *n.* arrival.  
**nunu** [nùnù] *n.* electric fish. *Malapterurus electricus*.

## O - o

**obi** ['obi] *n.* monkey.  
**obici(i)** *n.* vervet monkey. *Chlorocebus pygerythrus*.  
**obitɛ(ɛ)** *n.* patas monkey. *Erythrocebus*

*patas*.

**oci(i)** ['ocii] *n.* 1) indigo dye. 2) syphilis.  
**ocii ka** *vt.* dye with indigo.  
**ocikada** ['ocikàda] *n.* indigo dyer.

**o'o** ['ó'ó] *intj.* oh!

**oro** ['óro] *n.* stream, creek.

**orole** ['órole] *n.* bank of stream.

## o - o

**o<sub>1</sub>** ['o 'ò] *vi.* bogged (get).

**oba** ['oba] *n.* forearm.

**obadigu** ['obadigu] *n.* armrest.

**obazanga** ['obazaŋga] *n.* biceps.

**obice(ε)** ['obicèè] *n.* right hand. *Variant:*  
obite.

**oci(i)** ['ocii] *n.* pointing finger.

**ociizõ ...ma** ['ociizõ zõ] *vi.* point finger at.

**oda ... ma** ['oda dà] *vi.* branch out,  
spread.

**ode ...ni** ['ode dè] *vi.* avoid, dodge.

**odikina(a)** ['odikinàà] *n.* handiwork.

**odikinake** ['odikinàke kè] *n.*  
craft/handiwork (do).

**odikinakeda** *n.* craftsmen.

**odikinakena(a)** *n.* craft, handiwork.

**ofiafia** ['ofiàfià] *adv.* eagerly,  
enthusiastically.

**ofuruda** ['ofùrùda] *n.* open-handed person.

**ogbeε** ['ogbèè] *n.* work of hands,  
fingerprint, writing.

**ogbeekē ...ma** ['ogbèèkē kē] *vi.* write with  
finger.

**ogbēji** ['ogbēzi] *adv.* back-handedly,  
unjustly.

**o'i** ['o'i] *n.* meal.

**ojenge(ε)** ['oʒeŋgeε] *n.* left hand. *Variant:*  
jenge(ε).

**ojengeema** *post.* on left.

**oji** ['oʒi] *post.* direction.

**oka ...ji** ['oka kà] *vi.* begin, commence.  
**oka ...ni** *vi.* help, put hand to.

**okana(a)** *n.* 1) beginning,  
commencement (action). 2) help.

**okanadi** *n/adv.* commencement (time).

**okakaji** ['okakazi] *n/adv.* empty-handed.

**oke ...ma** ['oke kè] *vi.* touch.

**oke ...ni** *vi.* signal with hand to.

**okena(a)** *n.* touch.

**okoroda** ['okoroda dà] *vi.* clap.

**okok(o)** ['okòkò] *n.* claw, fingernail.

**okoshinka ...ni** ['okòʃiŋka kà] *vt.* hit with  
knuckle.

**okpa ...ji** ['okpa kpà] *vi.* push, give up.

**okpa ...ni** *vi.* offer hand to, shake  
hands.

**okpana** *adj.* with hands folded.

**okutu** ['okùtù] *n.* fist.

**okūsū** ['okūsū] *n.* elbow.

**olika ...ji** ['olika likà] *vi.* embrace, take  
care of.

**olok** ['olòk] *n.* wrist.

**olok'ok** ['olòk'òk] *vt.* string.

**ona ...ma** ['ona nà] *vi.* lay hand on, fondle.

**onana ...ma** *vi.* lay hands on.

**onana'ama** *n.* laying on of hands.

**oni** ['oni] *n.* 1) finger. 2) tributary,  
branch.

**onidogu** ['onidogu] *n.* direction, indication.

**onikūsū** ['onikūsū] *n.* knuckle.

**onimida** ['onimida] *n.* thumb.

**o(o)<sub>2</sub>** ['o] *n.* hand.

**o o firi** *vt.* wash hands.

**o o furu ...ni** *vt.* stretch out hand, extend

help to.  
**၁၁၁** ['၁၁၁ b̀] *vi.* put forth hand, take hand out of.  
**၁၁၁ ...ji** *vi.* relinquish, give up, neglect, cast away.  
**၁၁ da** *vt.* drop hands.  
**၁၁ di ...ma** *vt.* place hand on.  
**၁၁ didi ...ma** *vt.* hold on to.  
**၁၁ dɔ ...ma** *vt.* stretch hand over.  
**၁၁ kpete ...ji** *vt.* spread out hands toward.  
**၁၁ shite** *vt.* raise hands.  
**၁၁ sɔɔ ...budɛn** *vt.* insert hand in/between.  
**၁၁ wāwā ...ni** *vt.* curse by beating hand on something.

**၁၁ zō ...ma (...ni)** *vt.* touch with finger.  
**၁၁ zuzu** *vt.* throw arms in air.  
**၁၁၀** ['၁၁၀] *n.* vine species. *Paullinia pinnata*.  
**၁ta ...ma** ['၁ta tà] *vi.* close hand over, protect.  
**၁taahi** ['၁taahi] *n.* hand (below wrist).  
**၁tɔni** ['၁tɔni] *n.* small anthill.  
**၁tō ...ma** ['၁tō t̄] *vi.* squeeze.  
**၁were** ['၁were] *n.* wrist bone.  
**၁yere** ['၁yèrè] *n.* hand bone.  
**၁yere gbāgbā ...ma** *vt.* work one's fingers to the bone.  
**၁zā(a)** ['၁zāa] *n.* bracelet, bangle.

ṣ̄ - ṣ̄

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**ṣ̄ ...ma** ['ṣ̄ ṣ̄] *vi.* hurt, offend, bother.  
**ṣ̄da** ['ṣ̄da dà] *vi.* groan.

**ṣ̄dana(a)** *n.* groaning.  
**ṣ̄nɔɔ** ['ṣ̄nɔɔ] *n.* earthworm.

P - p

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**pai** [pai] *adv.* all.  
 — *post.* all.  
**paipai** *adv.* completely.  
**pan** [paŋ] *n.* pound. *From:* English.  
**pā(a)** [pāa] *n.* waste, frustration, uselessness, immorality.  
 — *adj.* simple, useless, for nothing.  
**pāke** [pāke kè] *vi.* immoral (be).  
**pākeda** *n.* immoral person.  
**pākena(a)** *n.* immorality.  
**pākpa ...ji** [pākpa kpà] *vi.* abandon.

**pākpana(a)** *n.* abandonment.  
**petu** *n.* underpants.  
**pipi** *n.* horn (vehicle), whistle.  
**piririn** [píríríj] *adj.* slim.  
**pitoke** [pitoke kè] *vi.* unfasten.  
**pitoke ...ni** *vi.* escape from.  
**poto** [poto pòtò] *vt.* drop, release.  
**pɔce** [pócé] *n.* lower stomach, lap.  
**pɔce'iribɔ(ɔ)** [pócé'iribò] *n.* baby-wrap.  
**pɔrɔrɔ** *adj.* deep and narrow.  
**၃၀၃၃၃၀** *adv.* completely rotten.

**pɔɔ** *ideo.* horn (vehicle), growl. *Variant:*  
hɔɔ.  
**pɔɔke** [pɔɔke kɛ] *vi.* growl (dog).  
**pushi** [puʃi] *n.* bachelor, spinster.

**puta** [putà pùtà] *vi.* burst, explode.  
— *vt.* burst, explode.  
**putum** [pútum] *ideo.* splash.

## S - s

**sá(a)** [sáá] *n.* bow.  
**sáa gara** *vt.* tighten bow.  
**sáa kã** *vt.* string bow.  
**sàa** [sàà] *adj.* far, deep, high, long.  
— *adv.* far, deep, high, later.  
**saake(ɛ)** *n.* length, height.  
**saake cere** *n.* length.  
**saake musu** *n.* height.  
— *adj.* high.  
**saasaa** [saasàà] *adv.* by far, far away.  
**saaa** [sààà] *ideo.* straight down.  
**sa'a(a)** *n.* success.  
**sa'aa kpa ...ni** *vt.* give success to, make successful.  
**sa'aa li** *vt.* successful (be), prosper.  
**saaboke ...zɔ** [saaboke kɛ] *vi.* familiar with (be), used to (be).  
**saabu** [sáábú] *n.* thanks, praise.  
**saabuke (...ni)** [sáábúke kɛ] *vt.* thank, praise, commend.  
**saabukebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* thank offering.  
**saabukena(a)** *n.* thanksgiving.  
**saabukpa (...ni)** [sáábúkpá kpà] *vi.* give thanks.  
**sa'agbe** [sa'agbè] *adv.* sometimes.  
**saake** [sààke kɛ] *vi.* grow long/tall, lengthen.  
**Saaki** *n.* Kyanga clan.  
**saakũ ...zɔ** [sààkũ kù] *vi.* move away from.

**sa'ali** [sa'ali lì] *vi.* succeed.  
**sa'alida** [sa'alida] *n.* successful person.  
**saara** [saara] *n.* 1) equal, equality. Ibi a ginda dia saara du Laduzɔ. He is making himself equal with God.  
2) capability. Má saarazɔ. I am equal to it/capable of it.  
— *post.* about, approximately.  
**saara du** *padj.* level, equal.  
**saarasaara** *adv.* equal.  
**saarake** *n.* equality, equal.  
**sa'atɔbɔ(ɔ)** [sa'atɔbɔ̀̀] *n.* lucky charm.  
**saba** [sàbà] *n.* necklace.  
**sabe(ɛ)** [sábèɛ] *n.* bowstring.  
**sabu** [sabú] *adj.* without meat.  
**sàbu** [sàbù] *post.* thanks to, through.  
**sagara** *n.* 1) abandoned farm. 2) grass cut from old farm.  
**sagara utu** *n.* whirlwind.  
**sagarike(ɛ)** *n.* dry season.  
**sagarike** *adv.* in dry season.  
**sagarikɛɛ ... ke** *vi.* dry season (be).  
**sai** [sai] *cnj.* until. Sai lefũ. Until tomorrow. 2) it is necessary/only.  
*From:* Hausa.  
**sai ... baashi** *cnj.* except, unless.  
**saka(a)** *n.* eave.  
**sakana** [sàkàna] *n.* bushy tree species.  
*Flueggea virosa.*  
**sakasaka** *n.* gecko.

**sako(o)** [sàkoo] *n.* 1) sponge, honeycomb.  
2) sorghum seed head ;

**salamake** [salamàkè kè] *vi.* give blessing of peace.

**salanga** [salaŋga] *n.* latrine. *Syn:* gbõhõgu.

**salati** [salatì] *n.* salad. *From:* English.

**salika** *n.* chain. *From:* Hausa.

**sandiri** *n.* spider.

**sandiribe(e)** [sandiribèè] *n.* spider-web.

**sankpa** [saŋkpa] *n.* tension drum.  
**sankpa de** *vt.* play tension drum.

**sara** *adj.* flat.

**sàra** [sàrà] *adj.* early, at first.  
**sara(a)** [sàràa] *adj.* early.  
— *n.* early time.  
**sarasara** *adv.* early.  
**saraazɔ** *adv.* very early.

**sara(a)** *n.* offering.  
**saraa ke ...ni** *vt.* make offering to.  
**sarakena(a)** *n.* making offering.

**saraake** [saraake kè] *vi.* make offering to.

**Sarafu** [sàrafù] *n.* village name. *Variant:* Sarahu.

**sasaga** *n.* wire net.

**satara** [sátará] *n.* mature young woman.  
*From:* Dendi: sàátárāy.

**sawanje** [sawaŋʒɛ] *n.* Egyptian sesban.  
*Sesbania sesban.*

**sawawadajĩn** [sawawadàʒíŋ] *n.* freckled nightjar. *Caprimulgus tristigma.* *Syn:* toka laholu.

**saweje** [saweʒe] *n.* African bark.  
*Crossopteryx febrifuga.*

**sā** [sā sà] *vi.* lost (be), disappear. Ma sà. I am lost.  
— *vt.* lead astray, deceive.  
**sā ...ni** *vi.* lost to (be), go astray.  
**sāda** *n.* deceiver.

**sāna(a)** *n.* 1) disappearance.  
2) deception.  
— *adj.* deceived, deluded.

**sānayā** *n.* delusion.

**sāsā ...ma** *vi.* forget, He forgot about him . Ì sāsā ì yāma.

**sāgasāga** *n.* fish-poison bean. *Tephrosia vogelii.*

**sāgiri** *n.* wild date palm. *Phoenix recliata.*

**sāma** *n.* sacrifice.

**sāmaka ...ma** [sāmaka kè] *vt.* sacrifice to.  
**sāmakaɓ(ɔ)** *n.* sacrificial victim.  
**sāmakeda** *n.* fetish priest.  
**sāmakedi** *n/adv.* time of sacrifice.  
**sāmakegu** *n.* place associated with nature spirit, altar.  
**sāmakena(a)** *n.* offering sacrifice.  
**sāmaka'akɔ** *n.* firewood for sacrifice.  
**sāmakedikina(a)** [sāmakedikinàà] *n.* sacrificial work.

**sāmaka'i** [sāmaka'í] *n.* libation.  
**sāmaka'i sɔ ...ma** *vt.* pour libation on.  
**sāmakesɔ(ɔ)** *n.* sacrificial meat.

**sāmakiri** [sāmakiri] *n.* traditional priest.

**sānci** [sāñci] *n.* shrub species. *Pachystela pobeguiniana.*

**sānke** [sāŋke kè] *vt.* slap.  
**sānkeke** *vt.* slap repeatedly.

**shakala kɔshi** [ʃakala kɔʃi] *n.* small tree species. *Ozoroa insignis.*

**shamuwa** [ʃamuwa] *n.* black stork.  
*Ciconia nigra.* *Syn:* waria.

**Shanga** [ʃaŋgà] *n.* Shanga (race and language). *Variant:* Sēnga (Bailua Kyanga).

**shanunabā(a)** *n.* red-billed oxpecker.  
*Buphagus africanus.*

**shā** [ʃā] *adv.* all. *From:* Zarma.

**shāashā** [ʃááʃá] *n.* clearly, exactly, totally, surely. *Variant:* sáásá (Tungan Noma).

**she** [ʃe ʃè] *vt.* gather.

**shedia** [ʃedia] *n.* fig tree species. *Ficus ingens*.

**sheedu** [ʃèèdu] *n.* sign, mark. *From:* Hausa: seeda.

**sheedu mɔ (...ni)** *vi.* bring sign (to).

**sheeduke** [ʃèèduke kè] *vi.* witness.

**sheeduke ...ma** *vi.* seal.

**sheeduke ...ni** *vi.* make sign to.

**sheedukebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* sign, seal.

**sheedukeda** *n.* witness (person).

**sheedukedake(ε)** *n.* testimony, witness (statement).

**sheegeni** [ʃeegeni] *n.* bastard. *From:* Hausa.

**sheeni** [ʃeenì] *n.* chain. *Syn:* mɔbε(ε), salika. *From:* English.

**sheeshe** [ʃeeʃe] *n.* flute (long).

**sheeshe fě** *vt.* play flute.

**sheeshefěda** [ʃeeʃeʃěda] *n.* flute player.

**Shetan** [ʃetaɲ] *n.* Satan. *From:* Hausa.

**shēbarada** [ʃēbàràda] *n.* tanner.

**shēbε<sub>1</sub>** [ʃεbε] *n.* vine species. *Strophanthus sarmentosus; Xylopia parviflora (abdul)*.

**shēbε(ε)** [ʃèbèε] *n.* poison.

**shēbenadi** *adj.* poisonous.

**shε(ε)** [ʃèε] *n.* skin.

**shεε bara** *vt.* tan (skin).

**shεε gu** *vt.* skin.

**shεfu(u)** *n.* white man. *Syn:* anasara.

**shεci(i)** *n.* black man.

**shεfu(u)** [ʃεfu] *n.* Sodom apple. *Calotropis procera*.

**shεke<sub>1</sub>** [ʃεkè] *n.* carpenter, woodworker.

**shεkeda** *n.* carpenter.

**shεke<sub>2</sub>** [ʃεkε] *n.* little grebe, dabchick.

*Tachyhaptus ruficollos*.

**shēketere** [ʃēketèrè] *n.* cockroach.

**shēkpa** [ʃεkpa kpà] *vt.* carve (wood), chisel (stone). *Syn:* shēke.

**shēkpada** *n.* stone mason, wood-carver.

**shēkpana(a)** *adj.* carved.

**shenge** [ʃεŋgε] *n.* Jerusalem thorn.

*Parkinsonia aculeata*.

**shengeshenge** *n.* Senegal mahogany.

*Khaya senegalensis*.

**sheni** [ʃeni] *n.* large river.

**Sheni** *n.* Niger river.

**shere** [ʃéré] *n.* ringworm.

**shēce** [ʃèce] *n.* grass torch. *Syn:* biro.

**shě(ε)** [ʃèε] *n.* grass.

**shěε kpa ...ni** *vt.* feed grass to.

**shěε su** *vt.* eat grass, graze.

**shěni** *n.* blade of grass, speck.

**shě'i** [ʃè'i] *adj.* green. *Syn:* lala'i.

**shěkěshěkě** [ʃékéʃéké] *n.* tambourine.

**shěkěshěkěda** *n.* tambourine player.

**shěkěshěkě wā** *vt.* play tambourine.

**shělala** [ʃèlálá] *n.* blade of grass, cut grass.

**shěne** [ʃène] *n.* head of grain. *Syn:* mii.

**shětāna** [ʃètānà(à)] *n.* thatch.

**shi<sub>1</sub>** [ʃí] *num.* four.

**shi(i)** [ʃíí] *adj.* four.

**shidibi** *n/adj.* fourth.

**shiishii** [ʃííʃíí] *adv.* in fours.

**shi<sub>2</sub>** [ʃí ʃí] *vi.* accept, believe.

— *vt.* receive, welcome, capture.

**shi ...ma** *vt.* snatch, take from.

**shi ...ni** *vi.* answer (prayer).

**shida** *n.* receiver.

**shina** *conj.* starting from.

**shina(a)** *n.* capture, acceptance, welcome.

**shia** [ʃia ʃià] *vt.* climb, ride on. Ì akɔ bεε shia. Climb that tree.



- shia ...ma** *vi.* climb on.
- shiagu** *n/adv.* stairs, steps.
- shiana** *padj.* riding.
- shiana(a)** *adj.* riding, climbing, rising (sun).
- shiba** [ʃibà] *n.* blacksmith.
- Shiba** *n.* Kyanga clan.
- shigali** [ʃigali] *n.* cigarette. *From:* English.
- shigali gara** *vt.* smoke.
- shiibo** [ʃiibo bò] *vi.* sprout, bud.
- shika<sub>1</sub>** [ʃika] *n.* African fan palm (mature).  
*Borassus aethiopim.*
- shika<sub>2</sub>** [ʃika] *n.* doubt. *Syn:* sɔ̀nɔ̀na. *From:* Hausa.
- shikake** [ʃikake kè] *vi.* doubt.
- shikiri** [ʃikiri] *n.* sugar. *From:* English.
- shiliki** [ʃiliki] *n.* silk. *From:* English.
- shiloke** [ʃiloke kè] *vi.* swing.
- shimenti** [ʃimentì] *n.* cement. *From:* English.
- shinga** [ʃingà] *n.* locust.
- shinga kuturu** *n.* grasshopper.
- shingi(i)** [ʃingí] *n.* spear.
- shinginadi** *n.* spearman.
- shiri** [ʃírí] *n.* louse.
- shishi** [ʃiʃi ʃiʃi] *vt.* call, invite.
- shishi wayazo** *vt.* telephone.
- shishida** *n.* 1) host. 2) worshipper.
- shishigu** *n.* sanctuary.
- shinshina(a)** *n.* worship, calling.
- Shitadi** [ʃitadi] *n.* Monday.
- shite** [ʃíté ʃíté] *vt.* pick up, take, lift, carry.  
*Variant:* híte.
- shite ...zo** *vi.* swear by.
- shite musu** *vt.* raise, lift up.
- shiteda** *n.* carrier.
- shitena** *padj.* uplifted, carrying.
- shitena(a)** *n.* carrying, taking.
- *adj.* uplifted.
- shiteshite** *vt.* take (many).
- shiu** [ʃíú] *adv.* silent.
- shĩmfuru** [ʃĩmfúru fùrù] *vi.* spread/extend wings.
- shĩmfurugu** *n.* space, room.
- shĩnafuruna(a)** *n.* room, liberty, freedom.
- shĩn<sub>1</sub>** [ʃĩ́ń] *n.* story, fable.
- shĩn<sub>2</sub>** [ʃĩ̀ń] *n.* wing.
- shĩnnadi** *adj.* winged.
- shĩnda** [ʃĩnda dà] *vi.* soar, hover.
- shĩnke** [ʃĩ́ńke kè] *vi.* tell story. *Variant:* shĩntã.
- shĩntã** [ʃĩ́ntã tà] *vi.* tell story. *Variant:* shĩnke.
- shĩntãda** *n.* storyteller.
- shĩnwã** [ʃĩṅwã wã] *vi.* flap wings.
- sobu** [sobu sòbù] *vt.* de-husk (in mortar).
- sooje** [soozè] *n.* soldier. *From:* English.
- soojena** *n.* army, military.
- soojeni** *n.* uncommisioned soldier.
- soolu** [sòòlu] *n.* preparation.
- soolu ... ma** *vi.* prepared (be).
- sooluke** [sòòluke kè] *vt.* prepare.
- soolukena(a)** *n.* preparation.
- sooshi** [sooʃí] *num.* nine.
- sooshidibi** *adj.* ninth.
- sooshi(i)** *adj.* nine.
- soowa** [soowà] *num.* eight.
- soowa(a)** *adj.* eight.
- soowadibi** *adj.* eighth.
- sori** [sori sòrì] *vi.* change, turn, turn back.  
— *vt.* turn over, overturn, turn upsidedown, change.
- sori ...ni** *vi.* turn/deviate from.
- sorina** *padj.* turned, transformed.
- sorina(a)** *n.* change.

- sorisori** *vi.* turn round and round/over and over.
- sorisorina** *adj.* unstable, fickle.
- sowa** [sowa sòwà] *vi.* rust.
- sowana(a)** *n.* rust.
- sɔ̃** [sɔ́ sɔ̀] *vt.* pour (libation).
- sɔ̃ahe** [sɔ̀àhe] *n.* sock, shed skin.
- sɔ̃ahebo** [sɔ̀àhebo bò] *vi.* shed skin (snake), resurrect.
- sɔ̃ge** *n.* eczema. *Variant:* swage.
- sɔ̃geke** [sɔ̀geke kè] *vi.* have exzema.
- Sɔ̃gɔ̃nadi** *n.* Sunday.
- sɔ̃lɔ̃bi** [sɔ̀lɔ̀bí] *n.* alcohol, spirits.
- sɔ̃lɔ̃lɔ̃** [sɔ̀lɔ̀lɔ̀] *adj.* prostrate.
- sɔ̃lɔ̃lɔ̃ke ...ma** [sɔ̀lɔ̀lɔ̀ke kè] *vi.* slide/slip on.
- sɔ̀(ɔ)** [sɔ̀] *n.* 1) deep basket. 2) beehive (man made).
- sɔ̃ɔ̃du** [sɔ̀ɔ̀dù] *num.* six.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃du(u)** [sɔ̀ɔ̀dùù] *adj.* six.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃dudibi** *adj.* sixth.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃dusɔ̃ɔ̃du** *adv.* in/by sixes.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃fia** [sɔ̀ɔ̀fià] *num.* seven.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃fia(a)** [sɔ̀ɔ̀fiàà] *adj.* seven.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃fiadibi** *adj.* seventh.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃fiafia** *adv.* in/by sevens.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃ru** [sɔ̀ɔ̀ru] *num.* five.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃rudibi** *adj.* fifth.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃rusɔ̃ɔ̃ru** *adv.* in/by fives.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃kɔ̃** *n.* fisherman.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃(na)** *adj.* straight.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃ cap** [cáp]; [péópéó] very straight.  
*Syn:* sɔ̃ɔ̃ pɛɔ̃pɛɔ̃.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃(ɔ)** [sɔ̀ɔ̀] *n.* star.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃ gbɛ̃e kũni obizɔ̃** *n.* Orion constellation. *Lit:* 'dog and monkey star'.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃ sɔ̃'imida** *n.* Pleiades constellation.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃ kokodɔ̃ kũni ì ninazɔ̃** *n.* Ursa major constellation.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃yãdɔ̃da** [sɔ̀ɔ̀yãdɔ̀da] *n.* astrologer.
- sɔ̃ru** [sɔ̀ru] *num.* plus five.
- sɔ̃tɔ̃** [sɔ̀tɔ̀ sɔ̀tɔ̀] *vt.* insert.
- sɔ̃tɔ̃na** *adj.* inserted, concealed.
- sɔ̀tɔ̀** [sɔ̀tɔ̀] *n.* testicle.
- sɔ̀tɔ̀de** [sɔ̀tɔ̀de dè] *vt.* castrate.
- sɔ̀tɔ̀deda** *adj.* castrated.
- sɔ̀tɔ̀were(ni)** [sɔ̀tɔ̀wereni] *n.* testicle.
- sɔ̃<sub>1</sub>** [sɔ̀] *n.* tooth, tusk, fang.
- sɔ̃<sub>2</sub>** *ptcl.* even. Ì bùru shí sɔ̃<sub>2</sub>. There are even four,
- sɔ̃ (...ma)** [sɔ̀ sɔ̀] *vi.* shout (at), rebuke.
- sɔ̃na(a)** *n.* rebuke, shouting.
- sɔ̃'ashi** [sɔ̀'áí] *n.* elephant. *Loxodonta africana*.
- sɔ̃cere** *n.* aardvark.
- Sɔ̃e** *n.* Songai.
- sɔ̃jirike ...ji** [sɔ̀jirike kè] *vi.* flash/gnash teeth at.
- sɔ̃ka ...ni** [sɔ̀ká kà] *vi.* bite.
- sɔ̃ka leni ...ma** *vi.* bite lip at (in anger).
- sɔ̃kɔ̃kɔ̃(ɔ)** [sɔ̀kɔ̀kɔ̀] *n.* maggot.
- sɔ̃kpa** [sɔ̀kpa kpà] *vi.* go mad/crazy.
- sɔ̃kpanadi** *n.* one acting crazy.
- sɔ̃kpaji** [sɔ̀kpàzì] *n.* mad person.
- sɔ̃nge** [sɔ̀ŋge] *n.* flying ant.
- sɔ̃nɔ̃ ...ma** [sɔ̀nɔ̀ sɔ̀nɔ̀] *vi.* doubt.
- sɔ̃nɔ̃da** *n.* doubter.
- sɔ̃nɔ̃na(a)** *n.* doubt.
- sɔ̃nɔ̃nabadi** *adj.* sure.
- sɔ̃nɔ̃(ɔ)** [sɔ̀nɔ̀] *n.* 1) bag, womb, sock. 2) trousers (archaic).
- sɔ̃(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>** [sɔ̀] *n.* 1) animal. 2) meat.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃ su** *vt.* eat meat.
- sɔ̃ɔ̃ wã** *vt.* gorge on meat.
- sɔ̃badi** *adj.* vegetarian.

- sɔɔfu(u)** *n.* leopard. *Panthera pardus*.
- sɔɔni** *n.* muscle.
- sɔɔjɛ** [sɔɔɔɛ ɔɛ] *vi.* carve/butcher meat.
- sɔɔjɛda** *n.* butcher.
- sɔɔjɛnabadi** *adj.* unslaughtered/unbled meat.
- sɔɔsaa** [sɔɔsàà] *n.* camel.
- sɔɔsaa negũ** *n.* female camel.
- sɔɔshɛ(ɛ)** [sɔɔʃɛɛ] *n.* animal hide.
- sɔɔsɔ** [sɔɔsɔ̀ sɔ̀sɔ̀] *vi.* blocked (be).  
— *vt.* pack down.
- sɔɔtɔ** [sɔ̀tɔ] *n.* small white butterfly.
- sɔɔzaga** [sɔ̀zaga] *n.* molar. *Variant:* zaga.
- su**<sub>1</sub> [sú sù] *vt.* chew.
- sun(a)** *n.* eating, chewing.
- susu** *vt.* eat up.
- sú** *adv.* calm.
- sua cere** [sua sùà] *vi.* squat down, crouch.
- suatɛ** [suatɛ̀ sùàtɛ̀] *vi.* squat. *Variant:* suacɛ.
- suatɛ kpaakpaa** *vi.* move from place to place.
- sugukpa** [sugukpa kpà] *vi.* wrinkle.
- sugukpana(a)** *n.* wrinkle.
- suhaa** [suhàà] *ideo.* breathing out.
- sui** *n.* bud.
- suibɔ** [suibɔ̀ bɔ̀] *vi.* bud. *Variant:* shiibɔ.
- suka** [súká] *adv.* all.
- suka bæzɔ** *conj.* despite that.
- sukakpa** [sùkàkpa kpà] *vi.* shrivel.
- sukutun** [sukutuŋ] *adj.* entire.
- sumatɛ(ɛ)** [sùmàtɛ̀ɛ] *n.* water-bird with red goitre, Abdim's stork. *Ciconia abdimii*.
- sunge** [suŋge] *n.* flying termite.
- sunke (...ni)** [suŋke suŋkè] *vt.* 1) sell (to).  
2) punish unjustly.
- sunkeda** *n.* seller, retailer.
- sunkena(a)** *n.* sale.
- sunsunkpa** [susuŋkpa kpà] *vt.* pack down.
- suraci(i)** [suracii] *n.* steam.
- suru** [sùrù] *n.* mercy, pardon, patience, graciousness.
- surubadi** *n.* impatient person.
- surunadi** *n.* patient person.
- surufɔ** [sùrùfɔ̀ fɔ̀] *vi.* persevere.
- surufɔna(a)** *n.* perseverance.
- suruke (...ni/zɔ)** [sùrùke kè] *vi.* appease, forgive, pardon.
- surukena(a)** *n.* forgiveness.
- surukpa ...ni** [sùrùkpá kpà] *vi.* intercede for.
- surukpabɔ(ɔ)** *n.* peace offering, ransom.
- surukpabɔke(ɛ)** *n.* compensation.
- surulalu ...ma** [sùrùlalu làlù] *vi.* make supplication.
- surulaluna(a)** *n.* supplication.
- susɔ** [susɔ̀ sùsɔ̀] *vt.* deceive, insult, abuse.
- susɔda** *n.* abuser.
- susɔna(a)** *n.* insult, abuse, scorn.
- susunke** [susuŋke kè] *vi.* move, shift on seat.
- susuwere** [susuwéré] *n.* clitoris.
- susuwerezɛɛ** [susuwérézɛ̀ɛ zɛ̀ɛ] *vt.* circumcise (female).
- suta(a)** *n.* javelin.
- sute** [sutɛ̀ sùtɛ̀] *vi.* fall, fall over, set (sun).  
— *vt.* drop.
- sute miizɔ** *vi.* dive.
- sutegu** *n.* setting place (sun).
- sutena(a)** *n.* fall, falling.
- suuda** *n.* common gonolek, barbary shrike. *Laniarius barbarus*.
- suufɛ** [sùúfɛ̀ fɛ̀] *vi.* whistle, hiss.
- suusu** [sùúsú] *adj.* straight, right, correct.
- suuu** *ideo.* observe directly/carefully.

**sūma(a)** *n.* tamarind. *Tamarindus indica*.

**sūtē** [sūtē sūtē] *vi.* sink.

— *vt.* immerse.

**sūtēsūtē** *vt.* immerse (repeated).

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**ta**<sub>1</sub> [ta tà] *vt.* close, shut, cover.

**ta ...le** *vt.* stop up, close up.

**ta ...ma** *vt.* cover, close on.

— *vi.* wait for, importune NO = cover. ìtagũ taamama dipai he importunes/waits for him every day

**ta ...le** *vi.* close up, stop up.

**tana** *padj.* closed.

**tana(a)** *n.* closure.

**tata** [tata tàt] *vt.* close up.

**tata ...ma** *vi.* embrace, pounce on.

**tatana** *padj.* closed up.

**ta**<sub>2</sub> [ta tà] *vi.* walk, move.

**tabo(ɔ)** *n.* vehicle.

**tada** *n.* traveller, merchant.

**tana(a)** *n.* journey, voyage, movement, walking.

**tana boɔ(ɔ)** *n.* travel bag.

**tà** *ptcl.* Habitual marker.

**-ta** [tà] *ptcl.* HAB suffix.

**tagũ** *ptcl.* HAB.CONT marker.

**taabandike** [taabandike kè] *vi.*

experience hardship.

— *vt.* bother, trouble.

**taabandikeda** *n.* troubler, persecuter, bully.

**taabi** *n.* suffering, poverty.

**taabinadi** *n.* poverty stricken person, sufferer.

**taabidõbadi** [taabidõbadi] *adv.* without hardship.

**taabike** [taabike kè] *vi.* suffer, experience hardship.

**taabikeda** *n.* sufferer, poverty stricken person.

**taabikedi** *n/adv.* day of distress/trouble.

**taabike(ɛ)** *n.* distress.

**taabikena(a)** *n.* suffering.

**taaga** [táágá] *n.* window.

**taaki** [táákì] *n.* fertiliser, fertility.

**taakinadi** *adj.* fertile.

**taakunkumi** [taakuŋkumi] *n.* muzzle.

**taakunkumi ka ...ni** *vt.* muzzle.

**taale** [tátàlɛ] *intj.* you see!

**taali** [tààli] *n.* guilt, transgression.

**taali dõ** *vt.* admit guilt/fault.

**taalibadi** *n.* innocent person.

**taalibadike(ɛ)** *n.* innocence.

**taalinadi** *n.* transgressor, guilty person, criminal.

**taalidi ...ma** [tààlidi dì] *vi.* condemn.

**taali'iri ...ma** [tààli'iri ìrì] *vi.* charge, accuse.

**taali'irida** *n.* accuser.

**taalike** [tààlike kè] *vi.* transgress, offend.

**taalikena(a)** *n.* transgression.

**taalili** [tààlili lì] *vt.* find fault with.

*Variant:* taaliwa.

**taalilina(a)** *n.* faultfinding.

**taaliwa** [tààliwa wà] *vt.* see/find fault in.

**taaliwada** *n.* critic, judge.

**taashika ...ji** [taaʃika kà] *vt.* examine, inspect, observe, supervise.

**taashikada** *n.* examiner, inspector.

**taashikana(a)** *n.* inspection,

supervision, examination,  
management.

**taataagai** [tàatàagai] *n.* ostrich. *Struthio camelus*.

**taawali** [taawali] *n.* towel. *From:* English.

**taba** [tábà] *n.* tobacco. *From:* Dendi: tàbá.

**tabacii** [tábàcìí] *n.* snuff, powder tobacco.

**tabagara** [tábàgàrá gàrà] *vt.* smoke cigarette. *Syn:* tabami.

**tabaka** [tábàka kà] *vt.* chew tobacco.

**tabami** [tábàmi mì] *vt.* smoke cigarette. *Syn:* tabagara.

**taibu** [taibù] *n.* table. *From:* English.

**taitai** [táítáí] *ideo.* bright white.

**taka** [tàka] *adj.* kind, sort (thing).

**takada** [tákàda] *n.* paper, book. *Syn:* tira. *From:* Hausa.

**takadadōbadi** [tákàdadōbàdi] *n.* illiterate/uneducated person.

**takadadōda** *n.* literate/educated person.

**takadakē** [tákàdakē kē] *vi.* write.

**takadakēbo(ɔ)** *n.* pen.

**takadakēda** *n.* writer, secretary.

**takali** [tākàlì] *adj.* certain kind/sort (person), image, idol.

**takali sori** *vt.* change form, transform.

**takasu** [tákású] *n.* potsherd.

**takii** [tākii] *n.* foul play, trickery.

**taki(i)** [takii] *n.* lazy person.

**takici(i)** *n.* very lazy person.

**takike(ε)** *n.* laziness.

**takiike** [tākiike kē] *vt.* trick, outsmart, control.

**takpa** [takpa kpà] *vi.* continue, make effort.

**takpada** *n.* industrious person, zealot.

**takpana(a)** *n.* industriousness, persistence, perseverance. *Syn:*

himma, weretē.

**taku(ba)** [tákubà] *n.* sword.

**takubanadi** *n.* swordsman.

**takurewa** *n.* wrinkle.

**takurewake** [takurewake kē] *vi.* wrinkle.

**talaka** [talakà] *n.* poor man, commoner. *From:* Hausa.

**tamaiza** *n.* tree species. *Lannea acida*.

**tambo** [tambò] *n.* scar of sore. *Syn:* bōnini.

**tambu** *n.* sheep.

**tambu ka wò sōtōbò** *n.* castrated sheep, wether.

**tambu karo** *n.* ram.

**tambu kākā** *n.* wool.

**tambu negū** *n.* ewe.

**tambu negūni** *n.* ewe lamb.

**tambuni** *n.* lamb.

**tambuni bōtō** *n.* baby lamb.

**tambukākākatada** [tambukākākātàda] *n.* shearer.

**tambukuruke** [tambukurùke kē] *n.* shepherd, lead sheep.

**tambukurukeda** *n.* shepherd.

**tambudāda**

**tanake** [tanàke kē] *vi.* take leave.

**tandi** *adv.* now.

**tankpa** [taŋkpa] *n.* pepper.

**tankpa'ashi** [taŋkpa'áší] *n.* green pepper, capsicum.

**tantabara** *n.* domestic pigeon.

**tantabita** [tāntabìtā] *n.* wire trap.

**tantalai** *n.* onyx.

**tara** *cn.* times.

**tara du** *adv.* once.

**tara(a)** *n.* boundary, limit.

**tarabo** [tarabō bō] *vi.* mark out.

**taragbere(ε)** [taragbèrèε] *n.* boundary stone.

**taraka** *n.* spiny tree. *Acacia tortilis*.

**tarakedi** *n.* neighbour (close).

**tataka** *n.* dry grass for animals.

**taura** [taura] *n.* tallow tree. *Detarium senegalense*.

**tã** [tã tã] *vt.* weave.

**tã** *n.* coarse thread for weaving, woven mat.

**tãtã(a)** [tãtãa] *n.* side.

**tãtãyere** [tãtãyèrè] *n.* rib.

**teku** *n.* ocean, sea. *From:* Hausa.

**tekubaajinadi** [tekubaažinàdi] *n.* overseas person.

**tekulenadi** [tekulenàdi] *n.* coastal dweller.

**tẽ<sub>1</sub>** [tẽ tẽ] *vt.* refuse. Ì ma tẽ u He refused me food.  
— *vi.* abstain from.

**tẽ<sub>2</sub>** *n.* animal's foot.

**té** *n.* groundnut, peanut.

**tẽ(ɛ)<sub>3</sub>** *adj.* red. Irregular PL /tẽɛna/.  
-tẽ *ptcl.* red.

**téɛ** [t'éé] *adv.* red.

**tẽɛ gamgam** *adv.* bright red.

**tẽɛke(ɛ)** *n.* redness.

**tẽɛtẽɛ** *adv.* very red.

**tè(ɛ)** [t'èɛ] *n.* taboo, forbidden thing.

**tèèke<sub>1</sub>** [t'ééke kè] *vi.* redden.

**tèèke<sub>2</sub>** [t'èèke kè] *vt.* make taboo of, give up.  
**tèkeda** *n.* taboo observer.

**tèkefɔ** *n.* forbidden food.

**tèzu** [t'èzu zù] *vi.* kick. Transitive form /fa t'èzɔ/.

**tilashi** [tilaʃi] *n.* duty, obligation.  
— *cnj.* of necessity.

**tilashidi ...ma** [tilaʃidi dì] *vi.* make necessary for.

**tira** *n.* book. *Syn:* takada. *From:* Zerma.  
**tira kè ...ni** *vt.* write letter.

**tisoke** [tísoke kè] *vi.* sneeze.

**to** *intj.* OK. *Variant:* tòò, tò.

**togoro** *n.* excavation, rut.

**togoronadi** *adj.* bumpy, rutted.

**togoro'ere(ɛ)** [togoro'èrèɛ] *n.* excavation hole.

**toi** *n.* grandchild.

**toka laholu** *n.* freckled nightjar.

*Caprimulgus tristigma*. *Syn:* sawawadajīn.

**tokpa** [tokpa kpà] *vt.* trick by offering and taking back, go back on word.

**tomati** [tòmátì] *n.* tomato. *From:* Areal.

**Tondi** *n.* Kyanga village.

**tò(o)** [tò] *n.* fool.

— *adj.* foolish.

**toke(ɛ)** *n.* foolishness.

**tootoo** *adv.* generously, lavishly.

**toyã** *n.* foolish act/word.

**toon** [tòòṅ] *adv.* now (before anything else).

**toro** [toro tòrò] *vt.* look after, care for, rear.

**toroda** *n.* carer, nurse.

**torona(a)** *n.* care, rearing.

**toto** *n.* gizzard, intestines.

**tɔ** [tɔ] 1) *n.* name. 2) reputation, fame.

**tɔ nɔɔ fi** *vt.* speak well of.

**tɔ shishi** *vt.* call one's name, pray to.

**tɔ shite** *vt.* exalt, worship.

**tɔ wuri** *vt.* slander, speak evil about.

**tɔbadi** *n/adj.* insignificant, not well known.

**tɔnadi** *adj.* well-known.

**tɔ<sub>2</sub>** *intj.* so, OK. Tò bó wó keaa. So what will we do? *Variant:* tò.

**tɔbɔ** [tɔbɔ bɔ] *vi.* famous (be).

— *vt.* praise, glorify.

**tɔbɔda** *n.* praiser.

**tɔbɔdi** *n/adv.* glory day.  
**tɔbɔna(a)** *n.* praise, glory.  
**tɔde** [tɔde dɛ] *vt.* slander.  
**tɔgɔ(ɔ)** *n.* shirt, gown.  
**tɔgɔɔka (...ni)** [tɔgɔɔkà kà] *vi.* put on/wear shirt.  
**tɔgɔɔ'uru** [tɔgɔɔ'úrú 'ùrù] *vi.* remove shirt/robe.  
**tɔka ...ni** [tɔkà kà] *vi.* name.  
**tɔkɔ** [tɔkɔ] *n.* cough.  
**tɔkɔnnadi** [tɔkɔnàdi] *n.* namesake.  
**tɔkɔ'o** [tɔkɔ'o 'ò] *vi.* cough.  
**tɔ(ɔ)<sub>1</sub>** [tɔ] *n.* friend.  
**tɔkɛ(ɛ)** *n.* friendship.  
**tɔɔka** *n.* black-bellied bustard. *Eupodotis melanogaster*.  
**tɔɔkɛ ...zɔ** [tɔɔkɛ kɛ] *vi.* befriend.  
**tɔrɔ** *n.* gourd.  
**tɔrɔ ...ma** [tɔrɔ tɔrɔ] *vi.* make mistake.  
**tɔrɔ** *n.* mistake, error.  
**tɔrɔga** [tɔrɔga] *n.* stripe (whip), print.  
**tɔrɔmɛ** [tɔrɔmɛ] *n.* pledge.  
**tɔrɔmɛbɔ** [tɔrɔmɛbɔ bɔ] *vi.* redeem pledge.  
**tɔrɔmi** [tɔrɔmi mɪ] *vi.* make mistake/error.  
**tɔrɔtɔrɔ** [tɔrɔtɔrɔ] *n.* turkey.  
**tɔshishida** [tɔʃiʃida] *n.* caller on someone's name.  
**tɔshitena(a)** [tɔʃitɛnà] *n.* worship.  
**tɔwurida** [tɔwùrida] *n.* slanderer.  
**tɔ<sub>1</sub>** [tɔ tɔ] *vt.* search, look for.  
**tɔda** *n.* seeker, enemy.  
**tɔ<sub>2</sub>** [tɔ] *n.* fart.  
**tɔ<sub>3</sub>** [tɔ tɔ] *vt.* 1) drop, drip. 2) sow, plant.  
— *vi.* drop, drip.  
**tɔ ...ma** *vi.* fall on, affect.  
— *vt.* drip on.  
**tɔna(a)** *n.* search, dripping.  
**tɔtɔ** *vi.* drip.

**tɔfɔ** [tɔfɔ fɔ] *vi.* fart, break wind.  
**tɔ'i** [tɔ'i] *n.* sperm.  
**tɔnɔ** [tɔnɔ] *n.* ear.  
**tɔnɔbadi** *adj.* handleless (pot).  
**tɔnɔnadi** *adj.* handled (pot).  
**tɔnɔfɔ** [tɔnɔfɔ] *n.* earrings.  
**tɔnɔgara** [tɔnɔgàrá gàrà] *vt.* warn, chasten.  
**tɔnɔgbāci** [tɔnɔgbāci] *n.* earwax.  
**tɔnɔgbāda** [tɔnɔgbādaa] *adj.* stubborn.  
**tɔnɔgbāda(a)** *n.* stubbornness.  
**tɔnɔgbādanadi** *n.* stubborn person.  
**tɔnɔgbādaake** [tɔnɔgbādaake kɛ] *vi.* stubborn (be).  
**tɔnɔgbādakena(a)** *n.* stubbornness.  
**tɔnɔgbādakū** [tɔnɔgbādakū kū] *vt.* make stubborn.  
**tɔnɔkūda** [tɔnɔkūda] *n.* great grandchild.  
*Lit:* 'ear-puller'.  
**tɔnɔle ...ji** [tɔnɔlé lɛ] *vi.* listen to.  
**tɔ(ɔ)** [tɔ] *n.* penis.  
**tɔbadi** *n.* impotent person.  
**tɔɔjɛ** [tɔɔzɛ zɛ] *vi.* circumcise.  
**tɔɔjɛ ...ni** *vt.* circumcise.  
**tɔjɛda** *n.* circumciser.  
**tɔjɛdi** *n/adv.* day of circumcision.  
**tɔjɛna(a)** *n.* circumcision.  
**tɔjɛnayā** *n.* circumcision.  
**tu** [tú tù] *vi.* let, allow, leave, release, cease, stop, abandon.  
**tu ...ni** *vt.* forgive, exclude.  
**tuna(a)** *n.* abandonment.  
**tubakɛ** [tubakɛ kɛ] *vi.* repent.  
**tubakɛda** *n.* contrite/repentant person.  
**tubi** [tubi] *n.* hunter.  
**tubike** [tubike kɛ] *vi.* hunt.  
**tubikegu** *n.* hunting spot.  
**tubikena(a)** *n.* hunt, hunting.

**tubɔ(ɔ)** *n.* domestic animal.  
**tubɔ kutu** *n.* small domestic animal (sheep, goat).  
**tubɔnadi** *n.* animal owner.  
**tubu** [túbú] *n.* 1) inheritance. 2) custom.  
**tubu bi** *vt.* use up inheritance.  
**tubuha** *n.* step (into house).  
**tubuke ...ma** [túbúke kè] *vt.* inherit from, practice custom/tradition.  
**tubukeda** *n.* heir.  
**tubutakadakeda** [túbútákàdakèda] *n.* will-writer.  
**tufūa** *n.* hoe, plough. *Variant:* tuhã.  
**tuhãcere** [tuhãcere] *n.* weeding hoe.  
**tuhãgiri** *n.* small digging hoe.  
**tuka** [tùka tùkà] *vt.* rub.  
**tuke** [tùkè] *n.* talon.  
**tukeke** [tùkeke kè] *vi.* ruminate.  
**tukufa(a)** [tùkufàa] *n.* raised throne, pulpit, dais, platform.  
**tukulufa** *n.* sack.  
**tukunci** [tukunci] *n.* reward. *Syn:* laada.  
**tuma** [tumà] *n.* bitter leaf.  
**tune** [tùne] *n.* heel.  
**tunga** [tuŋga] *n.* settlement, village.  
**Tungan Baage** [baagè] *n.* Kyanga town.  
**tungba ...ma** [tuŋba gbà] *vi.* lean against.  
**tungba (...ji)** *vi.* go around, bypass,

deviate.  
**tungbana ...ma** *padj.* dependent on.  
**tungba(a)** [tuŋbaa] *n.* strip of cloth.  
**turare** [tùràre] *n.* perfume.  
**turare akɔ** *n.* river redgum. *Eucalyptus camaidulensis.*  
**turare ka ...ma** *vt.* apply perfume to.  
**turarecii** [tùrarecí] *n.* talcum powder, incense.  
**turarecii ka cewi** *vt.* burn incense.  
**turarecii kpete** *vt.* burn incense.  
**turarekpetedi** [tùràrekpétédi] *n/adv.* incense burning time.  
**turarekpetegu** *n/adv.* incense altar.  
**turu** [túru] *n.* green pigeon. *Treron calva.*  
*Syn:* potěneturu.  
**turuguni** [tùrùgúní] *n.* leech.  
**tururu** *adj.* honest, righteous.  
**tururuke(ε)** *n.* honesty, righteousness.  
**tururukεεke** [tururukεεke kè] *vt.* right (do).  
**tusa** [tusa] *n.* limp.  
**tusake** [tusake kè] *vi.* limp.  
**tuuta(a)** [túútàa] *n.* flag.  
**tũn** [tũŋ] *n.* hip.  
**tũnji** *adv.* beside hip.  
**tũn'azu** [tũŋ'azu] *n.* hip pain.  
**tũnyere** [tũnyèrè] *n.* hip bone.

## U - u

**u** [ʼú ʼù] *vi.* cry, weep, caw, sound.  
 — *n.* cry, roar, cry of any animal.  
**u ...ma** *vi.* shout at.  
**u ...ni** *vi.* shout to, cry out to.  
**uda** *n.* weeper.

**una(a)** *n.* crying, caw, sound, roar.  
**ú** [ʼú] *n.* 1) guinea corn mash, food.  
 2) muscle.  
**ubi** [ʼúbi bì] *vi.* eat food.  
**ubidi** *n/adv.* meal time.



**unaake** ['unààkè kè] *vi.* cry.  
**ungu** ['úngu] *n.* spineless fish scaled after grilling.  
**uni** ['uni] *n.* shame.  
**unibadi** *n.* shameless person.  
**unibadiyā** *n.* shameless act.  
**uninadi** *n.* shy person.  
**uniyā** *n.* matter of shame.  
**unibadiyākenaa** ['unibàdipakenàà] *n.* shameless activity.  
**unibɔ ...ma** ['unibɔ bɔ] *vi.* take away shame.  
**unika ...ma** ['unika kà] *vi.* shame, disgrace.  
**unikada** *adj.* disgraceful.  
**unikana(a)** *n.* dishonour.  
**unima** ['unima mà] *vi.* feel ashamed.  
**ura(a)** ['uraa] *n.* shade.  
**uraake...ma** ['uraada dà] *vi.* shade.  
**uru** ['úru ùrù] *vi.* uproot.  
 — *vt.* take off, pull/take out.  
**uru ...ma** *vt.* remove from.  
**uruna(a)** *adj.* uprooted.  
**usā** ['úsá 'ùsà] *vi.* rest. Ìbata usāba. He is restless.  
**usādi** *n.* rest day.  
**usāgu** *n.* resting place.  
**usāna(a)** *n.* rest.  
**usānaa hite** *vt.* take rest.  
**usānahitedi** ['úsánàhitédi] *n/adv.* rest day, Sabbath.  
**usõ** ['usõ 'ùsõ] *vt.* (with)draw (knife, sword).  
**usõ'arina(a)** ['usõ'arinàà] *n.* about 3 pm.  
**usõbɔgu** ['usõbɔgu] *n.* east. *Variant:* gucijĩ.  
**usõcĩn** ['usõcĩN] *n.* noon, midday.

**usõ'ēna(a)** ['usõ'ēnàà] *n.* late afternoon sun.  
**usõgbɔ(ɔ)** ['usõgbɔɔ] *n.* brimstone. *Lit:* 'sun excreta'.  
**usõ(ɔ)<sub>1</sub>** ['usõɔ] *n.* sun. *Variant:* usũ(u), Kasati: ɔsõ(ɔ).  
**usõ gbāda(a)** *n.* hot sun.  
**usõɔ ... bɔ** *vi.* rise (sun).  
**usõɔ mɔɔ kũ** *vt.* lunar eclipse.  
**usõɔ ... sute** *vi.* set (sun).  
**usõshiaana(a)** ['usõʃianàà] *n.* rising sun.  
**usõsutena(a)** ['usõ'sutenàà] *n.* sunset.  
**usõtē(ɛ)** ['sõtēɛ] *n.* early afternoon, heat of day.  
**usõtē fɔbina** *n.* lunch.  
**usõtē le** *adv.* this afternoon.  
**utõ ...ma** ['útõ tõ] *vi.* 1) massage, force, trample. 2) impress.  
**utu** ['útú] *n.* wind, air.  
**utu gbāda(a)** *n.* storm, strong wind.  
**utu ... shite** *vt.* blown by wind (be).  
**utu zaa** *n.* storm.  
**utufa** ['útúfá fà] *vi.* dry up.  
 — *vt.* dry.  
**utufada** *n.* madman.  
**utufana(a)** *adj.* dry.  
**utuke** ['útúke kè] *vi.* proud (be).  
**utukebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* reason to feel proud.  
**utukeda** *n.* show off, clown.  
**utukena(a)** *n.* pride.  
**utumi** ['útúmi mì] *vi.* rest/break (have).  
**utumigu** *n.* resting place, relief.  
**utumina(a)** *n.* break, rest.  
**utuvõ (...ma)** ['útúvõ võ] *vt.* fan, blow air on (with mouth).  
**uwida** ['úwida] *n.* glutton.

## V - v

**vāni** [vāni] *adj.* spoiled, ugly, bad, evil.

**vānike(ε)** *n.* wickedness, evil.

**vānivāni** *adv.* badly, severely.

**vānike** [vānike kè] *vi.* evil/bad (do).

**vānikeda** *n.* evildoer.

**vānikena(a)** *n.* evildoing, wickedness.

**vānikū** [vānikū kù] *vi.* bad (become).

**vēvē** *adj.* ruined, devastated.

**virī** [virī vīrī] *vt.* bury.

**viridi** *n/adv.* burial day.

**virina(a)** *n.* burial.

**vīa** [vīa] *n.* blind man.

**vīake(ε)** *n.* blindness.

**vīake** [vīake kè] *vi.* blind (become).

— *vt.* blind.

**vīna(a)** [vīnāa] *n.* sound (movement).

**vīnake** [vīnake kè] *vi.* move, in uproar (be).

**vīni** *n.* mole cricket.

**vō<sub>1</sub>** [vō vō] *vi.* wake.

— *vt.* awake. Revive and resurrect = /kpetε/.

**vōna** *adj.* awake/alert/vigilant (be).

**vō<sub>2</sub>** [vō vō] *vi.* rot (with smell), spoilt (be).

**vōda** *n.* rude person.

**vōna(a)** *n.* rudeness.

**vō<sub>3</sub>** [vō] *n.* reed species.

**vō<sub>4</sub>** [vō vō] *vi.* blow.

— *vt.* blow. Ma utu vō. I blew air.

*Variant:* vūn.

**vōnake ...ni** [vōnake kè] *vi.* fussy (be) about.

**vōnake ...zo** *vi.* loathe, detest.

**vōvō** *ideo.* buzz.

**vūn** [vūn] *n.* flower.

**vūnnadi** *adj.* flowering.

**vūnke** [vūnke kè] *vi.* flower.

## W - w

**wa** [wa wà] *vt.* look at, see, think.

**wa sàaba** *vi.* shortsighted (be).

**wabadi** *adv.* without seeing/perceiving.

**wanaa** *n.* looking, seeing, sight.

**wawa** *vt.* look repeatedly, look (many).

**waa ...ji** *vi.* want, love, need. *Variant:* wi ...ji.

**waa kūji** *vi.* love each other.

**waa ... gbīnjiba** *vi.* detest, hate.

**waadō ...ji** [waadō dō] *vi.* look at, search, watch closely.

**waadō ...ma** *vt.* look past/toward.

**waadōda** *n.* supervisor, steward.

**waadōdō kūji kūni ...zo** *cnj.* facing, opposite to.

**wēerēdōna(a) ...ji** *n.* expectation, hope.

**waagashi** [waagaʃi] *n.* cheese. *Syn:* diyō deecēna(a).

**waaji** [waazi] *vi.* want to, about to (be).

Manaa waaji, má kea. If I want to, I'll do it.

**wa'aji** [wa'aʒi] *n.* preaching.

**wa'ajike** [wa'aʒike kè] *vi.* preach.

**wa'ajikeda** *n.* preacher.

**wa'ajikena(a)** *n.* preaching, sermon.

**waakewaake** *ideo.* striped, spotted.

**waalia** [wààlià] *n.* stork.  
**waalonkèkè** [waàlonkèkè kèkè] *vi.* ogle, stretch neck to look.  
**waani** [wááni] *n.* skill.  
**waaninadi** *n.* skilled person.  
**wàani** [wàànì] *adj.* extraordinary.  
**waateka** [waateká] *conj.* whenever.  
 Waateka mana yaa lace, máta jèke.  
 Whenever I go to the farm, I cultivate.  
**wabangere** *n.* 1) bamboo. *Oxytenanthera abyssinica*. *Syn:* kǎnǎ(a). 2) spindle.  
**wada** [wàdá] *n.* dwarf.  
**wadajín** [wadàzǐ́n] *post.* presence.  
**waga** [wagà] *n.* bubal antelope. *Alcelaphus buselaphus major*.  
**Waganagaa** [wagànagàà] *n.* Sabo Birni.  
*Lit:* 'Original name meaning 'bubal antelopes' camp'.  
**wahai** [wáhàì] *n.* concubine.  
**waiyoo** [waiyóó] *intj.* woe.  
**waiyooke ...ni** [waiyóókè kè] *vi.* bemoan.  
**wakaasɔru** *num.* fifteen.  
**wakaasɔrudibi** *adj.* fifteenth.  
**wakaasɔrusɔru** *num.* in/by fifteens.  
**wakawaka** *adj.* large and thin.  
**wali** *n.* prophet, fortune teller. *Syn:* annabi.  
**wara** [wara wàrà] *vt.* sweep, wipe, plunder, scrape.  
**warana(a)** *n.* deletion, erasure.  
**warabu** [warabu bù] *vi.* get thin.  
**waranda** [wàràndà] *n.* front room of house. *From:* English: veranda.  
**waria** *n.* marabou stork. *Leptoptilos crumeniferus*.  
**was(a)** *n.* stamen, maize silk.  
**wasaabɔ** [wasaabɔ bɔ] *vi.* bloom (maize silk).  
**wasawasa** *adv.* clean, perfect. *Variant:*

wasuwasu.  
**watalu** [watalù] *post.* before (locative), in front of.  
 — *n.* guide, leader, foreman.  
**watalu (...ni)** *adj.* ahead (of).  
**watalu t̄ɔ** *vt.* seek presence of.  
**watalubadi** *n.* lack of a leader.  
**wataluke(ɛ)** *n.* leadership (concept).  
**watalukena'àni** [watalùkenà'ànì] *n.* leadership (act).  
**waya** [wayà] *n.* wire (telephone). *From:* English.  
**wǎ** [wǎ wǎ] *vt.* beat.  
**wǎ ...ma** *vi.* bump into.  
 — *vt.* overlay.  
**wǎbɔ(ɔ)** *n.* rod, stick (for beating).  
**wǎna(a)** *n.* beating, strike.  
**wǎwǎ** *vt.* beat, strike (many).  
**wǎwǎna(a)** *n.* beating.  
**wǎnadu** [wǎnadu] *adv.* suddenly.  
**wǎsǎa** *n.* tribal mark, scar (on body).  
**wǎsǎ(a)** [wǎsǎa] *n.* scar, mark (on person), design. *Variant:* wusǎ(a).  
**wǎsǎa kɛ (...ma)** *vt.* mark, embroider, carve design.  
**wǎsǎnadi** *adj.* embroidered.  
**wei** *n.* household.  
 — *adv.* outside (of house), in compound.  
**wei gifa** *vt.* establish household.  
**weinadi** *n.* householder.  
**weida'ashi** [weida'áfí] *n.* underworld, Hades.  
**weigũ** *n.* native, local, family member.  
**weigũna** *n.* family, household. *Syn:* idina.  
**were** [were wèrè] *vi.* relax, heal.  
 — *vt.* heal.  
**were ...ma** *vi.* sober up. Inabi wère'ima

ì v̄. He sobered up from the wine and  
 woke up.  
**werena(a)** *adj.* relaxed (face).  
**wenakāna** *n.* tree species. *Burkea africana*.  
**were** *n.* 1) eye. 2) seed, kernel.  
**were gara ...ma** *vt.* divert attention  
 from.  
**werenadi** *adj.* seed-bearing, full-  
 grained.  
**werebawaaba** [werebawaàba] *n.* fifth  
 generation. *Lit:* 'Eye won't see them.'  
**werebi** [werebi] *post.* in sight of.  
**werebibike ...ni** [werebibike kè] *vi.* put  
 spell on.  
**werebɔna** [werebɔnà] *adj.* pure, clean.  
**werecidi** *n.* day of ignorance.  
**werecinadi** *n.* ignorant person.  
**wereciyã** *n.* ignorance.  
**weredawere** *adj.* openly, visible, publicly.  
**weredede** [wedededè dèdè] *vi.* blink.  
**weredigi** [wededígí] *n.* glasses, spectacles.  
**weredɔ ...ji** [wededɔ dɔ] *vi.* expect.  
**weredɔ (...ma)** *vi.* look at, fix attention  
 on.  
**weredudunadi** [wededùdùnàdi] *adj.*  
 sparsely-seeded.  
**werefẽ ...ma** [werefẽ fẽ] *vi.* stare at.  
**werefiri** [werefírí firì] *vi.* wash face.  
**werefiri ...ma** [werefiri firì] *vi.* overlook.  
**werefugu** *n.* vision.  
**werefugu wa** *vt.* see vision.  
**werefuguwada** [werefuguwàda] *n.* seer.  
**werefuguwana(a)** *n.* vision.  
**werefunadi** [werefunàdi] *n.* clairvoyant,  
 intelligent/discerning person.  
**weregandu** *n.* brazen/cheeky look.  
**weregifa ...ma** [weregifa gifa] *vi.* stare at.  
**weregu** [weregu gù] *vt.* open eye.

**wereguda** *n.* insightful person.  
**wereguna(a)** *n.* insight.  
**were'i** *n.* tear.  
**were'ibo** [were'ibo bò] *vi.* weep.  
**wereka ...ma** [wereka kà] *vi.* set attention  
 (on), expect.  
**werekagu** *n.* focus.  
**werekami** *n.* blink of an eye.  
**werekamike** [werekamike kè] *vi.* blink.  
**werekata** *n.* facial marking beside eye.  
**werekokākã** *n.* eyebrow.  
**werekpete** [werekpeté kpèté] *vi.* lift eyes,  
 look up.  
**werekpetegu** *n.* outlook, line of view.  
**werelu** *n.* face.  
**werelu ... wiri** *vi.* downcast (be).  
**wereni** *n.* eyeball.  
**werenici(i)** *n.* pupil (of eye).  
**wereshe(ɛ)** [werefšèɛ] *n.* eyelid.  
**wereshee ... ke gbītã** *vi.* heavy eyelids  
 (have).  
**wereshiike ...zɔ** [werefšiike kè] *vi.* see face  
 to face.  
**wereshikena(a)** *n.* seeing face to face.  
**wereshite** [werefšité] *n.* greed.  
**wereshitenadi** *n.* greedy person.  
**wereshiteke** [werefšiteke kè] *vi.* greedy  
 (be).  
**wereshĩn** [werefšĩŋ] *n.* eyelash. *Lit:* '/eye-  
 wing/'.  
**wereshĩnkākã** [werefšĩŋkākã] *n.* eyelash.  
**weresõno ...ma** [werefšõno sõnò] *vi.*  
 overlook, ignore.  
**weresugukpa** [werefšugukpa kpà] *vi.*  
 disgraced/embarassed (be).  
**weresugukpana(a)** *n.* disgrace,  
 embarassment.  
**wereta** [wereta tà] *vi.* close eye.

**weretē(ε)** *n.* punishment, persecution.

**weretēε ...ma** [weretēε tḕ] *vi.* follow with eye, alert (be).

**weretēεke** [weretēεke kè] *vi.* oppressed (be).

— *vt.* oppress.

**weretēkeda** *n.* oppressed person.

**weretēkena(a)** *n.* oppression, persecution.

**weretēεmɔ ...ni** [weretēεmɔ m̀] *vi.*

1) persecute, oppress. 2) try hard.

**weretēmɔda** *n.* persecutor, oppressor.

**weretēmɔna(a)** *n.* oppression, persecution.

**werewabadi** [werewabàdi] *adv.*

impartially.

**werewada** *n.* person partial/favorable to.

**werewana(a)** *n.* winning favour of.

**werezɔ̃** [werezɔ̃ z̀] *vt.* attract attention to.

**wēcece** [wēcece] *adv.* this year.

**wē(ε)** *n.* beer.

**wēε ke** *vt.* brew beer.

**wḕ(ε)** [wḕε] *n.* year.

**wḕ** *cn.* year.

**wēede** [wēede dè] *vi.* get drunk (on beer).

**wēdɛda** *n.* drunkard.

**wēdena(a)** *n.* drunkenness.

**wēεke** [wḕεke kè] *vi.* peep, open a little.

**wēkena(a)** *n.* spending years.

**wēemi** [wēemi m̀] *vi.* drink beer.

**wēmida** *n.* beer drinker.

**wēmigu** *n/adv.* bar, beer drinking place.

**wēmīna(a)** *n.* drinking (beer).

**wēkeda** [wḕkeda] *n.* beer brewer.

**wēne** [wēne wḕnè] *vt.* cut open, divide.

**wi** [wi ẁ] *vi.* breathe.

— *vt.* agree with.

**wi ...ni** *vi.* answer.

**wia** [wià] *n.* breath.

**wigu** *n.* breathing space.

**wí** [wí ẁ] *vi.* break, burst, knock down, dislocate.

— *vt.* break, burst, slice.

**wiwi** [wíwí ẁwí] *vt.* crush.

**wiwina(a)** *adj.* broken up, rough.

**wi ...ji** [wi ẁ] *vi.* love, willing (be), agree, consent, want. Maci wi'njiba. I didn't agree with you. *Variant:* waa ...ji.

**wida** [wída] *n.* lover, beloved.

**wiji** [wiji ẁji] *vi.* want, willing (be), consent.

**wiji ...ni** *vi.* allow.

**wina** *adj.* partial, favorable.

**wina(a)** *n.* 1) love, willingness. 2) need, will.

— *adv.* favorably.

**winabadi** *n.* loveless, heartless.

**winakuji** [winàkũji] *n.* love for each other.

**winanadi** *n.* loving person.

**winaawinaa** *n.* favoritism.

**wiawia** *n.* cuckoo-shrike.

**wicici** [wícíci] *n.* flour. *Variant:* wucici.

**wielakpatεε wie is 'eye' in SH**

[wíélákpátéé kpatéé] *vi.* raise eyes, look up.

**winaake ...zɔ̃** [winààke kè] *vi.* make love with, have sex with.

**winaama** [winààma mà] *vi.* have need of.

**winaamɔ ...ni** [winààmɔ m̀] *vi.* show love to.

**winamɔna(a)** *n.* favoritism, showing partiality.

**winaawinaamɔ** *vi.* discriminate, show favoritism/partiality between people.

**winaawinaamōna'āni** *n.* favoritism.  
**winakukū** [winàkukŋ] *n.* caressing.  
**wiri** *n.* millet (all kinds).  
**wirilɔgbere(ɛ)** [wirilɔgbèrɛɛ] *n.* grinding stone, mill. *Variant:* wishilɔgbere(ɛ).  
**wirilɔgbere dɔɔ** *n.* lower grinding stone.  
**wirilɔgbere ni** *n.* upper grinding stone.  
**wishi** [wìʃí] *n.* salt.  
**wishinadi** *adj.* salty.  
**wíshi** [wíʃí] *n.* millet.  
**wo**<sub>1</sub> *pro.* 1p.PRF, 1p.OBJ, 1p.POSS.  
*Variant:* wa.  
**wobata** *pro.* 1p.HAB.NEG.  
**woci** *pro.* 1p.UNAC.  
**wona** *pro.* 1p.Factual.COND.  
**wonaaci** *pro.* 1p.Factual.COND.NEG.  
**wota** *pro.* 1p.HAB.  
**wotagū** *pro.* 1p.HAB.CONT.  
**wo**<sub>2</sub> [wo wò] *vi.* come apart, uproot.  
**wó**<sub>1</sub> *n.* design tattooed on woman's lower back.  
**wó**<sub>2</sub> *pro.* 1p.IMPRF. *Variant:* wá.  
**wóba** *pro.* 1p.IMPRF.NEG.  
**wóbi** *pro.* 1p.PROG. *Variant:* woi.  
**wóbagūa** *pro.* 1p.IMPRF.CONT.NEG.  
**wóbai** *pro.* 1p.PROG.NEG. *Variant:* wobabi.  
**wógūa** *pro.* 1p.IMPRF.CONT.  
**wónaa** *pro.* 1p.Remote.COND.  
**wónaaba** *pro.* 1p.Remote.COND.NEG.  
**wónaabi** *pro.* 1p.PROG.COND.  
**wónaabai** *pro.* 1p.PROG.COND.NEG.  
**wò**<sub>1</sub> *pro.* 1p.SBJ.  
**wòba** *pro.* 1p.SBJ.NEG.  
**wògū** *pro.* 1p.SBJ.CONT.  
**wòbagū** *pro.* 1p.SBJ.CONT.NEG.  
**wòna** *pro.* 1p.Factual.COND.  
**wò**<sub>2</sub> *pro.* 3indef.PRF, 3indef.IMPRF, 3indef.SBJ. *Variant:* wà.

**wòba** *pro.* 3indef.IMPRF.NEG.  
**wòbagūa** *pro.*  
 3indef.IMPRF.CONT.NEG.  
**wòbai** *pro.* 3indef.PROG.NEG. *Variant:* wòbabi.  
**wòbata** *n.* 3indef.HAB.NEG.  
**wòbi** *pro.* 3indef.PROG. *Variant:* wòi.  
**wòci** *pro.* 3indef.UNAC.  
**wògūa** *pro.* 3indef.IMPRF.CONT.  
**wòna** *pro.* 1) 3indef.SBJ, 3indef.Factual.COND.  
**wònaba** *pro.* 3indef.SBJ.NEG.  
**wònagū** *pro.* 3indef.SBJ.CONT.  
**wònaa** *pro.* 3indef.Remote.COND.  
**wònaaba** *pro.*  
 3indef.Remote.COND.NEG.  
**wònabai** *pro.* 3indef.PROG.COND.NEG.  
**wònaabi** *pro.* 3indef.PROG.COND.  
**wònaaci** *pro.* 3indef.Factual.COND.NEG.  
**wònaba** *pro.* 3indef.SBJ.NEG.  
**wònabagū** *pro.* 3indef.SBJ.CONT.NEG.  
**wònagū** *pro.* 3indef.SBJ.CONT.  
**wònata** *pro.* 3indef.HAB.COND.  
**wòta** *pro.* 3indef.HAB.  
**wohu** *n.* fear, dread.  
**wohu ... kū** *vt.* afraid (be).  
**wohubadi** *n.* courageous person.  
**wohunadi** *n.* fearful person, coward.  
**wohuyã** *n.* fearful/dreadful matter.  
**wohukpa ...ji/ni** [wohukpa kpà] *vi.* frighten, scare, threaten. Ì wohukpàmaji. He scared me.  
**wohuma** [wohuma mà] *vt.* fear.  
**wohuma ...ni** *vi.* fear.  
**wohumada** *n.* fearful person.  
**wohumana(a)** *n.* fear.  
**-wokoori** [wokoori] *num.* plus 10.  
**wo'ndake ...ni** [wo'ndake kè] *vi.* say goodbye to.

**woni(nɔ)** [wonìnɔ] *pro.* 1p.APPO.

**wo(o)** [woo] *n.* tick.

**wopai** [wopai] *pro.* all of us.

**wototo** [wototo] *n.* hip bone.

**wotu<sub>1</sub>** *n.* request.

**wotu<sub>2</sub>** [wotù] *n.* spiny shrub species.

*Mimosa pigra.*

**wotudɔɔ** [wotùdɔɔ] *n.* vine species.

*Capparis fascicularis.*

**wotuke (...ma)** [wotuke kè] *vt.* ask, request, beg, pray. Mai n wotukea. I am begging you. Ì ma wotukè zɔɔ. He asked me for a fish.

**wotuke ...ni ...ma** *vi.* pray for to. *Syn:* garaake ...ni ...ma.

**wotukeda** *n.* pray-er, worshiper.

**wotukedi** *n.* prayer time.

**wotukegu** *n/adv.* place of prayer.

**wotukena(a)** *n.* prayer, request.

**wotu(ke)kpe** *n.* prayer house, church, mosque, synagogue.

**wotukpenadi** *n.* mosque/church leader.

**wuce** [wucé wùcé] *vi.* lie down.

— *vt.* subdue, control.

**wuce gbereema/laluma** *vi.* lie on stomach.

**wuce ...zɔ** *vi.* sleep with, sexual relations with (have).

**wucebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* bed.

**wucegu** *n.* sleeping area.

**wucena** *adj.* reclining, confident.

**wucena(a)** *adj.* lying down.

**wula(a)** [wulàa] *n.* gold.

**wulilalamene(ɛ)** [wulilálámènèɛ] *n.* African green snake. *Chlorophis chlorophis.*

**wúri** [wúrí wùrì] *vt.* 1) shatter, spoil. 2) criticise.

— *vi.* spoil, rot, corrupted (be). Ma zūn wùri. I am sad.

**wurina** *adj.* spoilt, corrupted, grieved, depraved.

**wurina(a)** *n.* destruction, corruption, depravity.  
— *adj.* corrupt.

**wuta(a)** *n.* millet, black fonio. *Digitaria iburua.*

## Y - y

**yà** *vi.* go (PRF).

**yaa** *vi.* go (IMPRF, SBJ, UNAC, PROG, HAB).

**yaa ...ma** *vi.* go to.

**yaa faralu** *vi.* go on journey.

**yaa kpaaji** *vi.* accompany. À yà wo kpaaji. They accompanied us.

**yadi** *n/adv.* going (time).

**yagu** *n.* destiny.

**yana(a)** *n.* going, departure.

**yaafa** *n.* forgiveness, apology.

**yaafabadi** *n.* unforgiving.

**yaafake** [yaafake kè] *vt.* forgive.

**yaafake ...ni** *vi.* apologise to, appease.

**yaafake ...zɔ** *vt.* forgive concerning.

**yaafakebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* conciliation, propitiation.

**yaafatɔ́ ...ma** [yaafatɔ́ tɔ́] *vi.* appease, beg.

**yaashe(e)** [yaaʃee] *n.* parable, example, illustration, proverb. *From:* Zarma.

**yaasheeke** [yaaʃeeke kè] *vi.* tell parable, make illustration.

**yaasheezu ...ni** [yaaʃeezu zù] *vi.* speak proverb to.

**yaayaa** [yààyàà] *ideo.* unkempt, disordered.

**yaka** [yàkà] *n.* rubbish.

**yako** [yako] *n.* jaw.

**yanajĩn** [yanàzĩn] *adv.* soon.

**yara** [yara yàrà] *vt.* mix.  
— *vi.* confused, disorder (in).

**yarana(a)** *adj.* mixed.

**Yawiri** *n.* Yauri.

**yā** [ná/na] *n.* word, act, deed, language, problem.

**yā bii dina** *n.* covenant.

**yā musu** *post.* concerning.

**yā ndaa kpa ...ni** *vt.* declare righteous/innocent, vindicate.

**yā nɔɔ** *n.* goodness. *Syn:* fɔnɔɔ.

**yā ... nu** *vi.* problem (get).

**yā shi** *vt.* believe, accept.

**yā su ... ka ... lɛlu** *vt.* put words in one's mouth.

**yā vāni** *n.* evil, wickedness. *Syn:* fɔvāni.

**yā zò** *vi.* problem (have).

**yābadi** *n.* innocent person, person not involved.

**yānadi** *n.* person involved/responsible.

**yāa** [naa] *adv.* before.

— *n.* past, ancient time.

**yāayāa** [naaɲàà] *adv.* long ago.

**yā'ace ...ma** [na'acé 'àcé] *vi.* convict, condemn.

**yāaji** [naaʒi] *n.* reason. Ì yāaji ye tù  
Therefore

— *post.* reason, because of.

**yāberəkete** [naberekete] *n.* raving.

**yāberəkete fi** [naberekete fi] *vi.* rave.

**yābetakakɛda** [nábetàkakèda] *n.* one who does the same sort of thing.

**yābɔ** [nábɔ bò] *vi.* decide.

**yābɔ ...zɔ nda** *vi.* vindicated, declare innocent.

**yābɔbɔ kũ lɛlu ...zɔ** *vi.* debate with, dispute with.

**yābɔnakũlu** [nábɔnàkũlù] *n.* comparison.

**yācɛɛ ...ni** [nácɛɛ cɛɛ] *vi.* retaliate, answer back.

**yācɛɛ ...ma** *vi.* answer, respond to.

**yāci ...ni** [náci cì] *vi.* answer, reply to.

**yācina(a)** *n.* answer.

**yāda** [pada] *adv.* really, truly.

**yāda(a)** [padaa] *n.* truth, faithfulness.  
— *adj.* genuine.

**yādaa fi** *vt.* tell the truth.

**yādaa ke ...ni** *vt.* confirm to.

**yādabadi** *n.* unfaithful, dishonest.

**yādabadike(ɛ)** *n.* unfaithfulness, dishonesty, falsehood.

**yādanadi** *adj.* true, genuine, truth bearing, faithful, truthful, reliable.

**yādayāda** *adv.* truly.

**yādaake** [padaake kè] *vi.* honest (be).

**yādakɛda** *n.* honest person.

**yādaakpa ...ni** [padaakpa kpá] *vt.* believe (in), put faith (in). Use /amincike/ to express trust and faithfulness.

**yādakpabadi** *adj.* unbelieving.

— *n.* unbelief.

**yādakpada** *n.* believer in.

**yādakpadabadi** *n.* unbeliever.

**yādakpana(a) ...ni** *n.* reliance on.

**yādada ...ni** [nádadà dádà] *vi.* teach.

**yādadada** *n.* teacher, learner.

**yādadana(a)** *n.* teaching, learning.

**yādafida** [nadafida] *n.* truthful person.

**yādi ...ma** [nádi dì] *vi.* accuse, make



responsible.  
**yā di ...ni** *vt.* promise.  
**yādina(a)** *n.* promise.  
**yādo ...ma** [nádo dò] *vi.* bring together,  
 reconcile.  
**yādođa** *n.* reconciler.  
**yādočkabadi** [nádočkabadi] *n.*  
 lawlessness.  
**yādōđa** [nádođa] *n.*  
 knowledgeable/learned person.  
**yādōna(a)** *n.* learning, understanding.  
**yāfayabadi** [náfayabàdi] *n.* nonsense.  
 — *adj.* nonsensical.  
**yāfayanadi** *n.* word of wisdom,  
 common sense.  
**yāfayabadikena(a)** [náfayabàdikènàà]  
*n.* folly.  
**yāfayanadifida** [náfayanàdifida] *n.*  
 speaker of wisdom/common sense.  
**yāfi** [náfi náfi] *vi.* talk, speak.  
**yāfi(i)** [nafii] *n.* talk, speech,  
 conversation.  
**yāfibɔ(ɔ)** *n.* microphone.  
**yāfida** *n.* speaker, spokesman.  
**yāfina(a)** *n.* speech, talk.  
**yāfinadi** *n.* speaker, talker.  
**yāfuru ...ni** [náfuru fùrù] *vi.* explain,  
 interpret.  
**yāgbāafida** [nágbāafida] *n.* chatterer,  
 one who talks too much.  
**yāgbāafina(a)** *n.* too much talking.  
**yāgbādafida** [nágbādafida] *n.* one who  
 talks loud/arrogantly.  
**yāgbādanadi** [nágbādanàdi] *n.* ruthless  
 person.  
**yāgifa ...ni** [nágifa gífà] *vt.* command.  
**yāgifana(a)** *n.* command.  
**yā'i ...ni** [ná'i 'i] *vi.* bring trouble for.

**yājere** [názerε] *n.* justice, right.  
**yājere wa** *vt.* see point of view,  
 persuaded (be).  
**yājerenadi** *n.* justice, fairness,  
 righteousness.  
**yājerenadike(ε)** *n.* justice, fairness.  
**yājeredōna(a)** [názeredōnàà] *n.* right  
 understanding.  
**yājeredōnabadi** *n.* wrong  
 understanding.  
**yājereke** [názerεke kè] *vi.* justice/right  
 (do), fair (be).  
**yājerekeɔ(ɔ)** *n.* instrument of justice.  
**yājerekena(a)** *n.* right behaviour.  
**yājē ...ma** [nážē žē] *vt.* judge, condemn.  
**yājēda** *n.* judge.  
**yājēbadi** *adj.* untried.  
**yājēdi** *n/adv.* judgement day.  
**yājēgu** *n/adv.* court of law.  
**yājēna(a)** *n.* judgment.  
**yājēguru** [nážēgùru] *n.* judgment seat.  
**yājēkpe** [nážēkpe] *n.* court.  
**yājidakpeteda** [nážidakpètɛda] *n.* harper.  
**yāka** [náká kà] *vt.* obey, heed, pay  
 attention to.  
**yākabadi** *n.* disobedient person.  
**yākada** *n.* obeyer, heeder.  
**yākan** [nákaŋ] *n.* nothing.  
**yāke** [náke kè] *vi.* do something, act.  
 — *n.* action, deed.  
**yāke ...ni nda** *vi.* please.  
**yākebadi** *n.* innocent person.  
**yākena(a)** *n.* action, behaviour.  
**yākenana** *n.* deeds, actions.  
**yākebeefi** [nákebèefi fi] *vi.* speak in  
 tongues.  
**yāke(ε)** [nákeε] *n.* something.  
**yākenana** *n.* other things.  
**yākeebadi** [nákeebàdi] *adv.* unaware,

oblivious.  
**yākici** [ɲákíci] *n.* disturbance, problem.  
**yākicibadi** *adj.* secure, peaceful.  
 — *n.* peaceful person, peace.  
**yākicinadi** *n.* contentious person.  
**yākicika** [ɲákíci kà] *vi.* stir up trouble, agitate.  
**yākpa ...ni** [ɲákpá kɲà] *vi.* advise, counsel.  
**yākpada** *n.* advisor, counsellor.  
**yākpana(a)** *n.* advice.  
**yākpanamada** [ɲákpánàmàda] *n.* one who heeds advice.  
**yākũ ...zɔ** [ɲákũ kũ] *vi.* bear grudge against, resent.  
**yākũkũfi** [ɲákũkũfi fi] *vi.* whisper.  
**yālalu ...ma** [ɲálatu lálù] *vi.* ask, question.  
**yālaluna(a)** *n.* interrogation, investigation.  
**yālalunaa badi** *adv.* without objection/asking questions.  
**yālekucena** [ɲálekúcénà] *adj.* corrupted, perverted.  
**yālekucena(a)** *n.* perversion.  
**yālekuceda** *n.* perverse person.  
**yāma** [ɲáma mà] *vt.* hear, understand, obey.  
**yāma ...ma** *vi.* listen to, respond to, answer.  
**yāmabadi** *n.* disobedient person.  
**yāmada** *n.* hearer, listener.  
**yāmana(a)** *n.* listening, obedience.  
**yāmanabadi** *n.* disobedience.  
**yāmburuku** [ɲamburuku] *n.* vulture.  
**yāmɔɔke (...ni)** [ɲámɔɔke kè] *vi.* resolve matters for.  
**yāmɔɔkeda** *n.* superintendent.  
**yāmɔɔkena(a)** *n.* judgment, resolution.  
**yāmɔɔkena ì jerema** *n.* just judgment.

**yāna ...ma** [ɲána nà] *vi.* accuse.  
**yānada** *n.* accuser.  
**yānana(a)** *n.* accusation.  
**yānafi ...ma** [ɲánafi fi] *vi.* accuse, blame, tell tale.  
**yānɔɔfina(a)** [ɲánɔɔfinàà] *n.* good speech.  
**yānɔɔke** [ɲánɔɔke kè] *vi.* good (do). *Syn:* fɔnɔɔke.  
**yānɔɔkena(a)** *n.* good behaviour/deeds, righteousness.  
**yāpai** [ɲápai] *n.* everything.  
**yāshite** [ɲáʃité ʃité] *vi.* begin to speak, take over conversation.  
**yāsorida** [ɲásòrida] *n.* deviant.  
**yāsorina(a)** *n.* falsehood, deceit.  
**yāvānifi** [ɲávānifi fi] *vi.* speak evil.  
**yāvānifida** *n.* evil speaker.  
**yāvānike** [ɲavānike kè] *vi.* evil (do). *Syn:* fɔvānike.  
**yāvānikeda** *n.* evildoer.  
**yāvānikena(a)** *n.* wickedness.  
**yāwi ...ni** [ɲáwi wì] *vi.* answer, reply.  
**yāwina(a)** *n.* answer.  
**yāwinadɔɔda** [ɲáwinàdɔɔda] *n.* one who answers well.  
**yāzaafi** [ɲázàafi fi] *vi.* speak evil.  
**yāzaake** [ɲázàake kè] *vi.* evil (do).  
**yāzakeda** *n.* evildoer.  
**yāzadi** [ɲázadi] *n/adv.* evil/bad day.  
**ye<sub>1</sub>** *conj.* then. *Syn:* o, sai.  
**ye<sub>2</sub>** *ptcl.* SUBJ and.OBJ focus marker.  
 Laala ye n yàa? How did you go? Dí ye má wohumaa'ini? Who will I fear?  
*Variant:* ré (Kasati).  
**Yesu** [yé sù] *n.* Issa, Jesus. *Variant:* Yeesu.  
**yegbeyegbe** [yégbèyègbè] *ideo.* loose.  
**yeleyele** *ideo.* full to the brim.

**yerebɔa** [yèrèbɔa] *n.* milk bush. *Euphorbia tirucalli*.

**yere(ɛ)** [yèrɛɛ] *n.* bone, thorn.

**yeredɔɔ** *n.* thornbush.

**yerefu(u)** *n.* winter thorn. *Faidherbia albida (masud); Acacia ehrenbergiana (Abdul)*.

**yerenadi** *adj.* bony, thorny.

**yé** [jé jè] *vt.* dig, dig up. Ìbi yèà. He is digging.

**yéke** [jɛkɛ kè] *vt.* hospitable (be).

**yême** [jèmɛ] *n.* lightning. *Variant:* laduyême.

**yêmeke** [jèmɛkɛ kè] *vi.* flash lightning.

**yémekena(a)** *n.* lightning.

**yémekenana** *n.* flashes of lightning.

**yoo** [yóó] *ptcl.* hey, eh. Ma kè yoo!

**yoo'iri** [yoo'iri 'ìrì] *vi.* cramped (be).

**yoro** [yoro yòrò] *vt.* shape, mould, cast.

**yɔɔ** [yɔ̀ɔ] *adv.* slowly.

**yɔɔke** [yɔ̀ɔkɛ yɔ̀ɔkè] *vi.* slowly (do).

**yɔɔ** [yɔ̀ɔ yɔ̀rɔ̀] *vi.* melt, sweat, perspire, leak.

**yɔɔ wara** *vt.* wipe sweat.

**yɔɔna(a)** *n.* sweat, perspiration.

— *adj.* worn.

**yɔɔnawarabɔ(ɔ)** [yɔ̀ɔnàwarabò̀] *n.* hankerchief.

**yɔ̀**<sub>1</sub> [jɔ̀] *n.* 1) breast. Ma nɛ ní gbà yɔ̀. My

wife breastfed the baby. 2) breast milk. *Variant:* yɔ̀'ì. 3) bunch (fruit).

**yɔ̀ (...ma)**<sub>2</sub> [jɔ̀ jà] *vt.* test, tempt.

**yɔ̀bɔ(ɔ)** *n.* measure, scales, weights.

**yɔ̀na(a)** *n.* test, temptation.

**yɔ̀yɔ̀na** *n.* measuring.

**yɔ̀fu(u)** [jɔ̀fu] *n.* spiny tree species.

*Erythrina sigmoidea*.

**yɔ̀gɔ̀nike** [jɔ̀gɔ̀nikɛ kè] *vt.* tickle.

**yɔ̀gɔ̀yɔ̀gɔ̀** [jɔ̀gɔ̀jɔ̀gɔ̀] *ideo.* wriggling.

**yɔ̀'ì** [jɔ̀'í] *n.* breast milk.

**yɔ̀kpa ...ni** [jɔ̀kpa kpà] *vi.* breastfeed.

**yɔ̀mi (...ma)** [jɔ̀mi mì] *vi.* suck breast, breastfeed.

**yɔ̀mida** *n.* suckling.

**yɔ̀nɔ** [jɔ̀nɔ] *n.* fat, oil.

**yɔ̀nɔ dɔkɔ** *vt.* apply/rub with oil.

**yɔ̀nɔ ka ...wa** *vt.* anoint, oil.

**yɔ̀nɔnadi** *adj.* oily, fatty, rich.

**yɔ̀nɔgwaga** [jɔ̀nɔgwaga] *n.* sausage tree.

*Kigelia africana*.

**yɔ̀(ɔ)** [jɔ̀] *n.* ember. *Syn:* cɛyɔ̀.

**yɔ̀tu** [jɔ̀tú tù] *vi.* weaned (be).

**yɔ̀tuna(a)** *n.* weaning.

**yù** *n.* amusement.

**yukpa** [yùkpa kpà] *vi.* joke.

— *n.* joke.

**yukpada** *n.* joker.

## Z - z

**zaa** [zaa] *prep.* from, since.

— *cnj.* before (time). zaa maci kɛba before I did

**za(a)** *adj.* fierce, wild, mean.

**za** *padj.* disagreeable.

**zake(ɛ)** *n.* ferocity, malice.

**zaza** *adv.* vehemently.

**zaaka** [zàaká] *cnj.* for.

**zaake** [zàakɛ kè] *vi.* evil (do).

**zakɛda** *n.* selfish/stingy/mean/brutal

- person.
- zakena(a)** *n.* evildoing, violence, selfishness.
- zabura** [zàbùrá] *n.* Psalm. *From:* Arabic.
- zaga** *n.* molar. *Variant:* sǔzaga.
- zagara** *n.* rag.
- zagara'iri** [zagara'iri ìrì] *vi.* period (have).  
*Syn:* kpegbējiwa.
- zaka** [zàka] *n.* tithe (not one tenth). *From:* Arabic.
- zakarawere** *n.* coral tree. *Erythrina senegalensis.*
- zakεεke** [zakεεke kè] *vi.* severe (be).
- zakū** [zakū kù] *vi.* become worse.  
**zakūna ...zɔ** *vi.* on bad terms (be).
- zalla** [zala] *adj.* pure, uncontaminated.  
**zallanadi** *adj.* pure/uncontaminated person.
- zamba** *n.* trick. *From:* Hausa.  
**zambanadi** *n.* schemer, spy.
- zambake ...ni** [zambake kè] *vi.* trick someone.
- zangba(a)** [zangbaa] *n.* large tree species. *Erthrophieum africanum.*
- zara** [zàrá] *n.* raffia palm frond. *Variant:* zara lála.  
**zara yere(ε)** *n.* midrib of raffia palm frond.
- zatagi** *n.* comb.
- zã<sub>1</sub>** [zã] *n.* husband.  
**zã djii** *n.* father-in-law.  
**zã dǔɔ** *n.* mother-in-law.  
**zãnadi** *adj.* married (woman).
- zã<sub>2</sub>** [zã] *adv.* later.  
— *post.* during (ex rain).
- zã ...lu** [zã zã] *vi.* hate. STAT verb.  
Use.PRF for present meaning, UNAC for present negative, othererwise
- normal.
- zãna'alu** *n.* hate, hatred.
- zã(a)** *n.* jewellery item, decoration, bracelet.
- zãii** [zãii] *ideo.* numb, pins and needles, paralysed with fear.
- zãke** [zãke kè] *vi.* marry (a man).  
**zãkena(a)** *n.* marriage.
- zãkeɔ(ɔ)** [zãkeɔ(ɔ)] *n.* item of jewellery.
- zãkede** [zãkede dè] *vi.* divorce (a husband).
- zãke'ea** [zãke'ea] *n.* brideprice.
- zãkegba(a)** [zãkegbaa] *n.* wedding gift.
- zãke'iri** [zãke'iri ìrì] *vi.* engaged (get) (to man).
- zãkesoolu** [zãkesòòlu] *n.* wedding plans/preparation.
- zãna** [zãna] *adj.* slippery.
- zãnaga** [zãnaga] *n.* slippery mud.
- zãzãntēne** *n.* red ant.
- zεε** [zεε zèè] *vt.* ask pardon.
- Zerema** [zerema] *n.* Zerma.
- zina** [zina] *n.* adultery. *From:* Arabic.
- zinake** [zinake kè] *vi.* commit adultery.  
**zinakeda** *n.* adulterer.
- zɔ<sub>2</sub>** [zɔ] *vt.* have. Ì waamaji ka ì wà ma kawere zɔ. He loves me because he saw that I have money.
- zɔ** [zɔ] *post.* Comitative suffix.
- zɔdikina(a)** [zɔdikinàà] *n.* slave labour.
- zɔgɔ** [zɔgɔ] *n.* male servant/slave.
- zɔke ...ni** [zɔke kè] *vi.* enslaved to (be), serve.  
**zɔkeɔ(ɔ)** *n.* idol.  
**zɔkeda** *n.* bond-servant.  
**zɔkena(a)** *n.* servitude, slavery.
- zɔne(gũ)** [zɔnɛgũ] *n.* female servant.
- zɔnifi** [zɔnifi] *n.* slavegirl.
- zɔnzɔɔ** [zɔnzɔɔ] *n.* mud-wasp.

**zɔ(ɔ)**<sub>1</sub> [zɔɔ] *n.* slave.  
**zɔkɛ(ɛ)** *n.* slavery, servitude.  
**zɔnadi** *n.* master, lord, boss.  
**Zɔnadi** *n.* Lord.  
**zɔɔ'imida** [zɔɔ'imida] *n.* sugar ant.  
**zɔrɔ** [zɔrɔ] *n.* 1) bee. 2) honey.  
**zɔrɔ bu** *vt.* harvest honey.  
**zɔrɔdãŋko** [zɔrɔdãŋkò] *n.* beeswax.  
**zɔrɔ'i** [zɔrɔ'i] *n.* honey.  
**zɔrɔ(ɔ)** [zɔrɔɔ] *n.* gourd, rattle.  
**zɔrɔɔ de** *vt.* shake gourd rattle.  
**zɔrɔsako(o)** [zɔrɔsàkoo] *n.* honeycomb.  
**zɔ̃** [zɔ̃ zɔ̃] *vt.* stab, shoot (with arrow).  
**zɔ̃ ...ma** *vi.* find, discover.  
**zɔ̃ guma** *vi.* find place (in book).  
**zɔ̃zɔ̃** *vt.* stab (many).  
**zɔ̃bɔda'iwɪ** [zɔ̃bɔda'íwí] *n.* ibis.  
**zɔ̃gbara(a)** [zɔ̃gbaraa] *n.* fish scale.  
**zɔ̃go** *n.* tree species. *Boswellia dalzielii*.  
**zɔ̃go'ɔ** *n.* frankincense.  
**zɔ̃'izɔ** [zɔ̃'izɔ] *n.* fish dam.  
**zɔ̃kɔ̃n** [zɔ̃kɔ̃N] *n.* peck.  
**zɔ̃kɔ̃nke** [zɔ̃kɔ̃ŋkɛ kɛ] *vt.* peck.  
**zɔ̃kũ** [zɔ̃kũ kũ] *vi.* fish. *Syn:* zɔ̃tɔ̃, iwɛ.  
**zɔ̃(ɔ)** [zɔ̃ɔ] *n.* fish.  
**zɔ̃fu(u)** *n.* Nile perch. *Lates niloticus*.  
**zɔ̃tɛ(ɛ)** *n.* catfish.  
**zɔ̃ɔtɔ̃** [zɔ̃ɔtɔ̃ tɔ̃] *vi.* fish. *Syn:* zɔ̃kũ, iwɛ.  
**zɔ̃saa** [zɔ̃sàà] *n.* upside-down catfish.  
*Clarias gariepinus/anguillaris*.  
**zɔ̃yɛɛ(ɛ)** [zɔ̃yɛɛɛ] *n.* fishbone.  
**zɔ̃yɔ̃** [zɔ̃jɔ̃] *n.* side fin. *Lit:* 'fish breast'.  
**zu** [zu zù] *vt.* throw, transplant.  
**zuzu** *vi.* swing.  
 — *vt.* toss about.  
**zuzuna(a)** *n.* tossing, turbulence.  
**zuda** [zudà] *n.* African civet cat. *Civettictis civetta*. *Variant:* juda. *From:* Hausa.

**zugu** [zúgù] *n.* swamp, marsh.  
**zuguru adua** *n.* bitter leaf. *Vernonia colorata*.  
**zuguru buta** *n.* small tree species. *Terminalia brownii*.  
**zúku** [zúkú zùkú] *vt.* throw away/down (thing), knock down.  
**zukuna** *adj.* fallen.  
**zulli** [zulí] *n.* slope.  
**zullike** [zulike kè] *vi.* tumble down.  
**zullikena(a)** *n.* slope.  
**zumatě** *n.* wasp.  
**zumbeeni** [zumbeeni] *n.* red-billed firefinch. *Lagonosticta nitidula*.  
**zunku** [zun̄ku] *n.* yoke (of ox).  
**zunku di ...ni** *vt.* put under yoke.  
**zunni** [zúní] *n.* rainbow.  
**zunubi** [zunubì] *n.* sin. *From:* Hausa.  
**zunubibadi** *n.* sinless.  
**zunubinadi** *n.* guilty.  
**zunubikatagu** [zunubikatagu] *n.* place of atonement.  
**zunubikatana(a)** *n.* forgiveness of sin.  
**zunubike (...ni)** [zunubike kè] *vi.* sin (against).  
**zunubikeda** *n.* sinner.  
**zunubikena(a)** *n.* sinning, sin.  
**zuru** [zúru zùrù] *vi.* bathe.  
 — *vt.* bathe.  
**zuruda** *n.* bather.  
**zurugu** *n.* bathing place.  
**zurufe(ɛ)** [zúruféɛ] *n.* bathing bucket.  
**zù(u)** [zùu] *n.* buffalo. *Syncerus caffer*.  
**zuugu** *n.* small tree species. *Maranthes polyandra*.  
**zũmbɛbɛna(a)** [zũmbɛbɛnàà] *n.* trepidation.  
**zũmbɔ ...ma** [zũmbɔ bɔ] *vi.* despise,

forget.

**zūmfada** [zūmfàda] *n.* hot-tempered person.

**zūmfana(a)** *n.* temper, fury, anger.

**zūmfana(a)** [zūmfanàà] *n.* anger, temper.

**zūmfada** *n.* angry person.

**zūmfēde(ε)** [zūmfēdeε] *n.* anger.

**zūmfiafia** [zūmfiafia] *adj.* perplexed.

**zūmfianadi** *n.* double-minded person.

**zūmfuda(a)** [zūmfudaa] *n.* ill-temper, wrath, impetuosity.

**zūmfudanadi** *n.* hot-tempered person.

**zūmfu(u)** [zūmfuu] *n.* integrity, clean heart.

**zūmfunadi** *n.* honest person.

**zūmvāninadi** [zūmvāninàdi] *n.* person with evil/depraved heart/mind.

**zūn** [zūN] *n.* heart, mind.

**zūn ... ē** *vi.* comforted (be).

**zūn ... fa (...ji)** *vi.* angry at (be).

— *vt.* anger.

**zūn ... iri ...ma** *vi.* attached to (be), closely bound to (be).

**zūn ... kata** *vi.* terrified (be), palpitations (have).

**zūn ... ke nda** *vi.* happy (be).

**zū keε shite** *vt.* change mind.

**zūn tata ...ni** *vt.* make heart insensitive.

**zūn vāni** *n.* evil/perverse heart.

**zūn ... waaji ... ma** *vi.* desire.

**zūn... wuri** *vi.* sad/depressed (be), regret.

**zūnnadi** *n.* quick-tempered person.

**zūncirike** [zūncirike kè] *vt.* mourn for.

**zūndi** [zūndi dì] *vi.* expire, gasp.

**zūndɔ ...ma** [zūndɔ dɔ] *vi.* remember person/thing. Má zūndɔa'mma. I will remember you.

**zūndɔmabɔ(ɔ)** *n.* memorial, reminder.

**zūndu(u)** [zūndùù] *n.* wholeheartedness, sincerity.

**zūndunadi** *n.* gentle/sincere person.

**zūn'ě ...ni** [zūn'ě 'ě] *vt.* comfort.

**zūn'ěda** *n.* comforter, encourager.

**zūn'ěna(a)** *n.* comfort, serenity.

**zūn'ěnanadi** *n.* calm/serene person, man of peace.

**zūn'ěnayã** *n.* word of comfort/encouragement.

**zūngbāda(a)** [zūngbādaa] *n.* courage.

**zūngbādabadi** *n.* coward.

**zūngbādanadi** *n.* brave/courageous person.

**zūngbādaake** [zūngbādaake kè] *vi.* courageous (be).

**zūnka** [zūŋka kà] *vi.* hope, expect.

**zūnka ...ma** *vi.* set heart on, hope.

**zūnkabadi** *adj.* without expectation.

**zūnkana(a)** *n.* hope.

**zūnkatana(a)** [zūŋkatanàà] *n.* terror.

**zūnke ...zɔ** [zūŋke kè] *vi.* annoyed (be), show annoyance.

**zūnkeda** *n.* ill-tempered person.

**zūnkena** *n.* annoyance.

**zūnkolu** [zūŋkolu] *n.* recess of heart.

**zūnluyã** [zūŋluyã] *n.* inner thought, conscience.

**zūnna** [zūŋna nà] *vi.* patient (be).

**zūnnadi** *n.* patient person.

**zūnnana(a)** *n.* patience.

**zūn'nda(a)** [zūŋ'ndaa] *n.* happiness, joy.

**zūn'ndanadi** *n.* cheerful heart, happy person.

**zūn'ndayã** *n.* matter of joy.

**zūn'ndaake** [zūŋ'ndaake kè] *vi.* rejoice, happy (be).

— *vt.* celebrate.

**zūn'ndakebɔ(ɔ)** *n.* delight.

**zũn'ndakɛda** *n.* rejoicer, reveler.

**zũn'ndakɛna(a)** *n.* pleasure, revelry.

**zũnnɔɔ** [zũ̀nɔɔ] *n.* goodwill.

**zũnnɔɔke(ɛ)** *n.* noble character.

**zũnnɔɔnadi** *n.* kind-hearted/noble person.

**zũnsori** [zũ̀nsòri sòrì] *vi.* repent, change heart.

**zũnsorina(a)** *n.* repentance.

**zũntungba ...ma** [zũ̀ntuŋba gbà] *vi.* lean on, depend on.

**zũntungbana(a)** *n.* reliance, dependance.

**zũnwina(a)** [zũ̀ŋwinàà] *n.* will, desire.

**zũnwinaa ke** *vt.* one's own will (do).

**zũnwucɛna(a)** [zũ̀ŋwùcɛnàà] *n.* peace of mind.

**zũnwuri** [zũ̀ŋwuri] *n.* sorrow, grief.

**zũnwurina(a)** *n.* heartache, crushed spirit, anguish.

**zũnwurinadi** *n.* sad/depressed person.

**zũnza(a)** [zũ̀nzàa] *n.* malice.

**zũnzanadi** *n.* malicious person.





## English – Kyanga finderlist

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### A - a

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- a certain *aadj.* ke(ε).
- a certain place *n.* guke(ε), *see:* gu(u).
- a little *adv.* jīn.
- aardvark *n.* sōcere.
- abandon *vi.* kakajikpa ...ji;  
*vi.* pākpa ...ji;  
*vi.* tu.
- abandoned farm *n.* sagara (1).
- abandonment *n.* pākpana(a), *see:* pākpa ...ji;  
*n.* tuna(a), *see:* tu.
- abcess *n.* bōbūnu.
- Abdim's stork *n.* sumatē(ε).
- ability *n.* fōna(a), *see:* fō<sub>1</sub>.
- able (be) *vi.* fō<sub>1</sub>.
- abnormal *aadj.* jerebadi, *see:* jere.
- abort *vi.* gberēezuku.
- abortion *n.* gberēzukuna(a), *see:* gberēezuku.
- abound in *vi.* dakū ...ma, *see:* dakū.
- about *post.* du ... saara, *see:* du;  
*post.* saara.
- about to (be) *vi.* waaji.
- about 3 pm *n.* usō'arina(a).
- above *adv.* musu<sub>1</sub>;  
*post.* musu<sub>1</sub>.
- abstain from *vi.* tē<sub>1</sub>.
- abstract marker suffixed to nouns *ptcl.* -ke(ε).
- abundance *n.* gbāake(ε), *see:* gbāa.
- abundant *adj.* gbāa;  
*adv.* bakara;  
*adv.* gbāa.
- abuse *n.* gūsusōna(a), *see:* gūsusōda;  
*n.* susōna(a), *see:* susō;  
*vt.* susō.
- abuser *n.* gūsusōda;  
*n.* susōda, *see:* susō.
- accept *vi.* shi<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* yā shi, *see:* yā.
- acceptance *n.* shina(a), *see:* shi<sub>2</sub>.
- accident (have) *vi.* marake.
- accompany *vi.* yaa kpaaji, *see:* yā.
- accord *n.* ledu(u).
- account *n.* deedeekena(a), *see:* deedeeke (...ni).
- accumulate *vi.* lafa;  
*vi.* lake;  
*vt.* lake.
- accusation *n.* yānana(a), *see:* yāna ...ma.
- accuse *vi.* taali'iri ...ma;  
*vi.* yādi ...ma;

- vi.* yāna ...ma;  
*vi.* yānafi ...ma.
- accuser *n.* taali'irida, *see:* taali'iri ...ma;  
*n.* yānada, *see:* yāna ...ma.
- acerbic *adj.* neɣeneɣe(ɛ) (2), *see:*  
 neɣeneɣe;  
*adj.* neɣeneɣe.
- acidic *adj.* fēde(ɛ).
- acknowledgement *intj.* nn.
- acknowledging a greeting (men) *intj.*  
 ngwaa.
- acknowledging a greeting (women) *intj.*  
 ngwe.
- acquaintance *n.* gūḍna(a).
- acquisition *n.* lina(a), *see:* li<sub>2</sub>.
- acquit *vt.* bə yālu, *see:* bə.
- acquitted (be) *vi.* bə yālu, *see:* bə.
- act *n.* yā;  
*vi.* fəke;  
*vi.* yāke.
- act as midwife *vi.* ni'ishi.
- act bravely *n.* nigōnikεε ke, *see:* nigōni.
- act hypocritically *vi.* munafikike.
- act wisely toward *vi.* dabalike ...ni.
- action *n.* yāke;  
*n.* yākena(a), *see:* yāke.
- actions *n.* yākenana, *see:* yāke.
- activity *n.* fōnakena(a);  
*n.* kena(a), *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.
- actor suffix *ptcl.* -da.
- acts *n.* fōnakena(a).
- Adam's apple *n.* ləkōni.
- add *vi.* lake;  
*vt.* lafa ...ma, *see:* lafa;  
*vt.* lake.
- add for *vi.* lafa ...ni, *see:* lafa.
- Adessive suffix *post.* -ji<sub>2</sub>.
- admire *vi.* nōfi.
- admit guilt/fault *vt.* taali dō, *see:* taali.
- adult *n.* guce'ashi;  
*n.* gū'ashi.
- adulterer *n.* gbācikedā, *see:* gbācike;  
*n.* zinakedā, *see:* zinake.
- adultery *n.* gbācikena(a), *see:* gbācike;  
*n.* zina.
- adultery (commit) *vi.* gbācike (2).
- advice *n.* yākpāna(a), *see:* yākpā ...ni.
- advise *vi.* yākpā ...ni;  
*vt.* gba yā, *see:* gba.
- advisor *n.* yākpāda, *see:* yākpā ...ni.
- aerial *n.* ɛria.
- aeroplane *n.* musuguru.
- affect *vi.* tō ...ma, *see:* tō<sub>3</sub>.
- affected by tree parasite (be) *vi.* fāнке.
- afraid (be) *vt.* wohu ... kū, *see:* wohu.
- African bark *n.* saweje.
- African birch *n.* kato.
- African civet cat *n.* zuda.
- African dwarf crocodile *n.* kwāzā(a).
- African eggplant *n.* kpáta.
- African fan palm (mature) *n.* shika<sub>1</sub>.
- African fan palm (young) *n.* guba(a).
- African firefinch *n.* layanicē(ɛ), *see:* layani.
- African giant kingfisher *n.* kucikuci.
- African green snake *n.* wulilalamene(ɛ).
- African harrier hawk *n.* kperεkigo.
- African locust bean tree *n.* kōnō<sub>3</sub>.
- African mahogany *n.* mōga.
- African mesquite *n.* ciba (2).
- African paradise fly-catcher *n.* kēkē.
- African peach *n.* kpisāsā.
- African rock python *n.* meneda.
- after *post.* gbēji.
- again *adv.* mōnō.

- against (be) *vi.* gaabake ...zɔ;  
*vi.* je ...ji, *see:* je.
- agama lizard *n.* jankpata.
- age *n.* jidake(ε), *see:* jida(a).
- agitate *vi.* yākicika.
- agitated (be) *vi.* dugukpa;  
*vi.* gigike.
- agree *vi.* lé ke du ...zɔ, *see:* lé;  
*vi.* lɛdakū (...ji);  
*vi.* wi ...ji.
- agree with *vi.* koko ...gbēji, *see:* koko;  
*vi.* kūshi ...zɔ;  
*vt.* wi.
- agreeable to spirit (be) *vt.* kākā shi, *see:* kākā.
- agreement *n.* lɛdakūna(a), *see:* lɛdakū (...ji);  
*n.* lɛkedu.
- ahead *adv.* εε.
- ahead (of) *padj.* watalu (...ni), *see:* watalu.
- aid *vt.* gaake.
- air *n.* utu.
- alcohol *n.* sɔlɔbi.
- alert (be) *vi.* weretēε ...ma.
- alive *adj.* bite.
- alive (be) *vi.* bii hundiizɔ, *see:* bii<sub>2</sub>;  
*vi.* bite.
- all *adv.* pai;  
*adv.* shā;  
*adv.* suka;  
*post.* pai.
- all of us *pro.* wopai.
- all over the place *adv.* kakakaca.
- Allative postposition *post.* -lɛ.
- allow *vi.* tu;  
*vi.* wiji ...ni, *see:* wi ...ji;  
*vt.* gba jεε, *see:* gba.
- Almighty *n/aadj.* Gbādapainadi.
- alone *padj.* din.
- already *adv.* kɔ.
- altar *n.* sāmakεgu, *see:* sāmake ...ma.
- always *adv.* dipai;  
*adv.* dishā;  
*adv.* lootopai.
- amaze *vt.* mamaakike ...ni.
- among *post.* ataalu (1).
- amuse *vt.* gba yu, *see:* gba.
- amuse oneself *vi.* kukūke.
- amusement *n.* kukū;  
*n.* kukūyā, *see:* kukū<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* yù.
- ancestors *n.* dijina, *see:* diji.
- anchor *n.* kange(e).
- ancient *aadj.* jida(a).
- ancient time *n.* yāa.
- and *cnj.* kūni ...zɔ;  
*cnj.* mɔnɔ.
- anew *padj.* dεε, *see:* dεε(ε).
- angel *n.* mala'ika.
- anger *n.* fēde(ε);  
*n.* zūmfana(a), *see:* zūmfada;  
*n.* zūmfana(a);  
*n.* zūmfēde(ε);  
*vt.* zūn ... fa (...ji), *see:* zūn.
- angry at (be) *vi.* zūn ... fa (...ji), *see:* zūn.
- angry person *n.* zūmfada, *see:* zūmfana(a).
- anguish *n.* zūnwurina(a), *see:* zūnwuri.
- animal *n.* sō(ɔ)<sub>2</sub> (1).
- animal hide *n.* sōshe(ε).
- animal owner *n.* tubɔnadi, *see:* tubɔ(ɔ).
- animal's foot *n.* tē<sub>2</sub>.
- ankle *n.* gbɛlɔkɔ.
- ankle bone *n.* gbɛwεε.
- announce *vi.* heeke;  
*vi.* kasheedika.
- announcement *n.* kasheedi;

- n. kasheedikana(a), *see*:  
 kasheedika.
- announcer *n.* heekeda, *see*: heeke;  
*n.* kasheedikada, *see*: kasheedika.
- annoy *vi.* ndakpa ...lu;  
*vt.* kankanke (2).
- annoyance *n.* zūnkena, *see*: zūnke ...zɔ.
- annoyed (be) *vi.* zūnke ...zɔ.
- annulled *padj.* kakaji.
- anoint *vt.* yōnɔ ka ...wa, *see*: yōnɔ.
- another *adj.* du(u), *see*: du.
- another place *n/adv.* kpata ke(ε), *see*: kpata<sub>2</sub>.
- answer *n.* yācina(a), *see*: yāci ...ni;  
*n.* yāwina(a), *see*: yāwi ...ni;  
*vi.* wi ...ni, *see*: wi;  
*vi.* yācēε ...ma, *see*: yācēε ...ni;  
*vi.* yāci ...ni;  
*vi.* yāma ...ma, *see*: yāma;  
*vi.* yāwi ...ni;  
*vt.* ci ...ni (2), *see*: ci<sub>1</sub>.
- answer back *vi.* yācēε ...ni.
- answer (prayer) *vi.* shi ...ni, *see*: shi<sub>2</sub>.
- ant *n.* bɔrɔ(na).
- anthill *n.* jè(ε) (2).
- antimony *n.* kiro.
- anus *n.* kpiti'ere(ε).
- anvil *n.* indi.
- any *adj.* ke(ε).
- anyone *n.* gūkan;  
*n.* gūke(ε).
- anything *n.* fɔke(ε), *see*: fɔ.
- apart *padj.* duna.
- apart from *post.* baashi(ba).
- apologise to *vi.* yaafake ...ni, *see*: yaafake.
- apology *n.* yaafa.
- apostle *n.* mɔzɔ.
- apostleship *n.* mɔzɔke(ε), *see*: mɔzɔ.
- appeal *n.* kankankena(a), *see*: kankanke.
- appear to *vi.* bɔ ... nu ...ma, *see*: bɔ.
- appease *vi.* suruke (...ni/zɔ);  
*vi.* yaafake ...ni, *see*: yaafake;  
*vi.* yaafatɔ ...ma.
- apply *vt.* dɔkɔ ...ma.
- apply eyeshadow *vt.* kiro ka, *see*: kiro.
- apply perfume to *vt.* turare ka ...ma, *see*:  
 turare.
- apply to *vt.* ma(ma) ...ma, *see*: ma<sub>2</sub>.
- apply/rub with oil *vt.* yōnɔ dɔkɔ, *see*: yōnɔ.
- appoint *vt.* ka<sub>2</sub>.
- apprehensive (be) *vi.* gicike.
- approach *vi.* maanike;  
*vi.* nu ... gu, *see*: nu;  
*vi.* nu ...ji, *see*: nu.
- appropriate (be) *vi.* kū (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.
- appropriate for (be) *vi.* himake ...zɔ (2).
- approximately *post.* saara.
- archer *n.* kɔzuda.
- archery *n.* kɔzuna(a), *see*: kò(ɔ).
- argue *vi.* fi gba, *see*: fi ...ni;  
*vi.* gadamake.
- argument *n.* gadama;  
*n.* gadamakena(a), *see*: gadamake.
- armour-bearer *vi.* dēkebɔkūda.
- armpit *n.* gāsā(a)<sub>1</sub>.
- armrest *n.* ɔbadigu.
- army *n.* soojena, *see*: sooje.
- aroused (be) *vi.* duwere ... kpete, *see*:  
 duwere.
- arrange *vt.* mɔɔke (1).
- arrest *n.* kūna(a), *see*: kū (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.
- arrival *n.* nuna(a), *see*: nu.
- arrive *vi.* buru<sub>1</sub>;  
*vi.* nu.
- arrive at *vi.* buru ...ma, *see*: buru<sub>1</sub>.

arrogance *n.* dɔkɛ;  
*n.* mi'ashikena(a), *see:* mi'ashike;  
*n.* miihitena(a), *see:* miihite.  
arrogant (be) *vi.* mi'ashike.  
arrogant person *n.* mi'ashikeda, *see:*  
mi'ashike.  
arrogant towards (be) *vi.* miihiteke ...ni.  
arrow *n.* kò(ɔ).  
arrow shaft *n.* kɔba.  
arrow tip *n.* kɔwɛɛ.  
as for *ptcl.* kɪn.  
as long as *cnj.* hari (3).  
asa far as *cnj.* kara.  
ashes *n.* cɛci(i).  
ask *vi.* yālalu ...ma;  
*vt.* wotuke (...ma).  
ask for *vt.* lalɔ.  
ask from *vt.* lalɔ ...ma, *see:* lalɔ.  
ask many *vt.* lalulalu, *see:* lalɔ.  
ask pardon *vt.* zɛɛ.  
asleep *adv.* iwɛɛ.  
assembled *ptcl.* dakūna, *see:* dakū.  
assembly *n.* dakūna(a), *see:* dakū.  
assist *vt.* gaake.  
assistance *n.* gaakena(a), *see:* gaake.  
assistant *n.* gaakeda, *see:* gaake.  
associate with each other *vi.* gē kūlu, *see:* gē.  
astonish *vi.* mamaakikpa ...ni.  
astrologer *n.* sɔɔyādɔda.  
at a certain day *adv.* dike(ɛ), *see:* di.  
at ease *ptcl.* ēna, *see:* ē.  
at ease (be) *vi.* ndaama.

at first *ptcl.* sàra.  
at ford *adv.* buragu, *see:* bura.  
at gate *adv.* bɔgu, *see:* bɔ.  
at that time *adv.* dibɛɛdi.  
at the farm *adv.* jɛwi.  
at this precise time *post.* mɔkalaale.  
at what time *adv.* di kpaci, *see:* di.  
Ataura *n.* Ataura.  
attached to (be) *vi.* zūn ... iri ...ma, *see:* zūn.  
attack *vi.* fē ...ma, *see:* fē;  
*vt.* hē ...ma.  
attain to *vi.* buru ...ji, *see:* buru.  
attendant *n.* iba(a).  
attention *n.* laakali;  
*n.* laakalikena(a), *see:* laakalike  
...ma.  
at/to kitchen *adv.* cɛkagu, *see:* cɛka.  
attract attention to *vt.* wɛɛzɔ.  
Attributive participle marker *ptcl.* -na(a).  
augur *n.* masukeda, *see:* masuke;  
*vi.* masuke.  
aunt *n.* hawe.  
authority *n.* iiko.  
avenge *vi.* fansashi ...ma;  
*vi.* findebu ...ma (2).  
avoid *vi.* ɔde ...ni.  
avoid people who are dirty/have sickness  
*vt.* fēteke.  
awake *vt.* vɔ.  
awake/alert/vigilant (be) *ptcl.* vɔna, *see:* vɔ.  
axe *n.* mɔni, *see:* mò(ɔ).

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baboon *n.* ankpata.  
baby *n.* nitēne.  
baby lamb *n.* tambuni bɔtɔ, *see:* tambu.  
baby sling *n.* kunahau.  
baby-wrap *n.* pɔcɛ'iribɔ(ɔ).  
bachelor *n.* pushi.

- back *n.* gbēji;  
*n.* kpiri.
- back of head *n.* kpako.
- backbone *n.* kpiriyeɛ(ɛ).
- back-handedly *adv.* ɔgbēji.
- backrest *n.* kpirinagu.
- backside *n.* kpiti (1);  
*n.* kpiti'u.
- backslider *n.* gbējicēɛda.
- backwards *adv.* gbējigbēji, *see:* gbēji.
- bacteria *n.* gegbini.
- bad *adj.* vāni.
- bad (become) *vi.* vānikū.
- bad breath *n.* levūn.
- bad character *n.* dà(a).
- bad omen *n.* kóhi (1).
- bad report *n.* kiine.
- bad thing *n.* fɔ vāni, *see:* fɔ.
- bad/evil person *n.* gūvāni.
- badly *adv.* vānivāni, *see:* vāni.
- bag *n.* bɔɔ(ɔ);  
*n.* sɔnɔ(ɔ) (1).
- bake bread *vt.* burodi kɛ, *see:* burodi.
- baker *n.* burodikɛda.
- bald man *n.* mibarananadi, *see:*  
mibarana(a).
- baldness *n.* mibarana(a).
- ball *n.* kɔlo.
- ball point pen *n.* biiro (1).
- balsam spurge *n.* diyɔ akɔ, *see:* diyɔ'i.
- bamboo *n.* kāna(a);  
*n.* wabangere (1).
- banana *n.* aiba.
- bangle *n.* ɔzā(a).
- bank of *post.* baa<sub>2</sub>.
- bank of stream *n.* orolɛ.
- banquet hall *adv.* fɔbikolu.
- baobab *n.* fɔnɔ.
- baptise *vi.* ka'iwikɛ.
- baptised (be) *vt.* ka iwi, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.
- baptiser *n.* ka'iwikɛda, *see:* ka'iwikɛ.
- baptism *n.* ka'iwikɛna(a), *see:* ka'iwikɛ.
- bar *n/adv.* wēmigu, *see:* wēemi;  
*vt.* kaakaabu ka ...ni, *see:*  
kaakaabu.
- bar (of gate) *n.* kaakaabu.
- Barbados nut *n.* bukatunu.
- barbary shrike *n.* suuda.
- barber *n.* mibuda, *see:* miibu.
- bark *n.* gbara(a);  
*vi.* dīnda ...ma.
- bark (of dog) *n.* dīn.
- bark (tree) *n.* akɔgbara(a).
- barn *n/adv.* fɔwerekagu.
- barn owl *n.* koro'ashi, *see:* koro.
- barren *adv.* nɛda(a).
- barren (become) *vi.* nɛdaakū.
- barren (land) *adj.* genadi, *see:* ge(ɛ).
- barren woman *n.* nɛda(a).
- barter *vi.* lagakɛ.
- base (mountain) *n.* kpiti (2).
- bastard *n.* djiibadi, *see:* djii;  
*n.* gɔkɛni, *see:* gɔkɛ;  
*n.* sheegeni.
- bat *n.* dabeni.
- batchelor *n.* nɛbadi, *see:* nɛ(ɛ).
- bath *n.* firina(a), *see:* firi<sub>3</sub>.
- bathe *vi.* zuru;  
*vt.* zuru.
- bather *n.* zuruda, *see:* zuru.
- bathing bucket *n.* zurufe(ɛ).
- bathing place *n.* zurugu, *see:* zuru.
- battle *n.* dēbu(u);  
*n.* dēbukɛna(a), *see:* dēbuukɛ.

- battle armour *n.* dēbutɔɔ(ɔ).  
 battlefield *adv.* dēbugu, *see:* dēbu(u);  
     *n.* dēbugu, *see:* dēbu(u).  
 bay *n.* lɔkɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub> (2).  
 be *vi.* bi<sub>2</sub>;  
     *vi.* kɛ<sub>1</sub>.  
 beach *adv.* ilɛ.  
 bead *n.* bue du(u), *see:* bue.  
 bead waistband *n.* buɛ.  
 beam *n.* bisa (2).  
 beans *n.* bɔa.  
 bear (child) *vt.* i.  
 bear fruit *vi.* ni'i (2).  
 bear grudge against *vi.* yākū ...zɔ.  
 beard *n.* lekākā.  
 beat *vt.* wā;  
     *vt.* wāwā, *see:* wā.  
 beat (rain) *vt.* gbē.  
 beaten up *adv.* bugubugu.  
 beating *n.* wāna(a), *see:* wā;  
     *n.* wāwāna(a), *see:* wā.  
 beat/play drum *vt.* maa de, *see:* mǎ(a)<sub>2</sub>.  
 beautiful *adj.* nɔɔ.  
 beauty *n.* nɔkɛ(ɛ), *see:* nɔɔ.  
 because *conj.* dun<sub>1</sub> (2);  
     *conj.* ka ...yāaji, *see:* ka<sub>1</sub>.  
 because of *post.* yāaji.  
 become black/dark *vi.* ci<sub>2</sub>.  
 become defiled *vi.* gbācike (1).  
 become ill *vt.* gɛɛ shite, *see:* gɛ(ɛ).  
 become possession of *vi.* gbɛɛgū ...ni, *see:*  
     gbɛɛgū.  
 become pregnant by *vi.* gbisheke ...zɔ, *see:*  
     gbisheke.  
 become thick *vi.* itē.  
 become worse *vi.* zakū.  
 bed *n.* wuceɔ(ɔ), *see:* wuce.
- bed or bench *n.* karaga.  
 bedbug *n.* gūma.  
 bedroom *n.* igu, *see:* i.  
 bee *n.* zɔrɔ (1).  
 bee species *n.* gobi (1).  
 bee-eater *n.* cɛbā(a).  
 beehive (man made) *n.* sɔ(ɔ) (2).  
 beer *n.* wē(ɛ).  
 beer brewer *n.* wēkeda.  
 beer drinker *n.* wēmida, *see:* wēemi.  
 beer drinking place *n/adv.* wēmigu, *see:*  
     wēemi.  
 beeswax *n.* zɔrɔdānko.  
 benefit *vi.* kū (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.  
 before *adv.* yāa.  
 before (locative) *post.* watalu.  
 before (time) *conj.* zaa.  
 before (with IMPRF verb) *conj.* hari (2).  
 befriend *vi.* tɔkɛ ...zɔ.  
 beg *vi.* barake;  
     *vi.* yaafatɔ ...ma;  
     *vt.* wotuke (...ma).  
 beggar *n.* barakeda, *see:* barake.  
 begin *vi.* ɔka ...ji.  
 begin to *vi.* farashi ...ni.  
 begin to speak *vi.* yāshite.  
 beginning *n.* farashina(a), *see:* farashi ...ni;  
     *n.* ɔkana(a) (1), *see:* ɔka ...ji.  
 behaviour *n.* yākɛna(a), *see:* yāke.  
 behind *post.* gbēji.  
 being *n.* kɛna(a), *see:* kɛ<sub>1</sub>.  
 believe *vi.* shi<sub>2</sub>;  
     *vt.* yā shi, *see:* yā.  
 believe in *vt.* amincike.  
 believe (in) *vt.* yādaakpa ...ni.  
 believer *n.* ladu'amincinadi, *see:*  
     ladu'amincibadi.

- believer in *n.* yādakpada, *see:* yādaakpa ...ni.
- believer (in God) *n.* laduyākada, *see:* laduyākabadi.
- believe/trust in God *vt.* Ladu amincike, *see:* Ladu.
- belittle *vt.* jĩmbɔ ...zɔ.
- bell *n.* goda.
- belly *n.* gbɛɛ(ɛ)<sub>1</sub>.
- bellyache *n.* gbɛɛ'azu.
- belongings *n.* asuna, *see:* asu.
- beloved *n.* wida, *see:* wi ...ji.
- below *adv.* cɛɛɛ.
- belt *n.* bɛ(ɛ).
- bemoan *vi.* waiyooke ...ni.
- bend down (to) *vi.* kuce (...ni)<sub>1</sub> (1).
- bend over *vi.* kokoda.
- beneath *post.* kucelu (1).
- Benefactive suffix *post.* -ni.
- benevolence *n.* guceke(ɛ) (1), *see:* guce; *n.* gucekeɛkena(a), *see:* gucekeɛke ...ni.
- benevolent person *n.* gucekekedada, *see:* gucekeɛke ...ni.
- Benin Republic *n.* Benɛɛ.
- bent *padj.* kukudana, *see:* kukuda.
- bent (be) *vi.* fitɛ.
- berlinia *n.* fa(a)<sub>3</sub>.
- beside *post.* kuma; *post.* kutu<sub>1</sub>.
- beside hip *adv.* tũnji, *see:* tũn.
- betray *vi.* bɔ ... gbɛji, *see:* bɔ.
- betrayer *n.* bɔdagũgbɛji; *n.* kada'ɔlu.
- better *adj.* daamanadi, *see:* daama.
- better (be) *vt.* daama zɔ, *see:* daama.
- between *post.* buden.
- between (locative) *post.* ataalu (1).
- beware of *vi.* laakalika ...ji; *vi.* laakalike ... zɔ, *see:* laakalike ...ma.
- beyond *post.* gbɛji.
- biceps *n.* ɔbazanga.
- bicycle *n.* keke<sub>2</sub>; *n.* mɔbisa.
- big *adj.* ashi.
- big person *n.* guce'ashi.
- big toe *n.* gbɛnimida.
- biharzia *n.* nenage(ɛ).
- bile *n.* āa (2).
- bilharzia *n.* nenatɛ(ɛ), *see:* nenage(ɛ).
- bind *vt.* fɛ<sub>1</sub>; *vt.* iri<sub>1</sub>.
- bind/wind on *vt.* fɛ(fɛ) ...ma, *see:* fɛ<sub>1</sub>.
- biological child *n.* ni ina(a), *see:* ni; *n.* ni'ina(a) (2), *see:* ni'i.
- biological father *n.* dii'ida.
- biological mother *n.* dɔɔ'ida.
- bird *n.* bā(a).
- birdlime *n.* bāgbɔ(ɔ).
- birdtrap *n.* firi<sub>2</sub> (2).
- birth *n.* ina(a), *see:* i.
- birthday *n/adv.* idi, *see:* i.
- birthing/delivery time *n.* ni'idi, *see:* ni'i.
- birthpains *n.* ni'l'azu.
- birthright *n.* nisarakejere.
- Bisā *n.* Busa.
- biscuit *n.* kàra(a).
- bit (for horse) *n.* kaba.
- bitch *n.* gbɛ negũ, *see:* gbɛ(ɛ)<sub>1</sub>.
- bite *vi.* sɔka ...ni.
- bite lip at (in anger) *vi.* sɔka leni ...ma, *see:* sɔka ...ni.
- bitter *adj.* āa.
- bitter leaf *n.* tuma;



n. zuguru adua.  
 bitterness *n.* āake(ε), *see:* āa;  
*n.* gōri (2).  
 black *adj.* ci(i), *see:* ci<sub>2</sub>;  
*ptcl.* -ci, *see:* ci<sub>2</sub>.  
 black coals *n.* cecihici.  
 black cobra *n.* digo.  
 black crowned crane *n.* kūmaye.  
 black fonio *n.* wuta(a).  
 black kite *n.* kperε(ε) (2).  
 black magic *n.* ijēkena(a), *see:* ijēke.  
 black magic (do) *vt.* kōteke.  
 black man *n.* shēci(i), *see:* shē(ε).  
 black scrub robin *n.* kyakukyaku.  
 black seed used in soup *n.* cinga.  
 black soil *n.* āatē ci(i), *see:* āatē.  
 black stork *n.* shamuwa.  
 black stormclouds *n.* laduciri.  
 black-bellied bustard *n.* tōka.  
 blackboard *n.* allo (2).  
 black/dark (become) *vi.* ciri.  
 blacken *vt.* ciri.  
 blacksmith *n.* ciba (1);  
*n.* shiba.  
 bladder *n.* asasatōw.  
 blade of grass *n.* shēni, *see:* shē(ε);  
*n.* shēlala.  
 blade (weapon) *n.* nene (2).  
 blame *vi.* yānafi ...ma.  
 blanket *n.* bōrōgō.  
 blaspheme *vi.* dōke ...zō, *see:* dōke.  
 bleed *vi.* ama ... bō, *see:* ama<sub>1</sub>.  
 bleed profusely *vi.* ama ... ice, *see:* ama<sub>1</sub>.  
 blemish *n.* laru.  
 blemished *adj.* larunadi, *see:* laru.  
 blemished/defiled (be) *vi.* laruke.  
 blend *vt.* ku.

bless *vi.* albalikaka ...ni;  
*vi.* garaake ...ni.  
 bless (human) *vi.* garanōfi ...ni.  
 blessed one *n.* albalikanadi, *see:* albalika.  
 blessing *n.* albalika;  
*n.* garakena(a), *see:* garaake ...ni.  
 blight (on grain) *n.* buci(i).  
 blind *vt.* vīake.  
 blind (become) *vi.* vīake.  
 blind man *n.* vīa.  
 blindness *n.* vīake(ε), *see:* vīa.  
 blink *vi.* kamike;  
*vi.* weredede;  
*vi.* werēkamike.  
 blink of an eye *n.* werēkami.  
 block *n.* kukū<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* le<sub>2</sub>.  
 block way *vi.* kaka ...ji, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* jere le ...ni, *see:* jere.  
 block way for *vi.* guule ..ni.  
 blockage *n.* gukena.  
 blocked (be) *vi.* sōsō.  
 blocker *n.* leda, *see:* le<sub>2</sub>.  
 blood *n.* ama<sub>1</sub>.  
 bloom (maize silk) *vi.* wasaabō.  
 bloom (sorghum) *vi.* gu.  
 blotched genet *n.* namuntēnci(i), *see:*  
 namuntēne.  
 blow *vi.* vō<sub>4</sub>;  
*vt.* vō<sub>4</sub>.  
 blow air on (with mouth) *vt.* utuvō (...ma).  
 blow (horn) *vt.* fē<sub>2</sub> (2).  
 blow horn *vt.* kuru fō, *see:* kuru<sub>2</sub>.  
 blow nose *vt.* kyāa fē, *see:* kyā(a).  
 blow reed whistle *vt.* hehere fē, *see:* hehere.  
 blow trumpet *vt.* kāakāaki fē, *see:* kāakāaki.  
 blow up *vi.* kaka, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.

- blow/fan fire *vi.* cɛvɔ̃.
- blowing *n.* fɛkna(a), *see:* fẽ₂.
- blown by wind (be) *vt.* utu ... shite, *see:* utu.
- blue *adj.* boogu.
- blue or purple dye *n.* gaalula.
- blue or purple dyed *adj.* gaalulanadi, *see:* gaalula.
- Blue-cheeked bee-eater *n.* cɛbã(a) (3).
- blunt (be) *vi.* ga (2).
- boast *n.* burunakɛbɔ(ɔ), *see:* burunakɛ (...ji);  
*vi.* mi'ashike.
- boast (about) *vi.* burunakɛ (...ji).
- boasting *n.* buruna(a), *see:* buru₁.
- boat *n.* gúru (2);  
*n.* guru'i(mu);  
*n.* iguru.
- boat dock *n.* guru'imu'irigu.
- body *n.* duwɛɛ.
- body hair *n.* duwɛɛkākã.
- body member *n.* duwɛɛ gu(u), *see:* duwɛɛ.
- bodyguard *n.* dogari.
- bogged (get) *vi.* ɔ₁.
- boil *vi.* fíri₃;  
*vt.* fíri₃ (1).
- Boko *n.* Busa.
- Bokobaru *n.* Busa.
- bondage *adj.* irina(a), *see:* iri₁.
- bond-servant *n.* zəkɛda, *see:* zəkɛ ...ni.
- bone *n.* yɛɛ(ɛ).
- bony *adj.* yɛɛnadi, *see:* yɛɛ(ɛ).
- book *n.* takada;  
*n.* tira.
- Borgu *n.* Barugu.
- Borgu inhabitants *n.* baraguna, *see:* Barugu.
- born in home *n.* kwaaceni, *see:* kwaace.
- borrow *vi.* findeshi;
- vt.* arokɛ.
- borrower *n.* arokɛda, *see:* arokɛ.
- boss *n.* zɔnadi, *see:* zɔ(ɔ)₁.
- bother *vi.* ndakpa ...lu;  
*vi.* ɔ̃ ...ma;  
*vt.* de (2);  
*vt.* kankankɛ (2);  
*vt.* taabandike.
- bottle *n.* kwalaba.
- bottom *n.* kpiti'u.
- bottom (hill) *post.* kucelu (2).
- bottom lip *n.* lecerɛ.
- bound *adj.* fẽfẽna, *see:* fẽfẽ.
- bound up *adj.* iri'irina, *see:* iri₁.
- boundary *n.* tara(a).
- boundary stone *n.* taragbɛɛ(ɛ).
- bow *n.* sá(a);  
*vi.* kuce (...ni)₁ (1).
- bow down (many) *vi.* kucekuce, *see:* kuce (...ni)₁.
- bow down (to) *vi.* miizɔ̃ (...ni) cɛɛ.
- bow head to *vi.* miikuce ...ni.
- bow (of boat) *n.* guru'ɛɛ.
- bowed down *adj.* kucena, *see:* kuce (...ni)₁.
- bowl (plastic/metal) *n.* fɛ(ɛ) (2).
- bowstring *n.* sabɛ(ɛ).
- boy *n.* nigõni.
- boyfriend of married woman *n.* gõbushi (2).
- bracelet *n.* zã(a);  
*n.* zã(a).
- brackish *adj.* nɛɛnɛɛɛ(ɛ) (1), *see:* nɛɛnɛɛɛ;  
*adj.* nɛɛnɛɛɛ.
- braiding of hair *n.* mitana(a), *see:* miitã.
- brain *n.* bórɔɔ;  
*n.* mibɔɔɔɔ.
- bran *n.* busuka (1);

branch		bring trouble (heat) to
	<i>n.</i> gasa.	
branch	<i>n.</i> ɔni (2); <i>vi.</i> fatana.	brevity <i>n.</i> kutuke(ε), <i>see:</i> kutu <sub>1</sub> .
branch of tree	<i>n.</i> akɔ'ɔni.	brew <i>vt.</i> ba <sub>2</sub> .
branch out	<i>vi.</i> ɔda ... ma.	brew beer <i>vt.</i> wɛɛ kɛ, <i>see:</i> wɛ(ε).
brand	<i>n.</i> lamba.	bribe <i>n.</i> gbakutu; <i>n.</i> ĩmbibɔ(ɔ), <i>see:</i> ĩmbi.
brass	<i>n.</i> mɔtɛ(ε), <i>see:</i> mɔ(ɔ).	bribe taker <i>n.</i> ĩmbida, <i>see:</i> ĩmbi.
brave/courageous person	<i>n.</i> zũngbādanadi, <i>see:</i> zũngbāda(a).	bribe taking <i>n.</i> ĩmbina(a), <i>see:</i> ĩmbi.
brazen/cheeky look	<i>n.</i> wɛrɛgandu.	brick <i>n.</i> kukũ <sub>2</sub> .
breach	<i>n.</i> horo.	brick (make) <i>vt.</i> kukũ bɔ, <i>see:</i> kukũ <sub>2</sub> .
bread	<i>n.</i> burodi.	brick-making <i>n.</i> kukũbɔna(a).
breadth	<i>n.</i> kusũn; <i>n.</i> lu(u).	bride <i>n.</i> nifi dɛɛ, <i>see:</i> nifi(i).
break	<i>n.</i> utumina(a), <i>see:</i> utumi; <i>vi.</i> ári; <i>vi.</i> wí; <i>vt.</i> ári; <i>vt.</i> wí.	bridegroom <i>n.</i> nenadi, <i>see:</i> nɛ(ε).
break camp	<i>vt.</i> gaa kpetɛ, <i>see:</i> gaa.	brideprice <i>n.</i> zāke'ɛa.
break down	<i>vt.</i> gboro.	bridge <i>n.</i> kodoroko.
break down (machine)	<i>vi.</i> ga (1).	bridge of nose <i>n.</i> ĩmbisa.
break neck	<i>vt.</i> lɔkɔfĩ.	bright <i>adj.</i> cɛkɛna(a), <i>see:</i> cɛkɛ; <i>adj.</i> gɛnɛshina(a), <i>see:</i> gɛnɛshi; <i>padj.</i> cɛkɛna, <i>see:</i> cɛkɛ.
break up	<i>vt.</i> bɔ kũma, <i>see:</i> bɔ; <i>vt.</i> katakata, <i>see:</i> kata <sub>2</sub> .	bright red <i>adv.</i> tɛɛ gamgam, <i>see:</i> tɛ(ε) <sub>3</sub> ; <i>ideo.</i> gamgam.
break wind	<i>vi.</i> tɔfɔ.	bright white <i>ideo.</i> taitai.
breast	<i>n.</i> yɔ̃ <sub>1</sub> (1).	brighten <i>vt.</i> fuukɛ.
breast milk	<i>n.</i> yɔ̃ <sub>1</sub> (2); <i>n.</i> yɔ̃'i.	brightness <i>n.</i> cɛkɛna(a), <i>see:</i> cɛkɛ.
breastbone	<i>n.</i> laluwɛɛ.	brimstone <i>n.</i> usɔ̃gbɔ(ɔ).
breastfeed	<i>vi.</i> yɔ̃kpa ...ni; <i>vi.</i> yɔ̃mi (...ma).	bring <i>vi.</i> nu ...zɔ, <i>see:</i> nu.
breath	<i>n.</i> lɛ'utu; <i>n.</i> wia, <i>see:</i> wi.	bring catastrophe <i>vt.</i> asorokɛ.
breathe	<i>vi.</i> wi.	bring down <i>vt.</i> icɛ (...ma).
breathing out	<i>ideo.</i> suhaa.	bring out for <i>vt.</i> bɔ ...ni, <i>see:</i> bɔ.
breathing space	<i>n.</i> wigu, <i>see:</i> wi.	bring out newborn <i>vi.</i> ni bɔ, <i>see:</i> ni.
		bring sign (to) <i>vi.</i> sheedu mɔ (...ni), <i>see:</i> sheedu.
		bring to <i>vi.</i> nu ...ni ...zɔ, <i>see:</i> nu; <i>vt.</i> buru ...ma, <i>see:</i> buru <sub>1</sub> .
		bring together <i>vi.</i> yāɔɔ ...ma.
		bring trouble for <i>vi.</i> yā'i ...ni.
		bring trouble (heat) to <i>vi.</i> fudaaka ...ma.

- broadcaster *n.* baalukpada, *see:* baalukpa (...ni).
- broadcasting *n.* baalukpana(a), *see:* baalukpa (...ni).
- broil *vt.* fufukε.
- broiled *aadj.* fufukεna, *see:* fufukε.
- broken *padj.* arina, *see:* ári.
- broken up *aadj.* wiwina(a), *see:* wí.
- bronze *n.* mɔtɛ̃(ε), *see:* mɔ̃(ɔ).
- broom *n.* mεshε.
- brother-in-law *n.* daku zã, *see:* daku;  
*n.* ikere zã, *see:* ikere.
- brought together *aadj.* dakūna(a), *see:* dakū.
- brown snake eagle *n.* kperε ashi, *see:* kperε(ε).
- bubal antelope *n.* izɔ̃;  
*n.* waga.
- bubble *n.* idena(a), *see:* idε;  
*vi.* idε.
- bubbling *n.* idena(a), *see:* idε.
- bud *n.* sui;  
*vi.* shiibɔ;  
*vi.* suibɔ.
- buffalo *n.* zù(u).
- buffalo thorn *n.* katɛ̃.
- build *vt.* bu (1).
- build foundation/wall *vi.* jεebu.
- build house *vt.* kpε bu, *see:* kpε.
- builder *n.* kpεbuda.
- building *n.* kpε (1).
- building (act) *n.* kpεbuna(a), *see:* kpεbuda.
- building mud *n.* jeni, *see:* jɛ̃(ε).
- bull *n.* dī nigɔ̃ni, *see:* dī(i).
- bullet *n.* cεgbεrε(ε).
- bullock cart *n.* diguru.
- bully *n.* taabandikeda, *see:* taabandike.
- bump *n.* kuma.
- bump into *vi.* kpa ...ma, *see:* kpa;  
*vi.* wã ...ma, *see:* wã.
- bumpy *aadj.* togoronadi, *see:* togoro.
- bunch (fruit) *n.* yɔ̃<sub>1</sub> (3).
- bundle *n.* bεzɔ(ɔ);  
*n.* mizɔ.
- burden *n.* asu.
- burial *n.* virina(a), *see:* viri.
- burial day *n/adv.* viridi, *see:* viri.
- burial place *n.* gevirigu;  
*n.* gūvirigu.
- burn *n.* cεkūna(a), *see:* cεkū<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* cεlε;  
*vi.* cεkū<sub>1</sub>.
- burn incense *vt.* turarecii ka cewi, *see:* turarecii;  
*vt.* turarecii kpete, *see:* turarecii.
- burp *vi.* igo (1).
- burrow *n.* kɔlɔgɔ.
- burst *vi.* puta;  
*vi.* wí;  
*vt.* puta;  
*vt.* wí.
- bury *vt.* ka εrεlu, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* viri.
- bury dead *vt.* gee viri, *see:* ge(e).
- Busa *n.* Busa.
- bush *n.* jεkε.
- bush animal *n.* lahoolusɔ̃(ɔ).
- bush duiker — bari ci(i), *see:* bari.
- bush meat *n.* lahoolusɔ̃(ɔ).
- bush species *n.* buruka.
- bush with bitter root *n.* gōri (1).
- bushland *n.* laho(o);  
*n/adv.* lahoolu, *see:* laho(o).
- bushman *n.* lahoolugū.
- bushy tree species *n.* sakana.

bushy vine species

careful/attentive person

bushy vine species *n.* gūnubi(i).

bustard *n.* bāda, *see:* bā(a).

but *cnj.* amaa<sub>3</sub>.

butcher *n.* sōjēda, *see:* sōjē.

butterfly *n.* alfa (1);  
*n.* kūkūmbe.

buy (from) *vt.* lu (...ma).

buy goods *vi.* lagata.

buyer *n.* fōluda;  
*n.* luda, *see:* lu (...ma).

buyer of goods *n.* lagatada, *see:* lagata.

buzz *ideo.* vōō.

by far *adv.* saasaa, *see:* sàa.

bypass *vi.* tungba (...ji), *see:* tungba ...ma.

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cairn *n.* gbereje(ε).

cake *n.* kàra(a).

calabash *n.* fe(ε) (1).

calabash cup *n.* feni, *see:* fe(ε).

calabash measure *cn.* fe, *see:* fe(ε).

calamity *n.* musai.

calamity (malicious) *n.* kishia.

calf *n.* dini, *see:* dī(i).

calf muscle *n.* gbesōni.

call *vt.* shishi.

call one's name *vt.* tō shishi, *see:* tō.

call out (in bush) *vi.* kuke.

call out loud *vi.* lezu gbāda, *see:* lezu ...ji.

call out to *vi.* lezu ...ji.

call the dead *vi.* geshishi.

caller on someone's name *n.* tōshishida.

calling *n.* shinshina(a), *see:* shishi.

calm *adj.* busā<sub>2</sub>;  
*adv.* sú.

calm (be) *vt.* laakaliwuce.

calm person *n.* laakaliwucedā, *see:*  
laakaliwuce.

calmness *n.* laakaliwucena(a), *see:*  
laakaliwuce.

calm/serene person *n.* zūn'ēnanadi, *see:* zūn'ē  
...ni.

camel *n.* sōsaa.

camel's foot *n.* kosai.

camp *n.* gaa.

camping place *n.* gaagifagu.

can *n.* kōkō;  
*vi.* fō<sub>1</sub>.

cancelled *padj.* kakaji.

cane rat *n.* ēneda.

canoe *n.* guru'i(mu);  
*n.* iguru.

cap *n.* fula.

capability *n.* saara (2).

capital *n.* kawerēdō.

capital of pillar *n.* lehe (2).

capsicum *n.* tankpa'ashi.

capsize *vi.* kuce (...ni)<sub>1</sub> (2).

captivating eyes *n.* gōnawanawere.

capture *n.* kūna(a), *see:* kū (...ma)<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* shina(a), *see:* shi<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* shi<sub>2</sub>.

capture (many) *vt.* kūkū, *see:* kū (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.

car *n.* mōōta.

care *n.* laakali;  
*n.* laakalikena(a), *see:* laakalike  
...ma;  
*n.* torona(a), *see:* toro.

care for *vt.* toro.

careful (be) of *vi.* laakalika ...ji.

careful/attentive person *n.* laakalinadi, *see:*  
laakali.

- carer *n.* toroda, *see:* toro.
- caressing *n.* winakukũ.
- cargo *n.* laga.
- carmine bee-eater *n.* cɛbã(a) (2).
- carpenter *n.* shɛkɛ<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* shɛkɛda, *see:* shɛkɛ<sub>1</sub>.
- carpet viper *n.* fitikoro.
- carrier *n.* shitɛda, *see:* shite.
- carry *vt.* shite.
- carry on back *vt.* koko.
- carrying *n.* shitena(a), *see:* shite;  
*adj.* shitena, *see:* shite.
- cart *n.* gúru (1).
- carton *n.* kondo.
- carve design *vt.* wāsãa kɛ (...ma), *see:*  
wāsã(a).
- carve (wood) *vt.* shɛkpa.
- carve/butcher meat *vi.* sɔɔjě.
- carved *adj.* shɛkpana(a), *see:* shɛkpa.
- casava *n.* loogo.
- cashew *n.* gaude azu.
- cassava *n.* agbeshe.
- cast *vt.* yoro.
- cast away *vi.* ɔɔbɔ ...ji, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.
- cast lot *vi.* gɔ̃nke.
- cast net *vt.* birigi fɔ̃, *see:* birigi.
- cast (net) *vt.* fɔ̃<sub>2</sub> (2).
- castrate *vt.* sɔ̃tɔde.
- castrated *adj.* sɔ̃tɔdɛda, *see:* sɔ̃tɔde.
- castrated sheep *n.* tambu ka wò sɔ̃tɔbò, *see:*  
tambu.
- cat *n.* naani.
- catarrh *n.* kyã(a).
- catastrophe *n.* asoro.
- catch *vt.* kũ (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.
- catch thorn *n.* boici.
- catch up with *vt.* gbɛɛ dɛ, *see:* gbɛɛ.
- catepillar *n.* kɔkɔ kākānadi, *see:* kɔkɔ(ɔ).
- catfish *n.* zɔ̃tɛ̃(ɛ), *see:* zɔ̃(ɔ).
- cattle egret *n.* bāfu(u), *see:* bā(a).
- cattle pen *n.* dikali(i).
- caught *adj.* kũna, *see:* kũ (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.
- cause disturbance *vi.* dibike.
- cause trouble *vi.* gudɛɛkɛ.
- cave *n.* gbɛɛ'ɛɛɛ(ɛ).
- cease *vi.* tu.
- celebrate *vi.* gingaluke ...ma;  
*vt.* zūn'ndaake.
- celebration *n.* buki.
- celibate *adj.* kuguru.
- cement *n.* shimenti.
- cemetery *n.* genakpɛ.
- census *n.* gɔ̃na(a), *see:* gɔ̃.
- census time *n/adv.* gɔ̃nadi, *see:* gɔ̃.
- centipede *n.* anaga.
- certain kind/sort (person) *adj.* takali.
- chaff *n.* kaka<sub>2</sub> (1).
- chain *n.* mɔ̃bɛ(ɛ);  
*n.* salika;  
*n.* sheeni.
- chain up *vt.* mɔ̃ ka ...ni, *see:* mò(ɔ).
- chained *adj.* irina, *see:* iri<sub>1</sub>.
- chair *n.* guru<sub>1</sub>.
- challenge *vi.* lalufuru ...ma.
- chameleon *n.* dame;  
*n.* kpangu.
- change *n.* sorina(a), *see:* sori;  
*vi.* sori;  
*vt.* sori.
- change form *vt.* takali sori, *see:* takali.
- change heart *vi.* zūnsori.
- change mind *vt.* zū kɛɛ shite, *see:* zūn.
- change mind/what was said *vi.* lɛsori.
- chant *vi.* kɛɛdɛ.

- character *n.* dà(a).  
 charcoal *n.* cɛcihici.  
 charge *vi.* taali'iri ...ma;  
*vt.* di ...ma, *see:* di<sub>2</sub>.  
 charge interest *vt.* kawɛɛ'i gba, *see:*  
 kawɛɛ'i.  
 chariot *n.* bisaguru;  
*n.* gúru (1).  
 charm *n.* gindadābɔ(ɔ).  
 chase *vt.* keke<sub>1</sub>.  
 chase away *vt.* fakafakakɛ.  
 chase vanity *vi.* fɔkajakajitɔ̄.  
 chaser after fantasy *n.* fɔkajakajitɔ̄da, *see:*  
 fɔkajakajitɔ̄.  
 chasing *n.* kekɛna(a), *see:* keke<sub>1</sub>.  
 chasten *vt.* tɔnɔgara.  
 chat *n.* dira;  
*vi.* dirabu.  
 chatterer *n.* yāgbāafida.  
 chatting place *n/adv.* dirabugu, *see:* dirabu.  
 cheap *adj.* faala.  
 cheat *n.* azancikɛda, *see:* azancikɛ ...ni;  
*vt.* bi<sub>2</sub> (2).  
 cheek *n.* gbādi.  
 cheek pouch *n.* gbako(o).  
 cheerful heart *n.* zūn'ndanadi, *see:* zūn'nda(a).  
 cheese *n.* diyɔ̄ deecɛna(a), *see:* diyɔ̄'i;  
*n.* waagashi.  
 chest *n.* lalū<sub>2</sub>.  
 chest (animal, reptile) *n.* kuce.  
 chew *vt.* su<sub>1</sub>.  
 chew the cud *vi.* igo (2).  
 chew tobacco *vt.* tabaka.  
 chewing *n.* suna(a), *see:* su<sub>1</sub>.  
 chewing stick *n.* kɔshi.  
 chick *n.* kokoni, *see:* koko(o).  
 chicken *n.* koko(o).
- chief *n.* kiri<sub>1</sub>.  
 child *n.* ni.  
 child shepherd *n.* kurukedani, *see:* kurukɛ.  
 childbirth *n.* ni'i(i), *see:* ni'i;  
*n.* ni'ina(a) (1), *see:* ni'i.  
 childless *adj.* nibadi, *see:* ni;  
*padj.* ni'ibadi, *see:* ni'i.  
 child-rearer *n.* nitoroda.  
 child-rearing *n.* nitorona(a), *see:* nitoroda.  
 chin *n.* lekwasɛ.  
 chisel *n.* kpatɔ;  
*vi.* kpatogifa ...ma.  
 chisel (stone) *vt.* shekpa.  
 choke *vt.* lɔkɔ kwaacikɛ, *see:* lɔkɔ<sub>1</sub>.  
 choose *vt.* bowi.  
 chop *vt.* jɛ̄ (1).  
 chop down *vt.* anga.  
 chose to *vi.* bowi.  
 Christ *n.* Kirishi.  
 Christian *n.* Kirishita.  
 Christmas bush *n.* kokɔwɛɛ.  
 church *n.* dakūkɛ;  
*n.* wotu(kɛ)kɛɛ.  
 cigarette *n.* shigali.  
 circumcise *vi.* tɔ̄jɛ̄;  
*vt.* tɔ̄jɛ̄ ...ni, *see:* tɔ̄jɛ̄.  
 circumcise (female) *vt.* susuwerɛzɛɛ.  
 circumcised *n.* bangunadi, *see:* bangu.  
 circumcised (be) *vi.* banguka.  
 circumciser *n.* tɔ̄jɛ̄da, *see:* tɔ̄jɛ̄.  
 circumcision *n.* bangu;  
*n.* tɔ̄jɛ̄na(a), *see:* tɔ̄jɛ̄;  
*n.* tɔ̄jɛ̄nayā, *see:* tɔ̄jɛ̄.  
 circumference *n.* likana(a), *see:* lika<sub>1</sub>.  
 clairvoyant *n.* werɛfunadi.  
 clan *n.* bè(e).  
 clap *vi.* ɔkoroda.

clause focus marker *ptcl.* -mi (1).

claw *n.* ɔkɔkɔ(ɔ);  
*vt.* kɔrɔ.

clay *n.* jè(ɛ) (1).

clay oil lamp *n.* fitila gbīn, *see:* fitila.

clean *adv.* ida'ida;  
*adv.* wasawasa;  
*n.* gbācibadi, *see:* gbāci;  
*padj.* idana, *see:* ida'ida;  
*padj.* wɛrɛbɔna.

clean heart *n.* zūmfu(u).

clean/clear (become) *vi.* fu.

clean/clear (make) *vt.* fu.

clear *padj.* idana, *see:* ida'ida.

clear land *vi.* gubaka.

clear throat *vt.* lɔkɔni mɔɔkɛ, *see:* lɔkɔni.

clearly *n.* shāashā.

climb *vt.* shia.

climb on *vi.* shia ...ma, *see:* shia.

climbing *adj.* shiana(a), *see:* shia.

clitoris *n.* susuwɛrɛ.

clitoris *n.* batawɛrɛ.

clod *n.* cɛrɛjɛtɛ̃(ɛ).

close *adj.* fiana;  
*adv.* kutu<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* ta<sub>1</sub>.

close door (on) *vt.* kpɛlɛ ta ( ...ma), *see:*  
kpɛlɛ.

close eye *vi.* wɛrɛta.

close hand over *vi.* ɔta ...ma.

close mouth *vi.* leta.

close on *vt.* ta ...ma, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>.

close the door *vt.* kpishigɛ̃nɛlɛ ta, *see:*  
kpishigɛ̃nɛlɛ.

close to (be) *vi.* na ...ma, *see:* na.

close up *vi.* ta ...lɛ, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* ta ...lɛ, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>;

*vt.* tata, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>.

closed *padj.* tana, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>.

closed up *padj.* tatana, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>.

closely *adv.* kutukutu, *see:* kutu<sub>1</sub>.

closely bound to (be) *vi.* zūn ... iri ...ma, *see:*  
zūn.

closeness *n.* kutukɛ(ɛ), *see:* kutu<sub>1</sub>.

closure *n.* tana(a), *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>.

cloth *n.* bishɛ(ɛ).

cloth weaver *n.* bishɛkɛda.

clothes *n.* asuna, *see:* asu.

clothesline *n.* kpɛtɛgu, *see:* kpɛtɛ.

clothing *n.* asu (2).

cloud *n.* buru<sub>2</sub>.

clouds *n.* buruburu, *see:* buru<sub>2</sub>.

clown *n.* utukɛda, *see:* utukɛ.

club *n.* gya(a).

clump of shea trees *n.* kukpɛ.

clump (trees) *n.* kpɛ (2).

coagulate *vi.* itɛ̃.

coaltar *n.* kɔtaa.

coarse thread for weaving *n.* tã̃, *see:* tã.

coastal dweller *n.* tekulenadi.

cock *n.* koko nigɔ̃ni, *see:* koko(o).

cockroach *n.* shɛkɛtɛrɛ.

coconut *n.* ataagara.

coffee *n.* kafe.

coffin *n.* adaka.

coil (rope) *n.* bɛmizɔ.

coin *n.* kawɛrɛ wɛrɛ, *see:* kawɛrɛ.

cola nut *n.* goro.

cold *adj.* ɛ̃na(a) (1), *see:* ɛ̃<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* ɛ̃na(a), *see:* ɛ̃<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* kyã(a);

*n.* nini;  
*padj.* ɛ̃na, *see:* ɛ̃<sub>1</sub>.

coldness *n.* ɛ̃na(a), *see:* ɛ̃<sub>1</sub>.



collapse

collapse *vi.* mɛ.

collect tax (from) *vt.* jangali shi (...ma), *see:*  
jangali.

colour *n.* í (2).

colt *n.* bisa nigōni, *see:* bisa.

comb *n.* misarikebɔ(ɔ), *see:* misarike;  
*n.* zatagi.

comb (bird) *n.* doka.

comb hair *vi.* misarike.

come *vi.* nu.

come against *vi.* nu ...ji, *see:* nu.

come alive *vi.* hundii ke, *see:* hundi(i).

come apart *vi.* wo<sub>2</sub>.

come down *vi.* ice (...ma) (1).

come down on *vi.* kuce ...ma, *see:* kuce  
(...ni)<sub>1</sub>.

come good *vt.* ndaakũ.

come near to *vi.* nu kutu, *see:* nu.

come on (light) *vi.* na (1).

come on (spirit) *vi.* ka ...ma, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.

come to *vi.* nu ...ma, *see:* nu.

come to stay *vi.* ice (...ma) (1).

come to/towards *vi.* nu ... gu, *see:* nu.

comfort *n.* zūn'ēna(a), *see:* zūn'ē ...ni;  
*vt.* ē<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* zūn'ē ...ni.

comfortable (be) *vi.* ndaama.

comforted (be) *vi.* zūn ... ē, *see:* zūn.

comforter *n.* zūn'ēda, *see:* zūn'ē ...ni.

coming/arrival day — nudi, *see:* nu.

Comitative suffix *post.* -zɔ.

command *n.* yāgifana(a), *see:* yāgifa ...ni;  
*vt.* di<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* dɔɔkake;  
*vt.* yāgifa ...ni.

commence *vi.* ɔka ...ji.

compassionate (be)

commencement (action) *n.* ɔkana(a) (1), *see:*  
ɔka ...ji.

commencement (time) *n/adv.* ɔkanadi, *see:*  
ɔka ...ji.

commend *vi.* nɔɔkɛɛfi ...ni;  
*vt.* saabuke (...ni).

commit adultery *vi.* zinake.

commit adultery (woman) *vi.* gōke.

commit crime *vi.* daake.

commitment *n.* í (4).

common bulbul *n.* bāntoro shēnte, *see:*  
bāntoro.

common genet *n.* namuntēne.

common gonolek *n.* suuda.

common house martin *n.* bāboogu.

common jackal *n.* lahoolugbē(ε) (1).

common sense *n.* faya(a);  
*n.* yāfayanadi, *see:* yāfayabadi.

common swift *n.* fekasu.

common warthog *n.* be(e).

commoner *n.* talaka.

companion *n.* ducedā, *see:* duce;  
*n.* gūdu(u) (2).

companions *n.* kūgūna.

companionship *n.* kūgūnake(ε), *see:* kūgūna.

compare *vt.* kwatancike.

comparison *n.* kwatanci;  
*n.* kwatancikena(a), *see:*  
kwatancike;  
*n.* yābɔnakūlu.

compassion *n.* indawere;  
*n.* indawerewana(a), *see:*  
indawerewa.

compassionate act *n.* indawerekena(a, *see:*  
indawereke ...ni.

compassionate (be) *vt.* indawere zɔ, *see:*  
indawere.

compassion/pity for (have)

cooked (be)

compassion/pity for (have) *vt.* indawerema.

compensation *n.* surukpabɔkε(ε), *see:* surukpa  
...ni.

complaining *n.* guunikena(a), *see:* guunike  
...ni.

complete (be) *vt.* miide;  
*vt.* miile.

completely *adv.* kyānkyān;  
*adv.* paipai, *see:* pai.

completely rotten *adv.* pɔtɔtpɔtɔ.

complete/sufficient for (be) *vi.* fa ...ni, *see:*  
fa<sub>2</sub>.

completion *n.* fana(a), *see:* fa<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* milena(a), *see:* miile.

Complimentizer *cnj.* ka<sub>1</sub> (2).

compose *vt.* ka<sub>2</sub>.

compound *n.* kwaace.

concealed *padj.* sɔtɔna, *see:* sɔtɔ.

conceit *n.* buruna(a), *see:* buru<sub>1</sub>.

conceive *vi.* gbisheke.

concern *n.* í (4).

concerned (be) about *vi.* bitidi ...ni.

concerning *post.* musu<sub>1</sub>;  
*post.* yā musu, *see:* yā.

conciliation *n.* yaafakebɔ(ɔ), *see:* yaafake.

concrete *n.* kankare.

concubine *n.* wahai.

condemn *vi.* taalidi ...ma;

*vi.* yā'ace ...ma;

*vt.* yājē ...ma.

Conditional marker *cnj.* dà.

confident *padj.* wucena, *see:* wuce.

confidently (act) *vi.* laluka ... ima.

confined place *n.* kankami.

confirm *vi.* koko ...gbēji, *see:* koko.

confirm to *vt.* yādaa ke ...ni, *see:* yāda.

confused *vi.* yara.

confused/anxious (be) about *vi.* bitike ...ni.

confusion *n.* biti.

congealed blood *n.* kpàra(a).

conquer *vi.* dēbuubi ...ma.

conqueror *n.* dēbubida, *see:* dēbuubi ...ma.

conscience *n.* zūnluyā.

consecrate *vi.* gbācibɔ ...ni, *see:* gbācibɔ ...ma;  
*vt.* lēgu.

consecration *n.* gbācibɔna(a), *see:* gbācibɔ  
...ma.

consent *vi.* wi ...ji;  
*vi.* wiji, *see:* wi ...ji.

consider *vi.* di<sub>2</sub>.

consume *vt.* imi.

contentious *adj.* dēnadi, *see:* dē(ε).

contentious person *n.* yākicinadi, *see:* yākici.

continue *vi.* takpa.

continue with *vi.* ba ...ma;  
*vi.* mama ...zɔ.

contradict *vt.* kakauke (...zɔ).

contrite/repentant person *n.* tubakeda, *see:*  
tubake.

control *vt.* jē (2);  
*vt.* kũ (...ma)<sub>2</sub>;

*vt.* takiike;

*vt.* wuce.

control mouth *vi.* lefɔ.

control (oneself) *adj.* kũkũna, *see:* kũ (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.

conversation *n.* yāfi(i), *see:* yāfi.

converse *vi.* dirabu.

convict *vi.* yā'ace ...ma.

convulse *vt.* de (2).

cook *vt.* deece (1);

*vt.* ku.

cook soup *vt.* duu ku, *see:* du(u).

cooked *adj.* m̀ani.

cooked (be) *vi.* ma<sub>2</sub>.

- cool *adj.* ẽna(a) (1), *see:* ẽ<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* ẽ<sub>1</sub>.
- cool-headed person *n.* gberẽ'ẽnanadi, *see:*  
gberẽ'ẽna(a).
- copper *n.* mɔtẽ(ɛ), *see:* m̀(ɔ).
- copulate *vi.* kpakpa.
- copulation *n.* kpakpana(a), *see:* kpakpa.
- copy *adj.* iri<sub>3</sub>.
- coral tree *n.* zakarawere.
- corn *n.* kotokoli.
- corner *n.* kũsũ (2).
- corner (inside) *n.* l̀kɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub> (1).
- corpse *n.* ge(e).
- correct *adj.* suusu;  
*vt.* jere zɔ, *see:* jere.
- corrugated iron *n.* kwanɔ.
- corrupt *adj.* wurina(a), *see:* wúri.
- corrupt (be) *vi.* ĩmbi.
- corrupt money *n.* kawerevãni.
- corrupted *adj.* wurina, *see:* wúri;  
*padj.* yãlekucena.
- corrupted (be) *vi.* wúri.
- corruption *n.* ĩmbina(a), *see:* ĩmbi;  
*n.* wurina(a), *see:* wúri.
- cotton *n.* abu.
- cough *n.* tɔkɔ;  
*vi.* tɔkɔ'o.
- counsel *vi.* yãkpa ...ni.
- counsellor *n.* yãkpada, *see:* yãkpa ...ni.
- count *vi.* gũ.
- Counterfactual Conditional marker *cnj.* dà  
yãa, *see:* dà.
- counting *n.* gũna(a), *see:* gũ.
- coup coup *n.* ada<sub>1</sub>.
- courage *n.* zũngbãda(a).
- courageous (be) *vi.* zũngbãdaake.
- courageous person *n.* wohubadi, *see:* wuhu.
- course of stream *n.* bajelɔkɔ.
- course (river) *n.* gala.
- court *n.* yãjẽkpe.
- court of law *n/adv.* yãjẽgu, *see:* yãjẽ ...ma.
- courtyard *n.* kwaace.
- covenant *n.* í (4);  
*n.* yã bii dina, *see:* yã.
- cover *vt.* ta<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* ta ...ma, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>.
- cover (one thing not many) *vt.* da ...ma, *see:*  
da.
- cover over *vi.* lalata ...la.
- covet *vi.* lukpa ...ji;  
*vt.* dangaaɛ.
- covetous/greedy person *n.* danganadi, *see:*  
danga(a)<sub>2</sub>.
- covetousness *n.* danga(a)<sub>2</sub>.
- cow *n.* ði dũɔ, *see:* ði(i).
- cow manure *n.* digbũ(ɔ).
- coward *n.* wohunadi, *see:* wuhu;  
*n.* zũngbãdabadi, *see:*  
zũngbãda(a).
- cowife *n.* gũnɔ.
- cowrie *n.* kawere werɛfu(u), *see:* kawere.
- crab *n.* ká(a)<sub>2</sub>.
- craft *n.* ɔdikinakena(a), *see:* ɔdikinake.
- craft/handiwork (do) *n.* ɔdikinake.
- craftsmen *n.* ɔdikinakɛda, *see:* ɔdikinake.
- cramp *vt.* kankanɛ (1).
- cramped (be) *vi.* yoo'iri.
- crawl *vi.* kũsũgara;  
*vi.* lalugara.
- creation *n.* fɔkena(a), *see:* fɔɛ;  
*n.* kena(a), *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.
- creator *n.* kɛda, *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.
- creditor *n.* findekpada, *see:* findekpa ...ni.
- creek *n.* baje;

- crest *n.* oro.  
 crest *n.* doka.  
 crested porcupine *n.* ẽnebusu.  
 crevice *n.* gberelɔkɔ(ɔ).  
 crime *n.* dà(a);  
*n.* dakena(a), *see:* daake.  
 criminal *n.* dakeda, *see:* daake;  
*n.* taalinadi, *see:* taali.  
 cringe before *vi.* mɔnɔɔna ...ni.  
 cripple *n.* erɛ(ɛ)<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* gurumu;  
*n.* kpète<sub>2</sub>.  
 crippled *adj.* kɔ̀nɔ̀nadi, *see:* kɔ̀nɔ̀<sub>2</sub>.  
 crippled (become) *vt.* kpetekũ.  
 crippled person *n.* kɔ̀nɔ̀nadi, *see:* kɔ̀nɔ̀<sub>2</sub>.  
 crippled state *n.* kɔ̀nɔ̀ke(ɛ) (1), *see:* kɔ̀nɔ̀<sub>2</sub>.  
 critic *n.* taaliwada, *see:* taaliwa.  
 criticise *vt.* wúri (2).  
 crooked *adj.* fitēna(a), *see:* fitē;  
*n.* dɔ̀badi;  
*adj.* kukudana, *see:* kukuda.  
 crooked (be) *vi.* fitē;  
*vi.* kokoda.  
 crooked/depraved person *n.* fitēda, *see:* fitē.  
 crop (of bird) *n.* bɔ̀kɔ̀ (2).  
 cross *n.* gaaru.  
 cross back and forth *vt.* burabura, *see:* bura.  
 cross over *vi.* kasa ...lu, *see:* kasa<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* bura.  
 crossroads *n.* jerekata(a).  
 crouch *vi.* sua cɛɛɛ.  
 crouch before *vi.* mɔnɔ̀ɔ̀ke ...ni, *see:* mɔnɔ̀ɔ̀ke.  
 crow *n.* una(a), *see:* u;  
*vi.* u.  
 crow (rooster) *n.* kokoroko.  
 crowd *vt.* na (2).  
 crown *n.* kirikefula.
- cruelty *n.* fēde(ɛ);  
*n.* lukpo.  
 crush *vt.* lɔ;  
*vt.* wiwi, *see:* wí.  
 crush spirit *vt.* kākā de, *see:* kākā.  
 crushed spirit *n.* zūnwurina(a), *see:* zūnwuri.  
 crust *n.* gbara(a).  
 cry *n.* u;  
*vi.* u;  
*vi.* unaake.  
 cry aloud *vi.* kuaada.  
 cry of any animal *n.* u.  
 cry of disapproval *intj.* hāihāi.  
 cry out to *vi.* u ...ni, *see:* u.  
 crying *adv.* ee'ee;  
*n.* una(a), *see:* u.  
 cuckoo *n.* cizɔɔɔ(ɔ).  
 cuckoo-shrike *n.* wiawia.  
 cultivate *vi.* jɛke.  
 cultivated field *n.* jefu, *see:* je.  
 cunning/crafty person *n.* azancikeda, *see:*  
 azancike ...ni.  
 cup *n.* koohi<sub>1</sub>.  
 curdled milk *n.* diyɔ̄ fēde(ɛ), *see:* diyɔ̄'i.  
 cure *vt.* baanike.  
 current *n.* ibara;  
*n.* ibisa.  
 curse *n.* lekena(a), *see:* leke ...ma;  
*vi.* leke ...ni, *see:* leke ...ma;  
*vt.* laalike;  
*vt.* lefi ... ni.  
 curse by beating hand on something *vt.* ɔɔ  
 wāwā ...ni, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.  
 curse (human) *vi.* garavānifi ...ni.  
 cursed *adj.* laalikena, *see:* laalike.  
 cursed thing *n.* laalikebɔ(ɔ), *see:* laalike.  
 cursing *n.* laalikena(a), *see:* laalike.

curtain *n.* labule.curve *vi.* lonshi.custom *n.* tubu (2).cut *vt.* jē (1).cut grass *n.* shēlala.cut (grass) *vt.* kē.cut hair *n.* miibu.cut in two *vt.* kasu.cut into pieces *vt.* jējē, *see:* jē.cut off *vt.* kata<sub>2</sub> (1).cut open *vt.* wēne.cut (stone) *adj.* jēna(a), *see:* jē.cut to pieces *vt.* kasukasu, *see:* kasu.cyclist *n.* kekenadi, *see:* keke<sub>2</sub>;*n.* mōbisanadi, *see:* mōbisa.

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dabchick *n.* sheke<sub>2</sub>.dais *n.* tukufa(a).dam *n.* dam;*n.* izo.damp *adj.* butu.dampness *n.* butu.dance *n.* bebena(a), *see:* bebe;*vi.* bebe.dancer *n.* bebēda, *see:* bebe.danger *n.* hasali.dangerous *adj.* hasalinadi, *see:* hasali.dark cloud *n.* lacirina(a).dark sky *n.* laduciri.darken *vt.* ciri.darkness *n.* guci(i).date *n.* dabino.Dative suffix *post.* -ma<sub>1</sub> (1).daughter *n.* nēgūni, *see:* negū;*n.* ni negū, *see:* ni.daughter-in-law *n.* ni ne, *see:* ni.dawn *n.* dikēna(a), *see:* di<sub>1</sub>;*n.* dikēna(a);*vi.* di ... kē, *see:* di<sub>1</sub>;*vi.* kē.day *cn.* emε;*n.* di<sub>1</sub>;*ptcl.* -di, *see:* di<sub>1</sub>.day after tomorrow *adv.* lefūnaagū.day before yesterday *adv.* dikēna guma, *see:*  
dikēna(a).day of circumcision *n/adv.* tōjēdi, *see:* tōjē.day of disaster *n/adv.* musaidi, *see:* musai.day of distress/trouble *n/adv.* taabikedi, *see:*  
taabike.day of ignorance *n.* werēcidi.day of pain *n/adv.* azukedi, *see:* azuke.day of salvation *n/adv.* faabakedi, *see:*  
faabake;*n/adv.* mishidi, *see:* miishi.day of vengeance *n/adv.* findebudi, *see:*  
findebu ...ma.daytime *n.* emena, *see:* emε.dead *adj.* ge(e);*padj.* ge, *see:* ge(e).deaf person *n.* kuruma.dealer in corrupt money *n.* kawerevānilida,  
*see:* kawerevāni.death *n.* ga(a), *see:* ga;*n.* gana(a), *see:* ga.debate with *vi.* yābobo kū lelu ...zo, *see:*  
yābo.debt *n.* finde(e).debtor *n.* findenadi, *see:* findebu ...ma.deceit *n.* gudε(e);

deceitful person

*n.* gudɛyã, *see:* gudɛ(ɛ);  
*n.* yãsorina(a), *see:* yãsorida.

deceitful person *n.* levãninadi.

deceitful with (be) *vi.* bishejẽ ...zɔ, *see:*  
bishejẽ.

deceive *vt.* sã;  
*vt.* susõ.

deceived *adj.* sãna(a), *see:* sã.

deceiver *n.* azancikeda, *see:* azancike ...ni;  
*n.* sãda, *see:* sã.

deception *n.* gudena(a), *see:* gudɛ(ɛ);  
*n.* gũsãna(a);  
*n.* sãna(a) (2), *see:* sã.

decide *vi.* yãbɔ.

declare innocent *vi.* yãbɔ ...zɔ nda, *see:* yãbɔ.

declare righteous/innocent *vt.* yã ndaa kpa  
...ni, *see:* yã.

decoration *n.* zã(a).

decrease *vi.* labu;  
*vt.* labu.

dedicate *vt.* lɛgu.

deed *n.* yã;  
*n.* yãkɛ.

deeds *n.* fɔnakena(a);  
*n.* yãkenana, *see:* yãkɛ.

deep *adj.* sàa;  
*adv.* sàa.

deep and narrow *adj.* pɔrɔrɔ.

deep basket *n.* sɔ̀(ɔ) (1).

deep (be) *vt.* ɛrɛɛ zɔ, *see:* ɛrɛ(ɛ)<sub>1</sub>.

deep cavity *n.* lɔaga.

deep emotion *n.* dukuri.

deep forest *n.* lahoci(i), *see:* laho(o).

deep palm leaf basket *n.* kosoro.

deep water *n.* ici(i).

deeply moved (be) *vi.* dukurima.

defeat *vi.* bi ...ma/zɔ, *see:* bi<sub>2</sub>.

dependent on

defeat in war *vt.* bi jẽɛzɔ, *see:* bi<sub>2</sub>.

defecate *vi.* gbɔɔfɔ.

defect *n.* laru.

defence *n.* mibɔnayã.

defiled person *n.* gbãcinadi, *see:* gbãci.

defilement *n.* gbãcike(ɛ), *see:* gbãci.

defilement (from body, sex, wife's pregnancy  
etc.) *n.* gbãci (2).

definitely *intj.* kài.

deformed *adj.* larunadi, *see:* laru.

defy *vi.* lalufuru ...ma;  
*vi.* lɛhẽ ...ni.

de-husk (in mortar) *vt.* sobu.

deity *n.* laduke(ɛ), *see:* Ladu.

delay *n.* geekena(a), *see:* geekɛ;  
*vi.* geekɛ.

deletion *n.* warana(a), *see:* wara.

deliberately *adv.* hoozɔ.

delight *n.* zũn'ndakebɔ(ɔ), *see:* zũn'ndaake.

deluded *adj.* sãna(a), *see:* sã.

delusion *n.* sãnayã, *see:* sã.

demon *n.* ji(i).

demon possessed person *n.* jinadi, *see:* ji(i).

den *n.* igu, *see:* i.

Dendi *n.* Dendi.

denial *n.* finkpetekena(a), *see:* finkpetekɛ  
...ni.

deny *vi.* bɔ ... gbẽji, *see:* bɔ;  
*vi.* finkpetekɛ ...ni;  
*vi.* je ...ji, *see:* je.

depart from *vi.* gu ...ma, *see:* gu.

departure *n.* yana(a), *see:* yà.

depend on *vi.* zũntungba ...ma.

dependance *n.* zũntungbana(a), *see:*  
zũntungba ...ma.

dependent on *pdj.* tungbana ...ma, *see:*  
tungba ...ma.

- depraved *aadj.* jerebadi, *see:* jere;  
*adj.* wurina, *see:* wúri.
- depravity *n.* wurina(a), *see:* wúri.
- depths *n.* lɔaga.
- descend (on) *vi.* ice (...ma) (1).
- descendant *n.* bè(e).
- descent *n.* icena(a), *see:* ice (...ma).
- desert *n.* gangani, *see:* ganga.
- deserted *aadj.* jida(a).
- deserve *vi.* himake ...zɔ (2).
- design *n.* wāsā(a).
- design tattooed on woman's lower back *n.* wó<sub>1</sub>.
- desire *n.* danga(a)<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* larula;  
*n.* zūnwina(a);  
*vi.* dangaake ...ma, *see:* dangaake;  
*vi.* lukpa ...ji;  
*vi.* zūn ... waaji ... ma, *see:* zūn;  
*vt.* dangaake.
- desire for something *n.* fɔdangamana(a).
- desire (have) for *vi.* larula ... ya ...ma, *see:* larula.
- despise *vi.* dɔke ...zɔ, *see:* dɔke;  
*vi.* je ...ji, *see:* je;  
*vi.* zūmbɔ ...ma.
- despite that *cnj.* jena bɛɛzɔ, *see:* je;  
*cnj.* suka bɛɛzɔ, *see:* suka.
- destiny *n.* ladudina(a);  
*n.* yagu, *see:* yà.
- destroy *vt.* kakace.
- destroyed (be) *vi.* kakace.
- destroyer *n.* kakacɛda, *see:* kakace.
- destruction *n.* kakacena(a), *see:* kakace;  
*n.* wurina(a), *see:* wúri.
- detach *vt.* gu.
- detach (from) *vi.* furu (...ma).
- detain *vt.* gaike;  
*vt.* geeke.
- detest *vi.* vɔ̄nake ...zɔ, *see:* vɔ̄nake ...ni;  
*vi.* waa ... gbīnjiba, *see:* waa ...ji.
- devastate *vt.* musaike ...ni.
- devastated *padj.* vɛ̄vɛ̄.
- deviant *n.* yāsorida.
- deviate *vi.* tungba (...ji), *see:* tungba ...ma.
- devotion (to God) *n.* laduyāmana(a), *see:* laduyāmada.
- devout person *n.* laduyāmada.
- dew *n.* firi<sub>1</sub>.
- diagonal facial marking under eye *n.* bule.
- diarrhoea *n.* gberebashi.
- diarrhoea (have) *vi.* gberebashike.
- dice *n.* caca.
- die *vi.* badike;  
*vi.* ga (1);  
*vt.* dunia tu, *see:* dunia.
- die (many) *vi.* gaga, *see:* ga.
- different *padj.* duna.
- different (many) *padj.* dunaduna, *see:* duna.
- differentiate *vt.* d̄ ...zɔ, *see:* d̄.
- difficult *adv.* azu.
- dig *vt.* yé.
- dig hole *vt.* erɛɛ yē, *see:* èrɛ(ɛ)<sub>1</sub>.
- dig place *vt.* guu yē, *see:* gu(u).
- dig up *vt.* yé.
- dim *aadj.* ēna(a) (2), *see:* ē<sub>1</sub>.
- dining room *adv.* fɔbigu, *see:* fɔbi.
- dinner *n.* itɔ̄ke fɔbina, *see:* itɔ̄ke(ɛ).
- dip *vt.* kishi.
- dip out *vt.* dā<sub>2</sub>.
- direction *n.* kpata<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* ɔnidɔgu;  
*post.* -ma<sub>1</sub> (2);  
*post.* ɔji.

- dirt *n.* gbāci (1).
- dirty *n.* gbācike(ε), *see:* gbāci.
- dirty *adj.* gbāci.
- dirty person *n.* gbācinadi, *see:* gbāci.
- disability *n.* kōnɔ<sub>2</sub>.
- disabled (be) *vt.* kōnɔkū.
- disagreeable *adj.* za, *see:* za(a).
- disagreeing *adj.* ledubadi.
- disappear *vi.* sã.
- disappearance *n.* sãna(a) (1), *see:* sã.
- disaster *n.* musai.
- disciple *n.* iba(a)<sub>2</sub>.
- discipleship *n.* ibake(ε), *see:* iba(a)<sub>2</sub>.
- discipline *n.* hooro;  
*n.* hoorokena(a), *see:* hooroke;  
*vt.* hooroke.
- discipline (child) *vt.* mɔɔke (2).
- discord *n.* kakaukena(a), *see:* kakauke (...zɔ).
- discourage *vt.* kākã de, *see:* kākã.
- discouraged (be) *vi.* duweregaga;  
*vi.* laakalikpete.
- discover *vi.* zõ ...ma, *see:* zõ.
- discriminate *vi.* winaawinaamɔ, *see:* winaamɔ ...ni.
- discuss *vi.* ledakū (...ji).
- disdain *vt.* bɔtɔɔbu.
- disgrace *n.* kpebɔna(a), *see:* kpebɔ;  
*n.* weresugukpana(a), *see:* weresugukpa;  
*vi.* unika ...ma.
- disgraced/embarassed (be) *vi.* weresugukpa.
- disgraceful *adj.* unikada, *see:* unika ...ma.
- dish *n.* gombo.
- dishonest *n.* yādabadi, *see:* yāda.
- dishonest person *n.* bishenadi, *see:* bishe<sub>1</sub>.
- dishonesty *n.* yādabadike(ε), *see:* yāda.
- dishonour *n.* kpebɔna(a), *see:* kpebɔ;  
*n.* unikana(a), *see:* unika ...ma;  
*vt.* kpebɔ.
- dislocate *vi.* wí.
- dismayed (be) *vi.* gbādisheeta werema.
- dismiss *vt.* da ...(ni), *see:* da.
- disobedience *n.* yāmanabadi, *see:* yāma.
- disobedient person *n.* yākabadi, *see:* yāka;  
*n.* yāmabadi, *see:* yāma.
- disorder *n.* kūyāmanabadi.
- disorder (in) *vi.* yara.
- disordered *ideo.* yaayaa.
- disperse *vi.* futē.
- dispute with *vi.* yābɔbɔ kū lelu ...zɔ, *see:* yābɔ.
- disregard *vi.* dɔkemɔ ...ni.
- disrespect *vi.* dɔke ...zɔ, *see:* dɔke.
- distress *n.* taabike(ε), *see:* taabike.
- distressed *adj.* irina, *see:* iri<sub>1</sub>.
- disturbance *n.* jigidana(a), *see:* jigida;  
*n.* ligima;  
*n.* yākici.
- disturbed (be) (water) *vi.* jigida.
- dive *vi.* sute miizɔ, *see:* sute.
- divert attention from *vt.* werε gara ...ma,  
*see:* werε.
- divide *vt.* gbiri (...ni);  
*vt.* wēne.
- divide among selves *vi.* gbiri kūni, *see:* gbiri (...ni).
- divided *adj.* gbirina, *see:* gbiri (...ni).
- divination *n.* masukena(a), *see:* masuke.
- divine *vi.* masuke.
- divine power *n.* ladukegbāda.
- diviner *n.* cerekeda;  
*n.* masukeda, *see:* masuke.
- divining tool *n.* masukebɔ(ɔ), *see:* masuke.



- divinity *n.* laduke(ε), *see:* Ladu.
- division *n.* feekena(a), *see:* feeke ...zɔ;  
*n.* gbirina(a), *see:* gbiri (...ni).
- divorce *vi.* je ...ji, *see:* je.
- divorce (a husband) *vi.* zākede.
- divorce (a wife) *vt.* needa.
- dizziness *n.* gulimma.
- dizzy (be) *vi.* guu ... li ...ma, *see:* gu(u).
- djin *n.* ji(i).
- do *vt.* ke<sub>1</sub>.
- do after *vi.* gīnaa.
- do something *vi.* yāke.
- dock *n/adv.* irigu, *see:* iri<sub>1</sub>.
- doctor *n.* ijēnadi, *see:* ijē;  
*n.* lokotoro.
- dodge *vi.* ɔde ...ni.
- doer *n.* keda, *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.
- dog *n.* gbē(ε)<sub>1</sub>.
- dog almond (tree) *n.* dā(a)<sub>1</sub>.
- domestic animal *n.* tubɔ(ɔ).
- domestic cat *n.* musu<sub>2</sub> (2);  
*n.* musuko.
- domestic pigeon *n.* tantabara.
- dominion *n.* kirikegu, *see:* kirike ...ma.
- donkey *n.* fariga(a).
- door *n.* gambu;  
*n.* kpetabɔ(ɔ);  
*n.* kpishigēntabɔ(ɔ).
- door opening *n.* kpishigēnele.
- doorkeeper *n.* kpeledāda.
- doorkeeping *n.* kpeledāna(a), *see:* kpeledāda.
- doorway *n.* kpele;  
*n.* kpishigēne.
- dorsal fin *n.* kpiriyere(ε).
- double-edged *adj.* lefia(a).
- double-minded person *n.* zūmfianadi, *see:*  
zūmfiafia.
- double-spurred francolin *n.* akɔɔ;  
*n.* alkoro.
- doubt *n.* shika<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* sōnɔna(a), *see:* sōnɔ ...ma;  
*vi.* ē ...ma, *see:* ē<sub>1</sub>;  
*vi.* shikake;  
*vi.* sōnɔ ...ma.
- doubter *n.* sōnɔda, *see:* sōnɔ ...ma.
- doubting *vi.* ē'ēna ...ma, *see:* ē<sub>1</sub>.
- dough *n.* karaciidɔna(a).
- Doum plam *n.* nɔũ.
- dove *n.* iho.
- down *adv.* cere;  
*adv.* kucelu.
- downcast (be) *vi.* werelu ... wiri, *see:*  
werelu.
- doze *vi.* jingoke.
- dozing *n.* jingo.
- drag *vt.* gara<sub>2</sub>.
- dragon (legendary serpent) *n.* kandama.
- draw picture *vt.* fotooke.
- draw soup *n.* gwaani.
- draw straws/twigs *vi.* akɔkpa.
- draw water *vi.* igara;  
*vi.* itɔ.
- draw (water) *vt.* gara<sub>2</sub>.
- dread *n.* wohu.
- dream *n.* nanana(a), *see:* nana;  
*vi.* nana.
- dreamer *n.* fɔkakajitɔda, *see:* fɔkakajitɔ;  
*n.* nanada, *see:* nana.
- dreaming *n.* nanana(a), *see:* nana.
- dregs *n.* gasa.
- dress *vi.* asuka.
- dried up *adj.* gege, *see:* gege(e).
- drink *n.* mibɔ(ɔ), *see:* mi<sub>1</sub>;  
*vi.* imi;

- vt. mi<sub>1</sub>.  
 drink beer vi. wēemi.  
 drinkable adj. mina(a), see: mi<sub>1</sub>.  
 drinking n. imina(a), see: imi.  
 drinking (beer) n. wēmina(a), see: wēemi.  
 drinking place n. imigu, see: imi.  
 drinking water pot n. ita.  
 drip vi. tō<sub>3</sub>;  
 vi. tōtō, see: tō<sub>3</sub>;  
 vt. tō<sub>3</sub> (1).  
 drip on vt. tō ...ma, see: tō<sub>3</sub>.  
 dripping n. tōna(a), see: tō<sub>3</sub>.  
 dripping water n. itōtōna(a), see: itōna(a).  
 drive vt. kpara.  
 drive away vt. keke<sub>1</sub>.  
 drive on vi. cekpa ...lu, see: cekpa.  
 driver n. kparada, see: kpara.  
 drizzle n. ficifici.  
 drop vi. tō<sub>3</sub>;  
 vt. poto;  
 vt. sute;  
 vt. tō<sub>3</sub> (1).  
 drop hands vt. ɔ da, see: ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.  
 drop of water n. itōna(a).  
 drown vi. ga iwi, see: ga.  
 drum n. mà(a)<sub>2</sub>.  
 drummer n. madɛda.  
 drumming n. madena(a), see: mà(a)<sub>2</sub>.  
 drumstick tree n. gamafada.  
 drunkard n. igbādamida;  
 n. wēdeda, see: wēɛde.
- drunkenness n. wēdena(a), see: wēɛde.  
 dry aadj. gege(e);  
 aadj. kakaji;  
 aadj. utufana(a), see: utufa;  
 vt. utufa.  
 dry grass for animals n. tataka.  
 dry in sun vt. kpetɛ.  
 dry land n. gara(a), see: gara<sub>1</sub>.  
 dry season n. sagarike(ɛ).  
 dry season (be) vi. sagarikeɛ ... ke, see:  
 sagarike(ɛ).  
 dry up vi. gara<sub>1</sub>;  
 vi. utufa.  
 drying place n. kpetɛgu, see: kpetɛ.  
 duck n. kuji.  
 duiker n. bari.  
 dull (be) vi. laakalikpetɛ.  
 dump n. bù(u).  
 dung beetle n. buzuzu;  
 n. gbōkōkō(ɔ).  
 during (ex. rain) post. zā<sub>2</sub>.  
 during (temporal) post. ataalu (2).  
 dusk n. itōke(ɛ).  
 dust n. lukuɛ.  
 duty n. tilashi.  
 dwarf n. wada.  
 dwell vi. bij<sub>2</sub>.  
 dye with indigo vt. ocii ka, see: oci(i).  
 dying n. gana(a), see: ga.  
 dysentery n. bandubandu.

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- each one n. gūpai;  
 pro. gūkīn.  
 each other pro. kū<sub>2</sub>.  
 each thing n. fōkīn.
- eagerly adv. ɔfiafia.  
 eagle n. dun<sub>2</sub>;  
 n. fēfēda(a).  
 ear n. tōnɔ.

- early *adj.* sara(a), *see:* sàra;  
*adv.* sarasara, *see:* sàra;  
*padj.* sàra.
- early afternoon *n.* usōtē(ε).
- early time *n.* sara(a), *see:* sàra.
- earrings *n.* tōnɔfɔ.
- earthquake *n.* cεrεjigidana(a).
- earthworm *n.* ōnɔnɔ.
- earwax *n.* tōnɔgbāci.
- ease *n.* faalake(ε), *see:* faala.
- east *n.* gucijīn;  
*n.* usōbɔgu.
- easy *adj.* faala;  
*adv.* faala, *see:* faala.
- easy life *n.* ndamana(a), *see:* ndaama.
- eat *vi.* fɔbi;  
*vt.* bi<sub>2</sub> (1).
- eat alot (meat) *vt.* gbē.
- eat food *vi.* ubi.
- eat grass *vt.* shēε su, *see:* shē(ε).
- eat meat *vt.* sōɔ su, *see:* sō(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.
- eat rice *vt.* boli su, *see:* boli.
- eat up *vt.* susu, *see:* su<sub>1</sub>.
- eater *n.* fɔbida, *see:* fɔbi.
- eating *n.* fɔbina(a), *see:* fɔbi;  
*n.* suna(a), *see:* su<sub>1</sub>.
- eating implement *n.* fɔbibɔ(ɔ), *see:* fɔbi.
- eating place *adv.* fɔbigu, *see:* fɔbi.
- eave *n.* saka(a).
- eczema *n.* bɔkici;  
*n.* sɔgε.
- edge *n.* gā;  
*n.* lé (2);  
*post.* lé.
- eel *n.* kōkōkā(a);  
*n.* kpɔkɔsɔ.
- effort *n.* himma.
- egg *n.* gbi(i).
- egg-plant *n.* boboi.
- eggshell *n.* gbigbara(a).
- Egypt *n.* Masa(r).
- Egyptian mimosa *n.* baani<sub>2</sub>.
- Egyptian sesban *n.* sawanjε.
- eh! *intj.* kuku.
- eh *ptcl.* yoo.
- eight *adj.* soowa(a), *see:* soowa;  
*num.* soowa.
- eighteen *num.* koori aweresoowazɔ, *see:* koori.
- eighth *adj.* soowadibi, *see:* soowa.
- eighty *adj.* keeshi(i), *see:* keeshi;  
*num.* keeshi.
- elbow *n.* ɔkūsū.
- elder *n.* gū'ashi;  
*n.* mare.
- electric fish *n.* nunu.
- elephant *n.* sō'ashi.
- elevated *adj.* gurenadi, *see:* gure.
- eleven *num.* koori awereduzɔ, *see:* koori.
- eloquence *n.* leyāfi.
- eloquent (mouth) *adj.* nda(a) (3).
- emaciate *vt.* imi.
- emaciated *padj.* imina, *see:* imi.
- emaciated (become) *vi.* ibɔbɔ.
- embararassment *n.* weresugukpana(a), *see:* weresugukpa.
- embarrassment *n.* gbādashεeta werεma,  
*see:* gbādisheeta werεma.
- ember *n.* yō(ɔ).
- embrace *vi.* ɔlika ...ji;  
*vi.* tata ...ma, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* lungumake (...ma).
- embroider *vt.* wāsāa ke (...ma), *see:* wāsā(a).
- embroidered *adj.* wāsānadi, *see:* wāsā(a).

- empathy *n.* indawerena(a), *see:* indawerema.
- empty *adj.* kakaji;  
*adj.* honko.
- empty-handed *n/adv.* kakaji.
- encamp *vt.* gaa gifa, *see:* gaa.
- enchanter *n.* kohifida.
- encircle *vi.* lika ...ji, *see:* lika<sub>1</sub>.
- encircling *adj.* likada, *see:* lika<sub>1</sub>;  
*padj.* likana, *see:* lika<sub>1</sub>.
- encourage *vi.* cevõ ...ni, *see:* cevõ.
- encourager *n.* zün'ēda, *see:* zün'ē ...ni.
- end *n.* incena(a), *see:* ince;  
*n.* lé (2);  
*n.* ledana(a), *see:* ledε;  
*n.* legagu, *see:* lega;  
*n.* milena(a), *see:* miile;  
*post.* lé;  
*vi.* lega.
- end of Imperative clause mood marker  
meaning 'just' *ptcl.* de (3).
- end of sentence mood marker expressing  
surprise or incredulity *ptcl.* de  
(1).
- end of sentence question marker expecting  
positive answer *ptcl.* -a<sub>1</sub>;  
*ptcl.* koo<sub>2</sub>.
- end of sentence question marker for negative  
question expecting positive reply  
*ptcl.* dee<sub>2</sub>.
- end of subordinate clause mood marker  
meaning 'so, now' *ptcl.* de (2).
- end of world *n/adv.* dunia'incēdi.
- endless *adj.* incebadi, *see:* ince.
- endure *vt.* fõ<sub>1</sub>.
- enemy *n.* ibereε;  
*n.* jedi;
- n.* tõda, *see:* tõ<sub>1</sub>.
- engage one another *vi.* gē kūlu, *see:* gē<sub>2</sub>.
- engaged (be) *vi.* mirake.
- engaged (get) (to man) *vi.* zāke'iri.
- English *n.* anasara yā, *see:* anasara;  
*n.* Ingilishi.
- enjoy *vi.* ndaama.
- enlarge *vi.* ashike;  
*vi.* lake;  
*vt.* lake.
- enlighten *vi.* gufuke (...ni).
- enmity *n.* gaaba;  
*n.* gaabakena(a), *see:* gaabake  
...zɔ;  
*n.* ibereke(ε), *see:* ibereε;  
*n.* jedike(ε), *see:* jedi.
- enough (be) *vi.* buru<sub>1</sub>;  
*vi.* ke<sub>1</sub>.
- enough (be) for *vi.* buru ...ma, *see:* buru<sub>1</sub>.
- enslaved to (be) *vi.* zɔke ...ni.
- ensnare *vt.* kalii ke ...ma, *see:* kali(i).
- enter *vi.* gē<sub>2</sub>.
- enter against *vi.* gē ...ji, *see:* gē<sub>2</sub>.
- enthusiastically *adv.* ɔfiafia.
- entire *adj.* sukutun.
- entrance (action) *n.* gēna(a), *see:* gē<sub>2</sub>.
- entrance hut *n.* kata(a).
- entrap *vt.* kalii ke ...ma, *see:* kali(i).
- entrust to *vt.* na ...ɔlu, *see:* na.
- entry (place) *n.* gēgu, *see:* gē<sub>2</sub>.
- envious person *n.* lu'ānadi, *see:* lu'ā(a).
- envy *n.* lu'ā(a);  
*n.* lu'ākēna(a), *see:* lu'āake ...ni;  
*vi.* lu'āake ...ni.
- epilepsy *n.* kpalukoko.
- epileptic *n.* kpalukokonadi, *see:* kpalukoko.
- equal *adv.* saarasaara, *see:* saara;

- n.* saara (1);  
*n.* saarake, *see:* saara;  
*adj.* saara du, *see:* saara.
- equality *n.* saara (1);  
*n.* saarake, *see:* saara.
- erase *vt.* gbɛɛ dɛ, *see:* gbɛɛ.
- erasure *n.* warana(a), *see:* wara.
- erect *vt.* gifa.
- erect (many) *vt.* gifagifa, *see:* gifa.
- erected (camp) *adj.* gifana, *see:* gifa.
- errand *n.* lɛkpelle.
- error *n.* tɔrɔ, *see:* tɔrɔ ...ma.
- escape *vi.* bɔ.
- escape from *vi.* pitokɛ ...ni, *see:* pitokɛ.
- establish *vt.* gifa;  
*vt.* kpitika ...(ma);  
*vt.* misaa gifa, *see:* misa(a).
- establish household *vt.* kwaace gifa, *see:*  
 kwaace;  
*vt.* wei gifa, *see:* wei.
- established *adj.* gifana, *see:* gifa;  
*adj.* kpitikana, *see:* kpitika  
 ...(ma);  
*adj.* misagifana, *see:* misa(a).
- establishment *n.* gifana(a), *see:* gifa;  
*n.* misagifana(a), *see:* misa(a).
- eternal *adj.* incebadi, *see:* ince.
- eternal life *n.* hundi incebadi, *see:* hundi(i).
- European *n.* anasara.
- European bee-eater *n.* cɛbã(a) (1).
- evangelise *vi.* baalunɔɔkpa ...ni.
- evangelist *n.* baalunɔɔkpada, *see:*  
 baalunɔɔkpa ...ni.
- evaporate *vi.* gara<sub>1</sub>;  
*vi.* kooke.
- even *conj.* baa<sub>1</sub>;  
*ptcl.* s̃.
- even though/if/when *conj.* baa ka, *see:* baa<sub>1</sub>.
- evening *n.* itɔɔkɛ(ɛ).
- evening meal *n.* itɔɔkɛ fɔbina, *see:* itɔɔkɛ(ɛ).
- even-tempered person *n.* gbɛɛ'ɛnanadi, *see:*  
 gbɛɛ'ɛna(a).
- ever *adv.* dikan.
- every day *adv.* dipai;  
*adv.* dishã;  
*adv.* disuka.
- everyone *n.* gũpai.
- everything *n.* fɔkĩn;  
*n.* fɔpai;  
*n.* yãpai.
- everywhere *adv.* kpatapai;  
*n/adv.* gupai.
- evil *adj.* vãni;  
*n.* fɔ vãni, *see:* fɔ;  
*n.* vãnikɛ(ɛ), *see:* vãni;  
*n.* yã vãni, *see:* yã.
- evil (do) *vi.* yãvãnikɛ;  
*vi.* yãzaake;  
*vi.* zaake.
- evil speaker *n.* yãvãnifida, *see:* yãvãnifi.
- evil/bad day *n/adv.* yãzadi.
- evil/bad (do) *vi.* vãnikɛ.
- evildoer *n.* vãnikeda, *see:* vãnikɛ;  
*n.* yãvãnikeda, *see:* yãvãnikɛ;  
*n.* yãzakeda, *see:* yãzaake.
- evildoing *n.* vãnikena(a), *see:* vãnikɛ;  
*n.* zakena(a), *see:* zaake.
- evil/perverse heart *n.* zũn vãni, *see:* zũn.
- evil/wrong (do) *n.* fɔvãnikɛ.
- ewe *n.* tambu negũ, *see:* tambu.
- ewe lamb *n.* tambu negũni, *see:* tambu.
- exactly *adv.* kyaukyau;  
*n.* shãashã.
- exalt *vt.* tɔ shite, *see:* tɔ.

- exalt oneself *vi.* gindashite musu.
- examination *n.* taashikana(a), *see:* taashika ...ji.
- examine *vt.* taashika ...ji.
- examiner *n.* taashikada, *see:* taashika ...ji.
- example *n.* kena(a), *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* yaashe(e).
- excavation *n.* togoro.
- excavation hole *n.* togoro'ere(ε).
- except *conj.* sai ... baashi, *see:* sai;  
*post.* baashi(ba).
- exchange *vt.* litokpa.
- exchange money *vi.* kaweresori.
- excite *vt.* kākā shi, *see:* kākā.
- exclude *vt.* tu ...ni, *see:* tu.
- exclusive *adj.* din.
- exclusively *post.* din, *see:* din.
- excreta *n.* gbḡ(ɔ).
- excuse *n.* gaafara;  
*vi.* gaafarake ...ni.
- exhort *vt.* kankanke (1).
- exhortation *n.* kankankena(a), *see:* kankanke.
- exit *vi.* bɔ.
- exodus *n.* bɔna(a), *see:* bɔ.
- exorce spirit from *vt.* jii gu ...ma, *see:* ji(i).
- exorcism *n.* jiguna'ama, *see:* jiguda.
- exorcist *n.* jiguda.
- expanse of water *n.* isaa.
- expect *vi.* di<sub>2</sub>;  
*vi.* weredɔ ...ji;  
*vi.* wereka ...ma;  
*vi.* zūnka.
- expectation *n.* weerɛdɔna(a) ...ji, *see:* waadɔ ...ji.
- expectorate *vi.* katufake.
- expense *n.* ia<sub>2</sub>.
- expensive *adj.* ianadi, *see:* ia<sub>2</sub>.
- expensive (be) *vi.* iake.
- expensive cotton fabric woven in village *n.* kutta.
- experience hardship *vi.* taabandike;  
*vi.* taabike.
- experience shock *vi.* dukurima.
- expire *vi.* zūndi.
- explain *vi.* yāfuru ...ni;  
*vt.* kaka ...ni (1), *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.
- explain to *vi.* daidaike ...ni;  
*vt.* furu ...ni, *see:* furu (...ma).
- explanation *n.* furuna(a), *see:* furu (...ma).
- explode *vi.* puta;  
*vt.* puta.
- express indignation *vt.* lɔkɔni mɔɔke, *see:* lɔkɔni.
- expression of disgust *intj.* gyam.
- expulsion *n.* kekɛna(a), *see:* keke<sub>1</sub>.
- extend battle line *vi.* dēbu'ɔɔfuru.
- extend help to *vt.* ɔɔ furu ...ni, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.
- extended *adj.* furufuruna, *see:* furu (...ma).
- extent *post.* lé.
- extinguish *vt.* de (3).
- extract iron *vi.* mɔdeece.
- extraordinary *adj.* wàani.
- eye *n.* werɛ (1).
- eyeball *n.* werɛni.
- eyebrow *n.* werɛkokākā.
- eyelash *n.* wereshīn;  
*n.* wereshīnkākā.
- eyelid *n.* wereshɛ(ε).
- eyeshadow *n.* kiro.

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fable	<i>n.</i> shīn <sub>1</sub> .	fall down	<i>vi.</i> cerekū; <i>vi.</i> gboro; <i>vi.</i> mε.
face	<i>n.</i> werɛlu; <i>vi.</i> ɛrɛdɔ ...ma; <i>vi.</i> lalukpa ...ma.	fall on	<i>vi.</i> tō ...ma, <i>see:</i> tō <sub>3</sub> .
face each other	<i>vi.</i> ɛrɛdɔdɔ kūma, <i>see:</i> ɛrɛdɔ ...ma.	fall over	<i>vi.</i> bɔ ... sute, <i>see:</i> bɔ; <i>vi.</i> sute.
facial marking beside eye	<i>n.</i> werɛkata.	fallen	<i>participle.</i> zukuna, <i>see:</i> zúku.
facial marking on forehead	<i>n.</i> ɛrɛkata.	falling	<i>n.</i> sutɛna(a), <i>see:</i> sute.
facing	<i>conj.</i> waadɔdɔ kūji kūni ...zɔ, <i>see:</i> waadɔ ...ji.	false	<i>participle.</i> bishɛnadi, <i>see:</i> bishe <sub>1</sub> .
Factual Conditional marker	<i>ptcl.</i> nà (2).	false abura	<i>n.</i> fã(a).
Factual.COND.HAB.NEG marker	<i>ptcl.</i> nabata, <i>see:</i> nà.	falsehood	<i>n.</i> munaficiyã, <i>see:</i> munafici; <i>n.</i> yãdabadike(ɛ), <i>see:</i> yãda; <i>n.</i> yãsorina(a), <i>see:</i> yãsorida.
Factual.COND.NEG marker after SUBJ NPs	<i>ptcl.</i> naaci, <i>see:</i> nàa.	fame	<i>n.</i> tɔ (2).
faeces	<i>n.</i> gbõ(ɔ).	familiar with (be)	<i>vi.</i> saaboke ...zɔ.
fail	<i>vi.</i> gãnade (...ma) (2).	family	<i>n.</i> idibi; <i>n.</i> kwaacegūna, <i>see:</i> kwaace; <i>n.</i> weigūna, <i>see:</i> weigū.
faint	<i>vi.</i> gãnade (...ma) (2); <i>vi.</i> kpisa.	family member	<i>n.</i> kwaacegū, <i>see:</i> kwaace; <i>n.</i> weigū.
fair (be)	<i>vi.</i> yãjereke.	famine	<i>n.</i> fari; <i>n.</i> fɔbina gãnadɛna, <i>see:</i> fɔbi.
fairness	<i>n.</i> yãjerɛnadi, <i>see:</i> yãjere; <i>n.</i> yãjerɛnadike(ɛ), <i>see:</i> yãjere.	famous (be)	<i>vi.</i> tɔbɔ.
faith	<i>n.</i> ladu'amincike(ɛ), <i>see:</i> ladu'amincikenabadi.	fan	<i>n.</i> cɛkpiri; <i>n.</i> lehe (1); <i>vt.</i> utuvõ (...ma).
faith (in action)	<i>n.</i> ladu'amincikena(a), <i>see:</i> ladu'amincikenabadi.	fang	<i>n.</i> sō <sub>1</sub> .
faithful	<i>adj.</i> yãdanadi, <i>see:</i> yãda.	far	<i>adj.</i> sàa; <i>adv.</i> sàa.
faithful (person)	<i>n/aadj.</i> amincinadi, <i>see:</i> aminci.	far away	<i>adv.</i> saasaa, <i>see:</i> sàa.
faithfulness	<i>n.</i> aminci; <i>n.</i> yãda(a), <i>see:</i> yãda.	far bank/side of	<i>post.</i> baaji.
faithless (person)	<i>n/aadj.</i> amincibadi, <i>see:</i> aminci.	farewell	<i>vi.</i> duce ...ni, <i>see:</i> duce.
fall	<i>n.</i> sutɛna(a), <i>see:</i> sute; <i>vi.</i> sute.	farm	<i>n.</i> je; <i>n.</i> laace.
fall apart	<i>vi.</i> futē.	farm settlement	<i>n.</i> gaa.
fall (dew)	<i>vi.</i> firi ... kpa, <i>see:</i> firi <sub>1</sub> .	farmer	<i>n/aadj.</i> jekeda, <i>see:</i> jekɛ.
		fart	<i>n.</i> tō <sub>2</sub> ;

	<i>vi.</i> tōf̃.		<i>n.</i> wohumada, <i>see:</i> wohuma.
fast	<i>adj.</i> fuda(a), <i>see:</i> fuda; <i>adv.</i> kyāakyāa; <i>n.</i> le'irina(a), <i>see:</i> le'iri; <i>vi.</i> le'iri.	fearful/dreadful matter	<i>n.</i> wohuyā, <i>see:</i> wohu.
fasten	<i>vt.</i> iri <sub>1</sub> .	feast	<i>n.</i> fōbina(a), <i>see:</i> fōbi.
fat	<i>adj.</i> eshena(a), <i>see:</i> eshe; <i>n.</i> yōnɔ; <i>padj.</i> kāna (1), <i>see:</i> kā.	feather	<i>n.</i> kākā (2).
father	<i>n.</i> djii.	feed grass to	<i>vt.</i> shēε kpa ...ni, <i>see:</i> shē(ε).
Father (vocative)	<i>n.</i> Baaba.	feel	<i>vt.</i> ma <sub>2</sub> .
father-in-law	<i>n.</i> mira nigōni, <i>see:</i> mīra; <i>n.</i> ne djii, <i>see:</i> ne(ε); <i>n.</i> zā djii, <i>see:</i> zā <sub>1</sub> .	feel ashamed	<i>vi.</i> unima.
fatten	<i>vi.</i> ashike.	feel cold	<i>vi.</i> ēnaama; <i>vi.</i> ninima.
fatty	<i>adj.</i> yōnɔnadi, <i>see:</i> yōnɔ.	feel hot/feverish	<i>vi.</i> fudaama.
fault	<i>n.</i> laru.	feel nauseous	<i>vi.</i> gboruma.
fault-finder	<i>n.</i> gūtaaliwada.	feel pain	<i>vi.</i> azuma <sub>2</sub> .
faultfinding	<i>n.</i> taalilina(a), <i>see:</i> taalili.	feel strong	<i>vi.</i> gbādaama.
faultless	<i>adj.</i> larubadi, <i>see:</i> laru.	felling	<i>n.</i> angana(a), <i>see:</i> anga.
faulty	<i>adj.</i> larunadi, <i>see:</i> laru.	fellow	<i>adj.</i> du(u), <i>see:</i> du.
favorable	<i>padj.</i> wina, <i>see:</i> wi ...ji.	fellowship	<i>n.</i> kūgūnake(ε), <i>see:</i> kūgūna.
favorably	<i>adv.</i> wina(a), <i>see:</i> wi ...ji.	female	<i>adj.</i> negū.
favoritism	<i>n.</i> winaawinaa, <i>see:</i> wi ...ji; <i>n.</i> winamōna(a), <i>see:</i> winaamō ...ni; <i>n.</i> winaawinaamōna'àni, <i>see:</i> winaamō ...ni.	female agama lizard	<i>n.</i> jankpata negū, <i>see:</i> jankpata.
favour	<i>n.</i> ama <sub>2</sub> ; <i>n.</i> guceke(ε) (1), <i>see:</i> guce; <i>n.</i> ndakena(a), <i>see:</i> ndaake ...ni.	female camel	<i>n.</i> sōsaa negū, <i>see:</i> sōsaa.
favourable/kind (be) to	<i>vi.</i> amake ...ni.	female servant	<i>n.</i> zōne(gū).
fear	<i>n.</i> wohu; <i>n.</i> wohumana(a), <i>see:</i> wohuma; <i>vi.</i> wohuma ...ni, <i>see:</i> wohuma; <i>vt.</i> wohuma.	femineity	<i>n.</i> negūke(ε), <i>see:</i> negū.
fearful person	<i>n.</i> wohunadi, <i>see:</i> wohu;	fence	<i>n.</i> kali(i) (1); <i>n.</i> kitilo.
		ferment	<i>vt.</i> ba <sub>2</sub> .
		ferocity	<i>n.</i> zake(ε), <i>see:</i> za(a).
		fertile	<i>adj.</i> taakinadi, <i>see:</i> taaki.
		fertiliser	<i>n.</i> taaki.
		fertility	<i>n.</i> taaki.
		festival	<i>n.</i> buki.
		fetish priest	<i>n.</i> sāmakeda, <i>see:</i> sāmake ...ma.
		fetter	<i>vi.</i> kacikacike ...ni.
		fever	<i>n.</i> duwere fuda(a), <i>see:</i> duwere.
		fiancé	<i>n.</i> jingi.
		fickle	<i>padj.</i> sorisorina, <i>see:</i> sori.
		field	<i>n.</i> laace.



- field owner *n.* jefunadi, *see:* jε.
- fierce *adj.* za(a).
- fifteen *num.* wakaasɔru.
- fifteenth *adj.* wakaasɔrudibi, *see:* wakaasɔru.
- fifth *adj.* sɔɔrudibi, *see:* sɔɔru.
- fifth generation *n.* werɛbawaaba.
- fifty *num.* keefiawokoori, *see:* keefia(a).
- fig *n.* dɔ̃(ɔ).
- fig species *n.* dɔ̃fu, *see:* dɔ̃(ɔ);  
*n.* dɔ̃tɛ̃, *see:* dɔ̃(ɔ).
- fig tree species *n.* buga(a);  
*n.* fisāsā;  
*n.* jangba;  
*n.* shedia.
- fight *n.* dɛ̃̃(ε);  
*n.* dɛ̃̃kena(a), *see:* dɛ̃̃ke;  
*vi.* dɛ̃̃ke.
- fight war *vi.* dɛ̃̃buuke.
- fighter *n.* dɛ̃̃kɛda, *see:* dɛ̃̃ke.
- fighting *n.* dɛ̃̃kena(a), *see:* dɛ̃̃ke.
- filaria *n.* kusakushi.
- fill *vt.* fa<sub>2</sub>.
- filter *n.* kɔ̃kɔ̃sɔ̃(ɔ);  
*vt.* kɔ̃kɔ̃sɔ̃ke.
- filth *n.* bɔ̃tɔ̃(ɔ).
- filthy person — bɔ̃tɔ̃nadi, *see:* bɔ̃tɔ̃(ɔ).
- final *adj.* incɛna(a), *see:* ince.
- finch *n.* layani.
- find *vi.* zɔ̃ ...ma, *see:* zɔ̃;  
*vt.* li<sub>2</sub> (1).
- find fault with *vt.* taalili.
- find favour before *vi.* amali ...ma.
- find favour in eyes of *vi.* amali ... werɛma,  
*see:* amali ...ma.
- find help *vt.* faaba li, *see:* faaba.
- find on *vt.* li ...ma, *see:* li<sub>2</sub>.
- find opportunity *vt.* li<sub>2</sub> (2).
- find place (in book) *vi.* zɔ̃ guma, *see:* zɔ̃.
- find strength *vi.* gbādaali.
- find way *vt.* jɛɛ li, *see:* jɛɛ.
- finding *n.* lina(a), *see:* li<sub>2</sub>.
- fine *adj.* lɛhɛlɛhɛ;  
*intj.* baani<sub>1</sub>.
- finger *n.* ɔ̃ni (1).
- fingernail *n.* ɔ̃kɔ̃kɔ̃(ɔ).
- fingerprint *n.* ɔ̃gbɛɛ.
- finish *vi.* ince;  
*vt.* lɛde;  
*vt.* miide;  
*vt.* miile.
- finished for (be) *vi.* ince ...ma, *see:* ince.
- fire *n.* cɛ.
- firefly *n.* baragaluilui.
- fireplace *n.* kó(o).
- firewood *n.* akɔ̃ kpetena(a), *see:* akɔ̃.
- firewood for sacrifice *n.* sāmakɛ'akɔ̃.
- firewood gatherer *n.* akɔ̃shida.
- firm *adv.* gīngīn.
- first *adj.* farashina(a), *see:* farashi ...ni;  
*adv.* farashina, *see:* farashi ...ni;  
*adv.* gīna.
- first (do) *vi.* gīnaake.
- first-born *n.* nisara(a).
- fish *n.* zɔ̃̃(ɔ);  
*vi.* iwɛ;  
*vi.* zɔ̃̃kū;  
*vi.* zɔ̃̃tɔ̃.
- fish dam *n.* zɔ̃'izɔ̃.
- fish hook — fasani, *see:* fasa.
- fish scale *n.* zɔ̃gbara(a).
- fish species *n.* gīshi;  
*n.* gishicɛ̃(ε), *see:* gīshi;

	<i>n.</i> gishifu(u), <i>see:</i> gishi;	flee	<i>vi.</i> bashi.
	<i>n.</i> gishici(i), <i>see:</i> gishi;	flesh	<i>n.</i> báshi.
	<i>n.</i> gishimuceni;	float	<i>vi.</i> bii ima, <i>see:</i> bii <sub>2</sub> .
	<i>n.</i> kpīn <sub>2</sub> .	float on	<i>vi.</i> kpetε musu, <i>see:</i> kpetε.
fish trap	<i>n.</i> ngurutu.	floating	<i>n.</i> kpetena(a), <i>see:</i> kpetε.
fish (with line and hook)	<i>vi.</i> fasake.	flock	<i>n.</i> garige.
fishbone	<i>n.</i> zōyεre(ε).	flood	<i>n.</i> malaalakena(a), <i>see:</i> malaalake; <i>vi.</i> malaalake.
fisherman	<i>n.</i> iwēda, <i>see:</i> iwε; <i>n.</i> sōrɔkɔ.	flooding	<i>n.</i> malaalakena(a), <i>see:</i> malaalake.
fishing line	<i>n.</i> fasabε(ε).	floor beater	<i>n.</i> dakpeni.
fishing line (rod and line)	<i>n.</i> fasa.	floor (of house)	<i>n.</i> kpecεre.
fishing net	<i>n.</i> kundu.	flour	<i>n.</i> wicici.
fishing net for casting	<i>n.</i> birigi.	flourish	<i>vi.</i> marekeεke.
fish-poison bean	<i>n.</i> sāgasāga.	floury	<i>adj.</i> ciinadi.
fist	<i>n.</i> ɔkutu.	flow	<i>n.</i> bɔna(a), <i>see:</i> bɔ; <i>vi.</i> bashi.
five	<i>num.</i> sōru.	flower	<i>n.</i> vūn; <i>vi.</i> vūnke.
fix attention on	<i>vi.</i> werεdɔ (...ma), <i>see:</i> werεdɔ ...ji.	flowering	<i>adj.</i> vūnnadi, <i>see:</i> vūn.
flag	<i>n.</i> tuuta(a).	flute (long)	<i>n.</i> sheeshe.
flake rubber tree	<i>n.</i> gbangere.	flute player	<i>n.</i> sheeshεfēda.
flamboyant tree	<i>n.</i> niba.	flute (short)	<i>n.</i> kucε(ε) <sub>2</sub> .
flame	<i>n.</i> cεbeela; <i>n.</i> cenεnε.	fly	— likalika, <i>see:</i> lika <sub>1</sub> ; <i>vi.</i> kpetε; <i>vi.</i> lili.
flap wings	<i>vi.</i> shīnwā.	fly around	<i>vi.</i> lika <sub>1</sub> .
flash lightning	<i>vi.</i> yēmeke.	flying ant	<i>n.</i> sōnge.
flashes of lightning	<i>n.</i> yēmekenana, <i>see:</i> yēmeke.	flying termite	<i>n.</i> sunge.
flash/gnash teeth at	<i>vi.</i> sōjirike ...ji.	foam	<i>n.</i> futa(a); <i>n.</i> kūfa; <i>vi.</i> kūfabɔ.
flat	<i>adj.</i> sara; <i>padj.</i> gbangara.	focus	<i>n.</i> werεkagu, <i>see:</i> werεka ...ma.
flat place	<i>n.</i> gugbangara.	fog	<i>n.</i> buda; <i>n.</i> mandi.
flatten	<i>vt.</i> dabεke.	fold up	<i>vi.</i> kukuda; <i>vt.</i> kukuda.
flatter	<i>vi.</i> kilaalike; <i>vi.</i> lε'ndaake ...ni.	folded	<i>adj.</i> kukudana(a), <i>see:</i> kukuda;
flattering	<i>adj.</i> nda'nda(a), <i>see:</i> nda(a).		
flattery	<i>n.</i> kilaali.		
flax	<i>n.</i> bunda.		

- padj.* kukudana, *see:* kukuda.
- follow *vi.* dɔ ...ma, *see:* dɔ ... gu.
- follow after *vi.* kpɛtɛ ...ma, *see:* kpɛtɛ.
- follow example *vi.* dɔ ...gbɛɛma, *see:* dɔ ... gu.
- follow with eye *vi.* wɛrɛtɛɛ ...ma.
- follower *n.* dɔda, *see:* dɔ ... gu;  
*n.* iba(a)<sub>2</sub>.
- folly *n.* fayabadikɛ(ɛ), *see:* faya(a);  
*n.* mibadikɛ(ɛ), *see:* mi(i);  
*n.* mibadiyã, *see:* mi(i);  
*n.* yãfayabadikɛna(a).
- fondle *vi.* ɔna ...ma.
- food *n.* fɔbina(a), *see:* fɔbi;  
*n.* ú (1).
- food preparer *n.* fɔbinakɛda.
- food with yeast in it *n.* fɔ'ɛshɛna(a).
- food without sauce *n.* busã<sub>1</sub> (2).
- food-store *n.* fɔbinakagu.
- fool *n.* azancibadi, *see:* azanci;  
*n.* fayabadi, *see:* faya(a);  
*n.* laakalibadi, *see:* laakali;  
*n.* mibadi, *see:* mi(i);  
*n.* tɔ(o).
- foolish *adj.* tɔ(o).
- foolish act/word *n.* toyã, *see:* tɔ(o).
- foolish (be) *n.* mibadiyãkɛ.
- foolish person *n.* dabalibadi, *see:* dabali.
- foolishness *n.* mibadiyãkɛna(a), *see:*  
mibadiyãkɛ;  
*n.* tokɛ(ɛ), *see:* tɔ(o).
- foot *n.* gbɛ;  
*n.* gbɛtaahi.
- football *n.* kɔlogbɛ.
- football ground *n.* kɔlogufu.
- footprint *n.* gbɛgbɛɛ.
- foot-soldier *n.* gishitada.
- footstep *n.* gbɛdina(a), *see:* gbɛdi.
- footstool *n.* gbɛdibɔ(ɔ), *see:* gbɛdi.
- for *conj.* zaaka.
- for no reason *padj.* kakaji.
- for nothing *adj.* pã(a).
- for some time *adv.* difia, *see:* difia(a).
- forbidden food *n.* tɛkɛfɔ, *see:* tɛkɛɛ<sub>2</sub>.
- forbidden thing *n.* tɛ̀(ɛ).
- force *vi.* utɔ̄ ...ma (1);  
*vt.* kankankɛ (1).
- ford *n.* buragu(a), *see:* bura.
- forearm *n.* ɔba.
- forehead *n.* ɛrɛ.
- foreign *adj.* niba(a).
- foreman *n.* watalu.
- forest *n.* akɔkpɛ.
- forge *n.* mɔdeɛcegu, *see:* mɔdeɛce;  
*vi.* mɔdeɛce;  
*vt.* deɛce (2);  
*vt.* firi<sub>3</sub> (2).
- forget *vi.* sãsã ...ma, *see:* sã;  
*vi.* zũmbɔ ...ma.
- forgive *vi.* surukɛ (...ni/zɔ);  
*vt.* tu ...ni, *see:* tu;  
*vt.* yaafake.
- forgive concerning *vt.* yaafake ...zɔ, *see:*  
yaafake.
- forgiveness *n.* surukɛna(a), *see:* surukɛ  
(...ni/zɔ);  
*n.* yaafa.
- forgiveness of sin *n.* zunubikatana(a), *see:*  
zunubikatagu.
- former state *n.* ba jida, *see:* ba<sub>3</sub>.
- formerly *adv.* jida, *see:* jida(a).
- fortress *n.* gbãdaligu, *see:* gbãdaali.
- fortunate (be) *vi.* mi'ndaake.
- fortune teller *n.* annabi;

- n.* wali.  
 forty *num.* keefia(a).  
 forward *adv.* εε.  
 foul play *n.* takii.  
 found *vt.* gifa;  
*vt.* kpitika ...(ma);  
*vt.* misaa gifa, *see:* misa(a).  
 foundation *n.* gifana(a), *see:* gifa;  
*n.* kpitii (2);  
*n.* kpitikana(a), *see:* kpitika  
 ...(ma).  
 foundation material *n.* kpitikabɔ(ɔ), *see:*  
 kpitika ...(ma).  
 founded *padj.* kpitikana, *see:* kpitika  
 ...(ma).  
 founder *n.* gifada, *see:* gifa.  
 four *aadj.* shi(i), *see:* shi<sub>1</sub>;  
*num.* shi<sub>1</sub>.  
 four-banded sandgrouse *n.* bulubulushi.  
 fourteen *num.* koori awereshizɔ, *see:* koori.  
 fourth *n/aadj.* shidibi, *see:* shi<sub>1</sub>.  
 fourth generation *n.* cɛcilelekeda.  
 fragment *n.* kasu.  
 francincense tree *n.* maaje.  
 frankincense *n.* zɔgo'ɔ.  
 fraud *n.* gūbina(a).  
 freckled nightjar *n.* sawawadajĩn;  
*n.* toka laholu.  
 free *padj.* inani.  
 free person *n.* inani.  
 freedom *n.* inanike(ε), *see:* inani;  
*n.* shīnafuruna(a), *see:* shīmifuru.  
 fresh *adj.* bútu.  
 fresh milk *n.* diyɔ́ bútu, *see:* diyɔ́'i.  
 fresh water spring *n.* ikpako'izɔ.  
 Friday *n.* Di'ashi(di).  
 fried *aadj.* arina(a), *see:* ari.
- friend *n.* tɔ̀(ɔ)<sub>1</sub>.  
 friendly *adj.* fiana.  
 friendship *n.* tɔ̀ke(ε), *see:* tɔ̀(ɔ)<sub>1</sub>.  
 frighten *vi.* wohukpa ...ji/ni.  
 frog *n.* Kambalina bakasu, *see:*  
 Kambali.  
 from *post.* gu, *see:* gu(u);  
*prep.* zaa.  
 from mouth of *post.* lɛlu.  
 from place to place *adv.* kpaakpaa.  
 front door area *adv.* kpele;  
*n.* kpele.  
 front room of house *n.* waranda.  
 froth *n.* futa(a).  
 fruit *n.* akɔ̀ni;  
*n.* ni.  
 fruit of raffia palm *n.* komi.  
 fruit picker (long rod) *n.* gbando.  
 fruit-bearer *n.* ni'ida, *see:* ni'i.  
 fruit-bearing *aadj.* ni'ida, *see:* ni'i.  
 fruitless *padj.* ni'ibadi, *see:* ni'i.  
 frustration *n.* pã(a).  
 fry *vt.* ari.  
 fulfilled (be) *vi.* fa<sub>2</sub>.  
 Fulani *n.* Furentě(ε).  
 Fulani hat *n.* malafa.  
 fulfilment *n.* fana(a), *see:* fa<sub>2</sub>.  
 fulfilment of bad omen *n.* kóhi (2).  
 full *aadj.* fana(a), *see:* fa<sub>2</sub>;  
*padj.* fana, *see:* fa<sub>2</sub>.  
 full (be) *vi.* fa<sub>2</sub>.  
 full grown *adj.* kasara.  
 full (moon) *adj.* bumbu.  
 full moon *n.* mɔ́ bũnu, *see:* mɔ́(ɔ).  
 full to the brim *ideo.* yeleyele.  
 full-grained *aadj.* werɛnadi, *see:* werɛ.  
 funeral *n.* disɔ́fia(a).

furnace *n.* mɔdecegu, *see:* mɔdece.*n.* zūmfana(a), *see:* zūmfada.furrow *n.* kãna'ata(a).fussy (be) about *vi.* vɔ̄nake ...ni.fury *n.* lufēde(ε), *see:* lufēde;future generation *n.* lefūnadina, *see:* lefūli.

## G - g

gall *n.* āa (2).genuine *adj.* yāda(a), *see:* yāda;gall bladder *n.* āa (1).*adj.* yādanadi, *see:* yāda.Gambian sun squirrel *n.* amamusu.get *vt.* li<sub>2</sub> (1).gamble *vi.* cacake.get better *vi.* daamake;game *n.* kukū<sub>1</sub>.*vi.* geε ... ē, *see:* ge(ε).garden *n.* lambu.get big *vi.* ashike.gardener *n.* lambunadi, *see:* lambu.get dark *vi.* guciike.garganey duck *n.* kwākwā.get dirty *vi.* gbācike (1).garlic *n.* albasakici.get drunk (on beer) *vi.* wēede.gasp *vi.* zūndi.get infection from *vi.* li ...gu, *see:* li<sub>2</sub>.gate *n.* bɔ̄gu (1);get out of way of *vi.* bɔ̄ ...ni, *see:* bɔ̄.*n.* letabɔ̄(ɔ).get result of *vt.* gbεε li, *see:* gbεε.gate-keeper *n.* ledāda.get rich *vi.* kawere li, *see:* kawere.gather *vt.* she.get sick *vi.* geεke.gather firewood *vt.* akɔ shi, *see:* akɔ.get thin *vi.* warabu.gather (many times) *vt.* dakūdakū, *see:* dakū.get well *vi.* baanike;*vi.* baanima.gather shea nuts *vt.* kuu shite, *see:* kù(u).get/earn money *vi.* kawere li, *see:* kawere.gather together *vt.* dakū ...ji, *see:* dakū.ghost *n.* cīnjīnjīn;gathered *padj.* dakūna, *see:* dakū.*n.* nani(i) (2).gathering *n.* dakūna(a), *see:* dakū.giant *n.* gucesaa.gecko *n.* kpānini;giant millipede *n.* gōgɔ̄rɔ̄.*n.* sakasaka.giant rat *n.* gbiri.generous person *n.* gbadada, *see:* gbada.giddy (be) *vi.* li<sub>1</sub>.generously *adv.* tootoo, *see:* tò(o).gift *n.* gba(a), *see:* gba.gentle *adj.* busā<sub>2</sub>;gift giving *n.* gbadana(a), *see:* gbada.*padj.* ēna, *see:* ē<sub>1</sub>.gill *n.* bɔ̄kɔ̄ (3).gentleness *n.* gberē'ēna(a).gingerbread plum *n.* gaiwasa.gentle/sincere person *n.* zūndunadi, *see:* zūndu(u).giraffe *n.* lahoolusōsaa.gently *adv.* busābusā, *see:* busā<sub>2</sub>.girl *n.* nifi(i).gently lead *vt.* cecekpa.girlfriend of married man *n.* nebushi (2).girlhood *n.* nifikelooto(o).

- girl's waistband *n.* koohi<sub>2</sub>.
- give birth *vi.* ni'i (1).
- give blessing of peace *vi.* salamake.
- give credit *vi.* findekpa ...ni.
- give gift *vt.* gba;  
*vt.* gbada.
- give instructions *vi.* lēdi ...ni.
- give life to *vt.* hundii kpa ...ni, *see:* hundi(i).
- give light *vi.* gufukpa.
- give permission *vt.* jere kpa, *see:* jere.
- give rest *vt.* gba usāna, *see:* gba.
- give success to *vt.* sa'aa kpa ...ni, *see:*  
sa'a(a).
- give thanks *vi.* saabukpa (...ni).
- give to *vt.* kpa ...ni, *see:* kpa.
- give up *vi.* miibɔ ...ma, *see:* miibɔ;  
*vi.* ɔkpa ...ji;  
*vi.* ɔɔbɔ ...ji, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* tēεke<sub>2</sub>.
- give yield/increase to *vt.* lafanaa ke ...ni, *see:*  
lafa.
- giver *n.* gbadada, *see:* gbada;  
*n.* kpada, *see:* kpa.
- gizzard *n.* toto.
- glass *n.* digi.
- glasses *n.* weredigi.
- gloat over *vi.* guudaada ..ma, *see:* guudaada.
- glorify *vt.* tɔbɔ.
- glorious *adj.* marekenadi, *see:* mare.
- glorious (be) *vi.* marekeεke.
- glory *n.* mareke(ε), *see:* mare;  
*n.* tɔbɔna(a), *see:* tɔbɔ.
- glory day *n/adv.* tɔbɔdi, *see:* tɔbɔ.
- glutton *n.* uwida.
- gnaw at *vt.* kokorokpa.
- go after *vi.* dɔ ...gbεema, *see:* dɔ ... gu.
- go around — likalika, *see:* lika<sub>1</sub>;
- vi.* lika<sub>1</sub>;
- vi.* lika ...ji, *see:* lika<sub>1</sub>;
- vi.* tungba (...ji), *see:* tungba ...ma.
- go astray *vi.* sã ...ni, *see:* sã.
- go back *vi.* cēε.
- go back on word *vt.* tokpa.
- go back to *vt.* cēε ...ni, *see:* cēε.
- go guarantor for *vt.* gbītā di/shite ... miima,  
*see:* gbītā.
- go (IMPRF, SBJ, UNAC, PROG, HAB) *vi.* yaa,  
*see:* yà.
- go mad/crazy *vi.* sɔkpa.
- go mouldy *vi.* abuke.
- go on journey *vi.* yaa faralu, *see:* yà.
- go out *vi.* bɔ.
- go out with *vi.* bɔ ...zɔ, *see:* bɔ.
- go (PRF) *vi.* yà.
- go to *vi.* yaa ...ma, *see:* yà.
- goat *n.* bui.
- goat glands that hang from neck *n.* lagaye.
- go-between *n.* budengū.
- God *n.* Ladu.
- god *n.* dɔma(a).
- God forbid! *intj.* gyam.
- God seeker *n.* ladutɔda.
- godlessness *n.* laduyākabadike(ε), *see:*  
laduyākabadi.
- godliness *n.* laduyākana(a), *see:*  
laduyākabadi.
- God-seeker *n.* ladugutɔda.
- going *n.* yana(a), *see:* yà.
- going (time) *n/adv.* yadi, *see:* yà.
- goitre *n.* bɔkɔ (1).
- gold *n.* wula(a).
- gonorrhoea *n.* nenage(ε);  
*n.* nenafu(u), *see:* nenage(ε).
- good *adj.* nɔɔ.

good behaviour/deeds *n.* yānwākēna(a), *see:*  
yānwākē.

good condition *n.* daama.

good deed *n.* fōnwākēna(a), *see:* fōnwākē(ε).

good (do) *vi.* fōnwākē;  
*vi.* yānwākē.

good (for) (do) *vi.* nōwke (...ni)<sub>2</sub>.

good fortune *n.* mi'nda(a).

Good morning! *intj.* dikēnaa dè, *see:*  
dikēna(a).

good person *n.* gūnwō.

good speech *n.* yānwōfina(a).

good thing *n.* fō nōw, *see:* fō.

good thinker/planner *n.* laasaabunōwākēda.

good to (do) *vi.* ndaake ...ni.

good/beautiful one *n.* nōw.

goodness *n.* fō nōw, *see:* fō;  
*n.* fōnwākē(ε);  
*n.* nōwke(ε), *see:* nōw;  
*n.* yā nōw, *see:* yā.

good/righteous person *n.* gūturu.

goodwill *n.* zūnnōw.

gorge on meat *vt.* sōw wā, *see:* sō(ō)<sub>2</sub>.

gossip *n.* kiine;  
*n.* kiinenadi, *see:* kiine;  
*n.* kiinekena(a), *see:* kiineke ...ni.

gossip about *vi.* kiineke ...ni.

gourd *n.* tōw;  
*n.* zōrō(ō).

gown *n.* gōbishi(ε);  
*n.* tōgō(ō).

grace *n.* guceke(ε) (1), *see:* guce;  
*n.* nōwke(ε), *see:* nōw;  
*n.* nōwkeyā, *see:* nōwke (...ni)<sub>2</sub>.

gracious word *n.* nōwkeyā, *see:* nōwke  
(...ni)<sub>2</sub>.

gracious/compassionate to (be) *vi.*  
indawereke ...ni.

gracious/kind person *n.* amakēda, *see:*  
amake ...ni.

gracious/kind/beneficial to (be) *vi.*  
gucekeke ...ni.

graciousness *n.* suru.

graft *n.* akōzakēna(a), *see:* akōzāke;  
*vi.* akōzāke.

grafted *adj.* garafe.

grafted mango *n.* manguru garafe, *see:*  
manguru.

grafting *n.* akōzakēna(a), *see:* akōzāke.

grain *n.* fōwεε.

gram *cn.* garam.

granary *n.* dō(ō).

grandchild *n.* toi.

grandfather *n.* diji (1).

grandmother *n.* dee<sub>1</sub>.

grant (ex. success) *vt.* da ...ε ...zō, *see:* da.

granules *n.* gasa.

grape *n.* inabi ni, *see:* inabi.

grapevine *n.* inabi.

grass *n.* shē(ε).

grass cut from old farm *n.* sagara (2).

grass torch *n.* biro;  
*n.* shēce.

grass used for fencing *n.* danga(a)<sub>1</sub>.

grasshopper *n.* shinga kuturu, *see:* shinga.

grave *n.* ge'ere(ε);  
*n.* kasa<sub>1</sub>.

grave pit *n.* kasa'ere(ε).

gravel *n.* gberekōwō;  
*n.* kōwō<sub>1</sub>.

gravestone *n.* kasagberε(ε).

graze *vt.* shēε su, *see:* shē(ε).

grazier *n.* fōdāda, *see:* fōdā.

greasy (be)

greasy (be) *vi.* fishike.

Great egret *n.* hakaye.

great egret *n.* fukaye;

*n.* ibafu(u).

great grandchild *n.* tōnəkūda.

great great grandchild *n.* cēcilelekēda.

greatness *n.* ashike(ε), *see:* ashi.

greed *n.* wereshite.

greed for food *n.* fōbinawina, *see:*

fōbinawida.

greedy (be) *vi.* wereshiteke.

greedy person *n.* fōbinawida;

*n.* wereshitenadi, *see:* wereshite.

green *adj.* lala'i;

*adj.* shē'i.

green pepper *n.* tankpa'ashi.

green pigeon *n.* turu.

greet *vi.* fookpa ...ni;

*vi.* hookpa ...ni.

greeting *n.* fō(o);

*n.* ho(o).

greetings *intj.* fō(o).

grey hornbill *n.* cinkoli.

grey plantain-eater *n.* baakudōndō.

grey woodpecker *n.* akōfōda;

*n.* kōkōhi.

grey-headed sparrow *n.* bāntoro;

*n.* keeke.

grief *n.* zūnwuri.

grieved *adj.* wurina, *see:* wúri.

grimace at *vi.* lēfē ...ma.

grind *vt.* lō;

*vt.* lōlō, *see:* lō.

grind to powder/flour *vt.* ciibō.

grinding stone *n.* wirilōgberε(ε).

griot *n.* kerēdeda, *see:* kerεdε.

groan *vi.* ōda.

guide one's steps

groaning *n.* ōdana(a), *see:* ōda.

groom *n.* neshida.

grope *vi.* kararakpa.

ground *n.* cεrε.

ground up *adj.* ciinadi.

groundnut *n.* tē.

group *cn.* gandu;

*n.* kali(i) (2).

grow *vi.* ashike.

grow long/tall *vi.* saake.

grow old *vi.* jidake.

grow senile *vi.* jidake kōtōkōtō, *see:* jidake.

grow thin *vi.* ibabi;

*vi.* ibōbō.

grow tired of *vi.* busā ...zō, *see:* busā<sub>2</sub>.

grow very old *vi.* jidake kōtōkōtō, *see:* jidake.

grow weak/soft *vi.* busā<sub>2</sub>.

growl *ideo.* pōō;

*n.* guuni.

growl (dog) *vi.* guunike ...ni (1);

*vi.* pōōke.

grumble *vi.* guunike ...ni (2).

grumble against *vi.* guunike ...ji, *see:* guunike ...ni.

grumbling *n.* guunikena(a), *see:* guunike ...ni.

grunt *vi.* hōhōke.

guarantor *n.* gbītāshiteda.

guard *n.* dāda, *see:* dā<sub>1</sub>;

*n.* gudāda, *see:* gudā;

*vi.* gudā;

*vt.* dā<sub>1</sub>.

guava *n.* gwaiba.

guide *n.* watalu;

*vi.* ke ...ni watalu, *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.

guide (for blind) *n.* gyakūda.

guide one's steps *vt.* gbεcεrε dōdō ...ni, *see:* gbεcεrε.



guilt *n.* taali.  
 guilty *n.* zunubinadi, *see:* zunubi.  
 guilty person *n.* taalinadi, *see:* taali.  
 guinea corn *n.* dawa(a).  
 guinea corn harvest time *n/adv.*  
     dawamɔ̀kɛdi.  
 guinea corn mash *n.* ú (1).

guinea corn stalk *n.* dawa akɔ, *see:*  
     dawa(a).  
 Guinea worm *n.* künükünü.  
 guinea-pig *n.* anasara ɛ̃nɛ, *see:* anasara.  
 gum *n.* legelege.  
 gunpowder *n.* albaru.  
 gutter *n.* ibashi.

## H - h

HAB suffix *ptcl.* -ta, *see:* tà.  
 HAB.CONT marker *ptcl.* tagũ, *see:* tà.  
 Habitual marker *ptcl.* tà.  
 HAB.NEG aspect marker *ptcl.* bata<sub>2</sub>.  
 HAB.NEG SUBJ pronoun suffix *ptcl.* -bata,  
     *see:* bata<sub>2</sub>.  
 Hades *n.* lee;  
     *n.* weida'ashi.  
 haggard *adj.* kyangakuna(a).  
 haggle *vi.* eata.  
 hail *n.* lagberɛ(ɛ);  
     *vt.* lagberɛɛ bā, *see:* lagberɛ(ɛ).  
 hair *n.* kākā (1).  
 hair (of head) *n.* mikākā.  
 hairdresser *n.* mitāda, *see:* miiitā.  
 hairy *adj.* kākānadi, *see:* kākā.  
 half *adj.* kusu;  
     *n.* kasu;  
     *n.* kutu(u)<sub>2</sub> (2);  
     *n.* labi<sub>2</sub>.  
 hall *n.* dakūkpe.  
 hall leader *n.* dakūkpenadi, *see:* dakūkpe.  
 halter (for donkey) *n.* kashigi.  
 halve *vt.* bɔ kũlu, *see:* bɔ.  
 hammer *n.* andalika;  
     *n.* hama.  
 hamstring (animal) *vt.* kēnɛɛ jě, *see:* kēnɛ(ɛ).  
 hand *n.* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.

hand (below wrist) *n.* ɔtaahi.  
 hand bone *n.* ɔyɛɛ.  
 hand/cluster (bananas) *n.* ketɛ.  
 handiwork *n.* ɔdikina(a);  
     *n.* ɔdikinakena(a), *see:* ɔdikinake.  
 handle *n.* ba<sub>3</sub>.  
 handled (pot) *adj.* tōnɔnadi, *see:* tōnɔ.  
 handleless (pot) *adj.* tōnɔbadi, *see:* tōnɔ.  
 handsome person *n.* gūnɔɔ (2).  
 hang up *vt.* kɔtɔkɛ.  
 hanging *adj.* kɔtɔkena, *see:* kɔtɔkɛ.  
 hankerchief *n.* yɔrɔnawarabɔ(ɔ).  
 happening *n.* kena(a), *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.  
 happiness *n.* zūn'nda(a).  
 happy (be) *vi.* zūn ... ke nda, *see:* zūn;  
     *vi.* zūn'ndaake.  
 happy person *n.* zūn'ndanadi, *see:* zūn'nda(a).  
 hard *adj.* gbāda(a);  
     *adj.* gbāda, *see:* gbāda(a).  
 harden *vi.* i (1).  
 harm *vt.* marake.  
 harmattan *n.* nini'i.  
 harmattan dust *n.* buda.  
 harmful *adj.* hasalinadi, *see:* hasali.  
 harmony *n.* ledu(u);  
     *n.* lekedu.  
 harp player *n.* kwansadeda.  
 harper *n.* yājidakpetɛda.

harpist *n.* kwansadeda, *see:* kwansade.  
 harpoon *n.* haligi.  
 harp-playing *n.* kwansadena(a), *see:* kwansadeda.  
 harsh *adj.* lufēde(ε), *see:* lufēde.  
 harsh tasting (unripe fruit) *adj.* negeɛge(ε) (2), *see:* negeɛge.  
 harvest *n.* angana(a), *see:* anga;  
*n.* fɔmɔkɛna(a), *see:* fɔmɔkɛ;  
*n.* mɔkɛna(a), *see:* mɔkɛ;  
*vt.* anga'anga, *see:* anga;  
*vt.* mɔkɛ (4).  
 harvest grain *vi.* fɔmɔkɛ.  
 harvest honey *vt.* zɔrɔ bu, *see:* zɔrɔ.  
 harvest season *n.* mɔkɛlooto.  
 harvest time *n/adv.* fɔmɔkɛdi, *see:* fɔmɔkɛ;  
*n/adv.* mɔkɛdi, *see:* mɔkɛ.  
 harvest yams *vt.* áa yē, *see:* á(a).  
 harvester *n.* fɔmɔkɛda, *see:* fɔmɔkɛ;  
*n.* mɔkɛda, *see:* mɔkɛ.  
 haste *n.* fuda(a), *see:* fuda;  
*n.* fudakɛna(a), *see:* fuda.  
 hasten *vi.* fudaake.  
 hatch *vi.* bɔbɔ, *see:* bɔ;  
*vi.* nibɔbɔ.  
 hatch eggs *vi.* gbibɔbɔ.  
 hate *n.* zāna'álu, *see:* zā ...lu;  
*vi.* waa ... gbɪnjiba, *see:* waa ...ji;  
*vi.* zā ...lu.  
 hatred *n.* zāna'álu, *see:* zā ...lu.  
 Hausa *n.* Hausa.  
 Hausa man/woman *n.* hausanke.  
 have *vt.* zɔ₂.  
 have exzema *vi.* sɔgeke.  
 have healthy body *vi.* duwɛɛli.  
 have need of *vi.* winaama.  
 have sex with *vi.* winaake ...zɔ.

having same father *n.* djiidunadina.  
 having springs *adj.* ikpakonadi, *see:* ikpako.  
 hawk *n.* kpere(ε).  
 hawk species *n.* goto;  
*n.* kpere hukahuka, *see:* kpere(ε).  
 He forgot about him. *vi.* sāsā ...ma, *see:* sā.  
 head *n.* mi(i).  
 head for *vi.* miika ...ma.  
 head of grain *n.* shēne.  
 head person *n.* minadi, *see:* mi(i).  
 headache *n.* mi'azu.  
 headpad *n.* min.  
 heal *vi.* were;  
*vt.* baanike;  
*vt.* ē₁;  
*vt.* were.  
 healed (be) *vi.* baanike;  
*vi.* baanima.  
 healer *n.* baanikeda, *see:* baanike.  
 healthy person *n.* baaninadi, *see:* baani₁.  
 heap *n.* cingona(a), *see:* cingo;  
*n.* kitila;  
*vt.* cingo.  
 heap of something (stones, grain) *n.* jè(ε) (3).  
 heap up *vt.* kitila ka, *see:* kitila.  
 hear *vt.* ma₂;  
*vt.* yāma.  
 hear news *vt.* baalu ma, *see:* baalu.  
 hear noise *n.* kɔsɔnguma.  
 hearer *n.* yāmada, *see:* yāma.  
 hearing *n.* mana(a), *see:* ma₂.  
 heart *n.* zūn.  
 heartache *n.* zūnwurina(a), *see:* zūnwuri.  
 heartless *n.* winabadi, *see:* wi ...ji.  
 heat *n.* fuda(a), *see:* fuda;

- heat of day *n.* gufuda(a).  
 heat of day *n.* emena, *see:* emε;  
*n.* usōtē(ε).  
 heaven *n.* ladugu, *see:* Ladu.  
 heaven (not sky) *n.* laduwei.  
 heavenly bodies *n.* musu fōna, *see:* musu<sub>1</sub>.  
 heavy *adj.* gbītā.  
 heavy eyelids (have) *vi.* wereshεε ... kε  
*gbītā, see:* wereshε(ε).  
 Hebrew *n.* Hibarani.  
 heed *vt.* yāka.  
 heeder *n.* yākada, *see:* yāka.  
 heel *n.* gbetunε;  
*n.* tunε.  
 he-goat *n.* bui nigōni, *see:* bui.  
 heifer *n.* dizuya(a).  
 height *n.* gure;  
*n.* saakε(ε), *see:* sàa;  
*n.* saakε musu, *see:* sàa.  
 heir *n.* tubukεda, *see:* tubukε ...ma.  
 helmeted guinea fowl *n.* gā(a).  
 help *n.* faaba;  
*n.* gaakεna(a), *see:* gaakε;  
*n.* ɔkana(a) (2), *see:* ɔka ...ji;  
*vi.* ɔka ...ni, *see:* ɔka ...ji;  
*vt.* faabakε;  
*vt.* gaakε;  
*vt.* li<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* lizɔ, *see:* li<sub>2</sub>.  
 helper *n.* faabakεda, *see:* faabakε;  
*n.* gaakεda, *see:* gaakε.  
 helpless *adj.* gānadεna, *see:* gānade  
 (...ma).  
 hem *n.* lεbana(a).  
 hen *n.* koko nεgū, *see:* koko(o).  
 hepatitis *n.* kpatagε(ε);  
*n.* lalagε(ε).  
 herald *n.* kasheedikada, *see:* kasheedika.  
 herbalist *n.* ijēnadi, *see:* ijē.  
 herd *n.* kali(i) (2);  
*vt.* kurukε.  
 herd animals *vi.* fɔkurukε.  
 herder *n.* kurukεda, *see:* kurukε.  
 herdsman *n.* fɔkurukεda, *see:* fɔkurukε.  
 here *adv.* gulε.  
 hernia *n.* gbεre'azu.  
 hey! *intj.* kai.  
 hey *ptcl.* yoo.  
 hiccup *vi.* hikohikoke.  
 hidden *adj.* kpetana(a), *see:* kpeta.  
 hide a part *vt.* kutu'iri.  
 hide (from) *vi.* dudu (...ni);  
*vt.* dudu (...ni).  
 hiding *adj.* duduna, *see:* dudu (...ni).  
 hiding place *n.* dudugu, *see:* dudu (...ni).  
 high *adj.* sàa;  
*adj.* saakε musu, *see:* sàa;  
*adv.* sàa.  
 high bank of river *n.* ganga.  
 high (place) *adj.* gure.  
 high up *adv.* musumus, *see:* musu<sub>1</sub>.  
 highland *adj.* gurenadi, *see:* gure.  
 highway robber *n.* jεrεlεda;  
*n.* kpīn werεdawεrε, *see:* kpīn<sub>1</sub>.  
 hill — kàsa(a) (1).  
 hill-country *n.* gukasanadi.  
 hillock *n.* kuru<sub>1</sub>.  
 hillside *n.* kasatāatā(a).  
 hilltop *n.* kasami(i).  
 hilly *adj.* kasanadi, *see:* kàsa(a).  
 hinder *vt.* lε<sub>2</sub>.  
 hinge *n.* lilibɔ(ɔ), *see:* lili.  
 hip *n.* gishi;  
*n.* tūn.

- hip bone *n.* gishiyere(ε);  
*n.* tūnyere;  
*n.* wototo.
- hip joint *n.* kpitikoni.
- hip pain *n.* tūn'azu.
- hippopotamus *n.* kūngbo.
- hire *n.* haya;  
*vt.* hayashite.
- hired worker *n.* biiro (2).
- hiss *vi.* hirorogara;  
*vi.* suufĩ.
- hissing (in disgust) *n.* hiroro.
- history *n.* baalu.
- hit *vt.* fá.
- hit repeatedly *vt.* fafa, *see:* fá.
- hit with knuckle *vt.* ɔkɔshinka ...ni.
- hoe *n.* tufūa.
- hoe weeds *vi.* jekε.
- hold *vt.* kũ (...ma)<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* kũa, *see:* kũ (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.
- hold on to *vt.* ɔ didi ...ma, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.
- holding *padj.* kũna, *see:* kũ (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.
- hole *n.* ɛrε(ε)<sub>1</sub>.
- hole (in something) *n.* horo.
- hole in tree *n.* akɔkoto.
- hole (in tree) *n.* kòto.
- holiday *n/adv.* bukidi, *see:* buki.
- hollow out *vi.* lubɔbɔ;  
*vt.* ɛrɛbɔbɔ;  
*vt.* kɔrɔ.
- hollow out wood *vi.* akɔlubɔbɔ.
- holy *n.* gbācibadi, *see:* gbāci;  
*padj.* duna.
- home *adv.* kpe;  
*n.* kpe (1).
- homebody *n.* kwaace'acɛda.
- homicide *n.* gūdeyā.
- homosexual *n.* luadi;  
*n.* luadikɛda, *see:* luadikε.
- honest *adj.* tururu.
- honest (be) *vi.* yādaake.
- honest person *n.* yādakɛda, *see:* yādaake;  
*n.* zūmfunadi, *see:* zūmfu(u).
- honesty *n.* gbɛrefu(u);  
*n.* tururukε(ε), *see:* tururu.
- honey *n.* zɔrɔ (2);  
*n.* zɔrɔ'i.
- honeycomb *n.* sako(o) (1);  
*n.* zɔrɔsako(o).
- honorable *adj.* bini;  
*adj.* gbītā;  
*adj.* kan<sub>2</sub>.
- honorable person *n.* marekenadi, *see:* mare.
- honour *n.* daraja;  
*n.* marekε(ε), *see:* mare.
- honour (by not revealing something) *vt.* kpeta.
- honourable *adj.* marekenadi, *see:* mare.
- honoured *adj.* mare.
- honouring *n.* kpetana(a), *see:* kpeta.
- hoof *n.* gbɛkoshi;  
*n.* koshi.
- hope *n.* wɛɛrɛdɔna(a) ...ji, *see:* waadɔ ...ji;  
*n.* zūnkana(a), *see:* zūnka;  
*vi.* zūnka;  
*vi.* zūnka ...ma, *see:* zūnka.
- horn *n.* bē;  
*n.* kaho;  
*n.* kuru<sub>2</sub>.
- horn blast *n.* kuru'u(nàa).
- horn (vehicle) *ideo.* pɔɔ;  
*n.* pipi.
- horn-blowing *n.* kurufēna(a).

- horse *n.* bisa (1).
- horsehair used to make violin strings or  
birdtrap *n.* fíri<sub>2</sub> (1).
- horse-radish tree *n.* lilimaka.
- hospitable (be) *vt.* yēke.
- hospitable person *n.* nibakeshida.
- hospitality *n.* alheli;  
*n.* nibake(ε), *see:* niba(a).
- host *n.* kpenadi, *see:* kpe;  
*n.* shishida (1), *see:* shishi.
- hot *adj.* fuda(a), *see:* fuda;  
*adj.* fuda.
- hot embers/coals *n.* ceyḡ(ḡ).
- hot season *n.* gufuda'i.
- hot sun *n.* usḡ gbāda(a), *see:* usḡ(ḡ)<sub>1</sub>.
- hot-tempered person *n.* zūmfada;  
*n.* zūmfudanadi, *see:* zūmfuda(a).
- hour *cn.* awa.
- house *n.* kpe (1).
- house fly *n.* ifēne<sub>2</sub>.
- house foundation *n.* kpekpiti.
- house idol *n.* kpeji(i).
- house rat *n.* ēnefu(u), *see:* ēne;  
*n.* ēnekolu.
- household *n.* wei;  
*n.* weigūna, *see:* weigū.
- household founder *n.* kwaacegifada.
- householder *n.* kwaacenadi, *see:* kwaace;  
*n.* weinadi, *see:* wei.
- hover *vi.* lili;  
*vi.* shīnda.
- hover around/over *vi.* lili ...ma, *see:* lili.
- how *adv.* laala (ye).
- how many *adv.* borokpakpa, *see:* borokpa.
- how much/many *adj.* borokpa.
- howl *n.* kuaa;  
*vi.* kuaada.
- howling *n.* kuaadana(a), *see:* kuaada.
- human state *n.* guceke(ε) (2), *see:* guce.
- humaneness *n.* guceke(ε) (1), *see:* guce.
- humble *vt.* labu.
- humble oneself *vi.* gindalabu.
- humble person *n.* gindalabuda, *see:*  
gindalabu.
- humbled *adj.* labuna, *see:* labu.
- humiliated *vi.* gbādisheeta werema.
- humiliation *n.* gbādashheetana werema, *see:*  
gbādisheeta werema.
- humility *n.* erekucena(a), *see:* erekuce ...ni;  
*n.* gindalabuna(a), *see:* gindalabu;  
*n.* labuna(a), *see:* labu.
- hump *n.* kḡnḡ<sub>1</sub>.
- hunchback *n.* kḡnḡnadi, *see:* kḡnḡ<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* kpète<sub>2</sub>.
- hunger *n.* nḡ(ḡ).
- hungry (feel) *vi.* nḡma.
- hungry person *n.* nḡmada, *see:* nḡma.
- hunt *n.* tubikena(a), *see:* tubike;  
*vi.* kḡntḡke ...ji;  
*vi.* tubike.
- hunter *n.* tubi.
- hunting *n.* tubikena(a), *see:* tubike.
- hunting spot *n.* tubikegu, *see:* tubike.
- hurry *vi.* fudaake.
- hurt *vi.* ḡ ...ma;  
*vt.* kankanke (2).
- hurt (be) *vi.* azuma<sub>2</sub>.
- husband *n.* zā<sub>1</sub>.
- husband of one wife *n.* nedunadi.
- husk *n.* busuka (1);  
*n.* gbara(a).
- hut *n.* buka;  
*n.* lalabuka.
- hyena *n.* mani<sub>2</sub>.

hypocrisy	<i>n.</i> munafici; <i>n.</i> munafucikε(ε), <i>see:</i> munafici;	<i>n.</i> munaficiyā, <i>see:</i> munafici.
		hypocrite <i>n.</i> munafucikeda, <i>see:</i> munafikike.

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I alone	<i>pro.</i> ma din, <i>see:</i> ma <sub>1</sub> .	immoral	<i>adj.</i> kakaji.
ibis	<i>n.</i> zōboda'iwi.	immoral (be)	<i>vi.</i> pāke.
Identity copula	<i>ptcl.</i> -mi (2).	immoral person	<i>n.</i> pākeda, <i>see:</i> pāke.
idol	<i>adj.</i> takali; <i>n.</i> dōma(a); <i>n.</i> zōkebō(ō), <i>see:</i> zōke ...ni.	immoral woman	<i>n.</i> negū kakaji, <i>see:</i> negū; <i>n.</i> nekakaji.
idol tree	<i>n.</i> ji'akō.	immoral woman (be)	<i>vi.</i> nekakajike.
idolater	<i>n.</i> jikeda, <i>see:</i> jiike ...ma.	immorality	<i>n.</i> gbācikena(a), <i>see:</i> gbācike; <i>n.</i> kakajike(ε), <i>see:</i> kakaji; <i>n.</i> nekakajikena(a), <i>see:</i> nekakajike;
idolatry	<i>n.</i> dōmakena(a), <i>see:</i> dōmaake; <i>n.</i> jikena(a), <i>see:</i> jiike ...ma.		<i>n.</i> pā(a); <i>n.</i> pākena(a), <i>see:</i> pāke.
if	<i>ptcl.</i> nàa (1).	immortality	<i>n.</i> gabadi, <i>see:</i> ga.
if it had not been that	<i>cnj.</i> inaaba ka.	impartially	<i>adv.</i> werewabadi.
ignorance	<i>n.</i> dōbadike(ε), <i>see:</i> dō; <i>n.</i> werēciyā, <i>see:</i> werēcidi.	impatient person	<i>n.</i> surubadi, <i>see:</i> suru.
ignorance of God	<i>n.</i> ladudōbadi.	impetuosity	<i>n.</i> zūmfuda(a).
ignorant person	<i>n.</i> werēcinadi, <i>see:</i> werēcidi.	implicate	<i>vt.</i> li <sub>2</sub> .
ignore	<i>vi.</i> dōkemō ...ni; <i>vi.</i> werēsōnō ...ma.	implore	<i>vi.</i> duce ...ji, <i>see:</i> duce.
Illo	<i>n.</i> Ilo.	important person	<i>n.</i> guce'ashi; <i>n.</i> mare.
ill-temper	<i>n.</i> luci(i); <i>n.</i> zūmfuda(a).	importune NO = cover	<i>vi.</i> ta ...ma, <i>see:</i> ta <sub>1</sub> .
ill-tempered person	<i>n.</i> zūnkeda, <i>see:</i> zūnke ...zō.	impotent person	<i>n.</i> tōbadi, <i>see:</i> tō(ō).
illiterate/uneducated person	<i>n.</i> takadadōbadi.	impregnate	<i>vi.</i> gbisheka ...ni.
illumination	<i>n.</i> haagadōna(a), <i>see:</i> haagadō.	impregnator	<i>n.</i> gbishekeda, <i>see:</i> gbisheke.
illumine	<i>vt.</i> fuuke.	impress	<i>vi.</i> utō ...ma (2).
illustration	<i>n.</i> yaashe(e).	IMPRF verb suffix	<i>ptcl.</i> -a <sub>2</sub> .
image	<i>adj.</i> takali.	IMPRF.CONT marker.	<i>ptcl.</i> gūa.
imitate	<i>vt.</i> dada.	IMPRF.CONT pronoun suffix	<i>ptcl.</i> -gūa, <i>see:</i> gūa.
immediately	<i>adv.</i> kyāakyāa.	IMPRF.CONT.NEG marker after SUBJ NP	<i>ptcl.</i> bagūa.
immerse	<i>vt.</i> sūtē.	improve	<i>vi.</i> daamake.
immerse (repeated)	<i>vt.</i> sūtēsūtē, <i>see:</i> sūtē.	improvement	<i>n.</i> daama.
immodesty	<i>n.</i> gindamōna'ani.		

impurity *n.* gbāci (1);  
*n.* gbācikenā(a), *see:* gbācike.  
 impute *vt.* di ...ma, *see:* di<sub>2</sub>.  
 in a rush *adv.* buii.  
 in between area *n.* ata(a).  
 in big amounts *adv.* gbāa bakara, *see:* gbāa.  
 in camps/settlements *adv.* gaagaa, *see:* gaa.  
 in compound *adv.* wei.  
 in dry season *adv.* sagarike, *see:* sagarike(ε).  
 in equal/exact amount *adv.* deede.  
 in fire *adv.* cēwi.  
 in forties *num.* keefiafia, *see:* keefia(a).  
 in fours *adv.* shiishii, *see:* shi<sub>1</sub>.  
 in front of *post.* watalu.  
 in heaven *adv.* laduwei.  
 in mouth of *post.* lēlu.  
 in place of *post.* gurubi.  
 in rank/line/order *adv.* jerejere, *see:* jere.  
 in ranks *adv.* kānakāna, *see:* kāna.  
 in same place *adv.* gudu(u).  
 in secret *adj.* kpetana, *see:* kpetā.  
 in sight of *post.* werēbi.  
 in space *adv.* ataalu.  
 in suspense *adj.* kōtōkena, *see:* kōtōke.  
 in the beginning *adv.* farashina, *see:* farashi  
 ...ni.  
 in the blink of an eye *adv.* kamikenadu, *see:*  
 kamike.  
 in the bush *n/adv.* lahoolu, *see:* laho(o).  
 in the east *adv.* gucijīmma, *see:* gucijīn.  
 in the end *adv.* gbējizō, *see:* gbēji.  
 in the evening *adj.* itōke, *see:* itōke(ε).  
 in the house *adv.* kpe.  
 in the light *adv.* gufulu, *see:* gufu.  
 in the morning *adv.* dikēna, *see:* dikēna(a).  
 in the open *adv.* gufuma, *see:* gufu.  
 in this town *adv.* fara le, *see:* fara.

in this way *adv.* laale.  
 in threes *num.* aa'aa, *see:* à<sub>3</sub>.  
 in twos *adv.* fiafia, *see:* fia.  
 in uproar (be) *vi.* vīnake.  
 in water *adv.* iwi.  
 inactivity *n.* fōkankēna(a).  
 inaugurate *vt.* lēgu.  
 in/by families/groups *adv.* gandugandu, *see:*  
 gandu.  
 in/by fifteens *num.* wakaasōrusōru, *see:*  
 wakaasōru.  
 in/by fives *adv.* sōrusōru, *see:* sōru.  
 in/by hundreds *num.* keesōrusōru, *see:*  
 keesōru.  
 in/by sevens *adv.* sōfiafia, *see:* sōfia.  
 in/by sixes *adv.* sōdusōdu, *see:* sōdu.  
 in/by tens *adv.* koorikoori, *see:* koori.  
 incense *n.* turarecii.  
 incense altar *n/adv.* turarekpetegu, *see:*  
 turarekpetedi.  
 incense burning time *n/adv.* turarekpetedi.  
 increase *n.* lafana(a), *see:* lafa;  
*vi.* lake;  
*vt.* lafa ...ma, *see:* lafa;  
*vt.* lake.  
 incredible *adj.* jerebadi, *see:* jere.  
 incubate *vi.* kuce ...ma, *see:* kuce (...ni)<sub>1</sub>.  
 indicate *vi.* fōmō ...ni;  
*vi.* gumō ...ni.  
 indication *n.* onidōgu.  
 indigene *n.* kwaaceni, *see:* kwaace.  
 indignation *n.* lōkōnimōkena(a), *see:*  
 lōkōni.  
 indigo dye *n.* oci(i) (1).  
 indigo dyer *n.* ocikada.  
 industrious person *n.* takpada, *see:* takpa.  
 industriousness *n.* himma;

*n.* takpana(a), *see:* takpa.  
 interrogation *n.* yālaluna(a), *see:* yālalu ...ma.  
 Inessive suffix *post.* -lu.  
 inextinguishable *adj.* gabadi, *see:* ga.  
 infancy *n.* nijĩnke(ε).  
 infect *vt.* li<sub>2</sub> (1).  
 inferior honey *n.* gobi (2).  
 infested with maggots (be) *vi.* kəkəkε.  
 infirmity *n.* kōn<sub>2</sub>.  
 inflame *vi.* cεvō ...ma, *see:* cεvō.  
 inflict with *vt.* ka ...ma, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.  
 information *n.* baalu.  
 in/from house *adv.* kolu.  
 inhabitant *n.* guce.  
 inhabitants *n.* gūna, *see:* gū<sub>1</sub>.  
 inherit *vt.* bi<sub>2</sub> (1).  
 inherit from *vt.* tubuke ...ma.  
 inheritance *n.* tubu (1).  
 inhuman/callous person *n.* gucekebadi, *see:* guce.  
 iniquity *n.* fōvānikena(a), *see:* fōvānike.  
 injection *n.* amberε.  
 in-law *n.* mīra.  
 inn *n.* icεgu, *see:* icε (...ma).  
 inner thought *n.* zūnluyā.  
 inn-keeper *n.* icεgunadi, *see:* icε (...ma).  
 innocence *n.* taalibadike(ε), *see:* taali.  
 innocent person *n.* taalibadi, *see:* taali;  
     *n.* yābadi, *see:* yā;  
     *n.* yākebadi, *see:* yāke.  
 insect *n.* kək(ɔ).  
 insert *vt.* sɔtɔ.  
 insert hand in/between *vt.* ɔɔ sɔtɔ ...buden,  
     *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.  
 inserted *padj.* sɔtɔna, *see:* sɔtɔ.  
 inside *n.* lu(u).

inside room *n.* kpɛlu(u).  
 insides *n.* gbɛrelufōna.  
 insight *n.* wɛrɛguna(a), *see:* wɛrɛgu.  
 insightful person *n.* wɛrɛguda, *see:* wɛrɛgu.  
 insignificance *n.* futake(ε), *see:* futa(a).  
 insignificant *adj.* futana(a), *see:* futa(a);  
     *adj.* futa(a);  
     *n./adj.* tɔbadi, *see:* tɔ.  
 insincere person *n.* lɛfianadi, *see:* lɛfia(a).  
 inspect *vt.* taashika ...ji.  
 inspection *n.* taashikana(a), *see:* taashika ...ji.  
 inspector *n.* taashikada, *see:* taashika ...ji.  
 inspire *vi.* cɛkpa ...lu, *see:* cɛkpa;  
     *vi.* cεvō ...ni, *see:* cεvō.  
 installed (be) *vt.* gii furu, *see:* gī(i).  
 instead of *post.* gurubi.  
 instruct *vi.* lɛdi ...ni.  
 instruction *n.* ledina(a), *see:* lɛdi ...ni.  
 instrument *ptcl.* -bɔ(ɔ).  
 instrument of justice *n.* yājɛrɛkɛbɔ(ɔ), *see:* yājɛrɛke.  
 insult *n.* susōna(a), *see:* susō;  
     *vt.* susō.  
 integrity *n.* gbɛrefu(u);  
     *n.* zūmfu(u).  
 intelligence *n.* azanci.  
 intelligent person *n.* azancinadi, *see:* azanci.  
 intelligent/discerning person *n.* wɛrɛfunadi.  
 intercede for *vi.* surukpa ...ni.  
 interest *n.* kawɛrɛ'i.  
 interpret *vi.* yāfuru ...ni.  
 interrogation *n.* laulaluna(a), *see:* lalu<sub>1</sub>.  
 intestinal worm *n.* gbɛrɛ kəkɔ, *see:* gbɛrɛ(ε)<sub>1</sub>.  
 intestine *n.* nɔni.  
 intestines *n.* toto.  
 invade *vi.* gē ...ji, *see:* gē<sub>2</sub>.



investigation

just/right now

investigation *n.* yālaluna(a), *see:* yālalu  
...ma.  
invite *vt.* shishi.  
invocation/blessing (human) *n.* gara(a).  
iron *n.* m̀(ɔ).  
iron pot *n.* m̀luguda(a).  
ironwood tree *n.* kiria.  
ironworker *n.* m̀deceda, *see:* m̀dece.  
island *n.* balu.

Issa *n.* Yesu.  
it is necessary/only *cnj.* sai (2).  
It rained. *vt.* laa bā, *see:* la(a).  
itch *n.* kaka<sub>2</sub> (2).  
itch producing *adj.* kakanadi, *see:* kaka<sub>2</sub>.  
itching *n.* kakana(a), *see:* kaka<sub>2</sub>.  
itchy *adj.* kakanadi, *see:* kaka<sub>2</sub>.  
item of jewellery *n.* zākeɔ(ɔ).

## J - j

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jailor *n.* kpɛdāda.  
jar *n.* bella.  
jaundice *n.* kpatage(ɛ);  
*n.* lalage(ɛ).  
javelin *n.* suta(a).  
jaw *n.* yako.  
jawbone *n.* gbādiyere(ɛ).  
jealous of (be) *vi.* gōnɔke ...zɔ.  
jealous person *n.* gōnɔkɛda, *see:* gōnɔke  
...zɔ.  
jealousy *n.* gōnɔke(ɛ), *see:* gōnɔ.  
Jerusalem thorn *n.* shenge.  
Jesus *n.* Yesu.  
jet black *adv.* ci dugudugu, *see:* ci<sub>2</sub>.  
jewellery item *n.* zā(a).  
jigger *n.* gbiri<sub>2</sub>.  
join *vi.* na ...ma, *see:* na;  
*vt.* dakū ...ji, *see:* dakū.  
joined *adj.* dakūna(a), *see:* dakū.  
joint *n.* dɔkɔle.  
joke *n.* yukpa;  
*vi.* dirabu;  
*vi.* yukpa.

joker *n.* yukpada, *see:* yukpa.  
journey *n.* tana(a), *see:* ta<sub>2</sub>.  
joy *n.* zūn'nda(a).  
judge *n.* taaliwada, *see:* taaliwa;  
*n.* yājēda, *see:* yājē ...ma;  
*vt.* yājē ...ma.  
judgement day *n/adv.* yājēdi, *see:* yājē ...ma.  
judgment *n.* yājēna(a), *see:* yājē ...ma;  
*n.* yāmɔkɛna(a), *see:* yāmɔkɛ  
(...ni).  
judgment seat *n.* yājēguru.  
juice *n.* í (1).  
jump *vi.* firi.  
just as *cnj.* laaka.  
just (be) *vt.* jere zɔ, *see:* jere.  
just judgment *n.* yāmɔkɛna ì jere ma, *see:*  
yāmɔkɛ (...ni).  
justice *n.* yājere;  
*n.* yājerenadi, *see:* yājere;  
*n.* yājerenadike(ɛ), *see:* yājere.  
justice/right (do) *vi.* yājereke.  
just/right now *adv.* becerebecere, *see:*  
becere(ɛ).

## K - k

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Kambari	<i>n.</i> Kambali.	kitchen (building)	<i>n.</i> katakata.
kapok	<i>n.</i> gbeshɛ (1).	knead	<i>vt.</i> dɔ.
Karaya gum tree	<i>n.</i> foto(o) <sub>2</sub> .	knead dough	<i>vt.</i> karacii dɔ, <i>see:</i> karacii.
keep quiet	<i>vi.</i> lɛfɔ̄; <i>vi.</i> lɛta.	knee	<i>n.</i> gbɛkūsū; <i>n.</i> kūsū (1).
keep vigil	<i>vi.</i> iwerebadike; <i>vi.</i> iweretē.	kneel	<i>vi.</i> kūsūkpetɛ.
keloid	<i>n.</i> ligida.	kneel before	<i>vi.</i> kūsūkpetɛ ...ni, <i>see:</i> kūsūkpetɛ.
kernel	<i>n.</i> werɛ (2).	kneeling	<i>n.</i> kūsūkpetɛna(a), <i>see:</i> kūsūkpetɛ.
kerosene lamp	<i>n.</i> busubusu.	knife	<i>n.</i> fēnɛ.
key	<i>n.</i> kiini; <i>n.</i> kpɛgubɔ(ɔ).	knife handle	<i>n.</i> fēnɛba.
kick	<i>vi.</i> tēzu.	knifeblade	<i>n.</i> fēnewetɛ.
kick ball	<i>vt.</i> kɔlo wā wā, <i>see:</i> kɔlo.	knob of hair worn by women on either side of crown	<i>n.</i> manga.
kick (ball, person)	<i>vt.</i> fá tēzɔ, <i>see:</i> fá.	knock down	<i>vi.</i> wí; <i>vt.</i> zúku.
kid	<i>n.</i> buini, <i>see:</i> bui.	knot	<i>vt.</i> kundukpa.
kidney	<i>n.</i> dumi(i).	knot in wood	<i>n.</i> akɔgbi(i).
kill	<i>vt.</i> de (1).	know	<i>vt.</i> dɔ̄.
kill many	<i>vt.</i> dede (1), <i>see:</i> de.	know meaning	<i>vt.</i> gbɛ dɔ̄, <i>see:</i> gbɛ.
kilogram	<i>cn.</i> kilo.	knowledgable person	<i>n.</i> dɔ̄da, <i>see:</i> dɔ̄; <i>n.</i> fɔdɔ̄.
kind	<i>adj.</i> taka; <i>n.</i> bè(e).	knowledgable/learned person	<i>n.</i> yādɔ̄da.
kind (be)	<i>vi.</i> nɔ̄kɛ (...ni) <sub>2</sub> .	knowledge	<i>n.</i> dɔ̄na(a), <i>see:</i> dɔ̄.
kind (inanimate)	<i>adj.</i> iri <sub>3</sub> .	knuckle	<i>n.</i> ɔnikūsū.
kind-hearted/noble person	<i>n.</i> zūnnɔ̄nadi, <i>see:</i> zūnnɔ̄.	Kob antelope	<i>n.</i> kpizā.
kindness	<i>n.</i> gucekɛ(ɛ) (1), <i>see:</i> gucɛ; <i>n.</i> gucekɛekɛna(a), <i>see:</i> gucekɛekɛ ...ni; <i>n.</i> nɔ̄kɛna(a), <i>see:</i> nɔ̄kɛ (...ni) <sub>2</sub> .	Kyanga	<i>n.</i> Kyanga.
kingdom	<i>n.</i> kirikɛ(ɛ), <i>see:</i> kiri <sub>1</sub> .	Kyanga clan	<i>n.</i> Kororo; <i>n.</i> Mishiri; <i>n.</i> Saaki; <i>n.</i> Shiba, <i>see:</i> shiba.
kiss	<i>n.</i> lekɛ ...ma; <i>n.</i> lekana(a), <i>see:</i> lekɛ ...ma.	Kyanga town	<i>n.</i> Kasati; <i>n.</i> Tungan Baage, <i>see:</i> tunga.
kitchen	<i>n.</i> cɛkagu, <i>see:</i> cɛka; <i>n.</i> fɔbinakɛgu, <i>see:</i> fɔbinakɛda.	Kyanga village	<i>n.</i> Gɛsolo; <i>n.</i> Tondi.

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label	<i>n.</i> lamba.		<i>n.</i> laba;
labourer	<i>n/aadj.</i> jekɛda, <i>see:</i> jekɛ.		<i>n.</i> zangba(a).
lack	<i>n.</i> gānadɛna(a), <i>see:</i> gānade (...ma); <i>vi.</i> gānade (...ma) (1); <i>vi.</i> kara ...ji/ni.	larva	<i>n.</i> gbini, <i>see:</i> gbi(i).
lack of a leader	<i>n.</i> watalubadi, <i>see:</i> watalu.	larynx	<i>n.</i> lɔkɔni.
lack of counsel	<i>n.</i> ledakūbadi, <i>see:</i> ledakū (...ji).	last	<i>adj.</i> incɛna(a), <i>see:</i> incɛ.
lacking	<i>adj.</i> karana(a), <i>see:</i> kara ...ji/ni.	last day	<i>n.</i> incɛdi, <i>see:</i> incɛ.
ladder	<i>n.</i> dagara; <i>n.</i> dɔ̄gaga.	last person	<i>n.</i> gbējigū.
ladle	<i>n.</i> abani; <i>n.</i> gumbo.	last week	<i>adv.</i> dura ka gitaa, <i>see:</i> dura.
lagoon	<i>n.</i> lɔ̄kɔ(ɔ) <sub>2</sub> (2).	last year	<i>adv.</i> kori.
lagoon (temporary)	<i>n.</i> fɔ̄ga.	late	<i>adv.</i> gbējigbēji, <i>see:</i> gbēji.
lake	<i>n.</i> idɔ̄ɔ.	late afternoon sun	<i>n.</i> usɔ̄'ɛna(a).
lamb	<i>n.</i> tambuni, <i>see:</i> tambu.	later	<i>adv.</i> gbējizɔ, <i>see:</i> gbēji; <i>adv.</i> najīn; <i>adv.</i> sàa; <i>adv.</i> zã <sub>2</sub> .
lame person	<i>n.</i> ɛɛ(ɛ) <sub>2</sub> .	latrine	<i>n.</i> gbɔ̄fɔ̄gu, <i>see:</i> gbɔ̄ɔ̄fɔ̄; <i>n.</i> salanga.
lamp	<i>n.</i> fitila.	latter	<i>adj.</i> gbējizɔ, <i>see:</i> gbēji.
lamp snuffer	<i>n.</i> fitiladebɔ(ɔ).	laugh	<i>vi.</i> ia <sub>1</sub> .
lampstand	<i>n.</i> fitiladibɔ(ɔ).	laughing dove	<i>n.</i> ihotɛ̄(ɛ), <i>see:</i> iho; <i>n.</i> ihokpɛ.
land	<i>n.</i> cɛɛɛ.	laughter	<i>n.</i> iana(a), <i>see:</i> ia <sub>1</sub> .
land on	<i>vi.</i> ka ...ma, <i>see:</i> ka <sub>2</sub> .	lavishly	<i>adv.</i> tootoo, <i>see:</i> tɔ̄(o).
language	<i>n.</i> beyã, <i>see:</i> bè(ɛ); <i>n.</i> yã.	law	<i>n.</i> dɔ̄ka.
lap	<i>n.</i> pɔ̄cɛ.	law abider	<i>n.</i> dɔ̄kayākada, <i>see:</i> dɔ̄kayã ka.
large	<i>adj.</i> ashi.	law of Moses	<i>n.</i> Ataura.
large and thin	<i>adj.</i> wakawaka.	law teacher	<i>n.</i> dɔ̄kayādadada.
large ant	<i>n.</i> kokun.	lawbreaker	<i>n.</i> dɔ̄kayākabadi, <i>see:</i> dɔ̄kayã ka.
large bull	<i>n.</i> dī ashi, <i>see:</i> dī(i).	lawlessness	<i>n.</i> yãdɔ̄kabadi.
large family group	<i>n.</i> gandu.	lawyer	<i>n.</i> dɔ̄kayādɔ̄da.
large hoe	<i>n.</i> kalime; <i>n.</i> koto(o).	lay egg	<i>vi.</i> gbida.
large red anthill	<i>n.</i> jetɛ̄, <i>see:</i> jè(ɛ).	lay foundation (on)	<i>vt.</i> kpitika ...(ma).
large river	<i>n.</i> sheni.	lay hand on	<i>vi.</i> ɔna ...ma.
large tree species	<i>n.</i> fa(a) <sub>3</sub> ;	lay hands on	<i>vi.</i> ɔnana ...ma, <i>see:</i> ɔna ...ma.
		lay waste	<i>vt.</i> asorokɛ.

laying on of hands	<i>n.</i> ɔnana'àma, <i>see:</i> ɔna ...ma.	leech	<i>n.</i> turuguni.
laziness	<i>n.</i> kpitigbītā; <i>n.</i> takike(ε), <i>see:</i> taki(i).	leer at	<i>vi.</i> lingoke ...ji.
lazy (be)	<i>vi.</i> kpitigbītāke.	left	<i>adj.</i> jenge(ε).
lazy person	<i>n.</i> taki(i).	left hand	<i>n.</i> ɔjenge(ε).
lead	<i>n.</i> dalama(a); <i>vi.</i> ke ...ni watalu, <i>see:</i> ke <sub>1</sub> ; <i>vt.</i> gara <sub>2</sub> .	left handed person	<i>n.</i> jenge(ε).
lead astray	<i>vt.</i> sā.	lemon	<i>n.</i> leemu fēde, <i>see:</i> leemu.
lead sheep	<i>n.</i> tambukuruke.	lend	<i>vt.</i> findeshi; <i>vt.</i> kpa ...ni, <i>see:</i> kpa.
leader	<i>n.</i> watalu.	lend to	<i>vt.</i> aroke...ni, <i>see:</i> aroke.
leadership (act)	<i>n.</i> watalukena'àni.	length	<i>n.</i> saake(ε), <i>see:</i> sàa; <i>n.</i> saake cere, <i>see:</i> sàa.
leadership (concept)	<i>n.</i> wataluke(ε), <i>see:</i> watalu.	lengthen	<i>vi.</i> saake.
leaf	<i>n.</i> lala.	leopard	<i>n.</i> sōfu(u), <i>see:</i> sō(ɔ) <sub>2</sub> .
leak	<i>vi.</i> yɔrɔ.	leper	<i>n.</i> kuturu.
lean against	<i>vi.</i> tungba ...ma.	leprosy	<i>n.</i> duwere bútu, <i>see:</i> duwere; <i>n.</i> kuturuke(ε), <i>see:</i> kuturu.
lean on	<i>vi.</i> zūntungba ...ma.	leprosy (have)	<i>vi.</i> kuturuke.
leaning over	<i>adj.</i> fitēna(a), <i>see:</i> fitē.	let	<i>vi.</i> tu.
leap over	<i>vi.</i> laludi ...ma.	level	<i>padj.</i> gbangara; <i>padj.</i> saara du, <i>see:</i> saara.
learn	<i>vi.</i> dada.	levity	<i>n.</i> futake(ε), <i>see:</i> futa(a).
learner	<i>n.</i> yādadada, <i>see:</i> yādada ...ni.	liar	<i>n.</i> bishenadi, <i>see:</i> bishe <sub>1</sub> .
learning	<i>n.</i> yādadana(a), <i>see:</i> yādada ...ni; <i>n.</i> yādōna(a), <i>see:</i> yādōda.	libation	<i>n.</i> sāmaka'i.
least	<i>adj.</i> gānadena(a), <i>see:</i> gānade (...ma).	liberty	<i>n.</i> shīnafuruna(a), <i>see:</i> shīmfulu.
leather basket	<i>n.</i> kondo.	lick (with tongue)	<i>vt.</i> funga.
leave	<i>vi.</i> gu ...ma, <i>see:</i> gu; <i>vi.</i> heeke ...zɔ; <i>vi.</i> kata ...ma, <i>see:</i> kata <sub>2</sub> ; <i>vi.</i> kpete; <i>vi.</i> tu.	lie	<i>n.</i> bishe <sub>1</sub> .
leave on one's way	<i>vi.</i> dɔ jereɔma, <i>see:</i> dɔ ...gu.	lie down	<i>vi.</i> wuce.
leave world	<i>vt.</i> dunia tu, <i>see:</i> dunia.	lie in wait for	<i>vi.</i> nace ...ji, <i>see:</i> nace; <i>vt.</i> kpakpa.
leaving	<i>n.</i> bɔna(a), <i>see:</i> bɔ.	lie on stomach	<i>vi.</i> wuce gberεεma/laluma, <i>see:</i> wuce.
		life	<i>n.</i> hundi(i).
		life imparting	<i>adj.</i> hundinadi, <i>see:</i> hundi(i).
		lifeless (be)	<i>vi.</i> duweregaga.
		lift	<i>vt.</i> shite.
		lift eyes	<i>vi.</i> werεkpete.
		lift up	<i>vt.</i> shite musu, <i>see:</i> shite.

ligament	<i>n.</i> kēne(ε).	living	<i>adj.</i> bite; <i>adj.</i> hundinadi, <i>see:</i> hundi(i).
light	<i>adj.</i> futana(a), <i>see:</i> futa(a); <i>adj.</i> futa(a); <i>adj.</i> lehelehe; <i>n.</i> gufu (1).	load	<i>n.</i> asu.
light bearer	<i>n.</i> gufukpada, <i>see:</i> gufukpa.	loathe	<i>vi.</i> vōnake ...zɔ, <i>see:</i> vōnake ...ni.
light bulb	<i>n.</i> cegbi(i).	local	<i>n.</i> weigū.
light of lamp	<i>n.</i> fitila i, <i>see:</i> fitila.	lock	<i>n.</i> kiinidō; <i>vt.</i> kiini ka ...lu, <i>see:</i> kiini.
light rain	<i>n.</i> ficifici.	locust	<i>n.</i> shinga.
lighten	<i>vi.</i> futakū; <i>vi.</i> gufuke (...ni).	locust bean cake	<i>n.</i> kpεε.
lightning	<i>n.</i> yēme; <i>n.</i> yēmekena(a), <i>see:</i> yēmekε.	lodging	<i>n.</i> icegu, <i>see:</i> ice (...ma).
like	<i>post.</i> du ...zɔ, <i>see:</i> du.	log	<i>n.</i> kutonturu.
like this	<i>adv.</i> laale.	loincloth	<i>n.</i> kangu.
like-minded person	<i>n.</i> laakalidunadi.	loins	<i>n.</i> kpiti (1).
lime	<i>n.</i> leemu.	lonely person	<i>n.</i> gūdu(u) (1).
limit	<i>n.</i> tara(a).	long	<i>adj.</i> sàa.
limp	<i>n.</i> tusa; <i>vi.</i> tusakε.	long ago	<i>adv.</i> yāayāa, <i>see:</i> yāa.
line	<i>n.</i> kāna.	long for	<i>vi.</i> dangaake ...ma, <i>see:</i> dangaake; <i>vt.</i> beegeke; <i>vt.</i> dangaake.
line of view	<i>n.</i> werεkpetεgu, <i>see:</i> werεkpetε.	long tailed	<i>adj.</i> mōnōsaanadi.
lion	<i>n.</i> musu'ashi.	long tailed glossy starling	<i>n.</i> kwarankwali.
lip	<i>n.</i> lebashī.	long time (be)	<i>vi.</i> geeke.
listen to	<i>vi.</i> tōnɔle ...ji; <i>vi.</i> yāma ...ma, <i>see:</i> yāma.	longevity	<i>n.</i> geekenake(ε), <i>see:</i> geeke.
listener	<i>n.</i> yāmada, <i>see:</i> yāma.	long-tailed glossy starling	<i>n.</i> kirokori (1).
listening	<i>n.</i> yāmana(a), <i>see:</i> yāma.	look after	<i>vt.</i> toro.
lit	<i>adj.</i> nana, <i>see:</i> na.	look at	<i>vi.</i> waadɔ ...ji; <i>vi.</i> werεdɔ (...ma), <i>see:</i> werεdɔ ...ji; <i>vt.</i> wa.
literate/educated person	<i>n.</i> takadadōda, <i>see:</i> takadadōbadi.	look at with compassion	<i>vi.</i> indawerεwa.
litre	<i>cn.</i> lita.	look for	<i>vt.</i> tō <sub>1</sub> .
little grebe	<i>n.</i> sheke <sub>2</sub> .	look (many)	<i>vt.</i> wawa, <i>see:</i> wa.
live	<i>vi.</i> bii <sub>2</sub> ; <i>vi.</i> hundike.	look past/toward	<i>vt.</i> waadɔ ...ma, <i>see:</i> waadɔ ...ji.
livelihood	<i>n.</i> fōbigu, <i>see:</i> fōbi.	look repeatedly	<i>vt.</i> wawa, <i>see:</i> wa.
liver	<i>n.</i> fōrɔ.	look up	<i>vi.</i> werεkpetε; <i>vi.</i> wielakpatεε wie is 'eye' in SH.
		looking	<i>n.</i> wanaa, <i>see:</i> wa.

loose		make enemies with
loose	<i>ideo.</i> yegbeyegbe.	lower <i>vt.</i> ice (...ma).
loosen	<i>vi.</i> furu (...ma); <i>vt.</i> furu (...ma).	lower grinding stone <i>n.</i> wirilɔgbere dɔɔ, <i>see:</i> wirilɔgbere(ɛ).
Lord	<i>n.</i> Zɔnadi, <i>see:</i> zɔ(ɔ) <sub>1</sub> .	lower leg <i>n.</i> gbɛ; <i>n.</i> kyɔrɔkɔ.
lord	<i>n.</i> zɔnadi, <i>see:</i> zɔ(ɔ) <sub>1</sub> .	lower lip <i>n.</i> leshɛ(ɛ).
lose	<i>vi.</i> kara ...ji/ni.	lower stomach <i>n.</i> pɔɔɛ.
lost (be)	<i>vi.</i> sã.	lower thigh muscle <i>n.</i> gbɛdasɔni.
lost to (be)	<i>vi.</i> sã ...ni, <i>see:</i> sã.	luck <i>n.</i> mi'nda(a).
lot	<i>n.</i> ladudina(a).	lucky (be) <i>vi.</i> mi'ndaake.
loudly	<i>adv.</i> gbãdaazɔ, <i>see:</i> gbãda(a); <i>adv.</i> gbãdagbãda, <i>see:</i> gbãda(a); <i>padj.</i> gbãda, <i>see:</i> gbãda(a).	lucky charm <i>n.</i> sa'atɔbɔ(ɔ).
louse	<i>n.</i> shiri.	lucky/fortunate person <i>n.</i> mi'ndanadi, <i>see:</i> mi'nda(a).
love	<i>n.</i> wina(a) (1), <i>see:</i> wi ...ji; <i>vi.</i> waa ...ji; <i>vi.</i> wi ...ji.	lumbar region <i>n.</i> kpiti dɔkɔɛ, <i>see:</i> kpiti.
love each other	<i>vi.</i> waa kũji, <i>see:</i> waa ...ji.	lump <i>n.</i> gbi(i); <i>n.</i> kɔnɔke(ɛ) (2), <i>see:</i> kɔnɔ <sub>2</sub> ; <i>n.</i> kuma.
love for each other	<i>n.</i> winakuji, <i>see:</i> wi ...ji.	lunar eclipse <i>vt.</i> usɔɔ mɔɔ kũ, <i>see:</i> usɔ(ɔ) <sub>1</sub> .
love of things	<i>n.</i> fɔwina(a).	lunch <i>n.</i> usɔtɛ fɔbina, <i>see:</i> usɔtɛ(ɛ).
loveless	<i>n.</i> winabadi, <i>see:</i> wi ...ji.	lung <i>n.</i> fuka.
lover	<i>n.</i> wida, <i>see:</i> wi ...ji.	luxury <i>n.</i> ndamana(a), <i>see:</i> ndaama.
lover of money	<i>n.</i> kawerewida.	lying <i>aadj.</i> bishɛnadi, <i>see:</i> bishe <sub>1</sub> .
loving person	<i>n.</i> winanadi, <i>see:</i> wi ...ji.	lying down <i>adj.</i> wucena(a), <i>see:</i> wuce.
low	<i>aadj.</i> cɛɛɛ.	lying down in submission <i>adv.</i> mɛɛ.

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machete	<i>n.</i> ada <sub>1</sub> .	maize <i>n.</i> kotokoli.
machine	<i>n.</i> mashĩni.	maize silk <i>n.</i> wasa(a).
mad person	<i>n.</i> sɔkpaji.	make <i>vt.</i> ke <sub>1</sub> .
madman	<i>n.</i> utufada, <i>see:</i> utufa.	make agreement <i>vi.</i> lɛduuke.
madness	<i>n.</i> mibadiyãkena(a), <i>see:</i> mibadiyãke.	make agreement with <i>vi.</i> lɛkɛduke ...zɔ.
maggot	<i>n.</i> sɔkɔkɔ(ɔ).	make corner <i>vi.</i> kũsũke.
magic	<i>n.</i> dabodabo; <i>n.</i> ijẽ.	make direction with mouth <i>vi.</i> lɛmuike.
mainly black (goat)	<i>n.</i> ci burukuburuku, <i>see:</i> ci <sub>2</sub> .	make drunk (wine) <i>vt.</i> kaka ...ni (2), <i>see:</i> ka <sub>2</sub> .
		make effort <i>vi.</i> himmake, <i>see:</i> himma; <i>vi.</i> takpa.
		make enemies with <i>vi.</i> iberekɛɛɛ ...zɔ.

make enemy with

make enemy with *vi.* jedikεεke ...zɔ.

make food *vt.* fɔbinaa ke, *see:* fɔbi.

make heap *vt.* kitila ka, *see:* kitila.

make heart insensitive *vt.* zūn tata ...ni, *see:*  
zūn.

make hillocks (for yams) *vi.* buceba ...ma (1).

make illustration *vi.* yaasheeke.

make love with *vi.* winaake ...zɔ.

make mistake *vi.* tɔrɔ ...ma.

make mistake/error *vi.* tɔrɔmi.

make necessary for *vi.* tilashidi ...ma.

make new road *vt.* jere bɔbɔ, *see:* jere.

make noise *n.* kɔsɔnguke;  
*vi.* gēda.

make offering to *vi.* saraake;  
*vt.* saraa ke ...ni, *see:* sara(a).

make opening/door *vi.* lɛbɔ ...lu (1).

make pregnant *vi.* gbisheka ...ni.

make responsible *vi.* yādi ...ma.

make sheanut butter *vi.* kuyɔnɔke.

make shine *vt.* cεke.

make sign to *vi.* sheeduke ...ni, *see:*  
sheeduke.

make silent *vt.* lewā.

make smooth *vt.* lɔlɔ, *see:* lɔ.

make soap *vi.* kpasuke.

make stubborn *vt.* tɔnɔgbādakū.

make successful *vt.* sa'aa kpa ...ni, *see:*  
sa'a(a).

make supplication *vi.* surulalu ...ma.

make taboo of *vt.* tēεke<sub>2</sub>.

make trouble *vi.* dibike.

make waves *vi.* buceba ...ma (2).

make way/opportunity for *vt.* jere bɔ ...ni,  
*see:* jere.

make well *vt.* gba baani, *see:* gba.

make wish/invocation *vi.* garaake ...ni.

marriage

make/do something *vi.* fɔke.

maker *n.* kɛda, *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.

making *n.* kɛna(a), *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.

making offering *n.* sarakɛna(a), *see:* sara(a).

malaria *n.* duwεε fuda(a), *see:* duwεε.

male *adj.* kohi;

*n.* kohi;

*n.* nigɔni.

male agama lizard *n.* jankpata nigɔni, *see:*  
jankpata.

male organ *n.* gɔkɛbɔ(ɔ).

male servant/slave *n.* zɔgɔ.

malice *n.* zakε(ε), *see:* za(a);  
*n.* zūnza(a).

malicious person *n.* zūnzanadi, *see:* zūnza(a).

man *n.* nigɔni.

man of authority *n.* iikonadi, *see:* iiko.

man of peace *n.* zūn'ēnanadi, *see:* zūn'ē ...ni.

management *n.* taashikana(a), *see:* taashika  
...ji.

mane *n.* geeza.

manger *n.* fɔbigu, *see:* fɔbi.

mango *n.* manguru.

manhood *n.* nigɔnike(ε), *see:* nigɔni.

manioc *n.* agbeshe;

*n.* loogo.

manure heap *n.* digbɔ'icegu.

many *adj.* gbāa;

*adv.* gbāa.

marabou stork *n.* waria.

mare *n.* bisacεε.

mark *n.* sheedu;

*vt.* wāsāa ke (...ma), *see:* wāsā(a).

mark (on person) *n.* wāsā(a).

mark out *vi.* tarabɔ.

market *n.* eece.

marriage *n.* neshina(a), *see:* neshida;

- n. zākena(a), see: zāke.*  
 marriage day *n. neshidi, see: neshida.*  
 marriage feast/reception *n. neshifōbina(a).*  
 married (woman) *adj. zānadi, see: zā<sub>1</sub>.*  
 marrow *n. bórɔgɔ.*  
 marry (a man) *vi. zāke.*  
 marry as concubine *vi. meshėje ...niba.*  
 marry (for man) *vt. nēē shi, see: nē(ε).*  
 marsh *n. zugu.*  
 marsh harrier *n. dun<sub>2</sub>.*  
 marsh mongoose *n. budari ci(i), see: budari.*  
 massage *vi. utō ...ma (1).*  
 master *n. zɔnadi, see: zɔ(ɔ)<sub>1</sub>.*  
 mat *n. gī(i).*  
 mat weaver *n. gitāda.*  
 mat (woven with plastic) *n. eeni.*  
 match with *vi. kūshi ...zɔ.*  
 material *n. kebɔ(ɔ), see: ke<sub>1</sub>.*  
 materialism *n. fōwina(a).*  
 maternal uncle *n. kao.*  
 mates *n. kūgūna.*  
 matter of joy *n. zūn'ndayā, see: zūn'nda(a).*  
 matter of shame *n. uniyā, see: uni.*  
 mature *adj. kasara;*  
*vi. baragake;*  
*vi. jifake.*  
 mature billygoat *n. buikohi.*  
 mature man *n. mare ashi, see: mare.*  
 mature person *n. baraganadi, see:*  
*baraga(a).*  
 mature young woman *n. satara.*  
 maturity *n. baraga(a).*  
 meal *n. ɔ'i.*  
 meal time *n/adv. ubidi, see: ubi.*  
 mean *adj. za(a).*  
 meaning *n. faya(a);*  
*n. ma'ana;*
- n. makari.*  
 measure *n. yōbɔ(ɔ), see: yō (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.*  
 measure off with rope *vt. bēē yō ...ma, see:*  
*bē(ε).*  
 measuring *n. fōyōna(a), see: fōyōbɔ(ɔ);*  
*n. yōyōna, see: yō (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.*  
 measuring rod *n. fōyōbɔ(ɔ).*  
 meat *n. sō(ɔ)<sub>2</sub> (2).*  
 mediator *n. budengū.*  
 medicine *n. ijē.*  
 medicine man *n. ijēnadi, see: ijē;*  
*n. ijēkeda, see: ijēke.*  
 meditation *n. laasaabukena(a), see:*  
*laasaabuke.*  
 meekness *n. gbere'ēna(a).*  
 meet *vi. da ...le, see: da.*  
 meet with (by chance) *vt. dekerεke (...zɔ).*  
 melt *vi. yɔrɔ.*  
 member *n. gu(u).*  
 members (body) *n. guna, see: gu(u).*  
 memorial *n. zūndɔmabɔ(ɔ), see: zūndɔ ...ma.*  
 mend *vt. labi<sub>1</sub>.*  
 merchant *n. tada, see: ta<sub>2</sub>.*  
 mercy *n. suru.*  
 message *n. lekpele.*  
 messenger *n. kpēni;*  
*n. mɔzɔ.*  
 Messiah *n. Almashihu.*  
 metal *n. m̀(ɔ).*  
 metal necklace *n. m̀ɔkɔ.*  
 metal pole *n. m̀gifana(a).*  
 metal stove *n. m̀koo.*  
 meteor *n. ladumɔni.*  
 meteorite *n. dɔngɔmɔni.*  
 microphone *n. yāfibɔ(ɔ), see: yāfi.*  
 midday *n. usōcīn.*  
 middle *adv. buden.*



- middle of the night *adv.* gāoni buden, *see:*  
gāoni.
- midnight *adv.* gāonidu.
- midrib of raffia palm frond *n.* zara yerε(ε),  
*see:* zara.
- midwife *n.* ni'ishida, *see:* ni'ishi.
- might *vt.* li<sub>2</sub> (2).
- mighty *adj.* iikonadi, *see:* iiko.
- military *n.* soojena, *see:* sooje.
- milk *n.* diyō'i;  
*vt.* diō'ibɔ.
- milk bush *n.* yerεbɔa.
- mill *n.* wirilɔgbere(ε).
- millet *n.* wīshi;  
*n.* wuta(a).
- millet (all kinds) *n.* wiri.
- million *num.* milian.
- mind *n.* zūn.
- minute *cn.* mɔwεε.
- miracle *n.* mamaaki.
- miracle/wonder worker *n.* mamaakikɛda,  
*see:* mamaakikε ...ni.
- miracle-worker *n.* dabodabokɛda, *see:*  
dabodabokε.
- mirror *n.* digi.
- miscarriage *n.* gberεbɔ(ɔ).
- miscarry *vi.* gberεbɔkε.
- miss *vi.* kara ...ji/ni;  
*vt.* beegeke.
- mist *n.* buda;  
*n.* mandi.
- mistake *n.* tɔrɔ, *see:* tɔrɔ ...ma.
- mistreat *vi.* azuka ...ma.
- mix *vt.* dakū;  
*vt.* yara.
- mixed *adj.* dakūna(a), *see:* dakū;  
*adj.* yarana(a), *see:* yara.
- mock *vt.* ia<sub>1</sub>.
- mocker *n.* gū'iada;  
*n.* iada, *see:* ia<sub>1</sub>.
- mockery *n.* iana(a), *see:* ia<sub>1</sub>.
- moisten *vi.* butukpa ...ma.
- moisture *n.* butu.
- molar *n.* sōzaga;  
*n.* zaga.
- mole cricket *n.* vīni.
- Monday *n.* Dikina'ɔkadi;  
*n.* Shitadi.
- money *n.* kawεε.
- money bag *n.* kawεεbɔgɔ(ɔ).
- moneychanger *n.* kawεresorida, *see:*  
kawεresori.
- moneylender *n.* findekpada, *see:* findekpa  
...ni.
- money-making *n.* kaweretōna(a).
- monkey *n.* obi.
- Montagu's harrier *n.* kperεhu(u), *see:*  
kperε(ε).
- month *cn.* mɔ, *see:* mɔ(ɔ);  
*n.* mɔ(ɔ) (2).
- moon *n.* mɔ(ɔ) (1).
- moonlight *n.* mɔfu(u), *see:* mɔ(ɔ).
- more than (be) *vi.* kpa ...la, *see:* kpa.
- morning *n.* dikēna(a).
- morning star *n.* gucijīn sɔrɔ, *see:* gucijīn.
- morsel *n.* lɔɔma.
- mortar *n.* gúda.
- mosque *n.* dakūkpe;  
*n.* gingalukpe;  
*n.* wotu(kε)kpe.
- mosque/church leader *n.* wotukpenadi, *see:*  
wotu(kε)kpe.
- mosquito *n.* mɔsɔ.
- mosquito net *n.* mɔsɔkpe.

- Most High *n.* Musunadi, *see:* musu<sub>1</sub>.  
 most important one *n.* minadi, *see:* mi(i).  
 mother *n.* dɔ̃ɔ<sub>2</sub> (1).  
 mother hen *n.* kokodɔ̃ɔ, *see:* koko(o).  
 mother-in-law *n.* mira nedɔ̃ɔ, *see:* mīra;  
*n.* ne dɔ̃ɔ, *see:* ne(ε);  
*n.* zã dɔ̃ɔ, *see:* zã<sub>1</sub>.  
 motion with head at *vi.* miike ...ni.  
 mould *vt.* yoro.  
 mound *n.* kuru<sub>1</sub>.  
 mountain *n.* kàsa ashi, *see:* kàsa(a).  
 mountaintop *n.* kasami(i).  
 mourn *vi.* ga'u;  
*vi.* ge'utubɔ.  
 mourn dead for 7 days *vi.* disɔ̃ɔfiaake.  
 mourn for *vt.* zūncirike.  
 mourn for dead *vi.* ga'unaake.  
 mourner *n.* ga'uda, *see:* ga'u.  
 mourning *n.* ga'una(a), *see:* ga'u.  
 mourning dove *n.* ihobodo (1).  
 mouse *n.* ɛ̃ne.  
 mouth *n.* lé (1).  
 mouthful *n.* lɔ̃ma.  
 move *vi.* susunke;  
*vi.* ta<sub>2</sub>;  
*vi.* vīnake.  
 move away from *vi.* saakū ...zɔ.  
 move from place to place *vi.* suate kpaakpaa,  
*see:* suate.  
 movement *n.* tana(a), *see:* ta<sub>2</sub>.
- mud *n.* jè(ε) (1);  
*n.* mɔ̃gɔ(ɔ).  
 mud block *n.* jekukɔ̃.  
 mudfish *n.* bɔ̃kɔ̃sɔ.  
 mud-wasp *n.* zɔ̃nzɔ̃rɔ.  
 mule *n.* farigabisa.  
 multimammate rat *n.* ɛ̃netankpa.  
 multiply *vi.* ke gbãa, *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.  
 mumps *n.* hangu.  
 murder *n.* gucedena(a), *see:* gucede;  
*vi.* gucede.  
 murderer *n.* gucededa, *see:* gucede.  
 murmuring *n.* guunikena(a), *see:* guunike  
 ...ni.  
 muscle *n.* sɔ̃ni, *see:* sɔ̃(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* ú (2).  
 mushroom *n.* baruguna sɔ̃(ɔ), *see:* Barugu;  
*n.* bembɛ.  
 musical instrument *n.* kukūkefɔ.  
 musician *n.* fɔ̃deda.  
 Muslim *n.* Gingalukeda, *see:* gingaluke  
 ...ma.  
 Muslim teacher *n.* alfa (2).  
 mussel *n.* gere(ε).  
 mutual understanding *n.* dɔ̃nakūji.  
 muzzle *n.* taakunkumi;  
*vt.* taakunkumi ka ...ni, *see:*  
 taakunkumi.  
 myself *pro.* ma ginda, *see:* ma<sub>1</sub>.  
 mystery *n.* kpɛtana(a), *see:* kpɛta.

## N - n

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- nag *vi.* keneneke ...ni. *padj.* bumbum.  
 nagger *n.* kenenekeda, *see:* keneneke ...ni. *nakedness* *n.* huntuke(ε), *see:* huntu.  
 nagging *n.* kenene. *name* *n.* tɔ̃;  
 nail *n.* kuusa. *vi.* tɔ̃ka ...ni.  
 naked *adv.* huntu; *namesake* *n.* tɔ̃kɔ̃nnadi.

- nanny goat *n.* bui nɛgũ, *see:* bui.
- nape of neck *n.* lɔkɔyɛɛ(ɛ).
- narration *n.* deedeekɛna(a), *see:* deedeekɛ (...ni).
- narrow *adj.* nanaa, *see:* na.
- nation *n.* cɛɛ.
- native *n.* weigũ.
- nature spirit (name of) *n.* Dɔngɔ.
- nature spirit that is sacrificed to *n.* dɔma(a).
- nausea *n.* gboru.
- navel *n.* kata<sub>1</sub>.
- near *adv.* kutu<sub>1</sub>.
- near (be) *vi.* na (2).
- neck *n.* koto<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* lɔkɔ<sub>1</sub>.
- neck chain *n.* buɛ.
- necklace *n.* saba.
- necklace bead *n.* lɔkɔ gberɛ, *see:* lɔkɔ<sub>1</sub>.
- necromancer *n.* geshishida, *see:* geshishi.
- need *n.* mɔradu;  
*n.* wina(a) (2), *see:* wi ...ji;  
*vi.* waa ...ji.
- needle *n.* amberɛ;  
*n.* fɔlabibɔ(ɔ).
- neem tree *n.* liũ.
- negation marker after NP *ptcl.* ba<sub>1</sub> (1).
- negation suffix for SUBJ pronouns *ptcl.* -ba (1), *see:* ba<sub>1</sub>.
- neglect *vi.* ɔɔbɔ ...ji, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.
- neighbour (close) *n.* tarakɛdi.
- neighbour; fellow *n.* gũdu(u) (2).
- neighbours *n.* kpatadugũna, *see:* kpatadũ.
- nest *n.* bākɛɛ.
- nest (animal) *n.* kɔlɔgɔ.
- never *adv.* dikamba, *see:* dikan;  
*ptcl.* bata<sub>2</sub>.
- never-die *n.* lilimaka.
- new *adj.* dɛɛɛ(ɛ).
- new moon *n.* mɔ kasu, *see:* mɔ(ɔ);  
*n/adv.* mɔbɔdi.
- news *n.* baalu.
- next week *adv.* dura dɛɛɛ(ɛ), *see:* dura.
- Niger Republic *n.* Nijɛɛ.
- Niger river *n.* Shɛni, *see:* sheni.
- Niger State *n.* Naija.
- night *n.* gãɔni.
- Nile crocodile *n.* kwá(a).
- Nile monitor lizard *n.* jèɛɛ.
- Nile perch *n.* kakarasa;  
*n.* zɔ̄fu(u), *see:* zɔ̄(ɔ).
- nine *adj.* sooshi(i), *see:* sooshi;  
*num.* sooshi.
- nineteen *num.* koori aweresooshizɔ, *see:* koori.
- ninety *num.* keeshiwokoori, *see:* keeshi.
- ninth *adj.* sooshidibi, *see:* sooshi.
- no *adj.* kan<sub>1</sub>;  
*intj.* aai.
- no longer *adv.* mɔnɔba, *see:* mɔnɔ.
- no more *adv.* mɔnɔba, *see:* mɔnɔ.
- noble *adj.* gbĩtã.
- noble character *n.* zũnnɔkɛ(ɛ), *see:* zũnnɔ.
- nobody *n.* gũkan.
- noise *n.* kɔsɔngu.
- noisy *adj.* kɔsɔngunadi, *see:* kɔsɔngu.
- none *adj.* kan<sub>1</sub>.
- non-owner of *ptcl.* -badi, *see:* badi.
- nonsense *n.* yãfayabadi.
- nonsensical *adj.* yãfayabadi.
- non-sweet *adj.* ndabadi, *see:* nda(a).
- noon *n.* usɔcĩn.
- normal (be) *vt.* dɔkɛ.
- north *n.* mare(e).

north of *adv.* mareema, *see:* mare(e).  
 nose *n.* ñn.  
 nose-ring *n.* ñnzã(a).  
 not well known *n/aadj.* tɔbadi, *see:* tɔ.  
 not yet *adv.* gĩnaba, *see:* gĩna.  
 nothing *n.* fɔkan;  
*n.* yãkan.  
 notice *n.* lamba.  
 now *adv.* tandi;

*n/adv.* bece(re).  
 now (before anything else) *adv.* toon.  
 nowhere *adv.* gukan.  
 nudity *n.* huntuke(ε), *see:* huntu.  
 numb *ideo.* zãii.  
 number *n.* lamba.  
 numberplate *n.* lamba.  
 nurse *n.* toroda, *see:* toro.  
 nursing mother *n.* ninadi, *see:* ni.

## O - o

oar *n.* gurukparabɔ, *see:* gurukpara.  
 oath *n.* ladana(a), *see:* lada.  
 obedience *n.* yãmana(a), *see:* yãma.  
 obey *vt.* ma<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* yãka;  
*vt.* yãma.  
 obey law *vi.* dɔɔkayã ka.  
 obeyer *n.* yãkada, *see:* yãka.  
 object of scorn/mockery *n.* iabɔ(ɔ), *see:* ia<sub>1</sub>.  
 obligation *n.* tilashi.  
 oblivious *adv.* yãkεɛbadi.  
 observe *vt.* taashika ...ji.  
 observe directly/carefully *ideo.* suuu.  
 obsolete *padj.* jida, *see:* jida(a).  
 obstruct *vi.* kaka ...ji, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* dãdã;  
*vt.* jere le ...ni, *see:* jere;  
*vt.* le<sub>2</sub>.  
 obstruction *n.* gukena.  
 ocean *n.* tekú.  
 ocre *n.* kubeewa.  
 odour *n.* gbĩn.  
 oedematous person *n.* kakagenadi.  
 of necessity *cnj.* tilashi.  
 of royal blood *n.* kiribe(e).  
 of the same mother *aadj.* dɔɔdu(u).

off white *adj.* fufu, *see:* fu.  
 offal *n.* gbereɔlufɔna.  
 offend *vi.* ñ ...ma;  
*vi.* taalike.  
 offer *vt.* kpa ...ni, *see:* kpa.  
 offer hand to *vi.* ɔkpa ...ni, *see:* ɔkpa ...ji.  
 offering *n.* sara(a).  
 offering sacrifice *n.* sãmakena(a), *see:* sãmake  
 ...ma.  
 offspring *n.* ni.  
 often *adv.* lootopai.  
 ogle *vi.* waalonkeke.  
 oh! *intj.* a'a;  
*intj.* kuku;  
*intj.* o'o.  
 oil *n.* yɔnɔ;  
*vt.* yɔnɔ ka ...wa, *see:* yɔnɔ.  
 oil palm *n.* kpakpa(a).  
 oily *aadj.* yɔnɔnadi, *see:* yɔnɔ.  
 OK *intj.* to;  
*intj.* tɔ̂.  
 okra soup *n.* laladu(u).  
 old *aadj.* jida(a);  
*padj.* jida, *see:* jida(a).  
 old age *n.* jidake(ε), *see:* jida(a).  
 old man *n.* gɔ̂jida.

old woman

open for

old woman *n.* nejjida(a).

older brother *n.* bakere.

older man *n.* mare.

older sister *n.* ikere.

on bad terms (be) *vi.* zakūna ...zɔ, *see:* zakū.

on (be) *vi.* bii ...ma/musu, *see:* bii<sub>2</sub>.

on foot *adv.* gbɛzɔ.

on left *post.* ɔjengeɛma, *see:* ɔjenge(ɛ).

on purpose *adv.* hoozɔ.

on right of *post.* bicɛɛma, *see:* bicɛ(ɛ).

on the ground *adv.* cɛɛɛ.

on the outskirts (of town) *adv.* baa<sub>2</sub>.

on what day *adv.* di kpaci, *see:* di<sub>1</sub>.

once *adv.* tara du, *see:* tara.

one *adj.* du(u), *see:* du;  
*num.* du.

one acting crazy *n.* sōkpanadi, *see:* sōkpa.

one by one *adv.* duudu, *see:* du.

one day *adv.* dike(ɛ), *see:* di<sub>1</sub>;  
*adv.* dikeɛdi.

one hundrd and eighty *adj.* keesooshi(i), *see:*  
keesooshi.

one hundrd and forty *num.* keesɔfia.

one hundred *num.* keesɔru.

one hundred and eighty *num.* keesooshi.

one hundred and fifty *num.*

keesɔfiawokoori, *see:* keesɔfia.

one hundred and forty *adj.* keesɔfia(a), *see:*  
keesɔfia.

one hundred and ninety *n.*

keesooshiwokoori, *see:* keesooshi.

one hundred and seventy *num.*

keesoowawokoori, *see:* keesoowa.

one hundred and sixty *num.* keesoowa.

one hundred and ten *num.* keesɔruwokoori,  
*see:* keesɔru.

one hundred and thirty *num.*

keesɔduwokoori, *see:* keesɔdu.

one hundred and twenty *adj.* keesɔduu,  
*see:* keesɔdu;  
*num.* keesɔdu.

one lying in wait *n.* kpakpada, *see:* kpakpa.

one (of them) *pro.* du(u), *see:* du.

one person *n.* gūdu(u) (1).

one third part *n.* gbirina aalu duu, *see:* gbiri  
(...ni).

one thousand *num.* dubu;

*num.* keesɔru koori, *see:* keesɔru.

one week from (yesterday, today, tomorrow)  
*adj.* dima.

one who answers well *n.* yāwinadōda.

one who does God's will *n.*  
laduzūnwinakēda.

one who does the same sort of thing *n.*  
yābetakakēda.

one who follows a certain route *n.* jɛɛdōda.

one who heeds advice *n.* yākpanamada.

one who plots evil *n.* laasaabuvānikēda.

one who talks loud/arrogantly *n.*  
yāgbādafida.

one who talks too much *n.* yāgbāafida.

one's own will (do) *vt.* zūnwinaa kɛ, *see:*  
zūnwina(a).

onion *n.* albasa.

onyx *n.* tantalai.

open *padj.* guna, *see:* gu;  
*vi.* gu;  
*vt.* gu.

open a little *vi.* wēɛkɛ.

open area *n.* gufɔ (2).

open eye *vt.* wɛɛgu.

open (flower) *adj.* guna(a), *see:* gu.

open for *vt.* gu ...ni, *see:* gu.

- open mouth wide *vi.* lɛgu.
- open mouths at *vi.* lɛdɔdɔ ...ma.
- open way for *vt.* jɛrɛ gu ...ni, *see:* jɛrɛ.
- open-handed person *n.* ɔfuruda.
- openly *adj.* wɛrɛdawɛrɛ.
- opponent *n.* gaabanadi, *see:* gaaba.
- oppose *vi.* bɔ ... gbɛ̃ji, *see:* bɔ;  
*vi.* gaabake ...zɔ;  
*vi.* je ...ji, *see:* je;  
*vi.* lalukpa ...ma.
- opposing idea *n.* gaabakeyã, *see:* gaabake ...zɔ.
- opposite to *cnj.* waadɔdɔ kũji kũni ...zɔ, *see:* waadɔ ...ji.
- opposition *n.* gaabakɛna(a), *see:* gaabake ...zɔ.
- oppress *vi.* gbãdaamɔ ...ni;  
*vi.* wɛrɛtɛ̃ɛmɔ ...ni (1);  
*vt.* wɛrɛtɛ̃ɛkɛ.
- oppressed (be) *vi.* wɛrɛtɛ̃ɛkɛ.
- oppressed person *n.* wɛrɛtɛ̃kɛda, *see:* wɛrɛtɛ̃ɛkɛ.
- oppression *n.* gbãdamɔna(a) gũnani, *see:* gbãdaamɔ ...ni;  
*n.* wɛrɛtɛ̃kɛna(a), *see:* wɛrɛtɛ̃ɛkɛ;  
*n.* wɛrɛtɛ̃mɔna(a), *see:* wɛrɛtɛ̃ɛmɔ ...ni.
- oppressor *n.* azukada, *see:* azuka ...ma;  
*n.* gbãdamɔda, *see:* gbãdaamɔ ...ni;  
*n.* wɛrɛtɛ̃mɔda, *see:* wɛrɛtɛ̃ɛmɔ ...ni.
- or *cnj.* koo<sub>1</sub>.
- orange *padj.* kpata'i.
- orange root *n.* kpata<sub>1</sub>.
- order *n.* dɔɔka.
- Ordinal number marker *ptcl.* -dibi.
- Orion constellation *n.* sɔrɔ gbɛ̃ɛ kũni obizɔ, *see:* sɔrɔ(ɔ).
- orphan *n.* iri<sub>2</sub>.
- ostrich *n.* taataagai.
- other *aadj.* kɛ(ɛ);  
*aadj.* kɛna, *see:* kɛ(ɛ);  
*pro.* du(u), *see:* du.
- other people *n.* gũkɛna, *see:* gũkɛ(ɛ).
- other things *n.* yãkɛnana, *see:* yãkɛ(ɛ).
- others *pro.* kɛna, *see:* kɛ(ɛ).
- outcome *n.* incɛna(a), *see:* incɛ.
- outlook *n.* wɛrɛkpetɛgu, *see:* wɛrɛkpetɛ.
- outside *adv.* baa<sub>2</sub>;  
*adv.* gufuma, *see:* gufu.
- outside of *post.* baa<sub>2</sub>.
- outside (of house) *adv.* wei.
- outskirts of *post.* baa<sub>2</sub>.
- outsmart *vt.* takiikɛ.
- outwit *vi.* azancikɛ ...ni.
- over *post.* musu<sub>1</sub>.
- over there *padj.* lele.
- overcome *vi.* kpa ...la, *see:* kpa.
- overfamiliar with (be) *vi.* dɔkɛ ...zɔ, *see:* dɔkɛ.
- overlay *vt.* wã ...ma, *see:* wã.
- overlook *vi.* lalata ...la;  
*vi.* wɛrɛfiri ...ma;  
*vi.* wɛrɛsɔnɔ ...ma.
- overpower *vi.* gbãdaamɔ ...ni.
- overseas person *n.* tekubaajinadi.
- overtake *vi.* gitaa ...ma, *see:* gitaa.
- overtake (sleep) *vt.* hite.
- overtaken by darkness (be) *vi.* ciri ...ma, *see:* ciri.
- overturn *vt.* lɛkuɛ;  
*vt.* sori.
- owl *n.* koro.
- own *n.* ginda;

*n. mu.*  
 own (PL) *n. muna, see: mu.*  
 owner *n. nadi<sub>2</sub>;*

*ptcl. -nadi, see: nadi<sub>2</sub>.*  
 ox *n. di(i).*

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pacify *vi. kūsūkpete ...ni, see: kūsūkpete.*  
 pack down *vt. sōsō;*  
*vt. sunsunkpa.*  
 paddle *n. gurukparabō, see: gurukpara;*  
*vi. gurubō.*  
 paddle boat *vi. gurukpara.*  
 paddler *n. gurubōnadi, see: gurubō;*  
*n. gurukparada, see: gurukpara.*  
 pagan *n. jikeda, see: jiike ...ma.*  
 pain *n. azu;*  
*vi. azuke.*  
 painful *adj. azonadi, see: azu;*  
*adv. azu.*  
 paint *vi. bōtōke ...ma.*  
 painter *n. bōtōkeda, see: bōtōke ...ma.*  
 palace *n. kirikewei.*  
 palate *n. lemusu.*  
 pale *adj. fufu, see: fu.*  
 palm frond *n. kpakpa lala, see: kpakpa(a).*  
 palm oil *n. kpakpa yōnō, see: kpakpa(a).*  
 palm spike/needle *n. kpakpa yere, see:*  
*kpakpa(a).*  
 palmyra palm *n. kpakpa ataagara, see:*  
*kpakpa(a).*  
 palpitations (have) *vi. zūn ... kata, see: zūn.*  
 panic *vi. gicike.*  
 pant *vi. fucike.*  
 papaya *n. gwanda.*  
 paper *n. takada.*  
 parable *n. yaashe(e).*  
 paradise *n. aljanna.*  
 paradise widow *n. dare.*

paralysed with fear *ideo. zāii.*  
 pardon *n. suru;*  
*vi. suruke (...ni/zō).*  
 pardon/excuse (me) *intj. gaafara.*  
 parent *n. ida, see: i.*  
 parents *n. idana, see: i.*  
 parking place *n. digu, see: di<sub>2</sub>.*  
 part *cn. guda;*  
*cn. ni;*  
*n. gbirina(a), see: gbiri (...ni);*  
*n. kasu;*  
*n. kutu(u)<sub>2</sub> (2);*  
*n. mikutu.*  
 part of *adj. kutu(u)<sub>2</sub>.*  
 partial *padj. wina, see: wi ...ji.*  
 partridge *n. akō;*  
*n. alkoro.*  
 pass away *vi. badike.*  
 pass by *vi. gitaa;*  
*vi. gitaa ...ma, see: gitaa.*  
 pass by/through *vi. dō ... gu.*  
 pass (time) *vi. lafa.*  
 pass youth *vi. jingike.*  
 past *n. yāa.*  
 pasture *n. fōbigu, see: fōbi;*  
*n/adv. kurukegu, see: kuruke.*  
 pasturing *n. kurukena(a), see: kuruke.*  
 patas monkey *n. obitē(ε), see: obi.*  
 patch *vt. ka ...ma, see: ka<sub>2</sub>.*  
 path *n. jere jīn, see: jere.*  
 patience *n. suru;*  
*n. zūnnana(a), see: zūnna.*

patient		person lacking self-control
patient	<i>n.</i> genadi, <i>see:</i> gε(ε).	pepper <i>n.</i> tankpa.
patient (be)	<i>vi.</i> zūnna.	perch <i>n.</i> kagu, <i>see:</i> ka <sub>2</sub> ; <i>vi.</i> ka ...ma, <i>see:</i> ka <sub>2</sub> .
patient person	<i>n.</i> surunadi, <i>see:</i> suru; <i>n.</i> zūnnadi, <i>see:</i> zūnna.	perfect <i>adj.</i> kpasakpasa; <i>adv.</i> wasawasa.
pay attention to	<i>vi.</i> duwerekpa ...ni; <i>vi.</i> laakalike ...ma; <i>vt.</i> yāka.	perfection <i>n.</i> kpasakpasake(ε), <i>see:</i> kpasakpasa.
pay debt/salary	<i>vi.</i> findebu ...ma (1).	perform funeral ceremony <i>vi.</i> ge'utubɔ.
pay tax	<i>vt.</i> jangali kpa, <i>see:</i> jangali.	perfume <i>n.</i> turare.
payment	<i>n.</i> findebubɔ(ɔ), <i>see:</i> findebu ...ma; <i>n.</i> findebuna(a), <i>see:</i> findebu ...ma; <i>n.</i> finde(e).	perhaps <i>n.</i> kila.
peace	<i>n.</i> yākicibadi, <i>see:</i> yākici.	period (have) <i>vi.</i> kpegbējiwa; <i>vi.</i> zagara'iri.
peace of mind	<i>n.</i> zūnwucena(a).	permit <i>vt.</i> gba jere, <i>see:</i> gba.
peace offering	<i>n.</i> surukpabɔ(ɔ), <i>see:</i> surukpa ...ni.	perplexed <i>padj.</i> zūmfiafia.
peaceful	<i>padj.</i> yākicibadi, <i>see:</i> yākici.	persecute <i>vi.</i> azuka ...ma; <i>vi.</i> weretēemɔ ...ni (1).
peaceful person	<i>n.</i> yākicibadi, <i>see:</i> yākici.	persecuter <i>n.</i> taabandikeda, <i>see:</i> taabandike.
peacefully (sleep)	<i>ideo.</i> kau.	persecution <i>n.</i> azukana(a), <i>see:</i> azuka ...ma; <i>n.</i> weretē(ε); <i>n.</i> weretēkena(a), <i>see:</i> weretēeke; <i>n.</i> weretēmɔna(a), <i>see:</i> weretēemɔ ...ni.
peacemaker	<i>n.</i> gūbaanitōda; <i>n.</i> laakaliwuceda, <i>see:</i> laakaliwuce.	persecutor <i>n.</i> azukada, <i>see:</i> azuka ...ma; <i>n.</i> weretēmɔda, <i>see:</i> weretēemɔ ...ni.
peanut	<i>n.</i> tē.	perseverance <i>n.</i> surufōna(a), <i>see:</i> surufō; <i>n.</i> takpana(a), <i>see:</i> takpa.
pearl	<i>n.</i> lɔkɔ gbere, <i>see:</i> lɔkɔ <sub>1</sub> ; <i>n.</i> lu'ulu'u.	persevere <i>vi.</i> surufō.
pearl millet	<i>n.</i> naga(a).	persist <i>vi.</i> duce ...ji, <i>see:</i> duce.
pearl-spotted owlet	<i>n.</i> koroshīn.	persistence <i>n.</i> takpana(a), <i>see:</i> takpa.
peck	<i>n.</i> zōkōn; <i>vt.</i> zōkōnke.	person <i>cn.</i> gū <sub>1</sub> ; <i>n.</i> guce; <i>n.</i> gū <sub>1</sub> .
peel	<i>n.</i> gbara(a); <i>vt.</i> gu.	person involved/responsible <i>n.</i> yānadi, <i>see:</i> yā.
peep	<i>vi.</i> wēeke.	person lacking self-control <i>n.</i> gindakūbadi, <i>see:</i> gindakūda.
pen	<i>n.</i> kali(i) (1); <i>n.</i> takadakēbɔ(ɔ), <i>see:</i> takadakē.	
penis	<i>n.</i> tō(ɔ).	
penniless person	<i>n.</i> kawerebadi, <i>see:</i> kawere.	
people	<i>n.</i> gūna, <i>see:</i> gū <sub>1</sub> .	



person living in luxury

pity

person living in luxury *n.* ndamada, *see:*  
ndaama.

person not involved *n.* yābadi, *see:* yā.

person of bad character *n.* danadi, *see:*  
dà(a).

person partial/favorable to *n.* werewada,  
*see:* werewabadi.

person suffering from gonorrhoea/bilharzia *n.*  
nenagenadi, *see:* nenge(ε).

person under discussion *pro.* nadi<sub>2</sub>.

person who does such a thing *n.*  
fɔbetakakɛda.

person who eats anything *n.* fɔpaisuda.

person who knows self-control *n.*  
gindakūnadōda.

person with evil/depraved heart/mind *n.*  
zūmvāninadi.

person with no common sense *n.* fayabadi,  
*see:* faya(a).

person without money *n.* kawerebadi, *see:*  
kawere.

perspiration *n.* laha;  
*n.* yɔɔɔna(a), *see:* yɔɔɔ.

perspire *vi.* yɔɔɔ.

persuade *vt.* kɛ fuda, *see:* kɛ<sub>1</sub>.

persuaded (be) *vt.* yājɛɛ wa, *see:* yājɛɛ.

perverse *adj.* fitēna(a), *see:* fitē;  
*adj.* lɛkucɛna(a), *see:* lɛkucɛ;  
*n.* dɔbadi;  
*adj.* kukudana, *see:* kukuda;  
*adj.* lɛkucɛna, *see:* lɛkucɛ.

perverse person *n.* yālɛkucɛda, *see:*  
yālɛkucɛna.

perverse-minded person *n.* laasaabukucɛda.

perversion *n.* yālɛkucɛna(a), *see:* yālɛkucɛna.

perverted *adj.* yālɛkucɛna.

pestle *n.* guni.

philosopher *n.* laasaabukɛda, *see:*  
laasaabukɛ.

phlegm *n.* katufa.

photo *n.* foto(o)<sub>1</sub>.

piapiac *n.* bācici.

pick *n.* diga;  
*vt.* bu (2).

pick many *vt.* bubu, *see:* bu.

pick up *vt.* shite.

pick up load *vt.* asu shite, *see:* asu.

picture *n.* foto(o)<sub>1</sub>.

piece *n.* kasu.

pie crow *n.* kwaraga.

pierce *vt.* fɔ<sub>2</sub> (1).

piercing *n.* fɔna(a), *see:* fɔ<sub>2</sub>.

pig *n.* gurusuni.

pigeon *n.* iho.

pile *n.* cingona(a), *see:* cingo;  
*vt.* cingo.

pilfer *vt.* kutu'iri.

pillar *n.* ginshigi(i).

pillow *n.* midibɔ(ɔ).

pilot *n.* gurubɔnadi, *see:* gurubɔ;  
*n.* gurukparada, *see:* gurukpara.

pimple *n.* kɔɔɔ<sub>2</sub>.

pineapple *n.* abaliba.

pins and needles *ideo.* zāii.

pipistrelle *n.* bilobilo;  
*n.* firifiri.

piss *vi.* asasaabu.

pit *n.* èɛ(ɛ)<sub>1</sub>.

pitiable *adv.* indawere.

pitiable person *n.* indawerenadi, *see:*  
indawere.

pitiless/calous person *n.* indawerebadi, *see:*  
indawere.

pity *n.* indawere;

PL marker used with personal nouns to indicate that person and those with him/her.

pleased

<i>n.</i> indawerewana(a), <i>see:</i> indawerewa; <i>vi.</i> indawerewa.	<i>n.</i> katako.
	<i>n.</i> lala; <i>vt.</i> t <sub>3</sub> (2).
PL marker used with personal nouns to indicate that person and those with him/her. <i>ptcl.</i> -nɔ (2).	<i>plant foot</i> <i>vt.</i> gbecere gifa, <i>see:</i> gbecere.
<i>place</i> <i>n.</i> gu(u); <i>n.</i> kagu, <i>see:</i> ka <sub>2</sub> ; <i>n.</i> kpata <sub>2</sub> ; <i>post.</i> gu, <i>see:</i> gu(u); <i>ptcl.</i> -gu, <i>see:</i> gu(u).	<i>plantain</i> <i>n.</i> aiba. <i>plaster</i> <i>n.</i> bɔtɔ; <i>vi.</i> bɔtɔke ...ma. <i>plasterer</i> <i>n.</i> bɔtɔkeda, <i>see:</i> bɔtɔke ...ma. <i>plastic</i> <i>n.</i> looba. <i>plate</i> <i>n.</i> fe(ɛ) (2). <i>platform</i> <i>n.</i> tukufa(a). <i>play</i> <i>n.</i> kukūyā, <i>see:</i> kukū <sub>1</sub> ; <i>n.</i> kukūkena(a), <i>see:</i> kukūke; <i>vi.</i> kukūke.
<i>place</i> associated with nature spirit <i>n.</i> sāmakegu, <i>see:</i> sāmake ...ma.	<i>play cards</i> <i>vi.</i> cacake.
<i>place</i> hand on <i>vt.</i> ɔɔ di ...ma, <i>see:</i> ɔ(ɔ) <sub>2</sub> .	<i>play</i> (flute) <i>vt.</i> fē <sub>2</sub> (2).
<i>place</i> (many) <i>vt.</i> nana, <i>see:</i> na.	<i>play</i> flute <i>vt.</i> sheeshe fē, <i>see:</i> sheeshe.
<i>place</i> of atonement <i>n.</i> zunubikatagu.	<i>play</i> harp <i>vi.</i> kwansade; <i>vt.</i> kwansa de, <i>see:</i> kwansa.
<i>place</i> of prayer <i>n/adv.</i> wotukegu, <i>see:</i> wotuke (...ma).	<i>play</i> musical instrument (drum, violin) <i>vt.</i> de (4).
<i>place</i> to pass <i>n.</i> gitaagu, <i>see:</i> gitaa.	<i>play</i> tamourine <i>vt.</i> shēkēshēkē wā, <i>see:</i> shēkēshēkē.
<i>place</i> to settle/sit <i>n.</i> acegu, <i>see:</i> ace.	<i>play</i> tension drum <i>vt.</i> sankpa de, <i>see:</i> sankpa.
<i>place</i> where something is done <i>n.</i> kegu, <i>see:</i> ke <sub>1</sub> .	<i>play</i> violin <i>vt.</i> firi de, <i>see:</i> firi <sub>2</sub> ; <i>vt.</i> goge de, <i>see:</i> goge.
<i>placed</i> <i>padj.</i> kana, <i>see:</i> ka <sub>2</sub> .	<i>player</i> <i>n.</i> kukūkeda, <i>see:</i> kukūke.
<i>placed</i> (be) <i>padj.</i> nana, <i>see:</i> na; <i>vi.</i> kpa.	<i>playing</i> (instrument) <i>n.</i> fekna(a), <i>see:</i> fē <sub>2</sub> .
<i>placed</i> on each other <i>vi.</i> nana kūma, <i>see:</i> na.	<i>plaza</i> <i>n/adv.</i> kacere.
<i>plague</i> <i>n.</i> gagana(a), <i>see:</i> ga; <i>n.</i> gage(ɛ); <i>n.</i> kana(a), <i>see:</i> ka <sub>2</sub> .	<i>plead</i> before <i>vi.</i> kūsūkpete ...ni, <i>see:</i> kūsūkpete.
<i>plain</i> <i>n.</i> gugbangara.	<i>pleading</i> <i>n.</i> kūsūkpetena(a), <i>see:</i> kūsūkpete.
<i>plain</i> nightjar <i>n.</i> iwere (2).	<i>pleasant</i> <i>adj.</i> nda(a) (1).
<i>plain</i> water <i>n.</i> icicin.	<i>please</i> <i>vi.</i> ke ...ni nda, <i>see:</i> ke <sub>1</sub> ; <i>vi.</i> yāke ...ni nda, <i>see:</i> yāke.
<i>plait</i> hair <i>vi.</i> miiṭā.	<i>pleased</i> <i>padj.</i> nda, <i>see:</i> nda(a).
<i>plaited</i> rope <i>n.</i> belekata.	
<i>plan</i> <i>n.</i> ledakūna(a), <i>see:</i> ledakū (...ji); <i>vi.</i> ledakū (...ji).	
<i>plane</i> <i>vi.</i> jirike.	

pleasure		pound (waves)
pleasure	<i>n.</i> kukūkena(a), <i>see:</i> kukūke; <i>n.</i> zūn'ndakena(a), <i>see:</i> zūn'ndaake.	plus 10 <i>num.</i> -wokoori.
pledge	<i>n.</i> tərɔmɛ.	pocket <i>n.</i> bɔɔɔ(ɔ); <i>n.</i> jiba.
Pleiades constellation	<i>n.</i> sɔrɔ sɔ'imida, <i>see:</i> sɔrɔ(ɔ).	point <i>vi.</i> dɔdɔ (2).
plenty (food)	<i>n.</i> kāna gbāda(a), <i>see:</i> kā.	point finger at <i>vi.</i> ɔciizɔ̄ ...ma.
plot	<i>vi.</i> lɛdakū (...ji).	pointing finger <i>n.</i> ɔci(i).
plot against	<i>vi.</i> lɛdakū ...ma, <i>see:</i> lɛdakū (...ji).	poison <i>n.</i> shebe(ɛ); <i>vi.</i> gubaka ...ni, <i>see:</i> gubaka.
plot evil against	<i>vt.</i> lɛdakūna vāni ke ...ji, <i>see:</i> lɛdakū (...ji).	poisonous <i>adj.</i> shebenadi, <i>see:</i> shebe(ɛ).
plotter	<i>n.</i> lɛdakūda, <i>see:</i> lɛdakū (...ji).	polish <i>vi.</i> jirike; <i>vt.</i> mɔɔke (3).
plough	— jɛfu(u); <i>n.</i> tufūa; <i>vi.</i> jɛke; <i>vt.</i> jɛfuu gara, <i>see:</i> jɛfu(u).	polish shoes <i>vt.</i> baci mɔɔke, <i>see:</i> baci(i).
ploughman	<i>n.</i> jɛfugarada.	polished <i>adj.</i> jirikena(a), <i>see:</i> jirike.
pluck	<i>vt.</i> kākābara.	polluted (be) <i>vi.</i> dugukpa.
pluck (leaves, chicken)	<i>vt.</i> bara.	pool <i>n.</i> idigu.
plunder	<i>n.</i> ganima; <i>vt.</i> ganima shi, <i>see:</i> ganima; <i>vt.</i> wara.	poor man <i>n.</i> talaka.
plural marker	<i>ptcl.</i> -na <sub>2</sub> .	poor person <i>n.</i> fɔbadi, <i>see:</i> fɔ.
plus	<i>ptcl.</i> a <sub>3</sub> .	poor quality <i>adj.</i> ndabadi, <i>see:</i> nda(a).
plus eight	<i>num.</i> aweresoowazɔ.	popular person <i>n.</i> amanadi, <i>see:</i> ama <sub>2</sub> .
plus five	<i>num.</i> aweresɔɔruzɔ; <i>num.</i> -sɔru.	popularity <i>n.</i> ama <sub>2</sub> .
plus four	<i>num.</i> awereshizɔ.	porridge <i>n.</i> kpɛtɛ <sub>1</sub> .
plus nine	<i>num.</i> aweresooshizɔ.	porridge pot <i>n.</i> imfɛ(ɛ).
plus one	<i>num.</i> awereduzɔ.	portent <i>n.</i> kóhi (1).
plus seven	<i>num.</i> aweresɔɔfiazɔ.	position <i>n.</i> ashike(ɛ), <i>see:</i> ashi; <i>n.</i> ducena(a) (1), <i>see:</i> duce.
plus six	<i>num.</i> aweresɔɔduzɔ.	possessing spirit <i>n.</i> ji(i).
plus ten	<i>num.</i> akoori(zɔ); <i>num.</i> awokoorizɔ.	possession <i>n.</i> mu.
plus three	<i>num.</i> awere'azɔ.	pot <i>n.</i> luguda(a).
plus two	<i>num.</i> awerefiazɔ.	potsherd <i>n.</i> takasu.
		potter <i>n.</i> lugudakeda.
		pounce on <i>vi.</i> tata ...ma, <i>see:</i> ta <sub>1</sub> ; <i>vt.</i> ka ...ma, <i>see:</i> ka <sub>2</sub> ; <i>vt.</i> lungumake (...ma).
		pouncing <i>adj.</i> lungumakena(a), <i>see:</i> lungumake (...ma).
		pound <i>n.</i> pan.
		pound (waves) <i>vi.</i> firifiri, <i>see:</i> firi.

pounded yam

pride

pounded yam *n.* a'u.

pour *vt.* ka<sub>2</sub>;

*vt.* lilɛ.

pour (libation) *vt.* sɔ.

pour libation on *vi.* isɔ ...ma;

*vt.* sãmake'i sɔ ...ma, *see:* sãmake'i.

pour out wrath on *vi.* fẽdeɛbɔbɔ ...ma.

pour water *vt.* í ka, *see:* í.

pouring out anger *n.* fẽdeɛbɔbɔna(a), *see:*

fẽdeɛbɔbɔ ...ma.

poverty *n.* fɔgãnadena(a);

*n.* fɔtaabi;

*n.* taabi.

poverty stricken person *n.* taabinadi, *see:*

taabi;

*n.* taabikeda, *see:* taabike.

powder tobacco *n.* tabacii.

power *n.* gbãda(a).

powerful *adj.* gbãda(a).

powerfully *adv.* gbãdaazɔ, *see:* gbãda(a).

powerlessness *n.* gbãdabadike(ɛ), *see:*

gbãda(a).

practice custom/tradition *vt.* tubuke ...ma.

practice homosexuality *vi.* luadike.

practice idolatry/animism *vi.* jiike ...ma.

practise sorcery/black magic *vi.* ijẽke.

praise *n.* kilaalikena(a), *see:* kilaalike;

*n.* saabu;

*n.* tɔbɔna(a), *see:* tɔbɔ;

*vt.* saabuke (...ni);

*vt.* tɔbɔ.

praise song *n.* kilaali.

praiser *n.* tɔbɔda, *see:* tɔbɔ.

praising *n.* kilaalikena(a), *see:* kilaalike.

pray *vt.* wotuke (...ma).

pray (as Muslim); Muslim (be) *vi.*

gingalushishi.

pray for to *vi.* wotuke ...ni ...ma, *see:* wotuke (...ma).

pray to *vt.* tɔ shishi, *see:* tɔ.

prayer *n.* wotukena(a), *see:* wotuke (...ma).

pray-er *n.* wotukeda, *see:* wotuke (...ma).

prayer house *n.* wotu(kɛ)kpɛ.

prayer time *n.* wotukedi, *see:* wotuke (...ma).

praying mantis *n.* ada<sub>2</sub>;

*n.* ladubisa.

preach *vi.* wa'ajike.

preacher *n.* wa'ajikeda, *see:* wa'ajike.

preaching *n.* wa'aji;

*n.* wa'ajikena(a), *see:* wa'ajike.

precious *adj.* darajanadi, *see:* daraja;

*adj.* marekenadi, *see:* mare.

predicative participle marker *ptcl.* -na, *see:* -na(a)<sub>1</sub>.

pregnancy *n.* gbishe.

pregnant (be) *vi.* gbishe zɔ, *see:* gbishe.

pregnant (become) *vi.* gbisheke.

pregnant woman *n.* gbishenadi, *see:* gbishe.

preparation *n.* soolu;

*n.* soolukena(a), *see:* sooluke.

prepare *vt.* sooluke.

prepare food *vt.* fɔbinaa mɔɔke, *see:* fɔbi.

prepared (be) *vi.* soolu ... ma, *see:* soolu.

presence *post.* wadajĩn.

Presentative copula *ptcl.* -n.

press *vt.* kankanke (1).

press/crowd around *vi.* guufa ...ji.

prevent *vt.* dādā;

*vt.* jere le ...ni, *see:* jere.

prevent from *vt.* dādā ...ji, *see:* dādā.

pride *n.* gindashitena musu, *see:* gindashite musu;

- n.* mi'ashikena(a), *see:* mi'ashike;  
*n.* miihitena(a), *see:* miihite;  
*n.* utukena(a), *see:* utuke.
- primary school age *n.* jingijĩnke(ε).
- print *n.* gbεε;  
*n.* tɔɔga.
- prison *n.* kpeguci(i).
- prisoner *n.* kpegucini, *see:* kpeguci(i).
- problem *n.* yā;  
*n.* yākici.
- problem (get) *vi.* yā ... nu, *see:* yā.  
 problem (have) *vi.* yā zò, *see:* yā.
- proclamation *n.* kasheedikana(a), *see:*  
 kasheedika.
- produce foam/froth *vt.* futaabɔ.  
 produce for *vt.* i ...ni, *see:* i.  
 produce head of grain (millet) *vi.* miibɔ.  
 produce progeny *vi.* beekε.  
 produce water *vi.* ibɔ.
- profit *n.* lafana(a), *see:* lafa.  
 profitable *adj.* lafana, *see:* lafa.  
 profitable for (be) *vt.* lafanaa ke ...ni, *see:*  
 lafa.
- PROG marker *ptcl.* bi<sub>1</sub>.  
 PROG SUBJ pronoun suffix *ptcl.* -bi, *see:* bi<sub>1</sub>.  
 PROG.COND marker *ptcl.* naabi, *see:* nàa.  
 PROG.COND.NEG marker *ptcl.* naabai, *see:*  
 nàa.
- PROG.NEG aspect marker *ptcl.* bai.  
 PROG.NEG pronoun suffix *ptcl.* -bai, *see:*  
 bai.
- promise *n.* yādina(a), *see:* yādi ...ma;  
*vt.* yā di ...ni, *see:* yādi ...ma.
- promote *vi.* duwerekpa ...ni.
- prophecy *n.* annabike, *see:* annabi.  
 prophesy *vi.* annabikeke.
- prophet *n.* annabi;
- n.* wali.
- propitiation *n.* yaafakeɓ(ɔ), *see:* yaafake.  
 proprietor *ptcl.* -nadi, *see:* nadi<sub>2</sub>.  
 prosper *vt.* sa'aa li, *see:* sa'a(a).  
 prosperity *n.* ndamana(a), *see:* ndaama.  
 prostitute *n.* kaalua.  
 prostitution (act) *n.* kaaluakena(a), *see:*  
 kaalua.  
 prostitution (profession) *n.* kaaluake(ε), *see:*  
 kaalua.
- prostrate *adj.* sɔɔɔɔ.  
 protect *vi.* ɔta ...ma;  
*vt.* dā;  
*vt.* kalii ka ...ji, *see:* kali(i).
- proud (be) *vi.* miihite;  
*vi.* miishite;  
*vi.* utuke.
- proud person *n.* gindashiteda, *see:* gindashite  
 musu;  
*n.* mihiteda, *see:* miihite.
- prove innocence *vt.* bɔ yālu, *see:* bɔ.  
 proverb *n.* le'arina(a), *see:* le'ari (...ni);  
*n.* yaashe(e).
- provisions *n.* fɔsubɔ(ɔ).  
 Psalm *n.* zabura.  
 publicly *adj.* werɛdawerɛ.  
 puff adder *n.* becikasa.  
 pull *vt.* gara<sub>2</sub>.  
 pull/take out *vt.* uru.  
 pulpit *n.* tukufa(a).  
 pumpkin *n.* fūfūa.  
 punch in face *vt.* lezɔ.  
 punish *vi.* azuka ...ma;  
*vt.* hooroke.  
 punish unjustly *vt.* sunke (...ni) (2).  
 punishment *n.* azukana(a), *see:* azuka ...ma;  
*n.* hooro;

pupil (of eye)

*n.* weretē(ε).

pupil (of eye) *n.* werenici(i), *see:* wereni.

pure *adj.* zalla;

*padj.* din;

*padj.* werebɔna.

pure/uncontaminated person *aadj.*

zallanadi, *see:* zalla.

purging nut *n.* bukatunu.

purification day *n/adv.* gbacibɔdi, *see:*

gbācibɔ ...ma.

purify *vi.* gbācibɔ ...ni, *see:* gbācibɔ ...ma.

purple glossy starling *n.* kirokori (2).

Purpose marker *ptcl.* -ji<sub>1</sub>.

purse lips *vi.* lesukike.

pursed lips *n.* lesuki.

pursue *vi.* dɔ ...gbɛema, *see:* dɔ ... gu;

*vi.* kpetɛ ...ma, *see:* kpetɛ.

pursuit *n.* kpetena(a), *see:* kpetɛ.

pus *n.* bɔ'i.

push *vi.* ɔkpa ...ji.

put *vt.* da;

*vt.* di<sub>2</sub>;

*vt.* ka<sub>2</sub>.

put back *vt.* cēɛ.

put before *vt.* di ...ni, *see:* di<sub>2</sub>.

put faith (in) *vt.* yādaakpa ...ni.

quiet/self controlled person

put foot down *vi.* gbɛka.

put forth hand *vi.* ɔɔbɔ, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.

put hand to *vi.* ɔka ...ni, *see:* ɔka ...ji.

put load on *vt.* asu di ...ma, *see:* asu.

put on head *vt.* di miima, *see:* di<sub>2</sub>.

put on shoes *vt.* baci ka, *see:* baci(i).

put on stove *vt.* deece (1).

put on weight *vi.* duwereli.

put on/wear cap *vt.* fula ka, *see:* fula.

put on/wear shirt *vi.* tɔgɔɔka (...ni).

put on/wear underpants *vi.* mampakaka.

put space between *vi.* gufuka ... buden;  
*vt.* ataa ka ... buden, *see:* ata(a).

put spell on *vi.* werebibike ...ni.

put together *vt.* dakū.

put under yoke *vt.* zunku di ...ni, *see:* zunku.

put up security for *vt.* findee di ...miima, *see:*  
finde(e).

put up with *vt.* fɔ<sub>1</sub>.

put wood on *vt.* akɔ di ...ma, *see:* akɔ.

put words in one's mouth *vt.* yā su ... ka ...  
lelu, *see:* yā.

put/stack on each other *vt.* di kūma, *see:*  
di<sub>2</sub>.

put/use strength of *vt.* gbāgbā.

python *n.* mada.

## Q - q

quarrel *n.* kakau;

*n.* kakaukena(a), *see:* kakauke  
(...zɔ).

quarrel (with) *vt.* kakauke (...zɔ).

quarrelsome person *n.* kakaukeda, *see:*  
kakauke (...zɔ).

quarry *n.* kasugu, *see:* kasu.

quench *vt.* de (3).

question *vi.* yālalu ...ma;

*vt.* lalulalu, *see:* lalul<sub>1</sub>.

question about *vi.* lalul ...ma, *see:* lalul<sub>1</sub>.

quick *padj.* fuda.

quickly *adv.* fudafuda, *see:* fuda;  
*adv.* kyākyā.

quick-tempered person *n.* zūnnadi, *see:* zūn.

quiet place (where one can be alone) *adv.*  
gāndu.

quiet/self controlled person *n.* gindakūda.

quiver

recognise (PRF)

quiver *n.* kəkətɔ.quote proverb (to) *vi.* lɛ'ari (...ni).**R - r**

race *aadj.* bashina(a), *see:* bashi;  
*n.* bà(a)<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* bè(e).

radiance *n.* cəkɛna(a), *see:* cəkɛ.radiant *aadj.* cəkɛna(a), *see:* cəkɛ.radio *n.* leedio.

raffia palm frond *n.* gára;  
*n.* zara.

rag *n.* zagara.raid *n.* hěna'ama, *see:* hě ...ma.

rain *n.* la(a);  
*n.* labāna(a);  
*vi.* bā;  
*vt.* laa bā, *see:* la(a).

rainbow *n.* zunni.raining *n.* labāna(a).rainwater *n.* la'i.

raise *vt.* mɔkɛ (2);  
*vt.* shite musu, *see:* shite.

raise eyes *vi.* wielakpatɛɛ wie is 'eye' in SH.raise hands *vt.* ɔɔ shite, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.raised throne *n.* tukufa(a).raisin *n.* inabi ni, *see:* inabi.

ram *n.* karo;  
*n.* tambu karo, *see:* tambu.

ransack *vt.* burukucekɛ.

ransom *n.* findebubɔ(ɔ), *see:* findebu ...ma;  
*n.* mishibɔ(ɔ), *see:* miishi;  
*n.* surukpabɔ(ɔ), *see:* surukpa ...ni.

rape woman *vt.* nɛɛ kɛ gbādaazɔ, *see:* nɛ(ɛ).rat *n.* ɛnɛ.rat species *n.* ɛnekwaakwaa.rattle *n.* zɔrɔ(ɔ).rave *vi.* yāberɛkɛtɛfi.raving *n.* yāberɛkɛtɛ.raw *adj.* bútu.razor *n.* gěɛɛ.

reach *vi.* buru ...ji, *see:* buru<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* li<sub>2</sub> (1).

read *vi.* kyokɛ.

reading *n.* kyo;  
*n.* kyokɛna(a), *see:* kyokɛ.

ready (be) *vi.* ma<sub>2</sub>.

really *adv.* yāda;  
*intj.* fa<sub>1</sub>.

rear *vt.* toro.rearing *n.* torona(a), *see:* toro.

reason *n.* yāaji;  
*post.* yāaji.

reason to feel proud *n.* utukebɔ(ɔ), *see:*  
 utuke.

rebel against *vi.* bɔ ... gběji, *see:* bɔ.

rebuke *n.* sōna(a), *see:* sō (...ma);  
*vi.* dīnda ...ma;  
*vi.* sō (...ma).

recede *vi.* gara<sub>2</sub>.receive *vt.* shi<sub>2</sub>.receive penalty *vt.* gya ... wā, *see:* gya(a).receiver *n.* shida, *see:* shi<sub>2</sub>.recently *adj.* dɛɛ, *see:* dɛɛ(ɛ).receptacle *n.* kagu, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.recess of heart *n.* zūnkolu.recline *vi.* hangasuke.

reclining *n.* hangasu;  
*adj.* hangasukɛna, *see:*  
 hangasuke;  
*adj.* wucɛna, *see:* wucɛ.

recognise (PRF) *vt.* dɔ.

- reconcile *vi.* yāḁḁ ...ma.  
reconciler *n.* yāḁḁda, *see:* yāḁḁ ...ma.  
recount *vt.* deedeekε (...ni).  
recover *vi.* gεε ... ē, *see:* gε(ε).  
recovery *n.* kpetεna(a), *see:* kpetε.  
rectangular *adj.* kūsū.  
red *adj.* tē(ε)<sub>3</sub>;  
*adv.* tēε, *see:* tē(ε)<sub>3</sub>;  
*ptcl.* -tē, *see:* tē(ε)<sub>3</sub>.  
red ant *n.* zāzāntēne.  
red eyed dove *n.* ihoci(i), *see:* iho.  
red kapok *n.* kuria.  
red kapok tree *n.* gbeshe (3).  
red tree ant *n.* mɔgagbē.  
red-billed firefinch *n.* bāciciri (2);  
*n.* korotē(ε), *see:* kòro;  
*n.* zumbeeni.  
red-billed hornbill *n.* kocikoci.  
red-billed oxpecker *n.* shanunabā(a).  
red-billed quelea *n.* kòro.  
red-cheeked Cordonbleu *n.* bāciciri (1).  
redde *vi.* tēεkε<sub>1</sub>.  
redeem *vt.* bɔ;  
*vt.* bu (4).  
redeem pledge *vi.* tɔrɔmεbɔ.  
redemption *n.* bɔna(a), *see:* bɔ.  
red-flanked duiker *n.* baritē(ε), *see:* bari;  
*n.* kēεkē.  
red-headed lovebird *n.* gbooto.  
redness *n.* tēεkε(ε), *see:* tē(ε)<sub>3</sub>.  
reduce *vi.* labu.  
reed *n.* hehere.  
reed species *n.* vḁ<sub>3</sub>.  
reed used to make basket *n.* isā.  
reed-hen *n.* iwikoko(o).  
refine *vi.* kooke.  
refine (oil) *vt.* kpitila.  
refined *adj.* kookεna(a), *see:* kooke.  
refining *n.* kookεna(a), *see:* kooke.  
reflection *n.* nani(i) (1).  
refreshment *n.* butu.  
refuge *n.* dudugu, *see:* dudu (...ni);  
*n.* mishigu, *see:* miishi.  
refuse *vi.* je;  
*vi.* je ...ji, *see:* je;  
*vt.* tē<sub>1</sub>.  
refuse someone concerning *vi.* jezɔ ...ni, *see:*  
je.  
refute (by argument) *vt.* dεε.  
regret *vi.* zūn... wuri, *see:* zūn.  
regulation *n.* dɔka.  
reign (act) *n.* kirikεna(a), *see:* kirike ...ma.  
reign over *vi.* kirike ...ma.  
reign (time) *n/adv.* kirikεdi, *see:* kirike  
...ma.  
reject *n.* jeda, *see:* je.  
rejoice *vi.* zūn'ndaake.  
rejoicer *n.* zūn'ndakεda, *see:* zūn'ndaake.  
relate *vt.* deedeekε (...ni).  
relate/narrate to (matter) *vt.* kaka ...ni (1),  
*see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.  
relationship *n.* dḁɔnikεna(a), *see:* dḁɔni.  
relative *n.* dḁɔni;  
*n.* idibi;  
*n.* kwaacegū, *see:* kwaace.  
relax *vi.* were.  
relaxed (face) *adj.* werena(a), *see:* were.  
release *vi.* tu;  
*vt.* da ...(ni), *see:* da;  
*vt.* poto.  
release to/for *vt.* kata ...ni, *see:* kata<sub>2</sub>.  
reliable *adj.* yādanadi, *see:* yāda.  
reliance *n.* zūntungbana(a), *see:* zūntungba  
...ma.



- reliance on *n.* yādakpana(a) ...ni, *see:*  
yādaakpa ...ni.
- relief *n.* utumigu, *see:* utumi.
- religious adherent *n.* jerenadi, *see:* jere.
- relinquish *vi.* miibo ...ma, *see:* miibo;  
*vi.* ɔɔbo ...ji, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.
- remain *vi.* gbεεgũ.
- remainder *n.* kutu(u)<sub>2</sub> (1).
- remaining *adj.* kutu(u)<sub>2</sub>.
- remains *n.* kutuna, *see:* kutu(u)<sub>2</sub>.
- remedy *n.* baanikebo(ɔ), *see:* baanike.
- remember person/thing *vi.* zūndo ...ma.
- reminder *n.* zūndomabo(ɔ), *see:* zūndo ...ma.
- Remote.COND marker *ptcl.* nàa (1).
- Remote.COND.NEG marker after SUBJ NPs  
*ptcl.* naaba, *see:* nàa.
- removal *n.* bɔna(a), *see:* bɔ.
- remove *vt.* bɔ;  
*vt.* gu;  
*vt.* kata<sub>2</sub> (1).
- remove dirt/defilement from *vi.* gbācibo ...ma.
- remove from *vt.* uru ...ma, *see:* uru.
- remove seeds (maize cob) *vt.* bara.
- remove shirt/robe *vi.* tɔgɔ'uru.
- repair vehicle *vi.* mɔtake.
- repeat *vi.* cēε.
- repent *vi.* tubake;  
*vi.* zūnsori.
- repentance *n.* zūnsorina(a), *see:* zūnsori.
- replace *vt.* cēε.
- replace with *vt.* dɔɔbo ...zɔ.
- replacement *post.* dɔɔ.
- reply *vi.* yāwi ...ni.
- reply to *vi.* yāci ...ni.
- report *vi.* kiineke ...ni.
- report news *vi.* baalukpa (...ni).
- reptile *n.* lalugaradacerema.
- reputation *n.* tɔ (2).
- request *n.* wotu<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* wotukena(a), *see:* wotuke  
(...ma);  
*vt.* wotuke (...ma).
- return *n.* cina(a), *see:* ci<sub>1</sub>.
- rescue *n.* faabakena(a), *see:* faabake;  
*vt.* faabake;  
*vt.* miishi.
- rescue (boat) *adj.* faabakebo(ɔ), *see:*  
faabake.
- rescuer *n.* faabakeda, *see:* faabake.
- resemblance *n.* himanadi, *see:* hima.
- resemble *vi.* dɔ ...ji, *see:* dɔ ... gu.
- resent *vi.* yākū ...zɔ.
- residue *n.* gasa.
- resolution *n.* yāmɔkɛna(a), *see:* yāmɔkɛ  
(...ni).
- resolve matters for *vi.* yāmɔkɛ (...ni).
- resound *n.* kɔsɔnguke.
- respect *n.* guceke(ε) (1), *see:* guce.
- respond to *vi.* yācēε ...ma, *see:* yācēε ...ni;  
*vi.* yāma ...ma, *see:* yāma;  
*vt.* ci ...ni (2), *see:* ci<sub>1</sub>.
- rest *n.* kutu(u)<sub>2</sub> (1);  
*n.* usāna(a), *see:* usā;  
*n.* utumina(a), *see:* utumi;  
*vi.* kpa;  
*vi.* usā.
- rest day *n.* usādi, *see:* usā;  
*n/adv.* usānahitedi.
- rest on *vi.* gbεεgũ ...ma, *see:* gbεεgũ.
- rest/break (have) *vi.* utumi.
- resting place *n.* usāgu, *see:* usā;  
*n.* utumigu, *see:* utumi.
- restraint *n.* ducena(a) (2), *see:* duce.
- result *n.* gbεε.

- resurrect *vi.* kpetε;  
*vi.* s̄ahebo.
- resurrected person *n.* ga'nkpetεda, *see:*  
ga'nkpetεke.
- resurrection *n.* kpetεna(a), *see:* kpetε.
- retailer *n.* sunkεda, *see:* sunkε (...ni).
- retaliate *vi.* yācēε ...ni.
- return time *n/adv.* cidi, *see:* ci<sub>1</sub>.
- return *vi.* ci<sub>1</sub>.
- return from *vi.* ci ...zɔ, *see:* ci<sub>1</sub>.
- return from (SUBJ speaking) *vi.* ci ...ji, *see:*  
ci<sub>1</sub>.
- return to *vi.* ci ...ma, *see:* ci<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* ci ...ni (1), *see:* ci<sub>1</sub>.
- reveal to *vi.* fitikε ...ma.
- reveler *n.* zūn'ndakεda, *see:* zūn'ndaake.
- revelry *n.* zūn'ndakεna(a), *see:*  
zūn'ndaake.
- revive *vi.* gbādaalafa.
- reward *n.* laada;  
*n.* tukunci.
- rib *n.* tātāyεε.
- rice *n.* boli.
- rich *adj.* yōnɔnadi, *see:* yōnɔ.
- rich man *n.* kawerεnadi, *see:* kawerε.
- riches *n.* kawerεnadikε(ε), *see:* kawerε.
- ride on *vi.* bii ...ma/musu, *see:* bii<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* shia.
- ridicule *vt.* jīmbɔ ...zɔ.
- riding *adj.* shiana(a), *see:* shia;  
*padj.* shiana, *see:* shia.
- right *adj.* jerεnadi, *see:* jerε;  
*adj.* suusu;  
*n.* yājerε;  
*padj.* nda, *see:* nda(a);  
*vt.* jerε zɔ, *see:* jerε.
- right behaviour *n.* yājerεkεna(a), *see:*  
yājerεke.
- right (do) *vt.* tururukεεke.
- right hand *n.* bicε(ε);  
*n.* ɔbicε(ε).
- right handed person *n.* bicε(ε).
- right in the middle *adv.* budenbuden, *see:*  
buden.
- right understanding *n.* yājerεdōna(a).
- righteous *adj.* tururu.
- righteous person *n.* fɔnɔkεda, *see:* fɔnɔkε(ε);  
*n.* nɔkεda, *see:* nɔkε (...ni)<sub>2</sub>.
- righteousness *n.* fɔkεna ì jerεma, *see:* fɔkε;  
*n.* fɔnɔkεna(a), *see:* fɔnɔkε(ε);  
*n.* nɔkεna(a), *see:* nɔkε (...ni)<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* tururukε(ε), *see:* tururu;  
*n.* yājerεnadi, *see:* yājerε;  
*n.* yānɔkεna(a), *see:* yānɔkε.
- rim *n.* gā.
- ring *n.* kpε'ɔ(ɔ).
- ring bell *vt.* goda wā, *see:* goda;  
*vt.* mɔɔ wā, *see:* mɔ(ɔ).
- ring (for finger) *n.* mɔ'ɔ.
- ringworm *n.* shεε.
- riot *vi.* ligimake.
- ripe *adj.* m̀ani.
- ripe (be) *vi.* ma<sub>2</sub>.
- ripped in pieces *padj.* kasukasuna, *see:* kasu.
- rise *vi.* kpetε.
- rise from dead *vi.* ga'nkpetεke.
- rise (sun) *vi.* usōɔ ... bɔ, *see:* usō(ɔ)<sub>1</sub>.
- rise up against *vi.* kpetε ...ni, *see:* kpetε.
- rising (sun) *adj.* shiana(a), *see:* shia.
- rising sun *n.* usōshiaana(a).
- rival *n.* dēkεda, *see:* dēεke.
- river *n.* gooru.
- river bed *n.* baje'εε(ε).

- river bend *n.* goorulɔkɔ.
- river gallery *n.* akɔzugu;  
*n.* goorulungu;  
*n.* lungu.
- river redgum *n.* turare akɔ, *see:* turare.
- riverbed *n.* gooru'ere(ε).
- road *n.* jere.
- roadside ditch *n.* jeretātāma'ere(ε).
- roan antelope *n.* kakarando.
- roar *n.* u;  
*n.* una(a), *see:* u.
- roast *vt.* gbandake;  
*vt.* kpete.
- roasted *adj.* kpetena(a), *see:* kpete.
- robber *n.* kpīn wɛredawere, *see:* kpīn<sub>1</sub>.
- robbery *n.* fɔshina'àma.
- robe *n.* gɔ̄bishe(ε).
- rock *n.* gberε ashi, *see:* gberε(ε)<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* gberεkoto.
- rod *n.* wābɔ(ɔ), *see:* wā.
- roll *vi.* birikeceda;  
*vt.* birikeceda.
- roll up *vi.* kukuda;  
*vt.* kukuda.
- rolled up *adj.* kukudana(a), *see:* kukuda.
- roof *n.* kpemusuu.
- room *n.* kolu;  
*n.* shīmfurugu, *see:* shīmfuru;  
*n.* shīnafuruna(a), *see:* shīmfuru.
- rooster *n.* koko nigɔ̄ni, *see:* koko(o).
- root *n.* misa(a).
- rope *n.* bè(ε).
- rope trap *n.* kpanamu.
- rot *vi.* wúri.
- rot (with smell) *vi.* vɔ̄<sub>2</sub>.
- rough *adj.* gāsā(a)<sub>2</sub>;  
*adj.* wiwina(a), *see:* wí.
- rough (be) *vi.* gāsāake.
- round *adj.* lokoto.
- row *n.* kāna;  
*vi.* gurubɔ.
- row boat *vi.* gurukpara.
- rower *n.* gurubɔnadi, *see:* gurubɔ;  
*n.* gurukparada, *see:* gurukpara.
- royal robe *n.* kiriketɔgɔ(ɔ).
- rub *vt.* tuka.
- rub in *vt.* dɔkɔ ...ma.
- rub on *vt.* ma(ma) ...ma, *see:* ma<sub>2</sub>.
- rubber *n.* looba.
- rubbish *n.* yaka.
- rubbish heap *n.* bù(u).
- ruby *n.* fanta.
- rudder *n.* kparabɔ(ɔ), *see:* kpara.
- rude person *n.* vɔ̄da, *see:* vɔ̄<sub>2</sub>.
- rudeness *n.* vɔ̄na(a), *see:* vɔ̄<sub>2</sub>.
- rufous rat *n.* ēnekaci.
- ruin *n.* kakacena(a), *see:* kakace;  
*n.* musai;  
*vt.* kakace;  
*vt.* musaike ...ni.
- ruined *adj.* vĕvĕ.
- ruined (be) *vi.* kakace.
- rule *n.* dɔkka;  
*n.* kirike(ε), *see:* kiri<sub>1</sub>.
- rule over *vi.* iikoke ...ma;  
*vi.* kirike ...ma.
- ruler *n.* kirikeda, *see:* kirike ...ma.
- rumbling noise *n.* gĕdana(a), *see:* gĕda.
- rumbling thunder *vi.* gĕda.
- ruminant *vi.* igo (2);  
*vi.* tukeke.
- run *vi.* bashi.
- run way from *vi.* bashi ...ni, *see:* bashi.
- runner *n.* banadi, *see:* bà(a)<sub>1</sub>.

running

say goodbye to

running *n.* bà(a)<sub>1</sub>.

*vi.* sowa.

running (water) *adj.* bashina(a), *see:* bashi.

rut *n.* togoro.

runt *adj.* kpāsākūna(a).

ruthless person *n.* yāgbādanadi.

rush *vi.* fudaake.

rutted *adj.* togoronadi, *see:* togoro.

rust *n.* sowana(a), *see:* sowa;

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Sabbath *n/adv.* usānahitedi.

same *adj.* du.

Sabo Birni *n.* Waganagaa.

same area/suburb *adv.* kpata du(u), *see:*

sack *n.* asaasa;

kpata<sub>2</sub>.

*n.* lato;

same as *post.* du ...zɔ, *see:* du.

*n.* tukulufa.

sanctuary *n.* shishigu, *see:* shishi;

sacrifice *n.* sāma.

*n/adv.* ladubiigu.

sacrifice to *vt.* sāmake ...ma.

sand *n.* āatē.

sacrificial meat *n.* sāmakeš(ɔ).

sandal *n.* baci(i);

sacrificial victim *n.* sāmakebɔ(ɔ), *see:* sāmake

*n.* kubuta.

...ma.

sandfly *n.* lingo.

sacrificial work *n.* sāmakedikina(a).

sandpaper tree *n.* dɔ(ɔ).

sad/depressed (be) *vi.* zūn... wuri, *see:* zūn.

sap *n.* akɔ'i.

sad/depressed person *n.* zūnwurinadi, *see:*

Satan *n.* Shetan.

zūnwuri.

sated *adj.* kāna (2), *see:* kā.

saddle *n.* gaari.

satisfied *adj.* kāna(a), *see:* kā.

saddle blanket (for donkey) *n.* kahu.

satisfied (be) *vi.* kā.

saddlebag *n.* gaaribɔgɔ(ɔ).

Saturday *n.* Dibudɛn(di).

sailor *n.* igū.

sausage tree *n.* yɔ̄nɔgwaga.

salad *n.* salati.

savannah monitor *n.* bē(ɛ).

salary *n.* findebuna(a), *see:* findebu

save *vt.* faabake;

...ma;

*vt.* miishi.

*n.* laada.

saved (be) *vi.* lefūli.

sale *n.* sunkena(a), *see:* sunke (...ni).

saved person *n.* lefūlida, *see:* lefūli.

saliva *n.* le'i.

saviour *n.* faabakɛda, *see:* faabake;

salt *n.* wishi.

*n.* mishida, *see:* miishi.

salty *adj.* nɛgenɛgɛ(ɛ) (1), *see:*

saw *n.* jetu.

nɛgenɛgɛ;

say *vi.* kɛ<sub>2</sub>.

*adj.* wishinadi, *see:* wishi.

say goodbye to *vi.* duce ...ni, *see:* duce;

salvation *n.* faabakena(a), *see:* faabake;

*vi.* lezu ...ni, *see:* lezu ...ji;

*n.* mishina(a), *see:* miishi.

*vi.* wo'ndake ...ni.

say to	<i>vt.</i> fi ...ni.	seal	<i>n.</i> sheedukebɔ(ɔ), <i>see:</i> sheeduke; <i>vi.</i> sheeduke ...ma, <i>see:</i> sheeduke.
saying	<i>n.</i> fina(a), <i>see:</i> fi ...ni.	seamstress	<i>n.</i> bishɛlabida.
SBJ.CONT marker	<i>ptcl.</i> gũ <sub>2</sub> .	search	<i>n.</i> tɔ̃na(a), <i>see:</i> tɔ̃ <sub>3</sub> ; <i>vi.</i> waadɔ ...ji; <i>vt.</i> tɔ̃ <sub>1</sub> .
SBJ.CONT marker	<i>ptcl.</i> nagũ, <i>see:</i> nà.	search thoroughly	<i>vt.</i> burukuceke.
SBJ.CONT pronoun suffix.	<i>ptcl.</i> -gũ, <i>see:</i> gũ <sub>2</sub> .	season	<i>n.</i> looto(o); <i>post.</i> looto, <i>see:</i> looto(o).
SBJ.CONT.NEG marker	<i>ptcl.</i> nabagũ, <i>see:</i> nà.	seated	<i>padj.</i> acena, <i>see:</i> acɛ.
SBJ.NEG marker	<i>ptcl.</i> naba, <i>see:</i> nà.	second	<i>n/aadj.</i> fiadibi, <i>see:</i> fia.
scab	<i>n.</i> bɔ̀(ɔ); <i>n.</i> bɔ̀teke.	secret	<i>aadj.</i> kpɛtana(a), <i>see:</i> kpɛta; <i>n.</i> kpɛanayã, <i>see:</i> kpɛta.
scabies	<i>n.</i> kakana(a), <i>see:</i> kaka <sub>2</sub> .	secretary	<i>n.</i> takadakẽda, <i>see:</i> takadakẽ.
scales	<i>n.</i> fɔ̀yɔ̀bɔ̀(ɔ); <i>n.</i> yɔ̀bɔ̀(ɔ), <i>see:</i> yɔ̀ (...ma) <sub>2</sub> .	secure	<i>adv.</i> gĩngĩn; <i>padj.</i> yãkicibadi, <i>see:</i> yãkici.
scar	<i>n.</i> bɔ̀nini; <i>n.</i> wãsã(a).	security	<i>n.</i> gbĩtã (2).
scar of sore	<i>n.</i> tambo.	see	<i>vi.</i> guuwa; <i>vt.</i> wa.
scar (on body)	<i>n.</i> wãsãa.	see face to face	<i>vi.</i> werɛshiike ...zɔ.
scarce	<i>adv.</i> kotokoto.	see point of view	<i>vt.</i> yãjɛɛ wa, <i>see:</i> yãjɛɛ.
scare	<i>vi.</i> wohukpa ...ji/ni.	see vision	<i>vt.</i> werɛfugu wa, <i>see:</i> werɛfugu.
scatter	<i>vi.</i> futɛ̃; <i>vt.</i> futɛ̃.	seed	<i>n.</i> bè(e); <i>n.</i> wɛɛ (2).
scattered	<i>padj.</i> futɛ̃na, <i>see:</i> futɛ̃.	seed (for sowing)	<i>n.</i> fɔ̀be(e).
sceptre	<i>n.</i> kirikegya(a).	seed-bearing	<i>aadj.</i> werɛnadi, <i>see:</i> wɛɛ.
schemer	<i>n.</i> zambanadi, <i>see:</i> zamba.	see/find fault in	<i>vt.</i> taaliwa.
school	<i>n.</i> makaranta.	seeing	<i>n.</i> guwana(a), <i>see:</i> guuwa; <i>n.</i> wanaa, <i>see:</i> wa.
scoff at	<i>vi.</i> lesukike ...ma, <i>see:</i> lesukike.	seeing face to face	<i>n.</i> werɛshikɛna(a), <i>see:</i> werɛshiike ...zɔ.
scoffer	<i>n.</i> lesukikɛda, <i>see:</i> lesukike.	seek audience with	<i>vt.</i> guu tɔ̃, <i>see:</i> gu(u).
scoop	<i>vt.</i> kishi.	seek presence of	<i>vt.</i> watalu tɔ̃, <i>see:</i> watalu.
scoop/dip water	<i>vt.</i> í kishi, <i>see:</i> í.	seek quarrel	<i>vt.</i> lɛtɔ̃.
scorn	<i>n.</i> susɔ̀na(a), <i>see:</i> susɔ̀; <i>vi.</i> je ...ji, <i>see:</i> je.	seek way to	<i>vt.</i> jɛɛ tɔ̃, <i>see:</i> jɛɛ.
scorpion	<i>n.</i> cɛhĩni.	seeker	<i>n.</i> gutɔ̀da; <i>n.</i> tɔ̀da, <i>see:</i> tɔ̀ <sub>1</sub> .
scrape	<i>vt.</i> kɔ̀rɔ̀; <i>vt.</i> wara.		
scrub hare	<i>n.</i> fũi.		
sea	<i>n.</i> teku.		

- seamless *aadj.* labibadi, *see:* labi<sub>1</sub>.
- seer *n.* werɛfuguwada.
- seize *vt.* kũ (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.
- self *n.* ginda;  
*post.* ginda.
- self-control *n.* gindakũna(a), *see:*  
gindakũda.
- self-exaltation *n.* gindashitena musu, *see:*  
gindashite musu.
- selfish ambition *n.* gindafɔkɛna(a), *see:*  
gindafɔkɛda.
- selfishness *n.* zakɛna(a), *see:* zaakɛ.
- selfish/stingy/mean/brutal person *n.* zakɛda,  
*see:* zaakɛ.
- self-will *n.* gindafɔkɛna(a), *see:*  
gindafɔkɛda.
- self-willed person *n.* gindafɔkɛda.
- sell goods *vi.* fɔsunkɛ.
- sell (to) *vt.* sunkɛ (...ni) (1).
- seller *n.* fɔsunkɛda, *see:* fɔsunkɛ;  
*n.* sunkɛda, *see:* sunkɛ (...ni).
- send *vt.* dɛ̃.
- send against *vt.* dɛ̃ ...ji, *see:* dɛ̃.
- send back *vt.* cɛ̃ɛ.
- send message (to) *vi.* lɛkpɛllɛkɛ (...ni).
- send on way *vt.* dɔ jɛrɛma, *see:* dɔ ... gu.
- send (thing) to *vt.* kpɛllɛkɛ ...ni.
- send (to) *vt.* dɛ̃ (...ma), *see:* dɛ̃.
- send to/for *vt.* dɛ̃ ...ni, *see:* dɛ̃.
- sender *n.* dɛ̃da, *see:* dɛ̃.
- Senegal coucal *n.* katatuitui.
- Senegal eremomela *n.* kubeeni.
- Senegal mahogany *n.* shengɛshengɛ, *see:*  
shengɛ.
- Senegal parrot *n.* kia.
- sense *n.* makari.
- sensible person *n.* fayanadi, *see:* faya(a).
- sentence final negation suffix *ptcl.* -ba (2),  
*see:* ba<sub>1</sub>.
- sentence initial negation marker *ptcl.* ba<sub>1</sub>  
(2).
- separate *padj.* duna;  
*vt.* bɔ kũlu, *see:* bɔ;  
*vt.* bɔ kũma, *see:* bɔ.
- separate (from) *vi.* feekɛ ...zɔ.
- separate from *vi.* kata ...ma, *see:* kata<sub>2</sub>.
- separate from each other *vt.* gu kũma, *see:*  
gu.
- separated from (be) *vi.* heekɛ ...zɔ.
- separation *n.* feekɛna(a), *see:* feekɛ ...zɔ;  
*n.* katana(a), *see:* kata<sub>2</sub>.
- serenity *n.* zũn'ɛ̃na(a), *see:* zũn'ɛ̃ ...ni.
- sermon *n.* wa'ajikɛna(a), *see:* wa'ajikɛ.
- serval *n.* musunabarasa.
- servant *n.* dikinakɛda, *see:* dikinakɛ.
- serve *vi.* dikinakɛ ...ni, *see:* dikinakɛ;  
*vi.* ɛrɛkuɛ ...ni;  
*vi.* zɔkɛ ...ni;  
*vt.* di ...ni, *see:* di<sub>2</sub>.
- servitude *n.* zɔkɛna(a), *see:* zɔkɛ ...ni;  
*n.* zɔkɛ(ɛ), *see:* zɔ(ɔ)<sub>1</sub>.
- set alight *vi.* cɛna ...ma.
- set attention (on) *vi.* wɛrɛka ...ma.
- set distance between *vt.* guu ka ...budɛn,  
*see:* gu(u).
- set foot *vt.* gbɛ gifa, *see:* gbɛ.
- set heart on *vi.* zũnka ...ma, *see:* zũnka.
- set (sun) *vi.* sute;  
*vi.* usɔɔ ... sute, *see:* usɔ(ɔ)<sub>1</sub>.
- set trap (metal) (for) *vt.* cɛkũ kpa (...ni),  
*see:* cɛkũ<sub>2</sub>.
- set trap (rope) *vt.* bɛɛ kpa, *see:* bɛ̃(ɛ).
- set up camp *vt.* gaa gifa, *see:* gaa.
- set wire trap *vt.* guru kpakpa, *see:* guru<sub>2</sub>.

set/kindle fire	<i>vi.</i> cɛka.		<i>vi.</i> uraakɛ...ma.
settiing place (sun)	<i>n.</i> sutɛgu, <i>see:</i> sute.	shadow	<i>n.</i> nani(i) (1).
settle	<i>vi.</i> acɛ; <i>vi.</i> ka <sub>2</sub> ; <i>vt.</i> acɛ.	shake	<i>vi.</i> jigida; <i>vt.</i> jigida.
settle affair/problem	<i>vt.</i> mɔɔkɛ (1).	shake gourd rattle	<i>vt.</i> zɔɔɔɔ dɛ, <i>see:</i> zɔɔɔɔ(ɔ).
settle out	<i>vi.</i> dɔdɔ (1).	shake hands	<i>vi.</i> ɔkpa ...ni, <i>see:</i> ɔkpa ...ji.
settled	<i>padj.</i> dɔdɔna, <i>see:</i> dɔdɔ.	shake out/off	<i>vt.</i> kookɛ ...ma, <i>see:</i> kookɛ.
settled in mind (be)	<i>vt.</i> laakaliwuɛ.	shake/nod head	<i>vi.</i> miijigida.
settlement	<i>n.</i> tunga.	shaking	<i>n.</i> jigidana(a), <i>see:</i> jigida.
seven	<i>adj.</i> sɔɔfia(a), <i>see:</i> sɔɔfia; <i>num.</i> sɔɔfia.	shallow	<i>adj.</i> kucɪn.
seventeen	<i>num.</i> koori aweresɔɔfiazɔ, <i>see:</i> koori.	shallow (be)	<i>vt.</i> ɛɛɛ zɔba, <i>see:</i> ɛɛɛ(ɛ) <sub>1</sub> .
seventh	<i>adj.</i> sɔɔfiadibi, <i>see:</i> sɔɔfia.	shame	<i>n.</i> kpɛbɔna(a), <i>see:</i> kpɛbɔ; <i>n.</i> uni; <i>vi.</i> unika ...ma; <i>vt.</i> kpɛbɔ.
seventy	<i>num.</i> kee'awokoori, <i>see:</i> kee'a.	shameful affair	<i>n.</i> kpɛbɔnayã, <i>see:</i> kpɛbɔ.
severe	<i>adj.</i> fɛdɛ(ɛ); <i>adj.</i> lufɛdɛ(ɛ), <i>see:</i> lufɛdɛ.	shameless act	<i>n.</i> unibadiyã, <i>see:</i> uni.
severe (be)	<i>vi.</i> lufɛdɛ; <i>vi.</i> zakɛɛkɛ.	shameless activity	<i>n.</i> unibadiyãkenaa.
severe/cruel/harsh person	<i>n.</i> lufɛdenadi, <i>see:</i> lufɛdɛ.	shameless person	<i>n.</i> unibadi, <i>see:</i> uni.
severely	<i>adv.</i> vānivāni, <i>see:</i> vāni.	Shanga (race and language)	<i>n.</i> Shanga.
severity	<i>n.</i> fɛdɛ(ɛ); <i>n.</i> lufɛdɛ(ɛ), <i>see:</i> lufɛdɛ.	shape	<i>vt.</i> yoro.
sew	<i>vt.</i> bishɛɛ labi, <i>see:</i> bishɛ(ɛ); <i>vt.</i> labi <sub>1</sub> .	share	<i>n.</i> bà(a) <sub>2</sub> ; <i>vt.</i> gbiri (...ni).
sew (many)	<i>vt.</i> labilabi, <i>see:</i> labi <sub>1</sub> .	share with each other	<i>vi.</i> gbiri kūni, <i>see:</i> gbiri (...ni).
sewn garment	<i>n.</i> labi <sub>1</sub> .	sharp	<i>adj.</i> lɛ'nda(a).
sexual immorality	<i>n.</i> nenatɔna(a), <i>see:</i> nenatɔda.	sharp (edge)	<i>adj.</i> nda(a) (2).
sexual relations with (have)	<i>vi.</i> wuce ...zɔ, <i>see:</i> wuce.	sharpen	<i>vt.</i> lɛshi.
shackle	<i>n.</i> gaaru; <i>vi.</i> gaaruke ...ni; <i>vi.</i> kacikacike ...ni.	sharpen (metal)	<i>vt.</i> dɛdɛ (2), <i>see:</i> dɛ.
shade	<i>n.</i> ura(a);	shatter	<i>vt.</i> wúri (1).
		shave head	<i>n.</i> miibu.
		shave (head)	<i>vt.</i> bu (3).
		shawl	<i>n.</i> lullubi.
		she goat	<i>n.</i> bui nɛgũ, <i>see:</i> bui.
		shea nut	<i>n.</i> kuwɛɛ.
		shea tree	<i>n.</i> kù(u).

sheanut butter maker *n.* kuyōnəkeda, *see:*  
kuyōnəkε.

sheanut gatherer *n.* kushiteda.

shear *vt.* kākākata.

shearer *n.* kākākatada, *see:* kākākata;  
*n.* tambukākākatada.

shed skin *n.* s̄ahe.

shed skin (snake) *vi.* s̄ahebo.

sheep *n.* tambu.

shelter *n.* buka;  
*n.* lalabuka;  
*n./adv.* mikagu, *see:* miika ...ma.

shepherd *n.* fōdāda, *see:* fōdā;  
*n.* kurukeda, *see:* kurukε;  
*n.* tambukurukε;  
*n.* tambukurukeda, *see:*  
tambukurukε;  
*vt.* fōdā.

shepherd's bag *n.* kurukεboḡo(ḡ).

shield *n.* lēda, *see:* lε<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* lēbo(ḡ);  
*n.* lēda(a).

shield-bearer *n.* lēboḡūda.

shift on seat *vi.* susunke.

shine *vi.* ceke;  
*vi.* fuuke;  
*vi.* gēneshi;  
*vi.* haagado;  
*vi.* ike.

shining *adj.* haaganadi, *see:* haaga;  
*n.* haagadōna(a), *see:* haagado.

shiny *adj.* gēneshina(a), *see:* gēneshi.

ship *n.* gūru (2).

ship's captain/owner *n.* gurunadi, *see:* gūru.

shirt *n.* tḡo(ḡ).

shiver *vi.* lukpakpa, *see:* lukpa ...ji.

shock *n.* dukuri.

shoe *n.* baci(i);  
*n.* kubuta.

shoe polisher *n.* bacimōkeda.

shoot *n.* fata;  
*n.* nḡḡ;  
*n.* nḡḡna(a), *see:* nḡḡ;  
*vi.* nḡḡ.

shoot arrow *vt.* kḡ zu, *see:* kḡ(ḡ).

shoot (with arrow) *vt.* zḡ.

short *adj.* kucīn;  
*adj.* kutu<sub>1</sub>.

shorten *vt.* labu.

shortsighted (be) *vi.* wa s̄aba, *see:* wa.

shoulder *n.* ē<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* ishē.

shoulder blade *n.* allo (1).

shout (at) *vi.* sḡ (...ma).

shout at *vi.* u ...ma, *see:* u.

shout instructions to *vi.* ledōdo ...ma.

shout to *vi.* u ...ni, *see:* u.

shouting *n.* sḡna(a), *see:* sḡ (...ma).

show *vt.* mḡ ...ni.

show annoyance *vi.* zūnke ...zḡ.

show favoritism/partiality between people  
*vi.* winaawinaamḡ, *see:*  
winaamḡ ...ni.

show favour to *vi.* ndaake ...ni.

show love to *vi.* winaamḡ ...ni.

show manhood *n.* nigōnikεε ke, *see:* nigōni.

show of mercy *n.* indawerekena(a), *see:*  
indawereke ...ni.

show off *n.* utukeda, *see:* utuke.

shower *n.* hitihiti.

showing partiality *n.* winamōna(a), *see:*  
winaamḡ ...ni.

shrew *n.* ēnesuli.

shrivel *vi.* sukakpa.



- shrivelled *adj.* imina, *see:* imi.
- shrub species *n.* b̄or̄ob̄or̄ɔ;  
*n.* dankanɔma;  
*n.* gasure;  
*n.* gaude nɔɔ, *see:* gaude azu;  
*n.* koko'ula;  
*n.* sānci.
- shut *vt.* ta<sub>1</sub>.
- shy person *n.* uninadi, *see:* uni.
- sick (be) *vi.* azuma<sub>2</sub>;  
*vi.* gedε.
- sick person *n.* genadi, *see:* γε(ε);  
*n.* gekεda, *see:* γεεκε.
- sickbed (or mat) *n.* gegi(i).
- sickle *n.* kwaama.
- sickness *n.* gedεna(a), *see:* gedε;  
*n.* γε(ε);  
*n.* gekεna(a), *see:* γεεκε.
- side *n.* tātā(a).
- side fin *n.* z̄ȳɔ̄.
- side striped jackal *n.* lahoolugb̄ē(ε) (2).
- sieve *n.* gwagwa.
- sieve flour/powder *vt.* l̄εl̄εκε.
- sight *n.* wanaa, *see:* wa.
- sign *n.* sheedu;  
*n.* sheedukεbɔ(ɔ), *see:* sheedukε.
- sign of something to come *n.* alaama.
- signal with hand to *vi.* ɔke ...ni, *see:* ɔke ...ma.
- signet ring *n.* kpe'ɔ sheedukεbɔ, *see:* kpe'ɔ(ɔ).
- silent *adv.* shiu.
- silent (be) *vi.* l̄εf̄ɔ̄;  
*vi.* l̄εta;  
*vi.* nace.
- silk *n.* shiliki.
- silk cotton tree *n.* kuria.
- silk-cotton tree *n.* gbeshe (2).
- silver *n.* anzarafu.
- similar to (be) *vi.* himake ...zɔ (1).
- similarity *n.* hima;  
*n.* himanadi, *see:* hima.
- simple *adj.* p̄ā(a).
- sin *n.* zunubi;  
*n.* zunubikena(a), *see:* zunubike (...ni).
- sin (against) *vi.* zunubike (...ni).
- since *conj.* kara;  
*prep.* zaa.
- sincere *adj.* munaficibadi, *see:* munafici.
- sincerity *n.* z̄undu(u).
- sing *vi.* leeshi.
- sing/chant praise *vi.* kilaalike.
- singer *n.* leshida, *see:* leeshi.
- singing *n.* leshina(a), *see:* leeshi.
- single man *n.* ḡɔ̄bushi (1);  
*n.* n̄ebadi, *see:* n̄ε(ε).
- single woman *n.* n̄ebushi (1);  
*n.* n̄epushi.
- sink *vi.* s̄ūt̄ē.
- sinless *n.* zunubibadi, *see:* zunubi.
- sinner *n.* zunubikeda, *see:* zunubike (...ni).
- sinning *n.* zunubikena(a), *see:* zunubike (...ni).
- sisal hemp *n.* fure.
- sister-in-law *n.* daku n̄ε(ε), *see:* daku.
- sit down *vi.* ace;  
*vt.* ace.
- sit down (many) *vi.* ace'ace, *see:* ace.
- site *n.* guwana(a), *see:* guuwa.
- six *adj.* s̄ɔ̄ɔdu(u), *see:* s̄ɔ̄ɔdu;  
*num.* s̄ɔ̄ɔdu.
- sixteen *num.* koori aweres̄ɔ̄ɔduzɔ, *see:* koori.
- sixth *adj.* s̄ɔ̄ɔdudibi, *see:* s̄ɔ̄ɔdu.

sixtieth		small sores/eczema (have)
sixtieth	<i>num.</i> kee'adibi, <i>see:</i> kee'a.	sleeper <i>n.</i> iwerekeda, <i>see:</i> iwerekε.
sixty	<i>adj.</i> kee'a(a), <i>see:</i> kee'a; <i>num.</i> kee'a.	sleeping area <i>n.</i> igu, <i>see:</i> i; <i>n.</i> wucegu, <i>see:</i> wuce.
skeleton	<i>n.</i> duwεyεε(ε); <i>n.</i> geyεε(ε).	sleepy (be) <i>vt.</i> iwere ... dε(dε), <i>see:</i> iwere.
skill	<i>n.</i> dabali; <i>n.</i> waani.	slice <i>n.</i> kōnōkε(ε) (2), <i>see:</i> kōnō <sub>2</sub> ; <i>vt.</i> wí.
skilled person	<i>n.</i> waaninadi, <i>see:</i> waani.	slide/slip on <i>vi.</i> sɔlɔlɔkε ...ma.
skin	<i>n.</i> shε(ε); <i>vt.</i> sheε gu, <i>see:</i> shε(ε).	sliding <i>adv.</i> lɔɔsɔɔ.
skin (fruit)	<i>n.</i> gbara(a).	slim <i>adj.</i> piririn.
skink	<i>n.</i> menemenetē(ε).	slime <i>n.</i> dāna.
skull	<i>n.</i> miyεε.	slimy (be) <i>vi.</i> dānakpa.
sky	<i>n.</i> ladugu, <i>see:</i> Ladu; <i>n.</i> musu <sub>1</sub> .	sling <i>n.</i> bindo.
slackness	<i>n.</i> fɔkan'urunabadi.	slingshot <i>n.</i> danko.
slander	<i>n.</i> gūsusōna(a), <i>see:</i> gūsusōda; <i>vt.</i> tɔ wuri, <i>see:</i> tɔ; <i>vt.</i> tɔdε.	slippery <i>adj.</i> zāna.
slanderer	<i>n.</i> gūsusōda; <i>n.</i> gūtɔwurida; <i>n.</i> tɔwurida.	slippery mud <i>n.</i> zānaga.
slap	<i>vt.</i> sānkε.	slope <i>n.</i> zulli; <i>n.</i> zullikena(a), <i>see:</i> zullike.
slap repeatedly	<i>vt.</i> sānkεkε, <i>see:</i> sānkε.	slowly <i>adv.</i> busābusā, <i>see:</i> busā <sub>2</sub> ; <i>adv.</i> yɔɔ.
slaughter	<i>vt.</i> jē (1).	slowly (do) <i>vi.</i> yɔɔkε.
slave	<i>n.</i> zɔ(ɔ) <sub>1</sub> .	small <i>adj.</i> jīn.
slave labour	<i>n.</i> zɔdikina(a).	small anthill <i>n.</i> jè ɔtɔni, <i>see:</i> jè(ε); <i>n.</i> ɔtɔni.
slave of war	<i>n.</i> dēbuzɔ(ɔ).	small bit <i>adj.</i> kici.
slavegirl	<i>n.</i> zɔnifi.	small bucket (metal, rubber, plastic, calabash) <i>n.</i> guga.
slavery	<i>n.</i> zɔkεna(a), <i>see:</i> zɔkε ...ni; <i>n.</i> zɔkε(ε), <i>see:</i> zɔ(ɔ) <sub>1</sub> .	small digging hoe <i>n.</i> tuhāgiri.
slave-trader	<i>n.</i> gucesunkeda.	small domestic animal (sheep, goat) <i>n.</i> tubɔ kutu, <i>see:</i> tubɔ(ɔ).
sleep	<i>n.</i> iwere (1); <i>vi.</i> iwerekε.	small grinding stone <i>n.</i> gbereni, <i>see:</i> gberε(ε) <sub>2</sub> .
sleep somewhere	<i>vi.</i> i (2).	small item <i>cn.</i> ni.
sleep with	<i>vi.</i> i ...zɔ, <i>see:</i> i; <i>vi.</i> wuce ...zɔ, <i>see:</i> wuce.	small of back <i>n.</i> kumbu.
		small one stringed harp <i>n.</i> kōntigi(i).
		small sores <i>n.</i> bɔkici.
		small sores/eczema (have) <i>vi.</i> bɔkicike.

small spiny shrub species		something one is proud of
small spiny shrub species	<i>n.</i> gumbi ci(i), <i>see:</i> gumbi.	<i>so</i> <i>cnj.</i> ashe; <i>intj.</i> t̃ <sub>2</sub> .
small thing	<i>n.</i> f̃kici.	<i>so that</i> <i>cnj.</i> dun <sub>1</sub> (1).
small tree species	<i>n.</i> baraganda; <i>n.</i> buta; <i>n.</i> kerekere; <i>n.</i> kpagu gaude, <i>see:</i> kpagu; <i>n.</i> ninagoro; <i>n.</i> shakala k̃shi; <i>n.</i> zuguru buta, <i>see:</i> zuguru adua; <i>n.</i> zuugu.	<i>soaked (be) with</i> <i>vi.</i> ga ...z̃, <i>see:</i> ga. <i>soap</i> <i>n.</i> kpasu. <i>soap container</i> <i>n.</i> kpasufe(ε). <i>soap maker</i> <i>n.</i> kpasukεda, <i>see:</i> kpasuke. <i>soapberry tree</i> <i>n.</i> adua. <i>soar</i> <i>vi.</i> sh̃inda. <i>sobbing</i> <i>adv.</i> ee'ee. <i>sober up</i> <i>vi.</i> were ...ma, <i>see:</i> were.
small white butterfly	<i>n.</i> s̃t̃.	<i>sock</i> <i>n.</i> s̃ahe; <i>n.</i> s̃ñɔ(ɔ) (1).
smallpox	<i>n.</i> busuka (2); <i>n.</i> kirige(ε).	<i>socket</i> <i>n.</i> horo; <i>n.</i> lilib̃(ɔ), <i>see:</i> lili.
smell	<i>n.</i> gb̃in; <i>vi.</i> gb̃inke; <i>vt.</i> gb̃imma; <i>vt.</i> gb̃inda; <i>vt.</i> gb̃inshi.	<i>Sodom apple</i> <i>n.</i> sh̃efu(u). <i>soft</i> <i>adj.</i> bus̃ã <sub>2</sub> . <i>soft mud</i> <i>n.</i> b̃ɔt̃ɔk̃. <i>soil</i> <i>n.</i> āat̃.
smile	<i>vi.</i> musumusuke.	<i>sojourn</i> <i>n.</i> difiakena(a), <i>see:</i> difiaake; <i>n.</i> nibatana(a), <i>see:</i> nibaata <sub>1</sub> ; <i>vi.</i> nibaata <sub>1</sub> .
smoke	<i>n.</i> cek̃peshe; <i>vi.</i> cek̃peshẽb̃; <i>vt.</i> shigali gara, <i>see:</i> shigali.	<i>sojourner</i> <i>n.</i> nibatada, <i>see:</i> nibaata <sub>1</sub> . <i>soldier</i> <i>n.</i> sooje. <i>soldier ant</i> <i>n.</i> k̃k̃k̃.
smoke cigarette	<i>vt.</i> tabagara; <i>vt.</i> tabami.	<i>sole of foot</i> <i>n.</i> gb̃ecere. <i>solidify</i> <i>vi.</i> i (1). <i>some</i> <i>aadj.</i> kena, <i>see:</i> ke(ε); <i>pro.</i> kena, <i>see:</i> ke(ε).
smooth	<i>aadj.</i> l̃l̃na(a), <i>see:</i> l̃; <i>adj.</i> m̃ɔm̃ɔ; <i>vt.</i> l̃.	<i>some people</i> <i>n.</i> g̃ukena, <i>see:</i> g̃uke(ε). <i>some time</i> <i>n.</i> difia(a). <i>someone</i> <i>n.</i> g̃uke(ε). <i>something</i> <i>n.</i> f̃ke(ε), <i>see:</i> f̃; <i>n.</i> ỹake(ε).
smut	<i>n.</i> buci(i).	<i>something one is proud of</i> <i>n.</i> burunakẽb̃(ɔ), <i>see:</i> burunake (...ji).
snail	<i>n.</i> alkoto.	
snake	<i>n.</i> m̃ene(ε).	
snatch	<i>vt.</i> shi ...ma, <i>see:</i> shi <sub>2</sub> .	
sneeze	<i>vi.</i> tisoke.	
snore	<i>vi.</i> ik̃ññɔgara.	
snort	<i>vi.</i> f̃b̃ɔ ...̃ñlu; <i>vi.</i> ̃nd̃.	
snuff	<i>n.</i> tabacii.	

- sometimes *adv.* lootogbɛ;  
*adv.* sa'agbɛ.
- somewhere *n.* gukɛ(ɛ), *see:* gu(u).
- son *n.* ni nigõni, *see:* ni.
- song *n.* lè(e).
- Songai *n.* Sõɛ.
- son-in-law *n.* ni zã, *see:* ni.
- soon *adv.* yanajĩn.
- sorcerer *n.* ijêkɛda, *see:* ijêkɛ;  
*n.* kɔtekɛda, *see:* kɔtekɛ.
- sorcery *n.* gũkɔtekɛna(a);  
*n.* ijêkɛna(a), *see:* ijêkɛ.
- sorcery (practise) *vt.* kɔtekɛ.
- sore *n.* bɔbũnu;  
*n.* bɔgbɛɛ;  
*n.* bɔ(ɔ).
- sorghum *n.* dawa(a).
- sorghum seed head *n.* sako(o) (2).
- sorrow *n.* zũnwuri.
- sort *adj.* iri<sub>3</sub>.
- sort (thing) *adj.* taka.
- sound *n.* una(a), *see:* u;  
*vi.* u.
- sound (movement) *n.* vĩna(a).
- sound of lightning strike *n.* laputana(a).
- sound (vocal) *n.* kɔsɔngu.
- soup *n.* du(u).
- soup ingredients *n.* du fɔna, *see:* du(u).
- soup leaves *n.* dulala.
- soup pot *n.* lugudajĩn.
- sour *adj.* fêdɛ(ɛ).
- sour (be) *vi.* fêdekũ.
- source *n.* bɔgu (2).
- source of life *n.* hundibɔgu.
- source of strength *n.* gbãdaligu, *see:*  
gbãdaali.
- south *n.* barugu, *see:* Barugu.
- sow *vt.* tɔ<sub>3</sub> (2).
- sow seed *vi.* fɔtɔ.
- sower *n.* fɔtɔda, *see:* fɔtɔ.
- sowing *n.* fɔtɔna(a), *see:* fɔtɔ.
- space *n.* ata(a);  
*n.* shĩmfurugu, *see:* shĩmfuru.
- spank *vt.* gbě.
- spark *n.* cɛfucɛna(a);  
*vi.* cɛbɔ.
- sparkle *vi.* cɛkɛ.
- sparkling *adj.* cɛkɛna(a), *see:* cɛkɛ;  
*adj.* cɛkɛna, *see:* cɛkɛ.
- sparse *adj.* duduna(a), *see:* dudu (...ni).
- sparse-seeded *adj.* wɛrɛdudunadi.
- spawn *n.* gbini, *see:* gbi(i).
- speak *vi.* yãfi.
- speak evil *vi.* yãvãnifi;  
*vi.* yãzaafi.
- speak evil about *vt.* tɔ wuri, *see:* tɔ.
- speak good of *vi.* nɔɔfi.
- speak in tongues *vi.* yãkɛbeefi.
- speak proverb to *vi.* yaasheezu ...ni.
- speak well of *vt.* tɔ nɔɔ fi, *see:* tɔ.
- speaker *n.* fida, *see:* fi ...ni;  
*n.* yãfida, *see:* yãfi;  
*n.* yãfinadi, *see:* yãfi.
- speaker of wisdom/common sense *n.*  
yãfayanadifida.
- spear *n.* shingi(i).
- spearman *n.* shinginadi, *see:* shingi(i).
- Specific PL marker *ptcl.* -nɔ (1).
- speck *n.* shěni, *see:* shě(ɛ).
- speckled pigeon *n.* gutu;  
*n.* lembe.
- spectacles *n.* wɛrɛdigi.
- speech *n.* nɛnɛ'i;  
*n.* yãfi(i), *see:* yãfi;

*n.* yāfina(a), *see:* yāfi.  
 spend money *vi.* kawerεde.  
 spend the night *vi.* i (2).  
 spend time *vi.* difiaake;  
*vi.* lootoowuri.  
 spend week *vt.* dura ke, *see:* dura.  
 spending years *n.* wēkena(a), *see:* wēeke.  
 sperm *n.* baraga'i;  
*n.* tō'i.  
 spider *n.* sandiri.  
 spider species *n.* cehĩni bisa, *see:* cehĩni.  
 spider-web *n.* sandiribe(ε).  
 spiked bracelet worn by wrestlers *n.*  
 dēnezā(a).  
 spill *vi.* ice (...ma) (2).  
 spill seed outside (premature withdrawal)  
*vi.* bɔ gindazɔ wei, *see:* bɔ.  
 spinach *n.* alayaho(o).  
 spindle *n.* hanjere;  
*n.* wabangere (2).  
 spineless fish scaled after grilling *n.* ungu.  
 spinster *n.* pushi.  
 spiny bush species *n.* gumbi.  
 spiny plant species *n.* karaji.  
 spiny shrub species *n.* huri'ura;  
*n.* wotu<sub>2</sub>.  
 spiny tree *n.* taraka.  
 spiny tree species *n.* bagarua;  
*n.* bāde;  
*n.* gumbi fu(u), *see:* gumbi;  
*n.* yōfu(u).  
 spirit *n.* kākā (3);  
*n.* nani(i) (2).  
 Spirit (of God) *n.* Nani, *see:* nani(i).  
 spirits *n.* sɔlɔbi.  
 spirits of the dead *n.* gena, *see:* ge(e).  
 spiritual state *n.* nanike(ε), *see:* nani(i).

spit *n.* le'i.  
 spit (cobra) *vi.* izu.  
 spit on *vi.* le'ika ...ma.  
 spit phlegm *vi.* katufake.  
 spit saliva *vi.* le'ibuce.  
 splash *ideo.* putum.  
 spleen *n.* nasatē(ε).  
 split *vt.* kasu.  
 spoil *vi.* wúri;  
*vt.* wúri (1).  
 spoiled *adj.* vāni.  
 spoilt *adj.* wurina, *see:* wúri.  
 spoilt (be) *vi.* vō<sub>2</sub>.  
 spokesman *n.* yāfida, *see:* yāfi.  
 sponge *n.* sako(o) (1).  
 spoon *n.* cibi.  
 sport *n.* kukūkena(a), *see:* kukūke.  
 spotted *ideo.* balikibaliki;  
*ideo.* waakewaake.  
 spotted hyena *n.* kpagu (1).  
 spotted mongoose *n.* budari waakiwaaki,  
*see:* budari.  
 spread *vi.* ɔda ... ma.  
 spread out *padj.* furufuruna, *see:* furu (...ma).  
 spread out hands toward *vt.* ɔ kpetε ...ji, *see:*  
 ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.  
 spread to dry *vt.* kpetε.  
 spread/extend wings *vi.* shĩmfuru.  
 spring *n.* ibɔgu, *see:* ibɔ;  
*n.* ikpako.  
 Spring (before rains) *n.* bɔrɔke dεε(ε), *see:*  
 bɔrɔke(ε).  
 sprinkle *n.* fōfō, *see:* fō<sub>2</sub>.  
 sprinkle of rain *n.* hitihiti.  
 sprinkle (rain) *vi.* hitihitike.  
 sprinkle water (by hand) *vi.* ifōfō.  
 sprinkled *aadj.* fōfōna(a), *see:* fō<sub>2</sub>.

- sprout *n.* fata;  
*n.* nɔgɔ;  
*vi.* fatana;  
*vi.* fatata;  
*vi.* nɔgɔ;  
*vi.* shiibɔ.
- spur on *vi.* cɛvɔ̃ ...ni, *see:* cɛvɔ̃.
- spur-winged goose *n.* kuti.
- spy *n.* zambanadi, *see:* zamba.
- square *adj.* kūsū;  
*n/adv.* kacɛɛ.
- squash *n.* fūfūa.
- squat *vi.* suatɛ.
- squat down *vi.* sua cɛɛɛ.
- squeeze *vi.* ɔtɔ̃ ...ma;  
*vt.* fɛ̃₂ (1);  
*vt.* fɛ̃ɛkɛ.
- stab *vt.* fɔ̃₂ (1);  
*vt.* zɔ̃.
- stab (many) *vt.* zɔ̃zɔ̃, *see:* zɔ̃.
- stack *vt.* didi;  
*vt.* dɔkɔlɛkɛ.
- stacked *adj.* didina(a), *see:* didi.
- staff *n.* gya(a).
- stairs *n/adv.* shiagu, *see:* shia.
- stalk *n.* faci;  
*vi.* kɔntɔkɛ ...ji;  
*vi.* nace ...ji, *see:* nace.
- stalking *n.* kɔntɔ.
- stamen *n.* wasa(a).
- stamp foot *vi.* gbewã (.ma).
- stand *vi.* duce.
- stand by *vi.* duce ... gu, *see:* duce.
- stand up *vi.* kpetɛ.
- stand up straight *vi.* duce gishi, *see:* duce.
- standard-winged nightjar *n.* iwere  
mɔncɔsaanadi, *see:* iwere.
- standing *n.* ashikɛ(ɛ), *see:* ashi;  
*adj.* ducena, *see:* duce.
- star *n.* sɔrɔ(ɔ).
- stare at *vi.* werɛfɛ̃ ...ma;  
*vi.* werɛgifa ...ma.
- starling *n.* kirokori.
- start fight *vt.* dɛɛ ka, *see:* dɛ̃(ɛ).
- start journey *vi.* jɛɛkū.
- starting from *conj.* shina, *see:* shi₂.
- startled (be) *vi.* gigikɛ.
- starve *vi.* nɔdɛ.
- starving person *n.* nɔdeni, *see:* nɔdɛ.
- stature *n.* ducena(a) (1), *see:* duce.
- status *n.* ashikɛ(ɛ), *see:* ashi.
- stay *vi.* duce.
- stay alive *vi.* hundii kɛ, *see:* hundi(i);  
*vi.* hundikɛ.
- stay with *vi.* duce ...zɔ, *see:* duce;  
*vi.* gbɛɛgū ...zɔ, *see:* gbɛɛgū.
- steal *vt.* kpīnkɛ.
- stealthily *adv.* kpīn₁;  
*adj.* duduna, *see:* dudu (...ni).
- steam *n.* suraci(i).
- steer *n.* dī(i);  
*n.* dī sɔtɔdɛda, *see:* dī(i);  
*vt.* kpara.
- steering wheel *n.* kparabɔ(ɔ), *see:* kpara.
- step *n.* gbɛdigu, *see:* gbɛdi.
- step (into house) *n.* tubuha.
- step on *vi.* gbɛdi ...ma, *see:* gbɛdi.
- steps *n/adv.* shiagu, *see:* shia.
- steward *n.* waadɔda, *see:* waadɔ ...ji.
- stick *n.* gya(a);  
*vt.* na ...ma, *see:* na.
- stick (for beating) *n.* wābɔ(ɔ), *see:* wā.
- stick to palate (tongue) *vi.* mɔncɔkɛ.
- sticky (be) *vi.* dānkokɛ.

still (meaning varies)

still (meaning varies) *ideo.* cip.

stillborn child *n.* gberebɔnaa, *see:* gberebɔ(ɔ).

sting *n.* fana(a), *see:* fá;  
*vt.* fá.

stinger (insect) *n.* kò(ɔ).

stir *vt.* kākā shi, *see:* kākā;  
*vt.* kpara.

stir up *vi.* fudaaka ...ma.

stir up trouble *vi.* yākicika.

stolen *adj.* kpīn<sub>1</sub>.

stomach *n.* gbere(ε)<sub>1</sub>.

stone *n.* gbere(ε)<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* gberekoto;  
*vt.* fafa gberekotozɔ, *see:* fá.

stone heap *n.* gbereje(ε).

stone mason *n.* shekpada, *see:* shekpa.

stone partridge *n.* ketekokoi.

stone's throw *n.* gberezuna sutena(a), *see:*  
gberezuz.

stop *vi.* duce;  
*vi.* tu.

stop up *vi.* ta ...le, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* ta ...le, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>.

storeroom *n.* bandaabu.

storied *adv.* didinakūma, *see:* didi.

stork *n.* waalia.

storm *n.* utu gbāda(a), *see:* utu;  
*n.* utu zaa, *see:* utu.

storm wind *n.* la'utu.

story *n.* shīn<sub>1</sub>.

storyteller *n.* shīntāda, *see:* shīntā.

straddle *vi.* kuce ...ma, *see:* kuce (...ni)<sub>1</sub>.

straight *adj.* sɔrɔ(na);  
*adj.* suusu.

straight down *ideo.* saaa.

straighten *vt.* dɔdɔ.

strip of cloth

straighten (way) for *vt.* furu ...ni, *see:* furu  
(...ma).

straighten way for *vt.* jere furu ...ni, *see:* jere.

strain *vt.* kɔkɔsɔke.

strainer *n.* kɔkɔsɔ(ɔ).

strange *adj.* niba(a).

stranger *n.* niba(a).

strangle *vt.* kwaacike;  
*vt.* lɔkɔ kwaacike, *see:* lɔkɔ<sub>1</sub>.

straw for mixing with clay *n.* busā<sub>1</sub> (1).

straw-coloured fruit bat *n.* labulabu.

stream *n.* baje;  
*n.* gooru;  
*n.* ibashi;  
*n.* oro.

street *n/adv.* kacere.

strength *n.* gbāda(a);  
*n.* hina(a).

strengthened (be) *vi.* gbādaalafa;  
*vi.* gbādaama.

stretch hand over *vt.* ɔɔ dɔ ...ma, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.

stretch neck to look *vi.* waalonkeke.

stretch out hand *vt.* ɔɔ furu ...ni, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.

stretch out (towards) *vi.* nɔnɔ (...ji).

stretch over *vi.* laludi ...ma.

strife-ridden *adj.* dēnadi, *see:* dē(ε).

strike *n.* fana(a), *see:* fá;  
*n.* wāna(a), *see:* wā;  
*vt.* fá.

strike at *vt.* anga.

strike (many) *vt.* wāwā, *see:* wā.

strike (snake) *vt.* firi.

string *n.* bè(ε);  
*n.* beshīn;  
*vt.* ɔlɔ'ɔlɔ.

string bow *vt.* sáa ká, *see:* sá(a).

strip of cloth *n.* tungba(a).

strip off bark *vt.* akɔgbaraa gu, *see:*  
akɔgbara(a).  
stripe (whip) *n.* tɔrɔga.  
striped *ideo.* waakewaake.  
striped crane *n.* kɔkɔbashīn.  
striped ground squirrel *n.* áma.  
striped hyena *n.* kpagu (2).  
strong *adj.* gbāda(a);  
*padj.* gbāda, *see:* gbāda(a).  
strong (become) *vi.* gbādakū.  
strong spirited person *n.* kākāgbādanadi.  
strong wind *n.* utu gbāda(a), *see:* utu.  
strong/powerful person *n.* gbādanadi, *see:*  
gbāda(a).  
stubborn *padj.* tɔnɔgbāda.  
stubborn (be) *vi.* tɔnɔgbādaake.  
stubborn person *n.* tɔnɔgbādanadi, *see:*  
tɔnɔgbāda.  
stubbornness *n.* tɔnɔgbāda(a), *see:*  
tɔnɔgbāda;  
*n.* tɔnɔgbādakena(a), *see:*  
tɔnɔgbādaake.  
student *n.* makarantani, *see:* makaranta.  
study *n.* kyo.  
stumble *vi.* bɔ ... sute, *see:* bɔ;  
*vi.* gishiibu.  
stump *n.* mikutu.  
stutter *n.* gigi;  
*vi.* gigike.  
stutterer *n.* giginadi, *see:* gigi;  
*n.* gigikeda, *see:* gigike.  
subdue *vt.* wuce.  
SUBJ and OBJ focus marker *ptcl.* ye<sub>2</sub>.  
SBJ marker *ptcl.* nà (1).  
submission *n.* mikucena(a), *see:* miikuce ...ni.  
submit to *vi.* erekuce ...ni;  
*vi.* miikuce ...ni.

substitute *post.* dɔɔ.  
subtract *vt.* labu.  
suburb *n.* kpata<sub>2</sub>.  
succeed *vi.* sa'ali.  
success *n.* sa'a(a).  
successful *padj.* nda, *see:* nda(a).  
successful (be) *vt.* sa'aa li, *see:* sa'a(a).  
successful person *n.* sa'alida.  
suck *vt.* mi<sub>1</sub>.  
suck breast *vi.* yɔ̄mi (...ma).  
suck (breast, mango, bone) *vt.* fɛ<sub>2</sub> (1).  
suckling *n.* yɔ̄mida, *see:* yɔ̄mi (...ma).  
suddenly *adv.* wānadu;  
*ideo.* kap.  
suffer *vi.* taabike.  
suffer birth pains *vt.* ni'iazu ke, *see:* ni'i'azu.  
suffer consequences *vt.* gya ... wā, *see:* gya(a).  
suffer consequences of *vt.* gbɛɛ li, *see:* gbɛɛ.  
sufferer *n.* taabinadi, *see:* taabi;  
*n.* taabikeda, *see:* taabike.  
suffering *n.* taabi;  
*n.* taabikena(a), *see:* taabike.  
sugar *n.* shikiri.  
sugar ant *n.* zɔɔ'imida.  
sugar cane *n.* aleke.  
sulphur *n.* farinwuta.  
sumbission *n.* erekucena(a), *see:* erekuce ...ni.  
summer *n.* gufuda'i.  
summit *n.* mi(i).  
sun *n.* usɔ̄(ɔ)<sub>1</sub>.  
Sunday *n.* Sɔgɔnadi.  
sunset *n.* usɔ̄sutena(a).  
superessive postposition *post.* -la.  
superintendent *n.* dāda, *see:* dā<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* yāmɔkeda, *see:* yāmɔke (...ni).  
supervise *vt.* taashika ...ji.  
supervisor *n.* waadɔda, *see:* waadɔ ...ji.



supervision *n.* taashikana(a), *see:* taashika  
...ji.

supplication *n.* surulaluna(a), *see:* surulalu  
...ma.

support *vi.* duce ... gu, *see:* duce.

supporter *n.* ducedā, *see:* duce.

sure *adj.* sōnōnabadi, *see:* sōnō ...ma.

surely *n.* shāashā.

surprise *n.* mamaaki;  
*vi.* mamaakikpa ...ni;  
*vt.* mamaakike ...ni.

surprised (be) *vi.* bō ...kutu, *see:* bō.

surprised (be) at *vi.* bō ... shēē, *see:* bō.

surround *vt.* lika ...ji, *see:* lika<sub>1</sub>.

surrounding crowd *n.* gbāa.

suspend *vt.* kōtōkē.

swallow *n.* fēkasu;  
*vt.* mō.

swallow up *vt.* mōmō, *see:* mō.

swamp *n.* zugu.

swarm *vi.* ka<sub>2</sub>.

swarm on tree *vi.* icē akōma, *see:* icē  
(...ma).

swear against doing by *vi.* lada ...zō, *see:*  
lada.

swear by *vi.* shite ...zō, *see:* shite.

swear on oath *vi.* lada.

sweat *n.* laha;

*n.* yōrōna(a), *see:* yōrō;  
*vi.* yōrō.

sweat bee *n.* galla.

sweep *vt.* wara.

sweet *adj.* nda(a) (1);  
*padj.* nda, *see:* nda(a).

sweet potato *n.* kuudaku.

sweeten *vt.* ndaakū.

sweetness *n.* ndake(ē), *see:* ndaama.

swell *vi.* eshe;  
*vi.* kaka, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.

swelling *n.* eshena(a), *see:* eshe.

swiftness *n.* fudake(ē), *see:* fuda.

swim *vi.* ikpa.

swimmer *n.* ikpada, *see:* ikpa.

swimming pool *n/adv.* ikpagu, *see:* ikpa.

swindle *n.* diibidibi.

swindler *n.* diibidiibinadi, *see:* diibidibi.

swing *vi.* shiloke;  
*vi.* zuzu, *see:* zu.

swollen *adj.* eshena(a), *see:* eshe.

swollen goitre (have) *vi.* bōkōkē.

swollen spleen *n.* bembem.

sword *n.* taku(ba).

swordsman *n.* takubanadi, *see:* taku(ba).

synagogue *n.* wotu(kē)kpe.

syphillus *n.* oci(i) (2).

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table *n.* taibu.

taboo *n.* tē(ē).

taboo observer *n.* tēkeda, *see:* tēkē<sub>2</sub>.

tail *n.* mōnō(ō).

take *vt.* shite.

take away shame *vi.* unibō ...ma.

take bribe *vi.* ĩmbi.

take care of *vi.* laakalike ...ma;  
*vi.* ōlika ...ji.

take down *vt.* hite.

take down from head *vt.* hite miima, *see:*  
hite.

take from *vt.* shi ...ma, *see:* shi<sub>2</sub>.

take hand out of *vi.* zōbō, *see:* zō(ō)<sub>2</sub>.

- take hold *vi.* didi ...ma, *see:* didi.
- take leave *vi.* tanakε.
- take life *vt.* hundii bɔ, *see:* hundi(i).
- take (many) *vt.* shiteshite, *see:* shite.
- take morsel *vt.* lɔɔma jē, *see:* lɔɔma.
- take of shoes *vt.* bacii bɔ, *see:* baci(i).
- take off *vt.* uru.
- take off cap *vt.* fula bɔ/uru, *see:* fula.
- take off (clothes) *vt.* furu (...ma).
- take off fire *vt.* buce.
- take out *vt.* bɔ;  
*vt.* bɔbɔ, *see:* bɔ.
- take over conversation *vi.* yāshite.
- take rest *vt.* usānaa hite, *see:* usā.
- take step *vi.* gbēdi.
- take up space *vi.* guushi.
- take/collect money *vi.* kawereshi.
- taking *n.* shitena(a), *see:* shite.
- talcum powder *n.* fooda;  
*n.* turarecii.
- talk *n.* dira;  
*n.* yāfi(i), *see:* yāfi;  
*n.* yāfina(a), *see:* yāfi;  
*vi.* yāfi.
- talk aloud *vi.* fi gba, *see:* fi ...ni.
- talk (many) *vi.* fifi ...ni, *see:* fi ...ni.
- talker *n.* yāfinadi, *see:* yāfi.
- tall vine species *n.* hanam.
- tallow tree *n.* lodolodo;  
*n.* taura.
- talon *n.* tuke.
- tamarind *n.* sūma(a).
- tambourine *n.* shēkēshēkē.
- tamourine player *n.* shēkēshēkēda, *see:*  
shēkēshēkē.
- tan (skin) *vt.* sheε bara, *see:* she(ε).
- tangle *vt.* kakakū.
- tanner *n.* shebarada.
- tassle *n.* kòhi.
- taste *n.* í (3);  
*vi.* lezō ...ma, *see:* lezō;  
*vt.* dā ... ma, *see:* dā<sub>2</sub>.
- tax *n.* jangali.
- tax-collector *n.* jangalishida.
- tax-office *n.* jangalishikpe.
- teach *vi.* yādada ...ni;  
*vt.* dada ...ni, *see:* dada.
- teacher *n.* yādadada, *see:* yādada ...ni.
- teaching *n.* yādadana(a), *see:* yādada ...ni.
- teak tree *n.* katako dōɔ, *see:* katako.
- tear *n.* wεrε'i;  
*vt.* jē (1);  
*vt.* kasu.
- tear up *vt.* jējē, *see:* jē;  
*vt.* kasukasu, *see:* kasu.
- tearing to pieces *n.* kasukasuna(a), *see:* kasu.
- telephone *vt.* shishi wayazo, *see:* shishi.
- tell *vt.* fi ...ni.
- tell good news to *vi.* baalunɔɔkpa ...ni.
- tell lie *vi.* bishejē.
- tell on *vi.* kiineke ...ni.
- tell parable *vi.* yaasheeke.
- tell secretly *vt.* kpīnke ...ni, *see:* kpīnke.
- tell story *vi.* shīnke;  
*vi.* shīntā.
- tell tale *vi.* yānafi ...ma.
- tell the truth *vt.* yādaa fi, *see:* yāda.
- telling *n.* fina(a), *see:* fi ...ni.
- telltale *n.* kiinenadi, *see:* kiine.
- temper *n.* zūmfana(a), *see:* zūmfada;  
*n.* zūmfana(a).
- tempt *vt.* yō (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.
- temptation *n.* fɔdangamana(a);  
*n.* yōna(a), *see:* yō (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.

tempter	<i>n.</i> gũyõda.	<i>pro.</i> be.
ten	<i>adj.</i> koorinadi, <i>see:</i> koori; <i>num.</i> koori.	that is <i>ptcl.</i> -n be, <i>see:</i> -n.
ten each	<i>adv.</i> koorikoori, <i>see:</i> koori.	that one <i>pro.</i> be(ε), <i>see:</i> be.
tender	<i>adj.</i> nda'nda(a), <i>see:</i> nda(a).	that one over there <i>pro.</i> lele(e), <i>see:</i> lele.
tendon	<i>n.</i> kẽne(ε).	that place <i>adv.</i> gube.
tension drum	<i>n.</i> bata <sub>1</sub> ; <i>n.</i> sankpa.	that place over there <i>adv.</i> gulele.
tent	<i>n.</i> bishekpe.	that (Relative pronoun) <i>pro.</i> ka <sub>1</sub> .
tenth	<i>n.</i> kooridibi, <i>see:</i> koori.	thatch <i>n.</i> shẽtãna; <i>vt.</i> fẽfẽ.
terminate	<i>vi.</i> lega; <i>vt.</i> lede.	the aforesaid <i>adj.</i> ginaa.
termination	<i>n.</i> ledana(a), <i>see:</i> lede; <i>n.</i> legagu, <i>see:</i> lega.	the devil <i>n.</i> Ibilishi.
termite	<i>n.</i> bere.	the Eternal one <i>n.</i> Dipainadi, <i>see:</i> dipai.
termite mushroom	<i>n.</i> gbẽtõ(ɔ).	theft <i>n.</i> kpĩn <sub>1</sub> ; <i>n.</i> kpĩnkena(a), <i>see:</i> kpĩnke.
terrified (be)	<i>vi.</i> zũn ... kata, <i>see:</i> zũn.	their <i>pro.</i> an.
terrified (be) (feeling cold or numb)	<i>vi.</i> nani ... firi, <i>see:</i> nani(i).	them <i>pro.</i> àni(nɔ).
terror	<i>n.</i> zũnkatana(a).	themselves (LOG) <i>pro.</i> nnɔ ginda, <i>see:</i> nnɔ.
test	<i>n.</i> yõna(a), <i>see:</i> yõ (...ma) <sub>2</sub> ; <i>vt.</i> yõ (...ma) <sub>2</sub> .	then <i>conj.</i> ye <sub>1</sub> .
testicle	<i>n.</i> sõtɔ.	there <i>adv.</i> gube.
testicule	<i>n.</i> sɔtɔwɛɛ(ni).	thick <i>adj.</i> kaurinadi, <i>see:</i> kauri.
testimony	<i>n.</i> sheedukɛdake(ε), <i>see:</i> sheeduke.	thick (liquids) <i>adj.</i> itẽ.
tether	<i>n/adv.</i> irigu, <i>see:</i> iri <sub>1</sub> ; <i>vt.</i> iri <sub>1</sub> .	thick porridge <i>n.</i> kpètɛ ganiga, <i>see:</i> kpètɛ <sub>1</sub> .
thank	<i>vt.</i> saabuke (...ni).	thickness <i>n.</i> kauri; <i>n.</i> kaurike(ε), <i>see:</i> kauri.
thank offering	<i>n.</i> saabukebɔ(ɔ), <i>see:</i> saabuke (...ni).	thief <i>n.</i> kpĩn <sub>1</sub> ; <i>n.</i> kpĩnkeda, <i>see:</i> kpĩnke.
thanks	<i>n.</i> saabu.	thigh <i>n.</i> gbɛda.
thanks to	<i>post.</i> sàbu.	thigh muscle <i>n.</i> gbɛda'u; <i>n.</i> gbɛda'usõ(ɔ).
thanksgiving	<i>n.</i> saabukena(a), <i>see:</i> saabuke (...ni).	thin <i>adj.</i> kyangakuna(a); <i>adj.</i> lɛhɛlɛhɛ.
that	<i>adj.</i> be(ε), <i>see:</i> be; <i>adj.</i> bɛɛ; <i>adj.</i> ginaa;	thing <i>n.</i> asu (2); <i>n.</i> fɔ.
		things <i>n.</i> asuna, <i>see:</i> asu.
		think <i>vi.</i> laasaabuke; <i>vt.</i> wa.
		thinker <i>n.</i> laasaabukeda, <i>see:</i> laasaabuke.

third	<i>adj.</i> adibi, <i>see:</i> à <sub>3</sub> .	<i>n.</i> laasaabubadi, <i>see:</i> laasaabu.
thirst	<i>n.</i> imi, <i>see:</i> imi.	thousand <i>num.</i> dubu.
thirsty (be)	<i>vi.</i> imima.	threaten <i>vi.</i> wohukpa ...ji/ni.
thirteen	<i>num.</i> koori awere'azɔ, <i>see:</i> koori.	three <i>adj.</i> àa, <i>see:</i> à <sub>3</sub> ;
thirty	<i>num.</i> kedokoori.	<i>num.</i> à <sub>3</sub> ;
this	<i>adj.</i> ginaa;	<i>padj.</i> à <sub>3</sub> .
	<i>adj.</i> lè(ɛ), <i>see:</i> lɛ <sub>1</sub> ;	three each <i>num.</i> aa'aa, <i>see:</i> à <sub>3</sub> .
	<i>pro.</i> lɛ <sub>1</sub> .	three stringed instrument <i>n.</i> gurumi.
this afternoon	<i>adv.</i> usõtɛ lɛ, <i>see:</i> usõtɛ(ɛ).	thresh <i>vt.</i> gbě.
this evening	<i>adv.</i> itɔ̀kɛ lè, <i>see:</i> itɔ̀kɛ(ɛ).	thresh grain <i>vi.</i> fɔ̀wɛrɛwã.
this is	<i>ptcl.</i> -n lè, <i>see:</i> -n.	threshing floor <i>n/adv.</i> fɔ̀wɛrɛwãgu, <i>see:</i>
this morning	<i>adv.</i> dikēna lè, <i>see:</i> dikēna(a).	fɔ̀wɛrɛwã.
this night	<i>adv.</i> gãɔni lɛ, <i>see:</i> gãɔni.	threshing place <i>n/adv.</i> fɔ̀wɛrɛwãgu.
this noon	<i>adv.</i> emena lɛ, <i>see:</i> emɛ.	throat <i>n.</i> kwaaci.
this one here	<i>pro.</i> lè(ɛ), <i>see:</i> lɛ <sub>1</sub> .	throttle <i>vt.</i> kwaacikɛ.
this person	<i>n.</i> nadi <sub>1</sub> .	through <i>post.</i> sàbu.
this place	<i>adv.</i> gule.	throw <i>vt.</i> zu.
this side/bank of	<i>post.</i> baaji lɛzɔ, <i>see:</i> baaji.	throw arms in air <i>vt.</i> ɔɔ zuzu, <i>see:</i> ɔ(ɔ) <sub>2</sub> .
this year	<i>adv.</i> wēcece.	throw away (water) <i>vt.</i> icɛ (...ma).
this/present generation	<i>n.</i> bɛcɛrɛgūna, <i>see:</i>	throw away/down (thing) <i>vt.</i> zúku.
	bɛcɛ(ɛ).	throw down (person) <i>vt.</i> dɛcɛ.
thorn	<i>n.</i> yɛrɛ(ɛ).	throw out <i>vt.</i> bɔ̀bɔ̀, <i>see:</i> bɔ̀.
thorn tree	<i>n.</i> adua.	throw stone <i>vi.</i> gbɛɛzu.
thornbush	<i>n.</i> yɛrɛdɔ̀, <i>see:</i> yɛrɛ(ɛ).	thumb <i>n.</i> ɔnimida.
thorny	<i>adj.</i> yɛrɛnadi, <i>see:</i> yɛrɛ(ɛ).	thunder <i>n.</i> gědana(a), <i>see:</i> gěda;
those	<i>ptcl.</i> -nanɔ.	<i>n.</i> lagědana(a).
those who don't know God	<i>n.</i> ladudɔ̀badina,	Thursday <i>n.</i> Di'icidi.
	<i>see:</i> ladudɔ̀badi.	tick <i>n.</i> wo(o).
thought	<i>n.</i> laasaabu;	tickle <i>vt.</i> yɔ̀gɔ̀nikɛ.
	<i>n.</i> laasaabukena(a), <i>see:</i>	tie <i>vt.</i> iri <sub>1</sub> .
	laasaabukɛ.	tie donkey blanket to <i>vt.</i> kaahu iri ...ni, <i>see:</i>
thoughtful person	<i>n.</i> laasaabunadi, <i>see:</i>	kahu.
	laasaabu.	tie graft <i>vt.</i> akɔ̀zãkɛ iri, <i>see:</i> akɔ̀zãkɛ.
thoughtful/discerning person	<i>n.</i> gbɛrɛnadi,	tie (many) <i>vt.</i> iri'iri, <i>see:</i> iri <sub>1</sub> .
	<i>see:</i> gbɛrɛ(ɛ) <sub>1</sub> .	tie on <i>vt.</i> iri ...ma, <i>see:</i> iri <sub>1</sub> .
thoughtless person	<i>n.</i> gbɛrɛbadi, <i>see:</i>	tie on belt <i>vt.</i> bɛɛ ka, <i>see:</i> bè(ɛ).
	gbɛrɛ(ɛ) <sub>1</sub> ;	tie on loincloth <i>vi.</i> kangu dɔ̀, <i>see:</i> kangu.

- tight *adv.* gīngīn;  
*padj.* kāna (2), *see:* kā.
- tighten *vi.* kā.
- tighten bow *vt.* sáa gara, *see:* sá(a).
- time *n.* looto(o);  
*post.* looto, *see:* looto(o).
- time of sacrifice *n/adv.* sāmakedi, *see:*  
sāmake ...ma.
- time to act/do *n.* kedi/looto(o), *see:* ke<sub>1</sub>.
- time when uncircumcised *adv.*  
bangubadikedi, *see:* bangu.
- times *cn.* tara.
- tin *n.* garuwa;  
*n.* kōkō.
- tire *vi.* busā<sub>2</sub>.
- tithe (not one tenth) *n.* zaka.
- toad *n.* bakasu.
- tobacco *n.* taba.
- today *n/adv.* cece.
- toe *n.* gbeni, *see:* gbε.
- toenail *n.* gbekōkō(ɔ).
- together *adv.* ledule.
- tomato *n.* tomati.
- tomorrow *n/adv.* lefū.
- tongs *n.* kpàko.
- tongue *n.* nene (1).
- tongue stuck to roof of mouth *vi.* nene ...  
nace ... le musu, *see:* nene.
- tonight *adv.* gāoni le, *see:* gāoni.
- too *ptcl.* -bara.
- too much *adv.* gbāagbāa, *see:* gbāa.
- too much talking *n.* yāgbāafina(a), *see:*  
yāgbāafida.
- too small *padj.* jīmbara.
- tooth *n.* sō<sub>1</sub>.
- top *n.* mi(i);  
*n.* musu<sub>1</sub>.
- top of foot *n.* gbekōnɔ.
- topicaliser *ptcl.* kīn.
- torch *n.* haaga.
- torn up *padj.* kasukasuna, *see:* kasu.
- torrential rain *n.* lagbādabāna(a).
- tortoise *n.* kure.
- toss about *vt.* zuzu, *see:* zu.
- tossing *n.* zuzuna(a), *see:* zu.
- total *adj.* fu(u), *see:* fu.
- totally *n.* shāashā.
- touch *n.* ɔkena(a), *see:* ɔke ...ma;  
*vi.* ɔke ...ma.
- touch with finger *vt.* ɔɔ zō ...ma (...ni), *see:*  
ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.
- touch (woman) *vi.* kɔsɔke ...ma.
- towards *post.* gu, *see:* gu(u).
- towel *n.* taawali.
- town *n.* fara.
- town wall *n.* bīni.
- track *n.* dɔgu, *see:* dɔ ... gu;  
*n.* gbεε.
- trade *vi.* lagake.
- trader *n.* lagakeda, *see:* lagake.
- traditional priest *n.* sāmakiri.
- traditional woven cloth *n.* godo(o).
- train *n.* cεreguru.
- traitor *n.* bɔdagūgbēji;  
*n.* kada'ɔlu.
- trample *vi.* bεbε;  
*vi.* utō ...ma (1).
- trample on *vi.* gbeka ...ma, *see:* gbeka;  
*vi.* gbewā (...ma).
- transform *vt.* takali sori, *see:* takali.
- transformed *padj.* sorina, *see:* sori.
- transgression *n.* taali.
- transgress *vi.* taalike.
- transgression *n.* taalikena(a), *see:* taalike.

transgressor *n.* taalinadi, *see:* taali.

transplant *vt.* zu.

trap *n.* cekũ<sub>2</sub>.

trap (that falls on victim) *n.* gatta(a).

trap with net *vi.* bezu ...ni.

travel bag *n.* tana bɔgɔ(ɔ), *see:* ta<sub>2</sub>.

traveller *n.* tada, *see:* ta<sub>2</sub>.

traverse *vi.* kasa ...lu, *see:* kasa<sub>2</sub>.

treasurer *n.* kawerekpetada;  
*n.* kawereshida, *see:* kawereshi.

treasury *n/adv.* kawereshigu, *see:*  
kawereshi.

treat with contempt *vi.* ĩmfẽ ...ji.

treatment *n.* baanikeɓɔ(ɔ), *see:* baanike.

tree *n.* akɔ;  
*n.* akɔdɔɔ;  
*n.* dɔɔ<sub>2</sub> (2).

tree parasite *n.* fãn.

tree parasite like mistletoe *n.* kuzɔ(ɔ).

tree root *n.* akɔmisa(a).

tree species *n.* bakadɔɔ;  
*n.* bɔtɔni;  
*n.* gandɛ;  
*n.* go(o);  
*n.* hukɔhukɔ;  
*n.* iɛmasũsũ;  
*n.* kiri<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* kpɛnɛ;  
*n.* tamaiza;  
*n.* wenakãna;  
*n.* zɔgo.

tree stump *n.* akɔmikutu.

tremble *vi.* lukpakpa, *see:* lukpa ...ji.

trembling *n.* lukpakpana(a), *see:* lukpa ...ji.

trepidation *n.* zũmbeɓena(a).

tribal mark *n.* wãsãa.

tributary *n.* gooru'ɔni;

*n.* ɔni (2).

tributary of stream *n.* bajɛ'ɔni.

trick *n.* zamba;  
*vi.* azancike ...ni;  
*vt.* takiikɛ.

trick by offering and taking back *vt.* tokpa.

trick someone *vi.* zambakɛ ...ni.

trickery *n.* takii.

trident *n.* haligi.

tropical ulcer *n.* gyambɔ.

trouble *vt.* taabandike.

trouble-maker *n.* dibikɛda, *see:* dibike;  
*n.* gudenadi, *see:* gude(ɛ).

troubler *n.* taabandikɛda, *see:* taabandike.

trough *n.* imibɔ(ɔ), *see:* imi.

trousers *n.* dɔbɔ.

trousers (archaic) *n.* sɔnɔ(ɔ) (2).

true *adj.* yãdanadi, *see:* yãda.

truly *adv.* yãda;  
*adv.* yãdayãda, *see:* yãda.

trumpet *n.* kãakãaki.

trumpet blast *n.* kãakãaki'una(a).

trumpet blowing *n.* kãakãakifẽna(a).

trunk of tree *n.* akɔkpiti.

trust *n.* aminci;  
*vi.* duɛɛ ...zɔ, *see:* duɛɛ;  
*vt.* amincikɛ.

trust in God *n.* ladu'amincikɛ(ɛ), *see:*  
ladu'amincikenabadi.

truth *n.* yãda(a), *see:* yãda.

truth bearing *adj.* yãdanadi, *see:* yãda.

truthful *adj.* yãdanadi, *see:* yãda.

truthful person *n.* yãdafida.

try hard *vi.* himmakɛ, *see:* himma;  
*vi.* weretẽemɔ ...ni (2).

Tuesday *n.* Eece sooludi, *see:* eece.

tumble down *vi.* zullikɛ.

- turban *n.* fuuni.  
 turbulence *n.* zuzuna(a), *see:* zu.  
 turbulent *adj.* kporona(a), *see:* kporo.  
 turbulent (be) *vi.* kporo.  
 turkey *n.* tɔrɔtɔrɔ.  
 turn — *likalika*, *see:* lika<sub>1</sub>;  
*vi.* cēɛ;  
*vi.* sori.  
 turn aside *vi.* kasa<sub>2</sub>.  
 turn back *vi.* cēɛ gbēji, *see:* cēɛ;  
*vi.* sori.  
 turn back on *vi.* kpakokpa ...ni.  
 turn face from *vi.* kpakokpa ...ni.  
 turn on *vi.* cēɛ ...ma, *see:* cēɛ.  
 turn on (light) *vt.* na (1).  
 turn over *vi.* lile;  
*vi.* lili ...ma, *see:* lili;  
*vt.* sori.  
 turn over and over *vi.* lilelile, *see:* lile;  
*vi.* lililili, *see:* lili.  
 turn round and round/over and over *vi.*  
 sorisori, *see:* sori.  
 turn upsidedown *vt.* sori.  
 turn/deviate from *vi.* sori ...ni, *see:* sori.
- turned *padj.* sorina, *see:* sori.  
 turtle-dove *n.* ihobodo (2);  
*n.* ihomɔnɔsaa.  
 tusk *n.* sɔ̃<sub>1</sub>.  
 twelve *num.* koori awerefiawɔ, *see:* koori.  
 twenty *adj.* keedu(u), *see:* keedu;  
*num.* keedu.  
 twenty one *num.* keedu awereduzɔ, *see:*  
 keedu.  
 twilight *n.* gucijin;  
*n.* gudakūna(a).  
 twin *n.* fina.  
 twist *vt.* fē<sub>1</sub>.  
 twisted *vi.* fitē.  
 two *adj.* fia(a), *see:* fia;  
*num.* fia.  
 two days *n.* difia(a).  
 two hundred *num.* keekoori.  
 two hundred naira *cn.* jika.  
 two stringed guitar *n.* garaya.  
 two stringed harp *n.* kwansa.  
 two-story/multistory building *n.*  
 kpɛdi(di)nakūma.  
 type *n.* bè(e).

## U - u

- udder *n.* diyɔ̃.  
 ugly *adj.* vāni.  
 ululate *vi.* guudaada.  
 ululation *n.* guuda(a).  
 UNAC auxiliary marker *ptcl.* ci<sub>3</sub>.  
 UNAC suffix for PRF pronouns *ptcl.* -ci, *see:*  
 ci<sub>3</sub>.  
 unaware *adv.* yākeɛbadi.  
 unbelief *n.* yādakpabadi, *see:* yādaakpa  
 ...ni.  
 unbelief (in God) *n.* ladu'amincikenabadi.
- unbeliever *n.* ladu'amincibadi;  
*n.* laduyākabadi;  
*n.* yādakpadabadi, *see:* yādaakpa  
 ...ni.  
 unbelieving *adj.* yādakpabadi, *see:*  
 yādaakpa ...ni.  
 uncircumcised *n.* bangubadi, *see:* bangu.  
 uncommisioned soldier *n.* soojeni, *see:*  
 sooje.  
 uncontaminated *adj.* zalla.  
 uncooked *adj.* bútu.

under *post.* kucelu (1).  
 underpants *n.* mampaka;  
*n.* petu.  
 understand *vt.* gbɛ dɔ̄, *see:* gbɛ;  
*vt.* ma<sub>2</sub>;  
*vt.* yāma.  
 understand each other *vt.* kũ yā ma, *see:* kũ<sub>2</sub>.  
 understanding *n.* yādōna(a), *see:* yādōda.  
 underworld *n.* lee;  
*n.* weida'ashi.  
 unfaithful *n.* yādabadi, *see:* yāda.  
 unfaithfulness *n.* yādabadikɛ(ɛ), *see:* yāda.  
 unfasten *vi.* pitokɛ.  
 unforgiving *n.* yaafabadi, *see:* yaafa.  
 ungrateful person *n.* guturu.  
 unintelligent person *n.* azancibadi, *see:*  
 azanci.  
 unit *cn.* guda.  
 united with ancestors (be) *vi.* gē .. gūnalɔ,  
*see:* gē<sub>2</sub>.  
 unity *n.* lɛdu(u).  
 unjustly *adv.* ɔgbēji.  
 unkempt *ideo.* yaayaa.  
 unleavened bread *n.* kàra(a).  
 unleavened flour *n.* karacii.  
 unless *cnj.* baashi(ba);  
*cnj.* inaaba ka;  
*cnj.* sai ... baashi, *see:* sai.  
 unlucky/unfortunate person *n.* mi'ndabadi,  
*see:* mi'nda(a).  
 unproductive *adj.* fɔkankebadi.  
 unprofitable *adj.* lafanabadi, *see:* lafa.  
 unrevivable corpse (found in morning) *n.*  
 gekɔkɔ(ɔ).  
 unripe *adj.* bútu.  
 unroll mat *vt.* gii furu, *see:* gî(i).

unslaughtered meat *n.* mɔshɛ.  
 unslaughtered/unbled meat *adj.* sōjēnabadi,  
*see:* sōjē.  
 unstable *adj.* sorisorina, *see:* sori.  
 untie *vt.* furu (...ma).  
 untied *adj.* furufuruna, *see:* furu (...ma).  
 until *cnj.* kara;  
*cnj.* sai;  
*prep.* hari.  
 until (with NP or clause in PRF or SBJ) *cnj.*  
 hari (1).  
 untried *adj.* yājēbadi, *see:* yājē ...ma.  
 unwell person *n.* baanibadi, *see:* baani<sub>1</sub>.  
 uplifted *adj.* shitena(a), *see:* shite;  
*adj.* shitena, *see:* shite.  
 upper back *n.* kōnɔ<sub>1</sub>.  
 upper grinding stone *n.* wirilɔgbɛrɛ ni, *see:*  
 wirilɔgbɛrɛ(ɛ).  
 upper lip *n.* lebashi.  
 uproot *vi.* uru;  
*vi.* wo<sub>2</sub>.  
 uprooted *adj.* uruna(a), *see:* uru.  
 upside-down catfish *n.* zōsaa.  
 urge *vt.* kankankɛ (1).  
 urinal *n/adv.* asasabugu, *see:* asasaabu.  
 urinate *vi.* asasaabu.  
 urine *n.* asasa(a).  
 Ursa major constellation *n.* sɔrɔ kokodō  
 kūni ì ninazɔ, *see:* sɔrɔ(ɔ).  
 usage *n.* mɔradu.  
 use up inheritance *vt.* tubu bi, *see:* tubu.  
 use war strategy *vi.* dēbugbeshite.  
 used to (be) *vi.* saabokɛ ...zɔ.  
 useless *adj.* kakaji;  
*adj.* pā(a).  
 uselessness *n.* pā(a).



## V - v

vagina	<i>n.</i> bàta.	village indigobird	<i>n.</i> layani shishiã, <i>see:</i> layani.
valley	<i>n.</i> guwucena(a).	village name	<i>n.</i> Sarafu.
valuable	<i>adj.</i> darajanadi, <i>see:</i> daraja; <i>adj.</i> mare.	village weaver (bird)	<i>n.</i> kòro.
value	<i>n.</i> daraja.	vinaceous dove	<i>n.</i> iholace.
vegetarian	<i>adj.</i> sōbadi, <i>see:</i> sō(ɔ) <sub>2</sub> .	vindicate	<i>vt.</i> yã ndaa kpa ...ni, <i>see:</i> yã.
vehemently	<i>adv.</i> zaza, <i>see:</i> za(a).	vindicated	<i>vi.</i> yãbo ...zo nda, <i>see:</i> yãbo.
vehicle	<i>n.</i> mɔɔta; <i>n.</i> tabɔ(ɔ), <i>see:</i> ta <sub>2</sub> .	vine	<i>n.</i> ihĩhĩ.
vein	<i>n.</i> kēne(ε).	vine species	<i>n.</i> jinikpe; <i>n.</i> kubu; <i>n.</i> ɔɔo; <i>n.</i> shebe <sub>1</sub> ; <i>n.</i> wotudōɔ.
Venus	<i>n.</i> gucijĩn sɔrɔ, <i>see:</i> gucijĩn; <i>n.</i> mɔ sɔɔni, <i>see:</i> mɔ(ɔ).	vinedresser	<i>n.</i> inabi jenadi, <i>see:</i> inabi.
veranda	<i>n.</i> cinga(a).	vineyard	<i>n.</i> inabi jefu, <i>see:</i> inabi.
vertical pole	<i>n.</i> akɔgifa.	violence	<i>n.</i> zakena(a), <i>see:</i> zaake.
vervet monkey	<i>n.</i> obici(i), <i>see:</i> obi.	violently	<i>adj.</i> gbāda, <i>see:</i> gbāda(a).
very black	<i>ideo.</i> gĩnigĩni.	violet turaco	<i>n.</i> alfudafuda.
very early	<i>adv.</i> saraazɔ, <i>see:</i> sàra.	violin	<i>n.</i> firi <sub>2</sub> (2); <i>n.</i> goge.
very good	<i>adv.</i> nɔɔnɔɔ, <i>see:</i> nɔɔ.	violinist	<i>n.</i> firideda; <i>n.</i> gogedɛda.
very happy	<i>ideo.</i> kalakala.	viper	<i>n.</i> becikasa.
very lazy person	<i>n.</i> takici(i), <i>see:</i> taki(i).	virgin	<i>adj.</i> kuguru.
very much	<i>adv.</i> bakara; <i>adv.</i> nɔɔnɔɔ, <i>see:</i> nɔɔ.	visible	<i>adj.</i> werɛdawere.
very old	<i>ideo.</i> kɔtɔkɔtɔ.	vision	<i>n.</i> werɛfugu; <i>n.</i> werɛfuguwana(a), <i>see:</i> werɛfuguwada.
very poor person	<i>n.</i> indawerenadi, <i>see:</i> indawere.	voice	<i>n.</i> lɔkɔlu(u).
very red	<i>adv.</i> tētētē, <i>see:</i> tēt(ε) <sub>3</sub> .	vomit	<i>n.</i> meshekere; <i>vi.</i> gboruke; <i>vi.</i> meshekereke.
very small	<i>adv.</i> jĩnjĩn, <i>see:</i> jĩn; <i>adv.</i> kicikici, <i>see:</i> kici.	vote	<i>vi.</i> cacake.
very straight	— sɔrɔ cap, <i>see:</i> sɔrɔ(na).	vow to	<i>vi.</i> leke ...ma.
very strong	<i>adv.</i> gbādagbāda, <i>see:</i> gbāda(a).	voyage	<i>n.</i> tana(a), <i>see:</i> ta <sub>2</sub> .
very sweet/agreeable	<i>adv.</i> nda'nda, <i>see:</i> nda(a).		
victor	<i>n.</i> dēbubida, <i>see:</i> dēbuubi ...ma.		
village	<i>n.</i> tunga.		

vulture *n.* yāmburuku.

## W - w

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wages *n.* findebuna(a), *see:* findebu  
...ma.

wail *n.* kuaa;  
*vi.* kuaada.

wailing *n.* kuaadana(a), *see:* kuaada.

waist *n.* kpiti (1).

wait for *vi.* ta ...ma, *see:* ta<sub>1</sub>;  
*vt.* dā<sub>1</sub>.

wake *vi.* vō<sub>1</sub>.

waking *n.* kpetena(a), *see:* kpete.

walk *vi.* ta<sub>2</sub>.

walking *n.* tana(a), *see:* ta<sub>2</sub>.

wall *n.* kali(i) (1);  
*n.* katanga;  
*n.* kitilo.

wall of house *n.* kpetātā(a).

walled *adj.* bīninadi, *see:* bīni.

walled up *padj.* kalikena.

wander — likalika, *see:* lika<sub>1</sub>;  
*vi.* lili.

wane (moon) *vi.* mō gē guciilu, *see:* mō(ō).

want *n.* fōgānadena(a);  
*vi.* waa ...ji;  
*vi.* wi ...ji;  
*vi.* wiji, *see:* wi ...ji.

want to *vi.* waaji.

want; weakness *n.* gānadena(a), *see:* gānade  
(...ma).

wanting *adj.* karana(a), *see:* kara ...ji/ni.

war *n.* dēbu(u).

ware *n.* laga.

warlord *n.* dēbunadi, *see:* dēbu(u).

warm *adj.* lōgōlōgō.

warm body (have) *vi.* duwēre ... fa, *see:*  
duwēre.

warm oneself by fire *vi.* cēkpa.

warn *vt.* tōnōgara.

warn about *vi.* lēzake ...ni.

warning *n.* laakali.

warrior *n.* dēbukēda, *see:* dēbuuke.

wash *vt.* fīri<sub>3</sub> (1).

wash clothes *vi.* fōfiri.

wash face *vi.* werēfiri.

wash feet *vt.* gbē firi, *see:* gbē.

wash hands *vt.* ɔɔ firi, *see:* ɔ(ɔ)<sub>2</sub>.

washing *n.* firina(a), *see:* fīri<sub>3</sub>.

washing blue *n.* bula.

wasp *n.* zumatē.

waste *n.* asoro;  
*n.* pā(a).

watch closely *vi.* waadō ...ji.

watchtower *n.* guwagu, *see:* guuwa.

water *n.* í (1).

water bottle *n.* itōrō.

water container/pot *n.* ikabō(ō).

water drawer *n.* itōda, *see:* itō.

water erosion *n.* ibashi'ere(ε).

water gourd *n.* itōrō.

water source *n.* itōgu, *see:* itō.

water tank *n.* ikagu, *see:* ikabō(ō).

water-bird with red goitre *n.* sumatē(ε).

watercourse *n.* ijere.

waterfall *n.* i'icena(a).

waterlily *n.* bado.

water's edge *adv.* ilē.

water-weed *n.* balu shē(ε), *see:* balu.

wave *n.* ikporona(a).

- way *n.* jere.
- way of escape *n.* bɔgu (3).
- weak *adj.* gānadena, *see:* gānade (...ma).
- weak person *n.* gbādabadi, *see:* gbāda(a).
- weaken body *vt.* duwɛɛ de, *see:* duwɛɛ.
- weakness *n.* gbādabadike(ɛ), *see:* gbāda(a).
- wealth *n.* kawɛɛnadike(ɛ), *see:* kawɛɛ.
- wealthy person *n.* fɔnadi, *see:* fɔ.
- wean *vt.* kata<sub>2</sub> (2).
- weaned *adj.* katana(a), *see:* kata<sub>2</sub>.
- weaned (be) *vi.* yɔtu.
- weaning *n.* yɔtuna(a), *see:* yɔtu.
- weapon *n.* dēbukɛbɔ(ɔ), *see:* dēbuuke;  
*n.* dēkɛbɔ(ɔ), *see:* dēkɛ;  
*n.* nigɔnikɛbɔ(ɔ).
- wear *vt.* ka<sub>2</sub>.
- wear headpad *vi.* minke.
- wear (many) *vt.* kaka, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.
- wearing *adj.* kana, *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.
- weasel *n.* budari.
- weave *vt.* tā.
- weave cloth *vt.* bisheɛ ke, *see:* bishe(ɛ).
- weave mat *vt.* gii tā, *see:* gɪ(i).
- wedding gift *n.* zākegba(a).
- wedding plans/preparation *n.* zākesoolu.
- wedding song *n.* neshile(e).
- weed species *n.* fāna(a).
- weeding hoe *n.* tuhācɛɛ.
- week *n.* dura.
- weep *vi.* u;  
*vi.* wɛɛ'ibɔ.
- weeper *n.* uda, *see:* u.
- weigh *vi.* kiloyɔ.
- weighing *n.* fɔyɔna(a), *see:* fɔyɔbɔ(ɔ).
- weight *n.* gbītā (1).
- weights *n.* yɔbɔ(ɔ), *see:* yɔ (...ma)<sub>2</sub>.
- welcome *intj.* maraba;  
*n.* shina(a), *see:* shi<sub>2</sub>;  
*vi.* marabake ...ni;  
*vt.* shi<sub>2</sub>.
- well *intj.* baani<sub>1</sub>;  
*n.* izɔ.
- well behaved person *n.* nɔkɛda, *see:* nɔkɛ (...ni)<sub>2</sub>.
- well built *adj.* kakana(a), *see:* ka<sub>2</sub>.
- well hole *n.* izɔ'ɛɛ(ɛ).
- well water *n.* izɔ'i.
- well-known *adj.* tɔnadi, *see:* tɔ.
- west *adv.* itɔkɛma, *see:* itɔkɛ(ɛ).
- West African bamboo *n.* kakaranda.
- West African ebony *n.* nɛbɛ(ɛ).
- West African Gum Copal *n.* gbēne.
- wet *adj.* butu.
- wet dream *n.* baraga(a).
- wet dream (have) *vi.* baragake.
- wether *n.* tambu ka wò sɔtɔbɔ, *see:* tambu.
- wet/rainy season *adv.* bɔrɔkɛ, *see:* bɔrɔkɛ(ɛ);  
*n.* bɔrɔkɛ(ɛ).
- what *cnj.* laaka;  
*pro.* bɔ.
- whatever *cnj.* laaka.
- wheel *n.* gere.
- when *adv.* di kpaci, *see:* di<sub>1</sub>;  
*cnj.* ka<sub>1</sub> (1).
- when (PRF or IMPRF) *ptcl.* nàa (1).
- whenever *cnj.* waateka.
- where? *adv.* maa.
- wherever *adv.* kpatapai.
- whether *cnj.* koo<sub>1</sub>.
- which? *adj.* kpaci.
- while *cnj.* hari (3).

while very dark

wire trap

while very dark *adv.* guciguciizɔ.

whip *n.* ifɛɛɛ<sub>1</sub>.

whirlwind *n.* sagara utu, *see:* sagara.

whisper *vi.* yākūkūfi.

whistle *n.* pipi;  
*vi.* suufɛ̃.

white *adj.* fu(u);  
*padj.* fu;  
*padj.* fu, *see:* fu(u);  
*ptcl.* -fu, *see:* fu(u).

white man *n.* anasara;  
*n.* shɛfu(u), *see:* shɛ(ɛ).

white robe wearer *n.* gōbishesfukada.

white tailed mongoose *n.* budari fu(u), *see:*  
budari.

white-bellied hedgehog *n.* bushia(a).

white-faced whistling duck *n.*  
lahoolukoko(o).

whiten *vt.* fuuke.

white-throated francolin *n.* alkporodajɪn.

who? *n.* dí.

who *pro.* ka<sub>1</sub>.

whole *adj.* kuguru.

whole (world) *adj.* bumbu.

wholeheartedness *n.* zūndu(u).

why *adv.* bɔyāaji.

wickedness *n.* vānike(ɛ), *see:* vāni;  
*n.* vānikena(a), *see:* vānike;  
*n.* yā vāni, *see:* yā;  
*n.* yāvānikena(a), *see:* yāvānike.

wide *padj.* guna, *see:* gu.

widow *n.* gyāa.

widower *n.* gyāa.

widow's clothes *n.* gyāake'asuna.

wife *n.* nɛ(ɛ).

wild *adj.* za(a).

wild cassada *n.* huri'ura.

wild cat *n.* musu<sub>2</sub> (1).

wild custard apple *n.* gbānda.

wild date palm *n.* aala;  
*n.* sāgiri.

wild olive *n.* lobiātɛ̃.

wilderness *n.* gangani, *see:* ganga.

will *n.* wina(a) (2), *see:* wi ...ji;  
*n.* zūnwina(a).

willing (be) *vi.* wi ...ji;  
*vi.* wiji, *see:* wi ...ji.

willingness *n.* wina(a) (1), *see:* wi ...ji.

will-writer *n.* tubutakadakeda.

win *vt.* bi<sub>2</sub> (1).

win gamble/vote *vt.* caca bi, *see:* caca.

win wrestle *vi.* dēnebi.

wind *n.* utu;  
*vt.* fɛ̃fɛ̃.

wind on headpad *vt.* min hēhɛ̃, *see:* min.

window *n.* foro;  
*n.* horo;  
*n.* taaga.

wine *n.* inabi'i.

wine waiter *n.* inabi'ibɔda.

winepress *n.* inabi'ifɛ̃gu.

wing *n.* shīn<sub>2</sub>.

winged *adj.* shīnnadi, *see:* shīn<sub>2</sub>.

winning favour of *n.* werɛwana(a), *see:*  
werɛwabadi.

winnow *vt.* leleke.

winnowing tray *n.* kūkperɛ.

winter thorn *n.* yerɛfu(u), *see:* yerɛ(ɛ).

wipe *vt.* wara.

wipe sweat *vt.* yɔɔɔ wara, *see:* yɔɔɔ.

wire net *n.* sasaga.

wire (telephone) *n.* waya.

wire trap *n.* guru<sub>2</sub>;  
*n.* tantabita.

wisdom *n.* dabali.  
 wise person *n.* dabalnadi, *see:* dabali.  
 wish *n.* gara(a).  
 witch *n.* buna(a).  
 witchcraft *n.* gũkɔtekena(a).  
 with *conj.* kũni ...zɔ.  
 with foot *adv.* gbɛzɔ.  
 with hands folded *padj.* ɔkpana, *see:* ɔkpa  
 ...ji.  
 withdraw consent from *vi.* lɛbɔ ...lu (2).  
 (with)draw (knife, sword) *vt.* us̄.  
 without *post.* badi.  
 without corners *adj.* kũsũbadi, *see:* kũsũ.  
 without expectation *padj.* zũnkabadi, *see:*  
 zũnka.  
 without hardship *adv.* taabidɔbadi.  
 without hearing/understanding *padj.* mabadi,  
*see:* ma<sub>2</sub>.  
 without meat *adj.* sabu.  
 without objection/asking questions *adv.*  
 yālalunaa badi, *see:* yālalu ...ma.  
 without seeing *adv.* fɔkanwabadi.  
 without seeing/perceiving *adv.* wabadi, *see:*  
 wa.  
 without warning/stopping *adv.* ducɛnaa  
 badi, *see:* ducɛ.  
 witness *vi.* sheedukɛ.  
 witness (person) *n.* sheedukɛda, *see:*  
 sheedukɛ.  
 witness (statement) *n.* sheedukɛdake(ɛ), *see:*  
 sheedukɛ.  
 woe *intj.* kaito;  
*intj.* waiyoo.  
 woman *n.* nɛgũ.  
 woman in birth pains *n.* ni'l'azukɛda.  
 womaniser *n.* nenatɔda.  
 womb *n.* s̄nɔ(ɔ) (1).

wonder *n.* dabodabo;  
*n.* mamaaki.  
 wonderful *adj.* mamaakinadi, *see:* mamaaki.  
 wonder/magic do *vi.* dabodaboke.  
 wonder-worker *n.* dabodabokɛda, *see:*  
 dabodaboke.  
 wonder-working *n.* mamaakikɛna(a), *see:*  
 mamaakikɛ ...ni.  
 wood *n.* akɔ.  
 wood-carver *n.* shekpada, *see:* shekpa.  
 wooden box *n.* adaka.  
 wooden cross *n.* akɔgaaru.  
 wooden handle *n.* akɔba.  
 wooden idol *n.* ji'akɔ.  
 woodworker *n.* shekɛ<sub>1</sub>.  
 wool *n.* tambu kākā, *see:* tambu.  
 word *n.* yā.  
 word of comfort/encouragement *n.*  
 zũn'ɛnayā, *see:* zũn'ɛ ...ni.  
 word of salvation *n.* lefũlinayā, *see:* lefũli;  
*n.* mishiyā, *see:* miishi.  
 word of wisdom *n.* yāfayanadi, *see:*  
 yāfayabadi.  
 work *n.* dikina(a);  
*n.* dīn;  
*vi.* dikinake.  
 work of hands *n.* ɔgbɛɛ.  
 work one's fingers to the bone *vt.* ɔyɛɛ  
 gbāgbā ...ma, *see:* ɔyɛɛ.  
 worker *n.* dīnni, *see:* dīn.  
 working ox *n.* dī jifakɛda, *see:* dī(i).  
 workplace *n/adv.* dikinakegu, *see:* dikinake.  
 world *n.* dunia.  
 worn *adj.* yɔrɔna(a), *see:* yɔrɔ.  
 worry *n.* biti.  
 worship *n.* shinshina(a), *see:* shishi;  
*n.* tɔshitɛna(a);

worship (of God)

yonder

*vi.* dogalake ...ma;

*vi.* ginaluke ...ma;

*vt.* tɔ shite, *see:* tɔ.

worship (of God) *n.* ladutɔshitena(a).

worship regulation *n.* ladutɔshiteyã, *see:*  
ladutɔshitena(a).

worship spirits *vi.* dɔmaake.

worshiper *n.* wotukeda, *see:* wotuke (...ma).

worshipper *n.* shishida (2), *see:* shishi.

worthy *adj.* gbītã.

worthy (be) *vi.* buru<sub>1</sub>.

wound *n.* bɔbũnu;

*n.* bɔgbɛɛ;

*n.* mara.

wounded (be) *vi.* marake.

woven grass door *n.* jeretagi(i).

woven mat *n.* tã, *see:* tã.

wrath *n.* zũmfuda(a).

wrestle *n.* dɛne;

*n.* dɛnebuna(a), *see:* dɛnebu;

*vi.* dɛnebu.

wrestler *n.* dɛnebuda, *see:* dɛnebu.

wrestling *n.* dɛnebuna(a), *see:* dɛnebu.

wriggling *ideo.* yɔ̄gɔ̄yɔ̄gɔ̄.

wrinkle *n.* sugukpana(a), *see:* sugukpa;

*n.* takurewa;

*vi.* sugukpa;

*vi.* takurewake.

wrist *n.* ɔlɔkɔ.

wrist bone *n.* ɔwɛɛ.

wrist watch *n.* agogo.

write *vi.* takadakẽ;

*vt.* kẽ.

write letter *vt.* tira kẽ ...ni, *see:* tira.

write with finger *vi.* ɔgbɛkẽ ...ma.

writer *n.* takadakẽda, *see:* takadakẽ.

writing *n.* ɔgbɛɛ.

writing tablet *n.* allo (2).

written *adj.* kɛna, *see:* kẽ.

wrong understanding *n.* yãjeredɔnabadi, *see:*  
yãjeredɔna(a).

wrongdoer *n.* fɔvãnikeda, *see:* fɔvãnike.

wrongdoing *n.* fɔvãnikena(a), *see:* fɔvãnike.

## Y - y

yam *n.* á(a).

yam hill *n.* akuru.

yard *n.* kwaace.

Yauri *n.* Yawiri.

yawn *vi.* iwehake.

year *cn.* wɛ̀, *see:* wɛ̀(ɛ);

*n.* wɛ̀(ɛ).

year before last *adv.* kori kɛ̀, *see:* kori.

yeast *n.* fɔ'eshena'ijẽ.

yellow *adj.* kɔ̄nɔ'i.

yellow fever *n.* kpatage(ɛ).

yellow oleander *n.* ninagoru ninaboro, *see:*  
ninagoro.

yellow penduline tit *n.* korɔ(ɔ).

yellow-billed kite *n.* kpɛɛ(ɛ) (1).

yellow-fronted canary *n.* kanari.

yellow-shouldered whydah *n.*  
idɔ̄ɔ̄sunke'imɔ̄nɔ̄lu.

yes *intj.* ee;

*intj.* ii<sub>2</sub>;

*intj.* mm;

*intj.* nn.

yesterday *n/adv.* guma.

yet *adv.* gĩna.

yoke (of ox) *n.* zunku.

yonder *adj.* lele(e), *see:* lele;



1s.SBJ.CONT *pro. màgũ, see: mà<sub>1</sub>.*1s.SBJ.NEG *pro. màba, see: mà<sub>1</sub>.*1s.SBJ.CONT.NEG *pro. màbagũ, see: mà<sub>1</sub>.*1s.UNAC *pro. maci, see: mà<sub>1</sub>.*


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**2**
2p.APPO *pro. aninɔ, see: a<sub>1</sub>;*  
*pro. ani(nɔ).*2s.HAB.COND *pro. nnata, see: n.*2p.Factual.COND *pro. ana, see: a<sub>1</sub>.*2s.HAB.CONT *pro. ntagũ, see: n.*2p.Factual.COND.NEG *pro. anaaci, see: a<sub>1</sub>.*2s.HAB.NEG *pro. mbata;*2p.HAB *pro. ata, see: a<sub>1</sub>.**pro. mbata, see: n;*2p.HAB.NEG *pro. abata, see: a<sub>1</sub>.**pro. nibata.*2p.IMPRF *pro. á<sub>2</sub>.*2s.Imperative *pro. ò.*2p.IMPRF.CONT *pro. águã, see: á<sub>2</sub>.*2s.IMPRF *pro. í;*2p.IMPRF.CONT.NEG *pro. ábagũa, see: á<sub>2</sub>.**pro. nda, see: í.*2p.IMPRF.NEG *pro. ába, see: á<sub>2</sub>.*2s.IMPRF.CONT *pro. ngũa, see: í.*2p.OBJ *pro. a<sub>1</sub>.*2s.IMPRF.CONT.NEG *pro. mbagũa, see: íba.*2p.POSS *pro. a<sub>1</sub>.*2s.IMPRF.NEG *pro. íba.*2p.PRF *pro. a<sub>1</sub>.*2s.OBJ *pro. n.*2p.PROG *pro. ábi, see: á<sub>2</sub>.*2s.POSS *pro. n.*2p.PROG.COND *pro. anaabi, see: á<sub>2</sub>.*2s.PRF *pro. n.*2p.PROG.COND.NEG *pro. ánaabai, see: á<sub>2</sub>.*2s.PROG *pro. mbi, see: íba.*2p.PROG.NEG *pro. ábai, see: á<sub>2</sub>.*2s.PROG.COND *pro. nnaabi, see: í.*2p.Remote.COND *pro. anaa, see: a<sub>1</sub>.*2s.PROG.COND.NEG *pro. nnaabai, see: í.*2p.Remote.COND.NEG *pro. anaaba, see: a<sub>1</sub>.*2s.PROG.NEG *pro. mbai, see: íba.*2p.SBJ *pro. à<sub>2</sub>.*2s.Remote.COND *pro. nnaa, see: í.*2p.SBJ.CONT *pro. àgũ, see: à<sub>2</sub>.*2s.Remote.COND.NEG *pro. nnaaba, see: í.*2p.SBJ.CONT.NEG *pro. àbagũ, see: à<sub>2</sub>.*2s.SBJ *pro. ò.*2p.SBJ.NEG *pro. àba, see: à<sub>2</sub>.*2s.SBJ.CONT *pro. òngũ, see: ò.*2p.UNAC *pro. aci, see: a<sub>1</sub>.*2s.SBJ.CONT.NEG *pro. òmbagũ, see: òmba.*2s.APPO *pro. nni.*2s.SBJ.NEG *pro. òmba.*2s.Factual.COND *pro. nna, see: n.*2s.UNAC *pro. nci, see: n.*2s.HAB *pro. nta, see: n.*2s.UNAC.COND *pro. nnaaci, see: í.*


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**3**
3indef.Factual.COND *pro. wòna (1), see:*  
*wò<sub>2</sub>.*3indef.Factual.COND.NEG *pro. wònaaci,*  
*see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*3indef.HAB *pro. wòta, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*



3indef.HAB.COND *pro. wònata, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.HAB.NEG *n. wòbata, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.IMPRF *pro. wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.IMPRF.CONT *pro. wògūa, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.IMPRF.CONT.NEG *pro. wòbagūa, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.IMPRF.NEG *pro. wòba, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.PRF *pro. wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.PROG *pro. wòbi, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.PROG.COND *pro. wònaabi, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.PROG.COND.NEG *pro. wònabai, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.PROG.NEG *pro. wòbai, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.Remote.COND *pro. wònaa, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.Remote.COND.NEG *pro. wònaaba, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.SBJ *pro. wò<sub>2</sub>;*  
*pro. wòna (1), see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.SBJ.CONT *pro. wònagū, see: wò<sub>2</sub>;*  
*pro. wònagū, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.SBJ.CONT.NEG *pro. wònabagū, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.SBJ.NEG *pro. wònaba, see: wò<sub>2</sub>;*  
*pro. wònaba, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3indef.UNAC *pro. wòci, see: wò<sub>2</sub>.*  
 3p.APPO *pro. àninɔ, see: à<sub>1</sub>;*  
*pro. àa;*  
*pro. àni(nɔ).*  
 3p.Factual.COND *pro. àna, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.Factual.COND.NEG *pro. ànaaci, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.HAB *pro. àta, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.HAB.NEG *pro. àbata, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.IMPRF *pro. à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.IMPRF.CONT *pro. àgūa, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.IMPRF.CONT.NEG *pro. àbagūa, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.IMPRF.NEG *pro. àba, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.LOG.APPO *pro. nnɔ (1);*

*pro. nnɔni(nɔ).*  
 3p.LOG.Factual.COND *pro. nnɔna, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.Factual.COND.NEG *pro. nnɔnaaci, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.HAB *pro. nnɔta, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.HAB.NEG *pro. nnɔbata, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.IMPRF *pro. nnɔ (1).*  
 3p.LOG.IMPRF.CONT *pro. nnɔgūa, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.IMPRF.CONT.NEG *pro. nnɔbagūa, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.IMPRF.NEG *pro. nnɔba, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.OBJ *pro. nnɔ (1).*  
 3p.LOG.POSS *pro. nnɔ (1).*  
 3p.LOG.PRF *pro. nnɔ (1);*  
*pro. nnɔci, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.PROG *pro. nnɔbi, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.PROG.COND *pro. nnɔnaabi, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.PROG.COND.NEG *pro. nnɔnaabai, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.PROG.NEG *pro. nnɔbai, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.Remote.COND *pro. nnɔnaa, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.Remote.COND.NEG *pro. nnɔnaaba, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.SBJ *pro. nnɔna, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.SBJ.CONT *pro. nnɔnagū, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.LOG.SBJ.CONT.NEG *pro. nnɔnabagū, see: nnɔ.*  
 3p.OBJ *pro. à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.POSS *pro. à<sub>1</sub>;*  
*pro. an.*  
 3p.PRF *pro. à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.PROG *pro. àbi, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.PROG.COND *pro. ànaabi, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.PROG.COND.NEG *pro. ànaabai, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.PROG.NEG *pro. àbai, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*  
 3p.Remote.COND *pro. ànaa, see: à<sub>1</sub>.*

3p.Remote.COND.NEG *pro.* ànaaba, *see:* à<sub>1</sub>.  
 3p.SBJ *pro.* àna, *see:* à<sub>1</sub>.  
 3p.SBJ.CONT *pro.* ànagũ, *see:* à<sub>1</sub>.  
 3p.SBJ.CONT.NEG *pro.* ànabagũ, *see:* à<sub>1</sub>.  
 3p.SBJ.NEG *pro.* anaba, *see:* à<sub>1</sub>.  
 3p.UNAC *pro.* àci, *see:* à<sub>1</sub>.  
 3s.APPO *pro.* ini.  
 3s.BEN *pro.* -ini.  
 3s.Factual.COND *pro.* ina (1), *see:* ì.  
 3s.Factual.COND.NEG *pro.* inaaci, *see:* ì.  
 3s.HAB *pro.* ita, *see:* ì.  
 3s.HAB.NEG *pro.* ibata, *see:* ì.  
 3s.IMPRF *pro.* a<sub>2</sub>;  
     *pro.* ì.  
 3s.IMPRF.CONT *pro.* igũa, *see:* ì.  
 3s.IMPRF.CONT.NEG *pro.* ibagũa, *see:* ì.  
 3s.IMPRF.NEG *pro.* iba, *see:* ì.  
 3s.LOG.APPO *pro.* ani, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>;  
     *pro.* ani.  
 3s.LOG.Factual.COND *pro.* ana, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.HAB *pro.* ata, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.HAB.NEG *pro.* abata, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.IMPRF.CONT *pro.* agũa, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.IMPRF.NEG *pro.* aba, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.PRF *pro.* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.PROG *pro.* abi, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.PROG.COND *pro.* anaabi, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.PROG.COND.NEG *pro.* anaabai, *see:*  
     a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.PROG.NEG *pro.* abai, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.Remote.COND *pro.* anaa, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.Remote.COND.NEG *pro.* anaaba, *see:*  
     a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.SBJ *pro.* ana, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.SBJ.CONT *pro.* anagũ, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.SBJ.CONT.NEG *pro.* anabagũ, *see:*

a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.SBJ.NEG *pro.* anaba, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>;  
     *pro.* nnɔba, *see:* nnɔ.  
 3s.LOG.STAT.NEG *pro.* abagũa, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.UNAC *pro.* aci, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.LOG.UNAC.COND *pro.* anaaci, *see:* a<sub>2</sub>.  
 3s.OBJ *pro.* a<sub>2</sub>;  
     *pro.* ì.  
 3s.POSS *pro.* a<sub>2</sub>;  
     *pro.* ì.  
 3s.PRF *pro.* ì.  
 3s.PROG *pro.* ibi, *see:* ì;  
     *pro.* ii<sub>1</sub>.  
 3s.PROG.COND *pro.* inaabi, *see:* ì.  
 3s.PROG.CONT.NEG *pro.* inaabai, *see:* ì.  
 3s.PROG.NEG *pro.* ibai, *see:* ì.  
 3s.Remote.COND *pro.* inaa, *see:* ì.  
 3s.Remote.COND.NEG *pro.* inaaba, *see:* ì.  
 3s.SBJ *pro.* a<sub>2</sub>;  
     *pro.* ina (1), *see:* ì.  
 3s.SBJ.CONT *pro.* inagũ, *see:* ì.  
 3s.SBJ.CONT.NEG *pro.* inabagũ, *see:* ì.  
 3s.SBJ.NEG *pro.* inaba, *see:* ì.  
 3s.UNAC *pro.* ici, *see:*

