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FULFULDE MADE EASY

A voyage to mastering fulfulde easily.

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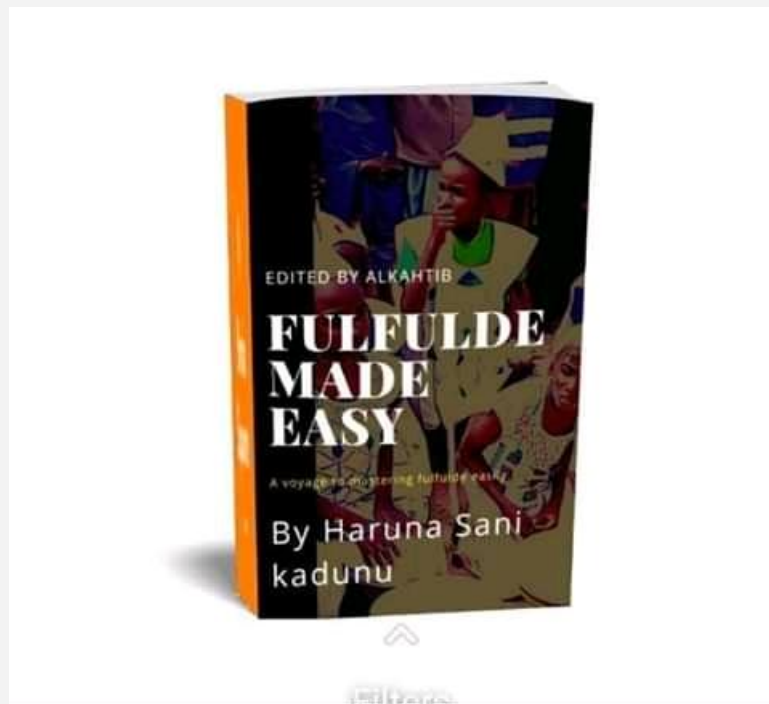
Introduction

This is a book on the Fulani language written by Arch. Haruna Sani Kadunu and edited by Muhammed Isa Dikko. This is the first in a series of books that will come your way.

It's written in simple Fulani that will easily engross the reader and take him or her on a journey.

Fulani language has lots of dialects, this is one of them. Enjoy the book.

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CHAPTER ONE

Fulfulde	English
ɗum	this
ɗuma	that
ɗo	here
haa to	there

Sentences:

ɖum mbaalu

ɖum mboju

ɖuma mbaalu

ɖuma mboju

Haa ɖo ɖereeji

Haa to Bindirgol

Do bacci jannginte

Haa to mawbe jangata

Duma puccu baleejun

English fulfulde

These = (be, ɖe, dini, ɖun, ndi)

Those = (dīya, dīma, dēma, dēnton)

Their = (maḅḅe, mu'un' mu'en muudūn, maaji, majji)

Them = (hanḅe, hanje, hanji)

You = (Ann, onon)

SENTENCES

Diya suudī haako dūn dī nyaako amin

Hanḅe gaddi mbaali dīma gan non dūm dī maḅḅe

Lamido Gumi e hoore mu'un waddi bacci di janngirde
nde

Ann jey mawdi din hambe jey famari din

suudi = rooms

haako = leaf

mbaali = sheeps

mawdi = big ones

famari = small ones

Exercise

1. Form your sentences with the above words.

2. Complete these sentences with the appropriate words.

A. haa dō or has to

1.----- Janngirde-----Julirde

2.----- dereji-----bindirgol

3.----- korowal-----lennguru

4.-----allohal----- dettere

5.-----mllumjo----dānsandaajo

B. dūn or dūma

1. -----pccu ɓaleejun,---- mbodeejun

2. --- mbaalu --- mbeewu

3. ----- nagge,---- puccu

4. ---- gertogal----- jaawngal

5.--- goggirdun --- omtirdun

COUNTING FROM 1-10

S/N	Fulfulde	English	Number
1	go'o	one	1
2	ɗiɗi	two	2
3	tati	three	3
4	nayi	four	4
5	jowi	five	5
6	jowego	six	6
7	jowediɗi	seven	7
8	jowetati	eight	8
9	jowenayi	nine	9
10	sappo	ten	10

CHAPTER TWO

A.Days of the week

Fulfulde	English
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Alad	Sunday
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Altine	Monday
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Salaasa	Tuesday
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Alarba	Wednesday
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Alhamiisa	Thursday
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Mawnde	Friday
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Asawe	Saturday
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B. Days of a week

S/N	Fulfulde	English	
1	yeesi keenya	day before yesterday	
2	kenya	yesterday	
3	haande	today	
4	jaango	tomorrow	
5	faɓɓi jaango	next tomorrow	
6	faɓɓiti jaango	next two days	
7	faɓɓitiiti	next three days	

TWELVE MONTHS OF A YEAR

S/N	Fulfulde	English	
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1	Haaramdeeru aranndu	January
2	Haaramdeeru difawru	February
3	Bannjaaru aranndu	March
4	Bannjaaru difawru	April
5	Gaaniiru arannderu	May
6	Gaaniiru difawru	June
7	Ndu maube	July
8	Jaw-jawngel	August
9	Suumayeeru	September
10	Juldaandu	October
11	Suutoraandu	November
12	Layhaandu	December

EXERCISE ONE

Fulfulde English

1.----- Today

2.heessi keenya -----

3.----- yesterday

4.fabbi jaango -----

5.heessiti keenya -----

Counting from 11-20

S/N	Fulfulde	English	N
1	Sappo e go'o	Eleven	11
2	Sappo e didi	Twelve	12

3	Sappo e tati	Thirteen	13
4	Sappo e nayi	Fourteen	14
5	Sappo e jowi	Fifteen	15
6	Sappo e jowego	Sixteen	16
7	Sappo e jowedidi	Seventeen	17
8	Sappo e jowetati	Eighteen	18
9	Sappo e jowenayi	Nineteen	19
10	Sappandē didi	Twenty	20

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CHAPTER THREE

CONVERSATION

At the school

Hashim "salamun alikum"

Headmaster"wa'alaikum salam,nattoy, dūn moye ? "

Hashim "dūn Hashim, 6ii ardo langai"

Head master "haa dō koroal, joda"

Hashim "miyetti ma, Allah rayne, baccel ann gaddumi
haa janngirde aran"

Head master "noye duubi maako ? "

Hashim "lutti lebbi jowi mo hewta duubi jewee dīdī"

Headmaster "haado ngol dereewol hebbin ngol den
ngartiraangol jaango subaka"

Hashim "deme goni nyalaade janngirde nden ? "

Head master "lutta asawe e alad der asawere"

Hashim "mi yettima, ma yawtake"

Head master "mi yetti mimma"

EXERCISE II

Re-write these conversations by filling the gaps
provided

1. Dun Hashim----- Langai
2. Haado----- joda
3. Baccel ann ----- janngirde
4. Lutti lebbi ----- mo hewta duubi-----

5. Nyalaade janngirde den ngoni:altine, ----, alarba,
alhamiisa e-----

6. Asawe e alad wala -----

New words

Fulfulde	English
dereeji	notebook
dettere	textbook
bindirgol	pen
janngirde	school
mallumjo	teacher
goggirdun	duster
alluhal	board
alli	chalk
lennguru	bell
leeso windugo	desk
baccel	student
mukaddam	headmaster
mukaaddima	headmistress

elto	education
andaal	knowledge
majjere	ignorance
wakkati	time

WORDS STUDY

NOUN NUMBERS

Singular	Plural
dereewol	dereeki
deftere	defte
bindirgol	bindirdi
janngirde	janngirde
mallumjo	mallum'en

goggirdun	goggirdi
alluhal	alluhaaje
alli	alliije
lennguru	lengi
leeso windugo leese bindirde	
baccel	bacci
andal	ande

Synonyms

S/N	Word	Synonyms
1	dereeji	defte/ngittiji
2	bacci	ɓikkoy/pukaraa'en
3	mallumjo	modibbo/mardo aldal
4	andal	faamu/ilmu
5	wakkati	saa'i

Antonyms

S/N	Word	Opposite
1	andal	soynde andal
2	modibbo	soydo andal
3	bacci	modibbe/mawdo

Counting from 21-30

S/	Fulfulde	English	N
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N			
1	Sappandē dīdī e go'o	Twenty one	21
2	Sappandē dīdī e dīdī	Twenty two	22
3	Sappandē dīdī e tati	Twenty three	23
4	Sappandē dīdī e nayi	Twenty four	24
5	Sappandē dīdī e jowi	Twenty five	25
6	Sappandē dīdī e jowego	Twenty six	26
7	Sappandē dīdī e	Twenty seven	27

	jowe didi		
8	Sappande didi e jowetati	Twenty eight	28
9	Sappande didi e jowe nayi	Twenty nine	29
10	Sappande tati	Thirty	30

CHAPTER FOUR

Pronouns in fulfulde

S/N	Fulfulde	English	Usage
1	min	I	min musa
2	ann	you	Ann e musa
3	mo	him/her	Mo hooti
4	mi	me	Mi binndi
5	enn	we	Min tefay

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Was it

Subject Object Possessive Reflexive

S/N	Subject	Object	Possessive	
1	mi	yan	min jey	ann
2	ann	maa	ann jey	maada
3	on	on	onon jey	moodon
4	mo	mo	hanko jey	maako
5	be	be	hanbe jey	maabe

Example:

- Min jey defte de. Dun de aan
- Ann hokko modibbo amin binndirgol ngol ? Ai hinaa dun ngol maada
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Example

Mi jangai deftere maa

A sukkoto haakon subaka

Mo noddini julde zuura

Min kootay wuro maɓɓe

Singular	Plural
min	minon
an	onon
hanko	hanɓe

CONVERSATION

At football stadium in Bauchi

Haadɔ Usman han bee ja'o ɓe jehii laaroyki fijirde
wikitores entaare e kano-pillers asawer saalinde.

Wattu ɓe jokki dammugal babal fijirde den:

Ja'o

"noye be jobirtee usuraaaje den ? "

Usman

"mi sekta dun jungo e jungo"

Ja'o

"noye be jobetee fuu neddo ? "

Usman

"dun temerre fuu neddo nastaydo"

Be tawii sukaaɓe jowo to dammuga ngal den jobi be
nasti der babal fijirde nden

Ja'o

"aan beye gidɗa nyaama fijirde nden ? "

Usman

"wikki gidmi"

Ja'o

"ko fofi sudda be?"

Usman

"E be buri waawuki jey"

Usman

"aan boo beye gidɗa?"

Ja'o

"Kano-pillers kidmi, gan e woodi suka fellere amin der maɓɓe"

Fijirde dartidii e ɗiɗe e go'o dow wikki nyaaminde

Exercise I

Use the appropriate pronoun from the above to complete each sentence below.

1. Dun fijirde ----- e Ja'o

(min/amin/hanko)

2. ----- e Usman yaadi laaroyki fijirde nden mi heɓaayi yaadu

(min/aan/hanko)

3 Sedɗa haɗi mo halka hoore----

(maako/maɓɓe/amin)

4. Mo waddanii ɓe ngeeloodi jowi ---- geeda

(ɓe/hamɓe/maɓɓe)

5. Kiitowo fijirde nde e wondi e ---- Jey 6e kibi no 6e ngidi
(6e/ham6e/ma66e)

New words

word	meaning
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teemerre	hundred
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nyama	win/score
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fijirde	play/fixture
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babal fijirde	play ground
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jobol	payment
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usuraaje	fee
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kiitoowo	judge/referee
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dartidii	full time
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Exercise

1. Write the number found between ten and twenty.

2. Copy and complete

I) Sappo, cappandē dīdī----- teemerre

II) Teemerre, teemerde dīdī-----uzuneeree

Make your sentences with the following words

fijirde - kiitoowo - sappo - jowi

Counting from 31-40

S/N	Fulfulde	English	N
1	sappandē tati e go'o	thirty one	31
2	sappandē tati e dīdī	thirty two	32
3	sappandē tati e tati	thirty three	33
4	sappandē tati e nayi	thirty four	34

5	sappandɛ dɪdɪ e jowi	thirty five	35
6	sappandɛ dɪdɪ e jowego	thirty six	36
7	sappandɛ tatii e jowedɪdɪ	thirty seven	37
8	sappandɛ tatii e jowetati	thirty eight	38
9	sappandɛ tatii e jowenayi	thirty nine	39
10	sappandɛ nayi	fourty	40

CHAPTER FIVE

POSSESSION

Conversation

Students in the classroom

Mallumjo

"Mo Jey dereeji haa do ? "

Nasiru

"fun di an do"

Mallumjo

"Toye di Jameela ? "

Nasiru

"E di haa to dow lessa bindii"

Mallumjo

"hokkan haa basu maako do mi laaray kuude maako
saalide"

Nasiru

"mi sekta hande woni do"

Sa'du

"mi hokkayi kuude an saaliide min ma"

Mallumjo

"koye haduma hokkugo kenya?"

Sa'du

"mi heebyi warki janngirde kenya, mi hettanayi jey"

Mallumjo

"moye biidaaka?"

Sa'idu

"mi biika Haajara yottinanma"

Haajara

"barkaama, munnyita, mo hokkiyan lilal yejjirre

hadfiyan""

Mallumjo

"hokkandi do"

Bacci

"min gettima barkaama"

Words used as possession in the conversation

Jey; as in "hanko jey dereeji"

"mo jey dereeji haa do?"

"min jey di"

"hanbe jey de"

dun; as in " dun dereeji maako"

"dun di maako"

"dun di an"

"dun de mabbe"

Now, you can form your sentences with

Jey - dun

Exercise

A. Fill in the blank spaces with either "ngeldon" or "ngandon"

1. Nagga innawa----- rimi keccel----

2. Modibbel ndewel----- hollitimin chemistry der
sura-----

3. Ndiyanwa---- mo yarni mbaalel-----

B. Fill in the blank spaces with either ṅgelton or ṅganton.

1. Nyaako wardi e----- puccel, Aminu boo han wardi e----- babba

2. Onton moodibbo darido haade----- suura han wardi e----- mootel

3. A andi dottiwa----ṅga waare raneere hanga teerata e ----- surbayel sippoyel kosan

New words

Sippoyel - raneere - dottiwa - donga - lessa - dettere

WORDS

MEANS

andireego = popularly known as

sakiraabe = brothers

Counting from 41-50

S/N	Fulfulde	English	N
1	sappandɛ nayi e go'o	fourty one	41
2	sappandɛ nayi e ɗiɗi	forty two	42
3	sappandɛ nayi e tati	forty three	43
4	sappandɛ nayi e nayi	forty four	44
5	sappandɛ nayi e jowi	forty five	45
6	sappandɛ nayi e jowego	forty six	46

7	sappandē nayi e jowedidi	forty seven	47
8	sappandē nayi e jowetati	forty eight	48
9	sappandē nayi e jowenayi	forty nine	49
10	sappandē jowi	fifty	50

CHAPTER SIX

hoore	head
nofru	ear
yiitere	eye
hineere	nose

nyinndere	tooth
tondu	lip
junngo	hand
kosngal	leg
reedu	stomach
ɓawo	back
enndu	breast
foobre	buttock

Read the following passage

Hoore wani nedɗo, to nde fe'iitama yonki timmi fuu.

Noppi, gite, nyii'ye, denngal, honduko e kinal fuu der
hoore ɗisii

Honduko han ɓurkii beldu, kaadufun, lammudu.

Dengal e der honduko, e wallita mboliide en ngewtida e
maangal nde fini fuu

Bernde bo ha der gabaare woni hakkundere becce

Bernde are bandu fuu, to nde boodi bandu boodi, to nde
lalli bo bandu lalli

Teteki e ko nandi e mun der reedu digoni, hanji nyandu
e yardu nastirta reedu the burtina kejj

Exercise

Fill in the blank spaces as used in the passage above

1. Tetekki der.....tawete

(reedu/hoore)

2. Noppi e kuutinire gan

(narrude/nyarrude)

3. Dengal e wallita.....

(doggudu/mboliide)

4. Noppi e gite e der.....

(reedu/hoore)

5. E doggira.....

(juude/koyde)

6. Min mbambira.....

(baawo/hoore)

7.E min 'yakka kusel e.....

(noppi/'yii'ye)

8.Pucci e doggira.....

(koppi/koyde)

9.andi beldun e lammudun

(reedu/honduku)

10. Mi hocci dereeji e

(baawo/jungo)

NOUN NUMBER

SINGULAR	PLURAL
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hoore	ko'e
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hitere	gite
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denngal	delle
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nofru	noppi
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yiire	yii'ye
reedu	ndeedi
kinal	kine
kosngal	Kosde
endu	Endi
baawo	baawe
foobre	poobe

New Words

Neddo - tetekki - beldun kaadudun - lammudun
- tagu

CHAPTER SEVEN

Fulfulde	English
nder.	in
dow	On/Up

les	Under
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Haade	Near
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MUMINTEEJI (NDABBAJI)

DOMESTIC ANIMAL

Fulfulde	English
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nagge	cow
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mbaala	sheep
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njawdiri	rm
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mbe'wa	goat
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puccu	horse
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ngeelooba	camel
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wamnde	donkey
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boosaaru	Dog
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fatuuuru	Cat
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Sentence formation

Nagge e dura der maayo, mbaala e dari Do
dow tapaare.

Kutiiru e dogga der ledde, be'ewa e dura haade mbeela
Laamide e Dow puccu, sarwaandu e Dow nagge
ngeelooba e les lekki, mbe'ewa e haade mbeela

DIWRI LADDE

Wild animals

S/N	Fulfulde	English
1	nyiiwa	elephant
2	janndimeeru	buffalo

3	waandu	monkey
4	fowru	hyena
5	njagaawa	lion
6	cirgu	leopard
7	doomru	rat
8	mboodi	snake
9	doonyorgal	Chameleon
10	Tireewa	Giraffe
11	mboju	hare

SOLLI

POULTRY

Fulfulde	English
gertogal	hen
jawngal	fowl
caygal	duck
tolotolo	turkey
dutal	eagle
Jigaawal	vulture
dawngal	crow
buskiiru	owl
foonndu	dove

Gender in Fulfulde

S/N	Masculine (gordɪ)	Feminine (dewi)	Collective (ornde)
1	ngaari	negge	na'i
2	njawdiri	mbaala	mbaali
3	damdiri	be'ewa	be'eji

4	ngelooba	naagawa	ngeelodi
5	puccu	puccu	pucci
6	wamde	wamde	bndi
7	waandu	waandu	baadi
8	nyiiwa	nyiiwa	nyiibi

Exercise

Fill the blank space as shown below. One is done for you

nagge nagga mbeegel

Mbaalu mbaala -----

puccu ----- puccel

----- ngertooga ngertogel

Fowru Fowa -----

CHAPTER EIGHT

Comprehension

Our visit to Maijuju River

Yaaltoyki amin maayo Maijuju

Mallumjo amin der njangirde njange, dure, demee adi
min yaaltoyki raaroygo maayo Maijuju e bacci koridĩ
njangirde amin nden.

Nde min jokki ndaande maango, min tawi na'ewo fulbe
e jarne wakkati juura.

Sukaabe jaaranko'en, hausako'en hawti e runde'e e
laɓɓina haade. Daga fuuna bo, dɒn rewbe e curba'en
laɓɓina haa ton

Min taawi wobbe e yiino der ndiyan ɗan. Minon ma
min nasti maayo ngon, ndiyan waddiyan haado gabaare
an e mi raɓɓita salkugo nako godɗo suka njaarankeejo
reginiyan der koombowal maako

Min gi'ii norji e fukki wuttudu maajan nangoobe liɗɗi e
be'ita booromji wobbe bo e kuutinira ngalumji der
maajan.

Words from the passage

Word	meaning
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yaaltayki	visit
Maayo	river
njange	read
demee	farm
duree	rear
na'ewo	cattle
laɓɓinol	to wash clothes
jaaranko'en	jarawa/tribe
yiino	swim
fuuna	due east
ndiyan	water
gabaare	chest
salkugo	about to die
regini	crossing river
norji	crocodiles
lidɗi	fish
ngalumji	hooks
koombowal	canoe

booromji traps

Sentences

Dun Musa soodana koombooje dīdī haa ton

E mo huutinira ngalumji ngan nanguki norji naa ngan
liddi

Mo nasi salkugo der maayo ngan koombowal maako

Form your sentences with the following words

Exercise

1.ndiyan - gabaare - lingu - yiino - fuua

2. Copy and complete the following sentences with the
appropriate words or phrases

a. Min tawi na'ewo fulbe e jarne -----

(jemma/baawo juura)

b. Rewbe e curba'en e labbina ----- maayo ngon

(der/dow)

c.

CHAPTER NINE

COMPRENSION

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

KOGGAL FULBE

Rowani ceedu, Deelu kore Habane danyi bingel gorel e
be dow laawol seedoygo lesdi kamaru.

Den ɓe kodi haadon gan deendeertirk nyalaande koggal.
Asaweere ko yaltoy, leyol howri gan noddugo indeere
keccel ngel.

Habane humpiti har to woddi, wobbe ngaroy e koyde,
wobbe e tokkoy bandi.

Habane e sakiraabe mun ɓe hirsi mboftirdi didi e
njawdiri go,o gan koggal ngal. Nayeebe e sukaabe defi
kusel ngel gan hoore maɓbe den meksani hobbe worbe
e rewbe.

Keccel ngel noddanama innde subaka aran Dauda.

Questions

1. No innde keccel Deelu ?
2. Der balde noye keccel ngel noddana inde ?
3. Noye duubi keccel ngel ?
4. Moye woni nyaako keccel ngel ?

WORDS STUDY

Study the following words as used in the passage.

Word in ful.	Meaning
Rowani	Last year
Keccel	newborn baby
duubi	Years
Laawol	Journey
kusel	meat
mbuftirdi	bulls
deendeentirki	Waiting
innde	naming ceremony
subaka	early morning

Exercise 2

Use the appropriate word to fill in the blank spaces provided. Number one is done for you.

1. Deelu wanta Haɓane

(Goroo/kore.) The correct word here is kore.

2. Min ceendanama..... nagge

(keccel/kusel)

3. Nyaako amin dawani hoggo daga.....

(alaasara/subaka)

4. Zainab hikka hewti..... sappo. (duubi/dungu)

5. Naairu andini wiiki e dow..... njaango.

(lekki/laawol)

OPPOSITE IN MEANING

Study the following words

Word	Opposite
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Rowani	Hikka
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jawdiri	Nbaalu
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Nyaako	Bidfo
gorko	Debbo
gaari	Nagge
Suka	Surbaajo
Dungu	Seedu
Njemma	Nyalooma
fuuna	hirna
fumbina	woyla

Exercise 3

Use the right word to complete each sentence.

1. Rowani deme boodi naa bono..... (rowani/hikka)
2. Onton.....bodeejo wani kore ontan.....baleejo
(suka/debbo)

CHAPTER TEN

NDIYAN

Ndiyan e der kuuje mawde yonkiji yidi baawo henndu.

Marbe anndal bulbulal anndini diyan hewti feccal 75
der 100 lesdi ndi tagaabe joodi dow mayri hawti e balli
mu'een.

Ndiyan e hebe ta date toboojan, juggi, beeli, e bulli.

Ndiyan e huutinire fellere diina, defu jarnol, jarol e
huundeji fal. E dan huutinire gan maadi gure,
saraakiikuuji e sana'aaji. Deme duungu e ceedu fuu
ndiya huutinire do

Questions

1. Koye woni kimmitiniidun ndiyan to yonkiji ?
2. Hiista felleji ndiyan hebete

3. Koye buri ndiyan kimmitiniidun e yonki ?

Choose the correct answer as used in the passage letter
A to C

1. E dun heba ndiyan to

A. Beeli

B. Kiitordi

C. Gese

2. Ndiyan hewti feccal banndu neddo

A. 34/100

B. 75/100

C. 80/100

3. E dun labbinira

A. Cobbal

B. Ndiyan

C. Kosan

Words study (WORDS USED IN THE PASSAGE)

Word	Meaning
ḡanndu	body
Lesdi	Earth/country
ḡate	Ways
toboojan	rain water
ḡulli	Wells
jarnol	Irrigation/animals
Maadi	Building
ḡure	Houses
deme	Cultivations
ḡese	Farms
beela	Derm

Exercise 5

Find the plurals of the following nouns

ḡanndu

cobbal

kosan

Provide the singular of these words

sure

gese

date

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