

## (A) Let That Mongo! (1/3) [5 Points]

Mongo (also known as Nkundo or Lomongo) is a Bantu language spoken by the Mongo Peoples of the central Democratic Republic of the Congo. Presently, there are around 400,000 native speakers spread out over a large area around the Congo River.

Below is a table showing a few verb conjugations in Lomongo. [d͡ʒ] is a consonant pronounced like the [j] in the English word *jump*. [ŋ] is a consonant pronounced like the [ng] at the end of the English word *sing*.

<i>Imperative</i>	<i>2nd singular</i>	<i>3rd singular</i>	<i>3rd plural</i>	<i>English</i>
bota	oota	aota	baota	‘beget’ (to give rise to; to bring about)
kamba	okamba	akamba	bakamba	‘work’
imed͡ʒa	wimed͡ʒa	imed͡ʒa	bimed͡ʒa	‘consent’
usa	wusa	usa	busa	‘throw’
bata	oata	aata	baata	‘get’
ɛna	wɛna	ɛna	bɛna	‘see’
isa	wisa	isa	bisa	‘hide’
d͡ʒila	od͡ʒila	ad͡ʒila	bad͡ʒila	‘wait’
ina	wina	ina	bina	‘hate’
bina	oina	aina	baina	‘dance’
asa	wasas	asa	basas	‘search’
sanga	osanga	asanga	basanga	‘say’



## (A) Let That Mongo! (2/3)

**A1.** Explain how these Mongo verb forms work by filling in the blanks below. Write your answers in the table at the bottom of the page.

Each Mongo verb has a root form. The 4 verb forms shown here are formed by adding a prefix before the root form. The prefix for the imperative form is \_\_\_\_(1)\_\_\_\_, the prefix for the 2nd singular form is \_\_\_\_(2)\_\_\_\_, the prefix for the 3rd singular form is \_\_\_\_(3)\_\_\_\_, and the prefix for the 3rd plural form is \_\_\_\_(4)\_\_\_\_. (Note that some of these prefixes may be empty; to note this, write the symbol  $\emptyset$ ).

However, we are not done yet: to get the final verb form, we must apply some sound change rules. The relevant rules are:

1. If there are two \_\_\_\_(5)\_\_\_\_, in a row, delete \_\_\_\_(6)\_\_\_\_.
2. Delete \_\_\_\_(7)\_\_\_\_ when it appears between two \_\_\_\_(8)\_\_\_\_.
3. Change \_\_\_\_(9)\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_(10)\_\_\_\_ when it appears before a \_\_\_\_(11)\_\_\_\_.

There is one final wrinkle: the order that these rules are applied in matters. The rules must be applied in this order: First apply rule \_\_\_\_(12)\_\_\_\_, then rule \_\_\_\_(13)\_\_\_\_, then rule \_\_\_\_(14)\_\_\_\_.

(1)		(8)	
(2)		(9)	
(3)		(10)	
(4)		(11)	
(5)		(12)	
(6)		(13)	
(7)		(14)	



## (A) Let That Mongo! (3/3)

A2. Fill in the blanks (1-19) in the table below.

<i>Imperative</i>	<i>2nd singular</i>	<i>3rd singular</i>	<i>3rd plural</i>	<i>English</i>
bakisa	(1)	(2)	(3)	'add'
(4)	wanda	(5)	(6)	'begin'
solola	(7)	(8)	basolola	'chat'
ponama	(9)	aponama	(10)	'elect'
(11)	oowa	(12)	(13)	'cure'
(14)	(15)	aalusa	(16)	'turn'
longa	(17)	(18)	(19)	'win'

