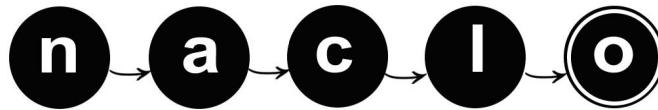


(N) Do I Care about Duikers? (1/3) [10 points]

Below are some nouns in Dagaare in their singular, plural, and interrogative forms, as well as their definitions. (The interrogative form is used to form questions.) Note that some entries have been left blank.

Singular	Plural	Interrogative	Definition
(a)	biri	bi-bo	<i>seed</i>
bɔŋɔ	bɔnni	bɔŋ-bo	<i>lizard</i>
boŋo	(b)	boŋ-bo	<i>donkey</i>
dɛrɛ	derrɪ	(c)	<i>ladder</i>
dunduli	dundulo	dundul-bo	<i>maggot</i>
(d)	(e)	folonfug-bo	<i>lung</i>
gbəbiri	gbəbie	gbəbi-bo	<i>toe</i>
gʊɔ	gʊri	gʊ-bo	<i>thorn</i>
gyili	gyile	gyil-bo	<i>xylophone</i>
(f)	(g)	ir-bo	<i>duiker</i>
ɪlɪ	ɪlɛ	ɪl-bo	<i>drum</i>
kpankpəŋbieli	kpankpəŋbiele	kpankpəŋbiel-bo	<i>elbow</i>
nimirɪ	nimie	nimi-bo	<i>eye</i>
nimisʊgɔ	nimisʊgrɪ	nimisʊg-bo	<i>face</i>
(h)	(i)	nɔtɪ-bo	<i>shoe</i>
nyagrɪ	nyaga	nyag-bo	<i>intestine</i>
(j)	(k)	ŋmar-bo	<i>the Moon</i>
pɪɛ	pɪrɪ	pɪ-bo	<i>roof</i>
(l)	pɔrɪ	pɔ-bo	<i>stomach</i>
sebiri	sebie	sebi-bo	<i>bee</i>
(m)	tannɪ	taŋ-bo	<i>mountain</i>
valeŋvʊɔ	valeŋvʊrɪ	valeŋvʊ-bo	<i>a kind of solitary wasp</i>
(n)	wəgrɪ	wəg-bo	<i>log</i>
(o)	(p)	wul-bo	<i>bamboo flute</i>
(q)	yaga	yag-bo	<i>cheek</i>



(N) Do I Care about Duikers? (2/3)

Notes on pronunciation:

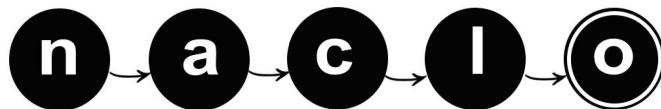
- /i/ is the high front unrounded vowel with advanced tongue root (like English *heat*).
- /ɪ/ is the high front unrounded vowel with unadvanced tongue root (like English *bit*).
- /e/ is the mid front unrounded vowel with advanced tongue root (like English *mate*).
- /ɛ/ is the mid front unrounded vowel with unadvanced tongue root (like English *bet*).
- /u/ is the high back rounded vowel with advanced tongue root (like English *but*).
- /ʊ/ is the high back rounded vowel with unadvanced tongue root (like English *hook*).
- /o/ is the mid back rounded vowel with advanced tongue root (like English *yonder*).
- /ɔ/ is the mid back rounded vowel with unadvanced tongue root (like English *caught*).
- /a/ is the low front unrounded vowel with unadvanced tongue root (like English *mark*).
- /ŋ/ is the velar nasal (like English *king*).
- /kp/ and /gb/ are consonants.

The words “high,” “mid,” “low,” “front,” and “back” in these notes refer to the position of the tongue in the mouth, and the words “rounded” and “unrounded” refer to the shape of the lips. “Velar” refers to a specific part of the roof of the mouth.

Although Dagaare is a tonal language, for simplicity all tones (as well as vowel length marks) have been omitted.

The Dagaare language is spoken by around 1.1 million Dagaaba people in Ghana and Burkina Faso. The Dagaaba are a farming people noted for their sophisticated music, usually performed in the form of xylophone (*gyil*) duets accompanied by drums (*iil*); another common form is solo melodies performed on bamboo flute (*wu/*). The duiker is a small antelope native to Sub-Saharan Africa famous for its antisocial nature. Magots are the larvae of flies, typically found in large groups on rotting organic material. The intestines (in humans, comprising the small intestine and the large intestine) are part of the digestive tract.

N1. Fill in the blanks (a-q) in the table on the previous page.



(N) Do I Care about Duikers? (3/3)

N2. Describe your observations about Dagaare nouns.

