




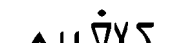
(H) N'ko, M'kay (1/3) [15 points]

The N'ko script was invented (or rediscovered, depending on sources) by Guinean Soulemanyne Kanté in 1949. Today, N'ko is still used to write Maninka, as well as Dyula and Bambaré, which are all languages from the Mande language family spoken across a range of West African nations: Burkina Faso, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Senegal, and Sierra Leone. These are all tone languages (ie, using pitch to determine the meaning of words), but the tones (which are usually indicated by diacritics) have been omitted in this problem, to make it simpler. 'ɔ' is a vowel pronounced like the 'o' in 'hot'.

The name of the script in N'ko, which means 'I speak', is , and its inventor's name is .

Below are 12 regional names given in transcription on the left and on the right are the corresponding names in N'ko but in a jumbled-up order. The information given under "Description" is just for your interest: it does not relate to the solution.

| | Name in transcription | Description |
|-----|-----------------------|--|
| 1. | Konakiri | Conakry – capital of Guinea |
| 2. | Kindia | town in Guinea |
| 3. | N'sérégbédé | city in Guinea |
| 4. | Soromaya | town in Guinea |
| 5. | Faranna | city in Guinea |
| 6. | Djigoué | town in Burkina Faso |
| 7. | Tomboutou | Timbuktu – city in Mali |
| 8. | Bisawo | Bissau – capital of Guinea-Bissau ¹ |
| 9. | Abidjan | city in Côte d'Ivoire |
| 10. | M'praeso | town in Ghana |
| 11. | Gbésoba | town in Guinea |
| 12. | Guekedou | city in Guinea |

| | Name in N'ko |
|----|---|
| A. |  |
| B. |  |
| C. |  |
| D. |  |
| E. |  |
| F. |  |
| G. |  |
| H. |  |
| I. |  |
| J. |  |
| K. |  |
| L. |  |

H1. Match up the names 1-12 with their N'ko equivalents A-L.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.



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H2. Write in N'ko script the following names:

| | Name in transcription | Description | N'ko |
|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| a. | Kodo Wari | the country Côte d'Ivoire | |
| b. | Liberia | the country Liberia | |
| c. | Mamoun | city in Guinea | |
| d. | Firitoŋ | Freetown, capital of Sierra Leone | |
| e. | Netaro | town in Guinea | |
| f. | M'bour | city in Senegal | |
| g. | N'djala | town in Sierra Leone | |
| h. | Gberia Fotombou | town in Sierra Leone | |

H3. Write the following names in transliteration (or in their conventional English spelling):

| | Name in N'ko | Description | English |
|----|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| a. | ⵙⵓⵔ | name of a language | |
| b. | ⵝⵉⵔⵉ | name of a country | |
| c. | ⵝⵉⵔⵉ ⵙⵓⵔ | name of a country | |
| d. | ⵝⵉⵔⵉ ⵙⵓⵔ | name of a town in Congo | |
| e. | ⵙⵓⵔ ⵙⵓⵔ | name of a language | |
| f. | ⵙⵓⵔ ⵙⵓⵔ | name of a country | |
| g. | ⵙⵓⵔ ⵙⵓⵔ | name of a language | |
| h. | ⵙⵓⵔ ⵙⵓⵔ | name of a river and a country | |
| i. | ⵙⵓⵔ ⵙⵓⵔ | name of a country | |
| j. | ⵙⵓⵔ ⵙⵓⵔ | name of a country | |



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Map of West Africa

