

## First Asia Pacific Linguistics Olympiad

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Solutions

## Problem 1. Rules

- **kɔn** — 1, **leβetse** — 2, **aɖe** — 3, **ts'agúsé** — 4, **túde** — 5.

- $10 = \text{tomíní}$                        $10 Y = \text{tomínékwa } Y$     ( $2 \leq Y \leq 9$ )  
 $100 = \text{ɣamrá kɔn}$                        $100 Y = \text{ɣamrá } Y$                       ( $2 \leq Y \leq 9$ )  
 $1000 = \text{álifa kɔn}$                        $1000 Y = \text{álifika } Y$                       ( $2 \leq Y \leq 999$ )

cf. **tomíní** (< Turkana *tomon*), **ɣamrá**, **álifa** (< Swahili *mia*, *elfu*)

- $5 + X = \begin{cases} \text{túde } \boxed{\text{ńda kɪɖɪ}} X & (X = 1) \\ \text{túde } \boxed{\text{ńda kɪɖɪ}} X & (2 \leq X \leq 4) \end{cases}$   
 $10 Z + W = \begin{cases} 10 Z \boxed{\text{ńda néβe}} W & (1 \leq Z \leq 9, W = 1) \\ 10 Z \boxed{\text{ńda jɪrɪnɪ}} W & (1 \leq Z \leq 9, 2 \leq W \leq 9) \end{cases}$   
 $100 Z + W = 100 Z \boxed{\text{ńda}} W$                       ( $1 \leq Z \leq 9, 10 \leq W \leq 99$ )  
 $1000 Z + W = 1000 Z \boxed{\text{ńda}} W$                       ( $1 \leq Z \leq 999, 100 \leq W \leq 999$ )
- Final vowel is deleted (e.g. **ts'agúsé** → **ts'agús**).

## Answers

- (a) a. 256 ( $= 4^4$ ); b. 4096 ( $= 8^4$ ); c. 6561 ( $= 9^4$ ); d. 10000 ( $= 10^4$ ); e. 1296 ( $= 6^4$ ); f. 81 ( $= 3^4$ ); g. 16 ( $= 2^4$ ); h. 1 ( $= 1^4$ ); i. 2401 ( $= 7^4$ ); j. 625 ( $= 5^4$ ).
- (b) k. **álifika tomíní ńda jɪrɪnɪ leβets** — 12000  
 l. **tomínékwa túde ńda kɪɖɪ kɔn** — 60  
 m. **tomínékwa túde ńda néβe kɔn** — 51  
 n. **álifika ɣamrá kɔn** — 100000
- (c) 3108 — **álifika aɖe ńda ɣamrá kɔn ńda túde ńda kɪɖɪ aɖ**
- (d) 14641 — **álifika tomíní ńda jɪrɪnɪ ts'agúsé ńda ɣamrá túde ńda kɪɖɪ kɔn ńda tomínékwa ts'agúsé ńda néβe kɔn**