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Team Contest Problem

You are provided with 114 audio files. Each file contains a recording of a Taa word, pronounced twice. Below is the list of these words in transcription. Both audio files and written words are in arbitrary order.

1.  ŋú'úí	24.  ?â:	47.   áá	70. †?āa	93. Θqoú
2. dàm	25. ngâa	48. gΘxána	71. gãhalē	94. !náã
3. !q'ama	26. Θxóõ	49. n  gâa	72. dt̄s'qâa	95. †gâ:
4. g  hâã	27.  xâã	50. t'qâa	73. †qâ:	96.  qâa
5.   haã	28. g!xân	51. khâla	74. dtshâã	97. g xá?ã:
6. qâã	29. g k'qâ:	52. ok'qóm	75. dthâã	98. g hâã
7. !hâã	30. g  k'qâã	53. dt̄s'âã	76. dt̄s'qala	99. †nâ:
8. g†hâ:	31. gΘhõõ	54. bâ	77.  hâa	100. Θq?um
9. †xâ:	32. g!k'qâ:	55.   q'ũna	78. hâa	101. †k'qâū
10. Θqhõõ	33.  â:	56. thâa	79.   ŋâ?am	102. !qáheh
11.   gâã	34. ? nâ:	57. Θnóõ	80. dt'qâa	103.  nâ:
12. Θ?óõ	35. ?mala	58. tshâla	81. !ndhn	104. ?  nâhâ
13. !xâã	36. dzâni	59. xâã	82. kâa	105. †nû?ûã
14. tâa	37. n!qhâna	60. !âá	83. tsâhâh	106. Θgõõ
15. kx'qâ:	38. †hâã:	61. gok'qóõ	84. n!ggâ	107. ?âa
16. !k'gâ:	39. †â:	62. hôo	85. Θhõõ	108. Θaje
17.   hâã	40. n‡gâ:	63. !ŋâ?am	86.  gâ:	109. n gâ:
18. !qhâ:	41. ?†hû	64.   xâa	87.   âa	110.   nâã
19. !gâ:	42.   qâã	65. txâli	88. †s'âa	111. gâõ
20. ññâ	43. nΘgõõ	66.  qhâ:	89. g  xa?án	112. Θŋâ?ã:
21.   k'qââ	44. g†k'qâ:	67. Θôõ	90. gkx'qâ:la	113. !â:
22. sâa	45.  k'qâ:	68. dtshxâ?â:	91. ?Θnaje	114.  q?zñ
23. †qhâ:	46. g hâ:	69. †q'âñ	92. dtxâa	

(a) (114 points) Match the audio files with the written words.

(b) (6 points) Briefly describe all of your observations on the Taa language and its transcription.

⚠ Taa belongs to the Tuu family. It is spoken by approx. 2,600 people in Botswana and Namibia.  
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Good luck!