



# **NUPE TA**

## **Nupe Grammar**

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Boma kpata a gun yekan fi nin nya dakagi nana o. Ga ye egan nana zhi zheka wunma yi be tsukun gwasun eli egwadan nya kpikpeba Nupe nya ma. Ga dzodzo o kau fi sanwogi o ma, ga ku u fi putugi o ma, ga ya u zheka ma sayi woga de egwadan nya ekoya be Manarakis e.

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## **DZUNDZUN – INTRODUCTION**

Enyaka be enyagba e be emi Nupe, wun gonyi na wunga fe enya na zandondo yi nya tsunko wu, pako wu, gbanyadzu, yici zheye e ka u ke a gun rakpebo be kukuta e to kukugikini na, ebo wun lau fe ekpa na yi ga la enya na gbinka na ke eko na. Nupencizhi gan, eh kpin eti wan eti Eshigi bwa, degi degi na woga wangwa na, naci tso Soko kaba wo e na ga dan o na o.

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**Karanyi e kan eye lo a**  


## **Nupe de Egimika Eshi be gunni**

[Nupe has 24 letters]

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh
Ii	Jj	Kk	Ll	Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp
Rr	Ss	Tt	Uu	Vv	Ww	Yy	Zz

### **Egimikagi zhi = Small letters**

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p
r	s	t	u	v	w	y	z

### **Egimikako zhi = Capital letters**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
R	S	T	U	V	W	Y	Z

### **Gyaye kamagun Egimikazhi nya Nupe**

*[Nupe Conventional term of Alphabets]*

Aa	Ba	Ca	Da	Ee	Fa	Ga	Ha
li	Ja	Ka	La	Ma	Na	Oo	Pa
Ra	Sa	Ta	Uu	Va	Wa	Ya	Za

### **Gyaye kamagun Egimikazhi nya Nasara**

*[English Conventional term of Alphabets]*

Ae	Be	Ci	Di	Ee	eF	Gi	eH
li	Je	Ke	eL	eM	eN	Oo	Pi
aR	eS	Ti	Uu	Vi	W	whY	Zed

### **Gyaye kamagun Egimikazhi nya Arabi**

*[Arabic Conventional term of Alphabets]*

Alif	Ba	Ta	Tha	Jim	Hau	Khau	Dal	Dhal
Ra	Zay	Sin	Shin	Swad		Dwad		Tha
Za	Ain	Ghain		Fa	Qaf	Kaf	Lam	Mim
		Nun	Haun	Wawun		Yau		

## DZATSA ZHI YI GUTSUN = VOWELS ARE 5

Aa Ee Ii Oo Uu

## LABAGIZHI = CONSONANTS

**Nupe de Egimika-labagizhi shita be nini i**

*[Nupe has 61 consonants]*

B	BW	BY	C	CY	D	DW	DY	DZ
DZW	F	FW	FY	G	GB	GW	GY	
GBW	H	J	K	KP	KW	KY	KPW	L
LW	LY	M	MW	MY	N	NB	ND	NG
NK	NM	NN	NW	NY	P	PW	PY	R
RW	RY	S	SH	SW	T	TS	TW	TY
TSW	V	VW	VY	Y	W	Z	ZH	

## KPEWO = NOTE

**Woga labagizhi kpeye wanginyi, enyaka be Nupe wo e nyi a daci**

*[if you are able to learn consonants, writing in Nupe is simpler]*

B 1. Ba = Borrow 2. Bafin = Added 3. Bake = Meet	BW 1. Bwadwa = Soft 2. Bwanti = Big 3. Bwo = Rotten	BY 1. Byacin = As such 2. Byani = Again 3. Byanyi = With them
C 1. Ce = Throw 2. Cinle = Look 3. Cincin = Love		CY 1. Cya = Start 2. Cyanyi = Light 3. Cyagi = Perfectly



<b>D</b> 1. Da _ Wet 2. Danbo _ Around 3. Dashin _ Easy	<b>DW</b> 1. Dwaswanyi _ Plaintiful 2. Dwanyi _ Complete 3. Dwogwogi _ Plump	<b>DY</b> 1. Dyadya _ Veranda 2. Dyaragi _ Dropping 3. Dyadyagun _ Pineapple
<b>DZ</b> 1. Dza _ Break 2. Dzu _ Pinch 3. Dzuko _ Market	<b>DZW</b> 1. Dzwani _ Flash 2. Dzwa _ Borning 3. Dzwandzwanyi _ Sparkling	<b>F</b> 1. Fa _ Sorry 2. Fafa _ Day break 3. Fedun _ Sit
<b>FW</b> 1. Fwa _ Tickle 2. Fwanyi _ Badly much 3. Fwanyi _ Soundly	<b>FY</b> 1. Fya _ Slit 2. Fyakyagi _ Small 3. Fyawuya _ Suffer	<b>G</b> 1. Gaba _ Lion 2. Gabo _ Support 3. Gaci _ Witch
<b>GB</b> 1. Gba _ Dig 2. Gbavun _ Hut 3. Gbara _ Lizard	<b>GBY</b> 1. Gbyaja _ Cucumber 2. Gbyadyanyi _ Soft 3. Gbyalyanyi _ Copiously	<b>GW</b> 1. Gwako _ Fist 2. Gwegi _ Fifteen 3. Gwakpa _ Elbow
<b>GY</b> 1. Gya _ Bad 2. Gyamu _ Deep wound 3. Gyala _ Purple	<b>GBW</b> 1. Gbwanyi _ Many 2. Gbwarwa _ Slippery 3. Gbwodwo _ Curve rafter	<b>H</b> 1. Ha _ Exclamation 2. Hanyi _ Tear 3. Horonyi _ Hollow
<b>J</b> 1. Jajanyi _ Gently 2. Jagbanyi _ Over size 3. Je _ Flow	<b>K</b> 1. Ka _ Write 2. Kara _ load 3. Kuru _ Circle	<b>KP</b> 1. Kpa _ Intend 2. Kpe _ Know 3. Kpakete _ Truth
<b>KPY</b> 1. Kpyarya _ Baked beans 2. Kpyasugi _ Small 3. Kpyatya _ Small tray	<b>KW</b> 1. Kwa _ Pick (like melon) 2. Kwakwagun _ Iron rod 3. Kwamugi _ Small	<b>KY</b> 1. Kyamugi _ Small 2. Kyangun _ Un-seriousness 3. Kyaru _ Trying
<b>KPW</b> 1. Kpworonyi _ Large 2. Kpwarwa _ Vomiting 3. Kpwatwa _ Dirty	<b>L</b> 1. La _ Take 2. Li _ Neat 3. Lu _ Neaten	<b>LW</b> 1. Lwa _ High 2. Lwoniwonyi _ Bouncing 3. Lwoya _ Laya

<b>LY</b> 1. Lyalya _ Moimoi 2. Lyamu _ Leak 3. Lyanku _ Shapeless	<b>M</b> 1. Ma _ Sweet 2. Man _ Teacher 3. Manyi _ Slimy	<b>MW</b> 1. Mwanyi _ Many (Blasphemy) 2. Mwotson _ Smell 3. Mwatswangi _ Pest on guinea corn
<b>MY</b> 1. Myamyagi _ Sweet 2. Myamyanyi _ Shaky 3. Myabo _ Tired	<b>N</b> 1. Na _ Wash 2. Nu _ Weed 3. Nana _ This	<b>NB</b> 1. Nba _ Yes 2. Nbaci _ Except 3. Nbo _ Mixed
<b>ND</b> 1. Nda _ Father 2. Ndace _ Hunter 3. Ndagi _ Uncle	<b>NG</b> 1. Ngba _ Exclamation 2. Ngo _ Accept 3. Ngogo _ Name	<b>NK</b> 1. Nku _ Sorry 2. Nku _ Village name 3. Nkun _ Enough

## Enyaba zhimu kakanyi zhi

**[Counting in different languages]**

Nupe	Arabic	Roman	Italic
I	1	I	I
Ɑ	2	II	II
Ɱ	3	III	III
ε	4	IV	IIII
π	5	V	IIIII
ϑ	6	VI	IIIII I
Γ	7	VII	IIIII II
⌘	8	VIII	IIIII III
ρ	9	IX	IIIII IIII
ΙΘ	10	X	IIIII IIIII

**NYAKUNGI****ANIMALS**

- |     |          |          |
|-----|----------|----------|
| 1.  | Doko     | Horse    |
| 2.  | Etsu     | Rat      |
| 3.  | Nangi    | Goat     |
| 4.  | Bishe    | Hen      |
| 5.  | Nanko    | Cow      |
| 6.  | Gaba     | Lion     |
| 7.  | Dagba    | Elephant |
| 8.  | Kinkere  | Scorpion |
| 9.  | Gbara    | Lizard   |
| 10. | Ebe      | Monkey   |
| 11. | Edan     | Bat      |
| 12. | Dangi    | Cat      |
| 13. | Gbangba  | Duck     |
| 14. | Tankpolo | Frog     |
| 15. | Yikan    | Fish     |

## **ENYA LULOCI KPIKPEWABAZHI**

### ***Things use in Schools***

- |     |              |               |
|-----|--------------|---------------|
| 1.  | Patakun      | Board         |
| 2.  | Emagi        | Ruler         |
| 3.  | Ekagi        | Pencil        |
| 4.  | Dakagbigbaci | Textbook      |
| 5.  | Dakagi       | Exercise book |
| 6.  | Elegi        | Sharpener     |
| 7.  | Kata         | Flag          |
| 8.  | Esa          | Chair         |
| 9.  | Sokun        | Broom         |
| 10. | Ezun         | Chalk         |
| 11. | Kule         | Bell          |
| 12. | Egwatugi     | Table         |
| 13. | Gura         | Bag           |
| 14. | Efigi        | Suck          |
| 15. | Tikpe/Tsotso | Cap           |

## **ENYA LULOCIZHI NYA EMI**

### *Things use at home*

- |     |             |         |
|-----|-------------|---------|
| 1.  | Ewogi/sibi  | Spoon   |
| 2.  | Efin        | Clock   |
| 3.  | Tasa/tarabi | Bow     |
| 4.  | Kasa        | Basket  |
| 5.  | Kungu       | Box     |
| 6.  | Gura        | Bag     |
| 7.  | Tishegi     | Comb    |
| 8.  | Kundugi     | Cup     |
| 9.  | Efetswangi  | Fan     |
| 10. | Dukun       | Pot     |
| 11. | Kodogi      | Bucket  |
| 12. | Egban       | Rope    |
| 13. | Ebi         | Knife   |
| 14. | Nanceta     | Kitchen |
| 15. | Nashi       | Stove   |

**KWEGEzhi****COLOURS**

1.	Bokun	White
2.	Dofa	Blue
3.	Dzuru	Red
4.	Korina	Green
5.	Galya	Purple
6.	Kwamya/Wojin	Orange
7.	Pere	Ash
8.	Wazhi/Jikanagi	Brown
9.	Yaran	Yellow
10.	Zhiko	Black
11.	Duwa	Rainbow
12.	Ecin	Dark-blue
13.	Ecingi	Navy blue/light blue
14.	Bulya	Grey
15.	Vuna	Maroon/oxblood
16.	Tsaka	Bright
17.	Pura	Fade
18.	Kankarya	Indigo

## **EGIMIKA GUBA TWO LETTER WORDS**

1.	Gi	Eat
2.	Ya	Begin
3.	Be	Come
4.	La	Take
5.	Lo	Go
6.	Lo	Enter
7.	Lo	Loose
8.	Lo	Use
9.	Lo	Count
10.	Lu	Sour
11.	Lu	Neaten
12.	Ye	Dislocation
13.	Ye	Agree
14.	Na	Wash
15.	Nu	Sharp
16.	Nu	Weed
17.	Nu	Quench
18.	Ma	Sweet
19.	Ma	Borrow
20.	Mi	Me
21.	Ya	Bend
22.	Ba	Cut
23.	Bi	Wrong
24.	Ba	Borrow
25.	Ta	Speak/eat/chew
26.	Tu	Build
27.	Du	Shake
28.	Du	Boil

## **PEDZOzhi**

## **SHAPEs**

- |    |          |           |
|----|----------|-----------|
| 1. | Kpangwa  | Triangle  |
| 2. | Patagi   | Square    |
| 3. | Patasoro | Rectangle |
| 4. | Kurugi   | Circle    |
| 5. | Porogi   | Cone      |
| 6. | Kpace    | Cylinder  |

## **EW0 - MONEY**

1. Ewo - Money
2. Madegwa - Rich (Haziki)
3. Ewodeci - Rich person
4. Yajinci - Needy
5. Egwagbagi - Poor



## **EMISAzhi**

## **GREETINGS**

- |     |                        |                              |
|-----|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1.  | Kube lazhin i          | Good morning                 |
| 2.  | Kube yigidi i          | Good afternoon               |
| 3.  | Kube lozun i           | Good evening                 |
| 4.  | Sayi lazhin            | Good night                   |
| 5.  | Kube yina e            | Good day                     |
| 6.  | Kube gbani             | Good time                    |
| 7.  | Kubetun e              | Thanks                       |
| 8.  | Gawama                 | Weldon                       |
| 9.  | Ke yi wona o           | How are we?                  |
| 10. | Ke wo e wo na o        | How are you?                 |
| 11. | Ke yeshi jin na o      | How was the night?           |
| 12. | Ke yina jin na o       | How is you today?            |
| 13. | Zamizhi sukun          | How is your house people?    |
| 14. | Eza wozhi sukun        | How is your people?          |
| 15. | Nda wo e sukun         | How is your father?          |
| 16. | Nna wo e sunkun        | How is your mother?          |
| 17. | Yegi wozhi sunkun      | How is your extended family? |
| 18. | Zadeci wozhi sunkun    | How is your nuclear family   |
| 19. | Ke etun jin na o       | How is work?                 |
| 20. | Ke gbanfere jin na o   | How is Hamatan               |
| 21. | Ke banagun jin na o    | How is heat?                 |
| 22. | Ke yi wo be Ele na o   | How is rain?                 |
| 23. | Ke nakan wo e jin na o | How is your body?            |
| 24. | Kube kuku gikini       | Keep up good work.           |

## **EGANLAKEBAzhi**

## **SENTENCES**

- |                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A fat woman         | Nna rusha              |
| 2. The lazy boy        | Bagi konmara           |
| 3. The beautiful car   | Zantso bologi          |
| 4. Very busy           | Mya gina               |
| 5. Quite intelligent   | Wunde kpikpe           |
| 6. Hardly audible      | Wo a gan egan u wo a   |
| 7. Very quickly        | Fekun/ vava nyi        |
| 8. So brilliantly      | Wun de ti              |
| 9. Very seriously      | Wan kadan              |
| 10. On the table       | Ta egwatugi o          |
| 11. In the garden      | Dan korola ba o        |
| 12. At the bank        | Dan dukunta ewo        |
| 13. Has come           | Da be a ni             |
| 14. May has slept      | Wunga a lele a ni      |
| 15. Could have come    | Wun a be a ni          |
| 16. Ndana ate the food | Ndana a eje gi         |
| 17. Kolo bought a car  | Kolo shi zantso        |
| 18. He goes to school  | Wunda Kpikpewaba       |
| 19. Mamu has slept     | Mamu a lele            |
| 20. Not may have slept | Wunjin ko wun a lele a |

## **KPANGWA EYIZHI = CARDINAL POINTS**

- |    |           |       |
|----|-----------|-------|
| 1. | Eyilazhin | East  |
| 2. | Eyilozun  | West  |
| 3. | Eyigwapin | North |
| 4. | Eyigwalo  | South |

## **NUPE CLASSES OF PRISONS**

- |    |                 |                |
|----|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | Kata Iedu       | Local Jail     |
| 2. | Kata Zhiko      | European Jail  |
| 3. | Emi Nnawo Gimba | – Class C Jail |

**TSWANGI ETSAZHI****PUNCTUATION MARK**

1.	Kinigi	Full stop	.
2.	Cinfa	Comma	,
3.	Gangbin	Question mark	?
4.	Wungan	Quotation mark	“ ”
5.	Kpefogi	Ellipse	.....
6.	Ekpe be etsu	Parentheses	( )
7.	Kufi	Exclamation mark	!
8.	Ekpo Gigi	Semi colon	;
9.	Ekpo	Colon	:
10.	Kpe-eta	Hyphen	- - -

**ECINKPE = RIDDLES**

1.	Egankogi	Parables
2.	Gangba	Warning
3.	Ecingi	Tale
4.	Egancin	Idiom
5.	Ecinkpe	Riddles
6.	Esan	News
7.	Esangi	Message
8.	Esanwo	Information
9.	Ezatiku	Communication
10.	Eganmagan	Proverbs

## **PUTUGI**

## **COMPUTER**

- |     |                      |             |
|-----|----------------------|-------------|
| 1.  | Putugi               | Computer    |
| 2.  | Dzawugi              | Monitor     |
| 3.  | Yigwagi              | Keyboard    |
| 4.  | Etsugi               | Mouse       |
| 5.  | Tasagi               | CPU         |
| 6.  | Esofegi              | Software    |
| 7.  | Gwagugi              | Hardware    |
| 8.  | Tunwoyagi            | ATM         |
| 9.  | Guganwogi            | Speaker     |
| 10. | Kubagi               | Camera      |
| 11. | Gosangi/Gbogungbogun | Mic-phone   |
| 12. | Gba                  | Read        |
| 13. | Lagun                | Spelling    |
| 14. | Etan                 | History     |
| 15. | Ecingi               | Tale/story  |
| 16. | Eni-Shidugi          | Poem        |
| 17. | Tara                 | Prose       |
| 18. | Emigbo               | Debate      |
| 19. | Byandyato            | Quiz        |
| 20. | Ganasa               | Competition |

**EGAN TWA****WORD FORMATION**

1.	Tsuwo	Yesterday
2.	Yina	Today
3.	Esun	Tomorrow
4.	Sokpazhi	A day after tomorrow
5.	Tsotaci	A day before yesterday
6.	Gbani	Now
7.	Gbani gbani	Just now
8.	Mangi	A while ago
9.	Panyi	Before
10.	Kanga	Then
11.	Kici o	Which of?
12.	Ki yi o	What is it?
13.	Zhi yi o	Who is that?
14.	That	Wuncin
15.	Nna (nana)	This
16.	Ba bo	Here
17.	Wa o	Hear
18.	Shitukpa	Listen
19.	Cinta	Calm
20.	Sannyi	Quietly

## **GBAGBA**

## **FURNITURE**

- |    |                        |              |
|----|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Dzufagi                | Window       |
| 2. | Kpako                  | Door         |
| 3. | Esa                    | Chair        |
| 4. | Egwatugi               | Table        |
| 5. | Gbangunu               | Room divider |
| 6. | Ekpata                 | Bed          |
| 7. | Esobagi                | Drawer       |
| 8. | Kunkuru/ Esobagishempa | Cupboard     |
| 9. | Bayele                 | Mirror       |
| 10 | Ekpa                   | Ladder       |

## ENYA EKUN ZHI

## WAR TOOLS

- |     |                 |                         |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 1.  | Akpara          | Gun/Pistol              |
| 2.  | Albarun         | Gun powder              |
| 3.  | Nansa           | Matches                 |
| 4.  | Ekpa            | Arrow                   |
| 5.  | Efyan           | Shaper                  |
| 6.  | Ebiko           | Sword                   |
| 7.  | Dzari           | Chain                   |
| 8.  | Sonmasun/Mayaki | War General             |
| 9.  | Maji Tanci      | Arrow Director          |
| 10. | Boci            | Priest                  |
| 11. | Gbanjere        | Sling                   |
| 12. | Andakagi        | Short barrel            |
| 13. | Kuru            | Handcuff or Leg trap    |
| 14. | Gada            | Cutlass                 |
| 15. | Egbagi          | Machete                 |
| 16. | Ekpan           | spare/Star-shaped arrow |
| 17. | Takun           | Stone                   |
| 18. | Essa            | Net                     |
| 19. | Kangari         | Peg                     |
| 20. | Kpankpan eti    | Helment                 |
| 21. | Ekwa            | Flat bladed spare       |
| 22. | Lenzheko        | Long handle sickle      |
| 23. | Kasa            | Basket trap             |
| 24. | Ebi             | Knife                   |
| 25. | Epatiso         | Deer head mask          |
| 26. | Ena             | Fire                    |
| 27. | Efin            | Blade                   |
| 28. | Ekin            | Pin                     |



**BATAN / Cigun ZHI**

1. Gbyangbyanyakun
2. Kpealyagi
3. Gigbere kagun
4. Batan Sanmana
5. Batan-Etsu
6. Batan-Esan
7. Esun kanta
8. Cegun
9. Wowogi /gyadingi
10. Wowoko /gyadinko
11. Egwa / shisha
12. Etisan
13. Nyagbantán
14. Ekpa
15. Ecinto
16. Gbakotan
17. Wukansanagi
18. Egwa sogi
19. Yebonci
20. Etizhe
21. Egbo
22. Korikori
23. Lanpo
24. Kanalami
25. Eka
26. Sokogun
26. Wulegi
27. Sokogun / Nakangban
28. Batan Esundin
29. Wokpanba
30. Esun / Yekanyekan
31. Nyasannagi
32. Esunte
33. Kpadangi
34. Foro
35. Ehgbo / Etin

**SICKNESSES**

- Epilepsy  
Convulsion  
Immunization  
Diabetes  
Lassa fever  
Ebola  
Heart attack  
Kidney failure  
HIV  
AIDs  
Cancer  
Headache  
Chest pain  
Cough  
Catarrh  
Stomachache  
Rheumatism  
Weak-low  
Blind  
Insane  
Ulcer  
Measel  
Chicken pox  
Monkey pox  
Ringworm  
Polio  
Sickle Cell  
Polio  
Corona-Virus  
Hepatitis  
Fibroid  
Appendix  
Asthma  
Pile  
Diarrhea / Dycentry  
Wound

**GUNCISABA****CLINIC**

- |     |                             |                       |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | Diagnosis                   | Tsogbere              |
| 2.  | Diagnosed                   | Gberetso              |
| 3.  | Laboratory                  | Kata yekpeloye        |
| 4.  | Urinary tract infection     | Swarwarwa             |
| 5.  | Liver disease               | Batan Enyata/anta     |
| 6.  | Kidney stones and infection | = Batan Cegungi       |
| 7.  | Ulcer                       | Egbo                  |
| 8.  | Cardiac arrest              | Nyagban gun           |
| 9.  | Low sperm count             | Nuwan-yavun nyadyan   |
| 10. | Diabetes                    | Batan sanmana (sugar) |
| 11. | Cigbe                       | Medicine              |
| 12. | Cigbesa/Egunsa              | Medicinal             |

## **KUNGU YAWO**

1. Ede
2. Yensunsun
3. Eda
4. Ede etikpe
5. Ganzali
6. Tanzali
7. Gakpe
8. Ruka
9. Gura/Nanba
10. Ewo le
11. Yentukpa
12. Adikogi
13. Ewo duru
14. Kampe
15. Ekpeta
16. Egigwagi
17. Etishegi
18. Bekangi
19. Kwanseti
20. Gofegi
21. Daro
22. Yari
23. Zamigi
24. Zayegi
25. Kankani
26. Eko
27. Emigi
28. Tsukun tanci
29. Ekomina
30. Ede Sokowun
31. Tsakagi

## **MARRIAGE BOX**

- Wrapper
- Necklace
- Shoe
- Veil
- Eyeline
- Eye-pencil
- Powder
- Ring
- Bag
- Sleeping gown
- Earring
- Handkerchief
- Gown
- Paint
- Cap
- Bangle
- Comb
- Perfume
- Bra
- Singlet
- Kettle
- Skirt
- Lipstick
- Eyeshadow
- Sponge
- Soap
- Cream
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Prayer mat
- Qur'an

## **CIN KENDO JINKUN E LOTUN NA LE**

*(Look at how TENSES functions)*

- |    |               |                  |
|----|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | A = ed        | Past tenses      |
| 2. | Ci = ess/ing  | Continues tenses |
| 3. | Wan = ent/ive |                  |
| 4. | Zhi = s/ies   | Plural           |
| 5. | Nya = nal     |                  |
| 6. | Nna = ion     |                  |

### **CIN ERIZHI LE**

**(look at the examples)**

- |    |                  |            |
|----|------------------|------------|
| 1. | Abolish          | Waye       |
| 2. | AbolishED        | WaAye      |
| 3. | AbolishING       | WayeCI     |
| 4. | AbolishES        | WayeZHI    |
| 5. | AbolitION        | WayeNNA    |
| 6. | AbolishMENT/TIVE | WANwaye    |
| 7. | AbolitioNAL      | NYA-wuwaye |

## **JIN            TENSE**

- |    |                  |                                |                       |
|----|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | <b>Jin Gogan</b> | <b>Past tense</b>              | <b>Kpata = All</b>    |
| 2. | <b>Jin Gbani</b> | <b>Present tense</b>           | <b>Kaata = R/Bank</b> |
| 3. | <b>Jin loye</b>  | <b>Present Continues tense</b> |                       |

## **SANWOMIKA**

## **LETTER WRITING**

- |     |            |              |
|-----|------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Lekpan     | Formal       |
| 2.  | Dzoma      | Informal     |
| 3.  | Nyaya      | Semi         |
| 4.  | Eji        | Address      |
| 5.  | Za e ka na | Sender       |
| 6.  | Za e-go na | Receiver     |
| 7.  | Ciwan      | Salutation   |
| 8.  | Galu       | Sir          |
| 9.  | Gama       | Ma           |
| 10. | Wo e       | Dear         |
| 11. | Dzundzun   | Introduction |
| 12. | Nakan      | Body         |
| 13. | Kyangi     | Summary      |
| 14. | Emigun     | Conclusion   |
| 15. | Gawama     | Complement   |

**ENYA PACI ZHI****THINGS WE RIDE**

- |     |                  |             |
|-----|------------------|-------------|
| 1.  | Eya-fiti         | Airplane    |
| 2.  | Eya-kin          | Train       |
| 3.  | Eya-nuwan        | Boat        |
| 4.  | Zantso           | Car         |
| 5.  | Zantso swarwa    | Bus         |
| 6.  | Zantso gbagbagba | Heavy truck |
| 7.  | Apapanyiyedin    | Bicycle     |
| 8.  | Pupugi           | Motorcycle  |
| 9.  | Egbagutagi       | Tricycle    |
| 10. | Rakun            | Camel       |
| 11. | Doko             | Horse       |
| 12. | Tyatyagi         | Donkey      |

## **ALOWO**

## **POLITICS**

- |     |              |              |
|-----|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Egi-Alowozhi | Politician   |
| 2.  | Ena          | Party        |
| 3.  | Dandan       | Culture      |
| 4.  | Kin          | Country      |
| 5.  | Kin-Tacin    | State        |
| 6.  | Kin-Tetengi  | LGA          |
| 7.  | Ganmi-Kin    | Constitution |
| 8.  | Pama         | Associate    |
| 9.  | Li           | Elect/Vote   |
| 10. | Ezali        | Election     |
| 11. | Volu         | Card         |
| 12. | Volu Zali    | Voters card  |
| 13. | Volu Eji.    | ID Card      |
| 14. | Ezatagban    | Campaign     |
| 15. | Ruwokpo      | Advert       |
| 16. | Tanzagba     | Democracy    |

**EKPOZHI****POST/POSITION**

- |     |  |                         |
|-----|--|-------------------------|
| 1.  | President  | Tishi Kin               |
| 2.  | Vice President                                     | Zhimitu tishi kin       |
| 3.  | General Secretary                                  | Waziri                  |
| 4.  | Assistant G.Secretary                              | Zhimitu Waziri          |
| 5.  | Special Adviser                                    | Epawo yaci              |
| 6.  | Speaker  | Gandzo / Eganganci      |
| 7.  | Senator  | Nkoko / Kinigiciko      |
| 8.  | Chief organizer                                    | Egunci                  |
| 9.  | Deputy speaker                                     | Zhimitu eganganci       |
| 10. | Coordinator  | Tundandozhi             |
| 11. | P.R.O 1  | Sanwokuci               |
| 12. | P.R.O 2  | Zhimitu sanwokuci       |
| 13. | Welfare  | Tswagbako               |
| 14. | Social director                                    | Etsu Edzo               |
| 15. | Auditor  | Wawoye                  |
| 16. | Treasurer  | Mazhin / Nnadzuko/nnawo |
| 17. | Financial secretary.                               | Ndeji                   |
| 18. | Yagba / Jekadiya                                   | Etuntunci               |
| 19. | Soninya  | Nnadzuko                |
| 20. | Queen  | Sagi                    |
| 21. | Ekpasociko   | Minister                |
| 22. | Yagba / Ekpasoci kinden                            | Ambassador              |
| 23. | Nkogi / Kinigici gbarufu zhi                       | Reps                    |
| 24. | Kinigici zagbako zhi                               | Senators                |
| 25. | Ekpasoci tacin                                     | Commissioner            |
| 26. | Ndeji  | Prime Minister          |
| 27. | Nkoci / Kinigici tacin - members house of assembly |                         |
| 28. | Nkoci / Kinigici eka tetengi                       | councilor               |
| 29. | Nko  | Assembly                |
| 30. | Katambako  | Palace.                 |



## EGAN-BARI (SYLLABLE)

**Eganbari yi kendo na wa kpebiye bari bari na.** ( *A unit of human speech that is interpreted by the listener as a single sound, although syllables usually consist of one or more vowel sounds.*

### NYIRI NYA EGANBARI (TYPES OF SYLLABLE)

- |    |      |               |
|----|------|---------------|
| 1. | AKE  | Mono-syllabic |
| 2. | BAKE | Di-syllabic   |
| 3. | TAKE | Tri-syllabic  |
| 4. | NIKE | Tetra-syllabi |

1. AKE=Mono-syllabic=Ake yi egan mika nini (*mono-syllabic are words with one syllable.*

**e.g**

- |    |     |       |
|----|-----|-------|
| 1. | Bi  | Wrong |
| 2. | Kpa | Share |
| 3. | Be  | Come  |

2. BAKE=Di-syllabic yi egan mikagi bari guba (**are words with two syllables**)

**e.g**

- |    |         |                            |
|----|---------|----------------------------|
| 1. | Gu/ke   | Guke =in/side = inside     |
| 2. | La/zhin | Lazhin = mor/ning =morning |
| 3. | Ri/si   | Risi =is/sue=issue         |

3. TAKE=Tri-syllabic= Egan mika bari guta(words with three syllables)  
e.g

- |    |                   |                                   |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Kpan/sa/na        | Kpansana =su/gar/cane = sugarcane |
| 2. | E/gun/gi          | Egungi =le/ga/cy=legacy           |
| 3. | Nin/ma/gi         | Ninmagi= ex/ci/ted=excited        |
| 4. | NIKE=Tetra-syllab | i= yi egi mikagi bari guni        |
| 1. | Du/kun/kpe/re     | Dukunkpere                        |
| 2. | Shi/ka/ra/gi      | Shikaragi                         |
| 3. | Sa/ka/lo/go       | Sakalogo                          |

## EZA ZHI

## INTERACTIONS

1. Ndanangi sa zamizhi mi      Ndanangi greet your house people
2. Kusogi sundan Soko      Kusogi fear Allah
3. Yi Nda o be yami      Call your father for me
4. Mya cin o cin      I want to love you
5. Kpe biye, 34ow o34n zawangizhi ma  
Open-up and don't deceive people.
6. 34ow o sansan Nnaayi?      Did you hear from Nnaayi
7. Kashi she lazhin      Kashi good night
8. Baakpele kpeu ye      Baakpele open it
9. Ponto a kpefi guba      Calabash divided into two
10. Nna wo e sunkun?      How is your mother?
11. Zinta be kpin Nupe      Zinta come and learn Nupe
12. Kijin Zahra o?      What happened to Zahra?
13. Esun yi fonici      Tomorrow is Wednesday
14. Egun jinci ga tsu madan      A cheat will die in hunger.
15. Nupe a kpe Kami lankpa eti o.      Nupe will launch Calendar

## **ENYAKA – WRITING**

1. Eye Yegboro – Front cover
2. Eye zuma – Back over
3. Boma Ekoya – Copy right
4. Gwadin – Edit
5. Cyaba zhizhe – First Print
6. Laban – Dedication
7. Ejinda – Acknowledgement
8. Etikpe – Preface
9. Emidan – Forward
10. Nyanazhi fi ninbo na – Content
11. Dzundzun – Introduction
12. Kpangwa Verse
13. Gwalagi – Chapter
14. Gbere – Root
15. Dzodzo – Origin (Asali)
16. Eti enyakaci o – About the Author
17. Gwatu – Paragraph
18. Eyegi – Page
19. Shi – Launch
20. Kagbolaci – Sponsor
21. Wuce - Assist
22. Egwaso        Reference
23. Eganworo    Appendix
24. Glossary     Mitu
25. Preamble    Zongunta
26. Ezaba        Program

**ETSWAZHI****MONTHS**

- |     |                                |           |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.  | Etswa Ninfu                    | January   |
| 2.  | Etswa Bedzo-Gani               | February  |
| 3.  | Etswa Gani                     | March     |
| 4.  | Etswa Togaya                   | April     |
| 5.  | Etswa Togaya-Ebaci             | May       |
| 6.  | Etswa Bedzo Emiwan-Ezagbakozhi | June      |
| 7.  | Etswa Emiwan-Ezagbakozhi       | July      |
| 8.  | Etswa Bedzo-Emiwan             | August    |
| 9.  | Etswa Emiwan                   | September |
| 10. | Etswa Sokowungi                | October   |
| 11. | Etswa Sokowunko                | November  |
| 12. | Etswa Zogi                     | December  |

**DINDOROGIZHI****ELECTRONICS**

- |     |                     |              |
|-----|---------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Sanwogi             | Phone        |
| 2.  | Kungu-sanwo         | Radio        |
| 3.  | Ezawugi             | Tele-vi-sion |
| 4.  | Jinkparagi          | DVD          |
| 5.  | Gbogunbogun/Gosangi | Mic-phone    |
| 6.  | Dukun-yeko          | Refrigerator |
| 7.  | Etagi               | Iron         |
| 8.  | Nashi-egban         | Elect-cooker |
| 9.  | Nashi-emu.          | Gas-cooker   |
| 10. | Wonagi.             | Heater       |
| 12. | Putugi              | Computer     |

## **ENIGI ENYAZHI      DRUMMING TOOLS**

- |     |                |                 |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | Enya           | Drum            |
| 2.  | Gale           | Centre drum     |
| 3.  | Epun           | Calabash drum   |
| 4.  | Gbando         | Etsu's drum     |
| 5.  | Tambari/Kpedun | Sudden/war drum |
| 6.  | Gbangbara      | Seed-pot drum   |
| 7.  | Gbangbami      | Pan drum        |
| 8.  | Kakati         | Etsu's trumpet  |
| 9.  | Kpansana       | Flute           |
| 10. | Eyigi          | Flute           |
| 11. | Kule           | Iron bell       |
| 12. | Bisan          | Bamboo stick    |

**BAGUN NAKAN****PARTS OF THE BODY**

1:	Tinyi	Hair
2:	Eti	Head
3:	Yegun	Forehead
4:	Tukpa	Ear
5:	Eye	Eye
6:	Eyeda	Face
7:	Eye	Nose
8:	Zuma	Back
9:	Ekpa	Shoulder
10:	Misun	Mouth
11:	Koro	Naval
12:	Egun	Buttocks
13:	Nyagban	Chest
14:	Egwa	Hand
15:	Gbako	Stomach
16:	Gwakpa	Arm
17:	Vundunu	Nails
18:	Gboko	Lap
19:	Vokpa	Knee
20:	Bici	Leg
21:	Bici Kukungi	Leg-ankle

22:	Gwanda	Palm
23:	Kinpa	Foot
24:	Ebe	Breast
25:	Nunkpanyi	Bear
26.	Eban	Shoulder lap
27.	Rogbo	Shin
28.	Kukungi	Wrist
29.	Egwa ginginigi	Hand Finger
30.	Bici Kperegi /Gwalagi	Leg finger
31.	Eshin	Waist
32.	Koro	Neck
33.	Misun Kperegi	Lips
34.	Eye tigi	Pointed nose
35.	Lukontata	Armpit
36.	Yikan	Teeth
37.	Gintara	Tongue
38.	Babangi / Eba	Penis
39.	Biye	Virginal
40.	Eyebini	Eyelashes
41.	Eye kosun	Eyeball
42.	Eye gakpan	Eyebrow
43.	Egunfo	Anus
44.	Ekogi	Heart
45.	Etsugi	Soul



**EKPO ZHI****PARTS OF SPEECH**

- |    |         |              |
|----|---------|--------------|
| 1. | Eye     | Noun         |
| 2. | Beye    | Pronoun      |
| 3. | Ebojin  | Verb         |
| 4. | Bebojin | Adverb       |
| 5. | Epela   | Adjective    |
| 6. | Yekan   | Preposition  |
| 7. | Kpoti   | Conjunction  |
| 8. | Ekufi   | Interjection |

**KPIKPEWABA****SCHOOLS**

- |     |               |                      |
|-----|---------------|----------------------|
| 1.  | Wawagi        | Nursery              |
| 2.  | Patampa       | Primary              |
| 3.  | Ntacingi      | Junior Secondary     |
| 4.  | Ntacinko      | Senior Secondary     |
| 5.  | Legenlege     | Tertiary Institution |
| 6.  | Zhigibojin    | Psychology           |
| 7.  | Yemapakondoro | Philosopher          |
| 8.  | Ebawuci       | Director             |
| 9.  | Gbakalagi     | Magazine             |
| 10. | Gbakalako     | Newspaper            |

## **NUWAN ZHI = DIFFERENT WATER**

- |     |               |                                       |
|-----|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Kuso          | Forest                                |
| 2.  | Foro          | Tap water                             |
| 3.  | Kun           | River                                 |
| 4.  | Edu           | Sea                                   |
| 5.  | Nuwanko/eduko | Ocean                                 |
| 6.  | Sanwo/Sangi   | Spring                                |
| 7.  | Bata          | Swampy                                |
| 8.  | Goga          | Well                                  |
| 9.  | Manyara       | Marshy                                |
| 10. | Kpata         | Stream                                |
| 11. | Ladan         | Quarrel or two fighting water         |
| 12. | Lawo          | It flushes away in an hour after rain |
| 13. | Kwakwara      | Plastered well (very deep)            |
| 14. | Gbada         | Somatic pump                          |

**EKWA ZHI****PAPS**

- |     |                           |                        |
|-----|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.  | Ekwa kpayi                | Millet pap             |
| 2.  | Ekwa eyi                  | Guinea corn pap        |
| 3.  | Ekwa kaba                 | Corn pap               |
| 3.  | Ekwa Kabatsaka (Alkama)   | Wheat pap              |
| 4.  | Ekwa Jekafa               | Rice pap               |
| 5.  | Ekwa mayi                 | Millet pap             |
| 6.  | Ekwa kuyi                 | Yellow Guinea corn pap |
| 7.  | Ekwa ekpan                | Red Guinea corn pap    |
| 8.  | Ekwa dara                 | Tamarind pap           |
| 9.  | Ekwa kamu                 | Form pap               |
| 10. | Ekwa tsatsa               | Grinded pap            |
| 11. | Ekwa swaka-yikuru(kanwon) | Potash pap             |
| 12. | Ekwa banga                | Fermented pap          |

## **ENI ZHI**

## **SOUPS**

- |     |                     |                          |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.  | Eni Muci / kuka     | Baobab Soup              |
| 2.  | Eni kpami           | Okro soup                |
| 3.  | Eni tsuku           | Dry Okro soup            |
| 4.  | Eni Emagi           | Hibiscus soup            |
| 5.  | Eni egotukpa(alefa) | Vegetable soup           |
| 6.  | Eni Ninbolo(ayoyo)  | ?                        |
| 7.  | Eni Ebeshe          | Pumpkin soup             |
| 8.  | Eni ningbana        | Grinded Guinea corn soup |
| 9.  | Eni yikan           | Fish soup                |
| 10. | Eni emato (roma)    | Stew (tomato soup)       |
| 11. | Eni epingi          | Mellon (egushi soup)     |
| 12. | Eni tsula           | Bitter leaf soup         |
| 13. | Eni nungbere        | ?                        |
| 14. | Eni zowa            | Beans soup               |
| 15. | Kpanfini            | Okro leaf soup;          |
| 16. | Zombu;              | ?                        |
| 17. | Sansani;            | Beans soup               |
| 18. | Eni guzha.          | Grand nut soup           |

<b>EJE ZHI</b>	<b>FOODS</b>
1. Eje Zhira	Rice food
2. Eje kaba	Corn food
3. Eje kpayi	Millet food
4. Eje eyi kpa	Guinea corn food
5. Eje Kabatsaka(Alkama)	Wheat food
6. Eje mayi	Sorghum food
7. Eje Rubwa	Grinded yam food
8. Cingini	Pounded yam
9. Ejekpo (Pete)	Potato
10. Eje ezo	Beans food
11. Gbanagi	Taliyah
12. Emido	Indomie
13. Eje fini	Vegetable food

## **EGAN(Word)    GANBA(Opposite)**

- |     |                   |                  |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|
| 1.  | Bagi_Boy          | Nyizagi_Girl     |
| 2.  | Nma_Uncle         | Nmagi_Aunt       |
| 3.  | Nnagi_Aunt        | Ndagi_Uncle      |
| 4.  | Gbarufu_Young Man | Nyetsugi_Woman   |
| 5.  | Nda_Father        | Nna_Mother       |
| 6.  | Ndako_Grandpa     | Nnako_Grandma    |
| 7.  | Yabagi_Brother    | Yanyizagi_Sister |
| 8.  | Dada_Dady         | Manman_Mummy     |
| 9.  | Galu_Sir          | Gama_Ma          |
| 10. | Kpako_Door        | Dzufagi_Window   |
| 11. | Dodo_Mr           | Doma_Mrs         |
| 12. | Lo_Go             | Be_Come          |
| 13. | Nakin_Stand       | Fedun_Sit        |
| 14. | Fiti_Up           | Kin_Down         |
| 15. | Yegboro_Front     | Zuma_Back        |
| 16. | Gwalo_Right       | Gwapin_Left      |
| 17. | Wangi_good        | Dede_Bad         |
| 18. | Sa_Bauty          | Sakun_Urgly      |

## **LAYAMI MIN LAN YA O**

*[Trade by barter]*

1:	Dzuko	Market
2:	Parongi	Wholesaler
3:	Shinyaci	Retailer
4:	Kpyankya/Egbya	Consume(er)
5:	Woce	Business
6:	Woce	Price
7:	Bucya	Investment
8:	Kun	Sale
9:	Shi	Buy
10:	Dinboye	Greedy



## **BERE TITI TITI CLASSES OF VOICE TONAL**

- |    |                     |                 |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Bere Lofin          | Rising Voice ´  |
| 2. | Bere Dakin          | Falling Voice ` |
| 3. | Bere Tara           | Flat Voice -    |
| 4. | Bere Shidu          | Deep voice ~    |
| 5. | Bere fiti be kinnyi | Up and down ^   |
| 6. | Bere kin be fiti    | Down and up ˇ   |

### **Examples**

- |    |        |              |
|----|--------|--------------|
| 1. | Ewo    | Cloth        |
| 2. | Ewo    | Money        |
| 3. | Ewo    | Ridge        |
| 4. | Kpaata | All          |
| 5. | A da   | They've gone |
| 6. | Bingi  | Sunfly       |

**KAMIN NUPE****CALENDAR**

1.	Kamin	Calendar
2.	Efin	Watch/time
3.	Baci	Second
4.	Gika	Minute
5.	Kakun	Hour
6.	Kpetso	Fraction
7.	Epe	Wide
8.	Ekpin	Heavy
9.	Kukurugi	Short
10.	Ekpawun	Length
12.	Ekpama	Height
13.	Ebu	Breath
14.	Duru	Tall
15.	Edo	Percentage
16.	Kpalo	Kilometer
17.	Kpagi	Meter

**TAKIZHI****SYMBOLS**

1.	Lakeba	Add/plus/sum	+
2.	Like	Subtract/difference	-
3.	Eda	Multiple/product)	×
4.	Gan/Safi/Kpa	Division/ratio	÷
5.	Eba	Square	√
6.	Wunda	Equal to	=
7.	Ekpe be Etsu	Bracketopen& close	()
8.	Edo	Percentage	%
9.	Gbali	Naira	#
10.	Gbagbagan be Ncikogan	Less&Greater than [ ]	

## YELI YELI

## DAY BY DAY

1.	Fomi	Date
2.	Efo	Day
3.	Yina	Today
4.	Tsuwo	Yesterday
5.	Tsotaci	A day before yesterday
6.	Esun	Tomorrow
7.	Gokati	Week
8.	Etswa	Month
9.	Etswa	Moon
10.	Eya	Year
11.	Eya guwowo (Batsun)	Decade
12.	Eya Shitsuntsun (Barata)	Century
13.	Fafa	Dawn
14.	Yisakagi	Glow/Dust
15.	Lazhin	Morning
16.	Yigidi	Afternoon
17.	Lozunkagi	Evening
18.	Yeshi	Night
19.	Sadu	Midnight
20.	Tswangi	Star
21.	Lozunkagi	Evening
22.	Kpautsu	1,000
23.	Kpautsuntsun	1,000,000
24.	Gbagbadi	1,000,000,000
25.	Gbagurasa	1,000,000,000,000
26.	Guda	Unit
27.	Ema	Measurement
28.	Ebakomba	Square root
29.	Kpinlu	Kilogram
30.	Tikpa	Centimeter
31.	Gbakpa	Mm
32.	Kpedo	Base