

ABBREVIATIONS - NAMOKUSE

adj.	- adjective	- ebakemeli
adv.	- adverb	- ebotisa
conj.	- conjunction	- etonga mpo
int.	- interjection	- ebelela
med.	- medicine	- mino
n.	- noun	- nkombo
o.s.	- oneself	- ye moko
pl.	- plural	- boyike
prep.	- preposition	- ebembisa
pron.	- pronoun	- ekitana
rel.	- religion	- mambi ma Nzambe
sb	- somebody	- moto moko
sth	- something	- eloko moko
v.	- verb	- elobisa

GUIDE TO LINGALA
PRONUNCIATION

Vowels

Tip of the Tongue Positions
of Seven Vowel Sounds
in Lingala

Opening of Teeth

1st degree	i=ee/see/	u=oo/you/
2nd degree	e=eh/day/	o=oh/over/
3rd degree	e=e/let/	o=o/not/
4th degree	a=a/car/	

Phonetic Guide

i	like ee in feel, meet	ee
e	like ay in day, maybe	eh
e	like e in let, egg	e
a	like a in father, car	a
o	like o in got, bought	o
o	like oh in over, dose	oh
u	like oo in too, soon	oo

In the phonetic pronunciation, the stress in a word is indicated by a mark ['] placed after the stressed syllable. Stress (high tone) is common in Lingala words. They have a grammatical value and can indicate another tense or mood of action. They also differentiate the sense of two words written in the same way.

Semi-vowels in written Lingala

There are two semi-vowels y and w: y is written for i, and w for o and u. Examples:

nyonso = nionso (all) mwana = moana (child)

When two vowels are next to each other, each vowel is pronounced separately. Examples:

mai = ma-i (water) nzoi = nzo-i (honey)

Consonants

These are pronounced as in English and each consonant is always hard.

b, d, f, g, k, l, m, n, p, s, t and z

Semi-consonants in written Lingala are **w** and **y** standing at the beginning of a word followed by a vowel. Examples:

wolo (gold) yika (wheel)

Nasalized consonants

mb	mbisi	(fish)	nk	nkanda	(anger)
mp	mpongi	(sleep)	ns	nsoso	(hen)
nd	ndoto	(dream)	nt	ntango	(time)
ng	ngonga	(bell)	nz	nzila	(route)

The phonetic transcription follows all entries in both the dictionary and phrasebook.

ENGLISH - LINGALA

A

- able 1. adj. ekoki [eh-koh-kee] 2. v. be a. to kokoka [koh-koh-ka]
 about adv. (approximately) soko [so'-ko'], lomeko ya [loh-meh-koh ya]: a. 1 mile 1. ya kilometele moko [kee-loh-me'-te-le mo'-ko']
 above adv. na likolo [na-lee-koh-loh']
 accident n. ekbelakbela [eh-kbeh-la-kbeh-la]
 across 1. prep. na [na] 2. v. go a. kokatisa [koh-ka-tee-sa]
 add v. kobakisa [koh-ba-kee-sa]
 advise v. kolaka [koh-la-ka]
 afraid adj. be a. v. kobanga [koh-ba'-nga]: I'm a. nazali kobanga [na-za-lee]
 after prep. (n)sima [nsee-ma]
 afternoon n. mpokwa [mpoh'-kwa]
 again adv. lisusu [lee-soo'-soo]
 age n. eleko, mobu [eh-leh-koh, moh-boo']
 agree v. kondima [koh-ndee-ma]: I agree nandimi [na-ndee-mee]
 air n. mpema [mpeh'-ma]
 airplane n. (m)pepo, avio [mpeh'-poh, a-vee-o]
 airport n. libanda ya pepo [lee-ba-nda ya]
 alcohol n. masanga ma moto [ma-sa-nga ma mo'-to]
 alive adj. na bomoi [na boh-moh-ee]
 all adj./pron. -nso, nyonso, mobimba [nyo'-nso, moh-bee-mba]
 allow v. kolingisa [koh-lee-nee-gee-sa]
 almost adv. mbele [m-be-le]
 alone adj. ngai moko [n-ga'-ee mo'-ko']: I'm a. nazali ngai moko [na-za-lee]
 already adv. naino, kalakala [na-ee-noh, ka-la]
 also adv. mpe [mpeh]
 always adv. mikolo minso [mee-ko-lo mee-nso]
 and conj. na, mpe [na, mpeh]
 anger n. nkanda [nka-nda]: I'm angry with X nazali na nkanda mpo na X [na-za-lee na mpoh na]
 animal n. nyama [nya-ma], (pl.) banyama
 answer 1. n. eyano [eh-ya-noh] 2. v. koyanola [koh-ya-noh-la]
 antelope n. mboloko, mbuli [m-boh'-loh'-koh', m-boo-lee]
 appetite n. mposa [mpoh'-sa'] (for ya)
 April n. avril [avreel]
 archaeology n. zebi za biloko bwa kala [zeh-bee za bee-lo-ko bwa ka-la]
 around prep. (place) zongazonga [zoh'-nga-zoh'-nga]
 arrange v. kobongisa [koh-boh-ngee-sa]
 arrival 1. n. boyei [boh-yeh'-ee] 2. v. arrive koya, kokoma [koh-ya'-a, koh-koh'-ma]; a. at v. kokomela [koh-koh'-meh-la]
 art n. ntoki [nto-kee]

as adv. lokola [loh-koh-la]
 ashamed adj. (n)soni [nsch-nnee]: I'm a. nazali koyoka soni
 [na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka]
 ask v. kosenga, kotuna [koh-se'-nga, koh-too'-na]; ask for
 v. kobondela [koh-boh-ndeh'-la]
 asleep 1. adj. -lali [la'-lee] 2. v. be a. kolala
 [ko-la'-la]: he's a. alali [a-la'-lee]
 at prep. na, o [na, oh]
 August n. ogusiti [o-goo-see-tee]
 awake v. kolongola [koh-loh-ngoh-la]
 awful adj. nsomo [nso'-mo]
 axe n. soka [so'-ka]

B

baby n. mwana [mwa'-na]
 babysitter n. mokengeli-mwana [moh-ke-nge-lee]
 back n. 1. (body) mokongo [moh-ko-ngo] 2. (direction) nsima
 [nsee-ma]
 bad adj. -be, mabe [ma-beh']
 bag n. saki, libenga [sa'-kee, lee-beh-nga]
 baggage n. biloko [bee-lo'-ko]
 bald-headed adj. libata [lee-ba-ta']
 ball n. (sport) bale, ndembo [ba'-leh', n-deh-mboh]
 bamboo n. mbanzi, linkeke [m-ba-nzee, lee-nkeh-keh]
 banana n. ntela [nteh-la], (pl.) mintela
 baptism n. batismu [ba-tee-see-moo]
 bargain v. kokakola [koh-ka-koh-la]
 barber n. mokati-nsuki [moh-ka-tee nsuu-kee]
 barrel n. (of oil) pipa [pee-pa]
 basket n. ekolo [eh-ko-lo']
 battery n. batiri [ba-tee-ree]
 be v. kozala [koh-za-la]
 beach n. libongo [lee-boh'-ngoh']
 beans n. nkunde, madesu [nkoo-ndeh, ma-deh'-soo]
 beard n. ndole, ndefu [n-doh-leh, n-deh-foo]
 beat v. (strike) kobeta, -te [koh-be'-te]
 beautiful adj. kitoko [kee-to'-ko]
 because conj. mpo [mpoh] (of na)
 bed n. mbeto [m-be'-toh]
 bedroom n. elalelo [eh-la-leh-loh]
 beef n. nyama ya ngombe [nya-ma ya n-go'-mbeh]
 before adv. yambo, liboso [ya-mboh, lee-boh-soh']
 begin v. kobanda [koh-ba-nda]
 beginning n. ebandeli [eh-ba-ndeh-lee]
 behind adv./prep. nsima, mbisa [nsee-ma, m-bee-sa]
 believe v. kondima, koyamba [koh-ndee-ma, koh-ya-mba]
 bell n. ngonga [n-goh-nga]
 below prep. na nse [na nseh]

bench n. (seat) etanda [eh-ta-nda]
 bet n. mondenge [moh-nde-nge']
 better adj. eleki malamu [eh-leh-kee ma-la'-moo]
 between prep. o ntaka [oh nta-ka]
 bicycle n. nkinga, velo [nkee-nga, veh-loh]
 big adj. -nene, monene [moh-ne'-ne]: a big orange lilala
 linene [lee-la'-la lee-ne'-ne]
 bill n. (money) biye [bee-ye]
 bird n. ndeke [n-de-ke], (pl.) bandeke
 birth 1. n. mbotama [m-boh'-ta-ma] 2. v. give b. (to)
 kobota [koh-boh'-ta]
 bit n. ndambo [nda-mboh]: a little b. mwa ndambo [mwa-a]
 bite 1. n. boswi [boh-swee] 2. v. koswa [koh-swa']: a dog
 has bitten him mbwa aswi ye [m-bwa' a-swee yeh']
 black adj. -yindo, moyindo [moh-yee-ndoh]
 bleed v. kobima makila [koh-bee-ma ma-kee-la']
 blanket n. bolangiti [boh-la-ngee'-tee]
 blind adj. (med.) mololanda [moh-lo-la-nda]
 blood n. makila [ma-kee-la']
 blue adj. bulo [boo-loh]
 boat n. masuwa, bwato [ma-soo'-wa, bwa'-toh]
 body n. nzoto [n-zoh'-toh]
 boil 1. n. (med.) matungana [ma-too-nga-na] 2. v. kobela,
 kolamba [koh-beh-la, koh-la-mba]
 bone n. mokuwa [moh-koo-wa]
 book n. buku [boo'-koo]
 boot n. (shoe) botte [bot]
 border n. (country) ndelo [n-deh-loh]
 borrow v. kodefa [koh-deh-fa]
 botany n. zebi za bitwele [zeh-bee za bee-twe'-le']
 bottle n. molangi [moh-la-ngee]
 bottom n. 1. (of sea etc.) nse [nseh] 2. (body) lisoko,
 [li-so'-ko], (pl.) masoko
 bowl n. (for food) kopo [ko'-po]
 box n. sanduku [sa-ndoo'-koo]
 boy n. elenge/mwana mobali [eh-le-nge'/mwa'-na moh-ba'-lee]
 bracelet n. ekomo [eh-ko-mo]
 brain n. bongo [boh-ngoh']
 brake n. frein [fren]
 bread n. lipa [lee-pa], (pl.) mapa
 break v. kobuka, kopaswana [koh-boo-ka, koh-pa-swa-na]: it's
 broken ebuki [eh-boo-kee]
 breakfast n. bile na ntongo [bee-leh' na nto'-ngo']
 breast n. libele [lee-be'-le], (pl.) mabele
 bridge n. etalaka, gbagba [eh-ta-la-ka, gba-gba]
 bring v. koyela, komemela [koh-yeh-la, koh-me-me'-la]: bring
 me... memela ngai... [me-me'-la n-ga'-ee']
 brook n. (stream) moluka [moh-loo'-ka']
 broom n. likombo [lee-koh-mboh]
 brother n. ndeko [n-deh-koh]
 brother-in-law n. bokilo [boh-kee-loh']

brown adj. langi la kawa [la'-ngee la ka'-wa]
 bucket n. (pail) katini [ka-tee-nee]
 build v. kotonga [koh-toh-nga]
 builder n. (mason) motongi-ndako [moh-toh-ngee n-da'-koh]
 building n. ndako [n-da'-koh]
 burn v. kotumba [koh-too-mba]
 bury v. kokunda [koh-koo-nda]
 bus n. otobisi [oh-toh-bee-see]
 business n. mombongo [moh-mbo'-ngo]
 businessman n. moto wa mombongo [moh-toh wa]
 but conj. kasi, ka [ka-see, ka-a]
 butcher n. moteki-nyama [moh-te'-kee nya-ma]
 button n. lifungu, buto [lee-foo'-ngoo, boo-to']
 buy v. kosomba [koh-soh'-mba]: I'd like to buy... nalingi
 kosomba... [na-lee-ngee]
 buyer n. mosombi [moh-soh-mbee]
 by prep. na, o [na, oh]

C

calendar n. manaka [ma-na-ka]
 call v. kobenga [koh-beh'-nga]
 calm v. kobondo [koh-bo'-ndo]
 camel n. kamela [ka-me-la]
 camping n. molako [moh-la-koh]
 can 1. n. (of oil) engwongolo [eh-ngwoh-ngoh-loh] 2. v.
 can (be able) kokoka [koh-koh-ka]: I can nakoki [na-koh-kee]
 candle n. buzi [boo-zee]
 canoe n. bwato [bwa'-toh]
 car n. vatiri, motuka [va-tee-ree, moh-too-ka]
 card n. kalati [ka'-la-tee]
 care: take care (pay attention) v. kokeba [koh-keh-ba]
 carry v. komeme, kokumba [koh-me-me, koh-koo-mba]
 carpenter n. kabinda [ka-bee-nda]
 cartridge n. (firearm) lisasi [lee-sa-see]
 carving n. motende [moh-te'-ndeh]
 cassava n. nsongo [nsoh-ngoh']
 cassava leaves n. (dish) mpoundu, sakasaka [mpo-ndoo,
 sa-ka-sa-ka]
 cat n. pusi, nkondoko [poo-see, nkoh'-ndoh-koh]; wild cat
 n. nkondoko ya zamba [ya za'-mba]
 catch v. kokanga [koh-ka-nga]
 cemetery n. malita [ma-lee-ta]
 century n. sekulo [se-koo-lo]
 center n. kati [ka-tee]
 ceremony n. ndulu [n-doo'-loo]
 chair n. kiti [kee-tee], (pl.) bakiti
 change v. kobongola [koh-boh-ngoh-la]
 charcoal n. makala [ma-ka'-la]

cheap adj. ya motuya te, mobobe [ya moh-too-ya te',
 moh-boh-beh']
 cheek n. (body) litama [lee-ta'-ma]
 chicken n. nsoso [nsoh'-soh']
 chief n. sefu, mokonzi [seh-foo, moh-koh-nzee]
 child n. mwana [mwa'-na], (pl.) bana
 chin n. lobanga [loh-ba-nga], (pl.) mbanga
 choice n. boponi [boh-po-nee]
 cholera n. pulupulu ya nsomo [poo-loo-poo-loo ya nso'-mo]
 choose v. kopono [koh-po-no]
 Christ n. Kristo [Kree-stoh]
 Christian adj./n. mokristo [moh-kree-stoh]
 church n. ndako-Nzambe [n-da'-koh n-za'-mbeh]
 cigar, cigarette n. likaya [lee-ka-ya]
 citizen n. mwana ekolo [mwa'-na eh-ko'-lo]
 city n. engumba [eh-ngoo-mba]
 class n. (school) kelasi [keh-la'-see]
 clean 1. adj. petwa [pe'-twa'] 2. v. kopetwa [koh-pe'-twa']
 clear adj. polele, saa [poh-leh'-leh', sa-a]
 climate n. mikili [mee-kee-lee]
 climb v. kobuta, komata [koh-boo-ta, koh-ma-ta']
 clock n. ngonga [n-goh-nga]
 close v. kokanga, kofunga [koh-ka-nga, koh-foo-nga]
 closet n. etandaka [eh-ta-nda-ka]
 cloth n. elamba [eh-la-mba']
 coast n. mopanzi [moh-pa-nzee]
 coat n. kazaka [ka-za'-ka]
 coconut n. kokoti [koh-koh-tee]
 coffee n. kafe, kawa [ka-feh, ka'-wa]
 cold 1. adj. mpio, malili [mppee-oh, ma-lee-lee] 2. n. (med.)
 moyoyo [moh-yo-yo]
 collect v. kolokoto [koh-loh-koh'-toh']
 color adj. langi [la'-ngeel]
 comb 1. n. lisanola [lee-sa-noh-la] 2. v. kosanola
 [koh-sa-noh-la]
 come v. koya [koh-ya-a]: I've come naye [na-yeh'-ee'];
 let sb come v. koyeisa [koh-yeh'-ee-sa]; come from v. kouta
 [koh-oo'-ta]; come back v. kozonga [koh-zoh'-nga];
 come here! yaka awa! [ya'-ka' a'wa]; come in! kota!
 [koh'-ta']
 comfortable adj. sei [seh-ee]
 company n. kompani [koh-mpa-nee]
 complain v. kolela [koh-leh-la]
 concern v. kotala [koh-ta'-la]: it concerns you etali yo
 [eh-ta'-lee yo']
 concert n. ngombi [n-goh-mbee]
 concubine n. makango [ma-ka'-ngoh]
 constipation n. libumu likangani [lee-boo-moo lee-ka-nga-nee]
 cook 1. n. kuku, molambi [koo'-koo, moh-la-mbee] 2. v.
 kolamba [koh-la'-mba]: what are you cooking? ozali kolamba
 nini? [oh-za-lee nee'-nee]

copper n. kwivre, mitako [kwee-vre, mee-ta-koh]
 corn n. (maize) mboto [m-boh'-toh]
 corner n. (of room) litumu [lee-too'-moo]
 corpse n. ebembe [eh-beh-mbeh']
 cotton n. koto [ko-to]
 cough 1. n. lokosu [loh-koh-soo'] 2. v. kokosola
 [koh-koh'-soh-la]
 count v. (money etc.) kotanga [koh-ta'-nga]
 country n. (nation) ekolo [eh-ko'-lo], (pl.) bai ekolo
 court n. tribunali, esambelo [tree-boo-na-lee, eh-sa-mbeh-loh]
 cousin n. ndeko [n-deh-koh]
 cow n. ngombe [n-go'-mbeh]
 crab n. lingato, lingalo [lee-nga-toh, lee-nga-loh]
 cross 1. n. (rel.) kuruse [koo-roo-seh] 2. v. kokatisa
 [koh-ka-tee-sa]
 crowd n. likita [lee-kee-ta]
 cry v. kolela [koh-leh-la]
 cup n. kopo [ko'-po]
 cupboard n. etandaka [eh-ta-nda-ka]
 cure v. (heal) kobowa [koh-boh-wa]
 curtain n. rido [ree-doh]
 custom n. (habit) momeseno [moh-me-se-noh]
 customs n. douane [dwan]
 cut v. kokata, kosesa [koh-ka'-ta, koh-se-sa]

D

daily adv. ntongo nyonso [nto'-ngo' nyo'-nso]
 dance 1. n. bobina [boh-bee-na] 2. v. kobina [koh-bee-na]
 danger n. likama [lee-ka-ma]
 dark adj. moindo, molili [moh-ee-ndoh, moh-lee-lee]
 date n. (time) elaka [eh-la-ka]
 daughter n. mwana mwasi [mwa'-na mwa'-see]
 day n. mokolo [moh-ko-lo]
 deaf adj. loko [loh-koh']
 dear adj. 1. (expensive) ya motuya, ntalo mingi [ya moh-too-ya,
 nta'-loh mee'-ngee] 2. (loved) bolingo [boh-lee-ngoh]
 death n. liwa, kufa [lee-wa-a, koo-fa]
 decade n. zomi [zoh'-mee]
 deceive v. kokosa [koh-koh'-sa]: you d. me okokosa ngai
 [oh'-koh-koh'-sa n-ga'-ee']
 December n. desembere [deh-se-mbe-re]
 decide n. kokata likambo [koh-ka'-ta lee-kam-boh]
 declare v. (disclose) kosakola [koh-sa-koh-la]
 deep adj. bozindo [boh-zee-ndoh]
 delay v. koumela [koh-oo-meh-la]
 department n. etuka [eh-too'-ka']
 departure n. bokei [boh-ke-ee]

desert n. biliki [mee-lee-kee]
 devil n. zabolo, satana [za'-boh-loh, sa-ta-na]
 diabetes n. bokono bwa sukali [boh-ko-no bwa soo-ka'-lee]
 dialect n. lokota [loh-koh-ta]
 diamond n. diaman [dee-a-man]
 die v. kokufa, kowa [koh-koo-fa, koh-wa']: he'll die akokufa
 [a-koh-koo-fa]: he has died awei [a-weh'-ee]
 difference n. bokeseni [boh-keh-seh-nee]
 different adj. ekeseni [eh-keh-seh-nee]
 difficult adj. -kasi, makasi, mpasi [ma-ka'-see, mpa'-see]:
 it's not d. ezali pasi te [eh-za-lee pa'-see te']
 difficulty n. mpasi, matata [mpa'-see, ma-ta'-ta]
 dinner n. bile na mpokwa [bee-leh' na mpoh'-kwa]
 direct adj. semba [seh-mba]
 dirty adj. bosoto, epotu [boh-soh-toh, eh-poh-too]
 disabled adj. mokoni [moh-koh-nee]
 disease n. maladi, bokono [ma-la-dee, boh-ko-no]
 dislike v. koyina [koh-yee-na]
 distance n. ntaka [nta-ka]
 district n. (of town) etuka enene [eh-too'-ka' eh-ne'-ne]
 do v. kosala [koh-sa'-la]; be done kosalema [koh-sa'-leh-ma]
 dock n. (wharf) libongo [lee-boh'-ngoh']
 doctor n. (physician) monganga [moh'-nga-nga]
 dog n. mbwa [m-bwa']; wild dog mbwa ya zambla [ya za'-mba]
 donkey n. mpunda [mpoo-nda]
 door n. polte, monoko ya ndako [po'l-te, moh-no-ko ya
 n-da'-koh]
 doubt 1. n. ntembe [nte-mbe] 2. v. kobete ntembe [koh-be'-te]
 down adv. na nse [na nseh]
 dowry n. mosolo, likonza [moh-so-lo, lee-koh-nza]
 dream n. ndoto [n-do'-to]
 dress 1. n. molato, elamba [moh-la-toh, eh-la-mba] 2. v.
 (o.s.) kolata [koh-la-ta]; (sb) kolatisa [koh-la-tee-sa]
 drink 1. n. masanga [ma-sa-nga] 2. v. komela, -le [koh-me-le]
 I've drunk too much nameli mingi [na-me-lee mee'-ngee]
 driver n. sofele, motambwisi-motuka [soh-feh'-leh,
 moh-ta'-mbwee-see moh'-too-ka]
 dry v. kokoka [koh-koh'-kal]: it's dry ekoki [eh-koh'-kee];
 make sth dry v. kokokisa [koh-koh'-kee-sa]
 during prep. eleko ya [eh-leh-koh ya]
 dust n. putulu [poo-too-loo']
 dysentery n. pulupulu ya makila [poo-loo-poo-loo ya ma-kee-la]

E

each adj. moko, yonso [mo'-ko', yo'-nso]
 eagle n. engondo [eh-ngoh-ndoh]
 ear n. litoi [lee-to'-ee]
 early adv. mbangu [mba'-ngoo]

earrings n. mpete/mbuma ya matoi [mpe'-te/m-boo-ma ya ma-to'-ee]
 earth n. mabele [ma-beh-leh']
 east adj./n. monyele [moh-nyeh-leh]
 Easter n. Pasika [pa'-see-ka]
 easy adj. molembu, pasi te [moh-leh-mboo', pa'-see te']
 eat v. kolia, -liya [koh-lee-a]: I've eaten nalei [na-leh'-ee']
 effects n. (goods) biloko [bee-lo'-ko]
 egg n. likei [lee-ke-ee']
 eggplant n. (aubergine) ngungutu [n-goo-ngoo-too]
 eight adj./n. mwambe [mwa-mbeh]
 elder adj. yaya, nkulutu [ya-ya', nkoo-loo'-too]
 electricity n. monili, lotrikii [moh-neeh-lee, loh-tree-kee]
 elsewhere adv. esika esusu [eh-see'-ka' eh-soo-soo]
 emergency n. likama [lee-ka-ma]
 empty adj. mpamba [mpa-mba]
 end n. nsuka [nsuu'-ka]
 enemy n. monguna [moh-ngoo-na]
 engine n. motele [moh-te'-le]
 English adj./n. anglais [angle]: I speak English nalobaka
 anglais [na-loh-ba-ka]
 enjoy v. kosepela [koh-seh-peh-la]
 enough adj./adv. ekoki [eh-koh-kee]
 enter v. kokota, koyingela [koh-koh'-ta', koh-yee'-ngeh-la]
 entertainment n. lisano [lee-sa-noh]
 even adv. ata [a'-ta]
 evening n. mpokwa [mpoh'-kwa]
 every adj. (n)yonso/(n)yoso [nyo'-nso, nyo'-so]
 everybody, -one pron. bato banso/nyonso, moto na moto [ba-toh
 ba-nso, moh-toh na moh-toh]
 everyday adj. mikolo nyoso [mee-ko-lo nyo'-so]
 everything pron. mobimba, nyonso [moh-bee-mba, nyo'-nso]
 everywhere n. bisika binso [bee-see'-ka' bee-nso]
 exchange v. kosombitinya [koh-soh-mbee-tee-nya]
 excuse n. bolimbisi [boh-lee-mbee-see]
 expensive adj. ntalo mingi, ya motuya [nta'-loh mee-ngee,
 ya moh-too'-ya]
 eye n. liso [lee'-soh]

F

face n. elongi [eh-loh-ngee]
 factory n. maboma [ma-boh-ma]
 faith n. (rel.) boyambi [boh-ya-mbee]
 fall (down) v. kokwa [koh-kwa-a]: it has fallen ekwei na
 nse [ekweh'-ee' na nseh]
 family n. libota [lee-boh'-ta]
 far adj. mosika [moh-see-ka]

farm n. elanga [eh-la-nga]
 farmer n. moto wa bilanga [moh-toh wa bee-la-nga]
 fast 1. n. (go without food) ntingo [ntee-ngo] 2. adj.
 (quick) noki [no-kee']
 fat adj. monene [moh-ne'-ne]
 father n. 1. (parent) tata [ta-ta'] 2. (priest) sango
 [sa'-ngoh']
 father-in-law n. bokilo mobali [boh-kee-loh' moh-ba'-lee]
 fear 1. n. nsomo [nsu'-mo] 2. v. koyoka nsomo [koh-yoh'-ka]
 February n. febuari [feh-boo-a-ree]
 feel v. koyoka [koh-yoh'-ka]: I feel well nayoki malamu
 [na-yoh'-kee ma-la'-moo]
 festival n. (music etc.) eyenga [eh-yeh-nga]
 fetish priest n. nganga-nkisi [n-ga-nga nkee-see]
 fever n. fefe, molunge [fe'-fe-le, moh-loo-nge']
 few adj./pron. moke [moh-ke']; a few pron. (pl.) basusu
 [ba-soo'-soo]
 field n. lisala [lee-sa-la]
 fight 1. n. etumba [eh-too-mba] 2. v. kobunda, kobuna
 [koh-boo-nda, koh-boo-na]: don't fight kobunda te [te']
 file n. (tool) mosiyo [moh-see-yoh]
 fill v. kotondisa [koh-toh-ndee-sa]
 find v. kokuta [koh-koo-ta]; find (again) v. kozwa [koh-zwa]
 fine n. (money) lomande [loh-ma'-nde]
 finger n. (body) mosapi [moh-sa-pee]
 finish v. kosilisa, kosukisa [koh-see-lee-sa, koh-soo-kee-sa]:
 it's finished esilisi [eh-see-lee-see]
 fire n. moto [mo'-to]
 fish n. mbisi [m-bee'-see]; fisherman n. pesele, mobomi-mbisi
 [pe-se'-le, moh-boh-mee]
 fit v. kobonga, kolongobana [koh-bo-nga, koh-lo-ngo-ba-na]
 five adj./n. mitano [mee'-ta'-noh]
 fix v. kobamba [koh-ba-mba]
 flag n. bendele, dalapo [beh-nde-le, da-la-poh]
 floor n. 1. (of room) mabele [ma-beh-leh'] 2. (story) etalaka
 [eh-ta-la-ka]
 flour n. fufu, moteke [foo-foo', moh-te'-ke]
 flower n. fulele, mbe [foo-le-le, mbeh]
 flu n. (influenza) molunge mabe mpe ketuketu [moh-loo-nge'
 ma-beh' mpeh keh-too-keh-too]
 fly 1. n. (insect) mokangi [moh-ka-ngee] 2. v. kopumbwa
 [koh-poo-mbwa]
 follow v. kolanda [koh-la-nda]
 food n. bilei [bee-leh'-ee]
 foot n. (body) lokolo [loh-koh-loh]
 football n. bale, ndembo [ba'-leh', n-deh-mboh]
 footpath n. nzela ya makolo [n-zeh-la' ya ma-koh-loh]
 for prep. mpo na/ya [mpoh na]
 forbid v. (prohibit) kopekisa [koh-peh-kee-sa]
 foreign adj. mopaya, libanda [moh-pa-ya, lee-ba-nda]
 forest n. zamba [za-mba], (pl.) mamba

forget v. kobosana, kobunga (koh-boh-sa-na, koh-boo-nga)
fork n. nkanya [nka-nya]
four adj./n. minei [mee'-neh-ee]
free adj. mpamba, nsomi [mpa-mba, nso-mee]
Friday n. mokolo ya mitano [moh-ko-lo ya mee-ta'-noh]
friend n. di, moninga, ndeko [dee, moh-nee-nга, n-deh-koh]
frog n. mombemba [moh-mbeh-mba]
from prep. uta [oo-ta]
front n. boso, liboso [lee-boh-soh']
fruit n. mbuma [m-boo-ma]
full 1. adj. -tondi [toh'-ndee] 2. v. be full (up) kotonda
 [koh-toh'-nda]: it's f. etondi [eh-toh'-dee]

G

game n. 1. (play) lisanso [lee-sa-noh] 2. (animals) bokila
 [boh-kee-la]
gasoline n. esanzi [eh-sa-nzee]
gazelle n. mboloko [m-boh'-loh'-koh']
geography n. zebi za mokili [zeh-bee za moh-kee-lee-]
geology n. zebi za mabanga [zeh-bee za ma-ba'-nga']
get v. (obtain) kozwa [koh-zwa]: I get nazwi [na-zwee];
 get down v. kokita [koh-kee-ta]
gift n. (present) libonza [lee-boh-nza]
ginger n. tangawisi [ta-nга-wee-see]
girl n. elenge/mwana mwasi [eh-le-nge'/mwa'-na mwa'-see]
give v. kopesala, kokaba [koh-pe'-sa, koh-ka-bal]; give to v.
 kopesela [koh-pe'-seh-la]
glad adj. be g. v. kosepela [koh-seh-peh-la]: I'm g.
 nasepeli [na-seh-peh-lee]
glass n. nzinzi [n-zee-nzee]
go v. kokende [koh-ke-nde]: I'm going/I've gone nakei
 [na-ke-ee']; go out v. kobima [koh-bee-ma]; go up v.
 komata [koh-ma-ta']; go down v. kokita [koh-kee-ta]
goat n. (n)taba [nta-ba]
God n. Nzambe [n-za'-mbeh]
gold n. wolo [woh-loh]
good adj. -lamu, malamu [ma-la'-moo]
goodbye n./int. 1. (bid farewell) kendeke malamu [ke-nde'-ke'-
 ma-la'-moo] 2. (stay well) tikala malamu [tee'-ka'-la']
goods n. biloko [bee-lo'-ko]
grandfather n. tata nkoko [ta-ta' nko-ko]; **g.mother** n. mama
 nkoko [ma-ma']
grapefruit n. pamplemousse [pa-mple-moos]
grass n. lititi [lee-tee-tee]
gray adj. mbwi [m-bwee]
green adj. mobesu [moh-beh'-soo]
ground n. mabele [ma-beh-leh']
groundnut n. nguba [n-goo-ba]

guava n. lipela [lee-peh'-la]
gun n. bondoki [boh-ndoh'-kee]

H

hair n. nswei, nsuki [nsweh'-ee', nsuu-kee]
half n. ntei, ndambo [nteh-ee, n-da-mboh]
hammer n. malato [ma-la-toh']
hand n. loboko [loh-bo'-ko]
happiness n. esengo, bolamu [eh-se-ngo, boh-la'-moo]
harbor n. nsele [nseh-leh]
hard adj./adv. -kasi, makasi [ma-ka'-see]
hat n. (cap) enkoti [eh-nkoh-tee]
hate v. koyina [koh-yee-na]
have v. kozala na, kozwa [koh-za-la na, koh-zwa]
he pron. a- [a]: he is azali [a-za-lee]
head n. moto [moh-toh']
headache n. mpasi ya moto [mpa'-see ya moh-toh']
health n. bokolongono [boh-koh'-loh'-ngoh'-noh']
hear v. koyoka [koh-yoh'-ka]: I hear nayoki [na-yoh'-kee]
heart n. motema [moh-teh'-ma]
heat n. molunge [moh-loo-nge']
heavy adj. -zito, mozito [moh-zee-toh]
help v. kosalisa [koh-sa-lee-sa]
hen n. nsoso mwasi [nsoh'-soh' mwa'-see]
her, hers ye [yeh'] 1. pron. it's hers yango na ye [ya-ngoh'
 na] 2. adj. her bag saki ya ye [sa'-kee na]; herself pron.
 ye moko [mo'-ko']
herb n. lititi [lee-tee'-tee]
here adv. awa [a'-wa]: it's here ezali awa [eh-za-lee];
 here I am! ngai oyo! [n-ga'-ee oh'-yoh]; here it's yango
 oyo [ya-ngoh']
hide v. 1. (sth) kobomba [koh-boh-mba] 2. (o.s.) kobombana
 [koh-boh-mba-na]
high adj. -lai, molai [moh-la-ee']
hill n. ngomba [n-goh'-mba']
him pron. ye [yeh']; himself pron. ye moko [mo'-ko']
hire v. kofutela [koh-foo-teh-la]
his adj. na ye [na yeh']: his book buku na ye [boo-koo na]
history n. mokolo [moh-koh'-loh']
hoe n. nkongo [nkoh'-ngoh]
hold v. kosimba [koh-see-mba]
hole n. libela [lee-beh'-la']
holiday n. eyenga [eh-yeh-nga]
home n. ndako [n-da'-koh]
homemade adj. (dishes) bile bya ekolo [bee-leh' bya eh-ko'-lo]
honey n. nzoi [n-zo'-ee]
hope n. elikya [eh-lee-kya]
horn n. (of animal) liseke [lee-se-ke]

horse n. farasa [fa-ra'-sa]
 hospital n. lopitalo [loh-peetah-loh]
 hot adj. moto, molunge [mo'-to, moh-loo-nge']
 hotel n. lotele [loh-te-le]
 hour n. (n)tango, ngonga [nta'-ngoh, n-goh-nga]
 house n. ndako [n-da'-koh]: at my h. epai ya ngai [eh-pa'-ee
 ya n-ga'-ee]
 how adv. boni [boh'-nee']: how much? boni? [boh'-nee'];
 how are you? sango nini? [sa-ngoh nee'-nee]
 humidity n. bobandu [boh-ba-ndoo']
 hunger n. nzala [n-za-la]: I'm hungry nazali na nzala
 [na-za-lee na]
 hunting n. bokila, bobengi-nyama [boh-kee-la, boh-beh-ngee
 nya-ma]
 hurt v. (injure) kozaka [koh-zoh-ka]
 husband n. mobali [moh-ba'-lee]

I

I pron. na- [na]: I'm nazali [na-za-lee]
 ice n. glace [glas]
 if conj. soki [so'-kee]
 ill adj. I'm ill nazali maladi/kobela [na-za-lee ma-la'-dee/
 koh-be'-la]; illness n. bokono [boh-ko-no]
 immediately adv. noki, sikawa [no-kee', see-ka'-wa]
 important adj. -nene, monene [moh-ne'-ne]
 in prep. o, na, na kati [oh, na, na-ka-tee]
 inform v. koyebisa [koh-yeh'-bee-sa]
 inject v. (med.) kotuba tonga [koh-too-ba to-nga]
 insect n. pimbwela [pee-mbwew-la], (pl.) bipimbwela
 inside prep. na kati [na-ka'-tee]
 insult v. kofinga [koh-fee-nga]
 interested adj. esepelisi [eh-seh-peh-lee-see]
 interpreter n. lingisi [lee-ngee-see]
 interview n. lisolo [lee-soh-loh']
 invite v. kobyanga [koh-by-a-nga]
 iron 1. n. (laundry) felo, engomeli [fe'-loh, eh-ngoh-meh-lee];
 2. v. kongoma [koh-ngoh-ma]
 island n. esanga [eh-sa-nga]
 it pron. e-, yango [eh, ya-ngoh']: it's ezali [eh-za-lee]:
 I've sold it nateki yango [na-te'-kee]
 itch n. mokosa [moh-ko-sa]
 ivory n. mpembe [mpe'-mbe']

J

January n. yanuari [ya-noo-a-ree]

Jesus n. Yezu [yeh'-zoo]
 jealousy n. zuwa [zoo'-wa]
 jug n. kopo [ko'po]
 July n. yuli [yoo-lee]
 jump v. kopimbwa [koh-pee-mbwa]
 June n. yuni [yoo-nee]

K

kerosene n. pitolo [pee-to-lo']
 kettle n. birika [bee-ree-ka]
 key n. lifungola [lee-foo-ngoh-la]
 kill v. koboma [koh-bo'-ma]
 kind adj. 1. (good) malamu [ma-la'-moo] 2. (sort) lolenge,
 ndenge [loh-le'-nge', n-de'-nge']
 king n. mokonzi mobali [moh-koh-nzee moh-ba'-lee]
 kiss v. kopewpwa [koh-pwe-pwa]
 kitchen n. kuku [koo'-koo]
 knife n. mbeli [m-be-lee]
 knock v. kobola [koh-boh-la]
 know v. koyeba [koh-yeh'-ba]: I don't know nayebi te
 [na-yeh'-bee te']

L

ladder n. ebuteli [eh-boo-te-lee]
 lake n. etima [eh-tee-ma]
 lamb n. mwa mpata mwa-a mpa-ta'
 lame adj. motengoli [moh-te-ngo-lee]
 lamp n. mwinda [mwee'-nda]
 land n. mabele [ma-beh-leh']
 language n. monoko, lokota [moh-no-ko, loh-ko'-ta]
 large n. -nene, monene [moh-ne'-ne]
 last adj. ya nsuka [ya nsoo-k]; (past) eleki [eh-leh-kee]:
 last week mposo eleki [mpo'-so]
 late 1. adj. -umeli [oo-meh-la] 2. v. be late koumela
 [koh-oo-meh-la]: I'm 1. naumeli [na-oo'-meh-lee]
 laugh v. koseke [koh-se-ke]
 law n. mobeko [moh-beh-koh]
 lazy adj. goigoi [go-ee-go'-ee]
 leaf n. lokasa [loh-ka-sa], (pl.) nkasa
 learn v. koyekola [koh-yeh'-koh-la]
 leather n. kwire [kwhee-re]
 leave v. 1. (abandon) kotika [koh-kee'-ta] 2. (go away)
 kokende [koh-ke-nde]
 left adj. (hand, side etc.) ya mwasi [ya mwa'-see]

leg n. lokolo [loh-koh-loh]
 lesson n. liteya [lee-teh'-ya]
 lemon n. libazi, ndimo [lee-ba-zee, n-dee-moh]
 letter n. letele, mokanda [le'-te-le, moh-ka-nda']
 lie 1. n. (untruth) lokuta [loh-koo-ta'] 2. v. kobuka lokuta
 [koh-boo-ka]; lie down v. kolala [koh-la'-la]
 life n. bomoi [boh-moh-ee]
 light 1. n. mwinda [mwee-nda], (pl.) minda 2. adj. (weight)
 bozito te [boh-zee-toh te']; (bright) saa [sa-a] 3. v.
 kopelisa, kobambola [koh-peh-lee-sa, koh-ba-mboh-la]
 lightning n. monkalali [moh-nka-la-lee]
 like 1. conj. (as) lokola [loh-koh-la] 2. adj. (similar)
 lokola, lolenge loko [loh-le'-nge' lo'-ko'] 3. v. (desire,
 emotion) kolinga [koh-lee-nnga]: I like nalingi [na-lee-ngee]
 limit n. nsuka [nsuu-ka]
 line n. mokoloto [moh-koh-loh-toh]
 listen v. koyoka [koh-yoh'-ka]: listen to me yoka ngai
 [yoh'-ka' n-ga'-ee]
 little adj. -ke, moke [moh-ke']; (diminutive) mwa [mwa-a]:
 a 1. happy mwa esengo [eh-se-ngo]
 live v. kozala, kofanda [koh-za-la, koh-fa-nda]: we live
 in the same house tofandi na ndako moko [to-fa-ndee na
 nda'-koh mo'-ko']
 living room n. esika ya masolo [eh-see'-ka' ya ma-soh-loh']
 long adj. -lai, molai [moh-la-ee]
 look v. kotala [koh-ta'-la]
 lorry n. kaminio [ka-mee-nee-o']
 lose v. kobungisa [koh-boo-ngee-sa]: I've lost my...
 nabungisi... [na-boo-ngee-see]; get lost v. kobunga
 nzela [koh-boo-nga nzeh-la']
 lot: a lot (of) n. ebele (ya) [eh-beh-leh']
 love 1. n. bolingo [boh-lee-ngoh] 2. v. kolinga
 [koh-lee-nnga]: I love you nalingi yo [na-lee-ngee yo'];
 love each other v. kolingana [koh-lee-nga-na]
 luck n. sanse, konzo [sa'-nseh, koh-nzoh]: good 1. bolamu
 [boh-la'-moo]; bad 1. botutu [boh-too-too']
 luggage n. biloko [bee-lo'-ko]
 lunch n. bile na moi [bee-leh' na moh'-ee]

M

machine n. masini [ma-see-nee]
 mad adj. elema [eh-leh'-ma']
 madam n. madamu [ma-da-moo]
 magic n. liloki [lee-lo-kee]
 maid n. mosalisi mwasi [moh-sa'-lee-see mwa'-see]
 maize n. mboto [m-boh'-toh]
 make v. kosala, kokela [koh-sa'-la, koh-keh-la]

man n. moto/motu [moh-toh], (pl.) bato
 manager n. moyangeli [moh-ya-ngeh-lee]
 many adj./pron. mingi, ebele [mee'-ngee, eh-beh-leh']: how
 many? boni? [boh'-nee']
 marabout n. (rel.) nkoko [nko'-ko]
 March n. mars [mars]
 market n. zando [za'-ndoh]; (small) wenze [we-nze]
 marriage n. libala [lee-ba'-la]
 marry v. kobala, kolonga [koh-ba'-la, koh-loh-nga]
 marsh n. (land) mobela [moh-be-la]
 mass n. (church) misa [mee-sa]
 mat n. litoko [lee-to-ko']
 match n. 1. (light) alimenti, fololo [a-lee-me'-tee,
 foh-lo'-lo]; 2. (game) lisano [lee-sa-noh]
 material n. (cloth) elamba [eh-la-mba]
 matter n. (affair) likambo, zambi, mpo [lee-ka-mboh, za-mbee,
 mpoh]: what's the m.? likambo nini? [nee'-nee]; it doesn't
 m. likambo te [te']
 May n. mai [me]
 may v. kokoka [koh-koh-ka]: I may nakoki [na-koh-kee]:
 may I see it? nakoki komona yango? [koh-mo'-na ya-ngoh']
 maybe adv. mbele [m-be-le]
 me pron. ngai [n-ga'-ee']
 measure 1. n. lomeko [loh-meh-koh] 2. v. kopima, komeka
 [koh-pee-ma, koh-meh-ka]
 meat n. nyama [nya-ma]
 mechanic n. masiniki [ma-see-nee-kee]
 medicine n. nkisi, mono [nkee-see, moh-noh']
 meet v. kokutana [koh-koo-ta-na]; meet (again) v. kozwana
 [koh-zwa-na]
 meeting n. lisanga, likita [lee-sa-nга, lee-kee-ta]
 middle n. kati [ka'-tee]: in the m. katikati
 midwife n. mobotisi [moh-boh-tee-see]
 mile n. kilometele [kee-loh-me'-te-le]
 milk n. miliki, mabele [mee-lee-kee, ma-be'-le]
 mind n. mayele [ma-ye'-le]
 mine pron. na/ya ngai [na/ya n-ga'-ee]: the book is mine
 buku ya ngai [boo'-koo]
 mirror n. talatala [ta-la-ta'-la]
 miss v. kozanga [koh-za-nга]
 mistake 1. n. foti, miko [foh-tee, mee-koh] 2. v. be mistaken
 kobunga [koh-boo-nга]
 Monday n. mokoloto ya liboso [moh-ko-lo ya lee-boh-soh']
 money n. mbongo, mosolo [m-bo'-ngo, moh-so-lo]
 monsoon n. mopepe ya molunge kilikili [moh-pe-pe ya
 moh-loo-nge' kee-lee-kee-lee']
 month n. sanza [sa'-nza']
 monument n. ekeko [eh-ke-ko]
 moon n. sanza [sa'-nza']
 more adj./n. lisusu [lee-soo-soo]: no more lisusu te [te']
 morning n. (n)tongo [nto'-ngo']

mosquito n. monkungi, mbembele [moh-nkoo-ngee, m-be'-mbe'-le'];
mosquito net n. mosikitele [moh-see-kee-te'-le]
mother n. mama [ma-ma']
mother-in-law n. bokilo mwasi [boh-kee-loh' mwa'-see]
motorbike, -cycle n. tukutuku, moto [too-koo-too-koo,
 moh-toh-oh]
mountain n. ngomba [n-goh'-mba']
mourning n. matanga [ma-ta'-nga]
mouse n. mpoko [mpo'-ko]
mouth n. monoko [moh-no-ko]
move v. koningana [koh-nee-nga-na]: don't move koningana
 te [te']
movies n. sinema [see-neh-ma']
Mr. n. mobali [moh-ba'-lee]
Mrs. n. madamu [ma-da-moo]
mud n. potopoto [po-to-po-to]
museum n. ndako ya ntoki [n-da'-koh ya nto'-kee]
mushroom n. liyebu [lee-yeh-boo]
music n. miziki [mee-zee-kee]
must v. kosengele na [koh-se'-nge'-le na]: I must go
 nasengeli na kokende [na-se'-nge'-lee na koh-ke-nde]
mustache n. monzomba [moh-nzoh-mba]
button n. nyama ya mpata [nya-ma ya mpa-ta']
my adj. na ngai [na n-ga'-ee]: my father tata na ngai
 [ta-ta']
myself pron. ngai moko [mo'-ko']

N

nail n. (body) nzongolongo [n-zoh'-ngoh'-loh'-ngoh']
naked adj. bolumbu [boh-loo-mbōo]
name n. nkombo [nkoh'-boh']: my n. is John nkombo na
 ngai Za [na n-ga'-ee Za']; what's your n.? nkombo na yo
 nani [na yo' na'-nee]
narrow adj. moke [moh-ke']
nationality n. ekolo ya moto [eh-ko'-lo ya moh-toh]
near adv. penepene, pembeni [pe-ne-pe-ne, pe-mbe'-nee]
neck n. nkingo [nkee'-ngoh']
need v. kolinga [koh-lee-nga]
needle n. ntonga [nto-nga]
never adv. mokolo moko te [moh-ko-lo mo'-ko' te']
new adj. ya sika [ya see-ka]: new sandals mapapa ya sika
 [ma-pa-pa]
news n. (n)sango [nsa-ngoh]
next adj. mwa pene, ekoya [mwa-a pe-ne, eh-koh-ya-a]: next
 week mposo ekoya [mpo'-so]
nice adj. 1. (pretty) kitoko [kee-to'-ko] 2. (good) malamu
 [ma-la'-moo] 3. (pleasant) ya nsai [ya nsa'-ee']
night n. butu [boo-too']

nine adj./n. libwa [lee-bwa']
 no adj./adv./n. te [te']: there's no bread lipa ezali te
 [lee-pa eh-za-lee]
nobody n. moto moko te [moh-toh mo'-ko' te']
noise n. makelele [ma-ke-le'-le]
none pron. moko te [mo'-ko' te']
north adj. nordi [nor-dee]
nose n. zolo [zoh'-loh]
not adv. te [te']
note n. 1. (money) biye [bee-ye]; 2. (music) noti [no-tee]
notebook n. kaye [ka-yeah]
notice n. boyebisi [boh-yeh'-bee-see]
nothing pron. eloko te, mpamba [eh-lo'-ko te', mpa-mba]
November n. novembere [noh-ve-mbe-re]
now adv. sikoyo, sikawa, sasapi [see-koh'-yoh, see-ka'-wa,
 sa-sa-peel]
number n. motango [moh-ta-ngoh]
nurse n. mokongeli-mokoni [moh-koh-ngeh-lee moh-ko-nee]

O

oasis n. liziba ya biliki [lee-zee-ba ya bee-lee-kee]
occasionally adv. mbala moko moko [m-ba-la mo'-ko']
occupied adj. okipe [o-kee-peh']
October n. okotobele [o-ko-to-be-le]
office n. bilo [bee-loh]
often adv. mbala mingi, nokinoki [m-ba-la mee-ngee,
 no-kee]
oil n. mafuta [ma-foo'-ta]
okra n. dongodongo [doh-ngoh-doh-ngoh]
old adj. ya kala [ya ka-la']: an o. coat kazaka ya kala
 [ka-za-ka]; how o. are you? ozali na mbula boni? [oh-za-lee
 na m-boo-la boh'-nee']; I'm ten years o. nazali na mbula
 zomi [na-za-lee na zoh'-mee]
on prep. o, na [oh, na]
once adv. mbala moko [m-ba-la mo'-ko']
one adj./pron. moko [mo'-ko']
onion n. litungulu [lee-too-ngoo-loo]
only adj./adv. mpenza [mpeh-nza]; adv. se, nde [seh', n-deh']
open v. kofungola, kokangola [koh-foo-ngoh-la, koh-ka-ngoh-la]
or conj. to [toh-oh]
orange n. lilala, ndimo [lee-la'-la, n-dee-moh]
other adj./pron. -susu, mosusu [moh-soo-soo]: o. people
 bato mosusu [ba-toh]; pron. (pl.) basusu [ba-soo-soo]
our, ours adj./pron. na biso [na bee-soh']: our house ndako
 na biso [n-da'-koh]; ourselves pron. biso moko [mo'-ko']
out, outside adv. na libanda [na lee-ba-nda]
owner n. nkolo [nkoh-loh]

P

pack v. kokanga, koziba [koh-ka-nга, koh-zee-ba]
 package n. (packet) liboke [lee-boh'-keh']
 pain n. bolozi, mpasi [boh-loh'-zee, mpa'-see]
 paint 1. n. mokobo [moh-ko'-bo] 2. v. kokoba langi
 [koh-koh'-ba la-ngee]
 palace n. ndako ya bakonzi [n-da'-koh ya ba-koh-nzee]
 palm n. 1. (tree) limbila [lee-mbee-la] 2. (leaf) ndele
 [n-deh-leh] 3. (wine) nsamba [nsa-mba]
 pants n. patalo [pa-ta-lo]
 paper n. mokanda [moh-ka-nda]
 pardon n. bolimbisi, palado [boh-lee-mbee-see, pa-la-do']
 parent n. moboti [moh-boh-tee]
 parliament n. ebimisa-mibeko [eh-bee-mee-sa mee-beh'-koh]
 parrot n. nkoso [nko-so']
 part n. ndambo [n-da-mböh]
 partridge n. (bird) ekwae [eh-kwa-eh]
 pass v. koleka [koh-leh-ka]: I'll pass through Gabon nakoleka
 nzela ya Gabon [na-koh-leh-ka n-zeh-la' ya]
 passport n. epesa nzela [eh-pe'-sa n-zeh-la']
 path n. nzela/nzila [n-zeh-la']
 patient n. (hospital) mokoni [moh-ko-nee]
 pay v. kofuta [koh-foo-ta]
 payment n. lifuta [lee-foo-ta]
 peace n. boboto [boh-bo'-to]
 peanut n. nguba, nkalanga [n-goo-ba, nka-la-nga]
 pear n. avoka [a-vo-ka]
 pen, pencil n. ekomeli [eh-koh-meh-lee]
 people n. bato/batu [ba-toh]
 petrol n. esanzi [eh-sa-nzee]
 pharmacy n. magazini ma mino [ma-ga-zee-nee ma mee-noh']
 photo n. foto, elili [foh-toh', eh-lee-lee]
 piece n. eteni [eh-te'-nee]
 pig n. ngulu [n-goo-loo]
 pigeon n. ebenga [eh-be-nga]
 pin n. pengele [pe'-nge-le]
 pineapple n. ananasi [a-na-na-see]
 pipe n. mopepe [moh-pe'-pe']
 place n. (site etc.) esika [eh-see'-ka']
 piquant adj. bokenzu [boh-ke-nzoo]
 pity n. mawa [ma-wa]: what a p.! mawa nini! [nee'-nee]
 plant n. (botany) etoele [eh-toh-e'-le'], (pl.) bitwele
 plantain n. likemba [lee-keh-mba], (pl.) makemba; (small)
 etabi [e-ta-bee], (pl.) bitabi
 plate n. sani [sa'-nee]
 play v. kosana, kosakana [koh-sa-na, koh-sa-ka-na]
 please 1. v. (satisfy) kosepela [koh-seh-peh-lee-sa]
 2. adv. palado, soki olingi [pa-la-do', so'-kee oh-lee-ngee]
 plot n. (land) lopango [loh-pa-nghoh], (pl.) mpango
 pocket n. libenga, poketi [lee-beh-nga, poh-keh'-tee]

poison n. ngenge [n-ge-nge]
 police n. pulusi [poo-loo-see]
 poor adj. mobola [moh-boh-la]
 pork n. nyama ya ngulu [nya-ma ya n-goo-loo]
 possible adj. ekoki [eh-koh-kee]: it's not p. ekoki te
 [te']
 pot n. mozaka [moh-za-ka]
 potato n. mbala, libenge [m-ba'-la', lee-benge']
 pottery n. mbele [m-be'-le']
 pound v. kotuta [koh-too-ta]
 pour v. (liquid) kobonga [koh-boh-nga]
 powder n. mputulu [mpoo-too-loo']
 pray v. (rel.) kosambela [koh-sa-mbeh-la]
 prayer n. losambo [loh-sa-mböh], (pl.) nsambo
 prefer v. kopono [koh-po-no]
 pregnancy n. zemi [zeh'-mee]: she's pregnant azali na zemi
 [a-za-lee na]
 pretty adj. kitoko [kee-to'-ko]
 president n. kumu wa liboso [koo-moo wa lee-boh-soh']
 price n. motuya, (n)talo [moh-too-ya, nta'-lo]: what is
 the p.? ntalo ezali boni? [eh-za-lee boh'-nee]
 priest n. sango, nganga-Nzambe [sa'-ngoh', n-ga-nga N-za'-mböh]
 problem n. likambo [lee-ka-mböh]
 promise v. kolaka [koh-la-ka]
 proud adj. lolendo [loh-le'-ndo]
 public adj./n. ya bato banso [ya ba-toh ba-nso]
 pull v. kobenda [koh-beh-nda]
 pumpkin n. ekutu [eh-koo-too]
 purse n. libenga [lee-beh-nga]
 push v. kopusa [koh-poo'-sa]
 put v. kotiya [koh-tee-ya]
 pygmy n. mopoto, motwa [moh-poh-toh', moh-twa']

Q

quarrel v. koswana [koh-swa-na]
 quarter n. (a fourth part) ya minei [ya mee'-neh-ee];
 (pl.) (part of town) etuka enene [eh-too-ka eh-ne'-ne]
 queen n. mokonzi mwasi [moh-koh-nzee mwa'-see]
 quick adj. na mbango [na m-ba-nghoh]
 quickly adv. mbango, noki [no-kee']
 quiet adj. nye [nye]
 quite adv. (entirely) nye [nye'-e]

R

rabbit n. nsimbiliki [nsee-mbee-lee-kee]

radio n. radio [ra-dee-oh]
 radio station n. boakisi na nsango [boh-a-kee-see na nsa-ngho]
 rain 1. n. mbula [m-boo-la] 2. v. kobete, konoko [koh-be'-te,
 koh-no'-ko]: it'll rain mbula ekobete [eh-koh-be'-te]
 rainbow n. monama [moh-na-ma]
 rat n. mpo [mpoh'-oh]
 rate n. mbotana, taux [mboh-ta-na, toh]
 raw adj. -besu, mobesu [moh-beh'-soo]
 reach v. (place) kokomela [koh-koh-meh-la]
 read v. kotanga [koh-ta-nga]: I'm reading nazali kotanga
 [na-za-lee]
 reason n. (cause) ntina, mayele [ntee-na, ma-ye'-le]
 receive v. koyamba, kozwa [koh-ya-mba, koh-zwa]
 red adj. ngola [n-goh'-la]
 refugee n. mokimeli [moh-kee-meh-lee]
 refuse v. koboya, kopima [koh-boh-ya, koh-pe'e'-ma]
 religion n. mambi ma Nzambe [ma-mbee ma n-za'-mbeh]
 reduce v. (price) kobunola [koh-boo-noh-la]
 remember v. kokundala motema [koh-koo-ndoh-la moh-teh'-ma]
 rent v. kofutela [koh-foo-teh-la]
 repair v. kobamba [koh-ba-mba]
 repent v. komima [koh-mee-ma]
 rest 1. n. (repose) bopemi [boh-peh-mee]; (remainder)
 montika [moh-ntee-ka] 2. v. kopema [koh-peh-ma]
 restroom n. kabine [ka-bee-ne']
 return v. kozonga [koh-zoh'-nga]
 rheumatism n. mingai [mee-nga-ee]
 rich adj.: he's r. azali na mbongo [a-za-lee na m-bo'-ngo]
 rice n. loso [loh'-soh']
 right 1. adj. (correct) sembo, molamu [seh-mboh, moh-la'-moo]
 2. v. be right kolonga [koh-loh-nga]: the student is r.
 moyekoli alongi [moh-yeh-koh-lee a-loh-gee]
 right adj. (hand, side etc.) ya mobali [ya moh-ba'-lee];
 r. hand loboko ya mobali [loh-bo'-ko ya]
 ring 1. n. lompete [loh-mpe'-te] 2. v. (bell) kobete ngonga
 [koh-be'-te n-goh-nga]
 ripe adj. (fruit) eteli [eh-teh-lee]
 rise v. (get up) koteleme [koh-te'-le-me]
 river n. ebale [eh-ba-leh]; (small) mongala,
 [moh-nга'-la']
 road n. balabala, mofali [ba-la-ba'-la, moh-fa-lee]
 roast v. kokalanga [koh-ka-la-nga]
 rock n. (stone) libanga [lee-ba'-nga']
 romantic adj. ya bolingo [ya boh-lee-ngoh]
 roof n. motondo [moh-to'-ndo]
 room n. suku [soo-koo]
 rope n. mokulu [moh-koo-loo]
 rosary n. (rel.) sapele [sa-pe-le']
 rotten adj. epoli, ya kopola [eh-po-lee, ya koh-po-la]
 round adj. zolongan [zoh-loh-nga-noh]
 rub v. (massage) kokosa [koh-koh-sa]

rubber n. motope [moh-toh'-peh]
 ruin v. kobevisa [koh-beh-bee-sa]
 run v. kopota [koh-poh-ta]; (society) kobongisa
 [koh-boh-gee-sa]; run away v. kokima [koh-kee-ma]
 rusty adj. egugi, ya koguga [eh-goo-gee, ya koh-goo-ga]

S

sad adj. mawa [ma-wa]: I'm sad nazali koyoka mawa [na-za-lee
 koh-yoh-ka]; nazali na mawa [na-za-lee na]
 saint n. mosantu [moh-sa-ntoo] St. Paul Mosantu Paul
 All Saints' Day Basantu bando [ba-sa-ntoo ba-nso]
 salt n. mongwa, monana [moh-ngwa, moh-na-na]
 same adj. ata, -mei, se, moko [a-ta', meh'-ee, seh', mo'-ko']
 sand n. zelo [zeh-loh], (pl.) melo
 sandal n. lipapa [lee-pa-pa]
 Saturday n. mposo, sabala [mpo'-so, sa-ba-la]
 save v. (rescue) kobikisa [koh-bee-kee-sa]
 say v. koloba [koh-loh-ba]: I say nalobi [na-loh-bee]
 school n. kelasi, eteyelo [keh-la-see, eh-teh-yeh-loh]
 science n. zebi [zeh-bee]
 scissors n. makasi [ma-ka'-see]
 sculpture n. botendi [boh-te-ndee]
 sea n. mbu [mboo']
 search for v. koluka [koh-loo-ka]
 see v. komono, -a, kotala [koh-mo'-no, koh-ta'-la]: I
 see namoni [na-mo'-nee]; see each other v. komonono
 [koh-mo-no-no]
 sell v. koteke [koh-te'-ke]: do you sell...? oteke...?
 [oh-te'- ke]
 seller n. moteki [moh-te'-kee]
 send v. kotoma, kotinda [koh-toh'-ma, koh-tee-nda]; send
 to v. kotindela [koh-tee-ndeh-la]: send it to me tindela
 ngai yango [tee'-nده-la' n-га'-ee ya-ngoh']
 separate v. kosesa [koh-seh-sa]
 September n. septembere [sep-te-mbe-re]
 servant n. boi [bo'-ee]
 serve v. kosalela [koh-sa-leh'-la]
 seven adj./n. nsambo [nsa-mboh]
 sew v. kosono [koh-so-no]
 shadow n. elili [eh-lee-lee]
 shake v. (shiver) kolenge [koh-le'-nge]
 shape n. (form) lolenge [loh-le'-nge]
 share v. kokaba, kokabola [koh-ka-ba, koh-ka-boh-la]
 sharp adj. (knife) mopoto [moh-poh-too]
 shave v. kokolola [koh-koh-loh-la]
 she pron. a- [a]: she is azali [a-za-lee]
 sheep n. meme, mpata [me'-me', mpa-ta']
 shine v. kotana [koh-ta-na]

ship n. masuwa [ma-soo-wa]
 shirt n. semissi [se-mee'-see]
 shock n. motutano [moh-too-ta-noh]
 shoe n. ekoto [eh-koh'-toh']
 shop n. magazini, butiki [ma-ga-zee'-nee, boo-tee-kee]
 shore n. libongo [lee-boh'-ngoh']
 short adj. -kuse, mokuse [moh-koo'-seh']
 shout v. konganga [koh-nga-nga]
 shovel n. (spade) mpau [mpa-oo]
 show v. kolakisa, komonisa [koh-la-kee-sa, koh-mo'-nee-sa]:
 show me... lakisa ngai... [la-kee-sa n-ga'-ee]
 shower n. (bath) douche [doosh]
 shrine n. (sanctuary, tomb) bosambelelo [boh-sa-mbeh-leh-loh]
 shut v. kofunga [koh-foo-nga]
 shy adj. abangi [a-ba-ngee]
 sick adj. I'm s. nazali kobela [na-za-lee koh-be'-la]
 side n. epai [eh-pa'-ee]
 sightseeing n. botali mboka [boh-ta'-lee m-boh'-ka]
 sin n. sumuki [soo-moo-kee]
 since adv. uta, banda [oo-ta, ba-nda]
 sing v. koyemba [koh-yeh'-mba]: I sing nayembi [na-yeh-mbee]
 singer n. moyembi [moh-yeh-mbee]
 single n. (unmarried) ndumba, mozemba [n-doo-mba, moh-zeh-mba]
 sister n. ndeko mwasi [n-de-koh mwa'-see]
 sister-in-law n. semeki, bokilo [se-me'-kee, boh-kee-loh']
 sit (down) v. kofanda, kozala [koh-fa-nda, koh-za-la]: let's
 sit down tofanda [toh-fa-nda]
 sitting room n. esika ya masolo [eh-see'-ka' ya ma-soh-loh']
 six adj./n. motoba [moh-toh'-ba']
 size n. lomeko, motango [loh-meh-koh, moh-ta-ngoh]
 skin n. loopo, pl. mposo [loh-poh-soh, mpoh-soh]
 sky n. likolo [lee-koh-loh']
 sleepy v. kolala [koh-la'-la]
 sleepy adj. mpongi [mpo-ngee]: I'm s. nazali koyoka mpongi
 [na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka]
 slippers n. sapato [sa-pa-toh]
 slippery adj. (road) boselu [boh-se'-loo]
 slow adj. goigoi, na mbango te [go-ee-go'-ee, na m-ba-ngoh
 te']
 slowly adv. malembe [ma-le'-mbe]
 small adj. -ke, moke [moh-ke']
 smell n. nsolo [nso-lo]
 smoke 1. n. molinga [moh-lee-nga] 2. v. komele likaya
 [koh-me-le lee-ka-ya]
 snail n. libelekete [lee-be-le'-ke-te]
 snake n. nyoka [nyoh'-ka]
 snow n. mai makangani [ma'-ee ma-ka-nga-nee]
 soap n. saboni [sa-bo'-nee]
 socks n. soseti [soh-se'-tee]
 soft adj. motau, petepete [moh-ta-oo, pe-te-pe-te]
 soldier n. soda [so-da']

some adj. (unspecified) moko [mo'-ko']
 somebody, -one pron. moto moko [moh-toh mo'-ko']
 something n. eloko moko [eh-lo-ko mo'-ko']
 sometimes adv. mbala na mbala [m-ba-la na' m-ba-la]
 son n. mwana mobali [mwa'-na moh-ba'-lee]
 song n. loyembo [loh-yeh'-mboh], (pl.) nzembo
 soon adv. noki, sikawa [no-kee, see-ka'-wa]
 sore n. bolozi [boh-loh-zee]
 sorry adj. mawa [ma-wa]: I'm s. nazali koyoka
 mawa [na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka]
 soul n. (spirit) molimo [moh-lee-moh]
 soup n. supu [soo-poo]
 sour adj. (taste) bololo [boh-loh-loh]
 south adj./n. sudi [soo-dee]
 sparrow n. mokengemboka [moh-ke'-nge-mboh'-ka]
 speak v. koloba [koh-loh-ba]: do you s. English? olobaka
 anglais? [oh-loh-ba-ka angle]
 special adj. ya lolenge [ya loh-le'-nge']
 spectacles n. talatala [ta-la-ta'-la]
 spend v. (money) kosilisa mosolo [koh-see-lee-sa moh-so-lo]
 spicy adj. bokenzu [boh-keh-nzoo']
 spirit n. elimo [eh-lee-moh]
 spit v. kotwa [koh-twa-a]
 sponge n. limbusu [lee-mboo-soo']
 spoon n. lutu, lokele [loo-too, loh-ke-le']
 sport n. lisano [lee-sa-noh]
 spring n. 1. (water) liziba [lee-zee-ba] 2. (season) eleko
 ya mbula [eh-leh-koh ya mboo-la]
 stand (up) v. koteme, kotelema, -me [koh-te'-me, koh-te'-le'-me]
 star n. monzoto [moh-nzo'-to]
 start v. kobanda [koh-ba-nda]
 station n. loteme [loh-te'-me]
 stay v. (remain) kotikala [koh-tee'-ka-la]: we'll stay here
 tokotikala awa [toh-koh-tee-ka-la a'wa]
 steal v. koyiba [koh-yee-ba]: he has stolen ayibi [a-yee-bee]
 stick 1. n. nzete [n-zeh-teh'] 2. v. (to sth) kobandema
 [koh-ba-ndeh-ma]; (to a woman) kobanda [koh-ba-nda]
 still adv. se, naino [seh', na-ee-noh]: he's s. ill azali
 se kobela [a-za-lee koh-be'-la]
 sting n. (of insect) monzube [moh-nzoo-beh]
 stomach n. libumu [lee-boo-moo]
 stone n. libanga [lee-ba-nga]
 stool n. (seat) ebonga [eh-bo'-nga]
 stools n. (pl.) (med.) nyei, selles [nyeh'-ee, sel]
 stop v. koteme [koh-te'-me]
 store n. butiki, magazini [boo-tee-kee, ma-ga-zee-nee]
 storm n. ekumbaki [eh-koo-mba-kee]
 straight adj. semba [seh-mba]
 stranger n. mopaya [moh-pa-ya]
 street n. mololo, balabala [moh-loh-loh, ba-la-ba'-la]
 string n. (n)singa [nsee-nga]

strong adj. -kasi, makasi [ma-ka'-see]
student n. moywcoli [moh-yeh-koh-lee]
study v. koyekola [koh-yeh-koh-la]
suffer v. koyoka mpasi [koh-yoh'-ka mpa'-see]
sugar n. sukali [soo-ka-lee]
suit n. (costume) molato [moh-la-toh]
suitcase n. valizi [va-lee-zee]
summer n. eleko ya moi makasi [eh-leh-koh ya moh'-ee ma-ka'-see]
sun n. moi, mwese [moh'-ee, mwe'-se]
Sunday n. lomingo, eyenga [loh-mee-ngoh, eh-yeh-nga]
sure adj. solo [so'-lo']
surprise n. bokamwi, motatabana (boh-ka-mwee, moh-ta-ta-ba-na)
swamp n. mokili potopoto [moh-kee-lee po-to-po-to]
sweep v. kokombo [koh-ko-mbo]
sweet 1. adj. elengi [eh-le-ngee] 2. n. (candy) bonbon
 [bon-bon]
swim v. kobete, -ta mai [koh-be'-te ma'-ee]: I can s. nakoki
 kobete mai [na-koh-kee]
switch off v. (light) koboma [koh-boh-ma]; **switch on** v.
 kopolisa, kobambola [koh-peh-lee-sa, koh-ba-mboh-la]

T

table n. mesa [meh'-sa]
tail n. (of animal) mokondo [moh-koh-ndoh']
take v. kokamata [koh-ka-ma-ta]: I'll take this nakokamata
 oyo [na oh'-yoh]; **take!** ma! [ma']
talk v. koloba [koh-loh-ba]: she talks too much alobi
 mingimbingi [a-loh-bee mee'-nggee]
tall adj. -lai, molai [moh-la-ee]: he's tall azali molai
 [a-za-lee]
taste 1. n. (good) elengi [eh-le-ngee] 2. v. komeka
 [koh-meh-ka]
tax n. ntako [nta'-koh]
tea n. ti [tee']
teach v. koteya, kolakisa [koh-teh-ya, koh-la-kee-sa]
teacher n. molakisi [moh-la-kee-see]
teapot n. birika [bee-ree-ka]
television n. televizyo [teh-leh-vee-zyo']
tell v. koyebisa [koh-yeh-bee-sa]: tell me... yebisa ngai...
 [yeh-bee-sa n-ga'-ee]
ten adj./n. zomi [zoh'-mee]
temple n. ndako-Nzambe [n-da'-koh N-za'-mbeh]
tent n. ema [eh'-ma]
than conj. eleki [eh-leh-kee]: he's stronger than you azali
 makasi eleki yo [a-za-lee ma-ka'-see yo']
thank v. kotondo, kosima [koh-to'-ndoh, koh-see-ma]: thank
 you natondi yo [na-to'-ndee yo']
thanks int./n. melesi [me-le-see]

that 1. adj./pron. yango [ya-ngoh']: that thing eloko yango
 [eh-lo-ko] 2. conj. te [teh]
theft n. boyibi [boh-yee-bee]
their adj. ya bango [ya ba-ngoh']: their father tata ya
 bango [ta-ta']
them pron. bango [ba-ngoh']; **themselves** pron. bango moko
 [mo'-ko']
then adv. na nsima [na nsee-ma]
there adv. (near you) wana [wa'-a-na']; (over there) kuna
 [koo'-na']: who's there? nani wana? [na'-nee]; **there he**
 is ye kuna [yeh']
therefore adv. ko, nde [koh', n-deh']
these adj./pron. baye [ba-yeh']
they pron. ba- [ba]: they are bazali [ba-za-lee]
thick adj. mbinga [m-bee-nga]
thief n. moyibi [moh-yee-bee]
thin adj. moke [moh-ke']
thing n. eloko [eh-lo'-ko], (pl.) biloko
think v. kakanisa [koh-ka-nee-sa]
thirst n. mposa [mpoh'-sa'] (for ya): I'm thirsty nazali
 na mposa [na-za-lee na]
this adj./pron. oyo [oh'-yoh]: this man moto oyo [moh-toh]
those adj./pron. bango (ba-ngoh')
thread n. busi [boo-see]
three adj./n. misato [mee-sa'-toh]
throat n. mongongo [moh-ngoh'-ngoh']
through 1. prep. na [na'] 2. v. go through (forest etc.)
 kokatisa [koh-ka-tee-sa]
throw v. kobwaka [koh-bwa'-ka]
thunder n. nkaki [nka'-keel]
Thursday n. mokolo ya'minei [moh-ko-lo- ya mee-neh-ee]
ticket n. tike [tee-ke']
time n. 1. (n)tango [nta'-ngoh] 2. (period) eleko
 [eh-leh-koh] 3. (occasion) mbala [m-ba-la]: a long t.
 kala [ka-la']; a short t. se sika [seh' see-ka]
tip n. (gratuity) matabisi [ma-ta-bee'-see]
tired adj. I'm tired na lembi [na-le-mbee]
to prep. na, o [na, oh]
tobacco n. likaya, tumbako [lee-ka-ya, too-mba-koh]
today adv. lelo [le-lo']
toe n. monsai [moh-nsa-ee]
together adv. elongo [eh-lo-ngo']
toilet n. (w.c.) libulu, kabine [lee-boo-loo, ka-bee-ne']: where's the toilet? kabine ezali wapi? [eh-za-lee wa'-pee]
tomato n. tomati [toh-ma-tee]
tomorrow adv./n. lobu [loh'-bee]
tongue n. (body) lolemu [loh-leh-moo], (pl.) ndemu
tonight adv. na butu [na boo-too']
too adv. 1. (also) mpe [mpeh] 2. (excessively) mingi
 [mee-ngee]: too big monene mingi [moh-ne'-ne]
tool n. esaleli [eh-sa'-leh-lee]

tooth n. lino [lee'-noh]
 toothpick n. mombai [moh-mba-ee]
 top n. likolo [lee-koh-loh']: at the top na likolo [na]
 tortoise n. nkoba [nko'-ba]
 touch v. kosimba [koh-see-mba]
 tough adj. -kasi, makasi [ma-ka'-see]
 tourism n. botali mboka [boh-ta'-lee m-boh'-ka]
 towards prep. na [na]
 towel n. litambala [lee-ta-mba-la]
 tower n. ngala [n-ga-la]
 town n. mboka enene, engumba [m-boh'-ka eh-ne'-ne, eh-ngoo-mba]
 trade n. mombongo [moh-mbo'-ngo]
 traditional adj. ya bankoko [ba-nko-ko]
 train n. engbunduka [eh-ngboo-ndoo-ka]
 travel 1. n. mobembo [moh-beh-mboh] 2. v. kobemba
 [koh-beh'-mba]
 traveler n. mobembi [moh-beh-mbee]
 tree n. mwete [mweh-teh'], (pl.) miete
 trousers n. patalo [pa-ta-lo]
 truck n. (lorry) kamnio [ka-mee-nee-o']
 true adj. solo, mpenza [so'-lo', mpeh-nza']
 truth n. bosolo [boh-so'-lo']
 try v. komeka [koh-meh-ka]
 Tuesday n. mokolo ya mibale [moh-ko-lo ya mee-ba-leh']
 turbulent adj. (person) mobulu [moh-boo-loo]
 turkey n. dendon [den-don]
 turn v. kobongola [koh-boh-ngoh-la]
 twice adv. mbala mibale [m-ba-la mee-ba-leh']
 twin n. (beds, brothers) lipasa [lee-pa-sal], (pl.) mapasa
 twist v. (arm) kokamola [koh-ka-moh-la]
 two adj./n. mibale [mee'-ba-leh']

U

ugly adj. ebe [eh-beh']
 umbrella n. longembu [loh-ngeh-mboo]
 uncle n. noko [no'-ko']
 under prep. na nse [na nseh]
 understand v. koyoka [koh-yoh'-ka]; u. each other v. koyokana
 [koh-yoh'-ka-na]
 undress v. kobotolo elamba [koh-boh-toh-loh eh-la-mba]
 university n. kelasi monene [keh-la-see moh-ne'-ne]
 unpack v. kokangola [koh-ka-ngoh-la]
 until prep. tee [teh'-eh']
 up, upstairs adv. na likolo [na lee-koh-loh']
 urine n. minya, masuba [mee-nya, mas-soo-ba]
 us pron. biso [bee-soh']
 use v. kosalela [koh-sa'-leh-la]
 usual adj. ya momeseno [ya moh-me-se-noh]

v
 valley n. mbwaku [m-bwa-koo]
 value n. ntalo, motuya [nta'-loh, moh-too-ya]
 vegetables n. ndunda [n-doo'-nda]
 veranda n. mbalasani [m-ba-la-sa'-nee]
 very adv. mingi [meee-ngee]
 village n. mboka [m-boh'-ka]
 visit 1. n. botali, lipaya [boh-ta'-lee, lee-pa-ya] 2. v.
 kotala [koh-ta'-la]: I'd like to v. ... nalingi kotala...
 [na-lee-ngee]
 visitor n. mopaya [moh-pa-ya]
 voice n. lolaka [loh-la-ka], (pl.) ndaka [n-da-ka]
 volcano n. ngomba-moto [n-goh-mba mo'-to]
 vomit v. kosanza [koh-sa-nza]

W

wait v. kozila [koh-zee-la]: I'll wait here nakozila awa
 [na-ko-zee-la a'-wal]; wait for me zila ngai [zee-la'
 n-ga'-ee]
 walk v. kotambola [koh-ta'-mboh-la]: let's go for a walk
 tokende kotambola [toh-ke-nde]
 wall n. efelo [eh-fe-lo]
 want v. kolinga [koh-lee-nga]: I want nalingi [na-lee-ngee]
 war n. etumba [eh-too-mba]; (civil) etumba ya bai mboka
 [ya ba-ee m-boh'-ka]
 warm adj. molunge [moh-loo-nge']
 wash v. kosukola [koh-soo-koh-la]: wash the car, please
 sukola motuka, palado [soo-koh-la' moh-too-ka pa-la-do']
 watch 1. n. (clock) sa [sa'-a] 2. v. kotala [koh-ta'-la]
 watchman n. mokengeli, sinzili [moh-keh'-nge-lee, see-nzee-lee]
 water n. mai [ma'-ee]
 waterfall n. meta, boeta [meh-ta, boh-eh-ta]
 way n. 1. (route) nzela/nzila [n-zeh-la'] 2. (manner) ndenge
 [n-de'-nge']
 we pron. to- [toh]: we are tozali [toh-za-lee]
 weak adj. -tau, motau [moh-ta-oo]
 wear v. kolata [koh-la'-ta]: you're wearing a nice dress
 olati elamba kitoko [oh-la'-tee eh-la-mba kee-to'-ko]
 weather n. eleko [eh-leh-koh]
 Wednesday n. mokolo ya misato [moh-ko-lo ya mee-sa'-toh]
 week n. mposo [mpo'-so]
 weight n. bozito [boh-zee-toh']
 welcome 1. int./n. boyei bolamu [boh-yeh'-ee boh-la'-moo];
 2. v. koyamba [koh-ya-mba]
 well 1. adv. malamu [ma-la'-moo] 2. n. (water) libela
 [lee-beh'-la']
 west adj./n. elozi [eh-loh-zee]

wet 1. adj. mai-mai [ma'-ee-m.] 2. v. get wet kopololo
[koh-po-lo]
what adj./pron. boni, nini, nde, kani [boh'-nee, nee'-nee,
n-deh, ka'-nee]: w. are you doing? ozali kosala nini?
[oh-za-lee koh-sa'-la nee'-nee]
wheat n. ble [bleh]
wheel n. yika [yee-ka]
when 1. adv. tango [ta'-ngoh] 2. conj. soki [so'-kee]
where adv./pron. wapi [wa'-pee]
which adj./pron. nini, nani, kani [nee'-nee, na'-nee, ka'-nee]
white 1. adj. (m)pembe [mpe-mbe] 2. n. (person) mondele
[moh-nde'-le']
who, whom pron. nani, kani [na'-nee, ka'-nee]: who sits here?
nani afandi awa? [a-fa-ndee a'-wa]
whose adj./pron. ya nani [ya na'-nee]: w. book is this?
buku oyo ya nani [boo'-koo oh'-yoh]
why adv. nini, mpo nini [nee'-nee, mpooh nee'-nee]; conj. that's
why yango wana [ya-ngoh' wa'-a-na']
wide adj. monene [moh-ne'-ne]
widow n. mwasi wa mokbya [mwa'-see wa moh-kbya]; widower
n. mobali wa mokbya [moh-ba'-lee]
wife n. (spouse) mwasi wa libala [mwa'-see wa lee-ba'-la]
wild adj. ya zamba, mosenzi [ya za-mba, moh-se'-nzee]
wildlife n. banyama na bandeke ya zamba [ba-nya-ma na ba-nde-ke
ya za-mba]
win v. kolonga [koh-loh-nga]
wind n. mopepe [moh-pe-pe]
window n. lininisa [lee-nee-nee-sa]
wine n. masanga, vinu [ma-sa-nga, vee-noo]
winter n. eleko ya mpio makasi [eh-leh-koh ya mpee'-oh
ma-ka'-see]
wish v. kotombela [koh-toh'-mbeh-la]
witch n. ndoki [n-do-kee]
with prep. mpe, na [mpeh, na]
without adv. te, tango [te', ta-ngoh]
witness n. nzeneneke [n-ze'-ne'-ne'-ke']
woman n. mwasi [mwa'-see]
wonderful adj. likamwisi [lee-ka-mwee-see]
wood n. nzete, mwete [n-zeh-teh', mweh-teh'], (pl.) miete;
(firewood) nkoni [nko'-nee]
word n. liloba [lee-loh-ba]
work 1. n. mosala [moh-sa'-la] 2. v. kosala [koh-sa'-la];
work for v. kosalela [koh-sa'-leh-la]: he'll work for me
akosalela ngai mosala [n-ga'ee' moh-sa'-la]
world n. mokili [moh-kee-lee]
worm n. monkusu [moh-nkoo'-soo']
worry v. kopangana [koh-pa-nga-na]
wound n. (cut) mpota [mpoh'-ta']
wrap v. koziba [koh-zee-ba]: will you w. it, please? okoziba
yang, palado? [ya-ngoh' pa-la-do']

write v. kokoma [koh-koh-maj]; write to v. komelola
[koh-koh-meh'-la]: write to me komela ngai [koh-meh'-la'
n-ga'-ee']
wrong 1. adj. (incorrect) miko [mee-koh] 2. v. be wrong
(mistaken) kobunga [koh-boo-nga]

Y

yam n. ekeke, esapa [eh-ke-ke, eh-sa-pa]
yard n. (measure) yadi [ya'-dee]
year n. mbula, mobu [m-boh'-la, moh-boo'], (pl.) mibul: this
y. mbula oyo [oh'-yoh]; last y. mbula eleki [eh-leh -keei];
next y. mbula ekoya [eh-koh-ya-a]
yellow adj. so, mosuku [soh, moh-soo-koo]
yes adv. iyo [ee'-yoh]
yesterday adv. lobi [loh'-bee]
yet adv. (still) naino, se [na-ee-noh, seh']: not yet naino
te [te']
you pron. 1. (subj.) o- [oh], (pl.) bo- [boh]: are you...?
ozali? [oh-za-lee] 2. (obj.) yo [yo'], (pl.) bino [bee-noh']:
I see you namoni yo [na-mo'-nee yo']
young adj. elenge [eh-le-nge']
younger adj. leki [leh-kee]: y. brother/sister ndeko leki
[n-deh-koh]
your, yours adj./pron. na yo [na yo'], (pl.) na bino [na
bee-noh']: your shirt semisi na yo [se-mee'-see]; it is
yours yango na yo [ya-ngoh']
yourself pron. yo moko [mo'-ko'], (pl.) bino moko [bee-noh']
youth n. bolenge [boh-le-nge']

Z

zone n. esika [eh-see'-ka'], (pl.) bisika
zoo n. etuka ya banyama ya zamba [eh-too-ka ya ba-nya-ma ya
za'-mba]
zoology n. zebi za banyama na bandeke [zeh-bee za ba-nya-ma
na ba-nde-ke]

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A

a- [a] pron. he, she, it: **azali** [a-za-lee] he, she, it is
alimeti [a-lee-me'-tee] n. match (light)
ananasi [a-na-na'-see] n. pineapple
avoka [a-vo-ka] n. pear
ata [a-ta-a] adv. even
avio [a-vee-o] n. airplane
awa [a'-wa] adv. here

B

ba- [ba] pron. they: **bazali** [ba-za-lee] they are
baboti [ba-boh'-tee] n. (pl.) parents
bakisa [ba-kee-sa] v. add
bala [ba'-la] v. marry
balabala [ba-la-ba'-la] n. road, highway
bale [ba'-leh'] n. ball (sport)
bamba [ba-mba] v. repair, fix, weld
bambola [ba-mboh-la] v. (mwinda) light (lamp)
banda [ba-nda] v. begin, start: **babandi koyemba** [ba-ba-ndee koh-yeh'-mba] they begin to sing
bandema [ba-ndeh-ma] v. stick to
banga [ba'-nga] v. be afraid: **nazali kobanga** [na-za-lee' koh-ba'-nga] I am afraid
bango [ba-ngoh'] pron. them: **namoni bango** [na-mo'-nee] I see them; **na bango** [na] adj./pron. their, theirs: **tata na bango** [ta-ta'] their father; adj./pron. those: **bato bango** those people
bango moko [mo'-ko'] pron. themselves
bankoko [ba-nko-ko] n. (pl.) grandparents
barza [bar-za] n. veranda
Basantu bando [ba-sa-ntoo ba-nso] n. (pl.) All Saints' Day
basusu [ba-soo'-soo] pron. (pl.) some, others
batisimu [ba-tee-see-moo] n. (rel.) baptism
bato/batu [ba-toh] n. (pl.) people, men, persons
bato nyonso [nyo'-nso] pron. everybody, everyone
baye [ba-yeh] adj./pron. these: **basi baye** [ba'-see] these women
-be, mabe [ma-beh'] adj. wicked, bad, ugly
beba [beh'-ba] v. curse; **bebisa** [beh'-bee-sa] v. ruin
bebe [beh'-beh] adv. now, at present
beka [beh-ka] v. borrow
bela/bele [be'-la] v. be ill, sick: **nazali kobela** [na-za-lee koh-be'-la] I am sick/ill

bela [beh-la] v. (bilei) boil (food)
 bemba [beh'-mba] v. travel
 bembra [be'-'mba] v. charm, attract
 benda [beh'-nda] v. pull
 bendele [be-nde-le] n. flag
 benga [beh'-nga] v. call: **papa abengi mbwa** [pa-pa' a-beh'-ngee m-bwa'] father has called the dog
 -besu, mobesu [moh-beh'-soo] adj. raw, fresh, unripe, green
 bete/beta [be'-te] v. beat, strike, knock, hit
 bete mai [ma'-ee] v. swim
 bete ngonga [n-goh-nga] v. ring (bell)
 bikisa [bee'-kee-sa] v. save, rescue
 bile/bilei [bee-leh'-ee] n. food, dish
 bilei bya ekolo [bya eh-ko'-lo] n. (pl.) local/homemade dishes
 biliki [bee-lee'-kee] n. desert
 bilo [bee-loh] n. office
 biloko [bee-lo'-ko] n. (pl.) goods, baggage, things, merchandise
 bima [bee'-ma] v. go out, come out: **Mado abimi** [a-bee-mee] Mado has gone out
 bina [bee-na] v. dance: **tozali kobina** [toh-za-lee koh-bee-na] we are dancing
 bino [bee-noh'] pron. (pl.) you; **na bino** [na] adj./pron. your, yours: **ndako na bino** [n-da'-koh] your house
 birika [bee-ree-ka] n. kettle, teapot
 bisika binso [bee-see'-ka' bee-nso] adv. everywhere
 bisikiti [bee-see-kee-tee] n. biscuit, cookie
 biso [bee-soh'] pron. us; **na biso** [na] adj./pron. our, ours: mama na biso [ma-ma'] our mother
 biso moko [mo'-ko'] pron. ourselves
 bitabi [bee-ta-bee] n. (pl.) plantains; **etabi** n. plantain
 biye [bee-yeh] n. (makuta) banknote, bill
 ble [bleh] n. wheat
 bo- [boh] pron. (pl.) you: **bozali** [boh-za-lee] you are
 bobandu [boh-ba-ndoo] n. humidity
 bobangi [boh-ba'-ngee] n. shyness: **abangi** [a-] she is shy
 bobole [boh-be'-le'] adv. only, permanently
 boboto [boh-boh'-toh] n. peace, kindness
 boeta [boh-eh-ta] n. waterfall
 bokenzu [boh-ke-nzoo] adj. spicy, piquant
 bokeseni [boh-ke-seh-nee] n. difference
 bokila [boh-kee-la] n. hunting
 bokilo [boh-kee-loh'] n. father/mother-in-law
 bokolongono [boh-koh'-loh'-ngoh'-noh'] n. health
 bokono [boh-ko-no] n. disease, illness
 bokono bwa sukali [bwa soo-ka'-lee] n. diabetes
 bokumisi [boh-koo-mee-see] n. (rel.) cult, service, worship
 bolai [boh-la-ee'] n. height, length
 bolamu [boh-la'-moo] n. good luck, happiness, kindness
 bolangiti, (pl.) malangiti [boh-la-ngee-tee] n. blanket
 bolenge [boh-le-nge'] n. youth
 bolimbisi [boh-lee-mbee-see] n. excuse, pardon

bolingo [boh-lee-ngoh] n. love; **ya b.** [ya] adj. romantic
 boloalo [boh-loh-loh] n. bitterness; adj. bitter, sour
 bolozi [boh-loh'-zee] n. pain, ache, grief
 bolumbu [boh-loo-mboo] n. nakedness; adj. naked
 bomba [boh-ma] 1. v. kill 2. v. **koboma** (mwinda) switch off, put out (light)
 bomba [boh'-mba] v. hide
 bombana [boh'-mba-na] v. hide oneself
 bomoi [boh-mo-ee] n. life
 bondela [boh'-ndeh-la] v. ask for: **nabondeli eloko moko** [na-boh'-ndeh-lee eh-lo'-ko mo'-ko'] I ask for something
 bondo [bo'-ndo] v. calm, relieve
 bondoki [boh-ndoh'-keel] n. gun, rifle
 bonga [bo-nga] v. be suitable, be better, must
 bongisa [boh-ngee-sa] v. arrange, direct, manage
 bongo [boh-ngoh'] n. brain
 bongo [boh-ngoh] v. (masanga) pour (drink)
 bongola [boh-ngo-h-la] v. change, turn
 boni [boh'-nee'] adv. how, how much, how many; **pron.** what
 bopela [boh-peh-la] adj. famous
 bopemi [boh-peh-mee] n. repose, rest
 boponi [boh-po-nee] n. choice
 bosambelelo [boh-sa-mbeh-leh-loh] n. shrine, sanctuary
 bosana [boh-sa-na] v. forget
 boselu [boh-se-loo] adj. slippery
 boso [boh-soh'] n. (nzoto) forehead
 bosolo [boh-so'-lo'] n. truth
 bosoto: **ya b.** [ya boh-soh-toh] adj. dirty
 bota [boh'-ta] v. give birth (to)
 botali mboka [boh-ta'-lee m-boh'-ka] n. tourism, sightseeing
 bokamwi [boh-ka-mwee] n. surprise
 botendi [boh-te-ndee] n. sculpture
 botolo [boh'-toh-loh] v. (elamba) undress
 bowa [boh'-wa] v. cure, heal
 boyo [boh'-ya] v. refuse, disobey
 boyambi [boh-ya-mbee] n. (rel.) faith
 boye/bongo [boh-yeh/boh'-oh-ngoh'] adv. thus, so, in this way
 boyebisi [boh-yeh'-bee-see] n. notice
 boyei [boh-yeh'-ee] n. arrival
 boyibi [boh-yee-bee] n. theft
 bozindo [boh-zee-ndoh'] n. depth
 bozito [boh-zee-to] n. weight
 bozoba [boh-zo'-ba] n. ignorane
 buka [boo'-ka] v. break, crunch
 buku [boo'-koo] n. book
 bulo [boo-lo] adj. (langi) blue
 buna/bunda [boo-na/boo-nda] v. fight: **kobunda te** [koh-boo-nda te'] do not fight
 bunga [boo-nga] v. lose, mistake, forget: **nabungi nzela** [na-boo-ngee n-nze-la'] I am lost; I have lost my way
 bunola [boo-noh-la] v. reduce

busi [boo-see] n. thread
 buta [boo-ta] v. climb
 butiki [boo-tee-kee] n. store, shop
 buto [boo-to'] n. button
 butu [boo-too'] n. night
 buzi [boo-zee] n. candle
 bwaka [bwa'-ka] v. throw
 bwato, (pl.) mato [bwa'-toh] n. boat, canoe
 byanga [bya'-nga] v. invite, call

D

dalapo [da-la-poh'] n. flag
 defa [deh-fa] v. borrow
 dendon [den-don] n. turkey
 desembere [de-se-mbe-re] n. December
 di [dee] n. friend
 diaman [dee-a-man] n. diamond

E

e- [eh] pron. it: ezali [eh-za-lee] it is, there is
 ebale [eh-ba-leh] n. river
 ebandeli [eh-ba-ndeh-lee] n. beginning
 ebe [eh-beh'] adj. ugly
 ebele [eh-beh-leh'] adj. many; n. plenty (of): nabomaki
 e. ya mbisi [na-boh'-ma'-kee' m-bee'-see] I caught plenty
 of fish
 ebembe [eh-beh-mbeh] n. corpse
 ebenga [eh-be-nga'] n. pigeon
 ebonga [eh-bo'-nga'] n. stool
 ebumeli [eh-bo-neh-lee] n. weapon, arm
 ebuteli [eh-boo-te-lee] n. ladder
 efelo [eh-feh-lo] n. wall
 ekeke [eh-ke-ke] n. yam
 ekeko [eh-ke-ko] n. monument
 ekembe [eh-keh-mbeh'] n. musical instrument
 ekoki [eh-koh-keel] adj. enough, possible
 ekolo [eh-ko-lo'] n. basket
 ekolo [eh-ko'-lo] n. country
 ekomeli [eh-koh-meh-lee] n. pen, pencil
 ekomo [eh-ko'-mo] n. bracelet
 ekoto [eh-koh'-toh'] n. shoe
 ekumbaki [eh-koo-mba-kee] n. storm
 ekutu [eh-koo-too] n. pumpkin
 ekwae [eh-kwa-e] n. partridge, pheasant
 elaka [eh-la-ka] n. date, period

elamba, (pl.) bilamba [eh-la-mba'] n. cloth, material, fabric
 elanga [eh-la-nga] n. farm
 eleki [eh-leh-kee] adj. 1. past: mposo eleki [mpo'-so]; last
 week; 2. superlative: Za azali makasi eleki Mariya [a-za-lee
 ma-ka'-see] John is stronger than Mary
 eleko [eh-leh-koh] n. weather, period, season
 eleko ya [ya] prep. during
 elema [eh-le'-ma'] adj. mad (person), insane
 elenge [eh-le-nge'] adj. young girl, boy
 elengi [eh-le-ngee] adj. good taste
 elikia/elikya [eh-lee-kee-ya] n. hope
 elili [eh-lee'-lee] n. shadow, photo, picture
 elimo [eh-lee-mo] n. spirit
 eloko, (pl.) biloko [eh-lo'-ko] n. thing
 eloko moko [mo'-ko'] pron. something
 eloko te [te'] pron. nothing
 eloli [eh-lo-lee] n. sunset
 elongi [eh-loh-ngee] n. face
 elongo [eh-lo-ngo'] adv. together: tokokende elongo
 [toh-koh-ke-nde] we shall go together
 elozi [eh-lo-zee] adj./n. west
 ema [eh'-ma] n. tent
 engbunduka [eh-ngboo-ndoo-ka] n. train
 engomeli [eh-ngo-me-lee] n. iron (for clothes)
 engondo [eh-ngo-ndo'] n. eagle
 engumba [eh-ngoo-mba] n. city, town
 engwongolo [eh-ngwoh-ngoh-loh] n. can (of oil)
 enkoti [eh-nko-tee] n. hat, cap
 epai [eh-pa'-ee] n. side, part, piece: epai ya Bibi [ya]
 at Bibi's house; at Bibi's
 epotu [eh-po-tool] adj. dirty
 esako [eh-sa'-koh] n. applause
 esaleli [eh-sa'-leh-lee] n. tool
 esambelo [eh-sa'-mbeh-loh] n. court
 esanga [eh-sa-nga] n. island
 esanzi [eh-sa-nzee] n. gasoline
 esapi [eh-sa-pa] n. yam
 eseka [eh-se-ka] n. friend
 esengo [eh-se-ngo] n. happiness, good fortune: nazali koyoka
 esengo [na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka] I am happy
 esika, (pl.) bisika [eh-see'-ka'] n. place, site, zone
 esika esusu [eh-soo'-soo] adv. elsewhere
 esika ya masolo [ya ma-so'-lo] n. living/sitting room
 esobe [eh-so'-be'] n. meadow
 etalaka [eh-ta'-la'-ka'] n. bridge; (ndako) story
 etanda [eh-ta'-nda] n. bench (seat)
 etandaka [eh-ta-nda'-ka] n. cupboard, closet
 eteli [eh-teh-lee] adj. (mbuma) ripe (fruit)
 eteni [eh-te'-nee] n. piece
 eteyelo [eh-teh'-yeh-loh] n. school
 etima [eh-tee'-ma'] n. lake, pond

etoele [eh'-toh-e'-le'] n. plant (botany)
etuka [eh-too'-ka'] n. department, group of houses
etuka enene [eh-ne'-ne] n. district, quarters (of town)
etumba [eh-too-mba] n. war, fight
eyano [eh-ya-noh] n. answer, reply
eyenga [eh-yeh-nга] n. Sunday, holiday, festival

F

fanda [fa-nda] v. live, sit (down): **tofandaka na Zaire** [toh-fa-nda-ka na] we live in Zaire; **nani afandi awa?** [na'-nee a-fa-ndee a'-wa] who sits here?
farasa [fa-ra'-sa] n. horse
febuari [feh-boo-a-ree] n. February
fefele [fe'-fe-le] n. fever
felele [fe-le-le] tala **fulele**
felo [fe'-lo] n. iron (for clothes)
fololo [fo-lo'-lo] n. match (light)
finga [fee'-nga] v. insult
foti [foh'-tee] n. mistake
foto [foh-toh'] n. picture, photo
fufu [foo-foo'] n. flour
fulele [fu-le-le] n. flower
funga [foo'-nga] v. close, shut
fungola [foo-ngoh-la] v. open, unpack
futa [foo'-ta] v. pay
futela [foo-teh-la] v. hire, rent

G

gbagba [gba-gba] n. bridge
goigoi [go-ee-go'-ee] adj. lazy, slow
goma [goh-ma] v. (bilamba) iron, press (clothes)
guga [goo-ga] 1. v. rust; 2. adj. **egugi** [eh-goo-gee] rusty

I

iyo [ee'-yoh] adv. yes

K

ka [ka'] conj. but
kaba [ka-ba] v. give

kabinda [ka-bee-nda] n. carpenter
kabine [ka-bee-ne'] n. toilet, lavatory, restroom: **kabine ezali wapi?** [eh-za-lee wa'-pee] where is the toilet?
kabola [ka-boh-la] v. divide, share
kakao [ka-ka-oh] n. cocoa
kakola [ka-koh-la] v. (ntalo) bargain, haggle (price)
kala [ka-la] 1. adv. before, first, long ago 2. adj. **ya kala** [ya] old: **kazaka ya kala** [ka-za-ka] an old jacket
kalakala adv. formerly, already: **Andesa alamba kalakala** [a-la'-mba'] Andesa has prepared already
kalaki [ka-la'-keel] n. clerk
kalanga [ka-la-nga] v. (nyama) roast
kalati [ka-la'-tee] n. card
kamata [ka-ma-ta] v. take: **nakokamata oyo** [na-koh-ka-ma-ta oh'-yoh] I will take this
kamela [ka-me-la] n. camel
kamera [ka-meh-ra] n. camera
kaminyo [ka-mee-nyo'] n. lorry, truck
kamola [ka-moh-la] v. (loboko) twist (arm)
kanga [ka-nga'] v. close, catch
kangola [ka-ngo-h-la] v. open, unpack
kani [ka'-neel] adj. pron. what, which; pron. who
kanisa [ka-nee-sa] v. think (about)
kasi [ka-see] conj. but, however, at last
-kasi, makasi [ma-ka'-see] 1. adj. difficult, hard, strong, tough 2. adv. with difficulty, hard, harshly
kata [ka'-ta] v. cut
katiki [ka'-tee] 1. n. middle, center: **oyo ya katikati** [oh'-yoh ya ka-tee-ka'-tee] the middle one; 2. prep. **na kati** [na ka'-tee] in, inside
katini [ka-tee-na] n. bucket, pail
katisa [ka-tee-sa] v. cross, go across, go through
kawa [ka'-wa] n. coffee
kazaka [ka-za-ka] n. jacket, coat
kaye [ka-ye] n. notebook, workbook
-ke, moke [moh-ke'] adj. small, little, not much, thin; **eleki** moke [eh-leh-kee] smaller
keba [keh'-ba] v. take care, pay attention
kelasi, (pl.) **bakelasi** [keh-la'-see] n. school, class
kende [ke-nde] v. go, leave: **nakei** [na-ke-ee'] I am going/have gone; **nakokende** [na-koh-ke-nde] I shall go; **kende malamu!** [ke-nde' ma-la'-moo] goodbye!
kengele [keh'-nge-le] v. watch, see to
keusa [ke-oo'-sa] n. silk
kima [kee-ma] v. run away, escape: **nsoso akimi** [nsoh'-soh' a-kee-mee'] the hen has run away
kina [kee'-na'] prep. until, till
kiti, (pl.) **bakiti** [kee'-tee] n. chair, seat
kitoko [kee-to'-ko] adj. beautiful, nice, handsome, pretty: **mboka ezali kitoko** [m-boh'-ka e-za-lee] the village is beautiful

ko [koh'] adv. therefore, then, at last
 koba langi [koh'-ba la'-ngee] v. paint
 koka [koh-ka] v. be able, can, may: **nakoki** [na-koh-kee]
 I can; **nakoki kokende sikoyo?** [na-koh-ee' koh-ke-nde]
 see-koh'-yoh] may I go now?
 koka [koh'-ka] v. dry; **ekoki** [eh-koh'-kee] it is dry
 kokoti [koh-koh-tee] n. coconut
 kokoto [ko-ko'-to] n. smallpox
 kolola [koh'-loh-la] v. shave
 kolongono [koh'-loh'-ngoh'-noh'] v. perfect, complete
 koma [koh'-ma] v. write; **kokomela** [koh-koh-meh-la] v. write
 to: **komela ngai** [n-ga'-ee'] write to me
 koma [koh'-ma] v. arrive, become, reach: **tokomi** [toh-koh'-mee]
 we have arrived; **kokomela** [koh-koh'-meh-la] v. arrive at
 kombo [koh-mboh] v. sweep
 kompani [koh-pa-nee'] n. company
 Kongo [Koh-ngoh'] n. Congo
 kopo [ko'-po] n. bowl, cup, tumbler, glass
 kosa [koh'-sa] v. rub, massage
 kosa [koh'-sa] v. deceive
 kosola [koh'-soh-la] v. cough
 kosukosu [koh-soo'-koh-soo'] n. cough
 kota [koh'-ta] v. enter, come in, go in
 koto [ko-to] n. absorbent cotton
 Kristo [kree-stoh] n. Christ
 kufa [koo'-fa] 1. n. death 2. v. die: **nakokufa**
 [na-koh-koo'-fa] I shall die
 kuku [koo'-koo] n. kitchen; (molambi) cook
 kulutu [koo-loo'-too] tala **nkulutu**
 kumba [koo'-mba] v. carry
 kuna [koo'-na'] adv. there, over there; **ye kuna** [yeh']
 there he is
 kunda [koo-nda] v. bury; **kokundola** [koh-koo-ndoh-la] v. dig
 up, unearth
 kundola motema [koo-ndoh-la moh-teh'-ma] v. remember
 kuruse [koo'-roo'-seh] n. (rel.) cross
 -kuse, **mokuse** [moh-koo'-seh'] adj. short
 kuta [koo'-ta] v. find
 kutana [koo'-ta-na] v. meet
 kwa/kweya [kwa-a, kweh'-ya] v. fall (down)
 kwivre [kwee-vre] n. (mitako) copper

L

-lai, molai [moh-la-ee'] adj. high, long, tall
 laka [la-ka] v. advise, promise
 lakisa [la-kee-sa] v. show, teach
 lala [la'-la] v. sleep, go to bed
 lamba [la'-mba] v. cook, prepare (food): **ozali kolamba nini?**

[oh-za-lee koh-la'-mba nee'-nee] what are you cooking?
 -lamu, **malamu** [ma-la'-moo] 1. adj. good, beautiful, lovely,
 happy, fine, nice 2. adv. well; **eleki malamu** [eh-leh-kee]
 adj. better
 landa [la-ndal] v. follow
 langi [la'-ngee] adj. color
 langi la nkasa [la nka'-sa'] adj. green
 langi la likolo [la lee-koh-loh'] adj. blue
 lata [la'-ta] v. dress (oneself), wear, put on: **olati elamba**
 kitoko [oh-la'-tee eh-la-mba' kee-to'-ko] you are wearing
 a nice cloth
 latisa [la'-tee-sa] v. dress (someone)
 leka [leh-ka] v. pass, go past, go beyond
 lekaleka [leh-ka-leh-la] v. walk about, travel around
 leki [leh-kee] adj. younger
 lekisa [leh-kee-sa] v. exceed, go beyond (limit etc.)
 lela [leh-la] v. cry, shout, complain
 lelo [le-lo'] adv. n. today
 lembe [le-mbel] v. tire: **nalembi** [na-le-mbee] I am tired
 -lembu, **molembu** [moh-leh-mboo'] adj. soft, easy
 lenga [le'-ngal] v. shake, shiver
 letele [le'-te-le] n. letter
 lia/liya [lee-a/lee-ya] v. eat: **nalei** [na-leh'-ee'] I have
 eaten
 libala [lee-ba'-la] n. marriage
 libanda [lee-ba'-nda'] n. playground, exterior
 na libanda [na] adv. outside
 libanga, (pl.) **mabanga** [lee-ba'-nga'] n. stone, rock
 libata [lee-ba-ta'] n. duck; (moto) bald-headed
 libeke [lee-be-ke] n. shoulder
 libela [lee-beh'-la'] n. hole, permanently; (mai) well
 libele [lee-be'-le] n. (nzoto) breast
 libenga [lee-beh-nge] n. bag, purse
 libenge [lee-be-nge'] n. potato, sweet potato
 liboke, (pl.) **maboke** [lee-boh'-keh'] n. package, packet
 libongo [lee-boh'-ngoh'] n. quay, shore, port, wharf
 libongo [lee-bo'-ngo'] n. (nzoto) knee
 libonza [lee-boh-nza] n. gift, present
 liboso [lee-boh-soh'] adv. first, before, in front (of)
 libota [lee-boh-ta] n. family
 libulu [lee-boo-loo] n. toilet, restroom, lavatory
 libumu [lee-boo-moo] n. stomach, belly
 mpaasi ya libumu [mpa'-see ya] n. stomachache
 libumu likangani [lee-ka-nga-nee] n. constipation
 libwa [lee-bwa'] adj./n. nine
 lifungola [lee-foo-ngoh-la] n. key
 lifuta [lee-foo'-ta] n. payment
 ligbongo [lee-gbo-ngo] n. swamp
 likama [lee-ka'-ma'] n. danger, emergency
 likambo, (pl.) **makambo** [lee-ka-mboh] n. matter, problem:
 likambo nini? [nee'-nee] what is the matter?

likaya [lee-ka'-ya'] 1. n. cigar, cigarette 2. v. *komele*
 likaya [koh-me-le] smoke
 likei, (pl.) makei [lee-ke-ee'] n. egg
 likindo [lee-kee-ndoh] n. (rel.) seminary
 likolo [lee-koh-loh'] n. sky
 na likolo [na] adv. above, up, upstairs, top
 likombe [lee-ko-mbe] n. single, bachelor
 likombo [lee-koh-mboh] n. broom
 lilala [lee-la'-la] n. orange
 liloba [lee-loh-ba] n. word
 liloki [lee-lo-kee] n. magic
 limbila [lee-mbee'-la] n. palm tree
 limfelo [lee'-feh-loh] n. (rel.) hell
 lindanda [lee-nda'-nda] n. guitar, accordion
 linga [lee-nga] v. like, love, want: *nalingi nzoi*
 [na-lee-nee n-za'-ee] I like honey; *nalingi yo* [yo'] I
 love you; *kolingana* [koh-lee-nga-na] v. love each other
 lingalo/lingato [lee-nga-toh] n. crab
 lingenda [lee-nge-nda] n. stick
 lingisa [lee-ngee-sa] v. allow
 lingisi [lee-ngee-see] n. interpreter
 lininisa [lee-nee-nee-sa] n. window
 lino, (pl.) mino [lee'-noh] n. tooth; *mpasi ya lino* [mpa'-see
 ya] n. toothache
 lipa [lee-pa] n. bread
 lipapa, (pl.) mapapa [lee-pa'-pa] n. sandal
 lipasa, (pl.) mapasa [lee-pa'-sa] adj. (bandeko, mbeto) twin
 lipaya [lee-pa-ya] n. visit, stay
 lipela [lee-peh'-la] n. guava
 liputa [lee-poo-ta] n. cloth
 lisala [lee-sa'-la'] n. field, vegetable garden
 lisanga [lee-sa-nga] n. meeting, community
 lisano [lee-sa-noh] n. entertainment, game
 lisanolola [lee-sa-noh-la] n. comb
 lisasi [lee-sa'-see] n. cartridge
 liseke [lee-se-ke] n. horn (of animal)
 liso, (pl.) miso [lee-soh] n. eye
 lisoko, (pl.) masoko [lee-so'-ko] n. (nzoto) bottom, buttock,
 (pl.) buttocks
 lisusu [lee-soo'-soo] adv. again, more: *lisusu te* [te'] no
 more
 liteya [lee-teh'-ya] n. lesson
 lititi [lee-tee'-tee] n. grass, herb
 litoi, (pl.) matoi [lee-to'-ee] n. ear; *mpasi ya litoi*
 [mpa'-see ya] n. earache
 litoko [lee-to-ko] n. mat
 litumu [lee-too-moo] n. corner
 litungulu [lee-too-ngoo'-loo] n. onion
 liwa [lee-wa'] n. death
 liya [lee-ya] tala lia
 liyebu [lee-yeh'-boo'] n. mushroom

liziba [lee-zee-ba] n. spring (water)
 loba [loh-ba] v. speak, say, talk: *nalobi* [na-loh-bee]
 I say; azali koloba [a-za-lee koh-loh-ha] he is talking
 nalobaka lingala [na-loh-ba-ka] I speak Lingala
 loba lisusu [lee-soo'-soo] v. repeat
 lobanga [loh-ba'-nga'] n. chin
 lobeki [loh-be'-keel] n. pot
 lobi [loh'-bee] adv. tomorrow, yesterday
 lobo [lo'-bo] v. fish
 loboko, (pl.) maboko [loh-bo'-koh] n. hand
 loboko ya/la mwasi [ya/la mwa'-see] adj. left hand
 loboko ya/la mobali [ya/la moh-ba'-leel] adj. right hand
 lokasa, (pl.) nkasa [loh-ka'-sa'] n. leaf, (pl.) leaves
 loko [loh-koh'] adj. deaf
 lokola [loh-koh'-la] adv./conj. as; adj./adv./conj. like
 lokolo, (pl.) makolo [loh-koh-loh] n. (nzoto) foot, leg, (pl.)
 feet, legs
 lokota [loh-ko'-ta] n. language, dialect
 lokoto [loh-koh'-tuh'] v. collect
 lokuta [loh-koo-ta'] 1. n. lie, untruth 2. v. *kobuka* lokuta
 [koh-boo-ka] lie
 lolaka, (pl.) ndaka [loh-la-ka] n. voice
 lolemu [loh-leh-moo] n. tongue
 lolendo [loh-le'-ndo'] adj. proud
 lolenge [loh-le'-nge'] n. type, kind, sort, shape
 lomande [loh-ma'-nde] n. fine (money)
 lomingo [loh-mee-ngoh] n. Sunday
 lompete [loh-mpe'-te'] n. ring
 longa [loh'-nga] v. win, be right
 longana [loh'-ga-na] v. marry
 longembu [loh-nge-mboo] n. umbrella
 longobana [loh-ngoh-ba-na] v. adjust, suit, correct
 longola [loh-ngoh-la] v. remove, subtract
 lopango, (pl.) mapango [loh-pa'-ngoh] n. plot, enclosure, fence
 lopitalo [loh-peet-a'-loh] n. hospital
 loposo [loh-poh-soh] n. skin
 losako [loh-sa'-koh] n. greeting
 losambo [loh-sa'-mboh] n. prayer
 loso [loh'-soh'] n. rice
 loteme [loh-te'-me] n. station
 loyembo [loh-yeh'-mboh] n. song
 luka [loo-ka] v. search for, look for
 lula [loo'-la] v. envy, desire
 lutu [loo-too] n. spoon

ma [ma] v. throw (to)
mabe [ma-beh'] tala -be
mabele [ma-beh-leh'] n. earth, land, ground, floor
mabele [ma-be'-le] n. (miliki) milk; (nzoto) (pl.) breasts;
 (nsonge ya mabele) nipple
maboma [ma-bo-ma] n. factory
madesu [ma-deh'-soo] n. beans
madamu [ma-da-moo] n. madam
mafuta [ma-foo'-ta] n. oil
magazini [ma-ga-zee-nee] n. store, shop
mai [ma'-ee] n. water
mai makangani [ma-ka-nga'-nee] n. ice, snow
makako [ma-ka'-koh] n. monkey
makala [ma-ka'-la] n. charcoal
makango [ma-ka'-ngoh] n. concubine
makasi [ma-ka'-see] 1. adv. tala -kasi 2. n. scissors
makayabo [ma-ka-ya'-boh] n. salted fish
makelele [ma-ke-le'-le] n. noise
makemba [ma-ke-mba] n. (pl.) plantains; **likemba** n. plantain
makila [ma-kee-la'] n. blood; **likila** n. a drop of blood
makuta [ma-koo'-ta] n. currency
maladi/malali [ma-la'-dee] n. disease, illness
malamu [ma-la'-moo] tala -lamu
malasi [ma-la'-seed] n. perfume
malato [ma-la-toh'] n. hammer
malembe [ma-le'-mbe] adv. slowly
malita [ma-lee-ta] n. cemetery
malonga [ma-loh-nga'] n. satisfaction, contentment
mama [ma-ma'] n. mother, mommy
mama moke [moh-ke'] n. aunt
mambi ma Nzambe [ma-mbee' ma n-za'-mbeh] n. religion
manaka [ma-na'-ka] n. calendar
manga/mange [ma'-nga'] n. mango
manteka [ma-nte'-ka] n. butter
mapasa [ma-pa'-sa] tala lipasa
masanga [ma-sa-nga] n. drink, wine, beer
masanga ma mbila [m-bee-la] n. palm wine
masanga ma moto [mo'-to] n. alcohol
masapo/masuba [ma-sa-po] n. urine
masini [ma-see-nee] n. machine
masoko [ma-so'-ko] tala lisoko
masuwa [ma-soo'-wa] n. boat, ship
meta [ma-ta'] v. climb, go up; **matisa valizi** [ma-tee-sa'-va-lee'-zee] send the suitcase up
metabisi [ma-ta-bee-see] n. tip, gratuity
matanga [ma-ta'-nga] n. mourning
matata [ma-ta'-ta] n. difficulty
matope [ma-to'-pe] n. rubber
matungana [ma-too-nga-na] n. (med.) boil
mawa [ma-wa] n. pity; adj. sad, sorry: **nazali koyoka mawa** [na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka] I am sad

mayele [ma-ye'-le] n. mind, trick, reason; adj. clever, smart, mischievous
mbala [m-ba-la] n. time (occasion)
mbala na mbala adv. sometimes
mbala **mbibale** [mee'-ba-leh'] adv. twice
mbala **moko** [mo'-ko'] adv. once
mbala **mingi** [mee'-nggee] adv. often, frequently
mbala [m-ba'-la'] n. potato, sweet potato
mbalasani [m-ba-la-sa'-nee] n. veranda
mbango [m-ba'-ngoh] adv. quickly; na **mbango te** [na te'] adj. slow
mbanzi [m-ba-nzee] n. bamboo
mbe [mbe] n. flower
mbele [m-be-le] adv. almost, perhaps
mbele [m-be'-le] n. pottery
mbeli [m-be-lee] n. knife
mbembele [m-be'-mbe'-le] n. mosquito
mbeto [m-beh'-toh] n. bed
mbisi [m-bee'-see] n. fish
mboka [m-boh'-ka] n. village
mboka enene [eh-ne'-ne] n. town
mboloko [m-boh'-loh'-koh'] n. antelope, gazelle
mbongo [m-bo'-ngo] n. money
mbote [m-bo'-te] int./n. good morning/afternoon: **pesela ngai** to X
 X **mbote** [pe'-seh'-la' n-ga'-ee'] give my regards/greetings
mboto [m-boh'-toh] n. corn, maize
mbu [m-boo'] n. sea
mbula [m-boo'-la] n. year, rain: **ozali na mbula boni?** [oh-za-lee na boh'-nee] how old are you? **nazali na mbula zomi** [na-za-lee na zoh'-mee] I am ten years old
mbuli [m-boo-lee] n. antelope
mbuma [m-boo-ma] n. fruit
mbwa [m-bwa'] n. dog
mbwa ya zamba [ya za'-mba] n. wild dog
mbwaku [m-bwa-koo] n. valley
mbwi [m-bwee'] adj. gray
-mei [meh'-ee] adj. same; **ngaimei** [n-ga'-ee'] pron. myself
meka [meh-ka] v. measure, try, taste
mela/mele [me-le] v. drink: **omele te** [oh'-me-le te'] do not drink
melesi [me-le-see] int./n. thanks, thank you
meme [me-me] v. carry, transport
memela [me-me-la] v. bring
mesa, (pl.) **bamesa** [meh'-sa] n. table
meta [meh-ta] n. waterfall
mbale [mee'-ba-leh'] adj./n. two
mkili [mee-kee-lee] n. climate
miko [mee-ko] n. mistake
mikolo nyonso [mee-ko-lo nyoo'-nso] adj. everyday
mikolo minso [mee-nso] adv. always

miliki [mee'-lee-kee] n. milk
 mima [mee'-ma] v. repent, regret
 minei [mee'-neh-ee] adj./n. four
 minggai [mee'-nga-ee] n. rheumatism
 mingi [mee'-ngee] adj./n./adv. many, plenty (of), too/very much
 minya [mee'-nya] n. urine
 misa [mee'-sa] n. (rel.) mass
 misato [mee'-sa'-toh] adj./n. three
 mitako [mee'-ta-koh] n. copper
 mitano [mee'-ta'-noh] adj./n. five
 miziki [mee'-zee-kee] n. music
 mobali, (pl.) ba/mibali [moh-ba'-lee] n. male, husband, mister
 -a mobali adj. right (side etc.)
 mobeko [moh-beh'-koh] n. law, regulation
 mobela [moh-be'-la] n. marsh (land)
 mobembo [moh-beh'-mboh] n. travel, journey, trip
 mobesu [moh-beh'-soo] tala -besu
 mobimba [moh-bee-mba] adj. all, total, whole, everything
 mobobe [moh-boh-beh'] adj. cheap
 mobola [moh-boh'-la] adj. poor
 mobomi-mbisi [moh-boh-mee m-bee'-see] n. fisherman
 mobotisi [moh-boh'-tee-see] n. midwife
 mobu [moh-boo'] n. year: mobu ekoya [eh-koh-ya-a] next
 year; mobu eleki [eh-leh-kee] last year
 mobulu [moh-boo'-loo'] adj. turbulent, disorder
 mofali [moh-fa-lee'] n. road, street
 moi [moh'-ee] n. sun
 moindo [moh-ee'-ndoh] adj. black
 mokama [moh-ka'-ma'] tala nkama
 mokanda [moh-ka-nda'] n. paper, letter
 mokangi [moh-ka'-ngie] n. fly
 mokati-nsuki [moh-ka'-tee nsuu-kee] n. barber
 mokbya mwasi [moh-kbya mwa'-see] n. widow
 mokbya mobali [moh-ba'-lee] n. widower
 moke [moh-ke'] tala -ke
 mokengeli [moh-ke'-nge-lee] n. watchman
 mokili [moh-kee-lee] n. world
 mokimeli [moh-kee-me-lee] n. refugee
 moko [mo'-ko'] adj./pron. one
 moko te [te'] n./pron. none, not any
 mokobo [moh-ko'-bo] n. paint
 mokoko [moh-ko-ko'] n. sugar cane
 mokolo [moh-koh'-loh'] n. history, owner
 mokolo [moh-ko-lo] n. day
 mokolo ya liboso [ya lee-boh-soh'] n. Monday
 mokolo ya mibale [ya mee-ba-leh'] n. Tuesday
 mokolo ya misato [ya mee-sa'-toh] n. Wednesday
 mokolo ya minei [ya mee-neh-ee] n. Thursday
 mokolo ya mitano [ya mee-ta'-noh] n. Friday
 mokolo moko te [mo'-ko' te'] adv. never
 mokoloto [moh-koh-loh-toh] n. line

mokondo/mokila [moh-koh-ndoh'/moh-kee-la] n. tail
 mokongo [moh-ko-ngo] n. (nzoto) back (of body)
 mokoni [moh-ko-nee] n. sick person, patient
 mokonzi, (pl.) ba/mikonzi [moh-koh-nzee] n. chief
 mokosa [moh-ko-sa] n. (na nzoto) itch
 mokristo [moh-kree-stoh] n. Christian
 mokulu [moh-koo-loo] n. string, rope
 mokuwa [moh-koo'-wa] n. bone
 molai [moh-la-ee'] tala -lai
 molakisi [moh-la-kee-see] n. teacher, instructor
 molako [moh-la'-ko] n. camp, camping
 molangi, (pl.) milangil [moh-la-ngee] n. bottle
 molato [moh-la'-to] n. suit, costume, outfit, evening dress;
 (pl.) clothes
 mole [moh-leh] n. meal
 molimo [moh-lee'-moh] n. soul
 molinga [moh-lee-nga] n. smoke
 mololanda [moh-lo-la-nda] adj. (med.) blind
 mololo [moh-loh'-loh'] n. road, street
 moluka [moh-loo'-ka'] n. brook, stream
 molunge [moh-loo-nge'] adj. heat, hot
 molunge mabe [moh-loo-nge' ma-beh'] n. fever
 mombemba [moh-mbeh-mba] n. frog
 mombongo [moh-mbo'-ngo] n. business, commerce
 momekano [moh-meh-ka-noh] n. competitive examination, competition
 momeseno [moh-meh-seh-noh] n. custom, habit
 mompanga [moh-mpa-nga] n. cutlass, big knife
 mona [mo'-na] v. tala -mono
 monama [moh-na-ma] n. rainbow
 monana [moh-na-na'] n. salt
 mondele [moh-nde'-le'] n. white (person), caucasian
 mondenge [moh-nde'-nge'] n. bet
 monene [moh-ne'-ne] tala -nene
 mongala [moh-nga'-la'] n. river
 monganga, (pl.) (ba)manganga [moh'-nga-nga] n. doctor, physician
 mongwa [moh'-ngwa] n. salt
 mongongo [moh-ngoh'-ngoh'] n. throat
 monguna, (pl.) ba/minguna [moh-ngoo'-na'] n. enemy
 moninga [moh-nee-nga'] n. friend, cousin
 monisa [mo'-nee-sa] v. show: monisa ngai... [n-ga'-ee']
 show me...
 monkalali [moh-nka-la-lee] n. lightning
 monkongi [moh-nkoh-ngee] n. mosquito
 monkusu [moh-nkoo'-soo'] n. worm
 monkwa [moh-nkwa] n. bone
 mono/mona [mo'-no] v. see: namoni [na-mo'-nee] I see;
 monono [koh-mo'-no-no] v. see each other
 mono [moh-noh'] n. (nkisi) medicine, drug
 monoko [moh-no-ko] n. language, mouth
 monoko ya ndako [ya n-da'-koh] n. door
 monsai [moh-nsa-ee] n. toe, finger

monsanya [moh-sa'-nya'] n. shrimp
monyele [moh-nyeh-leh] adj. east
monzomba [moh-zoh-mba] n. mustache
monzoto, (pl.) **minzoto** [moh-nzo'-to] n. star
monzube [moh-zoo'-beh'] n. sting (of insect)
mopanzi [moh-pa-nzee] n. (ngunda) coast
mopaya [moh-pa-ya] n. stranger, visitor
mopepe [moh-pe-pe] n. wind
mopepe [moh-pe'-pe'] n. pipe
mopotu [moh-poh-toh'] n. pygmy
mopotu [moh-poh-too'] adj. (mbeli) sharp (knife)
mosala, (pl.) **misala** [moh-sa'-la] n. work
mosaleli mwasi [moh-sa'-leh-lee mwa'-see] n. maid
mosanda [moh-sa'-nda'] tala -sanda
Mosantu [moh-sa'-ntoo] n. (rel.) Saint: **Mosantu Thomas**
 Saint (St.) Thomas
mosapi [moh-sa-peer] n. finger, toe
mosika [moh-see'-ka'] adj. far
mosikitele [moh-see-kee-te'-le'] n. mosquito net
mosiyo [moh-see-yo] n. file (tool)
mosolo [moh-so-lo] n. money, dowry, fortune, salary
mosolo mwana [mwa'-na] n. interest (money)
mosombi [moh-soh-mbee] n. buyer
mosoni-bilamba [moh-so-nee bee-la-mba'] n. tailor, dressmaker
mosopo [moh-soh-poh'] n. intestine
mosumane [moh-soo-ma-neh] n. saw (tool)
motambwisi-motuka [moh-ta'-mbwee-see moh'-too-ka] n. driver
motane [moh-ta'-neh'] adj. (langi) bright, light(-colored)
motango [moh-ta'-ngoh] n. number, figure
motau [moh-ta-oo] tala -tau
moteki [moh-te'-kee] n. vendor, salesman
moteki-nyama [moh-te'-kee nya-ma] n. butcher
motele [moh-te'-le] n. motor, engine
motema [moh-teh'-ma] n. heart, feelings
motende [moh-teh-ndeh] n. (nzete) carving (wood)
motinda [moh-tee-ndah] n. April
moto [mo'-to] n. fire, hot
moto/motu [moh-toh'] n. (nzoto) head
mpasi ya moto [mpa'-see ya] n. headache
motu/motu, (pl.) **bato/batu** [moh-toh] n. man, person, (pl.)
 men, people, persons
moto na moto [moh-toh] pron. everybody, everyone
moto moko [mo'-ko'] pron. somebody, someone
moto moko te [te'] pron. nobody
moto wa bilenga [wa bee-le-nga] n. farmer
motomba [moh-toh'-mba'] n. rat
motondo [moh-to'-ndo] n. roof
motoba [moh-toh'-ba'] adj./n. six
motongi-ndako [moh-toh'-ngee n-da'koh] n. mason, builder
motope [moh-toh'-peh] n. rubber
motuka [moh'-too-ka] n. car, automobile

motutano [moh-too-ta-noh] n. shock
motuya [moh-too'-ya] n. price, value
ya motuya [ya m.] adj. expensive, dear
moyangeli [moh-ya'-ngeh-lee] n. manager
moyekoli [moh-yeh'-koh-lee] n. pupil, student
moyembi [moh-yeh'-mbee] n. singer
moybi [moh-yee'-bee] n. thief
moyindo [moh-yee'-ndooh] adj. black
mozaka [moh-za-ka] n. pot
mpamba [mpa'-mba] 1. adj. empty, free 2. pron. nothing
 3. n. nil
mpasi/pasi [mpa'-see] n. difficulty, pain, suffering
mpata [mpa-ta'] n. sheep; **mwa mpata** [mwa-a] n. lamb
nyama ya mpata [nya-ma ya] mutton
mpau [mpa'-oo] n. shovel, spade
mpe [mpeh] 1. adv. also 2. prep. with 3. conj. and
mpepo/pepo [mpreh'-poh] n. airplane
mpema [mpeh'-ma] n. air
mpembe/pembe [mpe'-mbe'] 1. adj. white 2. n. ivory, chalk
mpembeni/pembeni [mpe-mbe'-nee] 1. adv. near, nearby, close
 by 2. prep./adv. against: **pembeni ya zando** [ya za'-ndooh]
 near the market
mpenza/penza [mpeh-nza'] 1. adj. true, alone 2. adv. truly,
 only 3. adj./adv. exact(ly), especial(ly)
mpete [mpeh'-te] n. ring
mpete ya matoi [ya ma-to'-ee] n. (pl.) earrings
mpio [mpee-oh] adj. cold
mpio makasi [ma-ka'-see] adj. colder
mpo [mpoh] 1. conj. because (na of) 2. n. matter, word,
 event, thing
mpo (na) nini [nee'-nee] adv. why
mpoko [mpoh'-ko] n. mouse
mpokwa [mpoh'-kwa] n. afternoon, evening
mpondu [mpo'-ndooh'] n. (bile) cassava leaves (dish)
mpongi [mpo-ngee] n. sleep: **nazali koyoka mpongi** [na-za-lee
 koh-yoh'-ka] I am sleepy
mposa [mpoh'-sa'] n. thirst (ya for): **nazali na mposa**
 [na-za-lee na] I am thirsty
mposo/poso [mpo'-so] n. Saturday, week; **mposo eleki**
 [eh-leh-kee -kee] last week; **mposo ekoya** [eh-koh-ya'] next
 week
mpota [mpoh'-ta'] n. (med.) wound, cut
mpunda [mpoo'-nda] n. donkey, horse
mputulu/putulu [mpoo-too-loo'] n. dust, powder, ashes
mwa [mwa-a] adv. not much, little; **mwa esengo** [eh-se-ngo]
 a little happy
mwambe [mwa-mbeh] adj./n. eight
mwana, (pl.) **bana** [mwa'-na] n. baby, child, (pl.) children
mwana mobali [moh-ba'-lee] n. boy; (eboto) son
mwana mwasi [mwa'-see] n. girl; (eboto) daughter
mwasi, (pl.) **basi** [mwa'-see] n. female, woman, (pl.) women;

mwasi wa libala [wa lee-ba'-la] n. spouse, wife
 -a **mwasi** adj. left (side etc.)
mwete, (pl.) **miete** [mweh-teh'] n. tree, wood
mwinda, (pl.) **minda** [mwee'-nda] n. lamp, light

N

na- [na] pron. I: **nazali** [na-za-lee] I am
na [na] 1. conj. and 2. prep. at, by, in, on, to, across, with
naino [na-ee-noh] 1. adj. a little 2. adv. first, still,
 already; **naino te** [te'] not yet
nani [na'-nee] pron. who, whom, which: **nani wana?** [wa-a-na']
 who is there? **namoni nani?** [na-mo'-nee] whom do I see?
ndako ya bakonzi [ya ba-koh'-nzee] n. palace
ndambo [n-da'-mboh] n. half, part, bit
ndanga [n-da-nga] n. pledge, pawn, security
nde [n-deh] pron. what
nde [n-deh'] 1. conj. but, therefore 2. adv. only
ndefu [n-deh'-foo] n. beard
ndeke [n-de-ke] n. bird
ndeke [n-deh-koh] n. brother, sister, friend, cousin
ndelete [n-deh-leh] n. palm leaf
ndelo [n-deh-loh] n. border, limit
ndembo [n-deh-mboh'] n. ball, balloon, rubber
ndenge [n-de'-nge'] n. sort, way, manner
ndima [n-dee-ma] v. agree, accept, approve: **nandimi**
 [na-ndee-mee] I agree
ndimo [n-dee-moh] n. orange
ndoto [n-do'-to] n. dream
ndulu [n-doo'-loo] n. ceremony
ndunda [n-doo'-nda] n. (pl.) vegetables
-nene, monene [moh-ne'-ne] adj. big, fat, important, large
eleki monene [eh-leh-keel] adj. bigger
ngai [n-ga'-ee'] pron. me; **na ngai** [na] adj. my: **tata na**
ngai [ta-ta'] my father; pron. mine: **mokanda na ngai**
 [moh-ka-nda'] the letter is mine
ngai moko [mo'-ko'] pron. myself, alone: **nazali ngai moko**
 [na-za-lee mo'-ko'] I am alone
ngala [n-ga-la] n. tower
nganda [n-ga-nda] n. camp, camping
nganga-nkisi [n-ga-nga nkee'-see] n. fetish priest
nganga-Nzambe [n-ga-nga n-za'-mbeh] n. priest, father, minister
ngenge [nge-nge] n. poison
ngola [n-goh'-la] adj. red
ngomba [n-goh'-mba'] n. hill, mountain
ngomba-moto [n-goh'-mba' mo'-to] n. volcano
ngombe [n-go'-mbeh] n. cow; **nyama ya ngombe** [nya-ma ya] n.
 beef

ngombi [n-goh'-mbee] n. concert, ballet
ngonga [n-goh-nga] n. bell, clock, hour
nguba [n-goo-ba] n. (pl.) groundnuts, peanuts
ngulu [n-goo'-loo] n. pig; **nyama ya ngulu** [nya-ma ya] n.
 pork
nguma [n-goo-ma] n. boa, python
ngungutu [n-goo-ngoo-too] n. aubergine, eggplant, garden egg
ningana [nee-nga-na] v. move: **koningana te** [koh-nee-ga-na]
 te' do not move
nini [nee'-nee] pron. what, which: **ozali kosala nini?**
 [oh-za-lee koh-sa'-la] what are you doing?
nkalanga [nka-la-nga] n. (pl.) groundnuts, peanuts
nkama [n-ka'-ma'] adj./n. (one) hundred
nkanda [nka'-nda'] n. anger: **nazali na nkanda mpo na X**
 [na-za-lee na nmpoh na] I am angry with X
nkanya [nka-nya] n. fork
nkinka [nkee-nga] n. bicycle
nkingo [nkee-ngoh'] n. neck
nkisi [nkee'-see] n. medicine
nkoba [nko'-ba'] n. tortoise
nkoi [nko-ee] n. leopard
nkoko [nko-ko] n. grandparent
nkoko [nko'-ko'] n. sugar cane
nkoko [nko'-ko] n. (rel.) marabout
nkolo [nkoh'-loh'] n. owner
nkombo [nkoh'-mboh'] n. name: **nkombo na yo nani?** [na yo'
 na'-nee] what is your name? **nkombo na ngai Mpisa** [na
 n-ga'-ee'] my name is Mpisa
nkondoko [nko'-ndo-ko] n. cat
nkondoko ya zamba [ya za'-mba] n. wild cat
nkongo [nko'-ngo] n. hoe
nkoni [nko'-nee] n. firewood
nkosi [nko'-see] n. lion
nkoso [nko'-so'] n. parrot
nkoto [nkoh'-toh] n. (one) thousand
nkulutu/nkoloto [nkoo-loo'-too] adj. elder
nkunde [nkoo-nde] n. (pl.) beans
nkungi [nkoo-ngee] n. mosquito
no/noko [no'-ko] v. rain
noki [no-keek'] 1. adj. quick 2. adv. soon, immediately, early
nokinoki [no-keek'-no-keek'] adv. quickly, often
noko [no'-ko] n. uncle
nordi [nor-dee] adj. north
nsai [nsa'-ee] n. joy, pleasure, delight: **nazali koyoka nsai**
 [na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka] I am pleased
nsamba [nsa'-mba'] n. palm wine
nsambo [nsa-mboh] adj./n. seven
nsango [nsa-ngoh] n. news
nse [nseh] 1. adj. low 2. n. ground, earth, floor; **na nse**
 [na] 1. adv. down 2. prep. below, under
nsele [nseh-leh] n. port, harbor

nsima/sima [nsee-ma] 1. adv./prep. after, behind 2. n. back, behind 3. adj. ya nsima [yal] last
nsimbiliki [nsee-mbee-lee-kee] n. rabbit
nsinga/singa, (pl.) **bansinga** [nsee-nga] n. string, thread
-nso, **nyo(n)so**, **yo(n)so** [nyo'-nso] adj. all, every, entire
nsolo [nso-lo] n. smell, odor
nsomi [nso'-mee] adj. free
nsomo [nso'-mo] n. fear, fright, terrifying
nsongo [nso-ngo'] n. cassava
nsoni/soni [nso'-nee] n. shame: **nazali koyoka soni** [na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka] I am ashamed
nsoso [nsoh'-soh'] n. chicken, cock, hen
nsuki/nswei [nsoo-kee, nsweh'-ee] n. hair
ntaba/taba [nta-ba] n. goat
ntaka [nta'-ka'] n. distance
ntako [nta'-ko] n. tax
ntalo/talo [nta'-loh] n. price, value
ntalo mingi [mee'-ngee] adj. expensive, dear
ntango [nta'-ngoh] 1. n. time, hour, moment 2. adv. when
ntei [nteh'-ee] 1. n. half, middle 2. adv. o ntei [oh] inside
ntela [nteh-la] n. banana
ntembe [nte-mbe] 1. n. doubt 2. v. kobete nttembe [koh-be'-te] doubt
ntingo [ntee-ngoh] n. fast: **nazali kokila ntingo** [na-za-lee koh-kee-la] I am fasting
ntina [ntee-na] n. reason, meaning, cause, root, significance
ntolo [nto'-lo] n. (nzoto) chest
ntonga [nto-nga] n. needle
ntongo/tongo [nto'-ngo'] n. morning
ntongo nyonso [nyo'-nso] adj. everyday
nunga [noo'-nga] v. suck
nyama [nya-ma] n. meat, animal
nye [nyel] adj. quiet
nyei [nye-ee] n. (med.) stools, excrement
nyoka [nyoh'-ka] n. snake
nyonso [nyo'-nso] tala -nso
nzala [n-za-la] n. hunger: **nzala na nzala** [na-za-lee na] I am hungry
nzale [n-za'-leh] n. buffalo
Nzambe [n-za'-mbeh] n. God
nzela [n-zeh-la'] n. path, route, way
nzela ya makolo [ya ma-ko-lo] n. footpath
nzembo [n-ze'-mboh] n. singing
nzeneneke [n-ze'-ne'-ne'-ke'] n. witness
nzete [n-zeh-teh'] n. tree, wood
nzila [n-zee-la'] tala **nzela**
nzoi [n-zo'-ee] n. honey
nzoku [n-zo-kool] n. elephant
nzongolongo [n-zoh'-ngoh'-loh'-ngoh'] n. (nzoto) nail
nzoto [n-zoh'-toh] n. body
nzoto [n-zo'-to] n. star

o- [oh] pron. you: **ozali** [oh-za-lee] you are
o [oh] prep. at, by, in, on, to
okotobele [oh-ko-to-be-le] n. October
o ntaka [oh nta-ka] prep. between
oyo [oh'-yoh] adj. this: **mbula oyo** [m-boo'-la] this year

palado [pa-la-do'] 1. n. excuse, pardon 2. adv. please
 3. int. pardon me, excuse me, sorry
pangusa [pa-ngoo-sal] v. wipe, erase
papa [pa'-pa'] n. (rel.) pope
pasi [pa'-see] tala **mpasi**
Pasika [pa'-see-ka] n. Easter
paswana [pas-wa-nal] v. break, tear (up)
patalo [pa-ta-lo] n. trousers
pekisa [peh-kee-sa] v. forbid, prevent, prohibit
pelisa [peh-lee-sa] v. light (candle), switch on (radio)
pema [peh'-ma] v. rest
pembe [pe'-mbe'] tala **mpembe**
pembeni [pe-mbe'-nee] tala **mpembeni**
penepene/pene [pe-ne-pe-ne] 1. adv. near 2. prep. close, next (ya to)
pengele [pe'-nge-le] n. pin
penza [peh-nza'] tala **mpenza**
pepo [peh'-poh] tala **mpopo**
pesa [pe'-sa] v. give: **pesa ngai...** [n-ga'-ee'] give me...
apesi [a-pe'-see] he has given
pesele [pe-se'-le] n. fisherman
petepete [pe-te-pe-te] adj. soft, weak
petwa [pe'-twa] v. clean
pilipili [pee-lee-pee-lee] n. pepper
pima [pee-ma] v. measure
pima [pee'-ma] v. refuse
pimbwela [pee-mbweh-la] n. insect
pimbwa [pee-mbwaa] v. fly, jump
pine [pee-neh'] n. (motuka) tire
pitolo [pee-to-lo'] n. kerosene
pola [po-la] v. rot: **mbuma epoli** [m-boo-ma eh-po-lee] rotten fruit
polele [poh-leh'-leh'] adj. clear, distinct
polisa [po-lee-sa] v. wet
polte [po'l-te] n. door
pona [poh-na] prep. for
pono [po-no] v. choose, prefer
poso [po'-so] tala **mposo**
pota [poh'-ta'] v. run

potopoto [po-to-po-to] 1. n. mud 2. adj. muddy
pulupulu ya makila [poo-loo-poo-loo ya ma-kee-la] n. dysentery
pulusi [poo-loo'-see] n. police
putulu [poo-too-loo'] tala mputulu
pwepwa [pwe'-pwa] v. kiss

S

sa [sa-a] n. watch
saboni [sa-bo'-nee] n. soap
sabala [sa-ba-la] n. Saturday
sakana [sa-ka-na] v. joke, play
saki [sa'-kee] n. bag
sakola [sa-ko-la] v. declare
sala [sa'-la] v. work, do, make
salela [sa'-leh-la] v. work for, serve
salisa [sa'-lee-sa] v. help: **salisa ngai** [n-ga'-ee'] help me
samaki [sa-ma-kee] n. fish
sambela [sa'-mbe-la] v. (rel.) pray
sambo [sa-mboh] adj./n. seven
sana [sa-na] v. play
-sanda, mosanda [moh-sa'-nda'] adj. high, long
sanduku [sa-ndoo-koo] n. box trunk
sango [sa'-ngoh'] n. (rel.) priest, father, minister
sango [sa-nogh] n. news
sani, (pl.) **basani** [sa'-nee] n. plate
sanola [sa-no-la] v. comb (hair)
sanza [sa'-nza] n. month, moon
sapato [sa-pa'-to] n. slippers
sapele [sa-pe-le'] n. rosary
sasapi [sa'-sa'-pee'] adv. now, immediately, right now
se [seh'] adj. same; adv. only, still: **azali se kobela** [a-za-lee koh-be'-la] he is still ill
sefu [seh-foo] n. chief
sei [seh-ee] adj. comfortable
seke [se-ke] v. laugh, make fun of
sekulo [se'-koo-lo] n. century
sema [se'-mba] adj. direct, straight
sembo [se'-mboh] adj. correct, right
semeki [se-me'-kee] n. brother/sister-in-law
semisi [se-mee'-see] n. shirt
senga/senge [se'-ngal] v. ask, demand
sengele na [se'-nge'-leh] v. must, have to, obliged
sepela [seh-peh-la] v. pleased, delighted
septembre [sep-te-mbe-re] n. September
sesa [se-sa] v. cut
sesa [seh-sa] v. separate, break up
sika [see-ka] adj. new, recent: **ndako ya sika** [n-da'-koh ya

see-ka] new house
sikasika [see-ka-see-ka] tala sikawa
sikawa [see-ka'-wal] adv. now, at once, right now
sikoyo [see-koh'-yoh] adv. now, at present
silisa [see-lee-sa] v. finish: **esilisi** [eh-see-lee-see] it is finished
sima [see'-ma] v. thank, appreciate
sima [see-ma] tala nsima
simba [see-mba] v. touch, hold
sinema [see-neh-ma'] n. movies
singa [see-nga] tala nsinga
sinzili [see-nzee-lee] n. watchman
soda [so-da'] n. soldier
sofele [soh-feh'-leh] n. driver
soka [soh'-ka'] n. axe
soki [so'-kee] conj./adv. if, maybe, about: **soki olingi** [oh-lee-nee'] adv. please
solo [so'-lo'] adj. true; adv. truly
somba [soh'-mba] v. buy: **nalingi kosomba...** [na-lee-nee] koh-soh'-mba I would like to buy...; **Afi asombi motuka** [a-soh'-mbee moh'-too-ka] Afi has bought a car
sombitinya [soh-mbee-tee-nya] v. exchange
soni [so'-nee] tala nsoni
sono [so-no] v. sew
soseti [soh-se'-tee] n. sock
soso [soh'-soh'] tala nsoso
sudi [soo-dee] adj. south
sukali [soo-ka'-lee] n. sugar
sukisa [soo-kee-sa] v. finish, complete
sukola [soo-koh-la] v. wash
suksu [soo-koo] n. room
sumuki [soo-moo-kee] n. sin
supu [soo-pool] n. soup, sauce
-susu, mosusu [moh-soo'-soo] adj./pron. other
swa [swa-a] v. bite: **mbwa aswei mwana** [m-bwa' a-swee'] mwa'-na] a dog has bitten the child
swana [swa-na] v. quarrel

T

taba [ta-ba] tala ntaba
tala [ta'-la] v. visit, look at, concern: **nakotala Mado lobi** [na-koh-ta'-la loh'-bee] I shall visit Mado tomorrow; **etali yo** [eh-ta'-lee yo'] it concerns you
talatala [ta-la-ta-la] n. mirror, spectacles
talo [ta'-loh] tala ntalo
tambola [ta'-mboh-la] v. walk: **natamboli tee na ndako** [na-ta'-mboh-lee teh'-eh' na n-da'-koh] I walked to the house
tana [ta'-na] v. shine

tanga [ta'-nga] v. read, count: nazali kotanga [na-za-lee]
 koh-ta'-nga] I am reading
 tanga [ta-nga] v. disgust
 tango [ta'-ngoh] tala ntango
 tata [ta-ta'] n. father, daddy
 tata mwasi [mwa'-see] n. aunt
 tatabana [ta-ta-ba-na] v. surprised, disturbed
 -tau, motau [moh-ta-oo] adj. soft, weak
 te [te'] 1. adv. no, not 2. prep. without: nayebi te
 [na-yeh'-bee te'] I do not know
 te [teh] conj. that: nakanisi te Samba akei [na-ka-nee-see'
 teh a-ke'-ee'] I think that Samba has gone
 tee [teh'-eh'] conj./prep. till, until
 teka/teke [ta'-ke] v. sell: oteke...? [oh-te'-ke] do you
 sell...?
 tekisa [te'-kee-sa] v. resell
 tela [teh-la] v. ripen; eteli [eh-teh-lee] adj. ripe
 telema/teleme [te'-le'-me] v. stand (up), rise, stop
 televizyo [teh-leh-vee-zyo'] n. television
 teme [te-me] tala telema
 teya [teh'-ya] v. teach
 ti [tee'] n. tea
 tika [tee'-ka] v. abandon, leave, stop: tika ngai ngai moko
 [tee'-ka' n-ga'-ee' mo'-ko'] leave me alone
 tikala [tee'-ka'-la] v. stay, remain: nakotikala na mama
 [na-koh-tee'-ka-la na ma-ma'] I shall stay with mother
 tike [tee-ke'] n. ticket
 tinda [tee-nda] v. send
 tindela [tee-ndeh'-la] v. send to: noko atindeli ngai mokanda
 [no'-ko' a-tee-ndeh'-lee n-ga'-ee' moh-ka-nda'] uncle has
 sent me a letter
 tindisa [tee-ndee-sa] v. push
 tiya [tee-ya] v. put
 to [toh-oh] conj. or
 to- [toh] pron. we: tozali [toh-za-lee] we are
 toma [toh'-ma] v. send
 tomati [toh-ma-tee] n. tomato
 tonda [toh'-nda] v. fill (up), be full, have had enough
 tondo [to'-ndo] v. thank: natondi yo [na-to'-ndee yo'] thank
 you
 tonga [toh-nga] v. build
 tongo [to'-ngo'] tala ntongo
 tosa [toh'-sa] v. obey
 tumba [too-mba] v. burn
 tumbako [too-mba'-koh] n. tobacco
 tuna [too'-na] v. ask, question
 tungisa [too-ngee-sa] v. annoy, sadden
 tuta [too'-ta] v. (nguba) pound (peanuts)
 twa [twa-a] v. spit

umela [oo'-meh'-la] v. delay, last, be late
 uta [oo'-ta] prep. from, since
 uta [oo'-ta] v. come from: Roger Ngouabi auti Kongo [a-oo'-tee
 koh-ngoh'] Roger Ngouabi comes from the Congo

V

valizi [va-lee-zee] n. suitcase
 velo [veh-loh'] n. bike, bicycle
 vimba [vee-mba] v. swell

W

wa [wa-a] v. die: mbwa awei [m-bwa' a-weh'-ee'] the dog has
 died; bakowa [ba-koh-wa-a] they will die
 wana [wa'-a-na'] adv. there: nani wana? [na'-nee] who is
 there?
 wapi [wa'-pee] adv./pron. where: kabine ezali wapi? [ka-bee-neh
 eh-za-lee] where is the toilet?
 wela [weh'-la] v. rush, speed up, fight over something
 wenze [we'-nze] n. small market
 wolo [woh-loh] n. gold

Y

ya [ya'-a] v. come, arrive, become: Mousa ayei [a-yeh'-ee']
 Mousa has come
 yamba [ya-mba] v. receive, welcome, believe
 yambo [ya-mboh] adv. first, before, in front (of): lityea ya
 yambo [lee-teh'-ya ya] adj. first lesson
 yango [ya-ngoh'] pron. it, that: yango oyo [oh'-yoh] here
 it is; nateki yango [na-te'-kee] I have sold it; yango
 wana [wa'-a-na'] that is why
 yangomei [ya-ngoh'-meh-eel] pron. itself
 yanola [ya-noh'-la] v. answer, reply
 yanuari [ya-noo-a-reel] n. January
 yaya [ya-ya'] adj. elder
 ye [yeh'] pron. her, him; na ye [na] adj. her, his: mama
 na ye [ma-ma' na] his mother
 yeba [yeh'-ba] v. know: nayebi te [na-yeh'-bee te'] I do
 not know
 yebisa [yeh'-bee-sa] v. tell, inform: yebisa ngai...
 [yeh'-bee-sa' n-ga'-ee'] tell me...

yekola [yeh'-koh-la] v. learn, study: **nazali koyekola** [na-za-lee koh-yeh'-koh-la] I am studying
yela [yeh'-la] v. bring: **yela ngai...** [n-ga'-ee'] bring me...
yemba [yeh'-mba] v. sing: **nayembi** [na-yeh'-mbee] I sing
Yezu [yeh'-zoo] n. Jesus
yiba [yee'-ba] v. steal: **ayibi** [a-yee'-bee] he has stolen
yika [yee'-ka] n. wheel
yikinya [yee-kee-nya] v. multiply
yina [yee-na] v. dislike, hate
yingela [yee-ngeh-la] v. come in, enter
yo [yo'] pron. you: **namoni yo** [na-mo'-nee yo'] I see you;
yo moko [mo'-ko'] pron. yourself
yoka [yoh'-ka] v. hear, listen, feel, understand: **nayoki yo** [na-yoh'-kee yo'] I understand you; **nazali koyoka molunge** [na-za-lee moh-loo-nge'] I feel hot
yokana [yoh'-ka-na] v. agree, get on (with): **toyokani malamu** [ma-la'-moo] we agree well
yoso [yo'-so] talala **nyonso**
yuli [yoo-lee] n. July
yuni [yoo-nee] n. June

Z

zabolo/zabulu [za'-bo-lo] n. devil
zala [za-la] v. be, live, stay, sit (down), exist: **nazali** [na-za-lee] I am; **ezali** [eh-za-lee] it is; **nazalaka na** **Franse** [na-za-la-ka na] I live in France
zala na [za-la na] v. have: **tozali na** [toh-za-lee na] we have
zamba, (pl.) **mamba** [za'-mba] n. forest, bush
zambi, (pl.) **mambi** [za-mbee'] 1. n. matter 2. conj. because
zando [za'-ndoh] n. market
zanga [za-nga] v. miss, need
zebi [zeh-beel] n. science
zelo, (pl.) **melo** [zeh-loh] n. sand
zemi [zeh-mee] n. pregnancy: **azali na zemi** [a-za-lee na] she is pregnant
zila [zee-la] v. wait: **nakozila awa** [na-koh-zee-la a'-wa]
I will wait here
-zito, mozito [moh-zee-toh] adj. heavy
zoba [zo'-ba] n. idiot, twit
zoka [zoh-ka] v. injure, hurt: **moto azoki** [moh-toh a-zoh-kee] the man is injured
zolo, (pl.) **mololo** [zoh'-loh] n. nose
zolongano [zoh-loh-nga-noh] n. circle
zomi [zoh'-mee] adj./n. ten
zonga [zoh'-nga] v. return, come back; **Edouard azongi** [a-zoh'-nggee] Edward has returned
zongazonga [zoh'-nga-zoh'-nga] prep. around (place)

zwa [zwa] v. have, receive, find (again), earn: **nazwi mokanda na yo** [na-zwee moh-ka-nda' na yo'] I have received your letter
zwana [zwa'-na] v. meet (again)
zuwa [zoo'-wa] n. jealousy: **Monika ayoki zuwa** [a-yoh'-kee] Monica is jealous

LINGALA PHRASEBOOK

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this phrasebook is to acquaint visitors, or indeed anyone, with some of the more common words and phrases. There is also a brief description of Lingala grammar enabling the reader to expand on the phrases given by substituting nouns, adjectives, etc. Different words are made by adding prefixes and suffixes to the basic stem. The notes on grammar will give you a better understanding of the structure of words. The guide to pronunciation will also assist you to improve your spoken Lingala.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Lingala, the national language of the Congo and Zaire, belongs to the Bantu family of languages. The dialect which is believed to be the basis of present Lingala is Bobangi. This one is spoken by the riverside residents (bangala) all along the Congo (Zaire) River and Ubangi River between Makanza and Mbandaka in the region of Equator, Zaire.

The first Europeans to arrive in the region commenced to learn the Bobangi language. Bobangi would then be transformed, enriched, with the contribution of other Congolese and Zairean dialects to create a new language, Lingala. Before the arrival of Europeans, the active trade carried out all along the Congo (Zaire) River allowed multiple contacts and exchanges among the populations, and the language spoken was Bobangi. After the arrival of Europeans (in the late nineteenth century), Bobangi served as the language of communication between traders, travelers, soldiers, civil servants and missionaries.

In 1929, Kinshasa (ex Leopoldville) became the capital of Zaire (ex Congo). Then Lingala became the language of the armed forces, police, administration, evangelists, education, politics, media, etc.

Lingala continued to expand and it has found its origin in a mixture of diverse Congolese and Zairean languages, Swahili, French, English, etc. Zairean-Congolese modern music and culture are the true sources of the enrichment of Lingala. It is also the language of communication in the Congo and Zaire. Internationally, Lingala is used in several foreign broadcastings and is the subject of intense research in the Congo, Zaire as well as abroad. It is essential that missionaries in this part of the world know Lingala.

GRAMMAR

Articles

There are no articles 'a', 'an' and 'the' in Lingala:

ndako a house, the house

Gender

Nouns in Lingala are not gendered. Words **mobali** (masculine) and **mwasi** (feminine) are used to indicate sex:

mwana mobali	boy, son
mwana mwasi	girl, daughter

The Structure of Words

Nouns, adjectives, verbs, etc. usually come from one stem or root. Different words are formed by adding prefixes and suffixes. Take the stem '-sal-' (work v.); from it we can form other words like '**kosala**' (work v.), '**mosala**' (work n.), '**mosali**' (worker) '**basali**' (workers).

Nouns

The nouns are divided into classes. Here is a basic list of the eight classes of nouns:

Class	Singular prefix	Plural prefix	Examples	
1. Persons	mo-	ba-	moninga baninga	friend friends
2. Without a sing. prefix, often foreign words	-	ba-	sani basani	plate plates
3. Miscellaneous	mo-	mi-	mosala misala	work (n.) works
4. Miscellaneous	li-	ma-	lipasa mapasa	twin twin

5. Objects, etc.	e-	bi-	eloko biloko	thing things
6. Without a plural	m-/n-	m-/n-	mbeto mbeto	bed beds
7. Miscellaneous	lo-	n/m-/ma-	lokasa nkasa	leaf leaves
8. Objects, abstracts	bo-	ma-	bolangiti malangiti	blanket blankets

In plural, **lo-** will become **n** before **g, k, t, s** (**lokasa** - **nkasa**); it will become **m** before **b, p** (**loposo** - **mposo**); some nouns have their plural in **ma** (**lokolo** - **makolo**); **l** preceded by **n** is turned into **d** (**lolemu** - **nлему** - **ndemu**).

The Substantive nouns

Substantive nouns are formed with verbal root, the prefix and suffix **mo..i** (singular) and **ba..i** (plural):

ko-yemb-a = sing	moyembi = singer
ko-tong-a = build	motongi = builder

Adjectives

The adjective always follows the noun which it modifies. The prefix of the noun is added to the adjective that modifies it:

mokonzi	chief
-nene	big
mokonzi monene	big chief

Variable adjectives are preceded by a hyphen (-).

Adverbs

Most adverbs have one single form which does not change:

sikoyo	now
noki	quickly
mpenza	truly

Some adverbs also are constructed from adjectives and they take

the prefix '*ma*':

-lamu good
malamu well

Personal pronouns (verbal prefixes)

Singular		Plural	
I	na-	we	to-
you	o-	you	bo-
he, she, it	a-	they	ba- (living beings)
it (things)	a-		a-/i- (things)

tata ayei	father has come
mbwa akufi	the dog has died
mwete ekwei	the tree has fallen

Verbs

Infinitive verbs are formed by adding the prefix '**ko-**' to the stem:

ko-son-o	sew
ko-bet-e	beat, strike

To avoid classification of all these infinitives under the letter 'K', the prefix 'ko-' will be dropped in the Lingala dictionary.

Here are some verb tenses:

stem	-sal-	work
1. infinitive regular	[-sa'1-] kosala	work (v.)
2. present general	[koh-sa'-la] nasala	I work
3. present momentary	[na-sa'-la] nakoya	I'm coming
4. present participle	[na'-koh-ya-a] nazali kotanga	I'm reading
	[na-za-lee] koh-ta'-nga]	
5. present habitual	natang-aka [na-ta'-nga-ka]	I'm used to reading
6. present perfect, past recent	nasal-i [na-sa'-lee]	I've worked
7. past historical, imperfect	nasal-aki [na-sa'-la'-kee']	I worked (yesterday)

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| 8. past habitual,
imperfect | nasal-aka
[na-sa'-la'-ka'] | I used to work |
| 9. past anterior,
perfect | nasala
[na-sa'-la'] | I had worked |
| 10. future immediate | nasala
[na-sa'-la] | I'm going to
work now |
| 11. future remote | nakosalala
[na-koh-sa'-la] | I shall work |
| 12. subjunctive | nasala
[na'-sa'-la] | I may work |

There are verbs which have the sense of the present with the form of the present perfect (past recent). Some examples:

kokoka = nakoki **be able** = I can, may
kolinga = nalingi **like** = I like, love, want

Auxiliary verbs

kozala (be v.)

kozala na (have v.)

nazali (I am)
ozali (you are)
azali (he, she, it is)
ezali (it is) things
tozali (we are)
bozali (you are)
bazali (they are)
e(i)zali (they are) things

nazali na (I have)
ozali na (you have)
azali na (he, she, it has)
ezali na (it has) things
tozali na (we have)
bozali na (you have)
bazali na (they have)
e(i)zali na (they have) things

Here are some deriveive verbs:

-isa = causative:
E.g.: kosala = work (v.) kosalisa = make sb/sth work
 koya = come (v.) koyeisa = let sb come

-ela = applicative (at, for, to):
E.g.: kosala = work (v.) kosalela = work for
kokoma = write (v.) kokomela = write to

-ana, -ono, -one = reciprocal:
E.g.: kolingana = love each other
kotalana = visit each other

-ama, -ema = passive (simple verbs ending in a):
E.g.: kolamba = cook (v.) kolambama = be cooked
kobota = give birth to kobotama = be born

Negatives

The negative is the word 'te' and it is placed at the end of a negative phrase:

nayebi te I do not know
nasalaki mosala te I did not work

Pronouns (direct object)

Singular		Plural	
me	ngai	us	biso
you	yo	you	bino
him, her, it	ye	them	bango (living beings)
it (things)	yango		yango (things)

Possessive adjectives

The possessive adjective is rendered by the direct personal pronoun preceded by 'na' or 'ya'. They are as follows:

Singular		Plural	
my	na ngai	our	na biso
your	na yo	your	na bino
his, her, its	na ye	their	na bango
its (things)	na yango	(things)	na yango

E.g.: **tata na ngai** my father etc.

Possessive pronouns (*mine, yours, his, hers, its, ours, theirs*) have the same form as possessive adjectives.

E.g.: **buku ya ngai** the book is mine etc.

Demonstrative adjectives

There are two demonstrative adjectives: **oyo** and **yango**. **Oyo** indicates living beings and close objects and **yango**, which is more remote. Here are some examples:

moto oyo	this man
bato baye	these men
mbeli yango	that knife
mbeli yango	those knives

Here is the table of demonstratives. They change according to class:

Class	1 mo-ba	2 -ba	3 mo-mi	4 li-ma	5 e-bi	6 mn-mn	7 lo-nm	8 bo-ma
this	oyo	oyo	moye	liye	eye	eye	loye	boye
these	baye	baye	miye	maye	biye	lye	lye	maye
that	yango	yango	mwango	liango	yango	yango	lango	bwango
those	bango	bango	mango	mango	biango	yango	yango	mango

Questions

Unlike English, the word order of the sentence does not change. The voice rises at the end of the sentence:

olobaka lingala? do you speak Lingala? (Literally: you are in the habit of speaking Lingala?)

tata akei? has father gone? (Literally: father has gone?)

Imperatives

There are two forms in the imperative, viz., the second person singular and plural. Notice the following with the verb **-sala** [-sa'-la] - work, make, do:

sala	- work (sing.)
sa'-la'	
bosala	work (pl.)
boh'-sa'-la	

With the negative:

kosalal te koh-sa'-la te'	do not work (sing. and pl.)
osala te oh'-sa'-la te'	do not work (sing.)
bosalal te boh'-sa'-la te'	do not work (pl.)

NUMBERS

(mitango)

Cardinal Numbers

one	1	m-oko mo'-ko'
two	2	mi-bale mee'-ba-leh'
three	3	mi-sato mee'-sa'-toh
four	4	mi-nei mee'-neh-ee
five	5	mi-tano mee'-ta'-noh
six	6	motoba moh-toh'-ba'
seven	7	(n)sambo nsa-mboh
eight	8	mwambe mwa-mbeh
nine	9	libwa lee-bwa'
ten	10	zomi zoh'-mee'
eleven	11	zomi na moko zoh'-mee' na mo'-ko'
twelve	12	zomi na mibale zoh'-mee' na mee'-ba-leh'
thirteen	13	zomi na misato zoh'-mee' na mee'-sa'-toh
fourteen	14	zomi na minei zoh'-mee' na mee'-neh-ee
fifteen	15	zomi na mitano zoh'-mee' na mee'-ta'-noh
sixteen	16	zomi na motoba zoh'-mee' na moh-toh'-ba'
seventeen	17	zomi na nsambo zoh'-mee' na nsa-mboh
eighteen	18	zomi na mwambe zoh'-mee' na mwa-mbeh
nineteen	19	zomi na libwa zoh'-mee' na lee-bwa'
twenty	20	ntuku mibale ntoo'-koo' mee'-ba-leh'
twenty-one	21	ntuku mibale na moko ntoo'-koo' mee'-ba-leh' na mo'-ko'
thirty	30	ntuku misato ntoo'-koo' mee'-sa'-toh

forty	40	ntuku minei ntoo'-koo' mee'-neh-ee
fifty	50	ntuku mitano ntoo'-koo' mee'-ta'-noh
sixty	60	ntuku motoba ntoo'-koo' moh-toh'-ba'
seventy	70	ntuku nsambo ntoo'-koo' nsa-mboh
eighty	80	ntuku mwambe ntoo'-koo' mwa-mbeh
ninety	90	ntuku libwa ntoo'-koo' lee-bwa'
one hundred	100	nkama nka'-ma'
two hundred	200	nkama mibale nka'-ma' mee'-ba-leh'
five hundred	500	nkama mitano nka'-ma' mee'-ta'-noh
one thousand	1,000	nkoto nkoh'-toh'
one million	1,000,000	nkese nkeh'-seh'

Numerals are considered adjectives so they follow the noun.
In written Lingala, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are variable.
Notice the following:

one person	moto moko moh-toh mo'-ko'
two persons	bato babale ba-toh ba-ba-leh'
six persons	bato motoba ba-toh moh-toh'-ba'

Some Ordinal Numbers

first	ya/wa liboso ya/wa lee-boh-soh'	sixth	ya motoba ya moh-toh'-ba'
second	ya mibale ya mee'-ba-leh'	seventh	ya sambo ya sa-mboh
third	ya misato ya mee'-sa'-toh	eighth	ya mwambe ya mwa-mbeh
fourth	ya minei ya mee'-neh-ee	ninth	ya libwa ya lee-bwa'
fifth	ya mitano ya mee'-ta'-noh	tenth	ya zomi ya zoh'-mee'

E.g.: the first child

mwana ya/wa liboso/yambo etc.
mwa'-na ya/wa lee-boh-soh'/ya-mboh

Year 1995

mobu mwa nkoto (moko) na nkama libwa na ntuku libwa na mitano
 moh-boo' m-wa-a n-koh'-toh' mo'-ko' na nka'-ma'
 lee-bwa' na ntoo'-koo' lee-bwa' na mee'-ta'-noh
mobu mwa nkoto mibale
 moh-boo' m-wa-a n-koh'-toh' mee'-ba-leh'

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MEASURES AND WEIGHTS

(mameko na mazito)

Volumepints
litres1 pt = 0.57 litres
1 l. = 1.76 pintsgallons
litres1 gal = 4.55 litres
1 l. = 0.22 gallons**Weight**ounces
grams1 oz = 28.35 grams
1 gr = 0.04 ouncespounds
kilos1 lb = 0.45 kilos
1 kg = 2.20 pounds**Length**inches
centimetres1 in = 2.54 centimetres
1 cm = 0.39 inchesyards
metres1 yd = 0.91 metres
1 m = 1.09 yardsmiles
kilometres1 mi = 1.61 kilometres
1 km = 0.62 miles**Temperature**

Fahrenheit

 ${}^{\circ}\text{F}$ to ${}^{\circ}\text{C}$
 $- 32 \times 5$ divide by 9

Centigrade

Centigrade

 ${}^{\circ}\text{C}$ to ${}^{\circ}\text{F}$
 divide by 5 x 9 + 32

Fahrenheit

COMMON WORDS AND PHRASES(maloba na bilobelab)
(ya momeseno)**Greetings**

It is admirable and friendly to shake hands while exchanging greetings.

Hello!

Hi!

Losako!
loh-sa'-koh

Good morning

Good afternoon

Good evening

Mbote

m-bo'-te'

Butu elamu

boo-too' eh-la'-moo

Boyei bolamu!

boh-yeh'-ee boh-la'-moo

Oyei o!

oh'-yeh'-ee oh'

Oyo Madamu...

oh'-yoh ma-da-moo

Oyo mama na ngai

oh'-yoh ma-ma' na n-ga'-ee'

Tala...(Georges)

ta'-la

Boni...(Monika)?

boh'-nee' mo-nee-ka

Nakosepela kokutana na yo

na'-koh-seh-peh-la koh-koo'-ta-na na

yo'

Sango nini?

sa-ngoh nee'-nee

Ozali (malamu)?

oh-za-lee ma-la'-moo

Malamu, melesi. Na yo?

ma-la'-moo, me-le-see'. na yo'

Malamu mingi/Penza

m-ala'-moo mee'-ngie/peh-nza'

Kende/Kendeke malamu

ke-nde'-ke' ma-la'-moo

Tikala malamu

tee'-ka'-la' ma-la'-moo

Tokomonono na nsima

toh-koh-mo'-no-no na nsee-ma

How are you?

How is it going?

Fine, thanks. And you?

Very well

Goodbye (bid farewell)

Goodbye (stay well)

See you later

General Expressions

Yes
No
Please

Thank you
Thank you very much
You are welcome]
Don't mention it]

With pleasure
Excuse me
Do you speak English?
I'm sorry
I don't speak English
I understand
I don't understand
Please speak slowly
Please repeat that
My name is...(Richard)
What is your name?
I'm from...(Canada)
I'm here on vacation
I like...]
I want...]
I'd like...]
I don't want
Give me...

Iyo/ee
ee'-yoh/e-e
Te
te'
Palado
pa-la-do'
Soki olingi
so'-kee' oh-lee-ngee
Natondi yo
na-to'-ndee yo'
Melesi mingi
me-le-see' mee'-nggee
Eleko te
eh-lo'-ko/lee-ka-mboh te'
Nayoki nsai
na-yoh'-kee n-sa'-ee'
Limbisa ngai
lee'-mbee-sa n-ga'-ee'
Olobaka anglais?
oh-loh-ba-ka a-angle
Nayoki mawa
na-yoh'-kee ma-wa
Nalobaka anglais te
na-loh-ba-ka a-angle te'
Nayoki/Nayebi
na-yoh'-kee/na-yeh'-bee
Nayoki te
na-yoh'-kee te'
Loba malembe, palado
loh-ba ma-le'-mbe, pa-la-do'
Loba yango lisusu, palado
loh-ba' ya-ngoh' lee-soo'-soo, pa-la-do'
Nkombo na ngai...(Richard)
nkoh'-mboh' na n-ga'-ee'
Nkombo na yo nani?
nkoh'-mboh' na yo' na'-nee
Nauti...(Kanada)
na-oo'-tee
Nazali awa na bopemi
na-za-lee a'-wa na boh-peh'-mee

Nalingi...
na-lee-ngee
Nalingi te
na-lee-ngee te'
Pesa ngai...
pe'-sa' n-ga'-ee'

I'm hungry
I'm thirsty (for)
I'm tired
I'm in a hurry

Never mind
I don't mind

I'm leaving now
Where're you going?
I'm going to visit...
Come here
I'll come back
Why?
Where?
Where is?...]
Where are...?]
How?
How much?]
How many?]
How far?

How long?
How old is he?
He is ten years old
When?

Nazali na nzala
na-za-lee na n-za-la
Nazali na mposa (ya)
na-za-lee na mpoh'-sa (ya)
Nalembi
na-le-mbee'
Ngai nazali na mbangu
n-ga'-ee' na-za-lee na m-ba'-ngoo
Nazali kowela tango
na-za-lee koh-weh'-la ta'-ngoh
Komona mpasi te
koh-mo'-na mpa'-see te'
Namoni mpasi te
na-mo'-nee mpa'-see te'
Napangani te
na-pa-nga-nee te'
Nakende
na-ke-nde
Okei wapi?
oh-ke-ee' wa'-pee
Nakokende kotala...
na'-koh-ke-nde koh-ta'-la
Yaka awa
ya'-ka' a'-wa
Nakozonga
na-koh-zoh'-nga
Mpo (na) nini?
mpoh' (na) nee'-nee
Wapi?
wa'-pee
...ezali
wapi?
...eh-za-lee wa'-pee
Boni?
boh'-nee'

Boni?
boh'-nee'
Ntaka nini?
nta'-ka' nee'-nee
Tee wapi?
teh'-eh' wa'-pee
Eleko boni?
eh-leh-koh boh'-nee'
Azali na mbula boni?
a-za-lee na m-boo'-la boh'-nee'
Azali na mbula zomi
a-za-lee na m-boo'-la zoh'-mee
Ntango/Eleko nini?
nta'-ngoh/eh-leh-koh nee'-nee

What?
What's this?
What does this mean?
What's it called?

What time is it?

It is five o'clock

What's the matter?

Nothing

Who?

Which?

May I have...?

Can you show me...?

It's, this, this's

It's good

This is my wife

Is this your husband?

here/there

There is no chair here

There is a bed

Problems

I'm lost
I've lost my way]

Nini?
nee'-nee
Nini boye?
nee'-nee boh-yeh'
Ntina ya oyo nini?
ntee-na ya oh'-yoh nee'-nee
Nkombo ya oyo nini?
nkoh'-mboh' ya oh'-yoh nee'-nee
(Ekomi) ntango nini sikoyo
eh-koh'-mee nta'-ngoh nee'-nee
see-koh'-yoh
Ntango ekomi na ngonga mitano
nta'-ngoh eh-koh'-mee na n-goh-nga
mee'-ta'-noh
Likambo nini?
lee-ka-mboh nee'-nee
Eloko te
eh-lo'-ko te'
Likambo te
lee-ka-mboh te'
Nani?
na'-nee
Nini
nee'-nee
Nakoki kozwa...?
na-koh-kee koh-zwa
Okoki kolakisa ngai...
oh-koh-kee koh-la-kee-sa n-ga'-ee'
Oyo/Ezali
oh'-yoh/eh-za-lee
Ezali malamu
eh-za-lee ma-la'-moo
Oyo mwasi na ngai
oh'-yoh' m-wa'-see na n-ga'-ee'
Oyo mobali na yo?
oh'-yoh moh-ba'-lee na yo'
awa/kuna, wana
a'-wa/kou'-na', wa'-a-na'
Kiti ezali awa te
kee'-tee eh-za-lee' a'-wa te'
Mbeto ezali wana
m-be'-toh eh-za-lee' wa'-na'

Nabungi nzela
na-boor'-ngee n-zeh-la'
Nabosani nzela
na-boh-sa-nee n-zeh-la'

Please help me
I'm ill]
I'm sick]
I don't feel well
Get a doctor
I've lost my bag
Call the police
Be careful!
Fire!
Be quick!
Hurry up!

Wishes and Greetings

Best wishes!
Good luck!
Congratulations!
Have a good trip!
Merry Christmas!
Happy Birthday!
Happy New Year!
Happy Easter!
Give my regards to X

Colloquial Expressions

damn!, bother!

Salisa ngai, palado
sa'-lee-sa' n-ga'-ee', pa-la-do'
Nazali kobela
na-za-lee koh-be'-la/na boh-ko-no
Nayoki malamu te
na-yoh'-kee ma-la'-moo te'
Benga monganga
beh'-nga' moh'-nga-nga
Nabungisi saki na ngai
na-boo'-ngee-see sa'-kee na n-ga'-ee'
Benga pulusi
beh'-nga' poo-loo'-see
Keba!
keh'-ba
Moto!
mo'-to
Sala noki!
sa'-la' no-kee

Bolamu
boh-la'-moo
Bolamu! /Esengo!
boh-la'-moo/eh-se-ngo
Kumbisama!
koo-mbee-sa-ma
Mobembo malamu!
moh-beh'-mboh ma-la'-moo
Mbotama elamu!
m-boh'-ta-ma eh-la'-moo
Mbotama elamu!
m-boh'-ta-ma eh-la'-moo
Mobu molamu!
moh-boo' moh-la'-moo
Bonana!
boh'-na-na'
Pasika elamu!
pa'-see-ka eh-la'-moo
Pesela ngai X mbote
pe'-seh'-la' n-ga'-ee' X m-bo'-te'

ebeba!, motungisa!
eh-beh'-ba', moh-tou-ngee-sa

shut up!	sala nye!
it's rubbish!	sa'-la' nye
idiot, twit	ezali bosoto!
you are sick?	eh-za-lee' boh-soh-toh
she's a devil!	zoba
drunkard	zo'-ba
what a character!	okobela?
	oh'-koh-be'-la
	azali zabulu!
	a-za-lee' za'-bou-lou
	molangi
	moh-la'-gee
	ezalela nini!
	eh-za-leh-la nee'-nee

Terms relating to the Art of Conversation

conversation	lisolo
talkative	lee-soh-loh'
you're talking nonsense	mosopi
gossip	moh-so-pee
scream	okolobaloba
slander	oh'-koh-loh-ba-loh-ba
story	bilobaloba
argument	bee-loh-ba-loh-ba
I heard a rumour	mowoso
	moh-woh-soh
	songisongi
	so-ngee'-so-ngee'
	lisapo
	lee-sa-poh
	elakisa mpo
	eh-la-kee-sa mpo'h'
	Nayokaki nsango ya balobi
	na-yoh'-ka'-kee' nsa-ngoh ya ba-loh-bee

today	lelo
What day is it today?	le-lo'
Sunday	Lelo mokolo nini?
Monday	le-lo' moh-ko-lo nee'-nee
Tuesday	eyenga
Wednesday	eh-yeh-nga
Thursday	lomingo
Friday	eh-mee-nghoh
Saturday	mokolo ya liboso
this morning	moh-ko-lo ya lee-boh-soh'
early in the morning	mokolo ya yambo
in the afternoon]	moh-ko-lo ya ya-mboh
in the evening]	mokolo ya mibale
during the day	moh-ko-lo ya mee'-ba-leh
at night	mokolo ya misato
tomorrow]	moh-ko-lo ya mee'sa'-toh
yesterday]	mokolo ya minei
the day after tomorrow]	moh-ko-lo ya mee'-neh-ee
the day before]	mokolo ya mitano
yesterday]	moh-ko-lo ya mee'-ta'-noh
tomorrow night]	mposo
last night]	mpo'-so
	sabala
	sa-ba-la
	ntongo oyo
	nto'-ngo' oh'-yoh
	na ntongo penza
	na nto'-ngo' peh-nza'
	na mpokwa
	na mpoh'-kwa
	eleko ya mokolo
	eh-leh-koh ya moh-ko-lo
	na butu
	na boo'-too'
	lobi
	loh'-bee
	ndelete
	n-deh'-leh
	lobi na butu
	loh'-bee na boo-too'

Where were you
last night?

I was in the
nightclub

Where are we going
tomorrow?

We are going to the
beach

What day is it?

It's Saturday

two days ago

in five days

holiday

day off

work day

birthday

Ozalaki wapi lobi na
butu?
oh-za-la'-kee' wa'-pee loh'-bee na
boo-too'
Nazalaki na kati ya bar
ya bobina
na-za-la'-kee' na ka'-tee ya ba-a-r
ya boh-bee-na

Tokokende wapi lobi?
toh-koh-ke-nde wa'-pee loh'-bee
Tokokende (na)
libongo
toh-koh-ke-nde na lee-boh'-ngoh'
Ekozala na mokolo nini?
eh-koh-za-la na moh-ko-lo nee'-nee
Ekozala na mposo
eh-koh-za-la na mpo'-so
mikolo mibale eleki
mee-ko-lo mee'-ba-leh' eh-leh-kee
na nsima ya mikolo mitano
na nsee-ma ya mee-ko-lo mee'-ta'-noh
eyenga
eh-yeh-nga
mokolo ya bopemi
moh-ko-lo ya boh-peh'-mee
mokolo ya mosala
moh-ko-lo ya moh-sa'-la
mokolo ya kobotama
moh-ko-lo ya koh-boh'-ta-ma

MONTHS OF THE YEAR

(sanza ya mobu)

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

this month

last month

next month

two months ago

sanza ya elanga/yanuari
sa'-nza' ya eh-la-nga
sanza ya elanga nsu/febuari
sa'-nza' ya eh-la-nga nsuu
sanza ya elenga ngwelis/mars
sa'-nza' ya eh-la-nga n-gwe-lee
sanza ya motinda/avril
sa'-nza' ya moh-tee'-nda
sanza ya ndeke/mai
sa'-nza' ya n-de-ke
sanza ya mobanda/yuni
sa'-nza' ya moh-ba-nda
sanza ya bitwele/yuli
sa'-nza' ya bee-twe'-le'
sanza ya mbinzo/ogusiti
sa'-nza' ya m-bee'-nzoh'
sanza ya mbula/septembre
sa'-nza' ya m-boo'-la
sanza ya mpela/okotobele
sa'-nza' ya mpah-la
sanza ya mpela ya mazobo/novembere
sa'-nza' ya mpah-la ya ma-zo-bo
sanza ya mosopa ngbanda/desembere
sa'-nza' ya moh-soh-pa n-gba-nda
sanza oyo
sa'-nza' oh'-yoh
sanza eleki
sa'-nza' eh-leh-kee
sanza ekoya
sa'-nza' eh-koh-ya'
sanza mibale eleki
sa'-nza' mee'-ba-leh' eh-leh-kee

THE TWO SEASONS

(bileko bibale)

dry season

rainy season

eleko ya elanga
eh-leh-koh ya eh-la-nga
eleko ya mpela
eh-leh-koh ya mpah-la

TELLING TIME

(kotanga ntango)

time/hour	ntango nta'-ngoh	hot	molunge, moto moh-loo-nge', mo'-to
clock	ngonga n-goh-nga	cold	mpio, malili mpee'-oh, ma-lee'-lee
What time is it?	(Ekomi) ntango nini sikoyo? eh-koh'-mee nta'-ngoh nee'-nee see-koh'-yoh	It's cold today	Lelo mpio le-lo' mpee'-oh
It is...	Ntango ekomi na ngonga... nta'-ngoh eh-koh'-mee na n-goh-nga	It's very warm	Molunge ezali makasi moh-loo-nge' eh-za-lee ma-ka'-see
8:00	mwambe mwa-mbeh	The weather is fine, isn't?	Eleko kitoko, ezali te? eh-leh-koh kee-to'-ko, eh-za-lee te'
2:00	mibale mee'-ba-leh'	I like weather like this	Nalingi eleko boye na-lee-ngee eh-leh-koh boh-yeh
10:00	zomi zoh'-mee'	It will rain today	Lelo mbula ekobete/ekono le-lo' m-boo'-la eh-koh-be'-te/ eh-koh-no'
in the morning	na ntongo na n-to'-ngo'	It has rained	Mbula ebeteki m-boo'-la eh-be'-te'-kee'
in the afternoon	na mpokwa na m-poh'-kwa	It's very dusty	Mputulu ezali mingi mpoo-too-loo' eh-za-lee mee'-nghee
at night	na butu na boo-too'	It will be sunny tomorrow	Moi ekobima lobi moh'-ee eh-koh-bee-ma loh'-bee
noon/midnight	midi/butu na ntantei mee-dee'/boo-too' na nta-nteh'-ee	It's cloudy	Mapata ma-pa-ta
at...o'clock	na ngonga... na n-goh-nga		
until 5:00	tee ngonga mitano teh'-eh' n-goh-nga mee'-ta'-noh		
since 9:30	uta ngonga libwa na ndambo oo'-ta' n-goh-nga lee-bwa' na n-da'-mboh		
2 hours ago	ngonga mibale eleki n-goh-nga mee'-ba-leh' eh-leh-kee		
second/minute	seconde/minuti se-kon-nde/mee-noo-tee		
half an hour	ndambo ngonga n-da'-mboh n-goh-nga		
after/before	nsima/liboso n-see-ma/lee-boh-soh'		
early/late	mbango/eumeli m-ban'-ngoh/eh-oo'-meh'-ee		
At what time is...?	...ekozala na ntango nini? ...eh-koh-za-la na nta'-ngoh nee'-nee		

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THE WEATHER

(eleko)

hot	molunge, moto moh-loo-nge', mo'-to
cold	mpio, malili mpee'-oh, ma-lee'-lee
It's cold today	Lelo mpio le-lo' mpee'-oh
It's very warm	Molunge ezali makasi moh-loo-nge' eh-za-lee ma-ka'-see
The weather is fine, isn't?	Eleko kitoko, ezali te? eh-leh-koh kee-to'-ko, eh-za-lee te'
I like weather like this	Nalingi eleko boye na-lee-ngee eh-leh-koh boh-yeh
It will rain today	Lelo mbula ekobete/ekono le-lo' m-boo'-la eh-koh-be'-te/ eh-koh-no'
It has rained	Mbula ebeteki m-boo'-la eh-be'-te'-kee'
It's very dusty	Mputulu ezali mingi mpoo-too-loo' eh-za-lee mee'-nghee
It will be sunny tomorrow	Moi ekobima lobi moh'-ee eh-koh-bee-ma loh'-bee
It's cloudy	Mapata ma-pa-ta

ACCOMMODATIONS - HOTELS

(ndako - lotele)

At the Hotel

We're staying at a hotel

Do you have any rooms available?

I'd like a room...

with a double bed

with twin beds

with a bathroom

facing the river/ocean

at the front

at the back

We'll be staying...

overnight

a couple of days

a week

a fortnight

May I see the room?

I don't like it

It's...

too small

too cold

too dark

Na elielo na elalelo ya bapaya
 na eh-lee-eh-loh na eh-la'-leh-loh
 ya ba-pa-ya

Tokolala na lotele
 toh-koh-la'-la na loh-te-le

Ozali na suku ya pamba?
 oh-za-lee na soo-koo ya pa'-mba

Nalingi suku moko...
 na-lee-ngee soo-koo mo'-ko'

na mbeto moko ya monene
 na m-be'-toh mo'-ko' ya moh-ne'-ne

na mbeto mibale ekangana
 na m-be'-toh mee'-ba-leh' eh-ka-nga-na

na esukolelo/bain
 na eh-soo-koh-leh-loh/be'

na boso ya ebale/mbu
 na boh-soh' ya eh-ba-leh/mboo'

na liboso
 na lee-boh-soh'

na nsima
 na nsee-ma

Tokolala...
 toh-koh-la'-la

butu moko
 boo-too' mo'-ko'

mikolo mibale
 mee-ko-lo mee'-ba-leh'

poso moko
 po'-so mo'-ko'

poso mibale
 po'-so mee'-ba-leh'

Nakoki kotala suku?
 na-koh-kee koh-ta'-la soo-koo

Nalingi yango te
 na-lee-ngee ya-ngoh' te'

Oyo...
 oh'-yooh

eleki moke
 eh-leh-kee moh-ke'

malili makasi
 ma-lee'-lee ma-ka'-see

molili makasi
 moh-lee'-lee ma-ka'-see

noisy

dirty

Give me a large room

What's the price?

I'll take it

My key, please

Send the maid up

Who is this?

Just a minute!

Come in!

I want...

a towel

some soap

a glass

There is no hot water

The lamp is broken

The window is stuck

Switch on the television

Is there laundry service?

Where's the dining-room?

Is there any mail for me?

makelele

ma-ke-le'-le

bosoto

boh-soh-toh

Pesa ngai suku monene

pe'-sa' n-ga'-ee' soo-koo moh-ne'-ne

Ntalo (ezali) boni?

nta'-loh eh-za-lee boh'-nee'

Nakokamata yango

na-koh-ka-ma-ta ya-ngoh'

Lifungola ya ngai, palado

lee-foo-ngoh'-la ya n-ga'-ee', pa-la-do'

Matisa mosalisi mwasi

ma-tee-sa moh-sa'-lee-see mwa'-see

Nani wana?

na'-nee wa-a-na'

Zila moke!

zee-la moh-ke'

Kokolo!

koh-koh'-loh'

Kota!/Yingela!

koh'-ta'/ye'-ngeh-la'

Nalingi...

na-lee-ngee

sume

soo-meh

saboni

sa-bo'-nee

kopo/nzinzi

ko'-po/n-zee-nzee

Mai ya moto ezali te

ma'-ee ya mo'-to eh-za-lee' te'

Mwinda ebuki

mwee'-nda eh-boo-kee

Lininisa etemi

lee-nee-nee-sa eh-te'-mee

Fungola

televizyo

foo-ngoh-la teh-leh-vee-zyo'

Mosala ya motanisi ezali

wana?

moh-sa'-la ya moh-ta'-nee-see eh-za-lee'

wa'-a-na'

Elielo ezali

wapi?

eh-lee-eh-loh eh-za-lee wa'-pee

Mokanda ya ngai ezali

wana?

mo-ka-nda' ya n-ga'-ee' eh-za-lee'

wa'-a-na'

We're leaving tomorrow
 The bill/check, please
 Please take my luggage down
 Call me a taxi
 I'm going to the airport now

At the Hotel (na lotele)

Is there a...here?
 bank
 post office
 I want to change some dollars
 I want...(CFA francs)
 I want some stamps
 How much is a...?
 letter to the USA
 parcel to Italy
 Where's the telephone?
 Operator!
 I'd like this phone number...in France
 Can I dial direct?
 May I speak to...

Tokokende lobi
 toh-koh-ke-nde loh'-bee
Facture, soki olingi
 fak-tee-re, so'-kee' oh-lee-nghee
Kitisa biloko ya ngai,
 palado
 kee-tee-sa' bee-lo-ko ya n-ga'-ee',
 pa-la-do'
Benga ngai takisi
 beh'-nga' n-ga'-ee' ta-kee-see'
Nakende libanda ya pepo
 na-ke-nde lee-ba'-nda' ya peh'-poh

...ezali awa?
 ...eh-za-lee' a'-wa
banque
 ba-nk
posita/poste
 po'-see-ta/po-st
Nalingi kobongola dola
 na-lee-ngee' koh-boh'-ngoh-la do-la
Nalingi...(makuta/falanga)
 na-lee-ngee' ma-koo'-ta/fa-la'-nga
Nalingi timbres
 na-lee-ngee' te-mbr
Kotindela...ezali ntalo boni?
 koh-tee'-ndeh-la eh-za-lee nta-loh
 boh'-nee'
ba-Amerike mokanda
 ba-a-me-reek moh-ka'-nda'
Itali liboke
 ee-ta-lee lee-boh'-keh'
Nsinga ezali wapi?
 nsee-nга eh-za-lee wa'-pee
Standardiste!
 sta-dar-dee-st
Nalingi motango oyo/moye...ya nsinga na Franse
 na-lee-ngee moh-ta'-ngoh oh'-yoh/moh'-yeh
 ya n-see-nга na fra-nse
Nakoki kobete nsinga semba?
 na-koh-kee koh-be'-te nsee-nга seh'-mba
Nakoki koloba na...
 na-koh-kee koh-loh-ba na...

FOOD - EATING
 (bilei - koliya)

in a restaurant or hotel dining-room	na restaurant to elielo ya lotele
I'm hungry	na res-to-ran toh-oh eh-lee-eh-loh ya loh-te-le
I'm thirsty	Nazali na nzala na-za-lee na n-za-la
waiter	Nazali na mposa (ya) na-za-lee na mpoh'-sa' ya
waitress	mosaleli ya mobali moh-sa'-leh-lee ya moh-ba'-lee
I'd like a table for two	mosaleli ya mwasi moh-sa'-leh-lee ya mwa'-see
The menu, please	Nalingi kozwa mesa ya bato mibale/babale na-lee-ngee koh-zwa meh'-sa ya ba-toh mee'-ba-leh'/ba-ba-leh'
meal	Kalati ya bilei, soki olingi ka'-la-tee ya bee-leh-ee, so'-kee' oh-lee-nghee'
breakfast	mole moh-leh
lunch	bilei na ntongo bee-leh-ee na nto'-ngo'
dinner	bilei na moi bee-leh-ee na moh'-ee
What do you recommend?]	bilei na mpokwa bee-leh-ee na mpoh'-kwa
What would you like?]	Okosenga nini? Olingi nini?
Give me some...please	oh-koh-se'-nga/oh-lee-nghee' nee'-nee
bacon and eggs	Pesa ngai...palado pe'-sa' n-ga'-ee' pa-la-do'
biscuit/cookie	nyama ya lard na makei nya-ma ya lar na ma-ke-ee'
bread and butter	bisikiti bee-see-kee'-tee
cassava bread	lipa na manteka lee-pa na ma-n teh'-ka
cheese	mongwele moh-ngweh'-leh'
coffee	fromage fro-maz
honey	kawa/kafe ka'-wa/ka-feh
	nzoi n-zo'-ee

milk	mabele/miliki
orange juice	ma-be'-le/mee-lee-kee
salad	mai ya lilala
	ma'-ee ya lee-la'-la
	saladi
	sa-la-dee
sausage	sosesi/saucisse
	so-se-see/so-sees
ham	ebelo ya ngulu/jambon
	eh-beh-loh ya n-goo-loo/za-bo'
	sukali
	soo-ka'-lee
tea	ti
	tee'
boiled egg	likei ya kolambama
	lee-ke-ee' ya koh-la'-mba-ma
fried eggs	makei ya kokalangama
	ma-ke-ee' ya koh-ka-la-nga-ma
a raw egg	likei mobesu
	lee-ke-ee' moh-beh'-soo

Do you like milk?

Yes, but I prefer cream

Would you like more?

No, thank you

We'd like to have
lunch/dinner

Please bring us...

some cold water

a beer

a bottle of wine
(white, red)

Also bring a...

fork

Olingi miliki?
oh-lee-ngee mee-lee-kee
Iyo, ka naponi mafuta ya
miliki/creme
ee'-yoh, ka' na-po-nee ma-foo'-ta ya
mee-lee-kee/krem
Olingi lisusu?
oh-lee-ngee lee-soo'-soo
Te, melesi
te', me-le-see'

Tolungi kozwa bilei ya
moi/mpokwa
toh-lee-ngee koh-zwa bee-leh'-ee ya
moh'-ee/mpoh'-kwa
Palado yela biso...
pa-la-do' yeh'-la' bee-soh'
mai ya mpio
ma'-ee ya mpee'-oh
masanga
ma-sa-nga
molangi ya vinu
(pembe, ngola)
moh-la-ngee ya vee-noo
(pe-mbe, n-goh-la')

Yela mpe...
yeh'-la' mpeh
nkanya
n-ka-nya

spoon	lokele
knife	loh-ke-le'
plate	mbeli
	m-be-lee
glass/cup	sani
	sa'-nee
	kopo
	ko'-po

Meat (nyama)

beef	nyama ya ngombe
goat	nya-ma ya n-go'-mbeh
mutton	ntaba
	nta-ba
lamb	nyama ya mpara
	nya-ma ya mpa-ta'
pork	nyama ya mwa mpara
	nya-ma ya mwa-a mpa-ta'
	nyama ya ngulu
	nya-ma ya n-goo'-loo

The meat is...

overdone	Nyama...
underdone	nya-ma
	elambi makasi
	eh-la'-mbee ma-ka'-see
	mwa elambi
	mwa-a eh-la'-mbee

Game and Fowl (nyama ya zamba na linkeme)

antelope	mboloko, mbuli
buffalo	m-boh'-loh'-koh', m-boo-lee
chicken, hen, cock	nzale
duck	n-za'-leh
guinea fowl	nsoso
pigeon	nsoh'-soh'
rabbit	libata
wild boar	lee-ba-ta'
	linkeme
	lee-nke'-me'
	ebenga
	eh-beh-nga'
	nsimbili
	nsee-mbee-lee-kee
	ngulu ya zamba
	n-goo'-loo ya za'-mba

Fish and Seafood (mbisi na bile ya mbu)

crab	lingatu
eel	mokamba
electric fish	nina
salmon	ne-na'
salted fish	samoni
sardines	sa-mo-nee
shrimp	makayabo
smoked fish	ma-ka-ya-boh
The eel is very tasty	selenge
Have you had enough?	se-le-nge
I've had enough	monsanya
Thank you	mbisi ya kokokama
That's all right	m-bee'-see ya koh-koh'-ka-ma

The eel is very tasty

Have you had enough?

I've had enough

Thank you

That's all right

Mokamba ezali elengi mingi
 moh-ka-mba eh-za-lee eh-le-ngee mee-ngee
Otondi?
 oh-toh'-ndee
Natondi
 na-toh'-ndee
Natondi yo
 na-to'-ndee yo'
Eloko te
 eh-lo'-ko te'

Vegetables (ndunda)

beans	madesu/nkunde
cabbage	ma-deh'-soo/nkoo'-ndeh
carrot	su/chou
cassava	soo'/soo
cassava leaf	karoti
eggplant, aubergine	ka-ro-tee
onions	nsongo
(sweet) potatoes	nso-ngo'
rice	mpondu
	mpo'-ndo'
	ngungutu
	n-goo-ngoo-too
	litungulu
	lee-too-ngoo'-loo
	mbala
	m-ba'-la'
	losa
	lch'-soh'

tomatoes**yams**

tomati
 toh-ma-tee
ekeke/esapa
 eh-ke-ke/eh-sa'-pa

Condiments and Soups (makenzu na supu)**garlic****oil****pepper****salt****stew****tomato sauce****vegetable soup**

litungulu ngenge
 lee-too-ngoo-loo n-ge-nge

mafuta

ma-foo'-ta

pilipili

pee'-lee-pee'-lee

mongwa

moh'-ngwa

supu ya nyama (ragout)

soo-poo ya nya-ma (ra-goo)

supu ya tomati

soo-poo ya toh-ma-tee

supu ya ndunda

soo-poo ya n-doo'-nda

This is too salty

There is no salt in it

Mongwa mingi

moh'-ngwa mee'-ngee

Mongwa ezangi

moh'-ngwa eh-za'-ngee

Fruits (mbuma)**bananas****grapefruit****mango****orange****papaya/pawpaw****pear****pineapple****ntela, (pl.) mintela**

mee-nteh'-la

pamplemoussi

pa-mple-moo'-see

manga

ma'-nga'

lilala, (pl.) malala

lee-la'-la

papayi

pa-pa-yee

avoka

a-vo-ka

ananasi

a-na-na'-see

The bill/check, please

Here is a tip

Facture, soki olingi

fak-tee-re, so'-kee' oh-lee-ngee

Oyo matabisi

oh'-yoh ma-ta-bee'-see

DRINKING

(komele masanga)

in the pub/bar

a drink

What would you like to drink?

I'd like...

a glass of beer

a bottle of beer

a pineapple juice

spirits

a whisky

with water/ice/soda

a gin and tonic

with lemon

To your health!

Would you like another beer?

One for the road

OK!

It does not matter

Give me two bottles of beer, please

The same again

Would you like a cigarette?

na kati ya bar

na ka-tee ya ba-a-r

masanga

ma-sa-nга

Olingi komele

nini?

oh-lee-ngee' koh-me-le nee'-nee

Nalingi...

na-lee-ngee'

kopo ya masanga

ko'-po ya ma-sa-nга

molangi ya masanga

moh-la-ngee ya ma-sa-nга

mai ya ananasi

ma'-ee ya a-na-na'-see

masanga ma moto

ma-sa-nга ya mo'-to

wiski

wee-skee

na mai/glace/soda

na ma'-ee/glas/so-da

gin-tonik

geen-to-neek

na ndimo

na n-dee'-moh

Na bokolongono na yo!

na boh-koh'-loh'-ngoh'-noh' na yo'

Olingi masanga

lisusu?

oh-lee-ngee' ma-sa-nга lee-soo'-soo

Moko mpo na nzela

mo'-ko' mpoh' na n-zeh-la'

Nandimi!

na-ndee'-mee

Likambo te

lee-ka-mboh te'

Pesa ngai milangi mibale

ya masanga, soki olingi

pe'-sa' n-ga'-ee' mee-la-ngee mee'-ba-leh'

ya ma-sa-nга, so'-kee' oh-lee-ngee

Lolenge ya liboso/Lokola liboso

loh-le'-nge' ya lee-boh-soh'/

loh-koh'-la lee-boh-soh'

Olingi

likaya?

oh-lee-ngee' lee-ka'-ya'

He is drunk

He is sober

Have a drink

Do you've any local drinks?

palm wine

ginger juice

The bill/check, please

Where is the toilet?

I have a hangover

Amelaki/Alangwei

a-me-la'-kee'/a-la-ngweh'-ee

Alangwei te

a-la-ngweh'-ee te'

Mele kopo ya masanga

me-le ko'-po ya ma-sa-nга

Ozali na masanga ya

esika?

oh-za-lee na ma-sa-nга ya eh-see'-ka'

nsamba

nsa'-mba'

mai ya tangawizi

ma'-ee ya ta-nga-wee-zee

Facture, soki olingi

fak-tee-re, so'-kee' oh-lee-ngee

Kabine ezali wapi?

ka-bee-ne' eh-za-lee wa'-pee

Nazali na bolozi ya moto

na-za-lee na boh-loh'-zee ya moh-toh'

HEALTH

(bokolongono)

Parts of the Body

ankle	likelengiye lee-ke-le-ngee-ye
arm	loboko loh-bo'-ko
back	mokongo moh-ko-ngo
breast	libele, (pl.) mabele lee-be'-le
cheek	litama lee-ta'-ma
chest	ntolu nto'-loo
chin	ebeku eh-beh-koo'
ear	littoi, (pl.) matoi lee-to'-ee
eye	liso, (pl.) miso lee'-soh
face	elongi eh-loh-ngee
finger	monsai/mosapi moh-nsa-ee/moh-sa-pee
forehead	boso boh-soh'
hair	nsuki/nswei nsco-kee/nsweh-ee
hand	loboko loh-bo'-ko
hip	loketo loh-keh-toh
intestine/bowel	mosopo moh-soh-poh'
head	motu/moto moh-too'/moh-toh'
knee	libongo lee-bo'-ngo'
leg	lokolo, (pl.) makolo loh-koh-loh
mouth	monoko moh-no-ko
nose	zolo, (pl.) molo zoh'-loh
shoulder	libeke lee-be-ke

stomach/belly

thigh

throat

tooth, (pl.) teeth

I'm ill/sick

Is there a doctor here?

What's the matter?

I've a cold

I've a pain...

in my head

in my stomach

here

I've a toothache

I feel weak

I've broken my glasses

I have...

a swelling

a wound

Take this medicine

You need a rest

Don't travel

libumu

lee-boo-moo

ebelo

eh-beh-loh

mongongo

moh-ngo'-ngoh'

lino, (pl.) mino

lee'-noh

Nazali kobela/maladi

na-za-lee koh-be'-la/ma-la'-dee

Nazali na bokono

na-za-lee na boh-ko-no

Monganga ezali awa?

moh'-nga-nga eh-za=lee a'-wa

Ozali na nini?

oh-za-lee na nee'-nee

Likambo nini?

lee-ka-mboh nee'-nee

Nazali na moyoyo

na-za-lee na moh-yo-o

Nazali koyoka pasi...

na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka pa'-see

na moto

na moh-toh'

na libumu

na lee-boo-moo

awa

a'-wa

Lino ezali kosala ngai pasi

lee'-noh eh-za-lee koh-sa'-la

n-ga'-ee' pa'-see

Nayoki ngala/nguya te

na-yoh'-kee n-ga-la/n-goo'-ya' te'

Napaswani talatala ya ngai

na-pa-swa-nee ta-la-ta'-la ya n-ga'-ee'

Nazali na...

na-za-lee na

litutu

lee-too'-too'

mpota

moh'-ta'

Mele nkisi/mono oyo

me-le' nkee'-see/mo-noh' oh'-yoh

Ozangi bopemi

oh-za'-ngee boh-peh'-mee

Ebongi opema

eh-bo-ngee oh'-peh'-ma

Kobemba te

koh-beh'-mba te'

Is there a drugstore
nearby?

I want something for...
a cold
a headache

Magazini ma mino/farmasi ezali penepene awa?
 ma-ga-zee-nee ma mee-no'/far-ma-see
 eh-za-lee pe-ne-pe-ne a'-wa
Nalingi mono/nkisi ya...
 na-lee-ngee mo-no'/nkee'-see ya
moyoyo
 moh-yo-yo
mpasi ya motu
 mpa'-see ya moh-too'

RELIGIOUS SERVICES
 (losambo la bokumisi
 mowela Nzambe)

Is there a church near
here?

Ndako-Nzambe ezali penepene awa?
 n-da'-koh n-za'-mbeh eh-za-lee'
 pe-ne-pe-ne a'-wa?

Congo and Zaire are christian countries. The majority of Muslims
 there are foreigners. The churches frequently hold services
 in Lingala when and where appropriate.

God	Nzambe
religion	n-za'-mbeh
Christian	mambi ma Nzambe
Muslim (Moslem)	ma-mbee' ma n-za'-mbeh
church, chapel	mokristu
mosque	moh-kree'-stoo
Catholic church	musulima
Protestant church	moo-soo-lee-ma
priest, father, minister	ndako-Nzambe
activity	n-da'-koh n-za'-mbeh
mass	mosiki
confession	mo-see-kee
I'd like to speak to a priest	Ndako-Nzambe ya Mupe n-da'-koh n-za'-mbeh ya moo-peh
What time is the service?	Ndako-Nzambe ya Misioni n-da'-koh n-za'-mbeh ya mee-see-oh-nee
	sango, nganga-Nzambe sa'-ngoh', n-ga-nga n-za'-mbeh
	mosala, (pl.) misala moh-sa'-la
	misa
	mee'-sa
	bosakoli masumu koh-sa-koh-la ma-soo'-moo
	Nalingi koloba na sango moko
	na-lee-ngee koh-loh-ba na sa'-ngoh' mo'-ko'
	Losambo la bokumisi ekozala na ntango nini? loh-sa'-mbeh la boh-koo'-mee-see eh-koh-za-la na nta'-ngoh nee'-nee

TRAVELING AROUND

(kolekaleka o ekolo)

travel	mobembo
luggage/baggage	moh-beh'-mboh
map (road)	biloko
porter	bee-lo'-ko
bicycle	kalati ya nzela ka'-la-tee ya n-zeh-la'

Taxi (takisi)

Call a taxi, please	Benga takisi, palado beh'-nga' ta-kee-see', pa-la-do'
Drive me to...	Meme ngai na... me-me n-ga'-ee' na
How much?	Motuya/ntalo boni? mch-too'-ya/nta'-loh boh'-nee'
How far is it to...?	Ntaka nini kokende... nta'-ka' nee'-nee koh-ke-nde
Go straight ahead	Kende semba ke-nde' seh'-mba
Turn left here	Kende na loboko ya/la mwasi awa ke-nde' na loh-bo-ko ya mwa'-see a'-wa
Turn right there	Kende na loboko ya/la mobali kuna ke-nde' na loh-bo-ko ya moh-ba'-lee koo'-na
Please stop here	Teleme awa, palado te'-le'-me' a'-wa pa-la-do'
Bring out my bags	Bimisa biloko bya ngai bee'-mee-sa bee-lo'-ko bya n-ga'-ee'

Train (engbunduka)

Take me to the railroad station	Meme ngai o loteme ya engbunduka me-me' n-ga'-ee' oh loh-te'-me ya eh-ngboo-ndoo-ka
Where is the...?	...ezali wapi? ...eh-za-lee wa'-pee

booking/ticket office

information	bilo ya boyebisi
platform 3	bee-loh ya boh-yeh'-bee-si
waiting room	libongo 3 lee-boh'-ngoh' ya mee'-sa'-toh
I want a ticket to Pointe Noire	esika ya kozila eh-see'-ka' ya koh-zee-la
When is the...train? to Matadi?	Nalingi tike konkende (na) Pointe Noire na-lee-ngee tee-ke' koh-ke-nde na pwe-nite nwa-re
first/next/last	Engbunduka...ekokende Matadi eleko nini? eh-ngboo-ndoo-ka...eh-koh-ke-nde ma-ta'-dee eh-leh-koh nee'-nee

There are railroad lines which link the coastal areas with Brazzaville (Congo) and Kinshasa (Zaire), both capital cities are in the interior.

Does the train stop at...?	Engbunduka etelemaka na...? eh-ngboo-ndoo-ka eh-te'-le-ma-ka na
Where are we now?	Tozali wapi sikoyo? toh-za-lee wa'-pee see-koh'-yoh
What is the name of this station?	Nkombo ya loteme oyo/loye nini? nkoh'-mboh' ya loh-te'-me oh'-yoh/ loh'-yeh nee'-nee
May I open/close the window?	Nakoki kokangola/kokanga lininisa? na-koh-kee koh-ka-ngoh-la/koh-ka-nга lee-nee-nee-sa
When does it arrive?	Ekokoma ntango nini? eh-koh-koh'-ma nta'-ngoh nee'-nee

Porter, take this bag

Plane (pepo)	Takisi, palado ta-kee-see', pa-la-do'
Taxi, please	Meme ngai o libanda ya pepo me-me' n-ga'-ee' oh lee-ba'-nda' ya peh'-poh

Take me to the airport

I'd like a ticket to...
 What is the fare for...?
 one-way/single
 roundtrip/return
 What's the flight number?
 What time does the plane take off?
 When does it land?
 There is the runway
 We have arrived
 I came by plane

Boat (masuwa)

How do I get to the port from here?
 I want a ticket to...
 Here is my passport
 What time does the boat sail?
 What time do we land?

Bus (otobisi)

Where is the bus station?
 When is the bus to...?

Nalingi tike kokende...
 na-lee-ngee tee-ke' koh-ke-nde
Ntalo ezali boni ya...?
 nta'-loh eh-za-lee boh'-nee' ya
kokende
 koh-ke-nde
kokende na kozonga
 koh-ke-nde na koh-zoh'-nga
Motango ya pepo boni?
 moh-ta'-ngoh ya peh'-poh boh'-nee'
Pepo ekopumbwa ntango nini?
 peh'-poh eh-koh-poo-mbwa nta'-ngoh
 nee'-nee
Ekokita ntango nini?
 eh-koh-kee-ta nta'-ngoh nee'-nee
Nzela ya pepo kuna
 n-ze-la' ya peh'-poh koo'-na'
Tokomi
 toh-koh'-mee
Nayaki na pepo
 na-ya'-kee na peh'-poh

Nakokomela libongo ndenge nini kolongwa awa?
 na-koh-koh'-meh-la lee-boh'-ngoh'
 n-de'-ge' nee'-nee koh-loh-ngwa a'-wa
Nalingi tike kokende...
 na-lee-ngee tee-ke' koh-ke-nde
Oyo epesa nzela ya ngai
 oh'-yoh eh-pe'-sa n-zee-la' ya
 n-ga'-ee'
Masuwa ekolongwa ntango nini?
 ma-soo'-wa eh-koh-loh-ngwa nta'-ngoh
 nee'-nee
Tokoseme ntango nini?
 toh-koh-se'-me nta'-ngoh nee'-nee

Loteme ya/la otobisi ezali wapi?
 loh-te'-me ya oh-toh-bee-see eh-za-lee
 wa'-pee
Otobisi ekokende...eleko nini?
 oh-toh-bee-see eh-koh-ke-nde
 eh-leh-koh nee'-nee

Who is the driver?
 How much is the fare?
 I want to get off at...
 My suitcase, please

Car Rental/Hire (bofuteli motuka)

driving a car
 I'd like to hire a car
 What's the charge per...?
 day/week
 What documents do I need?
 Please check the...
 water/oil
 Please fix this flat tire/mend this puncture
 Drive carefully
 Drive slowly

Sightseeing (botali mboka)

Is there anything to see around here?
 Where is/are the...?
 botanical gardens

Nani sofele?
 na'-nee soh-feh'-leh
Ntalo ezali boni?
 nta'-loh eh-za-lee boh'-nee'
Nalingi kokita na...
 na-lee-ngee koh-kee-ta na
Valizi ya ngai, palado
 va-lee'-see ya n-ga'-ee', pa-la-do'

kotambwisa motuka
 koh-ta'-mbwee-sa moh'-too-ka
Nalingi kofutela motuka
 na-lee-ngee koh-foo'-teh-la
 moh'-too-ka
Ntalo ezali boni na...?
 nta'-loh eh-za-lee boh'-nee' na
mokolo/poso
 moh-ko-lo/po'-so
Ebongi nazwa mikanda nini?
 eh-bo-ngee na'-zwa mee-ka-nda'
 nee'-nee
Palado tala...
 pa-la-do' ta'-la'
mai/mafuta
 ma'-ee/ma-foo'-ta
Palado bamba
 krevezon/botubi oyo
 pa-la-do' ba-mba' kre-ve-zon/
 boh-too'-bee oh'-yoh
Tambwisaka na bokebi
 ta'-mbwee-sa'-ka' na boh-keh'-bee
Tambwisaka malembe
 ta'-mbwee-sa'-ka' ma-le'-mbe

Eloko moko ezali zongazonga awa mpo na kotala?
 eh-lo'-ko mo'-ko' eh-za-lee
 zoh'-nga-zoh'-nga a'-wa mpoh' na
 koh-ta'-la
...ezali wapi?
 ...eh-za-lee wa'-pee
lisala ya mbe/fulele
 lee-sa'-la' ya m-be/foo-le-le

cathedral	ndako-Nzambe monene
dam	n-da'-koh n-za'mbeh moh-ne'-ne
museum	nduka
people's palace	n-doo-ka
sanctuary	ndako ya ntoki
waterfall	n-da'-koh ya nto'-kee
At what time does it open/close?	ndako ya bato n-da'-koh ya ba-toh
Is there a guide?	bisambelelo bee-sa'-mbeh-leh-loh
I want to visit the park/zoo	meta/boeta meh-ta/boh-eh-ta
What types of animals may be seen there?	Bakofungola/bakofunga...ntango nini? ba-koh-foo-ngho-la/ba-koh-foo'-nga nta'-ngho nee'-nee
baboon	Mokambi wa botali ezali wana? moh-ka-mbee wa boh-ta'-lee eh-za-lee wa'-a-na'
buffalo	Nalingi kotala etuka ya banyama bya zamba na-lee-ngee koh-ta'-la eh-too-ka ya ba-nya-ma bya za'-mba
chimpanzee	Tokoki komono ndenge nini ya banyama kuna? toh-koh-kee koh-mo'-no n-de'-nge' nee'-nee ya ba-nya-ma koo'-na'
crocodile	mboma m-bo-ma
elephant	nzale/mpakasa n-za'-leh/mpa-ka'-sa'
giraffe	mokomboso moh-koh'-mboh'-soh'
hyena	nkoli/ngando nko'-lee/n-ga-ndo'
hippopotamus	nzoku n-zo-koo
leopard	zirafe zee-ra-fe
lion	yene ye-ne
monkey	ngubu n-goo-boo'
python/boa	nkoi nko-ee
	nkosi/ebobo nko'-see/eh-bo-bo
	makako/mpunga ma-ka'-koh/mpoo-nga
	nguma n-goo'-ma

wild boar	lingongo lee-ngho-ngho
zebra	godu go-doo
Camping (nganda/molako)	
in the countryside	na mboka ya zamba na mbob'-ka ya za'-mba
Where can we hire...?	Wapi tokoki kofutela...? wa'-pee toh-koh-kee koh-foo-teh-la
campbed	mbeto ya molako m-be'-toh ya moh-la'-koh
tent	ema eh'-ma
Can we camp here?	Tokoki kobete molako awa? toh-koh-kee koh-be'-te moh-la'-koh a'-wa
It's nice and quiet here	Awa ezali kitoko na nye a'-wa eh-za-lee kee-to'-ko na nye
Look at the...	Tala... ta'-la
cocoa trees	miete mya kakao mee-eh-teh' mya ka-ka-oh
farmers	bato bwa bilanga ba-toh bwa bee-la-nga
meadow	esobe eh-soh'-beh'
hills	ngomba n-goh'-mba'
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beautiful	kitoko kee-to'-ko
interesting	esepelisa eh-seh-peh-lee-sa
strange	ya mopaya ya moh-pa-ya
superb	kolongono koh'-loh'-ngho'-noh'
terrifying	nsomo nso'-mo
tremendous, enormous	ebuki eh-boo-kee
wonderful	ekamwisi eh-ka'-mwee-see

RECREATION

(lisano)

Sports (masano)

Where is the stadium?

I'd like to see the football match this Sunday

Who's playing?

Who will win?

It's hard to tell

It will be a draw

How much are the tickets?

Is there a golf course nearby?

What were you doing?

We were playing golf

Where's the tennis court?

Can I rent rackets?

I'd like to see a...match

wrestling

boxing

basketball

Can you swim?

Libanda ya masano/stade ezali wapi?

lee-ba'-nda' ya ma-sa-noh/sta-de eh-za-lee wa'-pee

Nalingi kotala lisano ya bale na eyenga oyo

na-lee-ngee koh-ta'-la lee-sa-noh ya ba'-leh' na eh-ya-nga oh'-yoh

Nani akosana ye?

na'-nee a-koh-sa-na yeh'

Nani akolonga?

na'-nee a-koh-la'-nga

Koloba ezali mpasi

koh-loh-ba eh-za-lee mpa'-see

Ekozala makalekale

eh-koh-za-la ma-ka-le-ka-le

Tike ezali ntalo boni?

tee-ke' eh-za-lee nta'-loh boh'-nee'

Esika ya kosana golf ezali penepene awa?

eh-see'-ka' ya koh-sa-na golf eh-za-lee pe-ne-pe-ne a'-wa

Bozalaki kosala nini?

boh-za-la'-kee' koh-sa'-la nee'-nee

Tozalaki kosana golf

toh-za-la'-kee' koh-sa-na golf

Esika ya kosana tennis ezali wapi?

eh-see'-ka' ya koh-sa-na te-nis eh-za-lee wa'-pee

Nakoki kofutela raquettes?

na-koh-kee koh-foo-teh-la ra-ke-te

Nalingi kotala lisano ya...

na-lee-ngee' koh-ta'-la lee-sa-noh ya

pongo/catch

poh-ngoh/katz

bibotu

bee-boh-too

basket(-ball)

basket(bol)

Okoki kobete mai?

oh-koh-kee koh-be'-te ma'-ee

Is there a swimming pool near here?

When is the bicycle race?

Is there a racecourse near Kinshasa?

When are the races?

Movies and Nightclubs (sinema na bar ya bobina)

What time does...open?

the movie theater

the nightclub

the theater

I'd like to go see a...

film/movie

play

We'd like to visit a nightclub

Is there a discotheque in town?

We're going to dance tonight

How much is it?

Do you've a program?

I need two tickets

Piscine ezali penepene awa?pee-seen eh-za-lee pe-ne-pe-ne a'-wa
Mopota/course ya nkinga ekozala na mokolo nini?moh-poh'-ta'/koor-se ya nkee'-nga
eh-koh-za-la na moh-ko-lo nee'-nee**Esika ya mopota ya farasa ezali penepene ya Kinshasa?**eh-see'-ka' ya moh-poh'-ta' ya
fa-ra'-sa eh-za-lee pe-ne-pe-ne ya
kee-nsa-sa**Mapota/courses ekozala na mokolo nini?**

ma-poh'-ta'/koor-se eh-koh-za-la na

moh-ko-lo nee'-nee

Bakofungola...ntango nini?ba-koh-foo-ngoh-la nta'-ngoh nee'-nee
sinema

see-neh-ma'

bar ya bobina

ba-a-r ya boh-bee-na

theatre

teh-a-tr

Nalingi kokende komono...na-lee-nge koh-ke-nde koh-mo'-noh
foto ya sinema

foh-toh' ya see-neh-ma'

lisano ya theatre

lee-sa-noh ya teh-a-tr

Tolingi kotala bar yabobina
toh-lee-ngee koh-ta'-la ba-a-r
ya boh-bee'-na**Discotheque ezali awa na vili/belesi?**

dee-sko-tek eh-za-lee a'-wa na

vee-lee/be'-le-see

Lelo na mpokwa tokobina

le-lo' na mpho'-kwa toh-koh-bee'-na

Ntalo ezali boni?

nta'-loh eh-za-lee boh'-nee'

Ozali na nsango ya masano?

oh-za-lee na nsa-ngoh ya ma-sa-noh

Nalingi tike mibale

na-lee-ngee' tee-ke' mee'-ba-leh'

Where's the toilet?
There was a good show
last night

It was terrible

Music - Concert (miziki)

Where's the concert hall?

I'd like to go to a
concert

What band (orchestra) is
playing?

I like...

folk dancing

concert

He's playing the...well

musical instruments

accordion, guitar

tamtam

trumpet, flute

whistle

Who's singing?

He's a good singer (or
player)

That's a nice song

Who's dancing?

Kabine ezali wapi?
ka-bee-ne' eh-za-lee wa'-pee
Na butu masano malamu
ezalaki
na boo-too' ma-sa-noh ma-la'-moo
eh-za-la'-kee'
Ezalaki nsomo
eh-za-la'-kee nso'-mo

Ndako ya ngombi ezali wapi?
n-da'-koh ya n-goh-mbee eh-za-lee
wa'-pee
Nalingi kokende na
ngombi
na-lee-ngee' koh-ke-nde na n-goh-mbee
Lingomba nini
ekosana?
lee-ngoh'-mba' nee'-nee eh-koh-sana
Nalingi...
na-lee-ngee'
bobina ya bankoko
boh-bee-na ya ba-nko-ko
ngombi
n-goh-mbee
Azali kobete...malamu
a-za-lee koh-be'-te ma-la'-moo
ekembe
eh-keh-mbeh'
lindanda
lee-nda'-nda
mokoto, mbonda
moh-koh'-toh', m-boh-nda
mondule
moh-ndoo'-leh
fiololo
fee-oh'-loh'-loh'
Nani moyembi?
na'-nee moh-yeh'-mbee
Azali moyembi malamu (to
mosani).
a-za-lee moh-yeh'-mbee ma-la'-moo
(toh-oh moh-sa-nee)
Loyembo ezali kitoko
loh-yeh'-boh eh-za-lee kee-to'-ko
Nani mobini?
na'-nee moh-bee-nee

That girl is a fine
dancer

Bravo!

The music was fine/
average

It was sweet music

I didn't enjoy it

Fishing (kolobo/koboma mbisi)

I went fishing with...

fishing rod/line/hook

net

bait

waders

How is the fishing here?

It is good/bad

I caught plenty of fish

I didn't catch a thing

Can I fish in this river?

Fisherman, what's the
name of this fish?

worm/worms

fly/flies

Mwasi oyo azali mobini
malamu
mwa'-see oh'-yoh a-za-lee moh-bee-nee
ma-la'-moo

Esako!
eh-sa'-koh

Miziki ezalaki malamu/malamu
moke

mee-zee-kee eh-za-la'-kee'
ma-la'-moo (moh-ke')

Miziki ezalaki elengi
mee-zee-kee eh-za-la'-kee' eh-le-ngee
Nasepelaki na yango te
na-seh-peh-la'-kee' na ya-ngoh' te'

Nakendeki kolobo mpe...ya kolobo
na-ke-nde'-kee' koh-lo'-bo mpeh...
ya koh-lo'-bo

lingenda/mbengo/ndobo
lee-nge'-nda/m-be-ngo/n-do'-bo

monyama
moh-nya'-ma'

motambo
moh-ta'-mboh

ekoto
eh-koh'-toh'

Boni kolobo awa?
boh'-nee' koh-lo'-bo a'-wa

Malamu/mabe
ma-la'-moo/ma-beh'

Nabomaki ebele ya mbisi
na-boh'-ma'-kee' eh-beh-leh' ya
m-bee'-see

Nabomaki eloko te
na-boh'-ma'-kee' eh-lo'-ko te'

Nakoki kolobo na ebale oyo/eye?
na-koh-kee koh-lo'-bo na eh-ba-leh
oh'-yoh/eh'-yeh

Pesele, nkombo ya mbisi oyo/eye
nini?

peh-seh'-leh, nkoh'-mboh' ya
m-bee'-see oh'-yoh nee'-nee

monkusu/minkusu
moh-nkoo-soo/mee-nkoo-soo
mokangi/mikangi
moh-ka'-ngee/mee-ka'-ngee

Beach (libongo)

Where is the beach?
It's down there
Is it far?
Yes, it's two kilometers

How did you get here?
I took a shortcut

calm/rough

canoe

coast

lake

motorboat

river

rocky

rowboat

sailboat

sandy

sunset

surfboard

waves

wind

The sea is too cold for
swimming

Libongo/beach ezali wapi?
lee-boh'-ngho' eh-za-lee wa'-pee
Ezali kuna
eh-za-lee koo'-na'
Ezali mosika?
eh-za-lee moh-see'-ka'
Iyo, ezali kilometele mibale
ee'-yoh, eh-za-lee kee-loh-me'-te-le
mee'-ba-leh'
Oyaki awa ndenge nini?
oh-ya'-kee' a'-wa n-de'-nge' nee'-nee
Nakamataki nzela mokuse
na-ka-ma-ta'-kee' n-zeh-la'
moh-koo'-seh'
nye/kilikili
nye/kee'-lee'-kee-lee
bwato
bwa'-toh
mopanzi
moh-pa-nzee'
etima
eh-tee'-ma'
masuwa ya motele
ma-soo'-wa ya moh-te'-le
ebale
eh-ba-leh
mabanga
ma-ba'-nga'
masuwa ya nkai
ma-soo'-wa ya nka-ee
masuwa ya ngabuni
ma-soo'-wa ya n-ga-boo-nee
zelo, (pl.) melo
zeh'-loh
eloli
eh-lo-lee
libaya (ya kotambwisa na mbonge)
lee-ba'-ya' wa koh-ta'-mbwee-sa
na m-bo-nge
mbonge
m-bo-nge
mopepe
moh-pe-pe
Mbu ekomi mpio mingi mpo na
konyanya
m-boh' eh-koh'-mee mpée'-oh mee'-ngéé
mpoh' na koh-nya-nya

The tide is high

Is it deep?
Is there a lifeguard?

Mai ezali monano
ma'-ee eh-za-lee moh-na-noh
Ezali mozinda?
eh-za-lee moh-zee-nda
Soda wa kobikisa ezali wana?
so-dá' wa koh-bee'-kee-sa eh-za-lee
wa'-na'

Hunting (bobengi-nyama/bokila)

I'd like to go hunting
Can I hire a rifle?

Are there...?

antelopes
bats
foxes
pheasants
rabbits

Do you go hunting with
dogs?

Nalingi kokende bokila
na-lee-ngee' koh-ke-nde boh-kee-la
Nakoki kofutela bondoki?
na-koh-kee koh-foo-teh-la
boh-ndoh'-kee
...bazali kuna?
...ba-za-lee koo'-na'
mbuli, mboloko
m-boo-lee, m-boh'-loh'-koh'
longembu
loh-ngeh-mboo'
gambala
ga-mba-la
lokulokoko
loh-koo'-loh-koh-koh
nsimbili
nsee'-mbee-lee-kee'
Bokendaka bokila na
mbwa?
boh-ke-nda-ka boh-kee-la na mbwa'

Indoor Games (masano na kati ya ndako)

I'd like to play checkers

He's playing cards

hearts
diamonds
spades
clubs
the jack

Nalingi kosana lisano ya dama
na-lee-ngee koh-sa-na lee-sa-noh
ya da-ma
Azali kobete bakalati
a-za-lee koh-be'-te ba-ka'-la-tee
coeur
ker
carreau
ka-ro
pique
peak
trefle
tre-fl
valet
va-le

the queen

reine
ren

Do you play chess?

Obetaka lisano ya echecs?
oh-be'-ta-ka lee-sa-noh ya eh-sek

pawn

pion

the bishop

pyo

the knight

padri

the king

pa-dree

cavalier

ka-va-lye

roi

rwa

Can we play a local game?

Tokoki kosana lisano ya esika?
toh-koh-kee koh-sa-na lee-sa-noh
ya eh-see'-ka'

SHOPPING

(bisombasomba)

Excuse me

Limbisa ngai

lee-mbee-sa n-ga'-ee'

...ezali penepene awa?

...eh-za-lee pe-ne-pe-ne a'-wa

butiki ya kala

boo-tee-kee ya ka-la'

butiki ya bilamba

boo-tee-kee ya bee-la-mba'

butiki ya kobete foto

boo-tee-kee ya koh-be'-te foh-toh'

butiki ya zando monene

boo-tee-kee ya za'-ndoh moh-ne'-ne

antique shop

clothes shop

photo shop

supermarket

buying things

How much (is it)?]

What price is it?]

It's...

2.000 francs

I don't understand

Please write it down

It's expensive

Could you reduce it?

Give me something else

Show me another one

I don't like this one

I prefer this one

I don't like the color
of it

kosomba biloko

koh-soh'-mba bee-lo'-ko

Ntalo ezali

boni?

nta'-loh eh-za-lee boh'-nee'

Oyo...

oh'-yoh

falanga/makuta nkoto mibale

fa-la'-nga/ma-koo'-ta nkoh'-tch'

mee'-ba-leh'

Nayoki te

na-yoh'-kee ma-la'-moo te'

Komela ngai yango, palado

koh-meh'-la' n-ga'-ee' ya-ngoh',
pa-la-do'

Oyo ntalo mingi

oh'-yoh nta'-loh mee-ngee

Okoki kobunola yango?

oh-koh-kee koh-boo'-noh-la ya-ngoh'

Pesa ngai biloko mosusu

pe'-sa' n-ga'-ee' bee-lo'-ko

moh-soo'-soo

Lakisa ngai biloko mosusu

la-kee-sa' n-ga'-ee' bee-lo'-ko

moh-soo'-soo

Nalingi yango te

na-lee-ngee' ya-ngoh' te'

Naluli moko oyo

na-loo'-lee mo'-ko' oh'-yoh

Nalingi langi ya

yango te

na-lee-ngee' la'-ngee ya ya-ngoh' te'

I prefer it in...

black

blue

bright, light

green

brown

gray

red

white

yellow

I want a...size

larger/smaller

Can I try it on?

You received a good
bargain there

I'd like film for this
camera

I'll take it

Record Shop (butiki ya disques)

I'd like a cassette of
folk music

Can I listen to this
record?

Naponi yango na...
na-po-nee ya-ngoh' na
langi loyindo, moyindo
la'-ngee loh-yee'-ndoh,
moh-yee'-ndoh
langi la likolo, bulo
la'-ngee la lee-koh-loh', boo-loh
saa, motane
sa-a, moh-ta'-neh'
langi la nkasa, mobesu
la'-ngee la nka'-sa', moh-beh'-soo
langi la kafe/kawa
la'-ngee la ka-feh/ka'-wa
mbwi
m-bwe'
ngola
n-goh'-la
mpembe
mpe'-mbe'
so, mosuku
soh, moh-soo'-koo'
Nalingi lomeko/motango...
na-lee-ngee' loh-meh-koh/moh-ta' -ngoh
monene/moke
moh-ne'-ne/moh-ke'
Nakoki komeka yango na nzoto?
na-koh-kee koh-meh-ka ya-ngoh' na
n-zoh'-tah
Ozwaki okazyon
wana
oh-zwa'-kee' o-ka-zyon wa'-na'
Ozwaki mokakola malamu wana
oh-zwa'-kee' moh-ka'-koh-la ma-la'-moo
wa'-na'
Nalingi pellicule ya kamera
oyo
na-lee-ngee' peh-lee-keel ya
ka-meh-ra oh'-yoh
Nakokamata yango
na-koh-ka-ma-ta ya-ngoh'

Nalingi cassette ya miziki
ya ekolo
na-lee-ngee' ka-set ya mee-zee-kee
ya eh-ko'-lo
Nakoki koyoka diskii
oyo?
na-koh-kee koh-yoh'-ka dee-skee oh'-yoh

Souvenirs (biloko bya ekundoleli)

Where's a souvenir shop?

Butiki ya biloko bya ekundoleli
ezali wapi?
boo-tee-kee ya bee-lo'-ko bya
eh-koo-ndoh-leh-lee eh-za-lee wa'-pee
Nalingi eloko moko ya...
na-lee-ngee' eh-lo'-ko mo'-ko' ya
mitako/kivire/shaba
mee-ta-koh/kwee-vr/sha-ba
motende ya pembe
moh-te-ngeh ya pe-mbe
kwire, loposo ya nyama
kwee-re, loh-poh-soh ya nya-ma
mabanga ya motuya
ma-ba'-nga' ya moh-too'-ya
ndele
n-deh-leh
motende ya nzete
moh-te-ngeh ya n-zeh-teh'

Souvenir shops or stalls are scattered everywhere in town. You will find goods on display in front of hotels and post offices. There are carved wooden and ivory statuettes, precious stones, leather goods, copper pictures, trays, and paintings.

Father has bought a
copper tray

Mother bought a straw
basket yesterday

I'm going to buy
something now

I'll buy something
tomorrow

What did you buy?

Nothing

Papa asombi sani ya
kwivre

pa-pa' a-soh'-mbee sa'-nee ya
kwee-vre

Mama asombaki ekolo ya
ndele lobi

ma-ma' a-soh'-mba'-kee' eh-ko-lo'
ya n-deh-leh loh'-bee

Nasomba eloko
moko

na-soh'-mba eh-lo'-ko mo'-ko'
loh'-bee

Nakosomba eloko moko
lobi

na-koh-soh'-mba eh-lo'-ko mo'-ko'
loh'-bee

Osombaki nini?
oh-soh'-mba'-kee' nee'-nee

Eloko te
eh-lo'-ko te'

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