

**a** [a] *3.pl.hum-. they.*  
*them.*

*3.pl.hum-.poss. their.*

**a** [a] *art. the.*

**a** [a] *conn. and.*

**a bonĩ nĩ** [à bònĩè nĩ] *adv.phr. maybe, perhaps. a bonĩ nĩ duɔŋ ka wau* ‘Perhaps it is going to rain’.

**abe** [ʔàbɛ] *n. palm nut tree. Pl: abesa.*

**abie** [abie] *propn. Awie (person's name). Usage: Katua.*  
*See: awie.*

**ablu** [ʔábɛ̀lù] *n. blue. Pl: abluso. From: ultm. English.*

**abusabusa** [ʔàbùsàbùsà] *Variant: abubusa. qual. type of color.*

**adzumodzumo** [ʔàdzùmòdzùmò] *Variant: adzudzumo.*  
*qual. type of color.*

**aholahola** [ʔàhòlàhòlà] *Variant: ahohola. qual. yellowish color.*

**ai** [ʔáí] *interj. no.*

**aka** [áká] *conn. and, then. waa jũǎ nĩ aka tɛŋ* ‘He drank the water then gave me some’.

**akolakola** [ʔàkòlàkòlà] *qual. type of color.*

**alakadei** [ʔàlɛ̀kàdèi] *n. cashew tree. Pl: alakadeise.*

**alamusa** [ʔàlà̀mùsà] *n. Thursday. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**alarba** [ʔàlà̀rbá] *n. Wednesday. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**alebasa** [ʔàlè̀bàsà] *n. onion. Pl: alebasasa. From: Waali-Dagaare.*

**aleefu** [ʔàlè̀fù] *n. leaf used as soup ingredient to improve taste. Amarantus Debius. Pl: aleefu. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**alie** [áliè] *num. two. Enum: jɛwǎ.*

**allahadi** [ʔàllàhàdì] *n. Sunday. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**aloro** [álòrò] *num. six. Pl: aloroso. Enum: loroo.*

**alope** [álòpè] *num. seven. Enum: lupee.*

**ame** [ʔàmé] *interj. so be it. A: kuoso tɛɪ tʃia. B: ame* ‘A: Let God gives you tomorrow. B: So be it’. *From: ultm. Hebrew.*

**amiẽ** [àmìè] *adv. if so.*

**ammani** [ʔámmàní] *n. small dried fish. Pl: ammanise.*

**amuj** [àmùŋ] *quant.hum-. all.*

**amunu** [ʔàmónú] *n. type of wild cat. Pl: amunusa.*  
*From: Tampulma. See: badaare.*

**anaasi** [ánáàsì] *num. four. Enum: naasi.*

**andzelindze** [ʔàndzèlìndzɛ́] *propn. eighth month.*

**angum** [ʔángùṃ] *ono. monkey's scream. awie gbĩ ja wii angum, angum, angum* ‘That is why the monkey sounds like angum, angum, angum’.

**anĩ** [ʔánĩ] *n. Ebony tree. Diospyros mespiliformis. Pl: anĩ.*

**ani** [àní] *Variant: nĩ. conn. 1 • and. ɲ nĩ ɲ tʃɛna kaa kaali waa ra* ‘Me and my friend will go to Wa’. *ɲ jaa bmsa matʃeo ani fi* ‘I am thirty years old’.

*2 • with. ɲ ɲmena daa ra ani karantie nĩ* ‘I cut a tree with a cutlass’.

**ani a muj** [àní ā mùŋ] *adv. in spite of, even though. u waawau ani a muj di u wɪu* ‘He came in spite of his illness.’

**annulie** [ʔánnúlìè] *n. dragonfly. Epiprocta Anisoptera. Pl: annulese.*

**ansa** [ʔánsà] *interj. 1 • welcome.*

*2 • thanks.*

**an** [ʔán] *Variant: ana. interg. who. an ɪ ka na a tɔu nĩ* ‘Who did you see at the village?’

**anjbuluŋ** [ʔàmbúlùŋ] *n. Black berry. Vitex doniana. Pl: anjbuluŋso.*

**anjǎǎ** [ʔàɲǎǎ] *n. type of snake. Pl: anǎǎna.*

**anjɔ** [ájò] *num. five. Enum: jɔɔ.*

**anjuuni** [àjúúní] *Lit: head on. Variant: juuni. conn. therefore. ɲ wa kpaga sakɪ, a juu nĩ ɲ di vala naasa* ‘I don't have a bicycle, therefore I am walking’.

**anjmunajmuna** [ʔàɲmùnàɲmùnà] *qual. type of color.*

**aridzima** [ʔàrìdzímà] *n. Friday. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**arii** [ʔàríí] *n. grasscutter. Thryonomys swinderianus. Pl: arie.*

**asibiti** [ʔàsìbìtì] *n. hospital. Pl: asibitisa. From: ultm. English.*

**asibiti** [ʔàsìbìtì] *n. Saturday. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**atalata** [ʔàtálàtà] *n. Tuesday. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**atanea** [ʔàtànèà] *n. Monday. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**atoro** [átòrò] *num. three. Pl: atoroso. Enum: tooroo.*

**atʃɛnɪʃɛnɪ** [ʔátʃɛ̀nìtʃɛ̀nì] *qual. type of color.*

**awa** [áwà] *dem. that particular. awa tebin ni, u nunse*  
*‘That particular night he disappeared’.* **awa kor tin**  
**lei n di buure** *‘That is not the chair I want’.*

**awaa** [áwàà] *3.pl.st.hum+. they.*

**awie** [áwíé] *propn. Awie (person's name). See: abie.*

**awie** [awíe] *conn. therefore.*

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**ba** [ba] *3.pl.hum+. they.*  
*them.*  
*3.pl.hum+.poss. their.*

**ba** [ba] *v. come. Usage: Katua. See: wa.*

**baabaasu** [bààbààsù] *n. gonorrhea. Pl: baabaasu. From: Akan.*

**baal** [báàl] *n. 1 • male, man. Pl: baala.*  
*2 • husband. Pl: baalsa.*

**baan** [báán] *n. temper, anger, annoyed. ì báán síwóú*  
*‘Your temper has raised’.*

**baan** [báán] *interg. what.*

**baan** [bàán] *tam. just, already, immediatly,*  
*obligatorily, suddenly. i wa baan sanja de* *‘You*  
*should just sit there’.* **baan gileu de ni** *‘Just leave it*  
*there’.* **diŋ baan jaa tul** *‘The fire suddenly became*  
*flame’.*

**baasi** [bààsi] *v. carry on shoulder.*

**baawa** [bááwà] *n. type of dance. Pl: baawa.*

**babuolii** [bàbùòlìi] *n. far place. See: bolo.*

**badaa** [bàdàà] *n. limb. Pl: badaasa.*

**badaare** [bàdààrè] *n. spotted hyena. Crocuta crocuta.*  
*Pl: badaaresa.*

**badawise** [bàdààwísé] *qual. thin person. u jaa*  
**badawisetima ra** *‘He is thin’.* *Ant: badazene.*

**badazene** [bàdàzéné] *n. large person. u ja badazenetima*  
**ra** *‘He is large’.* *Ant: badawise.*

**badzogu** [bádʒògù] *n. type of monitor lizard usually*  
*found inland. Pl: badzogusa. Varanus. See: gbaga;*  
*bää.*

**badzogubagena** [bádʒògùbàgənà] *Lit: monitor lizard*  
*neck. n. type of tree. Pl: badzogubagenasa.*

**bagá** [baya] *adv. in vain. n ka tou patʃigi bagabaga* *‘I*  
*went to town in vain’.*

**bagena** [bàgənà] *n. neck. Pl: bagensa.*

**awo** [ʔàwó] *interj. reply to greetings, sign of appraisal*  
*of interlocutor's concerns.*

**awozuuri** [àwòzùùrì] *adv. on that day. awozuuri n wa*  
**tuwo ni** *‘That day I wasn't there’.*

**ãã** [ʔáá] *n. bushbuck. Tragelaphus scriptus. Pl: ããta.*

**aʔileʔile** [ʔáʔilèʔilè] *qual. greenish color.*

**bagenapuogɔɔ** [bàgɛ̀púóǵí] *n. lateral goiter,*  
*enlargement of the thyroid. Pl: bagenapuogee.*

**bagenbua** [bàgɛ̀bùá] *n. hollow behind the collarbone.*  
*Pl: bagenbusa.*

**bagentʃugul** [bàgɛ̀tʃùgùl] *n. dowager's hump.*  
*Pl: bagentʃugulo.*

**bagurii** [bàgùrîi] *qual. bend. Ant: deginii.*

**baharaga** [bàhárágá] *qual. hard-working. Ant: bajuora.*

**bahĩẽ** [báhiẽ] *n. old man. Pl: bahĩesa. See: hiẽ.*

**bajuora** [bàjúòrà] *qual. lazy, discouraged.*  
*Ant: baharaga.*

**baketii** [bàkétíi] *n. broken part. néŋ bàkétíi tɛŋ kà wú*  
*‘My broken arm is painful’.* *Pl: baketie.*

**bakuri** [bákúrí] *propn. Bakuri.*

**bakpal** [bákpál] *qual. naked. Pl: bakpalla.*

**balalla** [bálállà] *qual. gay, happy. Pl: balalla.*

**baleu** [báléù] *n. epidemic. From: Waali.*

**baluu** [bàlúù] *n. balloon. Pl: baluso. From: ultm.*  
*English.*

**baluu** [bálúú] *n. 1 • ethnic division. lobi baluu wa tuo*  
**tʃakali ni** *‘The Lobi are not found in the Chakali*  
*area’.*  
*2 • species. gbiã baluu anɪ fũ baluu wa vala* *‘The*  
*monkey and the baboon do not live together’.*

**bambaanj** [bámháán] *n. middle part of the body.*  
*Pl: bambaama. See: galinga.*  
*rel.n. middle. u dua teebul juu bambaan ni* *‘It is in*  
*the middle of the top of the table’.* *u tele tiwii*  
**bambaanj na aka bra waa** *‘He reached the half way*  
*and returned’.* *See: bambii.*

**bambaanjnebi** [bàmbàannébí] *Variant: nebizenii. n.*  
*middle finger.*

**bambaanjnebiwie** [bámháánnebíwíé] *n. ring finger.*

**bambii** [bàmbíi] *n. 1 • chest.*  
*2 • condition or quality of being brave. Pl: bambie.*

**bambiipun** [bàmbíípùŋ] *n. chest hair. Pl: bambiipuna.*

**bambileo** [bàmbíléò] *n. sternum. Pl: bambileono.*

**bambituna** [bàmbítííná] *qual. brave, courageous.*

*Ant: ongbiar.*

**bambiwula** [bàmbíwíflá] *Variant: bambigeraga. n. heart attack. Pl: bambiwulasa.*

**bamun** [bámùŋ] *quant.hum+. all.*

**baniẽ** [báníẽ] *quant. some.*

**banu** [báníf] *n. section, division. Pl: banre.*

**banpeg** [bámpèg] *n. half of a nut. Pl: banpegna.*

2 • *black*. a **bie** kpa doŋo bire ɲ dia muŋ ‘The child used dirt to make my house black’.

**birge** [bɪrəgè] *n.* darkness. ɲ waa km lu birge han ni ‘I can’t go out in this darkness’. *Ant:* batʃaŋ.

**bisuona** [bisuona] *n.* child. *Pl:* bisuonase. *Usage:* Katua. *See:* hamɔŋ.

**bi** [bɪ] *itr.* again, repetition of an event. ja wire ja kma ra aka vala go dusie muŋ naval bi toro ‘We undress and walk around the whole Ducie three times’. u bi kuore sãã u dia ra ‘He rebuilt his hut’.

**bia** [bia] *n.* settlement. *Usage:* Katua. *See:* tou.

**biage** [biágé] *v.* displace or move to let someone or something pass. kpaga a kur biage ‘Take the chair to give a way’. ɲ biageu ka tie a baal tiwii ‘I make room and give the man the road’.

**biduu** [bídúù] *propn.* magic stone of Gurumbele.

**bieri** [biéri] *n.* ego’s senior brother. *Pl:* bierasa. *See:* kpiema.

**bii** [bíí] *n.* stone. *Pl:* bia. *See:* bui.

**bii** [bíí] *v.* 1 • well cook. gɪlà ò mǎrà bii ‘Let it be well cooked’. ò bíwáú ‘It is well cooked’. ò mǎrá bii ò ‘It is well cooked’.

2 • ripe (only for shea nuts). *See:* siama; siari.

**bibog** [biibòg] *n.* type of tree. *Pl:* bibogna.

**bibuso** [bííbúò] *n.* cave. *Pl:* bibusa.

**bisi** [biisi] *v.* narrate. bisi i totii ‘Narrate your version of the story’.

**bila** [bila] *v.* worry about problematic issues. ɲ bíláu ànɪ à wíé ‘I am worried with issues’.

**bilgi** [bílgi] *v.* dust, clean with a rag. kpa garzayatii bilgi a dia ‘Take the rag and clean the floor’.

**bma** [bíná] *n.* year. *Pl:* bmsa. wusa ni afia bmsa maase doŋa ra ‘Wusa is as old as Afia’.

**bma** [bíná] *pl.n.* excrement. *See:* jã.

**bmbilinsi** [bimbilínsi] *Variant:* bmbilinkpogo. *Lit:* excrement tumble. *n.* Darkling beetle. *Tenebrionidae fam.*. *Pl:* biŋbilingse.

**bintera** [bintərə] *n.* type of drum. *Pl:* bintera. *See:* binteraie.

**binteratʃiŋ** [bintéràtʃiŋ] *n.* drum rattles. *Pl:* binteratʃiŋma. *See:* tʃiŋ.

**binteraie** [bintéràwié] *n.* type of drum. *Pl:* binteraie. *See:* bintera.

**birgi** [bìrgi] *Variant:* birgi. *v.* delay. a duon tie ja birgi kuo ni ‘The rain delayed us at the farm’.

**birij** [bríj] *qual.* whole. anɪ birij dua ɲ dia ni ‘A whole grasscutter is in my house’.

**biti** [biti] *v.* empty by pouring. bitɪ a fala ni ta ‘Pour away the water which is in the calabash’.

**brwie** [bríwíé] *n.* small stone. *Pl:* brwise.

**bizenj** [bízéŋ] *n.* big stone. *Pl:* bizen.

**bĩã** [bíã] *n.* duck. *Pl:* bĩãsa.

**bokti** [bòyətì] *n.* bucket. *Pl:* boktise. *From:* ultm. English.

**bolo** [bòlò] *v.* far. motigu wa bolo ‘Motigu is not far’. *Ant:* duguli.

**bolonbuotia** [bòlòmbúótia] *propn.* group of stars.

**bombosuorri** [bómbòsùòrri] *n.* Rain tree. *Samanaea saman*. *Pl:* bombosuorie.

**bonso** [bónsó] *n.* cup. *Pl:* bonsoso. *From:* Waali.

**bonti** [bóntí] *v.* divide and share. bonti a namĩã ja tie ‘Divide and share the meat so we can eat’.

**boro** [bòró] *n.* portion. *Pl:* boroso. ma kpa a bar boro a tie ba ‘You gave them some portion of land’. ɲ dijo aka tʃa a siimaa boro ‘I ate but left some of the food’. *qual.* short. a baboroso hama ‘Those short men’. à dáá bóróó ‘The wood is short’. *Ant:* zenj.

**bowo** [bòwò] *v.* insufficient. ti tie siimaa bowo a parasa ‘Don’t let the farmers be short on food’.

**bo** [bó] *v.* 1 • pay. bo ɲ kantʃima tieŋ ‘Pay me what you owe me’.

2 • be better than. zaŋ tuma bo diare tieŋ tuma ‘Today’s work is better than yesterday’s work’.

**bog** [bòg] *Variant:* bokbil. *n.* 1 • type of tree. *Pseudocedrales kotschyi*.

2 • fiber used to attach grass or tubers. *Pl:* bokna.

**bol** [bòl] *qual.* oval shape.

**bol** [ból] *n.* type of calabash, with an oval shape. *Pl:* bola.

**bola** [bòlà] *n.* elephant. *Loxodonta cyclotis*. *Pl:* bolasa. *SynT:* selzenj, nerjtuma.

**bolakanj** [bòlàkàŋ] *n.* elephant trunk. *Pl:* bolakanja.

**bolapɪŋ** [bòlàpɪŋ] *n.* ivory. *Pl:* bolapɪŋja.

**boma** [bòmà] *v.* 1 • dangerous, bad. ò bómáú kmkan ‘He is a bad person’.

2 • expensive. à sákəɾ jògùlò bómáú ‘The bicycle is expensive’.

3 • hot. à múró bómáú ‘The rice is too hot’.

4 • endow with power. **u bomãũ**, **kuosanaã ka wa kmjẽ kpagau** ‘He is powerful, the buffalo was not able to catch him’.

5 • difficult. **bifula ninii bomãũ** ‘Looking after a baby is difficult’.

**bɔŋ** [bɔŋ] *Variant: bʷɔŋ. qual. bad. Pl: bɔma.*

**bɔɔbi** [bɔɔbɪ] *n. undergarment. Pl: bɔɔbisa.*

**bɔrdia** [bɔrdiá] *n. plaitain. Musa paradisiaca. Pl: bɔrdiasa. From: Akan.*

**bɔsa** [bɔsá] *Variant: bɔsu. n. Puff adder snake. Bitis arietans. Pl: bɔsasa.*

**bɔti** [bɔtí] *n. scooped ball of staple food. Pl: bɔtie.*

**bɔwaa** [bɔwáá] *n. energetic dance, singing and dancing for men and women.*

**bra** [bərə] *v. return. brà à káálí* ‘Go back’. *brà à ká tjàò* ‘Return and leave him’.

**brige** [brígè] *n. type of snake. Pl: brigese.*

**bugo** [bùgò] *v. 1 • stretch the skin of a new drum for a certain period by continuously beating it. a timpantie ha wa bugo* ‘The talking drums are not yet stretched’.

2 • be drunk.

**bugulie** [bùgèlìè] *n. big water pot made out of clay. Pl: buglise. See: gboŋ.*

**bugumii** [bùgúmíí] *n. stupidity.*

**bula** [bùlà] *v. tasteless. à áńńí búláo* ‘The Ebony fruit is tasteless’.

**bulejii** [bùlégíí] *n. person from Bulenga. Pl: bulejee.*

**bulo** [bùlò] *Variant: bul. n. type of tree. Pl: buloso.*

**bummo** [búmmò] *qual. black. Pl: bulunso. SynT: doŋ* ‘dirty’.

**bummo jiriti** [búmmò jírítí] *qual. very black.*

**bundaana** [bùndááná] *qual. rich. Pl: bundaansa. From: Waali.*

**buŋbuŋ** [búmbúŋ] *n. first. buŋbuŋ ni ɲ fi wa nuã sɲ* ‘At first, I was not drinking alcoholic beverage’.

**buol** [bùól] *n. song. Pl: buolo.*

**buolbuolo** [bùòlbúóló] *n. singer. Pl: buolbuoloso.*

**buoli** [bùòlì] *v. sing. ti buoli zaan* ‘Don’t sing today’. *ba buoli buolo wo* ‘They are singing songs’.

**buolnãã** [bùòlənãá] *n. song tracks, division of songs. Pl: buolenãasa.*

**buro** [búró] *v. faint.*

**buter** [bùtér:] *n. turtle. Pl: butete.*

**buti** [bùtì] *v. be confused. ɲ bie gerega tieŋ buti* ‘My child’s sickness made me confused’. *ɲ butio* ‘I’m confused’.

**buu** [bùú] *n. silo. Pl: buuno.*

**buure** [bùùrè] *v. 1 • want. baan i ka buure* ‘What do you want?’

2 • love; make love. *ɲ buure a tulatorwie re* ‘I love that young girl’. *kala buure hakuri* ‘Kala made love to Hakuri’.

3 • seek, look for. *u buure búũna kaali* ‘He searched for the goats’.

**buzoŋ** [búzón] *n. bachelor, widower. Pl: buzomo. See: lubaal.*

**budau** [bùdáu] *n. type of snake.*

**buẽibuẽi** [búẽibúẽi] *adv. carefully, slowly. di sãã buẽibuẽi* ‘Drive carefully’. *ɲma buẽibuẽi* ‘Talk slowly’.

**bui** [búi] *n. stone. Pl: buse. Usage: Katua. See: bni.*

**bukpããŋ** [búkpããŋ] *n. type of wild yam. Pl: bukpaãma.*

**bunuoŋsɪmna** [bùnùòŋsìnná] *n. festival celebrated after harvest.*

**buŋa** [bùŋà] *v. bend. buŋa a kpa a fala tieŋ* ‘Bend and pick the calabash for me’.

**buŋa** [buŋa] *qual. thick substance.*

**buo** [bùó] *Variant: bua. n. 1 • hole.*

2 • separation between portions of land. *Pl: buosa.*

**buoga** [bùògà] *n. moon. Usage: Motigu. See: pena.*

**buomanɪ** [bùòmánɪ] *n. leopard. Panthera pardus. Pl: buomanie. SynT: juwietima, nebietima.*

**buona** [búónà] *n. bulb. Pl: buonasa. From: ultm. English.*

**buotia** [bùòtîá] *n. bag. Pl: buotiesia. jammi buotia* ‘maize bag’. *num. 200 Cedis (= 2 Ghana Pesewas). buotiesia matŋeo alie ani fi* ‘10 000 Cedis (= 1 Ghana Cedi)’.

**bur** [búr] *Variant: bumbur. n. dust. Pl: bur.*

**bura** [bùrá] *v. dusty. a tebul wa buraje* ‘The table is dusty’.

**bura** [búrá] *n. fermenting substance. From: Waali.*

**buzal** [búzál:] *n. Stone partridge. Ptilopachus petrosus. Pl: buzalee.*

**bũŋ** [bũŋ] *n. load of items. Pl: bũnna.*

**bũũŋ** [bũũŋ] *n. goat. Pl: bũũna.*

**bũũŋbie** [bũũmbié] *n. young goat. Pl: bũũnbise.*

**daa** [dáá] *n.* 1 • tree.

2 • piece of wood. *Pl:* **daasa**.

**daabãntulogu** [dáábãntólógó] *propn. Gurumbele shrine.*

**daadugo** [dààdùgó] *n. type of insect. Pl: daadugoso.*

**daakuã** [dààkùá] *n. Senegal parrot. Poicephalus senegalus. Pl: daakuãna.*

**daakpuogii** [dààkpúógíí] *n. tree scar, bulge formed on a wounded area. Pl: daakpuogie.*

**daakputii** [dààkpútíí] *n.* 1 • log meant for burning charcoal or fire wood.

2 • tree stump. *Pl: daakputie.*

**daalor** [dáálór] *n. hole in a tree. Pl: daaloro.*

**daaluto** [dààlútó] *n. tree root. Pl: daaluroso.*

**daamun** [dáámún] *Lit: tree under. n.* 1 • resting area. *Pl: daamuno.*

2 • location for initiation.

**daanãã** [dáánãã] *n. branch of a tree.*

**daanõŋ** [dáánõŋ] *n. fruit of a tree, may be used as a seed. Pl: daanona. ba ŋma di ja dũũ daanona ‘They say we must sow seeds’.*

**daapelimpe** [dààpélìmpé] *n. wooden board. Pl: daapelimpesa.*

**daapetr** [dààpétí] *n. bark. Pl: dapetia.*

**daasiiga** [dààsiìgà] *v. trees pushing, rubbing or pressing each other.*

*n. suicide. a baal ta daasiiga, a suwa ‘The man hang himself, and died’.*

**daasrama** [dààsiàmá] *n. type of tree. Pl: daasiansa.*

**daasota** [dààsòtá] *n. type of tree. Conaraceae. Pl: daasorasa.*

**daatuma** [dáátùmá] *n. chin. Pl: daatumasa.*

**daatfaraga** [dààt'árágà] *n. branch or tree fork. Pl: daatfaragasa.*

**daduon** [dàdóŋ] *n. evening.*

**dagataa** [dàgátáá] *n. language of the Dagaba.*

**dagau** [dàgáù] *n. one person Dagar. Pl: dagaabasa. From: Waali.*

**dagboŋo** [dàgbòŋó] *n. rat usually found in or around the house. Rattus rattus. Pl: dagboŋoso.*

**dalia** [dálî] *n. cooking area. Pl: dalisa.*

**dama** [dàmà] *v. disturb. From: Waali.*

**dandafulu** [dàndàfùlú] *n. small pieces of charcoal falling at the bottom of the coalpot.*

**dandapusa** [dàndàpúsà] *Variant: puna. n. beard. Pl: dandapusasa.*

**dansane** [dànséné] *n. metal cooking pot. Pl: dansanesa. From: Akan.*

**danta** [dántà] *n. clan appellation or title, used in identifying people who are members of certain clan division. i wosa danta ka jaa baan ‘What is your clan title?’ Pl: dantasa.*

**dantig** [dàntíg] *n. grinding bowl. Pl: dantigna.*

**danɲi** [dánjî] *n. wound. Pl: dajee. a bie kpa kisie du u tɲɲɲ danɲi ‘The child wounded himself with his knife’.*

**dankpala** [dàŋkpàlá] *n. walking stick. Pl: dankpalasa.*

**dapě** [dápě] *n.* 1 • type of metal.

2 • gold color. *Pl: dapěsa.*

**dara** [dàrà] *n. type of game. From: Waali.*

**dara** [dàrà] *v. lie, deceive. See: muga.*

**datɕia** [dàtɕià] *n. ego's sister's husband.*

**de** [dé] *adv. there. i na looli ra de ni ‘Do you see a car over there?’*

**deginii** [dégíníí] *Variant: denilii. qual.* 1 • straight. *Ant: bagurii.*

2 • tolerant.

3 • honest, faithful.

**dembelee** [dèmbélèè] *n. place within the compound where fowls are kept. Pl: dembelese.*

**dendil** [dèndíl] *n. location outside the house but still within the village's or section's borders. Pl: dendile.*

**deni** [dénì] *Lit: there on. adv. upon this, thereon. deni, baan kpaya sũũ ‘Thereon, Guinea fowl was angry’.*

**deti** [dèti] *n. date. Pl: detise. From: ultm. English.*

**delibua** [délíbuá] *n. three-stone stove. Pl: delibusa.*

**di** [dì] *v.* 1 • eat.

2 • to enthrone a chief, enstool. *a bahiẽ kaa di a koro ‘The old man will be enstooled’.*

**diebie** [diébié] *Variant: musi. n. cat. Pl: diebise.*

*SynT: andrakaapnãawie ‘whose house does not have issues’. See: dzebalan.*

**diese** [diésé] *n. dream. Pl: diese.*

**digilii** [digilî] *n. type of eel. Pl: digilie.*

**digbonj** [dígbòn] *n. hunter's rank of a person who has killed an elephant. From: Gonja.*

**dii** [díí] *qual. sharp. a kisie ka diu 'The knife is sharp'. Ant: gbul.*

**diŋ** [díŋ] *n. fire. tɛ diŋ di 'Feed the fire'. a diŋ mara a diu 'The fire burns well'. Pl: dinne.*

**diŋbamɔsɪ** [dɪmbámòsì] *n. kitchen. Pl: diŋbamɔsɪe.*

**diŋhala** [dɪnhálá] *n. charcoal fire.*

**diŋkɪmmɔnɪ** [dɪŋkímmònɪ] *n. device to carry fire. Pl: diŋkímmɔnɪe.*

**diŋtul** [dɪŋtúl] *n. flame. See: tul.*

**diŋtʃǎǎŋ** [dɪntʃǎǎŋ] *n. lantern. Pl: diŋtʃǎǎnsa. tʃogo diŋtʃǎǎŋ 'Light the lantern'.*

**diŋtʃǎǎŋdaa** [dɪntʃǎǎŋdáá] *n. lamp holder. Pl: diŋtʃǎǎŋdaasa. See: najelɪŋgbielie.*

**diŋtʃena** [dɪntʃénà] *Lit: fire friend. n. type of bird, Abyssinia Roller. Coracias abyssinicus. Pl: diŋtʃenasa.*

**di** [dɪ] *conn. 1 • if. di u waawa, ɲ fi nau ra 'If he came, I would see him'. 2 • when.*

**di** [dɪ] *comp. 1 • that. ɲ wa laa di di gbolo ka wa 'I do not believe that Gbolo will come'. 2 • do, imperative particle. di tʃɔ 'Run!'*

**di** [dɪ] *ipfv. imperfective particle. sígá rá ù di tiè 'It is beans he is chewing'. wáá ù di káálì 'It is to Wa he is going'.*

**di** [dɪ] *conn. of doing simultaneously. kpa siima haŋ di kaalɪ 'Take this food away!'*

**di** [dɪ] *Variant: de. tam. yesterday. ɪ di na ɲ bie re? 'Did you see my son yesterday?' See: diare.*

**dra** [dǎá] *n. house. Pl: drusa.*

**dranũǎ** [dɪánũǎ] *Lit: house mouth. n. door. Pl: dranũǎsa.*

**dranũǎbuwie** [dɪánũǎbùwíé] *Lit: house mouth hole small. n. window. Pl: dianũǎbuwise.*

**diare** [diàrè] *Variant: dia tɲ. adv. yesterday. diare tɲ u di wa 'He came yesterday.' See: di.*

**dratɪma** [diàtɪíiná] *n. landlord of a single compound. Pl: drusatuma.*

**dratuma** [diàtómà] *n. group of people belonging to the same household. Pl: dratuma.*

**dresi** [diési] *v. feed. a baal ka dresi a búŋn na 'The man is feeding the goat'.*

**digre** [dígrê] *n. bird that alerts hunters about a nearby animal. Pl: digresa.*

**digntuo** [dígríftùò] *Variant: sanduso. num. nine.*

**digmarja** [dígrímánjá] *Variant: dign. num. one. Enum: dieke.*

*n. same. já bárá tɔŋ wá jáà dígrímánjá 'We don't have the same skin'.*

**digma** [dìgrìnà] *n. ear. Pl: digmsa.*

**digmbirinese** [dìgrìmbirínsé] *n. deafness. See: won.*

**digmvienũura** [dìgrìmvienũúra] *Lit: ear refuse hear. n. person who refuses to take advice, do not do what he or she has been asked, told or is expected to do. Pl: digmvienũurasa.*

**digmwiila** [dìgrìnwíílá] *n. earache.*

**dɪl** [dííl] *n. inhabitant who was born and raised in the same community. Pl: dɪla.*

**dɪŋ** [díŋ] *qual. true, real. Pl: dɪma. See: nɪdɪŋ; kɪŋdɪŋ.*

**dɪsa** [dísá] *n. soup. Pl: dɪsasa.*

**dɪsugulii** [dìsùgùlî] *n. multiple floor building. Pl: dɪsugulee.*

**dɪtʃuolɪ** [dɪtʃùòlî] *n. sleeping room. Pl: dɪtʃuolee.*

**doga** [dòyà] *propn. shrine of the village Holumuni.*

**dokagal** [dòkágàl:] *n. rainbow.*

**dolo** [dòlò] *n. largest roofing beam, first layer of flat roof. Pl: doloso.*

**donɪ** [dóní] *n. rain.*

**donjii** [dónjí] *qual. dirty. a bie tagata donjii 'The child's shirt is dirty'. Ant: tʃǎǎnɪ.*

**donjo** [dónjó] *v. dirty. ù donjóú 'It is dirty'. Ant: tʃǎǎnɪ.*

**dɔgsɪ** [dógsì] *v. punish.*

**dokta** [dóktà] *n. doctor. Pl: doktasa. From: ultm. English.*

**dɔŋ** [dóŋ] *n. a person in one's social class, a mate. Pl: dɔŋa.*

**dɔŋ** [dóŋ] *n. enemy. Pl: dɔma.*

**dɔŋa** [dòŋà] *recp. each other. a nɪbaala balɛ kpu dɔŋa wa 'The two men killed each other'. lagame dɔŋa 'Join each other'.*

**dɔŋtɪma** [dóntìinà] *n. same size, same status fellow. Pl: dɔntɪmsa. See: togoma.*

**dugo** [dùgò] *v. infest. a ɲammɪ dugou 'The maize has been infested (by insects)'.*

**dugunj** [dùgún] *n. spiritual location of a section.*

**duguṇṇuā** [dùgúnṇuā] *n. entrance of a spiritual location. Pl: duguṇṇuāsa.*

**dul** [dúl] *n. right (side). Pl: dullo.*  
*rel.n. right. waa tʃua i neɲ dul ni* ‘It is on your right hand side’. *Ant: gal.*

**dulugu** [dùlúgù] *n. type of bird. Pl: duluguso.*

**dumba** [dùmbá] *propn. third month.*

**dumbafulanaan** [dùmbáfúlánààn] *propn. fifth month.*

**dumbakokoriko** [dùmbákókórikó] *propn. fourth month.*

**dumii** [dúmíí] *n. bite.*

**duně** [dúně] *n. world. Pl: duně.*

**dunlatuo** [dùnlàtúò] *Variant: dundatuo. n. gall midge. Cecidomyiidae fam., Tabonoidea superfam. Pl: dunlatoso.*

**duṇju** [dùṇjú] *propn. twelfth month.*

**duṇusi** [duṇusi] *v. limp. hembii re tawa u nāā, awie u di duṇusi keɲ* ‘A nail entered his leg, that is why he is limping like that’. *See: zeɲsi.*

**duṇumaanḱuna** [dùṇúmàànḱùnà] *propn. eleventh month.*

**duo** [dùò] *n. asleep. a bie di tʃuo duo ro wɪwire* ‘The child slept well yesterday’.

**duoɲ** [dùòɲ] *n. rain. Pl: doso. a duoɲ wawau* ‘The rain has come’.

**duoɲsoi** [duoɲsoi] *n. lightning initiation. See: so duoɲ.*

**duseli** [dùsélíí] *n. person from Ducie. Pl: duselee.*

**dusi** [dùsì] *v. increase in weight. a baal hāāɲ tɲ dusio* ‘The man’s wife has increased in weight’.

**dusie** [dùsié] *n. Ducie village.*

**dũũ** [dũũ] *v. sow. ba ŋma di ja dũũ daanɔna* ‘They say we must sow seeds’.

**du** [dú] *v. 1 • putting something into water to make bad or good, or to serve as an enticement. ja ka du nii ra* ‘We are putting bate in the water’. *du bura* ‘Put the fermenting substance’.

*2 • seem. a du kii ba ka burɪ dusie ni* ‘It seems that they are looking for you in Ducie.’

*3 • be. piniě i jma ka du* ‘How is your father?’

**dua** [dùà] *Variant: duə. v. 1 • be in, be at, be on. kipo duə smdia ni* ‘Kipo is in the bar’.

*2 • adhere to a religion. u duə jam ni* ‘He is a muslim’.

**dua** [dùà] *n. liquid mixture of sodium carbonate. Pl: dua. See: kãũ.*

**duasi** [dúási] *pl.v. be in a row.*

**dugu** [dùgú] *n. type of dance.*

**duguli** [dùgùlì] *Variant: dugule. v. near. a baal duguli dia ni ra* ‘The man is near the house’. *daanon tʃua duguli a fala ni* ‘A fruit lies near the calabash’. *Ant: bolo.*

**duguni** [dùgùnì] *v. chase, to be after something or someone. duguni a vaa ta* ‘Chase away the dog’.

**dugusa** [dùgúsá] *n. loose stomach.*

**duksa** [dúɣəsá] *n. dysentery. Amoebiasis.*

**dukpeni** [dúkpénì] *n. Royal python. Pl: dukpenise. Python regius.*

**duma** [dómà] *v. bite. à ól dómáɲ nà* ‘The mouse bit me’.

**duma** [dòmá] *n. soul. Pl: dumasa.*

**dunkafuuri** [dùnkáfùùrì] *Lit: bite and blow. n. insincerity, hypocrisy.*

**dunsi** [dúnsí] *pl.v. bite. n. type of worm.*

**duṇmebummo** [duṇmebummo] *n. type of Green-lined snake. Hapsidophrys lineata.*

**duṇmenɲ** [dùṇméné] *n. Red-lined snake. Bothrophthalmus lineatus. Pl: duṇmesa.*

**duṇmesɪama** [duṇmesɪama] *n. type of Green-lined snake. Hapsidophrys lineata.*

**duo** [dùò] *v. fetch water in large quantity, specifically at a well or river. ŋ ŋma ŋ ka duo nii ra* ‘I want to fetch water’. *See: jaa.*

**duoga** [dùògá] *v. play.*

**duɪ** [dùsì] *v. quench. duɪ diɲ haɲ* ‘Quench this fire’.

**dũgal** [dũgal] *n. type of snake.*

**dũũ** [dũũ] *n. African python. Pl: dũsa. Python sebae.*

**dũũwie** [dũũwíé] *n. type of snake. SynT: mábíéwáátèlèpúsɪɲ* ‘brother will not come and meet me’.



**dɜabelan** [dɜàbèlàn] *n. henna. Lawsonia inermis.*

**dɜagala** [dɜàɣàlà] *n. someone. From: Waali.*

**dɜanse** [dɜánsè] *n. type of dance. From: ultm. English.*

**dɜanǎǎ** [dɜánǎǎ] *n. bearing tray made with the fiber of the climber tfinie. Pl: dɜanǎǎsa. See: filii.*

**dɜebuni** [dɜebuni] *propn. Jebuni.*

**dɜebalan** [dɜèbálàn] *Variant: amið. n. cat. Usage: Gurumbele. See: diebie. From: Gonja.*

**dɜebugokpurgu** [dɜébúgòkpúrəgí] *n. gunpowder container. Pl: dɜebugokpurgie.*

**dɜefe** [dɜèfè] *n. land clearing done in the rainy season when the grasses are well grown and thick, principal for growing yam.*

**dɜefebummo** [dɜèfèbúm mò] *n. farm land with a considerable amount of moisture in the soil. Usually between October and December.*

**dɜefepumma** [dɜèfèpòm má] *n. dry farm land, or land with little moisture in the soil. Usually after December.*

**dɜergu** [dɜérgí] *n. sick or weak person. Pl: dɜergie.*

**dɜerka** [dɜèrəká] *Variant: dɜarga; garaga. n. sickness. Pl: dɜerkasa.*

**dɜetu** [dɜètì] *n. lion. Pl: dɜetisa. SynT: juzentma.*

**dɜinedzine** [dɜìnèdɜìnè] *qual. 1 • sky appearance, suggests rain. a tiimuɗ du dɜinedzine ‘The east is not clear’. 2 • type of color; yellowish-brown.*

**dɜiendɔŋ** [dɜîèndɔŋ] *n. one in a pair of twin. Pl: dɜiendɔŋa.*

**dɜiensa** [dɜîènsá] *n. twins. Pl: dɜiensa.*

**dɜiera** [dɜîera] *n. sieve. From: Waali.*

**dɜimbentu** [dɜím bēntò] *propn. first month.*

**dɜumburo** [dɜùm búrò] *n. soup ingredient, also used as medicine. Pl: dɜumburuso. From: Waali.*

**dɜuɔŋ** [dɜùɔŋ] *n. hamok. Pl: dɜuɔŋ.*

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**egla** [ʔèɣlá] *n. jaw. Pl: eglasa.*

**embeli** [ʔémbélí] *n. 1 • shoulder. 2 • wing. Pl: embele. See: siebii.*

**embeltɕugul** [ʔémbéltɕùgùl] *n. shoulder joint. Pl: embeltɕugulo.*

**ensɪ** [ʔènsì] *v. squeeze. ensɪ lumburo nni tie i bie ‘Squeeze the orange juice for your child’.*

**ẽẽ** [ʔẽẽ] *Variant: ðð. interj. yes.*

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**faa** [fáà] *n. ancient. keɣ fi wa jaa faa ni ‘This was not done in those days’. nni na faatuma fi ja jaa ‘This is what the ancestors used to do’.*

**faala** [fáálá] *Variant: faatuma. pl.n. ancestors. faala fi laare tɔna ‘Our grand parents use to wear skins’.*

**fakelɪa** [fákèlîè] *n. broken piece of calabash. Pl: fakelɪsa.*

**fakiine** [fákîiné] *n. index finger. Pl: fakiinese.*

**fala** [fálá] *n. section of a calabash used as liquid container. Pl: falasa. See: loŋ.*

**falanenɔ** [fálánɛŋ] *Lit: calabash arm. n. calabash stem. Pl: falanese.*

**falaʔul** [fáláʔúl] *Lit: calabash navel. n. calabash node. Pl: falaʔulo.*

**falɔ** [falɔ] *n. low land.*

**falɔmbua** [fálɔmbùá] *n. valley. Pl: falɔmbuasa.*

**fǎǎ** [fǎǎ] *adv. by force. ɲ kpa ban tɕiasɪ u gar fǎǎ ‘I tear her cloth by force angrily’. tɕuɔsim pisa fǎǎ sii wa ‘Early day break, rise and come!’*

*v. 1 • depend on. a baal fǎǎ u tɕena dɪ diu ‘The man depends on his friend abusively’. 2 • draw milk from. fulahǎǎŋ kaa fǎǎ nǒʔil la ‘The Fulani woman draw milk from the udder of the cow’.*

**felfel** [félfél] *adv. manner of movement, as a light weight entity, applicable to leaves, animals and humans. u tɕoje kaalɪ felfel ‘She ran away, lightly’.*

**ferrɪ** [férfí] *n. air potato. Dioscorea bulbifera. Pl: ferrɛ.*

**fetr** [fétí] v. *press*.

**fi** [fí] num. *ten*.

**fidalra** [fidàlià] num. *twelve*.

**fidaloro** [fidàlòrò] num. *sixteen*.

**fidalupe** [fidálùpè] num. *seventeen*.

**fidanaase** [fidànáásè] num. *fourteen*.

**fidapñ** [fidápñ] num. *fifteen*.

**fidatoro** [fidátòrò] num. *thirteen*.

**fididigru** [fididígí] num. *eleven*.

**fididigntuo** [fididígíntù] num. *nineteen*.

**fidinmentel** [fidinméntél] num. *eighteen*.

**fiel** [fiél] n. *hollowed grass*. Pl: **fiel**.

**fiise** [fiísè] v. *wipe anus*. ñ fiísè ñ mún nò ‘I wipe my buttocks’.

**filii** [fílií] n. *bearing tray carved in wood*. Pl: **filie**.  
See: **dʒaŋǎǎ**.

**finii** [finî] qual. *little, a bit of*. tɛŋ jesa tama finii ‘Give me a little bit of salt’.

**fio** [fió] interj. *totally not*. ñ wa laa keŋ fio ‘I totally don't agree to this’.

**fi** [fi] Variant: **fi**. tam. past. ñ fi kaali kuo ro aka ñ bara wa lema ‘I would have gone to farm, but I'm not well’.

**fièbr** [fièbì] v. 1 • whip. ù kǎá fièbì à bié rē ‘He will whip the child’.  
2 • pound grains to remove outer cover.

**fiñle** [fiñlè] v. *look at or watch something carefully or angrily*. jineǎ i ka fiñleŋ ‘Why do you peek at me?’  
u fiñle kuoso ju ro ‘He is watching the sky’.

**filɛŋfintu** [filɛŋfintú] n. *type of roundleaf bat, very small in size and usually found around buildings*.  
*Hipposideros gen.*. Pl: **filɛŋfintu**.

**fira** [firà] v. *force*. fira i bie u kaali sukuu ‘Force your child to go to school’.

**fii** [fií] n. *type of fish*. Pl: **fina**.

**fii** [fií] v. *urinate*. a baal fii fimusa laa bar ‘The man urinates frequently along’.

**fiiññ** [fiíññ] n. *urine*. Pl: **fiiñsa**. ñ fii fiiññ ‘I will urinate’.

**fiiññfogo** [fiíññfògò] n. *syphilis*.

**fiiññ** [fiíññ] n. *harassment*. Pl: **fiiññ**.

**fobii** [fòbí] Variant: **falabii**. pl.n. *type of calabash seed*.

**folo** [fòlò] v. *be displaced unexpectedly; be loose and then be removed*. ñ pabii folo li u daa ni ‘My hoe blade loosed from its shaft’.

**foo** [fóó] conn. *unless, if not*. di i kaa jawa moto foo waa ni ‘If you want to purchase a moto, unless you do it in Wa’.

**foro** [fòrò] v. *proud, boast*. a hǎǎŋ kaa foro kmkan na ‘The woman is boasting a lot’.

**foto** [fótò] n. *picture*. Pl: **fotoso**. From: ultm. English.

**fɔfɔta** [fɔfɔtà] n. *lung*. Pl: **fɔfɔtasa**.

**fɔgɔl** [fɔɣəl] n. *type of grass which resembles sorghum, found near water ponds and rivers*.  
Pl: **fɔgɔla**.

**fɔli** [fɔli] qual. *new*.

**fɔŋa** [fɔŋá] n. *strength*. u wa kɔpaga fɔŋa ‘She hasn't got strength’.

**fɔŋatuma** [fɔŋàtúma] qual. *strong*. Ant: **tʃokmɛ**.

**fɔra** [fɔrà] v. *stuck, choke, block a flow*. ka fɔra a tʃitʃarabua ‘Go close the bathroom's gutter’.

**fɔri** [fɔrí] qual. *narrow*. Ant: **penri**.

**fɔsi** [fɔsí] v. *collect by force, cheat*. u fɔsi a bie mǔŋgo a di ‘She took the child's mango and ate it’. i fɔsi ñ na anɛ buɔtra fi ni ‘You swindle twenty pesewas from me’.

**fɔũ** [fɔũ] n. *baboon*. *Papio anubis*. Pl: **fɔta**.

**fɔwa** [fɔwà] v. *wrap*. a hǎǎŋ fɔwa molebie u gar nǔǎ ni ‘The woman wrap money at the edge of her cloth’.

**friɣu** [friɣù] n. *funeral dance*.

**fuful** [fufúl] n. *ash of burnt grass*.

**fuole** [fùólè] v. *whistle*. ñ fùólé fùólò rō ‘I whistled’. i wa kmfuolii tɔu paɛfɛŋ ni ‘You cannot whistle in the village’.

**fuolo** [fùóló] n. *whistle*. Pl: **fuoloso**.

**fuori** [fùòrì] v. *strip a plant from its leaves by pulling along the stem*. fuori a mǎ paatfaga ta ka a na sii ‘Pluck the guinea corn leaves so they can grow’.

**fuosi** [fùòsì] v. 1 • eat with a spoon as in porridge and soup consumption. u fuosi kubii re ‘She eats the porridge’.  
2 • escape out of a grip of another person. u fuosije tʃo li polisi tiisa ‘He escaped from the police station’.

**fuuri** [fùùrì] v. *blow*. u fuuri a diŋ dɔsi ‘He quench the flame’.

**fũĩ** [fũĩ] *n. burning. a kpaan fũĩ wa wire* ‘The burning of the yam is not good’.

**fũũ** [fũũ] *v. burn. wosa fũũ hola ra* ‘Wosa burnt charcoal’.

**fuã** [fuã] *n. ash used as white paint. See: pumma.*

**fufugee** [fufugèè] *n. type of tree. Grewia hookerama. Pl: fufugesä.*

**fuful** [fufül] *n. type of tree, also known as the Gold Coast Bombax. Bombax buonopozense. Pl: fufula.*

**fug** [fug] *v. light weight. Ant: jugo.*

**ful** [fúl] *n. 1 • type of creeper.*  
*2 • soup ingredient. Pl: fulla.*

**funa** [fünà] *v. shave.*

**fonti** [fönti] *v. peel with fingers.*

**funj** [fũj] *n. shaving knife. Pl: funna. fũn ná* ‘It is a shaving knife’.

**funfugul** [fũfũyól] *n. foam. Pl: funfugula. a kowie kpaya funfugul la* ‘That soap makes plenty foam’.

**fuusi** [fũüsì] *v. insert air in a balloon, or as sick person increases in size. ò fũúsú* ‘He increased in size from sickness or poisoning’. *u fuusi a naã ffinĩ lon no u beregrì bøl* ‘He blew the cow’s bladder into a football’.

**fũũ** [fũũ] *n. lower back. Pl: fũũna.*

**fũũfũũ** [fũũfũũ] *n. light cloth, such as material like linen, mosquito net or head gear. Pl: fũũfũũsa.*

## g

**gaabu** [gààbù] *n. dried and pressed onion leaves. Pl: gaabusö.*

**gaali** [gààli] *v. 1 • be over, cover partially. a tøn ni i gaali keñ* ‘The paper, you are over it like that’. *ti gaali a bua ni keñ* ‘Don’t bend over the hole like that’.

*2 • abound. ñ tuma gaaliu* ‘My work is too much’.

**gaasi** [gáási] *v. pass. i gaasi de ni re, bra wa* ‘You passed the place, come back!’ *bmsa fi ka gaasie, u waa* ‘He had come ten years ago’.

**gafra** [gáfrà] *interj. excuse. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**gagati** [gàyàti] *n. type of shrub. Pl: gagati.*

**gal** [gál] *n. left (side). Pl: galla.*  
*rel.n. left. waa tfoa i neñ gal ni* ‘It is on your left hand side’. *Ant: dul.*  
*qual. unripped. mangogal* ‘Unripped mango’.

**gala** [gala] *n. farm space measurement, about the quarter of an acre. Pl: galasa.*

**gala** [gálá] *v. go over and across, pass something or somewhere. a baal gala haglikm ni ra* ‘The man went over the snake’.

**galaja** [gàlájá] *n. madness.*

**galanzur** [gàlànzúr] *n. mad person. Pl: galanzura. See: galaja.*

**galmga** [gàlĩgà] *n. middle. Pl: galmgasa. u tele tiwii galmga ra aka bra waa* ‘He reached half way and returned’. *See: bambaanj.*

**gantál** [gàntál] *Variant: habuo. n. 1 • back. Pl: gantala.*

*2 • follow. ñ gantal tuma jaa balie wa* ‘I have two siblings younger than me’. *See: suu.*  
*rel.n. back, behind. waa dua a fala gantal ni* ‘It is behind the calabash’.

**gantál** [gántál] *n. outside.*

**gantál loha** [gàntál lóhà] *n. backtalk. wusa gantál loha kanãũ* ‘The backtalking of Wusa is too much’.

*See: logantal.*

**gantálbaanhok** [gàntálbáánhòg] *n. spine, vertebral column. Pl: gantalbaanhogo.*

**ganjanj** [gànggàn] *n. type of dance.*

**ganji** [gànji] *v. appear, part of an object appearing. sota ganji nããpiel ni, tñuti ta* ‘Part of the thorn appears on the sole of my foot, pull it out’.

**gapumma** [gàpùmmá] *n. woven cotton cloth. Pl: gapulunsa.*

**gar** [gàr] *n. single piece of cloth covering the body. Pl: gata.*

**gar** [gáf] *n. timber stable. Pl: gara.*

**gara** [gàrà] *v. 1 • pierce through.*  
*2 • lie across.*

**garsũor** [gàsũór] *Lit: cloth weaver. n. weaver. See: sũor.*

**garzagati** [gàrzáyátí] *n. rag. Pl: garzagatia.*

**gatigati** [gátígátí] *qual. scattered. dũũ a pammu gatigati* ‘Sow the corn here and there’.

**gatuolie** [gàtúóliè] *n. type of bird. Pl: gatuolise.*

**gããniḡããni** [gããniḡããni] *qual. cloud state signaling rain.*

**ger** [gɛf] *n. lizard (type of). Pl: gete.*

**geni** [gɛní] *Variant: dʒani, dʒeni. n. fool. Pl: genie. Ant: siilalla, nahĩ. See: kmtfuma.*

**gerega** [gɛrɛgá] *Variant: dʒerka. n. sickness. Pl: geregasa.*

**gerege** [gɛrɛgɛ] *v. be sick. i kaa gerege ‘You will be sick’.*

**gi** [gí] *v. cross. ɲ gi a goɲ na ‘I crossed the river’.*

**griegi** [gɛ̃gɛí] *n. nick name. Pl: griegie.*

**gila** [gìlâ] *v. allow, let. gílâ ɲ zímâ ‘let me know’.*

**gila zima** [gìlâ zímâ] *Lit: let show. cpx.v. prove. gila ɲ zima di i lei ‘Prove to me that you are not the one’.*

**giltie** [giltiɛ] *Lit: let give. cpx.v. forgive.*

**go** [gó] *v. round, enclose. a ɲmeɲ go a daa ra ‘The rope is around the tree’. a vaa dusa a bie baramuɲ gou ‘The dog bit the child all over his body’.*

**gogo** [gógó] *n. type of ant. Pl: gogosi. Usage: Motigu. See: haglibie.*

**gogosiamma** [gógósiàmâ] *n. type of ant. Usage: Motigu. See: haglibisransa.*

**golii** [gólíí] *n. type of grass. Sporobolus pyramidalis. Pl: golee.*

**gongobiridaa** [gòɲgòbíridàà] *Variant: gongobiri. n. desert date. Balanites aegyptiaca. Pl: gongobiridaasa.*

**goɲo** [góɲò] *n. type of tree. Nauclea latifolia. Pl: goɲoso.*

**goɲonɔɲ** [góɲòɲóɲ] *n. type of fruit. Pl: goɲonɔna. See: goɲo.*

**goɲtoga** [gòntógâ] *n. type of tree. Pl: goɲtogasa.*

**goro** [gòrò] *qual. curved. à dáá góró ‘The wood is curved’.*

*v. circle. ba goro a dia ra ‘They enclosed the house’.*

**goɲ** [góɲ] *n. 1 • river. Pl: goɲa.*

*2 • type of plant.*

**goɲbuo** [gòmbùó] *n. river path. Pl: goɲbuona.*

**goɲnãã** [gónnãã] *Lit: river leg. n. branch of a river.*

**goɲnũã** [góɲnũã] *n. river bank.*

**goɲwie** [gòɲwíɛ] *n. stream. Pl: goɲwise.*

**goɲzeɲ** [góɲzɛɲ] *n. large river. Pl: goɲzene.*

**goɲzeɲii** [góɲzɛɲíí] *n. long river. Pl: goɲzeɲĩĩ.*

**gru** [grí] *n. cheek. Pl: grua.*

**grumbelili** [grùmbèlilí] *n. person from Gurumbele. Pl: grumbelilee.*

**gulongulon** [gùlóngùlón] *qual. circular, round shape.*

**gunnããsiɲtʃaumun** [gúnnããsiɲtʃáúmùn] *Lit: Person's name tree under. propn. name a place on the old Ducie-Wa road, closer to Ducie.*

**guno** [gùnó] *n. cotton. Pl: gunso.*

**gunɗaabii** [gùndààbíí] *n. thread holder for spinning cotton (without thread). Pl: gunɗaabee. See: ɲmedaa.*

**guori** [guori] *n. kola nut. Usage: Katua. See: kapusie.*

**gurba** [gùrɔbá] *n. fibrous waste, product of beating the plant known as piel. It is used to support gunpowder in the barrel.*

**gurpe** [gùrpé] *n. pin, may be used to decorate a gun. Pl: gurpese.*

**guti** [gùtì] *v. coil, roll. sii a guti i kaleɲ tɲ ‘Get up and roll your mat’. kpaɲa a kaleɲ guti ‘Roll the mat’.*

**gutugu** [gùtúgù] *n. type of yam. Pl: gutuguso.*

**guurii** [gúúríí] *n. type of ant. Pl: guuree.*

**gua** [gùà] *v. dance.*

**gua** [gùá] *n. dance. Pl: guana.*

**guaguar** [gùàguár] *n. dancer. Pl: guaguara.*

**guma** [gùmá] *n. hump of the back, deformity. Pl: gunsa.*

**gumatima** [gùmatìinâ] *n. hunchback, person with a humped back.*

**gumpera** [gùmpèrà] *n. type of climber. Pl: gumperasa.*

**guoree** [gùòrɛ̀ɛ̀] *n. spotted grass-mouse. Lemniscomys striatus. Pl: guoree.*

## gb

**gba** [gba] *quant. also. i gbà kàá kààlùù ‘You too will go’.*

**gbaa** [gbàà] *v. keep and control animals. kà gbàà pièsíè ‘Go watch the sheep’.*

**gbaga** [gbàgà] *n. type of monitor lizard usually found inland. Usage: Motigu. Pl: gbagase. i kóná àkù tètʃááɲgbàgà ‘You are lean as a dry season alligator’. See: bãã, badʒogu. Varanus.*

**gbagba** [gbàgbá] *Variant: gbege. n. duck. Pl: gbagbasa.*  
*From: Waali.*

**gbambala** [gbámàlà] *n. albinos. Pl: gbambalasa.*

**gbajasa** [gbàjásá] *n. expectation. n nũũ a molibie*  
*gbajasa ra ‘I expect money’.*

**gbangbanj** [gbámgbànj] *n. harmattan.*

**gbajsi** [gbàjɛ̀si] *v. touch. gbajasi n juu na, u wiu ‘Touch my head, it is paining me’.*

**gbar** [gbár] *n. herder. Pl: gbara. m bie ja nõgbar ra ‘My son is a cowherd’.*

**gbelinej** [gbèlɛ̀njé] *n. small bell worn around the waist by the last born of the dead at his or her last funeral. Pl: gbelɛ̀njɛ.*

**gbel** [gbél] *n. type of tree. Ficus elasticoides. Pl: gbela.*

**gbenu** [gbénɪ́f] *n. red-colored stone. Pl: gbenu.*  
*qual. pink. à gbénɪ́f díò ‘The pinkness is reached’.*

**gbentaga** [gbèntàɣá] *n. big calabash used for bathing, the biggest natural container. Pl: gbentagasa.*

**gbentagasi** [gbèntàgàsi] *Variant: sɪ̀nũmmè. n. type of plant. Pl: gbentagasi.*

**gbera** [gbèrà] *n. sponge used to wash one's body.*  
*Pl: gberasa.*

**gbera** [gbèrà] *v. soak sand for the preparation of local bricks.*

**gberu** [gbérɪ́f] *n. cripple. Pl: gberɛ.*

**gbesa** [gbésà] *n. chewing stick. Pl: gbesasa.*

**gbetara** [gbètárá] *n. shallow pond found in the bush.*  
*Pl: gbetarasa.*

**gbetr** [gbètɪ] *v. inability to learn, to act, to demonstrate. n bɪmhaan tɪj gbetr ‘My daughter is unable to learn’.*

**gbetɛ** [gbètɛ̀] *n. stupid person. Pl: gbetisa.*

**gbiegie** [gbìègìè] *n. type of hawk. Pl: gbiegise.*

**gbinj** [gbínj] *n. bracelet. Pl: gbinne.*

**gbingbinj** [gbínjgbínj] *qual. crowded. a dia ja gbingbinj ne ‘The house is full of people’.*

**gbĩã** [gbĩã] *n. type of monkey. Pl: gbĩãna.*  
*SynT: nengaltma ‘left-hand owner’.*

**gbĩãkul** [gbĩãkúl] *Lit: monkey t.z.. n. sweet sop, type of fruit. Anonna senegalensis. Pl: gbĩãkulsã.*

**gbĩãsiama** [gbĩãsiàmá] *n. red patas monkey.*  
*Erythrocebus patas.*

**gbĩãtɪi** [gbĩãtɪi] *Lit: monkey Akee. n. type of tree.*  
*Agelaea paradoxa. Pl: gbĩãtise.*

**gbol** [gból] *n. type of lizard. Pl: gbollo.*

**gbolo** [gbòlò] *propn. Gbolo, person's name.*

**gbonj** [gbónj] *n. type of tree. Pl: gbonjo.*

**gbonj** [gbónj] *n. big water pot. Pl: gbonjo. From: Tampulma. See: bugulie.*

**gbul** [gbúl:] *qual. blunt. Pl: gbullo. Ant: dii.*

**gbuɲa** [gbũ̀ɲà] *v. thick, dense. tɛ a kubii gbuɲa ‘Let the porridge be thick’.*

**gbuɲwale** [gbũ̀ɲwálé] *Lit: populous people. propn. section of Ducie. Etym: nɪgbuɲwɔlɛɛ.*

## h

**ha** [ha] *tam. yet. ù há wà wááwá ‘He has not yet come’.*

**ha** [há] *v. hire. ja ha lolɪ kaalɪ a luho ro ‘We hired a car to go to the funeral’.*

**haalɪ** [háálɪ] *conn. yet. u jireu saɲa muɲ, haalɪ u ha wa waawa ‘He called her long time ago, yet she has not come’.*

**haglibie** [háɣlɪbìè] *Variant: mmĩã. n. type of ant.*  
*Pl: haglibise. See: solbie.*

**haglibii** [háɣlɪbíí] *n. sand block used to build houses.*  
*Pl: haglibie.*

**haglibisiansa** [háɣlɪbìsiànsá] *n. type of ant.*  
*Pl: haglibisiansa.*

**haglu** [háɣlɪ] *n. ground, soil, sand. Pl: hagla.*

**haglɪjɔgsɪi** [hàɣlɪjɔgəsɪi] *n. soft ground.*

**haglɪkɪj** [háɣlɪkɪj] *n. snake. Pl: haglikma.*

**haglɪkpeg** [hàɣlɪkpég] *n. hard ground.*

**hakɪla** [hákilá] *n. cognition, reasoning. Pl: hakɪlasa.*

**hal** [hál] *n. egg. Pl: hala.*

**hala** [hàlà] *v. fry. See: pɪga.*

**halinguomii** [háɣlɪgũ̀òmɪi] *n. millipede, underground pests which bore into yam tubers to feed.*  
*Myriapoda. Pl: halinguomie. See: numanɛr.*

**halɪ** [háɣlɪ] *qual. frying. kpaan halɪ ‘Fried yam’.*

**hambak** [hámbák] *n. type of tree. Pilostigma thonningi. Pl: hambaga.*

**hambara** [hámbàrà] *n. barrenness; lack of  
reproductivity attributed to male or female.*  
*Pl: hambarasa.*

**hamonanaũ** [hámónánáũ] *n. assassin bug.*  
*Pl: hamonanaũna. Reduviidae.*

**hamõŋ** [hámõŋ] *n. child. Pl: hamõna. See: bie; bisuõna.*

**hamõwie** [hámõwíè] *n. small child. Pl: hamõwise.*

**handõŋ** [hándõŋ] *n. woman's rival who is married to  
the same man. Pl: handõsa.*

**handõŋmusa** [hándõmmüsá] *n. jealousy.*

**hanzõŋ** [hánzõŋ] *n. widow ready to remarry.*  
*Pl: hanzomo. See: luhããŋ.*

**han** [hàn] **1 • dem. this. Pl: hama.**  
**2 • adv. presently.**

**harigi** [hàrigì] *v. try. harigi paase i teesi ni* ‘Try to pass  
your test’. *ò hárfgi kà pàrà kùó* ‘He should try to  
have a farm’.

**hasuõŋ** [hásuõŋ] *n. woman who recently gave birth.*

**hã** [há] *v. hate. ñ hã ñ tʃitʃa ra* ‘I hate my teacher’.

**hããŋ** [háãŋ] *n. 1 • wife.*  
**2 • female.**  
**3 • woman. Pl: hããna. See: niããŋ.**

**hããsii** [háãsíí] *qual. 1 • bitter. kinhããsíí rà* ‘It is  
something bitter’.  
**2 • be annoyed. niããsíí rè jáá à báál** ‘That man  
easily grows annoyed’.

**hãhríè** [háhríè] *n. old woman. Pl: hãhréta.*

**hãwie** [háwíè] *n. ego's junior brother's wife.*

**hele** [hèlé] *n. type of squirrel. Pl: helese.*  
*SynT: muŋzɪtma.*

**hembii** [hèmbíí] *n. nail. Pl: hembie.*

**hẽhẽse** [hẽhẽsè] *n. announcer. Pl: hẽhẽse.*

**hẽsee** [hẽsèè] *n. message. Pl: hẽsee.*

**hẽsi** [hẽsí] *v. announce. tɔtɔma ŋma di ba hẽsi ma ka*  
*para kuo* ‘The landowner says they announced that  
you go and work at the farm’.

**hembie** [hèmbié] *n. small bowl. Pl: henwise.*

**hembola** [hèmbòlá] *n. medium size bowl.*  
*Pl: hembolasa.*

**hena** [hèná] *n. bowl. Pl: henssa.*

**hẽŋgbaa** [hẽŋgbàà] *n. bowl, container used to stir shea  
butter. Pl: hẽŋgbaana.*

**hẽŋsi** [hẽŋsí] *v. lie. a bie hẽŋsi wíè du ñ nũã ni ra* ‘The  
child lied to me’.

**hẽŋ** [hẽŋ] *n. arrow. Pl: hema.*

**hiẽsi** [hiẽsí] *v. 1 • rest, relax. ka saŋa daamun ni hiẽsi*  
‘Go sit under a tree and rest’.  
**2 • draw air into the lungs.**

**hire** [hìrè] *v. dig.*

**hirii** [híríí] *n. digging.*

**hiĩ** [híí] *n. animal hind leg. Pl: hiẽ. See: vaan.*

**hielŋ** [hielŋ] *qual. matured.*

**hiena** [hièná] *n. family relation or blood relation.*  
*Pl: hiena. ŋmiẽ wojo hiena kã vâlã* ‘What is Wojo's  
family relationship?’

**hiena** [hièná] *n. ego's father's sister. Pl: hiensa.*

**hiẽŋ** [hiéŋ] *n. relative by maternal and paternal  
descent. Pl: hiemba.*

**hiẽ** [hiè] *v. age; grow old. miŋ hiẽ* ‘I am older than  
you’. *i lei hiẽŋ* ‘You are not older than me’.  
*Ant: wíè.*

**hiẽsi** [hiẽsí] *v. be old. ñ ŋma hiẽsi* ‘My father is old’.

**hiĩ** [híí] *n. witch. Pl: hila.*

**hiŋ** [híŋ] *2.sg.st. you.*

**hiĩ** [híí] *interj. exclamation expressing disappreciation  
of an action carried out by someone else.*

**hiĩsa** [hiĩsá] *qual. shy. hiĩsa kpayau ra* ‘She is shy’.

**hiwã** [híwã] *v. trap.*

**hog** [hóg] *n. bone. Pl: hogo.*

**hogul** [hòyúl] *n. cockroach. Pl: hogulo.*

**hol** [hól] *n. type of tree. Afzelia bella. Pl: holo.*

**holbii** [hólbii] *n. Afzelia bella seed. Pl: holbie.*

**holnõŋpeti** [hólnõŋpètii] *n. Afzelia bella seed shell.*

**hol** [hól] *n. piece of charcoal. Pl: hola.*

**holn** [hólíí] *n. Lit: charcoal. Sisaala person. Pl: holee.*

**hõsi** [hõsí] *v. shout. hõsi a bie di u bra wa* ‘Shout to the  
child that he must come back’. *i nũũ a duõŋ hõsi ra*  
‘Did you hear the thunder?’

**hõũ** [hõũ] *n. type of grasshopper. Pl: hõsa.*

**huor** [hùór] *qual. raw. Pl: huoto. à nãnhùór kánãũ* ‘The  
raw meat is abundant’.

**hula** [hula] *v. 1 • dry. tie a namĩã hula* ‘Let the meat be  
dry’.

**2 • empty. a vii wa hula** ‘The pot is not empty’.

**huln** [hólíí] *qual. 1 • dry.*

**2 • empty. Pl: hulie. Ant: suani, su.**

**hũŋ** [hũŋ] *n. farmer or hunter's gear, including all items required to take along for the day, the stay*

*or the journey. Pl: hũnna. See: pur.*

**hũor** [hũor] *n. stranger. Pl: hũora.*

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**ii** [ʔi] *v. praise. ii kuoso 'Praise God'.*

**iko** [ʔikò] *interj. title for the wosikuule clan. See: wosakuolo.*

**indzi** [ʔindzi] *n. engine. From: ultm. English.*

**irii** [ʔiri] *n. type, ethnic group, property, color. Pl: irie. nʔirii weŋ ka ja ja nal tɪŋ 'To which group of people does our grandfather belong?' baan ʔirii i ka buure 'What type do you want?'*

**isi** [ʔisi] *interj. title for the wosisiile clan. See: wosasiile.*

**ito** [ʔitò] *interj. title for the itolo clan. See: itolo.*

**itolo** [ítóló] *propn. clan found in Gurumbele. See: ito.*

**ĩ** [ʔĩ] *v. abdominal pressure for child delivery. di ĩ 'Push!'*

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## I

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**I** [ɪ] *2.sg. you. 2.sg.poss. your.*

**ije** [ʔijè] *interj. title for the ijela clan. See: ijela.*

**ijela** [ijèlà] *propn. clan found in Gurumbele. See: ije.*

**il** [ʔil] *n. breast. Pl: ɪla.*

**ile** [ʔilè] *interj. title for the wosileela clan. See: wosaleela.*

**ilnuã** [ʔilnũã] *n. nipple. Pl: ɪlnuãsa.*

**ɪtʃa** [ʔɪtʃa] *interj. title for the wosɪtʃaala clan. See: wosatʃaala.*

**ɪwe** [ʔɪwè] *interj. title for the wosɪwɪla clan. See: wosawɪla.*

**ĩã** [ʔĩã] *n. guinea worm. Pl: ɪãsa.*

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## j

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**ja** [ja] *Variant: je. 1.pl. we. us.*

*1.pl.poss. our.*

**ja** [ja] *Variant: jaa. v. do usually, habitually. tʃɔpɪsɪ bɪ mʊŋ u ja jau 'He does it every day'. tanu ja tie ger re 'Tangu do eat lizard'.*

**jaa** [jàà] *v. fetch water; take grains in quantity. jaa nɪ tɪŋ 'Fetch water and give it to me'. jaa pe 'Fetch more and pour some'. See: duo.*

**jaa** [jaa] *v. 1 • be. u jaa ɲ pɪna ra 'He is my father'. 2 • equal. kmaɪe i kpa pe aɪe nɪ, a jaa anaase 'Two plus two equals four'.*

**jaari** [jáári] *v. unable to do something. ɲ hããŋ jaariju 'My wife is unable to work'.*

**jaga** [jàyà] *v. 1 • hit. bakuri jaga vaa ta 'Bakuri hit the dog away'. ɲ kaa jagu tobii 'I will hit you with my arrow'.*

*2 • put down brusquely. tɪ wa kpa bonso di jaga hayɪn 'Don't put the cup down brusquely'.*

**jagasi** [jàyàsì] *pl.v. hit. sãnpuna jagasi pɔ daa nɪ 'The porcupine quills are hit and planted on the tree'.*

**jala** [jálá] *v. 1 • burst, explode. i jala wiliŋ ne 'You transpire'.*

*2 • rise. sii, wusa jalru 'Get up, the sun has risen'.*

**jarie** [jàrfè] *Variant: jalie; wɪzaama. n. muslim. Pl: jarisa. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**jarɪ** [jàrɪ] *n. islam.*

**jasanjabuɛi** [jàsánábúɛ̀i] *Lit: we sit slowly (Let's keep peace). propn. dog name.*

**jawa** [jáwà] *1.pl.st. we.*

**jawadir** [jàwàdɪr] *n. business person. Pl: jawadire.*

**jege** [jege] *v. shake.*

**jegisi** [jègìsì] *pl.v. shake a baby to calm it when it is crying. kpa a bie a saga ɪ naasa nɪ a dɪ jegisi* ‘Put the child on your laps and continue to be shaking her’.

**jele** [jélé] *v. 1 • crow. a zimbaal jeleu* ‘The cocks crowed’.

*2 • bloom, produce and bear flowers. m̩ maŋsa kaa jeleu* ‘My groundnuts are blooming’.

**jelee** [jèlèè] *n. blooming. a kuo maŋsa jelee wireu* ‘The groundnuts' blooming is good’.

**jibii** [jìbíí] *n. grain of salt.*

**jira** [jírà] *v. call. ka jira a baal dɪ ɪ waa* ‘Go and tell the man that he should come’.

**jirri** [jíríí] *n. calling. Pl: jirrie.*

**jisa** [jìsá] *n. salt. Pl: jisasa.*

**joguli** [jòyùlì] *v. sell. à sákɪ jògùlì lémó* ‘The bicycle's price is good’.

**jogulibon** [jòyùlibón] *qual. expensive.*

**jogulii** [jòyùlíí] *n. selling.*

**jogulilen** [jòyùliléŋ] *n. moderate price. wojo kpaga jogulilen na, a juu nɪ ɪ paturuu peti* ‘Wojo had moderate price, therefore his petrol got sold’.

**jogulo** [jòyùlò] *n. price. Pl: joguloso.*

**jolo** [jóló] *v. pour.*

**jolo** [jóló] *n. form of gardening in which the soil is raised above the surrounding soil. See: sampentrie.*

**jon** [jón] *n. slave. Pl: joso.*

**jogosi** [jòyàsì] *qual. soft. à bié bàtón jógósɔ̃* ‘The baby's skin is soft’. *Ant: kpege.*

**jowa** [jòwà] *Variant: jawa. v. buy. ka li jowa ka jowa kansa a wa tien* ‘Go to the market and buy me bean cakes’.

**jowa** [jòwá] *n. market. Pl: jousa.*

**jugii** [júgíí] *qual. heavy. Ant: fug.*

**jugo** [jugo] *v. 1 • weigh. kala jugoo bawolee bambaan nɪ* ‘Kala is the heaviest among his colleagues’. *Ant: fug.*

*2 • honor, respect.*

**juo** [júò] *n. fight, quarrel. Pl: juoso.*

*v. throw away.*

**juu** [jùù] *v. marry a man. ò jùù ɔ̃ ra* ‘She married him’. *See: kpa.*

**juu** [jùú] *n. rainy season.*

## k

**ka** [ka] *Variant: kaa. conn. 1 • and, then. kààlì ká wàà* ‘Go and come’. *kààlɪ kà brà wáá* ‘Go, then come back’.

*2 • but. n̩ káálí ká n̩ wà náú* ‘I went but I did not see him’.

*3 • or. jà káràmè, kàà jà káálì kùó* ‘Let's read, or we go to farm’.

**ka** [ka] *egr. go, egressive particle. See: wa.*

**kaa** [kàà] *conn. so.*

**kaa** [káá] *interg. where about, how about. kaa a kpulikpuli* ‘Where is the groundnut ball?’

**kaa** [kàá] *tam. will.*

**kaakɛ** [kààkɛ̃] *n. type of tree. Zanthoxylum zanthoxyloides. Pl: kaakɛsa.*

**kaakumo** [kààkúmò] *n. donkey. Pl: kaakumoso.*

**kaali** [kààlì] *v. 1 • go thither. ja kaali sukuu ro* ‘We went to school’.

*2 • exceed. wa kaalɪ* ‘He is better than me’. *wusa kaali kala batɔ̃lɪ nɪ* ‘Wusa is better than Kala in running’.

**kaasi** [kààsì] *v. 1 • clear throat; eject by coughing. n̩ kaasi kaasibii ta* ‘I bring out a phlegm out of my throat’.

*2 • coil. kaasi a n̩mɛŋ* ‘Coil the rope’.

**kaasibii** [kààsìbíí] *n. phlegm.*

**kabirime** [kàbíríímè] *n. catarrh.*

**kabil** [kábil] *n. horn flute. Pl: kabɪla.*

**kafuura** [kàfúúrá] *n. camphor. From: ultm. Arabic.*

**kaga** [kàyà] *v. choke, be across. a hok kaga n̩ lilebuo nɪ* ‘The bone has choked my throat’.

**kagal** [káyál] *n. farm space measurement, twice as big as a naakpaga. Pl: kagala.*

**kagale** [kàgàlè] *v. 1 • be unusually positioned, displaced from typical position. kpaga a dɪanuã kagale* ‘Open the door (properly)’.

*2 • lie across. n̩mɛŋ ka gaali a daakputii nɪ* ‘A rope lies across the tree stump’.

**kagba** [kàgbà] *n. straw hat. Pl: kagbasa. See: pintɕige.*

**kaka** [kàkà] *n. toothache. Pl: kaka.*



**kakaduro** [kákáádùrò] *Variant: kokodro. n. ginger.*

*Pl: kakaduroso. From: Akan.*

**kala** [kàlá] *propn. 1 • Kala, person's name.*

*2 • Buge village shrine.*

**kalemazul** [kàlènzàzúl] *n. sweet potato tube. Ipomoea, batatas. Pl: kalemazula.*

**kaleŋ** [kàlèŋ] *n. mat. Pl: kaleŋsa.*

**kaleŋbilenjẽẽ** [kàlèŋbílénjẽẽ] *n. kitchen adjuster used to support and stabilize cooking pots. Pl: kaleŋbilenjese.*

**kaleŋgbugutɪ** [kàlèŋgbùgùtì] *n. biggest wasp of those which make a nest. Pl: kaleŋgbugutisa.*

**kaleŋvilime** [kàlèŋvìlímé] *n. whirlwind. Pl: kaleŋviliŋse.*

**kalie** [kálié] *n. tomato. Usage: Katua. See: tʃelii.*

**kamboro** [kámbòrò] *n. half. Pl: kamboroso.*

**kan** [kan] *Variant: kana. v. abundant. ba kanãũ ‘They are plenty people’.*

**kana** [kánà] *n. arm ring. Pl: kanasa.*

**kandɪa** [kàndîà] *n. north.  
propn. Kandia village.*

**kanĩẽ** [kànîẽ] *n. Green monkey. Cercopithecus, aethiops. Pl: kansa.*

**kansa** [kánsá] *n. bean cake. Pl: kansasa.*

**kantʃɪma** [kàntʃímá] *Variant: kankɪma. n. debt.  
Pl: kantʃɪmsa.*

**kaŋa** [kàŋá] *n. back. Pl: kaŋasa.*

**kaŋgbeli** [kàŋgbéli] *n. cerebro spinal meningitis. Meningococcal meningitis. From: Waali.*

**kaŋɪtɪ** [kàŋítí] *n. patience. di kaŋɪtɪ ‘Be patient’.*

**kapala** [kàpálà] *n. fufu, staple food. From: Waali.*

**kapalasɔŋ** [kàpàlàsɔŋ] *n. cold fufu, left-over usually eaten in the morning. See: kapala.*

**kapenta** [kàpèntà] *n. carpenter. Pl: kapentasa. From: ultm. English.*

**kaputi** [káputì] *n. pillow. Pl: kaputuso.*

**kapusie** [kápusié] *n. kola nut. Pl: kapusie. See: guori.*

**karantie** [kàrántié] *n. cutlass. Pl: karantresa.*

**karatʃi** [kàrátʃì] *n. person who has received a formal education. Pl: karatʃise.*

**kasɪma** [kásímá] *n. corpse uniform consisting of a hat, trousers, smock and a cloth.*

**katuo** [kàtùò] *propn. Katua village. Etym: kotʃuò ‘bush lie down’.*

**katuolɪ** [kàtùólí] *n. person from Katua. Pl: katuolee.*

**katʃal** [kátʃál] *n. type of tree. Daniellia oliveri.*

*Pl: katʃala.*

**katʃalkpuŋiimuŋ** [kátʃálkpùŋìimùŋ] *propn. place name in Ducie.*

**katʃig** [kátʃíg] *n. type of bird. Pl: katʃigne.*

**kawaa** [kàwáá] *n. pumpkin plant. Pl: kawaasa.*

**kawaadadag** [kàwààdàdàg] *n. ringworm disease. Tinea corporis.*

**kãũ** [káũ] *n. solid mixture of sodium carbonate.  
Pl: kãũ. From: Waali. See: dua.*

**keŋ** [keŋ] *adv. like that, so. zaŋ u taa ka zene keŋ ‘Today he is talking loudly like that’. a hããŋ ŋma di, keŋ ‘The woman said, ‘so’.*

**kerigi** [kérigí] *pl.v. break. kerigi daasa du dɪŋ nɪ ‘Break firewood and put it into the fire’.*

**keti** [kèti] *Variant: tʃeti. v. break. a haŋ neŋ ketio ‘The woman's arm is broken’. keti kpaasa tɪŋ ‘Break a whip for me’.*

**kie** [kié] *n. half of a bird. Pl: kiete.*

**kiesii** [kíesíí] *n. type of bird. Pl: kiesie.*

**kiesimunluo** [kíèsimúnlùò] *n. type of plant.  
Pl: kiesimunluo.*

**kii** [kìi] *1 • conn. like, as. m buuru ra kii n tʃena ‘I like him as my friend’.  
2 • v. like, as. pataase wa wire kii hamõna ka di puã ‘Akpeteshie is bad for children to drink’. jà bárá tòn wá kii dɔŋà ‘Our skin are not the same’.*

**kiini** [kíini] *Variant: tʃiini. v. bring out, remove. kiini i loga patʃɪŋ kma muŋ bile ‘Bring out everything that is in your bag and put it down’.*

**kil** [kíl:] *n. dance floor.*

**kilimie** [kílímìè] *n. pepper. Usage: Katua. See: tʃimmãã.*

**kisi** [kísì] *v. pray, wish.*

**kisie** [kísíé] *n. knife. Pl: kisise.*

**kɪasɪ** [kíàsí] *Variant: tʃɪasɪ. v. tear apart. a hããŋ gar kɪasɪ ‘The woman's cloth is torn’.*

**kɪe** [kíè] *v. collect contribution. duselee ja kɪe molebie bo asibɪtɪ wotʃɪmãĩ ‘The people from Ducie collected contribution and paid the clinic's watchman’.*

**kɪle** [kəlèé] *n. type of bird. Pl: kɪlesɪa.*

**km** [kîŋ] *n. thing. Pl: kma.*

**km** [kîn] *abl. ability, possibility. u wa km wa ‘He is not able to come’. i kaa km kaalu ‘You may go’.*

**km-** [kɪn] *clf. classifier particle for concrete entity.*

**km̩baŋ** [kɪmbaŋ] *n. bad thing. Usage: Katua.*  
*See: km̩bɔŋ.*

**km̩bírɪŋ** [kɪmbírɪŋ] *n. whole.*

**km̩bɔŋ** [kɪmbɔŋ] *n. bad thing. See: km̩baŋ.*

**km̩larn̩** [kɪnlárn̩] *n. piece of clothing. Pl: km̩laree.*

**km̩liem̩ii** [kɪnliēm̩ii] *n. hanging object; ornament or piece of jewelry attached to a necklace or bracelet.*  
*Pl: km̩liem̩ee.*

**km̩nsɔŋ** [kɪnsɔŋ] *n. something cold.*

**km̩ntʃrag̩ii** [kɪntʃrag̩ii] *n. something easily breakable.*

**km̩ntʃual̩n̩** [kɪntʃual̩n̩] *n. mat, mattress. Pl: km̩ntʃualee.*

**km̩ntʃuma** [kɪntʃumá] *n. dirty or bad thing, may also be used to refer to an unappreciated person.*

**km̩nwíl̩n̩** [kɪnwíl̩n̩] *n. sore. Pl: km̩nwíle.*

**km̩nzɛŋ** [kɪnzɛŋ] *n. big thing. Pl: km̩nzenee.*

**km̩zm̩n̩** [kɪnzín̩n̩] *n. horse. Pl: km̩zm̩ie.*

**km̩nzɪŋĩ** [kɪnzɪŋĩ] *n. long thing. Pl: km̩nzɪŋẽ.*

**km̩ndɪŋ** [kɪndɪŋ] *n. valuable thing. See: dm̩ŋ.*

**km̩ŋkaj** [kɪŋkáj] *adv. many, much, abundantly. duo tʃuor km̩ŋkaj wa wire ‘Sleeping too much is not good’.*  
*quant. many; much.*

**km̩ŋkurugie** [kɪŋkùrùgìè] *Variant: km̩ŋkuree. n. enumeration, number. m̩ bie kaa zigrti km̩kurugie re ‘My child will learn how to count’.*

**km̩ŋpaatʃak** [kɪmpáatʃák] *Lit: thing leaf. n. type of color; green thing. Pl: km̩ŋpaatʃaksa.*

**km̩ŋmaŋana** [kɪmmánáná] *n. drummer. Pl: km̩ŋmaŋnesa.*

**km̩rɪn̩** [kɪrɪn̩] *n. type of wasp. Pl: km̩rie.*

**km̩rɪsaal** [kɪrɪsàal] *n. wasp nest.*

**km̩rɪma** [kɪrɪmá] *n. tsetse fly. Glossina. Pl: km̩rɪmsa.*

**km̩rɪmamampusa** [kɪrɪmámàmpùsá] *n. witchweed.*  
*Striga.*

**ko** [ko] *adv. too. i ko, wa ‘You too, come’. a ja numãũ ba jire keŋ ko ro ‘If they (issues) are serious, they call us too’.*

**kogoluŋko** [koɣoluŋko] *ono. sound of the rooster, cock-a-doodle-doo. See: zimbal.*

**koguluŋpaa** [kóɣúlumpàà] *n. morning glory plant, type of climber. Ipomoea mauritiana.*

**kogumĩẽ** [kóɣómĩẽ] *n. donkey. Usage: Motigu.*  
*See: kaakumo.*

**kokobeg** [kòkòbég] *n. shell of palm nut. Pl: kokobeg.*

**kokoluŋ** [kòkólún] *Variant: perega. n. boat.*  
*Pl: kokolunso.*

**kolokolo** [kòlòkòlò] *n. turkey. Pl: kolokoloso. From: Waali.*

**konsɪaŋ** [kónsɪán] *n. Laughing dove. Streptopelia senegalensis. Pl: konsɪama.*

**kontii** [kòntíí] *v. clear away grass in the dry season.*  
*Usage: Gurumbele. See: zaŋsa.*

**koŋ** [kóŋ] *n. Kapok. Ceiba pentandra. Pl: komo.*

**koŋkogulepumma** [kóŋkóɣùlèpùmmá] *n. egret.*  
*Egretta. Pl: koŋkogulepulunsa.*

**koŋkoŋ** [kòŋkòŋ] *n. metal box.*

**koŋkpulɔŋ** [kóŋkpúlɔŋ] *n. Vinaceous dove.*  
*Sreptopelia vinacea. Pl: koŋkpuloma.*

**kor** [kór:] *n. seat, bench, chair. Pl: koro.*

**koro** [kòró] *n. chieftanship. Pl: koro.*

**korumbura** [kòrùmbúra] *n. dusty weather.*

**koba** [kóbà] *n. tire. Pl: kobasa. From: ultm. English.*  
*Etym: cover.*

**kɔŋlaabul** [kòɣələàábúl] *n. pawpaw. Pl: kɔŋlaabulsa.*  
*Carica papaya.*

**kɔŋsɔga** [kòɣsòɣà] *qual. rough. Ant: solonɔsolon.*

**kòko** [kòkò] *n. former farm land. Pl: kòkona.*

**kòkoliko** [kòkòlɪkò] *n. type of grasshopper.*  
*Pl: kòkolikosa.*

**kòlbaa** [kòlɔbáá] *n. bottle. Pl: kòlbaasa. From: ultm. Hausa.*

**kòlɪn̩** [kòlɪí] *n. 1 • millet stem. Pl: kòlie.*  
*2 • second year of a new farm land. See: zul.*

**kòlpɔti** [kòlɔpòtì] *n. charcoal pot. Pl: kòlpɔtisa. From: ultm. English.*

**kòlũŋ** [kòlũŋ] *n. deep hole into the earth to obtain water. Pl: kòlũŋsa. See: vil.*

**kòmbɔŋa** [kòmbɔŋà] *n. Ashanti person. Pl: kòmbɔŋasa.*

**kònti** [kòntì] *v. physically weak. a baal haŋ kòntju ‘This man is weak’.*

**kòntɔŋ** [kòntɔŋ] *n. fairy. Pl: kòntoma.*

**kòntɔŋ** [kòntɔŋ] *n. soup ingredient made out of baobab seeds, substitute for other non-available ingredients making the soup thicker.*

**kɔŋ** [kóŋ] *Variant: gantalgbou. n. cobra. Pl: kɔŋa.*  
*SynT: nɪrtma. Lit: water owner.*

**kɔŋa** [kóŋá] *n. leanness.*

**kɔpul** [kòpúl] *n. type of grass. andropogon gayanus.*

**kɔpu** [kòpù] *n. cup. Pl: kɔpusa. tʃia dua kɔpu nɪ ‘There is a fly in the cup’. From: ultm. English.*

**kɔr** [kɔ́r:] *n. thick, dense forest. Pl: kɔr. à kòr pɛnáú*  
*‘The thick forest is large’.*

**kɔsa** [kɔ́sá] *n. 1 • bush.*  
*2 • grass. Pl: kɔsɔsa.*

**kɔsakɪ** [kɔ́sákɪ] *n. bush thing. Pl: kɔsakma.*

**kɔsanaɔ** [kɔ́sánáɔ] *Lit: bush cow. n. buffalo. Syncerus*  
*caffer. Pl: kɔsanaɔna.*

**kɔsasel** [kɔ́sásél] *n. bush animal. Pl: kɔsasele.*

**kɔsasũũ** [kɔ́sàsũũ] *n. bush guinea fowl. Pl: kɔsasũũno.*

**kota** [kɔ́tà] *n. a measure unit for akpeteshie, approx.*  
*3-4 oz. pataase kota ‘A glass of akpeteshie’. From:*  
*ultim. English.*

**kɔwa** [kɔ́wá] *num. hundred. Pl: kɔusa. From: Oti-volta.*

**kɔwia** [kɔ́wíé] *n. soap. Pl: kɔwisa.*

**kubii** [kùbíí] *n. porridge. Pl: kubie.*

**kugdaabii** [kùgdàábíí] *n. rib. Pl: kugdaabie.*

**kugso** [kùgsó] *n. rib cage. Pl: kugsoso.*

**kulo** [kúló] *v. tilt, likely to fall. kpa kalɛɛbɛɛɛ lɛsɪ, dɪ*  
*a lɛɪ a vii kaa kulo ‘Take the adjuster to support the*  
*pot, if not it will tilt’.*

**kummi** [kúmɪ] *n. fist.*

**kumpii** [kúmpíí] *n. thorny spear grass. Pl: kumpii.*

**kuntunbua** [kúntúnbúà] *n. grass bundles used in*  
*roofing, especially for the farm hut.*

**kuɲkuksɪɛɲ** [kúɲkùksíéɲ] *propn. unhabited area south*  
*of Ducie's sections Lobani and Zingbani.*

**kuɲkuɲ** [kùɲkùɲ] *n. brain. Pl: kuɲkunno.*

**kuo** [kùó] *n. farm. Pl: kuono.*

**kuo** [kúó] *n. roan antelope. Hippotragus equinus.*  
*Pl: kuoto.*

**kuodu** [kùòdú] *n. banana. Pl: kuoduso. From: Akan.*

**kuolie** [kùlìè] *n. type of tree. Anogeissus leiocarpus.*  
*Pl: kuoluso.*

**kuonihɛ** [kùòníhɛ] *n. person in charge of the*  
*decisions over the farm land. Pl: kuonihɛta.*

**kuoru** [kùórù] *n. chief. Pl: kuoruso.*

**kuorubanni** [kùòrùbání] *Lit: chief section. propn.*  
*section of Ducie.*

**kuosi** [kùósì] *v. stir, mix. kuosi a siga du a vii nɪ ‘Mix*  
*the beans in the pot’.*

**kuoso** [kùósò] *n. supreme God. See: wusa.*

**kuosopuu** [kùòsòpúú] *Lit: god head. n. sky.*

**kuosozima** [kùòsòzímá] *Lit: god know. propn. dog*  
*name.*

**kuotima** [kùòtíɲà] *n. farm owner.*

**kuotuto** [kùòtútò] *n. farm mortar. See: tuto.*

**kurii** [kúríí] *n. counting.*

**kuro** [kùrò] *v. count.*

**kurungboɲ** [kúruɲgbòɲ] *n. hunter's rank of a person*  
*who has killed a human being. From: Gonja.*

**kusi** [kùsì] *v. unable.*

**kuu** [kúú] *n. owl. Asio capensis, Scotopelia peli.*  
*Pl: kuuso.*

**kuukuu** [kúúkúú] *n. small insect leaving traces in*  
*sand like tunnels. Pl: kuukuuso.*

**kũɲsũɲ** [kũɲsũɲ] *qual. tough person. Pl: kũɲsũɲ.*  
*See: zɛzɛ.*

**kul** [kól] *n. staple food (t.z.) Usage: Katua. See: kuv.*

**kulumbul** [kùlùmbùl] *n. improper, fuzzy, not clear.*  
*Pl: kulumbulsa. a baal foto teɲesie du kulumbul ‘The*  
*man's pictures are not clear’.*

**kuɲkolabɪ** [kùɲkòlábì] *n. grinding stone (type of).*  
*Pl: kuɲkolabɪa.*

**kuolɪ** [kùólì] *propn. Sogola shrine.*

**kuoree** [kùòrɛé] *n. cloth weaver's workshop.*  
*Pl: kuoresa.*

**kuorɪ** [kùórì] *Variant: kuora. v. 1 • make. ja wa kmkuorɪ*  
*lɔlɪ ‘We can't make cars’.*  
*2 • prepare, cook. u kuorɪ sɪmaa ra ‘She is preparing*  
*food’.*  
*3 • repair. kuorɪ ɲ sakɪr tɛɲ ‘Repair my bicycle for*  
*me’.*  
*4 • solve. ò kùórí wíé pétùú ‘She solved the issues’.*

**kura** [kùrá] *v. different. ɲ vaa kura ɪ vaa nɪ ra ‘My dog*  
*is different from your dog’.*

**kurkɪ** [kùrəkì] *n. difference.*

**kurugbãɲu** [kùrùgbãɲú] *n. type of tree. Dracaena*  
*arborea. Pl: kurugbãɲusa.*

**kutɪ** [kùtì] *v. 1 • fine grinding with a smooth stone.*  
*See: tiisi.*  
*2 • skin. layalaya han nɪ ɲ kutɪ a ǎǎ peti ‘I have just*  
*finished skinning the antelope’.*

**kuv** [kùù] *n. staple food (t.z.) Pl: kuula. See: kul. From:*  
*ultim. Hausa. Etym: tuo zaafi.*

**kuosɔɲ** [kùòsɔɲ] *n. cold t.z., usually eaten in the*  
*morning. See: kuv.*

**kuutɲua** [kùùtɲúá] *Variant: kuosɔɲ. n. staple food (t.z.)*  
*left-overs. Pl: kuutɲua. See: kuv.*

**kuzaa** [kúzàà] *n.* woven basket from guinea corn stocks. *Pl:* **kuzaasa**. *See:* **tisie**.

**kõĩ** [kõĩ] *qual.* tired.

**kõũ** [kõũ] *v.* 1 • **tire, fatigue.** **ɲ kũũwãũ** ‘I’m tired’.

2 • **wonder.** **a kũũ ɲ na di u kaa wau** ‘I wonder if he will come’.

**kũũsa** [kũũsá] *n.* tiredness. **u kũũsa kpou** ‘His tiredness killed him’.

## kp

**kpa** [kpa] *v.* 1 • **take.** **kpa tɛŋ** ‘Take and give to me’.

2 • **marry a woman.** **ù kpá ú rà** ‘He married her’.

*See:* **juu**.

**kpa ta** [kpá tà] *cpx.v.* 1 • **stop.** **kpa sm juã haŋ ta** ‘Stop that (habit of) drinking’.

2 • **drop.** **kpa a bu ta** ‘Drop the stone’.

**kpa wa** [kpá wà] *cpx.v.* **bring.** **kpa a kpãŋ wa** ‘Bring the yam’.

**kpaa** [kpáá] *n.* type of dance, performed by women only. *Pl:* **kpaa**.

**kpaanãã** [kpáánãã] *n.* type of dance, formerly for warriors and hunters.

**kpaasa** [kpáásà] *n.* wooden whip. *Pl:* **kpaasasa**.

**kpaasi** [kpáásí] *v.* 1 • **nail.** *From:* Waali.

2 • **warn.** *From:* Waali.

**kpaga** [kpàyà] *v.* 1 • **have, possess.** **wusa kpaga a bol la** ‘Wusa has the ball’.

2 • **catch.** **wusa kpaga a bol la** ‘Wusa caught the ball’.

**ba kpaga a ɲmɛr ra** ‘They caught the thief’.

3 • **hold, take.** **u kpaga kpaasa ra** ‘He held the whip’.

**kpaga** [kpàyà] *n.* type of jewelry. *Pl:* **kpagasa**.

**kpaga kaali** [kpàgà káali] *cpx.v.* **hold on, keep.** **waa ɪ kaa baan juu a kpaga kaali ɪ mɛbua bar peti** ‘It is him you shall marry and hold on until the end of your life’.

**kpagal** [kpáyál] *n.* tick, insect found mostly on animals. *Exodida.* *Pl:* **kpagala**.

**kpagasi** [kpagasi] *pl.v.* **catch.** **ɲ kpagasi a zalɛ ra** ‘I caught chickens’.

**kpakpuro** [kpàkpùrò] *n.* tortoise. *Pl:* **kpakpuruso**.

**kpalimaalige** [kpàlimáálígé] *n.* Kapok flower.

*Pl:* **kpalimaalige**. *See:* **koŋ**.

**kpamamuro** [kpàmàmùrò] *n.* type of yam.

**kpaŋa** [kpàŋà] *v.* **freeze, to be cold.** **duoŋ tugo a baal u ɪn kuo, u wa kpaŋa** ‘The rain beat the man on his way back from the farm, he came freezing’.

**kpaŋkpamba** [kpáŋkpám bá] *n.* type of cloth.

*Pl:* **kpaŋkpambasa**.

**kpasadɔɔ** [kpàsàdɔɔ] *n.* type of yam. *Pl:* **kpasadɔɔsa**.

**kpasu** [kpásù] *v.* **respect.**

**kpatakpale** [kpátákpalé] *n.* hyena. *Pl:* **kpatakpalesa**.

*SynT:* **tebintma**.

**kpátɕakpátɕa** [kpátɕákpátɕà] *qual.* cloud state, thick and watery.

**kpããni** [kpããní] *v.* 1 • **hunt for killing.**

2 • **chase a girl.** **a baal kaa kpaani nihaana** ‘The man is trailing women’.

3 • **trail, look for something and walk about from places to places.**

**kpããnsii** [kpããnsí] *Lit:* yam eye. *n.* yam stem.

*Pl:* **kpããnsie**.

**kpããnugul** [kpããnúgùl] *n.* yam flesh.

**kpããŋ** [kpããŋ] *n.* yam. *Pl:* **kpããma**.

**kpããŋfolɪ** [kpããŋfólí] *n.* new yam. *Pl:* **kpããŋfolɛ**.

**kpããŋlau** [kpããŋláú] *n.* yam hut. *Pl:* **kpããŋlawa**.

**kpããŋnɪ** [kpããnní] *n.* water yam. *Pl:* **kpããŋnɪta**.

*See:* **sieribile**.

**kpããŋnɪdisa** [kpããnnìdisà] *n.* soup in which granulated water yam was added for thickness.

**kpããŋpetɪ** [kpããŋpétí] *n.* yam coat peel. *Pl:* **kpããŋpetɛ**.

**kpããŋtɕoŋɪ** [kpããtɕóŋí] *Variant:* **kpããŋpuã**. *n.* spoiled yam. *Pl:* **kpããtɕoŋɛ**.

**kpãnna** [kpãnnà] *n.* lead, heavy grey metal. *Pl:* **kpãnna**.

**kpãnna** [kpãnnà] *n.* type of mollusc. *Pl:* **kpãnnà**.

**kpãŋkpãŋ** [kpãŋkpãŋ] *ideo.* interrupting, energetic talk but weak in content. **ɪ kpaga nuã kpãŋkpãŋ бага** ‘You talk too much (and the content is somehow weak) for nothing’.

**kpe** [kpé] *v.* **crack and remove a seed from a shell.** **a hãŋ kpe fobii aka tɔŋa disa zaŋ** ‘The woman cracked the calabash seeds to prepare soup today’.

**kpege** [kpégè] *v.* 1 • **be hard.**

2 • **overcome.**

**kpegii** [kpégíí] *qual. hard. Pl: kpegie.*

**kpere** [kpèrè] *v. be wonderful. a baal wie kpere ‘The man's behavior are wonderful’.*

**kperii** [kpèrîi] *n. wonderful.*

**kperaama** [kpèráámà] *n. necessity. di duo tɕuar jaa kperaama ra ‘To sleep is necessary’.*

**kpibii** [kpìbíí] *n. louse. Pl: kpibii.*

**kpinitɕu** [kpínítɕù] *propn. seventh month.*

**kpinitɕumaanɕuna** [kpínítɕumàànɕuná] *propn. sixth month.*

**kpiema** [kpíémá] *n. 1 • ego's senior sister. Pl: kpiensa. 2 • ego's senior sibling. Usage: Gurumbele. See: bieri.*

**kpisi** [kpísí] *v. sneeze. tɕeŋ tɔwa ɲ du ɲ mibuasa ɲi a kpisi ‘Give me tobacco to put in my nostrils to sneeze’.*

**kpogo** [kpógò] *n. hard swelling of the cheek or the thigh. Pl: kpogoso.*

**kpoguloo** [kpógúlód] *n. dish made of soya beans. From: Waali.*

**kpolutɕpoo** [kpólútɕpòd] *n. type of tree. Sterculia tragacantha. Pl: kpolutɕpooso.*

**kponno** [kpònnò] *n. type of yam. Pl: kponnoso.*

**kponɕ** [kpòŋ] *propn. Kpong village; abandoned settlement between Ducie and Motigu.*

**kpõŋkpõŋ** [kpõŋkpõŋ] *n. cassava. Manihot esculenta. Pl: kpõŋkpõŋso.*

**kpõŋkpõŋdaa** [kpõŋkpõŋdāā] *n. cassava plant.*

**kpõŋkpõŋhulɲ** [kpõŋkpõŋhùlɲ] *n. peeled and dried cassava. Pl: kpõŋkpõŋhulie.*

**kpõŋkpõŋpaatɕak** [kpõŋkpõŋpàatɕák] *n. cassava leaf. Pl: kpõŋkpõŋpaatɕaga.*

**kpõŋkpõŋpaatɕaktɕɔŋɲ** [kpõŋkpõŋpàtɕàaktɕɔŋɲ] *Lit: cassava leaf spoiled. n. disease transmitted by white flies. Affected plants show leaves reduced in size and twisted. Cassava mosaic disease.*

**kpõŋkpõŋpetu** [kpõŋkpõŋpétíí] *n. cassava peel. Pl: kpõŋkpõŋpetie.*

**kpõŋkpõŋpumma** [kpõŋkpõŋpùmmá] *n. white cassava.*

**kpõŋkpõŋsɪama** [kpõŋkpõŋsìámá] *n. red cassava.*

**kpõŋkpõŋzul** [kpõŋkpõŋzúl] *n. cassava tube.*

**kpulii** [kpúlíí] *n. spherical object. Pl: kpulie.*

**kpulikpulii** [kpùlíkpùlíí] *n. ball made of ground nut paste. Pl: kpulikpulie.*

**kpunɕ** [kpúnɕ] *n. body joint. Pl: kpunɕo.*

**kpunɕpulunɕso** [kpùŋkpùlùŋsò] *n. epileptic fits.*

**kpuogii** [kpúógíí] *qual. protruded as a consequence of healing; bulge formed on a wounded area. Pl: kpuogie.*

**kputi** [kpútí] *v. demolish.*

**kpu** [kpù] *v. 1 • kill. dũũ ka kpu nansa a wa tele ‘Python killed meat and came back’.*

*2 • overtake, as with perceptual stimuli. jusa kpujeu ‘It is too salty’.*

**kpur** [kpór] *n. type of palm tree. Borassus aethiopum. Pl: kputa. See: sɲpumma.*

**laa** [làà] v. 1 • *take something from a source.* **laa i molibii totii** ‘Take your share of money’.  
 2 • *take a road or a direction.* **kulkpon tiwii ñ laa ka i waa** ‘I took the Kulkpong road to go to Wa’. **ñ laa kuo ka waa** ‘I go to the farm and come back’.  
 3 • *reply.* **ñ kaa laa i jirii ra** ‘I will attend to your call’.  
 4 • *agree.* **bà làà nùà nī** ‘They agreed’.

**laa di** [làà dí] cpx.v. *believe.* **ñ laa kuoso diu** ‘I believe in God’.

**laa du** [làà dú] cpx.v. *adopt.* **ñ láá bié dòù** ‘I adopted a child’. See: **bilaadulu**.

**laabako** [lààbàkò] n. *type of yam.* Pl: **laabakosa**.

**laanfira** [làánfīà] qual. *be well.* Ant: **wii**. From: **ultn**. Hausa.

**laari** [lààrì] v. *dress.*

**laasi** [láási] v. *separate people fighting.*

**laga** [làgà] v. *hang, suspend.* **a dʒuŋŋ laga a daa bambaan ni** ‘The hamok is hanging from the middle of the trees’. **ñ lágáó** ‘I’m hanging (in a hamok)’.

**laga** [làýá] adv. *now.*  
 qual. *fast.* Ant: **suan**.

**lagalaga** [làýálàýá] adv. *now now, quickly.* **layalaya han ni u waa** ‘He came just now’.

**lagale** [làýàlè] v. *taste.*

**lagame** [làgàmè] v. *gather.*

**lagmgasni** [làýíngààsíf] n. *type of climber.*  
 Pl: **lagmgasra**.

**lal** [lál] n. *war.* Pl: **lala**.

**lala** [lálá] v. 1 • *open.* **u lala a dianũ ra** ‘She opened the door’.  
 2 • *wake up.* **a bie lala a baal duo ni** ‘The child woke the man up’. Ant: **to**.

**lalaga** [làlàýá] n. 1 • *plumage, spot(s), mark on something.* **sũũ lalayasa wa kɲ kuro** ‘The colors of a guinea fowl cannot be counted’.  
 2 • *spiritual weapon used to protect new farm.*  
 Pl: **lalagasa**.

**lalasa** [làlāsá] n. *infertile piece of land.* Pl: **lalasa**.

**lalin** [lálíf] n. *corpse.* Pl: **lalie**. **ti bi waa oma lalin mun** ‘Never fear a corpse again’.

**lalrwie** [lálíwíé] n. *orphan.* See: **ɲpaõ**; **sulumbie**.

**lambaraga** [làmbàrəgá] n. *veil.* Pl: **lambaragasa**.

**langbe** [lángbè] n. 1 • *type of bird.* Pl: **langbesa**.  
 2 • *good singer.* Pl: **langbesa**.

**lanje** [làŋsè] v. 1 • *obstruct.* **a disa lanje ñ na** ‘The soup passed through the wrong tube (not the oesophagus)’.  
 2 • *gather.* **à nará kàà láŋsùù** ‘The people are gathering’.  
 3 • *scatter.* **lanje diŋ ta** ‘To put out the fire’.

**larekpakparee** [làrékpákparèè] n. *type of bird.*  
 Pl: **larekpakparesa**.

**lau** [láu] n. *farm hut.* Pl: **lawa**.

**leu** [lèú] n. *chamber pot for unable people.* Pl: **leuno**.

**lebuga** [lèbùá] n. *salty lake.* Pl: **lebugasa**.

**ledaa** [lèdáá] n. 1 • *mandible, lower jaw.*  
 2 • *flintlock hammer.* Pl: **ledaasa**.

**lehee** [lèhéé] n. *cheek.* Pl: **lehesa**.

**lehee** [lèhèè] n. *wooden spoon.* Pl: **lehesa**.

**lei** [lèí] neg. *not.* **a diebie han lei, han ra** ‘Not this cat, this cat’. **di kaali lagalaga han , di a lei i kaa tɲa mun** ‘Go right away, if not you’ll follow us’.

**leliepon** [lélíépón] n. *cricket found in the house.*  
 Pl: **lelieponjo**.

**lema** [lèmà] v. *good, sweet.* **ɲ mãã tɲa dilema ra** ‘My mother cooks delicious soup’. **a kpããŋ lemãũ** ‘The yam is sweet’.

**lemni** [lémíf] n. 1 • *interesting.*  
 2 • *sweet.*

**lemsi** [lémís] pl.v. *taste food from one place to another.* **ti lemsi disa** ‘Stop tasting the soup here and there’. See: **len**.

**len** [lèŋ] n. *enjoyment.* Pl: **len**.

**len** [lèŋ] n. *long pole used to reach fruits in trees.*  
 Pl: **len**. See: **sunguro**.

**lenɲi** [lénɲí] v. *stretch one's head to be able to see.* **u lenɲi** ‘She raises herself up’.

**lerete** [lérètè] n. *good taste.* **a disa mara du lerete** ‘The soup tastes good enough’.

**lesi** [lésí] v. *block for preventing something from moving.* **kpa bɲi lesi a lolɲi** ‘Take a stone and prevent the car from moving’.

**lesriije** [lèsíriíjé] n. *tradition, culture.* Pl: **lesriije**.

**lewalewa** [léwáléwá] *qual. thin. a fala du lewalewa* ‘The cup (calabash) is thin’.

**lie** [lié] *Variant: lie ni. interg. where. lie ni i ka kpayuu* ‘Where did you catch it?’

*n. part. a bũũ lie pe ba ka tɛɛ* ‘Which goat part did they give you?’

**liemi** [lièmi] *v. suspend. pɛɛ ka liemi tebul nuu ni* ‘The piece of cloth is hanging from the table’. **a mǝŋgonɔŋ ka liemi u daa nuu ni** ‘The mango fruit is suspending from its tree’.

**liise** [lièsè] *v. think. ɲ liise dɪ diare u dɪ waa* ‘I think he came yesterday’.

**lile** [lile] *v. swallow. dũũ tɲ kpa bie lile* ‘The python swallowed the child’.

**lilebua** [lilèbùá] *n. throat. Pl: lilebuasa.*

**lime** [limè] *v. be submerged. tɛ a zahaala lime* ‘Let the eggs be submerged’.

**lin** [lin] *v. 1 • go away, go out. lin dendil ka kpa ɲ danɲkpaɲ wa tɛɛ* ‘Go outside and get my walking stick’. **2 • leak out of a broken container; flow of liquid. a viisɪama kaa lu** ‘The drinking pot is leaking’. **ni kaa lin pɔmpɪ ni ra** ‘The water flows in the pipe’.

**lisi** [lísí] *v. 1 • remove. lisi namɪ tɛɛ* ‘Remove some meat and give it to me’. **lisi a kpããntɔŋ ta** ‘Remove that spoiled yam’. **2 • subtract. lisi alɛ a lin aɲɔ ni** ‘Subtract two from five’.

**lobanɪ** [lóbànì] *Lit: Dunlo section. propn. section of Ducie.*

**logumoanaase** [lógúmʔànásè] *n. square.*

**logun** [lógún] **1 • n. rib. Pl: logumo.** **2 • rel.n. side. waa tɕua a fala logun ni** ‘It lies on the side of the calabash’.

**logunbembel** [lógúmbèmbèl] *n. half side of something.*

**lololo** [lólólò] *Variant: lolũlũlũ. n. type of flower. Pl: lololoso.*

**lomo** [lòmò] *v. 1 • tie. ò lómóú* ‘It is tied up’. **ò wà mára lòmò** ‘It is not tied well enough’. *Ant: puro.* **2 • early stage of pregnancy. ò lómóú** ‘She is at an early stage of pregnancy’.

**lon** [lòŋ] *n. calabash; type of vine fruit. Lagenaria sp. See: fala.*

**lonbol** [lómɔ̀l] *n. oblong calabash, often turned into a container. Pl: lonbola.*

**lonkpurn** [lónkpùrɔ̀gù] *n. small calabash; medicine container for farmer or hunter. Pl: lonkpurgie.*

**longo** [lòŋò] *n. drum beaten with a stick. Pl: longoso.*

**longodaa** [lòŋòdàá] *n. drumming stick. Pl: longodaasa.*

**lonpoglii** [lòŋpòɣəlî] *n. type of tree. Strychnos spinosa. Pl: lonpoglee.*

**lonwie** [lòŋwíé] *n. wooden flute. Pl: lonwise.*

**looto** [lòòtò] *n. intestine. Pl: lootoso.*

**loga** [lòɣà] *v. scoop. lǝgà kúú tɛɛ* ‘Take some t.z. out of the pot and give it to me’. **ɲ lǝgà gbésà rà** ‘I am cutting a chewing stick (women speech)’. *See: tɛɛ.*

**loga** [lòɣà] *n. bag used by farmers and hunters. Pl: logasa. Syn: pur.*

**logantal** [lògàntàl] *n. backtalking. See: gantal loha.*

**logsi** [lógəsì] *pl.v. scoop. u logsi bɔtɪ zenii re* ‘He scoops big mossel’.

**looli** [lólólì] *Variant: loori. n. car. Pl: loolisa. From: ultim. English.*

**looligberbi** [lòoligberbi] *n. car key. See: looli.*

**loolimiluma** [lólímílmámá] *n. car driver. Pl: loolimilumasa.*

**loolisãār** [lólísáãār] *n. car driver. Pl: loolisãāra.*

**losii** [lósíí] *n. type of ghost. Pl: losie.*

**lou** [lò] *n. hartebeest. Alcelaphus buselaphus major. Pl: lota.*

**lubaal** [lùbáàl] *n. widower. See: buzon.*

**ludendil** [lúdéndìl] *n. funeral ground. Pl: ludendile.*

**lugo** [lùgò] *v. 1 • bore a hole.*

**2 • withdraw words. ɲ lugo nuá** ‘I’m withdrawing my words’.

**lugusi** [lùgùsì] *pl.v. remove items from a container. ka lugusi kpããma a vii ni* ‘Remove yams from the pot’.

**lugusi** [lùgúsí] *v. 1 • rinse mouth. jaa ni lugusi i nuá* ‘Take some water and rinse your mouth’.

**2 • cause someone's laughter. lugusi a bie u muma** ‘Make the child to laugh’.

**luguso** [lùgúsó] *pl.n. lumps.*

**luginua** [lùgbùá] *n. armpit. Pl: lugbuasa.*

**luginuapun** [lùgbùápùn] *n. armpit hair. Pl: lugbuapuna.*

**luhããŋ** [lùháãŋ] *n. widow not yet ready to remarry due to funeral customs. See: hanzon.*

**luho** [lúhò] *n. funeral. Pl: luhoso.*

**luho** [lùhó] *n. type of francolin. Francolin. Pl: luhono.*

**lulibummo** [lúlíbummò] *n. local medicine, such as plant and tree products concoction.*

**lulibummojar** [lúlìbùmmùjár] *n. healer, traditional doctor. Pl: lulibummojara.*

**lulii** [lúlíí] *n. medicine. Pl: lulie.*

**lulo** [lúlò] *v. leak. a dia kaa luloo* ‘The house is leaking’.

**lumburo** [lùmbúrò] *n. orange. Pl: lumburoso.*

**lumo** [lumo] *qual. area situated at the back. hamona, ma ka saja lau lumo ni* ‘Children, you sit at the back of the hut’.

**lun̄kporo** [lun̄kpòró] *n. back of the head. Pl: lun̄kporoso.*

**lun̄jo** [lun̄jò] *qual. deep. Ant: tisii.*

**luo** [luo] *n. foetus. Usage: Gurumbele. See: t̄ie.*

**luore** [lùòrè] *v. shed, fall off. a daasa paat̄jaga mun̄, a luoree* ‘All the trees' leaves, they fall’.

**luro** [lúró] *n. scrotum or testicle. Pl: luroso.*

**lurobii** [lùròbíí] *n. testicle. Pl: lurobie.*

**lusinna** [lúsinnà] *n. last funeral. Pl: lusinnasa.*

**luto** [lùtó] *n. root. Pl: lutoso.*

**lug** [lòg] *n. blacksmith. Pl: luluta.*

**luga** [lògà] *v. 1 • struggle.  
2 • wrestle.*

**lugu** [lùgíí] *n. iron. Pl: luge.*

**lul** [lól] *n. biological relation. Pl: lula. j̄m̄r̄e ma lul ka du? u jaa ñ h̄ēna bie re* ‘How are you related? He is my aunt's child’.

**lula** [lòlà] *v. give birth. See: t̄ie.*

**lulin** [lólíí] *n. giving birth. ù lólíí kp̄égéò* ‘Her delivery is hard’. *Pl: lule.*

**luon̄** [lòs̄n̄] *n. animal chest hair. Pl: luoma.*

**luore** [lùòrè] *v. manoeuvre, sneak. luore ka pine na wot̄j̄maĩ kaa t̄fuo duo ro* ‘Sneak and check whether the watchman is asleep’.

**lusa** [lùsá] *n. hunger. lùsá kp̄ágáí nà* ‘I am hungry’.



**ma** [má] 2.pl. *you*.

2.pl.poss. *your*.

**maafa** [mááfà] *n. gun. Etym: marifa.*

**maafabɪ** [mááfàbí] *Lit: gun stone. n. bullet.*

Pl: **maafabɪa**.

**maafadaa** [mááfàdàá] *Lit: gun wood. n. gun barrel.*

Pl: **maafadaasa**.

**maafadigma** [mááfàdígíná] *Lit: gun ear. n. flintlock frizzen.*

**maafadigmbua** [mááfàdígínbùá] *Lit: gun ear hole.*

Variant: **digmbua**. *n. flintlock pan.*

**maafaluro** [mááfàlúrò] *Lit: gun testicle. n. gunpowder container.*

**maafamundaapiã** [mááfàmùndààpiã] *n. gun baton, butt and stock of a gun. Pl: maafamundaapiãna.*

**maafapeɲ** [mááfàpéɲ] *Lit: gun penis. n. gun trigger.*

**maase** [máásè] *adv. time referred to. ɪ ka maase kaali*

*belee di ɲ waa tuo* ‘The time you went to Gurumbele, I was not there’.

*v. 1 • enough, in satisfactory state. a maaseu keɲ* ‘It is o.k. like that’. *u maase kpu aka na bar para* ‘He killed enough to get a chance to farm’.

*2 • ever. ɲ ka maase bigise di u wa na u neɲ* ‘I ever demonstrate that you did not see his hand’.

*3 • equal. nɪbulummo muɲ wa maase doɲa* ‘Human beings are not the same’. *wusa ni afia bmsa maase doɲa ra* ‘Wusa is as old as Afia’.

**mahama** [màhámà] *propn. Mahama.*

**mankani** [mànkàní] *n. coco yam. Pl: mankanise.*

**mankir** [mànkàrɪ] *n. type of yam. Pl: mankire.*

**maɲa** [màɲà] *v. 1 • beat. u maɲa daa ra* ‘He fought’. *ba maɲa daa* ‘They exchange blows’.

*2 • sick. a muro maɲãũ* ‘The rice plant has a virus’.  
See: **tugo**.

**maɲa** [màɲá] *n. only.*

**maɲasijelii** [màɲəsìjélìi] *Lit: groundnut flower. n. groundnut flower. Pl: maɲasijelee.*

**mangbɪɲ** [màɲgbìɲ] *n. giant pangolin. Manis gigantea. Pl: mangbmna.*

**maɲkisi** [màɲkísí] *n. match. From: ultm. English.*

**maɲsii** [màɲsìí] *n. groundnut. Pl: maɲsa.*

**maɲsi** [màɲsí] *v. 1 • measure. maɲsi ɲ zɪzɪɲ tɪeɲ* ‘Measure my height for me’.

*2 • doubt. ba wa maɲsi di ɲ wa tuo dusie ni* ‘They don’t doubt that I’m not in Ducie’.

**maɲãũ** [màɲãũ] *n. dwarf mongoose. Crossarchus obscurus.*

**maɲãũtuogu** [màɲátúógú] *n. slender mongoose. Herpestes sanguineus. Pl: maɲãũtuoguso.*

**mara** [màrà] *v. adhere, append, glue. a foto mara a zĩ ni* ‘The picture is on the wall’.

**mara** [màrà] *v. do well. u wa maraja* ‘He did not do well’. *a foto mara mara zĩ ni ra* ‘The picture is fixed to the wall’.

**masi** [màsì] *pl.v. beat. masi a kinrinsa muɲ kpu* ‘Beat all the tsetseflies to death’.

**matseo** [màtséó] *num. twenty. Pl: matsewo.*

**mawa** [máwà] 2.pl.st. *you.*

**mãã** [mãã] *n. mother. Pl: mããma.*

**mããbie** [mããbié] *n. ego's maternal sibling.*

**mããbinibaal** [mããbìníbààl] *n. ego's male maternal relative.*

**mããbinihããɲ** [mããbìníhããɲ] *n. ego's female maternal relative. See: mããbise.*

**mããbise** [mããbìsé] *n. maternal lineage. See: mããbinihããɲ.*

**mããbũũɲ** [mããbũũɲ] *Lit: mother goat. n. ostrich. Struthio camelus. Pl: mããbũũna.*

**mããhiẽ** [mããhiẽ] *n. 1 • ego's mother's senior sister.*

*2 • ego's step-mother, if the woman is older than the biological mother. Pl: mããhiẽsa. See: mããwie.*

**mããwie** [mããwìé] *n. 1 • ego's mother's younger sister.*

*2 • ego's step-mother, if the woman is younger than the biological mother. Pl: mããwise. See: mããhiẽ.*

**meɲ** [mèɲ] *n. dew, mist. Pl: meɲ.*

**meɲɪ** [mèɲí] *v. 1 • sieve by turning the container sideways.*

*2 • balancing from one side to another in walking. a haɲ vala meɲɪ a waa* ‘The woman walks balancing towards us’.

**merekete** [mérékété] *n. woven mat made of guinea corn stalks. Pl: merketesa.*

**miidaa** [mìdàá] *n.* space between the eyebrows.

*Pl:* **miidaasa**.

**miimi** [míimì] *n.* shrub with pink flower bundles.

*Bougainvillea glabra*. *Pl:* **miimise**.

**miiri** [mìirì] *v.* dive, swim under water.

**misi** [mísí] *v.* whisper. **u misi wɛ du u bie dɪgma ni** ‘He whispered into his child’s ear’.

**mita** [mítà] *n.* meter. *Pl:* **mitasa**. *From:* ultm. English.

**mĩĩ** [mĩĩ] *n.* gun front sight. *Pl:* **mĩĩna**.

**mibua** [mìbùá] *n.* 1 • life. **ɲ mibùà fɛ bírgì** ‘May I live long!’

2 • nostril. *Pl:* **mibuasa**.

**miisa** [mìisá] *n.* nose. *Pl:* **musasa**. **mĩĩ mĩisá** ‘Blow your nose’.

**mila** [míla] *v.* turn something around something else.

**milmĩ** [mílĩmĩ] *v.* 1 • turn. **u milmĩ ɲ neɲ** ‘She twisted my arm’.

2 • drive. **ɲ waa km milmĩ lolu** ‘I cannot drive a car’.

**milmĩ** [mílĩmĩ] *n.* turning.

**mĩna** [míná] *v.* attach. **mĩna a ɲmeɲ u kpege** ‘Attach the rope to make it strong’.

**mmĩã** [mìnĩã] *Variant:* **haglibie**. *n.* type of ant. *Pl:* **mmisa**.

**mmĩ** [míntĩ] *n.* minute. *Pl:* **mmĩsa**. *From:* ultm. English.

**mĩɲ** [mín] *1.sg.st. I.* **mín ná** ‘I am the one’.

**misi** [mísí] *v.* sprinkle. **ba misi a baal lulii re, u sii** ‘They sprinkled medicine on the man, he survived’.

**mĩãbrwau** [mĩãbíwáú] *Lit:* matured guinea corn. *n.* type of beetle. *Lucanidae fam.*. *Pl:* **mĩãbrwau**.

**mĩĩ** [mĩĩ] *n.* guinea corn. *Pl:* **mĩã**.

**mĩĩ** [mĩĩ] *v.* send out a current of air out of the nose.

**mĩsĩama** [mĩsĩàmá] *n.* type of guinea corn.

**mohamedu** [mòhàmédù] *propn.* Mohamed.

**molebii** [mòlbií] *n.* money. *Pl:* **molebie**. *Etym:* libie ‘cowrie’. *From:* Oti-Volta.

**motigii** [mòtígíí] *n.* person from Motigu. *Pl:* **motigie**.

**mõngo** [mõngò] *n.* mango. *Mangifera indica*. *Pl:* **mõngoso**.

**mɔ** [mɔ] *v.* mould, sculpt. **ɲ nahã kaa mɔ vii re** ‘My grandmother is moulding a cooking pot’.

**mɔna** [mòná] *v.* 1 • carry amber or fire. **mɔna diɲ waa** ‘Carry the fire here’.

2 • used to, familiar with. **ɲ mɔna sigaari nũãĩ ni ra** ‘I am used to smoking cigarettes’. **ɲ mɔna dendil saɲĩ ni ra** ‘I am used to sitting at home’.

**mɔɲ** [mɔɲ] *n.* pubis. *Pl:* **mɔna**.

**mɔɲpuɲ** [mɔɲpúɲ] *n.* female pubic hair. *Pl:* **mɔɲpuna**.

**mɔɲtuosii** [mɔɲtúósíí] *Lit:* vagina pick fast. *n.* type of spider. *Pl:* **mɔɲtuosie**.

**mɔɲzig** [mɔɲzíg] *n.* clitoris. *Pl:* **mɔɲziga**.

**mɔsi** [mósí] *v.* 1 • plead, explanation, complain. **a hããɲ wa mɔsi di u wa kpaga siimaa** ‘The woman came and complained that she had no food’.

2 • mourn, lament.

3 • make a fire. **mɔsi diɲ** ‘Make a fire’.

**mɔtigii** [mòtígíí] *n.* person from Motigu. *Pl:* **mɔtigee**.

**mufui** [múfúí] *ideo.* signals exclamation.

**munii** [múníí] *n.* road. *Usage:* *Katua*. *See:* **tiwii**.

**muno** [mùnò] *n.* pair. **natɔmuno** ‘A pair of sandals’. **timpanmuno** ‘A pair of talking drums’.

**muɲ** [mùɲ] *quant. all.* **a zaga muɲ tie a kuoru ro kpããma fi** ‘All the houses give ten yams to the chief’.

**muɲ** [múɲ] *n.* 1 • arse.

2 • meaning. **u muɲ ka ja** ‘What is its meaning?’ *Pl:* **muno**.

*rel.n.* base, under. **waa tɟua a fala muɲ ni** ‘It lies at the base of the calabash’.

**muɲkaaɲ** [mùɲkááɲ] *n.* buttock. *Pl:* **muɲkaama**.

**muɲputii** [mùɲpútíí] *n.* anus. *Pl:* **muɲputie**.

**muɲtii** [mùntíí] *n.* division between the buttocks. *Pl:* **muɲtie**.

**muɲtuolie** [mùɲtùòlié] *n.* type of shrub. *Pl:* **muɲtuoluso**.

**muɲzaɲ** [mùnzàɲ] *n.* tail of fish or birds. *Pl:* **muɲzanna**.

**murisi** [múrísí] *v.* concealed way of smiling.

**muro** [múró] *n.* rice. *Pl:* **muro**.

**murobii** [mùròbíí] *n.* grain of rice. *Pl:* **murobie**.

**muuri** [múúrí] *v.* cover completely with a cloth. **a hããɲ muuri u juu anɪ lambaraga ni** ‘The woman covered her head with a veil’.

**mũsooro** [mũsóóró] *n.* clove. *Syzygium aromaticum* (*flower buds*). *From:* Waali.

**mug** [mùg] *n.* sea, big river. *Pl:* **mugna**.

**muga** [mùgà] *v.* lie, deceive. *Usage:* *Gurumbele*. *See:* **dara**.

**muma** [mùmà] *v.* laugh. **u mumãũ aka kuore siimaa** ‘She laughs while preparing the food’.

**muma** [mùmá] *n. laughter.*

**mumi** [múmíí] *n. laughing.*

**mumuŋ** [mùmùŋ] *n. prolapse of rectum.*

**mur** [múr:] *n. story. Pl: mura.*

**musi** [músí] *v. falling of rain gently.*

**muti** [mùtì] *v. spit, remove (from mouth). di muti*

**kpulikpuli** ‘Spit the candy out’. **muti ta** ‘Spit it out’.

*See: lisi.*

**mutul** [mùtùl] *n. West African mole rat. Cryptomys zechi. Pl: mutulsa.*

**mũã** [mũá] *adv. before. ɲ di siimaa mũã ka ja ka li tuma*  
‘Let me eat before we go to work’. *tʃɪŋa keŋ mũã ha*  
*te kaali* ‘Stand there before you go’.

**na** [ná] v. 1 • see. **ná wɪkpàgɛ** ‘To see behaviour’.  
2 • feel.

**naakpaaga** [nààkpààgá] n. farm space measurement, about five square meters.

**naal** [náàl] n. ego's grand-father. Pl: **naalma**.

**naalomo** Variant: **pilinsii**. [nààlòmó] n. hollowed and dried calabash used as percussion instruments.

**naasaraa** [nààsàráá] n. white man. Pl: **naasarasa**. From: ultm. Hausa. See: **nasarbaal**.

**naatma** [nààtííná] n. ego's mother's brother.  
Pl: **naatmsa**. See: **niera**.

**nahã** [nàhã] n. ego's grand-mother. Pl: **nahãma**.

**nahĩẽ** [náhĩẽ] Variant: **nehĩẽ**. n. sense, practical wisdom. Ant: **geni**.

**najelingbielie** [nájélíngbièliè] n. lamp which use rolled cotton and shea oil. Pl: **najelingbielise**.  
See: **diŋtʃaŋdaa**.

**nakelɪŋ** [nàkélíŋ] n. type of tree. Pl: **nakelɪma**.

**nakodol** [nàkòdól] n. type of tree. *Rhodognaphalon brevisuspe*. Pl: **nakodolo**.

**nakunɟ** [nàkúŋ] n. jathropha. Pl: **nakunɟ**. *Jatropha curcas*.

**nakpagtu** [nàkpáyətíí] n. type of tree. *Detarium microcarpum*. Pl: **nakpagtia**.

**nama** [námà] v. 1 • press and smooth with a heated iron.  
2 • grind.

**nambera** [námberà] n. cooked meat for sale at the market.

**namĩã** [nàmĩã] Variant: **namĩẽ**. n. meat. Pl: **nansa**.

**namunɟ** [námùŋ] quant. everyone, anyone. **piesi namunɟ di lie pe dusie tiwii ka dua** ‘Ask anyone where Ducie road is’. **zaaŋ namunɟ kaalɪ kuo** ‘Today everyone should go to farm’. **namunɟ wa tuo dia ni** ‘There is no one in the house’.

**nanbugo** [nàmbùgò] n. aardvark. *Orycteropus afer*.  
Pl: **nanbugoso**.

**nanpunii** [nànpúníí] n. flesh.

**nanɟuɔŋ** [náŋgúòŋ] n. millet ergot (fungi) disease. *Claviceps*.

**nanjogul** [nànjóyúí] n. butcher. Pl: **nanjogulo**.

**nanɟpaalɪŋ** [nàŋkpààlíŋ] n. hunting. **ɲ biare kaalɪ nanɟpaalɪŋ** ‘My brother went hunting’.

**nanɟkpaŋ** [nàŋkpáŋ] n. hunter. Pl: **nanɟkpaŋsa**.

**nanɟzima** [nàŋzímà] n. knowledge.

**nanɟzinna** [nàžinnà] Variant: **wizimɪ**. n. wise person.  
Pl: **nanɟzinna**.

**naparapiriɪ** [nàpàràpìrìí] n. type of tree. *Ximenia americana*. Pl: **naparapree**.

**nar** [nár] n. person. Pl: **nara**.

**nasarbaal** [nàsàrbáàl] n. white man. See: **naasaraa**.

**nasargbesa** [nàsàrgbésà] n. Neem tree. *Azadirachta indica*. Pl: **nasargbesosa**.

**nasarhããŋ** [nàsàrhããŋ] n. white owman. See: **naasaraa**.

**nasarlulii** [nàsàrlúlíí] n. non-local medicine, such as pills and other packaged medicine.

**nasata** [nàsátà] n. relation between kin members where two parties can mock playfully one another.  
See: **nasããŋ**.

**nasããŋ** [nàsããŋ] n. playmate by kin. Pl: **nasããna**.  
See: **nasata**.

**nasi** [nàsì] v. step on.

**nasie** [nàsɛ] n. thunder. **nasie hósíò** ‘The thunder booms’.

**nasol** [nàsól] n. type of tree. *Grewia carpinifolia*.  
Pl: **nasollo**.

**naupɪŋa** [nàúpìŋá] n. type of insect. Pl: **naupɪŋona**.

**naval** [naval] n. circuit, tour, walkabout.

**nawal** [nàwál] n. ulcer.

**nãã** [nãã] n. leg. Pl: **nããsa**.

**nããbibaambanɟ** [nããbíbáámbánɟ] n. middle toe.  
Pl: **nããbibaambanɟsa**.

**nããbibaambanɟwie** [nããbíbáámbánɟwíé] n. fourth toe.  
Pl: **nããbibaambanɟwise**.

**nããbii** [nããbíí] n. toe. Pl: **nããbie**.

**nããbikanɟkawal** [nããbíkanɟkàwál] n. big toe.  
Pl: **nããbikanɟkawala**.

**nããbiwie** [nããbíwíé] n. little toe. Pl: **nããbiwise**.

**nããbizɪŋɪ** [nããbížíníí] n. index toe. Pl: **nããbizɪŋɛ**.

**nããgbanɟahok** [nããgbánɟáhòk] n. tibia. Pl: **nããgbanɟahogo**.

**nããhũfowie** [nããhũfówíé] n. kneecap. Pl: **nããhũfowise**.

**nããhũũ** [nããhũũ] n. knee. Pl: **nããhũũno**.

**nããkorbua** [nããkòrbùá] n. hollow and bend of the knee. Pl: **nããkorbusa**.

**nāākputi** [nāākputí] *qual. leg amputated.*

**nāālumo** [nāālùmó] *n. heel. Pl: nāālumoso.*

**nāānawosii** [nāānawósíí] *n. groin, pelvis.*  
*Pl: nāānawosie.*

**nāāpegi** [nāāpégíí] *n. thigh. Pl: nāāpegie.*

**nāāpriel** [nāāpíèl] *n. foot. Pl: nāāpriela.*

**nāāpriel gantal** [nāāpíèl gantál] *n. top of the foot.*

**nāāpriel patʃigi** [nāāpíèl pàtʃígíí] *n. sole of the foot.*

**nāāpol** [nāāpól] *n. Achilles tendon. Pl: nāāpolo.*

**nāāsii** [nāāsíí] *n. ankle bump. Pl: nāāsie.*

**nāātou** [nāātóú] *n. shoe, sandal. Pl: nāātousa.*

**nāātoukuor** [nāātóùkùór] *n. shoe maker. Pl: nāātoukuora.*

**nāātowa** [nāātówá] *n. pair of shoes.*

**nāātuto** [nāātùtó] *Lit: leg mortar. n. elephantiasis of the leg.*

**nāātʃigi** [nāātʃígíí] *n. calf. Pl: nāātʃige.*

**nāātʃug** [nāātʃúg] *n. ankle. Pl: nāātʃuguna.*

**nākpazugo** [nākpázùgò] *n. type of vulture. Gyps africanus, Necrosyrtes monachus. Pl: nākpazugoso.*

**nānhuor** [nānhùór] *n. raw, coarse meat.*

**nāō** [nāō] *Variant: nāū. n. cow. Pl: nāōna.*

**nebi** [nébíí] *n. finger. Pl: nebie.*

**nebiifeti** [nébííféti] *n. finger print. Pl: nebiifetie.*

**nebikaŋkawal** [nébíkáŋkàwál] *Variant: nebikaŋkawal. n. thumb. Pl: nebikaŋkawala.*

**nebikaŋkawalanpunii** [nébíkáŋkàwàlnànpúníí] *Lit: thumb flesh. n. ball of the thumb. Thenar. eminence.*

**nebipecti** [nébípèti] *n. fingernail. Pl: nebipectie.*

**nebisunu** [nébísunù] *n. little finger. Pl: nebisunu.*  
*See: nebiwie.*

**nebiwie** [nébíwíé] *Variant: nèbísunù. n. little finger.*

**nebizii** [nébíziíí] *Variant: bambaaŋnebi. n. middle finger.*

**neguma** [négúmà] *n. elbow. Pl: negumsa.*

**negbaŋa** [négbàŋà] *n. bend of the arm. Pl: negbaŋsa.*

**nekpeg** [nékpég] *qual. quality of someone who is never ready to help. Pl: nekpege. See: siitma.*  
*Ant: soŋtma.*

**nekpegi** [nékpégíí] *n. biceps. Pl: nekpegee.*

**nekpun** [nékpún] *n. any joint along the arm (finger, elbow, shoulder). Pl: nekpuno.*

**neŋ** [néŋ] *n. arm. Pl: nese.*

**neŋgbij** [neŋgbij] *n. ring. See: gbiŋ.*

**nepiel** [népièl] *n. hand. Pl: nepriela.*

**nepiel gantal** [népièl gantál] *n. back of the hand.*

**nepiel patʃigi** [népièl pàtʃígíí] *n. palm of the hand.*

**nepiti** [népitií] *n. ring. Pl: nepitia.*

**nepol** [népól] *n. front arm vein.*

**netisiŋ** [nétiŋ] *n. lowest part of the inner surface of the hand. Pl: netisime.*

**netʃug** [néʃúg] *n. wrist. Pl: netʃuguna.*

**ni** [ni] *postp. locative particle.*

**ni-** [ni] *clf. classifier particle for human entity.*

**nibaal** [nibáàl] *n. man. Pl: nibaala. See: baal.*

**nibubon** [nibúbón] *Variant: nibon. n. bad person.*  
*Pl: nibuboma. Ant: nibuwerii.*

**nibubummo** [nibúbúmmò] *Variant: nibummo. n. black skinned person.*

**nibukamboro** [nibúkàmbòrò] *Lit: half person. n. untrusty person. Pl: nibukamboroso.*

**nibukperii** [nibúkperíí] *n. 1 • person who has unusual behaviors.*  
*2 • person with conformations and deformities.*  
*Pl: nibukperee.*

**nibukpur** [nibúkpur:] *n. murderer. Pl: nibukpura.*

**nibuluŋ** [nibúlùŋ] *n. human being. Pl: nibulumo.*

**nibupumma** [nibúpúmmà] *Variant: nipumma. n. white skinned person. See: nasara.*

**nibusama** [nibúsíámá] *Variant: nisama. n. reddish skinned person, atypical skin color.*

**nibuwerii** [nibúwéríí] *n. generous person.*  
*Pl: nibuwerie. Ant: nibubon, siitma.*

**nidiŋmaŋa** [nidiŋmáŋá] *n. lonely person.*

**nidiŋ** [nidiŋ] *n. truthful, helpful, generous, trustworthy, effective or faithful person. a baal ja nibudiŋ na ‘The man is a truthful person’. See: diŋ.*

**niduma** [nidiúmá] *n. ghost.*

**niera** [níérá] *n. ego's mother's brother.*  
*Usage: Gurumbele. See: naatma.*

**nigsie** [nigsíè] *n. nematode. Tiny worms that live in the soil, feeding on and causing considerable damage to crop plants. Scutellonema gen.*

**nigsie** [nigsíè] *n. type of snake.*

**nihāāŋ** [nihāāŋ] *n. woman. See: hāāŋ.*

**nihāwie** [nihāwíé] *n. young girl. Usage: Gurumbele.*  
*See: tuloŋwie, binhāāŋ.*

**nɪhĩɛ** [nɪhĩɛ̃] *n. adult.*

**nɪhĩɛlɪŋ** [nɪhĩɛlɪŋ] *n. system of rotation which identify the senior fellow of each clan as candidate for landlordship.*

**nɪ** [nɪ] *n. water. Pl: nɪnta.*

**nɪhã** [nɪhã] *n. bitter water.*

**nɪjogulo** [nɪjoɣulo] *n. water seller. Pl: nɪjoɣuloso.*

**nɪnagan** [nɪnɔ́ɣàŋ] *n. fermented water.*

**nɪnɔksa** [nɪnɔ̀ɣəsá] *Variant: nɪnɔgɔsa. n. thirst. nɪnɔksa kpaŋ na 'I'm thirsty'.*

**nɪnuugbangbulii** [nɪnɔ̀ɣbàngbúlíí] *Variant: nɪnuukapɔk iiri. n. black insect which swims on water surface. Gyrinidae. Pl: nɪnuugbangbulie.*

**nɪnuarvii** [nɪnɔ̀àrvíí] *n. drinking pot. Pl: nɪnuarviine.*

**nɪpumma** [nɪpumma] *n. 1 • liquid coming out of a swelling which is operated on.  
2 • sap of a tree.*

**nɪsɪi** [nɪsɪí] *Lit: water eye. n. deepest part of a river. Pl: nɪsie.*

**nɪsɔta** [nɪsɔ́tá] *n. puerperal or childbed fever.*

**nɪntaang** [nɪntáàng] *n. pond created by a river drying out. Pl: nɪntaana.*

**nɪŋ** [nɪŋ] *adv. like this. hɪŋ ja nɪŋ 'Did you do like this?'*

**nɪŋaɔ** [nɪŋáɔ] *n. orphan. Pl: nɪŋaɔsa. See: sulumbie, lalwie.*

**nɪvɪetaalii** [nɪvɪ̀ɛtáálíí] *n. rejected person. Pl: nɪvɪetaalie.*

**nɪzɔŋ** [nɪzɔ́ŋ] *qual. weak.*

**nĩɛsa** [nĩɛ́sá] *n. needle. Pl: nĩɛsasa.*

**nokun** [nòkúh] *n. type of tree. Pl: nokun.*

**nɔŋ** [nɔ́ŋ] *n. 1 • type of grinding stone. Pl: nɔnna.  
2 • grinding activity area. Pl: nɔnna.*

**nɔŋ** [nɔ́ŋ] *n. fruit. Pl: nɔnã.*

**nɔŋa** [nɔ́ŋà] *v. 1 • love, like.  
2 • carry a baby on one's back.*

**nɔŋbuluŋ** [nɔ́ŋbúlúŋ] *n. type of grinding stone.*

**nɔpɪŋa** [nɔ̀pɪ́ŋá] *n. type of bug. Lygaeidae. Pl: nɔpɪŋasa.*

**nɔgar** [nɔ́gár:] *n. cattle ring. Pl: nɔgara.*

**nɔgbar** [nɔ́gbár] *n. cowherd. Pl: nɔgbara.*

**nɔlor** [nɔ́lór:] *n. female cow that has not given birth (heifer). Pl: nɔloto.*

**nɔnɪ** [nɔ́nɪ] *n. cow that has given birth. Pl: nɔnɪta.*

**nɔɔɔŋ** [nɔ́ɔ́ɔ́ŋ] *n. type of climber. Acalypha neptunica. Pl: nɔɔɔroma.*

**nɔwii** [nɔ́wíí] *n. calf. Pl: nɔwie.*

**nuã** [nùá] *n. mouth. Pl: nũsa.*

*idiom. agree. Lit: do mouth one. ba ja nuã dɪgmaŋa a summe dɔŋa 'They should agree and help each other'.*

*rel.n. entrance, orifice. ɲmɛntel sii a bile u kuo tiwii zen nuã nɪ. 'Spider went establish his farm by a main road'.*

**nuãpumma** [nùãpùmmá] *qual. unreserved; of someone who cannot keep secrets, who cannot hold back. ɪ kpaŋa nuãpumma ra 'You exhibit no reserve'.*

**nuãtɕuar** [nùãtɕúɔ́r] *n. mouth marks, tribal or accidental scars. Pl: nuãtɕuara.*

**nuga** [nùgà] *v. rub to grind. nuga kapusɛ, ɲ wa kpaŋa ɲɲa 'Rub the kola nut, I have no teeth'.*

**numa** [nùmà] *v. heat. tɛ a nɪ numa 'Let the water be hot'.*

**numa kpaŋkpaŋ** [nùmà kpáŋkpáŋ] *qual. very hot.*

**numanɪer** [nùmàniér] *Lit: scorpion's uncle. n. type of millipede. Myriapoda. See: halɪŋguomii.*

**numɪ** [númíí] *n. hot.*

**nuŋ** [nùŋ] *qual. hot. nĩfɪndɔŋ nà 'It is hot water'.*

**nuŋnuŋ** [núŋnúŋ] *qual. warm.*

**nuzuluŋ** [nùzúlùŋ] *Lit: mouth enter back area. n. tongue. Pl: nuzuluma.*

**nũtunii** [nṹtúníí] *n. lip. Pl: nũtunie.*

**nũũ** [núũ] *n. shea butter, oil, grease or fat. Pl: nũũta. See: nũũlɔgɔsɪ.*

**nũũ** [núũ] *v. 1 • hear, listen to. ɪ nũũ a baal u wɪŋmahã ra 'Do you hear the man talking?'*

*2 • perceive; sense. a jɪsa nũũ a dɪsa ra 'Is the salt enough in the soup?'*

**nũũlɔgɔsɪ** [núũlɔ́ɣɔ́sɪí] *n. shea butter ball. Pl: nũũlɔɣesɛ. See: nũũ.*

**nũũma** [núũmá] *n. scorpion. Pl: nũũnsa.*

**ɲ** [ɲ] *Variant: ɲ; ɲ. 1.sg. I. me.*

*1.sg.poss. my.*

**ɲnuãwajahoo** [ɲnúãwàjàhóò] *Lit: my mouth not do hoo (I will not open my mouth again). propn. dog name.*

၇bu၇၁် [ṇbúòṇṁ] *n. hunter's rank of a person who has*

*killed a buffalo. From: Gonja.*

**ɲaduá** [ɲàdúá] *n.* garden egg. *Pl:* **ɲaduasa**.

**ɲagami** [ɲáyámí] **1 • v.** ferment. *ɔ* **ɲáyáməjũ** ‘It is fermented’.

**2 • n.** sourness. **tie a kubii ɲayami** ‘Let the porridge be sour’.

**ɲagenpentii** [ɲáyémpéntíí] *n.* hedgehog. *Erinaceinae subfam.* *Pl:* **ɲagenpentie**.

**ɲagee** [ɲagee] *v.* sour.

**ɲagimbii** [ɲáyimbíí] **n. 1 • seed** (type of).

**2 • type of snake.** *Pl:* **ɲagimbie**.

**ɲagɪ** [ɲáyɪ] *n.* type of plant. *Pl:* **ɲagma**.

**ɲakpate** [ɲàkpàtè] *n.* grain weevil. *Ferrisia virgata.* *Pl:* **ɲakpate**. *See:* **tʃɔbiel**.

**ɲalsi** [ɲálsí] *v.* shine by polishing or washing.

**ɲamekasa** [ɲàmékàsà] *n.* scissors. *Pl:* **ɲamekasasa**.

**ɲammibii** [ɲàmmíbíí] *n.* maize seed. *Pl:* **ɲammibie**.

**ɲammɪ** [ɲàmmíí] *n.* maize. *Pl:* **ɲammie**. *See:* **ɲmeɲmena**.

**ɲanugɪ** [ɲànúgíí] *n.* child unable to manage without help in order to use his or her potential. *Pl:* **ɲanugee**.

**ɲaɲa** [ɲàɲá] *qual. 1 • rough.*

**2 • smart.**

**ɲaɲasi** [ɲáɲási] *v.* do something with joy and happiness. **ɔ bara kaa ɲaɲasuu, ɔ kaa kaali kuo ka di kapala** ‘He is excited, he will go to farm and eat fufu’.

**ɲaɲu** [ɲáɲù] *interj.* title for the clan **ɲaɲuwólee**. *See:* **ɲaɲuwólee**.

**ɲaɲuwólee** [ɲáɲùwóléé] *propn.* clan found in Gurumbele. *See:* **ɲaɲu**.

**ɲã** [ɲá] *v. 1 • defecate.* *See:* **bma**.

**2 • lay eggs.**

**ɲãã** [ɲãã] *n.* poverty.

**ɲãĩ** [ɲãĩ] *qual.* rusty. **ɲ tʃensise ɲãĩjũ** ‘My zinc plates are rusty’.

**ɲãsii** [ɲásíí] *qual.* wonderful. **ɲibupãsii re jar** ‘You are a wonderful person’.

**ɲãũ** [ɲáũ] *n.* poor person. *Pl:* **ɲãũsa**.

**ɲeɲaɲ** [ɲéɲáɲ] *n.* worm which infests the stomach. *Pl:* **ɲeɲaɲsa**.

**ɲěsa** [ɲésà] *n.* malnourished child. *Pl:* **ɲěsasa**.

**ɲiise** [ɲìisè] *v.* be partially out of sight. **ɔ ɲiise ɔ ɲɲa ra** ‘He showed his teeth in a concealing way’.

**ɲine** [ɲìnè] *v.* look for, watch. **màrà ɲínè** ‘Look carefully’.

**ɲinee** [ɲìnéè] *n.* fish. *Pl:* **ɲiɲse**.

**ɲinene** [ɲinene] *Variant:* **ɲipine**. *n.* caretaker. *Pl:* **ɲinenese**.

**ɲintʃige** [ɲíntʃígè] *n.* hat, cap, muslim hat. *Pl:* **ɲintʃigese**. *See:* **kagba**.

**ɲiɲ** [ɲìɲ] *n.* type of sore, usually on head, ears and lips. *Pl:* **ɲiɲ**.

**ɲiɲhal** [ɲíɲhál] *n.* fish egg. *Pl:* **ɲiɲhala**.

**ɲiɲãɲã** [ɲìɲãɲã] *n.* wicked and deliberate act towards someone. *Pl:* **ɲiɲãɲãsa**.

**ɲɪma** [ɲìmə] *v.* to make unhappy face. **ɔ ɲma wɪe di tieɲ na aka ɲma** ‘While he was speaking to me, he was frowning’.

**ɲɪma** [ɲínà] *n.* father. *Pl:* **ɲɪnama**.

**ɲɪnabise** [ɲìnábìsè] *n.* children of a paternal line. *See:* **ɲɪmawalee**.

**ɲɪmawólee** [ɲìnávóléé] *pl.n.* members of a paternal relation. *See:* **ɲɪnabise**.

**ɲɪnhĩ** [ɲìnhíĩ] *n. 1 • ego's father's senior brother.*

**2 • ego's step-father, if the man is older than the biological father.**

**ɲɪmĩ** [ɲìmĩ] *interg.* how.

**ɲɪnwíe** [ɲìnwíé] *n. 1 • ego's father's junior brother.*

**2 • ego's step-father, if the man is younger than the biological father.**

**ɲɪɲ** [ɲíɲ] *n.* tooth. *Pl:* **ɲɪɲa**.

**ɲɪɲdaa** [ɲíndáá] *n.* horn. *Pl:* **ɲɪɲdaasa**.

**ɲɪɲtieli** [ɲìɲtièlĩ] *n.* back tooth, molar and premolar. *Pl:* **ɲɪɲtielee**.

**ɲɪɲvaa** [ɲìɲvää] *n.* front tooth. *Pl:* **ɲɪɲvasa**.

**ɲɔti** [ɲòtì] *n.* flintlock locking screw.

**ɲukpal** [ɲúkpál] *n.* baldness. *Pl:* **ɲukpalla**.

**ɲukpaltma** [ɲúkpálttĩnà] *n.* bald headed. *Pl:* **ɲukpaltuma**.

**ɲukpulii** [ɲúkpúlíí] *n.* head of animal without a neck. *Pl:* **ɲukpulee**.

**ɲuɲise** [ɲúɲísé] *v.* lose sight of.

**ɲuperti** [ɲùpèrìì] *n.* type of hair dressing. *Pl:* **ɲuperie**. *See:* **pera**.



**ɲupuusa** [ɲùpùsà] *n. soft spot on an infant's skull.*

*Fontanelle. Pl: ɲupuusa.*

**ɲupunɲ** [ɲúpúnɲ] *n. head hair. Pl: ɲupuna.*

**ɲuu** [ɲùù] *n. head. Pl: ɲuuno.*

*rel.n. top of. wojo dua a bɛzɛɲ ɲuu ni* ‘Wojo is on top of the big rock’.

**ɲuudogo** [ɲúúdogó] *n. abused person, someone whose reputation has been discredited.*

**ɲuudur** [ɲùùdùr] *Lit: head put. n. hypocrite.*

*Pl: ɲuudura.*

**ɲuukpeg** [ɲúúkpég] *n. stubbornness. Pl: ɲuukpegse.*

**ɲuvɔwɪ** [ɲùvòwì] *n. plating the hair. See: vɔwa.*

**ɲuwiila** [ɲùwííla] *n. headache.*

**ɲug** [ɲóg] *n. crocodile. Pl: ɲuga.*

**ɲulɔɲ** [ɲólɔɲ] *n. blind. Pl: ɲuluma. ɲóíomá ká nù wíè kínkàn nà* ‘Blind people can hear much’.

*SynT: ɲúbíríngítínà* ‘full head owner’.

**ɲume** [ɲùmè] *v. to close, to cover sight. ɲùmè ì síè* ‘Close your eyes’. *See: to.*

**ɲuɲsi** [ɲóɲsɪ] *v. lost. u vaa ɲuɲsi* ‘His dog is lost’.

**ɲũ** [ɲú] *v. germinate. u wa ɲũjě* ‘It did not germinate’.

**ɲũã** [ɲùã] *v. 1 • drink. ɲ ɲũã nɪ ra* ‘I drank water’.

*2 • smoke. ɲ ɲũã ɲũãsa ra* ‘I smoked’.

**ɲũãsa** [ɲùãsà] *n. smoke.*

**ɲũũ** [ɲùũ] *v. come together in a crowd. bamun wa goruu ɲũũ* ‘They came around him in numbers’.

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## ɲm

**ɲma** [ɲmá] *v. 1 • say. u ɲma dɪ a boniě ni i kaa wau* ‘He said that you might come’. *ɲ ɲmajě tie ɲ hããɲ dɪ u tɔɲa namĩã* ‘I told my wife to cook the meat’.

*2 • want. ɲ nɲa ɲ zimãũ* ‘I want to know’.

**ɲmããɲu** [ɲmããɲú] *propn. Mangu (person's name).*

*SynT: mbasik (male), hasik (female).*

**ɲmeliɲmĩũ** [ɲmélíɲmĩũ] *n. heron. Ardea gen..*

*Pl: ɲmeliɲmĩũsa.*

**ɲmedaa** [ɲmédàà] *n. thread holder for spinning cotton (with thread on). See: guɲdaabii.*

**ɲmena** [ɲménà] *v. 1 • cut. ɲ ɲmena daa ra* ‘I have cut a tree’. *karantie ɲmena ɲ nãã ra* ‘The cutlass cut my leg’.

*2 • bite. u ja fabap u kaali, dũũ ban ɲmena a kpa juo* ‘She hurried to go out, the python then bit her’.

**ɲmena** [ɲméná] *n. chisel. Pl: ɲmenasa.*

**ɲmena** [ɲménà] *v. ignite. ɲmènà díɲ* ‘Light a fire’.

**ɲmena** [ɲmènà] *Variant: banɲmena; aɲmena. 1 • interg. how much, how many. aɲmena i ka kpagasi* ‘How many of them did you catch?’

*2 • n. amount, a certain number.*

**ɲmeɲ** [ɲméɲ] *n. okro. Pl: ɲmena.*

**ɲmeɲ** [ɲméɲ] *n. rope. Pl: ɲmesa.*

**ɲmeɲhulɪ** [ɲméɲhùlɪ] *n. dried okro. Pl: ɲmeɲhulee.*

**ɲmeɲtel** [ɲméɲtél] *n. spider. Pl: ɲmeɲtela. num. eight.*

**ɲmeɲmena** [ɲmeɲmena] *n. maize. Usage: Gurumbele. See: ɲammɪ.*

**ɲmiasɪ** [ɲmíásɪ] *v. swear. ɲ ɲmiasɪ ãã* ‘I swear by the bushbuck’.

**ɲmieri** [ɲmìérɪ] *v. melt.*

**ɲmiě** [ɲmìě] *v. steal. a bie ɲmiě ɲuu ni ɲ wa kpa molebie* ‘The child steals so I don't have money’.

**ɲmiěi** [ɲmìěí] *n. stealing.*

**ɲmiěɾ** [ɲmìěɾ] *n. stealer. Pl: ɲmiěɾa.*

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## o

**oi** [ʔóí] *interj. surprised, unexpected or pain exclamation.*

**ol** [ʔól] *n. type of mouse. Pl: olo.*

**onsiaɲ** [ʔónsíáɲ] *n. type of mouse found in the bush.*

**oma** [ʔómà] v. *fear*. **ti bi waa oma lali muŋ** ‘Never fear a corpse again’.

**ongbia** [ʔðŋgbìá] n. *fearfulness*.

**ongbiar** [ʔðŋgbíár] n. *coward*. Pl: **ongbiara**.

See: **bambitma**.

**ora** [ʔórà] v. **1** • *swell*.

**2** • *sew*.

**paa** [pàà] *pl.v.* 1 • *take, collect.* **ka paa bma hama ta** ‘Go and take these feces away’. See: **kpa**.

2 • *marry women.* See: **kpa**.

**paamāā** [pààmāā] *n.* type of tree. *Combretum aphanopetalum*. Pl: **paamāna**.

**paasi** [pààsi] *v.* 1 • *peel with a knife.*

2 • *scoop staple food from the pot to the bowls.*

**paatjak** [pààtjak] *n.* leaf. Pl: **paatjaga**.

**paatjakjara** [pààtjakjara] *n.* healer. Pl: **paatjakjarasa**.

**pabii** [pàbíi] *Lit: hoe seed. n. hoe blade.* Pl: **pabie**.

**paga** [pàvā] *v.* do intentionally, without a particular reason. **m paga vieu di n waa kaalr dusie zaan** ‘I intentionally refused to go to Ducie today’.

**pagbetu** [pàgbétí] *n.* small hoe. Usage: Gurumbele. See: **patila**.

**pala** [pàlà] *v.* liquid flow. **a gon pala kaalr tiinuu ro** ‘The river flows to the west’.

**pan** [pán] *n.* molar. Pl: **pana**.

**panbanu** [pánbání] *Lit: molar section. propn. section of Ducie.*

**papata** [pàpàtá] *n.* farmer. Pl: **papatasa**.

**par** [pár:] *n.* hoe. Pl: **para**.

**para** [pàrà] *v.* farm.

**parage** [pàràgè] *v.* dependent on someone else's facilities, share someone else's belonging. **m määbie parage n ni n hāān ni ra** ‘My brother lives with me and my wife’. **u binhāān parage u hila dindra ni** ‘Her daughter share the kitchen with her in-law’.

**parakun** [pàràkùn] Variant: **perekū**. *n.* pig. Pl: **parakunso**.

**parasa** [pàràsá] *pl.n.* temporary farm workers.

**parasi** [pàràsi] *v.* crackle, noise of charcoal or fire.

**pata** [pátá] *n.* trousers. Pl: **patasa**.

**pataase** [pàtáásè] *n.* locally distilled alcoholic spirit. From: ultm. probably Ga. Etym: akpeteshie.

**patila** [pàtílá] *n.* small hoe. Pl: **patilasa**. See: **pagbetu**.

**paturuu** [pàtùrúù] *n.* petrol. From: ultm. English.

**patfigbummo** [pàtfigbúmmò] *qual.* not truthful, not transparent, liar, secretive.

**patfigu** [pàtfigí] *n.* 1 • *abdomen, belly.* Pl: **patfigee**.  
2 • *intrinsic properties that characterize someone.* **u patfigu bireo** ‘He is not truthful’.

*rel.n.* inside. **waa dua a fala patfigu ni** ‘It is inside the calabash’.

**patfigipumma** [pàtfigípùmmá] *qual.* generous or fair person.

**patfigituora** [pàtfigítùórá] *n.* gratefulness.

**patfigtjogsa** [pàtfigtjògásá] *n.* sadness, grief, depressed.

**patfigwnila** [pàtfigwìllà] *n.* stomach ache. Pl: **patfigwnila**.

**pawie** [pàwíé] *n.* small hoe used for weeding.

**pazen** [pàzè] *n.* big hoe used for plowing. Pl: **pazene**.

**pe** [pé] *n.* by someone's or something's location, end or limit. **m bise mun no tfoje kaalr ba mää pe** ‘All my children have run to their mother's’. **a kapusie dua u pe ni** ‘The kola nuts are by him’.

**pel** [pél] *n.* third layer of roofing structure. Pl: **pel**.

**pel** [pél] *n.* burial specialist. Pl: **pelle**.

**peligi** [pélígi] *v.* 1 • *separate from each other.*

2 • *spread a mat or blanket on a floor.*

**pemballuon** [pèmbállùò] *Lit: sheep neck hair. n.* type of grass.

**pen** [pén] *n.* penis. Pl: **pene**.

**penpuon** [pèmpú] *n.* male pubic hair. Pl: **penpuna**.

**peti** [pétí] *v.* finish. **jà pétijò** ‘We are done’.

**peu** [pèú] *n.* wind. Pl: **peuno**.

**pewo** [pèwò] *v.* blow with instrument to revive. **pewo a diñ du** ‘Blow on the fire’.

**pe** [pé] *v.* add, increase. **ja kuoru banu peje a ja banie alope** ‘Our chief's section was added to make seven sections’.

**pegsi** [pègàsì] *v.* split. **pègsi à kàpúsìè bára báliè** ‘Split the kola nut into two parts’.

**pempiamu** [pèmpìàmî] *n.* fibrous meat. Pl: **pempiamue**.

**pen** [pèn] *n.* pen. Pl: **pensa**. From: ultm. English.

**pena** [pèná] *n.* moon. Pl: **pensa**. See: **buoga**.

**pena** [pèná] *v.* wide.

**penu** [péní] *qual.* wide. Ant: **foru**.

**penpeglimpe** [pèmpègàlìmpè] *n.* butterfly. Pl: **penpeglimpesa**.

**pera** [pèrà] *v.* weave rope or hair.

**perete** [pèrètè] *n. dish plate. Pl: peretesa. From: ultim. English.*

**pewa** [pèwà] *v. to smoke meat, to grill meat.*

**pewu** [péwí] *n. smoking or grilling meat.*

**piel** [piél] *n. type of plant. Pl: piel.*

**piesii** [piésí] *n. sheep. Pl: piesie.*

**pigsi** [pìgsì] *v. spy. ti vala pigsi a hãñ ‘Do not spy on the woman’.*

**pii** [pí] *n. yam mound. Pl: pie.*

**piige** [piìgè] *v. mark a field or a face, draw a line.*

**piile** [pílé] *v. tear, pull apart or to pieces. piile kadaase tama tɛŋ ‘Tear a piece of paper for me’.*

**piili** [píli] *v. start. bi píli ‘Start again’.*

**piimusa** [píimísa] *n. Lit: yam mound nose. part of yam mound.*

**piipelee** [piìpélè] *n. small yam mound leaning against another yam mound, built for matching the piimusa on the opposite line. Pl: piipelesa.*

**pile** [pilè] *v. cover a surface. kosa n kpà pile a dia ‘I cover the house with grass’.*

**pinti** [pìntì] *v. pick up. pinti tɛuono tɛŋ ‘Pick up shea nut seeds for me’.*

**piti** [pìtì] *v. survive. a geregn waa piti ‘The sick person will not survive’.*

**pitiɲaɲa** [pítiɲàɲà] *n. type of tree. Ficus sur. Pl: pitiɲaɲasa.*

**pitiisolo** [pítiísòlò] *n. type of tree. Ficus conraui. Pl: pitiisoloso.*

**prasi** [píási] *v. 1 • ask. a hãñ prasi u baal di lie u ka kaali ‘The woman asked the man ‘where are you going?’.*

2 • investigate, soothsay. n ka prasi na baan ka tɛ n di wu ‘I shall soothsay to know what makes me sick’.  
See: vuga.

**prema** [piémá] *n. ego's sister. Pl: prensa.*

**preŋ** [piéŋ] *n. piece of cloth. Pl: prema.*

**priga** [pígà] *v. fry without any other ingredients. See: hala.*

**prigu** [pígí] *n. frying.*

**pu** [pí] *n. yam. Usage: Katua. Pl: pia. See: kpãñ.*

**pila** [pilà] *v. hit down repeatedly, to compact by hitting.*

**prɲa** [pìɲà] *v. be satisfied, with food or information.*

**pisa** [pìsá] *n. grass mat. Pl: pisa.*

**pisi** [pìsì] *v. scatter, disappear, spread. a nara muŋ pisi n sii n ‘All the people should disappear from my face’. pisi kpõŋkpõŋ ta bu n n a hola ‘Spread the cassava on the rock to dry’.*

**pĩ** [pí] *v. be fed up with the same matter, or the same food.*

**po** [pó] *v. divide into parts. po a namã ja tie ‘Divide the meat so we can chop’.*

**pol** [pól] *n. vein. Pl: polo.*

**pol** [pól] *n. pond of which water is used for drinking. Pl: pollo.*

**polimi** [pòlimì] *v. rush, hasten.*

**polpiesii** [pòlpiésí] *Lit: pond sheep. n. Mona monkey. Cercopithecus mona. Pl: polpiesie.*

**pompورا** [pòmpora] *propn. Pompora (person's name).*

**pontii** [póntí] *n. liniment tree. Securidaca longepedunculata. Pl: pontie.*

**pon** [pón] *n. cricket. Pl: pomo.*

**ponpoglii** [põŋpõglî] *n. type of tree. Pl: ponpoglie.*

**ponpogo** [põŋpógò] *Variant: ponpogolii. n. type of tree. Ficus trichopoda. Pl: ponpogoso.*

**po** [pó] *v. insert, plant, pierce. n pò dáá rá ‘I planted a tree’. hembu po daa ni, foto laga ‘A picture hangs from a nail on a pole’.*

**po** [pò] *v. protect. po a dianũã, bũũ na n di buure n kpaɲa ‘Keep the door, I want to catch a goat’.*

**poi** [põ] *n. planting. daa poi wireo ‘Tree planting is good’.*

**pola** [pòlà] *v. fat.*

**polu** [pólí] *qual. fat. Pl: polie. a nihããna polee fi muŋ hama ‘All those ten fat women’. Ant: badawise.*

**põmpi** [põmpì] *n. pump. Pl: põmpisa. From: ultim. English.*

**põntòtɔtɔĩã** [põntòtòtɔtɔĩã] *n. type of calabash seed. Pl: põntòtɔtɔĩasa.*

**potu** [pótí] *v. damage a liquid container. ti juo bia, a nɲuɔrvii kaa potu ‘Stop stoning, the drinking water pot will be damaged’.*

**prega** [pərégà] *n. iron castanets (finger bell).*

**prɲ** [prín] *n. type of Mahogany. Khaya senegalensis. Pl: prma.*

**pu** [pú] *v. 1 • cover, as in covering a drum with a skin. n pú n bintɛrà rà ‘I cover my drum’.*

2 • lie on stomach. pu i kmtɔualu ni ‘Lie on your stomach in your bed’.

**pul** [púl] *n. type of river grass. Pl: pul.*

**pumii** [púmíí] *n. 1 • hiding.*  
*2 • hatching.*

**pumo** [púmó] *v. 1 • hide by squatting or getting down to the ground. See: sogli.*  
*2 • lie on eggs.*

**pumpunma** [pùmpúnìnà] *n. stomach. Pl: pumpunmasa.*

**pupuree** [púpùrèè] *n. cow pea aphid. Aphis craccivora. Pl: púpùresó.*

**pur** [púr:] *n. farmers and hunters' bag, originally made out of skin, may refer to any bag. Pl: puro. Syn: loga. See: hũŋ.*

**puro** [púrò] *v. untie. u puro a bũñ na 'She untied the goat. 'Ant: lomo.*

**pusi** [pùsì] *v. 1 • to meet, to reach or to join someone.*  
*dì vâlà àkà púsíú 'Walk and get to him'.*  
*2 • receive something from someone, given politely by the giver and unexpected for the recipient. wusa ŋma di dusilee pusi u molebie tɪŋ dua ba pe ni keŋ 'Wusa said that the people from Ducie should keep his money'.*

**pu** [pú] *v. spit. pó tà 'Spit it out'.*

**pual** [púal] *n. liver. Pl: puala.*

**puã** [pùã] *qual. rotten.*

**puĩpuĩ** [pùĩpùĩ] *ideo. of a bad smell. suɔrɪ kɪmkan na puĩpuĩ 'too much of a bad smell'.*

**pula** [pula] *v. white. Usage: Motigu, Katua, Gurumbele. See: tula.*

**pulapula** [púlápúlá] *qual. pointed, sharp.*

**pumma** [pùmmá] *qual. white. Pl: pulonsa. a bũña mun na jaa apulonsa ra 'All the goats are white'. búlɛŋf jáá tʃàkàlpòlònsá rá 'People from Bulenga are white Chakali'. See: tula.*

**pumma peupeu** [pùmmà péupéu] *qual. very white.*

**puŋ** [púŋ] *n. 1 • hair.*  
*2 • feather. Pl: puna.*

**puoga** [pùògá] *n. hernia.*

## R

**ra** [ra] *Variant: ro; re; na; no; ne; la; lo; le; wa; wo. foc.*

*focus particle. wojo kpaga gerega ra 'Wojo has a sickness'.*

## S

**saabii** [sáábìì] *n. shaggy rat. Dasymys (incomtus or rufulus). Pl: saabie.*

**saal** [sàal] *n. settlement, nest, building. Pl: saal.*

**sabaan** [sábáán] *n. center of a mud roof top.*  
*Pl: sabaama.*

**safokala** [sáfókàlà] *propn. shrine of Bulinga village.*

**saga** [sàyà] *v. sit on, be on. a bu saga a kor juu ni 'The stone is on the bench'. See: tʃua; suguli.*

**sakɪr** [sákər] *n. bicycle. Pl: sakɪrsa. From: ultm. English.*

**sal** [sál] *n. flat roof. Pl: salla.*

**salengongo** [sàlɛŋgòŋò] *n. type of praying mantis. Mantidae. Pl: salengongo.*

**salɛŋ** [sálɛŋ] *n. gold. Pl: salema.*

**sama** [sámà] *v. wash. sama i sie 'Wash your face'.*

**sambalkuso** [sámáalkùsò] *n. type of grass. Rottboellia cochinchinensis. Pl: sambalkuso.*

**sambalɲaɲa** [sámáɲàŋá] *n. type of grass. Rottboellia exaltata. Pl: sambalɲaɲa.*

**samkpantuluŋu** [sámkpántúlùŋù] *n. type of hamerkop. Pl: samkpantuluŋuso.*

**sampentɛ** [sámpɛntiɛ] *n. form of gardening in which the soil is raised above the surrounding soil. See: jolo.*

**sampɪl** [sámpɪl] *n. wooden tool used to beat a surface in order to compact it. Pl: sampɪla.*

**sanlare** [sànlàrè] *n. child of a previous relation adopted by the new husband. Pl: sanlarena.*

**sansama** [sànsámá] *n. prostitution. From: Waali.*

**sansandugulii** [sánsándùgùlɪ] *n. type of caterpillar. Pl: sansandugulee.*

**sansanduguliibummo** [sànsàndùgúlííbúmmò] *n. type of caterpillar.*

**sansanduguliihohola** [sànsàndùgúlííhóhólà] *n. type of caterpillar.*

**sansanduguliinrer** [sànsàndùgúlííníér:] *n. type of caterpillar.*

**sansanna** [sànsánnà] *n. prostitute. Pl: sansannasa. From: Waali.*

**sanzɔ** [sànzíɔ] *n. ladder. Pl: sanzisa.*

**saɲa** [sáɲá] *v. 1 • sit. a baal saɲa a kor nɪ ‘The man sat on the chair’.*

*2 • settle. ba saɲa motigu haylɪ nɪ ‘They settled in Motigu’.*

**saɲa** [sàɲà] *n. time, period, moment, generation, occasion. a saɲa tɪn nɪ ‘In those days’. jawa saɲa tɪɲ ‘Our generation’.*

**saɲa wɛɲ** [sáɲwɛɲ] *interg. when. saɲa wen ne ɪ ka buuruu kusi ‘When couldn't you find it?’*

**saɲgbena** [sàɲgbénà] *n. crawl-crawl.*

**saɲgberema** [sàɲgbéréma] *n. yaws. From: Waali.*

**saɲkpaɲɔɲɔgulee** [sáɲkpáɲɔɲɔgúlèè] *n. type of hamerkop. Scopus umbretta. Pl: saɲkpaɲɔɲɔgulso.*

**saɲkpaɲtulɔ** [sàɲkpàɲtúlúɲ] *n. type of tree. Pl: saɲkpaɲtulumo.*

**saɲkpaɲzɪɪl** [sàɲkpàɲzɪyíl:] *n. beauty spot or uneven skin. Pl: saɲkpaɲzɪgila.*

**sapete** [sàpétè] *n. ceiling of a traditional house. Pl: sapetese.*

**sapuhĩẽ** [sàpùhĩẽ] *n. pouched rat, or giant rat. Cricetomys gambianus. Pl: sapunso.*

**sar** [sár] *n. pumpkin seed, not pealed. Pl: sara.*

**sarabii** [sárábíi] *n. pumpkin seed. Pl: sarabie.*

**sasɪbɪ** [sásibìi] *n. type of grinding stone. Pl: sasɪbra.*

**sau** [sáu] *n. flour.*

**sãã** [sãá] *n. axe. Pl: sããna.*

**sãã** [sãà] *v. 1 • carve.*

*2 • stir.*

*3 • drive.*

*4 • build.*

**sããdiilii** [sããdíílii] *n. type of hoe. Pl: sããdiilee.*

**sããgbulie** [sããgbùlié] *n. type of hoe. Pl: sããgbuluso.*

**sãɲ** [sáɲ] *n. crested porcupine. Hystrix cristata. Pl: sama.*

**sãɲkumsɔna** [sãɲkùmsónà] *n. fresh leaf of baobab which do not bear fruit. Pl: sãɲkumsɔna.*

*See: tolipaafak.*

**sãɲpuɲ** [sãɲpúɲ] *n. porcupine quills. Pl: sãɲpuna.*

**sãsaar** [sãsáár] *n. carver. Pl: sãsaara.*

**sel** [sél:] *n. animal. Pl: sele.*

**sellɪ** [sélɪ] *v. reduce by sharpening (pen), or cut with a razor (nail).*

**seɲebii** [séɲébíi] *n. second layer of roofing structure. Pl: seɲebie.*

**sewa** [séwá] *v. write.*

**sewa** [séwà] *n. talisman in the form of a waistband. Pl: sewasa.*

**sibihalɪ** [sìbìhálíi] *n. fried bean seed. Pl: sibihalɪe.*

**sibii** [sìbìi] *Variant: siwii. n. bambara bean. Vigna subterranea. Pl: sibie.*

**sibire** [sìbərəé] *n. faint. See: tjele.*

**sie** [síé] *n. face. Pl: siese.*

**sielii** [sìèlìi] *n. perforated pot used for washing dawadawa seeds. Pl: sielie.*

**sieribile** [sìèribílé] *n. water yam. See: kpããɲɪɪ. From: Waali.*

**sigaaɪ** [sìgáárì] *n. cigarette. Pl: sigaarise.*

**sigii** [sìgìi] *n. suffering, misery. ɲ sigii gaalio ‘My suffering is abundant’. ɪ bajɔra tɪe ɲ dɪ di sigii haɲ ‘Because of your laziness, I am now suffering’.*

**sii** [síi] *n. 1 • eye. Pl: sie.*

*2 • grain, seed.*

*3 • greedy. ɔ kpaga sii kmkan na ‘He is very greedy, egoist’. See: siitma.*

**sii** [sìi] *v. 1 • raise. sii tɪɲa ‘Get up and stand’.*

*2 • changing settlement or farmland.*

**sii** [síi] *n. dance performed by both men and women, hardly seen today.*

**siibii** [síbìi] *n. eye ball. Pl: siibie.*

**siikono** [sìikónò] *n. eyebrow. Pl: siikonso.*

**siilalla** [sìilállà] *n. person with knowledge. Pl: siilallasa. Ant: geni.*

**siinomatomma** [sínòmàttínnà] *Lit: eye-hot-owner. qual. wild person.*

**siipuɲ** [sìpúɲ] *n. eyelash. Pl: siipuna.*

**siitma** [sìíttmà] *n. stingy. ì já sítíttmà rá ‘You are stingy’. See: nekpeg. Ant: nɪbuwerii. See: sii.*

**sɪngeta** [sìngètà] *n. type of yam. Pl: sɪngetasa.*

**sinjkipili** [sɪŋkɪpɪlɪ] *n. type of tree. Copaifera salikounda. Pl: sinjkipile.*

**sinsigirii** [sɪŋsɪgɪrɪi] *n. type of hyena. Pl: sinsigiree.*

**siri** [sɪrɪ] *n. ready, look forward to, anxious. ɲ jaa siri re di ɲ kaali dusie 'I'm anxious to go to Ducie'. From: Waali.*

**sisrama** [sɪsɪràmà] *n. seriousness. Pl: sisransa.*

**siwiila** [sɪwíilá] *n. conjunctivitis.*

**sia** [sɪá] *Variant: sie. n. teasing, making fun of somebody, imitating in a way to make fun of someone. a baal kaa jaa u bise sia ra 'The man makes fun of his children'. ɪ sia tie baan kpaɲɲ 'Your teasing makes me angry'. ɲ tʃena kaa jaa nara sie ra 'My friend has been making fun of people'.*

**siamá** [sɪàmá] *qual. 1 • red. Pl: siansa.*

*2 • riped. mangosiamá 'Riped mango'. ansiamá 'Riped Ebony fruit'. See: siari; bu.*

**siamá tʃuɪtʃuɪ** [sɪàmá tʃuɪtʃuɪ] *Variant: siari kɲkan. qual. pure, complete or very red.*

**siari** [sɪári] *v. 1 • red.*

*2 • ripe. tie a mōŋgo nɲ siari 'Let the mango be ripe'. See: siama; siari; bu.*

**siã** [sɪã] *Variant: siẽ. v. respond to a call. u siãwũ 'She responded'. ɲ siã u jiri tm na 'I responded to his call'.*

**sie** [sɪè] *Variant: nansieli. n. poor quality meat.*

**siebi** [sɪèbɪ] *n. butchered wing of a bird or a fowl. Pl: siebie. See: embeli.*

**sienée** [sɪènée] *n. proverb. Pl: sienesa.*

**sig** [sɪg] *n. cow pea. Pl: siga.*

**sigabummo** [sɪgbúm mò] *n. black bean.*

**sigapaatjak** [sɪgápàatʃák] *n. fresh bean leaf. Pl: sigapaatjaga. See: suosa.*

**sigapumma** [sɪgpòm má] *n. white bean.*

**sigasiamá** [sɪgsɪàmá] *n. red bean.*

**sigera** [sɪgərə] *n. type of climber. Rhigiocarya racemifera. Pl: sigerasa.*

**sigmaa** [sɪgmàà] *n. funeral mask. Pl: sigmaasa. See: sigu.*

**sigmazimbie** [sɪgmázimbíè] *n. type of bird. Pl: sigmazimbise.*

**sigu** [sɪgù] *ono. sound of someone choking. u jaa sigu sigu sigu 'She has less breath'.*

**sigu** [sɪgú] *propn. sigmaa language. See: sigmaa.*

**siimaa** [sɪimáà] *n. food. Pl: siimaa.*

**siimaadria** [sɪimáádrià] *n. food storage room.*

**sima** [sɪmá] *n. bamboo. Pl: simasa.*

**smlök** [sɪnlök] *n. location where men dress for performing sigmaa.*

**smj** [sɪŋ] *n. alcoholic drink. Pl: sima.*

**smjbeglɲ** [sɪŋbèglɲ] *n. chameleon. Chamaeleonidae fam. Pl: smjbeglɲsa.*

**smjbiilii** [sɪmbiilɪi] *n. fermented pito.*

**smjbul** [sɪmbúl] *n. unfermented pito. See: smjsiamá; smjhũor.*

**smjgbeglɲnebie** [sɪŋgbèglɲnèbiè] *Lit: cameleon fingers. n. type of grass with roots difficult to dig out. Pl: smjbeglɲnebie.*

**smjhũor** [sɪŋhũòr] *n. unfermented pito. See: smjbul.*

**smjpumma** [sɪmpòm má] *n. palm wide. See: kpur.*

**smjsagal** [sɪnsáyál] *n. 1 • descending position among siblings. u smsayal bituru jaɲ 'After him, I'm the third'.*

*2 • remaining. tusu anɪ smsayal 'Thousand and something'.*

**smjsiamá** [sɪnsɪàmá] *n. pito; fermented local brewed drink made from guinea corn.*

**smjtök** [sɪntók] *n. pito pot. Pl: smjtoga.*

**smjtʃau** [sɪntʃáú] *n. type of tree. Lannea acida. Pl: smjtʃawa.*

**sisi** [sɪsɪ] *v. wash by brushing.*

**sisia** [sɪsɪè] *n. Tamarind. Tamarindus indica. Pl: sisisa.*

**sogli** [sɔ̀yɔ̀li] *v. hide. See: pumo.*

**sokie** [sòkié] *n. type of tree. Abrus precatorius. Pl: sokiete.*

**sol** [sól:] *adv. clearly. ja ka bɪnsɪ a wɪe, ɲ lɪrwau sol 'After our judgement, I was out of the case clearly'.*

**sol** [sól] *n. type of fish. Pl: solo.*

**solbie** [sólbié] *n. type of ant. Usage: Gurumbele. See: haglibie.*

**solisi** [sólísɪ] *qual. smooth.*

**solɔ̀nsolɔ̀** [sólɔ̀nsólɔ̀] *qual. smooth. Ant: kɔ̀gsɔ̀ga.*

**sontogo** [sòntògò] *n. base element for supporting and holding still a big clay water container. Pl: sontogoso.*

**sɔ** [sò] *v. wash one's body. ɪ káá sò nɪ rá 'You will bath'.*

**sɔ duoŋ** [sɔ́ dúòŋ] *Lit: wash rain. v. initiate to lightning. ɪ sɔ́ dùòŋ nɔ́dɔ́* ‘Have you taken the lightning initiation?’ See: **duoŋsɔɪ**.

**sɔbummo** [sɔ́búm mò] *n. Black thorn. Acacia gourmaensis. Pl: sɔbulunso.*

**sɔkoro** [sɔ́kòrò] *n. type of tree. Clausena anisata. Pl: sɔkoroso.*

**sɔkɔsɪ** [sɔ́kɔ́sɪ] *n. non-hygienic. ɲ wa buure sɔkɔsɪ hãã sɪma* ‘I don’t want this non-hygienic woman’s food’.

**sɔmpɔrɛɛ** [sɔ́mpɔ́rɛɛ] *n. type of frog. Pl: sɔmpɔrɛsa.*

**sɔmpɔrlilesi** [sɔ́mpɔ́rlilɛ̀sɪ] *Lit: frog swallow. n. Egg-eating snake. Dasypeltis scabra. Pl: sɔmpɔrlilesise.*

**sɔnĩɛ** [sɔ́nĩɛ] *n. 1 • health condition as a result of cold weather.*  
*2 • malaria.*

**sɔnna** [sɔ́nná] *n. lover. Pl: sɔnna.*

**sɔŋ** [sɔ́ŋ] *Variant: sɔsɔŋ. qual. cool, cold. See: kuusɔŋ; kapalasɔŋ.*

**sɔŋ** [sɔ́ŋ] *n. fresh. Pl: sɔna. pàátɔ́k sɔŋ* ‘fresh leaf’.

**sɔŋ** [sɔ́ŋ] *n. name. Pl: sɔna.*

**sɔŋtuma** [sɔ́ŋtúmá] *qual. generous, helpful person. Ant: nekpeg.*

**sɔpumma** [sɔ́púm má] *n. White thorn. Acacia dudgeoni. Pl: sɔpulunsa.*

**sɔra** [sɔ́ra] *v. leak with a narrow flow.*

**sɔrɪɪ** [sɔ́ríí] *n. type of frog.*

**sɔsɪama** [sɔ́sɪámá] *n. Red thorn. Acacia hockii. Pl: sɔsɪansa.*

**sɔsɔlɪɪ** [sɔ́sɔ́lɪí] *n. slippery place found in the bush during the rainy season.*

**sɔta** [sɔ́tá] *n. 1 • thorn. Pl: sɔrasa.*  
*2 • type of tree.*

**su** [sú] *v. 1 • fill. à fálá sújòdɔ́* ‘The calabash is full’.  
*2 • unexperienced with men, virgin. ɲ binhaan sujo, ka u wa zima baalsa* ‘My daughter is virgin, she doesn’t know men’.  
*qual. full. Ant: holɪ.*

**suguli** [sùgùlɪ] *v. 1 • cook by boiling. See: tɔŋa.*  
*2 • be on. jineã ɪ ka suguli a mase keŋ* ‘Why are you putting them on top of each other like this?’ *hena suguli tebul nuu bambaan nɪ* ‘A bowl is on the center of a table’. See: **saga**.

**sukuu** [sùkúù] *n. school. Pl: sukuuso. From: ultm. English.*

**suleme** [sùlèmè] *v. beg, borrow. Usage: Katua. See: summe.*

**sulumbie** [sùlùmbiɛ] *n. orphan. Usage: Katua. See: ɲpaõ; lahrwie.*

**sumbol** [sùmból] *n. chimney. Pl: sumbolo.*

**summe** [sùmmè] *v. 1 • borrow. u summe ɲ par ra* ‘He borrowed my hoe’.  
*2 • help. ba waa summeja sãã ja dia* ‘They helped us to build our house’.  
*3 • beg. See: suleme.*

**sunguro** [sùŋgùrò] *n. long pole designed to reach the dead branches. Pl: sunguroso. See: leŋ.*

**sunguru** [sùŋgùrú] *n. young girl who can get married and has never given birth. Usage: Gurumbele. See: tulor.*

**suo** [sùdò] *v. curse. di ɪ wa jaa wɪwire ɪ mãã ka suo nuã tɪɪ* ‘If you don’t do well your mother will curse you’.

**suon** [súón] *n. Red shea tree. Vitellaria paradoxa. Pl: suomo. See: tɕuon.*

**suonbii** [sùòŋbíí] *Lit: shea nut seed. n. kidney. Pl: suonbie.*

**suonɔdaawie** [sùòndááwíɛ] *Lit: shea nut small stick. n. type of snake. Pl: suonɔdaawise.*

**surum** [súrum] *n. silence. a tɔu mun jaa surum* ‘The village is silent’. *ma jaa surum* ‘Be quiet’.

**susumma** [sùsùmmà] *n. helper. Pl: susummasa.*

**suutere** [sùùtérè] *n. leader. Pl: suuterese.*

**sũũ** [sũũ] *n. guinea fowl. Numida meleagris. Pl: sũũno.*

**sũũhal** [sũũhál] *n. guinea fowl egg. Pl: sũũhala.*

**sua** [sùá] *n. age.*

**suani** [súání] *qual. 1 • slow. Ant: laga.*  
*2 • wet. Ant: holɪ.*

**suawaalɪɪ** [sùáwálíí] *n. age mate.*

**sug** [sùk] *n. type of tree. Grewia lasiodiscus. Pl: suguno.*

**sugle** [sùɣálɛ́] *v. forget. ɲ sugle ɲ molebii ta dia nɪ* ‘I forgot my money in the house’.

**sul** [sùl:] *n. dawadawa. Parkia biglobosa. Pl: sulla. See: sunkpulii.*

**sulbii** [sùlbíí] *n. dawadawa seed. Pl: sulbie. Syn: tɕĩ.*

**sulnɔŋ** [sùlnòŋ] *n. dawadawa fruit. Pl: sulnɔna.*

**sulsau** [sùsáù] *n. dawadawa flour.*  
*qual. yellow.*



**summãã** [súmmãã] *n. food flavouring, made out of dawadawa seed. Pl: summããsa. See: sul.*

**sunkare** [súŋkàrè] *propn. ninth month.*

**sunlòk** [súnlòk] *n. yellowish vomit coming from the bile.*

**sunkpulii** [súŋkpúlíí] *n. flower of the dawadawa tree. Pl: sunkpulee. See: sul.*

**suola** [sùdàlá] *n. locally woven cotton cloth. Pl: suolasa.*

**suoni** [súóní] *v. cold. a kpããŋ suonjũ 'The yam is cold'. qual. quiet. ŋma a di suoni 'Speak quietly'.*

**suoni julullu** [súónì júlúllú] *qual. very cold.*

**suora** [sùdrá] *n. scent. a pinee suora wa wire 'The scent of the fish is not good'.*

**suori** [sùórí] *v. 1 • smell. ŋ suori u nũã, di u suori 'I smelled his mouth, it stank'.*

*2 • stink. ŋ suori u nũã, di u suori 'I smelled his mouth, it stank'.*

**suosa** [sùdsá] *n. white bean leaf. Pl: suosa. Syn: sigapaatfak.*

**suosanĩ** [sùdsénĩ] *n. 1 • boiled bean leaves stock. 2 • Emerald snake. Usage: Gurumbele. Gastropyxis smaragdina.*

*qual. greenish color.*

**suu** [súú] *n. 1 • front. Pl: suusa.*

*2 • precedent. ŋ suu tuma jaa balie wa 'I have two siblings older than me'. See: gantal.*

*rel.n. front. waa tɕua a fala suu ni 'It lies at the front of the calabash'.*

**suu** [sùúʷ] *n. death.*

**suwa** [sùwà] *v. die.*

**suwakandikuro** [sówàkándíkùró] *Lit: die and I become chief. n. type of parasitic plant. Pl: suwakandikuroso.*

**suwii** [súwíí] *n. 1 • corpse. Pl: suwie.*

*2 • dying.*

**sũã** [sũã] *v. weave.*

**sũãsuor** [sũãsúór] *n. weaver. Pl: sũãsuora.*

**sũõ** [sũõ] *n. scent. haduma waa nũũ sũõ 'Haduma cannot smell'.*

**sũũ** [sũũ] *v. order for quietness, as used when a child is crying or when apaising a quarrel. ti buolii, sũũ i nũã, nara kaa tɕua duo ro 'Don't sing, be quiet, people are sleeping.'*

**ta** [tá] v. 1 • *let free, let loose, leave, abandon.* **kpa n neŋ ta** ‘Leave my hand (let me go)’. **a būŋ ta u bie re** ‘The goat abandoned its kids’.

2 • *exist.* **baaŋ ta** ‘What is it?’ **aŋ ta** ‘Who is it?’

**taa** [táá] n. *language.* Pl: **taata**.

**taal** [táál] n. *cloud.* Pl: **taala**.

**taantuni** [táántúni] n. *stem borer caterpillar.*

Pl: **taantuni**.

**taavii** [tááviì] n. *pipe.* Pl: **taavise**.

**taga** [táyà] v. *touch with a finger in order to taste.*

**taja** [tájà] n. *catapult.* Pl: **tajasa**. From: Waali. Etym: **taaje** ‘tire’.

**takta** [táyətà] n. *shirt.* Pl: **taktasa**.

**taktŋuuni** [táktŋùni] n. *measles.* From: Waali.

**tala** [tàlà] v. *stretch.* **tala i neŋ** ‘Stretch your hand’.

**talala** [tálàlà] qual. *flat.* **a teebul nuu jaa talala** ‘The table top is flat’.

**tama** [támá] qual. *small, few.* **tama finii u kaa kaalu** ‘He will be leaving in a moment.’

**tambo** [tàmbò] n. *cloth used as diaper.* Pl: **tambosa**.

From: Waali. See: **tjaŋtŋul**.

**tantama** [tántàmà] adv. *small-small.*

**tapulsa** [tápùləsá] n. *ash.* Pl: **tapulsa**.

**tara** [tàrà] v. 1 • *support oneself in order to do something.* **lie i ka tara, ka ja nŋ** ‘Where are you getting your support to be bosting like this?’

2 • *stand firmly on feet.*

**tarage** [tárágè] Variant: **tatr**. v. *pull a finger, a rope or an elastic.* **i tarage n nebii** ‘You pull my finger’.

**tari** [tari] v. *creep.* **kawa baaŋ tari keŋ** ‘A pumpkin just crept like that’.

**tasa** [tásà] n. *iron bowl, water basin.* Pl: **tasasa**.

**tasazeŋ** [tásàzèŋ] n. *Lit: large bowl. water basin.*  
Pl: **tasazene**.

**taugara** [táùgárá] n. *chickenpox.* *Varicella*. From: Waali.

**tawa** [tàwà] Variant: **towa**. v. *inject, prick or pierce slightly.*

**te** [té] v. *early.* **i téjòò** ‘You are early’. **tŋosa pisi u baal tŋ te lala a baaŋ di u sii duo ni**. ‘Early the next morning the husband woke up the wife from sleep.’

**tebin** [tébiŋ] n. *night, approx. 18:00 onward up to dawn.* **baaŋ ja kaa di tebin ni** ‘What will we eat this evening?’ SynT: **batŋogo** ‘spoiled place’; **sankara**.

**teebul** [téébùl] n. *table.* Pl: **teebulso**. From: ultm. English.

**tele** [tèlè] v. *reach, arrive at.* **ja kaali saŋa teleu** ‘Let’s leave, it’s time.’

**tele** [télé] v. *lean against.* **a sanziŋ tele ziě ni** ‘The ladder leans against the wall’. **daa tele kuzaa ni** ‘A stick leans on a basket’.

**tempilie** [témpilíé] n. *type of cooking pot.*

Usage: Gurumbele. See: **tuolie**.

**teŋe** [tèŋè] v. 1 • *cut.* **tŋensi ré téŋè ù nàà** ‘The zinc cut her foot’. **ŋ téŋé gbésà rā** ‘I am cutting a chewing stick (men speech)’. See: **loga**.

2 • *take a picture.*

**teŋesi** [tèŋsi] pl.v. *cut.* **i téŋési à nàmiā rāà** ‘Did you cut the meat?’

**teŋteŋ** [tèŋtèŋ] qual. *single, alone, only.* **kpāāŋ digmaŋa teŋteŋ n kpaga** ‘I have one yam only’.

**tesi** [tési] v. 1 • *crush.* **tŋuono n di tesi** ‘I crush seeds’.

2 • *hatch.* **à zāl tésìò** ‘The fowl has hatched’. **sūū wa kŋ tesi u hala** ‘A guinea fowl cannot hatch his eggs’.

**teu** [tèú] n. *warthog.* *Phacochoerus africanus*.

Pl: **teuno**.

**teukanŋ** [téúkán] n. *warthog ivory.* Pl: **teukaŋa**.

**tehiě** [tèhiě] n. *oribi.* *Ourebia ourebi*. Pl: **tehiěsa**.

**temĩĩ** [témĩĩ] n. *type of ant.* Pl: **temĩě**.

**tesiamā** [tèsiamá] n. *red-flanked duiker.* *Cephalophus rufilatus*. Pl: **tesiansa**.

**teteĩ** [tètèĩ] Variant: **tateĩ**. n. *flintlock leather pad.*  
Pl: **tateĩna**.

**tibii** [tíbii] n. *Akee tree seed.* Pl: **tibie**.

**tie** [tié] v. 1 • *chew, chop.* **vii patŋiŋ ni mǎāwíe tŋ di a tie namǎ** ‘Inside the pot the stepmother ate and chop meat’.

2 • *cheat someone.*

**tigsi** [tíŋsi] v. *gather.* **duselee tŋi kaa tigsi doŋa ra a kuore lusmnasa** ‘Tomorrow, the people from Ducie will gather and prepare the last funeral rites’.

**tii** [tíi] n. *type of ant.* Pl: **tie**.

**tii** [tîi] n. *Akee tree.* *Blighia sapida*. Pl: **tise**.

**tiime** [tìimè] *v. treat, cure.* **u tiime n geraga ra** ‘He cured my disease’.

**tiimunj** [tìimúnj] *Variant: wɪjaaln. n. east. Etym: tienie munj* ‘land arse’. *From: Tampulma.*

**tiijnuu** [tìijnúù] *Variant: wɪtʃelii. n. west. Etym: tienie juu* ‘land head’. *From: Tampulma.*

**tiisali** [tíísàlɪ] *n. person from Tiisa. Pl: tiisala.*

**tiise** [tìisè] *v. help, support. tiise n n ja para kuo* ‘Help me to cultivate a farm’. **hama ka zi peje a wa zi ja tiise hanj** ‘These (two fingers) are then added, and then they come to support this one’.

**tiisi** [tíísɪ] *v. grind roughly. See: kuti.*

**tile** [tìlɛ] *n. forehead. Pl: tilese.*

**timpaanii** [tìmpáánɪ] *n. type of meal. From: Waali.*

**timpannɪ** [tìmpànnɪ] *n. female talking drum, with the highest pitch of the two. Pl: timpannɪta. See: timpanwal.*

**timpantii** [tìmpántíɪ] *n. talking drum. Pl: timpantie.*

**timpanwal** [tìmpànwál] *n. male talking drum, with the lowest pitch of the two. Pl: timpanwala. See: timpannɪ.*

**tindaana** [tìndāānā] *n. landlord. From: Waali. See: tɔtɔma.*

**tintuolii** [tíntùòlɪ] *n. African grey hornbill. Tockus nasutus. Pl: tintuoluso.*

**tinj** [tínj] *n. spear. Pl: time.*

**tisie** [tísié] *n. woven basket with guinea corn stocks. Usage: Katua. See: kuzaa.*

**tisii** [tísiɪ] *qual. shallow. Ant: lugo.*

**tiwii** [tìwíɪ] *n. road. Pl: tiwie. See: munii.*

**ti** [tɪ] *neg. not. ti kaali* ‘Don't leave!’

**tiasi** [tíásɪ] *v. vomit.*

**tiaside** [tíásiè] *n. vomit.*

**tie** [tìè] *v. 1 • give. n wa bi nma wmunj tie n nma kuoru* ‘I won't say anything to my father again’.

**2 • let. tie a nri numa** ‘Let the water be hot’.

**tie** [tíè] *n. 1 • fetus. Pl: tesa. See: luo.*

**2 • pregnancy. dò tîè** ‘impregnate’. *See: lula.*

**tiekpagar** [tíèkpàɣəf] *n. pregnant woman. Pl: tiekpagara.*

**tigla** [tígəlá] *n. type of yam.*

**tima** [tìiná] *n. owner. Pl: tuma.*

**til** [tíl] *n. gum. Pl: tila.*

**tila** [tìlà] *qual. minute, extremely small.*

**tina** [tìnà] *v. gather of cloud.*

**tmtaaraa** [tìntààràà] *n. woven smock. Pl: tmtaaraa.*

**tmtm** [tìntɪn] *reflex. self.*

**tnj** [tnj] *art. the. a baal tnj te lala a hããj dɪ u sii duo nɪ* ‘The husband woke up the wife early’.

**tnja** [tnjà] *v. 1 • follow. dɪ kaali layalaya hanj , dɪ a lei i ka tnja munj* ‘Go right away, if not you will follow us’.

**2 • obey. musa ka tnja dabantulugu munj nɪ, n sii nɪ re** ‘Musah is obeying the shrine, I witnessed it’.

**tnja** [tnjà] *n. responsibility. hnj tnja a kuo parɪ* ‘Your responsibility is the weeding of the farm’.

**ttɪ** [tìtɪ] *v. apply on body by rubbing.*

**tobii** [tóbíɪ] *n. bee. Pl: tobie.*

**tofura** [tófùrá] *n. second month.*

**togoma** [tòyómà] *n. name given to someone with the same name. Pl: togomasa. See: dontma.*

**toguni** [tògùnɪ] *Variant: tonɪ. v. squat. a diebie toguni kalej nɪ* ‘The cat squats on the mat’. *See: tonli.*

**tokhola** [toɣhola] *v. make charcoal.*

**tolibii** [tòlibíɪ] *n. baobab seed. Pl: tolibie.*

**tolii** [tòlɪɪ] *n. Baobab. Adansonia digitata. Pl: toluso.*

**tolipaatʃak** [tòlípààtʃák] *n. leaf of baobab. Pl: tolipaatʃaga. See: sãnkumsɔna.*

**tolog** [tólóg] *n. quiver, portable case for holding arrows. Pl: tologsa.*

**tomo** [tòmó] *n. type of tree. Pl: tomoso. See: tʃuomonaatɔwa.*

**tonli** [tónlɪ] *v. squat. tonli haglɪ nɪ* ‘Squat to the ground’. *See: toguni.*

**tonsi** [tòŋsɪ] *n. drip. a duonj kaa tonsi haglɪ nɪ* ‘The rain is dripping on the ground’.

**totii** [tótíɪ] *n. share. Pl: totie. i molibii totii nɪ na* ‘Here is your share of money’. **bɪsɪ i totii** ‘Narrate your story’.

**tou** [tóù] *interj. o.k.*

**to** [tɔ] *v. 1 • cover. kpá kɪŋ tò kòŋkòŋ háŋ* ‘Take this and cover that metal box’.

**2 • close. tɔ̀ i siè** ‘Close your eyes’. **tʃɔ̀pɔ̀sɪ tɪŋ ɲ ká tò n siè** ‘The day of my death’. **u to a dɪanuã ra** ‘She closed the door’. *Ant: lala. See: tʃige; jume.*

**tog** [tɔg] *n. ammunition pouch. Pl: toгна.*

**tog** [tɔg] *n. pito clay pot. Pl: toga.*

**toga** [tòyà] *v. burn. ma ti toga kɔsa dɪŋ* ‘Don't burn the grass’. *See: di.*

**tɔhiè** [tóhiè] *n. 1 • midnight.*

2 • *old community.*

**tɔhiẽ** [tɔhiẽ] *n. old community.*

**tɔɪ** [tɔɪ] *n. closing.*

**tɔma** [tɔmà] *propn. name of someone who obey a tɔmɪ, acquired in one's life time or from one's father.*

**tɔmɪ** [tɔmɪ] *n. acquired reptile idol. Pl: tɔmɪe.*

**tɔmusu** [tɔmúsù] *adv. day before yesterday, or day after tomorrow.*

**tɔmusu gantal** [tɔmúsù gántál] *adv. day after the day after tomorrow.*

**tɔna** [tɔná] *n. profit. Pl: tɔnasa.*

**tɔŋ** [tɔŋ] *n. 1 • skin. Pl: tɔna.*

2 • *book. Pl: tɔna.*

**tɔŋa** [tɔŋà] *v. cook food in water. à nàntòŋŋ kánáú 'The boiled meat is abundant'. tɔŋa kpāāŋ ja di 'Cook yam so we can eat'. See: suguli.*

**tɔŋa** [tɔŋà] *n. sickness related to a girl who has been abused sexually. tɔŋa kpayau 'She has the sickness'.*

**tɔŋɪ** [tɔŋí] *n. boiled.*

**tɔrege** [tɔrɛgɛ] *pl.v. pluck. See: tɔɪ.*

**tɔta** [tɔtá] *n. fiber.*

**tɔtɪ** [tɔtí] *v. pluck. See: tɔrege.*

**tɔtɔ** [tɔtɔ] *n. agitated, denying. u ŋmāú ka kaa jaa tɔtɔ 'She talks while denying'.*

**tɔtuɔsa** [tɔtùsá] *n. debate, misunderstanding, argumentation.*

**tɔtʃaŋ** [tɔtʃáŋ] *n. season spanning from September to November.*

**tɔtʃaŋbummo** [tɔtʃáámúmmò] *n. season or transition period from September to mid-October, immediately following the rainy season when the fully matured, thick grass in the bush begins to diminish in density and drying up because of the gradual reduction of rain at this period. It marks the transition from rainy season to dry season.*

**tɔtʃaŋsɪama** [tɔtʃááŋsɪámá] *n. season or transition period spanning from mid-October to November, identified by the end of the rain and the grass turning yellow. The quantity of rain usually reduces drastically, so the grasses begin to dry up leading to bush burnings for hunting and other activities.*

**tɔu** [tɔù] *n. settlement. Pl: tɔsa. di du ŋ kuo haŋ tɔu 'Take care of my farm as it is'.*

**tɔukpurgii** [tɔùkpúrɛgí] *n. tobacco container.*

**tɔupaatʃaga** [tɔùpàatʃáyá] *n. tobacco leaf.*

**tɔupatʃigɪ** [tɔùpàtʃígí] *n. inside the village.*

**tɔupual** [tɔùpùál] *n. important community member. Pl: tɔupualsa.*

**tɔusau** [tɔùsàú] *n. ground tobacco.*

**tɔusii** [tɔùsìi] *n. village's center, the most busy place of the village.*

**tɔutɪma** [tɔtùtìiná] *n. land owner, landlord. Pl: tɔutɪmsa. See: tindaana.*

**tɔwa** [tɔwà] *n. tobacco. Pl: tɔusa.*

**tɔwie** [tɔwíé] *n. small village. Pl: tɔwise.*

**trɔdʒa** [tɔráádʒà] *n. trousers. From: ultm. English.*

**tufutufu** [tùfùtùfú] *qual. type of texture, smooth and soft. a kapala du tufutufu 'The fufu is not starchy'.*

**tugo** [túgò] *v. 1 • beat. bà túgò dɔŋà 'They fight (with each other)'.*

2 • *pound. ò túgò kàpálà 'She pounds the fufu'.*

**tugosi** [tugosi] *pl.v. beat. ŋ tugosi a bie re 'I beat the child (more than once, over a short period of time)'.*

**tulor** [tùlór:] *n. young girl who can get married and has never given birth. Pl: tuloro. See: sunguru.*

**tulorwie** [tùlòrwié] *n. young girl. See: nhāwie, binhāāŋ.*

**tundaa** [tùndáá] *n. pounding stick. Pl: tundaasa. See: tuto.*

**tuo** [túò] *n. bow. Pl: toso.*

**tuo** [tùò] *v. not exist. ò wáá tùò 'He is not there'. See: dua.*

**tuolie** [tùólíè] *n. type of cooking pot. See: tempilie.*

**tuosi** [tùòsì] *v. 1 • add an amount after a deal is closed.*

2 • *pick fast. tʃɔ ka tuosi molebie waa 'Run and go pick the money and come back'.*

**tuosii** [tùòsíí] *n. added amount of goods by the seller after a closed transaction.*

**tuoso** [tùósó] *n. added amount. See: tuosii.*

**tusu** [túsù] *num. thousand. Pl: tususo. From: Oti-volta.*

**tuti** [tùtì] *v. push upwards or forwards. tuti a lɔlɪ u sii 'Push the car for it to start'.*

**tuto** [tùtò] *n. mortar. Pl: tutoso. See: tundaa; kuotuto.*

**tutosii** [tùtùsíí] *n. center of a mortar, around the smallest concentric ring.*

**tuu** [tùù] *Variant: tu.* v. go down. **ɲ tuu dɪa ra** ‘I went down to the house’. **kpá tùù** ‘Put it inside’. See: **tũã**; **zma**.

**tũũ** [tũũ] n. honey. Pl: **tũũta**.

**tol** [tól] n. flame. See: **diɲtol**.

**tula** [tùlà] v. white. **a dɪa patʃɪɲ waa tula** ‘The inside of the room is not white’. See: **pumma**.

**tuma** [tùmà] v. 1 • work. **ɲ wāá tùmà tómá zààɲ** ‘I will not work today’.

2 • send. **tumaɲ ɲ kaali duse** ‘Send me to Ducie’.

**tuma** [tómá] n. work. Pl: **tumasa**.

**tuma** [tùmà] pl.n. people.

**tuɔ** [túð] v. deny. **u tuɔ i wiɲmahã tɪn na** ‘He denied your words’.

**tuɔɪ** [túðɪ] n. denying.

**tuɔɲɪ** [túðɲɪ] v. stretch. **gumatɪma waa kɪn tuɔɲɪ** ‘A hunchback person cannot stretch’.

**tuɔɲɪɪ** [túðɲɪf] n. stretching.

**tuɔɲĩã** [túðɲĩã] n. type of genet. *Genetta spp.* Pl: **tuɔnsa**.

**tuɔsaa** [túðsáá] propn. Tuosa village.

**tuɔsalɪ** [túðsálɪf] *Variant: tuɔsal.* n. person from Tuosa. Pl: **tuɔsala**.

**tũã** [tũã] n. knife cover. Pl: **tũãna**. See: **tũũ**.

**tũũ** [tũũ] v. insert, pierce. **a hembii tũũ a daanɔɲ ɲɪ** ‘The nail pierces the fruit’. See: **tũã**; **pɔ**.

**tʃa** [tʃá] *Variant: tʃe.* v. *leave, strand, remain.* **u fi wiu a tʃa tama ka u suwa , nm wa u kpegeo** ‘He was very ill and he almost died, but now he is well’.

**tʃaantʃmɪŋ** [tʃáántʃímɪŋ] *Variant: tʃantʃien.* n. *insect which makes a loud noise in the hottest part of the dry season. It marks the end of harmattan. Homoptera cicadidae.* Pl: **tʃaantʃmɪsa.**

**tʃaasa** [tʃáásá] n. *comb.* Pl: **tʃaasasa.**

**tʃaasadaa** [tʃáásádàà] n. *wooden comb.* Pl: **tʃaasadaasa.**

**tʃaasapnm** [tʃáásápnm] n. *tooth of a comb.* Pl: **tʃaasapnɔ.**

**tʃaasi** [tʃáásí] v. *cry.*

**tʃaasi** [tʃáàsì] v. **1 • comb.**  
**2 • sweep.**

**tʃaga** [tʃáyà] v. *face, go towards.* **zaan ja tʃaga gbongwolee pe bann** ‘Today let us face Gbungwale’.

**tʃagali** [tʃáyèlì] v. *teach, show, indicate.* **u tʃagali u tmtm na kɪkɪ** ‘He show off himself too much’.

**tʃagasi** [tʃáyəsì] pl.v. *wash clothes, floor or house.*

**tʃagasii** [tʃáyásì] n. *menstruation.* **tʃakasii ja nɪhãana wri ra** ‘Menstruation is a women phenomenon’.

**tʃagtʃagasa** [tʃáyttʃáyásá] n. *individual who washes.*  
Pl: **tʃagtʃagasasa.**

**tʃagbariga** [tʃàgbàrəgà] n. *palm leaf whip.*  
Pl: **tʃagbarigasa.**

**tʃakali** [tʃàkálí] *propn.* *Chakali language.*

**tʃakali** [tʃàkálí] n. *Chakali person.* Pl: **tʃakale.**

**tʃaktʃak** [tʃáyəttʃák] n. *tattoo.* Pl: **tʃaktʃaksa.**

**tʃal** [tʃəl] n. *blood.* Pl: **tʃalla.**

**tʃalasi** [tʃələsì] v. **1 • pay attention to, keep track of.**  
**2 • wait.** **ba tʃaləsuv ba nar** ‘They are waiting to see you’.

**tʃama** [tʃámá] v. *smash.*

**tʃamniã** [tʃámənìã] n. *small abcess, usually found on buttocks.*

**tʃantʃmsa** [tʃántʃmsá] n. *acute, inflammatory, contagious disease.*

**tʃantʃul** [tʃántʃúl] n. *cloth used as diaper.* Pl: **tʃantʃulo.**  
See: **tambo.**

**tʃaparapĩ** [tʃàpàràpĩ] n. *seasonal bird observed in the dry season.* Pl: **tʃaparapĩna.**

**tʃara** [tʃàrà] v. *trade goods or services without the exchange of money.*

**tʃara** [tʃàrà] v. *straddle; sit with a leg on each side of something.* **baal tʃara sana daanã ni** ‘A man straddle on a tree branch’.

**tʃaratʃara** [tʃàràttʃàrà] *Variant: tʃatʃara.* qual. *visual pattern of a heterogeneous design, like in the description of fabric or animal skin.* Pl: **tʃaratʃarasa.**  
**bosa jaa tʃaratʃara** ‘The snake has a certain skin pattern’.

**tʃaree** [tʃàrèè] n. *type of oriole. Oriolus gen.*  
Pl: **tʃareesa.**

**tʃari** [tʃàrì] n. *diarrhoea.*

**tʃasi** [tʃásí] v. **1 • knock, slap.**  
**2 • cough.**

**tʃasie** [tʃàsîè] n. *cough disease.*

**tʃasili** [tʃàsílí] n. *person from Chasia.* Pl: **tʃasilee.**

**tʃasizen** [tʃásízèn] *Lit: big cough. n. tuberculosis, deadly infectious disease caused by mycobacteria.*

**tʃati** [tʃátì] n. *type of guinea corn.* Pl: **tʃati.**

**tʃatʃawilee** [tʃàttʃàwílèè] n. *type of weaver bird. Ploceus gen.* Pl: **tʃatʃawileesa.**

**tʃau** [tʃáú] n. *termites that attack yams under the ground by feeding on the sprouting vines of the yam setts.* Pl: **tʃauna. Macrotermes.**

**tʃau** [tʃáú] n. *pair of tongs.* Pl: **tʃawa.**

**tʃãã** [tʃãã] n. *broom.* Pl: **tʃããna.** SynT: **kmpɪŋn** ‘brush thing’.

**tʃããn** [tʃããn] qual. *shine.*

**tʃããni** [tʃããni] v. **1 • bright, shine.** **a dia patʃɪgr tʃããniũ** ‘The room is bright’.  
**2 • clean, pure.** **nɔʔɪl tʃããniũ** ‘The cow milk is pure’.  
Ant: **doŋo.**

**tʃel** [tʃèl] n. *tree gum.* Pl: **tʃel.**

**tʃele** [tʃèlè] v. *fall.* See: **sibire.**

**tʃele ni** [tʃèlè ní] *Variant: tʃelese ni.* v. *swim.* **u tʃel ni a gr goŋ** ‘He swam across the river’. **u ja tʃelese ni** ‘She can swim’.

**tʃelii** [tʃélí] n. *tomato.* Pl: **tʃelee.** See: **kalie.**

**tʃelle** [tʃéllé] n. **1 • a person who break or disregard a law or a promise.** Pl: **tʃellese.**

**2 • guilt.**

**tʃeme** [tʃèmè] v. *meet.* **jaa tʃeme doŋa kala dia ni** ‘We will meet each other at Kala's house’.

**tjensi** [tjénsi] *n. roofing zinc plate. Pl: tjensise.*

**tjerim** [tjérím] *adv. quietly. háǎŋ sǎǎ́ tjérím ‘The woman sat quietly’.*

**tjesi** [tjési] *v. sieve.*

**tjelmtjre** [tjɛ́lmtjɛ̀] *n. type of grasshopper.*

**tjena** [tjɛ́ná] *n. friend. Pl: tjensa.*

**tjera** [tjɛ́rá] *n. waist. Pl: tjerasa.*

**tjera** [tjɛ́rà] *v. exchange. ɲ kpa ɲ kisie tjera karantie ‘I exchanged my knife for a cutlass’.*

**tjerakɲ** [tjɛ́rákɲ] *n. waist beads. Pl: tjeraɲ.*

**tjerbua** [tjɛ́rɒbúá] *n. hip. Pl: tjerbua. See: tjera.*

**tjetjera** [tjɛ́tjɛ́rà] *n. bathroom. Usage: Katua. See: tjitjara.*

**tjewa** [tjɛ́wà] *Variant: tjawa. v. 1 • grab with fingers, tongs or teeth. a vaa tjewa a ǎǎ luro, ba kpu ‘The dog held the bushbuck's testicles, they kill it’. garzagatii tjawa ɲupuna ‘A hairband holds hair’.*  
*2 • operate upon swelling pores. ba tjewa kala náǎǎǎ ‘They operated upon the guinea worm on Kala's leg’.*

**tjɛ́** [tjɛ́] *n. visual attractiveness.*

**tjig** [tjíg] *n. fishing trap. Pl: tjige.*

**tjige** [tjígɛ̀] *v. 1 • cover, put on face down. ɪ tjígɛ̀ ɪ ɲɪɲtjígɛ̀ rɛ̀ ‘You put on your hat’. a vii tjige a daakputii ɲ ‘The pot is (face down) on the tree stump’. See: to.*

*2 • inhabit. já bɪrà à wà tjígɛ̀ dùsɛ̀ ‘Let's return to inhabit Ducie’.*

**tjigesi** [tjígisi] *pl.v. turn, cover. ɲ tjigesi a hensa ra ‘I turn (upside down) the bowls’.*

**tjii** [tjií] *Variant: kii. v. 1 • forbid, refuse (taboo). ɲ kii ǎǎ ‘I refuse bushbuck’.*

*2 • hate. u kii ludendil sm na ‘He hates the drinking at funeral ground’.*

**tjiime** [tjiímé] *n. cloth used to cover the head of a woman. Pl: tjiinse.*

**tjiir** [tjiír] *Variant: kiir. n. taboo, conservatism. Pl: tjiite.*

**tjimmǎǎ** [tjimmǎǎ] *Variant: kimmǎǎ. n. pepper. Pl: tjimmǎǎ. See: kilimie.*

**tjimmehulɲ** [tjimmèhùlɲ] *n. dried pepper. Pl: tjimmehulie.*

**tjimmesau** [tjimmèsàú] *n. ground dried pepper.*

**tjimmesɔŋ** [tjimmèsóŋ] *n. fresh pepper. Pl: tjimmesona.*

**tjinie** [tjiníɛ̀] *n. type of climber. Ipomoea gen. Pl: tjinise.*

**tjintjeli** [tjintjélí] *n. piece of broken pot. Pl: tjintjele.*

**tjingon** [tjɪŋgón] *n. chewing gum. From: ultm. English.*

**tjingsugu** [tjɪŋsùŋù] *propn. tenth month.*

**tjitja** [tjítjà] *Variant: titja. n. teacher. Pl: tjitjasa. From: ultm. English.*

**tjitjara** [tjítjàrà] *n. bathroom. Pl: tjitjarasa.*

**tjitjarabua** [tjítjàrabua] *n. bathroom gutter.*

**tjitjasorn** [tjítjàsórɲ] *n. roof gutter. Pl: tjitjasorie.*

**tjitji** [tjítji] *ono. cockroach sound.*

**tji** [tji] *tam. tomorrow. ɲ tji kǎǎ màsɪ kpó à kɪrɪnsá rá ‘I will be beating and killing the tsetse flies tomorrow’.*

**tjia** [tjia] *adv. tomorrow. ɲ kǎǎ kɪŋ wàù tjia ‘May I come tomorrow?’*

**tjiɛŋɛ** [tjiɛŋɛ́] *Variant: kɪɛŋɛ. v. crack, break pot or cup. à búúǎǎ tjiɛŋɛ à víí bàrà báliè ‘The goats have broken the cooking pots in two parts’.*

**tjima** [tjimà] *Variant: kima. v. lend. tjimaɲ molebii ɲ ka jawa disa ‘Lend me some money to buy soup’.*

**tjintjeri** [tjintjérí] *n. edge. zuu ɲ dia ɲ karantia tjua a dia tjitjeri ɲ ‘Go in the house, my cutlass is at the edge of my room, somewhere along a wall’. Pl: tjitjere.*

**tjɪŋa** [tjiŋá] *v. stand. a baal tjɪŋa a dia ɲuu ɲ ‘The man stands on the roof of the house’. daa tjɪŋa a dia suu ɲ ‘A tree stands in front of the house’.*

**tjɪŋasi** [tjiŋási] *v. put, place, displace. kpa a bie tjɪŋasi hagɪɲ ɲ ‘Put the child on the ground’.*

**tjiribo** [tjiɾɒbó] *n. gun firing pin. From: Akan.*

**tjiǎ** [tjiǎ] *n. 1 • type of fly usually found in houses. 2 • gun sight. Pl: tjiǎsa.*

**tjiǎbii** [tjiǎbí] *n. type of calabash seed. Pl: tjiǎbie.*

**tjiǎbummo** [tjiǎbúmò] *n. big black fly which feeds on carcasses.*

**tjiǎma** [tjiǎmá] *n. noise. ma ta tjiǎma ‘Stop the noise’. Ant: surum.*

**tjiǎpetɲ** [tjiǎpétí] *n. dawadawa nut cover. Pl: tjiǎpetie.*

**tjiǎsiama** [tjiǎsiámá] *n. small red fly usually found with domestic animals.*

**tjiǎ** [tjiǎ] *n. dawadawa seed. Pl: tjiǎ. Syn: sulbii. See: sumǎǎ.*

**tjiŋ** [tjiŋ] *n. pair of ankle-rattles, percussion instrument. Pl: tjiŋma. See: bɪnterátjɪŋ.*

**tjogo** [tjògò] *v. 1 • ignite. tjogo diŋ ‘Ignite the fire’.*

2 • provide with light. **tʃogo ɪ diŋ** ‘Put your lights on’.

**tʃokpore** [tʃòkpòrè] *n. type of bird. Pl: tʃokporoso.*

**tʃonsi** [tʃónsɪ] *v. join. laa a ɣmɛŋ tʃonsi ɪ km nɪ* ‘Take the rope and join it to yours’.

**tʃongolii** [tʃóngólíí] *n. type of tree. Gardenia erubescens. Pl: tʃongolee.*

**tʃo** [tʃó] *v. run. tr tie ɪ vaa ɣɪla a bũna tʃo* ‘Don't let your dog make the goats run’. **u tʃo laa kawaa tiwii** ‘She ran along the pumpkin road’.

**tʃobiel** [tʃòbièl] *n. nomadic termite. Pl: tʃobiella. See: nakpate.*

**tʃobul** [tʃòbul] *Variant: tʃɔpuzen. n. termites that build giant mounds/hills.*

**tʃoga** [tʃɔɣa] *v. spoil, destroy.*

**tʃogdu** [tʃòɣədú] *n. rotten meat. Pl: tʃogdusa.*

**tʃɔĩ** [tʃòĩ] *n. pole used to press gunpowder in the barrel. Pl: tʃɔina.*

**tʃokdaa** [tʃòɣədəáá] *n. dibber; farm instrument with long shaft and spoon shape extremity but no concavity. Pl: tʃokdaasa.*

**tʃokmɪ** [tʃòɣəmíí] *qual. unreliable (person). Ant: fɔŋatɪma.*

**tʃokɔŋa** [tʃòkòŋá] *n. ant hill. Pl: tʃokɔŋasa.*

**tʃuomo** [tʃùòmó] *n. togo hare. Lepus capensis zechi. Pl: tʃuonso.*

**tʃuomonaatowa** *Lit: rabbit shoes. [tʃùòmónààtòwá] n. thorny and dried flower of the tree named tomo. Pl: tʃuomonaatousa. See: tomo.*

**tʃuonɔ** [tʃúónɔ] *n. shea nut seed. Pl: tʃuono. See: suonɔ.*

**tʃuori** [tʃùórí] *n. filtering.*

**tʃur** [tʃúr:] *n. clay. Pl: tʃur.*

**tʃuti** [tʃúti] *v. pull out. hembii tʃuti tɛŋ* ‘Pull out the nail and give it to me’.

**tʃutʃuk** [tʃùtʃúk] *n. type of drum. Pl: tʃutʃukno.*

**tʃuure** [tʃúúré] *v. insult, sound known as `paf` in Ghanaian English.*

**tʃua** [tʃùá] *v. lie down. ɳ tʃuawu* ‘I'm lying down’.

**tʃuar** [tʃùàr] *n. line; may describe a pattern of animal skin or mark on face. Pl: tʃuara.*

**tʃuma** [tʃùmà] *qual. bad, ugly. Pl: tʃunsa. Ant: wire.*

**tʃunɔ** [tʃùŋá] *v. carry load on the head.*

**tʃunɪ** [tʃúŋíí] *n. carrying.*

**tʃuonɔ** [tʃùòŋ] *n. type of fish. Pl: tʃuona.*

**tʃuosa** [tʃùòsá] *n. morning. Pl: tʃuosa.*

**tʃuɔsɪm pɪsa** [tʃùòsɪm pɪsɪ] *Variant: tʃɔpɪsɪ. adv.phr. day break.*

**tʃuuri** [tʃúúrí] *v. torn into pieces.*

## u

**ugo** [ʔúgó] *v. expand, increase in number. ɳ náɔna ugo* ‘My cows increased in number’.

**ul** [ʔúl] *n. navel. Pl: ulo.*

**ulzua** [ʔúlzùá] *Variant: zua. n. umbilical cord. Pl: ulzua.*

**ũũ** [ʔũũ] *v. bury.*

## U

**u** [u] *3.sg. he, she, it. him, her, it.*

*3.sg.poss. his, her, its.*

**uti** [ʔuti] *v. knead. uti a kapala ja di* ‘Knead the fufu so we can eat’.

## V

**vaa** [vâá] *n. dog. Pl: vasa. SynT: nuátɪma* ‘mouth owner’; *nuázimɪntɪma* ‘mouth know owner’.

**vaanɔ** [vâánɔ] *n. animal front leg. Pl: vaansa. See: hĩĩ.*

**vaanper** [vâàmpêr] *n. shoulder blade. Pl: vaanpeta.*

**vaare** [vâàrè] *v. do abruptly. u kpa a tɔn na vaare teebul juu ni* ‘He put the book down on the table abruptly’.



**vala** [vələ] v. walk.

**vãã** [vãã] adv. after, beyond.

**vetu** [vètũ] n. mud. Pl: **vetu**.

**vii** [vii] n. cooking pot (type of). Pl: **viine**.

**viibagena** [viibáyəná] n. neck of a container.

**viisama** [viisiámá] n. type of water container made out of reddish clay. Pl: **viisansa**.

**viisugulii** [viisùgùlũ] n. type of cooking pot which forms a stack when put together. Pl: **viisugulee**.  
See: **suguli**.

**vil** [vil] n. well. See: **kolũ**.

**vilimi** [vilími] v. whirl, spin round and round.

**vie** [viè] v. refuse, reject. **ba vie di ba waa tuma ja tuma** ‘They refused to come and do our work’.

**viehrega** [viéhégá] interj. title for the *viehegie* clan.  
See: **viehegie**.

**viehegie** [viéhégíé] propn. clan found in Gurumbele.  
See: **viehega**.

**viera** [viérá] n. dirt, garbage. Pl: **viera**.

**viezintjia** [vièzintjía] Lit: refuse know tomorrow.  
qual. ungrateful.

**visin** [visín] n. type of climber. *Psychotria conuta*.  
Pl: **visima**.

**vongolii** [vóngólíi] n. hollow percussion wood instrument made resonant through one or more slits in it. Pl: **vongolie**.

**vog** [vòg] n. south.

**vogla** [vóyɔlá] n. Vagla person. Pl: **voglasa**.

**vowa** [vòwà] v. 1 • tie, attach. **u vowa a bũn na** ‘She tied up the goat.’ **a bũna tin ka wa vowa, ma kpagasaa wa** ‘The goats are not tied, you catch them’.  
Ant: **puro**.  
2 • dress.

**vug** [vóg] n. small god. Pl: **vuga**.

**vuga** [vùgà] v. soothsay. See: **piasi**.

**vugtina** [vóytíná] n. owner of shrine. Pl: **vugtuma**.

**vulunvubie** [vùlũnvúbíé] n. aphid; small plant-eating insect. Pl: **vulunvubise**.

**vulunvu** [vùlũnvúũ] n. type of wasp. *Hymenoptera*.  
*apocrita*. Pl: **vulunvuusa**.

**vuuri** [vúũri] v. arrange, decide. **ja vuuru di ja vala tjia** ‘We are arranging to travel tomorrow’.

**vuvuta** [vùvùtá] n. soothsayer. Pl: **vuvutasa**.

## W

**wa** [wa] Variant: **waa**. neg. not. **u wa di gbĩasiama, u kir re** ‘He does not eat monkey, he taboos it’.

**wa** [wa] tam. will, become, come to do.

**wa** [wa] ingr. come, ingressive particle. See: **ka**.

**waa** [wàá] propn. Wa town.

**waa** [wáá] 3.sg.st. he, she, it. **waa hiẽ** ‘He is older than me’.

**waa** [wàa] Variant: **wa**. v. come. **ɲ wau** ‘I am coming’.  
**lagalaga han ni u wa** ‘He came just now’. See: **ba**.

**waal** [wàál] n. person from the Wa area. Pl: **waala**.

**waalinzan** [wálinzán] n. type of tree. Pl: **waalinzansa**.

**waali** [wààli] n. language of Wa town and surroundings.

**waalri** [wáálrí] n. person from Wa. Pl: **waala**.

**waasi** [wáási] v. 1 • reach boiling point.  
2 • be angry.

**waasi** [wàási] v. pour libation. **jaa ni waasi i vog** ‘Fetch water and pour libation on your fetish’.

**walasi** [wálásà] n. radio. Pl: **walisisa**. From: ultm. English.

**wapele** [wàápélè] propn. former settlement between Ducie and Katua.

**watsehe** [wátʃèhéè] n. Gambian mongoose. *Mungos gambianus*. Pl: **watseha**.

**wen** [wèŋ] interg. which. **kpãŋ wen ka ni** ‘Which type of yam is this?’

**weti** [wètì] v. independent, as someone being able to live and judge on its own. **tie i bie weti** ‘Let your child do things and reason on its own’.

**wega** [wègà] v. move an obstacle to reach a target.

**wie** [wíé] qual. small, young. Pl: **wise**. Ant: **hiẽsi**.

**wii** [wii] v. weep. **ɲ magɲ, i kaa wii** ‘if I hit you, you will cry’.

**wii** [wîi] n. cannabis. Pl: **wii**. From: ultm. English.

**wilin** [wìlĩ] n. perspiration. Pl: **wilĩse**. **wilĩ ka jala ni** ‘Perspiration is coming out of me’.

**wilinsanja** [wìlɪnsánà] *Lit: perspiration time. n. hottest period of the dry season.*

**wire** [wíré] *v. take off, undress. ja wire ja kma ra aka vala go dusie muɲ naval bitoro ‘We undress then walk around Ducie three times’.*

**wire** [wírè] *qual. good, handsome, beautiful. ì gàrà háɲ wíréú ‘Your cloth is beautiful’. a baal wire kinkan na ‘The man is handsome’. Ant: tɟuma.*

**wiwilii** [wìwílíí] *n. type of bird, large in size with shiny black feathers. Pl: wíwilee.*

**wi-** [wɪ] *Variant: wu; wo. clf. classifier particle for abstract entity.*

**widɪɲ** [wídɪɲ] *n. truth. Pl: wídɪma. See: dɪɲ.*

**widɪɲtɪma** [wídɪntíɲà] *n. loyal person.*

**wii** [wíí] *v. ill, sick. ò wà wíí ‘She is not sick’. Ant: laanfia.*

**wii** [wíí] *n. matters, issues of abstract nature. Pl: wíe.*

**wiɪla** [wíílá] *n. sickness. Pl: wíla.*

**wikpegelegii** [wókɲègèlégíí] *n. difficulties. Pl: wikpegelegee.*

**wil** [wíl] *n. mark on body made by incision or paint. Pl: wila.*

**wilaan** [wìlààn] *n. non-serious matter. Pl: wilaama.*

**wilɪɪ** [wííí] *n. star. Pl: wíle.*

**wilru** [wííú] *n. kob. Kobus kob. Pl: wílisa.*

**wimɪɲ** [wímɪɲ] *n. anything.*

**wɪɲmahã** [wòɲmàhã] *n. word, speech. Pl: wɪɲmahãsa.*

**wizuur** [wìzúúr] *n. interruptive person. Pl: wizuura.*

**wohãã** [wòhãã] *n. afternoon.*

**wojo** [wòjò] *propn. Wojo, person's name.*

**wonɲ** [wónɲ] *n. deaf and/or mute person. Pl: wonno. See: digmbirinse.*

**wosi** [wósi] *v. bark. à vää kàà wósòò ‘The dog is barking’.*

**wolee** [wóléé] *n. colleagues.*

**wolɪɪ** [wólíí] *n. ego's inferior, employee or children. Pl: wolee.*

**wosa** [wòsà] *n. clan. Pl: wosa.*

**wosakuolo** [wòsikúóló] *propn. clan found in Sogola, Motigu and Gurumbele. See: iko.*

**wosaleela** [wòsiléélá] *propn. clan found in Motigu. See: ile.*

**wosasiile** [wòsisíílé] *propn. clan found in Sogola, Motigu and Gurumbele. See: isi.*

**wosatɟaala** [wòsitɟáálá] *propn. clan found in Ducie and Gurumbele. See: tɟa.*

**wosatɟii** [wòsitɟíí] *n. taboo inherited by clan affiliation. Pl: wosatɟiite.*

**wosawii** [wòsàwíí] *n. issue concerning a clan. Pl: wosawie.*

**wosawila** [wòsìwíílá] *propn. clan found in Sogola and Tuosa. See: rwe.*

**wosi** [wósi] *Variant: wasi. v. roast.*

**wosma** [wòsɪnà] *n. type of yam. Pl: wosmasa.*

**wotɟimaĩ** [wòtɟimǎĩ] *n. watch man. Pl: wotɟimaĩsa. From: ultm. English.*

**wura** [wura] *v. dismantle.*

**wurigi** [wùrìgì] *v. 1 • collapse. a zamparagu worigu ‘The resting area collapsed’. 2 • dismantle. a lolɪ kuɔra wurigi a lolɪ indzi re ‘The mechanic dismantled the car's engine’.*

**wusa** [wùsá] *n. 1 • god. See: kuoso. 2 • sun.*

**wuzuuri** [wùzúúri] *n. day. wuzuuri wɪɲ lolɪ ka wa ‘On which day comes the car?’*

## Z

**zaa** [zàà] *v. fly.*

**zaali** [zaali] *v. float. a ɲiɲ sowɪ zaali nɪ ɲuɪ nɪ ‘The dead fish floats on the water’.*

**zaan** [zàán] *Variant: zalan. adv. today. i kaa tuma tie a kuoru ro zaan kaa tɟia ‘Will you work for the chief today or tomorrow?’*

**zaan** [záán] *Variant: zaami. v. 1 • greet. ɲ zaamii ra ‘I am greeting you’.*

*2 • pray. ɲ zaami kuoso ro di u waa zaan ‘I pray to God that he comes today’.*

**zabaga** [zàbáyà] *n. Gonja person. Pl: zabagasa.*

**zaga** [zàýá] *n. courtyard, compound. Pl: zagasa.*

**zaga** [zàýà] *v. push.*

**zaga** [zàýà] *v. shiver.*

**zagan** [záýán] *n. leper. Pl: zagan.*

**zagansa** [záýànsá] *n. leprosy disease. Pl: zagansa.*

**zagati** [zagati] *qual. holey, wretched.*

**zagfii** [záʏəfii] *n. jaundice. Pl: zagfii.*

**zagsi** [zágsi] *v. support oneself when standing up.*

**zahál** [záhál] *n. hen egg. Pl: zahala.*

**zahulii** [záhulíi] *n. type of tree. Azelia africana. Pl: zahulee.*

**zakuul** [zák<sup>w</sup>úul] *Lit: fowls' t.z.. n. yam tuber beetle grub. Heteroligus. Pl: zakuula. See: kuv.*

**zal** [zá] *n. fowl. Pl: zahie. See: zimfi.*

**zamba** [zámbá] *n. action against the benefit or prosperity of someone. Pl: zamba.*

**zamparagii** [zámparágíi] *n. bush hut. Pl: zamparagie.*

**zanzig** [zánzíg] *n. type of plant. Pl: zanziga.*

**zarj** [záŋ] *n. 1 • rest area; erected wooden platform. 2 • nest. Pl: zaŋa.*

**zarjsa** [zánsá] *v. clear away grass in the dry season. See: kontii.*

**zar** [zá] *n. bird. Pl: zara. See: zimbie.*

**zazehiã** [zázèhĩã] *n. roofing pillar. Pl: zazehĩsa.*

**zene** [zènè] *v. grow. wusa zene kaali ba 'Wusa is the tallest'.*

**zenii** [zénîi] *n. big. Pl: zenie. Ant: boro.*

**zeŋ** [zèŋ] *qual. big. Pl: zenee.*

**zeŋsi** [zèŋsì] *v. limp. u nãã tŋ gila u di zeŋsiu 'His leg makes him limp'. See: duŋusi.*

**zepegor** [zèpègòr:] *n. type of hyena. Pl: zepegoro.*

**zigilii** [zígílii] *v. shiver.*

**zimbál** [zimbál] *n. rooster. Pl: zimbala.*

**zimbie** [zimbíè] *n. domestic bird. Pl: zimbise. See: zar.*

**ziŋ** [zín] *n. tail of mammals. Pl: zise.*

**zi** [zi] *tam. future. adv. after, then.*

**ziɛŋ** [zíɛŋ] *n. 1 • powerful spiritual action against someone, for instance poisoning. u so ziɛŋ na 'She washed her spiritual action away, so she is now clean'. 2 • snake venom. Pl: ziɛŋ.*

**ziezie** [zièziè] *n. light weight and weak person. Pl: ziezies. See: kũŋsũŋ.*

**ziẽ** [ziẽ] *Variant: zã. n. wall. Pl: ziẽsa.*

**zig** [zíg] *qual. protruded; bulge out or projects from its surroundings.*

**zigiti** [zìgìti] *v. learn. i pe ni ja zigiti nasartaa 'We learn English language from you'.*

**zima** [zímá] *v. know. u zima pumii re 'She knows how to hide'.*

**zima sii** [zímà síi] *cpv. v. understand.*

**zimfi** [zímfi] *n. fowl. Pl: zimfi. Usage: Gurumbele. See: zal.*

**zima** [zíná] *Variant: zim. v. 1 • drive or ride (bicycle, motorcycle or horse). 2 • climb, go up. ŋ zima sal la m paa tjuono 'I go up on the roof to collect my shea nut seeds'. ŋmá à dí zìnà 'Speak loud'. See: tuu.*

**zimzapuree** [zànzàpúrèè] *n. house bat. Pl: zimzapuruso.*

**ziŋ** [zín] *n. large-eared slit-faced bat. Nycteris macrotis. Pl: zimna.*

**ziŋbanii** [zínbànii] *Lit: tall people section. propn. section of Ducie.*

**ziŋziŋ** [zínzín] *Variant: ziŋ. qual. length. a dũũ ziŋziŋ jaa mitasa anaase 'The length of the python is four meters'.*

**zisa** [zísá] *n. slender-tailed squirrel, squirrel which lives on trees. Protoxerus aubinnii. Pl: zisasa.*

**zoŋ** [zóŋ] *n. insult. Pl: zomo.*

**zoŋbii** [zòŋbíi] *n. insult. Pl: zoŋbie.*

**zongoree** [zóngòrèè] *n. mosquito. Pl: zongoruso.*

**zoro** [zòrò] *v. pick someone or something up, as in providing transportation. a bie zoro u jma saga moto ni 'The child picked his father on his motorbike'. zoro a siimaa li dendil 'Pick the food and send it outside'.*

**zoŋ** [zòŋ] *n. weakling. Pl: zonna.*

**zul** [zúl] *n. millet. Sorghum bicolor. Pl: zulo. See: kolii.*

**zunguŋ** [zúngúŋ] *n. type of drum. Pl: zunguŋ.*

**zunguo** [zùŋgùò] *n. type of dance. Pl: zunguo.*

**zuu** [zùù] *n. 1 • dull whether, no sun and no rain. 2 • the biggest part of a share. Pl: zuu. i totii jaa zuu 'Your share is the biggest share'.*

**zuã** [zúã] *n. waterbuck. Kobus ellipsiprymnus. Pl: zuãta.*

**zugsi** [zúysíi] *n. type of tree. Pl: zugsie.*

**zul** [zól] *n. tuber. Pl: zula.*

**zuomi** [zùòmì] *v. have spots (plant). a muro paatjaga zuomfi 'The leaves of the rice plant have spots'.*

**zũ** [zũ̀] *v. enter, to go inside.* **dĩ zũ** ‘Come in!’ **a kuoru zũ dia muḡ no a laa kpããma fi fi** ‘From each house the chief (enters and) takes 10 yams’.

**zũũ** [zũũ̀] *n. laziness or dullness originating from depression, unhappiness or illness. Pl: zũũ.*