

## Balanda Language

### Personal Pronouns: Structure and Applications

## 1st persons

Pronoun Type	Singular	Plural
Subjective	<b>Ne</b> <i>I</i>	<b>Dhuu/Danda</b> <i>We</i>
Objective	<b>Ne</b> <i>Me</i>	<b>Dhuu/danda</b> <i>Us</i>
Possessive	<b>Ndi-ne(nde'e)</b> <i>My</i>	<b>Ndi-dhuu/danda</b> <i>Our</i>
Possessive	<b>Ngandi-ne(ngande'e)</b> <i>Mine</i>	<b>Ngandi-dhuu/danda</b> <i>Ours</i>
Reflexive	<b>Ti-ne(te'e)</b> <i>Myself</i>	<b>Ti-dhuu/danda</b> <i>Ourselves</i>

Dhuu → *Exclusive*

Danda → *Inclusive*

# Subjective Pronoun

Singular : Ne→ I

Ne mande gbi Wau. – I work in Wau.

Plural : Dhoo/Danda→ We

Dhoo mande gbi Wau. – We (excluding you) work in Wau.

Danda mande gbi Wau. – We (including you) work in Wau.

# Objective Pronoun

Singular : Ne→ Me

Do baha ne. – You see me.

Plural : Dhuu/Danda→ We

Ni tibaha dhuu. – He sees us (excluding you).

Ni tibaha danda. – He sees us (including you).

## Possessive adjectives

Singular : Ndi-ne(nde'e)→ My

Joko ndi-ne (nde'e) no kono. – My bag is here.

Plural : Ndi-dhuu/danda→ We

Joko ndi-dhuu no kono. – Our (excluding you) bag is here.

Joko ndi-danda no kono. – Our (including you) bag is here.

## Possessive pronouns

Singular : Ngandi-ne(ngande'e)→ Mine

Vili no ngandi-ne(ngande'e). – The money is mine.

Plural : Ndi-dhuu/danda→ We

Vili no ngandi-dhuu. – The money is ours(excluding you).

Vili no ngandi-danda. – The money is ours(including you).

## Reflexive pronouns

Singular : Ti-ne(te'e)→ Myself

Ne merego ti-ne(te'e). – I love myself.

Plural : Ti-dhuu/danda→ Ourselves

Dhuu yirisa ti-dhuu. – We (excluding you) respect ourselves.

Danda yirisa ti-danda. – We (including you) respect ourselves.

2<sup>nd</sup> persons

Pronoun Type	Singular	Plural
Subjective	<b>Ŋo</b> You	<b>Dha</b> You
Objective	<b>Ŋo</b> You	<b>Dha</b> You
Possessive	<b>Ndi-ŋo(ndo'ŋ)</b> Your	<b>Ndi-dha</b> Your
Possessive	<b>Ngandi-ŋo(ngando'ŋ)</b> Yours	<b>Ngandi-dha</b> Yours
Reflexive	<b>Ti-ŋo(to'ŋ)</b> Yourself	<b>Ti-dha</b> Yourselves



## Subjective pronouns

Singular : No → You

No no katiteli. – You were sleeping.

Plural : Dha → You

Dha tiyai no aka?. – Where are you all going.

# Objective pronouns

Singular : No → You

Ni no tiwe ŋo. – She is asking you.

Plural : Dha → You

Ni no tiwe dha. – She is asking you.

## Possessive adjective

Singular : Ndi-ŋo → Your

Joko ndi-ŋo no kono. – Your bag is here.

Plural : Ndi-dha → Your

Joko ndi-dha no kono. – Your (plural) bag is here.

## Possessive pronouns

Singular : Ngandi-ŋo → Yours

Kese no ngandi-ŋo. – The bike is yours.

Plural : Ngandi-dha → Yours

Kese no ngandi-dha. – The bike is yours (plural).

## Reflexive pronouns

Singular : Ti-ŋo → Yourself

Ŋo merego ti-ŋo. – You love yourself.

Plural : Ti-dha → Yourselves

Dha merego ti-dha. – You all love yourselves.

## 3rd persons

Pronoun Type	Singular	Plural
Subjective	<b>Ni/Ai</b> <i>He / She / It</i>	<b>Ndi</b> <i>They</i>
Objective	<b>Ni/Ai</b> <i>Him / Her / It</i>	<b>Ndi</b> <i>Them</i>
Possessive	<b>Ndi-ni(ndo'o)/ndi-ai(ndi'i)</b> <i>His / Her / Its</i>	<b>Ndi-ndi</b> <i>Their</i>
Possessive	<b>Ngandi-ni(ngando'o)/ngandi-ai(ngandi'i)</b> <i>His / Hers / Its</i>	<b>Ngandi-ndi</b> <i>Theirs</i>
Reflexive	<b>Ti-ni(to'o)/ti-ai(ti'i)</b> <i>Himself / Herself / Itself</i>	<b>Ti-ndi</b> <i>Themselves</i>

## Subjective pronouns

Singular : Ni→ He/She/It

Ni mande gbi Wau. – He works in Wau.

Plural : Ndi→ They

Ndi mande gbi Wau. – They work in Wau.

## Objective pronouns

Singular : Ni→ Him/Her/It

Ŋo baha ni. – You see him/her.

Plural : Ndi→ Them

Ŋo baha ndi. – You see them.



## Possessive adjective

Singular : Ndi-ni → His/Her/Its

Nza ndi-ni no kono. – His food is here.

Plural : Ndi-ndi → Their

Nza ndindi no kono. – Their food is here.

## Possessive pronouns

Singular : Ngandi-ni→ His/Hers/Its

Limo no ngandi-ni. – The lemon is his/hers.

Plural : Ngandi-ndi→ Theirs

Limo no ngandi-ndi. – The lemon is theirs.

## Reflexive pronouns

Singular : Ti-ni→ Himself/Herself/Itself

Ni merego ti-ni. – He loves himself.

Plural : Ti-ndi→ Themselves

Ndi merego ti-ndi. – They love themselves.

## 3rd Person Pronoun for Non-Living Things

Subjective: Ai → It

Ai no muru dühü. – It is on the rock.

Objective: Ai → It

No baha ai. – You see it.

Possessive Adjective: Ndi-ai → Its

Vara ndi'i no kono. – Its oil is here.

Possessive Pronoun: Ngandi-ai → Its

Linguu no ngandi'i. – The fruit is its.

Reflexive: Ti-ai → Itself

Ai tingoko ti'i. – It moves/shakes itself.