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<b>ɔkyena</b>	tomorrow	<b>sɛn</b>	how
<b>onua</b>	cousin	<b>tapoli</b>	mortar (kitchen tool for grinding)
<b>Onyame</b>	God	<b>tikya</b>	teacher
<b>ɔyere</b>	wife	<b>wɔfaase</b>	nephew, niece
<b>Saa!</b>	Is that so?!	<b>yi aye</b>	give praise

# 1 Pronunciation Help

a	most times like bark
e	short like in let or longer
ɛ	head
i	short like in sit or long like sheet
o	most times like for
ɔ	open O like in pot
u	like look or choose
g	gate
h	hire
s	suit
r	rolling tongue R
w	wood
dw	like Django
gy	jungle
hw	shwa or ship
hy	shirt
kw	equiped
ky	chief
nw	like nyw
ny	Español
tw	like tshu or the word chew
an	short like zebra and silent N if word end

## Fruits and Vegetables

<b>Abrɔbɛ</b>	pineapple	<b>Kwadu</b>	banana
<b>Amako/Mako</b>	pepper	<b>Mankani</b>	cocoyam
<b>Amango</b>	mango	<b>Nkatie</b>	(pea)nuts
<b>Ankaa, Akutu/Akutuo</b>	orange	<b>Nkruma</b>	Okro
<b>Bankye</b>	cassava	<b>Ntoes, ntoosi</b>	tomato
<b>Bayerɛ, beye</b>	yam	<b>Ntrowa/Ntɔrewa/Nyaadowa</b>	egg plant, garden egg, aubergine
<b>Bɔfre, Bɔɔfre</b>	pawpaw, papaya	<b>Paya</b>	avocado
<b>Bɔɔdeɛ</b>	plantain	<b>ɔkra/Agyinamoa</b>	cat
<b>Gyeyney</b>	onion		

## Colours

<b>kokɔɔ</b>	red	<b>ahaban mono</b>	green (lit. new leaf)
<b>tumtum</b>	black	<b>akoko sɔradeɛ</b>	yellow (lit. chicken oil)
<b>fitaa, fufuo</b>	white	<b>ahaban dada</b>	brown (lit. old leaf)
<b>sika kokɔɔ</b>	gold (lit. red)	<b>akokɔɔbin</b>	brown (lit. chicken shit)
<b>bribri, bibri</b>	blue	<b>tuum</b>	dark

## 2 Greetings

**Akwaaba!** Welcome!

**Mema wo akye! (Maakye!)** Good morning!  
*I-give you warmth*

**Mema wo aha! (Maaha!)** Good afternoon!

**Mema wo adwo! (Maadwo!)** Good evening!

*Possible answers for a greeting:*

**Yaa Ena!** (mother, but used for all women)

**Yaa Agya!** (father, used for all men)

**Yaa nua!** [ nwiya ] (sibling, for same age or younger)

**Wo ho te sɛn?** How are you?  
*You body feel how?*

**Mo ho te sɛn?** How are you (pl.)?  
*You (pl.) body feel how?*

**Ɛte sɛn?** How is it?  
*It-feel how?*

<b>nunu</b>	tickle	<b>suro</b>	fear
<b>nya</b>	earn	<b>susu</b>	measure
<b>pam</b>	sew	<b>te n’ase</b>	sit down
<b>pira</b>	hurt	<b>to</b>	buy
<b>pra</b>	sweep	<b>ton</b>	sell
<b>shout</b>	tiɛmu	<b>to</b>	throw
<b>somu</b>	hold	<b>tu</b>	fly
<b>spoil</b>	sɛɛ	<b>wia</b>	steal
<b>sre</b>	laugh	<b>yɛ ntɛm</b>	hurry
<b>su</b>	cry	<b>yera</b>	loose

## Numbers

For non-whole number, simply add single number’s name to its base value.

<b>baako</b>	one	<b>ɛ-nson</b>	seven
<b>mienu</b>	two	<b>(ɛ)nwtwe</b>	eight
<b>miensa</b>	three	<b>(ɛ)nkron</b>	nine
<b>ɛ-nan</b>	four (stem: nan, speak like nain)	<b>e-du</b>	ten
<b>e-num</b>	five (“.” marks following stem)	<b>du-baako</b>	11
		<b>du-num</b>	15
<b>e-nsia</b>	six	<b>du-nsia</b>	16

## 3 Introducing yourself

**Wo din de sɛn?** What is your name?

**Yɛfrɛ wo sɛn?** How are you called?  
*We-call you how?*

**Me din de Ama.** My name is Ama.

**Yɛfrɛ me Adwoa.** I’m called Adwoa.  
*We-call I Adwoa.*

**Wofri he?** Where do you come from?  
*You-from where?*

**Mefri Korea.** I’m from Korea.

**Wote he?** Where do you stay?  
*You-stay where?*

**Mete Combine.** I stay at Combine.

**Mebaa Ghana nnaawɔtwe baako nie.** I came to Ghana last week.  
*I-came Ghana week one ago.*

**Wobɛdi abosome sɛn wɔ Ghana?** How many months will you stay in Ghana?  
*You-will-eat months how-many in Ghana?*

**Wowo kuro no asaase mfonini?** Do you have a map of the city?

**Mesere wo wobetumi akyere me wo m'asaase mfonini yi so?** Can you please show me on my map?

**Ewa anaa?** Is it far from here?

**Ehefa na mehunu adrese yi?** Where can I find this address?

**Metumi anante ako ho?** Can I get there on foot?

### Three basic Responses you might get

You also have to know some basic responses you will get when you ask these questions.

**Ewo w'ananim tee.** It is straight ahead.

**Fa wo nifa so.** Turn right.

**Fa wo benkum so.** Turn left.

## 4 Pronouns, Titles and Family

**me/mi** I, me, my, mine

**m'adamfo** my friend

**wo** you, your

**w'adamfo** your friend

**ko, -** (when combined with verb) he/she, him/her

**eno, -** (when combined with verb) it

**ne** his/her

**n'adamfo** his/her friend

**ye/yen** we, us, our

**y'adamfo** our friend

**mo** you, yours

**mo adamfo** your friend

**wa/waakonm/won/wom** they, their, them

Often to speak to a person the title/role is prepended.

**Yoo. Ma me 7 GHC.** Ok, give me 7 Cedi.

**Me ma wo 6 GHC.** I give you 6 Cedi.

**Mepɛ sɛ metɔ gyeene. Gyeene/ɛyɛ sɛn sɛn?** I want to buy onion. Onion/It is how much for how many?

**Mmiɛnsa 60 GHp/pesewa.** Three are 60 Pesewa.

**(Wo) Ma me edu. Na gye sika.** (You) Give me ten. And take (your) money.

**Or: Mɛpaa kyɛ wo to me so./Mɛpa wo kyɛw, to so kakra.**  
Please add some more for me (as gift).

## 5 Tenses and Grammar

**Present tense** is composed by putting subject and predicate together. While here the stem form of the verb is used many words in Twi are changed when used in different tense and nouns too change when used in plural form.

**Ennɛ medi Fufuo.** Today I eat Fufu.

**Mete ha.** I stay here. *Note: te has several meanings.*

**Menom nsuo.** I drink water.

**Abena (ɔ)te Twi.** Abena speaks Twi.  
*Abena-feel Twi.*

**Present progressive** is composed by adding a -re- between subject and predicate. When speaking this just becomes a vowel lengthening. Third person singular is an exception if it follows a name.

**Mereba. (Meeba.)** I'm coming/on my way.  
*I-now-come.*

**Meredi Fufuo. (Meedi Fufuo.)** I'm eating Fufu.  
*I-now-eat Fufu.*

## 6 Useful Words and Phrases

**Wo ho ye fe.** You look beautiful.  
*You body is beautiful.*

**Tiafi wo ha?** Is there a bathroom?  
*Bathroom have here?*

**Eye me ya.** It hurts me.

**Past tense** is formed by prolonging the vowel of the predicate (or just telling the time while using present tense).

**Mesuaa Fanti.** I have learned Fanti.

**Ennora anwumere medii Ampesi.** Yesterday evening  
I ate Ampesi.

**Mete Germany mfe miensa nie.** I lived in Germany  
three years ago.  
*I-stay Germany year three ago.*

**Imperative** forms of verbs do sometimes change (like **ka** to **kassa**). An example is ba which becomes bra, while others like ko remain unchanged.

**Mepa wo kyew, bra, wei.** Please come, ok? *I-Beg you mercy, come, ok?*

**Ko fa ntoosi ma me.** Go bring the tomato for me.

**Gye sika.** Take the money/change.

**Menka Twi paa. Enti kassa brofo ma me.** I don't speak  
Twi well. So speak English for me.

**Wo nso wote Twi anaa?** And you too, you speak Twi, right?

**Mepa wo kyew kassa breau!** Please speak slowly.

**Wose sen?** What do you say?

**Men te ase.** I do not understand.

**Maatse.** I got it.

**Aden ...?** Why ...?

**Agoo!?** (When entering a place) Hello, is there someone? Or knocking: **Kokoako** Answer: **Amee!** Yes, someone is inside.

**Hwan a?** Who's outside?

**Eye me, Kofi.** It's me, Kofi.

**Yoo, bra mu!** Ok, come in.

**Agoo!** (When approaching from the back) Attention, I'm coming!

**Hwe yie!** Watch out!

**Ɔɔye deen?** What is he/she doing?

**Eye me ya.** It hurts me.

**Kafra!** Sorry!

**Yen ko?** Shall we go?/Let's go.

**Mesi wo ha.** (In a Taxi/Trotro) I drop/alight here.

**Mete ha.** I stay here.

## 6 Useful Words and Phrases

Sometimes you get a question on the street as a greeting. E.g. **Woreko he?** (Where are you going?) It might be that no answer is expected, but it's always ok to give it short and quick: **Meko krum.** (I go to town.) - Then you might often hear: **Ko bra.** (Go come.) And you can also use **Me ko ba.** (I go come.) when you leave.

**ne** and

**na** and/but, joints phrases or introduces a question

**Da yie!** Sleep well!

**Mepɛ sɛ meko gu nsuo.** I want to go to toilet (peeing).  
*I-like that I-go pour-out water.*

**adepa nkye** (said as "good bye" in the evening)

**Wote Twi, anaa?** You speak/understand Twi, right?

**Aane, meka Twi.** Yes, I speak Twi.

**Kakra kakra** Small small (a little)

**Dabi, mente Twi.** No, I don't speak/understand Twi.