

Transcription Practice Exercise 8—Ibibio

Ibibio is a Nigerian language that is closely related to Efik. The speaker, Mr. Etim Eyo, was recorded by P. Keating in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, in May 1984.

This exercise is concerned with the tones of Ibibio. They are:

Low `
High ´
Falling ^

Falling tone is found only on final syllables.

You will also hear the consonants [ɣ], [kp̄], and [ɾ] and the vowels /a/ and /ɔ/. The phoneme /e/ varies between [e] and [ɛ], but this difference has been ignored here. So has the slight implosion of some voiced tokens. All transcriptions here are fairly broad.

I. A. Some minimal pairs with ´ ´ vs. ` ´ :

[bóbó]	become tied	[bòbó]	pawpaw
[bábá]	become in need of	[bàbá]	father
[béyé]	fall off (plural)	[bèyé]	become concerned
[béké]	fall off (singular)	[bèké]	belch
[bíré]	become black	[bǐré]	play
[dónó]	become sick	[dònó]	wear clothes

B. Some minimal pairs involving ` ` :

[àkò]	a kind of play	[àkó]	fence
[ámǐ]	this	[àmǐ]	I

C. Some minimal pairs involving ´ ` :

[ákù]	priest	[àkú]	circle formation for dance
[àkǐkò]	animal in cat family	[àkíkò]	rooster
[àkǐkò]	plant whose leaves contain milky fluid		

D. Some minimal pairs involving ^ :

[ákpán]	(a town)	[àbá]	forty
[ìbá]	underpants	[ìbá]	two
[ákpán]	eldest son	[ákpân]	square woven basket
[ábón]	mosquito	[ábôn]	pimple
[àtù]	jar, jug	[àtú]	shield

II. Additional examples with some segments:

[ákpá] expanse of ocean

[ákpá] first

[ákpà] a small ant

[ábù] small shrimp

[ábù] dust

[áfân] a kind of hard leaf

[áfân] path in bush

[ádá] a kind of fish

[ádâ] sleeping room

[ákpó] bone; stalk, stem

[ákpô] rubber-tree

[ákpò] ball, mass

[átá] sediment from palm fruit in pot

[átâ] specialist

[àtá] sixty

III. [Transcription exercise](#): Transcribe the following 20 items, paying particular attention to the tones. The consonants /s/ and /j/ and a final [k^ɿ] are new in these words. There are also two instances of /o/, which sounds like [u]. Otherwise the segments have been illustrated already.

1. Become a coward _____
2. Become fierce, brave _____
3. Branch of tree _____
4. Corpse _____
5. Group, flock, herd _____
6. Beat down on _____
7. Oil _____
8. Meeting place _____
9. Vein, artery, tendon _____
10. Hide _____
11. Come _____
12. Yonder _____
13. Barren woman _____
14. Village green _____
15. Bush fowl _____
16. Reed sleeping mat _____
17. Bring up flame _____
18. Husband _____
19. Funeral _____
20. Penny _____