Bu:, aka Zaranda (Chadic, South-Bauchi West). Wordlist and grammatical notes

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Bu:, also called Zaranda, is a Chadic language spoken in the South of Bauchi State, in Nigeria, belonging to the South-Bauchi West group of Chadic languages (Shimizu 1978). Although generally associated with Bolu, Pelu and Geji1 Bu: stands apart from these other lects with which there is no intercomprehension. Most of the Bu: population has migrated from the original location of the Zaranda village (Zaranda Hàɓe, longitude 9.57; latitude 10.28) to the present Zaranda (longitude 9.52; latitude 10.23) where they have abandoned their language for Hausa and Fulfulde. The few that have retained their language live in Zaranda Hàɓe, in houses scattered in the hills, gathering around the chief once a year for the traditional religious festivities. This work is the result of two working sessions of four days each in January and November 2002.

1. Phonology

Consonants

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Tones

Bu: has two tones. Only Hi (á) and contour (à, ã) tones will be noted. Lo tones will remain unmarked (a).

2. Pronouns

SBW languages have no gender or dual and no opposition between inclusive and exclusive persons.

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The tones of Direct Object and Genitive pronouns, being clitics, are prone to vary according to the context.

This is the case with genitive pronouns whose tone contrasts in the singular with that of the preceding syllable: \( \text{áncín} = \text{was}, \) ‘his nose’; \( \text{áncín} = \text{wasn,} \) ‘their nose’; \( \text{pŒga} = \text{wâ:s,} \) ‘his knife’; \( \text{pŒga wass,} \) ‘their knife’.

In the case of Direct Objects, the tone variation is not on the pronoun itself (Hi in all contexts) but on the following word, which gets a Hi tone in the singular. This floating Hi tone is blocked when the following word begins with a non-implosive voiced obstruent (+V).

Let us compare \( \text{pŒga,} \) ‘knife’ (-V) with \( \text{gù:,} \) ‘chief’ (+V):

\[
\text{tá bŒl=kí ñ} \text{pÉga ¿i.}
\]

He gave you a knife

\[
\text{tá bŒl=mí pŒga ¿i.}
\]

He gave us a knife

\[
\text{sá: bŒl=tí gu: wi.}
\]

They gave him a chief

\[
\text{sá: bŒl=mú gu: wi.}
\]

They gave us a chief.

### 3. TAM

#### 2.1 Subject pronouns

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In the 2p, Zaranda verbs have a plural form, characterized by suffixation of -\( \text{Œn} \) for verbal forms and -\( \text{ni} \) for nominal forms \( \text{viz} \) the verbal noun used in the Continuous and Future. The verbal plural form is also used for the Imperative Plural. Tones vary, with an overall tendency to be LH. The plural forms elicited in the survey are given in the wordlist below.

#### 2.2 Aorist

The aorist is a \( \text{Ø} \) morpheme. It is used as a narrative, subjunctive and replaces the Perfect in +focus contexts.

\[
\text{tá lyâ:mí tò Mûsá Ò pósì slu:}
\]

He wants Musa to cut meat

The negation uses the structure bò-Pro ... wèy. The resulting paradigm is:

\[\text{Cf. (Schneeberg 1974:139) who established the importance of voiced obstruents for tone rules in Zâ:r.}\]
2.3 Perfect
The Perfect morpheme is á when the subject is nominal, -á: when pronominal. Negation is marked with wey at the end of the sentence where it is in complementary distribution with the wi morpheme marking accomplishment.

Mú:sá á pósh slú: wi.
Musa PRF cut meat AC
*Musa cut some meat.

ká: pócé:n slú: wey.
2P.PRIF cut.PL meat NEG
*You (pl.) didn’t cut meat.

2.4 Imperfect
The Imperfect subject pronoun is followed by a Verbal Noun characterized by a –tí suffix and a Lo tone. The Imperfect formative is –íí with a pronominal subject and •É with a nominal subject.

Mú:sá •É posh-tí slú:
Musa IPRF cut-VN meat
*Musa is cutting meat.

The negative form is Pro + dáá ... wey.

si-dá: posh-tí slú: wey.
3P-NEG cut-VN meat NEG
*They are not cutting meat.

The full paradigm is :

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2.5 Future
The Future subject pronoun is followed by a floating Hi tone raising the first tone of the following Verbal Noun from Lo to Hi. The formative is nám when the subject is nominal and –m when pronominal.

a kyèw Mú:sá nám pósh-tí slú:
at tomorrow Musa FUT cut-VN meat
*Tomorrow Musa will cut meat.

Two negative forms exist for the Future: one is derived from the Imperfective with wèy at the end of the sentence; the other one is based on the Future itself, using the structure Pro+kóm ... wèy. The resulting paradigms are:
4. Definite vs Indefinite

The definite is marked with –ú suffixed to the noun: kó:kél-ú ‘the chicken’. The indefinite is number-sensitive with wóŋ (s.) or yéŋ (p.) following the noun: tá: wóŋ ‘some cow’; tá: yéŋ ‘some cows’.

5. Deictics

Like the indefinite morphemes, deictics are number-sensitive:

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6. Complementation. The genitive link

Complementation is done through the use of the genitive link (GL) ká following the pattern N1 ká N2. lubi ká gu; ‘the house of the chief, lit. house of chief’.

The GL may be omitted, leaving its Hi tone floating, attaching to the first syllable of SN2 except if it starts with a +V consonant. This is readily observed in prepositions which use the genitive link to introduce their complement: zlo:mi, ‘middle’ > zlom (ká), ‘in the middle (of)’:

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<td>road</td>
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<td>in the middle of the road</td>
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7. Qualification

When qualifying a noun, adjectives are on the left of the noun and are followed by the floating Hi tone of the GL, blocked by +V consonants. See the following example with the adjective du: ‘black’:

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<td>a black rope</td>
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7. Relative Clauses

The relative clause is made with the pivot noun in the definite form, followed by ná. It is closed by a second definite marker:

ā: yénən kó:kél-ú ná pócfi wu.
1s.PRF  see chicken-DEF COMP cut DEF
*I saw the chicken that he slaughtered.*

8. Focus

Contrastive focus is marked by the copula i: preceding the left-dislocated argument. In +Focus context, the Perfective is replaced by the Aorist.
I am the one looking for food.

9. Questions

Wh-questions start with a question-word optionally followed by the identifying copula kəŋ:

wó: kəŋ Ø bá?
Who? COP AOR come
Who came?

yá: kəŋ kə fa ?ít?
What? COP 2S.AOR do AC
What did you do?

á námí: kə mbọ?
at WHEN 2S.AOR come
When did you arrive?

á wuna: kání?
at WHERE COP
Where is it?

Abreviations

1, 2, 3 1st, 2nd, 3rd person
AC accomplishment
adj adjective
adv adverb
AOR Aorist
COMP complementizer
DEF definite
DET determinant
DIR directional
DO direct object
E English
f female
FUT Future
GEN genitive
GL genitive link
H Hausa

Hi high tone
IND Independent

References


ZARANDA WORDLIST

a

á prep. at. Ex: á lúbi 'at home'.
ádda: n. machete, sword. From: H.
ado: n. embroidery. From: H.
adú?a: n. prayer. From: H.
agwa?gwá: n. duck. From: H.
ak aadv. there.
ákí adv. here.
ákú: n. parrot. From: H.
aláde: n. pig. From: H.
alú: v. fall. Pl: álú; Ex: á álú wéy, 'he didn't fall.'; vn: attì.
amarya: n. bride. From: H.
ámí: pro.ind. 1s.
amu? n. upper grinding stone.
anu?in n. wood.
apki n. flour.
árewá: n. North. From: H.
asíí: n. lineage. From: H.
asò n. leg, foot.
áli n. earth, ground.
átini: n. dysentery. From: H.
ánjìa: n. acha, hungry rice. Digitaria exilis. From: H.
áwdugá: n. cotton. From: H.
áwná: v. measure. Pl: awná; vn: awnetì. From: H.
áré: n. marriage. From: H.
ayaba: n. banana. From: H.
áyki: n. work. From: H.
azelé:id. narrow.
ázurfá: n. silver. From: H.

b

ba?bé: n. father.
babdí: n. lip.
balgundí n. stomach.
bali adj. big, large. Ex: ba? kádi 'a big dog'; kádi ú bali: ni. 'the dog is big.'
ká bali elder brother, sister.
balmám n. roan antelope.
balgòù n. agama lizard.
balu?fì: n. python.
ban n. compound. Ex: ban ká gu: 'the house of the chief'.
baŋ n. town.
barkono: n. pimento. From: H.
barú: n. pigeon. From: H.
báʃ jígúpi n. bellows. See: babbi; básí:
báʃí: n. debt. From: H.
baw n. Bambara groundnut.
báʃí: n. skin (human). See: babbi; básí jígúpi.
bébé: n. debt. From: H.
baw n. Bambara groundnut.
bé:ʃí: n. deaf. From: H.
bé:ʃe: n. clay.
béní: n. bench. From: H < E.
bé:ʃakí n. quiet, mute. Ex: tá dŒm bée:ʃakí. 'he stayed quiet.'
bŒgaga: n. wing.
bŒgŒm©í: n. he - goat, ram.
bŒl v. give. Pl: bŒlén; vn: bŒlti; Spec: bŒl kâ:l 'follow'; Ex: Í: bŒl tí kâ:lí. 'I followed him.'
bŒlÉm n. eagle.
bŒlŒÑ n. flame. Ex: bŒlŒÑ utu.
bŒlŒÑ bŒgugí n. tree sp. Dichrostachys cinerea.
bŒ:sí n. horse.
bŒzŒ v. spit. Pl: bŒzÉn; Ex: bŒzŒ makŒÑ 'spit'.
bi: n. 1) mouth. 2) language. Ex: bi: bu: 'the Zaranda language'.
bi: utu gun.
bi: ũa: entrance hut.
bi: ũyelka: river bank.
búde: n. bull. From: H.
bikí: n. festival. From: H.
bikina n. forehead. See: bi:; kína:.
billáw n. snare.
bìgí: n. pond, lake.
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bi®ímí: n. bull. From: H.
bikí: n. festival. From: H.
bikina n. forehead. See: bi:; kína:.
bó:ka: n. medicine man, herbalist. From: H.
bó:ká: n. mirror. From: H.
bó:kíti n. bucket. From: H < E.
ból n. football. From: H < E.
bórgó: n. wall. From: H.
bos v. brew. Pl: bosné; vn: bosti; Ex: bosti dugí 'brew beer'.
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ßosí  adj.v. rotten. Ex: ßosí tú: 'rotten meat'.
ßúl  n. tree sp.  Sterculia setigera.
ßuli  n. bedbug.
ßundi  n. pumpkin. Ex: ßü? á ßosí 'the pumpkin is rotten.'.
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dañi vt. vn. dwa: múl dañi: 'bitter leaves'.
ño pr. particle indicating movement to the speaker. Ex: tá já? káyá: no. 'he unloaded the pack.'
ño det. many. Ex: kádi nósli 'many dogs'. See: nósli.
ño n. heaviness. Ex: dzá múl nóli 'a heavy rock'. See: nósli.
ño n. hotness. Ex: ká múl nóli: wê: 'the water is not hot.'; múl nóli 'hot water'.
du: n. beer. Ex: tá ñye du:gi. 'he drank beer.'
dz: a n. mother.
dz: rú:ta: n. courage. From: H.
dz: kwol n. vulture.
dz: l n. tree sp. Adenium obesum.
dz: mina: n. ostrich. From: H.
dz: dji:ri: n. baby. From: H.
dz: om n. guinea-fowl.
g

ga: n. head.
gábas n. East. From: H.
gábi n. ear.
gáda: n. bridge. From: H.
gádó: n. bed. From: H.
gáhulán n. knee.
gal n. silk cotton tree (red flowers). Bombax costatum.
gádi n. calabash, gourd.
gágañ n. drum.
gásí n. night.
gáskíyá: n. truth. From: H.
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guľaŋ n. yam.
guyí Variant: gwí. adj. red.
gú:zoɓan n. tree sp. Calotropis procera.
guši: n. bachelor, widower.
gwa: det. this. Ex: múl gwaʔ 'that man'; kás gwaʔ 'that hut'. Pl: gya:
gwa:gwá n. throat.
gwa:saŋ n. shade.
gwa:gwa: n. crow.
gwamá yali n. tree sp. Calotropis procera.
gwa: n. grain.
gwamé: n. religion.
gwa:gwa: n. grain.
gwa:sŒn n. shade.
gwe:si: n. grain.
gwonti n. religion.
gyambó: n. abscess. From: H.
gyebi: n. medicine.
gyambó: n. abscess.
gyeb: adv. this year.

háki: n. straw. From: H.
hánta: n. liver. From: H.
háske: n. light. From: H.
háwá: n. hill. From: H.
hawyä-namtá:n num. hundred.
hawyä-ʧe-loop num. twenty.
há: n. granary.
hó:ɡən n. baboon.
holi adj. white.
hót v. See main entry: fót.
hů: n. grinding stone.
hudí adv. yesterday. Ex: á hudí á: poʃ tuʔi. 'yesterday I cut the meat.'
hu:hú: n. lungs. From: H.
hula: n. blood.
hůhůl n. desert date tree. Balanites aegyptiaca.
hulí n. hyena.
hundel n. mosquito. Spec: ʧi:wo: ká hundel 'malaria'.
hundoŋ n. crocodile.
huní: n. corpse.
huntù:ru: n. harmattan. From: H.

iːɡən n. medicine.
il n. thorn.
inna: n. aunt. From: H.
isá prt. with.
isí n. bone.
ísí: n. excrements. Ex: te iʃi: 'defecate'.
ìye v. close. Pl: ìyè; vn: ìyeti.
ìʃín n. nose. Spec: hoʔ iʃin 'sneeze'.

i
ká: n. tree sp. *Ficus sycomorus* subsp. *gnaphalocarpa*.
kadí n. dog.
kaɗí: Variant: *taɗí:*. n. veins, tendons.
ka Pl: *katän*; vn: *kaɗí:*. v. drive away. *Ex: sà: ka? maɗí.* 'they drove the goat away.'
ka:ká: n. grand-parents, grand-children. *From: H.*
kal n. bottle gourd.
ka l n. back.
kalán-kálan n. spider.
kalaŋgu: n. hour glass drum. *From: H.*
kalaŋgú: n. spider.
kálhulá: n. kidney.
ka:lí: n. ritual place.
kan v. *See main entry: kam.*
kandí: n. viper.
kánwá: n. natron. *From: H.*
kàntí: n. crab, Western hartebeest. *From: H.*
kaptŒlŒÑ n. shoe.
kárfí n. strength. *From: H.*
ká:ruwa: n. prostitute. *From: H.*
kátŒgà: n. wall. *From: H.*
kàtaŋgu: n. tick.
katjimíbla: n. small ant.
katjínga: n. red sorrel.
kawfí: n. mistletoe. *Tapinathus dodoneifolius.* *From: H.*
kawtí: n. digging. *From: H.*
ka:wu: n. uncle. *From: H.*
ká:yá: n. things, load, luggage. *From: H.*
kàndí: n. scorpion.
kefí v. tear. Pl: *ke:ɗí:*. vn: *kefí:*. 
kó: v. weave, build. Pl: *kànà:*. vn: *kantí:*. 
kánzi n. termite pile.
kapshí n. room, hut. *See: kaska.*
kapta n. itching.
kaska n. room, hut. *See: kapsi.*
kàl: n. beer pot.
kíl  n. tail.
kílyōg  pro. someone (f.).
kimbá:  n. tree sp. Xylopia parviflora. From: H.
kína  adv. in front. Ex: běw kína! 'go in front!'.
kína:  n. face.
kínî:  pro.ind. 2p.
kírya:  n. tree sp. Prosopis africana. From: H.
kí:fi:  n. jealousy. From: H.
kí:fi:yá:  n. co-wife. From: H.
kítîl  v. run. Pl: kítîlni; Ex: sâ: kítîlí téy ñitu:. 'they ran on the road.'
kí:wo:  n. feeding animals. From: H.
kó:•i:  n. snail. From: H.
kokŒ  v. dry up. Pl: kokÉnni; vn: kokŒnti.
kokÉní  adj.v. dry. Ex: ñu: á kokÉí ¿i; ñu: á kokÉyi 'the meat is dry'.
ko:kolwa:  n. brain. From: H.
kó:lá  n. skull.
kom  n. mother-in-law.
komáti  n. adze.
kombo:  n. penis sheath.
kón  n. experience. Ex: tá kón ñi:wo: ñi. 'he has been wounded.'
kó:ngo:  n. beehive. From: H.
korkoro:  n. shuttlecock.
kø:jîya:  n. spoon. From: H.
kó:yá:  v. teach. Pl: kó:yá:; vn: koyeti; Ex: tá kó:yé: sí. 'he taught them.' From: H.
kúdú:  n. South. From: H.
kúfêy  n. abandoned compound. From: H.
kukúdu:  n. salt.
kul  n. cowries.
kulá:  n. eagle.
kullé:  v. tie (a knot). Pl: kullé:; vn: kullé:ti; Ex: tá kullé: ñimí. 'he tied the rope.'
kullelëg  n. bell.
kulu  n. See: kúl.
kulu:  n. leather, bag.
kulú:  n. dove.
kúm  det. all. Ex: kúm ña: 'all the cows'.
kúm  v. hear, feel. Pl: kümón; vn: kumti.
kúmpá:  n. foam. From: H.
kundóñ  n. chair.
kúngal  n. cave.
kúp  v. bury. Pl: kúpán; vn: kupti.
kúrmá:  n. deaf. From: H.
kúrmí:  n. forest. From: H.
kúsá  adv. near. From: H.
kusán  n. mouse, rat.
kuskí:dáñ  n. gravel.
kufka:  n. dust.
kufya:ya:  n. grave. From: H.
kú-t-ë-lo:ø  num. twelve.
kú-t-ë-namtám  num. fifteen.
kú-t-ë-nám  num. eleven.
kúugiyá:  n. hook. From: H.
kusa  n. tin. From: H.
kuzum  n. hunger.
    kuzum má:li  thirst.
kwadáyi  n. desire. From: H.
kwa:ki n. panther, leopard.
kwa:kwal n. francolin.
kwálbá: n. bottle. From: H.
kwá:li n. scarf. From: H.
kwáltá n. sickle.
kwá:no: n. dish. From: H.
kwángén v. bend. vn: kwántenti.
kwá:ra: n. plam tree sp. *Elaeis guineensis*. From: H.
kwärí: n. valley. From: H.
kwárko:sa n. very tiny red ant. From: H.
kwárkwáta: n. louse. From: H.
kwáró: n. insect. From: H.
kwágái n. kité.
kwési n. fish, mudfish, catfish. Spec: múl kwési 'fisherman'.
kwittí n. egg-plant.
kwokal n. chicken, fowl.
kwól v. to farm, to weed. Pl: kwólón; vn: kwó:ti.
kwólí adj. old. Ex: kwól mbáló:n 'an old man'.
kyará:na: n. tree sp. *Euphorbia senegalense*. From: H.
kyáw adv. tomorrow.

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lák v. throw, shoot. Pl: lakón; vn: la:ti; Ex: tá lá: zo: ?i. 'he threw the spear.'; à: lá: yá:tí.'I shot a bird.'
lá: ñgesi cough.
lá: billáw set a trap.
lakkúl n. chameleon.
lá n. marsh.
lambu: n. garden. From: H.
lántá n. big black ant.
láp v. ferment. Pl: lápán; vn: láptí; Ex: láptí káwo: 'let the guinea-corn ferment'.
lápí adj. wet. Ex: súmmáw á lápí 'the cloth is wet'; lápí módó: 'a wet cloth'.
lájí v. write. vn: lájí:; Ex: tá lájí wasí:ka ?i. 'he wrote a letter.'
lájí n. leather loincloth.
láw n. amulet.
lekú: n. net.
lé:la: n. tree sp. *Afzelia africana*.
lélpi n. buffalo.
lemú n. citrus, lemon, orange. Spec: lemú mú ndéttí 'orange'; lemú mú mbáytí 'lemon'. From: H.
lemdí n. cricket.
lá v. go, walk. Pl: lá:in; vn: láti; Ex: tá lá Kánó: 'he went to Kano.'
lábi n. anthill. Ex: lábi kó kañím:la:.
lága: n. tongue (body part).
lá:lgé: n. mantis.
lám v. touch. Pl: lá:mní; vn: lá:ntí; Ex: tá lá:mní 'he tasted the "tuwo"'.
lántí n. chin.
lápsí n. pestle.
lá:fgí n. headpad.
lí:  n. moon. Spec: wol lí: 'moonshine'.
lo:  n. cat.
lôleki:  n. time. From: H.
lölu:  n. deepness. Ex: jù: múl lo:lúti 'a deep hole'.
londí:  n. reedbuck.
lop  num. two.
lôl  v. sew. Pl: lôlón; vn: lôlti. 
lu  Variant: ul. n. thing. Ex: ñgyep lu 'ask something'; Spec: hotti lu 'whistling'.
lón  n. cat.
ló:kañi  n. time. From: H.
ló:lu:  n. deepness. Ex: fu:m ló:lu: 'a deep hole'.
lúl  n. reedbuck.
lúp  num. two.
lóv  v. sew. Pl: lóvé; vn: lóviti.
lu:  n. tears.
lu:  n. place.
lubi  n. home, compound.
luka ga:n  n. klipspringer, crested duiker.
lúl  n. ghost.
lulu:li  n. cobweb.
lúmbú:  n. wadi.
lúmbú:  n. wadi.
lumí  adj. cold. Ex: mal lumí 'cold water'.
lút  v. skin. Pl: lútôn; vn: lutti; Ex: tá lút tû: wèy. 'he didn't skin the animal.'. 
lwâni  n. sweat. Ex: tá pÉl lwâni ñi. 'he sweated.'.
lyá:  n. God. 
— adv. above.

M

mádárá:  n. milk. From: H.
máhawîñi:  n. butcher. From: H.
maka:mi:  n. weapon. From: H.
makómí:  n. cocoyam.
mako:  n. saliva. Spec: bôzo makó: 'spit'.
ma:ki  num. three.
ma:l  n. water.
ma:l bundi  pus.
ma:l-kó-lýá:  rain.
má:lâm-bu-lítta:  n. butterfly. From: H.
málgoni  n. 1) side. Ex: á málgón jûtú: 'by the side of the road'. 2) ribs.
mam  n. bow.
ma:ma:  n. armpit.
ma:mákí:  n. surprise. From: H.
man  v. be able, know. Pl: manón; vn: manti.
mánda:  n. palm oil. From: H.
má:ní  Variant: mwá:ní. adj. male. Ex: kusán ko má:ní 'a male mouse'.
manti  n. war.
mángoro  n. mango. Mangifera indica. From: H.
mañko:  n. cobra.
maráya:  n. orphan. From: H.
marérsí:  n. cob. From: H.
márkén dúsi:  n. tree sp. Terminalia brownii; Terminalia catappa. From: H.
marufa:  n. straw hat. From: H.
márúfi:  n. lid. From: H.
mási  n. narrowness. From: H.
mat  n. goat. Ex: sà: ka? ma:xí. 'they drove the goat away.'; mat á pà sállé: 'the goat jumped.'
máye: n. sorcerer. From: H.
máyi: n. butter.
mba: n. wax.
mbál n.pl. humans, men. Spec: mbálé: yéÑ 'some people'.
mbati n. skin.
mbatíñ kwokál n. tree sp. Senna singueana.
mbaytí vn. sourness. Ex: lemú mú mbaytí 'a sour lemon'.
mbáñi n. heart, liver.
mbéy v. be sour. Pl: mbényi: Ex: lemó á mbéy yi 'the lemon is sour'.
mbal ka dáldán n. mushroom.
mbal (teñki) v. increase. Pl: mbálán; Ex: tá mbál úlpú teñki. 'he increased the money.'
mbála n. sheep.
mbási n. nail.
mbófí v. put out (fire). Pl: mbófíñ; vn: mbásti.
mbí v. get, find. Pl: mbí; vn: mbiti.
mbogumbó: n. calf.
mbók v. shoot, sting. Pl: mbókán; Ex: kandál á mbo? tí. 'the scorpion stung him.'; tá mbo? bindiga ?tí. 'he shot the gun.'
mbókí n. sting.
mbóti n. okra.
mbóñí v. arrive. Pl: mbóñíñ; Ex: tá mboñíñi Káño. 'he arrived at Kano.'
mbugi n. bamboo. Oxytenanthera abyssinica.
mbuka n. papaya, tree sp. Carica papaya; Annona senegalensis.
mbulátí n. crested crane.
mbúlkán n. fireplace.
mbúní n. calabash.
mbúní v. be beautiful. Pl: mbúníí; vn: mbuntí; Ex: á mbúní 'it is beautiful'.
mbuntí vn. beauty. Ex: kádi múl mbuntí 'a beautiful dog'. See: mbúní.
mbut n. egg. Ex: mbut á koni. 'the egg has gone bad.'
mbutál n. ashes.
mbutú n. basket.
mbwál n. lion.
mbyet v. suck. Pl: mbyetén; vn: mbyeti.
mbywé n. horn.
me: n. grass.
me: bi: n. lip plug.
métya n. sorcery. From: H.
meñon n. hair, feather. Spec: meñon ga: 'hair'; meñon yáñi: 'feather'.
mágól v. steal. Pl: mágólín; vn: magólti; Ex: tá mágól tyéy. 'he stole a cow.'
máka num. six.
máf n. drum stick. Ex: máf gangáng 'drum stick'.
máf v. die. Pl: máfíñi; vn: máftí.
mañi vn. death.
mañkañ n. locust bean tree. Parkia biglobosa.
mañó: n. whisk.
mañi: n. woman.
— adj. female. Ex: kusan ká máñi 'a female mouse'.
mí: pro.ind. 1p.
míñgañi n. insane, mad.
míl n. oil.
míl n.pl. children.
míñi n. tree sp. Grewia venusta.
mogál n. thief.
móta n. car, lorry. Spec: bal móta: 'lorry'. From: H < E.
múgu: adj. evil. Ex: múgu: mbálóñ n. evil man'. From: H.
múl  n. human being. Pl: mbálóŋ; Ex: múl ú bali 'a big man'.
múl ban  father.
múl dus sá:ka:  weaver.
múl duti  hunter.
múl ká twacti  potter.
múl kwesi  fisherman.
múl kwo ŋo:  farmer.
múl lagati  liar.
múl mo?:ti  tanner.
múlkí  n. rule. From: H.
múloÑ  pro. someone (m.).
munÿi  n. masquerade.
músÉn  v. forget. Pl: músÉnÉn; vn: musŒnti; Ex: Í: músÉn ní ¿í. 'I have forgotten.'.
mut  v. lie down. Pl: múlni; vn: mutti; Ex: tá mu¿ a:¨ wêy ; tá mu• wêy 'he did not lie down'.
mwa:  n. stalk.
mwa: ©el  sugar cane.
mwá:ní  n. See main entry: má:ní.
nali  v. grow. Pl: nálni; vn: nalti; Ex: ¨a: á nali 'the cow has grown'.
nalti  n. grownup.
nám  n. antelope.
namtám  num. five.
nására  n. victory. Ex: tá tʃi nására. 'he has won.'; From: H.
ndál  n. axe.
ndalßás  n. bilharzia.
ndak  v. answer, agree. Pl: ndáŋni; vn: ndgiti; Ex: tá ndag wêy. 'he did not agree.'.
ndali  v. be hard. Pl: ndalíni; Ex: ʃu: ú á ndali 'the meat is hard'; nq: ndɿti.
ndólti  vn. hardness. Ex: ʃu: múl ndólti 'hard meat'.
ndám  n. monkey.
ndŒndŒlti  v. be thick. vn: ndŒndŒlti.
ndŒli  v. be hard. Pl: ndÉlni; Ex: u: ú á ndŒli 'the meat is hard'; nq: ndŒlti.
ndŒlti  n. hardness.
ndŒm  num. one.
ndŒmí:  quest. when? Ex: á ndŒmí: kŒ mbŒ? 'when did you come?'.
ndŒpsí  num. nine.
ní:  n. female breast, milk.
nikyēw  n. dawn.
nígí  num. seven.
nya:la:  n. sesame, beniseed (white flowers).
nyew  v. ripen. Pl: nyéwni; vn: nyewti; Ex: ge:ró: a nyewti. 'the guinea-corn is ripe.'.
η

ηgabgaːtì n. tree sp. Piliostigma reticulatum.
ηgàti n. morning star.
ηgàbọŋ n. tortoise.
ηgàsí n. tree sp. Detarium sengalense.
ηgo v. draw. Pl: ηgọ; vn: ήgòti; Ex: ήgọ ma:l á ríçíyá: 'draw water from the well'.
ηğugọsì n. tortoise.
ηği n. twin. Pl: ήgősì; vn: ήgusti.
ηğw n. snoring. Ex: tá pa l ɲörti. 'he snorted.'.
ηörti n. snoring. Spec: pa kàti. 'cough'.

ο

okúdu: n. maize.
olo: n. stew.
omţi: n. See main entry: womği.

p

páfe: n. slippers. From: H.
pak v. finish. vn: pakiti; pakán; Ex: tá pa? áyki: wá:si. 'he finished his work.'
pákàkì adj. clean.
pal v. come back. Pl: pálí; vn: palti; Ex: tá pál ta dwéy. 'he did not come back.'
pálí v. give back. Pl: pálí; vn: palti. Ex: tá pál wulpi ʧí. 'he gave the money back.'
pálí v. sharpen. Pl: pálí; vn: palti; Ex: á: pál púge ʧí. 'he sharpened the knife.'
pan n. tree sp. Lannea schimperi.
pàłaŋ n. tamarind. Tamarindus indica.
pek v. go out, come down. Pl: peʔní; vn: peʔtí; feʔtí; Ex: tí: feʔtí. 'he is going out.'; Spec: peʔ tódí 'come out'; tí: feʔtí tódí 'he is coming out'.
pàga n. knife.
pál v. do. Pl: pálí; vn: palti.
pàppàl adj. wide.
pàlí v. See: pál.
pàți n. tree gen. Ex: pàt wój 'some tree'.
písí n. arrow.
pof v. cut. Pl: poğé:n; vn: poğtí; Ex: poğtí bagàmzí: 'slaughter a ram'.
pyałe adj. new. Ex: pyàl luługàl 'a new shirt'.
pyałsi adj. long. Ex: pyàsi pàtí 'a tall tree'; pàt ú pyàsi: ní 'the tree is tall'.
pyél det. many.
ra:kumí:  n. camel. From: H.
ranse  v. swear. Pl: ranséni; vn: ranseti. From: H.
ráwaní:  n. turban. From: H.
rídjiyá:  n. well. From: H.
ró:go:  n. cassava. From: H.
ra:kumí:   n. camel. From: H.
ranse   v. swear. Pl: ranséni; vn: ranseti. From: H.
ráwaní:  n. turban. From: H.

S

sábta:  n. cleanliness. Ex: kapsa múl sábta: 'a clean room'; kapsa á pó sábta: ?i 'the room is clean'. From: H.
sábúlu  n. soap. From: H.
sákka:  n. honey-comb. From: H.
sáká:   v. repeat. Pl: sáká:; vn: sa:ketí; Ex: sáká: tyetí! 'get up again!'. From: H.
sállé:   n. jump. Ex: mat á pó sállé: 'the goat jumped.'
sál   n. necklace.
sánda:  n. stick. From: H.
sánta:  adv. straight on. From: H < E.
sányi:  n. cold. Ex: malú á pó sányi: ?i 'the water is cold.' From: H.
sárá:  v. protect. Pl: sárá:; From: H.
saráwta:  n. chieftaincy. From: H.
saráli  n. dwl.
sái:vá:   n. thunder. From: H.
sawra:  n. fallow. From: H.
sézi  n. drinking calabash.
sak  v. cook. Pl: sa:ga:; vn: sa:?ti; Ex: tá sa? jímí. 'she cooked the tuwo.'
sál  n. age-mate.
sál  v. circumcise. vn: sál:ti.
sálkağ  n. circumcision.
sámból  n. guest, stranger.
sóti  adv. today.
sí:  pro.ind. 3p.
sía? kó:  n. chick.
sóka  n. flesh. From: H.
solle  n. skink lizard.
som  n. broom.
sóyá:  v. fry. From: H.
stúra:  n. funeral.
sudí  adv. to the speaker. Ex: tá te sudí. 'he came in.'
súma:  n. hair. From: H.
súmma:  n. cloth. From: H.
sussu?utí:  n. gecko.
swal  n. penis.
swal kadi  rainbow.
swa:zi  n. flea.
swe:  n. vagina.
fa: n. shame.
fäkkä: n. doubt. From: H.
fäala: n. shin.
fäzúma: n. sugar ant. From: H.
fäkkää: n. year. From: H.
fäli: n. slave.
fin: n. tuwo.
fürmän: n. bushbuck, gazelle.
fü: n. tooth. Spec: föm kó zul 'ivory'.
füun: n. name.
figge: n. fence. From: H.
fükka:fa: n. rice. From: H.
fütii: n. termite (small ~).
füuka: n. rice. From: H.
füi: n. hole.
tágullá: n. copper. From: H.
tak v.. Spec: taţi bi 'call'. Pl: takón; vn: ta?ti; Ex: sâ: ta? ki Ko:gi bi ?i. 'they called Kogi.'
tâkól n. plait. vn: takolti.
tá:ki: n. dung. From: H.
tal n. sesame, beniseed (red flowers).
tál v. dry. Pl: talón; vn: taló.
táláka: n. poor. From: H.
tampaña n. hoe (gen.).
támpölán n. laterite.
tal v. split, chop. Pl: talón; vn: taló.
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tampaña n. hoe (gen.).
támpölán n. laterite.
ígana n. thigh.
ígí n. smoke.
ígíwa: n. kite. From: H.
ígín n. sun.
ígít n. pick.
ígíwo: n. disease, wound. From: H.
ígíwo: ká hundel n. malaria.
ígú: v. leak. vn: ígultī.
ígwa:li n. urine. Spec: te ígwa:li 'urinate'.
ígél v. break (i.e. stick). Pl: ígélšn; vn: ígeltī.
ígyet v. milk. Pl: ígétšn; vn: ígeltī; Ex: tá ígyet tá: ?í. 'she milked the cow.'

u

ú: n. fat.
u Variant: lu. n. thing.
u-ká-tí food.
u-ká-kám earring.
u-ŋaptí handle.
u-pášt-gwontí fetish.
u-tultí awl.
u-lug something. Ex: ulog múl wuyá: 'a difficult thing'.
úlpí Variant: úlpú. n. money.
usa n. water carrying pot; pot used to brew beer.
usαn v. smell. Pl: usánšn; vn: usánti.
usāpsí num. eight.
utu n. fire.

w

wahala: n. suffering. From: H.
wasī:ka n. letter. From: H.
wał v. harvest. vn: wałti.
wá:šáŋ n. wet season.
wímbálí n. pigeon.
wiláí n. gazelle sp.
wó: quest. who? Ex: wó: kám bá? 'who came?'.
wmọtší Variant: omọtší; n. shoulder.
wóŋ Pl: yény, det. some.
wól v. sow. vn: wótí.
wótí n. intestine.
wó: v. move. Pl: wónšn; vn: wúti; Ex: sá: wó: sá áynihí. 'he is moving a lot.'
wul v. Pl: wúnlšn; Spec: wul wúli 'sing'.
wúl v. buy. Pl: wúlsn.
wúl (taka) v. sell.
wúli n. song.
wullí: n. gazelle (gen.).
wulpi n. money.
wuna: quest. where? Ex: á wuna: káni 'where is it?'.
wùndí: n. seed.
wùpsí num. four.
wuti v. throw. Pl: wutì:kšn; vn: wuttì; Spec: tá wuti má:l wey. 'he didn't wash.'
wụfì: n. snake.
wuyá:  n. difficulty. Ex: ulóŋ múl wuyá: 'a difficult thing'. From: H.

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yadíya:  n. tree sp. Leptadenia hastata. From: H.
yákání adj. small, young.
yákáŋ n. child. Pl: múl.
yákáŋ káli daughter.
yákáŋ patí fruit.
yákáŋ to: finger.

yali  n. neck, voice.

yalo:  n. bitter tomato. From: H.
yámma:  n. West. From: H.
yání adj. young.

yañka kókšt n. falcon.

yá:ši:  n. bird.

yélój Variant: élój. n. friend, enemy.
yembúdi  Variant: embúdi. n. sleep. Spec: ndé: yembúdi; nda embúdi 'to sleep'.

yen  v. see. Pl: yenín; vn: yentí.

yén det. some (pl.). Ex: kadí yén ; lá: yén 'some dogs ; some cows'. See: wón.
yétól  Variant: etól. n. wind.
yó  adv. last year.

Z

za:  n. beans.


za:šá:  v. insult. From: H.


zam  n. lightning.

záne:  n. wrapper. From: H.

zárto:  n. saw. From: H.

zaz:za:šé:  n. fever. From: H.

ze  v. set. Pl: zán; vn: zóti; Spec: ze á útu 'bake'; zóti yakkáŋ 'give birth'; Ex: tá: tá ze yakkáŋ ?í. 'the cow delivered.'

zé:ná:  n. tree sp. Ziziphus mauritiana.

zaːŋa:  n. rock, mountain.

zé:ná:riyá:  n. gold. From: H.

zo:  n. spear.

zó:še:  n. ring. From: H.

zó:šán  n. hare.

zul  n. elephant.

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za:škó:  n. donkey. From: H.

žé:li:  n. stork.

žíból  n. worm (gen), maggot, caterpillar.

žím  n. rope.
zita:  n. grasshopper.
zító  n. small, black ant.
zízi:  n. owl.
zízin  n. tree sp. *Anogeissus leiocarpus*.

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ąda:  adv. outside.
ábí:  n. door.
ántan  n. driver ant. *Spec*: ga: ántáni 'anthill'.
áti:  n. squirrel.
ákaltí  n. hiccup.
ángál  n. tree sp. *Gardenia erubescens*.
á:  n. body.
áñí:  n. marrow.
áni:  n. life.
ómí  n. middle. *Ex*: á ómí 'in the middle'; ómínán mi: ki: 'between me and you'.
óyel (li)  v. transplant. *Ex*: tá óyel tómátili: 'he transplanted tomatoes.'.
óyél  n. dry season.
óyela:  n. river.
óyelmbú:  n. sling.
abcess  n. gyambó:
able (be ~)  v. man.
above  adv. lyá:
adultery  n. fárká:
adze  n. komati.
agama lizard  n. balngåw.
age-mate  n. sal.
agree  v. ndæk.
al  det. kúm.
amulet  n. láw.
animal  n. dábbe;
animal  n. ¨u:.
anklet  n. tôÑasŒÑ.
answer  v. ndŒk.
ant (driver ~)  n. ›antŒn.
ant sp.  n. kaÿímbÉla:
ant sp.  n. kwárko:sa;
ant sp.  n. lÍntŒ.
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blow v. fót.
body n. ḥi:
body part sp. n. gás.
bone n. ᴵsí.
bottle n. kwálbá:. bottle gourd n. kal.
bow n. mam.
bracelet n. duká:. 
brain n. kókolwá:. branch n. twéni:.
break (i.e. stick) v. ᴴyél. 

breath v. júk.
bread v. bos.
brick n. túbalí:. bride n. amárya:.
bridge n. gáda:.
broom n. som.

climb v. to.
close v. ṟye.
cloth n. súmma:.
cloud n. girgíza:.
club v. to; ndláŋ, see: to:.
cob n. marríří:.
cobra n. man்கo:.
cobweb n. lúlúli:.
cock n. gúnda:.
cocoyam n. makambú:.
cold adj. luní: n. sányí:.

come v. bállá:, v. mbá:.
come back v. pal.
come down v. pek.
compound n. ban; n. lúbí.
compound (abandoned ~) n. kúfey:.

cook v. sak.
copper n. tágullá:.
corpse n. huní:.
correct id. deydey.
cotton n. áwdugá:.
cotton tree (silk -) n. ṭaŋṭáŋ:.
cough — lá? ṣgesí, see: lák.
count v. ból:.
courage n. ḥjá:rantáka:.
cow n. ū:.
co-wife n. kí:fiyá:.
cowries n. kul:.


crane (crested ~) n. mbulátí:.
crawl v. gulláp:.
crested duiker n. luka gáti:.

cricket n. lendí: n. jítá:.
crocodile n. hundáŋ.
cross v. dákájí: v. dákájí (1).
crow n. gwá:gwá:.
cry v. kúl.
crying n. kulu.
cut v. poʃ.
dance v. nyep.
darkness n. dúhu.
date tree (desert ~) n. húlhúl.
daughter — yákóŋ káli, see: yákóŋ.
dawn n. nikyëw.
deaf n. bé:bé%; n. kúrmá:
dead n. kulu.
dead person (i.e. limping) n. dakal.
disease n. ÿí:wo:
dish n. kwá:no:
dawn n. nikyêw.
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dead n. kulu.
dead person (i.e. limping) n. dakal.
disease n. ÿí:wo:
dish n. kwá:no:
fifteen num. kúl-te-namtám.
fight v. ḥa:.
fill v. ndé:kóg.
filter n. bu:tu:.
find v. mbi.
finger — yákóg to.; see: yákóg.
finish v. pak.
fire n. ṭu:u.
fireplace n. mbúlkóg.
fish n. kwesi.
fisherman — múl kwesi, see: múl.
five num. namtám.
flame n. bóla:.
flea n. swazi.
flesh n. só:ka.
flour n. apki.
flower n. buсе:.
flute n. tólo?oti.
fly n. dwi.
foam n. kúmpá:.
follow v. bó:.
food — ul-kó-ʧi. see: ul.
foot n. asaŋ.
football n. bó:.
forbid v. handé:.
forehead n. bikina.
forest n. kúrmí:.
forge n. jú:pi; v. gup.
forget v. mú:sní.
four num. wúpsí.
fowl n. kwokal.
francolin n. kwakwak.
friend n. yéląŋ.
frog n. gatúm bůg:al.
front adv. kína.
fruit — yákóg pati; see: yákóg.
fry v. só:yá:.
funeral n. stúra:.
garden n. lambu:.
gather v. dwom.
gazelle n. ýmá:.
gazelle (gen.) n. wúlí:.
gazelle sp. n. wi:ʒi.
gecko n. süssu:u:ti:.
germinate v. te.
get v. mbi.
ghost n. lú:.
give v. bó:.
give back v. pál:.
go v. lá.
go out v. pek.
goat n. mat.
God n. lyá:.
gold n. zín:á:riyá:.
gourd n. ga:li.
grain n. gwesi:.
granary n. ho:.
grand-children n. ka:ká:.
grand-parents n. ka:ká:.
grass n. me:.
grasshopper n. zíta:.
grave n. ku:fi:ya:.
greet v. fínní.
grind v. nák.
ground n. atí.
groundnut n. gu:fi:ya:.
groundnut (Bambara ~) n. baw.
grow v. nálí.
grownup n. nálí:.
guest n. sánmbál.
guinea-corn (gen.) n. ka:wo:.
guinea-fowl n. dólom.
gun — bi: utu, see: bi:.
gunpowder n. to:ka:.

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hair n. me:ʧan; n. su:ma:.
hand n. to:.
handle — ul-ʧi:apti. see: ul.
hard (be ~) v. ndáli.
hardness vn. ndáli:.
hare n. zo:ba:.
harmattan n. huntú:ru:.
hartebeest (Western ~) n. kaŋkí:.
harvest v. wa:.
harvest rice v. twé.
hat n. ta:gi:ya:.
hat (straw ~) n. marufa:.
he pro.ind. tí:.
head n. ga:.
headpad n. la:ʧi:.
heal v. ndok.
hear v. kúm.
heart n. mbáŋi.
heaviness n. díb:tí:.
hedgehog n. ta:ʧimba:.
heal n. doŋgí ásaŋ.
he-goat n. bágamʒí.
help v. téymáká:
herbalist n. bó:ka:
here adv. áki; adv. kí:
heron n. gakí:
hiccup n. ńakaltí:
hide v. hundá:
hill n. ga:t; n. háwá:
hippopotamus n. do:rina:
hoe (gen.) n. tampá:
hoe (large ~) n. gi:l
hole n. ńu:
home n. lubi:
honey n. du:
honey-comb n. sáká:
hook n. kúugiyá:
horn n. mbyew:
hornet n. kálhu:
horse n. bósí:
hot v. dümí.
hotness n. dümí, see: dümí.
human being n. múl.
human n.pl. mbál.
hundred num. hawya-namtám.
hunger n. kuzum.
hunter — múl duiti, see: múl.
hunting n. duiti.
hurry v. ḥyewu.
hut n. kapsí; n. kaska.
hut (entrance ~) — bi: ḥa:, see: bi:
hut (grass ~) n. bükka:
hyena n. hulí.
i
I pro.ind. ámí:
imitate v. ṣú:kál.
increase v. mbál (te:Ñkí).
in-laws n. gu:
insane n. míːgí:li:
insect n. kwá:ró:
inside adv. gé; adv. gißi; prep. gá:
insult v. zaːgá:
intelligence n. dábá:ra.
testine n. vôtí.
ing n. Kapoor.
vory n. fín.
j
jackal n. dítá:
jealousy n. kíːʃi.
jump n. sállé:
k
kidney n. kálhulá:
kill v. ńok.
king n. gu:
kite n. kwá:koː; n. ńfilwa.
kilpspringer n. luka gaːli.
knee n. gá:hulän.
kneel v. ńgusi.
knife n. págá:
know v. man.
kola nut n. góːroː.
kunu n. giːʃi.
lake n. bingi:
lamp n. fitá:
language n. bi: (2).
large adj. báli.
law v. dadé:
laterite n. támpoʃá:
laugh v. geyt.
laugher n. geytì:
leaf n. dwa:
leak v. ńú:l
leather n. kulu:
leave v. zakí.
left adv. tôná:
leg n. asan:
lemon n. leːmú.
leopard n. kwákí.
letter n. wáːʃka.
liar — múl lagá:ti, see: múl.
lid n. máːʃí:
lid of granary n. botó:
lie v. lega.
lie down v. mut.
life n. ḥi:ni.
lift v. ḍaga:.
light n. há:ske; v. bás.
lightning n. zam.
like v. lyá:mí.
limping n. dingí:fi.
lineage n. ássí:li.
lion n. mbwál.
lip n. babbi:
little (a ~) adv. téÑ guléÑ.
liver n. hánta:; n. mbá:í.
lizard n. gŒla¿sa:.
load n. ká:yá:.
locust bean tree n. mάk΄.
loincloth (leather ~) n. la:ti.
look at v. ya:.
look for v. ngaw.
lorry n. mó:ta:.
lose v. gŒl.
louse n. kwárkwáta:.
love v. lyá:mí.
luggage n. ká:yá:.
lungs n. hu:hú:.
machete n. ádda:.
mad n. mí¿íga:¨i.
maggot n. ©ißÉl.
maize n. okúdu:.
malaria n. ñjé:wó: ká hundel, see: ñjé:wó:.
male adj. má:ní.
mango n. máÑgoro.
mantis n. lÉlÉÑke.
many det. •ißÉli; det. pyél.
market n. kasúwá:.
marriage n. ãwré:.
marrow n. ḥi:bi:.
marsh n. lal.
masquerade n. munú:ßi.
mat n. gumba; n. ta:barma:.
measure v. áwná:.
meat n. ū:.
medicine n. i:g΄.
medicine man n. bó:ka:.
meet v. má:.
men n.pl. mbál.
metal n. dom.
middle n. ḥó:mi.
milk n. mádárá:; n. ni; v. ŋyet.
mirror n. bó:ká:.
mistletoe n. káwfi:.
mix v. hoti.
money n. úlpí; n. wulpi.
mongoose n. twí:li.
monitor (land ~) n. dagál.
monitor (Nile ~) n. ʧa:ŋ.
monkey n. ndúm.
moon n. lí:.
mortar n. ʧa:ŋ.
mosquito n. hundel.
mother n. ḥa:.
mother-in-law n. kom.
mountain n. gá:l; n. záŋga:.
mouse n. kusan.
mouth n. ū:.
move v. wú:.
mudfish n. kwesi.
mushroom n. mbal ka dá:daŋ.
mute n. bé:ßakí.
milk n. mádárá:; n. ni; v. ŋyet.
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mushroom n. mbal ka dá:daŋ.
mute n. bé:ßakí.
nail n. mbási.
named n. ʧín.
nape n. géné:
narrow id. azelét.
narrowness n. mási.
natron n. ká:wá:.
navel n. ʧa:ßí:.
near adv. kúsá:.
ext n. ya:li.
nail n. mbási.
named n. ʧín.
nape n. géné:
narrow id. azelét.
narrowness n. mási.
natron n. ká:wá:.
navel n. ʧa:ßí:.
near adv. kúsá:.
ext n. ya:li.
of  
prt. kó.
oil  
n. mil.
oil (palm ~)  
n. mándža.
okra  
n. mbo:lì.
old  
adj. kwoli.
old (get ~)  
v. kwal.
one  
n. ñam.
open  
v. fùl.

orange  
n. le:mú.
orphan  
n. mará:ya:
ostrich  
n. ñómììna:
outside  
adv. ţa:
overcome  
v. dá:kó:j
owl  
n. ʒélì.

palm tree  
n. kwá:ra:
panther  
n. kwa:ki
papaya  
n. mbuka:
parrot  
n. akú:
pay  
v. ñyé:
pay  
v. ñyéw.
pick  
v. ñí:
egg  
n. aláde:
pigeon  
n. barú:j
piercing  
v. ñí:
pig  
n. aláde:
pigeon  
n. wímbì:
pimento  
n. barkono:
place  
n. lu:
plait  
n. tákó:
plant  
v. ñyel:
planting-stick  
n. dákó:
plug (lip ~)  
n. me: ñì;
poison  
n. ñùba:
pot (beer boilling ~)  
n. usa:
pot (cooking ~)  
n. twá:tì:
pot (storage water ~)  
n. tom.
pot (water carrying ~)  
n. usa:
pot (water carrying ~)  
n. usa:
potato (peel ~)  
n. dákó:
potter —  
múl kó twá:tì, see: múl.
pound  
v. du.
pound  
v. ña:ù:
prayer  
n. ñdú:râ:
prayer  
n. ñdú:râ:
prayer  
n. ñdú:râ:
press  
v. ña:ná:
prick  
v. ñú:
product  
v. ñù:
product  
v. ñù:
product  
v. ñù:
prostitute  
n. ká:ruwa:
protect  
v. sá:ù:
pull  
v. dà:
pull out  
v. ndú:
pumpkin  
n. bùndì.
pus —  
má:l bùndì, see: má:l.
push  
v. ñù:
push  
v. ñù:
push  
v. ñù:
put  
v. ñe:
put out  
v. mbà:
potato  
n. balu:ù.

quiet  
n. béljakì.
quiver  
n. kíba:n.

rain —  
má:l-kó-lyá:, see: má:l.
rainbow —  
swal kàdi, see: swá:li.
ram  
n. bá:àgì.
raphia  
n. kwá:kwa:
rat  
n. kúsà:
reed  
adj. gu:yi:
reedbuck  
n. lóndì:
refuse  
v. ñgyé:
religion  
n. gwàntì.
remember  
v. ñù:
repeat  
v. sá:kà:
rest  
v. ñú:
ribs  
n. má:lgì:
rice  
n. ʃíjka:fà:
saliva  
m. makañ.
split v. taľ.
spoon n. koľja:
spread v. šak.
squat v. ňgusi.
squeeze v. máša:.
squirrel n. ... paži:; n. řika:; n. ... řeka:; n. žená:; n. ... li:; n. ... in; n. řež:.
truth n. ña:lí; n. gáskíyá:.

thresh three thousand thou those this thirst things thigh thief thick they these there testicle n. nda:ši.

thief n. mogal.
thigh n. řiga:.

thing n. lu:; n. ul.
things n. káyýa:.
thirst — kuzum máli, see: kuzum.

this det. gu.
thorn n. ľil.
those det. gya:.
thou pro.ind. kí:.
thousand num. dúbú.
three num. máki.
thresh v. lí:.

stone (upper grinding ~) n. a:ntaš.
stop v. šol.
stork n. želi:.
straight on adv. sánta:.
stranger n. sábål.
straw n. háki:.
strength n. kárfi:.
suck v. mbyet.
suffering n. wahala:.
sugar cane — mwa: žel, see: mwa:.
sun n. řín.
surprise n. ma:ma:ki:.
swallow v. saga.
swear v. ranse.
sweat n. li:na:.
sweep v. dwom.
sweetness vn. řeži:ti.
sword n. ádda:.

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tail n. kíl.
take v. kam.
talk n. řilši:.
tamarind n. pašaš.
tan v. mók.
tanner — múl moži, see: múl.
teach v. kóyá:.
tear v. keř.
tears n. lu:.
tell v. řam.
ten num. nokúl.
tendons n. kačji:.
termite (large ~) n. řgya:zi.
termite pile n. káži:.
termite (small ~) n. řjúl.
testicle n. ndi:si.
thank v. godé.
that det. gwa:.
there adv. aka.
these det. gi:.
they pro.ind. sí:.
thick n. nda:ši:.
thief n. mogal.
thigh n. řiga:.

ing n. lu:; n. ul.
ing n. řiga:.
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ing n. řiga:.
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those det. gya:.
thou pro.ind. kí:.
thousand num. dúbú.
three num. máki.
thresh v. lí:.

throat n. gwanda: yaři:.
throw v. lák; v. wuti.
thunder n. sáwá:.
tick n. katga:ul.
tie (a knot) v. kullé:.
tie up v. kanda:.
time n. řevkatši:.
tin n. kuza.
tired (be ~) v. kumbal.
toad n. gatábúgul.
tobacco n. tába:.
today adv. sóři.
tomato n. tamá:tir.
tomato (bitter ~) n. yačo:.
tomorrow adv. kyáw.
tongue (body part) n. ba:ga:.
tooth n. řín.
tortoise n. řg̕abo:.
touch v. lam; v. tan.
town n. ba:q.
trade n. gom.
transplant v. řyel (li).
trap — lá? billáw, see: lák; n. tubáw.
tree gen. n. pati.
tree sp. n. bákal:; n. b:ul; n. džinti; n. džil; n. gal; n. gídedo:; n. gú:žo:an; n. hůli:; n. ká:; n. křiři:; n. kimbi:; n. kří:; n. kwá:kwá:; n. kwára:; n. kyara:na:; n. lé:la:; n. márkén důši:; n. mbaš:in kwokól; n. mbu:gi; n. mbuka:; n. m:ška:; n. měži:; n. ndžáw:; n. gagba:ri:; n. ... ži:; n. řg̕abo:; n. řaž:; n. paž:; n. pa:š:; n. řiwaka:; n. říká:; n. ya:di:ya:; n. zéná:; n. řzi:ni:.
truth n. baři: n. gáskiyá:.
tsetse fly  n. țuŋyel.
turban  n. ráwání:
turkey  n. tolo:-tóló:
turn round  v. țu:yé.
tuwo  n. țim.
twelve  num. țú:-țe-lop.

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ululation  n. țu:dá:
uncle  n. kawú:
unload  v. țik.

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vagina  n. swe:
valley  n. kwári:
veins  n. kaçi:
victory  n. nására:
village  n. káwyée.

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wadi  n. lúmbú:
wait  v. da:káté
walk  v. ța
wall  n. bôngó:
war  n. manáti:
wart hog  n. danzi:
wash  v. wókél:
vasp  n. țálú:
whisk  n. ma:to:
white  adj. holi.
who?  quest. wó:
wide  id. pa:pátalụ:
wide (be ~)  v. álí:
wideness  vn. țalụ:
widower  n. gúti:
wife  n. țalụ:
wind  n. yetél.
wax  n. mba:
we  pro.ind. ți:
weapon  n. maka:mi:
weave  v. țan:
weaver  —  mûl dus ás:ka:, see: mûl.
weat  v. kwól:
well  n. ri:țiyá:
West  n. yâmma:
wet  adj.v. țápi:
what?  quest. țá:
what?  quest. țami:
where?  quest. țuna:

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yam  n. gúta:
yam (coco ~)  n. makambú:
year  n. țekárá:
year (last ~)  adj.v. yó:
year (next ~)  adj.v. țí:
year (this ~)  adj.v. țu:
yesterday  adv. țuí:
you (p.)  pro.ind. ținí:
you (s.)  pro.ind. țí:
young  adj. gepí;  adj. țákáni.