

Chəpəchəp Lexicon

(Bamali)

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A a

a *pro* he (human)

a tǐ mə passionate

a tǒ pøkɛ idiom used to refer to death

áfɔ̄ really

àkapǎŋ (be) ugly

àkayay (be) scarce

ǎnyushì *n* onion

àpə if

àshònbǎŋ (be) beautiful

Ch ch

cha *n* shrimp or crayfish

chǎ *v* conquer, defeat

chàchùm *n* cassava

chàhaŋ *v* raise, elevate, lift

cha' *v* borrow, lend

chà'áchà' *n* pangolin, scaly anteater

chǎŋ *v* hem (n)

chǎt *v* 1) pass (tr) 2) succeed

chǎtshí *v* overtake

chaytə *v* chop into pieces

chě *v* urinate

chèe *n* bladder

chèenə *v* bring up (a child)

chělwìlwì *n* gall bladder

chěnə mwê bring up a child

chèŋh lam arranging a marriage

chə *v* (be) sharp

chə nə shoo go out with

chəh sharp

chəhətə *v* (be) sour

chəmbi *n* life

chəmbî be alive

chəmbî muu good life

chəmbî-nchah outlive

chəŋ *v* settle dispute

chǎŋ *v* wither (plant)

chêŋnkăt *n* medium drum

chəp *v* clear (land for planting)

chəp *n* 1) marsh, pasture 2) swarm (n)

chǎp *v* insult (v)

chǎt *v* slash, cut

chět₁ *v* strain (food) (v)

chět₂ *n* bag

chětndwi *n* pocket

chǐ *n* omen

chi--(chicha) teacher

chichashì *n* scissors

chichə₁ *v* sit

chichə₂ *v* (be) seated

chichə tǒ məkòt *v* squat

- chìchìt₁** *adv* middle
- chìchìt₂** *adv* between
- chihə̀nə** sneeze
- chihinə** *v* sneeze (v)
- chì'ètə** *v* pray
- chit₁** *v* cover (v)
- chit₂** *v* (be) blunt
- chit₃** *n* stumbling block, obstruction
- chî** *v* spot, speckle (v)
- chiə** *v* arrive
- chiətə** *v* drip
- chikət** *n* footprint (human)
- chì'i₁** *v* shiver, tremble
- chì'i₂** *v* weigh
- chinə̀fiŋ** *n* scar
- chijchij** *v* (be) myopic, (be) shortsighted
- chìptə** *v* dip
- chît** *n* necklace
- cho' mwə̀** baby's rattle
- chòonə** *v* assemble, meet, together
- chə** *v* peck (tr)
- chə̀həŋ** *v* entertain, amuse
- chə' 1)** *v* heal (trans.), cure (v) **2)** cure
- chə'ghən** treating a disease
- chə'nə̀fiŋ** treat a wound
- chəŋ** *v* copulate, have sexual intercourse
- chəŋnə** intercourse
- chəw** *v* chew
- chə̀p₁** *v* **1)** chat (v) **2)** talk, speak **3)** squeak **4)** rustler
- chə̀p₂** *n* speech, discourse
- chəp kətə** irrational
- chəp ləŋ** make sense
- chəp nə̀fə̀** nonsense
- chəpmanjon** talk use to someone in your peer group
- chə̀pnə̀ghù** *v* condole, comfort (v)
- chə̀pnə̀gəŋ** *n* prophecy (n)
- chə̀pto** *n* language
- chə̀tpə̀'** *n* entrance hut
- chə** some, a certain
- chu** *v* say
- chũ** *v* whisper mumble (v)
- chùchùt nde** *n* voice box, larynx, Adam's apple
- chu' v 1)** poke, pierce **2)** pound
- chuŋ** *v* hang up
- chũp** *v* soak
- chut** *v* leak (v)
- chwa** *v* snatch
- chwènə v 1)** create, produce **2)** arrange **3)** repair
- chwènə à ghə̀'** *v* enlarge
- chwènə kətə̀** *v* make rough
- chwenə ki' ŋə̀mə̀ngwə̀** acts like woman
- chwenə paŋnə̀-pàŋnə̀** memorial service
- chwenə pə̀ yi** make something known
- chwènə shə̀hənə̀** *v* make smooth
- chwə'** *v* uncover
- chwə̀'ə ngwə̀shaəŋ** *n* corn cob
- chwə̀'fa'** reward
- chwə̀'fə̀'** *v* give as present
- chwĩ** *n* hare

chwi'itə *n* pap, mushy food

chwīlī *n* naming ceremony (baby)

chwinə *v* transplant

chyě *v* play (v)

chyè'ètə *v* greet

Ə ə

əə *interj* yes

Ɛ ɛ

ɛyi! ow!

F f

fā *n* shaft of arrow

fǎ *v* separate (intr), become separated

fahənə *v* quarrel

fā' *n* work (n)

fā'a *v* **1**) work (v), cultivate, hoe (v) **2**) serve

fànə *n* mistake (n)

fànəfanə *v* admit (to a wrong)

fashi attitude

fashì character

fě *v* unwrap

fə *v* **1**) blow (horn, grain, tire), fan (v) **2**) blow away **3**) inflate

fǎ₁ *v* (be) stupid

fǎ₂ *v* deceive

fəənə *v* hasten, hurry

fəhə *v* bewitch

fəmbǒ *v* blow down

fě *v* put something into wood ash or hole (with force)

fɛɛŋ *n* dawn

fɛh₁ *v* bless

fɛh₂ *n* blessing

fɛhənə *v* blaze (v), singe

fɛ' *n* affair, palaver

fɛ'ɛ *v* judge (v)

fɛ'enù *n* sacrifice

fɛ'nu offer a sacrifice

fɛŋ *v* tell, recount (story)

fɛŋ *n* tribute

fěŋ *v* stretch (when action is done by yourself)

- fətə** *v* suck
- fi** *v* befit, suit
- fī** *n* bracelet
- fī** *v* sell
- fih** *n* goiter
- fihəŋ** *v* lower (v)
- fihìnə** *v* imitate
- fi'** *v* descend, go down
- fi'ɛ** *v* husk (corn) (v)
- fī'itə** *v* shorten
- fī'itō** *n* madness
- fī'tə** become in coherent
- finə** *v* resemble
- fīnen sell** sell oneself
- fip** *v* whip (v)
- fīt v 1)** apply (ointment), besmear **2)** rub
- fī** *n* shin
- fī** *n* blind person
- fi'** weigh
- fī'i v 1)** measure (v) **2)** mark out, peg out
- fī'inə** *v* draw (picture)
- fī'itə** *v* demonstrate
- flawà** *n* flower
- fə 1)** *n* truth **2)** trust
- fə** *n* frontier, boundary
- fə** *n* medicine
- fə məchəŋnənə** something used to increase sexual pleasure
- fə-chə'ghən** something that cures
- fəfitnə** ointment
- fəkwət** injection
- fə'ɔ₁** *v 1)* get, obtain **2)** (be) rich
- fə'ɔ₂** *v* bubble up, boil (water)
- fəməyweŋ** relieve
- fəməyweŋ** painkiller
- fəminə** medicine that we can swallow
- fəngwəŋ** traditional medicine
- fəŋ v 1)** wail, ululate (at funeral) (v) **2)** shout
- fəŋ** *n* wailing, ululation (at funeral) (n)
- fət** *n* mouse
- fət** *n* he-goat, billy goat
- fət** *n* leaf
- fətpəkət** *n* shrew
- fəy** *n* account (report) (n)
- fu₁** *n* fellow-wife
- fu₂** *v* (be) white
- fù** *n* shell (of groundnut)
- fùfù** *n* winnow (n)
- fùfùt** *n* wind
- fùfùt chăt ghà** *n* blow (of wind) (v)
- fùfùtlò** *n* harmattan
- fùfùtngâ'** *n* storm
- fuhunə v 1)** unload, take out (of container) **2)** vomit (v)
- fùhùŋmbît** *n* dung beetle
- fùkəp** *n* ladle, spoon
- fù'** *n* flea, louse
- füŋgwàshaan** *n* corn husk (n)
- fut** *v* bleed
- futmbî** *v* come (or go) out, exit (v)
- fuu** *n* cockroach
- fùu** *n* skin (of fruit)

fwǎ₁ *v* ferment (alcohol) (*v*)

fwǎ₂ *v* mold (*n*)

fyèhètə *v* explain

fyèhètə ndônə *n* fork (in path)

G g

galik *n* garlic

gbaaŋ *v* hit, beat (with stick/spear), slap

Gh gh

gha *v* move

ghâ *n* journey (*n*)

gha' *v* (be) hot (objects)

ghanə₁ *v* take a walk

ghanə₂ *v* wander

ghǎngò'o *n* ancestor

ghəhənkǐ *n* malaria (fever)

ghəhəŋ *n* fever (not malaria)

ghə'ə *v* (be) jealous

ghənəshi *v* continue, resume

ghêt *n* ring (finger)

ghet nətônə *n* earring

ghêtlam wedding ring

ghetnəlwi *n* nose ring

ghiheŋ-nga' fever increase

ghiheŋmɛgha fever decrease

ghihəŋ fever

ghin *n* mortar

ghit *v* **1**) (be) cold (objects) **2**) wet

ghè *pro* you (sing.)

ghəhəŋ *n* awe, reverence (for God)

ghə' v 1) (be) fat, (be) thick **2)** (be) wide

ghǎn *n* illness, disease

ghǎn njwə' *v* throb (with pain)

ghǎnpǎŋ *n* leprosy

ghəp *n* chaff

ghəp nəpə *n* eggshell

ghəpti *n* bark (of tree)

ghə *v* leave (place), go

ghəgha *n* butterfly

ghəghàŋ *n* okra

ghəghə *n* weaver-bird

ghənkət *v* go round

ghə *n* lake

ghǔ₁ *v* fail

ghǔ₂ v 1) (be) guilty **2)** fall

ghǔfə *v* thank

ghùhəŋ *v* threaten

ghùhǔŋ *v* frighten

ghumtə *v* honour (*v*)

ghùnə *n* fig tree

ghuu₁ *n* praise (n)

ghuu₂ *v* praise (someone) (v), congratulate

ghyě *v* invite, assemble (people), call

H h

hà'a *v* give, offer

hà'angə' *v* punish

ha'fə medicate

ha'koo hospitalize

ha'nəpiŋ nə mwə breastfeed

ha'ywì give breath to

həŋ *interrog* where?

K k

ka

ka kəŋ yi nu unwilling to learn

ka laŋh not notice

ka pəŋ 1) not attractive **2)** disregard

ka yi not know

kaa *v 1)* rest **2) be tired**

kaaŋ *v* fry

kachə *quant* nothing

kakə'ə *v* (be) wrong

kà' *adv* only

kà'a *n* peel (v)

kà'anə₁ *v* promise (v)

kà'anə₂ *n* promise (n)

kànə *v* try

kaŋmwə playpen

kàptə *v* blink

kashə *v* (be) brown

kashĩ' *n* charcoal

kat *v 1)* surround **2) (be) round**

kată never

ke ghə li' naa distract

ke yi lí pə unperceptive

ke yi ŋwa'anə uneducated

kechəŋə abstinence

kə *v* (be) small, (be) thin

kə *interrog* what?

kə shəhkəp dirty person

kəkə *n* ringworm

kəť *v* dance (v)

kətəaŋ *v* (be) empty

kətítí *v* stop up

kəťndí' commit suicide

kətəť *v* (be) rough

kəyə'li' being unconscious

kě *v* germinate, sprout

kěh *v* untie, loosen

kənə *v* coil (rope) (*v*), wrap up

kěŋ *n* **1**) wine seive(filter) **2**) lick pot or pan

kèp *v* go left (direction)

keptə *v* **1**) (be) narrow, make narrow **2**) decrease, diminish

ket *n* club, cudgel

kipnə *v* **1**) exchange (of goods) **2**) change, alter

kipnə-məpaŋ mwə change baby"s napkin

kika' *n* basket for fowls

kikàp *n* corn/banana pudding

kili *n* piece

kindiŋ *n* banana

kip *v* shell (groundnuts) (*v*)

kit pø young people

kít tí *n* trunk (of tree)

kit-ŋə youngster

kìtnəkwé *n* log

kìtnətí *n* base of tree trunk

kìtŋə *n* youth

kìwa' *n* dried cowpease leaves

kǒ *v* touch

kǒndǒp *n* wall of house

koo *n* bed

kòo *n* wall

kô *v* (be) unripe

kǒ *v* **1**) trickle (*v*), flow **2**) snore

kòfi *n* coffee

kə' *v* **1**) cry, weep **2**) scream out

kə'-ŋəməŋwe grown up woman

kə'nəghu crying

kə'ə *v* **1**) right, (be) correct **2**) be enough

kə'ə pəkât *n* cocoyam, taro

kə'əkàshaŋ *n* (be) yellow

kənə **1**) *v* approach (*v*) **2**) *prep* near **3**) *prep* toward

kəŋ *n* run-off (of rain water)

kǒŋ₁ *v* (be) eager, (be) zealous

kǒŋ₂ *v* love (*v*)

kəə₁ *v* **1**) cut (hair), shave **2**) carve **3**) squeeze **4**) scratch

kəə₂ *n* crab

kəə mbîn *v* milk (cows, goats) (*v*)

kəə tí *v* work wood (*v*)

kəəto shave their head

kəpət *n* cupboard

kət₁ *v* **1**) tie (knot) **2**) coagulate, clot

kət₂ *v* build

kət *n* **1**) leg, foot **2**) elephant's trunk

kət tš *n* headpad

kətə *v* **1**) join, put together **2**) accumulate

kəŋə *v* **1**) act, do **2**) stir

ku *v* die

kû dead body

kű *v* weed (*v*)

ku nchət nchə killed in war

ku ŋə dead person

kû she'gha decomposing

ku ta'ngəŋ finality of death

kùku' *n* midrib of palm-frond with needles

ku'unə *v* bow (as in greeting)

kù'ùnə *v* (be) blunt

kulòŋ *n* lizard
kumbù *n* bowl
kunəkət impotent
kunkĩ *v* fade, dim
kunò mbyênò *n* boar
kunò m̀ngwe *n* sow
kunò *n* pig
kũnti *n* stump
k̀nu' *n* sugar cane drink
kup₁ *n* basket
kup₂ *n* forest
kuptǎŋ *n* basket with small middle
kut *v* gnaw
kwà *cardnum* four (4)
kwachǒ *cardnum* seven (7)
kwàchǒm̀ghù *cardnum* seventy (70)
kwa'anə calculate
kwa'nə have a thought
kwàmbə' *n* shoulder
kwàm̀ghù *cardnum* forty (40)
kwànkít *cardnum* four hundred (400)
kwǎŋ *v* 1) think 2) hope (*v*)
kwaŋ ngenen think well
kwaŋ tǒ ngwa chwenə nu thinking before making a decision
kwaŋtǒ 1) be conscious 2) beware
kwatə₁ *v* cackle (as of chicken)
kwatə₂ *v* scrape (*v*)
kwatǐə very early
kwǎy *v* land (*v*), alight, perch
kwe *n* bead

kwee *n* bone
kweetǒ *n* skull
kweheŋ swelling
kwe' *v* spy (*v*)
kwe'etə *n* knee
kwenkũn *n* spine, backbone
kweshù *n* fish bone
kwə₁ *n* tumor
kwə₂ *n* hump (of cow)
kwəhəŋ *n* abscess
kwə' *n* stool
kwə'ə *v* 1) mount (horse, camel) (*v*) 2) climb, ascend 3) swell 4) grow up
kwə'ətə *n* swelling
kwə'tə move up
kwe *v* sharpen (knife)
kwě 1) *v* pick, pluck (fruit) 2) answer
kwe yay opinion
kwəchǒp *v* answer, reply (*v*)
kwěh *v* cough (*v*)
kwè'è *n* midwife
kwe'etə m̀nkwěŋ *v* kneel
kwe'mwə midwifery
kwenǒfi'i *v* sharpen, bring to point (arrow)
kwěŋ₁ *n* bell
kwěŋ₂ *n* talking drum
kwet₁ *v* help
kwet₂ *n* needle
kwet₃ *v* seize, take (*v*)
kwet₄ *n* needle(n)
kwètə *v* 1) harvest (maize) (*v*) 2) pluck (chicken)

kwii *v* remember

kwimə̀kà *n* tortoise (land)

kwĩn *v* filling something to the brime

kwit *v* 1) herd (cattle, sheep) (v) 2) (be) short

kwit₁ *n* 1) heap (n) 2) herd (cattle)

kwit₂ *n* open mouth basket to catch fish

kwit *v* 1) throw away (garbage) 2) pour

kwit shishà *v* heap up

kwitə *v* remember

kwø *v* return

kwø mu ejaculate

L 1

la₁ *dem* then

la₂ *n* day, date

la kwəŋkwəŋ guess

la yilam engagement day

laa *v* 1) (be) bright 2) (be) clean

laatətō *v* (be) bald

lah *v* notice (v)

la'₁ *v* (be) poor

la'₂ *n* hardship, distress

la'₃ *v* remain, stay

la'atə₁ *v* bump (v)

la'atə₂ *v* stagger, stumble

lam₁ 1) *n* marriage (not ceremony) 2) marriage

lam₂ *v* marry

lam ndăndăt *n* polygamy

lam-choshi church wedding

lam-njiŋnjiŋ married secretly

lam-sha'nə husband and wife no longer live together

lamashi *n* 1) lemon 2) orange 3) grape fruit

lamfi honeymooner

lammě *v* divorce (v)

lanə *v* (be) blue, green

lanəpi birthday

lat *v* lick

lăy *v* spread (disease, fire)

lê *n* birdlime (adhesive to catch birds)

lě admire

lèmətônə *n* earwax

ləŋ *n* horse

ləŋ mbyênə *n* stallion

ləŋ məngwə *n* mare (horse)

ləhənə *v* persuade

ləhtə mwê comfort a baby

lə' *v* abstain

lə'ə *v* avoid, escape

ləmwê *n* womb

lanə *v* (be) lazy, weak

ləŋ₁ *v* wound (animal)

ləŋ₂ *v* 1) soften 2) melt

lǎŋ *n* chair

ləŋhti break someone's heart	lì'i pǐ pwê màyô <i>n</i> garden
ləŋnəkìp <i>n</i> wickerwork	lì'i shù'u ndòti <i>n</i> garbage dump
le <i>v</i> sleep (v)	lì'i twě məkīŋ <i>n</i> potter's kiln
le nə mwêmbət sex with a child	lì'ifètne <i>n</i> bruise (n)
le nə yi nə ghít rape	lì'ilálâ <i>n</i> light
lêh <i>n</i> shadow	lì'ilêh <i>n</i> shelter (n)
lèhènə <i>v</i> forget	lì'ilô <i>n</i> town
lè'ε <i>v</i> limp	lì'inè <i>v</i> perspire, sweat
lên 1) <i>n</i> brain 2) <i>n</i> knowledge 3) <i>n</i> wisdom 4) <i>v</i> wise 5) <i>v</i> intelligent	lì'ineyô <i>n</i> kitchen
lên kwitkwit unwise	lì'itiənə <i>n</i> open place, clearing
lənepε <i>v</i> (be) unconscious	lì'iyě <i>n</i> point (n)
leŋ mind	li'kəŋ mənən love each other again
leŋhnə try to forget	li'ku-pø mortuary
leŋhnə məyinə fail to understand	li'ndam remarry
lèplêp <i>n</i> spider's web	li'nen-shayshay part of the body hurting
letə <i>v</i> (be) silent	lipnə <i>v</i> tangle (v)
lî <i>n</i> name	lishà <i>n</i> razor
lǐ <i>n</i> relative	lǐt v 1) (be) heavy 2) weight
lìh ghun symptom	lǐ <i>n</i> tongue
lihikət <i>n</i> ankle	lǐ <i>v</i> (be) tasty, (be) sweet
lihipô <i>n</i> wrist	liə <i>v</i> hurt oneself
li'₁ <i>v</i> poison (a person) (v)	liə v 1) store up, save 2) hide
li'₂ <i>n</i> poison (on arrow)	lì'i v 1) refuse, forbid, deny 2) set (trap)
li' chenə pwê a place where children are cared for	lì'inə <i>n</i> lightning
li' ke' pwê maternity	li'itə <i>n</i> chin
li' nkwan think again	lîmwê <i>n</i> flame
lì'i <i>n</i> place	lînə <i>v</i> (to be) almost ripe
lì'i fà'a ngôŋ <i>n</i> cultivated ground	lîngúpno <i>n</i> rainbow
lì'i lǐə màyô <i>n</i> granary	lǐt v 1) defend, protect 2) guide
lì'i pəkú shê <i>n</i> place of the dead (spiritual)	lonə <i>v</i> (be) healthy, (be) well
	loo v 1) bite (v) 2) full

lòo *n* dry season

lòo shìshà *n* drought, famine

lò *n* honey

lò'ɔ *n* feast

lǎlǎ *v* **1**) wake up (intr) **2**) rise up (intr)

lǎlǎngîə *v* move away, migrate

lǎŋ *n* mud

lòɔ *v* smithing

lɔp *n* fishhook, hook (n)

lɔpà *n* rubber

lɔt *n* hip

lǔ *v* stink, smell (bad)

lumtə *v* please, satisfy

lǔn₁ *v* (be) old (not young)

lǔn₂ *v* become old (age)

lùngan *n* bucket, pail

lǔŋ₁ *v* smell (v)

lǔŋ₂ *n* wild cat, civet cat

lǔŋnəghû *v* bale out (canoe. boat)

lùu *n* spirit (of dead person) (invisible)

lwənə *v* mourning

lwênə *n* mourning

lwənə nəghu mourn

lwənə---(ndwi-lwənə) dress in black

lwə *v* beg (for money)

lwɛŋ *v* incubate, set on eggs

lwĩ *v* (be) bitter

lwìlwî *n* bile, gall

lwimwê baby-sit

lwîtə *v* (be) last

M m

ma *n* mother

ma' ntɔnəghu death chant

mà'a *v* **1**) drop (tr) **2**) pour libation

mà'afà' *v* hunt (v)

mà'afà' *n* hunter

mà'andâm *v* net (fish) (v)

mà'àtə *v* wave (hand as a greeting) (v)

mà'atî *v* cut down (tree)

mama *n* grandmother

mamâlî'i *adv* everywhere

mamâpə everybody

mamây *quant* all

mamâyô everything

mamungû *n* hen

manjɔŋ organisation that includes only males

mankà *n* a kind of drum

manjà' *n* ant

manjà'à mɛfùt *n* flying ant

manjà'à ndônə *n* army ant, soldier ant

manjà'àkoo *n* bedbug

mashê 1) *v* divine (v), prophesy (v) **2)** *n* fortune teller (n)

mashinshaa pə x-ray machine

matòshòt *n* big hoe

matwè' *n* caterpillar
mbà *n* flesh, meat
mba-njìgmè-yì-mbyênè *n* younger brother
mba-njìgmè-yì-mèngwè *n* younger sister
mbà' *n* cloud, fog
mbàn *n* enemy
mbàŋ *n* 1) inhabitant, resident 2) camp, encampment
mbăŋ *n* palm nut
mbăŋchàŋ *n* testicle
mbăŋfət *n* kidney
mbăŋmbî *n* evening
mbat *n* 1) mountain 2) hill
mbatè nti shî *n* (be) second
mbee *v* (be) crooked
mbetè *n* thief
mbî *n* 1) world 2) outside
mbĩ ngwàshaan *n* kernel (of corn, maize)
mbîfə *n* cold weather
mbii *n* mosquito
mbim *n* pity (n)
mbĩmàkô *n* bean
mbìnəmwə *n* embers
mbìt *n* pus
mbît *n* excrement
mbin breast milk
mbîn *n* milk (n)
mbĩŋ chyətə ghà *n* drizzle
mböndônè *n* crossroads, intersection
mbònəkwe *n* knuckle, joint
mbǒ₁ *v* (be) low

mbǒ₂ 1) *n* south 2) down 3) *prep* below, lower
mbɔ' **mənu** creativity
mbɔ'ð mələt *n* groundnut pudding
mbɔ'ð njĩ' *n* egusi pudding
mbð'ɔpɔ *n* upper arm
mbɔn *n* squirrel
mbǒp *n* rat mole
mbɔtmbî *n* afternoon
mbû *n* money
mbûfu *n* cowrie shell
mbùu₁ *n* side (of something)
mbùu₂ *prep* beside
mbwəhənə *n* respect (v)
mbwə'mbɔp *n* palm rat
mbwənəghú *n* coward
mbyênè *n* male (sex)
mbyenə poo pənge male and female
mechəŋnənə to sex
mentipnka herbs
mè *pro* self, I
mèchèe *n* urine
mèchəhə tənè *v* (be) restless, (be) unsettled
mèchənə mbî *v* (be) alive
mèchǒp *n* news
məfah twins
məfa' nəghu risk your life
məfɔ *n* fat
məfɔkweè *n* bone marrow
məfɔ'fɔ' *n* foam
mèghanè *v* obstruct
mèghöndɔp *n* roof

- məghɔɔ ndɔp** *n* beam, rafter
məghɔɔmbà *n* fish-scale
məghu mortality
məghútkò *n* slime (inorganic)
məghútpàŋ *n* oil palm
məghúttát *n* polish
məkopəkát *n* rice
məkɔŋnə passion
məkwaŋnə think
məkwee bones
məkweeŋɔ *n* skeleton
məkɔwə *n* semen
məkɔwə sperm
mələ̀ *n* fish trap
mələ̀t *n* groundnut
mələ̀li *n* witchcraft
mələ̀lɪn *n* 1) beard 2) saliva
mələ̀w' pəkát *n* beer
mələ̀w'ɔ nəntɔ *n* palm wine
mələ̀w'ɔlɔ *n* mead, honey beer
mələ̀wɪ *n* nasal mucus, snot
məmbɪ *n* goat
məmbɪ mənɔwɛ *n* she-goat, nanny goat
məmbɪ ŋɔŋɔwɔŋ *n* praying mantis
məmɔ *v* stutter
mənâ *n* red pepper, hot pepper
məngɪn *n* fur
məngú *n* chicken, fowl
məngu fu *v* (be) famous
məngukayə *n* dog
mənɔwɛ *n* female (sex)
mənɔwɛ məli *n* witch (female)
mənɔwɛ shi *n* principal wife, first wife
mənɔwɛ-tô from another tribe
mənɔwɛfi *n* bride
mənii *n* knife, sword
məniməko *n* sickle
mənji mənɔwɛ *n* ewe
mənjit *n* sheep
mənka chɔ'ghun medicinal plants
mənkə̀ə *n* rooster (cock)
məntim *n* hawk
mənù yay mú tɔ mind is full
mənwi *n* silk, hair (of maize)
məpə̀ *n* chisel (n)
məshă *n* magic
məshanə *n* morning
məshaŋ *n* millet (rainy season), guineau corn
məshɪŋ *n* 1) bird 2) women's dance
məshù *n* break wind, fart
mətaa *n* market (n)
məwə *n* hail
məyɪ' pretend pretend
məyɪ' *n* pretend, fake (person)
məyofi *v* eat first of new crops
mě *v* 1) (be) used up 2) finish (v) (intr)
mètə *v* feel (active)
mètə mə my love
mətəkɔpɔnɛn take someone's temperature
mí *n* face

mĩ *v* swallow

mih chəhchəh power of observation

mih ti nɔ attract attention

miməlwĩ *v* blow nose

mìnə *v* domesticate, tame

mì' *n* dew

momtə puffy

ṁəŋməywi ɲə attempted murder

mø *poss* your (pl)

mũ *prep* inside

mu' *quant* whole

mubiŋ *n* 1) rainy season 2) rain

mũkət *n* sole

mũmbĩ *v* (be) wicked

mũnchət *n* palate

mũpə *n* palm (of hand)

mūtəkəkə mentally ill

mwə *n* fire

mwə *n* child

mwə chě baby urinate

mwə ləəŋ mbyenə *n* colt

mwə le' nəpuŋ yi miscarry

mwə na'a məngwə *n* heifer

mwə nden intelligent child

mwə ngwə' nəghə *n* upper grinding stone

mwə shikut student

mwə ye yi labour

mwə-mwə-mbyenə *n* grandson

mwə-mwə-məngwə *n* granddaughter

mwə-ndaŋwa'anə schoolboy

mwə-ndimə-yi-mbyenə *n* nephew

mwə-ndimə-yi-məngwə *n* niece

mwə'ə *cardnum* one (1)

mwəchi'ə *quant* few

mwəchi'ə nkat *n* small drum

mwəfa' *n* servant

mwəfay *n* firstborn

mwəfu *v* (be) young baby

mwəfu small child

mwəkitə *n* chameleon

mwəkət *n* toe

mwəkunə *n* piglet

mwəli *n* eye

mwəlishi *n* pupil (of eye)

mwəmbə *n* finger

mwəmbəndə *n* thumb

mwəmbət *n* baby

mwəmbət newborn

mwəmbyenə *n* boy, son

mwəməmbi *n* kid

mwəməngu *n* chick

mwəməngu kayə *n* pup

mwəməngwə 1) *n* girl, daughter 2) miss

mwəmənjit *n* lamb

mwəmənti *n* orphan

mwəməti orphan

mwəməngwə ntə'mbĩn young girl

mwəmwə *n* cousin

mwəna'a *n* calf

mwənəpuŋ birth righth

mwənkə *n* young woman or man

mwənwə *n* foetus

mwəpushi *n* kitten

mwəshishe *n* mud block

myè'ε *v* throw away, throw

N n

nă *interrog* how?

naa *v* watch, look after

naa ngwah turn a blind eye

naa njø call attention

naa nu ngenngen investigate

naa yă a kɔ' verify

nà'a *n* cow

na'a mbetnə *n* steer, ox

na'a mbyenə *n* bull

na'angə *v* say goodbye, take leave of

nanjə *v* look at

nchà' *n* gill

nchənyehenə *n* mud wasp

nchapnəchapnə hallucination

nchè *n* guide (n)

nchě-ghɔn person who takes care of a patient

nchǎŋ *n* diarrhea

nchəpnə *n* insult (n)

nchət₁ *v* lie (v) (tell lies)

nchət₂ *n* lie (n) (falsehood)

nchi *n* rubbish

nchĩ₁ *n* relative by marriage

nchĩ₂ *n* father-in-law

nchinchɔɔ *n* toad

nchitfiŋ *n* stopper, plug

nchîŋ *n* bottle

nchò *n* war

nchò' *n* rattle

nchɔ' kwɛ'ε *n* namesake

nchɔ'ɔ *n* muscle

nchɔ'ɔkɔt *n* calf of leg

nchɔ'ɔpɔ *n* forearm

nchɔ'pø someone who treat sick people

nchǎp *n* leopard

nchǎpkwachǎ *cardnum* seventeen (17)

nchəpmwə'ə *cardnum* eleven (11)

nchəpnəfɔɔ *cardnum* eighteen (18)

nchəpnəkwa *cardnum* fourteen (14)

nchəpnəpu'u *cardnum* nineteen (19)

nchəpntɔ *cardnum* sixteen (16)

nchəppet *cardnum* twelve (12)

nchəpta *cardnum* fifteen (15)

nchəptet *cardnum* thirteen (13)

nchət *n* mouth

nchət nənɔɔ₁ *adv* west

nchət nənɔɔ₂ *n* sunset

nchət windu *n* window

nchətle *n* tip (of something)

nchətndəp *n* door

- nchətye** *n* forehead
- nchu'ə** *v* open something that has a cover or locking door (eg. a box)
- nda nwi** *n* church
- ndâ-ku** morgue
- ndafe'** *n* courtyard
- ndâfɔ̃** pharmacy
- ndaghɔ̃n** *n* hospital
- ndâghun** hospital
- ndâghun-ghaənfi'tɔ̃** mental hospital
- ndâghun-pəpât** hospital for mentally ill people
- ndàh** *n* parrot
- ndâ'** *n* poor man
- ndâm** *n* net (hunting, fishing)
- ndaməshij** *n* nest
- ndandat** *quant* many
- ndanələwɔ̃j** *n* shell (musical instrument)
- ndanəŋwɛ** *n* quiver (n)
- ndangwə'** *n* cave
- ndanù-mbyenə poo pəŋge** organisation that includes males and females
- ndǎŋ** *n* ram
- nday-ghuŋ** cause of disease or sickness
- ndayndəwɔ̃j** late
- nde** *n* rattle (musical instrument)
- ndəŋtə** weak
- nde** *n* throat
- nde njiə** dream of
- ndên 1)** intellectual **2)** intelligent
- ndenki** *n* channel
- nděŋ** *n* bamboo
- ndəŋpaŋ** *n* paddle (n)
- ndepi v 1)** (be) depressed (emotional state) **2)** sad **3)** annoy, disturb
- ndi-mamə-yi-mbyenə** *n* mother's brother (uncle)
- ndi-mamə-yi-məŋgwɛ** *n* mother's sister (aunt)
- ndi-ndomə-yi-mbyenə** *n* brother-in-law
- ndi-ndomə-yi-məŋgwɛ** *n* sister-in-law
- ndi-tyemə-yi-mbyenə** *n* father's brother (uncle)
- ndi-tyemə-yi-məŋgwɛ** *n* father's sister (aunt)
- ndih nətəŋ** umbilical cord
- ndi' 1)** poisonous **2)** poison
- ndi'** *n* poison (n)
- ndi'ingôŋ** *n* farmer
- ndimwə** babysitter
- ndindi'** *n* smoke, soot
- ndinətu'** *n* owl
- ndɨp** now
- ndit** *n* shield (n)
- ndô** *n* husband, groom
- ndomwə** *n* son-in-law
- ndônə** *n* path, road
- ndonə nəghu ghə** cost your life
- ndəfɔ̃** *n* duck
- ndəŋəŋəwɔ̃** *n* daylight
- ndəŋ** *n* time
- ndəŋ** *n* cup
- ndəŋmbat** *n* summit, highest point
- ndəŋtə** *n* crown (of head)
- ndəp** *n* house

ndòt *n* 1) drainage 2) small stream 3) annual traditional feast

ndùn *n* tail

ndun **ገጋ ጥሬ ነገር** *n* senile person

ndùn-ገጋ old man

ndungha aging

ndunma *n* old woman

ndunnəfiŋ *n* ulcer

ndunገጋ *n* old man

nduገ blockheaded

nduገgha' *n* (be) expensive

nduገጋጋጋ *v* (be) inexpensive

ndupa' *n* tobacco

ndùsuገ *n* price

ndwə' because

ndwəli'i *n* beggar

ndwəñ *n* hammer

ndwenki *n* hippopotamus

ndwəገ *n* horn

ndwi *n* 1) cloth 2) clothes

ndwi yi she ndəp *n* rag

ndwilam wedding gown

ndwità *n* edge (n), end (n)

nə *coordconn* with, and

nəchit *n* cooking stone

nəfā *n* twin

nəfāገ *n* thunder

nəfē *n* waterfall

nəfə stupid

nəfə *n* stupid person

nəfi *n* green mamba

nəfiŋ *n* wound, sore

nəfiŋmwə *n* burn (n)

nəfጋ *cardnum* eight (8)

nəfጋməghu *cardnum* eighty (80)

nəfüt *n* feather

nəghə' *n* jaw

nəghēnə *n* shoulder blade

nəgho ndəp *n* bamboo rafters

nəghጋ wə'ə yo₁ *n* grinding stone

nəghጋ wə'ə yo₂ *n* lower grinding stone

nəghəp₁ *n* side (of body)

nəghəp₂ *n* armpit

nəghəñka *n* latrine, toilet

nəghū₁ *n* death

nəghū₂ *cardnum* ten (10)

nəghu mwənkə die young

nəghu-ngə' painful death

nəghukə accidental death

nəkəጋ *n* beeswax, bee-bread

nəkəገ *n* drier (for fish, meat)

nəkət *n* penis

nəkīገ *n* cooking pot (earthenware), pot (water)

nəkīገ ndupa' *n* tobacco pipe

nəkīገ pəkət *n* metal pot

nəkīt *n* fireplace

nəkčገ *n* lance (spear) (n)

nəkwa'anə *n* gravel

nəkwi 1) *n* (be) high **2)** *n* north **3)** *n* up **4)** *prep* above

nələ'à *n* short basket to catch fish

nəle ngwaymə *v* (be) sleepy

nəlw'ɔnə *n* knot (in wood)

nəlwɔŋti *n* thumb piano

nəlwɔŋ *n* music

nəlwun old age

nəlwî *n* nose

nəlmîi *n* proverb

nəngwə'ə *n* termite hill

nəngwəŋ imbecile

nənkət *n* raffia palm

nənkənkɔŋ *n* date palm

nənɔɔ *n* sun

nənɔɔ shɔt mu nɔɔfu *n* eclipse (moon)

nənɔɔta *n* sunshine

nənti *n* nail (n)

nəntø *n* palm tree

nəŋa *v* (be) fast

nəŋwəŋ *n* arrow, bow (hunting)

nəpa *n* dragonfly

nəpaŋ *n* buttock

nəpě *n* liver

nəpepaŋ *n* lung

nəpi giving birth

nəpĩ *n* cola nut

nəpichu *n* fish dam

nəpɪn breast

nəpɪn *n* 1) breast 2) udder

nəpɪt *n* 1) ditch, pit 2) hole

nəpɪtnki *n* well (n)

nəpõ *n* egg

nəpopaŋ *n* yolk (of egg)

nəpot heaven

nəpɔ' *n* bundle (n)

nəpɔ'ɔ nkit *n* strap (n)

nəpɔp *n* wing

nəpɔt *n* sky

nəpu'u *cardnum* nine (9)

nəpu'uməghu *cardnum* ninety (90)

nəpu'uye *n* sorcerer (male)

nəpumu *v* (be) kind

nəpùŋ *n* stomach (internal)

nəpuŋlonə *n* stomachache, upset stomach

nəpwə'ə *n* pumpkin

nəpwə'ə pəkət *n* melon

nəshè grave

nəshè *n* grave

nəshii *v* (be) honest

nəshî *adv* forward (direction)

nəshî *prep* be in front or before

nəshɔŋ *n* fish trap

nəshɔŋ *n* tooth

nəshɔŋ njwe nəgha *n* molar tooth

nəshɔŋ shaynə *n* toothache

nəshɔŋ tanka' *n* elephant's tusk

nəshɔŋnɔ *n* fang (of snake)

nəshyε məshanə *n* morning-star (Venus)

nəshyε'ε nki *n* ford (n)

nəshyêŋ *n* star

nətî₁ *n* be underneath

nətî₂ *n* bottom

nəti'ikɔt *n* heel

nətinəpuŋ *n* abdomen (external)

nət̪t̪ *n* jigger
nət̪ônə₁ *n* antenna
nət̪ônə₂ *n* ear
nətonə shaynə *n* earache
nət̪ō₁ *n* intestines
nət̪ō₂ *n* trap (n)
nət̪ɔchɔp *n* word
nət̪ō' *n* thigh
nət̪ɔ'ɔnə *n* knot
nət̪ōŋ₁ *n* navel
nət̪ōŋ₂ *n* thorn
nət̪ú' *n* night
nəwi'inə *n* a separation in a kitchen
 supporting the ceiling
nəyingun *v* dwell, inhabit
nên *n* body
něn *v* teach, show
nên-məshōŋ *v* bare, show (teeth)
nən-nchi'nchi' fit
nən-ninəninə dizziness
nən-njɔhnjɔh have an ich
nən-ntūt̪nt̪ very warm body
nən-shayshay pain
nəntwɔtwɔ *v* (be) hot (of person)
nət̪ə *v* light (fire) (*v*)
nga *interj* no
ngâ *n* 1) guest, visitor 2) stranger 3) traveler
ngàaŋ mələi *n* wizard
ngàaŋ mət̪aa *n* trader
ngaaŋ-ndandat-pəngwɛ polygamist
ngaaŋ-ta'-gòməngwɛ person with one wife

ngaaŋfɛ pø person who cause another to be in
 an unusual state of consciousness
ngaaŋfɔ medicine man
ngaaŋghun sick person
ngan-cho'meshɔŋ dentist
nganəghɔ *n* traitor
nganka *n* bush dweller
ngan shanə *n* host
ngan-cho' yoməkɔt veterinary doctor
nganchan *n* prisoner, captive
nganfo 1) *n* medicine man, traditional healer
 2) be in medicine
nganfo' *n* rich man
nganlɔɔ *n* blacksmith
ngəŋməsha *n* magic man
ngəŋmi *n* something that qualifies a witch or
 wizard
ngəŋnjwə' *v* (be) bold
ngəŋpɔɔ *n* potter
ngəŋto *n* messenger
ngəŋyo *n* owner
ngât *n* gun
ngəgha mbinəgha *v* spill (moving to and
 from)
ngə' 1) *v* suffer 2) *n* penalty, punishment; 3) *n*
 load, burden(n)
ngənnəŋ *v* 1) (be) perfect 2) often 3)
 usually 4) same 5) always 6) equal and well
 (adv)
ngəŋchø *quant* sometimes, perhaps
ngəŋmwə'ə once
ngəptəpɔ *v* (be) generous
ngi *n* voice

ngi-nəghu cry that indicates death

ngin *n* hair

ngin kənəkənə *n* tuft, lock (of hair)

ngin nəghəptə *n* pubic hair

ngin-kəp kipnə change colour due to illness

ngin-tə *n* hair (of head)

nginfu *n* white hair

ngingiyə *v* (be) dizzy

nginnen *n* hair (of body)

ngɔ̄' *n* year

ngɔ̄'mbî lifespan

ngɔ̄'ɔ̄ chɔ̄ *adv* olden times

ngɔ̄nka *n* bush country, rural area

ngɔ̄ŋ *n* farm (n)

ngɔ̄ɔ̄ŋ *n* country, ethnic area, village

ngɔ̄ɔ̄ŋnki *n* 1) river bank 2) seashore, beach

ngɔ̄p₁ *n* 1) mat 2) animal skin

ngɔ̄p₂ *n* threshing-floor

ngɔ̄p *n* antelope

ngɔ̄p mwəli *n* eyelid

ngɔ̄t ŋəməngwɛ a woman who acts like woman

ngu *n* mother-in-law

ngûn₁ *n* weeds

ngûn₂ *n* hunt (n)

ngupnɔ̄ *n* python

ngwà *n* fail a promise

ngwah nu careless

ngwanmba *n* butcher (n)

ngwâŋ *n* salt

ngwàŋy *n* half

ngwapa *n* guava

ngwashaan *n* maize, corn

ngwashwə *n* sweet potato

ngway njwə' *v* (be) courageous, (be) brave

ngwə' *n* termite

ngwə' *n* stone, rock

ngwə'ələɔ̄ *n* anvil

ngwə'mbɔ̄p *n* mole

ngwê *n* regime (of bananas)

ngwemwə *n* daughter-in-law

ngweŋɔ̄ *n* wife

ngwəshu *n* fisherman

ngwèt *n* 1) family 2) seed

ngwetmi *n* eyelash

ngwetŋɔ̄ *n* descendant

ngwø *n* river, brook, stream

ngyenə nkun *n* small of back

nĩ *v* 1) walk 2) come

nîinə *n* movement

ni' *v* 1) fill 2) load 3) pour

ni'ape *v* immerse (v)

nini *n* bee

ninɔ̄ *v* bring

nĩ *v* 1) defecate 2) lay (eggs)

nĩh *v* hit, strike (with hand)

nì'i *n* spear grass

nì'inə *v* shake (tr)

nîŋ *n* ocean, sea

nîtə tramp

nîtə nəkɔ̄t *v* stamp (with feet)

nja menu pə njwə' nə subjects

nja yi manner
njaa *n* character, reputation
njà' *n* 1) fin 2) clitoris
njamənĩnə way of life
njankə *n* meaning (n)
njaŋ 1) *n* xylophone 2) hernia
njäŋ *n* hernia
njäy *n* color
nji *n* (be) hungry, hunger (v)
nji nu care about
njinji *n* fly (n)
njinj *n* room
njin₁ 1) after, behind 2) backward
njin₂ *n* back (of something)
njinǰ medicine bottle
njinhinj life after death
njinlenə *n* bedroom
njinjnjinj *n* darkness
njinɰɰ *n* nape of neck
njiɰnə *n* cutting grass
njiɰnə məsha' *n* porcupine
njiə *n* 1) dream (n) 2) moth
njǰ *n* axe
njɔ' mwə baby kicks
njɔ'li' to regain consciousness
njǰp *n* vegetable
njũ *n* buffalo
njwê *n* whistle (n)
njwə' heart
njwə' *n* chest

njwə' fifi *n* heartburn
njwə'etə li *n* spy (n)
njwə'tə məli' pay attention to more than one thing
njwɛŋ nəgha *n* cheek
njwɛŋ nəghɔp *n* rib
njwɛŋ nəpɪn *n* breastbone
njwi pǰ murderer
njwi-ŋɔ killer
njwə' shanəshanə *v* palpitate (of heart)
nkā₁ *n* grass
nkā₂ *n* bush
nkǎ *n* oath
nka ŋɔ məngwɛ *n* barren woman
nkaa *n* monkey
nkàa *n* storage basket for groundnut
nkàaŋ *n* age-group
nkaaŋ-ŋɔ people of the same age group
nkah 1) *n* (be) impotent 2) infertile
nkā' *n* fence (n)
nka'a shɔhɔ nkɔp *n* bathing place
nkāŋ *n* corn beer
nkàt *n* bamboo basket
nkatlɔɔ *n* big drum
nkə'gha growing
nkèt *n* bamboo mat
nkĩ *n* water
nki ka'ka' *n* spring
nki mətɔɔti *n* juice
nkĩ-mbimbi dirty water
nkikɔ̃nkɔ *n* current (river, stream)

nkimba *n* soup, broth
nkimbaŋ *n* blood
nkinəkɔ' *n* tears (n)
nkinəpit₁ *n* pool
nkinəpit₂ *n* waterhole
nkiye *n* flood (n)
nkiŋ nchət *n* lip
nkiŋli *n* eyebrow
nkīt *n* 1) string (n), rope 2) bowstring
nkīt nətɔŋ *n* umbilical cord
nkittin *n* wire
nkõ *n* beehive
nkôŋ *n* bat
nkõŋ₁ *n* 1) pestle 2) bellows
nkõŋ₂ *prep* before
nkɔŋ pan *n* fufu stick
nkɔŋ ŋwa'an *n* pen
nkɔŋnə love
nkɔŋnə *n* love (n)
nkɔp to *n* brideprice (for bride's family)
nkɔpto *n* dowry (for groom's family)
nkɔt *n* fight (n)
nku *n* inheritance
nku nəghu ŋɔnəkaaŋ lay down your life
nku ŋɔ *n* corpse
nku-ku murdered person
nkuh *n* widower, widow
nkù' *n* elephantiasis
nkùm *n* box
nkum kuŋɔ coffin
nkuməyo inheritance

nkũn₁ *n* back
nkũn₂ *n* fields, grassland
nkun meshè cementery
nkun məshe *n* cemetery
nkun-shaysay backache
nkunjotə *n* desert
nkùp *n* debt
nkushə ghost
nkutɔ 1) *n* deaf person 2) some one who does not hear
nkwa'anə *v* feel (passive)
nkwa'nə train of
nkwǎn *n* slave
nkwaŋ mənɔ imagining things
nkwaŋ ngengen think clearly
nkwaŋ nu yi a ka chə nə imagining things that do not exist
nkwê *n* firewood, wood
nkwə'₁ *n* bridge
nkwə'₂ *n* stem, stalk (of maize, millet, etc.)
nkwə' nəlwi *n* bridge (of nose)
nkwə'ətə *n* ladder
nkwə'ətə tɔ ndɔp *n* scaffolding
nkwè 1) *n* bachelor 2) *n* spinster 3) unmarried 4) not married
nkwè bachelor
nkwe' pwə midwife
nkweŋpɔ *n* elbow
nkwet-shîmè-yì-mbyênè *n* elder brother
nkwet-shîmè-yì-məngwe *n* elder sister
nkwinə *n* cripple (n)
nkwinka' *v* fence in (v)

- nɔ** *v* 1) drink 2) smoke
nṱ *n* snake
nɔfɔ drink medicine
nɔkə *interrog* why?
nṱɔ *n* 1) animal 2) month
nṱɔfi *n* new moon
nṱɔfu₁ *n* moon
nṱɔfu₂ *n* moonlight
nɔɔfu shɔt mu nənɔɔ *n* eclipse (sun)
nɔɔloonə *n* full moon
nɔɔpinə *n* hot weather
nɔs nurse
ntakɔt *n* footstep
ntalɔp *n* fishing line
ntǎŋ₁ *n* flute
ntǎŋ₂ *n* horn (musical instrument)
ntaŋsha *adv* far
ntât *n* waist
nti *n* cane, walking stick
ntishi₁ *n* chief, headman
ntishi₂ *v* lead, guide (*v*)
ntî *n* heart
ntinənɔɔ *n* noon
ntintɔh pəkət *n* potato
ntipnka herb
ntô-nəghu death notice
ntonto *n* cloth worn by woman
ntô *cardnum* six (6)
ntɔməghu *cardnum* sixty (60)
- ntəŋmeshè** grave maker
ntɔŋtə mənɔ inquisitive
ntɔp *n* 1) hut 2) cattle pen
ntunkaŋ₁ *n* adult
ntunkaŋ₂ *n* elder
ntùntù *n* dust
ntuyo *n* weaver
ntwĩ *n* anus
nù *n* story (tale)
nu kwaŋnə what is being guessed
nuhənə *n* law
nùhəŋ *v* push
nù'ùtə *v* twist
nun *n* vagina
nǔpî₁ *n* (be) taboo
nǔpî₂ *n* evil, badness
nusha'anə *n* announcement
nwə *n* 1) flock (of birds) 2) flock (of sheep, goats) 3) herd (cattle, sheep) (*n*)
nwə *v* 1) put, place, set 2) keep, store
nwəhəmɔwə *v* nurse, suckle (baby) (*tr*)
nwən wəshɛ₁ *v* (be) lying down
nwən wəshɛ₂ *v* lie down
nwi *n* God (supreme being)
nwi'i kwe *n* splinter, sliver (*n*)
nwi'itə *v* crush (*tr*)
nwingɔŋ₁ *n* god, fetish (spirit)
nwingɔŋ₂ *n* fetish priest
nwiṭə *v* trample

Ny ny

nya'atə *v* trip

nyām *v* mix (v), knead

nye *v* prepare (food to cook), cook

nyě *n* tendril

nyehē *adj* not attractive

nyehenə *v* decorate

nyε'etə *v* stalk (v)

nyènə *n* centipede, millipede

nyeti *n* root

nyim nəmbə *n* fingernail

nyimnə *n* claw

nyinə *v* **1**) caress (v) **2**) tickle (v)

ŋ ŋ

ŋàanə *v* crawl

ŋa'ahə *v* straddle

ŋamnə *v* crawl (lizard)

ŋan nki *n* crocodile

ŋemnə *v* (be) slow

ŋə *n* person

ŋə a yi ŋwa'anə ngenngen nə someone who has learned

ŋə kəchəp introvert

ŋə pə ka yi nə someone who is not known

ŋə pə ywi shi nchə nə a person kill at the war front

ŋə pə ywinə murdered man

ŋə-kachə nobody

ŋə-mbaŋ *n* white man

ŋə-mbɛ *n* bad person

ŋə'ə *v* wink (eye)

ŋəmbyenə *n* man (male)

ŋəmbyenə man

ŋəməngwə *n* woman

ŋəməngwə a teelam nə divorcee

ŋəməngwə kə fəŋ ŋəmbyenə harlot

ŋəməshəŋ *n* crowd

ŋəndə *n* important person

ŋəshi *n* black man

ŋə'unkun *n* hunchback

ŋəmnə₁ *v* grumble, complain

ŋəmnə₂ *v* hum (v)

ŋwà'ànə *n* book

ŋwəti *n* peg (n)

Ɔ ɔ

ɔy v hello

P p

pà₁ *n* baboon

pà₂ *pro* we (incl.)

pâ *n* koki corn (corn pudding)

paan v abandon

pachǒ *quant* some, other (men)

pǎh v bark (as dog) (v)

pa'₁ v plait, braid (hair)

pa'₂ v weave

pa'anə *n* machete, cutlass

pà'àtə *n* water grass

pǎn v hate (v)

pankə *interrog* how many?

panlɔp *n* bait

panmbo pəkət *n* flour

panpəkət *n* bread

pâŋ *n* canoe

pǎŋ v (be) red

paŋnkə *n* number

papa v flatten

pashtikə *n* corn/groundnut pudding

pashyɛ mǎngwə' *n* monitor, agama lizard
(red-headed)

pat mad person

pât *n* mad person

păt v carry (child) on back

pât madness

pat mǎlɔ' v (be) drunk

patə₁ v follow

patə₂ v close

patə₃ v **1**) shut (tr) **2**) fold

patət v (be) third

patmwê carry baby on back

patwa *n* robe (man's gown)

pǎy v (be) flat

pee v pick (tr), choose (tr)

peshɔt v dive

pě v belch

pə ka shɔŋnə nji little-known

pə sha yi a wanə mbi deliver a baby
through operation

pə yi obvious

pə yi yi famous

pəlun pø elderly people

pəya v imply

pɛ₁ v **1**) lose (tr) **2**) sink **3**) drown **4**) quench

pɛ₂ v pay (for goods, services, etc.)

pě v pick up

pɛ' ngwɛ ndi ghɔ marry your brother's wife

pɛ'ngwan take a position nɔ nu

pɛ'tɔ preoccupied

pembû *n* payment

peŋ v paint (v)

- pêŋ** *n* paint (n)
- peŋfu** *n* lime, whitewash
- pɛt** *v* castrate
- pêŋt** *cardnum* two (2)
- pɛtə** *v* steal
- pɛtməghu** *cardnum* twenty (20)
- pɛtməghunəpanəkwa** *cardnum* twenty-four (24)
- pɛtməghunəpapet** *cardnum* twenty-two (22)
- pɛtməghunəpata** *cardnum* twenty-five (25)
- pɛtməghunəpatet** *cardnum* twenty-three (23)
- pɛtməghunəte'ɛ** *cardnum* twenty-one (21)
- pɛtnkit** *cardnum* two hundred (200)
- pi** deliver
- pĩ** *v* 1) add, increase 2) bear (child)
- pi ndɔŋ kəkɔ'** premature birth
- pihənə pɔ nɔ̄ lam** ask someone to marry
- pihinə₁** *v* ask, request
- pihinə₂** *n* request (n)
- pilaŋ** *n* plank (n)
- piməyo** *n* agriculture
- piŋ** *v* 1) accept, receive 2) agree 3) believe
- pîŋ** *n* dance (n)
- piŋ mbɔ** believe in
- piŋye** *v* agree
- pi** *v* (be) bad
- piheŋ mû nəghu** resurrect
- pihinde** *v* (be) angry
- pihitə** poorly
- pinə** *n* return from some where
- pinchət** *n* breakfast
- pinə** *v* 1) capsized 2) go back, return
- piŋhə'əŋ** *v* return (give back) (tr)
- pĩt** *n* response
- plepan** *n* plate
- po** *pro* they (human)
- pɔ̄** *v* meet
- po'o məpɔmi** *v* flap the wings
- po'onə ndwɛn** *v* hit with a hammer
- pɔnə** *n* dove
- popoya** *n* pawpaw, papaya
- pɔ 1)** *v* groan (with pain) 2) hand
- pɔ₁** *n* arm, hand
- pɔ₂** *n* handle
- pɔ nəkiŋ ndupa'** *n* pipe-stem
- pɔ' v 1)** clap (hands) 2) play instrument 3) beat drum 4) swim 5) thresh grain
- pɔ'** *n* lion
- pɔləŋləŋ** *v* mold (pottery)
- pɔndwi** *n* loincloth
- pɔnə₁** *v* get well
- pɔnə₂** *v* calm (oneself)
- pɔŋ 1)** *v* (be) good 2) beauty
- pɔŋ wɔ** distinguish
- pɔɔ** *n* potter's clay
- pɔɔ lashi** old but still able to do things
- pɔɔ ywɛtəywɛtə** *v* lump (clay)
- pɔɔŋ** *v* lack (v)
- pɔti** *n* branch (of tree)
- pɔ̄** *pro* you (pl.)
- pɔ'** *v* break (tr)

puh njwε' study something a second time

puhəŋ mwə spoil a child

puhunə *v* contradict

puhunɿ *v* destroy, spoil, ruin

puhunli *v* slander (v)

pù'ə *n* mushroom

pù'i *n* leftovers

pup₁ *n* ashes

pup₂ *v* disappear

pupu' 1) *n* deaf mute **2)** dumb

pushi *n* cat

putə *v* complaint

pütə *n* umbrella

pwǎ *n* ankle ring, bangle

pwəhənə *v* roast

pwənəgho₁ *v* (be) afraid

pwənəgho₂ *n* fear (n)

pyê *n* avocado

Sh sh

sha v 1) cut open **2)** hatch **3)** saw (wood)

shǎ₁ *adj* giant

shǎ₂ *v* (be) long

shaa-ŋə operate

shagha get taller

shàhǎŋ *adv* here

shakə promiscuity

shàkə *n* prostitute

sha' v 1) order (someone to do something) **2)** announce

sha' myenə poo pəŋɛ problems between men and women

sha'a *n* command (n)

shà'a *v* scatter (tr)

sha'a nənɔ *adv* east, sunrise

sha'atə *v* crunch

sha'tashaŋ *n* gizzard

shàm *n* comb (n)

shǎm *v* comb (v)

shànə *n* compound

shǎŋ *v* (be) smoked

shapɔ *v* spank (child)

shàt *n* hat

shǎt *v* tear (tr)

shat mənəkə'ə *n* comb (of rooster)

shata *n* demon, evil spirit

shatpəmi *n* mask (n)

shǎy₁ *v* give pain, hurt

shǎy₂ *n* pain (n)

shay ka' kili pain that lasts a short time

shay-fi'təgha pain decreasing

shaygha-ngənəshi pain increasing

shendɔp *n* floor

shəhənə v 1) (be) level **2)** smooth

shənə₁ *v* slip

shənə₂ *v* spread out (maize) (tr)

shənə nkat *v* turn round (intr)

shət *n* intestinal worm

shət *v* butcher, cut up (meat) (*v*)

shɛɛŋ *v* count (*v*)

shenki *n* riverbed (dry)

shenkwe *v* fetch (firewood)

shɛŋ *v* **1**) plan (*v*) **2**) look for **3**) find **4**) desire (*v*), want, need

shɛŋ nchɔŋnə wants to have sex

shɛŋ nji nu willing to learn

shɛŋ njwi ɲə trying to kill someone

shɛŋfunə *v* nausea

shɛt mɛngu *n* earthworm

shɛtə *v* slice

shi *v* **1**) (be) black **2**) dirty

shī₁ *n* valley

shī₂ today

shī₁ *n* vein

shī₂ *v* (be) deep

shihəŋ *v* wipe

shihhi there

shī'ɛ *v* **1**) cross (*v*) **2**) be rotten

shinə *v* argument

shinənu *v* argue

shishaŋ *n* sugar cane

shishaŋ pəkət *n* pineapple

shishe₁ *n* ground, land

shishe₂ *n* dirt, soil

shishe ngitngit *n* fertile soil

shishe njotə *n* barren land

shishi *v* deepen

shītə *v* **1**) fasten, bind (load) **2**) tighten

shī₁ **1**) *n* shame (*n*) **2**) crawl

shī₂ *v* (be) ashamed

shī₃ *v* **1**) (be) shy **2**) first

shī₄ *v* be in front (of something)

shīə *v* faint

shīn *v* plaster (*n*)

shinwi *n* ritual place

shishi' *n* hiccough (*n*)

shīt *v* steer (*v*)

shitnjɪŋ *v* turn over (*tr*)

sho *n* friend

sho mbyenə *n* boy friend

sho mɛngwɛ *n* girlfriend

shoo kətaŋ friends but not having sex

shô *n* pimple

shō₁ *v* bathe (intr), wash

shō₂ *n* saw (*n*)

sho mɛndwi *v* wash clothes

shoghe *n* soldier, army

shoh ku wash the dead body

shoh mwə wash the baby

shohkɔp-ndâmwə naming ceremony

shò'əŋə *v* (be) loose, slack

shongət *v* (be) hollow

shoŋnə nji know something thoroughly

shoŋnə tih tɔ nɔ devote attention to

shoŋnə-kɔŋ love someone very much

shōp *v* **1**) stab (someone with knife) **2**) pierce **3**) plant (a plant, *v*)

shɔpəkəŋ *v* wash utensils

shəpto *n* sorrow (n)

shət *v* enter, go in

shôt₁ *n* hoe (n)

shôt₂ *n* leech

shōt *v* **1**) strip off (bark) **2**) undress

shø *v* crawl

shù *n* fish

shuhulɔɔ *v* work the bellows

shu'ukət *n* trousers

shunchəp *v* plunder (a town)

shungət *n* mudfish

shuŋ pregnant

shǔŋ *v* **1**) pull, drag **2**) pregnant

shuŋ fuhənə abortion

shǔŋ nɔ impregnate

shuŋ nə yi get her pregnant

shuŋnki *v* draw water

shǔp *v* sow, plant

shushu *n* string, thread (beads) (v)

shushu nəfiŋ *n* cotton

shutô *n* traditional umbrella

shuutaŋ *n* tendon

shwaŋ *n* charm (fetish) (n)

shwě *n* frog

shye'e nki *v* cross river

T t

ta₁ *v* harvest, collect (honey from hive)

ta₂ *v* **1**) shine **2**) sting **3**) sew

ta₃ *v* thread (needle) (v)

tâ *cardnum* five (5)

tàa **1**) long ago **2**) long distance

tàaŋtə *n* wrinkle (on skin)

taashi *n* tax (n)

tafu'u *n* spider

tafu'u mənjeŋ *n* scorpion

tà' *n* snail

ta'achəp *v* appease, pacify

ta'akiye *cardnum* thousand (1000)

ta'ankit *cardnum* hundred (100)

taməghu *cardnum* fifty (50)

tanə *v* jump (v)

tanəchi *n* cricket

tanka' *n* elephant

tankit *cardnum* five hundred (500)

tǎŋ *v* spend time

tashaŋ *n* sand

tat **1**) *n* grasshopper **2**) cramp

tât *n* shoe

tàtə *v* (be) sticky

tay mwê carry a baby

tê₁ *n* father

tê₂ *v* (be) able

tee *v* run away, flee

teekene *v* evade

teelam divorce

tenjiŋ *v* chase (v)

tepoma *n* parent

təŋə *v* curve, bend (v) (tr)

tɛ *n* rust (n)

tě *v* 1) cease, stop 2) leave

tɛmbɔ *v* carry in arms

tɛngiŋɔ *v* carry away

tɛtɔ *v* carry on head

tɛh *v* allow, permit

tɛh məkwəŋnə to stop thinking about something

tɛh nkɔnə-nkɔnə keep alive

tɛ'ɛ *v* (be) alone

tɛpɛt *n* table

tɛt *cardnum* three (3)

tɛtməghu *cardnum* thirty (30)

tɛtnkɪt *cardnum* three hundred (300)

tɪ₁ *v* choke

tɪ₂ conceive

tɪh tɔ nɔ keep your mind on

tɪhinu *v* accuse

tɪnə *v* tether (sheep, goats) (v)

tɪnə *v* (be) naked

tɪti *v* stand

tɪtito *v* step on

tɪ₁ *v* advise

tɪ₂ *n* tree

tɪə *n* calabash

tɪ₁ *v* (be) proud

tɪ₂ *v* boast, brag

tɪmbɪt *n* shea-butter tree, shea-nut tree

tɪməntɔŋ *n* thorn-tree

tɪn *n* iron, metal.

tɪŋ *v* (be) mature

tɔ₁ *n* tribe, clan

tɔ₂ *prep* top

tomwəmbɔ *n* fist

tondɔp *n* ceiling of house

tonki *v* float

too *v* send (someone to do something)

tɔ₁ *v* kick

tɔ₂ *v* protect by charm

tɔ₁ *n* head

tɔ₂ *n* track (animal) (n)

tɔ₃ *v* track (v)

tɔ kuku unthinking

tɔ-sha' puberty

tɔkɔ'kɔ' 1) of sound mind **2)** sound mental state

tɔkuku lose consciousness

tɔ' nəpi start a family

tɔ'ɔ nəmbɪn *n* curdled milk

tɔ'ɔndɔp *v* babble (baby) (v)

tɔlala clear head

tɔlâlâ thing clearly

tɔma'a shishe *v* knock down

tɔnəŋwɛ *n* head of arrow

tɔŋ *n* neck

tɔŋ *v* (be) straight

tɔŋtə nu curious

tɔwŋ₁ *v* harvest, dig up (yams)

tɔŋ₂ *v* crow (as a rooster) (v)
tɔŋ₃ *v* **1**) whistle (v) **2**) dig
tòŋ *n* uncircumcised child
tɔti *n* fruit
tɔshaynə *n* headache
tu *v* shoot
tũ **1**) *v* spit **2**) *v* grunt **3**) groan
tũh *v* pierce, burst
tu'mə *v* accompany
tu'tə mwê care for a child
tu'utə *v* **1**) rule over, dominate **2**) have
tumato *n* tomato
tunə *v* bend down, stoop
tũp *v* cohabit (unmarried man and woman)
tut *n* crust (n)
twembət *v* hollow out (log)

twétwe inflict pain
twě₁ *v* bake (in ashes)
twě₂ *v* burn (intr)
twə kùŋɔ burn a body
twɛɛŋ *v* bury
twè' *n* support (n)
twè'ɛ₁ *v* support (v)
twè'ɛ₂ *v* prevent
twêŋ *n* funeral (at occasion of death)
twèŋ bury
twètə *v* boil over
twipən *v* push with pole, paddle (v) (canoe, boat)
twitə *v* patch (v)
twitɔ hit on the head
tye nku almost dead
tyetye *n* grandfather

W w

wa *v* despise
wà *interrog* who?
wă fɔ' mwê going to have a baby
wah ignore
wah ŋɔ not pay attention
waku *v* (be) dead
wa'a *n* locust
wambat *v* (be) mad
wămbat go crazy
wantay *v* (be) infected

wash *n* watch
wăt *v* **1**) slaughter, kill (animal for butchering) **2**) tattoo
wat nɔɔ slaughter animal
wăy *v* **1**) catch (fish) (v) **2**) hold, grasp
waychɔŋ *v* rape
waypɔ *v* (be) engaged, (be) betrothed
wayshu *v* fish (v)
wàytə *v* hem (v)
wě *dem* this (man)

wɛ *v* dress (v)

wě *v* **1**) laugh **2**) smile

wɛ'₁ *v* swear

wɛ'₂ *n* curse (n)

wɛ'ɛ *v* curse (v)

wɛmændwi *v* wear clothes

wi'ɛ *v* grind

wili *dem* that (man)

winduun *v* haggle, negotiate a price

wǒ *interrog* which?

Y y

yǎ *v* catch (object in air)

yǎh *v* sprinkle

ya'₁ *v* decide

ya'₂ *v* circumcision

yamishɔn examination

yànə *v* (be) happy, (be) joyful, rejoice

yaŋ *v* (be) sick, (be) ill

yâŋ *n* leaf of palm, palm needle

yǎŋ₁ *v* (be) light (not heavy)

yǎŋ₂ *v* begin

yaŋnəntɔ *n* palm branch, frond

yàpnə *n* noise, sound (n)

yee *n* bed for parking dishes

yə'ənə₁ *v* hire (v)

yə'ənə₂ *v* lean against (intr), lean (tr)

yê *v* go right (direction)

yě *n* beginning

yɛɛ *v* (be) abundant

yɛh *v* yawn

yɛ' *v* tip over

yɛ'enəntɔ *n* kernels

yɛməchəpnə croodle

yèptə *v* divide, separate (tr)

yi₁ **1**) *v* know (how to) **2**) know

yi₂ *v* know (something or someone)

yǐ *n* acquaintance

yi chwinə nu know how to do something

yi mənɔ knowledge

yi mwechi'ɛ know something slightly

yi nkɔnə-nkɔnə alive

yi ŋəmbyənə no longer being a virgin

yi ŋwa'anə tə well educated

yifɛ *v* (be) fresh

yifi *v* (be) new

yihinə again

yikə *interrog* when?

yimbi *n* vision (supernatural)

yiməngwɛ female

yinəkwa *v* (be) different

yip *v* to open anything that has a soft cover
(eg. cloth, leaf, etc)

yǐt *v* fly (v)

yi₁ **1**) eat **2**) inherit

yi₂ *n* broom

yǐ **1**) wipe off (excreta) **2**) sweep

- yih** *v* feed (animals)
- yilam** *n* wedding (ceremony)
- yim** *v* (be) corrupt
- yindəp** inherit
- yip** albino
- yo** *v* (be) dry
- yô** *n* thing, belongings
- yô kembə pə yi nə** something that can not be known
- yô pə chwi'ənə nji** something that is easily known
- yo shə məshəŋ** *n* tooth stick, toothbrush
- yô tə pə yi nə** something that can be known
- yofəhəŋə** *n* fan (n)
- yofə'enu** *v* make offerings to the dead
- yohə'ənə** *n* gift, offer
- yombambi** *n* evening meal
- yonchət** *n* labret, lip plug, lip disk
- yondwi mwə** *n* baby sling
- yongəp** *v* skin (animal) (v)
- yoo** *v* **1)** dry up, evaporate **2)** buy
- yoyinə** *n* food
- yoyityit** *n* insect
- yōywi-ŋə** murder weapon
- yǎ** *n* itch (the itch)
- yə'** *v* hear
- yǎ'** *n* plantain
- yǎ'ə** *v* (be) ripe
- yə'əshə** *n* yam
- yənə** *v* gather, pack (v)
- yənəyənəp** *v* harmonize
- yǎŋ₁** *v* drive away
- yǎŋ₂** *v* lengthen
- yəŋə** *n* harvest (n)
- yəp** *n* song
- yǎp₁** *v* boil (food)
- yǎp₂** *v* sing
- yə₁** *v* see
- yə₂** *poss* your (pl)
- yut** *v* (be) sated
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- ywə'lam** perform the weeding
- ywə'** *v* **1)** taste **2)** learn
- ywə'ətə** *v* **1)** wait **2)** patient **3)** listen
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- ywi₁** **1)** *v* kill, murder **2)** soul
- ywi₂** *v* (be) thirsty, thirst (v)
- ywi** *n* breath, air
- ywi₁** *v* breathe
- ywi₂** *v* revive
- ywi'** *v* press (v)
- ywi'ə** learn
- ywinə** regain consciousness
- ywinə** *v* pant
- ywiŋə** murder
- ywiŋə nə ngât** gun down
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blue, green lanə	breastfeed ha'nəpɪɲ nə mwê
blunt chit ₂ ; kù'unə	breath, air ywì
boar kunə mbyênə	breathe ywĩ ₁
boast, brag tɪ ₂	bride məngwɛfi
body nɛn	brideprice (for bride's family) nkɔp to
body, very warm nɛn-ntũntũ	bridge nkwə'ɪ
boil (food) yɔ̃p ₁	bridge (of nose) nkwə' nəlwi
boil over twètə	bright laa 1
bold ngaɲɲjwə'	bring ninɔ
bone kwee	bring up (a child) chènə
bone marrow məfɔ̃kweè	bring up a child chènə mwê
bones məkwee	broom yi ₂
book ɲwà'ànə	brother-in-law ndi-ndomə-yi-mbyenə
borrow, lend cha'	brown kashə
bottle nchɪɲ	bruise (n) li'ifɛtnə
bottom nətɪ ₂	bubble up, boil (water) fɔ̃'ɔ ₂
bow (as in greeting) ku'unə	bucket, pail lùngaɲ
bowl kumbù	buffalo ɲjũ
bowstring nkɪt 2	build kɔt ₂
box nkùm	bull na'a mbyenə
boy friend sho mbyenə	bump (v) la'atə ₁
boy, son mwəmbyenə	bundle (n) nəpɔ'
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branch (of tree) pɔ̃tɪ	burn (n) nəfɪɲmwə
bread panpəkət	bury twɛɛɲ ; twɛɲ
break (tr) pø'	bury a body twə kùɲɔ
break someone's heart ləɲhti	bush nkâ ₂
break wind, fart məshù	bush country, rural area ngɔnka
breakfast pinchɔt	bush dweller nganka

butcher (n) ngwanmba
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butterfly ghøgha

buttock nəpaŋ
buy yoo 2

C c

cackle (as of chicken) kwatə,
calabash tîə
calculate kwa'anə
calf mwəna'a
calf of leg nchə'əkət
calm (oneself) pənə,
camp mbàŋ 2
cane, walking stick nti
canoe pāŋ
capsize pìnə 1
care about nji nu
care for a child tu'tə mwê
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caress (v) nyìnə 1
carry (child) on back păt
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chaff ghòp
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character fashì
character, reputation njaa
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chest njwə'

chew chɔɔ	coil (rope) (v), wrap up kɛnə
chick mwəməngu	cola nut nɛpɪ
chicken, fowl məngu	cold ghɪt /
chief, headman ntishi,	cold weather mbɪfɛ
child mwê	color njăy
child, intelligent mwə ndɛn	colt mwə ləɲ mbyɛnə
child, small mwêfu	comb (n) shàm
chin lí'itə	comb (of rooster) shat mənka'ə
chisel (n) mɛpɔ̀	comb (v) shǎm
choke ti,	come nǐ 2
chop into pieces chaytə	come (or go) out, exit (v) futmbî
church nda nwi	comfort a baby ləhtə mwê
church wedding lam-choshi	command (n) sha'a
circumcision ya'₂	complaint putə
clap (hands) pɔ' /	compound shànə
claw nyimnə	conceive ti₂
clean laa 2	condole, comfort (v) chǒpnəghù
clear (land for planting) chəp	conquer, defeat chǎ
clear head tɔlala	consciouness, lose tɔkuku
climb, ascend kwə'ə 2	consciouse, be kwaŋtɔ /
clitoris njà' 2	consciousness, regain ywinə
close patə₂	consciousness, to regain njɔ'li'
cloth ndwi /	continue, resume ghənəshi
cloth worn by woman ntonto	contradict puhunə
clothes ndwi 2	cooking pot (earthenware), pot (water) nəkɪŋ
cloud, fog mbà'	cooking stone nəchit
club, cudgel kɛt	copulate, have sexual intercourse chǒŋ
coagulate, clot kɔt, 2	corn beer nkâŋ
cockroach fuu	corn cob chwə'ə ngwàshaan
cocoyam, taro kɔ'ɔ pəkât	corn husk (n) fūngwàshaan
coffee kɔfi	corn/banana pudding kɪkàp
coffen nkum kuŋɔ	corn/groundnut pudding pashtikə
cohabit (unmarried man and woman) tǔp	

corpse nku ṅò	cross river shyé'ε nki
corrupt yim	crossroads, intersection mböndônè
cost your life ndonə nəghu ghə	crow (as a rooster) (v) tɔɔŋ₂
cotton shushu nəfiŋ	crowd ŋəməshəŋ
cough (v) kwěh	crown (of head) ndəŋtə
count (v) shɛɛŋ	crunch sha'atə
country, ethnic area, village ngòɔŋ	crush (tr) nwì'itə
courageous, brave ngway njwə'	crust (n) tut
courtyard ndafe'	cry that indicates death ŋgi-nəghu
cousin mwəmwə	cry, weep kɔ' /
cover (v) chit₇	crying kɔ'nəghu
cow nə'a	cultivated ground lì'i fà'a ngôŋ
coward mbwənəghû	cup ndôŋ
cowrie shell mbûfu	cupboard kɔpət
crab kɔɔ₂	curdled milk tɔ'ɔ nəmbin
cramp tat 2	cure chɔ' 2
crawl ṅàanə ; shî 2 ; shø	cures, something that fɔ-chɔ'ghən
crawl (lizard) ṅamnə	curious tɔŋtə nu
crazy, go wămbat	current (river, stream) nkikənkɔ
create, produce chwènə /	curse (n) wɛ'₂
creativity mbɔ' mənɔ	curse (v) wɛ'ε
cricket tanəchi	curve, bend (v) (tr) tənə
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crocodile ṅan nki	cut down (tree) mà'atî
croodle yəməchəpnə	cut open sha /
crooked mbee	cutting grass njîpnə
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dance (v) kăť	date palm nənkənkəŋ

daughter-in-law ngwemwə	depressed ndəpɪ 1
dawn fɛɛŋ	descend, go down fi'
day after tomorrow ywə 4	descendant ngwɛtɔ
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day, date la ₂	desire shɛŋ 4
daylight ndɔnənɔ	despise wa
dead waku	destroy, spoil, ruin puhurɔ
dead body kû	divorce teelam
dead person ku ŋɔ	devote attention to shɔɔŋnə tih tɔ nɔ
deaf mute pupu' 1	dew mɪ'
deaf person nkutɔ 1	diarrhea nchɔŋ
death nəghû,	die ku
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debt nkûp	dip chɪptə
deceive fɛ ₂	dirt, soil shishɛ ₂
decide ya',	dirty shi 2
decomposing kû shɛ'gha	dirty person kə shɔhkɔp
decorate nyɛhɛnə	disappear pup ₂
decrease keptə 2	disregard ka pɔŋ 2
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deepen shishi	ditch, pit nəpɪt 1
defecate nə 1	distract ke ghɔ li' naa
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deliver pi	divide, separate (tr) yɛptə
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demon, evil spirit shata	divorce (v) lammɛ
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E e

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ear nətônə,
earache nətonə shaynə
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fetish priest nwingɔŋ ₂	fish-scale məghɔpmbà
fever ghihəŋ	fist tomwəmbô
fever (not malaria) ghəhəŋ	fit nɛn-nchi'nchi'
fever decrease ghiheŋmɛgha	five (5) tâ
fever increase ghiheŋ-nga'	five hundred (500) tankit
few mwəchì'ɛ	flame lîmwə
fields, grassland nkũn ₂	flap the wings po'o məpɔmi
fifteen (15) nchɔpta	flat pǎy
fifty (50) taməghu	flatten papa
fig tree ghùnə	flea, louse fù'
fight (n) nkət	flesh, meat mbà
fill ni' 1	float tonki
filling something to the brime kwĩn	flock (of birds) nwə 1
fin njà' 1	flock (of sheep, goats) nwə 2
	flood (n) nkiyɛ

floor shendəp
flour panmbo pəkat
flower flawà
flute ntǎŋ,
fly (n) njinji
fly (v) yīt
flying ant maŋà'à mǎfüt
foam mǎfǝ'fǝ'
foetus mwənwə
fold patə, 2
follow patə,
food yoyinə
footprint (human) chikət
footstep ntakət
ford (n) nəshye'ε nki
forearm nchə'ɔpə
forehead nchətye
forest kup,
forget lǎhènə
forget, try to lǎŋhnə
fork (in path) fyèhètè ndônè

fortune teller (n) mashê 2
forty (40) kwàməghû
forward (direction) nəshî
four (4) kwà
four hundred (400) kwànkīt
fourteen (14) nchəpnəkwa
fresh yife
friend sho
friends but not having sex shoo kətan
frighten ghùhǔŋ
frog shwǎ
front shî,
frontier, boundary fǝ
fruit tɔɔti
fry kaan
fufu stick nkəŋ pan
full loo 2
full moon nəɔloonə
funeral (at occasion of death) twêŋ
fur mǎngìn

G g

gall bladder chǎlwīlwī
garbage dump lì'i shù'u ndòti
garden lì'i pǎ pwê mǎyô
garlic galik
gather, pack (v) yɔnə
generous ngeptəpə
germinate, sprout kǎ
get well pɔnə,

get, obtain fǝ'ɔ, 1
ghost nkushe
giant shǎ,
gift, offer yohə'ənə
gill nchà'
girl, daughter mwəməngwe 1
girl, young mwəmngwe ntɔ'mbîn
girlfriend sho mǎngwe

give as present chwə'fà'

give breath to ha'ywì

give pain, hurt shǎy₁

give, offer hà'a

gizzard sha'tashaŋ

gnaw kut

go back, return pìnə 2

go left (direction) kèp

go out with chə nə shoo

go right (direction) yê

go round ghǒnkat

goat məmbî

God (supreme being) nwì

god, fetish (spirit) nwingəŋ₁

going to have a baby wǎ fɔ' mwê

goiter fih

good pǎŋ 1

good life chəmbî muu

granary lì'i lǎ məyô

granddaughter mwə-mwə-məngwe

grandfather tyetye

grandmother mama

grandson mwə-mwə-mbyenə

grape fruit lamashì 3

grass nkâ₁

grasshopper tat 1

grave nəshè ; nèshè

grave maker ntòŋmeshè

gravel nəkwa'anə

great ywetə 6

green mamba nəfi

greet chyè'ètə

grind wì'ε

grinding stone nəghə wə'ə yo₁

groan tǔ 3

groan (with pain) pɔ 1

ground, land shishε₁

groundnut məlět

groundnut pudding mbɔ'ò məlět

grow up kwə'ə 4

growing nkə'gha

grown up woman kɔ'-ŋòməngwe

grumble, complain ŋùmənə₁

grunt tǔ 2

guava ngwapa

guess la kwaŋkwaŋ

guessed, what is being nu kwaŋnə

guest, visitor ngâ 1

guide līt 2

guide (n) nchè

guilty ghǔ₂ 1

gun ngât

gun down ywiŋò nə ngât

H h

haggle, negotiate a price winduuŋ

hail məwě

hair ngìn

hair (of body) nginnen

hair (of head) ngìn-tə	heap up kwìt shìshà
half ngwàny	hear yɔ'
hallucination nchapnəchapnə	hear, some one who does not nkutə 2
hammer ndwě̀n	heart njwə' ; ntî
hand pɔ 2	heartburn njwə' fifi
handle pɔ̀₂	heaven nəpot
hang up chuŋ	heavy līt 1
happy, joyful, rejoice yànə	heel nəti'ikɔt
hard ywətə 4	he-goat, billy goat fɛt
harden ywətə 1	heifer mwə na'a mængwə
hardship, distress la'₂	hello ɔy
hare chwĩ	help kwet,₁
harlot ŋɔmængwə kə fəŋ ŋɔmbyənə	hem (n) chǎŋ
harmattan fùfùtlòo	hem (v) wàytə
harmonize yɔnəyɔp	hen mamungû
harvest (maize) (v) kwètə 1	herb ntípka
harvest (n) yɔ̀ɔŋ	herbs mentípka
harvest, collect (honey from hive) ta,₁	herd kwit 1
harvest, dig up (yams) tɔ̀ɔŋ,₁	herd (cattle) kwìt, 2
hasten, hurry fəənə	herd (cattle, sheep) (n) nwə 3
hat shàt	here shàhǎŋ
hatch sha 2	hernia njəŋ 2 ; njǎŋ
hate (v) pǎn	hiccough (n) shishi'
have tu'utə 2	hide lǎə 2
hawk məntim	high nəkwì 1
he a	hill mbat 2
head tɔ̀,₁	hip lɔt
head of arrow tɔnəŋwə	hippopotamus ndwenki
headache tɔshaynə	hire (v) yə'ənə,₁
headpad kɔt tɔ̀	hit on the head twitɔ
heal (trans.), cure (v) chɔ' 1	hit with a hammer po'onə ndwen
healthy, well lonə	hit, beat (with stick/spear), slap gbaaŋ
heap (n) kwìt, 1	hit, strike (with hand) nǎh

hoe (n) shôt,
hold, grasp wăy 2
hole nêpât 2
hollow shôngət
hollow out (log) twembət
honest nêshii
honey lə
honeymooner lamfī
honour (v) ghumtə
hope (v) kwăŋ 2
horn ndwêŋ
horn (musical instrument) ntăŋ,
horse ləəŋ
hospital ndaghən ; ndâghun
hospital for mentally ill people ndâghun-
 pəpât
hospitalize ha'koo
host ngaŋ shanə

hot gha' ; nentwətwo
hot weather nɔɔpinə
house ndôp
how many? pankə
how? nə
hum (v) ŋùmna₂
hump (of cow) kwə₂
hunchback ŋu'unkun
hundred (100) ta'anakit
hungry, hunger ŋjì
hunt (n) ngûn₂
hunt (v) mà'afâ'
hunter mà'afâ'
hurt oneself liə
husband and wife no longer live together
 lam-sha'nə
husband, groom ndô
husk (corn) (v) fi'ɛ
hut ntöp 1

I i

I mə
ich, have an nən-njɔhnjɔh
if àpə
ignore wah
ill, mentally mûtəkəkò'
illness, disease ghǎn
imagining things nkwaŋ mənū
imagining things that do not exist nkwaŋ nu
 yi a ka chə nə
imbecile nəngwəŋ
imitate fihìnə

immerse (v) ni'apɛ
imply pəya
important person ŋɔndɔ
impotent kunəkət ; nkah 1
impregnate shŭŋ nɔ
incoherent, become fi'tɔ
incubate, set on eggs lwəŋ
inexpensive ndunpɔɔŋ
infected wantay
infertile nkah 2
inflate fə 3

inhabitant, resident mbàŋ 1

inherit yí, 2 ; yíndɔp

inheritance nku ; nkuməyo

initiate into something wahaŋ 2

initiation (male) (female) wahaŋ 1

injection fɔkwɛt

inquisitive ntɔŋtə mənɔ

insect yoyityit

inside mû

insult (n) nchəpnə

insult (v) chəp

intellectual ndên 1

intelligent lén 5 ; ndên 2

intercourse chɔŋnə

intestinal worm shət

intestines nətô,

introvert ŋò kəchɔp

investigate naa nu ngenngen

invite, assemble (people), call ghyě

iron, metal. tin

irrational chɔp kətə

itch (the itch) yǎ

J j

jaw nəghǎ

jealous ghə'ə

jigger nətǎt

join, put together kətə 1

journey (n) ghâ

judge (v) fɛ'ɛ

juice nki mətɔti

jump (v) tanə

K k

keep alive tɛh nkɔnə-nkɔnə

keep your mind on tih tɔ nɔ

keep, store nwǎ 2

kernel (of corn, maize) mbǎ ngwàshaan

kernels yɛ'enəntɔ

kick tɔ,

kicks, baby njɔ' mwê

kid mwəməmbi

kidney mbǎŋfət

kill, murder ywi 1

killed in war ku nchɔt nchò

killer njwi-ŋò

kind nəpumu

kitchen lì'inɛyô

kitchen separation (supporting the ceiling)
nəwǎ'inə

kitten mwəpushi

knee kwe'etə

kneel kwe'etə mənkwěŋ

knife, sword mənii

knock down tɔma'a shishe
knot nətɔ'ɔnə
knot (in wood) nəlɔ'ɔnə
know yi 2
know (how to) yi 1
know (something or someone) yi,
know how to do something yi chwinə nu

know something slightly yi mwechi'e
know something thoroughly shɔɔnə nji
know, not ka yi
knowledge lɛn 2 ; yi mənɔ
known, someone who is not ɲɔ pə ka yi nə
knuckle, joint mbɔnəkwe
koki corn (corn pudding) pā

L 1

labour mwə ye yi
labret, lip plug, lip disk yonchɔt
lack (v) pɔɔɲ
ladder nkwə'ətə
ladle, spoon fùkəp
lake ghøø
lamb mwəmənjit
lamp kan
lance (spear) (n) nəkɔɲ
land (v), alight, perch kwăy
language chɔpto
last lwitə
late ndayndɔɲ
latrine, toilet nəghɔnka
laugh wě 1
law nuhənə
lay (eggs) nǐ 2
lay down your life nku nəghu ɲɔnəkaan
lazy, weak lənə
lead, guide (v) ntishi,
leaf fɔtɪ
leaf of palm, palm needle yāɲ

leak (v) chut
lean against (intr), lean (tr) yə'ənə,
learn ywɛ' 2 ; ywi'e
learned, someone who has ɲɔ a yi ɲwa'anə
 ngenngen nə
leave tǔ 2
leave (place), go ghǔ
leech shɔt,
leftovers pù'i
leg, foot kət 1
lemon lamashì 1
lengthen yɔɲ,
leopard nchɔp
leprosy ghɔnpǎɲ
level shəhənə 1
lick lat
lick pot or pan kǔɲ 2
lie (n) (falsehood) nchət,
lie (v) (tell lies) nchət,
lie down nwən wəshɛ,
life chəmbi
life after death njiɲhiɲ
lifespan ngɔ'mbî

light lì'ilâlâ**light (fire) (v)** nètə**light (not heavy)** yǎŋ,**lightning** lì'ìnə**lime, whitewash** pɛŋfu**limp** lè'ɛ**lion** pɔ'**lip** nkiŋ nchɔt**listen** ywe'etə 3**little-known** pə ka shɔŋnə nji**liver** nàpě**lizard** kulɔŋ**load** ngə' 3 ; ni' 2**locust** wa'a**log** kɪtnəkwe**loincloth** pɔndwi**long** shǎ,**long ago** tàa 1**long distance** tàa 2**look at** nanjə**look for** shěŋ 2**loose, slack** shò'ònə**lose (tr)** pɛ, 1**love** nkɔŋnə**love (n)** nkòŋnə**love (v)** kǎŋ,**love each other again** li'kɔŋ mənən**love someone very much** shɔŋnə-kɔŋ**love, my** metə mə**low** mbǎ,**lower (v)** fihəŋ**lower grinding stone** nəghɔ wə'ə yo,**lump (clay)** pɔɔ ywetəywetə**lung** nəpɛpəŋ**lying down** nwən wəshe,

M m

machete, cutlass pa'anə**mad** wambat**mad person** pat ; pāt**madness** fi'itô ; pāt**magic** məshǎ**magic man** ngəŋmèsha**maize, corn** ngwashaan**make offerings to the dead** yofɛ'enu**make rough** chwènə kətô**make smooth** chwènə shèhənə**make something known** chwenə pə yi**malaria (fever)** ghəhənkĩ**male (sex)** mbyènə**male and female** mbyenə poo pəŋge**man** ŋòmbyenə**man (male)** ŋɔmbyenə**man, murdered** ŋò pə ywinə**manner** nja yi**many** ndandat**mare (horse)** ləəŋ mənɡwe**mark out, peg out** fi'i 2**market (n)** mətaa

marriage lam 2
marriage (not ceremony) lam 1
married secretly lam-njiŋŋiŋ
married, not nkwẽ 4
marry lam,
marry your brother pe' ngwẽ ndi gho
marsh, pasture chəp 1
mask (n) shatpɔmi
mat ngɔp,
maternity li' ke' pwê
mature tɛn
mead, honey beer mələ'ɔɔ
meaning (n) njankə
measure (v) fi'i 1
medicate ha'fɔ
medicine fɔ
medicine bottle njiŋfɔ
medicine man ngaanfɔ
medicine man, traditional healer nganfɔ 1
medicine that we can swallow fɔminə
medicine, be in nganfɔ 2
medicine, traditional fɔngɔŋ
medium drum chəŋnkət
meet pɔ
melon nəpwə'ə pəkət
melt ləŋ, 2
memorial service chwenə paŋnə-pàŋnə
mental hospital ndâghun-ghaanfi'tɔ
messenger nganjto
metal pot nəkiŋ pəkət
middle chichit,
midrib of palm-frond with needles kùku'
midwife kwè'è ; nkwe' pwê

midwifery kwe'mwê
milk (cows, goats) (v) kɔɔ mbîn
milk (n) mbîn
millet (rainy season), guinea corn məshaŋ
mind ləŋ
mind is full mənù yay mû tɔ
miscarry mwê le' nəpuŋ yi
miss mwəməngwe 2
mistake (n) fânə
mix (v), knead nyăm
molar tooth nəshɔŋ njwe nəgha
mold (n) fwə,
mold (pottery) pɔləŋləŋ
mole ngwə'mbɔp
money mbû
monitor, agama lizard (red-headed) pashye
 məngwə'
monkey nkaa
month nəɔ 2
moon nəɔfu,
moonlight nəɔfu,
morgue ndâ-ku
morning məshanə
morning-star (Venus) nəshye məshanə
mortality məghu
mortar ghin
mortuary li'ku-pø
mosquito mbii
moth njè 2
mother ma
mother-in-law ngu
mother's brother (uncle) ndi-mamə-yi-
 mbyenə
mother's sister (aunt) ndi-mamə-yi-məngwe

mount (horse, camel) (v) kwə'ə /
mountain mbat /
mourn lwenə nəghu
mourning lwênè ; lwenə
mouse fət
mouth nchòt
move gha
move away, migrate lǎlǎngɛ̃
move up kwə'tə
movement niinə
mud lǎŋ

mud block mwəshishe
mud wasp nchanjehenə
mudfish shungət
murder ywiŋð
murder, attempted m̀ɔŋməywi ŋð
murderer njwi pǒ
muscle nchɔ'ɔ
mushroom pù'ə
music nəlɔŋ
myopic, shortsighted chinjchin

N n

nail (n) nènɛti
naked tɪnè
name lí
namesake nchɔ' kwɛ'e
naming ceremony (baby) chwíli
nape of neck njɪŋtɔŋ
narrow keptə /
nasal mucus, snot məlwí
nausea sheŋfunə
navel nətɔŋ,
near kɔnə 2
neck tɔŋ
necklace chít
need shěŋ 4
needle kwet₂
needle(n) kwet₄
nephew mwə-ndimə-yi-mbyenə
nest ndaməshɪŋ

net (fish) (v) mà'andâm
net (hunting, fishing) ndâm
never katǎ
new yifi
new moon nòɔfi
newborn mwêmbət
news m̀əchǎp
niece mwə-ndimə-yi-məngwe
night nətũ'
nine (9) ǹəpu'u
nineteen (19) nchɔpnəpu'u
ninety (90) nəpu'uməghu
no nga
nobody ŋɔ-kachø
noise, sound (n) yàpnə
nonsense chɔp nəfǎ
noon ntinənɔɔ
north nəkwì 2

nose nəlwī

nose ring ghetnəlwī

not attractive nyehē

nothing kachə

notice (v) lah

notice, not ka laŋh

now ndīp

number paŋnkə

nurse nəs

nurse, suckle (baby) (tr) nwəhəmwə

O o

oath nkă

observation, power of mih chəhchəh

obstruct məghanə

obvious pə yi

ocean, sea nîn

offer a sacrifice fe'nu

often ngenngen 2

oil palm məghûtpàŋ

ointment fǝfitnə

okra ghòghàaŋ

old lǔn₂

old (not young) lǔn₁

old age nəlun

old but still able to do things pɔɔ lashi

old man ndùn-ŋò ; ndunŋɔ

old woman ndunma

olden times ngɔ'ɔ chǝ

omen chǐ

once ngeŋmwə'ə

one (1) mwə'ə

onion änyushì

only kà'

open nchu'ə ; yip

open mouth basket to catch fish kwìt₂

open place, clearing lì'tiənə

operate shaa-ŋò

opinion kwe yay

orange lamashì 2

order (someone to do something) sha' 1

organisation that includes males and females ndanù-mbyenə poo pənge

organisation that includes only males manjɔŋ

orphan mwəmənti ; mwəməti

outlive chəmbî-nchah

outside mbî 2

overtake chătshî

ow! eyi!

owl ndinətu'

owner nganyo

P p

paddle (n) ndeŋpaŋ

pain nen-shayshay

pain (n) shăy₂
pain decreasing shay-fi'təgha
pain increasing shaygha-ngønəshi
pain that lasts a short time shay ka' kili
pain, inflict twětwe
painkiller fǐməyweŋ
paint (n) pēŋ
paint (v) pēŋ
palate mǔnchət
palm (of hand) mǔpət
palm branch, frond yaŋnəntø
palm nut mbăŋ
palm rat mbwə'mbɔp
palm tree nəntø
palm wine məlɔ'ɔ nəntø
palpitate (of heart) njwɔ' shanəshanə
pangolin, scaly anteater chà'àchà'
pant ywìnə
pap, mushy food chwi'itə
parent tepoma
parrot ndàh
part of the body hurting li'nən-shayshay
pass (tr) chăt /
passion məkɔŋnə
passionate a ti mə
patch (v) twitə
path, road ndônə
patient ywe'etə 2
pawpaw, papaya popoya
pay (for goods, services, etc.) pɛ₂
pay attention to more than one thing njwɛ'tə
 məli'
pay attention, not wah ŋə

payment pəmbû
peck (tr) chɔ
peel (v) kà'a
peg (n) ŋwəti
pen nkɔŋ ŋwa'an
penalty ngə' 2
penis nəkət
perfect ngɛnngɛn /
perform the wedding ywə'lam
person ŋə
person kill at the war front ŋə pə ywi shi
 nchɔ nə
**person who cause another to be in an
 unusual state of consciousness** ngaanfe pø
person who takes care of a patient nchě-
 ghən
person with one wife ngaan-ta'-gòməngwe
person, murdered nku-ku
perspire, sweat li'inə
persuade ləhənə
pestle nkɔŋ, /
pharmacy ndâfɔ
pick (tr), choose (tr) pee
pick up pě
pick, pluck (fruit) kwě /
piece kəli
pierce shɔp 2
pierce, burst tǔh
pig kunɔɔ
piglet mwəkunɔɔ
pimple shô
pineapple shishaŋ pəkət
pipe-stem pɔ nəkiŋ ndupa'

pity (n) mbim	poorly pihitâ
place li'i	porcupine njipnə məsha'
place of the dead (spiritual) li'i pəku shê	position, take a pɛ'ngwaŋ
place where children are cared for li' chənə pwê	potato ntintəh pəkat
plait, braid (hair) pa',	potter ngaŋpɔɔ
plan (v) shɛŋ 1	potter's clay pɔɔ
plank (n) pilan	potter's kiln li'i twə məkĩŋ
plant (a plant, v) shɔp 3	pound chu' 2
plantain yɔ'	pour kwit 2 ; ni' 3
plants, medicinal mənka chɔ'ghun	pour libation mə'a 2
plaster (n) shĩn	powerful ywetə 5
plate plepan	praise (n) ghuu,
play (v) chyě	praise (someone) (v), congratulate ghuu,
play instrument pɔ' 2	pray ch'i'ètə
playpen kaŋmwê	praying mantis məmbi ŋəŋgɔɔŋ
please, satisfy lumtə	pregnant shuŋ ; shũŋ 2
pluck (chicken) kwètə 2	pregnant, get her shuŋ nə yi
plunder (a town) shunchɔp	preoccupied pɛ'tə
pocket chětdwi	prepare (food to cook), cook nyɛ
point (n) li'iyě	press (v) ywi'
poison ndi' 2	pretend, fake (person) məyi'
poison (a person) (v) li',	pretent məyi'
poison (n) ndi'	prevent twɛ'ɛ ₂
poison (on arrow) li' ₂	price nduŋ
poisonous ndi' 1	principal wife, first wife məngwe shi
poke, pierce chu' 1	prisoner, captive ngaŋchan
polish məghũttât	problems between men and women sha' myɛnə pɔɔ pəŋgɛ
polygamist ngaŋ-ndandat-pəngwe	promiscuity shakə
polygamy lam ndăndăt	promise (n) kà'anə ₂
pool nkinəpit,	promise (v) kà'anə ₁
poor la',	prophecy (n) chɔpŋan
poor man ndâ'	prostitute shàkə

protect by charm tɔ₂

proud t̩i₁

proverb n̩əm̩i

puberty tɔ-sha'

pubic hair ngin n̩əghɔpt̩ə

puffy momt̩ə

pull, drag shũŋ /

pumpkin n̩əpw̩ə'

punish hà'angə'

punishment ngə' 2

pup mwəm̩əngu kay̩ø

pupil (of eye) mwəl̩ishi

pus mbit

push n̩ùhəŋ

push with pole, paddle (v) (canoe, boat)

twipaŋ

put something into wood ash or hole (with force) f̩ě

put, place, set nw̩ə /

python ngupnɔ

Q q

quarrel fah̩ən̩ə

quench pɛ₁ 4

quiver (n) ndanəŋwɛ

R r

raffia palm n̩ənkat

rag ndwi yi she ndɔp

rain mubi̩iŋ 2

rainbow l̩ing̩úp̩n̩ô

rainy season mubi̩iŋ /

raise, elevate, lift chàhaŋ

ram ndǎŋ

rape lɛ n̩ə yi n̩ə gh̩it ; waychəŋ

rat mole mb̩ɔp

rattle (musical instrument) nde₂

rattle, baby's cho' mw̩ê

rattle nch̩ò'

razor lishà

really àf̩ô

red pǎŋ

red pepper, hot pepper m̩ən̩â'

refuse, forbid, deny l̩i' /

regime (of bananas) ngw̩ê

relative l̩i

relative by marriage nch̩i₁

relieve f̩ɔm̩əyw̩ɛŋ

remain, stay la'₃

remarry li'ndam

remember kwii ; kwit̩ə

repair chw̩èn̩ə 3

request (n) pihin̩ə₂

resemble finə**respect** (v) mbwəhənə**response** pīt**rest** kaa 1**restless, unsettled** məchəhə tənə**resurrect** piheŋ mû nəghu**return** kwø**return (give back) (tr)** piŋhə'əŋ**return from some where** p̄inə**revive** ywĩ₂**reward** chwə'fa'**rib** njweŋ nəghɔp**rice** məkopəkət**rich** f̄'ɔ, 2**rich man** ngaŋfɔ'**right, correct** kò'ɔ 1**ring (finger)** ghêt**ring, wedding** ghêtlam**ringworm** kəkɔ**ripe** yò'ɔ**ripe (almost)** linə**rise up (intr)** l̄l̄ 2**risk your life** məfa' nəghu**ritual place** shinwi**river bank, seashore, beach** ngɔɔŋnki 1**river, brook, stream** ngwø**riverbed (dry)** shenki**roast** pwəhənə**robe (man's gown)** patwa**roof** məghöndöp**room** njiŋ**rooster (cock)** mənəkə'ə**root** nyeti**rough** kətô**round** kat 2**rub** fīt 2**rubber** lɔpà**rubbish** nchi**rule over, dominate** tu'utə 1**run away, flee** tee**run-off (of rain water)** kôŋ**rust (n)** tɛ**rustler** chöp, 4

S s

s wife pe' ngwe ndi ghɔ**sacrifice** f̄'ənù**sad** ndepi 2**saliva** m̄l̄in 2**salt** ngwâŋ**same** ngenngen 4**sand** tashaŋ**sated** yut**saw (n)** shǎ₂**saw (wood)** sha 3**say** chu**say goodbye, take leave of** na'angə**scaffolding** nkwə'ətə tɔ ndɔp**scar** chinəfiŋ

scarce àkayay
scatter (tr) shà'a
scissors chichashì
scorpion tafu'u mənjen
scrape (v) kwatə₂
scratch kɔɔ, 4
scream out kɔ' 2
seashore, beach ngɔɔŋnki 2
seated chichə₂
second mbatə nti shî
see yø,₁
seed ngwèt 2
seize, take(v) kwet,₃
sell fi
sell oneself fīnen sell
semen məkwhê
send (someone to do something) too
senile person ndun ŋɔ tɔ ε ka kɔ'ɔnə
sense, make chɔp læŋ
separate (intr), become separated fã
servant mwəfa'
serve fà'a 2
set (trap) lì'i 2
settle dispute chəŋ
seven (7) kwachø
seventeen (17) nchəpkwachø
seventy (70) kwàchømèghû
sew ta, 3
sex with a child lɛ nə mwəmbɔt
sex, to mechəŋnənə
sexual pleasure, something used to increase
 fǔ məchəŋnənə
shadow lêh

shaft of arrow fâ
shake (tr) nǎ'ɪnə
shame (n) shî /
sharp chə ; chəh
sharpen (knife) kwe
sharpen, bring to point (arrow) kwənǎfi'
shave their head kɔɔtɔ
shea-butter tree, shea-nut tree timbit
sheep mənji't
she-goat, nanny goat məmbi məngwe
shell (groundnuts) (v) kíp
shell (musical instrument) ndanələɔŋ
shell (of groundnut) fù
shelter (n) lì'ilêh
shield (n) ndit
shin fi
shine ta, 1
shiver, tremble chǎ'i,₁
shoe tât
shoolboy mwê-ndaŋwa'anə
shoot tu
short kwit 2
short basket to catch fish nəlà'à
shorten fi'itə
shoulder kwàmbə'
shoulder blade nəghêna
shout fɔŋ 2
shrew fɔtpəkăt
shrimp, crayfish cha
shut (tr) patə, 1
shy shî, 1
sick person ngaanŋhun
sick, ill yaŋ

sickle məniməko
side (of body) nəghǎp₁
side (of something) mbùu₁
silent letə
silk, hair (of maize) mənwi
sing yǎp₂
sink pɛ₁ 2
sister-in-law ndi-ndomə-yi-məngwe
sit chichə
six (6) ntô
sixteen (16) nchəpntə
sixty (60) ntəməghu
skeleton məkweenə
skin (animal) (v) yongɔp
skin (of fruit) fùu
skull kweetô
sky nəpôt
slander (v) puhunli
slash, cut chăt
slaughter animal wat nɔɔ
slaughter, kill (animal for butchering) wăt 1
slave nkwan
sleep (v) le
sleepy nəle ngwaymə
slice shetə
slime (inorganic) məghûtəkò
slip shənə,
slow ɲemnə
small drum mwəchi'ɛ nkat
small of back ngyenə nkun
small stream ndət 2
small, thin kə
smell (v) lǎŋ₁

smile wě 2
smithing lɔɔ
smoke nɔ 2
smoke, soot ndindi'
smoked shǎŋ
smooth shèhènə 2
snail tà'
snake nô
snatch chwa
sneeze chihənə
sneeze (v) chihinə
snore kǎ 2
soak chǔp
soften ləŋ₂ 1
soldier, army shoghɛ
sole mùkòt
some chø
some, other (men) pachǒ
someone who treat sick people nchɔ'pø
something that can be known yô tə pə yi nə
something that can not be known yô kembə
 pə yi nə
something that is easily known yô pə
 chwi'ɛnə nji
something that qualifies a witch or wizard
 nganmi
sometimes, perhaps ngeŋchǒ
song yòp
son-in-law ndomwə
sorcerer (male) nəpu'uye
sorrow (n) shəpto
soul ywi 2
sound mental state təkò'kò' 2
sound mind təkò'kò' 1

soup, broth nkimba	stagger, stumble la'atə ₂
sour chəhətə	stalk (v) nyɛ'etə
south mbɔ̃ ₂ /	stallion ləəŋ mbyɛnə
sow kunə mənɡwɛ	stamp (with feet) nità nəkòt
sow, plant shúp	stand titi
spank (child) shapɔ	star nəshyɛŋ
speak chɔ̃p ₁ / 2	start a family tɔ' nəpi
spear grass nɪ'i	steal pɛtə
speech, discourse chɔ̃p ₂	steer (v) shít
spend time tǎŋ	steer, ox na'a mbɛtnə
sperm məkwɔ̃	stem, stalk (of maize, millet, etc.) nkɔwə' ₂
spider tafu'u	step on titito
spider's web ləplɛp	sticky tətə
spill (moving to and from) ngəgha mbinəgha	sting ta ₂ / 2
spine, backbone kwenkũn	stink, smell (bad) lú
spinster nkwè / 2	stir kɔnə / 2
spirit (of dead person) (invisible) lùu	stomach (internal) nəpùŋ
spit tú / 1	stomachache, upset stomach nəpùŋlonə
splinter, sliver (n) nwi'i kwe	stone, rock ngwə'
spoil a child puhəŋ mwə	stool kwə'
spot, speckle (v) chî	stop thinking about something tɛh məkwəŋnə
spread (disease, fire) lǎy	stop up kətifí
spread out (maize) (tr) shənə ₂	stopper, plug nchitfiŋ
spring nki ka'ka'	storage basket for groundnut nkàa
sprinkle yǎh	store up, save lǎə / 1
spy (n) njwɛ'etə li	storm fùfùtngâ'
spy (v) kwe'	story (tale) nù
squat chichə tɔ̃ məkòt	straddle ŋa'ahə
squeak chɔ̃p ₁ / 3	straight tɔŋ
squeeze kɔɔ ₁ / 3	strain (food) (v) chɛt ₁
squirrel mbòn	stranger ngâ / 2
stab (someone with knife), pierce, plant (a plant, v) shɔ̃p / 1	strap (n) nəpɔ'ɔ nkit

stretch (when action is done by yourself) fěŋ
string (n), rope nkít 1
string, thread (beads) (v) shushu
strip off (bark) shǎt 1
strong ywətə 3
student mwê shikut
study something a second time puh njwe'
stumbling block, obstruction chit₃
stump kǔnti
stupid fǎ₁ ; nǎfǎ
stupid person nǎfǎ
stutter məmǎ'
subjects nja menu pə njwe' nǎ
succeed chǎt 2
suck fətə
suffer ngǎ' 1
sugar cane shishaŋ
suger cane drink kǔnu'

suicide, commit kətndi'
summit, highest point ndəŋmbat
sun nənðə
sunset nchət nənɔɔ₂
sunshine nənɔɔta
support (n) twè'
support (v) twè'ε₁
surround kat 1
swallow mǐ
swarm (n) chəp 2
swear wε'₁
sweep yǐ 2
sweet potato ngwashwə
swell kwǎ'ə 3
swelling kweheŋ ; kwǎ'ətə
swim pɔ' 4
symptom lih ghun

T t

table tepet
taboo nǔpǎ₁
tail ndùn
take a walk ghanǎ₁
talk chǎp₁ 2
talk use to someone in your peer group
 chəpmanjon
talking drum kwěŋ₂
taller, get shagha
tangle (v) lipnǎ
taste ywε' 1
tasty, sweet lǐ

tattoo wǎt 2
tax (n) taashi
teach, show nǎn
teacher chi--(chicha)
tear (tr) shǎt
tears (n) nkinəkɔ'
tell, recount (story) fεŋ
temperature, take someone's metəkɔpnen
ten (10) nəghû₂
tendon shuutaŋ
tendrils nyě

termite ngwə'	threshing-floor ngòp ₂
termite hill nəngwə'ə	throat nde
testicle mbǎŋchàŋ	throb (with pain) ghǒn njwə'
tether (sheep, goats) (v) tìnə	throw away (garbage) kwít /
thank ghǔfə	throw away, throw myè'ε
that (man) wìli	thumb mwəmbəndə
then la ₁	thumb piano nəlɔŋtɪ
there shìhi	thunder nəfàŋ
they (human) po	tickle (v) nyìnə 2
thief mbətə	tie (knot) kət ₁ /
thigh nətò'	tight ywətə 2
thing clearly tɔlálá	tighten shìtə 2
thing, belongings yô	time ndòŋ
think kwǎŋ / ; məkwəŋnə	tip (of something) nchɔtlɛ
think again lí' nkwaŋ	tip over yé'
think clearly nkwaŋ ngengen	tired kaa 2
think well kwaŋ ngengen	toad nchinchə
thinking before making a decision kwaŋ tɔ ngwa chwenə nu	tobacco ndupa'
third patet	tobacco pipe nəkiŋ ndupa'
thirsty, thirst ywi ₁	today shí ₂
thirteen (13) nchɔptet	toe mwəkət
thirty (30) tɛtməghu	tomato tumato
this (man) wě	tomorrow ywə 2
thorn nətɔŋ ₂	tongue lí
thorn-tree tíməntɔŋ	tooth nəshǒŋ
thought, have a kwa'nə	tooth stick, toothbrush yo shɔ məshɔŋ
thousand (1000) ta'akiyε	toothache nəshɔŋ shaynə
thread (needle) (v) ta ₃	top tō ₂
threaten ghùhǎŋ	torch kan
three (3) têt	tortoise (land) kwiməkà
three hundred (300) tɛtnkit	touch kǒ
thresh grain pɔ' 5	toward kənə 3
	town lì'ilô

track (animal) (n) tō₂
track (v) tō₃
trader ngàaŋ mət̩aa
traditional umbrella shutō
train of nkwa'nə
traitor nganəghə
tramp nitə
trample nwītə
transplant chwinə
trap (n) nətō₂
traveler ngā 3
treat a wound chə'nəfɪŋ
treating a disease chə'ghən
tree tī₂
tribe, clan tō₁
tribe, from another məngwɛ-tō
tribute fɛŋ
trickle (v), flow kǎ 1
trip nya'atə
trousers shu'ukət
trunk (of tree) kīt tī

trust fə 2
truth fə 1
try kànə
trying to kill someone shɛŋ njwi ŋò
tuft, lock (of hair) ngin kenəkənə
tumor kwə₁
turn a blind eye naa ngwah
turn over (tr) shītɲiŋ
turn round (intr) shənə nkat
twelve (12) nchəppɛt
twenty (20) pɛtməghu
twenty-five (25) pɛtməghunəpata
twenty-four (24) pɛtməghunəpanəkwa
twenty-one (21) pɛtməghunətɛ'ɛ
twenty-three (23) pɛtməghunəpatɛt
twenty-two (22) pɛtməghunəpapɛt
twin nəfā
twins məfah
twist nù'ùtə
two (2) pēt
two hundred (200) pɛtnkīt

U u

udder nəpɪn 2
ugly àkapǒŋ
ulcer ndunnəfɪŋ
umbilical cord ndih nətɔŋ ; nkīt nətɔŋ
umbrella pūtə
uncircumcised child tōɔŋ
unconscious lenɛpɛ
unconscious, being kəyɔ'li'

uncover chwə'
underneath nətɪ₁
undress shǒt 2
uneducated ke yi ŋwa'anə
unload, take out (of container) fuhunə 1
unmarried nkwè 3
unperceptive ke yi lǐ pǒ
unripe kō

unthinking tɔ̄ kuku

untie, loosen kěh

unwilling to learn ka kɔ̄ŋ yi nu

unwise lɛn kwitkwit

unwrap fě

up nəkwi 3

upper arm mbɔ̄'ɔ̄pɔ̄

upper grinding stone mwə ngwə' nəghɔ

urinate chě

urinate, baby mwə chě

urine mətchɛ

used up mǎ 1

usually ngenngen 3

V v

vagina nun

valley shí,

vegetable njɔ̄p

vein shǐ,

verify naa yǎ a kɔ̄'

very early kwatǎ

virgin, no longer being a yi n̄ɔ̄mbyɛnə

vision (supernatural) yimbi

voice ngì

voice box, larynx, Adam's apple chùchùt
nde

vomit (v) fuhunə 2

W w

wail, ululate (at funeral) (v) fɔ̄ŋ 1

wailing, ululation (at funeral) (n) fɔ̄ŋ

waist ntət

wait ywɛ'ɛtə 1

wake up (intr) lɔ̄lɔ̄ 1

walk nǐ 1

wall kòo

wall of house kɔ̄ndɔ̄p

wander ghanə₂

want shěŋ 4

wants to have sex shɛŋ nchɔ̄ŋnə

war nchò

wash clothes shɔ̄ məndwi

wash the baby shɔ̄h mwə

wash the dead body shɔ̄h ku

wash utensils shɔ̄pəkəŋ

watch wash

watch, look after naa

water nkǐ

water grass pà'ətə

water, dirty nkǐ-mbimbi

water, much ndandat-nkǐ

waterfall nɛfɛ

waterhole nkinəpit₂

wave (hand as a greeting) (v) mà'atə	wickerwork ləŋnəkàp
way of life njaməñinə	wide ghɔ' 2
we (incl.) pà ₂	widower, widow nkuh
weak ndəŋtə	wife ngwɛŋɔ
weapon, murder yɔ̄ywi-ŋɔ	wild cat, civet cat lǔŋ ₂
wear clothes wɛməndwi	willing to learn shɛŋ nji nu
weave pa' ₂	wind fùfùt
weaver ntuyo	window nchɔt windu
weaver-bird ghɔghe	wine seive(filter) kǎŋ 1
wedding (ceremony) yilam	wing nəpɔp
wedding gown ndwilam	wink (eye) ŋɔ'ɔ
weed (v) kǔ	winnow (n) fùfù
weeds ngûn ₁	wipe shihəŋ
weigh chì'i ₂ ; fi'	wipe off (excreta) yǎ 1
weight līt 2	wire nkǐttin
well (n) nəpɪtnki	wisdom lɛn 3
west nchɔt nəncɔ ₁	wise lɛn 4
wet ghɪt 2	witch (female) məngwɛ məli
what? kə	witchcraft məlii
when? yikə	with, and nə
where? həŋ	wither (plant) chǎŋ
which? wǒ	wizard ngàaŋ məlii
whip (v) fiɪp	woman ŋɔməngwɛ
whisper mumble (v) chǔ	woman who acts like woman ngɔt ŋɔməngwɛ
whistle (n) ŋjwê	womb ləmɔwê
whistle (v) tɔɔŋ ₃ 1	women's dance məshiŋ 2
white fu ₂	word nətɔchɔp
white hair ngɪnfu	work (n) fà'
white man ŋɔ-mbaŋ	work (v), cultivate, hoe (v) fà'a 1
who? wà	work the bellows shuhulɔɔ
whole mu'	work wood (v) kɔɔ tɪ
why? nəkə	world mbî 1
wicked mǔmbî	

wound (animal) ləŋɪ

wound, sore nəfɪŋ

wrinkle (on skin) tàaŋtə

wrist lihɪpô

wrong kakò'ò

X x

x-ray machine mashinshaa pø

xylophone njaŋ l

Y y

yam yɔ'ɔshɛ

yawn yɛh

year ngɔ'

yellow kò'òkàshaŋ

yes əə

**yesterday, tomorrow, day before yesterday,
day after tomorrow** ywə l

yolk (of egg) nəpɔpaŋ

you (pl.) pø

you (sing.) ghò

young baby mwəfu

young people kit pø

young woman or man mwənkɔ

younger brother mba-njìŋmà-yì-mbyɛnə

younger sister mba-njìŋmà-yì-məngwe

youngster kit-ŋò

your (pl) mø ; yø₂

youth kìtŋɔ