

A landscape photograph showing a valley with terraced fields. In the foreground, there are green plants and grasses. The middle ground features several terraced fields with reddish-brown soil, interspersed with green vegetation. In the background, a mountain range is visible under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is a rural, agricultural landscape.

Chufie' Lexicon

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A a

a₁ *Prep* in

a₂ *DEF* the

a₃ *Pers;i* 3SG

a₄ *Pers;i* 1) he, she, it 2) third person singular impersonal pronoun

a chwee ki ((**chwee**, **ki**₁)) *interrog* why?

ancha *n* leaf cooked for vegetable

anyusi *n* onion *Allium cepa*

a' *interj* expression of surprise

B b

Bamenda *nprop* Bamenda

Ch ch

cha *ideo* person running through bush; machete hitting grass

cha ligi *interrog* how?

cha₁ *n* fig tree *Ficus cordata*

cha₂ *v* 1) be sharp 2) be sour 3) be expensive 4) yell at, quarreling with words **Kii nchwo nchaa painj pila** *Don't yell at your children.* 5) cover (traditional usage) **O chaa mizugu miiji.** *You have helped me (from a desperate situation). literally: "You cover my shame"*

cha₃ *aux v* do well (be advisable) **O nchaa nziu wi mbigi ngi.** *You will do well to see me before going.*

cha₄ *ideo* tearing cloth

cha₅ *n* classifier - the whole plant including roots of a grass or food crop such as groundnut or beans.

chaa mizugu *v* show mercy

chaa ngwo *n* bush fig *Ficus platyphylla*

chacho' *ideo* sound of toad hopping

chanj₁ *v* 1) drip 2) palpitate (of heart), beat 3) arrive

chanj₂ *n* prison

chanjanj *ideo* money falling

chapchap *ideo* tree squirrel moving

chapo' *ideo* sound of toad hopping

che₁ *v* stop up, block **Che mbou la no mbua'.**

che₂ *v* meet

che mitoo ((**che**₁, **too**)) *n* insult for someone who doesn't follow instruction

cheej *v* chew

chei₁ *v* urinate

chei₂ *n* bladder

cheŋ *v* caress

che *v* cut (bamboo) (with cutlass)

cheɛ *n* classifier - old, worn out piece of cloth

chentye this type/kind

chepo' *ideo* frog jumping

che'che' *ideo* fine rain falling

chien *v* take care of animals (lead to sources of food, water)

chien' *v* guide

chie'₁ *v* 1) greet 2) thank

chie'₂ *n* praise

chie *v* accompany

chii *v* rub

chi₁ *v* 1) cover (w/lid) **Mbo'mbwo**, **chi mbaŋ le**.
Please, cover that pot. 2) close

chi₂ *v* be blunt, dull

chicheŋ *Prep* 1) in the middle of 2) between

chichuu *n* caterpillar, generic

chichuu munzuo *n* caterpillar sp.

chichuu ndimeŋ *n* caterpillar sp.

chichuu ŋgiŋ *n* stem borer

chigi₁ *v* push

chigi₂ *n* 1) classifier - for a long, flat piece of something (like grass) 2) young plant

chigi *n* tail

chinha' *n* mud

chiŋ₁ *n* lake

chiŋ₂ *ideo* extra black (like when the night is very dark)

chiu ((fr. var. **oo**)) 1) *IQ* a certain, some
Wuchiɩ mbaa tiŋ mbiŋndige. *A certain father is standing next to the house.* 2) *ANAP* aforementioned **Pou ne yu' chiu mbwo-e**.
They showed the place (already mentioned) to him.

chiundi *AV-TEMP* 1) perhaps 2) sometimes

chiu' *n* hat

choŋ₁ *v* cease (of rain)

choŋ₂ *quant* half

choŋ niŋ *n* black monkey that lives in trees

choŋ pigi po *n* a fragrant herb used as spice in sauces

choŋ'₁ *n* marsh

choŋ'₂ *adv* 1) quickly **choŋ'** 2) early

choŋ'₃ *v* light (on fire)

choŋ'₄ *v* seat

choo *v* peck

chooŋ *v* tether (sheep, goats)

chou'₁ *v* chop into pieces

chou'₂ *quant* classifier for things that are seen in groups (like bees or palm nuts) **chou' ninno**

chou' ninno ((**chou'**₂, **ninno**₁)) *n* 1) beehive
2) honeycomb

chu₁ *n* language

chu₂ *v* say **chu ndi** , **chu nziŋ**

chu₃ *ideo* spear landing in bush

chu ndi ((**chu**₂, **ndi**₂)) *v* be honest, tell the truth

chu nziŋ ((**chu**₂, **nziŋ**)) *v* gossip

chua'₁ *v* pull out carefully (mushroom, jigger)

chua' mbii

chua'₂ 1) *v* open (door, pot, dish) 2) *v* start

chua'₃ *n* classifier for a stem or stalk that contains seeds (like corn)

chua' mbii ((**chua'**₁, **pi**₁)) *v* transplant

chuŋ₁ *v* whisper

chuŋ₂ *ideo* spear landing in water

chuo' *v* shake

chuu *v* leak

chu'₁ *v* pound

chu'₂ 1) *n* swarm 2) *n* clump

chu' leeŋ *n* mistletoe Loranthaceae,
Tapinanthaceae

chu'two *n* tuft, lock (of hair)

chu *n* spot **chufugu**

chuchu *n* ringworm

chuchugu *v* be dizzy

chuchwo *v* sit

chufugu ((**chu**)) *n* scar

chugu *v* be round

chui *aux v* gently **Chui ndua-e ŋgiu fi**. *Gently take him to go and give.*

chukoo ((**chu**, **koo**₃)) *n* 1) footstep 2) footprint

chuu *Adj* 1) responsible **Pieŋ' kwei mbij yieŋ' chu wuŋgye**. *Let's leave this money with a responsible woman.* 2) ripe

chuu ŋooŋ ((**chuu**, **ŋooŋ**)) *n* responsible, reliable, mature man

chu'₁ 1) *v* bump , knock against 2) shake

chu'₂ *Prep* after **chu' nziŋ**

chu'₃ *v* 1) become **A chu' fe ŋgwo** *It became meat for the village* 2) what is left; remain

chu'₄ *v* rub in a particular spot

chu'₅ *aux v* instead **Pou swēi-e ŋgie' a giu siku; A chu' ŋgiu mitaiŋ**. *He was told to go to school, but instead, he went to the market.*

chu'₆ *v* hide

chu' nziŋ ((**chu'**₂, **nziŋ**)) *n* direct follower, next younger sibling

chwo₁ 1) *v* dwell, inhabit 2) *v* sit **chwo mbi**

chwo₂ *aux v* PROG

chwo mbi ((**chwo**₁, **mbi**₂)) *n* be alive **Zye**

ŋkuŋ koŋpi, ŋgiu nchaŋ mo sye, chwo mbi ki mbi poŋ'. *From the cradle to the grave, life is all a struggle.*

chwē₁ *n* cooking stone

chwē₂ *v* soak

chwē₃ *v* point

chwee 1) *v* repair, mend 2) *v* make, create 3) *v* do, act 4) *v* haggle, negotiate a price 5) *v* cause

a chwee ki

chwee mizu' ((**mizu'**, **chwee** 2) make)) *v* pretend

chwen *v* growl

chwē' *v* 1) lift, raise 2) lift up

chwi₁ *v* 1) hit, strike **Ntaa nchwi giganj nkuj loj'** *I pound okra on the grinding stone.* 2) crack (ie. palm kernel) **O ndei ŋku zie', o zye no chwichwi.** *If you want to eat the nut, first crack it.* 3) affix a door or latch of a house **O chwi nchoondiga ŋgie' nyooŋ pa' ki nkoŋ mo.** *You latch the door so an animal will not enter.* 4) play music **Pou chwi lou fi pe' ? Lou chwi le' wi-a ?** *Where are they playing that music?*

chwi₂ *v* give a name to some one **Mbaa mej**

chwi lii mej-e. *The child's father named his child.*

chwi₃ *v* drive (a vehicle, motorcycle, boat, etc.)

Sugutoŋ taa nchwi mutu. *A driver drives a car.*

chwi₄ *n* runny nose, catarh **O ge chwi ?** *Do you have catarh?*

chwii₁ *v* remove (cocoyams from pot)

chwii₂ *v* prefer

chwi *n* classifier - useless part of a thing, such as bamboo, sugar cane, or plantain

chyen *v* sneeze

chye₁ *n* speech, discourse comp. **chye ndyen**

chye₂ *v* talk, speak

chye ndyen ((comp. of **chye**₁, **lyeŋ** 2) be intelligent)) *n* proverb

chy₁ *v* 1) defeat, conquer 2) more than

chy₁ **no** *n* problem, trouble

E e

ee fr. var. of **oo**

F f

fa₁ *n* turmpet - usually called a flute - traditionally made from indian bamboo; makes low sound; uses lips like needed to play a

trumpet

fa₂ *v* be weak

fa₃ *v* blow (with mouth)

- faa**₁ *v* be proud
- faa**₂ *n* lie (falsehood)
- faa**₃ *v* winnow, throw in air (grain)
- faa**₄ *n* cold weather
- faiŋ** *v* sprinkle
- fa'**₁ *n* work **2)** *n* field **pa fa'**
- fa'**₂ *v* work
- fee**₁ *n* African paradise flycatcher *Terpsiphone viridis*
- fee**₂ *n* python
- fee**₃ *v* shell (groundnuts)
- feefe** *n* tree - fruit is eaten, used to make hoe handles *Annona senegalensis*
- feen** *n* forehead
- fei**₁ *n* mason wasp *Belenogaster griseus*
- fei**₂ *n* valley
- fei**₃ *v* throb (with pain)
- fei**₄ *v* **1)** unwrap **2)** open (bundle of fufu, or book)
- fei'** *v* judge comp. **fei' sye**
- fei' sye** ((comp. of **fei'**, **sye 3)** shrine) *v* sacrifice, appease ancestors, resolve spiritual conflict **nfei' sye**
- fei**₁ *v* rest
- fei**₂ **1)** *v* leave, come (or go) out, exit **2)** *v* come out
- fei no** away from
- feŋ'** *v* mix
- fe**₁ *v* press down
- fe**₂ *n* meat
- fi**₁ *v* resemble
- fi**₂ *v* admire
- fi**₃ *Adj* be new **no fi**
- fi**₄ *n* any green grass or leaf cooked as accompaniment when preparing corn fufu
- fi**₅ since
- fi fufu** *n* leaf used as green vegetable
- fien**'₁ *v* **1)** error **2)** confuse **3)** compromise
- fien**'₂ *v* **1)** trouble **2)** pain **meŋ two fien'** *The baby is troubling (women in labor).*
- fien'** **meŋ** *n* labour, birth pains
- Fie'** *nprop* Bafanji people
- fi**₁ *v* rape
- fi**₂ *v* split (into two or more)
- fiendon** ((**ndon**₃, **fi**₂)) *n* junction, crossroads, intersection, fork (in a path)
- fi'** *adv* **1)** quickly **fi' ntwo come quickly 2)** early
- fii**₁ *v* **1)** apply (ointment), besmear **2)** rub (ie., eyes)
- fii**₂ *v* boil water
- fii**₃ *Adj* distant (time) **fii ma ndi long ago fii lie'** *long ago te fii kie' . . . since, . . .*

- fii lie'** *AV-TEMP* since, awhile ago
- fii ŋki** *n* grass species *Heterotis rotundifolia*
- fii ŋkua' milou'** *n* grass species
- fii ŋkua' ŋku** *n* chewable vegetable with thorns
Trianthema portulacastrum
- fii pigi** *n* thorny pigweed *Amaranthus spinosus*
- fiŋpwo** *n* forearm
- fipa** *n* fever ***Fipa nzwi wi.*** *Fever is killing me.*
- fi**₁ *v* give **fifa**
- fi**₂ *interrog* where?
- fi nchoo** ((**fi**₁, **nchoo**)) *v* boast, brag
- fi piŋ** *v* nurse, suckle (baby)
- fifa** ((**fi**₁, **fa**₃)) *n* wind
- fifou'** *n* foam
- figi**₁ *v* sell
- figi**₂ *n* yam variety, red *Dioscorea* sp.
- figi ŋkw̄i** *n* West African sarsparilla *Smilax*
anceps
- fii** *n* senile person
- fiki** *n* spoon (traditional), ladle
- fiŋ** *n* shin
- fiu**₁ *v* pass, overtake
- fiu**₂ *v* be proud
- foŋ** *n* firefly *Lampyridae*
- foo**₁ *n* cliff
- foo**₂ *n* river
- fou'**₁ *v* 1) be rich 2) receive a gift
- fou'**₂ *n* rich man
- fou'**₃ *v* 1) beat 2) bubble (water, oil)
- fou'**₄ *n* passage, narrow walkway between
buildings or something ***ŋgu' miŋgua' o ge***
paiŋ mifou'
- fu**₁ *n* yam beetle
- fu**₂ *n* yam (white) *Dioscorea alata*
- fu**₃ *v* be white
- fu**₄ eating without oil
- fufu' mbe** *n* dung beetle *Heliocopris* spp.
- fuga** 1) *v* borrow 2) *v* lend
- fugo**₁ *n* animal track, trail
- fugo**₂ *n* animal that has horns used for drinking
wine traditionally - 'ndugo fugo'
- fuŋ**₁ *v* bake (in ashes)
- fuŋ**₂ *n* mold
- fuŋ**₃ *n* lower sounding drum
- fuon**₁ *Cardnum* eight (8)
- fuon**₂ *n* chief, fon
- fuon**₃ *v* miss (road) ***a fuon sindonj laiŋlaiŋ la, a***
two no zi ye fi
- fuon gei** *n* weed *Sporobolus pyramidalis*
- fuonchwa** *Cardnum* eighteen (18)
- fuonwun** *Cardnum* eighty (80)

fuu₁ *n* fellow-wife

fuu₂ *n* feather

fuu₃ *n* 1) shell (of groundnut) 2) empty achu wrapper after use, leaf after achu has been eaten comp. **fuukou'**

fuu₄ *v* 1) take away, subtract 2) take out 3) unload 4) decrease

fuu₅ *n* yam beetle

fuukou' ((comp. of **fuu₃**, **kou'₂**)) *n* second follower of twins

fu'₁ *n* weevil Curculionidae

fu'₂ *v* dig

fu₁ *v* be blind

fu₂ *n* blind person

fugi *n* thunder **laafigi**

fugu *n* wound, sore

fuu *v* deceive

fuu leŋ' *n* bamboo *Oxytenanthera abyssinica*

fu'₁ *v* measure

fu'₂ *v* imitate

fu'₃ *n* weight

fwo *n* 1) leaf, corn husk 2) medicine

fwo swa *n* shrub species *Newbouldia laevis*

fye₁ *v* get well, recover

fye₂ *Adj* fresh, new **o lua migei fye pou miwu, ndyε**. *You use fresh grass with oil and lick.*

fye₃ *v* dirty

fye *v* send bamboo (inside ceiling)

G g

g- *n* refl

gaa₁ *n* gill

gaa₂ *interj* bah!

galiks *n* garlic

gaŋ *n* owner

ga' 1) *quant* much **ant: : tie'₄** . 2) *v* overcome by

ge 1) *v* get, obtain 2) *v* have, possess 3) *v* must

gei *n* grass, weed

gei fye be green

geifye *n* emerald snake *Hapsidophrys smaragdina*

ge *v* wonder, surprise

gi *n* bitterleaf *Vernonia* spp.

gie *v* social

gie'₁ *v* gnaw

gie'₂ *Comp* 1) say 2) that

gie *n* armpit

gii₁ *n* claw, fingernail

gii₂ *v* selfish

gi *interj* "now" *“Yooŋ-a, pou’ mindouŋ giu*
ŋkwei misugo mien’ mbwo niŋ-a, ŋkwiu fi
mbwo pieŋ’ nee gi!” *The thing is that Lion*
went and took our teeth from the animal and
returned and gave them to us all now!

gigan *n* okra *Abelmoschus esculentus*

gigan ŋgwo *n* herb species *Sphenocloa*
zeylanica

giu *v* go

giu su *v* continue

giu₁ *Adj* be empty *A ye giu’giu’*. *It is empty.*

giu₂ *n* jaw

go *n* skin (of fruit)

goŋ₁ *v* remain, stay

goŋ₂ *n* roof

goŋ₃ *v* 1) plead, implore 2) invite

goo₁ *n* umbrella

goo₂ *v* 1) hollow out 2) speak loudly *Nzou’ kie’*
a goo. *I heard him speaking loudly.*

goon *n* mortar, pounding pot

gou₁ *v* 1) be fat 2) be thick 3) be wide

go₁ *n* file

gun *n* very large tree sometimes used as
boundaries between chiefdoms

gun syen *n* herb sp

gu₁

gu₂ *v* do (something)

gu₃ sexual intercourse

gugon *n* stupid person

gugo₁ *n* used as instrument to make rhythm by
scraping on the side with a bracelet

gui₁ *v* be impatient

gui₂ *v* 1) be cold 2) be wet **gui nzua’**

gui nzua’ ((**gui**₂, **nzua’**)) *v* 1) comfort or calm
(someone) *o gui nzua’ ŋgan-e*. 2) embrace,
hug

gui₃ *n* grudge

guu₁ *Adj* 1) be open 2) be empty

guu₂ *n* container (any with round opening)

gwu *inf. var. of wu₂*

gye *pl. of mingwe*

gye *v* 1) divide, separate 2) share **gye pwo**

gye pwo ((**gye**, **pwo**₁)) *v* be generous

gyie’ nchugu zugu *n* grass

gyiipwo *n* fingernail

gyigye *n* village weaver *Ploceus cucullatus*

H h

hoŋ *n* god (title) **Hoŋ two mbiŋ , ma hoŋ ntonŋ** , comp. **hongwë** , comp. **hongye** , comp. **merhoŋchoŋ**

Hoŋ two mbiŋ ((hoŋ)) nprop waterfall seen in the distance from Nza'no

hongwë ((comp. of **hoŋ**, **mingwë**)) *n* first (female) twin

hongye ((comp. of **hoŋ**)) *n* first (male) twin

hou *adv* there

I i

iŋ *interj* yes

K k

ka₁ *prt* negative of a declarative clause

ka₂ *aux v* already

kaa₁ *v* flee, run away from **kaa nduu**

kaa₂ *v* 1) be thin, small 2) be insufficient 3) diminish 4) be narrow

kaa nduu ((**kaa₁**)) *v* run

kaiŋ₁ *n* 1) nest 2) beeswax, bee-bread 3) agreement

kaiŋ₂ *v* strip off (bark)

kaiŋ₃ *v* become thick (ie., coagulate, clot, curdle) **kaiŋ ninno**

kaiŋ₄ *n* classifier - a thick clump of something (like dirt or palm oil when it is solidified)

kaiŋ ninno ((**kaiŋ₃**, **ninno₂**)) *n* honey beer, mead

kakasi *n* beniseed, sesame *Sesamum indicum*

kala *subordconn* if only **Kala ma nzi, ŋgiu siku**. *Had I known, I would have gone to school.*

kaŋ₁ *n* water hyacinth *Eichornia natans*

kaŋ₂ *v* milk (cows, goats)

kasine *n* fishing net

ke₁ *Coordconn* or

ke₂ ((dial. var. **kii₃**)) exactly

kee *quant* none of (noun); without **kee ŋooŋ** , **kee yooŋ**

kee ŋooŋ ((**kee**, **ŋooŋ**)) *n* nobody

kee yooŋ ((**kee**, **yooŋ**)) *n* nothing

keen₁ *v* 1) squeeze 2) wring out

keen₂ *v* lack

kei' *v* refund

kei *v* 1) crack (an egg) 2) hatch 3) dawn, day
break **Mbi giɹ ɲkei** *The day has broken.*
mbikei

ke₁ *n* thorn-tree

ke₂ *n* arrow

ki₁ *n* fish dam

ki₂ *n* spices for achu 4

ki₃ *v* 1) roll 2) flow

kia ɲkwɹ *n* snake sp.

kien *v* 1) turn round 2) capsized 3) steer

kien' *v* annoy, disturb

kie'₁ *v* be in heat (a dog)

kie'₂ *v* untie, loosen

kie'₃ *v* shine

kie'₄ *as*

kie *v* coil (rope)

kie'₁ *n* giant bluestem *Andropogon tectorum*

kie'₂ *n* classifier - bundle of long thin objects
that can be tied together

kie'₃ *v* intend (to do something) **Nchwo ɲkie'**
ɲgie' ma ntwo. *I am intending to come.*

kie'too *n* earring

kii₁ *n* cooking place, cooking fire and fireside

kii₂ *aux v* IMP.NEG

kii₃ *dial. var. of ke₂*

ki₁ *interrog* what? **a chwee ki**

ki₂ *v* shell egusi

ki₃ *aux v* only

kikei' *n* grandparent

kikou' *Adj* be wrong

kikua' *n* boil, sore on body

kikwei ((fr. var. **kwei**₁)) *n* bone

kikwei two *n* skull

kikye *Adj* a certain person or thing **A giɹ nziɹ**
nooɲ kikye. *He has gone to visit someone.*

kila' *ideo* gaunt man or animal

kimbaɲ kimbaɲ *ideo* long legs walking

kimbou' ɲkwɹ *n* aardvark *Orycteropus afer*

kindei *n* banana (for achu or eating), currently
used mostly for achu while the borrowed word
is used for eating bananas **kindei kou', kindei**
nzu syn: : penine. .

kinden *ideo* person falling

kiɲ₁ *ideo* foot walking, pear falling, hitting
branches

kiɲ₂ *ideo* rigid, stiff object

kisiɹ *n* traditional basket for serving food (in
times past)

kisson *n* club, cudgel

kisɹ' *n* hiccough

kiɛ' v cut

kizanj n rattle worn on ankles used in dancing the lee; pods - were tied on legs and used for dancing, a long time ago

ko₁ v 1) tie (knot, bag) 2) build or make (a fence, stool, house) **ko kiɛ kuna** make a pig fence

ko₂ n colour

ko miŋ ((miŋ₂)) v blink

ko ŋgua' n honey badger Mellivora capensis

kofi' n coffee

kokono n coconut palm

koŋ₁ n bed

koŋ₂ v touch

koŋ₃ v enter

koŋ mbiŋ ŋgwon n grass sp

koŋ piɛ n short tree, sometimes used for medicine

ko₁ n nightjar, generic Caprimulgidae

ko₂ v be bald

ko₃ n leg, foot **chukoo**

ko₄ dial. var. of **ŋkei**₁

ko₁ v hang up **O koŋ nzwi no nkɛ. Pou taa nkoŋ foto mbiŋdiga.** You hang clothes on a line. People hang pictures on the wall.

ko₂ n lump (clay, mud)

ko₃ v crawl

kou n flowing rainwater

kou'₁ v 1) be enough 2) be correct 3) be able (to)

kou'₂ n 1) achu 2) 'old' cocoyam Colocasia esculenta

kou'₃ v mature

kou' ŋkasaj Adj yellow

kou' ŋkuŋ n tuber species Lavigeria macrocarpa

kou'kwa n 'new' cocoyam Colocasia esculenta

kpiŋ ideo pounding cocoyam

krip ideo antelope skipping

ku₁ v 1) chew 2) bite 3) bewitch, cast spell

ku₂ n 1) classifier - for a heap or pile of some objects (like dirt, litter) 2) group of (people, cows, etc.) **Mina' laiŋ ndeŋ' miku miku. ku piŋ**

ku mbigi n tree - sausage tree Kigelia africana

ku mbigi miŋkoŋ n lion's tail Leonotis nepetifolia

ku mbigi ŋkwi n tea bush Leucas martinicensis

ku pei n skin of bamboo

ku piŋ ((ku₂, ŋoŋ)) n crowd

kua'₁ n ladder

kua'₂ 1) v ascend, go up 2) v grow (of plants), grow up (people) 3) v graduate 4) v get up from sitting or laying position **kua' sye**

kua' ŋkuŋ *n* tree - used for firewood when the
Fon dies

kua' sye ((**kua'**₂, **sy** 1) ground)) *v* rise up

kuku nzaa *n* tree - 'arrow poison'; vine
Strophanthus sarmaentosus

kukua' *n* small abscess

kulugo *n* chameleon, generic

Kumba *nprop* Kumba

kumbigi *n* long abscess usually on the leg, most
painful

kuna *n* pig

kuna ŋguŋ *n* red river hog Potamochoerus
porcus

kunchoo *n* lip

kuŋ₁ *n* Senegal galago Galago senegalensis

kuŋ₂ *n* army ant, soldier ant Dorylinae

kuŋ₃ *ideo* stone falling

kuŋ₄ *v* 1) hit **kuŋ ndii nzie'** give someone a
knock on the head (with knuckle) 2) shake out
(clothes) **kuŋ nzwi**

kuŋ miwu *n* ant sp. - seeks oil

kuoŋ₁ *v* 1) carve, hollow out (log) 2) shave
(head) **kuoŋ two**

kuoŋ₂ *v* snore

kuu₁ *n* Ornate monitor Varanus ornatus

kuu₂ *n* latrine, toilet

kuu₃ *v* cover

kuu₄ *v* the sounding of the thunder

ku' *v* 1) heap up, gather 2) join, put together

ku'taŋ ((**taŋ**₂)) *n* palm branch, frond **Mbii ŋgiu**
taŋ miku'taŋ, chwee misigi no. I went to get
palm branches to make a broom.

ku₁ *n* eyebrow

ku₂ *n* clay pot

ku₃ *Adj* half

ku ndipie' *n* tobacco pipe

ku tu soo misugo ((**katu**, **soo**₁, **sugo**)) *n*
chewing stick, stick for cleaning teeth **syn:** :
soo misugo. .

ku₁ *v* fry

ku₂ *n* dish (metal, for serving food)

ku₃ *n* bamboo drier

ku₁' *n* caterpillar sp.

kuku *n* breastbone

kuku' *Adj* be small

kuu' **mumbu** *n* tree - locust bean Parkia
biglobosa

kuŋgwa' *n* small clay bowl with handle

katu *n* stick **ku tu soo misugo**

kuu₁ 1) *n* piece (of bamboo or papaya that is cut
the width) 2) *n* half

kuu₂ *v* burn , blaze

kuu ŋkwei ((**kuu**₁, **ŋkwei**)) *n* log

kɛɛ ŋoŋ ((**kɛɛ**, 2) half, **ŋoŋ**)) *n* young man

kwa₁ *n* fist

kwa₂ *n* town, city

kwa₃ *v* pull down

kwaiŋkwaiŋ *n* drum hit with stick for lee - it is a smaller standing drum

kwala' *n* calabash used for bowls Cucurbita maxima

kwaj₁ *n* thought

kwaj₂ *v* think

kwasiŋ 1) *n* pity 2) *v* pity 3) *n* grace (of God)

kwason *n* elephant's trunk

kwa' 1) *v* think 2) *n* thought

kwa' soŋ' *adv* very fine

kwe₁ *v* 1) spill 2) throw away, get rid of

kwe₂ *v* cover

kwee *v* meet up **ŋgaŋ fa' two kwee gou hou.** *A worker came and met them there.*

kwee ŋgu ((**ŋguu**)) *v* wail, ululate (at funeral)

kwei₁ fr. var. of **kikwei**

kwei₂ *ideo* standing straight

kweisu ((**kwei**₁ 1) bone, **su**₂)) *n* fish bone

kwei' *n* 1) grandchild 2) namesake **kwei' hoŋ**

kwei' hoŋ ((**kwei'**, **hoŋ**)) *n* secret society, ngumba

kwei₁ *v* 1) help 2) intercede, mediate

kwei₂ *v* 1) take 2) accept, receive **kwei ndoŋ**

kwei₃ *v* scrape **kwei sogá**

kwei mikweŋ' *n* tree species; firewood; used medicinally

kwei ndoŋ ((**kwei**₂, **ndoŋ**₃)) *v* overtake, pass someone on the road **Kweindoŋ mbwe.**
Overtake him.

kwei ŋguu *v* ululate

kwei za' *v* cough

kweŋ *n* semen

kweŋ mikweŋ' *n* sourgrass Paspalum conjugatum

kweŋ'₁ *v* 1) add, increase 2) accumulate

kweŋ'₂ *n* knee **kwiŋ mikweŋ'**

kwepu *n* place where people (or ancestors) dump ashes, known as good and fertile ground
Munzuo pogo no kwepu. *Groundnut grows well where wood ash has been dumped.*

kwele *n* prostitute

kwete *Cardnum* seven (7)

kwetenchwa *Cardnum* seventeen (17)

kwetewuŋ *Cardnum* seventy (70)

kwiŋ₁ *v* remember

kwiŋ₂ *v* to pin something (ie. a stick) into the ground

kwiŋ mikweŋ' ((**kweŋ'**₂)) *v* kneel

kwiŋ nua' *n* type of dance group (now defunct)

kwi *Cardnum* four (4)

kwinchwa *Cardnum* fourteen (14)

kwiu *v* return, come back

kwiwuŋ *Cardnum* forty (40)

kwo *n* spear

kwocha' *n* rattling iron spear

kwololo' *ideo* keboom

kwu *v* 1) die 2) fade **kwu ŋki**

kwu ŋki ((**kwu**, **ŋki**₂)) *v* drown

kwanzwi *n* old clothes **Ku' mikwu nzwi,**
ntuonj.

kwuŋooŋ ((**ŋooŋ**)) *n* corpse

kwe₁ *v* harvest corn (cut stalk)

kwe₂ 1) *v* love 2) *v* decide 3) *v* desire

kwe₃ *n* be impotent

kweenj *v* clean (palm needle)

kwenj' *v* choke

kwe *v* clear away (grass, weeds, etc.) in
preparation for cultivation **Kwe migei.** *Clear*
the grass. **kwe fa'**

kwe fa' ((**kwe**, **fa'**₁)) *v* clear land (for planting)

kwe' *v* 1) look for 2) look after, take care of

kwe' nziu

kwe' nziu ((**kwe'**, **ziu**)) *v* look at, watch

kwi *v* feed - has the idea of raising up (or
fattening)

kwi *v* blow (with mouth)

kwikwi *n* ant sp. - lives in trees, bites

kwiwanjko' *n* Hinged terrapin *Pelusios* spp.

kwiŋki *n* Soft-shelled turtle *Trionyx triunguis*

kwiŋkuŋ *n* Serrated hinged tortoise *Kinixys*
erosa

kye *v* abandon

kyeŋ *v* be tired

kye₁ *v* pick, pluck (fruit)

kye₂ *n* headpad

kye₃ *n* herd (of cattle), flock (of sheep)

kye₄ *quant* many **Kye nina' chwo ndaij.** *Many*
cows are passing.

kye₅ *n* pig fence

kye₆ *n* visiting

L 1

la 1) *Dem* there (near hearer) 2) *Coordconn* but

laa₁ *n* lamp, torch **laafigi**

laa₂ *v* soar **Pou laa nki wugu ngiu nzwei' ndiga**
ntuu pou. *They stole/borrowed our song and*
taught it in their school.

- laa**₃ *v* comfort a child
- laa ngwei** *v* soar and pick (ie. a bird picks a fowl).
- laafigi** ((**laa**₁, **fugi**)) *n* lightning
- lainj** *v* 1) pass 2) succeed
- lamanchi** *n* orange
- lamanchi chaa** *n* lemon
- lamanchi lanj** *n* grapefruit
- lanj**₁ *v* 1) hide 2) save, keep
- lanj**₂ *n* horse
- lanj**₃ *v* stir (fufu)
- lanj**₄ *n* tree species
- lanj kwε'** *n* tree species; medicine is made with the leaves
- lapa** *n* cloth worn by a woman
- le** *Dem* there (far from hearer)
- lee** *n* type of dance (originally given by Balikumbat to Bafanji); also type of dance group that meets at Pa John's house every **pwombiɯ'**
- leenj**₁ *v* copulate, have sexual intercourse
- leenj**₂ *n* forge
- leenj**₃ *n* slime (organic)
- lei**₁ *n* birdlime (adhesive to catch birds)
- lei**₂ 1) *v* need 2) *v* want, desire 3) *v* search 4) *v* find
- lei tumbwo** *n* knuckle
- leikoo** *n* ankle
- leipwo** *n* wrist
- lei'** *v* 1) be different **Pou-e lei' no ki?** 2) be tricky, mistaken
- lei** *v* 1) float 2) strain (fufu flour) **lei nzangle ngij**
- lenj'**₁ *Adj* 1) be big 2) be great, be powerful
- lenj'**₂ *v* connect
- lenj' chye** *n* proverb, illustrative story
- le** *n* gum, stick
- le'** *n* 1) compound, house 2) village
- Le' Fie'** *nprop* Bafanji
- Le' Mbawuj** *nprop* Bambalang
- Le' Miŋkie** *fr.* var. of **Miŋkie**
- li** *v* 1) fly 2) jump
- lienj** *v* forget
- lienj'** *v* 1) refuse 2) deny
- lie'**₁ *n* day
- lie'**₂ *v* tell
- lie** *v* pick up (pieces of something) (ie., wood, corn, beans)
- lie'**₁ *n* fish trap
- lie'**₂ *v* incubate
- lie'**₃ *v* 1) remain 2) be tight
- lie' togo** *n* cactus *Euphorbia kamerunica*
- lii**₁ ((pl. of **miŋj**₂)) *n* eye **liitu** , **pye lii**

- lii**₂ *n* name
- liiŋki** *n* source of water, where water comes out of the ground
- liitɯ** ((**lii**₁, **tɯ**₁)) *n* knot (in wood)
- li'**₁ *v* poison (someone)
- li'**₂ *n* poison
- lige** *v* hide
- lige** *n* 1) strong vine used to climb palm trees
syn: : **ŋkɯ**₁ 1) . . 2) bridge
- lige choŋ kuu** *n* grass
- lige ŋgwo** *n* strong vine used to make a belt for climbing a palm tree
- lige si** *n* shrub species *Combretum racemosum*
- lige ti migui** *n* vine species *Cissus quadrangularis*
- ligi** *v* recognize
- ligi la nziɯ** therefore
- ligi** *Dem* here (close to speaker)
- lille** *n* small spider - builds nets with strong silk
- liloŋ** *n* spices for achu 1
- lilwi**₁ *n* gall bladder
- lilwi**₂ *n* 1) bile, gall 2) venom (of snake)
- lilwi syefa'** *n* ironweed; grass that is very bitter
Vernonia ambigua
- liŋ**₁ *v* be sweet
- liŋ**₂ *n* tongue
- liŋ**₃ *n* witchcraft
- liŋ nchincheeŋ** *n* weed
- liŋmuoŋ** *n* flame
- liɯ**₁ *n* stool
- liɯ**₂ *v* melt (palm oil) **ndiɯ mowu**
- liɯ**₃ *v* 1) swing , go back and forth 2) hang on something (from up) **Laa chwo ndiɯliɯ**. *The light is hanging from the rafter.*
- liɯ**₄ *v* tap, especially palm wine
- liɯ ki** *n* wickerwork
- liɯ plaŋ** *n* chair
- liɯ'**₁ *v* evade, dodge (hand, stone, person)
- liɯ'**₂ *n* sweet yam *Dioscorea dumetorum*
- liɯ'pwo** *n* elbow
- lo**₁ *n* vagina
- lo**₂ *v* bear, endure
- loŋ**₁ *n* year
- loŋ**₂ *n* tree - used for planks, grows in the swamp
- loŋ'**₁ *v* be full, fill
- loŋ'**₂ *n* grinding stone
- loo** *v* spoil (ie. a child by loving so much to ignore poor choices)
- looŋ nzi ŋgu** *n* yolk (of egg)
- lopa** *n* rubber
- lou**₁ *n* 1) harp or guitar 2) music **lou mindɯ** ,
lou ŋkiŋke , **lou sɯ'**

lou₂ *v* mourning **A taiŋ kyε, fa' ki no?** *He takes so much, to do what with?*

lou₃ *n* thorn

lou₄ *Adj* whole

lou₅ *n* tree species - firewood

lou₆ *n* handle (of cutlass or axe) **lou nwiŋ, lou nzeεŋ**

lou mindɬɬ ((**lou₁**)) *n* small thumb piano

lou ŋkiŋkε ((**lou₁**)) *n* thumb guitar (flat)

lou sɬ' ((**lou₁**)) *n* thumb guitar used during twin's ceremony called **piɬ' ŋkε** - a clip art drawing is on page 22 of Bafanji Transition Primer

louŋ *v* be hot

lou'₁ *v* be happy, joyful

lou'₂ *Prep* under, below

lo' *v* excessive **Mito lo' no kou' la.** *Pieces of cocoyam are too much in the achu (I can't bear it).*

lua₁ *v* take and go with (person or thing)

lua₂ *v* use

lua' *Adj* be important **Ndoŋ ye ŋooŋ lua'.** *A husband is an important person.*

lugi₁ *v* pluck (chicken)

lugi₂ *v* resolve, settle (dispute)

luŋ₁ *v* 1) surprise, startle 2) run

luŋ₂ *v* stink, smell (bad)

luŋ₃ *n* cloud

luŋ₄ *Adj* be old **nduŋ ŋooŋ**

luŋ₅ *n* inner palace

Lunlŵe Mangye *nprop* Bafanji

luo *v* rain

luoŋ₁ *n* parasite tree used as firewood

luoŋ₂ *v* 1) ask for 2) beg 3) pray

luoŋ ŋgwo *n* tree species *Ficus sycomorus*

luu *n* life

lu' *v* vomit

lugu *v* avoid, keep away from **Ndei ndugu nganmisie'.** *I want to avoid a sorcerer.*

lulu' *n* argument

lu'₁ *v* set (trap)

lu'₂ *n* chin

lwa₁ *v* mark out, peg out (ground)

lwa₂ *v* harvest

lwa₃ *v* cause

lweŋ' *v* smell

lwo₁ *adv* very **Poŋ-o lwo ngou' nga'.** *Your stomach is even so big.*

lwo₂ *v* become

lŵee *v* end **lŵee nziŋ**

lŵee nziŋ ((**lŵee, nziŋ**)) *v* be last

lŵe *v* hang (a bag on the shoulder)

lwi₁ *n* nostril

lwi₂ *v* be bitter

lwi'₁ *n* hot weather

lwi'₂ *adv* suddenly, quickly **ḡooṅ lwi' kua' sye**

ḡkaa

lwi *v* be rotten

lwiuoṅ *n* second male twin

lye *v* sleep

lyeṅ *v* 1) be clean 2) be intelligent

lyeṅkoo *n* sole

lyeṅpwo *n* palm (of hand)

lye *v* lick

M m

m- *Dem* : : *DemPx* CA.INAN.PL

ma₁ *Pers*; *i* I (first person singular pronoun)

ma₂ *n* mother

ma₃ 1) *obj* me 2) *Poss* my

ma hoṅ ntoṅ ((**hoṅ**)) *n* ancient knife for shaving

ma ma mikei fr. var. of **ma mikei**

Ma Maṅgye *n* type of dance group

ma mikei ((fr. var. **ma ma mikei**)) *n* early morning

maa *adv* ever? really?, question marker with negative intent **A taa maa fi wi mbij?** *Does he ever give me money? (No)*

magaa *n* molar tooth

magwa' *n* fish - like a big sardine

makaiṅ ḡgwo *n* thistle *Acanthus montanus*

makaiṅ syefa' *n* bristly starbur *Acanthospermum hispidum*

makapu *n* macabo, generic *Xanthosoma mafaffa*

makapu mbigi *n* the leaf is used to wrap ekwang; red macabo *Xanthosoma mafaffa*

makikye *n* someone else

makon mbon *n* leaf used as vegetable

malilye *n* malaria

malij *n* type of dance group

manaa *n* spy in wartime **Manaa ta nkua' tu no kwie' yu' ndi ncho.** *In wartime, a spy climbs a tree to watch.*

maṅgaṅ sye *n* hairy spider

maṅgru ḡkuṅ *n* tree - firewood, animals eat its fruit, used to make hoe handles

maṅguṅ *n* second female twin

maṅkon *n* plantain variety, fat fingers *Musa paradisiaca*

maṅkwa' *n* egusi fruit with hard shell

manḵwī *n* adolescent

mapile ḡkoḡ *n* cocoyam variety Colocasia
esculenta

mapu *n* mother of newborn

mata *n* mat

matan₁ *n* big(gest) drum

matan₂ *n* large standing drum - used in the
samba dance

mawu ((**wu**₁)) *n* sorrow, weeping for a death
mε' mawu.

mba₁ *Coordconn* even

mba₂ *interj* man

mba ncha' *n* concussion spheres

mbaa₁ *n* hut

mbaa₂ *n* father

mbaa₃ *Coordconn* also

Mbaanḡanḡ *nprop* Mbangang

mbainḡ *n* sheath for cutlass

mbanḡ₁ *n* metal pot

mbanḡ₂ *n* cocoyam variety Colocasia esculenta

mbanḡ kou' *n* used to make achu (spice?)

mbanḡ no *n* lime, whitewash

Mbawunḡ *nprop* Bambalang

mbe *n* excrement, faeces

mbe ḡgweenḡ *n* goatweed Ageratum
conyzoides

mbee it is better, I prefer **mbee wu** *It is better to
die Mbee ye si mbwo ma. I prefer the black
one.*

mbeenḡ *Prep* down

mbei *n* palm grub

mbeḡ' **1)** *Adj* male **2)** *interj* expression of
surprise

mbe *n* mountain, hill

Mbe *nprop* Balikumbat

mbi₁ *n* seed

mbi₂ *n* **1)** world **2)** outside

mbi₃ *n* day

mbi ndanḡ *n* chimpanzee Pan troglodytes

mbie figinḡunḡ *nprop* Day 5

mbie ḡkunḡ *n* kidney

mbie ḡkwiḡmutainḡ *nprop* Day 7

mbie ḡkwiḡtoonḡ *nprop* Day 4

mbie ḡkwiḡunḡ *nprop* Day 1, main market

mbie pwombiḡ' *nprop* Day 2

mbie zizo *n* lung

mbiemutainḡ *nprop* Day 6, small market

mbietoonḡ *nprop* Day 3

mbiewunḡ *nprop* Day 8, market eve

mbie kikanḡ *n* cow itch Mucuna pruriens

mbie kikanḡ ḡwo *n* tropical nettleweed
Laportea aestuans

mbie' *n* fishhook

mbii *adv* 1) again 2) also

mbikei ((**kei** 3) dawn, **mbi**₂)) *n* dawn, before sunrise

mbimbi *n* world

mbisu *AV-TEMP* olden times

mbi₁ *n* pus

mbi₂ *subordconn* if

mbi mboga *n* tree; leaf is used in twins ceremonies

mbige *n* basket (for tomatoes)

mbigi₁ *n* mosquito Culicidae

mbigi₂ *n* frightful, dangerous, masked juju

mbigi foo *n* cockroach *Periplaneta americana*

mbigile *AV-TEMP* two days removed from today

mbigi *n* palm nut

mbii *adv* before

mbile *n* 1) loaf of bread 2) brick (mud or cement

mbiŋ₁ *n* body *pt*: : **ŋkuŋ**₁ 1) , **nzua'** 1) , **nzua'** 2) , **two**₁ 1) , **puŋ**₁ , **pwo**₁ , **ŋkei**₂ 1) . . comp.

mbiŋdige , **mbiŋ zoo**

mbiŋ₂ *n* money **mbiŋfu**

mbiŋ tu *n* trunk (of tree)

mbiŋ zoo ((**mbiŋ**₁ , **zoo**₁)) *v* be eager, be zealous **Mbiŋ Lwōŋ zoo no ŋwe' Chufie'**. *Luong is itching to write Chufie.*

mbiŋdige ((comp. of **mbiŋ**₁ , **ndige**)) *n* wall

mbiŋfu ((**mbiŋ**₂ , **fu**₃)) *n* cowrie shell

mbiu' *n* classifier for a wrapped but not tied substance like fufu, achu, etc.

mbiu' zu' *n* phlegm

mbo *n* football

mbogo *n* fish - can pierce a person

mbogo migiu' *n* fish - large mouth

mboo₁ *n* tree; large, has small fruit, used medicinally

mboo₂ *n* hole

mbou *n* poor man

mbou'₁ *n* eagle

mbou'₂ *n* location, site, quarter **O giu mbou' fi pe' ?**

mbou'₃ *n* innocent person **Mbi yi mbou'. Pou nziu pou' yi.** *I am innocent. They will see my innocence.*

mbou' ŋgan *n* herb sp

mbou' ŋgungyen *n* pied hornbill *Tockus fasciatus*

Mbou'mbi ((**pou'**₃ , **mbi**₂)) *nprop* God (supreme being)

Mbo' Ndeen *nprop* Mbouda

mbu saa *n* grass *Blepharis maderaspatensis*

mbua' *n* groundnut pudding

mbua' mbye *n* fat mouse *Steatomys* spp.

mbuonmbuon *n* blessing

mbu *n* bush candle ("black")

mbugu *n* rain **mbugu nye'nye'**

mbugu nye'nye' ((**mbugu**)) *n* drizzle, light rain that continues a long time

mbuu₁ *n* fish? - flat, full of fat, no bones

mbuu₂ *n* game

mbuu gyigye *n* tree species; called 'black'

mbuu mimbou *n* called 'plum' locally in English; usually just called 'mbuu'

mbwa *n* lazy person

mbwo ((dial. var. **pwo₂**)) *Prep* 1) to 2) because of 3) from 4) for

mbwi₁ *n* family

mbwi₂ *n* descendant

mbye *n* liver

mbyen *n* enemy

mbye *n* feather **mbyesu**

mbye mbou' *n* tree squirrel *Funisciurus* spp.

mbye pu *n* land squirrel *Euxerus erythropus*

mbyendon *n* rat mole; used for meat
Cricetomys gambianus

mbyesu ((**mbye**, **su₂**)) *n* fin

mee *v* finish

men ((pl. of **pain₃**)) *n* child **men fie** , **men mben'** , **men mbwa** , **men mingwe** , **men**

nchi , comp. **men ngwon** , comp. **men two**

men fie ((**men** children, **fi₂**)) *n* twin

men fu *n* small child

men mben' ((**men** children, **mben'**)) *n* 1) boy
2) son

men mbwa ((**men** children)) *n* baby

men mingwe ((**men** children, **mingwe**)) *n*
girl

men nchi ((**men** children)) *n* orphan

men ngwon ((comp. of **men** children)) *n*
young lady, mature girl

men nkwi *n* mother of twins

men two ((comp. of **men** children)) *n*
firstborn

mengua' *n* small stone (ie., for grinding)

menhonchon ((comp. of **hon**)) *n* star

menkie *n* small(est) drum

me *v* 1) finish, complete 2) be used up

me' 1) *v* throw **me' mbo** **me' nti₂** 2) *v* cut down
(tree) **me' sye** 3) *v* wear (clothes) **me' nzwi** 4)
v fire **me' pwo** , **me' sye**

me' nti₂ ((**me' 1)** throw, **nti₂**)) *v* obstruct

me' pwo ((**me'**)) *v* wave (hand as a greeting)

me' sye ((**me'**, **sye**)) 1) *v* pour libation 2) *v*
drop

me'nzwi *n* official law enforcer (ie, soldier,
gendarme, police)

mi *v* swallow

mi kuu ndi *AV-TEMP* small time

mi mbi *subordconn* if

mindye *n* voice box, larynx, Adam's apple

miŋ₁ *v* blow (nose) **Miŋ milwi meŋ la !** *Blow that child's nose!*

miŋ₂ pl. of **lii₁ ko miŋ** blink , id. **miŋziŋkwa** spy

miŋ₃ *Adj* small

miŋ ŋgua' loŋ' *n* upper grinding stone

miŋziŋkwa ((id. of **miŋ₂**, **nziŋ**, **ŋkwa**)) *n* spy
O ge miŋziŋkwa. You have someone "inside" telling you what is going on.

miyi' *quant* few

mi'₁ *v* throw away, get rid of

mi'₂ *v* raise (animals) **mi' mbouŋgu**

mi *n* ngumba yard

michei *n* urine

michi *n* blood

mifuoŋ *n* fat

mifwo swa minzoŋ *n* stinking cassia *Senna* *hirsuta*

mikei 1) *n* morning **2)** *n* tomorrow (morning) **3)** *AV-TEMP* in the morning

mike *n* white man

mikoŋ *n* beans

mikoŋ leŋ' *n* bean variety

mikoŋ mike *n* rice *Oryza sativa*

mikoŋfi *n* bean variety

mikweimbiŋ *n* skeleton

mikwo nza' *n* tasselflower *Emilia coccinea*

mikwo ŋgween *n* weed

mikwe' *n* gravel

milaa *n* gossip

milaa milaa *ideo* striped color

mila' *n* fight

mileeŋ *n* sap

milou' *n* 1) palm wine 2) drink **milou'**
zwintwi

milou' zwintwi ((**milou'**, **zwintwi**)) *n*
alcohol (ie., beer, wine, whiskey)

milui milui *ideo* soft feeling

milwi *n* nasal mucus, snot

mimbeŋ' *n* man (male)

mime' *n* dew

minduu *n* type of dance group

minduu *n* speed

mino we *n* something amusing

mintoolii *n* hernia (umbilical)

mintyemintye *ideo* spotted design

minuŋ *n* fur

minuŋ lii *n* eyelash

minunchoo *n* beard

minunmbin *n* hair (of body)

minuntwo *n* hair (of head)

minu' yoon *n* rubbish, garbage **O kwe minu' yoon mo teen.** *You throw away garbage in a pit.*

minzaa *n* mane

minje *v* struggle **A minje seen.** *He struggled but missed (catching it).*

mingwe ((pl. of **gye**)) *n* 1) woman 2) female

Minkie ((fr. var. **Le' Minkie**)) *nprop* Bamunka

minkwa' *n* drumsticks used for hitting the talking drum

minwe'minwe' *ideo* flashing; multi-colored; spotted

miseen *n* shield bug Pentatomidae

misigi *n* broom

misigi nki *n* grass sp. Echinochloa pyramidalis

misigi zu *n* grass sp. Chrysopogon aciculatus

miswe' *n* percussion aerophone - a calabash with a hole hit as a drum during some twins' ceremonies

mitain *n* market

miton₁ *n* strength

miton₂ *adv* quickly

mitwo *n* intestines

mitye *n* saliva

miwei *n* hail

miwu *n* 1) oil 2) body cream, any thick substance

miwutoo *n* earwax

miyoon *n* belongings

mizu' *n* pretense, to know and be able to do something, but not do it

mi' *v* stutter

mo *Prep* inside

mofondo *n* tree used to make boundaries and fences *Jatropha curcas*

mou *ANAP* referring to someone or something already referred to in a story.

mo'₁ *v* keep something in your mouth

mo'₂ *Cardnum* one (1)

mo'pwo *n* upper arm

muchi *n* cricket, generic *Gryllotalpa africana*

muchi mbele *n* cricket sp. - jumps

muchi nkui' *n* cricket sp. - lives in holes, does not jump/fly

muchiŋkun *n* like frutambo but it is red; the skin is used for making drums *Cephalophus rufifilatus*

muchwo nkye *n* medium small size bird that "dances" (not while singing) *Alcedo* spp.

muchwi *n* genet *Genetta genetta*

muchwi' *n* few hairs left on top of a noble's shaven head

mufoo *n* mouse, generic

mufo' mitye *n* locust, variegated *Zonocerus variegatus*

mufwa *n* he-goat, billy goat

mugaŋ *n* louse (flea?) Mallophaga

mugi *n* swallow Hirundidae

mugon *n* black kite (like a hawk) *Milvus migrans*

mugon mindeen *n* hawk with a white ring around its neck

mukaiŋ *n* zebra mouse *Lemniscomys* spp.

mukeeŋ *n* crab

mukwe' *n* "frutambo" (pidgin?); small hoofed animal, runs very fast (about 2 feet tall) *Sylvicapria grimmia*

mulon *n* bird - small brown bird that likes dirty places Turdidae

muloon *n* tamborkie grass *Hyperthelia dissoluta*

muma *n* old woman

mumbi *n* goat

mumbu *n* dog

munchwi *n* clitoris

mundigi *n* ram, male sheep

mundindiŋ *n* cape gooseberry *Physalis angulata*

mundunŋo *n* windstorm

munin **ki** *n* insect sp., six legs, long mouth

munɪ' *n* 1) shadow *syn: : ŋkwɛ sye 1) . . 2)* soul, spirit

munoon *n* sun

munwiŋ *n* knife

munwiŋ hon *n* sedge sp. *Cyperus difformis*

munwiŋ paŋ *n* throwing stick, throwing knife

munzaa *n* sheep

munzuo *n* groundnut, peanut *Arachis hypogaea*

munzuo kuna *n* purslane *Portulaca oleracea*

muŋgu *n* chicken

muŋgu kua' sindon *n* like a dove

muŋkiɛ' *n* rooster

muŋku pɛ *n* malimbe *Malimbus* spp.

muŋ' *n* deaf (mute) person

muo *v* mulch

muon *n* fire ***Muon chwo ntuon wi.*** *Fire is burning me.*

mupa' ka *n* otter *Lutra* spp.

mupie' *n* animal whose skin can be used as a bag *Atherurus africanus*

mupou' tɛ *n* tinkerbirds, barbets *Capitonidae*

musi *n* first follower of twins

musige paaniŋ *n* bird - that counts farm beds *Motacillidae*

musou *nprop* brook, stream

musu fye *n* herb sp

musugu *n* bird

musugu mina' *n* cattle egret *Bubulcus ibis*

musugu ŋki *n* like a goose?

muswaan *n* water frog - small, brown

muswaan mutu' *n* frog larger than [mútū?ù],
edible

muswoŋ *n* otter shrew *Potamogale velox*

muswëeŋ *n* 1) shrew *Crocidura* spp. 2) penis

mutaiŋ mbwo *n* herb sp. *Merremia aegyptia*

mutaŋ *n* scaly francolin *Francolinus squamatus*

muton *n* like a hawk *Milvus migrans*

mutuge *n* small bird with a curving long beak
Nectariniidae

mutu' *n* edible small frog

muzuu *n* northern gray-headed sparrow - small
bird like a sparrow *Passer griseus*

muzuu pu *n* small bird like a sparrow

muzwi' *n* fly - small, bites in dry season
Phlebotomidae

mu'₁ *v* dig out **Mu' ngua' la ! Dig out the stone!**

mu'₂ *quant* whole **teen pua' mu'** *a whole*
mushroom

mu' ŋooŋ ((ŋooŋ)) *n* big, tall, strong man

mwo *v* 1) touch, , feel (active) **Mwo mbu la ki,**
ke a pi. *Test the plum on the fire to see if it is*
ready. 2) attempt, try **Mwo no ko ndige.** *Try to*
build a house.

N n

na₁ *fr.* var. of **no**₁

na₂ *v* abstain

naa₁ *v* stop up **Naa mboo mufoo la mbiŋdige no**
sisye. *Cover that rat hole in the wall with soil.*

naa₂ *v* 1) sight (gun) 2) spy in wartime, spy on
the enemy

na' *n* cow; skin is used for "kanda" (wu')

nchaŋ mbë *n* herb sp. *Hibiscus asper*

ncha' *n* rattle (made from calabash, cane, and
some seeds inside)

ncha' fu *n* clay

nchei ndige *n* palace servant

nchei ntua' *n* palace servant

nchi *n* relation by marriage

nchien *n* shepherd, a person who takes care of
animals

nchien' *n* guide

nchie' *n* fleabane *Conyza sumatrensis*

nchie' *n* 1) hoof 2) heel

nchie' munoon *AV-TEMP* sunrise

nchi *Prep* under

nchige *n* silk, hair (of maize)

nchincheen *n* land toad

nchinchie' *n* grass

nchinchye *quant* every (any?) **Nchinchie ngon**
ne luo ntwo. Everybody should come.

nchiu₁ *n* diarrhea

nchiu₂ *n* bottle

nchiungwe' *n* drongo Lamprotornis
purpureiceps

nchoga munoon *AV-TEMP* sunset

nchoo *n* mouth **fi nchoo** , **nchoo ndige**

nchoo fa' *n* job, duty, obligation

nchoo ndige ((**nchoo**, **ndige**)) *n* door,
doorway

nchoo windo *n* window

nchoon *Adj* be naked **A nij nchoon. He walks**
naked.

nchou' *n* small container

nchu *n* 1) noise, sound 2) quarrel

nchun *n* hip

nchwa pigi ngun *n* haemorrhage plant *Aspilia*
africana

nchwa yimu' *Cardnum* eleven (11) *syn:* :
tie'nchwa. .

nchwō *n* war

nchwōn *n* civet cat *Civettictis civetta*

nchwēe no *n* habits

nchwēe we *n* common bulbul; sings early in
the morning; brown in color *Pycnonotus*
barbatus

nchwēe tie' *Cardnum* eleven (11)

nchwē' *Prep* top of (head, pot, hill, etc.)

nchwē' mbe

nchwē' mbe ((**nchwē'**, **mbe**)) *n* hilltop,
summit

nchwī *n* hippopotamus *Hippopotamus*
amphibius

nchwī maṅa' *n* leopard?

nchwī'ṅkiu' *n* comb (of rooster)

ndaa₁ *n* line **Ma ndaa Twiminzu'**. *I am from the*
line (family) of Tiemenjuh.

ndaa₂ *Adj* 1) real, exact 2) ideal

ndanda *adv* slowly, carefully

ndanṅan *n* two sided drum carried under the
arm, used for lee

ndawa' *n* traditional men's dress

nda' *adv* only, except

ndei₁ *n* 1) tree sp *Bauhinia rufescens* 2) seeds
from ndei tree tied to ankles

ndei₂ *n* debt

nden' *AV-TEMP* today

ndi *n* older sibling

ndie nzaŋ *n* moth

ndie *n* weak vine (ie., potato, squash)

ndii *n* classifier for counting small non-round objects like seeds (but even people sometimes)

ndii chye

ndii chye ((**ndii**)) *n* word

ndii nziɛ' *n* knock (head with knuckle), frap

kuŋ ndii nziɛ' give someone a knock on the head

ndii siɛ' *n* peck (of chicken) **ndii siɛ'**

ndimeŋ₁ *n* lit. 'baby sitter' soft, white, is seen inside plantain stems

ndimeŋ₂ *n* babysitter

ndina *n* feast

ndindi *n* smoke

ndiniŋ *n* ring (finger)

ndi₁ *n* 1) time 2) season **ndisaŋ** , comp. **ndi**

mbigi no , comp. **ndiŋko**

ndi₂ *n* truth

ndi chiɯ then

ndi ki *interrog* when?

ndi mbigi no ((comp. of **ndi₁**)) *AV-TEMP* afternoon

ndifigi *n* bracelet

ndifigi nchoo *n* labret, lip plug, lip disk

ndige *n* house **ndige zua'** , **nza' ndige** , comp. **tua' ndige**

ndige fu *n* climbing grass

ndige zua' ((**ndige**, **zua'**)) *n* marriage (state of wedlock) *Chwo ndige zua' no tie' ŋgi. Be in harmony in your marriage.*

ndigi *n* red monkey lives on the ground, but also climbs trees *Erythrocebus patas*

ndigi *n* calabash used for holding gunpowder; also used as a cup *Lagenaria siceraria*

ndii *AV-TEMP* now

ndiinoo 1) *AV-TEMP* afternoon **2)** *n* daytime

ndiloŋ *n* dry season

ndindaŋ *n* bat; used as meat

ndindo *n* lizard, generic

ndindwɛ' *n* ant sp

ndiŋ₁ *n* owl; (witch bird)

ndiŋ₂ *n* witch (female)

ndiŋko ((comp. of **ndi₁**)) *AV-TEMP* evening, after sunset

ndipie' *n* tobacco

ndipie' mumbu *n* water spinach *Ipomoea aquatica*

ndisaŋ ((**ndi₁**, **saŋ₂**)) *n* rainy season

ndiɯ₁ *n* individual shoot of a raphia palm

ndiɯ₂ *n* things people take for free because they belong to someone who is not around **O kwɛ**

zu ndiɛ. You love to eat (have) free things.

ndon₁ *n* 1) anvil 2) hammer

ndon₂ *n* husband

ndon₃ ((fr. var. **sindon**)) *n* path, road **fiendon**

ndon_{ton} *n* soup, broth

ndou *n* kata-beef in pidgin Phataginus tricuspis

ndufaawe *n* duck

nduga *n* balsam pear Momordica charantia

ndugo₁ *n* 1) horn 2) cup

ndugo₂ *n* flute for lee

ndugo tie' *n* snail shell

nduŋ₁ *n* price

nduŋ₂ *n* classifier - pod with several smaller fruits inside (like kolanut)

nduŋ ŋooŋ ((**luŋ₄**, **ŋooŋ**)) *n* old person

nduoŋ *n* ancestral curse

nduoŋluoŋ *n* beggar

ndugundugu *Adj* 1) be same **O kua' sindon**,

giɛ ndugundugu nchaj mitaiŋ. You go up to the main road and go straight to reach the market. 2) be straight 3) perfect 4) fair, just, equal

ndu' *n* slit gong - a hollowed out tree with a slit

ndwo₁ *Coordconn* like, as, but **A pii nzu nyooŋ**

ndwo minzo pi. He ate, but not to his fill.

Chye Chufie' ndwo ŋooŋ Fie'. Speak Bafanji as a Bafanji man.

ndwo₂ *aux v* future tense auxiliary

ndwee *n* end

ndwindwi *n* garden egg variety, bitter, smaller grains; used as a spice for achu Solanum sp.

ndwindwi musugu *n* wild garden egg
Solanum torvum

ndye *n* neck **ndye nzwi**

ndye nzwi ((**ndye**, **nzwi**)) *n* collar

nee quant all **ŋkoŋ piŋ nee** , **ŋkoŋ yooŋ nee**
 , **ŋkoŋ yu' nee**

neen₁ *v* light (fire)

neen₂ *v* shave head clean with a razor

ne v 1) show, indicate, point (as with the finger)
2) mean **A ne ngie' o piŋ nga'** *It means that you are very selfish* ph. v. **ne no**

ne no ((ph. v. of **ne**)) *n* omen

ne' *v* be silent

nfei' sye ((**fei' sye**)) *n* fetish priest

niŋ₁ *adv* no more (no longer), not again

niŋ₂ *v* 1) walk 2) move 3) travel, go on a trip
niŋniŋ , **ŋkiniŋ**

niŋ₃ *v* cook

niŋ₄ *n* coward

niŋ₅ *n* animal

niŋ saamba *n* kind of drum used in the saamba dance (called nyang repo' in Bamun language)

niɲniɲ ((niɲ₂)) *n* prostitute

ni' *v* put inside **ni' ntigi**

ni' ki *n* fly (flies into the eyes)

ni' ntigi ((ni', ntigi)) *v* store up food

ni- *v* : : *NegMod* NEG

ninee *quant* all

niniɲ *adv* really, truly

ninno₁ *n* honey bee *Apis* spp.

ninno₂ *n* honey

ninno ɲeeɲeeɲ *n* sweat fly

ninuɲ *v* lie down

niɲ *v* stomp (with foot) **niɲ pigi**

niɲ pigi ((niɲ, pigi₄)) *v* dance

ni'₁ *n* swordgrass, congogras *Imperata*
cylindrica

ni'₂ *n* shelter

ni'₃ *v* shake, jostling

no₁ ((fr. var. **na₁**)) **1) Prep to A mbi pila, minij, minij ninee pou ɲge no poɲpoɲ. Once upon a time, all the animals had to meet. 2) Prep on 3) Prep with it 4) Prep in 5) Prep about 6) Prep for 7) it**

no₂ *n* thing, matter **no fi** , **no pee**

no₃ *v* drink

no₄ *n* snake

no fi ((no₂, fi₃)) *n* something strange

no nziɲ *n* eel

no ɲguɲ *n* snake sp

no pee ((no₂, pee)) *n* something to ask about

no pou' kwa *n* story

noɲ₁ *n* Lake Bamendjing

noɲ₂ *n* hour

noɲa *v* **1) bite noɲa fe bite meat 2) ache**
(stomach) **puɲ noɲa** *stomache bites*

noɲa mbigi *n* small fruit found close to palm
nut - to be eaten raw

noɲguɲ *n* rainbow

noo₁ *n* body **noo yi soɲ' pi. I am sick.**

noo₂ *n* day

nosye *n* spotted blind snake *Rhinotyphlops* sp.

ntaa *n* waist

ntaɲ₁ *n* large horn used to "announce" the lee
and when the Fon wants to dance

ntaɲ₂ *n* gossip

ntaɲ mitaɲ ((taɲ₄, mitaɲ)) *n* trader, person
who buys and sells for business

nteeɲ ɲki ((teeɲ₂, ɲki₂)) *n* waterhole

ntie kie' *conn* how

ntie *n* confusion

ntie' mige *n* necklace

nti'nti' *n* dragonfly *Odonata*

nti *n* jigger *Tunga penetrans*

ntigi *n* entrance hut (store)

ntiŋ *n* heart

ntiɯ' *n* quarter (of a village)

ntoŋ *n* message

ntoŋmunoŋ ((toŋ₃, munoŋ)) *AV-TEMP*
middle of the day

ntou *Cardnum* six (6)

ntou maŋgaŋ *n* stork

ntouchwa *Cardnum* sixteen (16)

ntouwun *Cardnum* sixty (60)

ntou'₁ *n* traditional kettle (small calabash)

ntou'₂ *n* 1) heavy part, important part, middle, abdomen 2) part of clothing that covers the private parts.

nto' *n* stone, pit

nto' loŋ *n* herb sp. *Phyllanthus amarus*

ntua' *n* palace

ntuŋ₁ *n* tribute

ntuŋ₂ *n* curse

ntuo fu *n* blanketgrass *Rhyncheletrum repens*

ntu *n* cane, walking stick

ntuŋkuŋ *n* spine, backbone

ntwiŋ *n* calf of leg

ntwo *n* pap, mushy food

ntwoŋkwi *n* 1) elder, someone older (relative to someone else) 2) elderly person, someone with

grey hair

ntwe swii *n* herb sp

ntwisei *n* ant sp. - lives in ground, in groups, white eggs

nty *n* type, kind

ntyentye *n* yam variety - round *Dioscorea* sp.

ntyenŋie' *Coordconn* because

ntyepe *n* anus

nty *n* storage building, market stall (grass roof tied on sticks)

nty **pigi** *n* palm rat; eats palm nuts and tree fruit; lives in trees; red in color; it has two white lines on its back; some people eat as meat *Dendromus* spp.

nua *v* crush

nua'₁ *n* tradition, custom

nua'₂ *v* bring up (a child) **nua' meŋ**

nua'₃ *v* 1) place (something) somewhere **Nua' su nchwo figi**. *Place the fish and sell.* 2) build (walls of house with bricks) 3) lay, rest (ie., head)

nua'₄ *n* heap (of achu, for example)

nua' two *n* best friend

nuŋ₁ *v* suck

nuŋ₂ *v* 1) lie (many around ie., mushrooms, or of a person lying down) 2) incubate, set (on eggs)

nuŋ ŋkuuŋ *n* green mamba *Dendroaspis jamesoni*

- nuŋ sye** *v* be lying down
- nuŋ two** *n* louse
- nuŋ'**₁ *v* return , give back
- nuŋ'**₂ *n* dirt
- nu'**₁ *v* 1) waste 2) be bad
- nu'**₂ *v* be absent
- nu** *v* 1) defecate 2) lay (eggs)
- nwa** *v* knead (fufu) **nwa pyeŋ nzu**
- nwiŋ** *n* machete, cutlass
- nwē**₁ *n* calabash - straight neck; calabash for sharing wine in traditional ceremonies
Lagenaria siceraria
- nwē**₂ *n* god, fetish, shrine
- nwē**₃ *v* become cold
- nwē** *ideo* upturned nose
- nyaŋ kwei** *n* type of dance group (meets at Pa John's house every ŋkŋwitoŋ)
- nyelou'** *n* nail
- nyeŋ** 1) *interrog* which (one)? 2) *AnPro* the one
A nyeŋ-a a niŋ tiε' te nchaŋ ndeŋ' pila...
That is why he is still scratching today...
- nyε**₁ *n* buffalo; horn is used as a cup for drinking wine; skin is used for "kanda" (wu') Syncerus caffer
- nyε**₂ *v* shake
- nyie'**₁ 1) *v* stalk 2) *aux v* quietly
- nyie'**₂ *aux v* future tense auxiliary
- nyie' mikiε** *n* hot pepper, imported
- nyie' ŋgingye** *n* hot pepper (not the one imported) used for adding in sauces for food
- nza ŋgwo** *n* herb sp. Hypoestis forskalei
- nza ŋkuŋ** *n* herb sp. Polycarpaea corymbosa
- nzaŋ** 1) *n* dream 2) *n* vision (supernatural)
- nza'** *n* 1) side 2) area
- nza' ndige** ((nza', ndige)) *n* bedroom
- Nza'nuŋ** *nprop* Nja'anung
- nzeeŋ** *n* axe
- nzeŋ'** *n* amulet, charm, fetish
- nzi** *n* hunger **Nzi chwo nziŋi wi.** *I'm hungry.*
comp. **nzi ŋki**
- nzi chyε** *v* be eloquent
- nzi ŋki** ((comp. of **nzi**, **ŋki**)) *n* thirst **Nzi ŋki chwo nziŋi wi.** *I am thirsty.*
- nziε** *n* beginning
- nzie' mbi** *AV-TEMP* late
- nzino** *n* wise person
- nziŋ** *n* relative (by blood)
- nzi** *n* egg
- nziŋi** *n* balafone; xylophone made with progressively larger pieces of wood placed on plantain stems laid on the ground
- nziŋilii** *n* pupil (of eye)
- nziŋ** *Prep* behind

nziŋziŋ *n* darkness

nziɪ *n* dog bell

nzooŋ *n* dry swamp

nzua unfortunate commentary

nzua' 1) *n* chest *wh:* : **mbiŋ**₁. . 2) *n* heart, attitude *wh:* : **mbiŋ**₁. . 3) *Prep* inside (of something) **gɸi nzua'** , **nzua' gɸɸ** , **nzua' soŋ'** , **wei nzua'**

nzua' gɸɸ ((**nzua'** , **gɸɸ**₁)) *v* be hollow **Tu la nzua' gɸɸ**. *That tree is hollow.*

nzua' nzwi *n* loincloth

nzua' soŋ' ((**nzua'** , **soŋ'**)) *n* 1) cheerful attitude 2) courageous spirit

nzuoŋ *n* antelope (about 4 feet tall)

nzuo₁ *n* animal like a cow; horn is used as a cup for drinking wine; skin is used for "kanda" (wu') Redunca redunca

nzuo₂ *n* Bambara groundnut

nzuoŋ *n* insult

nzugu taa *n* bead waist band that serves as a hoop holder for wrapper of a dancer

nzuɪ *n* date palm

nzuɸ *n* cutting grass; used for meat Thryonomys swinderianus

nzuɸ misie' *n* porcupine - used for meat; needles are used in hats for members of the ngumba (two needles close together) *Hystrix cristata*

nzu' *n* egusi species *Citrullus lanatus*

nzu' foo *n* egusi species - seed *Citrullus lanatus*

nzu' maŋkwa' *n* egusi species - large *Citrullus lanatus*

nzu' taŋ *n* egusi species - calabash seed *Citrullus lanatus*

nzwo *n* 1) fine as punishment 2) justification **ŋgaŋ fɛ tu nzwo mbwo ŋooŋ mɛ' nzwi**.

nzwei *n* whistle

nzwi *n* 1) article of clothing 2) cloth

nzwi keeŋ ntou' *n* traditional men's dress

nzwi mbe *n* traditional men's dress

nzwi mbiŋ *n* shirt

ŋ ŋ

ŋa' *v* open

ŋa' nchoo *n* spices for achu 5

ŋee ŋki mukwe *n* parrot?

ŋeenzi *n* fly, generic

ŋeenzi soŋ *n* tsetse fly *Glossinidae*

ŋeeŋ *v* embrace

- nga** *interj* no
- ngaa** *n* classifier - for a 'leg', twig, or small stem of something (like njama njama, or grass)
- ngalawa'** *n* fish - a very big mudfish; catfish?
- ngan₁** *n* robe (man's gown)
- ngan₂** *n* thief
- ngan chan** *n* prisoner, captive
- ngan fwo** *n* medicine man, traditional healer
- ngan leenleen** *n* blacksmith **nganleen nkei** *pain ligi wi?* *Who is the blacksmith in your area?*
- ngan lyen** *n* troublemaker
- ngan mangan** *n* 1) sorcerer (male) 2) fortune-teller, diviner
- ngan nzu' fa'** *n* farmer
- ngan ngwei su** *n* fisherman
- ngan ngwë fe** *n* butcher
- ngan pan** *n* hunter
- ngan tan** *n* 1) gossip **Ngantay tan milaa.** *A gossip spreads lies.* 2) cell phone **Ngantay ka pi ndie'.** *People have already heard via cellphone.*
- ngan ton** *n* messenger
- ngan yoon** *n* owner
- nga' mbwo** *quant* very much
- nge** *n* herb sp
- ngee** *n* kind of fruit
- ngeen** *n* behaviour
- ngeen nkun** *n* tree species
- nge** *n* gun
- ngi** *n* voice
- ngin** *n* maize *Zea mays*
- ngingo pei' ndige ngwo** *n* wandering jew *Commenlina benghalensis*
- ngiu'** *n* 1) penalty, punishment 2) hardship, distress
- ngo₁** *n* 1) hide (of animal) 2) skin (of man) 3) fish-scale **ngo nzi** , **ngo tu**
- ngo₂** *n* khakiweed *Alternanthera pungens*
- ngo₃** *n* used traditionally to find out who is guilty
- ngo nzi** ((**ngo₁**, **nzi**)) *n* eggshell
- ngo tu** ((**ngo₁**, **tu₁**)) *n* (piece of) the bark of a tree
- ngolii** *n* eyelid
- ngon₁** *n* bedbug *Cimicidae*
- ngon₂** *n* 1) guest, visitor 2) stranger (unknown person)
- ngon₃** *Prep* near (water) **ngon nki**
- ngon nki** ((**ngon₃**, **nki₂**)) *n* river bank
- ngou'₁** *n* year
- ngou'₂** *n* green turaco - red feather is put in the black cap of a traditional noble *Tauraco persa*
- ngou' sugu** *n* eagle?

- ngua'**₁ *n* flying termite Hemiptera
- ngua'**₂ *n* rock (large)
- ngua' ŋkie'** *n* termite hill
- ngukwa** *n* sweet potato variety, white flesh
- ngukwa mike** *n* Irish potato Solanum
esculentum
- ngun**₁ *n* mother-in-law
- ngun**₂ *n* black plum Vitex doniana
- ngun sei** *n* cramcram, hedgehog grass Cenchrus
biflorus
- nguoŋ** *n* plantain, generic Musa paradisiaca
- nguoŋ kindei** *n* plantain variety - short fingers,
"achu banana" Musa paradisiaca
- nguoŋ kou'** *n* plantain variety Musa
paradisiaca
- nguu** *n* wailing, ululate (at funeral) **kwee ngu**
- ngu'** *Prep* among
- ngu** *aux v* F1
- nguiki** *n* herb sp
- nguingui** *n* peace
- nguku** *n* rizga - local carrot, small, thin,
sweetish, long Plectranthus esculentus
- ngungei** *n* caterpillar sp.
- ngungiu'** *n* bird - medium size; eats fruits, is a
general nuisance; chest is red, back can be red,
brown rest; 'it has teeth'
- ngungo pei' ndige** *n* weed Aneilema
beninense
- ngwa** *n* 1) handle (of a dish or bag) 2) a short
stick used to punish.
- ngwala'** *n* herb sp. Asystasia gangetica
- ngwan ŋki mimbeŋ'** *n* sessile joyweed
Alternanthera sessilis
- ngwan ŋki miŋgwe** *n* water lettuce Pistia
stratiotes
- ngwapa** *n* guava
- ngween** *n* plague locust Locusta migratoria
- ngwei** *n* 1) frontier (of ethnic area) 2) boundary
(of field)
- ngwi** *n* 1) salt 2) fertilizer
- ngwo** *n* 1) country, ethnic area 2) village
- ngwe**₁ *n* wife
- ngwe**₂ *n* leopard - the skin of the leopard is used
as a carpet for the village chief (fon) Panthera
pardus
- ngwe' nzu'** *n* water boatman Corixidae
- ngwi** *Prep* up
- ngye**₁ *n* week
- ngye**₂ *n* female (pl.)
- ngyeno** *n* leech
- ngyen** *n* Nile crocodile Crocodylus niloticus
- ngye** *n* deer (about 4 feet tall); the skin is used
for making drums Tragelaphus scriptus

ngye nkun *n* bird - large wings, spots, can be colored like a chicken, long neck, had a beak like a chicken

niŋ *v* show (teeth) **A niŋ misugo me pou wi?**
Who is he laughing with? (He is showing his teeth with whom?)

ni₁ *v* be shrivelled, be wrinkled (fruit)

ni₂ *n* root

niŋeen *ideo* sound of chameleon walking

niŋie' *n* sugar ant

niŋwē *n* earthworm

niŋwē mbiē' *n* millipede Iule spp.

ŋka . . . nee ((dial. var. **ŋkoŋ₃**)) *quant* all

ŋka fuu *n* white monkey that lives only in tall trees like loŋ Colobus guereza

ŋka nyie' I will never

ŋkaŋ fu *n* monkey (general word) can be red or white; lives in thick forest Cercopithecus tentalus

ŋkalu' *n* great blue turaco - as big as a hawk; eats tree fruit Corythaeola cristata

ŋkambiū' *n* shoulder

ŋkaŋ₁ *n* beer (traditional)

ŋkaŋ₂ *n* double iron bell

ŋka' *n* 1) fence 2) fenced area

ŋkeen₁ *Cardnum* one or more thousands

ŋkeen₂ *n* classifier - regime or bunch of bananas or plantains

ŋkeen₃ *Cardnum* thousand (1000)

ŋkei₁ ((dial. var. **koo₄**)) *n* side (of something)

ŋkei₂ 1) *n* side of body **wh: : mbiŋ₁**. . 2) *n* side of something 3) *Prep* side (of)

ŋke *n* traditional fence for twins guarding them from public view, broken down in a special ceremony

ŋki₁ *n* song

ŋki₂ *n* water

ŋki kuku *n* river, stream

ŋki mutu' *nprop* the swamp behind Mba Tiendeng's compound

ŋkie *n* tall, conical, leaning drum

ŋkie two *n* brideprice (for bride's family)

ŋkiminŋ *n* tears

ŋkininŋ ((**niŋ₂**)) *n* trip, journey

ŋkiŋ *n* donkey

ŋkintwī *n* handle

ŋkiŋkou *n* palm tree that grows in the swamp, monkeys eat its fruit Phoenix reclinata

ŋkiū *n* peace plant - used in twins ceremonies

ŋko₁ *n* snake - short, reddish brown like the colour of the ground, it puffs up its cheeks (puff adder?)

ŋko₂ *n* debtor

- ηκoη₁ *n* box
- ηκoη₂ *n* news *O zou' ηκoη mutoη ? Have you heard any news from Hawk?*
- ηκoη₃ dial. var. of ηka . . . nee
- ηκoη . . . nee *quant* every ηκoη ndi nee
- ηκoη ndi nee ((ηκoη . . . nee, ndi₁)) *AV-TEMP* always, usually, often
- ηκoη piη nee ((nee)) *n* everybody
- ηκoη yooη nee ((nee)) *n* everything
- ηκoη yu' nee ((nee)) *n* everywhere
- ηκoηke *n* quiver
- ηκooηκooη *n* termite hill
- ηkou first *no zou no, o nzye no zou'zou' ηkou*
- ηku mbigi ηkwī *n* herb sp.
- ηkua' *n* classifier for the bare or rigid part of a plant (like corn stalk, empty corn cob, or midrib of plantain leaf)
- ηkua' lwi *n* bridge (of nose)
- ηkua' nta *n* capital (in business) *mbie ηkua' nta, mbie sei*
- ηkua' ηgiη *n* corn cob
- ηkuη₁ 1) *n* back *wh: : mbiη₁. . 2) Prep* on
- ηkuη₂ *n* noble
- ηkuη₃ *n* 1) hill 2) dry place
- ηkuη tu *n* stump
- ηkuηku' *n* sugar cane (picture is of leaf)
- ηkuηku' paiη ntua' *n* herb sp. Palisota hirsuta
- ηkuu *n* widow, widower
- ηkuu₁ *n* 1) rope *syn: : lige 1) . . 2)* vine used to tie things (strong as a string)
- ηkuu₂ *Cardnum* hundred (100)
- ηku' *n* lazy person
- ηkwa *n* 1) mind, head comp. ηkwa lei' 2) bone marrow
- ηkwa lei' ((comp. of ηkwa 1) head, lei' 2) be tricky)) *n* riddle, often given as a game at weddings *ηkwalei' lei' ηkwa*
- ηkwatwo *n* brain
- ηkweembee *AV-TEMP* dusk, twilight (after sunset)
- ηkween *n* cripple
- ηkwei *n* wood ~~kuu~~ ηkwei
- ηkwei meη *n* midwife
- ηkwiu kou *n* ditch
- ηkwo *n* pestle, pounding stick
- ηkwo fuη *n* tree sp Grewia lasciodiscus
- ηkwo kou' mbafu *n* praying mantis
Dictyoptera spp.
- ηkwo pigi *n* paddle
- ηkwoku *n* pipe-stem
- ηkwu ηgwo *n* herb sp. Triumphetta cordifolia
- ηkwu sye *n* 1) ancestor *syn: : muni' 1) . . 2)* ghost (visible apparition)

ηkwe *n* barren woman
ηkwe pe *n* palm civet *Nandinia binotata*
ηkwēη *n* slave
ηkwε' lon *n* carmine bee-eater *Merops nubicus*
ηkwi *quant* other
ηkwi *n* bush country, rural area
ηkyε *n* raffia palm *Raphia sudanica*
ηooh ((pl. of **piη₄**)) *n* human being, person
chuu ηooh , **kee ηooh** , **kuu ηooh** ,
kwηηooh , **mu' ηooh**
ηooh ndeη' *n* boss, someone in authority to
 someone
ηooh ηgou' *n* cave man from ancient times
ηooh ηkwi *n* bush dweller, person from the
 bush

ηoohηoh *n* queen
ηua' *v* turn (around a corner) **ηua' no pwo toη**
turn right
ηuη' *n* bend, crook, curve
ηuη' sye *v* 1) bend down, stoop 2) bow (as in
 greeting)
ηwaa *n* bow (hunting)
ηwan₁ *ideo* match striking stone
ηwan₂ *ideo* being afraid (light in eyes)
ηwanwanzi *n* butterfly *Papilionidae*
ηween₁ *v* land, perch
ηween₂ *v* shine, be bright
ηween₃ *v* tickle
ηween sye *v* squat **ηween sye nchei** (*to*
children) *squat and urinate*
ηwe' *v* 1) write 2) draw (picture)

O o

o₁ *Pers;i* you (singular)
o₂ *Poss* your (singular)

oo (fr. var. ee) fr. var. of **chiu**

P p

pa₁ *v* pack
pa₂ *v* carry (child) on back
pa fa' ((fa'₁)) *v* weed a field or farm

paa₁ *v* avoid, move away from **Paa mutu**
mimbū la. *Jump away from that bad car. Paa*
mino puu. Paa no. Paa meη la. *Beware of*
bad things. Watch out. Watch out for that

child. Paa no a laiŋ. Let him pass.

paa₂ *v* cut (hair)

paa₃ *Adj* smashed (with foot)

paanŋ *v* abuse verbally

paapaa *Adj* large (ie., feet) **Liŋ paapaa mikoo tiŋ sye soŋ'**. *A chair with large feet is stable.*

painapi *n* pineapple

paiŋ₁ *Pers*; *i* you (plural)

paiŋ₂ *ideo* iron hitting iron

paiŋ₃ *pl.* of **meŋ** children

pakli *n* scrub hare *Lepus saxatilis*

paŋ₁ *v* hunt

paŋ₂ *v* cackle (as of chicken)

paŋ₃ *v* end something **Pou paŋ wu ndeŋ'**. *They have finished the cry-die today.*

paonŋ *ideo* extra red

pa'₁ *v* close **Pa' ŋwe'o. Pa' nchoo-o.** *Shut your book. Be quiet.*

pa'₂ *ideo* flat object hitting water

pe₁ *v* grunt (from effort)

pe₂ *n* flock (of birds)

pee *v* ask, request

peenŋ₁ *v* chat

peenŋ₂ *n* bag **peenŋ fei' sye** , **peenŋzwi**

peenŋ fei' sye ((**peenŋ**₂, **fei' sye**)) *n* things to be used for sacrifice (usually carried in a

traditional bag)

peenŋ fu *n* tree species

peenŋ kindiu *n* large, tall, flat top, used for timber and firewood, small leaves

peenŋ si *n* tree species *Albizia chevalieri*

peenŋzwi ((**peenŋ**₂, **nzwi**)) *n* pocket

pei₁ *v* 1) choose, pick **Ndi giu ŋkou', kuna pei miŋ ŋgua' gwie' pyeŋ ŋgwe kwimanŋko', mmi' mbi.** *Suddenly the pig took the grinding stone from Tortoise's wife and threw it outside, 2) use* **A pi chwëe nyeŋ, ma ma mikei wi' mbii ŋkua' mbei ndoŋ ndige-e.** *That is why, early this morning, I got up and went to his house.*

pei₂ *n* masquerade

pei mboŋ *n* snake - short red like the ground, steals eggs *Dasypeltis* spp.

pei' *n* load, burden

pei' nchoo *n* palate

pei₁ *v* peel (outside of fresh bamboo to make ropes) **pei kupei**

pei₂ *v* 1) belch 2) ruminate, chew cud

pei₃ *v* extinguish, quench (ie. a fire)

pei₄ *v* 1) press against 2) cheat

pe₁ *v* look after

pe₂ *n* piece (usually flat)

pe₃ *v* wait

penine *n* banana *syn:* : **kindei** .

pe' *adv* like this

pi₁ v plant **pi fa'**

pi₂ v 1) ready 2) bear (child), give birth

pi fa' ((**pi**₁, **fa'**₁)) v sow, plant

pia n avocado

pien v thatch (top of roof)

pien' *Pers;i* we (all)

pie₁ *Cardnum* two (2)

pie₂ n leprosy

pie₃ n family helper

pie₄ v warm

pie misu' *AV-TEMP* soon

pie ŋkɛɛ *Cardnum* two hundred (200)

pienchwa *Cardnum* twelve (12)

piewuŋ *Cardnum* twenty (20)

piewuŋ ŋgɛ yimu' *Cardnum* twenty-one (21)

piewuŋ ŋgɛ yipaa *Cardnum* twenty-two (22)

pie'₁ v plait, braid (hair or basket)

pie'₂ n thick weeds

pii₁ n kolanut *Cola nitida*

pii₂ v be first **A pii ma nchan. A pii gou nchan.**

A pii ze nchan. I was first to arrive. You were first to arrive He was first to arrive.

pii₃ *aux* v near past tense marker

pii₄ v demand

pin₁ v be selfish

pin₂ v 1) answer, reply 2) agree 3) believe

pi' v 1) fold (bags, mats, clothes) 2) bend

pi₁ n blister

pi₂ *prt* negative marker of a declarative sentence

pi- pigi-

pi₃ *Cop* be, exist **A pi fi ? A pi mitaiŋ.** *Where is he? He is at the market.*

pi₄ v be able

pige v lick

pige v be crazy, mad **pige milou'**

pige milou' ((**pige**, **milou'**)) v be drunk

pigi₁ n thatch

pigi₂ v stir water and dirty it up **Ki mbigi nki wi.**
Nki la ge pipigi lou'. Don't dirty (stir up) my water. That water has dirt at the bottom.

pigi₃ n tassle (of corn)

pigi₄ n dance

pigi₁ v 1) be ripe 2) red 3) be light (colour)

pigi₂ *pro* people **A ntige mbwo pigi ŋgwo pe.** *He read it to those (people) of his village.*

pigi₃ *adv* before

pigi₄ n canoe

pigi michi ((**pigi**₁ 2) red, **michi**) n tree sp

pii₁ v say goodbye, take leave of (traditional)

pii₂ v 1) turn 2) change (ie., clothes) 3) barter, exchange (of goods) 4) capsize 5) pour (into something)

pilo' pilo' *ideo* fat man walking

piŋ₁ *n* breast **piŋ na'**

piŋ₂ *Prep* near

piŋ₃ *ideo* slamming door

piŋ₄ pl. of **ŋooŋ**

piŋ meŋ *n* garden spurge Euphorbia hirta

piŋ meŋ kuku' *n* ten o'clock plant Portulaca quadrifida

piŋ na' ((**piŋ₁**, **na'**)) 1) *n* milk 2) *n* udder

pipie *v* be curious

pipigi *n* the dirt settled at the bottom of water

Ki mbigi nki wi. Nki la ge pipigi lou'. Don't dirty (stir up) my water. That water has dirt at the bottom.

piu' *v* 1) break 2) harvest (maize) **piu' ŋke**

piu' ŋke ((**piu'**, **ŋke**)) *n* twins ceremony when the fence (Nk;a) is broken down and twins can now be seen in public

plañ *n* plank **pe plañ sie** *rafter*

ple₁ *n* razor blade

ple₂ *v* play (football)

plekui *n* plate

po *aux v* again

pogo *v* 1) be good 2) be beautiful 3) please 4) satisfy

poke *n* bucket, pail

poŋ 1) *v* meet, encounter **Pugu mboŋ ndigepon ndeŋ'**. *We are meeting in the meeting house today.* 2) *n* meeting

poŋgu *n* slender mongoose - eaten as meat
Herpestes sanguinea

poŋ' *v* 1) struggle 2) try **poŋ' mila'**

poŋ' mila' ((**poŋ'**, **mila'**)) *v* fight

poo₁ *v* bark (as dog)

poo₂ *n* sky

poo₃ *ideo* extra white

poon *v* return, go back

popoya *n* papaya

pou₁ *v* 1) lack 2) be poor

pou₂ *Coordconn* 1) and 2) with

pou₃ 1) *Pers;i* they 2) *Pers;i* impersonal plural third person pronoun ...**ŋge mifa' Kumba, no chiu ŋkei ŋkwī-a pou tige ŋgie' Bua-Bakondo.** *I have farms in Kumba, in a certain part of the bush they call Bua-Bakondo.* 3) *obj* them

pou₄ *n* poverty

pouŋ *v* 1) fit (clothing) 2) match **Nzwi ngwi la pouŋ po ye mbeŋ.** *The shirt matches the trousers.* 3) benefit, suit

pou'₁ *v* 1) beat 2) ring (bell) 3) thresh, beat (grain) 4) throb **two pou' headache pou' lou** ,
pou' mbwo , **pou' zwe'**

pou'₂ *n* 1) classifier for a bundle of something that is tied with a string (like egusi pudding, etc.) 2) gift

pou'₃ *v* create **Mbou'mbi**

pou'₄ *n* residence

pou' lou ((**pou'**₁, **lou**₁)) *v* 1) play (a harp) 2) play (music)

pou' mbwo ((**pou'**₁, **pwo**₁)) *v* clap (hands)

pou' mindouŋ *n* lion Panthera leo

pou' zwɛ' ((**pou'**₁, **zwɛ'**)) *v* swim

po' *ideo* raphia sticks falling, fat person sitting down

pu *n* ashes

pua *v* fear

pua'₁ *n* mushroom

pua'₂ *v* glob, dump too much (oil or achu); carelessly rub oil on the body, leaving too much oil **Meŋ la kaa zi mifi mbij pi. A pua' miwu mbij-e.** *That child doesn't know how to rub. He packs oil on his body.*

pua'₃ *n* pumpkin - fruit cooked for food, leaves cooked as vegetable Cucurbita pepo

pua' ŋkain *n* lit. 'pumpkin of monkey'
Voacanga africana

pugu₁ *v* wander, be moving around doing nothing, useless, restless

pugu₂ *n* flour

pugu₃ *n* irresponsible person

puŋ₁ *n* stomach (internal) *wh:* : **mbij**₁. .

puŋ₂ *v* 1) inflate **Pou puŋ koo mutu gie' a tyen.**
They pumped up the tire until it was firm. 2) spray or pump (ie., water, or chemicals)

puŋ₃ *ideo* person falling in water

puŋ miŋgwe *n* womb

puoŋ₁ *v* cover (with a cloth) **O puoŋ nyooŋzu mo titou no nzwi.** *You cover food in a basket with a cloth.*

puoŋ₂ 1) *v* be soft 2) *v* be calm 3) *v* mould (bricks, clay) 4) *aux v* slowly

puoŋ₃ *n* character

puoŋ₄ *n* creator

puppup *ideo* bird flying

pupugu *n* dust

pupu' *n* Mexican sunflower Tithonia diversifolia

pusi *n* domestic cat

puu *v* blow down

pu'₁ *Cardnum* nine (9)

pu'₂ *Pers;i* we (two)

pu'₃ *quant* half

pu'nchwa *Cardnum* nineteen (19)

pu'wuŋ *Cardnum* ninety (90)

pu *n* danger

puɣu *Pers;i* we (some)

pɔŋa-pou ((comp. of **pɔŋa**, **a**, **pou**))

Pers;i we and they Clement ya kie' pɔŋa-a pou ndei ŋgiu la, a mbi ze sw̄ei wi ŋgie' a twotwo ndie' sindonj. Clement who was to go with us, first told me that he was coming, but remained on the road.

pɔi' *n* buttock

pɔpɔ *Adj* 1) be ugly 2) bad

pɔu *n* camwood Pterocarpus santalinoides

pɔu *v* 1) be bad 2) raw, uncooked **pɔu ndye** ,

pɔu puŋ

pɔu ndye ((**pɔu**, **ndye**)) *v* be angry

pɔu puŋ ((**pɔu**, **puŋ**)) *v* be wicked,

habitually bad

pɔ' *v* 1) lift up (head, hand, eyes) 2) ascend on

foot *Mbu' mbe ti ntaa wi zuo' wi. I ascended the hill until my waiste hurt.*

pɔ' *v* ferment *O na mbu', a pɔ'.* Leave the corn

beer, it will ferment.

pwa *v* be lazy

pwo *n* arm, hand *wh: : mbiŋ*. . **pwo tu** ,

comp. **pwokwe**

pwo *dial. var. of mbwo*

pwo tu ((**pwo**, **tu** is this really gender 9/6?

both component words are 7/6.)) *n* branch of a tree

pwokwe ((comp. of **pwo**)) left (direction)

pwome' *n* right hand, the throwing hand

pwotonj right (direction)

pwi *v* sharpen (a stick or wood) *Pou ta mbwi*

kutu ndua koj nka' no. They sharpen wood to use for building fences.

pye *n* classifier - for a hand or cluster of bananas or plantains

pye *v* be lost, lose, disappear, lose

pye *n* heart

pye lii ((**lii**, **pye**)) *n* 1) deep set eye 2) bad eye

pyeŋ *v* hate

pyeŋ *v* circumcision

pyeŋ *n* corn fufu

pye *n* wing

pye *v* 1) singe 2) be smoked

S s

saa *v* castrate

saa *v* 1) be smooth 2) be slippery 3) slide

saa *n* side (of sport team), wall (of house)

saa pou' *n* grass

saamba *n* type of dance

saguu *n* tendon

sainsain *n* sand

saka *n* sedge sp. *Mariscus alternifolius*

saki *n* prostitute

sakle ŋkuŋ *n* tea senna *Chamaecrista mimosoides*

saŋ₁ *v* break up (people, meetings) **saŋ zua'**

saŋ₂ *Adj* rainy

saŋ zua' ((**saŋ**₁)) *v* divorce

sasuŋ *n* cassava (kasingang) - used for gari fufu
Manihot esculenta

sawa kye *n* herb sp.

sa' *v* scatter, make mess

seen₁ *n* mushroom, short, small head

seen₂ *v* miss **A miŋe seen.** *He struggled but missed (catching it).*

sei *n* profit, interest (in business) **mbie ŋkua'**
nta, mbie sei

sei₁ *v* slice

sei₂ *n* flower

sei₃ *v* 1) spread out (maize) 2) to remove the
husk from corn

sei lii *n* fish -

si₁ *n* trap, hunting net

si₂ *v* 1) be deep 2) deepen

si₃ *Adj* 1) be black 2) be unripe

si ŋkwï *n* herb sp. *Cnestis ferruginea*

sien' *v* ruin, spoil **sien' lii** , **sien' mbiŋ**

sien' lii ((**sien'** , **lii**₂)) *v* slander

sien' mbiŋ ((**sien'** , **mbiŋ**₁)) *v* miscarry

si'e₁ *v* cross (river) (on a bridge)

si'e₂ *n* escape hole (of mole rat)

si'e *v* be long

si'e₁ *n* comb

si'e₂ 1) *v* burst 2) *v* sprout 3) *v* announce 4) *v* rule
over, dominate 5) *v* snatch **si'e' munooŋ**

si'e₃ *n* bush mango? same as mangru nkung?
used to make hoe handles *Lophira lanceolata*

si'e₄ *n* 1) needle 2) shoot (new plant)

si'e' munooŋ ((**si'e**₂ , **munooŋ**)) *AV-TEMP*
sunrise **pu' giu no si'e' munooŋ.** *Let's go at sunrise.*

sisi₁ *n* thread

sisi₂ *n* loofah, vine sp. *Luffa cylindrica*

sisi tu *n* tree sp. used for firewood *Khaya senegalensis*

sisie' ŋki *n* sedge, generic *Cyperus* spp.

si₁ *n* Ngumba palace

si₂ *v* change, alter

sige *v* count

sige₁ *n* tree sp. used for firewood

sige₂ *v* 1) tear 2) scratch

sige singwë *n* quail *Coturnix coturnix*

sigi v 1) be tight 2) tighten 3) straighten

sigi₁ n 1) moon 2) month **sigi fi** , **sigi loŋ' ŋkie**

sigi₂ v dry out

sigi₃ n sharpened stick **Pou taa mbwi sigi nchua' nti no**. *They sharpen a stick to dig out the jigger.*

sigi fi ((**sigi₁**, **fi₃**)) n new moon

sigi loŋ' ŋkie ((**sigi₁**, **loŋ'₁**, **ŋkie**)) n full moon

sigiwe n rib

sii 1) v turn over 2) v turn around

sikoo n trousers

simeinj n cement, plaster

sindige n ground (surface)

sindonj fr. var. of **ndonj₃**

sinj n shame

sinjwe n partridge

siseenj n courtyard

sisie' n cud

siso n achu soup

sisou n gamba grass; elephant grass - sometimes the soft part inside is used as food: sliced and eaten as vegetable *Andropogon gayanus*

sisou mumbu n herb sp

sisye n dirt, soil, ground, land

siu₁ n snake - short, on the ground, reddish brown like the colour of the ground *Bitis*

arietans; Python sebae?

siu₂ v sharpen (knife)

siu₃ v 1) flatten 2) sit on the floor as in mourning

O nziu ŋoonj siu sye zyendige-e, o kii mbee-e liu. *If you see someone sitting on the floor of his own house, do not ask for a seat.*

siu ŋgwe n herb sp

siu'₁ n termite

siu'₂ n tree species *Xeroderris stuhlmannii*

so n leech

soga n hoe

soko n sweet potato - yellow flesh (borrowed word, don't know where from) *Ipomoea batatas*

sonj₁ v remove (one banana from a bunch)

sonj₂ n friend

sonj₃ n stinger

sonj₄ v be dark (colour)

sonj₅ n elephant *Loxodonta africana*

sonj₆ n iroko? *Grewia flavescens*

sonj gi n broomweed *Sida acuta*

sonj gi mina' n herb sp

sonj gi pigi n vine sp. *Sida garckeana*

sonj' *Adj* 1) right, be correct 2) be healthy, be well

soo₁ v wash **soo mbinj** , comp. **soo misugo**

soo₂ n saw

soo₃ *v* move across

soo mbiŋ ((**soo**₁, **mbiŋ**₁)) *v* bathe, wash oneself

soo misugo ((comp. of **soo**₁, **sugo**)) *n* toothbrush *syn.*: : **ku tu soo misugo** . .

sou' *v* pour

su₁ *v* fart, pass gas

su₂ *n* fish, generic

su ŋgwa *n* mudfish

sua₁ *v* go through a tight place

sua₂ *v* dip

sua' *v* remove (eg. groundnut from the earth at harvest time)

sugo *n* tooth

sugo soŋ *n* elephant tusk

sugu *v* 1) pull 2) drag 3) stretch 4) be pregnant

sugundoŋ *adv* truly

suŋ *v* ford (river), moving through the water **suŋ ŋki**

suu *n* bellows

su' *n* 1) time, occurrence (countable) **tii misu'** *three times* 2) repeatedly, over and over **mbee-misu' misu'** *I already asked her many times.*

tie'su'

su *Prep* 1) in front of, before 2) ahead

su mizige ŋki *n* black nightshade, huckleberry; njamanjama *Solanum nigrum*

su ŋkeen ndeen *n* turkeyberry; fruit is used medicinally; fruit is similar to garden egg, but has some small spines. *Solanum torvum*

sugu ntou' *n* sandpaper tree *Ficus exasperata*

sugusugu *n* bracken, fern generic (weed) *Pteridium* spp.

sui *v* stir

susu *adv* distant (time, place)

susu' *n* ant sp. - lives in tree, black, builds hard nest on tree

suu₁ *n* garden egg *Solanum* sp.

suu₂ *n* muscle, vein

su'₁ *v* pierce

su'₂ *v* crush (tobacco, medicine) **su' ndipie', su' fwo**

swa₁ *n* spices for achu 2

swa₂ *v* stab

swalii mufoo *n* herb sp

swasu *n* pied kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

swo *n* stick used for carrying equally weighted items across both shoulders; traditionally used to carry wine inside calabash containers

swe₁ *v* swear

swe₂ *v* sink into something **Kwo swe puŋ soŋ** *The spear sunk into the elephant's belly.*

swee *v* 1) slither (snake) 2) persuade 3) leave clandestinely

swei *v* tell, recount (story)
swe *v* 1) skin (animal) 2) undress
swe' *n* twins ceremony
swi' *v* go/get down
sy 1) *n* ground 2) *n* grave 3) *n* shrine 4) down
syefa' *n* farm
syen₁ *v* 1) broken, split **Nchiu syen**. *The bottle is broken.* 2) cut open

syen₂ *n* opportunity, chance **Mbii ntwo ndige Mbou'mbi, nge syen no chie' Mbou'mbi.** *I came to church and had the opportunity to pray.*

syen mindei *n* like a squirrel - likes to be in trees, larger than mbyembou' Heliosciurus rufibrachium

syi *n* slag

T t

ta *v* be proud
taa₁ *v* trample down, pack down (farming bed)
Taa lou' nguon son', a tyen. *Press the ground under the plantain (you just planted) until it's hard.*
taa₂ *aux v* habitual past tense marker **A ntaa mbi no pe'?** *Did it really result in something?*
taafu *n* bee - called 'carpenter bee'
tain₁ *v* carry (in arms, on head) **tain two**
tain₂ *Cardnum* five (5)
tain nkuu *Cardnum* five hundred (500)
tain two ((**tain₁**, **two₁**)) *v* be angry (at someone), refusing to see someone
tainchwa *Cardnum* fifteen (15)
tainwu *Cardnum* fifty (50)
tantiu' *n* quarter head

tan₁ *n* calabash - long curved neck; vine - only used for making the container for food and wine (distinguished from oil palm by saying **tan nkam** *Lagenaria siceraria*)

tan₂ *n* oil palm *Elaeis guineensis* **ku'tan**

tan₃ *n* calabash - only used for making the container for food and wine

tan₄ *v* 1) trade, buy and sell for business 2) gossip **O tan milaa nga'.** *You gossip too much.*
ntan mitain

tasi *n* taxi

ta' *v* 1) drive away **ta' mikuna** 2) drive out **ta' pij pupuu** *exorcise (drive out evil spirits)*

te 1) *adv* so much so that... **Ziu kie' Mbou'mbi kwei, te miyoon munu ma kua' ninee ngiu.** *"You see how God has helped, so much so that our things all rose up and went."* 2) *interj* a word used to indicate an emotional effect of

the following clause **A gie'**, "**Te ma nzu ki ?**"
He said, "So what will I eat?" **3) adv** until **A**
fa' te ŋkyeŋ *He worked until he was tired.*

teen₁ *v* **1)** make ready **Teen no-o.** *Get yourself*
ready. Teen mĩmbiɛ'. *Get fish traps ready.* **2)**
 plan

teen₂ *n* **1)** pit, dump **2)** hole in the ground **3)** den,
 lair **nteeŋ ŋki**

teen₃ *n* classifier for whole, round objects like
 fruit, and even a drip (of liquid)

tei' alone

teŋ₁ *n* pimple

teŋ₂ *ideo* person stamping (like a stone???)

teŋ' *v* **1)** prevent **2)** protect, defend

te *n* shoe, sandal

ti *n* ordeal poison used only in the Ngumba
 palace to find out guilt

tieŋ *n* transverse antelope horn - used by
 quarter-heads

tie *v* **1)** smear or rub carelessly (mud, excrement,
 etc.) **2)** collect honey from hive

tie'₁ *n* snail

tie'₂ *Cardnum* one (1) **A ki ŋge tie' ndige.** *He*
only has one house. tie' ŋooŋ *one person*
tie'su', comp. **tie' yu'**

tie'₃ *adv* soon

tie'₄ to a lesser degree **A kaa puu tie'.** *It is not so*
bad. ant: : ga' 1) . .

tie'₅ *v* scratch, as of fowl

tie' nzige pii *n* slug; kind that lives in plantains

tie' yu' ((comp. of **tie'**₂, **yu'**)) *AV-LOC* together

tie'nchwa *Cardnum* eleven (11) **syn: : nchwa**
yimu' . .

tie'su' ((**tie'**₂, **su'**)) *AV-TEMP* once

tii₁ *v* set, put, place (something somewhere) **tii**
no two ŋooŋ

tii₂ *Cardnum* three (3)

tii no two ŋooŋ ((**tii**₁, **two**₁)) *v* falsely accuse

tiinchwa *Cardnum* thirteen (13)

tiiwuŋ *Cardnum* thirty (30)

tikle' *ideo* lame man (doing what?)

tifuu *adv* real, truly

tiga *v* **1)** smash (ant) **Tiga mbigifoo la nzwi-e.**
Smash the cockroach and kill it. **2)** trample

tige *v* call (someone)

tige *n* father

tigele' *n* neighbour

tigenwe *n* father of twins

tigi₁ *v* be sticky

tigi₂ *adv* remain, still

tij *v* stand

titiŋ *v* stand

tito *n* gizzard

titon *Prep* in the middle **titon fa'** *in the middle of a field*

titou *n* basket

tituo' ndye ((**tuo'**, **ndye**)) *n* goiter

titwi *n* ant sp - commonly found - builds hills, stinks, in groups, makes the ground around groundnut plants stink

titwi mbigi *n* herb sp *Spilanthes filicaulis*

titye *v* stumble

tiu *v* carry (a child)

tiu'₁ *v* limp

tiu'₂ *Adj* be alone

to₁ *n* farm (general)

to₂ *n* grainy achu or fufu

togondye *n* throat

toko' toko' *ideo* horse running

tomato *n* tomato

ton₁ *v* 1) send (so. to do sth.) 2) send (sth. to so.)

ton₂ *n* iron

ton₃ *v* be ripe (ie. avocado) **ntonmunoon**

ton₄ *n* life

tontu' *AV-TEMP* middle of the night

ton' niŋ *n* herb sp

too *n* ear **che mitoo**

too nye *n* tree species *Piliostigma reticulatum*

toto' lilu' *n* African green pigeon *Treron calvus*

tu₁ *v* string, thread (beads)

tu₂ *v* 1) dig 2) harvest, dig up (yams)

tousye *n* sickle

tu'₁ *v* 1) carry (water, dirt, etc.) 2) scrape (mortar) 3) serve

tu'₂ *n* thigh

tu'₃ *n* yam (bears in the air) *Dioscorea bulbifera*

to' *n* container

tu₁ *n* payment

tu₂ *v* 1) pay (for goods, services, etc.) 2) take revenge

tu nzwo *v* appease, pacify **A ntu nzwo mbwo ngun-i, zua' pigi ngiusu.**

tua' *v* push

tua' ndige ((comp. of **ndige**)) *n* room

tugo₁ *n* navel

tugo₂ *v* 1) blow (horn) 2) crow (as a rooster)

tugo₃ *n* edge

tugo nchoochye *n* tree sp *Stereospermum kunthianum*

tukoo *n* toe

tumbwo *n* finger

tumbwo nden' *n* thumb

tun *v* 1) shoot 2) kick 3) curse 4) weave

tuon₁ *v* support (a wall or plantain)

tuon₂ *v* 1) burn 2) roast

tuo' *n* classifier for objects that are rounded or shaped to be round (like puff puff, tumours, cow hump etc.) **tituo' ndye** , **tuo'fu**

tuo'fu ((**tuo'**)) *n* tumour

tutuo' *n* bump, protuberance

tuutuu *n* Senegal coucal *Centropus senegalensis*

tu'₁ 1) *v* hold 2) *v* delay

tu'₂ *n* night

tu₁ *n* tree

tu₂ 1) *Prep* be high 2) up

tui' *Adj* lame **tui' koo** lame leg

tuu *v* advise

tu' *v* delay

twa *v* be dirty

twei *v* bury

twei' *n* cobra, generic; long and black *Naja* spp.

twiŋ *ideo* mosquito biting

two₁ *n* 1) head **wh: : mbiŋ**₁ . 2) point 3) top

two₂ *v* come

two no *n* mask

two tu *Prep* up high

twombiŋ *Pers;i* self

twe *v* 1) send out (dog for hunting) 2) coach (football), send out players **twe mila'**

twe mila' ((**twe, mila'**)) *v* make trouble, cause people to fight

tween *v* descend, go down

twe' *v* make someone jealous **A twe' wi pou mbiŋ-e.**

twi *v* spit

twi₁ *n* kind of Bafanji title

twi₂ *v* 1) sew 2) sting 3) bite (snake)

tye₁ *n* rust

tye₂ *v* hop, skip

tyeŋ *v* 1) be hard 2) be difficult 3) be scarce

tyeŋ two *v* be stubborn

tye *v* go after

tye ngye ((**mingwe**)) *v* be immoral, chase after women (or men) **Saki tie ngye zeenzeen.**
A prostitute chases after many men.

W w

wa *n* stick used for gathering grass when clearing land for farming

waa₁ *n* trap

waa₂ *v* 1) despise, disdain 2) ignore advise **A waa wi ngiŋ pigi.** *She has neglected my advice and gone dancing.*

wan₁ *n* well, waterhole
wan₂ *v* dress (loin cloth, wrapper)
wan₃ *ideo* wide open
wan₄ *Prep* beside **Mbi wan kii**. *I am beside the cooking fire.*
watalif *n* waterleaf *Talinum triangulare*
wa' sa *quant* a lot
we *v* uncover
wei *v* 1) fish (*v*), trap (animal) 2) hold **weinzua'**
wei meŋ pou' *n* blackjack
wei nzua' ((**wei, nzua'**)) *v* 1) be patient 2) have courage
wei' *n* 1) law 2) oath
we₁ *v* cultivate
we₂ *n* tree sp. - hard wood, used to make rafters
wi *interj* wow
wiŋ *v* win
wi *interrog* who?
wigi₁ *v* spank (child)
wigi₂ *n* tree - used for firewood *Markhamia lutea*
wii₁ *v* mean (that)

wii₂ *interj* regretful expression
wiɯ *Dem* this
won₁ *n* illness, disease
won₂ *v* be sick
wu₁ *v* be short
wu₂ *v* 1) tremble, shiver 2) threaten
wu₃ *n* technical work (especially roofing a house)
wua' *n* nape of neck
wuŋ₁ *Cardnum* ten (10)
wuŋ₂ *v* wake up
wuŋgwe *n* grass sp. *Brachiaria deflexa*
wuŋ'₁ *v* 1) honour 2) respect, obey
wuŋ'₂ *n* awe, reverence (for God)
wuu₁ *v* frighten
wuu₂ *ideo* heavy rain falling; crowd of people
wu'₁ *v* swell
wu'₂ *n* skin of cow served with achu
wu₁ *n* 1) death 2) funeral (at occasion of death)
mawu
wu₂ ((inf. var. **gwu**)) *v* 1) fall 2) become **wu**
gugon *become stupid* 3) fail

Ẅ ẅ

ẅe₁ *v* laugh, smile

ẅe₂ *v* dress

wɛ v **1**) slaughter, kill (animal for butchering) **2)**
initiate **3)** harvest (plantains or bananas) **4)**
operate, undergo surgery

wɛ'₁ v grind

wɛ'₂ n shrimp; very small, used in preparing
sauces

wɛ'wɛ' *ideo* rustle (leaves)

wi v enjoy (market)

Y y

ya REL that, which, who

yi aux v warning particle **O yi nzou' ?** Have you
heard (what I have said to you)? (when
warning a child)

yieŋ' Pers;i us (all)

yimu' Cardnum one (1)

yintaŋ Cardnum five (5)

yipaa Cardnum two (2)

yi Pers;i me

yii interj take care **O yii mbaa.** Go carefully (to
someone passing by on foot, bicycle or
motorcycle)

yooŋ n thing **yooŋ zu**

yooŋ fi n fresh food from first harvest

yooŋ zu ((**yooŋ, zu**)) n food

yu' Pers;i us (both)

yɯ' n place

Z z

zaa₁ n odour, smell

zaa₂ v **1)** cry, weep **2)** squeak (of wheel)

zaa₃ v steal

zaa ŋkyɛ n snake - long, moves in trees, brown
Thrasops flavigularis

zaiŋ Pers;i you (all)

zaŋ n yard of a god

zaŋfe n grass

ze Pers;i him, her, it

zeŋ Adj many

zei₁ n face

zei₂ v **1)** peel **2)** remove skin of a fruit with a
thin, soft skin (ie. pear or mango)

zei₁ v laugh at, make fun of

zei₂ v play (child's play)

zei₃ n game

zeŋ v pierce (ears)

zeŋ'₁ v protect by charm

zen'₂ *n* stopper, plug
zen'₃ *v* perspire, sweat
zen'₄ *v* domesticate, tame
ze *v* smart (catches on quickly)
zi₁ *v* know (something or someone)
zi₂ *Adj* be taboo **A lie' zi**. *It is a forbidden day (to work).*
zien' *v* be light (not heavy)
zietwo *n* brain
ziezu *n* witchweed *Striga hermonthica*
zie'₁ *v* jump over (small puddle)
zie'₂ *n* palm kernel
zie' *v* 1) saw (wood) or cut something off 2) use a shortcut
zie' miŋ *v* wink (eye) **a zie' miŋ mbwo ndoŋ-e**
She winked at her husband.
zii *v* 1) faint 2) completely deny
ziin *n* zinc
zino *n* wisdom, knowledge
zi₁ *v* slap
zi₂ *v* be heavy
zige *v* half-cook
zigi *v* wipe off (food on face, excreta)
zigi *v* bother (only used for edible things)
zigi gei *n* ditch millet *Paspalum scrobiculatum*
ziŋ₁ *v* wrap up (rope)

ziŋ₂ *v* 1) go around 2) surround 3) detour
ziu *v* 1) see 2) notice 3) find **ziu ŋgiu'**, **ziu wu**
ziu ŋgiu' ((**ziu**, **ŋgiu'**)) *v* suffer
ziu wu ((**ziu**, **wu**₁)) *v* condole (at death of someone)
ziza *n* 1) insect 2) grasshopper
zo₁ *v* be sated
zo₂ *Pers;i* you
zoŋ₁ *v* peel (cooking bananas)
zoŋ₂ *v* be awake, alert
zoŋ₃ *v* buy
zoŋ₄ *v* be dry
zoŋ' *v* lean on
zoo₁ *v* itch (the itch)
zoo₂ *Adj* dry
zoo ŋki *v* bale out (canoe, boat)
zooŋ *v* tie a knot
zou₁ *v* 1) follow 2) chase
zou₂ *Pers;i* them
zou'₁ *v* 1) hear 2) feel (passive) **zou' zuo' feel**
pain 3) taste **zou' pɔpɔ**
zou'₂ *v* be loose, slack
zou'₃ *n* calabash yam?
zou' mbwa nkwi *n* herb sp

zou' pɛpɛɯ ((zou'₁)) v feel bad, be ashamed,
be disappointed,

zu v 1) eat 2) inherit

zua v warm oneself **No fei mbi no zua munoŋ.**
*The snake came outside to warm itself in the
sun.*

zua'₁ n wedding (ceremony)

zua'₂ v 1) rub, polish 2) marry 3) be engaged

zuŋ *AV-TEMP* 1) tomorrow 2) yesterday

zuŋ₁ v insult

zuŋ₂ v compete

zuo' v hurt

zɯ n broom

zugu *Pers;i* us (some) (used as object of clause)

zui' v 1) wither (plant) 2) faint

zuu₁ v feed (someone)

zuu₂ v sweep

zɯ' v hoe **zɯ' fa'**

zɯ' fa' ((zɯ', fa'₁)) v cultivate, farm

zwa v sing **zwa puŋ**

zwa puŋ ((zwa, puŋ₁)) v hum

zwiŋ v dry up, evaporate

zweeŋ₁ n 1) air 2) breath 3) spirit, anything
spiritual

zweeŋ₂ v breathe

zweeŋ pipɛɯ n demon, evil spirit

zwei' v 1) learn, teach 2) taste

zwei v yawn

zwe' v wait

zwe' n smimming

zwi v kill, murder

zwintwi v be strong

zwiŋ v revive

zye₁ v begin

zye₂ *Prep* inside comp. **zyendige**

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- beehive *chou' ninno 1 n*
- beer (traditional) *ŋkaŋ 1 n*
- beeswax, bee-bread *kaiŋ 2 n*
- befit *pouŋ 3 v*
- before *mbü adv ; piŋi 3 adv*
- beg *luoŋ 2 v*
- beggar *nduoŋluoŋ n*
- begin *zye 1 v*
- beginning *nziε n*
- behind *nziŋ Prep*
- being afraid (light in eyes) *ŋwan 2 ideo*
- belch *pei 2 1 v*
- believe *piŋ 2 3 v*
- bell *nzi 1 n*
- bellows *suu n*
- belongings *miyoŋ n*
- bend *pi' 2 v*
- bend down *ŋuŋ' sye 1 v*
- bend, crook, curve *ŋuŋ' n*
- beside *wan 4 Prep*
- best friend *nua' two n*
- between *chichen 2 Prep*
- bewitch, cast spell *ku 1 3 v*
- big(gest) drum *mataŋ 1 n*
- big, be *leŋ' 1 Adj*
- bile, gall *lilwi 2 1 n*
- bird *musuŋ n ; ŋgawŋi 1 n*
- bird flying puppup *ideo*
- bird sp *fee 1 n ; muŋgu kua' sindoŋ n ; musuŋ*
ŋki n ; muzu pu n ; ŋgyε ŋkuŋ n
- birdlime (adhesive to catch birds) *lei 1 n*
- bite *ku 1 2 v ; noŋa 1 v*
- bite (snake) *twi 2 3 v*
- bitter yam *fŋi 2 n*
- bitter, be *lwi 2 v*
- bitterleaf *gi n*
- black kite *mugoŋ n ; mutoŋ n*
- black, be *si 3 1 Adj*
- black, bush candle *mbu n*
- blacksmith *ŋgaŋ leeŋleeŋ n*
- bladder *chei 2 n*
- blessing *mbuoŋmbuoŋ n*
- blind person *f 1 n*
- blind, be *f 1 v*
- blink *ko miŋ v*
- blister *pi 1 n*
- block *che 1 v*
- blood *michi n*
- blow *fa 3 v ; kwü v ; miŋ 1 v ; tugo 2 1 v*
- blow down *puu v*
- blunt, be *chi 2 v*
- boast *f 1 nchoo v*

body <i>mbiŋ₁ n ; noo₁ n</i>	bridge (of nose) <i>ŋkua' lwi n</i>
Bohor reedbuck <i>nzuo₁ n</i>	bring up <i>nua'₂ v</i>
boil <i>kikua' n</i>	broken, split <i>syen₁ l v</i>
boil water <i>fii₂ v</i>	brook, stream <i>musou nprop</i>
bone <i>kikwei n ; kwei₁ l n</i>	broom <i>misigi n ; zɛ n</i>
bone marrow <i>ŋkwa 2 n</i>	brush-tailed porcupine <i>mupie' n</i>
borrow <i>fuga l v</i>	bubble <i>fou'₃ 2 v</i>
boss <i>ŋooŋ nden' n</i>	bucket, pail <i>poke n</i>
bother <i>zigi v</i>	buffalo <i>nyε₁ n</i>
bottle <i>nchiɛ₂ n</i>	build <i>nua'₃ 2 v</i>
boundary (of field) <i>ŋgwei 2 n</i>	bump <i>chɛ'₁ l v</i>
bow <i>ŋuŋ' sye 2 v</i>	bump, protuberance <i>tutuo' n</i>
bow (hunting) <i>ŋwaa n</i>	bunch <i>chou'₂ quant</i>
box <i>ŋkoŋ₁ n</i>	bundle <i>kie'₂ n ; mbiɛ' n</i>
boy <i>meŋ mben' l n</i>	bundle (wrapped with string) <i>pou'₂ l n</i>
bracelet <i>ndifiŋi n</i>	burn <i>tuon₂ l v</i>
brain <i>ŋkwatwo n</i>	burn , blaze <i>kɛɛ₂ v</i>
branch <i>pwo tɛ n</i>	burst <i>sie'₂ l v</i>
bread <i>mbile l n</i>	bury <i>twei v</i>
break <i>pɛɛ' l v</i>	bush <i>ŋkwɛi n</i>
break up <i>saŋ₁ v</i>	bush duiker <i>mukwε' n</i>
breast <i>pɛŋ₁ n</i>	bush dweller <i>ŋooŋ ŋkwɛi n</i>
breastbone <i>kɛkɛ n</i>	bushbuck <i>ŋgyε n</i>
breath <i>zween₁ 2 n</i>	but <i>la 2 Coordconn</i>
breathe <i>zween₂ v</i>	butcher <i>ŋgaŋ ŋgwε fε n</i>
brick <i>mbile 2 n</i>	butterfly <i>ŋwaŋwanzi n</i>
brideprice <i>ŋkie two n</i>	buttock <i>pɛɛ' n</i>
bridge <i>lige 2 n</i>	buy <i>zoŋ₃ v</i>

C c

- cackle *paŋ₂* *v*
- cactus *lie' togo* *n*
- Calabar yam *zou'₃* *n*
- calabash *taŋ₃* *n*
- calabash drums *miswε'* *n*
- calabash sp *kwala' n ; ndigi n ; nwe₁ n ; taŋ₁ n*
- calf of leg *ntwiŋ* *n*
- call *tige* *v*
- calm, be *puoŋ₂* *2 v*
- cane rat, cutting grass, grass cutter *nzɛɛ* *n*
- cane, walking stick *ntɛ* *n*
- capital (in business) *ŋkua' nta* *n*
- capsize *kien₂* *2 v ; pi₂* *4 v*
- caress *chen* *v*
- carpenter bee *taafu* *n*
- carry *pa₂* *v ; taiŋ₁* *v ; tɛ* *v ; tou'₁* *1 v*
- carrying stick *swo* *n*
- carve, hollow out (log) *kuoŋ₁* *1 v*
- cassava, manioc *sasuŋ* *n*
- castrate *saa₁* *v*
- cat *pusi* *n*
- catch *wei* *1 v ; zyɛ* *v*
- caterpillar *chichuu* *n*
- caterpillar sp *chichuu munzuo* *n ; chichuu ndimeŋ* *n ; chichuu ŋgiŋ* *n ; kɛi'* *n ; ŋgɛŋgei* *n*
- cattle egret *musɛgɛ mɛna'* *n*
- cave man *ŋooŋ ŋgou'* *n*
- cease *choŋ₁* *v*
- cell phone *ŋgaŋ taŋ* *2 n*
- cement, plaster *simein* *n*
- certain *chiɛ* *1 IQ ; kikyε* *Adj*
- certain *chiɛ* *2 ANAP ; mou ANAP*
- chair *liɛ plaŋ* *n*
- chameleon *kulugo* *n*
- chameleon walking *ŋiŋeeŋ* *ideo*
- change *pi₂* *2 v ; si₃* *v*
- character *puoŋ₃* *n*
- chase *zou₁* *2 v*
- chat *peeŋ₁* *v*
- cheat *pei₄* *2 v*
- cheerful attitude *nzua' soŋ'* *1 n*
- chest *nzua'* *1 n*
- chew *cheeŋ* *v ; ku₁* *1 v*
- chewing stick *kɛ tɛ soo misugo* *n*
- chicken *muŋgu* *n*
- chief, fon *fuoŋ₂* *n*
- child *meŋ* *n*
- child, small *meŋ fu* *n*
- children *pair₃* *1 n*
- chimpanzee *mbi ndaŋ* *n*
- chin *li₂* *n*
- choke *kweŋ'* *v*
- choose, pick *pei₁* *1 v*
- chop into pieces *chou'₁* *v*
- circumcision *pyeŋ₂* *v*

civet cat <i>nchwɔŋ n</i>	cola nut <i>pü₁ n</i>
clap (hands) <i>pou' mbwo v</i>	cold weather <i>faa₄ n</i>
classifier for a round shaped object <i>tuo' n</i>	cold, be <i>gü₂ 1 v</i>
claw, fingernail <i>gü₁ n</i>	cold, become <i>nwë₃ v</i>
clay <i>ncha' fu n</i>	collar <i>ndye nzwi n</i>
clay pot <i>kü₂ n</i>	collect <i>tiε 2 v</i>
clean <i>küweŋ v</i>	colour <i>ko₂ n</i>
clean, be <i>lyeŋ 1 v</i>	comb <i>nchwi'ŋkü₂' n ; siε'₁ n</i>
clear <i>kwë v</i>	come <i>two₂ v</i>
clear land <i>kwë fa' v</i>	comfort <i>gü₁ nzua' 1 v</i>
clearing stick <i>wa n</i>	comfort a child <i>laa₃ v</i>
cliff <i>foo₁ n</i>	completely deny <i>zi₂ 2 v</i>
clitoris <i>munchwi n</i>	compound, house <i>le' 1 n</i>
clock bird <i>nchwee we n</i>	compromise <i>fieŋ'₁ 3 v</i>
close <i>chi₁ 2 v ; pa'₁ v</i>	concussion spheres <i>mba ncha' n</i>
cloth <i>nzwi 2 n</i>	condole <i>zi₂ wü v</i>
cloth worn by a woman <i>lapa n</i>	confuse <i>fieŋ'₁ 2 v</i>
cloud <i>luŋ₃ n</i>	confusion <i>ntiε n</i>
club <i>ŋgwa 2 n</i>	container <i>to' n</i>
club, cudgel <i>kissoŋ n</i>	container (any with round opening) <i>gü₂ n</i>
clump <i>kaiŋ₄ n</i>	continue <i>gü₁ sü v</i>
cluster <i>pye₁ n</i>	cook <i>niŋ₃ v</i>
coach <i>twe 2 v</i>	cooking place <i>kü₁ n</i>
cobra <i>twei' n</i>	cooking stone <i>chwe₁ n</i>
cockroach <i>mbigi foo n</i>	copulate <i>leeŋ₁ v</i>
coconut palm <i>kokono n</i>	corn cob <i>ŋkua' ŋgiŋ n</i>
cocoyam variety <i>mapile ŋkoŋ n ; mbaŋ₂ n</i>	corn fufu <i>pyeŋ₃ n</i>
cocoyam, taro <i>kou'₂ 2 n</i>	corpse <i>kwüŋooŋ n</i>
coffee <i>kofi' n</i>	correct, be <i>kou'₁ 2 v</i>
coil (rope) <i>kiε v</i>	coucal <i>tuutuu n</i>

cough <i>kwei zɥ' v</i>	crocodile <i>ngyen n</i>
count <i>sige v</i>	cross <i>sie'₁ v</i>
country, ethnic area <i>ngwo 1 n</i>	crow <i>tugo₂ 2 v</i>
courage, have <i>wei nzua' 2 v</i>	crowd <i>ku piŋ n</i>
courageous spirit <i>nzua' soŋ' 2 n</i>	crowd of people <i>wuu₂ ideo</i>
courtyard <i>siseeŋ n</i>	crush <i>sɥ'₂ v</i>
cover <i>caa₂ 5 v ; chi₁ 1 v ; kuu₃ v ; kwe₂ v ; puoŋ₁ v</i>	cry, weep <i>zaa₂ 1 v</i>
cow <i>na' n</i>	cud <i>sisie' n</i>
coward <i>niŋ₄ n</i>	cultivate <i>wε₁ v</i>
cowrie shell <i>mbiŋfu n</i>	cultivate, farm <i>zɥ' fa' v</i>
crab <i>mukeeŋ n</i>	cup <i>ndugo₁ 2 n</i>
crack <i>chwi₁ 2 v ; kei 1 v</i>	curious, be <i>pipie v</i>
crawl <i>koŋ₃ v</i>	curse <i>ntuŋ₂ n ; tuŋ 3 v</i>
cream <i>miwu 2 n</i>	curse, ancestral <i>nduoŋ n</i>
create <i>pou'₃ v</i>	cut <i>che v ; kiɥ' v</i>
creator <i>puoŋ₄ n</i>	cut (hair) <i>paa₂ v</i>
cricket sp <i>muchi mbele n ; muchi ŋkɥi' n</i>	cut down <i>mε' 2 v</i>
cripple <i>ŋkweeŋ n</i>	cut open <i>syen₁ 2 v</i>

D d

dance <i>niŋ piŋi v ; piŋi₄ n</i>	day <i>lie'₁ n ; mbi₃ n</i>
dance group type <i>kwiŋ nua' n ; Ma Manŋye n ; maliŋ n ; miŋduu n ; nyaŋ kwei n</i>	Day 1, main market <i>mbie ŋkwuŋ nprop</i>
dance type <i>lee n ; saamba n</i>	Day 2 <i>mbie pwombiɥ' nprop</i>
danger <i>pɥ n</i>	Day 3 <i>mbietoŋ nprop</i>
dark (colour), be <i>soŋ₄ v</i>	Day 4 <i>mbie ŋkwitoŋ nprop</i>
darkness <i>nziŋziŋ n</i>	Day 5 <i>mbie fiŋiŋuŋ nprop</i>
date palm <i>nzɥi n</i>	Day 6, small market <i>mbiemutaiŋ nprop</i>
dawn <i>kei 3 v ; mbikei n</i>	Day 7 <i>mbie ŋkwimutaiŋ nprop</i>

Day 8, market eve *mbiewuŋ nprop*

daytime *ndiinoo 2 n*

deaf (mute) person *muŋ' n*

deaf! *che miitoo n*

death *wɛt, 1 n*

debt *ndei, 2 n*

debtor *ŋko, 2 n*

deceive *fɛt v*

decide *kwe, 2 v*

decrease *fu, 4 v*

deep set eye *pye lii 1 n*

deep, be *si, 2 v*

deepen *si, 2 v*

defeat *chy, 1 v*

defecate *nɛ 1 v*

delay *tɛ' v*

demon, evil spirit *zweeŋ piɛtɛt n*

den, lair *teeŋ, 3 n*

deny *lieŋ' 2 v*

descend *tweeŋ v*

descendant *mbwi, 2 n*

despise *waa, 2 v*

detour *ziŋ, 3 v*

dew *miɛ' n*

diarrhea *nchi, 1 n*

die *kwɛ 1 v*

different, be *lei' 1 v*

difficult, be *tyeŋ 2 v*

dig *fu', 2 v ; tou, 2 v*

dig out *mu', 1 v*

diminish *kaa, 3 v*

dip *sua, 2 v*

dirt *nuŋ', 2 n*

dirt settled at the bottom of water *pipigi n*

dirt, soil, ground, land *sisye n*

dirty *fye, 3 v*

dirty, be *twa v*

dish (metal, for serving food) *ktɛ, 2 n*

distant *fii, 3 Adj*

distant (time, place) *sɛsɛ adv*

ditch *ŋkwɛt kou n*

dive *laa ŋgwei v*

divide *gye 1 v*

divorce *saŋ zua' v*

dizzy, be *chuchugu v*

do *chwee 3 v ; gɛ, 2 v*

do not *kii, 2 aux v*

do well *chaa, 3 aux v*

dog *mumbu n*

donkey *ŋkiŋ n*

door *nchoo ndige n*

double iron bell *ŋkaŋ, 2 n*

down *mbeeŋ Prep*

drag *sugu 2 v*

dragonfly *nti'nti' n*

draw *ŋwe' 2 v*

dream *nzaŋ 1 n*

dress *waŋ, 2 v ; we, 2 v*

drink *milou' 2 n ; no, 3 v*

drip *chaŋ, 1 v*

drive <i>chwi</i> ₃ <i>v</i>	dry out <i>sigi</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
drive away <i>ta'</i> <i>1 v</i>	dry place <i>ηkuη</i> ₃ <i>2 n</i>
drive out <i>ta'</i> <i>2 v</i>	dry season <i>ndiloh</i> <i>n</i>
drizzle <i>mbugū nyε'nyε'</i> <i>n</i>	dry swamp <i>nzooη</i> <i>n</i>
drongo <i>nchiηηwε'</i> <i>n</i>	dry up <i>zwinj</i> <i>v</i>
drop <i>mε'</i> <i>sye</i> <i>2 v</i>	dry, be <i>zoη</i> ₄ <i>v</i>
drown <i>kwε ηki</i> <i>v</i>	duck <i>ndufaawe</i> <i>n</i>
drum <i>fuη</i> ₃ <i>n</i> ; <i>kwaiηkwaiη</i> <i>n</i> ; <i>mataη</i> ₂ <i>n</i> ; <i>nin</i> <i>saamba</i> <i>n</i> ; <i>ηkie</i> <i>n</i>	dung beetle <i>fufu'</i> <i>mbe</i> <i>n</i>
drumsticks <i>miηkwa'</i> <i>n</i>	dusk, twilight (after sunset) <i>ηkweembee AV-</i> <i>TEMP</i>
drunk, be <i>pige milou'</i> <i>v</i>	dust <i>pupugu</i> <i>n</i>
dry <i>zoo</i> ₂ <i>Adj</i>	dwell <i>chwo</i> ₁ <i>1 v</i>

E e

eager, be <i>mbiη zoo</i> <i>v</i>	eggshell <i>ηgo nzi</i> <i>n</i>
eagle <i>mbou'</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	egusi fruit <i>maηkwa'</i> <i>n</i>
eagle? <i>ηgou' sūgū</i> <i>n</i>	egusi sp <i>nzε' foo</i> <i>n</i> ; <i>nzε' maηkwa'</i> <i>n</i> ; <i>nzε' n</i> ; <i>nzε' taη</i> <i>n</i> ; <i>pua'</i> ₃ <i>n</i>
ear <i>too</i> <i>n</i>	eight (8) <i>fuoh</i> ₁ <i>Cardnum</i>
early <i>choη'</i> ₂ <i>2 adv</i> ; <i>fiε'</i> <i>2 adv</i>	eighteen (18) <i>fuohchwa</i> <i>Cardnum</i>
early morning <i>ma miki</i> <i>n</i>	eighty (80) <i>fuohwuj</i> <i>Cardnum</i>
earring <i>kie'too</i> <i>n</i>	elbow <i>liε'pwo</i> <i>n</i>
earthworm <i>ηiηwε</i> <i>n</i>	elder <i>ntwoηkwī</i> <i>1 n</i>
earwax <i>miwutoo</i> <i>n</i>	elderly person <i>ntwoηkwī</i> <i>2 n</i>
eat <i>zu</i> <i>1 v</i>	electric eel <i>mbogo</i> <i>n</i>
eating without oil <i>fu</i> ₄	elephant <i>soη</i> ₅ <i>n</i>
edge <i>tugo</i> ₃ <i>n</i>	elephant stalk <i>sisou</i> <i>n</i>
eel <i>no nziη</i> <i>n</i>	elephant tusk <i>sugo soη</i> <i>n</i>
egg <i>nzi</i> <i>n</i>	elephant's trunk <i>kwasoη</i> <i>n</i>
egg-eater <i>pei mboh</i> <i>n</i>	

eleven (11) <i>nchwa yimu' Cardnum ; nchwë tiɛ' Cardnum ; tiɛ'nchwa Cardnum</i>	ever? really? <i>maa adv</i>
eloquent, be <i>nzi chyɛ v</i>	every <i>ɲkoŋ . . . nee quant</i>
embrace <i>ɲeeŋ v</i>	every (any?) <i>nchinchye quant</i>
embrace, hug <i>gɥi nzua' 2 v</i>	everybody <i>ɲkoŋ piŋ nee n</i>
emerald snake <i>geifye n</i>	everything <i>ɲkoŋ yooŋ nee n</i>
emphasizer <i>te 2 interj</i>	everywhere <i>ɲkoŋ yɥ' nee n</i>
empty, be <i>giɥ' 1 Adj ; gɥɥ 2 Adj</i>	except <i>nda' adv</i>
end <i>lɥee v ; ndwëe n</i>	excessive <i>lo' v</i>
end something <i>paŋ 3 v</i>	excrement, faeces <i>mbe n</i>
enemy <i>mbyeŋ n</i>	expensive, be <i>chaa 2 3 v</i>
engaged, be <i>zua' 2 3 v</i>	extinguish <i>pei 3 v</i>
enjoy (market) <i>wi v</i>	extra black (like when the night is very dark) <i>chɪŋ 2 ideo</i>
enough, be <i>kou' 1 v</i>	extra red <i>paŋ ideo</i>
enter <i>koŋ 3 v</i>	extra white <i>poo 3 ideo</i>
entrance hut (store) <i>ntigi n</i>	eye <i>lii 1 n</i>
error <i>fieŋ' 1 v</i>	eyebrow <i>kɥ 1 n</i>
escape hole (of mole rat) <i>sie' 2 n</i>	eyelash <i>minuŋ lii n</i>
evade <i>liɥ' 1 v</i>	eyelid <i>ɲgolii n</i>
evening, after sunset <i>ndiŋko AV-TEMP</i>	eyes <i>miŋ 2 n</i>

F f

face <i>zei 1 n</i>	family <i>mbwi 1 n</i>
fade <i>kɥɥ 2 v</i>	family helper <i>piɛ 3 n</i>
fail <i>wɥ 2 3 v</i>	farm <i>to 1 n</i>
faint <i>zii 1 v ; zɥi' 2 v</i>	farmer <i>ɲgaŋ nzɥ' fa' n</i>
fair, just, equal <i>ndugundugɥ 4 Adj</i>	fart <i>su 1 v</i>
fall <i>wɥ 2 1 v</i>	fat <i>mifuoŋ n</i>
falsely accuse <i>tii no two ɲooŋ v</i>	fat man walking <i>pilo' pilo' ideo</i>

fat, be <i>gou' 1 v</i>	firefly <i>foŋ n</i>
father <i>mbaa₂ n ; tiŋe n</i>	first <i>ŋkou</i>
fear <i>pua v</i>	first female twin <i>hoŋgwe n</i>
feast <i>ndina n</i>	first follower of twins <i>musi n</i>
feather <i>fuu₂ n ; mbye n</i>	first harvest <i>yooŋ fi n</i>
feed <i>kwi v ; zɛɛ₁ v</i>	first male twin <i>hoŋgye n</i>
feel <i>zou'₁ 2 v</i>	first, be <i>pü₂ v</i>
feel bad <i>zou' pɛpɛɛ v</i>	firstborn <i>meŋ two n</i>
fellow-wife <i>fuu₁ n</i>	fish <i>su₂ n</i>
female <i>mĩŋgwe 2 n</i>	fish bone <i>kweisu n</i>
fence <i>ŋka' 1 n</i>	fish dam <i>ki₁ n</i>
fenced area <i>ŋka' 2 n</i>	fish sp <i>magwa' n ; mbogo miŋiɛ' n ; mbɛɛ₁ n ; ŋgalawa' n</i>
ferment <i>pɛ'₂ v</i>	fish trap <i>liɛ'₁ n</i>
fetish priest <i>nfei' sye n</i>	fisherman <i>ŋgaŋ ŋgwei su n</i>
fever <i>fipa n</i>	fishhook <i>mbie' n</i>
few <i>miyi' quant</i>	fishing net <i>kasine n</i>
field <i>fa'₁ 2 n</i>	fish-scale <i>ŋgo₁ 3 n</i>
fifteen (15) <i>taiŋnchwa Cardnum</i>	fist <i>kwa₁ n</i>
fifty (50) <i>taiŋwuj Cardnum</i>	fit <i>pouŋ 1 v</i>
fig tree <i>chaa₁ n</i>	five (5) <i>taiŋ₂ Cardnum ; yintaiŋ Cardnum</i>
fight <i>mila' n ; poŋ' mila' v</i>	five hundred (500) <i>taiŋ ŋkɛɛ Cardnum</i>
file <i>go' n</i>	flame <i>liŋmuoŋ n</i>
fin <i>mbyɛsu n</i>	flashing <i>mĩŋwɛ'mĩŋwɛ' ideo</i>
find <i>ziɛ 3 v</i>	flat object hitting water <i>pa'₂ ideo</i>
fine <i>nzwo 1 n</i>	flatten <i>siti₃ 1 v</i>
fine rain falling <i>che'che' ideo</i>	flee <i>kaa₁ v</i>
finger <i>tumbwo n</i>	float <i>lei 1 v</i>
fingernail <i>gyüpwɔ n</i>	flock (of birds) <i>pe₂ n</i>
finish <i>mee v ; mɛ 1 v</i>	floor <i>zyendige n</i>
fire <i>muoŋ n</i>	

flour <i>pugu₂ n</i>	forty (40) <i>kwīwuj Cardnum</i>
flow <i>ki₃ 2 v</i>	four (4) <i>kwī Cardnum</i>
flower <i>sei₂ n</i>	fourteen (14) <i>kwīnchwa Cardnum</i>
flute for lee <i>ndugo₂ n</i>	francolin <i>mutaj n</i>
fly <i>li 1 v ; ηeenzi n</i>	fresh, new <i>fye₂ Adj</i>
fly sp <i>ni' ki n ; ninno ηeeηeeη n</i>	friend <i>soη₂ n</i>
foam <i>fifou' n</i>	frighten <i>wuu₁ v</i>
fold <i>pi' 1 v</i>	frightful, dangerous, masked juju <i>mbigi₂ n</i>
follow <i>zou₁ 1 v</i>	frog jumping <i>chepo' ideo</i>
follower <i>chū' nziη n</i>	frog sp <i>muswaan mutu' n ; muswaan n ; mutu' n</i>
food <i>yooη zu n</i>	frontier (of ethnic area) <i>ηgwei 1 n</i>
foot walking, pear falling, hitting branches <i>kiη₁ ideo</i>	fruit <i>teen₃ n</i>
football <i>mbo n</i>	fry <i>kūi₁ v</i>
footprint <i>chūkoo 2 n</i>	full moon <i>sigi loη' ηkie n</i>
footstep <i>chūkoo 1 n</i>	full, fill, be <i>loη'₁ v</i>
ford <i>suη v</i>	funeral (at occasion of death) <i>wū₁ 2 n</i>
forearm <i>fīηpwo n</i>	fur <i>minuη n</i>
forehead <i>feeeη n</i>	Future tense 1 <i>ηgū aux v</i>
forge <i>leeη₂ n</i>	Future tense 2 <i>ndwo₂ aux v</i>
forget <i>lieη v</i>	Future tense 3 <i>nyie'₂ aux v</i>
fortune-teller, diviner <i>ηgan mangan 2 n</i>	

G g

gall bladder <i>lilwi₁ n</i>	gaunt man or animal <i>kila' ideo</i>
game <i>mbū₂ n</i>	generous, be <i>gye pwo v</i>
garden egg <i>sū₁ n</i>	genet <i>muchwi n</i>
garden egg var <i>ndwindwi n</i>	gently <i>chūi aux v</i>
garlic <i>galiks n</i>	get up <i>kua'₂ 4 v</i>

- get well *fye*₁ *v*
 get, obtain *ge* *1 v*
 ghost *ηkwɛ sye* *2 n*
 giant *mu' ηooŋ* *n*
 giant rat *mbyendoŋ* *n*
 gift *pou'*₂ *2 n*
 gill *gaa*₁ *n*
 girl *meŋ miŋgwe* *n*
 give *fɛ*₁ *v*
 give birth *pi*₂ *2 v*
 gizzard *tito* *n*
 glob *pua'*₂ *v*
 gnaw *gie'*₁ *v*
 go *giɛ* *v*
 go after *tye* *v*
 go around *ziŋ*₂ *1 v*
 go down *swi'* *v*
 go through a tight place *sua*₁ *v*
 go with *lua*₁ *v*
 goat *mumbi* *n*
 God (supreme being) *Mbou'mbi nprop*
 god (title) *hoŋ* *n*
 god, fetish, shrine *nwe*₂ *n*
 goiter *tituo' ndye* *n*
 good, be *pogo* *1 v*
 gossip *chu nziŋ* *v* ; *milaa* *n* ; *ntaŋ*₂ ; *taŋ*₄ *2 v*
 gossiper *ŋgaŋ taŋ* *1 n* ; *pugu*₃ *n*
 grace *kwasiŋ* *3 n*
 graduate *kua'*₂ *3 v*
 grainy *achu* or *fufu to*₂ *n*
 grandchild *kwei'* *1 n*
 grandparent *kikei'* *n*
 grapefruit *lamanchi laŋ* *n*
 grass for roofing (hard grass) *kie'*₁ *n*
 grass sp *figi ηkwɛ* *n* ; *gyie' nchugɛ zuɛ* *n* ; *koŋ*
 mbiŋ ηgwoŋ *n* ; *ku mbigi miŋkoŋ* *n* ; *kweŋ*
 mikweŋ' *n* ; *lige choŋ kuu* *n* ; *makaiŋ syefa'*
 n ; *misigi ηki* *n* ; *misigi zu* *n* ; *muloŋ* *n* ;
 ntuo fu *n* ; *ηgiŋgo pei' ndige ηgwo* *n* ; *ηguŋ*
 sei *n*
 grass, weed *gei* *n*
 grasshopper *ziza* *2 n*
 grave *sye* *2 n*
 gravel *mikwe'* *n*
 great, be powerful, be *leŋ'*₁ *2 Adj*
 green *mamba nuŋ ηkuuŋ* *n*
 green, be *gei fye*
 greet *chie'*₁ *1 v*
 grind *wɛ'*₁ *v*
 grinding stone *loŋ'*₂ *n*
 ground *sindiɛ* *n* ; *sye* *1 n*
 groundnut pudding *mbua'* *n*
 groundnut, peanut *munzuo* *n*
 group *ku*₂ *2 n*
 grow (up) *kua'*₂ *2 v*
 growl *chweŋ* *v*
 grudge *gɛi'* *n*
 grunt *pe*₁ *v*
 guava *ηgwapa* *n*
 guest, visitor *ηgoŋ*₂ *1 n*
 guide *chieŋ'* *v* ; *nchieŋ'* *n*

gum, stick *lɛ n*gun *ŋgɛ n*

H h

habits *nchwēe no n*habitual past tense marker *taa₂ aux v*haemorrhage plant *nchwa pigi ŋguŋ n*haggle *chwēe 4 v*hail *mīwei n*hair (of body) *mīnuŋmbiŋ n*hair (of head) *mīnuŋtwo n*half *choŋ₂ quant ; kɛ₃ Adj ; kɛ₁ 2 n ; pu'₃ quant*hammer *ndon₁ 2 n*handle *lou₆ n ; ŋgwa 1 n ; ŋkintwī n*hang *lī₃ 2 v ; lwē v*hang up *koŋ₁ v*happy, be *lou'₁ v*hard, be *tyeŋ 1 v*hardship, distress *ŋgī₁' 2 n*harp *lou₁ 1 n*harvest *kwē₁ v ; lwa₂ v ; pī₁' 2 v ; tou₂ 2 v ; wē 3 v*hat *chī₁' n*hatch *kei 2 v*hate *pyeŋ₁ v*have, possess *ge 2 v*hawk sp *mugon mīndeŋ n*he, she, it *a₃ Pers;i ; a₄ 1 Pers;i*head *ŋkwa 1 n ; two₁ 1 n*headpad *kyɛ₂ n*healthy, be well, be *soŋ' 2 Adj*heap *ku₂ 1 n ; nua'₄ n*heap up *ku' 1 v*hear *zou'₁ 1 v*heart *ntiŋ n ; nzua' 2 n ; pye₃ n*heavy rain falling *wuu₂ ideo*heavy, be *zi₂ v*heel *nchie' 2 n*he-goat, billy goat *mufwa n*help *kwei₁ 1 v*

herb sp *ancha n ; choŋ pigi po n ; fi fufu n ; fi ŋki n ; fi ŋkua' milou' n ; fi pigi n ; gigan ŋgwo n ; guŋ syeŋ n ; kaŋ₁ n ; ku mbigi ŋkwī n ; līlwi syefa' n ; liŋ nchincheŋ n ; makon mboŋ n ; mbaŋ kou' n ; mbe ŋgweeŋ n ; mbie kikan n ; mbie kikan ŋgwo n ; mbou' ŋgaŋ n ; mbu saa n ; mifwo swa mīnzorŋ n ; mikwo nza' n ; mikwo ŋgweeŋ n ; mundindīŋ n ; munwiŋ hoŋ n ; munzuo kuna n ; musu fye n ; mutaiŋ mbwo n ; nchaŋ mbe n ; nchie' n ; nchinchie' n ; ndige fu n ; ndīpie' mumbu n ; nduga n ; nto' loŋ n ; ntwe swīi n ; nyie' mīke n ; nza ŋgwo n ; nza ŋkuŋ n ; ŋge n ; ŋgo₂ n ; ŋgūiki n ; ŋgūigo pei' ndige n ; ŋgwala' n ; ŋgwaŋ ŋki mīmbeŋ' n ; ŋgwaŋ ŋki mīŋgwē n ; ŋku mbigi ŋkwī n ; ŋkuŋku' paiŋ ntua' n ; ŋkwē ŋgwo n ; piŋ meŋ kəkē' n ; piŋ meŋ n ;*

<i>pupu' n ; saa pou' n ; saka n ; sakle ŋkuŋ n ;</i>	honey <i>ninno₂ n</i>
<i>sawa kye n ; si ŋkwī n ; sisie' ŋki n ; sisou</i>	honey badger <i>ko ŋgua' n</i>
<i>mumbu n ; siŋ ŋgwe n ; soŋ gi mina' n ; soŋ</i>	honey beer <i>kaiŋ ninno n</i>
<i>gi n ; su miŋige ŋki n ; su ŋkeen ndeen n ;</i>	honeycomb <i>chou' ninno 2 n</i>
<i>sugusugu n ; swalii mufoo n ; titwi mbigi n ;</i>	honour <i>wuŋ'₁ 1 v</i>
<i>toŋ' niŋ n ; watalif n ; wei meŋ pou' n ;</i>	hoof <i>nchie' 1 n</i>
<i>wuŋgwe n ; zanfe n ; ziezū n ; zigi gei n ;</i>	hoofed animal sp <i>nzur n</i>
<i>zou' mbwa ŋkwī n</i>	hoop <i>nzugu taa n</i>
herd <i>chien v</i>	hop <i>tye₂ v</i>
herd (of cattle), flock (of sheep) <i>kye₃ n</i>	horn <i>ndugo₁ 1 n ; ntaŋ₁ n</i>
here <i>ligi Dem</i>	horn (instrument) <i>tien n</i>
hernia (umbilical) <i>mintoolii n</i>	horse <i>lan₂ n</i>
hiccough <i>kisŋ' n</i>	horse purslane <i>fii ŋkua' ŋku n</i>
hide <i>lan₁ 1 v ; lige v</i>	horse running <i>toko' toko' ideo</i>
hide (of animal) <i>ŋgo₁ 1 n</i>	hot weather <i>lwi'₁ n</i>
high, be <i>tt₂ 1 Prep</i>	hot, be <i>louŋ v</i>
hill <i>ŋkuŋ₃ 1 n</i>	hour <i>noŋ₂ n</i>
hilltop <i>nchwē' mbe n</i>	house <i>ndige n</i>
him, her, it <i>ze Pers; i</i>	how many? <i>ŋki interrog</i>
hip <i>nchur n</i>	how? <i>cha ligi interrog</i>
hippopotamus <i>nchwī n</i>	hum <i>zwa puŋ v</i>
his, hers, its <i>e₁ Poss</i>	hundred (100) <i>ŋkũ₂ Cardnum</i>
hit <i>chwi₁ 1 v ; kuŋ₄ 1 v</i>	hunger <i>nzi n</i>
hoe <i>soga n ; zŋ' v</i>	hunt <i>paŋ₁ v</i>
hold <i>tu'₁ 1 v ; wei 2 v</i>	hunter <i>ŋgaŋ paŋ n</i>
hole <i>mboo₂ n ; teen₂ 2 n</i>	husband <i>ndon₂ n</i>
hollow out <i>goo₂ 1 v</i>	husk <i>sei₃ 2 v</i>
hollow, be <i>nzua' gũ v</i>	hut <i>mbaa₁ n</i>
honest, be <i>chu ndi v</i>	

I i

I *ma*₁ *Pers*; *i* ; **N**= *Pers*; *i*

if *mi mbi* *subordconn*

if only *kala* *subordconn*

igbo cocoyam *kou'kwa* *n*

ignore *advise* *waa*₂ *v*

illness, disease *won*₁ *n*

imitate *fɛ'*₂ *v*

immoral, be *tye* *nyge* *v*

impatient, be *gɛi*₁ *v*

important part *ntou'*₂ *l n*

important, be *lua'* *Adj*

impotent, be *kwe*₃ *n*

in *a*₁ *Prep*

in front of, before *sɛ* *l Prep*

in heat (a dog), be *kie'*₁ *v*

in the middle *titoŋ* *Prep*

in the middle of *chicheŋ* *l Prep*

in the morning *mikei* *3 AV-TEMP*

incubate *lie'*₂ *v* ; *nuŋ*₂ *2 v*

indian bamboo *fɛu* *leŋ'* *n*

infinitive marker *mi-*₄ *v*

inflate *puŋ*₂ *l v*

inherit *zu* *2 v*

initiate *wɛ* *2 v*

in-law *nchi* *n*

inner palace *luŋ*₅ *n*

innocent person *mbou'*₃ *n*

insect *ziza* *l n*

insect sp *muniŋ* *ki* *n*

inside *mo* *Prep* ; *zye*₂ *Prep*

inside (of) *nzua'* *3 Prep*

insufficient, be *kaa*₂ *2 v*

insult *nzuon* *n* ; *zuon*₁ *v*

intelligent, be *lyeŋ* *2 v*

intend *kie'*₃ *v*

intercede *kwei*₁ *2 v*

intestines *mitwo* *n*

invite *goŋ*₃ *2 v*

iron *toŋ*₂ *n*

iron hitting iron *paiŋ*₂ *ideo*

iron leg rattle *kizariŋ* *n*

it is better *mbee*

itch (the itch) *zoo*₁ *v*

J j

jaw *giu'*₂ *n*

jigger, sand flea *nti* *n*

job *nchoo* *fa'* *n*

join *ku'* *2 v*

judge *fei'* *v*

jump *li* *2 v*

jump over *zie'*₁ *v*

junction *fiendoŋ* *n*

justification *nzwo* 2 *n*

K k

keep in mouth *mo'*₁ *v*

kernel (of corn, maize) *ndii* *n*

kick *tuj* 2 *v*

kidney *mbie* *ɲkuɲ* *n*

kill, murder *zwi* *v*

kind of animal *fugo*₂ *n*

kind of Bafanji title *twi*₁ *n*

kind of fruit *ɲgee* *n*

kingfisher *muchwo* *ɲkye* *n* ; *swasu* *n*

knead (fufu) *nwa* *v*

knee *kweɲ'*₂ *n*

kneel *kwiɲ* *miɲkweɲ'* *v*

knife *ma* *hoɲ* *ntoɲ* *n* ; *munwiɲ* *n*

knock (head with knuckle), frap *ndii* *nzie'* *n*

knot (in wood) *liitɛ* *n*

know *zi*₁ *v*

knuckle *lei* *tumbwo* *n*

L l

labour, birth pains *fieɲ'* *meɲ* *n*

labret, lip plug, lip disk *ndifigi* *nchoo* *n*

lack *keɲ*₂ *v* ; *pou*₁ *l* *v*

ladder *kua'*₁ *n*

lake *chiɲ*₁ *n*

Lake Bamendjing *noɲ*₁ *n*

lame *tɛi'* *Adj*

lame man (doing what?) *tikle'* *ideo*

lamp, torch *laa*₁ *n*

land, perch *ɲween*₁ *v*

language *chu*₁ *n*

large (ie., feet) *paapaa* *Adj*

last, be *lwee* *nziɲ* *v*

latch *chwi*₁ 3 *v*

late *nzie'* *mbi* *AV-TEMP*

latrine, toilet *kuu*₂ *n*

laugh at *zei*₁ *v*

laugh, smile *wɛ*₁ *v*

law *wei'* 1 *n*

lay *nua'*₃ 3 *v*

lay (eggs) *nɛ* 2 *v*

lazy person *mbwa* *n* ; *ɲkɛ'* *n*

lazy, be *pwa* *v*

leaf, corn husk *fwo* 1 *n*

leak *chuu* *v*

lean against *zoɲ'* *v*

learn, teach *zwei'* 1 *v*

leave *fei*₂ 1 *v* ; *na*₁ 1 *v* ; *na*₁ 2 *v* ; *siwee* 3 *v*

leech *ɲgyeno* *n* ; *so* *n*

left (direction) *pwokwe*

leg rattle <i>ndei₁ 2 n</i>	lip <i>kunchoo n</i>
leg, foot <i>koo₃ n</i>	liver <i>mbye n</i>
lemon <i>lamanchi chaa n</i>	lizard <i>ndindo n</i>
leopard <i>ngwē₂ n</i>	load, burden <i>pei' n</i>
leopard? <i>nchwī manja' n</i>	location, site, quarter <i>mbou'₂ n</i>
leprosy <i>piē₂ n</i>	locust <i>ngween n</i>
lick <i>lyε v ; pige v</i>	locust sp <i>mufo' mitye n</i>
lie <i>nur₂ 1 v</i>	log <i>kũũ ηkwei n</i>
lie (falsehood) <i>faa₂ n</i>	loincloth <i>nzua' nzwī n</i>
lie down <i>nīnur₁ v</i>	long legs walking <i>kīmban₁ kīmban₁ ideo</i>
life <i>luu n</i>	long piece of something <i>chigi₂ 1 n</i>
lift <i>chwē' 1 v</i>	long, be <i>sie v</i>
lift up <i>chwē' 2 v ; pũ'₁ 1 v</i>	loofah <i>sisi₂ n</i>
light (colour), be <i>pigi₁ 3 v</i>	look after <i>pē₁ v</i>
light (fire) <i>neen₁ v</i>	look at, watch <i>kwē' nziũ v</i>
light (not heavy), be <i>zien' v</i>	look for <i>kwē' 1 v</i>
light (on fire) <i>choŋ'₃ v</i>	loose, be <i>zou'₂ v</i>
lightning <i>laafigi n</i>	lost, be <i>pye₂ v</i>
like this <i>pē' adv</i>	louse <i>mugan₁ n ; nur₁ two n</i>
like, as, but <i>ndwo₁ Coordconn</i>	love <i>kwē₂ 1 v</i>
lime, whitewash <i>mban₁ no n</i>	lump (clay, mud) <i>kooŋ₂ n</i>
limp <i>tũ'₁ v</i>	lung <i>mbie zizo n</i>
line <i>ndaa₁ n</i>	lying down, be <i>nur₁ sye v</i>
lion <i>pou' mīndour₁ n</i>	

M m

macabo <i>makapu</i> <i>n</i>	me <i>ma</i> ₃ <i>l obj</i> ; <i>yi</i> ₂ <i>Pers</i> ; <i>i</i>
macabo variety <i>makapu mbiḡi</i> <i>n</i>	mean <i>nɛ</i> <i>2 v</i>
machete hitting grass <i>cha ideo</i>	mean (that) <i>wii</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
machete, cutlass <i>nwiŋ</i> <i>n</i>	measure <i>fɥ'</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
mad, be <i>piḡe</i> <i>v</i>	meat <i>fɛ</i> ₂ <i>n</i>
mahogany <i>sisi tɨ</i> <i>n</i>	medicine <i>fwo</i> <i>2 n</i>
maize, corn <i>ŋḡiŋ</i> <i>n</i>	medicine man, traditional healer <i>ŋgaŋ fwo</i> <i>n</i>
make <i>chwee</i> <i>2 v</i> ; <i>ko</i> ₁ <i>2 v</i>	meet <i>poŋ</i> <i>1 v</i>
make ready <i>teen</i> ₁ <i>1 v</i>	meet up <i>kwee</i> <i>v</i>
make someone jealous <i>twe'</i> <i>v</i>	melt <i>liɥ</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
make trouble <i>twe mila'</i> <i>v</i>	men's dress, traditional <i>nzwi keeŋ ntou'</i> <i>n</i> ; <i>nzwi mbe</i> <i>n</i>
malaria <i>malilye</i> <i>n</i>	mercy <i>cha mizugɥ</i> <i>v</i>
male <i>mbeŋ'</i> <i>1 Adj</i>	message <i>ntoŋ</i> <i>n</i>
malimbe <i>muŋku pu</i> <i>n</i>	messenger <i>ŋgaŋ toŋ</i> <i>n</i>
man <i>chɥ ŋooŋ</i> <i>n</i>	metal pot <i>mbar</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
man (male) <i>mimbeŋ'</i> <i>n</i>	middle of the night <i>toŋtu'</i> <i>AV-TEMP</i>
mane <i>minzaa</i> <i>n</i>	midwife <i>ŋkwei meŋ</i> <i>n</i>
many <i>kyɛ</i> ₄ <i>quant</i> ; <i>zeeŋ</i> <i>Adj</i>	milk <i>kaŋ</i> ₂ <i>v</i> ; <i>piŋ na'</i> <i>1 n</i>
mark out <i>lwa</i> ₁ <i>v</i>	millipede <i>ŋiŋwe mbiɛ'</i> <i>n</i>
market <i>mitaiŋ</i> <i>n</i>	miscarry <i>sieŋ'</i> <i>mbiŋ</i> <i>v</i>
marriage <i>ndiḡe zua'</i> <i>n</i>	miss <i>seeŋ</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
marry <i>zua'</i> ₂ <i>2 v</i>	miss (road) <i>fuon</i> ₃ <i>v</i>
marsh <i>choŋ'</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	mistletoe <i>chu' leeŋ</i> <i>n</i>
mask <i>two no</i> <i>n</i>	mix <i>feŋ'</i> <i>v</i>
masquerade <i>pei</i> ₂ <i>n</i>	mohawk <i>muchwi'</i> <i>n</i>
mat <i>mata</i> <i>n</i>	molar tooth <i>magaa</i> <i>n</i>
match <i>pouŋ</i> <i>2 v</i>	mold <i>fuŋ</i> ₂ <i>n</i>
match striking stone <i>ŋwar</i> ₁ <i>ideo</i>	

mole cricket <i>muchi</i> <i>n</i>	mourning <i>lou</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
money <i>mbiŋ</i> ₂ <i>n</i>	mouse <i>mufoo</i> <i>n</i>
money falling <i>changarŋ</i> <i>ideo</i>	mouse sp <i>mbua'</i> <i>mbye</i> <i>n</i>
monitor lizard <i>kuu</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	mouse spp <i>mukaiŋ</i> <i>n</i>
monkey sp <i>choŋ niŋ</i> <i>n</i>	mouse, climbing <i>ntyε piŋi</i> <i>n</i>
month <i>sigi</i> ₁ <i>2 n</i>	mouth <i>nchoo</i> <i>n</i>
moon <i>sigi</i> ₁ <i>1 n</i>	move <i>niŋ</i> ₂ <i>2 v</i>
more than <i>chyi</i> <i>2 v</i>	move across <i>soo</i> ₃ <i>v</i>
morning <i>mikei</i> <i>1 n</i>	much <i>ga'</i> <i>1 quant</i>
mortar, pounding pot <i>gooŋ</i> <i>n</i>	much, many <i>wa'</i> <i>sa quant</i>
mosquito <i>mbigi</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	mud <i>ch̄incha'</i> <i>n</i>
mosquito biting <i>twiŋ</i> <i>ideo</i>	mudfish <i>su ŋgwa</i> <i>n</i>
moth <i>ndie nzarŋ</i> <i>n</i>	multi-colored <i>miŋwe'miŋwe'</i> <i>ideo</i>
mother <i>ma</i> ₂ <i>n</i>	muscle, vein <i>s̄tt</i> ₂ <i>n</i>
mother of newborn <i>mapu</i> <i>n</i>	mushroom <i>pua'</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
mother-in-law <i>ŋguŋ</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	mushroom sp <i>seen</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
mould <i>puoŋ</i> ₂ <i>3 v</i>	music <i>lou</i> ₁ <i>2 n</i>
mountain <i>mbe</i> <i>n</i>	my <i>ma</i> ₃ <i>2 Poss</i> ; <i>yi</i> ₁ <i>Poss</i>

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nail <i>nyelou'</i> <i>n</i>	neck <i>ndye</i> <i>n</i>
naked, be <i>nchooŋ</i> <i>Adj</i>	necklace <i>kwei</i> ₁ <i>2 n</i> ; <i>ntie'</i> <i>mige</i> <i>n</i>
name <i>chwi</i> ₂ <i>v</i> ; <i>lii</i> ₂ <i>n</i>	need <i>lei</i> ₂ <i>1 v</i>
namesake <i>kwei'</i> <i>2 n</i>	needle <i>sie'</i> ₄ <i>1 n</i>
nape of neck <i>wua'</i> <i>n</i>	negative particle <i>ka</i> ₁ <i>prt</i> ; <i>mi</i> ₋₂ <i>v</i> ; <i>ni</i> ₋ <i>v</i> ; <i>pi</i> ₂ <i>prt</i>
narrow, be <i>kaa</i> ₂ <i>4 v</i>	neighbour <i>tigele'</i> <i>n</i>
nasal mucus, snot <i>milwi</i> <i>n</i>	nest <i>kaiŋ</i> ₁ <i>1 n</i>
navel <i>tugo</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	never <i>ŋka nyie'</i>
near <i>ŋgoŋ</i> ₃ <i>Prep</i> ; <i>piŋ</i> ₂ <i>Prep</i>	new moon <i>sigi fi</i> <i>n</i>

new, be <i>fi</i> ₃ <i>Adj</i>	noble <i>ɲkuŋ</i> ₂ <i>n</i>
news <i>ɲkoŋ</i> ₂ <i>n</i>	nobody <i>kee ɲooŋ</i> <i>n</i>
Ngumba palace <i>si</i> <i>n</i>	noise, sound <i>nchu</i> <i>1 n</i>
night <i>tu</i> ' ₂ <i>n</i>	none of <i>kee quant</i>
nightjar <i>koo</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	noon <i>ntoŋmunooŋ</i> <i>AV-TEMP</i>
nine (9) <i>pu</i> ' ₁ <i>Cardnum</i>	nose <i>lwi</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
nineteen (19) <i>pu'nchwa</i> <i>Cardnum</i>	nothing <i>kee yooŋ</i> <i>n</i>
ninety (90) <i>pu'wuŋ</i> <i>Cardnum</i>	notice <i>zi</i> ɬ <i>2 v</i>
no <i>ɲga</i> <i>interj</i>	now <i>ndi</i> <i>AV-TEMP</i>
no more (no longer), not again <i>niŋ</i> ₁ <i>adv</i>	nurse, suckle (baby) <i>fi piŋ</i> <i>v</i>

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oath <i>wei</i> ' <i>2 n</i>	onion <i>anyusi</i> <i>n</i>
obstruct <i>mɛ'</i> <i>ntiɛ</i> <i>v</i>	only <i>ki</i> ₃ <i>aux v</i> ; <i>nda'</i> <i>adv</i>
odour, smell <i>zaa</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	open <i>chua</i> ' ₂ <i>1 v</i> ; <i>fei</i> ₄ <i>2 v</i> ; <i>ɲa'</i> <i>v</i>
oil <i>miwu</i> <i>1 n</i>	open, be <i>gɬɬ</i> ₁ <i>1 Adj</i>
oil palm <i>taŋ</i> ₂ <i>n</i>	opportunity, chance <i>syer</i> ₂ <i>n</i>
okra <i>gigaŋ</i> <i>n</i>	or <i>ke</i> ₁ <i>Coordconn</i>
old clothes <i>kwɛnzwi</i> <i>n</i>	orange <i>lamanchi</i> <i>n</i>
old person <i>nduŋ ɲooŋ</i> <i>n</i>	ordeal poison <i>ɲgo</i> ₃ <i>n</i> ; <i>ti</i> <i>n</i>
old woman <i>muma</i> <i>n</i>	orphan <i>meŋ nchi</i> <i>n</i>
old, be <i>luŋ</i> ₄ <i>Adj</i>	other <i>ɲkw̩i</i> <i>quant</i>
olden times <i>mbisɬ</i> <i>AV-TEMP</i>	otter <i>mupa'</i> <i>ka</i> <i>n</i>
older sibling <i>ndi</i> <i>n</i>	otter shrew <i>muswoŋ</i> <i>n</i>
omen <i>nɛ</i> <i>no</i> <i>n</i>	our (all) <i>pieŋ</i> ' ₂ <i>Poss</i>
on <i>no</i> ₁ <i>2 Prep</i> ; <i>ɲkuŋ</i> ₁ <i>2 Prep</i>	our (dual) <i>pu</i> ' ₄ <i>Poss</i>
once <i>tiɛ'su'</i> <i>AV-TEMP</i>	our (some) <i>pu</i> gɬ ₂ <i>Poss</i>
one (1) <i>mo</i> ' ₂ <i>Cardnum</i> ; <i>tiɛ</i> ' ₂ <i>Cardnum</i> ; <i>yimu</i> ' <i>Cardnum</i>	outside <i>mbi</i> ₂ <i>2 n</i>
	overtake <i>kwei</i> <i>ndoŋ</i> <i>v</i>

owl *ndiŋ*₁ *n*owner *gaŋ* *n* ; *ŋgaŋ* *yooŋ* *n*

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pack *pa*₁ *v*paddle *ŋkwo* *pigi* *n*pain *fieŋ*'₂ *v* ; *zuo*' *v*palace *ntua*' *n*palace servant *nchei* *ndige* *n* ; *nchei* *ntua*' *n*palate *pei*' *nchoo* *n*palm (of hand) *lyeŋpwo* *n*palm branch *ku'taŋ* *n*palm civet *ŋkwe* *pe* *n*palm grub *mbei* *n*palm kernel *zie*'₂ *n*palm nut *mbigi* *n*palm nut fruits *noŋa* *mbigi* *n*palm wine *milou*' *1* *n*palpitate *chaŋ*₁ *v*pap, mushy food *ntwo* *n*papaya *popoya* *n*parrot? *ŋee* *ŋki* *mukwe* *n*partridge *siŋgwe* *n*pass *fitt*₁ *v* ; *laiŋ* *1* *v*passage *fou*'₄ *n*Past tense 1 *pü*₃ *aux* *v*patas monkey *ndigi* *n*path, road *ndor*₃ *n*patient, be *wei* *nzua*' *1* *v*pay *tu*₂ *1* *v*payment *tu*₁ *n*peace *ŋgwiŋgwi* *n*peace plant *ŋkitu* *n*peck *choo* *v*peck (of chicken) *ndii* *sie*' *n*peel *pei*₁ *v* ; *zei*₂ *1* *v* ; *zoŋ*₁ *v*penalty, punishment *ŋgitu*' *1* *n*penis *musweeŋ* *2* *n*people *pigi*₂ *pro* ; *piŋ*₄ *n*perfect *ndugundugu* *3* *Adj*perhaps *chitundi* *1* *AV-TEMP*permit *na*₁ *3* *v*person *ŋooŋ* *n*person falling *kinderŋ* *ideo*person falling in water *puŋ*₃ *ideo*person running through bush *cha* *ideo*person stamping (like a stone???) *teŋ*₂ *ideo*perspire *zeŋ*'₃ *v*persuade *swee* *2* *v*pestle, pounding stick *ŋkwo* *n*phlegm *mbitu*' *zu*' *n*physic nut *mofondo* *n*pick *kye*₁ *v*pick up *lie* *v*piece *kutu* *1* *n* ; *pe*₂ *n*pied colobus *ŋka* *fuu* *n*

- pied hornbill** *mbou' ηgυηgyeη n*
- pierce** *sɬ'₁ v*
- pierce (ears)** *zeη v*
- pig** *kuna n*
- pig fence** *kyε₃ n*
- pigeon** *toto' līlu' n*
- pimple** *teη₁ n*
- pin** *kwīη₂ v*
- pineapple** *painapī n*
- pipe-stem** *ηkwokɬ n*
- pit** *teen₂ 1 n*
- pity** *kwasiη 1 n*
- place** *nua'₃ 1 v ; yɬ' n*
- plait** *piε'₁ v*
- plan** *teen₁ 2 v*
- plank** *plaj n*
- plant** *pi₁ v*
- plantain** *ηguoη n*
- plantain var** *mankoη n ; ηguoη kīndei n ; ηguoη kou' n*
- plate** *plekɬ n*
- play (a harp)** *pou' lou 1 v*
- play (child's play)** *zei₂ v*
- play (football)** *ple₂ v*
- play (music)** *pou' lou 2 v*
- play music** *chwi₁ 4 v*
- plead, implore** *goη₃ 1 v*
- please** *pogo 3 v*
- pluck** *lugi₁ v*
- pocket** *peeηzwi n*
- pod** *nduη₂ n*
- point** *two₁ 2 n*
- poison** *li'₁ v ; li'₂ n*
- polish** *zua'₂ 1 v*
- poor man** *mbou n*
- poor, be** *pou₁ 2 v*
- porcupine** *nzɬɬ misie' n*
- potato** *ηgukwa mīke n*
- pound** *chu'₁ v*
- pounding cocoyam** *kpiīη ideo*
- pour** *pī₂ 5 v ; sou' v*
- pour libation** *mε' sye 1 v*
- poverty** *pou₄ n*
- praise** *chie'₂ n*
- pray** *luoη₂ 3 v*
- praying mantis** *ηkwo kou' mbafu n*
- prefer** *chwi₂ v*
- pregnant, be** *sugu 4 v*
- press against** *pei₄ 1 v*
- press down** *fε₁ v*
- pretend** *chwee mizɬ' v*
- pretense** *mizɬ' n*
- prevent** *teη' 1 v*
- price** *nduη₁ n*
- prison** *chaη₂ n*
- prisoner, captive** *ηgaη chaη n*
- problem** *chyī no n*
- profit, interest (in business)** *sei n*
- progressive particle** *chwo₂ aux v*
- prostitute** *kwεε n ; niηniη n ; saki n*

protect *teŋ' 2 v*

protect by charm *zeŋ' 1 v*

proud, be *faa 1 v ; fɪt 2 v ; ta v*

proverb *chye ndyeŋ n ; leŋ' chye n*

puff adder or rock python *sɪt 1 n*

pull *sugu 1 v*

pull down *kwa 3 v*

pupil (of eye) *nzigilii n*

pus *mbi 1 n*

push *chigi 1 v ; tua' v*

put inside *ni' v*

python *fee 2 n*

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quail *sigɛ singwɛ n*

quarrel *nchu 2 n*

quarter (of a village) *ntɪt' n*

quarter head *tantɪt' n*

queen *ŋoonhoŋ n*

quickly *choŋ' 2 1 adv ; fiɛ' 1 adv ; mitoŋ 2 adv*

quiver *ŋkoŋkɛ n*

R r

raffia palm *ŋkyɛ n*

rag *chɛɛ n*

rain *luo v ; mbugu n*

rainbow *nonɔŋ n*

rainy *saŋ 2 Adj*

rainy season *ndisaŋ n*

raise *mi' 2 v*

ram, male sheep *mundigi n*

rape *fiɛ 1 v*

raphia scraper *gugo' n*

raphia sticks falling, fat person sitting down
po' ideo

rattling iron spear *kwocha' n*

raw *pɪt 2 v*

razor *ple 1 n*

ready *pi 2 1 v*

real, exact *ndaa 2 1 Adj*

real, truly *tifuu adv*

really, truly *niniŋ adv*

receive a gift *fou' 1 2 v*

recognize *ligi v*

red *pigi 2 v*

red pepper, hot pepper *nyie' ŋgiŋgye n*

red river hog *kuna ŋuŋ n*

red-flanked duiker *muchiŋkuŋ n*

red-legged sun squirrel *syɛŋ mindɛi n*

refuse *lieŋ' 1 v*

regime (of bananas) *ŋkeen 2 n*

regretful expression *wii 2 interj*

relative (by blood) *nziŋ n*

remain <i>chɯ'₃ 2 v ; liɛ'₃ 1 v</i>	ripe, be <i>pigi₁ 1 v ; ton₃ v</i>
remain, stay <i>goŋ₁ v</i>	rise up <i>kua' sye v</i>
remain, still <i>tigi₂ adv</i>	river <i>foo₂ n ; ŋki kuku n</i>
remember <i>kwɪŋ₁ v</i>	river bank <i>ŋgoŋ ŋki n</i>
remove <i>chua'₁ v ; chwüi₁ v ; soŋ₁ v ; sua' v</i>	rizga <i>ŋgɯkɯ n</i>
repair <i>chwēe 1 v</i>	roast <i>tuon₂ 2 v</i>
repeatedly <i>su' 2 n</i>	robe (man's gown) <i>ŋgaŋ₁ n</i>
resemble <i>fi₁ v</i>	rock (large) <i>ŋgua'₂ n</i>
resolve <i>lugi₂ v</i>	roll <i>ki₃ 1 v</i>
respect <i>wuŋ'₁ 2 v</i>	roof <i>goŋ₂ n</i>
responsible <i>chɯɯ 1 Adj</i>	room <i>tua' ndige n</i>
rest <i>fei₁ v</i>	rooster <i>muŋkɯ' n</i>
return <i>kwɯɯ v ; poon v</i>	root <i>ŋi₂ n</i>
return , give back <i>nun'₁ v</i>	rope <i>ŋkɯɯ₁ 1 n</i>
revive <i>zwɪŋ v</i>	rope squirrel sp <i>mbye mbou' n</i>
rib <i>sigiwē n</i>	rotten, be <i>lwi v</i>
rice <i>mikon ŋ mɪkɛ n</i>	round, be <i>chugɯ v</i>
rich man <i>fou'₂ n</i>	rub <i>chii v ; chɯ'₄ v ; fi₁ 2 v</i>
rich, be <i>fou'₁ 1 v</i>	rubber <i>lopa n</i>
riddle <i>ŋkwa lei' n</i>	rubbish <i>minu' yoon n</i>
right (direction) <i>pwoton</i>	ruin <i>sieŋ' v</i>
right hand <i>pwome' n</i>	rule over <i>sie'₂ 4 v</i>
right, be correct <i>soŋ' 1 Adj</i>	ruminant, chew cud <i>pei₂ 2 v</i>
rigid, stiff object <i>kɪŋ₂ ideo</i>	run <i>kaa ndɯɯ v ; luŋ₁ 2 v</i>
ring <i>pou'₁ 2 v</i>	runny nose, catarh <i>chwü₄ n</i>
ring (finger) <i>ndiniŋ n</i>	rust <i>tye₁ n</i>
ringworm <i>chɯchɯ n</i>	rustle (leaves) <i>wɛ'wɛ' ideo</i>
ripe <i>chɯɯ 2 Adj</i>	

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- sacrifice *fei' sye v ; peen fei' sye n*
 saliva *mitye n*
 salt *ngwi l n*
 same, be *ndugundugu l Adj*
 sand *sain̄sain̄ n*
 sand fly *muzwi' n*
 sandpaper tree *sugu ntou' n*
 sap *mileen n*
 sardine *sei lii n*
 sated, be *zo₁ v*
 satisfy *pogo 4 v*
 save *lan₁ 2 v*
 saw *soo₂ n ; zie' l v*
 say *chu₂ v ; gie'₂ l Comp*
 say goodbye *pii₁ v*
 scar *chufugu n*
 scarce, be *tyen 3 v*
 scatter *sa' v*
 scrape *kwei₃ v*
 scrape (mortar) *tou'₁ 2 v*
 scratch *sigε₂ 2 v*
 scrub hare *pakli n*
 search *lei₂ 3 v*
 season *ndi₁ 2 n*
 second female twin *mangu₁ n*
 second follower of twins *fuukou' n*
 second male twin *l̄wuon̄ n*
 secret society, ngumba *kwei' hon̄ n*
 see *zi₁ l v*
 seed *mbi₁ n*
 self *twombin̄ Pers; i*
 selfish *gi₂ v*
 selfish, be *pin̄₁ v*
 sell *figi₁ v*
 semen *kwen̄ n*
 send bamboo (inside ceiling) *fye v*
 send out *twe l v*
 send someone *ton̄₁ l v*
 send something *ton̄₁ 2 v*
 Senegal galago *ku₁ n*
 senile person *fii n*
 serve *tou'₁ 3 v*
 sesame *kakasi n*
 set *tii₁ v*
 set (trap) *l̄t̄'₁ v*
 seven (7) *kwetε Cardnum*
 seventeen (17) *kwetenchwa Cardnum*
 seventy (70) *kwetewun̄ Cardnum*
 sew *twi₂ l v*
 sexual intercourse *gt̄₃*
 shadow *muni' l n*
 shake *chuo' v ; ch̄t̄'₁ 2; ni'₃ v*
 shake out *ku₁ 2 v*
 shaker *ncha' n*
 shame *sij n*
 share *gyε 2 v*

sharp, be <i>chaa₂ 1 v</i>	sickle <i>tousye n</i>
sharpen <i>pwi v ; sɪt₂ v</i>	side <i>nza' 1 n ; ηkei₂ 2 n</i>
sharpened stick <i>sigi₃ n</i>	side (of something) <i>ηkei₁ n</i>
shave <i>neeη₂ v</i>	side (of sport team), wall (of house) <i>saa₃ n</i>
shave (head) <i>kuoη₁ 2 v</i>	side (of) <i>ηkei₂ 3 Prep</i>
shea-butter tree, shea-nut tree <i>mbɛɛ mimbou</i> <i>n</i>	side of body <i>ηkei₂ 1 n</i>
sheath for cutlass <i>mbaiη n</i>	sight <i>naa₂ 1 v</i>
sheep <i>munzaa n</i>	silent, be <i>nɛ' v</i>
shell <i>fee₃ v ; ki₂ v</i>	silk, hair (of maize) <i>nchiηe n</i>
shell (of groundnut) <i>fuu₃ 1 n</i>	since, awhile ago <i>fii lie' AV-TEMP</i>
shelter <i>ni'₂ n</i>	sing <i>zwa v</i>
shepherd <i>nchieη n</i>	singe <i>pye₂ 1 v</i>
shield bug <i>miseeη n</i>	sink <i>swe₂ v</i>
shin <i>fiiη n</i>	sit <i>chuchwo v</i>
shine <i>kie'₃ v ; ηweeη₂ v</i>	sit on floor <i>sɪt₃ 2 v</i>
shirt <i>nzwi mbiiη n</i>	six (6) <i>ntou Cardnum</i>
shoe, sandal <i>tɛ n</i>	sixteen (16) <i>ntouchwa Cardnum</i>
shoot <i>tui 1 v</i>	sixty (60) <i>ntouwuiη Cardnum</i>
shoot (new plant) <i>siɛ'₄ 2 n</i>	skeleton <i>mikweimbiiη n</i>
short, be <i>wu₁ v</i>	skin <i>swe 1 v ; ze₂ 2 v</i>
shoulder <i>ηkambiɛ'</i> <i>n</i>	skin (of fruit) <i>go n</i>
show <i>nɛ 1 v</i>	skin (of man) <i>ηgo₁ 2 n</i>
show (teeth) <i>ηiiη v</i>	skin of cow served with achu <i>wu'₂ n</i>
shrew <i>musweeη 1 n</i>	skull <i>kikwei two n</i>
shrimp <i>wɛ'₂ n</i>	sky <i>poo₂ n</i>
shrine <i>sye 3 n</i>	slag <i>syi n</i>
shrivelled, be <i>ηii₁ v</i>	slamming door <i>piη₃ ideo</i>
shrub sp <i>fwo swa n ; liηe si n</i>	slander <i>sieη' lii v</i>
sick, be <i>woiη₂ v</i>	slap <i>zi₁ v</i>
	slaughter <i>wɛ 1 v</i>

slave <i>ɲkwɛŋ</i> <i>n</i>	snail shell <i>ndugo tiɛ'</i> <i>n</i>
sleep <i>lye</i> <i>v</i>	snake <i>no</i> ₄ <i>n</i>
slender mongoose <i>pongu</i> <i>n</i>	snake sp <i>kia ɲkwɛ</i> <i>n</i> ; <i>no ɲguŋ</i> <i>n</i> ; <i>ɲko</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
slice <i>seɪ</i> ₁ <i>v</i>	sneeze <i>chyɛŋ</i> <i>v</i>
slide <i>saa</i> ₂ <i>3 v</i>	snore <i>kuoŋ</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
slime (organic) <i>leen</i> ₃ <i>n</i>	so much so that... <i>te</i> <i>1 adv</i>
slippery, be <i>saa</i> ₂ <i>2 v</i>	soak <i>chwe</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
slither (snake) <i>swee</i> <i>1 v</i>	soar <i>laa</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
slowly <i>ndanda</i> <i>adv</i>	social <i>gie</i> <i>v</i>
slug <i>tiɛ'</i> <i>nziɛ</i> <i>pɪi</i> <i>n</i>	soft feeling <i>mɪlɛɪ mɪlɛɪ</i> <i>ideo</i>
small <i>miŋ</i> ₃ <i>Adj</i>	soft, be <i>puoŋ</i> ₂ <i>1 v</i>
small clay bowl with handle <i>kɛŋgwa'</i> <i>n</i>	soldier <i>mɛ'nzwi</i> <i>n</i>
small container <i>nchou'</i> <i>n</i>	sole <i>lyɛŋkoo</i> <i>n</i>
small spider <i>lille</i> <i>n</i>	something <i>no</i> ₂ <i>n</i>
small stone <i>menɣua'</i> <i>n</i>	something amusing <i>mino we</i> <i>n</i>
small time <i>mi kɛɛ</i> <i>ndi AV-TEMP</i>	something strange <i>no fi</i> <i>n</i>
small(est) drum <i>menɣie</i> <i>n</i>	something to ask about <i>no pee</i> <i>n</i>
small, be <i>kukɛ'</i> <i>Adj</i>	sometimes <i>chiɛndi</i> <i>2 AV-TEMP</i>
smart <i>zɛ</i> <i>v</i>	son <i>meŋ mbeŋ'</i> <i>2 n</i>
smash <i>tiga</i> <i>1 v</i>	song <i>ɲki</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
smash down <i>taa</i> ₁ <i>v</i>	soon <i>piɛ misu'</i> <i>AV-TEMP</i> ; <i>tiɛ'</i> ₃ <i>adv</i>
smashed <i>paa</i> ₃ <i>Adj</i>	sorcerer (male) <i>ɲgaŋ maŋgaŋ</i> <i>1 n</i>
smear <i>tiɛ</i> <i>1 v</i>	sorrow <i>mawɛ</i> <i>n</i>
smell <i>lweŋ'</i> <i>v</i>	soul, spirit <i>muni'</i> <i>2 n</i>
smimming <i>zwe'</i> <i>n</i>	soup, broth <i>ndoŋtoŋ</i> <i>n</i>
smoke <i>ndindi</i> <i>n</i>	sour, be <i>chaa</i> ₂ <i>2 v</i>
smoked, be <i>pyɛ</i> ₂ <i>2 v</i>	sow, plant <i>pi fa'</i> <i>v</i>
smooth, be <i>saa</i> ₂ <i>1 v</i>	spank <i>wigi</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
smutgrass <i>fuoŋ gei</i> <i>n</i>	sparrow sp <i>muzɛɛ</i> <i>n</i>
snail <i>tiɛ'</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	speak loudly <i>goo</i> ₂ <i>2 v</i>

spear <i>kwo</i> <i>n</i>	squeak <i>zaa</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
spear landing in bush <i>chu</i> ₃ <i>ideo</i>	squeeze <i>keen</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
spear landing in water <i>chu</i> ₂ <i>ideo</i>	stab <i>swa</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
speargrass <i>ni'</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	stalk <i>nyie'</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
speech, discourse <i>chye</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	stand <i>ti</i> ₁ <i>v</i> ; <i>ti</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
speed <i>mindu</i> <i>n</i>	standing straight <i>kwei</i> ₂ <i>ideo</i>
spices for achu 1 <i>li</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	star <i>mejhonchon</i> <i>n</i>
spices for achu 2 <i>swa</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	steal <i>zaa</i> ₃ <i>v</i>
spices for achu 4 <i>ki</i> ₂ <i>n</i>	steer <i>kie</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
spices for achu 5 <i>na'</i> <i>nchoo</i> <i>n</i>	stem, stalk (with seeds) <i>chua'</i> ₃ <i>n</i>
spill <i>kwe</i> ₁ <i>v</i>	stem, stalk, cob (of maize, millet, etc.) <i>nkua'</i> <i>n</i>
spine, backbone <i>ntu</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	stick <i>ku</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
spirit, anything spiritual <i>zween</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	sticky, be <i>ti</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
spit <i>twi</i> <i>v</i>	sting <i>twi</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
split <i>fi</i> ₂ <i>v</i>	stinger <i>so</i> ₃ <i>n</i>
spoil <i>loo</i> <i>v</i> ; <i>sie</i> ₁ <i>v</i>	stink <i>lu</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
spoon (traditional), ladle <i>fiki</i> <i>n</i>	stir <i>la</i> ₃ <i>v</i> ; <i>sti</i> <i>v</i>
spot <i>chu</i> <i>n</i>	stir up <i>pigi</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
spotted <i>minwe'minwe'</i> <i>ideo</i>	stomach (internal) <i>pu</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
spotted blind snake <i>nosye</i> <i>n</i>	stomp <i>ni</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
spotted design <i>mintyemintye</i> <i>ideo</i>	stone falling <i>ku</i> ₃ <i>ideo</i>
spray <i>pu</i> ₂ <i>v</i>	stone, pit <i>nto'</i> <i>n</i>
spread <i>zye</i> <i>v</i>	stool <i>li</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
spread out <i>sei</i> ₃ <i>v</i>	stop up <i>naa</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
spring <i>li</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	stopper, plug <i>ze</i> ₂ <i>n</i>
sprinkle <i>fai</i> ₁ <i>v</i>	storage building, market stall (grass roof tied on sticks) <i>nty</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
sprout <i>si</i> ₂ <i>v</i>	store (up) <i>ni'</i> <i>nti</i> ₁ <i>v</i>
spy <i>minzi</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	stork <i>ntou mangan</i> <i>n</i>
spy (on) <i>naa</i> ₂ <i>v</i>	story <i>no pou'</i> <i>kwa</i> <i>n</i>
squat <i>hween</i> <i>v</i>	

straight, be <i>ndugundugu</i> 2 <i>Adj</i>	suffer <i>ziu ngiu'</i> <i>v</i>
straighten <i>sigi</i> 3 <i>v</i>	sugar cane <i>ηkuŋku'</i> <i>n</i>
strain <i>lei</i> 2 <i>v</i>	sun <i>munooŋ</i> <i>n</i>
stranger (unknown person) <i>ηgoŋ</i> 2 <i>n</i>	sunbird <i>mutuge</i> <i>n</i>
strength <i>mitoŋ</i> 1 <i>n</i>	sunrise <i>nchie'</i> <i>munooŋ AV-TEMP</i> ; <i>sie'</i> <i>munooŋ AV-TEMP</i>
stretch <i>sugu</i> 3 <i>v</i>	sunset <i>nchoga munooŋ AV-TEMP</i>
string <i>tou</i> 1 <i>v</i>	support <i>tuon</i> 1 <i>v</i>
strip off <i>kaiŋ</i> 2 <i>v</i>	surprise <i>luŋ</i> 1 <i>v</i>
striped color <i>mīlaa mīlaa</i> <i>ideo</i>	surround <i>ziŋ</i> 2 <i>v</i>
striped ground squirrel <i>mbye pu</i> <i>n</i>	swallow <i>mi</i> <i>v</i> ; <i>mugi</i> <i>n</i>
strong, be <i>z̄wintwi</i> <i>v</i>	swamp behind Mba Tiendeng's compound <i>Iŋki mutu' nprop</i>
struggle <i>miŋe</i> <i>v</i> ; <i>poŋ'</i> 1 <i>v</i>	swarm <i>chu'</i> 2 1 <i>n</i>
stubborn, be <i>tyeŋ two</i> <i>v</i>	swear <i>s̄we</i> 1 <i>v</i>
stumble <i>titye</i> <i>v</i>	sweep <i>z̄u</i> 2 <i>v</i>
stump <i>ηkuŋ tu</i> <i>n</i>	sweet potato <i>ηgukwa</i> <i>n</i> ; <i>soko</i> <i>n</i>
stupid person <i>ḡuŋoŋ</i> <i>n</i>	sweet, be <i>liŋ</i> 1 <i>v</i>
stutter <i>mi'</i> <i>v</i>	swell <i>wu'</i> 1 <i>v</i>
succeed <i>laiŋ</i> 2 <i>v</i>	swim <i>pou'</i> <i>z̄we'</i> <i>v</i>
suck <i>nuŋ</i> 1 <i>v</i>	swing <i>liu</i> 3 1 <i>v</i>
suddenly, quickly <i>l̄wi'</i> 2 <i>adv</i>	

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taboo, be <i>zi</i> 2 <i>Adj</i>	talk <i>chye</i> 2 <i>v</i>
tail <i>chigi</i> <i>n</i>	talking drum <i>nd̄u'</i> <i>n</i>
take <i>kwei</i> 2 1 <i>v</i>	tame <i>zeŋ'</i> 4 <i>v</i>
take away <i>fuu</i> 4 1 <i>v</i>	tantalus monkey <i>ηkaiŋ fu</i> <i>n</i>
take care <i>ȳi</i> <i>interj</i>	tap <i>liu</i> 4 <i>v</i>
take out <i>fuu</i> 4 2 <i>v</i>	tarantula <i>manḡaŋ sye</i> <i>n</i>
take revenge <i>tu</i> 2 2 <i>v</i>	tassle (of corn) <i>pigi</i> 3 <i>n</i>

- taste *zou'*₁ 3 *v* ; *zwei'*₂ 2 *v*
- taxi *tasi* *n*
- teak tree? *soŋ*₆ *n*
- tear *siŋe*₂ 1 *v*
- tearing cloth *chaa*₄ *ideo*
- tears *ŋkimin* *n*
- technical work (especially roofing a house)
*wu*₃ *n*
- tell, recount (story) *swei* *v*
- ten (10) *wuŋ*₁ *Cardnum*
- tendon *saguu* *n*
- termite *siu'*₁ *n*
- termite (flying) *ŋgua'*₁ *n*
- termite hill *ŋgua' ŋkie'*₁ *n* ; *ŋkooŋkooŋ* *n*
- tether *chooŋ* *v*
- thank *chie'*₁ 2 *v*
- that *gie'*₂ 2 *Comp*
- that, which, who *ya REL*
- thatch *pieŋ* *v* ; *pigi*₁ *n*
- the *a*₂ *DEF*
- their *pou*₅ *Poss*
- them *pou*₃ 3 *obj* ; *zou*₂ *Pers;i*
- there *hou* *adv*
- therefore *ligi la nziuu*
- they *pou*₃ 1 *Pers;i* ; *pou*₃ 2 *Pers;i*
- thick, be *gou'*₂ 2 *v*
- thick, become *kain*₃ *v*
- thief *ŋgaŋ*₂ *n*
- thigh *tou'*₂ *n*
- thin, small, be *kaa*₂ 1 *v*
- thing *yooŋ* *n*
- things people take for free because they
belong to someone who is not around *ndiit*₂
n
- think *kwa'*₁ 1 *v*
- thirst *nzi ŋki* *n*
- thirteen (13) *tiinchwa* *Cardnum*
- thirty (30) *tiuwuŋ* *Cardnum*
- this *wiit* *Dem*
- this type/kind *chentye*
- thistle *makain* *ŋgwo* *n*
- thorn *lou*₃ *n*
- thorn-tree *ke*₁ *n*
- thought *kwaŋ*₁ *n*
- thousand *ŋkeen*₁ *Cardnum*
- thousand (1000) *ŋkeen*₃ *Cardnum*
- thread *sisi*₁ *n*
- threaten *wu*₂ 2 *v*
- three (3) *tii*₂ *Cardnum*
- three leaf yam *liu'*₂ *n*
- thresh *pou'*₁ 3 *v*
- throat *togondye* *n*
- throb *fei*₃ *v* ; *pou'*₁ 4 *v*
- throw *me'*₁ 1 *v*
- throw away *kwe*₁ 2 *v* ; *mi'*₁ *v*
- throwing stick, throwing knife *munwin* *paŋ* *n*
- thrushes *muloŋ* *n*
- thumb *tumbwo nder*₁ *n*
- thumb guitar *lou minduu* *n* ; *lou ŋkijke* *n* ;
*lou su'*₁ *n*

- thunder *fugi* *n* ; *kuu*₄ *v*
- tickle *ηween*₃ *v*
- tie *ko*₁ *l v*
- tie a knot *zooη* *v*
- tight, be *lie*'₃ *2 v* ; *sigi* *l v*
- tighten *sigi* *2 v*
- time *ndi*₁ *l n* ; *su*' *l n*
- tired, be *kyeη* *v*
- to *mbwo* *l Prep* ; *no*₁ *l Prep*
- toad *nchincheeη* *n*
- toad sp *ndimeη*₁ *n*
- tobacco *ndipie*' *n*
- tobacco pipe *kɛ* *ndipie*' *n*
- today *ndeη*' *AV-TEMP*
- toe *tukoo* *n*
- together *tie*' *γɛ*' *AV-LOC*
- tomato *tomato* *n*
- tomorrow *mikei* *2 n* ; *zuη* *l AV-TEMP*
- tongue *liη*₂ *n*
- too much *lo*' *v*
- tooth *sugo* *n*
- toothbrush *soo misugo* *n*
- top two₁ *3 n*
- top (of) *nchwε*' *Prep*
- tortoise (land) *kwi**manjko*' *n* ; *kwi**ηkuj* *n*
- touch *koη*₂ *v* ; *mwo* *l v*
- town, city *kwa*₂ *n*
- trade *taη*₄ *l v*
- trader *ntaη mitaiη* *n*
- tradition, custom *nua*'₁ *n*
- traditional kettle (small calabash) *ntou*'₁ *n*
- traditional men's dress *ndawa*' *n*
- trail *fugo*₁ *n*
- trample *tiga* *2 v*
- transplant *chua*' *mbii* *v*
- trap *waa*₁ *n*
- trap, hunting net *si*₁ *n*
- travel *niη*₂ *3 v*
- tree *tɛ*₁ *n*
- tree pangolin *ndou* *n*
- tree sp *chaa ηgwo* *n* ; *feefe* *n* ; *guη* *n* ; *koη piɛ* *n* ; *ku* *mbigi* *n* ; *kua*' *ηkuj* *n* ; *kuku nzaa* *n* ; *kɛ**ɛ*' *mumbu* *n* ; *kwei mikweη*' *n* ; *laη kwiε*' *n* ; *laη*₄ *n* ; *loη*₂ *n* ; *lou*₅ *n* ; *luoη ηgwo* *n* ; *luoη*₁ *n* ; *mangru ηkuj* *n* ; *mbi mboga* *n* ; *mboo*₁ *n* ; *mbɛ**ɛ* *gyigye* *n* ; *nde*₁ *l n* ; *ηgeeη ηkuj* *n* ; *ηguη*₂ *n* ; *ηkwo fuη* *n* ; *peeη fu* *n* ; *peeη kindiɛ* *n* ; *peeη si* *n* ; *pigi michi* *n* ; *pua*' *ηkaiη* *n* ; *pɛ**ɛ*₁ *n* ; *siε*'₃ *n* ; *sige*₁ *n* ; *siɛ*'₂ *n* ; *too nyε* *n* ; *tugo nchoochye* *n* ; *wε*₂ *n*
- tree squirrel moving *chapchap ideo*
- tremble *wu*₂ *l v*
- tribute *ntuη*₁ *n*
- tricky, be *lei*' *2 v*
- trip *ηkiniη* *n*
- trouble *fieη*'₂ *l v*
- troublemaker *ηgaη lyeη* *n*
- trousers *sikoo* *n*
- truly *sugundoη* *adv*
- trumpet *fa*₁ *n*
- trunk (of tree) *mbiη tɛ* *n*

truth <i>ndi₂ n</i>	twelve (12) <i>pienchwa Cardnum</i>
try <i>poŋ' 2 v</i>	twenty (20) <i>piɛwɔŋ Cardnum</i>
tsetse fly <i>ŋeenzi soŋ n</i>	twenty-one (21) <i>piɛwɔŋ ŋgɛ yimu' Cardnum</i>
tuber sp <i>kou' ŋkuŋ n</i>	twenty-two (22) <i>piɛwɔŋ ŋgɛ yipaa Cardnum</i>
tuft, lock (of hair) <i>chu'two n</i>	twig <i>ŋgaa n</i>
tulip tree <i>wigi₂ n</i>	twin <i>meŋ fiɛ n</i>
tumour <i>tuo'fɛ n</i>	twins ceremony <i>piɛ' ŋkɛ n ; sɔwɛ' n</i>
turaco <i>ŋgou'₂ n ; ŋkalu' n</i>	twins fence <i>ŋkɛ n</i>
turn <i>piɛ₂ 1 v</i>	two (2) <i>piɛ₁ Cardnum ; yipaa Cardnum</i>
turn a corner <i>ŋua' v</i>	two days removed from today <i>mbigile AV-TEMP</i>
turn over <i>sii₁ 1 v</i>	two hundred (200) <i>piɛ ŋkɛɛ Cardnum</i>
turn round <i>kierŋ 1 v</i>	type, kind <i>ntye n</i>
turtle (water) <i>kwiŋki n</i>	

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udder <i>piŋ na' 2 n</i>	up <i>ŋgwi Prep</i>
ugly, be <i>paɪɪɪ 1 Adj</i>	upper arm <i>mo'pwo n</i>
umbrella <i>goo₁ n</i>	upper grinding stone <i>miŋ ŋgua' loŋ' n</i>
uncover <i>we v</i>	upturned nose <i>nɔwɛ ideo</i>
under, below <i>lou'₂ Prep</i>	urinate <i>chei₁ v</i>
underwear (trad.) <i>ntou'₂ 2 n</i>	urine <i>michei n</i>
undress <i>sɔwɛ 2 v</i>	us (all) <i>yier' Pers;i</i>
unfortunate commentary <i>nzua</i>	us (both) <i>yu' Pers;i</i>
unload <i>fuu₄ 3 v</i>	us (some) <i>zɔgɛ Pers;i</i>
unripe, be <i>si₃ 2 Adj</i>	use <i>pei₁ 2 v</i>
untie <i>kie'₂ v</i>	use a shortcut <i>ziɛ' 2 v</i>
until <i>te 3 adv</i>	used up, be <i>mɛ 2 v</i>
unwrap <i>fei₄ 1 v</i>	

V v

vagina <i>lo</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	vine <i>kuku nzaa n</i> ; <i>lige 1 n</i> ; <i>ndie n</i>
valley <i>fei</i> ₂ <i>n</i>	vine sp <i>lige ηgwo n</i> ; <i>lige ti migui n</i> ; <i>ηkui</i> ₁ <i>2 n</i> ; <i>soη gi pigi n</i>
vegetable leaf (njama njama) <i>fi</i> ₄ <i>n</i>	vision (supernatural) <i>nzaη 2 n</i>
venom (of snake) <i>lilwi</i> ₂ <i>2 n</i>	voice <i>ηgi n</i>
very <i>lwo</i> ₁ <i>adv</i>	voice box, larynx, Adam's apple <i>mindye n</i>
village <i>ε'</i> ₂ <i>n</i> ; <i>ηgwo 2 n</i>	vomit <i>lu' v</i>
village weaver <i>gyigye n</i>	

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wagtail <i>musige paanij n</i>	water boatman <i>ηgwε' nzu' n</i>
wail <i>kwee ηgu v</i>	water yam <i>fu</i> ₂ <i>n</i>
wailing, ululate (at funeral) <i>ηguu n</i>	waterfall <i>Hoη two mbiη nprop</i>
waist <i>ntaa n</i>	waterhole <i>nteeη ηki n</i>
wait <i>zwe' v</i>	wave <i>mε' pwo v</i>
wake up <i>wuη</i> ₂ <i>v</i>	we <i>pieη'</i> ₁ <i>Pers;i</i>
walk <i>niη</i> ₂ <i>1 v</i>	we (some) <i>puη</i> ₁ <i>Pers;i</i>
wall <i>mbiηdige n</i>	we (two) <i>pu'</i> ₂ <i>Pers;i</i>
wander <i>pugu</i> ₁ <i>v</i>	we and they <i>puη-a pou Pers;i</i>
want, desire <i>lei</i> ₂ <i>2 v</i>	weak, be <i>fa</i> ₂ <i>v</i>
war <i>nchwo n</i>	wear <i>mε' 3 v</i>
war spy <i>manaa n</i>	weave <i>tuj 4 v</i>
warm <i>pie</i> ₄ <i>v</i>	wedding (ceremony) <i>zua'</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
warm oneself <i>zua v</i>	weed <i>pa fa' v</i>
warning <i>yi aux v</i>	week <i>ηgye</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
wash <i>soo</i> ₁ <i>v</i>	weevil <i>fu'</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
wasp <i>fei</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	weight <i>fu'</i> ₃ <i>n</i>
waste <i>nu'</i> ₁ <i>1 v</i>	well, waterhole <i>waη</i> ₁ <i>n</i>
water <i>ηki</i> ₂ <i>n</i>	wet, be <i>gui</i> ₂ <i>2 v</i>

what? <i>ki₁ interrog</i>	winnow <i>faa₃ v</i>
when? <i>ndi ki interrog</i>	wipe off <i>zigi v</i>
where? <i>fi₂ interrog</i>	wisdom <i>zino n</i>
which <i>e₂ RELP</i>	wise person <i>nzino n</i>
which (one)? <i>nyej 1 interrog</i>	witch (female) <i>ndij₂ n</i>
whisper <i>chuŋ₁ v</i>	witchcraft <i>lij₃ n</i>
whistle <i>nzwei n</i>	with <i>pou₂ 2 Coordconn</i>
white man <i>mike n</i>	with it <i>no₁ 3 Prep</i>
white, be <i>fu₃ v</i>	wither <i>zɛi' 1 v</i>
who? <i>wi interrog</i>	without <i>kee quant ; ki- v</i>
whole <i>lou₄ Adj ; mu'₂ quant</i>	woman <i>mijgwe 1 n</i>
whole plant <i>chaa₅ n</i>	womb <i>puŋ mijgwe n</i>
why? <i>a chwēe ki interrog</i>	wonder, surprise <i>ge v</i>
wicked, be <i>pɛɛ puŋ v</i>	wood <i>ɲkwei n</i>
wickerwork <i>liɛ ki n</i>	wood ash ground <i>kwepu n</i>
wide open <i>waŋ₃ ideo</i>	woodpecker <i>mupou' tɛ n</i>
wide, be <i>gou' 3 v</i>	word <i>ndii chye n</i>
widow, widower <i>ɲkuu n</i>	work <i>fa'₁ 1 n ; fa'₂ v</i>
wife <i>ɲgwe₁ n</i>	world <i>mbi₂ 1 n ; mbimbi n</i>
wild date-palm <i>ɲkijkou n</i>	wound, sore <i>fɛgɛ n</i>
wild garden egg <i>ndwindwi musugɛ n</i>	wrap up <i>ziŋ₁ v</i>
wind <i>fiɛfa n</i>	wring out <i>keŋ₁ 2 v</i>
window <i>nchoo windo n</i>	wrist <i>leipwo n</i>
windstorm <i>mundungo n</i>	write <i>ɲwe' 1 v</i>
wing <i>pye₁ n</i>	wrong, be <i>kikou' Adj</i>
wink (eye) <i>zie' miŋ v</i>	

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yam beetle *fu₁ n ; fuu₅ n*

yam var *ntyentye n*

yam, aerial <i>tou'</i> ₃ <i>n</i>	you <i>o</i> ₁ <i>Pers</i> ; <i>i</i>
yawn <i>zwei</i> <i>v</i>	you <i>paiŋ</i> ₁ <i>Pers</i> ; <i>i</i> ; <i>zo</i> ₂ <i>Pers</i> ; <i>i</i>
year <i>loŋ</i> ₁ <i>n</i> ; <i>ŋgou'</i> ₁ <i>n</i>	you (all) <i>zaiŋ</i> <i>Pers</i> ; <i>i</i>
yell at <i>chaa</i> ₂ <i>v</i>	young lady <i>meŋ ŋgwoŋ</i> <i>n</i>
yellow <i>kou' ŋkasaŋ</i> <i>Adj</i>	young man <i>kɛɛ ŋooŋ</i> <i>n</i>
Yellow-throated tree snake <i>zaa ŋkye</i> <i>n</i>	young plant <i>chigi</i> ₂ <i>n</i>
yes <i>iŋ</i> <i>interj</i>	your (plural) <i>paiŋ</i> ₄ <i>Poss</i>
yesterday <i>zuŋ</i> <i>2 AV-TEMP</i>	your (singular) <i>o</i> ₂ <i>Poss</i>
yolk (of egg) <i>looŋ nzi ŋgu</i> <i>n</i>	

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zinc *ziŋ* *n*