

## Mpre

A lost language of Central Ghana, only known from a 1931 article by Cardinall.

Cardinall, A.W. 1931. A survival. *Gold Coast Review*, 5(1):193-197.

## Mpre data

| English gloss | Mpre citation | External parallel (if any) |
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### Body Parts

|         |            |
|---------|------------|
| arm     | ebopa      |
| eyes    | anisi      |
| fingers | ataza      |
| foot    | eputo nasi |
| hair    | nmin       |
| hand    | eno        |
| head    | zekpa      |
| leg     | eputo      |
| mouth   | nchumu     |
| nose    | masuma     |
| skin    | ekuli      |
| toe     | atazai     |
| tongue  | nchuma     |
| teeth   | ate        |

### People

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| child        | nzui               |
| earth-priest | sunko<br>kawuseggi |
| father       | chichi             |
| mother       | emo                |
| son          | nkemnzui           |
| woman        | ejo                |

### Plants

|                  |        |       |
|------------------|--------|-------|
| cassava          | wanchi | < Twi |
| corn (=sorghum?) | aza    |       |
| millet           | avue   |       |
| shea-nut         | gwizi  |       |
| shea-butter      | ngu    |       |
| silk-cotton tree | ejini  |       |
| tobacco          | asara  |       |
| tree             | eyia   |       |
| yam              | ampi   |       |

### Animals

|          |               |   |
|----------|---------------|---|
| animal   | abrimapre     |   |
| bee      | zinwi         |   |
| bird     | bobo          |   |
| bushbuck | chankpala     |   |
| bush-cat | bata          |   |
| bush-cow | zingilzinogha |   |
| bush-pig | juro          |   |
| cow      | nogha         | widespread in West Africa, e.g. Fulfulde <b>nagge</b> |
| dog      | tebe          |   |

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| donkey        | kwimi         |
| duiker        | kukru         |
| duiker, red   | pumpu         |
| elephant      | ewogo         |
| fish          | enchini       |
| fowl          | kohor         |
| goat          | ade           |
| guinea-fowl   | aiyili        |
| hartebeest    | junga         |
| hippopotamus  | chaji         |
| honey         | byunkonkon    |
| horse         | vema          |
| hyena         | jingachi      |
| kob           | volo          |
| leopard       | jankamma      |
| lion          | jikpajikpakos |
|               | eggi          |
| locust        | tintumba      |
| oribi         | wulo          |
| reedbuck      | kurunku       |
| roan antelope | bruguni       |
| scorpion      | lemma         |
| snake         | ewoa          |

widespread Niger-Congo root #ewa

### Natural World

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| fire            | eja       |
| rain (it rains) | agbem aba |
| water           | nkaw      |
| earth           | sunko     |
| God             | agbem     |
| sun             | ezol      |
| moon            | nnopava   |
| stars           | achepreza |
| tail            | edu       |

### Objects

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| arrow      | ncho      |
| axe        | etile     |
| bow        | etawa     |
| bush       | zingelza  |
| cloth      | busa      |
| cowry      | amuseraga |
| farm       | ebaza     |
| hoe        | enwona    |
| house      | eso       |
| iron       | epolebona |
| loin-cloth | dakor     |
| village    | adebanza  |

### Adjectives

|       |       |                                    |
|-------|-------|------------------------------------|
| black | ziri  | Widespread Niger-Congo root        |
| white | fuli  | Widespread Niger-Congo root #-ful- |
| red   | ejuli |                                    |

## Numerals

|             |              |                                  |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| one         | ekpe         |                                  |
| two         | enyo         |                                  |
| three       | eta          | Widespread Niger-Congo root #-ta |
| four        | ena          | Widespread Niger-Congo root #-na |
| five        | enu          | Widespread Niger-Congo root #-nu |
| six         | grume        |                                  |
| seven       | ŋpa          |                                  |
| eight       | nenengene    |                                  |
| nine        | gokpa        |                                  |
| ten         | edu          |                                  |
| eleven      | edu bili mpe |                                  |
| twenty      | ado nyo      |                                  |
| hundred     | kelafa       |                                  |
| two hundred | lefanyo      |                                  |
| thousand    | agbu         |                                  |