

# **An introduction to Məgang, a South Bauchi language of Central Nigeria**

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**ABSTRACT**

This paper presents basic data on the Məgang (=Bolu, Pelu) language spoken northwest of Bauchi town in some eight villages. Previously the language was known only from a short wordlist. Məgang is closely related to Gyaazi, part of West South Bauchi. It has a reduced consonant inventory compared with some neighbouring South Bauchi languages, the usual six vowels with length contrast, and three tone heights. A brief section compares the lexicon of Məgang with related languages.

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**1. Introduction**

**1.1 Background**

The Məgang language is part of the Geji branch of Western South Bauchi, which in turn is a subgroup of West Chadic B. It is also called Bolu or Pelu in the literature, but this is a version of the name of a village, Byeru, where speakers live. Məgang is spoken in eight villages in Bauchi State, Bauchi LGA, shown in Table 1;

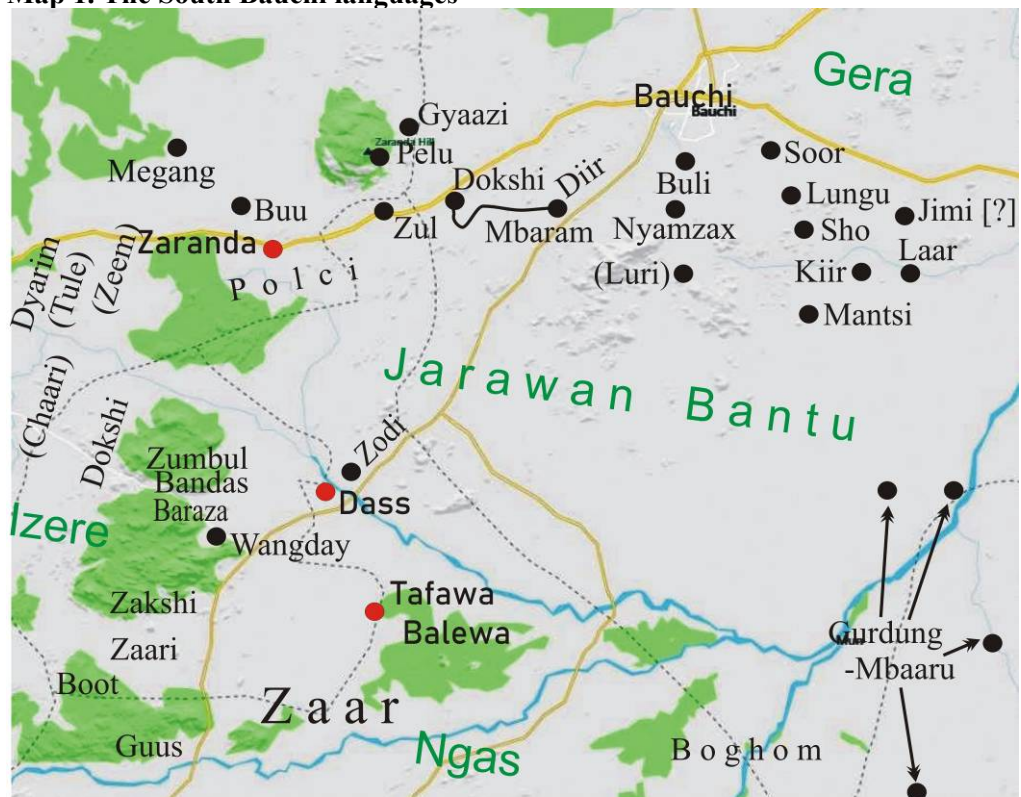
**Table 1. Məgang villages**

Orthographic	IPA	Comment
Byeru	b'èrúp	
Hadobilang	háðòbílǎŋ	
Baking Kura	bákíŋ kúrá	Hausa name
Pakimi	pákimī	
Beddare	bédðaré	
Balla	bállā	
Bəm Məgang	bəm məgǎŋ	
Makjera	màk'érá	Hausa name

It is hard to assess population numbers, but many of these villages are quite small, suggesting that there might 3-4000 speakers.

Map 1 shows the general location of the South Bauchi (SB) languages with Məgang northwest of Bauchi town on a bush road which leads through Buu from Zaranda.

**Map 1. The South Bauchi languages**



**KEY**

● Settlement of Ethnic group	(Zeem) Extinct language
● Mixed settlement	Guus Living language
	Ngas Other language

Fieldwork on the Məgang language began on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, in Byeru village, northwest of Zaranda. Additional work was planned, but this has so far been impeded by covid-19 restrictions. The existing materials were transcribed by Michael Bulkaam and Roger Blench in December 2020. This paper provides a wordlist and an outline phonology of Məgang, with notes on a possible orthography. It is strongly underlined that this study is preliminary and we hope to return to add to the dataset and check some items that were not clear.

## 1.2 Existing literature

The existence of Məgang is first recorded in Shimizu (1978) as part of his survey of the whole South Bauchi group. He appends a 100-word Swadesh list of the language as part of a general comparison. Shimizu establishes a Geji group and Məgang (Booluu, Pelu) is shown as co-ordinate with Gyaazi, which in turn forms a subgroup with Buu. Caron (2008) is a brief study of Buu, with an appended wordlist.

Caron (2009) includes some comparative data on Pelu, which appears to be the same language as Məgang, with a view to showing that some forms undergo intriguing tonal inversion in relation to the closely related Gyaazi (i.e. Geji). His transcriptions vary slightly from those given here, in particular he marks nasalisation on vowels where the present document has a final velar nasal /ŋ/. However, this type of free variation is common in this area, also occurring in the neighbouring Zul. Caron (2012) has also published a study of depressor consonants in Geji. Geji is the subject of an orthographic project, and a Reading and Writing book has been produced, but these are not accompanied by a written-out phonology.

## 2. Məgang phonology

### 2.1 Consonants

The basic consonant phonemes of Məgang are shown in Table 2;

**Table 2. Məgang consonant phonemes**

	Bilabial		Alve- olar		Post- Alveolar		Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	p	b	t	d				k g	[ʔ]
Implosive	ɓ			ɗ					
Nasal		m		n			ɲ	ŋ	
Tap				r					
Fricative	[f]		s	z	ʃ	ʒ	tʃ dʒ		h fi
Lateral fricative			ɬ	ɮ					
Lateral				l					
Approximant		w					y		ʔy

/f/ is a marginal phoneme, only appearing in a few words;

fitĩ	to fly
dùfúwā	forest
ḡgēfĩ	rib
fʷí	to enter
tāfĩ	to surpass

[f] is in free variation with [ɸ] in medial position.

Məgang has a contrastive set of fricatives, including the characteristic lateral fricatives. Compared with z ~ ʒ, /s/ and /ʃ/ are fully contrastive. Thus;

sālsāl	chain
ʃā	shame

k<sup>w</sup>ásètākā to scatter  
ᵐbájēl flute

ásəŋ leg  
kári gə̀ʃələŋ proverb

ʃɪl turning stick  
sí they

sōmātĩ to begin  
ʃōŋ name

sùùlí broom  
ʃũŋ cave

/z/ and /ʒ/ are in complementary distribution, with /z/ before high vowels, and /ʒ/ before low and central vowels. Thus;

zī water  
zūl hyena  
zā.ŋ rope

and [ʒ] before mid-vowels.

ʒēŋ farm  
ʒēpki vulture

There is no example of /z/ + mid-back vowel.

Preglottalised palatal approximants occur in two words;

**Məgang Gloss**  
ʔécəŋ tree  
ʔākwàlí nightjar

It is possible this is a loan phoneme from Fulfulde /y/, which is commonly spoken in this area, though these words themselves are not loans.

There is a single example of preglottalised vowel;

ʔèbìèsí sand

The voiced glottal fricative /ɦ/ only occurs preceding back vowels, as in the examples;

ɦō:lĩ white  
ɦótgə̀dũŋ dawn  
ɦũŋ baboon  
ɦúnĩ corpse  
ɦú: granary

It is, however, contrastive with /h/. Thus;

Məgang	Gloss	Məgang	Gloss
hōttĩ	to blow	fiō:lĩ	white
húli	hyena	fiúnĩ	corpse

### Homorganic nasals

Məgang has homorganic nasal prefixes, which can bear independent tones. The following examples show the three realisations of the nasal prefix, /n/, /m/ and /ŋ/. Where these precede stops, they occur only before voiced consonants. Only /ŋ/ appears to be tone-bearing in some contexts.

/nd/

ndōklámĩ	short
ndrá	to fall; to drop
ndrál	axe

/nʒ/

nʒĩĩn	locust bean seed
nʒ <sup>w</sup> éti	sweet

/nn/

nnádě	to set trap
nnáŋ	antelope sp.

Where the nasal /ŋ/ is homorganic with the following velar, it can either be tone-bearing or not. Examples;

ŋgēphi	rib
ŋgēkĩ	chest
ŋgáɓáŋ	tortoise
ŋgíɓĩ	to catch
ŋgōti	to search for

/mb/

mbáfi	heart
mbáʃel	flute
mbĩkĩn	gumof mouth
mbĩti	to get; to find
mból	lion

### Geminate consonants

Məgang allows occasional geminate consonants, also reported in Buu (Caron 2008). Examples are given in Table 3;

**Table 3. Geminated consonants in Məgang**

C	Məgang	Gloss
d	Béddaré	village name
k	yèkkéy	what?
l	yillĩ	to swim
	íllēti	to whistle
t	s <sup>w</sup> ātti	to wipe

### Palatalisation

Contrastive palatalisation and labialisation is common in Məgang. Palatalised consonants in Məgang are shown in Table 4;

**Table 4. Palatalised consonants in Məgang**

C <sup>j</sup>	Məgang	Gloss
b <sup>j</sup>	b <sup>è</sup> rúp	village name
ɸ <sup>j</sup>	ʔ <sup>è</sup> ɸ <sup>è</sup> sí	sand
ʃ <sup>j</sup>	ʃ <sup>è</sup> ɸ <sup>è</sup> ŋ	crocodile
g <sup>j</sup>	g <sup>è</sup> lú	pearl millet
d <sup>j</sup>	z <sup>è</sup> d <sup>è</sup> ŋ	to give birth
m <sup>j</sup>	ʔ <sup>è</sup> : g <sup>è</sup> k <sup>è</sup> m <sup>è</sup> ŋ	wild animal
p <sup>j</sup>	p <sup>è</sup> l <sup>è</sup> tí	to sharpen
k <sup>j</sup>	k <sup>è</sup> :l <sup>è</sup> l	star

### Labialisation

Labialised consonants are very common in Məgang. Examples are shown in Table 5;

**Table 5. Labialised consonants in Məgang**

C <sup>w</sup>	Məgang	Gloss
b <sup>w</sup>	mb <sup>w</sup> ākí	custard apple
p <sup>w</sup>	t <sup>w</sup> əmp <sup>w</sup> á	weeding hoe
t <sup>w</sup>	ílt <sup>w</sup> éj	to come out
d <sup>w</sup>	dw <sup>w</sup> áá	leaf
ʃ <sup>w</sup>	ʃ <sup>w</sup> ātál	navel
dʒ <sup>w</sup>	ndʒ <sup>w</sup> á	sesame
k <sup>w</sup>	k <sup>w</sup> è:sí	fish
g <sup>w</sup>	g <sup>w</sup> íl	eye
f <sup>v</sup>	t <sup>w</sup> ɸ <sup>w</sup> í	to enter
n <sup>w</sup>	k <sup>w</sup> ó <sup>w</sup> nwí	dry
l <sup>w</sup>	l <sup>w</sup> à:ní	sweat
s <sup>w</sup>	s <sup>w</sup> ātti	to wipe
z <sup>w</sup>	z <sup>w</sup> ēlǐ	fruit bat
ʃ <sup>w</sup>	ʃ <sup>w</sup> ēntǐ	to send
ʔ <sup>w</sup>	ʔ <sup>w</sup> é	to drink
ʒ <sup>w</sup>	ʒ <sup>w</sup> èli	to buy

## 2.2 Vowels

Məgang has a fairly standard six-vowel system (Table 6);

**Table 6. Məgang Vowels**

	Front	Central	Back
High	i	ɨ	u
Mid	e		o
Low		a	

Vowel length is contrastive, but no examples of /əə/ have been recorded.

bà:tín folk tale  
dw<sup>w</sup>áá leaf

k<sup>w</sup>è:sí fish  
 m'ēé bush

ní: breast  
 zī: water

kō:lē bark of tree  
 mōō bow  
 nōó horn

gū: king  
 kú:l skin  
 lú: teardrop

Contrastive length can be demonstrated for all vowels except /ə/ (Table 7);

**Table 7. Evidence for vowel-length contrast in Məgang**

Məgang	Gloss	Məgang	Gloss
ɓà:ǰí	gourd rattle	ɓásí	urine
kéǰí	to tear; to rip	k <sup>w</sup> è:sí	fish
mī	we	mí:sǐ	buttocks
ɓóǰí	intestine	ɓō:tǐ	to beat; to strike; to hit
lǔ	place	lú:	teardrop

Apart from /a/ and /u/, words do not begin with vowels.

Phonetic nasalisation is marked in some IPA transcriptions in the database. However, this is likely to be an allophone of syllable codas with a nasal and thus not contrastive.

### 2.3 Tones

Məgang has three level tones as well as rising (Low-High and Mid-High) and Falling (High-Low). There are no clear minimal triplets, but the following indicates the contrast of heights on the initial syllable.

ǰǐ body  
 ǰǐǰíkūr butterfly  
 ǰǐǐ laughter  
 ǰǐǐí ocarina

## 3. Grammar

### 3.1 Nominal number marking

Broadly speaking, Məgang does not mark number morphologically. Exceptions are in respect of nouns referring to persons (Table 8);

**Table 8. Suppletive plurals of nouns for persons in Məgang**

Məgang	Gloss	Məgang	Gloss
mólmánǐ	man	mánìwúntǐ	men
kəlǐbálǎǰ	woman	móótliwàntǐ	women
yésàmàrí	young man	mǐlmánǐ	youths
yéǰkəlǐ	young woman	mǐlmótlǐ	young women



### 3.2 Numerals

Table 9 shows the basic Məgang numerals and compares them to other South Bauchi languages. Məgang is evidently similar to Gaaazi and Bu, but has a dV- prefix not found in the other languages.

**Table 9. Məgang numerals in comparative perspective**

Gloss	Məgang	Comment
one	dédəm	This root, usually with initial n- is distinctive for WSB
two	délóp	Common root in WSB languages
three	dēmékáŋ	Common root in SB languages
four	dūpsí	Common root in WSB languages
five	dēnàntéŋ	Common root in WSB languages
six	děmākā	Common root in SB languages
seven	dēníngī	Common root in E and some WSB languages
eight	dīwsəpsī	Scattered across WSB languages
nine	nētʷópsī	Distinctive to the Geji subgroup
ten	dēkúl	Near innovation in the Geji subgroup but shared with Zul

### 4. The place of Məgang within South Bauchi

Shimizu (1978) places Məgang within the Geji subgroup of South Bauchi, as confirmed in Caron (2009). Innovations supporting this, derived from the comparative list in Shimizu (1978) are given in Table 10.

**Table 10. Geji group innovations within South Bauchi**

Language	ashes	blood	cloud	eye	fat	knee	leaf	mountain	path	rain
Məgang	<sup>m</sup> bəlél	hùláj	yá: zī:	gʷíl	búkí	gàhùláj	dwāá	lëndēl	bìtāntū	zì: yáj

### 5. Conclusions

Məgang is a lively language of the South Bauchi group of Chadic. Work is continuing in the language and a more in-depth study of the grammar should be possible in the coming years.

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## Megang-English dictionary

### A a

**aceda** *n.* pot; jar; vessel  
**acigu** *adv.* day after tomorrow; next tomorrow  
**acigungu** *adv.* two days after tomorrow  
**adai** *s.v.* to be on  
**agwagwa** *n.* duck (< H.)  
**ahuli** *adv.* yesterday  
**akayau** *n.* ankle rattle made of palm leaves (< H.)  
**akewu** *adv.* tomorrow  
**alade** *n.* pig (< H.)  
**albasa** *n.* onion (< H.)  
**anciti** *v.* to bite  
**anemi** *int.* when?

**ang** *n.* arm  
**ani** *pron.* I; me  
**ankiyi** *v.* to refuse; to reject  
**apti 1)** *n.* running **2)** *v.* to run  
**asəng** *n.* leg  
**asi** *adv.* today  
**atli1** *n.* ground; earth; soil; land  
**atli2** *v.* to divide; to share out *syn.* **wuuli**  
**aunikū** *int.* where?  
**ayokoncina** *adv.* day before yesterday

### B b

**baati** *n.* folktale; story; fable *syn.* **baltagaba**  
**baba** *n.* father; dad  
**babu palang** *v.* to beat; to hit; to strike *syn.* **footi**  
 (person)  
**Badiko** *pers. n.* personal name  
**badebəl** *n.* sleep  
**bagalla** *n.* ram  
**Baking Kura** *p.n.* village name  
**bakung** *n.* **1)** wing **2)** shoulder **3)** elbow  
**bal gaali** *n.* calabash; gourd (big)  
**bal tlaa** *n.* bull  
**balbundi** *n.* internal stomach  
**balbung** *n.* grave; tomb  
**balcikəng** *n.* thigh  
**bali** *a.* big; large; huge; vast  
**Balla** *p.n.* village name  
**balmunci** *p.n.* masquerade  
**baltagaba** *n.* story; narrative; fable *syn.* **baati**  
**balwuci** *n.* python *Python sebae*  
**bamalang** *n.* thumb  
**bamalasəng** *n.* body part  
**barkunu** *n.* chili pepper *Capsicum annuum* (< H.)  
**baru** *n.* pigeon, domesticated  
**batakwoçi** *n.* sorrel; roselle *Hibiscus esculentus*  
**batli** *n.* liver  
**baye bəl** *v.p.* to sleep  
**Beddare** *p.n.* village name

**belbela** *n.* cattle egret *Bubulcus ibis* (< H.)  
**bələnni** *v.* to beg; to plead  
**bəli** *n.* monkey  
**bəlti** *v.* to give  
**Bəm Məgang** *p.n.* village name  
**bərma gada** *n.* aerial yam *Dioscorea bulbifera*  
**bətladənəm** *n.* fence  
**bəzi** *v.* to spit  
**bi** *n.* mouth  
**bi dembi** *n.* ant hill; termite mound  
**bi dung** *n.* beehive  
**bi Məgang** *n.* Məgang language  
**bicepdī** *n.* bank of river  
**bilebi** *n.* village  
**biribiri** *n.* bush pigeon  
**bitang** *n.* mud  
**bitantu** *n.* path; track; trail  
**biyatli** *n.* nest of bird  
**bobalzul** *n.* agama lizard *Agama agama*  
**Bolu** *p.n.* town name  
**bondelang** *n.* black monkey *Cercopithecus tantalus*  
**boola** *n.* quiver  
**buki** *v.* to roast; to grill  
**bushaa** *n.* hedgehog *Atelerix albiventris* (< H.)  
**bushil Bululu** *n.* flute made of a corn stalk  
**butərbu** *n.* wasp  
**Byeru** *p.n.* village name

### B b

**baashi** *n.* gourd rattle  
**bakəŋ** *n.* saliva; spittle  
**bakti** *v.* to plant  
**balkəŋ** *n.* lizard  
**banti** *n.* fear; terror; anguish  
**basi** *n.* urine; piss  
**ɓawuli** *v.* to boil  
**booti** *v.* to beat; to strike; to hit *syn.* **babu palang**

(drum)  
**boti** *n.* intestine  
**bubul** *n.* snake sp.  
**buki** *n.* fat  
**buli<sub>1</sub>** *n.* bedbug *Cicimidae*  
**buli<sub>2</sub>** *v.* to open  
**burzi** *v.* to twist; to plait; to twine

C c

**ceda** *n.* pot; vessel; jar  
**celi** *v.* to break; to smash; to shatter



**daaholi**

**cəŋ** *n.* day; sun  
**cətlgali** *n.* disease; sickness; malady; ailment; illness  
**ci** *v.* to eat  
**cil** *n.* tail  
**cingcing** *n.* house bat *Scotophilus spp.*  
**cona** *n.* face  
**cungagibi** *v.* to choke; to strangle  
**cwatəl** *n.* navel  
**cweti** *v.* to chew  
**cwətgatli** *a.* hot  
**cyəŋ** *n.* crocodile *Crocodylus suchus*

D d

**daaholi** *n.* baobab tree *Adansonia digitata*

**daaki** *v.* to remember; to recall  
**daba** *n.* domestic animal

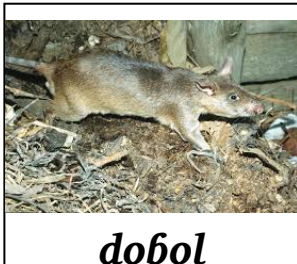


**daaholi**

**dabara** *n.* wisdom; understanding  
**dabara** *n.* clay  
**dakashi** *n.* ground squirrel *Xerus erythropus*  
**dake** *n.* castrated goat  
**dakəl** *n.* leper  
**dala** *n.* calf of leg  
**daləŋ** *v.* to dance  
**dalənti** *n.* dance  
**dandukung** *n.* locust bean cake  
**dangkada moolasi** *n.* praying mantis

**dangulung** *n.* millipede  
**dansi ang** *n.* forearm  
**deebol** *n.* fish sp.  
**delkang** *n.* fireplace; hearth  
**delkawutu** *n.* potsherd; broken pot for keeping fire  
**dembi** *n.* termite  
**demi** *v.* to sit  
**denjaal** *n.* locust bean pod  
**denzi** *n.* bush pig *Potamochoerus porcus*  
**desti** *v.* to pound  
**dəkəl** *n.* monitor lizard  
**dəli** *v.* to draw  
**dəm** *n.* silk cotton tree??  
**dəntəŋ** *n.* acha; fonio *Digitaria exilis*  
**dibolti** *a.* heavy  
**dicona** *n.* forehead  
**diikiyi** *a.* wet  
**dila** *n.* jackal *Canis adustus*  
**dimbəsh** *n.* firefly *Luciola*  
**dimbu** *n.* compound  
**disdigang diyazi** *n.* thunder  
**dizumdi** *n.* rubbish dump; trash heap; garbage dump  
**dlakti** *v.* to broadcast seed  
**dlanti** *v.* to make war; to fight; to combat; to

struggle  
**dleki** v. to uproot; to dig up  
**dlemi** v. to tell; to recount  
**dlemti** v. to count  
**dli** n. body  
**dlidlikur** n. butterfly  
**dlil** n. dry season  
**dliti** n. laughter  
**dlíti** n. ocarina, made from a dried fruit shell  
**dlitlu** n. flying ant  
**dlweli** v. to buy  
**dobol** n. giant rat *Cricetomys gambianus*



**dorina** n. hippopotamus *Hippopotamus amphibius*  
**doya** n. yam (< H.)  
**dufuwa** n. forest  
**duki** n. housefly  
**dumbatli** n. anger; rage; fury  
**dung** n. bee  
**dung kweesi** n. fish sp.  
**duniya** n. world; earth (< H.)  
**duu njwa** n. black sesame; black beniseed *Sesamum alatum*  
**duuni** a. black  
**duuzi** n. tigernut *Cyperus esculentus*  
**duwala** n. cocoyam; taro *Colocasia esculenta* (< H.)  
**dwaá** n. leaf

**D d**

**ɖakcelu** v. to jump; to leap  
**ɖeɖəm** num. one  
**ɖekutl** num. ten  
**ɖelop** num. two  
**ɖemekang** num. three  
**ɖenantəng** num. five  
**ɖeningi** num. seven

**ɖeshelti** v. to hatch  
**ɖəmaka** num. six  
**ɖiiki** n. red-flowered silk cotton tree *Bombax buonoponenze*  
**ɖiusəpsi** num. eight  
**ɖupsi** num. four

**'E 'e**

**'ebyesi** n. sand

**F f**

**fiti** v. to fly

**G g**

**gaadal** n. handle of s.t.  
**gaadəlti** a. round  
**gaali** n. calabash  
**gaba ang** n. upper arm  
**gada** n. bridge  
**gadfiyatli** p.n. masquerade

**gagang** n. drum, two-headed barrel-drum  
**gahulang** n. knee syn. **isgahulang**  
**gang** n. head  
**gashi** n. spear  
**gatəmbukəl** n. toad  
**gəɖa** n. basket

**gälla** *n.* iron  
**gəsgəba1** *n.* chin  
**gəsgəba2** *n.* beard??  
**gəshkai** *n.* gruel; sloppy porridge (kunu)  
**gətli** *n.* ladder  
**gəzəng** *n.* charcoal; coal  
**gəzhi** *n.* local beer *syn.* **pito**  
**giginya** *n.* fan palm *Borassus aethiopum* (< H.)

**giili** *n.* hoe (big)  
**gitli** *n.* laughter  
**gitlini** *v.* to laugh  
**gudelti** *v.* to go down; to descend  
**guja** *n.* groundnut; peanut *Arachis hypogaea*  
**gúli** *n.* widow  
**gulki** *n.* cassava; yam  
**gumbatu** *n.* transverse clarinet; musical instrument  
**gunda** *n.* cock  
**gushka huli** *n.* tumuku, an edible tuber  
*Solenostemon rotundifolius*

**gusiya** *a.* old (inanimate)  
**gusmi** *n.* porcupine *Hystrix cristata*



**guu** *n.* king; chief; ruler  
**guu dembi** *n.* queen ant  
**guu yang** *n.* God  
**gùli** *n.* pegged drum  
**gwil** *n.* eye  
**gwongki** *n.* animal sp.  
**gyelu** *n.* pearl millet *Pennisetum americanum*

H h

**Hadobilang** *p.n.* village name  
**ham** *n.* yawning  
**hamti** *v.* to yawn  
**hankaka** *n.* pied crow *Corvus albus*



**holdwa** *n.* tree sp.  
**hotti** *v.* 1) to blow 2) to stir  
**huhukəng** *n.* lungs  
**huhukti** *n.* Senegal coucal *Centropus senegalensis*



**hulang** *n.* blood  
**hulendii** *n.* mosquito  
**huli** *n.* rizga *Plectranthus esculentus*  
**húli** *n.* hyena  
**hwooli** *a.* white  
**hwotgədung** *adv.* daybreak; dawn  
**hwung** *n.* baboon *Papio anubis*  
**hwuni** *n.* corpse; cadaver; carcass  
**hwuu** *n.* granary; silo; barn



I i

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**icong** *n.* nose  
**igung** *n.* thing  
**ili** *n.* thorn  
**illeti** *v.* to whistle  
**iltoka** *v.* to go out; to exit  
**iltwei** *v.* to come out?  
**imukəl** *v.* to steal; to rob; to burgle; to pilfer  
**isgahulang** *n.* knee *syn.* **gahulang**  
**ishi** *n.* bone or faeces??  
**isti** *v.* to know  
**itla** *n.* Bambara nut *Vigna subterranea*



**itltika** *v.* to close; to shut

J j

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**jaki** *n.* donkey (< H.)  
**jeka buhung** *n.* sack (< H. bufu)  
**jeki** *v.* to push  
**jemiti** *v.* to say; to speak  
**jera** *n.* weaver bird *Ploceus cucullatus*



**jəkənti** *v.* to fill  
**jiji** *n.* owl  
**jijiji** *n.* weevil  
**jika** *n.* grandchild  
**jirji kazee** *n.* canoe; boat  
**jong** *n.* guinea-fowl *Numida meleagris*  
**juyi** *n.* barren woman

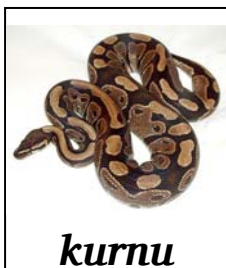
K k

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**kaalang** *n.* hand  
**kaali** *n.* back  
**kaaya** *n.* load; burden (< H.)  
**kacumbula** *n.* ant sp.  
**kadi** *n.* dog  
**kagu** *n.* wall  
**kaka** *n.* grandparent  
**kaka malmani** *n.* grandfather  
**kaka modli** *n.* grandmother  
**kakol** *n.* bush fowl; francolin  
**kalangu** *n.* hourglass drum (< H.)  
**kalasəng** *n.* foot  
**kali** *n.* calabash type  
**kalkəng** *n.* cheek  
**kalmili** *n.* eczema; dermatitis

**kami** *v.* to carry  
**kanggung** *v.* to choose; to select  
**kantara** *n.* trap  
**kapsi** *n.* horse  
**kaptəlang** *n.* shoe  
**kari gəshələng** *n.* proverb; saying  
**kashishiyā** *n.* ant  
**katabing** *n.* roof  
**katənguli** *n.* tick  
**katkəng** *v.* to listen  
**kawo** *n.* guinea-corn *Sorghum bicolor*  
**keshi** *v.* to tear; to rip  
**keteyenti** *n.* foretune-teller; soothsayer  
**kəp̄bā** *n.* grasshopper  
**kəgasi** *adv.* night

**kəkyəu** *adv.* morning  
**kəlibalang** *n.* woman  
**kəmani** *n.* word  
**kəsukti** *n.* evening; dusk; twilight  
**ki** *pron.* you (m); you (pl)  
**kini** *v.* to tie  
**kinti1** *v.* to build; to construct  
**kinti2** *v.* to marry; to wed *syn.* **pəlkəli**  
**kola** *n.* peelings  
**kolobi** *n.* newt  
**kong** *n.* ear  
**koocila** *n.* cockroach  
**kool** *n.* chicken; hen; fowl  
**koole** *n.* bark of tree  
**koonwi** *a.* dry; arid  
**kooso** *n.* drum, small hourglass drum (< H.)  
**koyesi** *n.* teaching  
**kpali** *n.* beans; cowpeas *Vigna unguiculata*  
**kpawuci** *n.* spiral beans *Vigna unguiculata*  
**kujang** *p.n.* masquerade  
**kuktiteka** *v.* to bury; to inter  
**kuku** *int.* which  
**kuli** *n.* cry  
**kúli** *n.* cat  
**kulu** *n.* rag  
**kulung** *n.* bag  
**kum** *a.* all  
**kum banti** *v.p.* to fear  
**kumi** *v.* to hear  
**kumshi** *n.* bundle  
**kunga** *n.* yam heaps  
**kunu** *n.* smoke  
**kurnu** *n.* royal python *Python regius*



**kurnu**

**kurungu** *n.* catfish sp. (< H.)  
**kusəng** *n.* rat  
**kusəng məng zani** *n.* rat sp.  
**kusəng padama** *n.* rat sp.  
**kusha** *n.* spoon  
**kushka** *n.* dust  
**kut cenam** *num.* eleven

**kutl cen nantəng** *num.* fifteen  
**kutl cen wupsi** *num.* fourteen  
**kutl cenlop** *num.* twelve  
**kutl cenmekang** *num.* thirteen  
**kutl kutl dekutl** *num.* one hundred  
**kutl kutl delop** *num.* twenty  
**kutl kutl demekang** *num.* thirty  
**kutl kutl deməkə** *num.* sixty  
**kutl kutl denamtang** *num.* fifty  
**kutl kutl denetwupsi** *num.* ninety  
**kutl kutl deningi** *num.* seventy  
**kutl kutl dewupsi** *num.* forty  
**kutlni** *v.* to learn  
**kuul** *n.* skin; hide  
**kuzəng** *n.* hunger  
**kwada** *n.* kidney  
**kwadi** *n.* snail  
**kwaki** *n.* leopard *Panthera pardus*  
**kwalbalang** *a.* old; aged (animate)  
**kwaltalu** *n.* work; labour; occupation *syn.* **kyautəng**  
**kwara** *n.* raphia palm *Raphia sudanica*  
**kwari** *n.* insect  
**kwarkwata** *n.* louse (< H.)  
**kwasetəka** *v.p.* to scatter  
**kweesi** *n.* fish  
**kweeti** *n.* garden egg *Solanum incanum*



**laaki**

**kwekənwi** *v.* to burn  
**kwesəli** *n.* shell  
**kwəltəng** *n.* sickle  
**kwimalami** *n.* salt  
**kwobi** *v.* to follow; to pursue  
**kwoltelu** *v.* to hoe; to farm; to till; to cultivate  
**kwolti** *v.* to weed  
**kwomiti** *n.* adze  
**kwosi** *v.* to vomit; to puke  
**kwoskəng** *n.* vomit  
**kyaatləl** *n.* star  
**kyatləl məmil** *n.* constellation  
**kyautəng** *n.* work *syn.* **kwaltalu**  
**kyelkyel** *n.* tree squirrel  
**kyengkyeng** *n.* iron gong

**laaki** *n.* pumpkin *Cucurbita pepo*  
**laalo** *n.* Jew's mallow *Corchorus olitorius* (< H.)  
**laki** *v.* to throw  
**lakti** *v.* to put on  
**lamdər** *p.n.* masquerade  
**lami** *v.* to want; to like; to desire  
**lanti** *n.* fight; battle; combat  
**latetləl** *n.* cough  
**laye tləl** *v.p.* to cough  
**lekla** *n.* tree sp.  
**lekun** *n.* fish trap  
**leli** *n.* bush cow; buffalo  
**lenti** *n.* jaw  
**ləɸa** *n.* dish  
**ləka<sub>1</sub>** *n.* tongue  
**ləka<sub>2</sub>** *n.* lie; untruth; falsehood  
**ləkti** *v.* to suck  
**ləl** *n.* penis; prick  
**lələpsəng** *n.* swift (bird)  
**ləmbəl** *n.* viper  
**ləngka** *n.* mahogany tree *Khaya senegalensis*



**ləngka**

**lətiyi** *v.* to come  
**liil** *n.* moon; month  
**liishi** *n.* head-pad  
**lu** *n.* place  
**lu bying** *n.* house; home  
**ludenti** *n.* chair; seat; stool  
**ludenti kaguu** *n.* throne  
**ludyee** *n.* calabash spoon (< H.)  
**lumalti** *n.* mat  
**lumot gang** *n.* market (< F.)  
**luu<sub>1</sub>** *n.* teardrop  
**luu<sub>2</sub>** *v.* to cry; to weep  
**luusi** *n.* pestle  
**lwang** *n.* soldier ant  
**lwani** *n.* sweat; perspiration  
**lwəntəng** *s.v.* to be bent; to be curved

**M m**

**maakoko** *n.* goitre  
**maal** *n.* goat  
**maal gamani** *n.* he-goat  
**madiyo** *v.* to walk; to go  
**makəmbu** *n.* new cocoyam; taro *Xanthosoma mafaffa*  
**Makjera** *p.n.* village name  
**mama** *n.* armpit  
**mandəl** *n.* stick  
**mandyes tagəlla** *n.* blacksmith  
**maniwunti** *n.* men *sg.* **məlməni**  
**masi** *v.* to lick  
**matangkafə** *n.* winnowing tray (< H.)  
**matləng** *n.* feather  
**mbaləng** *n.* person *pl.* **mbaləwunti**  
**mbaləwunti** *n.* people *pl.* **mbaləng**  
**mbatli** *n.* heart  
**mbəshel** *n.* flute

**mbəshətəka** *v.* to quench; to extinguish  
**mbətəl** *n.* ashes; cinders  
**mbiki** *n.* gum of mouth  
**mbiti** *v.* to get; to find  
**mbol** *n.* lion *Leo africanus*  
**mboli dai** *v.* to add  
**mboshti** *v.* to slaughter  
**mboti** *v.* to shoot  
**mbuki** *n.* egg  
**mbul** *n.* elephant *Elephas maximus*  
**mbula<sub>1</sub>** *n.* sheep  
**mbula<sub>2</sub>** *n.* cotton  
**mbúlá** *n.* silk-cotton tree; kapok tree *Ceiba pentandra*  
**mbunti** *a.* good; fine  
**mbushti** *v.* to cut; to cut off  
**mbwaki** *n.* custard apple *Annona senegalensis*





**Məgang** *p.n.* Megang people  
**məlgabi** *n.* 1) younger sister 2) younger brother  
**məli** *v.* to go  
**məlmani** *n.* man *sg.*. **maniwunti**  
**məshkəng** 1) *n.* death 2) *v.* to die  
**mətlkəng** *n.* locust bean tree *Parkia biglobosa*  
**mi** *pron.* we  
**miila cəkəng** *n.* branch of tree  
**miilang** *n.* finger  
**miisi** *n.* buttocks  
**mil gali** *n.* shea-butter oil  
**mil kadfi** *n.* puppy  
**mil kusəng** *n.* rat tiny sp.  
**milasəng** *n.* toe  
**milbalang** *n.* boys *pl.*. **yembalang**

**mili** *n.* oil; fat; grease  
**milmani** *n.* young men; lads; youths *pl.*. **yesamari**  
**milmotli** *n.* young women *pl.*. **yengkəli**  
**mitlgulu** *n.* okra *Abelmoschus esculentus*  
**modiyo** *v.* to come out; to exit  
**mojida** *n.* ancestor  
**mokti** *s.v.* to be rotten; to decay; to decompose  
**molti** *n.* hunting  
**monci** *p.n.* masquerade  
**mongkwoli** *n.* elder brother  
**moo** *n.* bow for hunting  
**mu waali** *n.* traditional worshipper  
**mucinbalang** *n.* witch  
**mukəl** *n.* thief; robber; burglar  
**muki** *n.* bamboo  
**mulatli** *v.* to lie down  
**mulmani** *n.* bravery; courage  
**mulmulti** *n.* hunter  
**murshi bunti** *a.* bad; evil  
**musni** *v.* to forget  
**muwi1** *v.* to fold  
**muwi2** *v.* to collect  
**muwi3** *v.* to mix; to combine  
**muyenti** *n.* traditional doctor  
**myee** *n.* 1) bush 2) grass

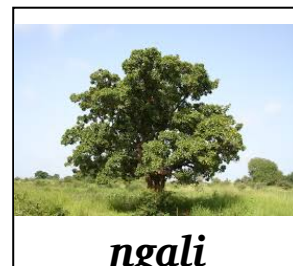
**N n**

**na'ani** *a.* small; little; tiny  
**nakti** *n.* suffering; anguish  
**nali** *v.* to grow; to increase  
**nana** *n.* mother  
**nangdukshi** *a.* few  
**nazhel** *n.* large antelope sp.  
**ndelzang** *p.n.* masquerade  
**ndetti** *a.* cold; chilly  
**ndəkti** *v.* to answer; to reply  
**ndoklami** *a.* short  
**ndra** *v.* to fall; to drop  
**ndral** *n.* axe; hatchet  
**ndrang** *n.* black plum *Vitex doniana*



**ndukciyi** *a.* half

**nemkwi** *n.* potash  
**netwopsi** *num.* nine  
**nəktəhung** *v.* to grind; to crush; to pulverise  
**ngakool** *n.* crab  
**ngali** *n.* shea-butter tree *Vitellaria paradoxa*



**ngefi** *n.* rib  
**ngeki** *n.* chest  
**ngəbəng** *n.* tortoise  
**ngədəsi** *n.* castrated sheep  
**ngibi** *v.* to catch  
**ngoti** *v.* to search for; to seek; look for  
**ngusi** *v.* to kneel  
**ngyemti** *v.* to ask; to request  
**nida** *v.* to have; to own

**nii** *n.* breast; tit; boob; bosom  
**njwa** *n.* sesame; beniseed *Sesamum indicum*  
**nnade** *v.* to set trap  
**nnang** *n.* antelope sp.  
**nokti** *a.* bitter  
**noo** *n.* transverse horn for music

**noó** *n.* horn  
**nyandi** *n.* cricket  
**nyandi moonci** *n.* cricket sp.  
**nzhii** *n.* locust bean seed  
**nzhweti** *a.* sweet; tasty

O o

**okudu** *n.* maize; corn *Zea mays*

P p

**paasa** *n.* arrow type  
**paatləŋ** *n.* tamarind *Tamarindus indica*  
**padama** *n.* wetland; swamp; marsh; bog; fadama (< H. fadama)  
**pagyazi** *n.* snake sp.  
**Pakimi** *p.n.* village name  
**pakiwi** *v.* to finish; to end; to complete  
**pangka** *n.* room  
**passa kashi** *n.* arrow type  
**passi** *n.* arrow  
**pelti** *v.* to dry out; to evaporate  
**pədi** *v.* to do s.t.  
**pəka** *n.* knife

**pəlkəli** *v.* to marry; to wed *syn.* **kinti<sub>2</sub>**  
**pəltəka** *v.* to lose s.t.  
**pəlti** *v.* to work; to labour  
**pəlwəlati** *v.* to play  
**pətti** *v.* to walk  
**pito** *n.* beer *syn.* **gəzhi** (< H.)  
**poison** *a.* none [?]  
**pokama** *v.* to resemble  
**pokəntəl** *a.* light  
**powi** *v.* to arrive; to come  
**pushi** *n.* locust bean flour  
**pyaali** *a.* new  
**pyelti** *v.* to sharpen

R r

**rama** *n.* kenaf fibre plant used for rope *Hibiscus cannabinus*

**rijiya** *n.* well (< H.)

S s

**salsal** *n.* chain  
**sando** *n.* flea  
**səmbəl** *n.* visitor; guest; stranger  
**səŋgati** *v.* to swallow  
**səsəl** *n.* dew  
**sha** *n.* shame; embarrassment  
**shaho** *n.* hawk (< H.)  
**shaka** *n.* water-yam *Dioscorea alata* (< H.)  
**shati<sub>1</sub>** *v.* to dry  
**shati<sub>2</sub>** *v.* to drink; to ingest *syn.* **tlwe**  
**shil** *n.* turning stick  
**shil bəli** *n.* millet sp.  
**shingkapa** *n.* rice (< H.)  
**shishi** *n.* shadow; shade  
**shishokti** *n.* whistling

**shong<sub>1</sub>** *n.* name  
**shong<sub>2</sub>** *n.* porridge; pap; gruel  
**shóng** *n.* tooth  
**shoti** *v.* to pour  
**shukti** *n.* breath  
**shung** *n.* cave; hole; cavity  
**shushula** *n.* anus; arsehole  
**shwenti** *v.* to send  
**si** *pron.* they  
**siiku** *n.* arrow type  
**siriya** *n.* parrot  
**somati** *v.* to begin; to start; to commence  
**suuli** *n.* broom; brush  
**suulu** *n.* ankle rattle made of iron  
**swangi** *n.* millet sp.

**swatti** *v.* to wipe

**swee** *n.* vagina

**T t**

**takal matlang** *v.p.* to plait; to braid; to twine  
**takalti** *v.* to weave  
**taktobi** *v.* to call  
**takwobi** *n.* sword (< H.)  
**talti** *v.* to smash; to break  
**tampəlang** *n.* s.t. used for sharing food  
**tantayatli** *n.* earthworm; worm  
**tantu** *n.* road; path; track; trail  
**tapga** *n.* lake; pond; pool; dam  
**tasi** *v.* to sweep; to brush  
**tatli** *v.* to split  
**tefwi** *v.* to enter; to go in  
**temti** *a.* nice  
**tendati** *v.* to rain  
**teng gudelti** *v.p.* to flow  
**teni** *v.* to touch  
**təfi** *v.* to surpass; to exceed  
**təkidi** *v.* to swell; to inflate  
**təmpwa** *n.* weeding hoe  
**tətələtei** *v.* to continue  
**tətəkti** *v.* to shake; to quake; to vibrate  
**ti** *pron.* you (f)  
**tlaa** *n.* cow; cattle (general)  
**tlaa gə Bululung** *n.* cow Fulani type  
**tlaa gə lubi** *n.* taurine; muturu; native cow  
**tlaali** *a.* tall; high  
**tlabong** *n.* bee sp. black and they make their house

in the ground or trees  
**tlalpəka** *n.* cutlass; machete; matchet  
**tlati** *n.* height; tallness  
**tlelkaa** *n.* river; stream; brook  
**tlelki1** *n.* vein; artery  
**tlelki2** *n.* root  
**tlemti** *v.* to sew  
**tlendel** *n.* mountain  
**tli** *v.* to stand up  
**tlokti** *v.* to rub; to smear; to wipe  
**tlukənti** *n.* dream  
**tluti** *v.* to kill; to slay; to murder; to assassinate  
**tluu** *n.* meat  
**tluu gə kəmyeng** *n.* wild animal  
**tlwamdər** *n.* fish sp.  
**tlwe** *v.* to drink *syn.* **shati2**  
**tlwelkəng** *n.* tree sp.  
**to** *v.* to climb; to ascend; to go up  
**tuki** *n.* stomach; belly  
**tukutuku** *n.* mist; fog; haze  
**tungtung** *n.* locust bean flower  
**tuuli** *n.* mortar  
**twassi** *n.* pot; vessel large  
**twili** *n.* civet cat *Civettictis civetta*



**U u**

**ucidwaa** *n.* Angolan green snake *Philothamnus angolensis*  
**ulcedalti** *n.* beer filter; strainer  
**ulcetəga** *n.* comb  
**uldyes təgəla** *n.* hammer  
**ulgwop ta kweesi** *n.* fishing net  
**ultlaa** *n.* door

**ultukung** *n.* song  
**usung** *n.* wound  
**usunti** *n.* smell; odour; aroma; fragrance  
**utəzi** *v.* to wash  
**utli** *v.* to fry  
**utti** *v.* to bathe  
**utung** *n.* fire

**W w**

**waali** *n.* traditional worship  
**waani** *n.* year  
**walati** *v.* to play  
**watlang** *n.* rainy season  
**welkiya** *n.* lightening (< H.)  
**wiilu** *n.* whirlwind; dust-devil  
**wokanzi** *n.* spitting cobra *Naja nigricollis*



**wokanzi**

**wokələl** *n.* chameleon  
**wolo** *n.* soup; stew  
**wontoti** *a.* many; plenteous; numerous; abundant  
**wotli** *v.* to carve  
**wuci** *n.* snake (generic)  
**wuku** *int.* who?  
**wulpi** *n.* money; cash  
**wultega** *v.* to sell  
**wulti1** *v.* to bark  
**wulti2** *v.* to sing  
**wundel** *n.* seed  
**wusni** *v.* to smell  
**wuuli** *v.* to share; to divide out *syn.* **atli2**

Y y

**yaa zii** *n.* cloud  
**yaadi** *n.* poison; toxin; venom  
**yaatli** *n.* bird  
**yal** *n.* neck  
**yalang** *n.* not known  
**yang** *n.* sky  
**yekke** *int.* what  
**yeləng** *n.* friend; mate; companion  
**yembalang** *n.* boy; lad *pl.* **milbalang**

**yendəl** *n.* scorpion  
**yengkəli** *n.* young woman; girl; maiden *pl.* **milmotli**  
**yeni** *v.* to see; to look  
**yesamari** *n.* young man; lad *pl.* **milmani**  
**yetəl** *n.* wind; breeze  
**yikəng** *n.* medicine  
**yilli** *v.* to swim  
**yoti** *v.* to walk

'Y 'y

**'yakwali** *n.* nightjar *Caprimulgidae*

**'yecəɓng** *n.* tree

Z z

**zaang** *n.* rope; cord; twine  
**zaki** *v.* to drop  
**zariyang** *n.* spider  
**zendel** *n.* hill  
**zəngə** *n.* stone; rock  
**zəngə nete hwung** *n.* grinding stone  
**zətti** *v.* to cook  
**zhaal** *n.* slave  
**zheeli** *p.n.* masquerade  
**zhembul** *n.* locust

**zheng** *n.* farm  
**zhepgi** *n.* vulture *Neophron monachus*  
**zheta** *n.* frog  
**zii** *n.* water  
**zii dung** *n.* honeybee *Apis mellifera*  
**zii yang** *n.* rain  
**ziili** *a.* red  
**ziishi** *n.* dysentery; diarrhoea  
**zudyeng** *v.* to give birth; to deliver



**zul** *n.* hyena *Crocuta crocuta*

**zuni** *n.* dassie; rock rabbit; rock hyrax *Procavia capensis*

**zuriya** *n.* relation

**zweli** *n.* fruit bat *Rousettus aegyptiacus*

**zweli gə kədəm** *n.* bat sp.

**zwomong** *n.* hare *Lepus capensis*

## A a

abundant *a.* wontoti  
 acha *n.* dǎntǎng  
 add, to *v.* mboli dai  
 adze *n.* kwomiti  
 aerial yam *n.* bǎrma gada  
 agama lizard *n.* bobalzul  
 aged *a.* kwalbalang  
 ailment *n.* cǎtlgali  
 all *a.* kum  
 ancestor *n.* mojida  
 anger *n.* dumbatli  
 Angolan green snake *n.*  
 ucidwaa

anguish *n.* nakti; *n.* fanti  
 animal sp. *n.* gwongki  
 ankle rattle *n.* suulu; *n.* akayau  
 answer, to *v.* ndǎkti  
 ant *n.* kashishiyǎ  
 ant hill *n.* bi dembi  
 ant sp. *n.* kacumbula  
 antelope sp. *n.* nnang  
 anus *n.* shushula  
 arid *a.* koonwi  
 arm *n.* ang  
 armpit *n.* mama  
 aroma *n.* usunti

arrive, to *v.* powi  
 arrow *n.* passi  
 arrow type *n.* siiku; *n.* passa  
 kashi; *n.* paasa  
 arsehole *n.* shushula  
 artery *n.* tlelki<sub>1</sub>  
 ascend, to *v.* to  
 ashes *n.* mbǎtlel  
 ask, to *v.* ngyemti  
 assassinate, to *v.* fluti  
 axe *n.* ndral

## B b

baboon *n.* hwung  
 back *n.* kaali  
 bad *a.* murshi bunti  
 bag *n.* kulung  
 Bambara nut *n.* itla  
 bamboo *n.* muki  
 bank of river *n.* bicepfi  
 baobab tree *n.* daaholi  
 bark of tree *n.* koole  
 bark, to *v.* wulti<sub>1</sub>  
 barn *n.* hwuu  
 barren woman *n.* juyi  
 basket *n.* gǎfa  
 bat sp. *n.* zweli gǎ kǎdǎm  
 bathe, to *v.* utti  
 battle *n.* lanti  
 be bent, to *s.v.* lwǎntǎng  
 be curved, to *s.v.* lwǎntǎng  
 be on, to *s.v.* adai  
 beans *n.* kpali  
 beard?? *n.* gǎsgǎba<sub>2</sub>  
 beat, to *v.* babu palang; *v.* footi  
 bedbug *n.* fuli<sub>1</sub>  
 bee *n.* dung  
 bee sp. *n.* tlabong  
 beehive *n.* bi dung  
 beer *n.* pito  
 beer filter *n.* ulcedalti  
 beg, to *v.* bǎlǎnni  
 begin, to *v.* somati  
 belly *n.* tuki

beniseed *n.* njwa  
 big *a.* bali  
 bird *n.* yaatli  
 bird sp. *n.* kakol; *n.* biribiri; *n.*  
 belbela; *n.* agwagwa; *n.* jong;  
*n.* shaho; *n.* 'yakwali; *n.* jiji;  
*n.* siriya; *n.* baru; *n.* huhukti;  
*n.* hangkaka  
 bite, to *v.* anciti  
 bitter *a.* nokt  
 black *a.* duuni  
 black beniseed *n.* duu njwa  
 black monkey *n.* bondelang  
 black plum *n.* ndrang  
 black sesame *n.* duu njwa  
 blacksmith *n.* mandyes tagǎlla  
 blood *n.* hulang  
 blow, to *v.* hotti 1  
 boat *n.* jirji kazee  
 body *n.* dli  
 body part *n.* bamalasǎng  
 bog *n.* padama  
 boil, to *v.* fawuli  
 bone or faeces?? *n.* ishi  
 boob *n.* nii  
 bosom *n.* nii  
 bow *n.* moo  
 boy *n.* yembalang  
 boys *n.* milbalang  
 braid, to *v.p.* takal matlang  
 branch of tree *n.* miila cokǎng

bravery *n.* mulmani  
 break, to *v.* celi; *v.* talti  
 breast *n.* nii  
 breath *n.* shukti  
 breeze *n.* yetǎl  
 bridge *n.* gada  
 broadcast seed, to *v.* dlakti  
 broken pot *n.* delkawutu  
 brook *n.* tlelkaa  
 broom *n.* suuli  
 brush *n.* suuli  
 brush, to *v.* tasi  
 buffalo *n.* leli  
 build, to *v.* kinti<sub>1</sub>  
 bull *n.* bal tlaa  
 bundle *n.* kumshi  
 burden *n.* kaaya  
 burglar *n.* mukǎl  
 burgle, to *v.* imukǎl  
 burn, to *v.* kwekǎnwi  
 bury, to *v.* kuktiteka  
 bush *n.* myee 1  
 bush cow *n.* leli  
 bush fowl *n.* kakol  
 bush pig *n.* denzi  
 bush pigeon *n.* biribiri  
 butterfly *n.* dliidikur  
 buttocks *n.* miisi  
 buy, to *v.* dlweli

C c

cadaver *n.* hwuni  
 calabash *n.* gaali; *n.* bal gaali  
 calabash spoon *n.* ludyee  
 calabash type *n.* kali  
 calf of leg *n.* dala  
 call, to *v.* taktobi  
 canoe *n.* jirji kazee  
 carcass *n.* hwuni  
 carry, to *v.* kami  
 carve, to *v.* wotlti  
 cash *n.* wulpi  
 cassava *n.* gulki  
 castrated goat *n.* dake  
 castrated sheep *n.* ngādesi  
 cat *n.* kūli  
 catch, to *v.* ngifi  
 catfish sp. *n.* kurungu  
 cattle *n.* tlaa  
 cattle egret *n.* belbela  
 cave *n.* shung  
 cavity *n.* shung  
 chain *n.* salsal  
 chair *n.* ludenti  
 chameleon *n.* wokələl  
 charcoal *n.* gəzəng  
 cheek *n.* kalkəng  
 chest *n.* ngeki  
 chew, to *v.* cweti

chicken *n.* kool  
 chief *n.* guu  
 chili pepper *n.* barkunu  
 chilly *a.* ndetti  
 chin *n.* gəsgəba<sub>1</sub>  
 choke, to *v.* cūngagifi  
 choose, to *v.* kanggung  
 cinders *n.* mbətlel  
 civet cat *n.* twili  
 clay *n.* dabara  
 climb, to *v.* to  
 close, to *v.* itltika  
 cloud *n.* yaa zii  
 coal *n.* gəzəng  
 cock *n.* gunda  
 cockroach *n.* koocila  
 cocoyam *n.* duwala  
 cold *a.* ndetti  
 collect, to *v.* muwi<sub>2</sub>  
 comb *n.* ulcetəga  
 combat *n.* lanti  
 combat, to *v.* dlanti  
 combine, to *v.* muwi<sub>3</sub>  
 come out, to *v.* modiyō  
 come out?, to *v.* iltwei  
 come, to *v.* lətiyi; *v.* powi  
 commence, to *v.* somati  
 companion *n.* yeləng

complete, to *v.* pakiwi  
 compound *n.* dimbu  
 constellation *n.* kyatləl məmil  
 construct, to *v.* kinti<sub>1</sub>  
 continue, to *v.* tətələtei  
 cook, to *v.* zətti  
 cord *n.* zaang  
 corn *n.* okudu  
 corpse *n.* hwuni  
 cotton *n.* mbula<sub>2</sub>  
 cough *n.* latetləl  
 cough, to *v.p.* laye tləl  
 count, to *v.* dlemti  
 courage *n.* mulmani  
 cow *n.* tlaa; *n.* tlaa gə Bululung  
 cowpeas *n.* kpali  
 crab *n.* ngakool  
 cricket *n.* nyandi  
 cricket sp. *n.* nyandi moonci  
 crocodile *n.* cyēng  
 crush, to *v.* nəktəhung  
 cry *n.* kuli  
 cry, to *v.* luu<sub>2</sub>  
 cultivate, to *v.* kwoltelu  
 custard apple *n.* mbwaki  
 cut off, to *v.* mbushti  
 cut, to *v.* mbushti  
 cutlass *n.* tlapəka

D d

dad *n.* baba  
 dam *n.* tapga  
 dance *n.* dalənti  
 dance, to *v.* daləng  
 dassie *n.* zuni  
 dawn *adv.* hwotgəfung  
 day *n.* cəng  
 day after tomorrow *adv.* acigu  
 day before yesterday *adv.*  
 ayokoncina  
 daybreak *adv.* hwotgəfung  
 death *n.* məshkəng 1  
 decay, to *s.v.* mokti  
 decompose *s.v.* mokti  
 deliver, to *v.* zudyəng  
 dermatitis *n.* kalmili

descend, to *v.* gudelti  
 desire, to *v.* lami  
 dew *n.* səsəl  
 diarrhoea *n.* ziishi  
 die, to *v.* məshkəng 2  
 dig up, to *v.* dleki  
 disease *n.* cətlgali  
 dish *n.* ləda  
 divide out, to *v.* wuuli  
 divide, to *v.* atli<sub>2</sub>  
 do s.t., to *v.* pədi  
 dog *n.* kadfi  
 domestic animal *n.* daba  
 donkey *n.* jaki  
 door *n.* ultlaa  
 draw, to *v.* dəli

dream *n.* tlukənti  
 drink, to *v.* tlwe; *v.* shati<sub>2</sub>  
 drop, to *v.* zaki; *v.* ndra  
 drum *n.* gagang; *n.* kalangu; *n.*  
 kooso; *n.* gūli  
 dry *a.* koonwi  
 dry out, to *v.* pelti  
 dry season *n.* dlil  
 dry, to *v.* shati<sub>1</sub>  
 duck *n.* agwagwa  
 dusk *n.* kəsukti  
 dust *n.* kushka  
 dust-devil *n.* wiulu  
 dysentery *n.* ziishi

E e

ear *n.* kong  
 earth *n.* duniya; *n.* atli<sub>1</sub>  
 earthworm *n.* tantayatli  
 eat, to *v.* ci  
 eczema *n.* kalmili  
 egg *n.* mbuki  
 eight *num.* diusəpsi

elbow *n.* bakung 3  
 elder brother *n.* mongkwoli  
 elephant *n.* mbul  
 eleven *num.* kut cenam  
 embarrassment *n.* sha  
 end, to *v.* pakiwi  
 enter, to *v.* tefwi

evaporate, to *v.* pelti  
 evening *n.* kəsukti  
 evil *a.* murshi bunti  
 exceed, to *v.* təfi  
 exit, to *v.* modiyo; *v.* iltoka  
 extinguish, to *v.* mbəshtəka  
 eye *n.* gwil

F f

fable *n.* baltagaba; *n.* baati  
 face *n.* cona  
 fadama *n.* padama  
 fall, to *v.* ndra  
 falsehood *n.* ləka<sub>2</sub>  
 fan palm *n.* giginya  
 farm *n.* zheng  
 farm, to *v.* kwoltelu  
 fat *n.* buki; *n.* mili  
 father *n.* baba  
 fear *n.* banti  
 fear, to *v.p.* kum banti  
 feather *n.* matläng  
 fence *n.* bətlɫadenəm  
 few *a.* nangdukshi  
 fifteen *num.* kutl cen nantəng  
 fifty *num.* kutl kutl denamtang  
 fight *n.* lanti  
 fight, to *v.* dlanti  
 fill, to *v.* jəkənti  
 find, to *v.* mbiti

fine *a.* mbunti  
 finger *n.* miilang  
 finish, to *v.* pakiwi  
 fire *n.* utung  
 firefly *n.* dimbəsh  
 fireplace *n.* delkang  
 fish *n.* kweesi  
 fish sp. *n.* deebol; *n.* dung  
     kweesi; *n.* tlwamdə  
 fish trap *n.* lekun  
 fishing net *n.* ulgwop ta kweesi  
 five *num.* denantəng  
 flea *n.* sando  
 flow, to *v.p.* teng gudelti  
 flute *n.* bushil Bululu; *n.*  
     mbəshel  
 fly, to *v.* fiti  
 flying ant *n.* dlitlu  
 fog *n.* tukutuku  
 fold, to *v.* muwi<sub>1</sub>  
 folktale *n.* baati

follow, to *v.* kwobi  
 fonio *n.* dəntəng  
 foot *n.* kalasəng  
 forearm *n.* dansi ang  
 forehead *n.* dicona  
 forest *n.* dufuwa  
 fortune-teller *n.* keteyenti  
 forget, to *v.* musni  
 forty *num.* kutl kutl dəwupsi  
 four *num.* dupsi  
 fourteen *num.* kutl cen wupsi  
 fowl *n.* kool  
 fragrance *n.* usunti  
 francolin *n.* kakol  
 friend *n.* yeləng  
 frog *n.* zheta  
 fruit bat *n.* zweli  
 fry, to *v.* utli  
 fury *n.* dumbatli

G g

garbage dump *n.* dizumfi  
 garden egg *n.* kweeti  
 get, to *v.* mbiti  
 giant rat *n.* dobol  
 girl *n.* yengkəli  
 give birth, to *v.* zudyeng  
 give, to *v.* bəlti  
 go down, to *v.* gudelti  
 go in, to *v.* tefwi  
 go out, to *v.* iltoka  
 go up, to *v.* to  
 go, to *v.* məli; *v.* madiyo  
 goat *n.* maal  
 God *n.* guu yang

goitre *n.* maakoko  
 good *a.* mbunti  
 gourd *n.* bal gaali  
 gourd rattle *n.* baashi  
 granary *n.* hwuu  
 grandchild *n.* jika  
 grandfather *n.* kaka malmani  
 grandmother *n.* kaka modli  
 grandparent *n.* kaka  
 grass *n.* myee 2  
 grasshopper *n.* kəpβā  
 grave *n.* balbung  
 grease *n.* mili  
 grill, to *v.* buki

grind, to *v.* nəktəhung  
 grinding stone *n.* zəngə nete  
     hwung  
 ground *n.* atli<sub>1</sub>  
 ground squirrel *n.* dakashi  
 groundnut *n.* guja  
 grow, to *v.* nali  
 gruel *n.* shong<sub>2</sub>; *n.* gəshkai  
 guest *n.* səmbəl  
 guinea-corn *n.* kawo  
 guinea-fowl *n.* jong  
 gum *n.* mbiki



**H h**

half *a.* ndukciyi  
 hammer *n.* uldyes tægəla  
 hand *n.* kaalang  
 handle of s.t. *n.* gaadal  
 hare *n.* zwomong  
 hatch, to *v.* dšeshelti  
 hatchet *n.* ndral  
 have, to *v.* nida  
 hawk *n.* shaho  
 haze *n.* tukutuku  
 head *n.* gang  
 head-pad *n.* liishi  
 hear, to *v.* kumi  
 heart *n.* mbatli

hearth *n.* delkang  
 heavy *a.* dibolti  
 hedgehog *n.* bushaa  
 he-goat *n.* maal gamani  
 height *n.* tlati  
 hen *n.* kool  
 hide *n.* kuul  
 high *a.* tlaali  
 hill *n.* zendel  
 hippopotamus *n.* dorina  
 hit, to *v.* babu palang; *v.* footi  
 hoe *n.* giili  
 hoe, to *v.* kwoltelu  
 hole *n.* shung

home *n.* lu bying  
 honeybee *n.* zii dung  
 horn *n.* noó  
 horse *n.* kapsi  
 hot *a.* cwətgatli  
 hourglass drum *n.* kalangu  
 house *n.* lu bying  
 house bat *n.* cingcing  
 housefly *n.* duki  
 huge *a.* bali  
 hunger *n.* kuzəng  
 hunter *n.* mulmulti  
 hunting *n.* molti  
 hyena *n.* húlí; *n.* zul

**I i**

I *pron.* ani  
 illness *n.* cətlgali  
 increase, to *v.* nali  
 inflate, to *v.* təkidi

ingest, to *v.* shati<sub>2</sub>  
 insect *n.* kwari  
 inter, to *v.* kuktiteka  
 internal stomach *n.* balbundi

intestine *n.* boti  
 iron *n.* gəlla  
 iron gong *n.* kyengkkyeng

**J j**

jackal *n.* dila  
 jar *n.* aceda; *n.* ceda

jaw *n.* lenti  
 Jew's mallow *n.* laalo

jump, to *v.* dəkcelu

**K k**

kapok tree *n.* mbúlá  
 kenaf *n.* rama  
 kidney *n.* kwada

kill, to *v.* tluti  
 king *n.* guu  
 knee *n.* gahulang; *n.* isgahulang

kneel, to *v.* ngusi  
 knife *n.* pəka  
 know, to *v.* isti

**L l**

labour *n.* kwaltalu  
 labour, to *v.* pəlti  
 lad *n.* yesamari; *n.* yembalang  
 ladder *n.* gətli  
 lads *n.* milmani  
 lake *n.* tapga  
 land *n.* atli<sub>1</sub>  
 large *a.* bali  
 large antelope sp. *n.* nazhel  
 laugh, to *v.* gitlini

laughter *n.* dliti; *n.* gitli  
 leaf *n.* dwaá  
 leap, to *v.* dəkcelu  
 learn, to *v.* kutlni  
 leg *n.* asəng  
 leopard *n.* kwaki  
 leper *n.* dakəl  
 lick, to *v.* masi  
 lie *n.* ləka<sub>2</sub>  
 lie down, to *v.* mulatli

light *a.* pokəntəl  
 lightning *n.* welkiya  
 like, to *v.* lami  
 lion *n.* mbol  
 listen, to *v.* katkəng  
 little *a.* na'ani  
 liver *n.* batli  
 lizard *n.* bəlkəng  
 load *n.* kaaya  
 local beer *n.* gəzhi

locust <i>n.</i> zhebūl locust bean cake <i>n.</i> dandukung locust bean flour <i>n.</i> pushi locust bean flower <i>n.</i> tungtung	locust bean pod <i>n.</i> denjaal locust bean seed <i>n.</i> nzhii locust bean tree <i>n.</i> mətłkəng look for, to <i>v.</i> ngoti	look, to <i>v.</i> yenī lose s.t., to <i>v.</i> pəltəka louse <i>n.</i> kwarkwata lungs <i>n.</i> huhukəng
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machete <i>n.</i> tlapəka mahogany tree <i>n.</i> ləngka maiden <i>n.</i> yengkəli maize <i>n.</i> okudu make war, to <i>v.</i> dlanti malady <i>n.</i> cətlgali mammal sp. <i>n.</i> hwung; <i>n.</i> nnang; <i>n.</i> zul; <i>n.</i> hūli; <i>n.</i> gwongki; <i>n.</i> zweli gə kədəm; <i>n.</i> leli; <i>n.</i> denzi; <i>n.</i> twili; <i>n.</i> zuni; <i>n.</i> mbul; <i>n.</i> zweli; <i>n.</i> zwomong; <i>n.</i> bushaa; <i>n.</i> dorina; <i>n.</i> cingcing; <i>n.</i> dila; <i>n.</i> nazhel; <i>n.</i> kwaki; <i>n.</i> mbol; <i>n.</i> bəli; <i>n.</i> gusmi; <i>n.</i> mil kusəng; <i>n.</i> kusəng; <i>n.</i> kusəng məng zani; <i>n.</i> kusəng padama; <i>n.</i> kyelkyel man <i>n.</i> məlmani many <i>a.</i> wontoti	market <i>n.</i> lumot gang marry, to <i>v.</i> kinti <sub>2</sub> ; <i>v.</i> pəlkəli marsh <i>n.</i> padama masquerade <i>p.n.</i> zheeli; <i>p.n.</i> kujang; <i>p.n.</i> balmunci; <i>p.n.</i> ndelzang; <i>p.n.</i> gadfiyatli; <i>p.n.</i> lamdər; <i>p.n.</i> monci mat <i>n.</i> lumalti matchet <i>n.</i> tlapəka mate <i>n.</i> yeləng me <i>pron.</i> ani meat <i>n.</i> tluu medicine <i>n.</i> yikəng Megang language <i>n.</i> bi Məgang Megang people <i>p.n.</i> Məgang men <i>n.</i> maniwunti millet sp. <i>n.</i> swangi; <i>n.</i> shil bəli millipede <i>n.</i> dangulung mist <i>n.</i> tukutuku mix, to <i>v.</i> muwi <sub>3</sub>	money <i>n.</i> wulpi monitor lizard <i>n.</i> dəkəl monkey <i>n.</i> bəli month <i>n.</i> liil moon <i>n.</i> liil morning <i>adv.</i> kəkəyəu mortar <i>n.</i> tuuli mosquito <i>n.</i> hulendii mother <i>n.</i> nana mountain <i>n.</i> tlendel mouth <i>n.</i> bi mud <i>n.</i> bitang murder, to <i>v.</i> tluti musical instrument <i>n.</i> gumbatu; <i>n.</i> suulu; <i>n.</i> akayau; <i>n.</i> gagang; <i>n.</i> kooso; <i>n.</i> bushil Bululu; <i>n.</i> mbəshel; <i>n.</i> kalangu; <i>n.</i> kyengkyeng; <i>n.</i> dlíti; <i>n.</i> gūli muturu <i>n.</i> tlaa gə lubi
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N n

name <i>n.</i> shong <sub>1</sub> narrative <i>n.</i> baltagaba native cow <i>n.</i> tlaa gə lubi navel <i>n.</i> cwatəl neck <i>n.</i> yal nest of bird <i>n.</i> biyatli new <i>a.</i> pyaali	new cocoyam <i>n.</i> makəmbu newt <i>n.</i> kolobi next tomorrow <i>adv.</i> acigu nice <i>a.</i> temti night <i>adv.</i> kəgasi nightjar <i>n.</i> 'yakwali nine <i>num.</i> netwopsi	ninety <i>num.</i> kutl kutl denetwopsi none [?] <i>a.</i> poison nose <i>n.</i> icong numerous <i>a.</i> wontoti
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ocarina <i>n.</i> dlíti occupation <i>n.</i> kwaltalu odour <i>n.</i> usunti oil <i>n.</i> mili okra <i>n.</i> mitlgulu	old <i>a.</i> kwalbalang; <i>a.</i> gusiya one <i>num.</i> dēdəm one hundred <i>num.</i> kutl kutl dēkutl onion <i>n.</i> albasa	open, to <i>v.</i> fuli <sub>2</sub> owl <i>n.</i> jiji own, to <i>v.</i> nidfa
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P p

pap <i>n.</i> shong <sub>2</sub>	parrot <i>n.</i> siriya	path <i>n.</i> tantu; <i>n.</i> bitantu
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peanut *n.* guja  
 pearl millet *n.* gyelu  
 peelings *n.* kola  
 pegged drum *n.* gùlí  
 penis *n.* ləl  
 people *n.* mbaləwunti  
 person *n.* mbaləng  
 personal name *pers. n.* Badiko  
 perspiration *n.* lwani  
 pestle *n.* luusi  
 pied crow *n.* hangkaka  
 pig *n.* alade  
 pigeon, *n.* baru  
 pilfer, to *v.* imukəl  
 piss *n.* basi

place *n.* lu  
 plait, to *v.p.* takal matlang; *v.*  
 burzi  
 plant, to *v.* bakti  
 play, to *v.* pəlwalati; *v.* walati  
 plead, to *v.* bələnni  
 plenteous *a.* wontoti  
 poison *n.* yaadfi  
 pond *n.* tapga  
 pool *n.* tapga  
 porcupine *n.* gusmi  
 porridge *n.* shong<sub>2</sub>  
 pot *n.* aceda; *n.* twassi; *n.* ceda  
 potash *n.* nemkwi  
 potsherd *n.* delkawutu

pound, to *v.* desti  
 pour, to *v.* shoti  
 praying mantis *n.* dangkada  
 moolasi  
 prick *n.* ləl  
 proverb *n.* kari gəshələng  
 puke, to *v.* kwosi  
 pulverise, to *v.* nəktəhung  
 pumpkin *n.* laaki  
 puppy *n.* mil kadfi  
 pursue, to *v.* kwofii  
 push, to *v.* jeki  
 put on, to *v.* lakti  
 python *n.* balwuci

Q q

quake, to *v.* tətəkti  
 queen ant *n.* guu dembi

quench, to *v.* mbəshtəka  
 quiver *n.* boola

R r

rag *n.* kulu  
 rage *n.* dumbatli  
 rain *n.* zii yang  
 rain, to *v.* tendati  
 rainy season *n.* watlang  
 ram *n.* bagalla  
 raphia palm *n.* kwara  
 rat *n.* kusəng; *n.* mil kusəng  
 rat sp. *n.* kusəng padama; *n.*  
 kusəng məng zani  
 recall, to *v.* daaki  
 recount, to *v.* dlemi  
 red *a.* ziili  
 red-flowered silk cotton tree *n.*  
 diiki  
 refuse, to *v.* ankiyi

reject, to *v.* ankiyi  
 relation *n.* zuriya  
 remember, to *v.* daaki  
 reply, to *v.* ndəkti  
 request, to *v.* ngyemti  
 resemble, to *v.* pokama  
 rib *n.* ngefi  
 rice *n.* shingkapa  
 rip, to *v.* keshi  
 river *n.* tlelkaa  
 rizga *n.* huli  
 road *n.* tantu  
 roast, to *v.* buki  
 rob, to *v.* imukəl  
 robber *n.* mukəl  
 rock *n.* zənga

rock hyrax *n.* zuni  
 rock rabbit *n.* zuni  
 roof *n.* katabing  
 room *n.* pangka  
 root *n.* tlelki<sub>2</sub>  
 rope *n.* zaang  
 roselle *n.* batakwoci  
 rotten. to be, to *s.v.* mokti  
 round *a.* gaadəlti  
 royal python *n.* kurnu  
 rub, to *v.* tləkti  
 rubbish dump *n.* dizumdfi  
 ruler *n.* guu  
 run, to *v.* apti 2  
 running *n.* apti 1

S s

s.t. used for sharing food *n.*  
 tampəlang  
 sack *n.* jeka buhung  
 saliva *n.* bakəng  
 salt *n.* kwimalami  
 sand *n.* 'ebyesi  
 say, to *v.* jemiti  
 saying *n.* kari gəshələng  
 scatter, to *v.p.* kwasetəka

scorpion *n.* yendəl  
 search for, to *v.* ngoti  
 seat *n.* ludenti  
 see, to *v.* yeni  
 seed *n.* wundel  
 seek *v.* ngoti  
 select, to *v.* kanggung  
 sell, to *v.* wultega  
 send, to *v.* shwenti

Senegal coucal *n.* huhukti  
 sesame *n.* njwa  
 set trap, to *v.* nnafe  
 seven *num.* deningi  
 seventy *num.* kutl kutl deningi  
 sew, to *v.* tlemi  
 shade *n.* shishi  
 shadow *n.* shishi  
 shake, to *v.* tətəkti

<p>shame <i>n.</i> sha  share out, to <i>v.</i> atli<sub>2</sub>  share, to <i>v.</i> wuuli  sharpen, to <i>v.</i> pyelti  shatter, to <i>v.</i> celi  shea-butter oil <i>n.</i> mil gali  shea-butter tree <i>n.</i> ngali  sheep <i>n.</i> mbula<sub>1</sub>  shell <i>n.</i> kwesəli  shoe <i>n.</i> kaptəlang  shoot, to <i>v.</i> mboti  short <i>a.</i> ndoklami  shoulder <i>n.</i> bakung 2  shut, to <i>v.</i> itltika  sickle <i>n.</i> kwəltəng  sickness <i>n.</i> cətlgali  silk cotton tree?? <i>n.</i> dəm  silk-cotton tree <i>n.</i> mbúlá  silo <i>n.</i> hwuu  sing, to <i>v.</i> wulti<sub>2</sub>  sit, to <i>v.</i> demi  six <i>num.</i> dəmaka  sixty <i>num.</i> kutl kutl dēməkə  skin <i>n.</i> kuul  sky <i>n.</i> yang  slaughter, to <i>v.</i> mboshti  slave <i>n.</i> zhaal  slay, to <i>v.</i> tluti  sleep <i>n.</i> badebəl</p>	<p>sleep, to <i>v.p.</i> baye bəl  sloppy porridge <i>n.</i> gəshkai  small <i>a.</i> na'ani  smash, to <i>v.</i> celi; <i>v.</i> talti  smear, to <i>v.</i> flokti  smell <i>n.</i> usunti  smell, to <i>v.</i> wusni  smoke <i>n.</i> kunu  snail <i>n.</i> kwadfi  snake <i>n.</i> wuci  snake sp. <i>n.</i> fubul; <i>n.</i> pagyazi  soil <i>n.</i> atli<sub>1</sub>  soldier ant <i>n.</i> lwang  song <i>n.</i> ultukung  soothsayer <i>n.</i> keteyenti  sorrel <i>n.</i> batakwoci  soup <i>n.</i> wolo  speak, to <i>v.</i> jemiti  spear <i>n.</i> gashi  spider <i>n.</i> zariyang  spiral beans <i>n.</i> kpalwuci  spit, to <i>v.</i> bəzi  spitting cobra <i>n.</i> wokanzi  spittle <i>n.</i> fəkəng  split, to <i>v.</i> tatli  spoon <i>n.</i> kusha  stand up, to <i>v.</i> tli  star <i>n.</i> kyaatləl  start, to <i>v.</i> somati</p>	<p>steal, to <i>v.</i> imukəl  stew <i>n.</i> wolo  stick <i>n.</i> mandəl  stir, to <i>v.</i> hotti 2  stomach <i>n.</i> tuki  stone <i>n.</i> zənga  stool <i>n.</i> ludenti  story <i>n.</i> baltagaba; <i>n.</i> baati  strainer <i>n.</i> ulcedalti  stranger <i>n.</i> səmbəl  strangle, to <i>v.</i> cungagibi  stream <i>n.</i> tlelkaa  strike, to <i>v.</i> babu palang; <i>v.</i> booti  struggle, to <i>v.</i> dlanti  suck, to <i>v.</i> ləkti  suffering <i>n.</i> nakti  sun <i>n.</i> cəng  surpass, to <i>v.</i> təfi  swallow, to <i>v.</i> sənggati  swamp <i>n.</i> padama  sweat <i>n.</i> lwani  sweep, to <i>v.</i> tasi  sweet <i>a.</i> nzhweti  swell, to <i>v.</i> təkidi  swift <i>n.</i> lələpsəng  swim, to <i>v.</i> yilli  sword <i>n.</i> takwobi</p>
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<p>tail <i>n.</i> cil  tall <i>a.</i> tlaali  tallness <i>n.</i> tlati  tamarind <i>n.</i> paatləng  taro <i>n.</i> duwala; <i>n.</i> makəmbu  tasty <i>a.</i> nzhweti  taurine <i>n.</i> tlaa gə lubi  teaching <i>n.</i> koyesi  tear, to <i>v.</i> keshi  teardrop <i>n.</i> luu<sub>1</sub>  tell, to <i>v.</i> dlemi  ten <i>num.</i> dəkutl  termite <i>n.</i> dembi  termite mound <i>n.</i> bi dembi  terror <i>n.</i> fanti  they <i>pron.</i> si  thief <i>n.</i> mukəl  thigh <i>n.</i> balcikəng  thing <i>n.</i> igung  thirteen <i>num.</i> kutl cenmekang  thirty <i>num.</i> kutl kutl dēmekang</p>	<p>thorn <i>n.</i> ili  three <i>num.</i> dēmekang  throne <i>n.</i> ludenti kaguu  throw, to <i>v.</i> laki  thumb <i>n.</i> bamalang  thunder <i>n.</i> disdigang diyazi  tick <i>n.</i> katənguli  tie, to <i>v.</i> kini  tigernut <i>n.</i> duuzi  till, to <i>v.</i> kwoltelu  tiny <i>a.</i> na'ani  tit <i>n.</i> nii  toad <i>n.</i> gatəmbukəl  today <i>adv.</i> asi  toe <i>n.</i> milasəng  tomb <i>n.</i> balbung  tomorrow <i>adv.</i> akewu  tongue <i>n.</i> ləka<sub>1</sub>  tooth <i>n.</i> shóng  tortoise <i>n.</i> ngəbəng  touch, to <i>v.</i> teni</p>	<p>town name <i>p.n.</i> Bolu  toxin <i>n.</i> yaadi  track <i>n.</i> tantu; <i>n.</i> bitantu  traditional doctor <i>n.</i> muyenti  traditional worship <i>n.</i> waali  traditional worshipper <i>n.</i> mu waali  trail <i>n.</i> tantu; <i>n.</i> bitantu  transverse clarinet <i>n.</i> gumbatu  transverse horn <i>n.</i> noo  trap <i>n.</i> kantara  trash heap <i>n.</i> dizumdi  tree <i>n.</i> 'yecəpŋg  tree sp. <i>n.</i> tlwelkəng; <i>n.</i> holdwa; <i>n.</i> lekla; <i>n.</i> daaholi; <i>n.</i> ndrang; <i>n.</i> mbwaki; <i>n.</i> giginya; <i>n.</i> mbúlá; <i>n.</i> mətlkəng; <i>n.</i> ləngka; <i>n.</i> kwara; <i>n.</i> dūiki; <i>n.</i> ngali; <i>n.</i> dəm; <i>n.</i> paatləng  tree squirrel <i>n.</i> kyelkyel</p>
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<b>tumuku</b> , <i>n.</i> <b>gushka huli</b> <b>turning stick</b> <i>n.</i> <b>shil</b> <b>twelve</b> <i>num.</i> <b>kutl cenlop</b> <b>twenty</b> <i>num.</i> <b>kutl kutl delop</b>	<b>twilight</b> <i>n.</i> <b>kəsukti</b> <b>twine</b> <i>n.</i> <b>zaang</b> <b>twine, to</b> <i>v.p.</i> <b>takal matlang</b> ; <i>v.</i> <b>burzi</b>	<b>twist, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>burzi</b> <b>two</b> <i>num.</i> <b>delop</b> <b>two days after tomorrow</b> <i>adv.</i> <b>acigungu</b>
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<b>understanding</b> <i>n.</i> <b>dabara</b> <b>untruth</b> <i>n.</i> <b>ləka<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>upper arm</b> <i>n.</i> <b>gaba ang</b> <b>uproot, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>dleki</b>	<b>urine</b> <i>n.</i> <b>basi</b>
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V v

<b>vagina</b> <i>n.</i> <b>swee</b> <b>vast</b> <i>a.</i> <b>bali</b> <b>vein</b> <i>n.</i> <b>tlelki<sub>1</sub></b> <b>venom</b> <i>n.</i> <b>yaafi</b> <b>vessel</b> <i>n.</i> <b>aceda</b> ; <i>n.</i> <b>twassi</b> ; <i>n.</i> <b>ceda</b>	<b>vibrate, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>tətəkti</b> <b>village</b> <i>n.</i> <b>bilebi</b> <b>village name</b> <i>p.n.</i> <b>Pakimi</b> ; <i>p.n.</i> <b>Byeru</b> ; <i>p.n.</i> <b>Bəm Məgang</b> ; <i>p.n.</i> <b>Makyera</b> ; <i>p.n.</i> <b>Baking</b> <b>Kura</b> ; <i>p.n.</i> <b>Balla</b> ; <i>p.n.</i>	<b>Hadobilang</b> ; <i>p.n.</i> <b>Beddare</b> <b>viper</b> <i>n.</i> <b>ləmbəl</b> <b>visitor</b> <i>n.</i> <b>səmbəl</b> <b>vomit</b> <i>n.</i> <b>kwoskəng</b> <b>vomit, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>kwosi</b> <b>vulture</b> <i>n.</i> <b>zhepgi</b>
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<b>walk, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>pətti</b> ; <i>v.</i> <b>yoti</b> ; <i>v.</i> <b>mafiyo</b> <b>wall</b> <i>n.</i> <b>kagu</b> <b>want, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>lami</b> <b>wash, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>utəzi</b> <b>wasp</b> <i>n.</i> <b>butərbu</b> <b>water</b> <i>n.</i> <b>zii</b> <b>water-yam</b> <i>n.</i> <b>shaka</b> <b>we</b> <i>pron.</i> <b>mi</b> <b>weave, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>takəlti</b> <b>weaver bird</b> <i>n.</i> <b>jera</b> <b>wed, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>kinti<sub>2</sub></b> ; <i>v.</i> <b>pəlkəli</b> <b>weed, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>kwolti</b> <b>weeding hoe</b> <i>n.</i> <b>təmpwa</b> <b>weep, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>luu<sub>2</sub></b> <b>weevil</b> <i>n.</i> <b>jijji</b> <b>well</b> <i>n.</i> <b>rijiya</b> <b>wet</b> <i>a.</i> <b>diikiyi</b> <b>wetland</b> <i>n.</i> <b>padama</b> <b>what</b> <i>int.</i> <b>yekke</b> <b>when?</b> <i>int.</i> <b>anemi</b> <b>where?</b> <i>int.</i> <b>aunikū</b> <b>which</b> <i>int.</i> <b>kuku</b> <b>whirlwind</b> <i>n.</i> <b>wiilu</b> <b>whistle, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>illeti</b> <b>whistling</b> <i>n.</i> <b>shishokti</b> <b>white</b> <i>a.</i> <b>hwooli</b> <b>who?</b> <i>int.</i> <b>wuku</b> <b>widow</b> <i>n.</i> <b>gūli</b> <b>wild animal</b> <i>n.</i> <b>tluu gə kəmyeng</b>	<b>wind</b> <i>n.</i> <b>yetəl</b> <b>wing</b> <i>n.</i> <b>bakung 1</b> <b>winnowing tray</b> <i>n.</i> <b>matangkade</b> <b>wipe, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>swatti</b> ; <i>v.</i> <b>tlokti</b> <b>wisdom</b> <i>n.</i> <b>dabara</b> <b>witch</b> <i>n.</i> <b>mucinbalang</b> <b>woman</b> <i>n.</i> <b>kəlibalang</b> <b>word</b> <i>n.</i> <b>kəmani</b> <b>work</b> <i>n.</i> <b>kyautəng</b> ; <i>n.</i> <b>kwaltalu</b> <b>work, to</b> <i>v.</i> <b>pəlti</b> <b>world</b> <i>n.</i> <b>duniya</b> <b>worm</b> <i>n.</i> <b>tantayatli</b> <b>wound</b> <i>n.</i> <b>usung</b>
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**yam** *n.* **doya**; *n.* **gulki**  
**yam heaps** *n.* **kunga**  
**yawn, to** *v.* **hamti**  
**yawning** *n.* **ham**  
**year** *n.* **waani**  
**yesterday** *adv.* **ahuli**  
**you (f)** *pron.* **ti**  
**you (m)** *pron.* **ki**  
**you (pl)** *pron.* **ki**  
**young man** *n.* **yesamari**  
**young men** *n.* **milmani**  
**young woman** *n.* **yengkəli**  
**young women** *n.* **milmotli**  
**younger brother** *n.* **məlgabi 2**  
**younger sister** *n.* **məlgabi 1**  
**youths** *n.* **milmani**