

# **Tèè-English Dictionary**

## **Tabtáb Tèè Turé Bu Bekéè**

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*Dedication*

*Dedicated to my late father*

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## *Foreword*

This dictionary is, to the best of my knowledge, the first published book on Tẹẹ (Tai), which has previously been treated as a dialect of Kana. As linguists, we know there is no rigid dividing line between a dialect and a language; we try to describe all speech-forms which are of interest in so far as they differ from others. In spite of its closeness to Kana, Tẹẹ has a number of sounds which are not found in Kana, and which are represented in this dictionary as **hl**, **hn**, **hw**, **hy** and (in at least one word) as **hm**. These stand for sounds which are quite rare in the languages of the world and, in the case of **hl**, **hn**, and **hm**, are not found in any neighbouring language.

The author deserves praise for his careful collection of the words of Tẹẹ, which he has written systematically and with correct tone-marking. He carried on this work at home on his own initiative, and it should be a great help both to those who speak Tẹẹ and to those non-speakers who wish to know more about it.

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12 November 1994

## **Note on the Web version**

The Tẹẹ dictionary was finally published in 2002, many years after the ms. was completed. Sold locally in Nigeria, it has perhaps not reached the international audience it deserves. After the death of Kay Williamson in January 2005, I began the web publication of her electronic files. The original font was IPA Kiel, which was quite difficult to read at times, so I have converted the entire document to Times New Roman Unicode, as well as increasing spacing and other features to increase legibility. I trust those interested in Cross River languages will find it useful. A few new lexical items have been added, particularly mammal names collected by Bruce Powell, and some comparative words cited in the thesis on comparative Keggoid [=Ogoni] by Suanu Ikoro dating from 1989.

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## *Introduction*

The main purpose of this book is to make Tẹ̀ẹ̀ legible and understandable to both the Tẹ̀ẹ̀ indigenes and foreigners and for the application of its knowledge to practical tasks in industry. It also makes certain English words intelligible to English students. This book precedes *A vocabulary of primary science of nature and mathematics*.

Tẹ̀ẹ̀ is a language spoken by a particular group of people inhabiting the Tẹ̀ẹ̀ Local Government Area (TALGA) in Rivers State, to the north of Gokana Local Government Area, east of Eleme Local Government Area, west of Bori Local Government Area and south of the River Imo. It belongs to the Kegboid (Ogoni) group of languages.

### 1. ALPHABET

Tẹ̀ẹ̀ possesses 38 letters, some of which are quite distinct from those used by the surrounding languages, e.g. **hl**, **hn**, **hy**, and **hw**, which takes the place of **f** used by others. For example, the word **fá** is written and pronounced **hwá** in Tẹ̀ẹ̀ meaning ‘intestine’; **fáà** is pronounced **hwáà** in Tẹ̀ẹ̀ meaning ‘canoe, ship, vehicle’. The following are Capital Letters, **Gbène Àhyúúkpá**, followed by the Small Letters, **Mgbàrà Áhyúúkpá**.

#### 1.1. Gbène Àhyúúkpá

	A	Ã	B	D
E	Ẹ	Ẽ	G	H
I	Ĩ	K	L	M
N	O	Ọ	Õ	P
R	S	T	U	Ū
W	Y	Z		
<b>GB</b>	<b>GW</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>HN</b>	<b>HW</b>
<b>HY</b>	<b>KP</b>	<b>KW</b>	<b>NW</b>	<b>NY</b>
(38 Letters)				

#### 1.2. Mgbàrà áhyúúkpá

	a	ã	b	d
e	ẹ	ẽ	g	h
i	ĩ	k	l	m
n	o	ọ	õ	p
r	s	t	u	ũ
w	y	z		
<b>gb</b>	<b>gw</b>	<b>hl</b>	<b>hn</b>	<b>hw</b>
<b>hy</b>	<b>kp</b>	<b>kw</b>	<b>nw</b>	<b>ny</b>

## **2. VOWELS**

Tèè possesses 7 oral vowels and 5 nasal vowels. The oral vowels are **a e ɛ i o ɔ u**, while the nasal vowels are **ã ĩ õ ù** (12 vowels).

**2.1. ORAL VOWELS:** These are the vowels pronounced through the mouth only.

**2.2. NASAL VOWELS:** These are the vowels pronounced through the nose as well as the mouth: **ã ĩ õ ù**. The sign of nasality is the tilde, indicated as ( ~ ). The vowels **ẽ õ** sound like **ĕ ȝ**, but to simplify the writing we leave off the dots. For economy in writing, we mark only the first of a sequence of nasal vowels: **kõò** ‘fowl; chicken’. When nasal vowels occur next to a nasal consonant, we leave off the tilde ( ~ ): thus **mee** ‘neck’ is pronounced as if it was **mĕĕ**. These rules simplify the reading and writing of the nasal vowels.

## **3. CONSONANTS**

Consonants are the letters sounding together with the vowels to give word sounds. For example consonant **b** sounds together with the vowel **á** to give the word **bá** ‘hand’; **kp** + **á**, **kpá** ‘book’.

Tèè possesses 16 single consonants and 10 double consonants (26 consonants).

**3.1 SINGLE CONSONANTS:** These are the single individual letters that sound together with the vowels to give word sounds. They are **’ b d g h k l m n p r s t w y z**.

**3.2 DIGRAPHS OR DOUBLE CONSONANTS:** Digraphs are those double letters that sound together as one, combining with the vowels to give the word sound. They are **gb gw hl hn hw hy kp kw nw ny**. The examples are **kp** + **á**, **kpá** ‘book’; **gb+à gbà** ‘swing, pendulum, sway’.

## **4. VOWELS AND TONE**

**4.1 VOWELS:** A vowel, as already taught, is an open sound uttered in speaking, each sound capable of forming a unit of pronunciation (syllable) with a consonant. The word is derived from the Latin *vox* ‘voice’.

In Tèè some words appear to consist only of vowels, such as **àà** ‘leave, depart, go away’; **õ** ‘drink’; **u** ‘die’. In pronunciation, however, such words begin with a glottal stop. The glottal stop is not written at the beginning of words, but only in the middle: **a’àà** ‘departure, going away’. It is treated as the first letter of the alphabet.

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**4.2 TONE:** This is the rise and fall of the pitch of the voice in speaking. It is indicated by tone markings and comprises high tone, mid tone and low tone. High tone is represented by the sign (´) (forward sloping) as **bá** ‘hand’, **kpá** ‘book’, **ló** ‘salt’. Mid tone is represented by no sign as **ba** ‘yam porridge’, while low tone is represented by ( ` ) (backward sloping) as **bà** ‘eat fish or meat’. Tones are alphabetized in the order low, mid, high, after all the letters have been alphabetical order. Nouns derived from verbs often have a higher tone than the verb; thus the noun frequently follows the verb on which it is based.

**4.3. HOMONYMS:** These are words which differ in meaning but are similar in form. There are many homonyms in Tẹẹ: e.g. **tó** ‘ear’ and **tó** ‘ashes’. To distinguish them in the dictionary, we use small figures: **tó<sup>1</sup>** ‘ear’ and **tó<sup>2</sup>** ‘ashes’.

## 5. ABBREVIATIONS

### 5.1 Parts Of Speech

The parts of speech in the dictionary are written in abbreviated form, thus:

<i>adj.</i>	adjective	Describes a noun.
<i>adv.</i>	adverb	Modifies a verb phrase.
<i>aux.</i>	auxiliary	Helps a main verb.
<i>conj.</i>	conjunction	Joins phrases or clauses.
<i>dem.</i>	demonstrative	Indicates nearness or distance.
<i>id.</i>	ideophone	Describes with sound symbolism.
<i>interj.</i>	interjection	An exclamation.
<i>interrog.</i>	interrogative	A question word.
<i>n.</i>	noun	Names a concrete or abstract entity.
<i>n.phr.</i>	noun phrase	Functions as subject, object, complement, etc.
<i>num.</i>	numeral	Indicates a cardinal or ordinal number.
<i>pred.adj.</i>	predicative adjective	Acts as complement after copula verb <b>lu</b> .
<i>prep.</i>	preposition	Introduces noun phrase acting as complement or adverbial phrase.
<i>pron.</i>	pronoun	Refers to a previous noun phrase.
<i>quant.</i>	quantifier	Indicates quantity.
<i>v.adj.</i>	verb adjectival	Verb translating an English adjective.
<i>v.cs.</i>	verb causative	Derived verb indicating agent of action.
<i>v.i.</i>	verb intransitive	Verb without object.
<i>v.p.</i>	verb passive	Verb whose subject is not agent of action.
<i>v.phr.</i>	verb phrase	Verb + object or serial verb construction.
<i>v.refl.</i>	verb reflexive	Verb whose subject affects itself.
<i>v.t.</i>	verb transitive	Verb with object.

## 5.2 Other Abbreviations

Other grammatical terms are:

<i>abs.</i>	abstract
<i>cog.obj.</i>	cognate object
<i>emph. pron.</i>	emphatic pronoun
<i>fig.</i>	figurative
<i>int.</i>	intensity
<i>obj.</i>	object
<i>pers.</i>	person
<i>pl.</i>	plural
<i>pred.</i>	predicative
<i>refl. pron.</i>	reflexive pronoun
<i>sing.</i>	singular
<i>subj.</i>	subject
<i>v.n.</i>	verbal noun (treated under the verb)

## 6. Alphabetization

1. Words are alphabetized according to their letters before any diacritics are taken into account:

<b>té<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>n.</i>	tree
<b>té<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>n.</i>	seat; chair; table
<b>tẹ</b>	<i>n.</i>	father
<b>tẹb</b>	<i>v.adj.</i>	be shaky, not firm
<b>tẹb</b>	<i>id.</i>	describes cutting with very sharp knife
<b>tẹba</b>	<i>v.i.</i>	struggle
<b>tẹba</b>	<i>n.</i>	struggle

2. Hyphens are ignored in alphabetization:

<b>ákpóbá-nòo</b>	<i>n.</i>	bone of the upper arm; humerus
<b>ákpóbee</b>	<i>n.</i>	catfish
<b>ákpó-beèdú</b>	<i>n.</i>	knee-cap; knee-pan; patella

3. The glottal stop (') is treated as the first letter of the alphabet:

<b>a'a!</b>	<i>interj.</i>	What! (indicates surprise and serious thoughts)
<b>a'ága</b>	<i>adj.</i>	hard; strong; difficult
<b>àà<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>v.i.</i>	leave; depart; go away



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4. Subdotted letters (**ɛ̣, ɔ̣**) are treated after plain ones (**e, o**) and before letters with the tilde (showing nasalization):

<b>bo<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>v.t.</i>	heal
<b>bo<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>n.</i>	deformity
<b>bɔ̣</b>	<i>v.i.</i>	be fit
<b>bɔ̣̃</b>	<i>v.i.</i>	bleat like sheep or goat

5. Tones are treated after subdots and the tilde, and alphabetized in the order low, mid, high:

<b>tò</b>	<i>n.</i>	load, burden
<b>to</b>	<i>v.i.</i>	weep
<b>tó</b>	<i>n.</i>	weeping
<b>tɔ̣<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>v.t.</i>	mix with water to make soft
<b>tɔ̣<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>v.t.</i>	spoil; damage, destroy
<b>tɔ̣<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>n.</i>	house
<b>tɔ̣<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>n.</i>	foot
<b>tõ<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>v.t.</i>	decant, pour wine gradually from a decanter
<b>tõ<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>v.</i>	select good from evil and do it
<b>tõ<sup>3</sup></b>	<i>v.t.</i>	weld
<b>tõ<sup>4</sup></b>	<i>v.t.</i>	order; give an order
<b>tó<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>n.</i>	ear
<b>tó<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>n.</i>	ashes

## A

- a [a] *dem.* this: **lo wáa** this woman
- à [ʔà] *pron.* he/she; **À ére zọ** He/she has wealth; (*tone becomes high in the future*) **Á ére zọ** He/she will have wealth.
- a'a!** [ʔaʔa] *interj.* What! (indicates surprise and serious thoughts)
- a'ága** [ʔaʔàga] *adj.* hard; strong; difficult: **À lú a'ága** It is hard.
- àà** [ʔàà] *v.i.* leave; depart; go away: *v.n.* **a'áà** leaving; departure; going away
- àà** [ʔàà] *n.* appearance; likeness; image (=mèà)
- àa** [ʔàa] *v.t.* arrest; catch; seize; take by force; **àa bá ló** hold (with hand): *v.n.* **a'áá** arresting, etc.
- áá** [ʔáá] *n.* arrest
- áá¹** [ʔáá¹] *v.i.* be strong, able to support a heavier object or condition; bear
- áá²** [ʔáá²] *adv.* away: **Sú kpìgì áá** Go away with the money.
- áá?** [ʔáá] *interj.* Is it true? (an indication of surprise)
- áá¹** [ʔáá¹] *n.* mark: **Yèrè áá lo** Put a mark on it.
- áá²** [ʔáá²] *n.* tack; small flat-headed nail of iron, copper, etc.
- áá³** [ʔáá³] *n.* long stitches as temporary fastening in needlework; tacking
- áá** [ʔáá] *adj.* new
- Áábunwe** [ʔáábũŋʷɛ̃] *n.* village in Tẹ̀
- aagá** [ʔaagá] *v.refl.* redeem oneself: **Aagá** Redeem yourself.
- ààra** [ʔààra] *n.* administration
- aará** [ʔaará] *v.t.* hold; keep; rule; administer: *v.n.* **a'áará** holding; keeping; ruling; administering
- ààràbàrà** [ʔààràbàrà] *n.* farm management; agronomy (*coinage*)
- ààrabe** [ʔààrabe] *n.* home management; home economics (*coinage*)
- áá'uwè** [ʔááʔuwè] *n.* news
- abà¹** [ʔabà] *pron.* (3rd pers. pl. subj.) they
- abà²** [ʔabà] *n.* piece of yam; sheet of paper or cloth; **abà-dem** piece of rock; **abà-hyáà** slice of yam (=abà-zíá); **abà-kěè** piece of cloth; **abà-làlà** iron sheet; **abà-zíá** slice of yam
- ábá¹** [ʔábá] *n.* tuber of yam
- ábá²** [ʔábá] *adj.* only: **ábá zì nee** only one person: **ábá àbà** they alone: **ábá bọ̀** only you: **Bò beè dọ̀** **adàmaló ábá bọ̀** You alone did yourselves harm: **ábá èè** himself, herself alone: **ábá ii** ourselves alone: **ábá m̀** myself alone: **ábá ọ̀** yourself alone
- abaa** [ʔabaa] *n.* direction; **abaa-anààni-lọ̀** east (*coinage*); **abaa-anààni-uùne** west (*coinage*)
- abaàmáá** [ʔabãàmáá] *n.* drainage channel
- abàsí¹** [ʔabàsí] *n.* half of one whole thing; part of
- abàsí²** [ʔabàsí] *n.* area (=bárá)
- abàté** [ʔabàté] *n.* plank
- abè** [ʔabè] *n.* abscess
- ábéé** [ʔábéé] *n.* lies
- abèm** [ʔabèm] *n.* rottenness
- abè** [ʔabè] *n.* sputum
- aběe** [ʔaběe] (=abii) *n.* need
- abò** [ʔabò] *n.* soft-stemmed shrub of the group of alligator pepper or ginger, the pulp of the fruit being edible
- abùdèlẹ̀** [ʔabùdèlẹ̀] *n.* lily
- abùè** [ʔabùè] *n.* plantain or banana (general term) (*Musa* spp. MUSACEAE)
- abùèdè** [ʔabùèdè] *n.* banana (*Musa* spp.)

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- abunùkpá** [ʔabũnúkpá] *n.* small kind of caterpillar that stings in its larval stage
- adà** [ʔadà] *n.* standard
- adàm** [ʔadám] *n.* male (of animals): **adàm gbèrè** male lizard
- adè** [ʔadè] *conj.* or
- ádém** [ʔádém] *n.* tongue
- adè** [ʔadè] *n.* stomach
- ado**<sup>1</sup> [ʔado] *n.* measurement
- ado**<sup>2</sup> [ʔado] *n.* attempt; trial
- adòo** [ʔadòo] *adj.* male (applied to animals): **adòo kòò** cock: **adòo nám** bull
- aduù** [ʔaduù] *n.* bird species which cries duu-dú-duu-duu to foretell nightfall and daybreak
- ága** [ʔága] *aux. (negative)* should not (*used without a pronoun in 3rd pers. sing.*): **Ága dòò** He/She should not, shouldn't do it : **Bà ága dòò** They should not do it.: (*assimilated to vowel of 2nd pers. sg. & pl.*) **Óga dòò** Don't do it (*sg.*): **Bò óga dòò** Don't do it (*pl.*).
- agǎ**<sup>1</sup> [ʔagǎ] *n.* needle
- agǎ**<sup>2</sup> [ʔagǎ] *n.* freshwater crab
- agǎ**<sup>3</sup> [ʔagǎ] *n.* cane type used for rope for climbing oil palm trees and for other crafts
- agā** [ʔagā] *n.* edge
- ágá** [ʔágá] *n.* mouth
- àngā** [ʔàngā] *v.i.* be choked up; be over-crowded: **Bà àgā bu** They are crowded inside.
- agāburè** [ʔagāburè] *n.* scorpion
- agǎlèb** [ʔagǎlèb] *n.* shoulder (= **beèlèb**, **gàgàná**)
- àngàná** [ʔàngàná] *v.t.* penetrate by opening the way; tear, as hawk tears its prey; make oneself free with effort from surrounding pressure or oppression
- aganí** [ʔagāní] *n.* leak; leakage: **Ká aganí** Close the leak; (*fig.*) **Ka yé aganí ló** Isolate him; **À ká aganí ló ye** He isolates himself.
- àgàra** [ʔàgàra] *n.* answer; reply; (*coinage*) redemption
- àgàrá**<sup>1</sup> [ʔàgàrá] *v.t.* answer; reply to; redeem
- àgàrá**<sup>2</sup> [ʔàgàrá] *v.t.* sharpen one matchet against another
- àgàrẹ** [ʔàgàrẹ] *v.cs.* make strong: **Àgàrẹ bá** Make it strong (as in tying); *also* **kwá àgàrẹ** make strong
- agbà** [ʔagbà] *n.* fence
- agbe** [ʔagbe] *n.* thickness
- ágbé** [ʔágbé] *n.* box
- ágbé** [ʔágbé] *n.* dishonour; disrespect; disregard; contempt
- agbi** [ʔagbi] *n.* plant species producing pods
- agbò** [ʔagbò] *n.* age group
- agbo** [ʔagbo] *adj.* leaking; broken
- ágbọ** [ʔágbọ] *n.* shield
- ágbó-dée** [ʔágbó-déẽ] *adj.* not plentiful
- agbònyúgú** [ʔagbònyúgú] *n.* children
- agboro** [ʔagboro] *n.* shellfish like snail found in salt water
- agbuùb** [ʔagbuùb] *n.* owl (STRIGIDAE)
- ágégb** [ʔágégb] *n.* pimple
- agèè** [ʔagèè] *n.* sceptre; staff borne as symbol of personal sovereignty; royal or imperial authority  
(= **kpóró**, **túm-méné**)
- agèhínyá** [ʔagèhínyá] *n.* coal of fire
- ágéré** [ʔágéré] *adj.* young (of person): **ágéré nee** young person

- àgi** [ʔàgi] *v.i.* walk like an old person
- ágíní** [ʔágíní] *n.* charcoal; carbon (*tech.*)
- ágíní-bèè-tób-pyùgù** [ʔágíní-bèè-tób-pjùgù] *n.* carbon dioxide (CO<sup>2</sup>) (*coinage*)
- agírí** [ʔagírí] *v.t.* rumple
- ago** [ʔago] *n.* butterfly
- agwaàni** [ʔagwããni] *adj. pred.* (of taste) not quite bitter; (of colour) not quite (green, red, etc.)
- ágyèèb** [ʔágyèèb] *n.* Buff-throated Sunbird with dark brown body and white throat (*Nectarinia adelberti* NECTARINIIDAE)
- ahmèè** [ʔahmèè] *n.* lymph-glands; lymph-nodes; glands in the groins and the neck that secrete the white corpuscles that fight against the poison injected by insects
- ahwã** [ʔamã] *n.* honour; respect; regard
- ahwèè** [ʔamèè] *adv.* prematurely; **À beè ú ahwèè** He died prematurely; *adj.* premature: **ahwèè hlu** premature death
- ahwèè** [ʔamèè] *adj.* soft and smooth like silk
- áhwéé** [ʔáhwéé] *n.* mosquito
- áhwéréhwé** [ʔáhwéréhwé] *n.* woven rope
- ahwo** [ʔamwo] *n.* cotton
- áhwòb** [ʔáhwòb] *n.* wind
- ahwùlò** [ʔamùlò] *adj.* missed (in shooting): **Lo nwínam beè lú ahwùlò** The bird was missed.
- ahwùtò** [ʔamùtò] *adj., adv.* faintly heard
- áhya'òp** [ʔáca'òp] *n.* mushroom
- ahyarí** [ʔaearí] *adj.* burnt (of food): **ahyarí zíá** burnt yam; **ahyarí póro** burnt fish
- ahyèèga** [ʔaèèga] *adj.* open: **ahyèèga bũ** open door
- áhyéé** [ʔáééé] *n.* vision: **neè-áhyéé** “visionist”; someone who sees visions
- ahyima<sup>1</sup>** [ʔaèimã] *n.* sourness
- ahyima<sup>2</sup>** [ʔaèimã] *adj.* sour
- ahyimá<sup>1</sup>** [ʔaèimã] *n.* calm(ness)
- ahyimá<sup>2</sup>** [ʔaèimã] *adj.* calm
- ahyòa'òò** [ʔaèòa'òò] *n.* greediness
- ahyòòga** [ʔaèòòga] *n.* anything that drops off when over-ripe, as palmfruits that drop from the bunch, also **ahyòòga zóo: ye ahyòòga** the fruits (*etc.*) that have dropped off; (*fig.*) something that fails to happen as expected
- ahyòòrì** [ʔaèòòrì] *n.* flower
- ahyòòrì** [ʔaèòòrì] *adj.* slippery; smooth: **ahyòòrì kē** slippery ground; **À lú áhyòòrì** It is smooth/not rough.
- áhyòòrì** [ʔáèòòrì] *n.* plant species, the dry leaf of which is used as sandpaper
- ahyòòrì** [ʔaèòòrì] *n.* tendril of the fluted pumpkin
- áhyúú** [ʔáéúú] *n.* seed; *also* **áhyúúté**
- áhyúú-náa** [ʔáéúú-nãã] *n.* bullet
- áhyúú-yírà** [ʔáéúú-jirà] *n.* anther (of flower) (*coinage*)
- áká** [ʔáká] *n.* mullet
- akaà** [ʔakaà] *n.* crab
- akám** [ʔakám] *n.* insects
- àkàrà** [ʔàkàrà] *n.* bean-cake; bean-ball
- akàté** [ʔakàté] *n.* bottom; foundation: **akàté hwééréóló** foundation of peace; Jerusalem
- ákátò** [ʔákátò] *n.* foot
- akè** [ʔakè] *n.* age group (=akù)

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- akéa** [ʔakéã] *adv.* (of place) here (=awo): **Lú akéa** Come here. (=kéa)
- akɛɛ** [ʔakɛɛ] *n.* alligator pepper (*Aframomum melegueta* K.Schum. ZINGIBERACEAE)
- akèè** [ʔakèè] *n.* hoop
- ákéébé** [ʔákéébé] *n.* wrist
- ákéétɔ** [ʔákéétɔ] *n.* ankle
- ákékéké** [ʔákékéké] *n.* wedge, to tighten drum or split wood
- akení** [ʔakɛní] *adv.* (of place) there; **Si (a)kení** Go there.
- ákéré** [ʔákéré] *n.* “tomtom”; wooden slit-gong
- akò** [ʔakò] *n.* a game played with shells; game of football
- ákó** [ʔákó] *n.* shell
- akò** [ʔakò] *n.* cockroach
- akòb** [ʔakòb] *n.* flat saltwater fish with sandy back
- ákób** [ʔákób] *n.* broken calabash
- ákóbee** [ʔákóbee] *n.* head
- akodo** [ʔakodo] *n.* saltwater fish species
- ákókē<sup>1</sup>** [ʔákókē] *n.* empty place
- ákókē<sup>2</sup>** [ʔákókē] *n.* rubbish; refuse (=ákpéékē, ákpákē)
- ákóló<sup>1</sup>** [ʔákóló] *n.* nakedness
- ákóló<sup>2</sup>** [ʔákóló] *adj.* naked; unadulterated; unmixed
- akoo** [ʔakoo] *n.* spirit; shade; shadow: **Akò-Átò** Holy Spirit
- ákóó** [ʔákóó] *n.* cockle (*Senilia senilis* Linn. ARCIDAE)
- ákòòbté** [ʔákòòbté] *n.* woodpecker (PICIDAE)
- akoótám** [ʔakoótám] *n.* angel
- akoòtɔ** [ʔakoòtɔ] (=akùtɔ) *n.* shade
- ákòòrè** [ʔákòòrè] *n.* crab with black back
- akpà** [ʔakpà] *n.* cover for vessels, especially bottle
- ákpá** [ʔákpá] (=kpá) *n.* skin; outer covering
- ákpá-ádó** [ʔákpa-ádó] *n.* (different) countries
- akpabee** [ʔakpabee] *n.* head-cover; hat
- ákpábū** [ʔákpábū] *n.* hinge(s)
- akpà-deè-ɔɔɛ** [ʔakpà-deè-ɔɔɛ] *n.* epiglottis (*coinage*)
- akpògo’òò** [ʔakpògo’òò] *n.* Adam’s apple; larynx (*coinage*)
- akpàhínyá** [ʔakpàhínyá] *n.* matchbox; match
- ákpákē** [ʔákpákē] *n.* rubbish
- ákpákirà** [ʔákpákirà] *n.* maize; corn [*Zea mays* Linn. GRAMINEAE)
- ákpákirà-gíni** [ʔákpákirà-gíni] *n.* guinea-corn; sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (Linn.) Moench. GRAMINEAE) (*coinage*)
- ákpákirà-kpèè** [ʔákpákirà-kpèè] *n.* elephant grass (*Pennisetum purpureum* Schumach. GRAMINEAE)
- ákpáló** [ʔákpáló] *n.* outer body or skin
- ákpásí** [ʔákpásí] *n.* appearance; physiognomy
- ákpáté** [ʔákpáté] *n.* bark of a tree; fungi that feed on it; saprophyte, some of which are edible and are cultured in sawdust, etc.
- ákpázíá** [ʔákpázíá] *n.* yam peelings
- akpà** [ʔakpà] *n.* guinea-pig
- akpā** [ʔakpā] *n.* cane type used for handicrafts; the plant from which the cane is obtained
- ákpèè** [ʔákpèè] *n.* sweetness

- akpèɛ-ákám** [ʔakpèɛ-ákám] *n.* caterpillar
- ákpéékē** [ʔákpéékē] *n.* rubbish; refuse (=ákókē)
- ákpéenuló** [ʔákpéenuló] *n.* sweet smell
- akpèpéé** [ʔakpèpéé] *n.* he-goat
- ákpékpéé** [ʔákpékpéé] *n.* beater used for beating mud floor hard
- ákpító** [ʔákpító] *n.* broom (=asà)
- akpò** [ʔakpò] *n.* piece of meat or fish
- akpo** [ʔakpo] *n.* pounded yam or cassava; lump for swallowing
- ákpó** [ʔákpó] *n.* bone; (*fig.*) power; energy; force; political ascendancy
- ákpó-aà-tɛɛ-yìè** [ʔákpó-aà-tɛɛ-yìè] *n.* centrifugal force (*coinage*)
- ákpó-ábá-bèè** [ʔákpó-ábá-bèè] *n.* autocracy; absolute rule (*coinage*)
- ákpó-agàlèb** [ʔákpó-agàlèb] *n.* shoulder-blade; scapula (*tech.*)
- ákpó-ákábá** [ʔákpó-ákábá] *n.* any of the bones of the hand; metacarpus (*tech.*)
- ákpó-ákátó** [ʔákpó-ákátó] *n.* any of the bones of the foot; metatarsus (*tech.*)
- ákpó-ákéé bá** [ʔákpó-ákéé bá] *n.* wrist-bone (*coinage*)
- ákpó-ákééto** [ʔákpó-ákééto] *n.* ankle-bone (*coinage*)
- ákpóbá** [ʔákpóbá] *n.* arm (=lèb)
- ákpó-báná-nyíè** [ʔákpó-báná-nyíè] *n.* breast-bone; sternum (*tech.*)
- ákpóbá-nòò** [ʔákpóbá-nòò] *n.* bone of the upper arm; humerus (*tech.*)
- ákpóbee** [ʔákpóbee] *n.* catfish
- ákpó-beèdú** [ʔákpó-beèdú] *n.* knee-cap; knee-pan; patella (*tech.*)
- ákpó-bùbùì** [ʔákpó-bùbùì] *n.* thigh-bone; femur (*tech.*)
- ákpó-dònà** [ʔákpó-dònà] *n.* force of gravity (*coinage*)
- ákpó-dùme** [ʔákpó-dùme] *n.* backbone; lumbar vertebrae (*tech.*)
- ákpó-gááté** [ʔákpó-gááté] *n.* the uppermost of the three sections of the hip-bone; ilium (*tech.*)
- ákpó-hwíí bá** [ʔákpó-hwíí bá] *n.* finger-bones; phalanges (*tech.*)
- ákpó-hwíító** [ʔákpó-hwíító] *n.* bones of the toes; phalanges (*tech.*)
- ákpó-karáàlè** [ʔákpó-karáàlè] *n.* collar-bone; clavicle (*tech.*)
- ákpó-kikìi-tɛɛ-nyíè** [ʔákpó-kikìi-tɛɛ-nyíè] *n.* centripetal force (*coinage*)
- ákpó-kóò** [ʔákpó-kóò] *n.* ribs
- ákpókpé** [ʔákpókpé] *n.* iron rod; iron pipe
- ákpó-kpéné kē** [ʔákpó-kpéné kē] *n.* leg-bone; **gbène ákpó-kpéné kē** shinbone; tibia; **mgbàrà ákpó-kpéné kē** fibula (*tech.*)
- ákpó-kúrú tē** [ʔákpó-kúrú tē] *n.* the lowest fused vertebrae; sacral vertebrae (*tech.*)
- ákpó-kyonò** [ʔákpó-kyonò] *n.* kidney(s)
- ákpómèè** [ʔákpómèè] *n.* backbone
- ákpómèè** [ʔákpómèè] *n.* neck-bone; cervical vertebra (*tech.*)
- akpòté** [ʔakpòté] *n.* seat
- akpòté-méné** [ʔakpòté-méné] *n.* throne (=tā)
- ákpóté** [ʔákpóté] *n.* cane; whip; stick
- ákpóté** [ʔákpóté] *n.* caudal bone
- ákpótó** [ʔákpótó] *n.* leg
- akpùru** [ʔakpùru] *adj.* short; brief (in time); vertically or horizontally small in stature; dwarfish
- ákpúwé** [ʔákpúwé] *n.* freshwater fish with spines on the back, probably *Tilapia nilotica* CICHLIDAE
- akù** [ʔakù] *n.* age group (=akè)
- akurá** [ʔakurá] *n.* leakage: **Lo bá ére akurá** The pot has a leakage.

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- akuwerá** [ʔakuwerá] *adj.* leaking: **akuwerá bá** leaking pot
- ákúwé** [ʔákúwé] *n.* funnel
- ákwá** [ʔákwá] *n.* hawk that eats chickens; Lizard Buzzard (*Kaupifalco monogrammicus* ACCIPITRIDAE)
- akwāà** [ʔakwāà] *n.* spiny plant, the leaf of which is used for feeding goats
- akwerè** [ʔakwerè] *n.* ringworm
- ákwéré** [ʔákwéré] *n.* piassava
- ákwíí** [ʔákwíí] *n.* chaff left after the liquid has been extracted or pressed out, *e.g.* palm fruit chaff
- ákwíriká** [ʔákwíriká] *n.* fish-rack
- akwò** [ʔakwò] *n.* mistake; error; wrongdoing
- alè** [ʔalè] *n.* stammering
- álékéré** [ʔálékéré] *n.* clock
- álérékē** [ʔálérékē] *n.* a creeping stem
- alí** [ʔalí] *n.* herb species with alternate leaves
- aliì** [ʔaliì] *n.* mud seat
- alò<sup>1</sup>** [ʔalò] *n.* one kind; a particular type; a model
- alò<sup>2</sup>** [ʔalò] *n.* (of bird or monkey) movement from one branch of a tree to another; (*fig.*) (of money) movement from one hand into another; person who is not steady in a place
- alò** [ʔalò] *n.* mistake; error; wrong-doing
- álò** [ʔálò] *interj.* Let it not be effective in its evil intent!; Let it fail!
- alò-ákpó-kóo** [ʔalò-ákpó-kóo] *n.* false rib; floating rib (*coinage*)
- alòga** [ʔalòga] *n.* substance that makes the body itch in the forest. (The scientific research for its identification is necessary.)
- aloló** [ʔaloló] *n.* small edible fruit, black when ripe
- álóló** [ʔálóló] *n.* bottle
- áló'uwè** [ʔáló'uwè] *n.* news; story (=Ióó)
- álú** [ʔálú] *n.* masquerade (general term)
- aluwà** [ʔaluwà] *n.* an ill-bred person; a dishonourable person
- am** [ʔām] *v.t.* press into: **À beè ám beètè yere bu kwù** He pressed fruits into the basket; *v.i.* press inside: **À beè ám yì** He pressed forward/inside.
- ama** [ʔāmā] *n.* lineage; descent
- ànà<sup>1</sup>** [ʔànà] *v.t.* deny
- ànà<sup>2</sup>** [ʔànà] *v.i.* bet
- àna** [ʔànā] *v.i.* grow old
- áná<sup>1</sup>** [ʔáná] *n.* old age
- áná<sup>2</sup>** [ʔáná] *n.* very sweet yellow drupe
- ànà-ànà** [ʔànà-ànà] *n.* competition; debate (=èrà-èrà)
- anààni** [ʔànààni] *n.* sun (*general*)
- ànàhyà<sup>1</sup>** [ʔànàèà] *n.* denial; disbelief
- ànàhyà<sup>2</sup>** [ʔànàèà] *n.* betting
- ánéndè** [ʔánéndè] *n.* orange
- ànù** [ʔànù] *num.* six
- aní** [ʔànì] *adv.* today
- ání** [ʔánì] *n.* line
- ànìgá** [ʔànìgá] *n.* hexagon; a plane figure with six angles (=ànù-hwíikē) (*coinage*)
- ànù-hwíikē** [ʔànù-hwíikē] *n.* hexagon (=ànìgá) (*coinage*)
- àninyà** [ʔànìnyà] *num.* nine

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- anò** [ʔã̀nò] *n.* cane type used for cane chair (cf. **agà**)
- anoò** [ʔã̀nòò] *n.* eczema
- anoo** [ʔã̀nò] *n.* moon; month
- ánóóní** [ʔã̀nòóní] *n.* chameleon
- anwii** [ʔã̀wíí] *adj.* fresh; new
- anyà** [ʔã̀nà] *n.* carnivorous animal
- anya** [ʔã̀nà] *adj.* ill-bred
- apà** [ʔapà] *n.* spoon
- apãà** [ʔapãà] *n.* feather
- ápáhinya** [ʔápáhĩnã] *n.* leaf
- apàkpé** [ʔapàkpé] *n.* spoon
- apàra** [ʔapàra] *n.* decanter
- apàté** [ʔapàté] *n.* axe
- ápáté** [ʔápáté] *n.* buttocks
- ápéé** [ʔápéé] *n.* pieces of raphia wood used for lighting fire and for tying fence
- ápí** [ʔápí] *adj.* stingy
- ápí** [ʔápí] *n.* stinginess
- ápnýó** [ʔápnýó] *adj.* sharp-pointed
- ápnýógá** [ʔápnýógá] *n.* acute angle (*coinage*) (=tóbǵá)
- apoo** [ʔapoo] *n.* part of a whole; amount
- apōo** [ʔapōo] *n.* mason wasp; an insect that builds its nest on walls
- apoo-apoo** [ʔapoo-apoo] *n.* many parts of a whole
- apòò-kìirà** [ʔapòò-kìirà] *n.* degree (of angle) (*coinage*): **hlòb apòò-kìrà** ten degrees (10°); **nyà tub nè hlòb apòò-kìrà** ninety degrees (90°); **hlòb nè èrètàà tub apòò-kìrà** three hundred and sixty degrees (360°)
- àrà** [ʔàrà] *adj.* of the same kind
- àra** [ʔàra] *v.i.* contract (as dead body)
- ára** [ʔára] *v.i.* huddle up
- àrà'ábà** [ʔàrà'ábà] *pron. (refl. & emph., 3rd pers. pl. obj.)* themselves
- àràhínyá¹** [ʔàràhínyá] *v.i.* be hot: **Dúwe àrà hínyá** The sun is hot.
- àràhínyá²** [ʔàràhínyá] *n.* being hot; heat: **àràhínyá dúwe** heat of the sun
- àrànee** [ʔàràněē] *n.* fellow human beings
- àràzì** [ʔàràzì] *pron. (refl., reciprocal)* one another
- asà** [ʔasà] *n.* broom (=ákpító)
- ásá** [ʔásá] *adj.* very small, little (thing)
- asãa** [ʔasãã] *n.* sand
- ásá nee** [ʔásá nēē] *n.* nobody; no one
- áséé** [ʔáséé] *n.* tinder; dry substance ready to catch fire (as sawdust); also **ásééṭé**
- asèè¹** [ʔasèè] *n.* pity; mercy: **asèè nyí Bàrì** God's mercy
- asèè²** [ʔasèè] *adj.* poor; pitiful; attracting sympathy: **é lo asèè nee** that poor man
- asò** [ʔasò] *n.* joint
- asù** [ʔasù] *n.* mark made on face
- ásúú** [ʔásúú] *n.* anger
- atã** [atã] *n.* extreme poverty
- átáá** [ʔátáá] *n.* line
- atè** [ʔatè] *n.* small freshwater fish



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- atɛ** [ʔatɛ] *n.* soft place prepared to keep something delicate; pad
- atɛkúrú** [ʔatɛkúrú] *n.* crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus* CROCODYLIDAE)
- atɛlóló** [ʔatɛlóló] *n.* panic
- atì** [ʔati] *adj.* (of water) not flowing and ebbing fast; stagnant; (*fig.*) not progressing fast
- átó** [ʔátó] *adj.* holy: **Akoò Átó** Holy Spirit
- átó<sup>1</sup>** [ʔátó] *n.* holiness
- átó<sup>2</sup>** [ʔátó] *n.* large type of garden egg, used for cooking soup
- atòà** [ʔatòà] *n.* order; command; commandment(s)
- átú** [ʔátú] *n.* conical cap with crest at the top
- atùe** [ʔatùe] *n.* leech
- atuu** [ʔatuu] *n.* periwinkle: **ákó atuu** periwinkle shells
- atùù** [ʔatùù] *n.* palm used to prepare “thatches”. It grows in freshwater swamps.
- awà** [ʔawà] *adj.* (of prepared food) old: **awà zíá** old food warmed up
- áwará** [ʔáwará] *n.* cattle egret, white migratory bird (*Ardeola ibis* ARDEIDAE)
- awèe** [ʔawèe] *n.* itching and irritating herb
- awè** [ʔawè] *n.* top (of a tree, house, etc.); also *fig.* **Bà beè dɛe iná awè** They climbed to the top.
- awèra** [ʔawèra] *adj.* light; easy; not difficult: **Tò lú awèra** The load is light (cf. **wéé**)
- áwíí** [ʔáwíí] *n.* grass; weed
- awo** [ʔawo] *adv.* (of place) here (=akéa): **Lú awo** Come here.
- awònú** [ʔawònú] *n.* grace (=nenè-Bàri)
- aya** [ʔaja] *adv.* around: **À dè aya** He is around (cf. **kéáya**)
- ayàa** [ʔajàa] *n.* tree species producing brown fruit with yellow edible flesh and stony seed; the fruit so produced (*Cola* sp. STERCULIACEAE)
- ayɛ** [ʔajɛ] *adj.* delicate; susceptible; sensitive to pain or injury
- ayim̃** [ʔajim̃] *adj.* raw; not cooked; fresh
- áyíra** [ʔájíra] *n.* rules; regularities; the way things work
- áyo** [ʔájó] *n.* onion (Port. *Ajo* ‘garlic’)
- ayò** [ʔajò] *n.* pain
- ayò-báná-nyíē** [ʔajò-báná-nyíē] *n.* chest-pain; sternalgia (*coinage*)
- ayò-kékóo** [ʔajò-kékóo] *n.* lumbago (pain of the loins) (*coinage*)
- ayò-kóo** [ʔajò-kóo] *n.* chest-pain; sternalgia (*coinage*)
- ayò-nyó-ázíí-bu-míí** [ʔajò-nyó-ázíí-bu-míí] *n.* filariasis (*coinage*)
- ayò-sib-ákpó-gááté** [ʔajò-sib-ákpó-gááté] *n.* sciatica; neuralgia of the sciatic nerve (*coinage*)
- ayò-tò-ní** [ʔajò-tò-ní] *n.* elephantiasis (*coinage*)
- ayò-yii-máá-bu-míí** [ʔajò-yii-máá-bu-míí] *n.* lymphangitis; inflammation of the lymphatic vessels
- azà** [ʔazà] *n.* skirt; edge of clothes or lappa
- ázá** [ʔázá] *n.* small freshwater shrimp
- ázákpom** [ʔázákpóm] *n.* cassava (=bòrò?m)
- azèe** [ʔazèè] *n.* pith
- ázéré** [ʔázéré] *n.* “children’s matches”; type of parasitic plant; (*fig.*) fruit in general; **Ázéré naá úwé pyòòri naá kùwè** Let birds destroy all the fruits (*proverb used to invoke destruction on people who stole another person’s goods*)
- azi** [ʔazi] *n.* looting
- ázíí** [ʔázíí] *n.* rope; thread
- ázííahyòòri** [ʔázííahyòòri] *n.* filament (*coinage*)
- aziina<sup>1</sup>** [ʔaziinã] *n.* barrenness

**aziina**<sup>2</sup> [ʔaziĩnã] *adj.* barren  
**aziirá** [ʔaziirá] *n.* arrow  
**azù** [ʔazù] *n.* confusion; lack of clarification

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**bà**<sup>1</sup> [bà] *v.t.* eat fish or meat  
**bà**<sup>2</sup> [bà] *n.* abscess  
**bà**<sup>3</sup> [bà] *pron.* (3rd pers. pl. subj.) they: **Bà ága si** They should not go.  
**ba** [ba] *n.* pottage; “porridge”, e.g. yam “porridge”  
**bá**<sup>1</sup> [bá] *n.* hand  
**bá**<sup>2</sup> [bá] *n.* art  
**bǎ** [bǎ] *n.* forked stick  
**bã** [bã] *n.* axil  
**bǎ** [bǎ] *n.* cooking-pot  
**bàà**<sup>1</sup> [bàà] *v.t.* share into portions; cleave (wood)  
**bàà**<sup>2</sup> [bàà] *n.* blindness; *pred. adj.* blind: **neè bàà** blind person  
**bàa** [bàa] *v.t.* hate  
**báá**<sup>1</sup> [báá] *n.* enmity; enemies  
**báá**<sup>2</sup> [báá] *n.* strong tropical tree  
**bààdú** [bààdú] *v.t.* kneel  
**bààgǎ**<sup>1</sup> [bààgǎ] *v.i.* ponder; consider; think out  
**bààgǎ**<sup>2</sup> [bààgǎ] *n.* pondering; consideration; thinking out  
**bá asãa** [bá asãã] *n.* clay pot  
**bàb** [bàb] *n.* wickedness: **À wée dòò bàb** He practises wickedness.  
**bàbà** [bàbà] *n.* child’s name for fish or meat  
**bàgà** [bàgà] *v.i.* crack like dry clay; tear like old cloth: **À wée bàgà** It cracks/tears.  
**bàga** [bàga] *n.* freshwater fish like a small catfish (*Auchenoglanis occidentalis* BAGRIDAE)  
**bàgi** [bàgi] *v.t.* cut into many pieces  
**bákiye** [bákije] *n.* left hand  
**bákpé** [bákpé] *n.* firmness (*lit.* ‘iron hand’): **Sú bákpe yé ãa** Hold him firmly.  
**bálè** [bálè] *n.* right hand  
**bànà** [bǎnǎ] *n.* pit  
**bànàmáá** [bǎnǎmáá] *n.* well  
**bánányíe** [bǎnǎníē] *n.* outer surface of chest  
**bànàpóro** [bǎnǎpóro] *n.* fishpond  
**Báni** [bǎní] *n.* Ogoni name for Bonny  
**bàrà**<sup>1</sup> [bàrà] *n.* farm or farmland  
**bàrà**<sup>2</sup> [bàrà] *n.* fishing screen to enclose fish  
**bàrà**<sup>1</sup> [bàrà] *v.t.* ask for  
**bàrà**<sup>2</sup> [bàrà] *v.refl.* lean against (of person or animal): **Bàrà lóó déé** Lean against the wall; **Nee ga bará lóó té** A man is leaning against the tree.  
**bàrà**<sup>3</sup> [bàrà] *n.* request  
**bárá**<sup>1</sup> [bárá] *n.* inhabited area; length and breadth of an object  
**bárá**<sup>2</sup> [bárá] *n.* one side of a many-sided object  
**Bàràálè** [bàràálè] *n.* Barale, a village in Tẹẹ

- Bàrà-Álúwé** [bàrà-álúwé] *n.* a village in Tẹẹ
- Bàràkàrà-Nóónwa-Bunù** [bàràkàrà-nóónwã-būnù] *n.* a village in Tẹẹ
- bàrákiye** [bàrákije] *n.* left side
- bàrálè** [bàrálè] *n.* right side
- Bàràòbàrá** [bàràòbàrá] *n.* former name of Bóròbàrà, a village in Tẹẹ
- Bàràyirá** [bàràjirá] *n.* a village in Tẹẹ
- Bàri** [bàri] *n.* God
- bárí** [bári] *n.* sardine (*Sardinella* spp. CLUPEIDAE)
- báyàànù, báyaànu** [bájáànù, bájáànù] *n.* fashion; the prevailing style of dressing
- bè<sup>1</sup>** [bè] *v.t.* enclose; make fence or enclosure round something
- bè<sup>2</sup>** [bè] *v.i.* swell; be swollen
- bè<sup>3</sup>** [bè] *n.* hourglass-shaped rattle
- be<sup>1</sup>** [be] *v.t.* fight
- be<sup>2</sup>** [be] *n.* home
- bé** [bé] *n.* fight; war
- bẹ** [bẹ] *n.* spring-trap
- bẹ** [bẹ] *v.i.* burn: catch fire
- bẹ** [bé] *v.i.* be hot (like pepper)
- bẹa** [bẹa] *v.t.* marry (a man) (of a woman): **Bẹa dám** Marry a man.
- bẹb** [bẹb] *n.* chin
- bẹbẹ-piyá-zó** [bẹbẹ-pijá-zó] *n.* plutocracy (*coinage*)
- beè** [beè] *part.* past tense marker: **À beè lu** He came.
- bee<sup>1</sup>** [bee] *n.* fruit
- bee<sup>2</sup>** [bee] *n.* head
- bée** [bée] *n.* name
- bée** [bée] *v.t.* resemble; take after: **À bée ye tẹ** He takes after his father.
- bèè<sup>1</sup>** [bèè] *v.t.* rule; govern; *v.n.* **bẹbẹè** ruling; government
- bèè<sup>2</sup>** [bèè] *n.* cough
- bèè<sup>3</sup>** [bèè] *num.* two: **bèè nee** two persons
- bẹẹ** [bẹẹ] *v.t.* blow (fire): **Bẹẹ hínyá** Blow fire.
- bẹẹ<sup>1</sup>** [bẹẹ] *v.t.* watch
- bẹẹ<sup>2</sup>** [bẹẹ] *n.* bird that talks a lot (?Common Garden Bulbul) (*Pycnonotus barbartus* PYCNONOTIDAE)
- Bẹẹ** [bẹẹ] *n.* traditional initiation of adolescent male into manhood, now obsolete
- béé** [béé] *n.* cheek; jaw
- bèè** [bèè] *v.t.* bend
- bèè** [bèè] *n.* fish-rack
- bẹẹ-Bàri** [bẹè-bàri] *n.* theocracy; rule by God (*coinage*)
- bẹẹbíà** [bẹèbíà] *n.* bat's wing
- beèdú** [beèdú] *n.* knee
- bẹẹgà** [bẹègà] *v.refl.* pledge oneself for a loan: **À bẹẹgà ye ló** He pledges himself to him.
- bẹẹgà** [bẹègà] *v.i.* slope (of vertical object)
- bẹẹgá** [bẹègá] *v.refl.* curve; turn to one side: **Bẹẹgá kii bálè** Turn to the right.
- bèègà<sup>1</sup>** [bèègà] *v.i.* lean on; (*fig.*) depend on
- bèègà<sup>2</sup>** [bèègà] *adv.* dependently; **Tòò ye bèègà** Live in dependence on him.
- bèègà** [bèègà] *v.t.* happen to: **De à bèègà orò, a nyía ẹ?** If it happens to you, will you like it?
- bèègá** [bèègá] *v.i.* be flexible

**bèɛgákê** [bèɛgákê] *n.* a curve

**bèɛkà** [bèɛkà] *num.* two whole (objects): **bèɛkà nu** two whole things: **Sú bèɛkà** Take two.

**bèɛkùnàkùnà** [bèɛkùnàkùnà] *n.* two halves; half-way

**beèléb** [beèléb] *n.* shoulder (=gàgàná, agàléb)

**bèɛ máá** [bèɛ máá] *v.phr.* collect water from the roof

**bèɛmáá** [bèɛmáá] *n.* collection of water from the roof; gutter for collecting water from the roof

**bèɛ-piyá-būe** [bèɛ-pijá-būe] *n.* democracy; government by the people (*coinage*)

**bèɛsí** [bèɛsí] *n.* insincerity; untruthfulness; **neè bèɛsí** a person who takes two sides

**bèɛ-tub** [bèɛ-tub] *num.* forty

**bèɛ-tub-nè-hlòb** [bèɛ-tub-nè-hlòb] *num.* fifty

**bèga** [bèga] *v.i.* bend; wind; **À bèga** It winds (as road).

**bègábéga<sup>1</sup>** [bègábéga] *pred. adj.* not straight; winding; undulating; wavy

**bègábéga<sup>2</sup>** [bègábéga] *n.* curvature

**bègàrà** [bègàrà] *v.t.* carry on the shoulder; (*fig.*) shoulder (*e.g.* responsibility)

**bègàrá** [bègàrá] *v.t.* turn (something) to another direction from a straight line: **Bègàrá o kpé** Turn your bicycle.

**bège<sup>1</sup>** [bège] *v.t.* (of hen) fail to hatch eggs: **Kòò bège ké** The hen fails to hatch the eggs.

**bège<sup>2</sup>** [bège] *v.t.* blame; scold; rebuke; chide; objurgate

**bège<sup>3</sup>** [bège] *adj.* short and stout (of person)

**bège sí** [bège sí] *v.phr.* scowl; look bad-tempered

**bègèsí** [bègèsí] *n.* scowl; bad-tempered look

**bekéè** [bekéè] *n.* white person

**bèm** [bèm] *v.i.* decay; rot; produce undesirable odour; decompose; stink

**bèra** [bèra] *n.* resemblance; image

**bèrà** [bèrà] *v.i.* lean against (of object, as a result of having been placed there): **Gò bèrà lóó té** The ladder leans against the tree.

**béré** [béré] *n.* profit

**bére** [bére] *n.* stone thrown

**bèrè<sup>1</sup>** [bèrè] *v.t.* pledge: **À beè bèrè ye kòrokè ló ye kòò** He pledged his land to his friend: **À beè bèrè ye kòrokè ye ló** He pledged his land to him.

**bèrè<sup>2</sup>** [bèrè] *v.t.* lean (something) against: **Bèrè gò lóó té** Lean the ladder against the tree.

**bérékê** [bérékê] *n.* lower jaw

**bèrè** [bèrè] *n.* sack, bag

**bèrè-màni** [bèrè-màni] *n.* (urine) bladder

**betè** [betè] *n.* father's home; family

**béwa** [béwa] *n.* gonorrhoea; sexually transmitted disease

**bèzèè** [bèzèè] *n.* spring-trap

**bí** [bí] *n.* faeces

**bì** [bì] *v.t.* press; squeeze (orange); squeeze up (of people sitting close together); *v.n.* **bibì** pressing; pressure

**bii** [bii] *n.* play

**bìga** [bìga] *n.* pressure

**bìgà<sup>1</sup>** [bìgà] *v.p.* be pressed; be tightened

**bìgà<sup>2</sup>** [bìgà] *v.adj.* be tight

**bìlóló** [bìlóló] *v.i.* go secretly, stealthily or surreptitiously

**bìna** [bìna] *n.* question

- biiná** [bĩnǎ] *v.t.* ask question: **Biiná biina** Ask question (*cog.obj.*)
- biini** [bĩní] *v.i.* be cooked; be done
- bíni** [bĩní] *adj.* cooked; done
- bũra** [bũra] *adj.* black
- bũrakpé** [bũrakpé] *n.* iron
- biire** [biire] *v.cs.* tighten
- bínà** [bĩnǎ] *n.* “grasscutter”; cutting-grass; cane rat; bush animal that cuts grass and eats cassava  
(*Thryonomys swinderianus* THRYONOMIYIDAE)
- bínàhyúu** [bĩnǎéúu] *n.* porcupine, especially the Brush-Tailed Porcupine (*Atherurus africanus* HYSTRICIDAE)  
(=**hyúulóbínà**)
- birà** [birà] *v.t.* play: **birà bii** play game
- birà máá** [birà máá] *v.refl.* bathe
- birihwò** [birimò] *n.* toad
- biya** [bija] *v.refl.* remain: **Biya lo kě** Remain there; Hold yourself back.
- biye** [biye] *v.t.* leave (something where it is or a person where he is); let remain
- bíyé** [bíyé] *n.* object to swear on
- biyè-atuu** [bijè-atuu] *n.* small crab that makes a periwinkle shell its home; hermit crab
- bò<sup>1</sup>** [bò] *v.i.* be common: **À bo** It is common.
- bò<sup>2</sup>** [bò] *pron.* (2nd pers. pl. subj.) you: **bò óga** do not; don't (*plural*)
- bo<sup>1</sup>** [bo] *v.t.* heal
- bo<sup>2</sup>** [bo] *n.* deformity
- bo<sup>3</sup>** [bo] *adj.* deformed
- bó** [bó] *v.i.* be fit: **À bó ló** He is fit.
- bò** [bò] *v.t.* bleat like sheep or goat: **Naanà wée bò bō** (*cog. obj.*) A sheep bleats.
- bō** [bō] *n.* bleating
- bòà** [bòà] *v.p.* be healed: **À nà bóa** He has been healed.
- bóa** [bóa] *n.* healing
- bòb<sup>1</sup>** [bòb] *v.t.* beat (=zib)
- bòb<sup>2</sup>** [bòb] *v.t.* make wealth
- bòb<sup>3</sup>** [bòb] *n.* making wealth
- bob** [bob] *n.* beating
- bòb** [bòb] *v.t.* bind; tie; unite: *v.n.* **bòbòb** binding; tying; uniting
- bób** [bób] *n.* bundle; bond: **bób té** bundle of wood
- bòba** [bòba] *v.refl.* be tied to; be united with; cleave to: **Bà bóba** They are united.
- bòbkéɛ** [bòbkéɛ] *n.* shame
- bògàna** [bògǎnǎ] *n.* gathering
- bògáná** [bògǎnǎ] *v.refl.* be gathered: **Bò bògáná** Gather yourselves together.
- bògànàló** [bògǎnǎló] *n.* gathering
- bògé** [bògé] *v.t.* stir
- bògéné** [bògéné] *v.t.* gather
- bògèrè** [bògèrè] *n.* lending; borrowing
- bògèrè** [bògèrè] *v.t.* lend to; borrow from: *v.n.* **bòbògèrè**
- bògómòbò** [bògómòbò] *n.* vegetable whose seeds are used like “egusi” (*Cucumeropsis mannii* Naud.  
CUCURBITACEAE)
- bom** [bóm] *n.* puff-adder; adder
- Bóm** [bóm] *n.* Tɛɛ weekday, also **Déèbóm**

- bònà** [bɔ̀nǎ] *v.t.* contribute; share; *v.n.* **bòbònà** contribution
- bòne** [bɔ̀nɛ̃] *v.t.* cook yam and soup together, adding fish, oil, pepper and salt
- bonèzǎ́** [bɔ̀nɛ̃zǎ́] *n.* yam so prepared
- boo**<sup>1</sup> [boo] *v.t.* collect; gather; amass; accumulate (*esp.* wealth)
- boo**<sup>2</sup> [boo] *n.* rain
- bóó**<sup>1</sup> [bóó] *num.* four hundred: **bóó zǎ́** four hundred yams: **À beè yẹ́é bóó zǎ́** He/she bought four hundred yams.
- bóó**<sup>2</sup> [bóó] *n.* amassed wealth; amassing of wealth: **À wée boo bóó** He amasses wealth.
- bòò**<sup>1</sup> [bòò] *n.* fear
- bòò**<sup>2</sup> [bòò] *pron.* (2nd pers. pl. obj.) you: **Daà/M kanamué bòò** I salute/greet you (*pl.*).
- bọ̀bẹ́ kẹ́ẹ́** [bɔ̀ɔbɛ́ kɛ́ɛ́] *v.phr.* shame; put to shame: **Bọ̀bẹ́ yé kẹ́ẹ́** Put him/her to shame.
- Bootém** [bootém] *n.* Botem, a village in Tẹ̀
- bórá áǎ́** [bórá áǎ́] *pred. adj.* dumb: **neè bórá áǎ́** dumb person
- bòrò**<sup>1</sup> [bòrò] *adj.* foolish: **bòrò nee** foolish person
- bòrò**<sup>2</sup> [bòrò] *n.* foolishness
- borò** [borò] *emph. pron.* (2nd pers. pl., both subj. and obj.) you: **Borò lu** You people come: **M' kọ̀ọ̀ nè borò** I speak to you (people).
- bòrò' m** [bòrò'm] *n.* cassava (= **ázákpọ̀m**)
- Bóròbàrà** [bóròbàrà] *n.* a village in Tẹ̀
- bù**<sup>1</sup> [bù] *v.t.* take shelter; seek security under a stronger power
- bù**<sup>2</sup> [bù] *v.t.* till the soil
- bù**<sup>3</sup> [bù] *v.t.* weed; illegally uproot something planted
- bu**<sup>1</sup> [bu] *n.* belly
- bu**<sup>2</sup> [bu] *prep.* inside: **Yii bú tọ̀** Enter into the house.
- bu**<sup>3</sup> [bu] *adv.* inside: **Yèrè bu** Put it in.
- bù** [bù] *n.* bow
- bũ** [bũ] *n.* door
- bú** [bú] *n.* “bush-cat”; Two-Spotted Palm Civet (*Nandinia binotata* PARADOXURINAE)
- búbe** [búbe] *n.* compound
- bùbù** [bùbù] *n.* thigh
- bùgàrà** [bùgàrà] *v.t.* uproot a stump; exhume; dig out
- bugàrà** [bugàrà] *n.* uprooting of a stump; digging out; exhuming
- bùge**<sup>1</sup> [bùge] *v.t.* make dry mulching; make air enter to the roots of planted crops
- bùge**<sup>2</sup> [bùge] *v.t.* multiply; increase
- bùgèrè** [bùgèrè] *adj., adv.* sudden; suddenly
- bùgéré** [bùgéré] *v.t.* come suddenly (to surprise someone)
- bù** [bù] *v.t.* cook; *v.n.* **bubù** cooking
- búi** [búi] *n.* mat
- būi** [būi] *n.* pus
- búlẹ́ẹ́** [búlẹ́ẹ́] *n.* compound
- bùna** [bùnǎ] *v.p.* be born in a household; **bùna be tẹ̀** be born to one father
- búna** [bùnǎ] *v.i.* break (*e.g.* of stick): **Té búna** A stick breaks.
- bùnàbetẹ̀** [bùnàbetẹ̀] *n.* a cluster of children born to the same father: (*proverb*) **Bùnàbetẹ̀ áǎ́ pèè** (*lit.*) Children in a household are clusters of pears; i.e. right is given to the person to whom it is due by being the most closely related
- bunò** [bùnǒ] *n.* sky; heaven(s) (= **kágara**)

- Bunù** [bũnũ] *n.* a village in Tẹẹ  
**bunwà** [bũŋ<sup>w</sup>à] *n.* number  
**bùnwe** [bũŋ<sup>w</sup>ɛ] *v.t.* train; rear: **bùnwe nwíí** Train the child.  
**bunwe<sup>1</sup>** [bũŋ<sup>w</sup>ɛ] *v.t.* beget  
**bunwe<sup>2</sup>** [bũŋ<sup>w</sup>ɛ] *n.* town; city (big or small): **Bunwè Kpègà** Jerusalem ('secure habitation')  
**bùrà<sup>1</sup>** [bùrà] *v.i.* think  
**bùrà<sup>2</sup>** [bùrà] *n.* thought  
**bùra<sup>1</sup>** [bùra] *v.i.* be constructed  
**bùra<sup>2</sup>** [bùra] *n.* structure  
**bùrẹ** [bùrɛ] *v.cs.* make soft  
**bũù** [bũù] *v.t.* count; number; read  
**bũu** [bũũ] *v.t.* break; snap: **Bũu té** Break a stick.  
**búú** [búú] *n.* kolanut  
**bùùgà** [bùùgà] *v.i.* become muddy or impure  
**bùùgā** [bùùgā] *adj.* muddy  
**bùùgě** [bùùgě] *v.cs.* make clean water muddy  
**buwe** [buwe] *v.t.* build by applying mud to a framework of sticks; **Búwé tọ** Mud a house.  
**buwẹ** [buwɛ] *v.adj.* be soft  
**byáaga** [bjáaga] *v.adj.* be easily available or common  
**byam** [bjã̃m] *n.* wasp  
**byá** [bjá] *n.* "iguana"; monitor lizard (*Varanus niloticus* VARANIDAE)  
**byáà** [bjáà] *n.* bat (*general*) (CHIROPTERA)  
**byáà-beèté** [bjáà-beèté] *n.* fruit-bat (MEGACHIROPTERA) (**gbọ byáà, kpàm byáà**)  
**byáà-tọ** [bjáà-tọ] *n.* house-bat (MICROCHIROPTERA) (= **kpírí byáà**)  
**byē** [bjɛ] *v.i.* be far; live long: **Lo kē byé** That place is far: **Lo nee nà byéa** That man has lived long.  
**byébyéé** [bjébjéé] *n.* termite; white ant  
**byèbyèm** [bjèbjèm] *n.* iron rod  
**byèè** [bjèè] *v.t.* judge  
**byẹẹ** [bjɛɛ] *n.* judgment  
**byéé<sup>1</sup>** [bjéé] *n.* dirt  
**byéé<sup>2</sup>** [bjéé] *adj.* dirty  
**byó** [bjó] *n.* nose  
**byògō** [bjògō] *n.* indigo

## D

- da** [da] *v.t.* lick  
**dá<sup>1</sup>** [dá] *n.* "altar"; drying-rack  
**dá<sup>2</sup>** [dá] *n.* scar; mark left after healing of wound, burn, sore; (*fig.*) indelible impression in mind  
**dā** [dā] *v.t.* hear: **dāàdā** *v.n.* hearing  
**dàa** [dàa] *v.i.* sleep  
**daà** [daà] *pron. (emph. 1st pers. sg. subj. and obj.)* I; me: **Nè daà** Give it to me.  
**dáa<sup>1</sup>** [dáa] *n.* madness  
**dáa<sup>2</sup>** [dáa] *n.* tooth  
**dáá<sup>1</sup>** [dáá] *n.* pancreas; sweetbread; gland near the stomach discharging a digestive secretion and insulin  
**dáá<sup>2</sup>** [dáá] *n.* sleep

- dàà bá ló** [dàà bá ló] *v.phr.* touch  
**dààbálóòhyékari** [dààbálóòèékari] *n.* gecko  
**dáàkòò** [dáàkòò] *n.* cowry (*lit.* ‘fowl’s tooth’)  
**dàb<sup>1</sup>** [dàb] *v.t.* dodge  
**dàb<sup>2</sup>** [dàb] *adj.* tasteless; insipid; without flavour  
**dàb<sup>3</sup>** [dàb] *n.* acid  
**dab** [dab] *v.i.* stray  
**dáb<sup>1</sup>** [dáb] *aux.v.* can; be able  
**dáb<sup>2</sup>** [dáb] *n.* small bird species, very scarce  
**dábá** [dábá] *n.* oyster  
**dàga** [dàga] *v.i.* hold (as gum): **Dèb dàga** The gum holds.  
**dàgàdàgà** [dàgàdàgà] *adj.* distant from the road or from an open space  
**dàm** [dàm] *n.* ulcer  
**dam** [dām] *v.t.* bite; ache (of belly)  
**dám** [dám] *n.* husband; expert  
**dámana** [dámānā] *n.* ram  
**dám-dám** [dám-dám] *pred.adj.* mild; not severe; not much  
**dámpiyè** [dámpijè] *n.* doctor  
**dámító** [dámító] *n.* expert hunter (=tòòkùwè)  
**dàrà<sup>1</sup>** [dàrà] *v.t.* carry; raise: **Dàrà bá** Raise your hand (to vote).  
**dàrà<sup>2</sup>** [dàrà] *n.* credit  
**darà** [darà] *n.* African Star Apple, *Chrysophyllum delevoyi* De Wild. SAPOTACEAE)  
**dàrà dùme** [dàrà dùmè] *v.phr.* carry (child) on back (=yaa dùme)  
**dàràkè** [dàràkè] *v.t.* support  
**daràkè** [daràkè] *n.* support  
**dè<sup>1</sup>** [dè] *v.i.* be present; be in existence: **À dè** She/He/It exists: **Ké a dè dòò lo** That is how it is.  
**dè<sup>2</sup>** [dè] *conj.* if: **Dè ò lúù, ó mue** If you come, you will see.  
**de** [de] *v.t.* eat  
**dẹ** [dẹ] *n.* wide fish-pond; still water (*opp.* **máátée** running water)  
**dé** [dé] *n.* an era  
**dèa** [dèä] *v.t.* eat soup  
**dèb<sup>1</sup>** [dèb] *n.* gum  
**dèb<sup>2</sup>** [dèb] *n.* euphorbia, a spiny plant used for fencing  
**dẹb** [dẹb] *v.adj.* be thick like *àkàmù*  
**deè<sup>1</sup>** [deè] *n.* the way  
**deè<sup>2</sup>** [deè] *n.* hole  
**dée** [dée] *n.* day; date: **Dée a yira** Good morning! (*The response is Dée a yira (and not yiradée, which means ‘daybreak’).*). The Tẹ weekdays in succession are:  
**Dèèbóm**  
**Dèèzía**  
**Deésō**  
**Deékọ**  
**Dèèmòò**  
**dẹẹ** [dẹẹ] *n.* bed  
**dèè** [dèè] *v.t.* climb  
**dée<sup>1</sup>** [dèè] *n.* eye



**dée<sup>2</sup>** [dɛ́ɛ́] *n.* colour

**dée** [dɛ́ɛ́] *n.* wall

**dèègà** [dèègà] *v.i.* ponder; consider; think out: **À ga beè dèègà** He was pondering (it).

**deè-mani** [deè-mānī] *n.* urethra (*coinage*)

**dée-nyààna-mèà** [dɛ́ɛ́-ɲààná-mɛ́à] *n.* eye condition where sight is distorted; metamorphopsia

**deè-ọọgẹ** [deè-ɔɔgɛ] *n.* windpipe; trachea (*coinage*)

**dèèrè!** [dèèrè] *interj.* It's none of my business!

**Deeyo** [deèjɔ] *n.* Deeyor, name of a Gokana village

**Deeyo-Kirà** [deèjɔ-kirà] *n.* village in Tẹ

**dègàrà** [dègàrà] *adj.* collected (as rainwater): **dègàrà máá** collected water

**dègàrà** [dègàrà] *v.i.* collect as rainwater

**dègẹ<sup>1</sup>** [dègɛ] *v.t.* dodge (as in football)

**dègẹ<sup>2</sup>** [dègɛ] *v.cs.* seal; stick to; be stuck to; cleave to; **dèdègẹ** *v.n.* sealing; sticking to; cleaving to

**dègèrẹ** [dègèrẹ] *adj.* (of vertical object) not tall

**dèm** [dɛ́m] *v.t.* create; mould

**dem** [dɛ́m] *n.* rock; stone; block

**dem-akàtɛ-be** [dɛ́m-akàtɛ-be] *n.* foundation stone

**dem-gbɛà-nu** [dɛ́m-gbɛ̀à-nũ] *n.* grinding-stone

**dem-nyààna-mèà** [dɛ́m-ɲààná-mɛ́à] *n.* metamorphic rock (*coinage*)

**dèrẹ** [dèrɛ] *n.* vulture, *Neophron monachus* ACCIPITRIDAE

**dò** [dò] *v.t.* measure

**do** [do] *n.* camwood tree (*Baphia nitida* Lodd. LEGUMINOSAE-PAPILIONIOIDEAE); its wood is ground into powder and rubbed on body

**dò<sup>1</sup>** [dò] *v.i.* fall; fail

**dò<sup>2</sup>** [dò] *v.t.* dig

**dò<sup>3</sup>** [dò] *v.t.* summons

**dò<sup>4</sup>** [dò] *v.i.* blow (as wind)

**dò<sup>5</sup>** [dò] *n.* summons: **dò dò** take court action

**dò<sup>6</sup>** [dò] *n.* sound

**dò<sup>7</sup>** [dò] *n.* position

**dọ<sup>1</sup>** [dɔ] *n.* failure; falling

**dọ<sup>2</sup>** [dɔ] *n.* pile; spike; a stake or digging-stick driven into the ground

**dọbá** [dòbá] *n.* sound of the palm of the hand struck on the body

**dodo** [dodo] *adj.* red

**dògàrà<sup>1</sup>** [dògàrà] *v.i.* wriggle, as a person who wants to be released; also *fig.*, as in an argument: *v.n.*

**dọdọgàrà**

**dògàrà<sup>2</sup>** [dògàrà] *n.* wriggling

**dògò** [dògò] *n.* behaviour; character

**dònà** [dɔ̀nà] *n.* heaviness

**donà** [dɔ̀nà] *v.adj.* be heavy

**dòò<sup>1</sup>** [dòò] *v.t.* do: **À beè dòò** He did it. *v.n.* **dodòò**

**dòò<sup>2</sup>** [dòò] *v.t.* (*usu.* **dòò bí**) defecate (*cf.* **sí kùwẹ** a polite expression)

**dòó** [dòó] *adv.* in that way; in that manner

**dọọ** [dòò] *v.i.* fall (of rain): **Boo ga dọọ** It is raining (*lit.* Rain is falling).

**dọọ** [dòò] *n.* fishing; fishing-water

**dòò** [dòò] *v.t.* share, divide out

**dōò** [dō̄] *n.* one's share; division

**dóódóó** [dóódóó] *n.* bird species

**dòògà** [dòògà] *n.* effect(s); result(s)

**doògà** [doògà] *v.i.* be done; happen: **A beè dòògà** It was done by him: **Nú o ga kọ beè dòògà dòó** What you are saying happened so/was done so.

**dóoga** [dóoga] *v.adj.* be sticky

**dóógá** [dóógá] *adj.* sticky

**dòògànù** [dòògànù] *n.* incidents; happenings

**doònà** [dō̄nà] *adj.* another

**dòòrà** [dòòrà] *v.t.* harvest yam or dig stumps

**dòò tēe** [dòò tēē] *v.phr.* succeed (=dòò yie)

**dòòwó** [dòòwó] *interj.* goodbye

**dòò yie** [dòò jie] *v.phr.* succeed (=dòò tēe)

**du** [du] *n.* market; cost; value or worth of something

**dũ** [dũ] *n.* tail

**dũgà<sup>1</sup>** [dũgà] *v.i.* be sad; be sorrowful

**dũgà<sup>2</sup>** [dũgà] *n.* resting of chin on hand as evidence of sadness

**dũm** [dũm] *n.* soul

**dum** [dũm] *n.* life

**dùme<sup>1</sup>** [dũmē] *v.cs.* enrich: **Dùme ye** Enrich him.

**dùme<sup>2</sup>** [dũmē] *n.* back

**dùnèè<sup>1</sup>** [dũnēē] *v.i.* strive with one another

**dùnèè<sup>2</sup>** [dũnēē] *n.* strife

**dúu<sup>1</sup>** [dúu] *n.* dust

**dúu<sup>2</sup>** [dúu] *n.* hard edible part at the base of fungus

**dùùgà<sup>1</sup>** [dùùgà] *v.refl.* withdraw from sight or danger; avoid; retract body into shell (of snail): **À nà dùùgà** He has withdrawn himself; **Kpéé nà dùùgà yii bu ákó** The snail has withdrawn itself into the shell.

**dùùgà<sup>2</sup>** [dùùgà] *n.* withdrawal; disappearance; (*fig.*) salvation

**dùùrà<sup>1</sup>** [dùùrà] *v.t.* pull; draw out; deliver; save: *v.n.* **dudùùrà**

**dùùrà<sup>2</sup>** [dùùrà] *v.t.* sip

**dúwá<sup>1</sup>** [dúwá] *n.* year

**dúwá<sup>2</sup>** [dúwá] *n.* cow's horn used by the old men for drinking wine

**Dúwá<sup>3</sup>** [dúwá] *n.* annual New Yam Festival

**dúwe** [dúwe] *n.* heat of the sun; sunshine (*cf.* **anààni**)

## **E, Ẹ, Ě**

**e** [ʔe] *n.* a vowel

**e?** [ʔe] *interr.* what?

**ẹ** [ʔɛ] *v.t.* pluck leaves

**é'è** [ʔéʔè] *interj.* no; negative

**èb** [ʔèb] *v.t.* look at

**èè** [ʔèè] *adj.* **A.** better: **À léè èè** It is better; **B.** bigger; greater: **À gbuwe èè** It is bigger; **C.** taller; longer: **À nyóo èè** It is taller/longer.

**ee** [ʔee] *v.t.* collect fire

**éé** [ʔéé] *n.* fluted pumpkin (*Telfairia occidentalis* CUCURBITACEAE)

- éé** [ʔéé] *adj.* white; pure  
**ēe** [ʔēē] *interj.* yes (affirmative)  
**éé-akaà** [ʔéé-akaà] *n.* crab species  
**èèbá** [ʔèèbá] *v.t.* overcome  
**eèbá** [ʔeèbá] *n.* overcoming; victory  
**éédée** [ʔéédée] *n.* daylight (=èrà = **piyè**)  
**èègà<sup>1</sup>** [ʔèègà] *v.i.* spill  
**èègà<sup>2</sup>** [ʔèègà] *v.refl.* look at oneself; examine oneself  
**ēegá** [ʔēēgá] *v.i.* brag  
**éega** [ʔéēga] *n.* bragging  
**eègà** [ʔeègà] *v.i.* become late (of time): **Só ga èègà** It is becoming late.  
**éékpé** [ʔéékpé] *n.* silver  
**Éémáá** [ʔéémáá] *n.* a village in Tèè  
**éényíe** [ʔééjníē] *n.* joy (*lit.* ‘pure heart’)  
**ègàrà<sup>1</sup>** [ʔègàrà] *v.t.* pour; cause to spill  
**ègàrà<sup>2</sup>** [ʔègàrà] *v.t.* sow (seed)  
**égára** [ʔégára] *adj.* mature (of fruit)  
**ègára** [ʔègára] *v.i.* mark a position before digging for planting  
**ège** [ʔège] *v.i.* mature  
**ègē** [ʔègē] *v.t.* fry  
**ègèrè** [ʔègèrè] *n.* road  
**èhèè<sup>1</sup>** [ʔèhèè] *interj.* oho! (*expression of remembering something forgotten*)  
**èhèè<sup>2</sup>** [ʔèhèè] *interj.* that is what you want; you deserve it!  
**èhèè** [ʔèhèè] *interj.* you have started again? (*calling the attention of a trouble-maker*)  
**em** [ʔēm] *v.t.* write  
**èmà<sup>1</sup>** [ʔèmə] *v.t.* examine; test; try; tempt  
**èmà<sup>2</sup>** [ʔèmə] *n.* examination; test; trial; temptation  
**émnu** [ʔémnu] *n.* writing  
**enáa** [ʔenáa] *v.t.* receive  
**èrà<sup>1</sup>** [ʔèrà] *v.i.* be wrong  
**èrà<sup>2</sup>** [ʔèrà] *n.* daylight (=éédée = **piyè**)  
**èra** [ʔèra] *v.i.* be complete in number or amount; **Kpigi/Bũ náa éra** The money/number is not complete.  
**èrà** [ʔèrà] *v.i.* compete  
**èrabá** [ʔèrabá] *adj.* every; each; **èrabá kē** everywhere; wherever (=kùràkúrá kē): **Èrabá ké o si ó mue ye** Wherever you go you will see him; **èrabá nu** everything; **èrabá nu** (=kùràkúrá nu): **Èrabá nu dè** There is everything.  
**èrà-èrà** [ʔèrà-èrà] *n.* competition  
**ère** [ʔère] *v.t.* make complete  
**èrɛ** [ʔèrɛ] *v.t.* have; possess; **tɛ-érɛ** *n.* possessor; owner  
**erɛ** [ʔerɛ] *pron. emph. pron.* (3rd pers. sg. subj. and obj.) he/she; him/her: **Èrɛ beè dè** He was there: **Bà bè kó nè erɛ** They spoke to him/her (*emph. obj.*)  
**èrɛbà** [ʔèrɛbà] *num.* seven  
**èrɛhínyá** [ʔèrɛhínjá] *v.cs.* make hot; heat  
**èrɛtaa** [ʔèrɛtaa] *num.* eight  
**èrɛtaàga** [ʔèrɛtaàga] *n.* octagon (*coinage*)

F

**fínímáá** [fínímáá] *n.* shark

G

**ga**<sup>1</sup> [ga] *part.* (particle indicating present continuous tense): **À ga lu** He is coming: **Bà ga lu** They are coming.

**ga**<sup>2</sup> [ga] *part.* don't (particle indicating negative command): **Ó ga dòn** Don't do it (2nd pers. sg.); **Bò óga dòn** Don't (you people) do it (2nd pers. pl.); **Á ga dòn** Let him not do it (3rd pers. sg.); **Bà ága dòn** Let them not do it (3rd pers. pl.)

**gá** [gá] *n.* angle; corner (=hwííkē)

**gǎ** [gǎ] *n.* adultery; fornication; concubine; concubinage; informal marriage

**gã** [gã] *n.* extended family

**gǎǎ** [gǎǎ] *v.i.* hesitate; take time to consider before reacting: **À náa beè gǎǎ** He did not hesitate.

**gǎǎté** [gǎǎté] *n.* almond tree [id]

**gǎǎté** [gǎǎté] *n.* fishpond

**gàdá** [gàdá] *n.* table

**gadè** [gadè] *conj.* even if

**gàgànà** *n.* [gàgànà] *n.* shoulder (=beèlèb)

**gàm**<sup>1</sup> [gàm] *v.t.* tell tales

**gàm**<sup>2</sup> [gàm] *n.* tale-bearing

**gámàló** [gámàló] *n.* boldness; agility

**gànité** [gànité] *n.* four-legged kitchen stool

**ganò** [gǎnǎ] *n.* height

**gára** [gára] *n.* mangrove

**garagára** [garagára] *n.* bitter kola (*Garcinia kola* Heckel GUTTIFERAE)

**gáragára**<sup>1</sup> [gáragára] *n.* agility

**gáragára**<sup>2</sup> [gáragára] *adj.* agile

**gáragára**<sup>3</sup> [gáragára] *adv.* agilely

**garí** [garí] *n.* gari; fried or baked cassava

**gbà**<sup>1</sup> [gbà] *v.t.* twist; twine: **Gbà ázǐ** Twist the thread.

**gbà**<sup>2</sup> [gbà] *v.i.* (fig.) swing back and forth like a pendulum: **À ga tora gbà** He is not steady in life.

**gbà**<sup>3</sup> [gbà] *v.t.* accuse

**gbà**<sup>4</sup> [gbà] *v.t.* divert

**gbà**<sup>5</sup> [gbà] *n.* swing; pendulum

**gbà**<sup>6</sup> [gbà] *n.* ill-luck

**gba** [gba] *v.t.* sew; join

**gbá**<sup>1</sup> [gbá] *n.* mud

**gbá**<sup>2</sup> [gbá] *adv.* altogether

**gbāa** [gbāa] *v.i.* intercede; mediate; arbitrate; *v.n.* **gbāgbāa** intercession; mediation; arbitration

**gbāabē** [gbāabē] *n.* tongs

**gbāàgà** [gbāàgà] *v.refl.* separate themselves

**gbaàgà** [gbaàgà] *v.i.* give up the ghost; die: *v.n.* **gbagbààgà**

**gbāàgà** [gbāàgà] *n.* hesitation

**gbāàgà** [gbāàgà] *v.i.* hesitate

- gbáagā** [gbáāgā] *v.i.* be excessive; be too much
- gbàaló** [gbàaló] *v.i.* be gathered together
- gbáàló** [gbáàló] *n.* congregation
- gbààrà** [gbààrà] *v.t.* separate (as thread); unravel; separate (two persons fighting)
- gbáàtòò** [gbáàtòò] *n.* community (=gbáàyìì)
- gbáàyìì** [gbáàjìì] *n.* community (=gbáàtòò)
- gbága** [gbága] *v.i.* chip, as when an enamel object falls on cemented ground; (*fig.*) (of persons) die frequently
- gbágá** [gbágá] *n.* hook type, metal or wooden, used to draw an object nearer; (*fig.*) attraction (of someone to something good or bad): **À lú gbágá yé ló** It is a source of attraction to him (good or bad).
- gbàgára** [gbàgára] *v.t.* disjoin; separate; peel; remove the outer covering
- Gbákē** [gbákē] *n.* Gbaken, a village in Tẹ̀
- gbàm<sup>1</sup>** [gbàm] *id.* the banging of a door: **Bū doo gbàm** The door banged shut.
- Gbàm<sup>2</sup>** [gbàm] *n.* village in Tẹ̀
- gbam** [gbām] *n.* Blue or Maxwell's duiker (*Cephalophus monticola*, *C. maxwelli* CEPHALOPHINAE)
- gbànà** [gbànà] *adj.* not parallel; not vertical; not square
- gbanà** [gbānà] *v.i.* slope; incline; not to be parallel; not to be vertical
- gbàrà** [gbàrà] *n.* oil-bean (*Pentaclethra macrophylla* LEGUMINOSAE-MIMOSOIDEAE)
- gbàrà** [gbàrà] *n.* man (=neèdám)
- gbára<sup>1</sup>** [gbára] *v.i.* go fast; hasten: **Gbàrà!** Go fast!
- gbára<sup>2</sup>** [gbára] *v.adj.* be not straight, not vertical, crooked
- gbáregbáre** [gbáregbáre] *adv.* fast; in haste
- gbé<sup>1</sup>** [gbé] *v.i.* be spoilt
- Gbé<sup>2</sup>** [gbé] *n.* village in Gokana
- gbè** [gbè] *n.* Bates's Dwarf Antelope (*Neotragus batesi* NEOTRAGINAE)
- gbẹ** [gbẹ] *v.t.* despise; treat with disregard
- gbè** [gbè] *v.t.* grind: *v.n.* **gbēgbè**
- gbée** [gbée] *v.t.* spoil; damage
- gbéé<sup>1</sup>** [gbéé] *n.* filth; filthiness
- gbéé<sup>2</sup>** [gbéé] *adj.* filthy
- gbèè** [gbèè] *v.t.* slant; slope
- gbèègà** [gbèègà] *v.i.* not to be vertical; slant; slope; **gbēgbèègà** *v.n.* not being vertical; sloping
- gbèè tó** [gbèè tó] *v.phr.* listen; incline the ear to
- gbègà** [gbègà] *v.i.* waver; oscillate unsteadily; be undecided between opinions
- gbémgbéré** [gbémgbéré] *n.* bivalve (probably *Tagelus adansonii* SOLECURTIDAE)
- gbène** [gbèñē] *adj.* big; great; magnificent; splendid; elder: **nà gbène nwííkà-neèdám** my elder brother
- gbènekpò** [gbèñēkpò] *n.* mountain
- gbènepóro** [gbèñēpóro] *n.* shark
- Gbène-Úwé** [gbèñē-úwé] *n.* a village in Tẹ̀
- gbèrè** [gbèrè] *n.* lizard
- gbí<sup>1</sup>** [gbĩ] *v.t.* want; desire; look for; search for; seek; *v.n.* **gbìgbí** seeking
- gbí<sup>2</sup>** [gbĩ] *v.t.* dig (yam)
- gbímùè** [gbímùè] *v.t.* find; discover; find out
- gbò<sup>1</sup>** [gbò] *v.t.* make wealth; become rich
- gbò<sup>2</sup>** [gbò] *n.* club; group
- gbó** [gbó] *n.* dog

- gbọ** [gbò] *v.i.* vomit: **À ga gbọ** He is vomiting.
- gbọ** [gbò] *n.* vomiting
- gbò<sup>1</sup>** [gbò] *v.t.* give comfort to a sorrowful person
- Gbò<sup>2</sup>** [gbò] *n.* Tẹẹ name for Igbo
- gbóò<sup>1</sup>** [gbóò] *n.* a climbing rope
- gbóò<sup>2</sup>** [gbóò] *n.* castnet
- gbóoni** [gbóòni] *n.* poor person; poverty of the highest degree
- gbóra** [gbóra] *v.i.* work hard
- gbóra** [gbóra] *n.* hard work
- gbórò** [gbórò] *n.* white round yam
- gbubeèté** [gbubeèté] *n.* stump of tree
- gbúgu** [gbúgu] *n.* small squat type of calabash
- gbùgùrù** [gbùgùrù] *n.* (of place) that particular (place) surrounded by a boundary
- gbùgùrù-máá** [gbùgùrù-máá] *n.* lake
- gbùre** [gbùre] *v.t.* make great; magnify
- gbùre ágá** [gbùre ágá] *v.phr.* exaggerate
- gburè-ágá** [gburè-ágá] *n.* exaggeration
- gbùrùgbù** [gbùrùgbù] *n.* carton
- gbùrùnoo** [gbùrùnoo] *n.* centipede
- gbùwè** [gbùwè] *v.adj.* be great; be fat
- gbuwe** [gbuwe] *n.* greatness
- gé<sup>1</sup>** [gé] *n.* kind of small fish
- gé<sup>2</sup>** [gé] *part.* a word indicating a question: **Ò sūà gé?** Do you know?
- gè** [gè] *n.* cutlass; matchet
- gē** [gē] *v.i.* get worse; spread (as news); putrefy (of wound)
- gée<sup>1</sup>** [gée] *v.i.* drop; flow slowly and drop like oil
- gée<sup>2</sup>** [gée] *v.i.* be rather far
- gẹẹ** [gẹẹ] *v.i.* be light and flying away
- gěé** [gěé] *n.* bell
- gèègà** [gèègà] *v.i.* move steadily without making a sound
- gẹẹgẹ** [gẹẹgẹ] *adj.* delicate; needing careful handling
- gèèrèbá** [gèèrèbá] *adj.* not very far (*but politely and ironically used to indicate a far distance*)
- gègè** [gègè] *adj.* circular and wide
- gèhyórò** [gèhyórò] *n.* shrimp
- gèrà** [gèrà] *v.i.* become oily; become septic or infected; putrefy (of wound)
- gèrè** [gèrè] *n.* (*music*) response of chorus
- gèrègè** [gèrègè] *adv.* exactly (of a central position) at the point
- gérégéré<sup>1</sup>** [gérégéré] *n.* xylophone; masquerade accompanied by the xylophone
- gérégéré<sup>2</sup>** [gérégéré] *adj.* slender, tall, and handsome or beautiful
- gìà<sup>1</sup>** [gìà] *n.* valour; bravery; prowess; a brave person; a hero
- gìà<sup>2</sup>** [gìà] *adj.* brave; courageous; valiant
- gírà** [gírà] *n.* clapperless iron bell; “gong”
- gírí** [gírí] *n.* small bird that eats bananas
- gó** [gó] *n.* namesake
- gò<sup>1</sup>** [gò] *n.* eagle
- gò<sup>2</sup>** [gò] *n.* ladder

**gò** [gò] *n.* gesture  
**gõ** [gõ] *v.t.* hide  
**gòǎ<sup>1</sup>** [gòǎ] *v.i.* be hidden  
**gòǎ<sup>2</sup>** [gòǎ] *n.* hiding; secret place; secrecy  
**góó** [góó] *n.* laziness; a lazy person  
**gùm** [gùm] *n.* noise  
**gúm** [gúm] *n.* barn  
**gùnàkè-éédée** [gùnàkè-éédée] *n.* twilight  
**gùrù** [gùrù] *n.* buffalo; bushcow (*Syncerus caffer* BOVINAE)  
**gùwẹ** [gùwẹ] *n.* loud continuous sound, as of a plane  
**gwa** [g<sup>w</sup>a] *v.t.* mix; intermingle; *v.n.* **gwagwá** mixing; mixture  
**gwàgwá** [g<sup>w</sup>àg<sup>w</sup>á] *pred.adj.* mixed: **À lú gwàgwá** It is mixed.  
**gwéré** [g<sup>w</sup>éré] *n.* a tree used for making canoes  
**gwii** [g<sup>w</sup>ii] *n.* electric fish (*Malapterurus electricus* MALAPTERURIDAE)  
**Gyóó** [gjóó] *n.* Gio, a village in Tẹẹ

## H

**há-háà!** [háháà] *interj.* haha! (sound of laughter)  
**hè! hè!** [hè hè] *interj.* look out! (*warning of danger*)  
**hínyá** [hínjá] *n.* fire  
**hínyáhínyá** [hínjáhínjá] *adj.* hot; (*fig.*) very soon; immediate  
**hinyanuló** [hínjáñuló] *v.t.* smell  
**hla** [la] *n.* yawning  
**hlàà** [làà] *n.* extensive area (of land): **máá hlàà** expanse of sea  
**hlàa** [làa] *n.* pangolin, which rolls up when seen or touched (*Manis* spp. PHOLIDOTA)  
**hláá** [láá] *n.* gari pot  
**hlabà** [labà] *n.* wing(s)  
**hle** [le] *n.* panting; gasp(ing)  
**hlèb** [lèb] *id.* scattered in panic and running helter-skelter: **Bà doo hlèb** They are scattered in panic and run helter-skelter.  
**hlèbàrà** [lèbàrà] *v.t.* remove the small tender yam tuber to produce many “seedlings” (=kẹ)  
**hlègà** [lègà] *v.i.* hesitate  
**hleegá** [leegá] *v.i.* be dislocated (=toomá)  
**hléegá** [léegá] *adj.* dislocated; **hléegá tọ** dislocated leg  
**hleegará** [leegará] *v.t.* dislocate (=toománá)  
**hlègẹ<sup>1</sup>** [lègẹ] *n.* fontanelle; where babies’ breathing is felt on head  
**hlègẹ<sup>2</sup>** [lègẹ] *n.* hiccup(s)  
**hlòb** [lòb] *num.* ten  
**hlòb-nè-ànì** [lòb-nè-?ànì] *num.* sixteen  
**hlòb-nè-ànìnyà** [lòb-nè-?ànìnyà] *num.* nineteen  
**hlòb-nè-azì** [lòb-nè-?azì] *num.* eleven  
**hlòb-nè-bẹ** [lòb-nè-bẹ] *num.* twelve  
**hlòb-nè-ẹrẹbà** [lòb-nè-?ẹrẹbà] *num.* seventeen  
**hlòb-nè-ẹrẹtaa** [lòb-nè-?ẹrẹtaa] *num.* eighteen  
**hlòb-nè-nyà** [lòb-nè-nyà] *num.* fourteen

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- hlòb-nè-òò** [lòb-nè-ʔòò] *num.* fifteen  
**hlòb-nè-taa** [lòb-nè-taa] *num.* thirteen  
**hlòb tub** [lòb tub] *num.* two hundred  
**hlóó** [lóó] *n.* navel  
**hlú** [lú] *n.* death: **U hlu** Die the death!  
**h̄m̄** [h̄m̄] *interj.* grunt with the mouth closed, complaining about life; expression of fear or disgust  
**hnà** [nà] *n.* hornbill (BUCEROTIDAE)  
**hnó** [nó] *n.* war; (*fig.*) struggle  
**Hòrò** [hòrò] *n.* village in Tɛɛ  
**hwà** [wà] *v.t.* weed  
**hwa** [wa] *v.t.* throw to the ground forcibly in order to break  
**hwá** [wá] *n.* intestine  
**hwà** [wà] *v.t.* respect (*n.* **ahwà**)  
**hwàà** [wàà] *n.* canoe; ship; vehicle  
**hwàgànà** [wàgànà] *v.t.* wrest, take violently (something from somebody)  
**hwàgíní** [wàgíní] *v.t.* squeeze; compress; (*fig.*) prevent someone from doing something; twist (facts)  
**hwɛ** [wɛ] *v.t.* kill  
**hwɛb** [wɛb] *id.* sagging: **Noo tɔ dɔ hwɛb** The roof is sagging.  
**hwɛb** [wɛb] *adj.* low: **hwɛb kɛ** low(-lying) land  
**hwéé** [wéé] *n.* calabash (*general*)  
**hweerá** [weerá] *v.t.* break down (*e.g.* old wall)  
**hwɛɛrɛ́lò** [wɛɛrɛ́lò] *v.adj.* be peaceful; abide in peace  
**hwéɛrɛ́lò** [wéɛrɛ́lò] *n.* peace  
**hwègè** [wègè] *n.* humble service; humility  
**hwem** [wɛm] *v.t.* keep on pressing in massage; press oil from palm fibre  
**hwénkéré** [wɛnkéré] *n.* groundnuts  
**hwéré** [wéré] *n.* plate, especially breakable  
**hwèrèhwè** [wèrèhwè] *n.* herb with indented leaf, used as medicine (*Laportea ovalifolia* (Schum.) Chew  
URTICACEAE)  
**hwù¹** [wù¹] *v.t.* cut with knife or axe  
**hwù²** [wù²] *v.t.* stop action or bad behaviour; end  
**hwù³** [wù³] *n.* will-power; zeal  
**hwí¹** [wí¹] *n.* mango  
**hwíí** [wíí] *pred. adj.* dry and hard, needing water to soften: **À lu hwíí** It is dry and hard.  
**hwùri** [wùri] *v.t.* blow with mouth (fire, musical instrument)  
**hwìnì** [wìnì] *n.* monkey  
**hwíní** [wíní] *n.* freshwater plant with cocoyam-like leaf and thorny stem (*Cyrtosperma senegalense*  
(Schott) Engl. ARACEAE)  
**hwìri** [wìri] *n.* beard  
**hwo** [wo] *v.t.* plant (crops)  
**hwogóró** [wogóró] *n.* big black edible frog, found in fresh water  
**hwòò** [wòò] *n.* small frog  
**hwulò** [wulò] *v.i.* miss target, (*also used fig.*): **À hwulò** It misses the target.  
**hwùrà** [wùrà] *v.i.* break; end; stop (of rope or action)  
**hwùù¹** [wùù¹] *v.i.* be swollen  
**hwùù²** [wùù²] *n.* swelling disease, probably kwashiokor



- hwúuga**<sup>1</sup> [múuga] *v.i.* swoop down, like a kite on chickens
- hwúuga**<sup>2</sup> [múuga] *v.i.* be strong enough (of pounded yam or fufu)
- hyáà** [ɛáà] *n.* yam when cooked or roasted, to be eaten by chewing
- hyára** [ɛára] *v.i.* burn: **Zíá hyára** The yam is burnt.
- hyára** [ɛára] *adj.* dry; without water
- hyɛɛ**<sup>1</sup> [ɛɛɛ] *v.t.* roll between the palms into a ball or small cylinder; spin into thread
- hyɛɛ**<sup>2</sup> [ɛɛɛ] *v.t.* (of fire) blow from a glow to a flame; (*fig.*) make grow from an undeveloped to a developed stage
- hyèègà** [ɛèègà] *v.adj.* be left open: *e.g.* **À hyèègà** It is left open.
- hyèèrè** [ɛèèrè] *v.t.* open; leave open (=kpaaná)
- hyèrɛ** [ɛèrɛ] *v.cs.* make burnt: **À hyèrɛ zía** He makes the yam burnt.
- hyím**<sup>1</sup> [ɛím] *v.adj.* be sour: **À hyím** It is sour.
- hyím**<sup>2</sup> [ɛím] *v.adj.* be calm: **Bàrà hyím** The farm is calm.
- hyòb** [ɛòb] *v.t.* make a hole (=hyògàrà)
- hyób** [ɛób] *id.* describes the crack of a whip
- hyògà**<sup>1</sup> [ɛògà] *v.adj.* be deep
- hyògà**<sup>2</sup> [ɛògà] *n.* depth; *e.g.* **ye hyòga** its depth
- hyògà**<sup>3</sup> [ɛògà] *adv.* deeply: **À bura hyogà** He thinks deeply.
- hyògàrà** [ɛògàrà] *v.t.* make a hole; pierce (as ear) (=hyòb)
- hyògàrà** [ɛògàrà] *v.t.* swallow
- hyóò** [ɛóó] *n.* snake
- hyóò** [ɛóó] *n.* music; song: **Úwé hyóò** Sing a song.
- hyòògà** [ɛòògà] *v.i.* drop from the bunch (like palm fruit); slip out of joint; (*fig.*) fail to happen: **À hyòògà** It drops off (because it is over-ripe, as palmfruit), (*fig.*) It fails to happen.
- hyòòrɛ** [ɛòòrɛ] *v.i.* be unsuccessful (of seed-yams that fail to grow); (*fig.*) fail to happen
- hyòòri** [ɛòòri] *v.i.* flower
- hyoori** [ɛoori] *n.* tea-bush; spice used for cooking (*Ocimum gratissimum* Linn. LABIATAE)
- hyòòri** [ɛòòri] *v.i.* slip
- hyòrò** [ɛórò] *n.* shrimp; “crayfish”; “lobster” (*general term*)
- hyòò’e** [ɛððʔe] *n.* tomorrow
- hyūe** [ɛūē] *v.t.* “butcher”, cut up (dead animal)
- hyúnú-póro** [ɛúnú-póro] *n.* fish on a small rack
- hyúu**<sup>1</sup> [ɛúu] *n.* thorn(s)
- hyúu**<sup>2</sup> [ɛúu] *n.* louse
- hyúú** [ɛúú] *n.* rat; mouse
- hyuúbū** [ɛuúbū] *n.* key (=ígara, =hyúùgòdò)
- hyúùgò** [ɛúùgò] *n.* step; (*fig.*) university degree (*coinage*): **túá hyúùgò** first or Bachelor’s degree; **érèbèè hyúùgò** second or Master’s degree; **érètàà hyúùgò** third or doctoral degree
- hyúùgòdò** [ɛúùgòdò] *n.* key (=ígara, =hyuúbū)
- hyúùlóbínà** [ɛúùlóbínà] *n.* porcupine (*Atherurus africanus* HYSTRICIDAE)
- hyúúkàà** [ɛúúkàà] *n.* eggplant; “garden-egg” (*Solanum spp.* SOLANACEAE)

## I, Ì

- í, ì** [ʔí, ì] *pron.* (*1st pers. pl. subj.*) we : **Í doo** We shall/will do (it); **Ì ga sí doo** We are going to do (it).
- ib** [ʔib] *v.t.* massage

- ìb<sup>1</sup>** [ʔib] *n.* palm-nut, kernel  
**ìb<sup>2</sup>** [ʔib] *n.* a kind: **lo ìb** that kind  
**ìbéré** [ʔibéré] *v.t.* forget  
**ìbi** [ʔibi] *v.t.* collect water  
**ìgà** [ʔigà] *v.adj.* be twisted: **À ìgà** It is twisted.  
**ìga<sup>1</sup>** [ʔiga] *v.adj.* be mature: **À ìga** It is mature.  
**ìga<sup>2</sup>** [ʔiga] *v.adj.* be compressed (of air under high pressure); be well mixed: **À ìga** It is well mixed.  
**ìgàrà<sup>1</sup>** [ʔigàrà] *v.t.* twist or make rope  
**ìgàrà<sup>2</sup>** [ʔigàrà] *v.t.* wring (clothes)  
**ìgara** [ʔigara] *n.* key (=hyuúbū)  
**ìgára** [ʔigára] *v.t.* lock (door or box): **Ìgára bū** Lock the door.  
**ii** [ʔii] *v.t.* marry a woman or women  
**íí<sup>1</sup>** [ʔíí] *adj.* dead: **íí nēe** dead body; corpse; **íí nam** dead animal; carcass  
**íí<sup>2</sup>** [ʔíí] *n.* corpse; carcass  
**ùgà** [ʔùgà] *v.adj.* be bent, not straight (of line): **À ùgà** It is bent/not straight.  
**úga<sup>1</sup>** [ʔúga] *v.i.* be locked  
**úga<sup>2</sup>** [ʔúga] *v.i.* tumble  
**i-i-i-i** [ʔi-i-i-i] *interj.* a distant call in the bush  
**ùmà<sup>1</sup>** [ʔùmà] *v.adj.* be patient, accommodating: **Ó dáb yé ùmà gé?** Can you accommodate (put up with) him?  
**ùmà<sup>2</sup>** [ʔùmà] *n.* patience  
**íinété** [ʔíinété] *v.i.* join together and act as a group in opposition to another group: **Bà íinété wa kpèe sí**  
 They joined together and faced them.  
**ina<sup>1</sup>** [ʔinā] *v.t.* arrive; reach; visit  
**ina<sup>2</sup>** [ʔinā] *n.* a short visit: **À wée ina ina** He pays short visits (*cognate object*)  
**inye** [ʔinē] *v.t.* set (pot on fire): **Ì nye bá dèè hínyá** Set the pot on the fire.  
**inyeté** [ʔinēté] *v.i.* sit; sit down  
**irì** [ʔirì] *pron.* (*emph. pron., 1st pers. pl. subj. and obj.*) we; us: **Iri beè nè yààló Gbára** We gave Gbara a coat: **Gbára beè nè yààló irì** Gbara gave us a coat.  
**íyà!** [ʔíjà] *interj.* an expression of surprise; What!  
**ìyàà!** [ʔíjàà] *interj.* Good! (*an ironic expression of approval*)  
**ìye** [ʔije] *v.t.* leave; give up; surrender; forgo

## K

- kà<sup>1</sup>** [kà] *v.t.* give praise, glory, honour, respect to  
**kà<sup>2</sup>** [kà] *n.* mother  
**kà<sup>3</sup>** [kà] *n.* size  
**kà<sup>4</sup>** [kà] *n.* lamp shade  
**ka** [ka] *n.* praise; glory; honour; respect  
**-ka** [ka] *suffix* the whole: *e.g.* **zìkà nu** one whole thing: **bèkà nu** two whole things  
**kàabùè** [kàabùè] *n.* plantain  
**kààgà** [kààgà] *v. refl.* boast; praise, glorify oneself  
**kàànà** [kàànà] *v.t.* pick (fruit); pluck (leaves)  
**Kaanì** [kãänì] *n.* a village in Ogoni, in Khana LGA  
**Kaanì-Bunù** [kãänì-bünù] *n.* a village in Tẹẹ

- káani** [káānī] *n.* firewood
- kàb<sup>1</sup>** [kàb] *v.t.* scratch: **À kab ló ye** He scratches himself.
- kàb<sup>2</sup>** [kàb] *v.t.* work with effort: **À kab áwíí** He weeds grass with effort.
- káb** [káb] *id.* describes the going out of a light, wink or blink of the eye; (*fig.*) of any sudden action: **À doo káb** It happens suddenly.
- kàbàrà** [kàbàrà] *v.t.* break open; clear a virgin forest
- kàbààrì** [kàbààrì] *n.* an aged man
- kága** [kága] *v.adj.* be dry: **À kága** It is dry: **À kága ta** It dries up (as water).
- kágara** [kágara] *n.* sky; heaven(s) (=bunòo)
- kágára** [kágára] *adj.* dry; needing water; **kágára só** dry season
- kagéré** [kagéré] *v.cs.* make dry: **kagéré bu dúwe** dry in the sun (=kegéré)
- kàhyàà** [kàeàà] *n.* type of water-yam
- kàkà<sup>1</sup>** [kàkà] *n.* truth; reality; honesty
- kàkà<sup>2</sup>** [kàkà] *adj.* true; real; honest: **kàkà úwe** true story
- kàm** [kām] *v.t.* give money to somebody who is going to market to buy something for one
- kam<sup>1</sup>** [kām] *v.t.* hang in the air from something projecting: **À kám té** He hangs from something projecting.
- kam<sup>2</sup>** [kām] *v.t.* cut small branches of tree with leaves for easy burning
- kam<sup>3</sup>** [kām] *v.t.* tie yam to sticks after harvesting and cleaning
- kam<sup>4</sup>** [kām] *n.* debt
- kám<sup>1</sup>** [kám] *n.* language
- kám<sup>2</sup>** [kám] *n.* the handle of an object, *e.g.* bucket, peg, or hook for hanging something on
- kànà** [kànà] *v.t.* try; attempt
- kàna** [kànā] *n.* quarrel: **À kána kàna** He quarrels (with someone).
- Kanà** [kànā] *n.* Kana or Khana, a part of Ogoni; the Kana language
- kána** [kánā] *v.t.* quarrel with: **À kána ye** He quarrelled with him.
- kána** [káná] *n.* water-pot
- kànàmùè** [kànàmùè] *n.* greeting; salutation
- kànámue** [kànāmùè] *v.t.* greet; saluteù
- kanee** [kànēē] *n.* senior; **kanee nwíikà** elder brother or sister
- kanwaà** [kaŋ<sup>w</sup>āā] *n.* mother-in-law; wife's mother
- kàrà<sup>1</sup>** [kàrà] *v.t.* disown
- kàrà<sup>2</sup>** [kàrà] *n.* fish-trap type
- karà<sup>3</sup>** [karà] *n.* prayer; incantation (=tàngàlò)
- kára** [kára] *n.* edible frog
- karáàlè** [karáàlè] *n.* coral bead (<English)
- kawa** [kawa] *n.* old woman
- kẹ<sup>1</sup>** [kɛ] *v.t.* cut open (one end) (of coconut); cut (the top of immature yam tuber when the yam is still growing to help produce many seedlings)
- kẹ<sup>2</sup>** [kɛ] *v.t.* hatch
- kē<sup>1</sup>** [kɛ̃] *adv.* how; **ké a dè dòò** how it is
- kē<sup>2</sup>** [kɛ̃] *n.* place
- kē<sup>3</sup>** [kɛ̃] *prep.* under
- ké** [kɛ̃] *n.* egg: **ké kòò** fowl's egg
- kèà** [kèà] *n.* killing
- kéa** [kɛ̃ā] *adv.* this place; here
- kéabá** [kɛ̃ābá] *n.* that place; there

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- kěákě** [kěákě] *n.* this place (right here); here (before me/us)
- kěáya** [kěája] *adv.* around: **À dè kěáya** He is around (just near here) (more specific than **aya**)
- kèb** [kèb] *adj.* short and thick
- kèbá** [kèbá] *n.* short arrow (contrast **pégé**)
- Kèbàrà-Kirà** [kèbàrà-kirà] *n.* Kebara-Kira, a village in Tɛɛ
- kébkéb** [kébkéb] *adj.* breaking easily (like thread)
- kébkéb** [kébkéb] *n.* minute (*coinage*)
- kèè** [kèè] *v.t.* butcher (animal); kill (for cannibalism): **Kèè péé** Butcher a goat; *v.n.* **kekèè** killing
- kéɛ<sup>1</sup>** [kéɛ] *n.* shame (*also* **bòbkéɛ**)
- kéɛ<sup>2</sup>** [kéɛ] *adj.* shameful: **À lú kéɛ** It is shameful.
- kéɛ<sup>3</sup>** [kéɛ] *n.* thatch
- kéɛ<sup>1</sup>** [kéé] *v.i.* fast
- kéɛ<sup>2</sup>** [kéé] *n.* fasting
- kéɛ<sup>3</sup>** [kéé] *n.* week
- kéɛ<sup>4</sup>** [kéé] *n.* holiness
- kéɛ<sup>5</sup>** [kéé] *adj.* holy
- kèè<sup>1</sup>** [kèè] *v.t.* visit regularly
- kèè<sup>2</sup>** [kèè] *n.* (piece of) cloth; wrapper
- kēe** [kēē] *n.* a climbing plant whose leaves are used for salad
- kèɛgà<sup>1</sup>** [kèɛgà] *v.i.* hang down: **À tób kèɛgà** It holds on to something and hangs from it (like bat).
- kèɛgà<sup>2</sup>** [kèɛgà] *adv.* hanging down
- kèɛgá** [kèɛgá] *v.i.* stroll: *v.n.* **kèɛga** stroll
- kèèkpò** [kèèkpò] *n.* a somersaulting game; a masquerade that somersaults
- kéénu** [kéénũ] *n.* fasting
- kègà<sup>1</sup>** [kègà] *v.t.* frequent; resort
- kègà<sup>2</sup>** [kègà] *n.* frequenting: **À ére kèga lo kè** He frequents that place (*lit.* He does frequenting of that place)
- kègára** [kègára] *v.i.* rove; wander
- kégara** [kégara] *n.* stroll
- kègɛ** [kègɛ] *v.i.* laugh
- kègéré** [kègéré] (= **kagéré**) *v.cs.* dry: **À kègéré pòro** He dries fish.
- kéna** [kénã] *v.i.* shiver; tremble
- kení** [kěńí] *n., adv.* that place; there
- kèrà** [kèrà] *v.refl.* hang on one's neck or on the shoulder (*e.g.* bag, sling)
- kèrè** [kèrè] *n.* drum
- kèrè<sup>1</sup>** [kèrè] *adj.* different
- kèrè<sup>2</sup>** [kèrè] *n.* difference
- kérè<sup>1</sup>** [kérè] *n.* one piece of a whole: **kérè té** stick; piece of wood
- kérè<sup>2</sup>** [kérè] *adj.* incomplete; not full (of liquid or number): **kérè làlá máá** basin of water which is not full
- kére** [kére] *adv.* truly; actually; certainly: **Á kére doo lo nu** He will truly do that thing.
- kéré** [kéré] *n.* ancient time; **piyá kéré** people of old
- kèrè** [kèrè] *n.* deception; deceit; craftiness
- kèrè<sup>1</sup>** [kèrè] *v.t.* deceive
- kèrè<sup>2</sup>** [kèrè] *v.t.* hang up: **Kèrè nu yààlo** Hang up the dress.
- kèrè<sup>3</sup>** [kèrè] *v.t.* watch the movement of a person or something to find an opportunity to act
- kéré** [kéré] *n.* beans

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- kérèkèè** [kérèkèè] *n.* piece of cloth  
**kétọ** [kétọ] *n.* sitting-room  
**kíbdáa** [kíbdáa] *v.i.* toil  
**kìgéré** [kìgéré] *v.t.* roll: *v.n.* **kíkígéré**  
**kìgi** [kìgi] *n.* gum (in mouth)  
**kìì** [kìì] *v.i.* go away; depart; *v.n.* **kìkìì** going  
**kìi** [kii] *n.* departure; escape  
**kíi** [kíi] *n.* famine; scarcity  
**kììgà** [kììgà] *v.i.* turn about; change; repent  
**kìigá** [kìigá] *v.i.* roll; *v.n.* **kíkíigá** rolling (by itself)  
**kììgàkè** [kììgàkè] *n.* repentance  
**kìri-kìri** [kìri-kìri] *n.* rooting about; moving around in search of things  
**kìm** [kìm] *v.t.* refuse; reject; object to; *v.n.* **kìmkìm** refusing; rejecting; objecting  
**kìmà** [kìmà] (=kùmà) *n.* boundary  
**kíná** [kíná] *adj.* small (=mgbára)  
**kìnyà** [kìnyà] *v.i.* walk  
**kìnyà** [kìnyà] *n.* travel; journey  
**kìnyalọ** [kìnyalọ] *v.i.* transgress  
**kìnyàlọ** [kìnyàlọ] *n.* transgression  
**kiri** [?] *n.* angwantibo  
**kìyẹ** [kìyẹ] *n.* left (hand, side); west (when facing the north) (*coinage*)  
**kò<sup>1</sup>** [kò] *v.t.* parcel; wrap: *v.n.* **kokò** wrapping  
**kò<sup>2</sup>** [kò] *n.* small black stinging ant  
**ko** [ko] *n.* parcel; package  
**Kó** [kó] *n.* village in Ogoni (called **Òpùòkó** in Iḅani)  
**kọ** [kò] *v.t.* tear from the bunch (of palm bunch): *v.n.* **kokọ**  
**kọ** [kọ] *v.t., v.i.* say; speak; make speech; report; *v.n.* **kokọ**  
**kò** [kò] *v.t.* pack things forcibly with nothing left: *v.n.* **kokò**  
**kō** [kō] *n.* fodder; food for animals; (*fig.*) our food  
**kọb<sup>1</sup>** [kọb] *v.t.* scoop up scanty water with small container to fill a larger one: (*fig.*) find something little by little when it is scarce; (*fig.*) improve life little by little: **Ì ga kọb dùm** We are improving life gradually.  
**kọb<sup>2</sup>** [kọb] *n.* scabies  
**kọb<sup>3</sup>** [kọb] *n.* bunch of fruit or keys (=ágú)  
**kọbà<sup>1</sup>** [kọbà] *n.* a lame person  
**kọbà<sup>2</sup>** [kọbà] *adj.* lame: **À lú kọbà** He is lame.  
**kóbara** [kóbara] *n.* thickness; (*fig.*) personality  
**kọbẹ<sup>1</sup>** [kọbẹ] *v.cs.* make lame  
**kọbẹ<sup>2</sup>** [kọbẹ] *n.* hook  
**kọbéré** [kọbéré] *v.cs.* curve; bend  
**kọbéré** [kọbéré] *adj.* curved; bent: : **À lú kọbéré** It is curved.  
**kọbérébu<sup>1</sup>** [kọbérébu] *n.* concave object  
**kọbérébu<sup>2</sup>** [kọbérébu] *adj.* curved; bent; concave (*coinage*)  
**kọbérédùme** [kọbérédùmè] *adj.* convex (*coinage*)  
**kọgòrọ** [kọgòrọ] *n.* roof; (*fig.*) any type of cover  
**kòmà<sup>1</sup>** [kòmà] *v.i.* hoot  
**kòmà<sup>2</sup>** [kòmà] *n.* hooting

- kòò** [kòò] *v.t.* circumcise: *v.n.* **kokòò** circumcision
- koò** [koò] *n.* horn
- koo** [koo] *n.* timid animal (antelope group)
- kóò** [kóò] *n.* friend; friendship
- kóo<sup>1</sup>** [kóo] *n.* chest; thorax
- kóo<sup>2</sup>** [kóo] *n.* “Indian gong”
- kòò** [kòò] *v.t.* smoothe; plane (planks)
- kóò** [kóò] *n.* chewing-stick
- kòò** [kòò] *n.* fowl; chicken
- kóò** [kóò] *n.* spear
- kòòbá** [kòòbá] *v.refl.* be curved, bent: **Kòòbá** Bend yourself.
- kòòba** [kòòba] *v.adj.* be curved, bent: **À kòòba** It is curved/He is bent.
- kòòbèkéè** [kòòbèkéè] *n.* duck
- kòògà<sup>1</sup>** [kòògà] *v.refl.* develop; unfold; open; grow; *v.n.* **kokòògà** developing; unfolding; opening; growing
- kòògà<sup>2</sup>** [kòògà] *n.* development; unfolding; opening; growth
- kòògà** [kòògà] *v.i.* (of liquid) flow gradually from the higher or former position; (of persons) move gradually from the former position: *v.n.* **kòògà: I kòògà ága yerebá í nè** Our moving from the former position will not help us.
- kòòkòòpéé** [kòòkòòpéé] *n.* castrated goat
- kòòná** [kòòná] *v.i.* skim off surface oil from water
- kòòrà** [kòòrà] *v.t.* develop; unfold; open; grow; unwrap; **kokòòrà** *v.n.* developing; unfolding; opening; growth; unwrapping
- kòòrà<sup>1</sup>** [kòòrà] *v.t.* make clean/neat a place that has been left unused; tidy a place
- kòòrà<sup>2</sup>** [kòòrà] *v.t.* (of the action of hot oil) scald
- kòòrà<sup>3</sup>** [kòòrà] *v.t.* unload; pack out goods from a ship or vehicle: *v.n.* **kòòrà**
- kòòrà<sup>4</sup>** [kòòrà] *v.t.* remove skin; **kòòrà kpá** flay; skin; *v.n.* **kòòrà** flaying; skinning
- kòòra** [kòòra] *v.refl.* **kòòra kpá** change skin (as snake)
- kòòro** [kòòro] *n.* Western tree hyrax (*Dendrohyrax dorsalis* HYRACOIDEAE), black climbing animal which cries harshly at night
- kóró** [kóró] *n.* large hollow naturally scooped out by decay in a living tree where water collects
- kòrokè** [kòrokè] *n.* earth; soil; ground
- kòòko** [kòòko] *n.* vegetable used as salad (= **sògo**)
- Kòòkòò** [kòòkòò] *n.* village in Tèè
- kòwà<sup>1</sup>** [kòwà] *v.i.* (of dry leaves) shrivel
- kòwà<sup>2</sup>** [kòwà] *v.t.* cover
- kòwà<sup>3</sup>** [kòwà] *n.* cover: **À de kè kòwà** He is under the cover.
- kòwàahyòòrì** [kòwàahyòòrì] *n.* calyx; the outer covering of a flower (*coinage*)
- kpà** [kpà] *v.t.* uncover forcibly
- kpa<sup>1</sup>** [kpa] *v.t.* beat (drum); strike
- kpa<sup>2</sup>** [kpa] *n.* drumming
- kpá** [kpá] *n.* book; skin; leather
- kpà** [kpà] *v.i.* stand on tiptoe to reach something; *v.n.* **kpàkpà** reaching on tiptoe
- kpá** [kpá] *n.* screaming; shout
- kpàà** [kpàà] *n.* yam beetle
- kpāa** [kpāa] *n.* stage

- kpààgà** [kpààgà] *n.* going up; **kpààgà nyie** high-mindedness
- kpaaná** [kpāānā] *v.t.* open; declare open
- kpàbé** [kpàbé] *n.* weeding hoe
- kpá-doò-piyè** [kpá-doò-pijè] *n.* pharmacopoeia (*coinage*)
- kpágárá** [kpágárá] *adj.* old (like forest); difficult to crack (like kernel)
- kpágárá-kùwè** [kpágárá-kùwè] *n.* forest
- kpánam** [kpánām] *n.* animal skin
- kpáneé** [kpánēē] *n.* human skin
- kpàrà<sup>1</sup>** [kpàrà] *adj.* poor
- kpàrà<sup>2</sup>** [kpàrà] *n.* poverty
- Kpárá** [kpárá] *n.* masquerade that walks on stilts
- kpátɔ** [kpátɔ] *n.* shoe
- kpè** [kpè] *v.adj.* be sweet: **À kpe** It is sweet.
- kpé** [kpé] *n.* metal; metal goods; bicycle, etc.
- kpè** [kpè] *n.* track (of animal); trace
- kpɛ** [kpɛ] *v.t.* pay; *v.n.* **kpɛkpɛ** paying: **nee-kpɛkpɛ-kpìgì** paying cashier
- kpɛ̃** [kpɛ̃] *v.t.* plant crops close to each other
- kpèa** [kpèa] *v.t.* report; complain
- kpèa** [kpèa] *n.* report; complaint; testimony: **lé kpèa** good testimony: **Ì ga nè kpèa lé Bàri** We are giving testimony to God's goodness.
- kpéa** [kpéa] *v.i.* be planted close to each other: **Zíá kpéa** The yams are closely planted.
- kpèe<sup>1</sup>** [kpèe] *v.cs.* make sweet: **Bùì kpèe** Cook it sweet.
- kpèe<sup>2</sup>** [kpèe] *v.t.* turn; **kpèe sí** face; turn to a specific direction
- kpèè<sup>1</sup>** [kpèè] *v.t.* remove lightly; brush away; (*fig.*) brush off
- kpèè<sup>2</sup>** [kpèè] *n.* weaver-bird
- kpèɛ** [kpèɛ] *v.t.* sweep
- kpéé** [kpéé] *n.* snail (*general*); (*fig.*) food: **kpèra kpéé** look for food
- kpèè<sup>1</sup>** [kpèè] *v.t.* tie very tight
- kpèè<sup>2</sup>** [kpèè] *prep.* near: **Yira yé kpèè** Stand near him.
- kpèè<sup>3</sup>** [kpèè] *n.* yellow long yam
- kpèe** [kpèe] *v.t.* close (door); (*fig.*) close (work)
- kpèègà** [kpèègà] *v.i.* droop; hang down (as bunch of plantain that weighs down the plant) (*cf.* **suùgà**)
- kpègà<sup>1</sup>** [kpègà] *v.t.* protect
- kpègà<sup>2</sup>** [kpègà] *n.* protection; defence; shield
- kpegene** [?] *n.* genet spp.
- kpéhínyá** [kpéhínjá] *n.* heater
- kpènà** [kpènà] *v.t.* take care of (as a child); **mkpènà** child taken care of
- kpèna** [kpèna] *v.adj.* be closed: **Bù kpèna** The door is closed; **kpèna bù** closed door
- kpènaló** [kpènaló] *v.i.* be ready
- kpenaló** [kpènaló] *n.* readiness
- kpène** [kpènè] *v.t.* drive away; pursue
- Kpètè-Bunù** [kpètè-bùnù] *n.* a village in Tèè
- kpìgì** [kpìgì] *n.* money
- kpígírí** [kpígírí] *adj.* small size
- kpíí** [kpíí] *n.* mark made on an object or a person as a sign of identification
- Kpìité** [kpìité] *n.* Kpìte, a village in Tèè

- Kpìitè-Zógógagàà** [kpìitè-zógógagàà] *n.* village in Tèè
- kpìim** [kpìim] *id.* sound of a heavy object falling
- kpírí** [kpírí] *n.* a bunch of dried oil bean shells used as rattle for music
- kpìya** [kpìja] *v.t.* deride
- kpíya** [kpíja] *n.* derision
- kpò<sup>1</sup>** [kpò] *n.* hill; mountain
- kpò<sup>2</sup>** [kpò] *n.* hump; protuberance on the back of camels and some persons as a deformity
- kpo<sup>1</sup>** [kpo] *v.t.* drive away; pursue
- kpo<sup>2</sup>** [kpo] *v.t.* take small quantity of food to swallow at a time
- kpò** [kpò] *adj.* (of anything soft, like cloth) big in a heap
- kpɔ** [kpɔ] *v.t.* cut into small pieces
- kpò** [kpò] *n.* yam seedlings
- kpó** [kpó] *v.i.* (of salt) be enough to give sufficient taste to the soup
- kpóa** [kpóa] *v.i.* fall and break into pieces as yam; (*fig.*) fall out, become disunited (as people); *v.n.*  
**kpɔkpóá** falling out; disorganizing
- kpɔb** [kpɔb] *v.i.* be shaken; become loose, not tight; (of screw, nail, knot) be loose so that it can easily fall out
- kpòbànà** [kpòbànà] *n.* rubbish heap
- kpògà** [kpògà] *adv.* to one side; not squarely
- kpɔgà** [kpɔgà] *v.i.* be loose, so that it can easily fall off
- kpògɛ** [kpògɛ] *v.cs.* shake; make loose so that one can easily bring out (a pinned stick, etc.)
- kpògèrɛ** [kpògèrɛ] *v.t.* (of the eye) gaze at something
- kpògòrò** [kpògòrò] *n.* mongoose; “fox”
- kpoli** [kpoli] *n.* grave
- kpòme nyíe** [kpòmɛ níɛ] *v.phr.* take heart; comfort
- kpòmenyíe** [kpòmɛníɛ] *n.* comfort
- kpòm-kpòm** [kpòm-kpòm] *id.* sound made when water gurgles out of a narrow opening
- kpònà** [kpònà] *n.* friction
- kponà** [kpònà] *v.i.* do something with difficulty or friction: **Ó ga kpònà** Do it quickly and smoothly.
- kpòògà** [kpòògà] *v.refl.* make way; move aside for someone
- Kpòògɔ** [kpòògɔ] *n.* Kpoghor, a village in Tèè
- kpòòrà** [kpòòrà] *v.t.* put aside for future use; suspend action on
- kpɔpíyè** [kpɔpíjè] *n.* image
- kpòrà** [kpòrà] *v.t.* keep (someone) at a distance; disconnect from or separate in thought or in fact
- kpòra** [kpòra] *v.i.* fall rolling to a lower level (like a coin or any cylindrical object)
- kpòrɛ** [kpòrɛ] *v.cs.* roll or push like wheelbarrow
- Kpòro** [kpòro] *n.* village in Eleme
- kpórò** [kpórò] *n.* bulging scar left after wound has healed
- kpóró** [kpóró] *n.* worst stage of poverty; extremely poor person
- kpòrò** [kpòrò] *adj.* lazy and dirty (*pred.*): **À lu kpòrò** S/he is lazy and dirty.
- kpóró** [kpóró] *n.* sceptre; staff borne as symbol of personal sovereignty; (abs.) royal or imperial authority  
 (= **agèè** = **túm-méné**)
- kpóróko<sup>1</sup>** [kpóróko] *n.* manilla
- kpóróko<sup>2</sup>** [kpóróko] *n.* jigger
- kporokúnwá** [kporokúnwá] *n.* mortar
- kpùgúru** [kpùgúru] *adj.* round: **kpùgúru kwî** round basket



- kpùgùrùkpé** [kpùgùrùkpé] *n.* ring
- kpúwé** [kpúwé] *n.* genet (*Genetta* spp. VIVERRIDAE)
- krúùs** [krúùs] *see* **kurúùsù**
- kù<sup>1</sup>** [kù] *v.t.* cut with knife: *v.n.* **kukù**
- kù<sup>2</sup>** [kù] *v.t.* dodge; escape danger
- kù<sup>3</sup>** [kù] *v.t.* throw out and make empty
- ku** [ku] *interrog.* how many?: **Ku nee?** How many persons? (*Note: In most cases, kukà is used.*)
- kùgùrù** [kùgùrù] *n.* rake
- kukà** [kukà] *interrog.* how many?: **Kukà nu?** How many things?
- kum<sup>1</sup>** [kūm] *v.t.* pound food, pepper, etc.; strike: **kúm múnù** strike with the fist; punch
- kum<sup>2</sup>** [kūm] *n.* bunch of palm fruit; pod of fluted pumpkin
- kúm** [kúm] *id.* click expressing anger and unhappiness
- kùmà** [kùmà] *see* **kimà**
- kumbè** [kūmbè] *n.* manilla, an old currency changed finally at <sup>12</sup> for one shilling
- kùme** [kùmè] *v.t.* give a goat or fowl to a person as a sign of love; both share the offspring for some time before returning the original mother to the original giver
- kúmè** [kùmè] *n.* a mother animal whose offspring have been shared when it is returned to the owner
- kùm̀m̀** [kùm̀m̀] *id.* the sound of a gun
- kùna** [kũnã] *n.* cutlass (=gè)
- kunà** [kũnà] *v.adj.* be equal
- kùnu** [kũnũ] *v.i.* be folded or contracted; squat
- kúnwá** [kúnwá] *n.* mortar
- kúnwá-áwíí-nam** [kúnwá-áwíí-nãm] *n.* manger (*coinage*)
- kùnwè** [kũnwè] *v.t.* print; type
- kùrà** [kùrà] *v.p.* be named or called: **Daà kurà Légbàrà** I am named Legbara.
- kùràkùrá** [kùràkùrá] *adj.* whatever; **kùràkùra nu** whatever (thing)
- kùrù** [kùrù] *n.* tortoise
- kùrú** [kùrú] *n.* plantain flower
- kurúùsù** [kurúùsù] (= **krúùs**) *n.* cannon
- kùù** [kùù] *v.i.* creep
- kuu** [kuu] *n.* creeping
- kúu** [kúu] *n.* cut; mark made or left by cutting
- kúúnékpé** [kúúnékpé] *n.* iron pot-stand
- kùwa<sup>1</sup>** [kùwa] *n.* hawk; a carnivorous bird
- kùwa<sup>2</sup>** [kùwa] *n.* bonga-fish
- Kúwá** [kúwá] *n.* Tẹ̀ name for the Okrika people
- kuwè** [kuwè] *n.* leopard
- kuwe<sup>1</sup>** [kuwe] *v.t.* call; summon; name; call the name: **Bà kúwè me Légbàrà** They call/name me Legbara.
- kuwe<sup>2</sup>** [kuwe] *v.i.* leak (as pot); (*fig.*) (as news or secret) be revealed: **Lo èmà kúwé** The exam leaked.
- kúwé** [kúwé] *n.* call; naming
- kùwè** [kùwè] *n.* bush
- kuwè<sup>1</sup>** [kuwè] *v.t.* remove sand from harvested yams
- kuwè<sup>2</sup>** [kuwè] *n.* bamboo tree; raphia palm: **mí kúwè** raphia palm-wine
- kwa** [k<sup>w</sup>a] *v.t.* do; make; manufacture
- kwáá** [k<sup>w</sup>áá] *id.* harsh sound made by cutting glass
- kwaagáló** [k<sup>w</sup>aagáló] *v.refl.* take care of oneself

**kwálor** [k<sup>w</sup>álor] *v.t.* take care of, tend (a young plant)  
**kwii<sup>1</sup>** [k<sup>w</sup>ii] *v.t.* shave (hair)  
**kwii<sup>2</sup>** [k<sup>w</sup>ii] *v.t.* plant (crops)  
**kwii<sup>1</sup>** [k<sup>w</sup>ii] *v.i.* commit adultery, fornication  
**kwii<sup>2</sup>** [k<sup>w</sup>ii] *n.* razor  
**kwĩ** [k<sup>w</sup>ĩ] *n.* basket  
**kwĩ-akpà** [k<sup>w</sup>ĩ-akpà] *n.* basket with a cover  
**kwò** [k<sup>w</sup>ò] *v.t.* mix well; stir

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**la<sup>1</sup>** [la] *v.t.* cause to itch: **À lá ye** It causes him to itch.  
**la<sup>2</sup>** [la] *n.* palm fronds  
**lá** [lá] *n.* second son  
**láa<sup>1</sup>** [láa] *n.* strength: **Láa tá yé ló** He loses strength, hence (*fig.*) He is hungry.  
**láa<sup>2</sup>** [láa] *n.* spider  
**làb** [làb] *v.t.* scatter  
**lab** [lab] *v.t.* collect; gather  
**làgà<sup>1</sup>** [làgà] *n.* wine-palm frond pinned on a piece of land as sign of ownership  
**làgà<sup>2</sup>** [làgà] *adj.* not in good condition; needing repairs: **làgà tɔ** a house in need of repair; (*fig.*) maimed: **À lú làgà tɔ** He is maimed.  
**làgàrà** [làgàrà] *n.* instability; confusion; disunity; disorganization  
**làgiri** [làgiri] *v.t.* scatter; bring confusion to; disorganize: **Làgiri wa** Disorganize them.  
**lákà** [lákà] *n.* the second brother  
**làlà** [làlà] *n.* enamel basin; roofing-sheets (of any material)  
**làlà-mũkpé** [làlà-mũkpé] *n.* bronze  
**lè** [lè] *n.* right (hand, side); east (*coinage*)  
**lé** [lé] *adj.* good: **À lú lé** It is good: **lé nu** good thing  
**lɛ** [lɛ] *v.t.* arrange; put in order  
**lɛ** [lɛ] *adj. pred.* interesting; joyful; (*fig.*) sweet; : **À lu lɛ** It is interesting; It is sweet.  
**lɛa** [lɛa] *v.t. as in:* **lɛa ló** take off (as clothes); **lɛa bá** hand over; deliver; surrender: **Lɛa bá yé ne** Surrender it to him; (*fig.*) **Lɛa pórɔ̀ dògo bá** Put away bad actions.  
**lɛábánè** [lɛábánè] *n.* surrender; handing over; delivery; (*fig.*) handing down; tradition: **À lu lɛábánè** It is tradition.  
**lɛa byɛ́bu** [lɛa bjɛ́bu] *v.phr.* defecate (*lit.* put away dirt)  
**lɛatékè** [lɛatékè] *v.i.* defecate: **À bee lɛatékè** He defecated.  
**lɛb<sup>1</sup>** [lɛb] *n.* arm (from shoulder to wrist) (= **ákpóbá**); foreleg (of animal)  
**lɛb<sup>2</sup>** [lɛb] *n.* fat (of animal)  
**Lédò** [Lédò] *n.* Ledor, a village in Tèè  
**lee** [lee] *adj.* bitter: **À lú lee** It is bitter.  
**lée** [lée] *v.adj.* become good: **À lée** It is good; **À ga lee** It is becoming good.  
**lɛ̀ɛ̀** [lɛ̀ɛ̀] *v.t.* remove; take away: **Sú kpìgì lɛ̀ɛ̀** Take away the money (to another place); **lɛ̀ɛ̀ akpà** remove the cover; bring out (*e.g.* periwinkle); **lɛ̀ɛ̀ bá ló** remove ; (*fig.*) ostracize; banish; destroy (dangerous persons); *v.n.* **lɛ̀lɛ̀** removal; ostracism; banishment (of dangerous persons)  
**lɛ̀ɛ̀** [lɛ̀ɛ̀] *conj.* before: **M beè sí tám lɛ̀ɛ̀ a ga lú** I finished the work before he came. (= **sa**)  
**lɛ́ɛ́** [lɛ́ɛ́] *v.adj.* be flexible (of things): **Lo ázĩ lɛ́ɛ́** The rope is flexible: *v.n.* **lɛ́lɛ́** being flexible

- lɛ́ɛ** [lɛ́ɛ] *n.* a tree (*Sacoglottis gabonensis* (Baill.) Urb. HUMIRACEAE); its bark, which tappers add to palm-wine to make it stronger; (*general*) alcohol
- lɛ́ɛga** [lɛ́ɛga] *v.adj.* be flexible, adaptable (of people): **Lɛ́ɛgá!** Be flexible!: **lɛ́lɛ́gá** *v.n.* flexibility
- lɛ́ɛgá** [lɛ́ɛgá] *n.* flexibility
- lɛ́ɛlɛɛ** [lɛ́ɛlɛɛ] *adj.* flexible (of things): **lɛ́ɛlɛɛ ázǎ** flexible rope
- lɛ̀ɛrà¹** [lɛ̀ɛrà] *v.t.* praise; glorify
- lɛ̀ɛrà²** [lɛ̀ɛrà] *n.* praises; glory
- lɛ̀ɛrà¹** [lɛ̀ɛrà] *v.t.* order; command; send; commission
- lɛ̀ɛrà²** [lɛ̀ɛrà] *n.* order; command; sending; mission; commission
- lɛ̀ɛráló** [lɛ̀ɛráló] *n.* weakness; tiredness
- lɛ̀ge** [lɛ̀ge] *v.i.* melt; run (as oil); (*fig.*) run fast to reach somewhere: **À lɛ̀ge si** He rushed there.
- lɛ̀gèrè** [lɛ̀gèrè] *adj.* not damaged (of fruit, etc.): **lɛ̀gèrè beè zóo** undamaged palmfruit
- lɛ̀géré** [lɛ̀géré] *v.t.* melt
- Lékùmà** [lɛ̀kùmà] *n.* Lekima-Tai, a village in Tɛ̀ɛ (*lit.* ‘good boundary’)
- lɛ̀rà¹** [lɛ̀rà] *v.adj.* be stiff and straight; be drawn taut
- lɛ̀rà²** [lɛ̀rà] *adj.* under-cooked: **lɛ̀rà zǎ** under-cooked yam
- lerà** [lerà] *v.adj.* be under-cooked: **Zǎ lerà** The yam is under-cooked.
- lɛ̀rà¹** [lɛ̀rà] *v.t.* contribute
- lɛ̀rà²** [lɛ̀rà] *n.* contribution
- lèrè** [lèrè] *v.t.* straighten; make taut (as rope): **Lèrè bee si/Lèrè bee kii** Go straight ahead.
- lɛ̀yèb** [lɛ̀jèb] *n.* joy (=ɛ̀ɛnyíe)
- lì** [lì] *v.t.* bury; **lilì** *v.n.* burial
- li** [li] *n.* root
- lià¹** [lià] *v.p.* be buried: **À bee lià** He was buried; *v.n.* **lilìà** being buried
- lià²** [lià] *n.* burial: **À beè ɛ̀rɛ le lià** He had a good burial.
- lia** [lia] *n.* pregnancy
- liè¹** [liè] *v.p.* be weaned: **À líe** He is weaned.
- liè²** [liè] *v.t.* wean: **Ye kà líe ye nwíí** The mother weans her child.
- ligà** [ligà] *v.i.* concentrate; **liligà** *v.n.* concentration; concentrating
- lò** [lò] *v.t.* weave; **lò zǎ** plait hair; *v.n.* **lolò** weaving
- lo¹** [lo] *v.t.* speak; tell; state; declare
- lo²** [lo] *dem.* that; the: **lo wáa** this woman; **lo wa áya** that woman (nearer, can be seen); **lo wa ní** that woman (further, can be seen); **lo wa á** that woman (who cannot be seen)
- lo³** [lo] *adv.* if so: **Lu lo** If so, come.
- ló¹** [lól] *n.* common salt
- ló²** [lól] *n.* self; -self (*used to form reflexive pronouns*): **À doo ye ló** He does it to himself.
- ló³** [lól] *rel.part.* who; whom: **Èrɛ ló a bè siá** He is the person who went: **Èrɛ ló m bè nèa** He is the person I gave (it to).
- ló⁴** [lól] *prep.* to: **Tǎa ye bá turé ló dǎé** Push him to the wall.
- lò** [lò] *adv.* amiss; (*fig.*) off the point; **À beè tá lò** He shot amiss, He went off the point.
- lob** [lob] *v.t.* wash (thing)
- lòbára** [lòbára] *v.t.* wake someone up; (*fig.*) make someone active
- lògà** [lògà] *v.t.* choose; claim: **Lògà nìlò** Choose your own.
- lòga** [lòga] *v.i.* fade (of colour); wash out: **À lòga** It fades.
- lògàrà** [lògàrà] *v.t.* break, violate (law)
- lolóóbé** [lolóóbé] *n.* lullaby

**lómúnu** [lómúnũ] *interr.* which?  
**loò** [loò] *n.* hut  
**láo** [láo] *n.* “antelope”; sitatunga and/or bushbuck; (*Tragelaphus* spp. TRAGELAPHI| AE)  
**lóó<sup>1</sup>** [lóó] *n.* story  
**lóó<sup>2</sup>** [lóó] *n.* body: **lóó ye** his body  
**lóó<sup>3</sup>** [lóó] *prep.* against: **Nee ga bẹ̀ra lóó té** A man is leaning against the tree.  
**lọ́** [lọ́] *n.* a particular part of the flesh (of fowl or other birds)  
**loobá** [loobá] *v.i.* wake from sleep  
**loobé** [loobé] *v.cs.* lull (a child) to sleep: *v.n.* **lolóóbé** lulling  
**lu** [lu] *v.i.* come *v.n.* **lulú** coming  
**lúé** [lúé] *n.* Giant Rat; “rabbit” (*Cricetomys gambianus* CRICETIDAE)  
**lui** [lui] *adj.* tough: **À lú lui** It is tough: **lui nam** tough meat  
**lùrà<sup>1</sup>** [lùrà] *v.adj.* be tangled  
**lùrà<sup>2</sup>** [lùrà] *n.* tangle  
**lùrà<sup>3</sup>** [lùrà] *adj.* very hard; not easy to break or cleave (as wood); interwoven  
**lùrà<sup>4</sup>** [lùrà] *n.* starch

## M

**m** [m] *pron.* (tone varies) I: **Ṃ ga si** I am going; **Ṃ ga sí** I won’t go; **Nú m ga si** I am not going.  
**m-** [m-] *prefix* (diminutive prefix preceding **b, gb, kp, m, p**): **ńpyám** small drinking cup, tumbler; used chiefly as a pet form of names: **bàrà** farm, **Bàrà** (name given to someone born in the farm), **Ṃbàrà** (*pet form*); similarly **Ṃgbàrà, Ṃkpẹ̀, Ṃpùnyíe**  
**mà<sup>1</sup>** [mà] *v.i.* lie down; **ma kẹ̀** lie down (on the ground)  
**mà<sup>2</sup>** [mà] *n.* vagina  
**má<sup>1</sup>** [má] *n.* breast, mammary gland; breast-milk  
**má<sup>2</sup>** [má] *n.* tendril: **má zíá** yam tendril(s)  
**maá** [máá] *n.* child’s name for mother; mummy  
**máá** [máá] *n.* water  
**máá-bu-míí** [máá-bu-míí] *n.* lymph; colourless fluid containing white blood cells (*coinage*)  
**mááló** [mááló] *n.* soup  
**máámáá** [máámáá] *adj.* watery  
**máásíá** [máásíá] *n.* saliva  
**máátée** [máátée] *n.* running water; river, stream (*opp. de* ‘pool’)  
**màgāló** [màgāló] *v.i.* run into, collide with; **mágāló** *v.n.* collision, coming together violently  
**mámíló** [mámíló] *v.t.* strike; **mámíló** *v.n.* colliding with, running into  
**màni** [mànĩ] *n.* urine  
**Mà-Úwé** [mà-ʔúwé] *n.* a village in Tẹ̀  
**mbòólóò** [mbòólóò] *pron.* yours (plural)  
**mè** [mè] *conj.* but  
**me** [mè] *pron.* (<sup>1</sup> *pers. obj.*) me: **Nè me lo kpá** Give me the book.  
**mèà<sup>1</sup>** [mèà] *v.p.* be born  
**mèà<sup>2</sup>** [mèà] *n.* nature (of something); appearance; figure; image  
**mèàkpéé** [mèàkpéé] *n.* cochlea; spiral cavity in inner ear (*coinage*)  
**mèè** [mèè] *v.t.* give birth, be delivered of (a child); *v.n.* **memèè nwíí** giving birth (to a child)  
**mee** [mèè] *n.* neck

- mée<sup>1</sup>** [mɛ̃ɛ̃] *n.* seedling
- mée<sup>2</sup>** [mɛ̃ɛ̃] *interr.* who?
- mèèèè** [mɛ̃ɛ̃ɛ̃ɛ̃] *interj.* the cry of goat or sheep; bleating
- mèèèe dée** [mɛ̃ɛ̃ɛ̃ dɛ̃ɛ̃] *v.phr.* aim at
- mèèèédée** [mɛ̃ɛ̃ɛ̃dɛ̃ɛ̃] *n.* aiming at; thing(s) aimed at; target; objective; goal
- mékè** [mɛ̃kɛ̃] *interr.* where? at what place?
- mém** [mɛ̃m] *n.* zeal
- mènà** [mɛ̃nà] *v.i.* reproduce: **Nee wée mènà** Human beings reproduce.
- mènamèna** [mɛ̃nàmɛ̃nà] *n.* generation: **wa mènamèna** their generations
- méné<sup>1</sup>** [mɛ̃nɛ̃] *n.* placenta
- méné<sup>2</sup>** [mɛ̃nɛ̃] *n.* king or queen; ruler; rich person
- mésó** [mɛ̃sɔ̃] *interr.* when? at what time?
- mígbàrà** [mɛ̃gbàrà] *adj.* small (=kíná)
- mígbàrà nwíikà** [mɛ̃gbàrà ŋwíikà] *n.phr.* younger brother or sister
- mú** [mú] *n.* blood
- mú** [mú] *n.* wine; drink
- múkpé** [múkpé] *n.* copper; brass
- mú kuwɛ** [mú kuwɛ] *n.* palm-wine from the wine-palm (*Raphia hookeri* PALMAE)
- múimú** [múimú] *adj.* red (=dodo)
- múimò** [múimò] *n.* sugarcane
- múimò-zím** [múimò-zím] *n.* bamboo palm (=ńkáràgbà) (*Raphia vinifera* P.Beauv. PALMAE)
- mùinà<sup>1</sup>** [múinà] *v.t.* blow nose
- mùinà<sup>2</sup>** [múinà] *v.t.* bring out a pinned peg from the ground
- mùinà<sup>2</sup>** [múinà] *v.t.* miscarry (of animal): **Péé mùina nwíi** The goat miscarried.
- múizoo** [múizoo] *n.* palm-wine from the oil-palm (*Elaeis guineensis* PALMAE)
- mùnyà** [mùnyà] *n.* bribery and corruption; telling lies
- múkpènà** [múkpènà] *n.* the specially favoured last child
- múma<sup>1</sup>** [múma] *v.adj.* be full: **Làlà múma** The basin is full.
- múma<sup>2</sup>** [múma] *v.t.* fill: **À mmá làlà** It fills the basin: **À mmá bu làlà** It becomes full in the basin.
- mùme<sup>1</sup>** [mùmɛ̃] *v.cs.* cause to be or make full: **Mme gari làlà** Fill the basin with gari.
- mùme<sup>2</sup>** [mùmɛ̃] *v.t.* lead to, cause to reach; reach a place with (somebody): **Mme yé lo kè** Lead him there, to that place.
- mmè** [mmɛ̃] *adj.* full: **mmè làlà** full basin: **Làlà lú mmè** The basin is full.
- Mòghò** [mògò] *n.* Mogho, name of a village in Gokana
- mom** [mɔ̃m] *n.* laughter
- mònà<sup>1</sup>** [mɔ̃nà] *n.* suffering (=mùènà)
- mònà<sup>2</sup>** [mɔ̃nà] *n.* consultation
- monà (=muenà)** [mɔ̃nà (=mũɛ̃nà)] *v.i.* suffer
- múpyám** [múpjám] *n.* tumbler
- músálógólógó** [músálógólógó] *n.* small dark green lizard or skink
- mútiigi** [mútiigi] *n.* pestle
- mùè** [mùɛ̃] *v.t.* see
- mue** [mũɛ̃] *n.* voice (Note: **uwè** ‘word’ and **mue** ‘voice’ should not be used together as **mué-uwè**.)
- mùènà** [mùɛ̃nà] *adj.* passive: **Núm beè agara nú a beè me dòò; m beè mùènà** I did not respond to what he did to me; I remained passive.
- muenà<sup>1</sup>** [mũɛ̃nà] *v.i.* suffer (=monà)

**muenà<sup>2</sup>, monà** [mũènà, mɔ̀nà] *v.i.* consult: **Bà beè mùènà** They consulted each other.  
**mùm** [mũ̀m] *n.* dangerous larva found in uncemented floors, notorious for sucking human blood  
**mum** [mũm] *n.* productivity (of fruit trees); **sõ mum** season of production  
**múm<sup>1</sup>** [mṹm] *v.t.* produce: **À múm bee** It produces fruit.  
**múm<sup>2</sup>** [mṹm] *n.* sandfly; a biting insect, very small to the naked eye, that sucks blood early in the morning and in the evening in the forest area  
**múngò** [mũ̀ngò] *n.* mug  
**mùnù** [mũ̀nù] *n.* clenched fist (=gbùgù)

## N

**ń-** [ń-] *pref.* diminutive prefix preceding **d g k l n r s t z**: **ńdògò** (pet form of **Dògò**)  
**nà** (=ńdàá) [nà] *pron.* (*poss. adj.* <sup>1st pers. sing.</sup>) **nà zò, ńdàá zò** my property, wealth, goods, etc.  
**nàà** [nàà] *n.* termite  
**naà** [nãà] *n.* branch  
**náa** [náã] *n.* gun  
**naanà** [nããnã] *n.* sheep  
**naànoo** [nããnoo] *n.* lightning and thunder  
**nágé** [nãgé] *adv.* again; another time  
**nam** [nãm] *n.* animal, meat  
**námè** [nã̀m] *n.* cow  
**nám<sup>1</sup>** [nã́m] *n.* cleared farmland  
**nám<sup>2</sup>** [nã́m] *n.* casting of lots  
**námà** [nã̀mà] *n.* zebu cow  
**náma** [nã̀mã] *v.t.* be older than  
**námá** [nã̀má] *adj.* old: **námá nee** old man: **À lú námá** He is old.  
**námákà** [nã̀mákà] *n.* female ancestor  
**námátè** [nã̀mátè] *n.* male ancestor  
**nàmàkírí** [nã̀màkírí] *n.* lion  
**ńdàá** [ńdàá] *pron.* (*poss. adj.* <sup>1st pers. sing.</sup>) my: **ńdàá zò** my property, etc. (=nà)  
**ńdàà** [ńdàà] *pron.* (*poss. pron. indep.* <sup>1st pers. sing.</sup>) mine  
**ńdè** [ńdè] *n.* cocoyam with heart-shaped leaves, in which small corms develop off the main one  
**nè** [nè] *v.t.* give; **nenè mue** making announcement  
**nee** [nèè] *n.* human being; person  
**néé<sup>1</sup>** [nèè] *v.t.* lack  
**néé<sup>2</sup>** [nèè] *n.* want; scarcity; lack  
**néé<sup>3</sup>** [nèè] *n.* deafness  
**néébá** [nèèbá] *n.* poverty  
**neébee** [nèèbee] *n.* chief  
**néébèè** [nèèbèè] *n.* anarchy; state of being without a ruler (*coinage*)  
**neèdám** [nèèdám] *n.* male (of human beings); man  
**neè-gwagwá-piyè** [nèè-gwagwá-piyè] *n.* pharmacist (*coinage*)  
**néémíí** [nèèmíí] *n.* lack of blood; anemia (*coinage*)  
**néénu** [nèènu] *n.* want; scarcity; lack  
**neètáa** [nèètáa] *n.* wizard  
**neéwa** [nèéwa] *n.* woman; female (of human beings)

- neéyib** [nɛ̀ɛ̀jib] *n.* thief
- neèyí** [nɛ̀ɛ̀jí] *n.* lawyer
- neèzàsí** [nɛ̀ɛ̀zàsí] *n.* leader
- nègà** [nɛ̀gà] *v.i.* move like a very big snake; **nenègà** *v.n.*
- nem** [nɛ̀m] *n.* chalk
- némném** [nɛ̀mnɛ̀m] *n.* powder
- némném** [nɛ̀mnɛ̀m] *adj.* impalpable; that cannot be touched or felt
- nenè** [nɛ̀nɛ̀] *n.* gift
- ni** [ní] *n.* elephant
- nìgénélo** [nìgɛ̀nɛ̀lo] *v.t.* identify
- nìgèneló** [nìgɛ̀nɛ̀ló] *n.* identification
- nii** [ní] *v.t.* rule a line: **Nii ání** Rule a line.
- nii** [ní] *part. (conditional emphasis):* **Deè nóobeè lu nii, nu gá beè dòògà** If you had not come at all, something would have happened.
- nii ga** [níiga] (*negative, 1st pers. pl.*) We are not going to; **Nii ga si** We aren't going to go.
- niii** [níi] (*interrogative emph.*) **À beè lu niii?** Did he come at all?
- nímdeè** [nímdeè] *v.i.* go secretly or stealthily: **Nímdeè yì** Go secretly and enter.
- ńkáràgbà** [ńkáràgbà] *n.* bamboo palm (*Raphia vinifera* P.Beauv. PALMAE) (=múimò-zím)
- ńkì** [ńkì] *n.* tattoo; indelible indigo patterns made on the skin
- ńlábà** [ńlábà] *pron. (poss. pron. indep. 3rd pers. pl.)* theirs
- ńlába** [ńlába] *pron. (poss. adj. 3rd pers. pl.)*; their: **À lú ńlába nu** It is their own thing.
- ńléè** [ńléè] *pron. (poss. pron. indep. 3rd pers. sing.)* his; hers
- ńléè** [ńléè] *pron. (poss. adj. 3rd pers. sing.)* his; her: **ńléè nu** his/her thing
- ńlú** [ńlú] *pron. (poss. pron. indep. 1st pers. pl.)* ours
- ńlú** [ńlú] *pron. (poss. adj. 1st pers. pl.)* our
- ńlòò** [ńlòò] *pron. (poss. pron. indep. 2nd pers. sg.)* yours
- ńlòó** [ńlòó] *pron. (poss. adj. 2nd pers. sing.)* your: **ńlòó nu** your thing
- ńlòlòlò** [ńlòlòlò] *n.* 'hare'; ?ground squirrel
- ńlòó nu Nookpò** [ńlòó nũ nɔ̀kɔ̀pò] *n.* Ị okpo, a village in Tẹ̀
- no** [nɔ̀] *v.t., v.i.* study
- nonóbùrà** [nɔ̀nɔ̀bùrà] *n.* psychology (*coinage*)
- nonódùm** [nɔ̀nɔ̀dùm] *n.* biology (*coinage*)
- nonó-nyògà-kòrokè** [nɔ̀nɔ̀-nyògà-kòrokè] *n.* seismology, the study of earthquakes (*coinage*)
- nonópiyè** [nɔ̀nɔ̀pijè] *n.* medical science (*coinage*)
- nòò<sup>1</sup>** [nɔ̀ɔ̀] *v.t.* lay as blocks
- nòò<sup>2</sup>** [nɔ̀ɔ̀] *v.t.* plan; *v.n.* **nonòò** planning; programming
- noo** [nɔ̀ɔ̀] *prep.* on; up: **Kpá de noo gádá** There is a book on the table.
- nóó** [nɔ̀ɔ̀] *n.* oil; **nóó dem** crude oil; **nóó hwàà** petrol; **nóó ńzi** engine oil (=nóó kpé)
- noogé** [nɔ̀ɔ̀gɛ̀] *v.i.* speak slowly; be slow
- nóòkpé** [nɔ̀ɔ̀kpé] *n.* gold
- nòònú** [nɔ̀ɔ̀nú] *n.* programme
- Nóónwá** [nɔ̀ɔ̀wá] *n.* Ị onwa, village in Tẹ̀
- nu** [nú] *n.* thing; something
- nùà** [núà] *n.* cause
- núà** [núà] *n.* second daughter
- núa** [núà] *v.t.* cause

**nudé** [nūdé] *n.* food; foodstuff

**nudé-ákpó** [nūdé-ákpó] *n.* carbohydrate (*coinage*)

**nudé-yuwę** [nūdé-juwę] *n.* protein (*coinage*)

**nùkùm-nùkùm** [nùkùm-nùkùm] *id.* describes creeping of maggot or caterpillar

**nù** [nùm] *v.i.* groan

**nùmà** [nùmà] *v.i.* be early; start early

**nùmàlọḡle** [nùmàlọḡle] *n.* dawn

**nùmàná** [nùmàná] *v.t.* move, change position of (heavy object)

**nùm kē** [nùm kē] *v.phr.* go under

**nùnà<sup>1</sup>** [nùnà] *v.i.* hum; *v.n.* **nunùnà** humming

**nùnà<sup>2</sup>** [nùnà] *n.* humming

**nútọ** [núto] *n.* doorway

**-nwaà** [-ŋ<sup>w</sup>ãã] (*suffix*) (*feminine suffix for names*): **Ziánwaà** female named after the god of yam; **Dúnwaà** female born in a market

**nwaà<sup>1</sup>** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>ãã] *n.* woman

**nwaà<sup>2</sup>** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>ãã] (*when followed by another word the low tone is removed*) *n.* a young female animal:

**nwaa-péé** a young female goat which has not given birth

**nwàgà** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>àgà] *v.i.* hover, be unsteady physically and morally; be impatient

**nwámbáná** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>ámbáná] *n.* cat

**nwàrà** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>àrà] *v.i.* warm a painful part of the body by covering it together with a pot of boiled medicine to get the benefit of the steam: **À beè nwàrà piyè** He warmed himself on the medicine.

**nwáráló** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>áráló] *n.* health, healthiness, agility

**nwé** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>é] *n.* the edible part of cocoyam taken from the corm

**nwèè** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>èè] *v.t.* dry or smoke over fire or in sun (fish, foodstuff, to preserve it)

**nwee** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>èè] *v.i.* recover from ill-health

**nwééló** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>ééló] *v.i.* be agile, smart and active

**nwíí** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>íí] *n.* child; offspring of any animal

**nwííkà** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>ííkà] *n.* brother or sister of the same mother

**nwííkà-neédám** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>ííkà-nèèdám] *n.* brother

**nwííkà-neéwa** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>ííkà-nèéwa] *n.* sister; sister-in-law

**nwíí-neédám** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>íí-nèèdám] *n.* son

**nwíí-neéwa** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>íí-nèéwa] *n.* daughter

**nwíínwaà** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>íínwãã] *n.* son-in-law; daughter's husband

**nwíítè** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>íítè] *n.* brother of the same father

**nwíítọ** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>íítọ] *n.* houseboy or housegirl

**nwíítòb** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>íítòb] *n.* the best of the shooter's/hunter's arrows; (*fig.*) essential possession

**nwínám** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>ínãm] *n.* bird (*general*)

**nwo** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>õ] *v.i.* hover about

**nwomnwom** [ŋ<sup>w</sup>õmŋ<sup>w</sup>õm] *adj.* greedy: **À lú nwomnwom** He is greedy.

**nyàà** [nãã] *v.i.* grow wild (from excessive fertility of the soil); (of human being) grow wild as result of non-training and overfeeding

**nyáá** [nãá] *n.* nit produced by lice

**nyààgã** [nãàgã] *n.* being changed, changing

**nyaagá** [nããgá] *v.i.* be changed

**nyaaná** [nããná] *v.t.* change; *v.n.* **nyayáaná**

**nyámá** [nãmá] *n.* spirit of ancestors



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- nyànyà** [nãɲã] *n.* beast of burden; horse; ass; donkey; camel  
**nyè** [nɛ̃] *v.i.* stop growth; cease movement or progress  
**nyee** [nɛ̃ɛ] *v.i.* be leavened, rise (of bread); swell (*e.g.* as result of kwashiokor)  
**nyèèga nòo** [nɛ̃ɛga nɔ̃ɔ̃] *v.phr.* remember: **Nyèègà ye nòo** Remember him.  
**nyeege** [nɛ̃ɛgɛ] *n.* mild form of madness  
**nyèègè nyíe** [nɛ̃ɛgɛ nɪ̃ɛ] *v.phr.* remind: **Nyèègè mé nyíe** Remind me (of it).  
**nyia** [nɪ̃ã] *num.* four  
**nyia** [nɪ̃ã] *n.* liking; desire; pleasure  
**nyia** [nɪ̃ã] *v.t.* please: **À nyia me** It pleases me/I like it.  
**nyìagá** [nɪ̃ãgá] *n.* quadrangle (*coinage*)  
**nyìakpèè** [nɪ̃ãkpɛ̃ɛ] *n.* rectangle (*coinage*)  
**nyìakùnàkpèè** [nɪ̃ãkùnàkpɛ̃ɛ] *n.* square (*coinage*)  
**nyia-tub** [nɪ̃ã-tub] *num.* eighty  
**nyia-tub-nè-hlòb** [nɪ̃ã-tub-nɛ̃-hlòb] *num.* ninety  
**nyíe** [nɪ̃ɛ] *n.* heart, mind (*both physical and psychological*)  
**nyó** [nɔ̃] *n.* worm  
**nyó-ázíí-bu-míí** [nɔ̃-ázíí-bu-míí] *n.* filaria worm; any threadlike nematode worm of the family FILARIIDAE, introduced into blood by biting insects (*coinage*)  
**nyògà<sup>1</sup>** [nɔ̃gà] *v.i.* shake or be shaken; tremble (=yèègà)  
**nyògà<sup>2</sup>** [nɔ̃gà] *n.* shaking, trembling (*also nyògànyògà*)  
**nyògàkorokè** [nɔ̃gàkorokɛ̃] *n.* earthquake (*coinage*)  
**nyògè** [nɔ̃gɛ̃] *v.t.* shake, jingle (of bell); *v.n.* **nyonyògè** shaking, jingling  
**nyòo** [nɔ̃ɔ̃] *v.adj.* be tall (vertical); be long (horizontal)  
**nyòòne<sup>1</sup>** [nɔ̃ɔ̃nɛ̃] *v.t.* follow; *v.n.* **nyonyòòne** following; **neè-nyòòne** follower, disciple (*opp. ne-zàsi, neè-tùre* leader)  
**nyòòne<sup>2</sup>** [nɔ̃ɔ̃nɛ̃] *n.* “followership” (*opp. zàsi, tùre* leadership)  
**nyooné** [nɔ̃ɔ̃nɛ̃] *v.cs.* uplift; heighten; increase height or length; prolong (condition); *v.n.* **nyonyóóné**, heightening; etc. (cf. **yira** height; length, distance)  
**nyóónyoo** [nɔ̃ɔ̃nɔ̃ɔ̃] *adj.* tall; long

## O

- o** [ʔɔ] *v.t.* carve (wood)  
**õ** [ʔɔ̃] *v.t.* drink (water, medicine, wine, etc.)  
**òb** [ʔòb] *v.t.* bail water  
**òb** [ʔòb] *v.i.* stop, cease  
**òb<sup>1</sup>** [ʔòb] *v.t.* burn; roast: **Òb úwé** Burn the farm.  
**òb<sup>2</sup>** [ʔòb] *v.t.* drive (vehicle)  
**òba** [ʔòba] *v.i.* be burnt  
**òbàrà** [ʔòbàrà] *v.t.* return, take back, give back; stop progress of  
**òbɛ** [ʔòbɛ] *v.cs.* stop; cause to stop  
**òbè-òbè** [ʔòbè-òbè] *adj.* neither hot nor cold; lukewarm  
**òbéré** [ʔòbéré] *n.* raffia cloth tied as clothing and also used as sail  
**ògà** [ʔògà] *v.i.* show remorse; regret; feel sorry  
**ògàná** [ʔògàná] *v.t.* remove liquid or soft substance with soft material like cotton-wool  
**ogará** [ʔogará] *v.t.* rub in/on (pomade, etc.): **Ogára nóo** Rub in oil/pomade.

**ògéré** [ʔògéré] *v.t.* rub oil (on somebody)

**òkòrò** [ʔòkòrò] *n.* okro, okra

**Ólókó** [ʔólókó] *n.* name of two villages in Tɛɛ, distinguished as Oloko 1 and Oloko 2

**òm<sup>1</sup>** [ʔǎ̀m] *v.t.* remove undesirable substances or conditions

**òm<sup>2</sup>** [ʔǎ̀m] *v.t.* take quantity of soup, more than required

**òm<sup>3</sup>** [ʔǎ̀m] *n.* fish with scales and spines along the back, found in fresh water, probably *Tilapia galilea*

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**óm** [ʔǎ̀m] *n.* the handle of weeding hoe, usually **óm kpàbé**

**ònèè** [ʔǎ̀nèè] *v.i.* fade

**óni-óni** [ʔǎ̀ní-ǎ̀ní] *adv.* dodging: **À kinya óni-óni** He dodges about as he moves.

**òò<sup>1</sup>** [ʔòò] *n.* throat

**òò<sup>2</sup>** [ʔòò] *num.* five

**òo** [ʔòo] *v.t.* sell

**òò** [ʔòò] *interj.* exclamation expressing sorrow

**òòbà** [ʔòòbà] *v.i.* return, go back, desist, stop progress: **òòbà kē** return, go back

**òògà** [ʔòògà] *v.i.* be easily stripped off (of bark): **Àkpáté oògà** The bark of the tree is easily stripped off.

**òògá** [ʔòògá] *n.* pentagon, a plane figure with five sides and five angles (*coinage*)

**oogá** [ʔoogá] *v.i.* be sold at a good price (for the seller): **Garí óoga aní** Gari sells well today.

**oogɛ** [ʔoogɛ] *v.t.* air

**oomè** [ʔǎ̀mè] *n.* brownish-yellow, very long snake (possibly Blanding's Tree Snake)

**òòmeló** [ʔǎ̀mèlò] *adv.* neatly, smoothly, without problems: **À beè kinya òòmeló kii** He/she moved smoothly and went away.

**òòrà** [ʔòòrà] *v.t.* strip off the bark easily

**òò-tub** [ʔòòtub] *num.* hundred; fivescore

**orà** [ʔorà] *v.i.* be easily eroded (as soft material); be easily scraped off

**óra** [ʔóra] *v.i.* be smooth and slippery

**òrɛ** [ʔòrɛ] *v.t.* make smooth and slippery

**òrɔ** [ʔòrɔ] *n.* mudfish; snakehead (*Channa obscura* CHAIIIDAE)

**òwè** [ʔòwè] *v.t.* wear out: **Só i té gè noo dem, à owe (dem)** When we sharpen a cutlass on a stone, it wears it (the stone) out.

**òwɛ déé!** [ʔòwɛ déé!] *interj.* look out! take care!

## P

**pà** [pà] *n.* effect of force on a person or object; impact

**pa** [pa] *n.* "alligator"; Dwarf Crocodile (*Osteolaemus tetraspis* CROCODYLIDAE)

**páà<sup>1</sup>** [páà] *n.* white cotton cloth; anything white

**páà<sup>2</sup>** [páà] *interj.* not at all! (an expression of denial of an accusation with shrugging of the shoulders)

**páà** [páà] *n.* hurdle

**pàb** [pàb] *v.t.* inveigle (a person) out of, or into, doing something: *v.n.* **papàb** inveigling

**pàgàrà** [pàgàrà] *adj.* flat

**pám** [pám] *n.* pound, twenty shillings (<English)

**pàpá** [pàpá] *n.* child's name for father (<English)

**pàrà** [pàrà] *n.* expertise

**parà** [parà] *v.t.* be expert in: **À parà** He is expert.

**pàrapa** [pàrapa] *adj.* flat

**pè<sup>1</sup>** [pè] *v.i.* be missing; be lost

- pè²** [pè] *n.* loss
- pè** [pè] *v.t.* select only the useful objects from the useless ones with effort
- pèb** [péb] *id.* suddenly (of waking up from sleep): **À lóo ba dòò pèb** He woke up suddenly from sleep.
- pèbbee kùwè** [pèbbee kùwè] *n.* fallow bush (with vegetation of same height)
- pèbkē** [pèbkē] *n.* shallow water, shallow pit
- pèe** [pèe] *v.t.* lose
- péé** [péé] *n.* goat; **akpèpèé** *n.* he-goat; **kòòkòòpèé** castrated goat; **úúpèé** female goat
- pèè** [pèè] *v.i.* fly, jump: **pèpèé** *v.n.* flying, jumping
- péè** [péè] *n.* flying, jumping
- pèè** [pèè] *n.* African pear (*Dacryodes edulis* (G.Don) H. J. Lam BURSERACEAE)
- pèè-bekèè** [pèè-bekèè] *n.* avocado pear (*Persea americana* Mill. LAURACEAE)
- péépèé** [péépèé] *adv.* at all; completely (often accompanied by slapping of the two hands)
- pégé** [pégé] *n.* long arrow (contrast **kèba** short arrow)
- pègèrè** [pègèrè] *n.* hat; cap
- pègèrèméné** [pègèrèméné] *n.* crown
- pègi** [pègi] *v.i.* leap for joy
- pégipégi** [pégipégi] *id.* walking very fast
- pèmíí** [pèmíí] *n.* a child who does not perform up to the expectation of a human being (*lit.* 'lost blood')
- péra¹** [péra] *v.i.* be unable to control desire: **À péra sò a mue nu** He is unable to control his appetite when he sees things (such as food).
- péra²** [péra] *n.* uncontrollable desire; complaint; such expression
- pèrè** [pèrè] *v.t.* slant, slope
- pèrèpè** [pèrèpè] *n.* flat freshwater fish species
- pérépéré** [pérépéré] *n.* small piece of plank
- pém¹** [pém] *n.* cataract in the eye
- pém²** [pém] *n.* mosquito larvae: **Pém de bu máá** There are mosquito larvae in the water.
- pène¹** [pèñè] *v.i.* penetrate
- pène²** [pèñè] *n.* wide river, sea, ocean
- pì** [pì] *v.t.* sprinkle, spray (water, disinfectant, etc.)
- pìb** [pìb] *v.t.* twist rope or roll thread on the reel; twine (as yam round stick); spin
- pìgà** [pìgà] *v.i.* be twisted, interwoven (as thread); coil (like snake round something); *also figuratively:* **À wée pìgà ló ne** He gets people into trouble.
- pìgà** [pìgà] *v.i.* struggle to make wealth
- píí** [píí] *v.i.* dry, shrivel (of fruit, leaves, preserved yam, etc.)
- pìí** [pìí] *v.i.* be silent
- pîí** [pîí] *n.* penis
- píí** [píí] *n.* silence
- piigá** [piigá] *v.i.* try very hard; **Piigá** Try hard!: **À wée piigá** He tries very hard.
- píiga** [píiga] *n.* trying hard: **À wée dòò píiga** He does hard work.
- piiré** [piiré] *v.cs.* cause to shrivel or become dry (as fruit in sun or water boiled in pot)
- pìna** [pìná] *n.* cricket
- pìpí** [pìpí] *n.* cannibal
- pirípiri** [pirípiri] *adj.* very small (of yams)
- piyá** [pijá] *n.* people of
- píyà** [píjà] *adj.* bad, evil
- piyè** [pijè] *n.* daylight (= **èrà** = **éédée**)

**piyè** [pijè] *n.* medicine

**piyò** [pijò] *quant.* some: **piyò nee** some people: **piyò ù** some of us; **piyò bòò** some of you: **piyò àbà** some of them

**pògòrò** [pògòrò] *adj.* wide; broad (as leaf): **À lú pògòrò** It is broad.

**pòmṁ** [pḡmṁ] *id.* sound as of a coconut falling: **À dọ pòmṁ** It falls pomm!

**pòm<sup>1</sup>** [pḡm] *v.i.* burst (as boil)

**pòm<sup>2</sup>** [pḡm] *v.i.* shout at; “bully at”

**pòò** [pòò] *v.t.* divide (large quantities or numbers) into portions, shares or groups

**pòògà<sup>1</sup>** [pòògà] *v.i.* divide into groups (of people): **Bà pòògà** They are divided into groups.

**pòògà<sup>2</sup>** [pòògà] *n.* division into parts

**póro** [póro] *n.* fish (*general*)

**póró** [póró] *a.* bad

**pórògè** [pórògè] *n.* sawfish

**pyāagá** [pjāāgá] *v.i.* come out with effort from a group; succeed in standing out from a group

**pyám<sup>1</sup>** [pjám] *n.* drinking-cup; tumbler (*usu.* **ńpyám**)

**pyám<sup>2</sup>** [pjám] *id.* describes running quickly past and disappearing: **À doo pyám** He/She runs quickly past and vanishes.

**pyàra<sup>1</sup>** [pjàra] *v.t.* carry child (on hip)

**pyàra<sup>2</sup>** [pjàra] *v.t.* sharpen (razor-blade); whet (knife on another knife)

**pyō** [pjō] *n.* nail (finger- or toe-)

**pyob** [pjob] *v.t.* suck

**pyòb** [pjòb] *n.* game of throwing an orange on the ground and shooting at it with arrows (practice for aiming at live targets)

**pyōò** [pjōō] *n.* lungs

**pyoogá** [pjoozá] *v.i.* shoot out (vertically or horizontally)

**pyoorá** [pjoorá] *v.t.* draw out (peg, periwinkle from the shell)

**pyùgù** [pjùgù] *n.* steam; gas (*tech.*); **tób-pyùgù** oxygen (*coinage*)

## S

**sà** [sà] *v.t.* select the useful from the useless, the good seeds from the chaff, the qualified from the unqualified (=sèè)

**sa<sup>1</sup>** [sa] *n.* brush

**sa<sup>2</sup>** [sa] *conj.* before: **Sí sa ò lu** Finish before you come.

**sáágweré** [sáág<sup>w</sup>eré] *n.* hairy crab, Wrinkled Swimcrab (*Liocarcinus corrugatus*)

**sááhyekè** [sááhjekè] *n.* ant-lion

**sáákà** [sáákà] *n.* the first son of the mother

**sáanee** [sáānēē] *n.* guest; stranger

**sáápùrùkáká** [sáápùrùkáká] *n.* grasshopper which makes a noise when flying

**sááró** [sááró] *n.* the first son of the parents

**sàb** [sàb] *v.t.* abuse; misuse (=tùè)

**sàbà** [sàbà] *v.i.* be scattered, unkempt (of hair, etc.)

**sábekèè** [sábekèè] *n.* pepper (*general*)

**sadáa** *n.* toothbrush

**sàgà<sup>1</sup>** [sàgà] *v.i.* discredit oneself: **À sagà** He is behaving in a way unworthy of himself.

**sàgà<sup>2</sup>** [sàgà] *v.i.* produce new leaves; (*fig.*) recover from ill-health

- sàga** [sàga] *v.t.* cut indiscriminately with knife
- sàgasàga** [sàgasàga] *adj.* behaving discredibly: **À lu sàgasàga nee** He is a badly-behaved person.
- sàniló** [sàniló] *v.i.* show indifference
- sáráb** [sáráb] *id.* rustling; describes sound of walking through dry material (as leaves)
- sàsù** [sàsù] *v.t.* choose
- sẹ<sup>1</sup>** [sẹ] *interrog.* at all: **Ò súnwà nú a kii ló sẹ?** Do you know anything about it at all? **Ò lú gé sẹ?** Will you come at all?
- sẹ<sup>2</sup>** [sẹ] *adv.* silent: **Doò sẹ** Be silent.
- sē** [sē] *v.i.* (of rain) drizzle
- sé** [sé] *n.* fish egg, roe; frog spawn
- sèbe** [sèbe] *v.t.* throw down something carried on the head; throw somebody in wrestling; cause to fall; (*fig.*) cause to fail in life
- sébegi** [sébegi] *v.t.* throw down frequently or indiscriminately; (*fig.*) cause frequent failure
- sèè** [sèè] *v.t.* pick out good seeds from the chaff; pick out the qualified from the unqualified (=sà)
- sěé** [sěé] *n.* beads
- sèè dēé** [sèè dēé] *v.phr.* aim at (target) (*lit.* ‘direct eye’), also figurative
- seemá** [sěmá] *v.i.* “hiss”
- séema** [sěmá] *n.* “hissing”
- ségā** [ségā] *v.i.* smash; fall and break into small pieces
- sègáná** [sègáná] *v.t.* give bit by bit
- sègẹ** [sègẹ] *v.t.* pick out many good objects or things of the same kind or size, also used figuratively
- ségé** [ségé] *n.* raffia worn by masquerade
- ségē** [ségē] *v.t.* catch by trap: **À ségē nam** It (trap) caught an animal.
- sègèṁ** [sègèṁ] *adv.* falling like a heavy blanket; (of person) making no move or progress in life
- ségéné** [ségéné] *n.* tree species with tiny leaves and very hard wood
- ségéré** [ségéré] *adj.* petty: **ségéré kàna** minor quarrel
- sègèrẹ** [sègèrẹ] *id.* unexpectedly: **À doo sègèrẹ** He appears unexpectedly.
- sègèrẹ** [sègèrẹ] *v.t.* tie loosely
- sègèrẹ** [sègèrẹ] *n.* loose trap for large animals like sitatunga, which the animal can drag about but not escape from
- ségéré** [ségéré] *id.* walking as if exhausted: **À kinya ségéré** He walks as if exhausted.
- ségēségē** [ségēségē] *n.* raffia cloth
- sem** [sēm] *v.t.* use something valuable economically or sparingly
- Sèmè** [sēmè] *n.* Sime, a village in Tèè
- sèrè** [sèrè] *v.t.* keep; maintain; observe; preserve; save money; **sèrè átó** keep holy
- sésé** [sésé] *adj.* having beautiful small dots on the surface like cloth; make such beautiful small dots like the body of gecko
- si** [si] *v.i.* go and come back; **sí kùwẹ** go to bush, hence, a polite expression for ‘defecate’ (cf. **dòò bí**)
- sī<sup>1</sup>** [sī] *v.i.* make a cracking sound before a tree falls
- sī<sup>2</sup>** [sī] *v.t.* sneeze: **Sī sī** Sneeze!
- sī<sup>1</sup>** [sī] *n.* sneeze
- sī<sup>2</sup>** [sī] *n.* fly (*general*)
- sí** [sí] *n.* face; surface; the direction faced; north (*coinage*)
- sia** [sia] *n.* aerial yam; “up-yam” (*Dioscorea bulbifera* DIOSCOREACEAE)
- sia bàrà** [siã bàrà] *v.phr.* manifest; show: **Sia lóò bàrà** Show yourself.
- sib** [sib] *v.t.* “pin” (stick in ground)

- sib** [sib] *n.* nerves
- sibà** [sibà] *v.i.* stand firm; be unshakeable at crucial points, also used figuratively
- sièè** [sièè] *interj.* atishoo! (*showing sneezing*)
- sīgà** [sīgà] *v.i.* refuse to move
- sīgànà** [sīgànà] *v.t.* rub clean
- sìgà<sup>1</sup>** [sìgà] *v.i.* rest after labour or after a long journey
- sìgà<sup>2</sup>** [sìgà] *v.i.* be top-heavy so that s.t. falls
- síga** [síga] *v.i.* remain: **À síga** Some remains.
- sīgà** [sīgà] *v.i.* slip from the proper position or alignment, as in earthquake: **À sīgà dọ** It slips and falls.
- sìge** [sìge] *v.i.* breathe in and out: **Sìge ọọge** Breathe (air) in and out.
- siigé** [siigé] *v.t.* use part and allow part to remain: **De siige** Eat and leave some.
- sìge ló** [sìge ló] *v.phr.* walk lame
- sìm** [sìm] *v.t.* rub out; erase (something wrongly written)
- sim** [sìm] *v.t.* tie cloth (for another person)
- sima** [símā] *v.t.* tie cloth for oneself: **Sima kē** Tie cloth (for yourself).
- sínuló** [sínuló] *v.i.* smell, give odour
- sirà** [sirà] *v.i.* appear, come out from a secret or hiding place, also used figuratively; **Sira bàrà** Come out in the open.
- síra** [síra] *n.* first daughter
- sìra ee** [sìra ʔee] *v.i.* go out
- sìra kē** [sìra kē] *v.phr.* descend
- sí-tọ** [sító] *n.* housefly (*coinage*)
- sò** [sò] *v.t.* join (as rope); *v.n.* **sosò** joining
- sọ** [sọ] *n.* conversation
- só** [só] *n.* time
- sób** [sób] *n.* scabies (on the head)
- sòb** [sòb] *id.* describes something falling on a soft material: **À doo sòb** It falls on something soft.
- só bòò** [só bòò] (= **sóó bòò**) *n.phr.* rainy season
- só dáá** [só dáá] **sóó dáá** *n.phr.* time to sleep
- só dúe** [só dúe] (= **sóó dúe**) *n.phr.* dry season
- sọgerè** [sọgerè] *n.* grey hair
- sògo** [sògo] *n.* vegetable used as salad (= **kòròko**)
- Sógò** [sógò] *n.* a village in Kana
- sògò** [sògò] *n.* small beetle that destroys yam leaves
- sógó** [sógó] *adj.* small; little (of yams or leaves, in great numbers)
- sọhínyá** [sọhínjá] *n.* smoke
- sòm** [sòm] *adj.* calm
- só makē** [só mākē] (= **sóó makē**) *n.phr.* bedtime
- sómsóm** [sómsóm] *adv.* quietly; calmly
- sóó** [sóó] *n.* kitchen
- sọga<sup>1</sup>** [sóga] *v.i.* enter stealthily
- sọga<sup>2</sup>** [sóga] *adj.* lazy
- sọga<sup>3</sup>** [sóga] *n.* laziness
- sóosóo** [sóosóo] *interj.* please; I plead; I beg pardon
- sọrà** [sọrà] *v.i.* squat
- su** [su] *v.t.* take; accept; receive

**súnee** [súněě] *v.i.* mix together  
**sùnwa** [sùŋ<sup>w</sup>à] *n.* knowledge  
**sùnwa<sup>1</sup>** [sùŋ<sup>w</sup>ã] *v.t.* know; *v.n.* **sūsúnwá**  
**sùnwa<sup>2</sup>** [sùŋ<sup>w</sup>ã] *v.t.* connect two objects by means of a rope, etc.  
**sunwe** [sũŋ<sup>w</sup>ě] *n.* tobacco; cigarette  
**suu** [suu] *v.i.* stand not straight, droop (of person)  
**suu dáá** [suu dáá] *v.i.* nod off; fall asleep while sitting up (of person)  
**suùgà** [suùgà] *v.i.* hang down, incline, droop with weariness (of person) (cf. **kpègà**)  
**súzñ** [súzñ] *v.i.* mix together

**T**

**ta** [ta] *v.i.* finish; end: **À nà táa** It has finished; (*fig.*) **À tá mé nyíe** I forget (*lit.* 'It finishes in my mind');  
*v.n.* **tatá**  
**tá<sup>1</sup>** [tá] *v.t.* accommodate, contain; *fig.* accept, tolerate: **Ágbé ta** The box contains/accommodates it: **À tá èrabá nu nee yé dòò** He tolerates/accepts everything someone does to him.  
**tá<sup>2</sup>** [tá] *adj.* nothing at all (*used only in negative*): **Tá nu náa ee yé bá** I othing at all is impossible for him.  
**tá<sup>3</sup>** [tá] *interj.* exclamation to intimidate or drive away  
**tã** [tã] *n.* throne (= **akpòté-méné**)  
**tã<sup>1</sup>** [tã] *v.i.* shoot : **À beè tá náa** He shot the gun.  
**tã<sup>2</sup>** [tã] *v.t.* draw  
**tã<sup>3</sup>** [tã] *v.t.* urinate; make water  
**tàa<sup>1</sup>** [tãa] *v.t.* chew  
**tàa<sup>2</sup>** [tãa] *n.* evil spirit  
**taa** [taa] *num.* three  
**tãa** [tãã] *v.t.* shoot with gun or bow and arrow; sting: **À beè tãã zìkà nam** He shot an animal.  
**tãa** [tãã] *n.* anything that kills by personally directed malice; poison; witchcraft: **nee tãa** wizard; **waà tãa** witch  
**tãá** [tãá] *prep.* instead of: **Tãá bèèkà, nè me taa** Instead of two, give me three.  
**tãàbá** [tããbá] *v.t.* push; *v.n.* **tãtãábá**  
**taàgá** [taàgá] *n.* triangle; **kùnàkpèè taàgá** equilateral triangle; **kùnàákpótọ taàgá** isocetes triangle; **náakunakpèè taàgá** scalene triangle (*all coinages*)  
**tãàgã** [tããgã] *n.* trouble; problems; difficulties; suffering  
**tãàgãló<sup>1</sup>** [tããgãló] *n.* pleading: **À náa we dá tãàgãló** He does not listen to pleading.  
**tãàgãló<sup>2</sup>** [tããgãló] *n.* prayer (= **karà**)  
**tãàgã ló<sup>1</sup>** [tããgãló] *v.t.* plead: **Tãàgã ye ló** Plead with him.  
**tãàgã ló<sup>2</sup>** [tããgãló] *v.t.* pray: **Tãàga ló Bàrì** Pray to God.  
**taaná** [tããná] *v.i.* be straight, vertically or horizontally; be right, correct; (*fig.*) be upright, righteous; *v.n.* **tatáaná** being straight  
**táaná<sup>1</sup>** [tããná] *n.* straightness  
**táaná<sup>2</sup>** [tããná] *adj.* straight; right; correct; upright; right; rectangular; correct: **À lu táaná nee** He is a righteous man.  
**táanágá<sup>1</sup>** [tããnágá] *n.* right angle (90°) (*coinage*)  
**táanágá<sup>2</sup>** [tããnágá] *adj.* rectangular (*coinage*): **táanágá kwñ** rectangular basket  
**taará** [taará] *v.t.* set free: *v.n.* **tatáará**  
**taà-tub** [taàtub] *num.* sixty

**taà-tub-nè-hlòb** [taà-tub-nè-lòb] *num.* seventy

**tàb<sup>1</sup>** [táb] *v.t.* translate; interpret: *v.n.* **tabtáb**

**tàb<sup>2</sup>** [táb] *v.t.* draw with rope, vertically or horizontally: *v.n.* **tabtáb**

**tàbà<sup>1</sup>** [tábà] *v.t.* catch as ball, etc.; *fig.* understand; *v.n.* **tatàbà**

**tàbà<sup>2</sup>** [tábà] *n.* meaning; understanding

**tàba** [tába] *v.t.* carry a child in the arms

**tàgi** [tági] *v.t.* chew indiscriminately, as rat eats maize from one side of the cob to the other; gnaw

**táhè** [táhè] *interj.* exclamation to terrify somebody while jumping out at them

**tàláa** [táláa] *n.* hunger

**tam** [tām] *v.t.* ask somebody going to market to buy something for one, the money to be given when he has returned with the goods

**tám** [tám] *n.* work; job; piece of work

**tà-méné** [tâ-méné] *n.* king's throne

**tatá** [tatá] *n.* agreement, tolerance: **À náa ẹrẹ tatá kima ló piyá nee** He has no tolerance towards people.

**té<sup>1</sup>** [té] *n.* tree

**té<sup>2</sup>** [té] *n.* seat; chair; table

**tèba** [tèba] *v.i.* struggle

**tẹ** [tẹ] *n.* father

**tē** [tē] *v.t.* sharpen

**tẹb** [tẹb] *v.adj.* be shaky, not firm

**tẹb** [tẹb] *id.* describes cutting of something with very sharp knife

**téba** [téba] *n.* struggle

**tée** [tée] *n.* run; running; race

**Tẹẹ<sup>1</sup>** [tẹẹ] *n.* people living south of the River Imo, east of Eleme, west of Kana and north of Gokana; the language of the people

**tẹẹ<sup>2</sup>** [tẹẹ] *adv.* exactly; at the point: **tẹẹ nyíe** exactly at the centre (=gèrègè); centre: **À tǒǒ tẹẹ nyíe bunwe** He lives in the centre of the town.

**tẹẹ** [tẹẹ] *n.* child's name for father, daddy; title for a man

**tẹẹ** [tẹẹ] *v.i.* be loose

**tẹẹ** [tẹẹ] *n.* saltwater fish species

**tẹẹ** [tẹẹ] *n.* keen desire; lust

**tē<sup>1</sup>** [tē] *v.t., v.i.* pass; pass by; pass (examination); **tée yie** pass over, across

**tē<sup>2</sup>** [tē] *v.i.* be thick like soup

**tẹẹgà** [tẹẹgà] *adj.* lazy and hopeless

**tẹmáá** [tẹmáá] *n.* thirst

**tène** [tène] *adj.* same

**teené** [teené] *v.t.* make straight; straighten: *v.n.* **tētééné**

**teerá** [teerá] *v.t., v.i.* run

**tẹrẹ** [tẹrẹ] *v.t.* make loose; loosen

**tẹtẹtẹ** [tẹtẹtẹ] *adj.* circular and broad

**tégā** [tégā] *n.* outside the centre

**tégè/tékè** [tégè/tékè] *n.* dregs

**tèm** [tèm] *n.* room

**tèma** [tèma] *v.t.* cause to pass; pass (ball, in football); serve drink or food; circulate (letters)

**tèngí** [tèngí] *n.* sleeper (fish sp.)

**tẹnwà** [tẹnwà] (=tẹnwí) *n.* father-in-law; wife's father



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**tɛnwāgùzèè<sup>1</sup>** [tɛŋ<sup>w</sup>agùzèè̃] *n.* trapper

**tɛnwāgùzèè<sup>2</sup>** [tɛŋ<sup>w</sup>agùzèè̃] *n.* a bird named after its cry, the Red-eyed Dove (*Streptopelia semitor-quata* COLUMBIDAE)

**téra** [téra] *v.i.* be negligibly small or meagre; diminish

**tɛrɛ** [tɛrɛ] *v.t.* drop; lay (egg); post (letter); vote (by dropping ballot paper)

**tɛrɛpéé** [tɛrɛpéé] *n.* goat

**tɛsí** [tɛsí] *n.* leader; chief

**tɛnkíri** [tɛŋkíri] *v.i.* be up and doing about something

**ti** [ti] *v.i.* drum lightly; pound food very lightly; (*fig.*) speak on a surface level only; reserve (one's opinion)

**timm** [timm] *id.* the sound of a very heavy object falling

**tò** [tò] *n.* load, burden

**to** [to] *v.i.* weep

**tó** [tó] *n.* weeping

**tò<sup>1</sup>** [tò] *v.t.* mix with water to make soft

**tò<sup>2</sup>** [tò] *v.t.* spoil; damage, destroy

**tò<sup>1</sup>** [tò] *n.* house

**tò<sup>2</sup>** [tò] *n.* foot

**tò<sup>1</sup>** [tò] *v.t.* decant, pour wine gradually from a decanter

**tò<sup>2</sup>** [tò] *v.t.* select good from evil and do it

**tò<sup>3</sup>** [tò] *v.t.* weld

**tò<sup>4</sup>** [tò] *v.t.* order; give an order

**tò<sup>1</sup>** [tò] *n.* ear

**tò<sup>2</sup>** [tò] *n.* ashes

**tòb** [tòb] *v.t.* scoop; make deep

**tòb<sup>1</sup>** [tòb] *v.t.* throw

**tòb<sup>2</sup>** [tòb] *v.t.* build (house)

**tòb<sup>3</sup>** [tòb] *v.t.* heap; deposit

**tób** [tób] *adj.* sharp

**tób** [tób] *v.i.* drip, as a drop of liquid

**tóba** [tóba] *v.i.* be heaped

**tòbɛ** [tòbɛ] *v.t.* drop (medicine into the eye or ear)

**tóbǵá** [tóbǵá] *n.* acute angle (*coinage*) (=ápyǵá)

**tobíòko** [tobíòko] *n.* yellow ant

**tób-pyùgù** [tób-pjùgù] *n.* oxygen (*coinage*)

**tòdu** [tòdu] *n.* market shop or shed

**tògà<sup>1</sup>** [tògà] *adj.* deep: **À lú tògà** It is deep.

**tògà<sup>2</sup>** [tògà] *n.* depth

**tògàtògà<sup>1</sup>** [tògàtògà] *adj.* very deep: **À lú tògàtògà** It is very deep

**tògàtògà<sup>2</sup>** [tògàtògà] *n.* depth

**tòge** [tòge] *v.cs.* make deep

**tògè** [tògè] *n.* teaching; **neètògè**, teacher

**tògɛ** [tògɛ] *v.t.* teach

**tòkpá** [tòkpá] *n.* school

**tòkpìgì** [tòkpìgì] *n.* bank

**tòkùwè** [tòkùwè] *n.* toilet; water closet

- tɔlɔ́á** [tɔlɔ́á] *n.* spider's web
- tòmà** [tòmà] *v.t.* bear; endure; (*fig.*) A. keep a child, who serves in the house; B. accommodate, tolerate offences
- tɔmáá** [tɔmáá] *n.* bathroom
- tɔmàni** [tɔmàni] *n.* urinal
- tóm-tóm** [tóm-tóm] *id.* testing the taste of salt in the soup
- tóó** [tóó] *n.* paste; **tóó dáá** toothpaste
- tòṣ** [tòṣ] *n.* expert: **bàràtòṣ** expert farmer
- tóṣ** [tóṣ] *adj.* cold
- tòò<sup>1</sup>** [tòò] *v.i.* take position, be present, stay; dwell, live: **tòò átó** live a holy life; **tòò bɛɛ** wait for; watch
- tòò<sup>2</sup>** [tòò] *n.* position, condition, presence, a long stay
- tòò<sup>3</sup>** [tòò] *adj.* many: **tòò nee** many people
- tòṣgà** [tòṣgà] *v.i.* struggle to look for and find
- tòṣkíkìrà** [tòṣkíkìrà] *n.* harmattan
- tòṣkùwè** [tòṣkùwè] *n.* expert hunter (=dám-tòṣ)
- toomá** [tòomá] *v.i.* be dislocated (=hleegá)
- toománá** [tòománá] *v.t.* dislocate (=hleegará)
- toorá** [toorá] *v.t.* carry load; (*fig.*) bear, be held responsible for
- tòòtè** [tòòtè] *n.* hip; **ákpó tòòtè** hip-bone
- tòṣtòṣ** [tòṣtòṣ] *adj.* wet
- tòòtòò** [tòòtòò] *adj.* very many, numerous, manifold: **tòòtòò nwíí** very many children
- tòṣ'úwé** [tòṣ'úwé] *n.* expert hunter (=dám-tòṣ)
- torà** [torà] (=tuwerà) *n.* abuse
- tòra gbà** [tòra gbà] *v.phr.* swing
- tóró** [tóró] *n.* one-quarter of one shilling
- towa** [towa] *v.t.* inspire: **Ye tògè beè i towa ló** His teaching inspired us.
- tù** [tù] *v.i.* be thick like palm wine; (of liquid) thicken
- túákà** [túákà] *n.adj.* the first
- tùb** [tùb] *adj.* thick and tough; difficult to cleave (of wood), (*fig.* of condition)
- tub<sup>1</sup>** [tub] *v.t.* spit out
- tub<sup>2</sup>** [tub] (*num.*) twenty
- tub-nè-azì** [tub-nè-azì] *num.* twenty-one
- tub-nè-bèè** [tub-nè-bèè] *num.* twenty-two
- tub-nè-hlòb** [tub-nè-hlòb] *num.* thirty
- tùgu** [tùgu] *v.t.* pick (hot substance etc.) with pin; peck (wood, etc.) like the woodpecker
- túgu** [túgu] *v.i.* produce a new shoot after the main stem has been cut off; bud
- tùgùrù** [tùgùrù] *n.* a small squarish saltwater fish
- tùkpúm** [tùkpúm] *id.* sound made by small but heavy thing falling into the water
- tum** [tūm] *n.* advice: **À beè wa nè tum** He gave them some advice
- túm** [túm] *n.* thick heavy stick; cudgel; pestle
- Tumbéè-Tèè** [tūmbéè-tèè] *n.* village in Tèè
- túmkinyà** [túmkìɲà] *n.* walking-stick
- túmkúmanu** [túmkúmánū] *n.* pestle
- túmméné** [túmménè] (=kpóró =agèè) *n.* sceptre, staff borne as symbol of personal sovereignty, royal or imperial authority
- túnwà** [túnwà] *n.* mudskipper

**tùrà** [tùrà] *v.t.* reach  
**tùra** [tùra] *v.t.* contribute (money, effort)  
**tùre<sup>1</sup>** [tùre] *v.cs.* lead to; cause to reach: **Ture yé lo kè** Lead him to that place.  
**tùre<sup>2</sup>** [tùre] *n.* leadership: **Ì de kè ye tùre** We are under his leadership.  
**tùrú** [tùrú] *n.* nail  
**tùtùgù** [tùtùgù] *n.* boil  
**tùtùgùakpòmṭé** [tùtùgùakpòmṭé] *n.* praying mantis  
**tùtùgùakpòté** [tùtùgùakpòté] *n.* very painful boil  
**tùtùkpé** [tùtùkpé] *n.* motor-cycle  
**túú** [túú] *n.* three-leaved yam (*Dioscorea dumetorum* DIOSCOREACEAE)  
**tùwà** [tùwà] *n.* digging-hoe  
**tùwè** [tùwè] *v.t.* abuse; misuse  
**tuwe** [tuwe] *v.t.* pierce; make a hole: **Túwé deè** Make a hole.  
**tuwerà** [tuwerà (=torà)] *n.* abuse; misuse  
**túwéra** [túwéra] *v.t.* pierce: **Hyúu túwéra mé tọ** A thorn pierces my foot.  
**tùwi** [tùwi] *n.* land crab

## U

**u** [ʔu] *v.i.* die  
**úra<sup>1</sup>** [ʔúra] *v.i.* be folded  
**úra<sup>2</sup>** [ʔúra] *v.i.* rush: **Bà úra** They rush.  
**ùre<sup>1</sup>** [ʔùre] *v.t.* hasten someone or something: **Ùre ye** Hurry him up; **Ùre táń** Hasten the work.  
**ùre<sup>2</sup>** [ʔùre] *v.t.* boil : **Ùre máá** Boil water; **Ùre zía** Boil yam.  
**ùu** [ʔùu] *v.t.* cover a fowl (*e.g.* with a basket) so that it may not go out  
**úú** [ʔúú] *adj.* female animal or bird: **úú gbèrè** female lizard: **úú nám** (female) cow  
**uugá** [ʔuugá] *v.t.* shade oneself with umbrella  
**úuga** [ʔúuga] *n.* cover; shelter; umbrella  
**uùne** [ʔũ̀nẽ] *n.* night  
**úwá** [ʔúwá] *adj.* dead  
**uwè** [ʔuwè] *n.* word  
**úwé** [ʔúwé] *n.* farm  
**ùwè** [ʔùwè] *adj.* dark red: **À ẹrẹ ùwè déé** It has a dark-red colour.  
**ùwẹ** [ʔùwẹ] *v.i.* be slippery: **À úwẹ** It is slippery (=óra)  
**uwẹ** [ʔuwẹ] *v.t.* sing: **Úwẹ hyọọ** Sing a song.  
**úwé** [ʔúwé] *n.* fish resembling ọrọ but smaller  
**Úwédùme** [ʔúwédùmẽ] *n.* Uedume, a village in Tẹẹ  
**Úwékè** [ʔúwékẽ] *n.* village in Tẹẹ  
**uwi<sup>1</sup>** [ʔuwi] *v.i.* boil (of water); (*fig.*) boil with anger: **À beè úwí bu ásúú** He boiled with anger.  
**uwi<sup>2</sup>** [ʔuwi] *v.t.* fold  
**uwi<sup>3</sup>** [ʔuwi] *n.* basket with cover, lid

## W

**wa<sup>1</sup>** [wa] *n.* wife  
**wa<sup>2</sup>** [wa] *pron.* (*poss. adj. 3rd pers. pl.*) their: **wa zọ** their property, their wealth, their goods, etc.

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- wa**<sup>3</sup> [wa] *pron.* (3rd pers. pl. obj.) them: **Nè wa kpigi** Give them money.  
**wàá** [wàá] *id.* the sound of tearing a dry, hard substance like dry wood  
**waàtáá** [waàtáá] *n.* witch  
**wàb** [wàb] *v.t.* tear (as carnivorous animal or bird its prey)  
**wagà** [wagà] *v.i.* break and collapse like a pit  
**wé** [wé] *n.* maggot  
**wèè** [wèè] *v.t.* proclaim; **wewèè** *v.n.* proclaiming  
**wée** [wée] *aux.* (marking the simple habitual form): **À wée kọ; à wée bùù; à wée em** He speaks; he reads; he writes.  
**wèè** [wèè] *n.* flute  
**wẹ** [wẹ] *n.* somersault  
**wéé<sup>1</sup>** [wéé] *v.adj.* be light, easy: **Tò wéé** The load is light: **Tám wéé** The work is easy.  
**wéé<sup>2</sup>** [wéé] *v.i.* be near: **À wéé** It is near.  
**wèègà** [wèègà] (=wùgà) *v.i.* swoop down; make a sudden flight from the tree (like hawk) to the ground to catch a chicken; (of person) make a sudden run to seize something from somebody  
**wẹgá<sup>1</sup>** [wẹgá] *v.i.* somersault  
**wẹgá<sup>2</sup>** [wẹgá] *v.i.* return  
**wèrẹ<sup>1</sup>** [wèrẹ] *v.cs.* make easy  
**wèrẹ<sup>2</sup>** [wèrẹ] *v.cs.* make to be near  
**wèreló** [wèreló] *v.t.* love  
**werèló** [werèló] *n.* love  
**wii** [wii] *v.i.* shout  
**wò** [wò] *v.adj.* be gracious  
**wó** [wó] *adv.* so  
**wọ** [wọ] *n.* bragging; boasting (by someone who can do nothing)  
**wọ** [wọ] *v.t.* clear bush  
**wọb** [wọb] *v.t.* sacrifice: **wọb zọ** offer sacrifice  
**wóò** [wóò] *interj.* expression of sympathy, pity  
**wu<sup>1</sup>** [wu] *v.t.* pin together  
**wu<sup>2</sup>** [wu] *v.t.* set; stand up (fallen table, etc.)  
**wùá<sup>1</sup>** [wùá] *v.i.* be set  
**wùá<sup>2</sup>** [wùá] *v.i.* stand: **Wùá lo kě** Stand there.  
**wùrà** [wùrà] *v.i.* be in love; love each other/one another  
**wurà** [wurà] *n.* mutual love  
**wúra<sup>1</sup>** [wúra] *v.i.* scream together for danger; *v.n.* **wuwúra** screaming  
**wúra<sup>2</sup>** [wúra] *n.* screaming together

## Y

- yàà** [jàà] *v.t.* put on (clothes)  
**yaa** [jaa] *v.i.* thank you (=mamma)  
**yaa dùme** [jaa dùmẽ] *v.phr.* carry (child) on back (=dàra dùme)  
**yààgà** [jààgà] *v.i.* be scattered  
**yáaga** [jáaga] *v.i.* suspend or be suspended (cf. **yẹgẹ**)  
**Yáágò** [jáágò] *n.* traditional initiation of adolescent female into womanhood (no longer practised)  
**yáágó** [jáágó] *n.* bee

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- yààri** [jààri] *v.cs.* cause to scatter; spread (news); spread (cloth) etc.
- ye<sup>1</sup>** [je] *pron.* (3rd pers. sing. obj.) him/her: **Nè ye kpìgì** Give him/her money.
- ye<sup>2</sup>** [je] *pron.* (poss. 3rd pers. sing.) his/her: **ye zíá** his/her yam; **ye kpìgì** his/her money
- yẹ** [jɛ] *v.t.* peel
- yèb** [jèb] *v.t., v.i.* dance
- yeb** [jeb] *n.* a dance: **yèb yeb** dance a dance (*cog. obj.*)
- yẹb** [jɛb] *v.adj.* (of wound) become infected, putrefied
- yéḡb** [jéḡb] *v.i.* (of wood) burn without flame; smoulder
- yẹḡ** [jɛḡ] *v.t.* buy
- yéḡ** [jéḡ] *v.i.* float
- yèègà** [jèègà] *v.i.* fear; be terrified; tremble (=nyògá)
- yéḡga** [jéḡga] *v.i.* go neatly
- yèège** [jèège] *v.cs.* terrify
- yẹḡḡ** [jɛḡḡ] *v.t.* suspend
- Yẹḡḡ** [jɛḡḡ] *n.* Yeghe, a town in Ogoni
- yéḡḡ** [jéḡḡ] *n.* decoration, beauty, adornment
- yèḡèrè** [jèḡèrè] *n.* sudden outburst of gaiety and dancing
- yèm** [jèḡm] *n.* mourning
- yènèyéné** [jènèjéné] *n.* exchange
- yèrè** [jèrè] *v.t.* put in; enter, register, deposit (money): **yèrè bu** put in; **yèrè kpo té** put a heap around (plant, to protect it); (*fig.*) support (a statement)
- yèrèbá** [jèrèbá] *v.t.* help
- yerèbá** [jerèbá] *n.* help
- yìb** [jìb] *v.t.* steal
- yìb** [jìb] *n.* theft; thief
- yìbè** [jìbè] *adj.* whole; **yìbè kà** one whole
- yì** [jì] *v.i.* enter: **yì bu** enter in
- yìi<sup>1</sup>** [jìi] *v.t.* contain
- yìi<sup>2</sup>** [jìi] *n.* vessel; container
- yí** [jìí] *n.* law
- yì-máá-bu-mí** [jìi-máá-bu-mí] *n.* lymphatic vessels (*coinage*)
- yìrà<sup>1</sup>** [jìrà] *v.i., v.t.* believe
- yìrà<sup>2</sup>** [jìrà] *n.* faith; belief
- yìrà<sup>1</sup>** [jìrà] *v.i.* stand; wait; (*fig.*) contest (election)
- yìrà<sup>2</sup>** [jìrà] *n.* height; length; distance
- yìrà-ahyòòrì** [jìrà-ahjòòrì] *n.* stamen (of flower) (*coinage*)
- yìrànyuààlò** [jìrànyuààlò] *n.* long robe
- yìraya** [jìraya] *v.i.* stand
- yò** [jò] *v.i.* get ripe, mature
- yọ** [jọ] *n.* deity; divinity; god; (*Christian usage*) devil; Satan; demon; fetish
- yọb** [jọb] *n.* rash on body
- yọbà** [jọbà] *v.t.* warm oneself by the fire; (*fig.*) expose oneself to: **À yọba ye tǎàgà** He faces the trouble with him.
- yọbàrà** [jọbàrà] *v.t.* untie
- yọbàrá** [jọbàrá] *v.t.* gather up with the two hands (*e.g.* rice)
- yògòyògò** [jògòjògò] *adj.* red and conspicuous

**yoò** [joò] *n.* pumpkin (*Cucurbita maxima* Duch. CUCURBITACEAE)  
**yòp** [jòp] *n.* python  
**yòpba** [jòpba] *v.i.* be untied  
**yòpba** [jòpba] *v.i.* become more serious (of sickness or trouble)  
**yòpɛ** [jòpɛ] *v.t.* irritate: **Yòb yòpɛ ye** The rash irritates him: (*fig.*) make impatient; **Uwe yòpɛ ye** He is impatient (as a result of something said).  
**yóoga** [jóoga] *v.i.* be too much  
**yòpɔ̀gà** [jòpɔ̀gà] *v.i.* suck and drop like leech, tsetse fly, *etc.*  
**yòpòyòpò¹** [jòpòjòpò] *adj.* evil; abominable (of person or thing)  
**yòpòyòpò²** [jòpòjòpò] *n.* abomination  
**yuè** [juè] *n.* meat; muscle: **yuè nam** animal meat

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**zà** [zà] *v.i.* move forward; **za sí** be in front; be a leader  
**za** [za] *v.t.* strike into pieces  
**zá** [zá] *n.* expression of sympathy, pity, condolence, sorrow: **À ga bà zá** He is showing sympathy.  
**zàb** [zàb] *v.t.* tread indiscriminately  
**zàgà¹** [zàgà] *v.t.* tread: **Èb tɔ̀ nwii a kɛ̀rɛ̀ zàgà** See the foot of the child who trod (on the place) and (shot with) care (Said in the game of **pyòb** when the first child has shot successfully and others try to imitate him); (*fig.*) imitate a successful person  
**zàgà²** [zàgà] *n.* ram's or lion's mane  
**zàgàrá** [zàgàrá] *n.* dream  
**zàsí** [zàsí] *n.* leadership  
**zèè** [zèè] *n.* trap (also *fig.*)  
**zèè** [zèè] *n.* Musk Shrew (*Crocidura* spp.), small, sharp-nosed insectivorous rodent with an obnoxious smell  
**zèègà** [zèègà] *adj.* hopeless; inactive  
**zɛ̀ɛ̀nɛ̀ɛ̀** [zɛ̀ɛ̀nɛ̀ɛ̀] *n.* young people; adolescents  
**zè̀rɛ̀** [zè̀rɛ̀] *v.t.* soak  
**zè̀ge** [zè̀ge] *n.* young person (= **àgéré**)  
**zè̀gɛ̀¹** [zè̀gɛ̀] *v.t.* sift; sieve  
**zè̀gɛ̀²** [zè̀gɛ̀] *v.t.* tend seedlings (of pepper, etc.) before transplanting  
**zè̀gɛ̀** [zè̀gɛ̀] *n.* sieve  
**zì¹** [zì] *v.t.* loot  
**zì²** [zì] *num.* one (*qualifying form*): **zì nɛ̀** one person; **zì tɔ̀ nam** one hind leg of an animal: **zì kpá** Class One (*In many cases, zì cannot be used but is replaced by zìka.*)  
**zi** [zi] *n.* bush pig; Red River Hog (*Potamochoerus porcus* SUIDAE)  
**zí** [zí] *n.* yellow fly species  
**zià** [zià] *n.* squirrel  
**zía** [zía] *n.* hair  
**zìá¹** [zìá] *v.t.* cheat, deceive  
**zìá²** [zìá] *n.* cheating, deception, deceit  
**zíá** [zíá] *n.* yam; hence, a general name for food (= **nudé**)  
**zib** [zib] *v.t.* beat (person) (= **bòb**)  
**zib** [zib] *n.* beating

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**zígízígí<sup>1</sup>** [zígízígí] *id.* drizzling

**zígízígí<sup>2</sup>** [zígízígí] *n.* drizzle

**zígízígí<sup>3</sup>** [zígízígí] *n.* vibrating dance type

**zìgìzìgìyíí** [zìgìzìgìjìí] *n.* small destructive caterpillars

**zìí** [zìí] *n.* darkness

**zìí** [zìí] *num.* one (used in counting)

**zìí** [zìí] *v.adj.* be barren: **Lo wa zìí** That woman is barren.

**zìkà** [zìkà] *n.* one whole: **zìkà kpá** one book; **zìkà nee** one whole person; **zìkà zìá** one whole yam: **Kukà kpá? Zìkà.** How many books? One.

**zìm** [zìm] *v.i.* be out (of fire); be destroyed and extinct (of line of descent)

**zìm<sup>1</sup>** [zìm] *v.i.* be completely destroyed

**zìm<sup>2</sup>** [zìm] *n.* spirits; ancestral spirits

**zìmá** [zìmá] *n.* knife

**zìmáá** [zìmáá] *n.* domestic pig

**zìme<sup>1</sup>** [zìmɛ̃] *v.t.* put out, extinguish (light, fire)

**zìme<sup>2</sup>** [zìmɛ̃] *v.t.* destroy completely; make extinct

**zìna** [zìná] *n.* star; **zìna adò** meteor; falling or shooting star

**zò** [zò] *n.* wealth; riches; products; goods

**zò<sup>1</sup>** [zò] *v.t.* poke with stick, fight with horns, as rams or cows

**zò<sup>2</sup>** [zò] *v.t.* close leakage in vessels and in the roof

**zòb** [zòb] *n.* brass ring worn on the leg by women during festival

**zób** [zób] *id.* action of skipping as evidence of smartness and healthiness

**zògɛ** [zògɛ] *v.t.* show

**zògòdée** [zògòdée] *n.* eye sickness with symptoms of eye pus

**zògòzògò<sup>1</sup>** [zògòzògò] *adj.* wet

**zògòzògò<sup>2</sup>** [zògòzògò] *n.* wetness

**zòm** [zòm] *id.* expressing the falling of a person or an object on to a soft material

**zoo** [zoo] *n.* oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis* Jacq. PALMAE)

**zoo** [zoo] *n.* sacrifice

**zòògà** [zòògà] *v.t.* meet (person or object) coming from opposite direction; run into

**zòrò** [zòrò] *n.* red ants that eat yam and cassava tubers

**zù** [zù] *n.* the interwoven growth of climbing plants in a tree

**zū** [zū] *n.* slimy substance secreted by palm-wine tree

**zùb** [zùb] *v.adj.* be foolish: **À zub** He/She is foolish.

**zùge<sup>1</sup>** [zùge] *v.cs.* make a fool of

**zùge<sup>2</sup>** [zùge] *v.t.* disturb a hiding place for an animal so that it runs out

**zugèhínyá** [zugèhínjá] *n.* bellows (=bémàhínyá)

**zùguzùgu** [zùguzùgu] *adj.* easily deceived (=zùùgà)

**zúu** [zúu] *n.* mucus; slimy substance secreted by mucous membrane

**zùùgà<sup>1</sup>** [zùùgà] *n.* a person who can be easily deceived; a lazy person

**zùùgà<sup>2</sup>** [zùùgà] *adj.* easily deceived

## Appendix

In modern times, there is a need for technical words in many fields. In English, these are formed either by processes of compounding or by borrowing. In many cases, the borrowed words are themselves built up by compounding either Latin or Greek words. The table that follows shows how technical words can equally be built up by compounding Tẹ̀ words.

English	Greek/Latin	Tẹ̀
Agriculture	Latin Agricultura = agri- 'field' + cultura 'tillage'	Tẹ̀ dọ̀dọ̀-korokẹ̀ = dọ̀dọ̀ 'tillage' + korokẹ̀ 'soil'
Anthropology	Greek anthropologia = anthropos 'man' + logia 'study'	nonó-nee = nonó 'study' + nee 'man'
Biology	Greek biologia = bios 'life' + logia 'study'	nonó-dùm = nonó 'study' + dùm 'life'
Chemistry	Greek khumeia 'pouring'	egara 'pouring'
Hydrology	Greek hydrologia = hudro 'water' + logia 'study'	nonó-máá = nonó 'study' + máá 'water'
Mathematics	Greek mathéma = learning, science	sùnwà 'learning, science'
Economics	Greek oikonomos = oikos 'house/home' + nomos 'management'	ààra-be =ààra 'management' + be 'house/home'
Philanthropy	Greek philanthropia = philos 'love of' + anthropos 'man'	werèlò-nee = werèlò 'love' + nee 'man'
Physics	Greek phuziké/epistemé = natural things from phusis 'nature' + epistemē knowledge	sùnwà-mèà = sùnwà 'knowledge' + mèà 'nature'
Seismology	Greek seismologia = seismos 'earthquake' + logia 'study'	nonó-nyògà-korokẹ̀ = nonó 'study' + nyògà-korokẹ̀ 'earthquake'
Technology	Greek technologia = tekhnē 'art, skill' + logia 'study'	nonó-batam = nonó- 'study' + batam 'art, skill'