

Denya Word List

A preliminary word list based on the
SIL Comparative African Word List

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Following is a partial list of the larger SIL Comparative African Word List. The first column is in English. The second column is the orthographic representation of the word in the Denya language and the third column is a loose phonetic transcription. The tones will need to be confirmed as well as the genders of some nouns. Nouns with a “bo” prefix on the plural form seem to be irregular and belong in the 1,2 gender. Some of these may be recently borrowed words, for example: “banana” – manána/ bo manána.

(000.5) half	geba (or) génto	gè.bà (or) gén.tò
(001) one	amá	à.má
(002) two	epéa	è.pé.á
(003) three	eléé	è.lě
(004) four	enií	è.nĩ
(005) five	etaá	è.tǎ
(006) six	ekene	è.kè.nè
(007) seven	ekene ama	è.kè.nè à.mā
(008) eight	ene	è.nè
(009) nine	ene ne ama	è.nè.nà.mā
(010) ten	éfyá	é.Ǿá
(011) eleven	éfyá ne ama	é.Ǿá nā.má
(012) twelve	éfyá ne epea	é.Ǿá nè.pé.á
(013) thirteen	éfyá ne eléé	é.Ǿá nè.lě
(014) fourteen	éfyá ne enií	é.Ǿá nè.nĩ
(015) fifteen	neku	nè.kù
(016) sixteen	neku ne ama	nè.kù nā.má
(017) seventeen	neku ne epea	nè.kù nè.pé.á
(018) eighteen	neku ne eléé	nè.kù nè.lě
(019) nineteen	neku ne enií	nè.kù nè.nĩ
(020) twenty	esáa	è.sâ
(021) twenty-one	esáa meso amá	è.sâ mè.sò à.má
(022) twenty-two	esáa meso epea	è.sâ mè.sò è.pé.á
(023) twenty-three	esáa meso eléé	è.sâ mè.sò è.lě
(024) twenty-four	esáa meso enií	è.sâ mè.sò è.nĩ
(025) twenty-five	esáa meso etaá	è.sâ mè.sò è.tǎ
(030) thirty	esáa meso éfyá	è.sâ mè.sò é.Ǿá
(040) forty	osaá opea	ò.sǎ o.pe.a
(100) hundred	osáa otaá	ò.sâ ò.tǎ
abdomen	méko une (5,6)	mé.kò ū.nè
above	mfaá	m̩.fǎ
abuse	she	ʃe
accept; receive; take	se	sè

add	gbée	gḃē
adult	muú kpa (1,2)	mũ kḃà
afternoon	ḡwomesé (n.cl.?)	ḡ.wō.mē.sé
age-group	geḡkó (7,8)	gēḡ.kó
agree	kamé	kà.mé
agreement	ndé (n.cl.?)	ḡ.dé
air (breathed)	gefire (7,8?)	gè.fi.rè
allow	gó	gó
always	yende gebe	jēn.dè gè.bē
ancestor (someone who is of late)	mewené (1,2?)	mè.wè.né
and	ne	nè
angry, be	metó eso	mè.tó è.sò
animal	menya (9,10)	mē.jà
ankle	gefère geká (7,8)	gè.fé.rè gē.ká
announce	bé	bé
answer (a call) (v)	shu	ʃù
answer (v); reply	shu	ʃù
ant	geshye (7,8)	gè.ʃè
ant (reddish-brown biting)	gepwire (7,8)	ge.p ^{wi} .re
antelope	mekwó bú (n.cl.?)	mē.k ^{wó} bú
anthill	gelwa (7,8)	gè.l ^{wà}
anus	mbu ula (3,2?)	m̄.bù.là
arm	ebwó (3,2?)	ē.b ^{wó}
	pl. amó	àmò
armpit	egba (3,?)	ē.gbà
army	bóó ḡku (2)	bó ḡ.kù
	(lit. "men of uniform")	
arrive	kwó	k ^{wó}
arrow	embée (3,?)	ém.bē
	(lit. bow and arrow)	
ashes	matwó (6a)	mā.t ^{wó}
ask	gí	ǵí
at	ne	nè
aunt (father's sister)	mēḡmo nte (1,2)	mēḡ.mò ḡ.tè
axe	etóó (3,4)	è.tó
baby	maá (1,2)	mǎ
	pl. beá	bè.á
bachelor	mekwa muú (1,2)	mè.k ^{wà} mũ
back	meso (n.cl.?)	mē.sò
back, rear, buttocks	matu ula (6)	mà.tù.là
backbone	mekwó meso (n.cl.?)	mè.k ^{wó} .lǎ mē.sò
bag	géba (7,8)	gè.bà

bake in ashes	wɔ	wò
baldness	nebe (n.cl.?)	nè.bē
bamboo	gempeé (7,8)	gem.pě
banana	manána (1,2)	mà.ná.nà
	pl. bɔ manána	bò mà.ná.na
bank, shore (hollow)	mbále (n.cl.?)	m̄.bá.lè
bark (as dog) (v)	we	wè
bark (of tree)	mekɔ genóɔ	mē.kō gē.nō
barren (of living being)	menkwɔ	mēŋ.kʷó
barren woman	menkwɔ mendé	mēŋ.kʷó mèn.dé
basket	gesá (7,8)	gè.sá
bat	ɖaba (1,2)	dà.bà
	pl. bɔ ɖaba	bò dà.bà
bat (large)	geŋkaá (7,8)	gēŋ.kǎ
bathe (intr.)	wó	wó
bathe (tr.)	wyá	wʲá
bean	nekwye (5,6)	nè.kʷjē
bear (child), give birth	byé	bʲé
beard	ule (8) ù.lē	
beat	do	dò
beat (drum)	kwele	kʷè.lè
beautiful, be	lɔ	lɔ
bed	okwó (8,6)	ò.kʷó
bedbug	kalangba (1,2)	kà.làŋ.ḡbā
	pl. bɔ kalangba	bò kà.làŋ.ḡba
bedroom	maá gepu (7,8)	mǎ gè.pū
bedstead, bed frame	okwó (8,6)	ò.kʷó
bee	mbenywɔ́ (9,10)	m.bè.ŋʷó
beer (white man mimbu)	mmɔ́ mekálá (6a)	m̄.mǔ mè.ká.lá
beg (for money)	kɔ ŋka	kò ŋ.kà
beggar	ŋkɔrekɔ (n.cl.?)	ŋ.kò.rè.kò
begin	lɔ	lò
behind	meso mè.sò	
being one-eyed	wya émé áma	wʲà é.mé á.mā
bell	kálánká (1,2)	ká.láŋ.ká
	pl. bɔ kálánká	bò ká.láŋ.ká
belly	une (8,6)	ū.nè
big, be	ŋéa ?	ŋé.à
bile	nchye (n.cl?)	n̄.tʃʲè
bird	enywɔné (3,4)	è.ŋʷò.né
bite (v)	nó	nó

black man	muú megílí (1,2)	mũ m̀.ɡí.lí
blacksmith	muú ete (1,2)	mũ ē.t̀è
bladder (lit. "sack of urine")	geche ge mme (7,8)	g̀è.t̂ʃ̀ è g̀è ǹm̀è
bleed	manoó matane (lit. "blood comes")	m̀à.ǹǒ m̀ā.t̀à.ǹè
bless, forgive	je	ḍ̄ʒé
blind man	muú ame nónóme (1,2)	mũ à.m̀è ǹó.ǹó.m̀è
blind, be	ame anome	a.me a.no.me
blood	manoó (6a)	m̀à.ǹǒ
blow	fɔ	fɔ
blow nose	fɔme	fɔ.m̀è
boat	ékpée (3,6)	é.k̀p̀è
body	m̀enyammye (n.cl.?)	m̀è.ǹà.m̀j̀è
boil	bɛ	bē
boil over	bɛ mabulege	bē m̀à.b̀ū.l̀ē.g̀ē
bone	gegoó (7,8)	g̀ē.g̀ǒ
bone marrow	mafa gegoó (6a?)	m̀à.f̀à g̀ē.g̀ǒ
borrow	pwo	p̄ẁò
bottle	ékpómé (3,6)	é.k̀p̀ó.m̀é
bow	embée (3,?) (lit. "bow and arrow")	ém.b̀è
bowl	aṅkpaṅkpa (1,2) pl. bɔ aṅkpaṅkpa	àṅ.k̀p̀āṅ.k̀p̀ā b̀ò àṅ.k̀p̀āṅ.k̀p̀ā
box	mekwa (5,6)	m̀è.k̀ẁà
boy	maá mende (1,2)	m̀ǎ m̀èn.d̀è
boyfriend	meji ayi mende (1,2)	m̀ē.ḍ̄ʒ̀i ā.j̀i m̀èn.d̀è
bracelet	ṅmkpa ganere (n.cl.?)	ṅm.k̀p̀à g̀à.ǹè.r̀è
brain	defóó (4)	d̀è.f̀ǒ
branch, stick	genɔ (7,8)	g̀è.ǹò
break (tr.)	kó	kó
break off (tr.)	dya	d̄̀à
breast	nembé (5,6)	nēm.b̀é
breastbone	gegoó ge ewome (7,8)	g̀è.g̀ǒ.g̀é ēẁòm̀è
breath	gefíré (7,8?)	g̀ē.f̀i.r̀é
breathe	gbé	ḡb̀é
bridge	okwɔ (8,6)	ò.k̀ẁó
bridge of the nose	mekóló nnywe (n.cl.?)	m̀ē.k̀ó.l̀ó ǹi.ǹẁè
bring	chwó	t̂ʃ̀ẁó
brook, stream	nnyí (n.cl.?)	ǹ.ñ̀i
broom (straws)	dentí (4)	d̀èn.t̀í
broth, sauce	mbya (n.cl.?)	m̀.ɓ̀ā
brother (her) , (his) sister	m̀enmo wu (1,2)	m̀èn.m̀ò ẁū

brother (or cousin)	meŋmo (1,2)	mèŋ.mò
brother (or sister), elder	muú kpa (1,2)	mũ k̄pà
	pl. akpa	a.k̄pà
brother-in-law	meŋmo (mendéwa) (1,2)	mèŋ.mò mèn.déwà
	(lit. "sibling of my wife")	
bubble up	kwome	k ^w ò.mè
buffalo	mfo (9,10?)	ŋ̄.fõ
build	be	bè
bundle (n)	neko (5,6)	nè.kò
burn (tr.)	sɔ	sò
burn, slight (n)	népo (5,6)	né.põ
burst	gbó	ḡbó
bury	ni	n ì
bush	mewaá (5,6)	mè.wǎ
bush-knife (knife)	esaá (3,4)	è.sǎ
butcher	méŋkwɔ menya (1,2)	méŋ.k ^w ɔ mɛ.ɲa
butterfly	ejagempúre (3,6)	ē.ḍzā.gēm.pú.rē
buttock	etu ula (3)	è.tù.là
buy	na	nà
calabash	géshwɔ (7,8)	gé.f ^w ɔ
calf of leg	echwírí (3,6)	ē.t̄f ^w í.rí
call (v)	kú	kú
cane (stick)	meto (5,6)	mē.tò
canoe	ékpée (3,6)	é.k̄pē
captive	memfwye (1,2)	mèm.f ^w jē
carry (child) on back	ma	mà
carry a child	kpa	k̄pà
carry away (carry and go)	kpá	k̄pá
carry in arms	kpá	k̄pá
carry on a pole	kpá	k̄pá
carry on head	kpá	k̄pá
cassava	gasála (n.cl.?)	ga.sá.la
cat	aŋwáa (1,2)	à.ŋ ^w á
	pl. bo aŋwáa	bò à.ŋ ^w á
catch (object)	pye	p ^j è
catch (person or animal)	pye (or) gbare	p ^j ē (or) ḡbà.ré
catfish	ésá meshuú (3,6)	é.sá mè.fũ
cattle pen	gebámé ge mpo (7,8)	gē.bá.mé gē m.põ
cave	ché (n.cl.?)	t̄f̄é
centipede	eno (3,6)	è.nò
chaff	gejwa (7,8)	gè.ḍz ^w à

chair	gɛlwɔ́ (7,8)	gēl.wɔ́
chameleon	dakakele (1,2)	dā.kā.kè.lè
	pl. bo dakakele	bò dā.kā.kè.le
charcoal	negile (5,6)	nè.gī.lē
chase	fwíné	fʷi.né
cheek	eta (3,6)	è.tā
chest	ewome (or) amba (n.cl.?)	è.wō.mē (or) àm.bà
chew	chwa	tʃʷà
chick	maá mekwɔ́ (9,10)	mǎ mē.kʷɔ́
chicken	mekwɔ́ (9,10)	mē.kʷɔ́
chief, headman	mfwya (1,2)	m̩.fʷjà
child	mamani (1,2)mà.mà.nī	
chin	ɲma (n.cl.?)	ɲ.mà
chisel (n)	getúu (7,8)	gè.tú
chop into pieces	gyá obɔ oba	gʲá ò.bò ò.bà
circle, ring	gɛpwɔ́lé (7,8)	gē.pʷɔ́.lé
clap (hands) (v)	byá	bʲá
clean, be	pópó	pó.pó
clear away (clear with machet)	tɔ́ (or) wá	tɔ́ (or) wá
climb, ascend	kwɔ́	kʷɔ́
clitoris	mɛsiri (n.cl.?)	mē.sĩ.rĩ
close	gbe	ḡbè
close (the eyes)	male ame	má.lā.mē
close fist	male ebwɔ́	mā.lē è.bʷɔ́
close the mouth	gbe meno	ḡbē mē.nò
cloth	ndeé (? ,6)	̀n.dě
	pl. mandeé	màn.dě
clothes, material	ndeé (? ,6)	̀n.dě
	pl. mandeé	màn.dě
cloud	gɛkó (7,8)	gè.kó
cockroach	mgbáge (1,8?)	m̩.ḡbá.gè
cocoyam, taro	mpa anyɔ́ (n.cl.?)	m̩.pà.pɔ́
come	chwɔ́	tʃʷɔ́
come (or go) out	táne	tá.nè
come from	táne	tá.nè
compound	dachi (n.cl.?)	dā.tʃi
conceive	gebé ji	gē.bé jĩ
	(lit. "her time")	
construct, put together	be	bè
contract, tighten (tr.)	selé	sè.lé
cook	tye	tʲè

cooking pot (clay pot)	meséé (5,6)	mè.sě
cooking stone	nta ne amantwo (5?,6)	n.ta ne a.man.t ^w o
cool off, become cold	kwené	k ^w è.né
copulate	nane	nà.nè
corpse	geŋkwo (7,8)	gèŋ.k ^w ó
cough (n)	gekwya (7)	gē.k ^{wj} à
cough (v)	kwya	k ^{wj} à
count (v)	pa	pà
courtyard	mbarafye (n.cl.?)	m̄.bà.rà.ḻē
cousin	meŋmo (1,2)	mèŋ.mò
cover	kwere	k ^w é.ré
cow	mpo (9,10)	m̄.pò
crab	negyá (5,6)	nè.g ^j á
create	kwyé	k ^{wj} é
cricket	dánchi (1,2)	dán.t̄ḻi
	pl. bo dánchi	bò dán.t̄ḻi
cripple (n)	mbwírí (n.cl.?)	m.b ^{wi} .rí
crippled, be	mbwíré	m̄.b ^{wi} .ré
crocodile	gébo (7,8)	gé.bò
cross (v)	chyá	t̄ḻá
crow	ŋkúmoó (9,10?)	ŋ.kú.mǎ
crowd	echomele (n.cl.?)	è.t̄ḻò.mè.lè
crown of the head	metoó mekpo (n.cl.?)	mè.tǎ mē.k̄pō
cry out	kálé	ká.lé
cry, weep	li	li
cultivate	kyá	k ^j á
cultivated ground	mekoó (5,6)	mè.kǎ
curve, bend (v) (tr.)	núlí	nú.lí
cut (tr.)	só	só
cut down	ke	kè
cut hair	chye menjwe	t̄ḻè mèn.d̄z ^w è
cut up, flay, slaughter	kwo	k ^w ò
dance (n)	mabeé (6a?)	mà.bě
dance (v)	bé	bé
daughter	maá mendé (1,2)	mǎ mèn.dé
daughter-in-law	maá mendé wa (1,2)	mǎ mèn.dé wa
day; daytime	bií (8)	bí
dead man	geŋkwo ge muú (7,8)	gèŋ.k ^w ó ge mǔ
dead, be	gbó	ḡbó
deaf man	mbú (1,2)	m.bú
deaf mute	mbú (1,2)	m.bú

deaf, be	mbu	m̄.bū
death	negbo (n.cl.?)	nè.ḡbò
debt	ojwó (8,6)	ò.ḍ̄z̄ ^w ó
decide	jóó	ḍ̄z̄ó
deep, be	gégomé	gé.gò.mé
defecate	jí	ḍ̄z̄í
deny	shya	ʃà
descend, go down	shulé	ʃù.lé
descendant, grand-child	mpyane (1?,8?)	m̄.p'á.nē
	pl. opyane	ō.p'á.nē
destroy, spoil	cho	t̄ʃò
dew	dembelé (4)	dèm.bè.lé
die	gbó	ḡbó
difficult, be	jwéregé	ḍ̄z̄ ^w é.rē.gé
dig	cho	t̄ʃò
dig up (yams)	go onye	gò ò.pè
dirt	deba (4)	dè.bà
disappear	seé	sě
district, province, country	meló (5,6)	mè.lò
divide	káré	ká.ré
doctor	mempyε mame (1,2)	mēm.p'è mà.mē
dog	maámyε (9,10)	mǎ.m'è
domesticate, tame	gi	gī
door	neku (n.cl.?) (or) menómbi (5,6)	nè.kù (or) mē.nóm.bī
doorway	menómbi (5,6)	mē.nóm.bī
down	mme	m̄.mè
drag	shu	ʃù
draw	sá	sá
drink	nyú	nyú
drive away (chase)	bú	bú
drop, fall (intr.)	kwe	k ^w è
drum (large dancing drum)	genyu (7,8)	ge.nu
drunk, be	mmóó mápye ji	m.mǒ má.p'è ḍ̄z̄í
	(lit. "wine catches him")	
drunk, become	mmóó mápye ji	m.mǒ má.p'è ḍ̄z̄í
dry (tr.)	pà	pà
dry season	genóme (7,8)	gè.nó.mè
duck	mekwale (9,10)	mè.k ^w à.lē
dumb, be	mbu	m̄.bū
dust	mpúmpú (n.cl.?)	m.púm.pú
eagle	nenyá (5,6) ne.ná	

ear	etu (3,6)	ē.tù
eat	nyé	ɲé
eel (electric eel)	gelere (7,8)	gè.lē.rē
egg (chicken egg)	nekwanchi (5,6)	nè.k ^w àn.t̃fi
elbow	néŋó (5,6)	né.ŋó
elder	muú kpa (1,2)	mũ k̄pà
elephant	meshu (9,10)	mè.fù
elephantiasis	oba (8)	ò.bā
embers	genjenjele mewe (7,8)	gèn.ḍʒèn.ḍʒē.lē mè.wē
enclosure	gébámé (7,8)	gé.bá.mé
enemy	muú máwáme (1,2)	mũ má.wá.mè
enough	ekwáné	ē.k ^w á.né
entrance hut	meno embu (n.cl.?)	mè.nō èm.bū
evening	ŋkwale (n.cl.?)	ŋ.k ^w a.le
evil	gabogabo	gà.bò.gà.bò
excrement	debi (4)	dē.bí
extract a thorn	fere	fē.rè
eye	dambonyi (n.cl.?) (or) eme (3,2?)	dàm.bò.ɲí
	pl. ame	a.me
eyelash	bya ame (n.cl.?)	b'á àmè
eyelid	gekwale eme (7,8)	gè.k ^w à.lè è.mè
face	ushu (8)	ùfù
faint	shyene	ʃè.nè
fame (respect, honor)	énógé (3)	é.nó.gé
family	ula gepu (8)	ù.lā gè.pū
fan (v)	fu	fū
farm (n)	mekwó (5,6)	mè.kǒ
farmer	mempye makwó (1,2)	mēm.pjè mà.kǒ
fasten	wé	wé
fat (of animals)	mafa (6a)	mà.fā
father	nte (1,2)	̀n.tè
	pl. bo nte	bò ̀n.tè
father, your	nte wye (1,2)	̀n.tè wjè
father-in-law	nte mendé wa (1,2)	̀n.tè
	(lit. "father of my wife")	
father's brother	menmo nte (1,2)	mèn.mò ̀n.tè
fatigue	mpwya (n.cl.?)	m̃.p ^{wj} à
fatness	uŋéa (8)	ù.ŋé.à
fear (n)	efó (3)	è.fó
fear, flee (v)	efó ekwó	è.fó è.k ^w ó
	(lit. "fear climbed")	
feather	jya (n.cl.?)	ḍʒ'jà

	pl. bya	b'á
feed (animals)	she menye	ʃè mè.jē
feel	wu	wù
fellow-wife	mbo (1,2)	m.bò
female	megyɛ (1,2)	mè.gʲɛ
female genitals	menɔ́ (5,6)	mē.nɔ́
female slave	memfwye mendé (1,2)	mèm.f ^{wj} è mèn.dé
fence	gébámé (7,8)	gé.bá.mé
fetus	maá mmu une (1,2)	mǎ m̀. mù ù.nè
fever (not malaria)	gefwine (7)	gē.f ^w i.nè
fight (n)	mye (n.cl.?)	mʲè
filter (v)	sale	sā.lē
find	kélé	ké.lé
finger	enɔ́ ɛbwɔ́ (3,4)	è.nò ē.b ^{wɔ}
fingernail	neɲaɲane (5,6)	nè.ɲà.ɲà.nè
finish	néré	né.ré
finished, become	néré	né.ré
fire	mewe (5,6)	mè.wē
fireplace	emantwɔ́ (3,2?)	ē.mān.t ^{wɔ}
firewood	eweé (3,4)	e.wě
firstborn	maá mbe (1,2)	mǎ m̀. bē
fish	meshuú (9,10)	mè.ʃü
fish (v)	wá meshuú	wá mè.ʃü
fisherman	meɲwane meshuú (1,2)	méɲ.wà.né mè.ʃü
fishhook	ékúná (3,?)	é.kú.ná
fishing line	maánɔ́ (n.cl.?)	mǎ.nò
fishing net	mbúnjá (n.cl.?)	m̀. bún.ḍʒá
fist	gekwekwé (7,8)	gè.k ^w é.k ^w é
fix	kwyage	k ^{wj} à.gè
flat rock	etáravé (3,6)	è.tá.rá.vé
flesh (body,skin)	menyammye (n.cl.?)	mè.ɲà.mʲè
floor	metɔ́ gepú (n.cl.?)	mè.tɔ́ gè.pú
flower	okoó (8)	o.kó
flute	mbya (n.cl.?)	m̀. b'á
fly (n.)	gejenchi (7,8)	ge.ḍʒen.tʃi
fly (v)	lyene	ʃè.nè
follow	kwólé	k ^{wɔ} .lé
food	menye (n.cl.?)	mè.jè
foot	nejya (5,6)	nè.ḍʒ'á
footstep	nejya (5,6)	nè.ḍʒ'á
forearm	gelo ge ɛbwɔ́ (7,8)	ge.lo.ge ɛ.b ^{wɔ}

forehead	nempwye (5,6)	nèm.p ^{wj} è
forest	gebwí (7)	gè.b ^{wi}
forget	jí nte	ḍzì ò.tè
fork (in road etc.)	mati ápéa (6)	mà.fí á.pé.ā
	(lit. "two roads")	
fowl	mekwo (9,10)	mē.k ^w ō
friend	mejí (1,2)	mē.jí
frog	nénsá (5,6)	né.nsó
front	mbe	mè.bè
fruit (fruit of a tree)	gempome (7,8)	gèm.pō.mē
fry	chyá t̃p̃á	
gall	nchye (n.cl.?)	ñ.t̃p̃è
gather	nwere	ñ.wè.rè
gather (fruit)	kyé	k ^j é
gecko (wall gecko)	mete gepú (5,6)	mè.tè gè.pú
germinate	chií	t̃j̃í
get	bó	bó
gift	echye (3,6)	è.t̃p̃è
girl	maá mendé (1,2)	mǎ mèn.dé
girlfriend	meji ayi mendé (1,2)	mē.ḍzì ā.jì mèn.dé
give	chyeé	t̃p̃è
give as present	chyeé	t̃p̃è
go	jye (or) chó	ḍz̃ ^j è (or) t̃j̃ó
go away	jye(me)	ḍz̃ ^j è me
go back, return (receed)	wilé (or) kwóné	wí.lé (or) k ^w ó.né
go from x to y (go places)	tane x jye y	tà.nè ... ḍz̃ ^j è ...
go home from work	tyá oto	t ^j á ò.tō
go in	kpe	k̃pè
go round	gyá	g ^j á
go straight; steer	chó	t̃j̃ó
goat	ḡḡme (9,10)	ḡ.ḡmè
god	melo uka (n.cl.?)	mè.lò ù.kà
God	Esowo (n.cl.?)	è.sō.wō
good, be	ló	ló
goodbye, say; take leave of	lyá	l ^j á
grandchild	maá ayi maá wa (1,2)	mǎ ā.jì mǎ wà
	(lit. "child of my child")	
grand-daughter	maá mendé ayi maá wa (1,2)	mǎ mèn.dé ā.jì mǎ wà
grandfather	nte nte wa (1,2)	ñ.tè ò.tè wà
	(lit. "father of my father")	
grand-mother	mmá mmá wa (1,2)	m.má m.má wà
grandson	maá mende ayi maá wa (1,2)	mǎ mèn.dè ā.jì mǎ wà

grasp, hold in arm	gbaré	gbá.ré
grass	bya (n.cl.?)	b'á
grasshopper	mpampale (1,8?)	m̄.pám.pà.lè
grave	menome (5,6)	mē.nò.mē
greet	tamé	tà.mé
grey hair	debuú (4)	dè.bũ
grind	kwó	kʷó
grinding stone	ntea ne ŋkale (5,6)	n.te.a ne ŋ.ka.le
ground	mme (n.cl.?)	m̄.mè
groundnut	njikísí (n.cl.?)	n.ḍ̄zi.kí.sí
guest	mēŋkée (1,2)	mēŋ.kē
guinea fowl	géchálé (7,8)	gé.tʃá.lé
gun	mewe (5,6)	mè.wè
hair (of head)	ménjwe (n.cl.?)	mén.ḍ̄zʷē
hair on body	bya mmye (n.cl.?)	b'á m̄.m'è
hamper (n)	meke (5,6)	mē.kè
hand	ebwɔ (3,2?)	è.bʷɔ
	pl. amɔ	à.mò
handle	ebwɔ (3,2?)	è.bʷɔ
hang up	ŋma	ŋ.mà
harvest (maize) (v)	kɔ nchi	kò ñ.tʃi
harvest (rice) (v)	sɔ erisi	sò ē.rí.sí
hat	ela (3,4)	è.là
have	wya	w'á
have diarrhea	wya mesare	w'á mè.sā.rē
hawk	ewu (3,4)	è.wū
he	jí	ḍ̄zi
he, him, she, her	jí	ḍ̄zi
head	mekpo (5,6)	mē.kpò
headpad	megya (5,6)	mē.g'á
healthy person	muú alu chancha (1,2)	mũ a.lu tʃán.tʃá
heap (n)	néntwée (5,6)	nén.tʷē
heap up	kwí	kʷí
hear	wú	wú
heart	metɔ́ (n.cl.?)	mè.tɔ́
heavy, be	genɔ́	gè.nò
heel	genje ge nejya (7,8)	gèn.ḍ̄zē.gē nè.ḍ̄z'á
he-goat	menɔ ŋme (9,10)	mè.nò ñ.ŋmè
help (support, help, alleviate)	pó	pó
hen/cock	mekwɔ (9,10)	mē.kʷɔ
herd (goats) (v)	bámé ŋme	bá.mé ñ.ŋmè

here	fa	fā
hernia	geté (7,8)	gè.té
hiccuph (n)	ansense (n.cl.?)	àn.sèn.sè
hide (intr.)	bí	bí
hill	mékwée (5,6)	mé.k ^w ê
him, her	jí	ǰǰi
hip	eso (3,4)	è.sò
hippo	meshu nnyi (9,10)	mè.fù ñ.jǐ
his father	nte wu (1,2)	ñ.tè wù
his mother	mmá wu (1,2)	m.má wù
hit, beat, (with stick/spear)	do	dò
hoe	géká (7,8)	gé.ká
hoe, big	géká (7,8)	gé.ká
hog	mekwende (9,10)	mē.k ^w èn.dè
hold	gbáré	ǰbá.ré
hole	mbu/embu (3,2?)	m̀.̀bù
	ambu	àm.̀bù
honey	nywóó	ɲ ^w ó
hoof	gépéré (7,8)	gé.pé.ré
hook (n)	daṅkware (n.cl.?)	dàŋ.k ^w ā.rè
horns	embya (3,2?)	ēm.b'̀à
	pl. ambya	am.b'̀à
horse	gejuṅa (7,8)	ge.ǰǰu.ŋa
host (n)	ménané épa (n.cl.?)	mé.nā.né é.pà
hot, be (of person)	só	só
house	gepú (7,8)	gè.pú
how?	nno	ñ.nò
hunch (of hunchback)	gékó (7,8)	gé.kó
hunchback	muú awya gekó (1,2)	mũ à.w'̀à gè.kò
hunger (n)	mesa (5?)	mē.sā
hungry, be	mesa amye me	mè.sà à.m'̀è mè
	(lit. "hunger fights/pains me")	
hunter	muú gentómé (1,2)	mũ gēn.tó.mé
hunting	gentómé (7)	gēn.tó.mé
hurt (n) (a sore)	gépa (7,8)	gé.pà
hurt oneself	tu gemea	tù gè.mè.ā
husband	méno (1,2)	mé.nò
husk (corn) (v)	ṅane nchi	ŋā.nē ñ.tǰi
hut	kéto (7,8)	ké.tò
I	mε	mε
if	mbogé	m̀.̀bò.gé

ill, be	meé	mě
illness	nemeé (5,6)	nè.mě
important person	muú kpa (1,2)	mũ kpà
impotent, sterile	women: meŋkwo	měj.k ^w ó
	men: gebwye gbogbo	ge.b ^{wj} e ḡbo.ḡbo
in (inside)	mmu	m̄.mù
incisions, make (facial); tattoo	kere	kè.rè
inhabitant, person of	muú melo (1,2)	mũ mē.lō
inheritance	geteé (7)	gè.tě
insect	maá menya (1,2?)	mǎ mē.jà
intestinal worm	meno damole (n.cl.?)	mè.nò dà.mō.lē
intestines	mbu une (3,2?)	m̄.bù ù.nè
invite; assemble (people)	ne	nè
jaw	eta (3,6)	è.tā
jaw (bone)	geyo (7,8)	gè.jō
joint	geféré (7,8)	gē.fé.ré
journey (n)	neke (5,6)	nē.kè
jump (v)	nywe	ɲ ^w è
keep, put away	bélé	bé.lé
kidney	ambi (n.cl.?)	ām.bĩ
kill	wá	wá
king	mfwya (1,2)	ɲ̄.f ^{wj} à
kitchen	gepu ge menye metyege (7,8)	gè.pú gè mè.jè mè.ɸ̄ē.gè
knead	nwa	nwà
knee	nénú (5,6)	né.nú
knife	nga (n.cl.?)	ŋ̄.gà
knot	gelére (7,8)	gē.lé.rē
know (something or someone)	ka	kà
knowledge	defóo (4)	dè.fō
ladder	uló (8)	ù.ló
ladle	ekwya (3,4)	è.k ^{wj} ā
lame, be	mbwíré	m̄.b ^{wi} .ré
lamp	étúká (3,6)	é.tú.ká
lance (spear) (n)	neko (5,6)	nè.kò
language	mejós (5,6)	mè.ḍ̄j̄ó
large number (many)	doó	dō
laugh (v)	jwa	ḍ̄j̄ ^w à
law	ebé (3,6)	è.bé
leaf	jya (n.cl.?)	ḍ̄j̄ ^j à
	pl. hovya	hō.v ^j à
learn	gyi	g ^j ĩ

leave (place)	lya	ɸà
leave (something somewhere)	lya	ɸà
left (dir.)	ɛbwɔ ɛbe	ɛ.b ^w ɔ.bé
left hand	ɛbwɔ ɛbe (3,?)	ɛ.b ^w ɔ.bè
leg	jɔ	ḍɔ̄
lend	p ^w ɔ	p ^w ɔ
leopard	mekwála (5,8?)	mè.k ^w á.là
	pl. okwála	ò.k ^w á.là
leprosy	oba (8)	ò.bā
letter	meko mejɔ (5,6)	mè.kō mē.ḍɔ̄
lick	laré	lā.ré
lie (v) (tell lies)	byó	b'ó
lie down	bélé	bé.lé
life	geɲwá (7)	geɲ.wá
lift	bwye	b ^{wj} ē
light	mewe (5,6)	mè.wè
light (v) (kindle a fire)	lwe	l ^w ē
lion	genyányá (7,8)	gè.ná.ná
lip	gebo ge meno (7,8)	gè.bò gè mè.nò
little, be	ekéké	è.ké.ké
liver	oki (8,6)	ō.kī
lizard	gédó (7,8)	gé.dó
load (n)	metúu (5,6)	mè.tú
load (v)	fye matuú	f'è mà.tũ
load on head	bwye	b ^{wj} ē
loincloth	ndeé (5?,6)	n.dě
look	pɛ	pè
look at	pɛ	pè
look for	kélé	ké.lé
louse	ɲmeji (9,10)	ɲ.mē.jī
lower (v)	súlé	sú.lé
lung	bɔrafole (n.cl.?)	bò.rà.fō.lè
maize	nchi (n.cl.?)	ñ.tʃī
make	pye	p'è
malaria (fever)	meno gefwine (7)	mè.nò ge.f ^{wi} .ne
	(or) nemeé ne mekwɔ meso (5)	ne.mè nè mè.kò.lò mè.sò
male	meno (1,2)	mē.nò
male slave	mende memfwye (1,2)	mèn.dè mèm.f ^{wj} è
mantis	ejalema (3,6)	ē.ḍɔ̄.lē.mā
many	ḍɔ́	ḍɔ̄
market (n)	gese (7,8)	gè.sè

marriage	neba (5,6)	nè.bà
marry	ba	bà
master	átá (1,2)	á.tá
mat	gebo (7,8)	gè.bò
me	me	me
mead (beer, white man mimbu)	mmóó mekálá (6a)	m̄.m̄ m̄.ká.lá
measure (v)	mé	mé
meat	menya (n.cl)	mè.jà
medicine	oka (8)	ò.kā
medicine man	mempye máka (1,2)	mēm.p'è má.kā
meet	tuú	tũ
melon	esa (3,?)	è.sà
mend; repair	kwyage	k ^{wj} à.gè
messenger	ekyéne (3,6)	ē.k'è.né
metal pot	meséé (5,6)	mē.sě
midwife	menene maá (1,2)	mè.nē.nē mǎ
millipede	gekwale (7,8)	gè.k ^w ā.lē
mix (v)	chware	tʃ ^w à.rè
molar tooth	néjáne (5,6)	né.ɲá.né
money	ɲka (n.cl.?)	ɲ.kà
monitor lizard (rainbow lizard)	akámba (1,2)	a.kám.ba
	pl. bo akámba	bā.kám.ba
monkey	mese (9,10)	mè.sè
month	mfaá (n.cl.?)	ɲ̄.fǎ
moon	mfa (n.cl.?)	ɲ̄.fà
morning	dondo (n.cl.?)	dòn.dò
mortar	gékú (7,8)	gé.kú
mosquito	ɛɲkpe (3,4)	ēɲ.kpè
mother	mmá (1,2)	m̄.má
mother, your	mmá wye (1,2)	m̄.má w'jè
mother-in-law	mmá mendé wa (1,2)	m̄.má mèn.dé wà
mother's brother (or sister)	meɲmo mmá (1,2)	mèɲ.mō m̄.má
mother's sister (or brother)	meɲmo mmá (1,2)	mèɲ.mō m̄.má
mould (n)	géfo (7)	gé.fò
mouse	ɛfi mbo (3,?)	ɛ.fi m.bo
mouth	meno (5,6)	mè.nò
mudfish	menɔ meshuú (9,10)	mè.nò mè.fũ
muscle	debirí (4)	dè.bí.rí
mushroom	bwya (n.cl.?)	b ^{wj} à
mutilated, be	gegbógbó ge (ɛbwɔ)	gē.ḡbó.ḡbó ge
my father	n̄te wa (1,2)	ñ.tè wà

my mother	mmá wa (1,2)	mè.má wà
nail (n)	mpi (n.cl.?)	mè.pì
naked	gejɔgene	ge.ḍʒo.ge.ne
name	mábo (n.cl.?)	má.bò
namesake	mémbo (n.cl.?)	mém.bò
nape of neck	meso game (n.cl.?)	mè.sò gè.mè
nasal mucus	bwone (n.cl.?)	bʷò.nè
nausea	metɔ́ enywarege (lit. "heart climbs")	mè.tɔ́ è.ɲʷà.rè.gè
navel	negɔ (5,6)	nè.gɔ
neck	game (7,8)	gè.mè
needle	ága (n.cl.?)	á.ga
nephew (child of my sibling)	maá meɲmo wa (1,2)	mǎ mèɲ.mò wà
net	mbúnjá (n.cl.?)	mè.bún.ḍʒá
new moon	mfa meke (n.cl.?)	ɲ̄.fà mē.kē
news	make (6a)	mà.kè
niece (child of my sibling)	maá meɲmo wa (1,2)	mǎ mèɲ.mò wà
night	otuú (8)	ò.tú
no	é'é	é?é
noon	metɔ́ maɲwomésé (n.cl.?)	mè.tɔ́ màɲ.wò.mé.sé
nose	nnywe (5,6)	n.ɲʷè
now	nana	nà.nà
offspring	mpyane (1?,8) pl. opyane	m̄.p'á.nē ō.p'á.nē
oil	maweé (6a)	mà.wě
okra	gëshúlí (7,8)	gé.fú.lí
old man	meko mende (1,2)	mè.kò mèn.dè
old woman	meko mendé (1,2)	mè.kò mèn.dé
old, be (not new)	gekwéne	gè.kʷé.nè
on (top)	mfaá	m̄.fá
onion	elu (3,?)	è.lù
open (set ajar) (as a door)	néné	né.né.
open place	gbɔgenɔ	ḡbɔ.gē.nɔ
open the mouth	nene meno	nè.nē mē.nò
orange	sókoro (n.cl.?)	só.ko.ro
orphan	maá gelame (1,2)	mǎ gè.lā.mē
outside	mbarafye (n.cl.?)	m̄.bà.rà.ḡē
owl	getúle (7,8)	gē.tú.lē
owner	mbɔ́ (1,2)	m̄.bɔ́
paddle (n)	nsɔɲ (9,10)	̀n.sɔɲ
pain (n)	gemyéé (7)	gē.m'ě

palate	gela (7,8)	gè.lā
palm branch	gewo (7,8)	gē.wò
palm of hand	neka ne ebwo (5,6)	ne.ka.ne.ε.b ^w o
palm oil	mawéé gendea (6a)	ma.wě gèn.dè.à
palm-tree	gendea (7,8)	gén.dè.à
palm-wine	mmoó gendea (6a)	m̄.mǒ gèn.dè.à
palpitate	metoó ekwene wawa (lit. "heart falls quickly")	mè.tǒ è.k ^w è.nè wà.wà
pangolin (scaly anteater)	mejyé (1,2)	mē.ḍǒ ^j é
parrot	dánfya (n.cl.?)	dán.ḥā
pass (intr.)	koó	kǒ
pass (tr.)	té	té
pasture	mba mpò enye (n.cl.?)	m.ba m.pò ε.ɲe
pay attention, take care	chere	tʃɛ.rè
peck (tr.)	chwé	tʃ ^w é
peel (v)	ḡáné	ḡá.né
penis	genyi (7,8)	gè.ɲí
pepper	ḡkale (n.cl.?)	ḡ.kà.lè
person	muú (1,2)	mǔ
	pl. bǒó	bǒ
pestle	nchó (n.cl.?)	ḡ.tʃó
phlegm	gekwya (7)	gè.k ^{wj} à
pick (fruit)	sò	sò
pick up	bó	bó
piece	melo	mè.lò
pierce	jo (or) ti	ḍǒ (or) t̄i
pig	mekwende (9,10)	mē.k ^w èn.dè
pimple	nento (5,6)	nèn.tǒ
pineapple	nela (5,6)	nè.là
pipe-stem	asíkò (n.cl.?)	ā.sí.kǒ
place (n)	melo (5,6)	mè.lò
place for eating	melo manye menye (5,6)	mē.lo ma.ɲe mē.ɲe
place of the dead	manómé bǒó (n.cl.?)	mà.nó.mé bǒ
plait (v)	tò	tò
plank (n)	geno (7,8)	gè.nò
plant (v)	pè	pè
plantain	gékwa (7,8)	gé.k ^w á
plate	aḡkpaḡkpa (1,2)	àḡ.kpāḡ.kpā
	pl. bǒ aḡkpaḡkpa	bǒ àḡ.kpāḡ.kpā
platform	gelále (7,8)	gē.lá.lē
play (v) (do jokes)	pyé metú	p ^j é me.tú

pluck (chicken)	jya	ḍʒà
pocket	géba ŋku (7,8)	gé.bà ŋ.ku
poison (n)	oka obo obo (8)	ò.kā ò.bō ò.bō
polish	waá	wǎ
poor man	muú gekpo (1,2)	mũ gè.kpò
porcupine	mmyuú (9,10)	m.m'ũ
pot (for water)	meseé manaá (5,6)	me.sě ma.nǎ
pound	pya (or) cho	p'á (or) tʃò
pour	fáne	fá.nē
poverty	gekpo (7)	gè.kpò
praise, sing	feé	fě
pray	nemye	nè.m'è
pregnancy	akpa une	à.kpà ù.nè
	(lit. "she carries a stomach")	
pregnant, be	kpa une	kpà ù.nè
	(lit. "carry a stomach")	
press (v)	ŋmeré	ŋ.mè.ré
principal wife	mendé ayi mbe (1,2)	mèn.dé ā.jĩ m.bē
prisoner	muú deno (1,2)	mũ dè.nò
proverb	neka (5,6)	nè.kà
pubic hair	bya mbe (n.cl.?)	b'á m.bē
pull	ja	ḍʒà
pull out	jú	ḍʒú
punish	fwalé	f'wà.lé
pupil of eye	maá dambonyi (n.cl.?)	mǎ dàm.bò.jĩ
purchase food	na menye	na me.je
pus	defíí (4)	dè.f'ĩ
push	pélé (or) mu	pé.lé (or) mù
put a pot on the fire	tene meseé	tè.nè mè.sě
put away, store	bélé	bé.lé
put down	bélé	bé.lé
put x on y	bélé mfa	bé.lé m.fà
put, place, set	fye	f'è
quarrel	mawámé (n.cl.?)	mà.wá.mé
rabbit	menya otuú melo (n.cl.?)	mè.jā ò.tù mē.lò
rag	nchale ndeé (n.cl.?)	ñ.tʃā.lē ñ.dě
rain	manaá (6a)	mà.nǎ
rain, drizzle	denkare manaá (6a)	dèn.kā.rē mà.nǎ
rainy season	nshwone (n.cl.?)	ñ.ʃ'wò.né
ram	nenkwa nenŋme (9,10)	nen.k'wā nen.ŋme
rat	menya otuú (n.cl.?)	mè.jā ò.tu
razor	gebagenba (7,8)	gè.bà.gēŋ.bà

read	ku (or) pa	kù (or) pà
really	wáwálé	wá.wá.lé
receive	se	sè
red, be	gelé	gè.lé
red, make	gelé	gè.lé
reed	ɲkó (n.cl.?)	ɲ.kó
refuse	shya	ʃà
relative	méɲme (1,2)	méɲ.mē
relative by marriage	méníá (1,2)	mé.ní.à
remain	la	là
remember	te	tè
resemble (in appearance)	fú	fú
rest (v)	gbé mye	ḡbé mʲē
return (give back) (tr)	shu (or) kere	ʃu (or) kè.rè
rib	maá membyá (n.cl.?)	mǎ mēm.bʲá
rice	erísí (n.cl.?)	ɛ.rí.sí
rich man	muú ɲka (1,2)	mũ ɲ.kà
right (direction)	ebwɔ nye	è.bʷɔ.ɲè
right (hand)	ebwɔ nye (3)	è.bʷɔ.ɲè
ring	ɲmkpa ganere (n.cl.?)	ɲm.kpà gà.nè.rè
ringworm	ɲkpe (n.cl.?)	ɲ.kpē
ripe, become	gelé	gè.lé
rise up (intr.)	kwele	kʷē.lè
river	ebeé (3,6)	è.bě
river bank	mbale nnyi (n.cl.?)	m̄.bā.lē ñ.ɲí
road (path)	meti (5,6)	mē.tí
roar	(ge)nyá	gè.ɲá
roast (v)	wɔ	wɔ
rock	nebé (5,6)	nē.bé
roof	aɲkpaɲkpa (1,2)	àɲ.kpāɲ.kpā
	pl. bɔ aɲkpaɲkpa	bɔ àɲ.kpāɲ.kpā
room	maá gepu (7,8)	mǎ gè.pū
rooster (cock)	menɔ mekwɔ (9,10)	m̄.nɔ mē.kʷɔ
root	meka (5,6)	mē.kà
rope	ɲkwe (n.cl.?)	ɲ.kʷē
rub	wa	wà
rub between the fingers	ti	tí
rubber	nda (n.cl.?)	ñ.dà
rubbish	gejwa (7,8)	gè.ḡʒʷā
run	bó gatélé	bó gà.tē.lé
run away	bó chó	bó tʃó

saliva	matye (6a)	ma.tʃe
salt	mega (6a)	mē.gā
salt (v)	fyε mega	fʃē mè.gā
sand	gesó (7,8)	gē.só
sand, coarse; gravel	gesó (7,8)	gē.só
sand, fine	gesó (7,8)	gē.só
saw (wood) (v)	gyá	gʲá
say	ke	ke
scar (n)	népo (5,6)	né.pō
scatter (intr.)	tyáke	tʃá.kē
scatter (tr.)	tyá	tʃá
scrape	su	sù
scrape, pick off	su	sù
scratch	ɲya	ɲʲà
seated, be	jwɔle	ḍʒʷɔ.lē
see	ge	gè
seed	mbeé (n.cl.?)	m̄.bě
	pl. ame	à.mè
seize	fɔ́	fɔ́
sell	kpó	ḱpó
semen	ande gejya (n.cl.?)	àn.dè gè.ḍʒʲá
send	tɔ	tò
send away (chase)	bú	bú
servant	mɛŋgba (1,2)	mènɲ.gbà
serve (share, distribute)	káré	ká.ré
sew	jo	ḍʒò
shadow	mendo (5,6)	men.do
shake (tr.)	fu	fù
sharpen (as a knife)	wáne	wá.nē
sharpen (bring to a point)	chwya'	tʃʷʲá
shave (v)	kpálé	ḱpá.lé
she, he	jí	ḍʒí
sheep	εgɔŋŋme (n.cl.?)	ε.gɔŋ.ŋme
shelter (n)	gébámé (7,8)	gé.bá.mé
shin	εpwyε (3,4)	è.pʷʲè
shiver	wíré	wí.ré
shoe	genu geka (7,8)	gè.nū gè.kā
shoot	tó	tó
shoot a gun	ɲme	ɲ.mè
short, be	mboó	m̄.bǒ
short, become	mboó	m̄.bǒ

shorten	só	só
shoulder	neŋkɔ (5,6)	nèŋ.kɔ
shoulderblade	gefafa ebwɔ (7,8)	ge.fa.fa e.b ^{wɔ}
shout (v)	chwa	tʃ ^w à
show	lere	le.re
show teeth	léré mánǎǎ	lé.re má.ŋá.ŋé
shut (tr.)	gbé	gbé
sibling (sibling or relative)	meŋmo (1,2)	mèŋ.mò
sick	meé	mě
sick person	muú neme (1,2)	mũ nè.mè
side of body	egbé menyammye (3,?)	e.gbé mè.ɲà.m'è
sieve (v) (sift)	sale	sā.lē
sing	kwá	k ^w á
sink	ke	kè
sister	meŋmo ayi mendé (1,2)	mèŋ.mò a.ji mèn.dé
sister, elder (or brother)	muú kpa (1,2)	mũ kpà
sister, younger (or brother)	meso (1,2)	mè.sò
sister-in-law	meŋmo (mendéwa) (1,2) (lit. "sibling of my wife")	mèŋ.mò mèn.déwà
sit	jwɔle	dʒ ^w ɔ.lè
skeleton (lit. "bones")	ogoó (8)	ò.gó
skin (animal), used for. . .	mekɔ menya (5,6)	mè.kɔ mè.ɲā
skin (fruit)	mekɔ (5,6)	mè.kò
skin (of man)	menyammye (n.cl.?)	mè.ɲà.m'è
skin (v), take off skin	su	sù
skull	geŋkɔkɔ mekpo (7,8)	gèŋ.kɔ.kɔ mē.kpò
sky	mfá nebuú (n.cl.?)	m̄.fá nè.bũ
slaughter	kwɔ	k ^w ɔ
slave	memfwye (1,2)	mèm.f ^{wj} è
sleep (n)	gejya (7,8) pl. újyá	ge.dʒ ^j a
sleep (v)	béle	bé.lè
sleeping place	melo bele	mè.lò bè.lè
small of back	meso gebwye (n.cl.?)	mè.sò gè.b ^{wj} è
small, be	kó	kó
smallpox (chickenpox)	gebeá (7,8)	gè.bè.á
smell (n)	gébe (7,8)	gé.bē
smell (v)	wu gébe	wù gé.bē
smoke	ama awe (n.cl.?)	ā.mā.wè
snake	mmyɔ (9,10)	m̄.m'jò
snake, poisonous	getɔɔ (7,8)	ge.tô

sneeze (v)	chi	tʃ̄ i
snore	kwanɛgɛ	kʷā.nē.gē
soft, be	piri piri	p̄i.r̄i.p̄i.r̄i
soldier	muú be (1,2)	mũ bè
	pl. boó be	bõ bè
sole	nejane geka (5,6)	nē.ḍ̄z̄ā.né gē.kā
son	maá mende (1,2)	mǎ mèn.dè
son/daughter	maá (1,2)	mǎ
song	ekwa (3,6)	è.kʷà
son-in-law	maá mende (1,2)	mǎ mèn.dè
soot	ama awe (n.cl.?)	a.ma a.we
sore (n)	gépa (7,8)	gé.pà
sound (n)	meko (5,6)	mē.kò
soup	mbya (6a?)	n̄.b'à
sow	pɛ	pè
speak	jó	ḍ̄z̄ó
spider	éna (3,6)	é.nà
spider's web	ndandamé (1,2)	n̄.dàn.dà.mé
	pl. bo ndandamé	bo n̄.dàn.dà.mé
spill	gbele	ḡb̄è.lè
spirit	mendó (5,6)	men.dó
spit (v)	kpo	k̄pò
splinter; sliver (n)	eshwore (3,6)	è.ʃʷɔ.rè
split (intr.)	tyá	t̄iá
split (tr.)	gyá	g'íá
spoil (food) (intr.)	cho	t̄ʃ̄ɔ
spoon	ekwya (3,4)	è.kʷjā
squeeze	ɲáme	ɲá.mè
squirrel	egíí (3,4)	e.gĩ
stake, tree	genɔ (7,8)	gè.nò
stand	téne	té.nè
star	membe (5,6)	mèm.bè
steal	jó	ḍ̄z̄ó
sterile person (spec. a man or an animal)	mpé muú (1,2)	m̄.pé mũ
stick (v) (intr.)	ma	mà
stir	búlé	bú.lé
stomach	une (8,6)	u.ne
stone	ntá (5,6)	n̄.tá
stool	gelwɔ (7,8)	gèl.wɔ
story (tale)	ekamewɔ (3,6)	è.kà.mè.wɔ
strain (sift)	sale	sā.lē

stranger	ménke (1,2)	mén.kē
strap (n)	ngba	ŋ.g̃bā
strength	oto (8,6)	ò.tō
string (n)	ambya (n.cl.?)	am.b'á
stupid person	muú okéŋkéné (1,2)	mũ ò.kéŋ.ké.né
suck	nyú	nyú
suffer	ge gefwyale (lit. "see suffering")	gè gè.f ^{wj} ā.lē
sugar cane	gesosome (7,8)	gè.sō.sōmè
sun	ŋŋmeé (9)	ŋ.ŋmē
sunrise	ŋŋmeé ékwo (lit. "sun climbs")	ŋ.ŋmē é.k ^{wɔ}
sunset	ŋŋmeé éshule	ŋ.ŋmē é.fù.lè
swallow (v)	mε	mè
sweep	shwa	ʃ ^w à
sweet potato	gejyaálo (7,8)	gè.ḍʒ'á.lò
swell (v intr.)	mwya	m ^{wj} à
swelling	gemwya (7)	gē.m ^{wj} à
swim	wó	wó
sword	ékéle (3,?)	é.ké.lè
tail	mεgye (5,6)	mè.g ^j è
take	bó	bó
take away	féré	fé.ré
take from cooking fire	féré ne mewe	fé.ré nè mè.wē
take out (from container)	fére	fé.re
take out of water	féré ne manaá	fé.ré nè mà.nǎ
talk, cf. speak	jó	ḍʒó
taste (v)	fɔre	fɔ.rè
teach	lere	lè.rè
tear (tr.)	gyá	g ^j á
tears (n)	nenseé (5,6)	nèn.sě
tell someone	gáré	gá.ré
termite	gekye (7,8)	gè.k ^j è
testicle	dampe (1,2) pl. bo dampe	dám.pē bò dām.pe
thatch (n)	nchu (n.cl.?)	ñ.tʃù
the Devil	dancho melo (n.cl.?)	dàn.tʃò mè.lò
them	ebwó	è.b ^w ó
there	wyé	w ^j é
they (human)	ebwó	è.b ^w ó
thief	menjó (1,2)	mēn.ḍʒó
thigh	ena (3,6)	ē.nà

thin, be	ɲéné ɲéné	ɲé.né.ɲé.né
thing	genɔ (7,8)	gè.nò
think	féré	fé.ré
thirst (n)	mesa manaá	mè.sā mà.nǎ
thirsty, be	mesa manaá apye me (lit. "hunger for water holds me")	me.sa ma.nǎ a.pʲe me
thorn	meshi (9,10)	mè.ʃi
threshing-floor	embu erisi (3,2?)	èm.bū è.rǐ.sǐ
throat	mwɔle (5?,6)	mʷó.lè
throw	fómé	fó.mé
throw away	fómé	fó.mé
thrust into the ground, plant,	pe	pè
thumb (lit. "big finger")	mənɔ enɔ ebwó (3,4)	mɛ.nɔ ɛ.nɔ ɛ.bʷɔ
tie a knot	wé geléré	wé ge.lé.ré
tie up	wé	wé
tie an animal	shí	ʃi
time	gébé (7)	gé.bé
tin	aŋkpaŋkpa (1,2) pl. bɔ aŋkpaŋkpa	àŋ.kpāŋ.kpā bɔ àŋ.kpāŋ.kpā
tired, be	pwya	pʷjà
tired, become	pwya	pʷjà
toad	manchwere (1,2) pl. bɔ manchwere	màn.tʃʷɛ.rɛ bɔ màn.tʃʷɛ.re
tobacco	elú (3,?)	è.lú
tobacco pipe	asíkɔ (n.cl.?)	ā.sí.kɔ
today	fina (n.cl.?)	fǐ.nā
toe	enɔ gɛká (3,4)	è.nò gè.kā
tomorrow	giyana (n.cl.?)	ǵǐ.jà.nà
tongue	nénómé (5,6)	né.nó.mé
tooth	nénjáné (5,6)	né.ɲá.né
top	mfaá	m.fǎ
torch	genɔ ge elwe (7,8)	gè.nɔ gè èl.wɛ
tortoise (land)	mewe (9,10)	mè.wè
touch (v)	ta	tà
town	melo kpa (5,6)	mè.lò kpà
trader	mɛŋkpo unu (1,2)	mèn.kpò ù.nū
traveler	mɛŋkenɛke (1,2)	mèn.kɛ.nɛ.kɛ
tree	genó (7,8)	gɛ.nó
tribe	gebáge mewa (7) (lit. "part of land")	gɛ.bá.gɛ mè.wā
trouble (n)	depɔ (4)(or) ɛfyale (3)	dɛ.pò (or) ɛ.fǎ.lè
trousers	ŋku mana (n.cl.?)	ŋ.kū mà.nǎ

try	ka (or) mwya	kà (or) m ^{wj} à
tuft	menjwe píre píre (n.cl.?) (or) bya píre píre (n.cl.?)	mèn.ḍ̄ ^w è pí.rē pí.rē
turn over (tr.)	bwólé	b ^w ḍ.lé
turtle (water)	mewe nnyi (9,10)	mè.wè ñ.jĩ
twin	gefa (7,8)	gè.fū
twin (female)	gefa (7,8)	gè.fū
twin (male)	gefa (7,8)	gè.fū
twist (tr)	jí	ḍ̄z̄í
umbilical cord	neso ne maá (n.cl.?)	nè.sō ne mǎ
under	nteé	ñ.tě
untie	ḡáné	ḡá.né
up, above	mfaá	m̄.fǎ
upper arm	debiri ebwo (4?)	dè.bĩ.rĩ ɛ.b ^w o
urinate	ji mmeé	ji mmě
urine	mmeé (6a)	m.mě
vagina	menó (5,6)	mɛ.nǒ
valley	gégkɔ (7,8)	gég.kò
vegetable	ula (8,6)	ù.lā
vein	meli (5,6)	mē.li
village	melɔ (5,6)	mè.lò
voice	meko (5,6)	mē.kò
vomit (v)	wóo	wô
waist	gebwye (7,8)	gè.b ^{wj} è
wait	gíli	gí.li
wait for	gíli	gí.li
wake up (intr.)	kwele	k ^w è.lè
wake up (tr.)	kwele	k ^w è.lè
walk	kene	kè.nè
wall	mbále	m̄.bá.lè
want, desire (v)	kéle	ké.lè
war	be (n.cl.?)	bè
warm oneself	awya mewe (lit. "have fire")	à.w ^j à mè.wè
wash (tr.)	shwo	ʃ ^w ḍ
wash clothes	shwóné mandeé	sʃ ^w ó.né màn.dě
wasp	mémba (5,6)	mém.bà
water	manaá (6a)	mà.nǎ
wave (hand as a greeting) (v)	nyégé ebwo	ɲé.gé ɛ.b ^w ḍ
wax	elwe (3,4)	èl.wē
we (excl.)	esé	ɛ.sé

we (incl.)	esé	ε.sé
we, us	esé	ε.sé
wear (clothes)	fyε	f̄ɛ
weave	jo	ḍʒò
weaver (of baskets)	menjome úsá (1,2)	mèn.ḍʒò.mè ú.sá
weed (v)	tómé	tó.mé
weeds (grass)	bya (n.cl.?)	b'jà
weigh	mé	mé
well (adv.)	chánchá (or) chágéné	tʃán.tʃá (or) tʃá.ge.né
well (n)	embu manaá (3,2?)	èm.bū mà.nǎ
what?	ndé	̀n.dé
when?	ndé gébé	̀n.dé gé.bé
where?	efó	̀è.fó
whip (v)	do	dò
white hair	debuú (4)	dè.bũ
white man	mekála (1,2)	mē.ká.lā
	pl. bɔ́ mekála	bɔ́ mē.ká.lā
white, be	kpea	k̄pē.á
white, make	kpea	k̄pē.á
who?	waá	wǎ
widow	mekwí (1,2)	mē.kʷí
wife	mendé (1,2)	mèn.dé
wild animal	menya omye (n.cl.?)	mē.ɲà ò.m'è
wind	gedulé (??)	gē.dū.lé
wind per anum	gejwa (7)	gè.ḍʒʷá
wine (alcohol)	mmɔ́ (6a)	m.mǔ
wing	gebagele (7,8)	gè.bā.gē.lē
wink at	nywá	ɲʷá
wipe	ti	t̄i
wire (n)	metaá	mè.tǎ
wisdom	denjá (4)	dēɲ.gá
wish, want (v)	kéle	ké.lè
with	ne	nè
woman	mendé (1,2)	mèn.dé
word	gechó (7,8)	gè.tʃó
work (n)	otó (8)	ò.tó
worm (earthworm)	ndamɔle (1,2)	̀n.dà.mò.lè
	pl. bɔ́ ndamɔle	bɔ́ ̀n.dà.mò.le
wound (n)	gépa (7,8)	gé.pà
wrap up	pwí	pʷí
wrinkle (on skin) (n)	menyammye awíré	mè.ɲà.m'è à.wí.ré

	(lit. "the skin shakes")	
wrist	gefere ebwɔ (7,8)	gè.fě.rē è.b ^w ɔ
write	sá	sá
yam	genye (7,8)	gè.nè
yawn (v)	gya megya	g ^j à mè.g ^j à
year	ɲɲme (9,10?)	ɲ.ɲmè
yes	éε	ê
yesterday	nduna (n.cl.?)	ñ.dù.nā
you (pl.)	enyú	è.nú
you (sing.)	wɔ	wò
young man	gesa ge muú (7,8?)	gè.sà gè mǔ
young woman	mesɔ mendé (1,2)	mè.sò mèn.dé
younger sibling	meso (1,2)	mè.sò
youth	gesa ge muú (7,8?)	gè.sà gè mǔ