

Bongo

Consonant and Vowel Book

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Introduction

This book shows how to write words so that readers can more easily know the correct meaning. We will learn three spelling rules that help reading and writing, as well as all the sounds that join together to make words. This book is for Bongo readers and writers. It is especially important for those writing books and translating Scripture to understand the lessons of this book.

Each of the Bongo words in this book is listed in the Bongo Word List at the end of the book. If you need to check the correct spelling of a word, you can look for the word at the end of this book.

There are English words in this book that may be new to you. Each new word is underlined and explained when it is first used. If you later see the word and forget what it means, you can also find it explained in the Glossary at the back of the book.

This book can be taught to participants in a workshop. A person can also use this book to teach himself/herself without a workshop or instructor. You should read each lesson and then immediately do the exercise following the lesson. The exercise will help you test your understanding of the lesson. The answers to the exercises are in the back of the book. After completing an exercise, immediately check your answers to see how well you have understood. For each of your incorrect answers, try to understand the correct answer. Ask other Bongo if you need help.

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Bongo Alphabet

The first step in learning to read and write Bongo is learning the alphabet. The Bongo language has 38 letters, as shown in the following list of words.

Bongo Alphabet

A a	[a]	abeli	<i>maize</i>
Ä ä	[ə]	äwü	<i>carry</i>
B b	[b]	bu'du	<i>man</i>
'B 'b	[b]	'bata	<i>hare</i>
C c	[c, s]	caki	<i>ladder</i>
D d	[d]	do	<i>head</i>
'D 'd	[d]	'duu	<i>thigh</i>
E e	[ε]	kete	<i>pot</i>
Ë ë	[e]	'bëë	<i>home</i>
F f	[f]	fira	<i>axe</i>
G g	[g]	ganja	<i>money</i>
Gb gb	[gb]	gbaja	<i>comb</i>
H h	[h]	hinyi	<i>scorpion</i>
I i	[ɪ]	kinji	<i>fish</i>
Ī ī	[i]	bihi	<i>dog</i>
J j	[ʃ]	ji	<i>arm, hand</i>
'J 'j	[f]	'joko	<i>tooth</i>
K k	[k]	kada	<i>sun</i>
Kp kp	[kp]	kpüli	<i>lion</i>
L l	[l]	lanyi	<i>gun</i>
M m	[m]	maca	<i>rhino</i>
Mb mb	[^m b]	mbiyöngö	<i>pen, colour</i>
N n	[n]	noko	<i>mother's brother</i>
Nd nd	[ⁿ d]	ndira	<i>pencil</i>
Ng ng	[^ŋ g]	ngono	<i>chicken</i>
Ngb ngb	[^ŋ gb]	ngbangu	<i>okra</i>
Nj nj	[^ŋ ʃ]	njolo	<i>frog</i>
Ny ny	[ɲ]	nyere	<i>chief</i>
'Ng 'ng	[ŋ]	'ngoo	<i>termite</i>
O o	[ɔ]	kogo	<i>leopard</i>
Ö ö	[o]	köbi	<i>buffalo</i>
P p	[p]	pirapa	<i>mud wall</i>
R r	[r]	reme	<i>squirrel</i>
T t	[t]	tīngöl	<i>mortar</i>
U u	[u]	tutu	<i>grinding stone</i>
Ü ü	[u]	küngü	<i>baboon</i>
W w	[w]	waru	<i>fish type</i>
Y y	[j]	yongolo	<i>bell</i>

The Bongo word list at the end of this book has the same order as the list above.

Exercise 1

Write each of the words in the list above next to the letters below. Say each word as you write them. Listen to the sound each letter makes.

a	_____	i	_____	nj	_____
ä	_____	ï	_____	ny	_____
b	_____	j	_____	'ng	_____
'b	_____	'j	_____	o	_____
c	_____	k	_____	ö	_____
d	_____	kp	_____	p	_____
'd	_____	l	_____	r	_____
e	_____	m	_____	t	_____
ë	_____	mb	_____	u	_____
f	_____	n	_____	ü	_____
g	_____	nd	_____	w	_____
gb	_____	ng	_____	y	_____
h	_____	ngb	_____		

Syllables

Now we learn how Bongo letters are joined together in words. Words can be divided into syllables, or beats. Each of the words below has *three* syllables. They can be divided into three separate beats as shown.

Three-syllable words

cumari	cu ma ri	<i>loin cloth</i>
domaga	do ma ga	<i>boundary</i>
faranga	fa ra nga	<i>young man</i>
hi'bana	hi 'ba na	<i>skin</i>
'jolanda	'jo la nda	<i>hail, ice</i>
kariya	ka ri ya	<i>antelope</i>
kiranya	ki ra nya	<i>snake</i>
kürö'bö	kü rö 'bö	<i>mud</i>
kpärikpö	kpä ri kpö	<i>tortoise</i>
ndaliko	nda li ko	<i>chameleon, lizard</i>
tingöli	ti ngö li	<i>mortar, bowl for pounding</i>

Each of the words below has *two* syllables. They can be divided into two separate beats as shown.

<u>Two-syllable words</u>		
bütü	bü tü	<i>dura, sorghum</i>
döhī	dö hī	<i>funeral</i>
gala	ga la	<i>wild dog, jackal</i>
ganja	ga nja	<i>metal, money</i>
guungil	guu ngil	<i>pit, hole</i>
gbiti	gbi ti	<i>shield</i>
kanga	ka nga	<i>ostrich</i>
kībī	kī bī	<i>drum</i>
kongbo	ko ngbo	<i>bird type</i>
kpo'do	kpo 'do	<i>hat</i>
maya	ma ya	<i>milk</i>
moonyü	moo nyü	<i>dura, sorghum</i>
mbira	mbi ra	<i>net</i>
ndere	nde re	<i>walk</i>
ngaja	nga ja	<i>girl</i>
ngbangu	ngba ngu	<i>okra</i>
njolo	njo lo	<i>frog</i>
a'ji	a 'ji	<i>thing</i>

Each of the words below has *one* syllable. They cannot be divided into more than one beat.

<u>One-syllable words</u>	
ro	<i>body</i>
ko	<i>opening, edge</i>
bīī	<i>hair</i>
'bēē	<i>home, compound</i>
hoo	<i>stream, pool</i>
ngoo	<i>in-law</i>
rūū	<i>house, hut</i>

tii		<i>peanut</i>
lii		<i>co-wife</i>
’jii		<i>person</i>

Exercise 2

Say each word below and listen to the number of beats in each word. Write the number of syllables (1, 2, or 3) in the blank ___ to the left of each word. Then divide the word into syllables in the blanks to the right of each word. Write one syllable on each blank. Do not fill more blanks than the number of syllables. The first one has been done as an example.

number of syllables		divided into syllables			
<u>2</u>	lo'ngo	<u>lo</u>	<u>'ngo</u>	___	<i>friendship</i>
___	külüyi	___	___	___	<i>python</i>
___	'ngoo	___	___	___	<i>termite</i>
___	nduma	___	___	___	<i>grass</i>
___	gbügürü	___	___	___	<i>bag type</i>
___	ngbala	___	___	___	<i>whip</i>
___	njii	___	___	___	<i>leaf</i>
___	marundu	___	___	___	<i>spider</i>
___	mbele	___	___	___	<i>catfish</i>
___	dangara	___	___	___	<i>distance</i>
___	nga'ba	___	___	___	<i>cheek</i>
___	candu	___	___	___	<i>leech, insect</i>
___	kpökpö	___	___	___	<i>throat</i>
___	bayongo	___	___	___	<i>artist, musician</i>
___	binya	___	___	___	<i>goat</i>
___	ünyi	___	___	___	<i>good, sweet</i>

Consonants

Some letters are consonants and some letters are vowels. In the word **mbira** ‘net’, the letters **mb** and **r** are consonants and **i** and **a** are vowels.

Consonants usually begin syllables and occasionally end syllables. Vowels end syllables. In the syllable **mbi**, the consonant **mb** begins the syllable, and the vowel **i** ends the syllable. In the syllable **ra**, the consonant **r** begins the syllable and the vowel **a** ends the syllable.

In a few words such as **aji** ‘thing’, the first vowel **a** is a syllable by itself. A vowel can be a syllable by itself, but a consonant cannot be a syllable by itself. In a few words, there is a final consonant, such as **m** in **ndum** ‘tomorrow’.

The following 28 letters are Bongo consonants:

Bongo consonants

B b	Gb gb	M m	Ny ny
'B 'b	H h	Mb mb	'Ng 'ng
C c	J j	N n	P p
D d	'J 'j	Nd nd	R r
'D 'd	K k	Ng ng	T t
F f	Kp kp	Ngb ngb	W w
G g	L l	Nj nj	Y y

The following 10 letters are Bongo vowels:

Bongo vowels

A a Ä ä E e Ę ę I i Ĩ ĩ O o Ö ö U u Ü ü

In this lesson, we learn about Bongo consonants. In a later lesson, we learn about Bongo vowels.

The list below has Bongo words with each of the consonants. All consonants can be at the *beginning* and *middle* of words. Only a few consonants such as **m, n, r, l, w** can be at the end of words. These consonants are only at the end of a few words¹.

	Word beginning	Word middle	Word end
B b	baa <i>river</i> bii <i>hair</i>	ngäbü <i>cobra, snake</i> lobi <i>poem</i>	
'B b	'bara <i>rib</i> 'boko <i>rat type</i>	tö'bö <i>fat</i> ta'ba <i>tobacco</i>	
C c	caa <i>cow</i> cii <i>feces</i>	mici <i>potato</i> kpico <i>talon, claw</i>	
D d	daa <i>water well</i> dudu <i>grave</i>	kuda <i>thirst</i> kidi <i>elephant</i>	
'D 'd	'dice <i>message</i>	ti'do <i>weed</i>	

¹ It could be that all nouns and verbs are vowel-final so as to take a lengthen possessive vowel or negation, and that only other word categories can have a final consonant.

	'duu	<i>thigh</i>	ngü'dü	<i>hump</i>	
F f	firi	<i>word, matter</i>	ayufu	<i>maize cleaning</i>	
	foli	<i>cloud</i>	firafa	<i>mud wall</i>	
G g	gewu	<i>town</i>	ndugu	<i>price</i>	
	guu	<i>hole</i>	mbaga	<i>mother</i>	
Gb gb	gbiti	<i>shield</i>	higba	<i>stool</i>	
	gboo	<i>fence</i>	gbugbu	<i>hole</i>	
H h	haya	<i>sand</i>	kuhu	<i>seed, tribe</i>	
	hii	<i>soil</i>	mēhi	<i>meat</i>	
J j	jumu	<i>dish</i>	tuje	<i>ancestor</i>	
	jölö	<i>cock</i>	ngaja	<i>girl</i>	
'J 'j	'jolo	<i>antelope type</i>	lë'ji	<i>beer</i>	
	'ji	<i>person</i>	lu'ju	<i>sap (of tree)</i>	
K k	kada	<i>day</i>	riko	<i>bed</i>	
	kibi	<i>drum</i>	ngökü	<i>rubbish, garbage</i>	
Kp kp	kpico	<i>talon, claw</i>	kpökpö	<i>throat</i>	
	kpo'do	<i>hat</i>	kpärikpö	<i>tortoise</i>	
L l	lawu	<i>clothing item</i>	wäli	<i>wild dog</i>	dogel <i>left side</i>
	lee	<i>father's sister</i>	tolo	<i>juice, dew</i>	gol <i>rich</i>
M m	maa	<i>child</i>	reme	<i>squirrel</i>	ndum <i>tomorrow</i>
	mu'du	<i>illness</i>	mömü	<i>wife</i>	
Mb mb	mbëli	<i>wing</i>	rembo	<i>sheep</i>	
	mbötü	<i>door</i>	mumbu	<i>corpse</i>	
N n	noko	<i>mother's brother</i>	ngono	<i>chicken</i>	ndan <i>today</i>
	nini	<i>mother's sister</i>	mini	<i>water</i>	dakon <i>while</i>
Nd nd	ndikä	<i>law</i>	tondi	<i>leech, insect</i>	
	ndobo	<i>work</i>	mindï	<i>dirt, soil</i>	
Ng ng	nga'ba	<i>cheek</i>	manga	<i>crack, crevice</i>	
	ngoo	<i>in-law</i>	küngü	<i>baboon, monkey</i>	
Ngb ngb	ngbala	<i>whip, arm</i>	yungba	<i>hatred</i>	
	ngbangu	<i>okra</i>	langba	<i>drying platform</i>	
Nj nj	nji	<i>leaf, book</i>	tanja	<i>guinea fowl</i>	
	njuru	<i>poverty</i>	ngonjo	<i>shin</i>	
Ny ny	nyaka	<i>field, garden</i>	munya	<i>ugliness</i>	
	nyihi	<i>moon, month</i>	minyï	<i>odour, smell</i>	
'Ng 'ng	'ngoo	<i>termite</i>	tä'ngä	<i>antelope type</i>	
	'ngäcä	<i>slave</i>	ngo'ngo	<i>housefly</i>	
P p	pira	<i>axe</i>	ayupu	<i>maize cleaning</i>	
	pito	<i>walking stick</i>	pirapa	<i>mud wall</i>	
R r	ro	<i>name</i>	türü	<i>government</i>	kurkur <i>low</i>
	rüjü	<i>flour</i>	nyoro	<i>tumor</i>	kädër <i>much</i>
T t	tara	<i>lip</i>	kuta	<i>filter, sieve</i>	
	tutu	<i>shell</i>	nyiti	<i>potato</i>	
W w	wa'nga	<i>poison</i>	lawu	<i>clothing item</i>	kpaw <i>all</i>
	wöli	<i>brain</i>	gewu	<i>town</i>	

Y y	yala <i>fly swatter</i>	ngayi <i>table</i>
	yëgë <i>locust</i>	wüyi <i>abscess</i>

Exercise 3

In each word below, circle each consonant. The first one has been done as an example.

h i 'b a n a	<i>skin</i>
gb i t i	<i>shield</i>
b i ny a	<i>goat</i>
'j o l a nd a	<i>hail, ice</i>
d o m a g a	<i>boundary</i>
kp o 'd o	<i>hat</i>
w a 'ng a	<i>poison</i>
ngb a ng u	<i>okra</i>
f a r a ng a	<i>young man</i>
mb ä j ä	<i>scab (of wound)</i>
k a r i y a	<i>antelope</i>
'b o nj o	<i>pumpkin</i>
p a c a	<i>a lot</i>

Consonants **b** and **'b**²

The consonants **b** and **'b** sound similar at the beginning of words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **b** in **buu** 'banana' is different than the sound of **'b** in **'buu** 'egg'. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **b** and **'b**.

B b	'B 'b
buu <i>banana</i>	'buu <i>egg</i>
bu'du <i>man</i>	'buu <i>hunger</i>
bulo'ngo <i>friend</i>	'buru <i>life</i>
bübü <i>rubbish dump</i>	'bula <i>simstim, sesame</i>
bütü <i>dura, sorghum</i>	'buulu <i>mahogany tree</i>
bürü <i>camp</i>	'bürë <i>dust</i>
bürükü <i>ash</i>	'bonjo <i>pumpkin</i>
bö'bü <i>father</i>	'bongo <i>fig</i>

² Note that none of the lists of words in this and following consonant lessons have been compared and contrasted by speakers; all the consonant lists in this book need to be checked by speakers.

b ö'dü	<i>hog, warthog</i>	'b o ro	<i>air pump</i>
bötöli	<i>male goat</i>	'b o ro	<i>hole</i>
binya	<i>goat</i>	'b o ki	<i>calf (of leg)</i>
bira	<i>beauty</i>	'b o ko	<i>rat type</i>
bihi	<i>place</i>	'b o ko	<i>grass cutter</i>
bilina	<i>dura, sorghum</i>	'b o yi	<i>trap</i>
biyaa	<i>news</i>	'b i i	<i>sleep</i>
bīdi	<i>pasture</i>	'b i rū	<i>bat</i>
bīrici	<i>mat</i>	'b ē ē	<i>home, compound</i>
bikēbi	<i>waist</i>	'b a ta	<i>hare, rabbit</i>
bīhi	<i>dog</i>	'b a ra	<i>rib</i>
bīi	<i>hair</i>	'b a lakana	<i>okra</i>
beeri	<i>open land</i>	'b a ya	<i>feast</i>
bēeri	<i>iron stand</i>	'b a dibi	<i>bottom of something</i>
bata	<i>pride</i>		
bayongo	<i>artist, musician</i>		
baa	<i>river</i>		
baangbe	<i>sweet potato</i>		
baanga	<i>dangerous animal</i>		
baagaa	<i>colleagues</i>		

The letters **b** and 'b can also be in-between vowels. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **b** in **taba** 'leprosy' is different than the sound of 'b in **ta'ba** 'tobacco'. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **b** and 'b in the words below.

b		'b	
taba	<i>leprosy</i>	ta'ba	<i>tobacco</i>
laba	<i>bridge</i>	nga'ba	<i>cheek</i>
haba	<i>hippo</i>	hinga'ba	<i>check</i>
abeli	<i>maize</i>	tö'bö	<i>fat</i>
ngäbü	<i>cobra, snake</i>	kürö'bö	<i>mud</i>
ndobo	<i>work</i>	'jomo'ba	<i>seed, kernel</i>
dobaa	<i>abdomen</i>	bö'bü	<i>father</i>
lobi	<i>poem</i>	gu'bu	<i>forest</i>
köbi	<i>buffalo</i>	lu'ba	<i>abandoned place</i>
bübü	<i>rubbish dump</i>	hi'bi	<i>rainy season</i>
bikēbi	<i>waist</i>	hili'bu	<i>snail</i>
kībi	<i>drum</i>	li'bu	<i>hive (of bees)</i>
kēbi	<i>rope, string</i>	hi'bü	<i>oil, ointment</i>
		hi'bongo	<i>shell</i>
		ndi'bö	<i>chin</i>
		hi'ba	<i>sound</i>
		hi'bana	<i>skin</i>
		hi'bala	<i>orphan</i>
		kilē'bi	<i>mountain, hill</i>

Exercise 4

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
boor <i>inside</i>	'boor _____	'ba'ja <i>wet</i>	_____
böcī <i>castrated animal</i>	_____	börö <i>already</i>	_____
'bono <i>front of something</i>	_____	ban <i>there</i>	_____
'bugba <i>off, away, outside</i>	_____	'bahi <i>inside</i>	_____
bü'bü <i>foaming, bubbling</i>	_____	'boo <i>friend</i>	_____
baki'da <i>over there</i>	_____	'bohondo <i>behind</i>	_____
äbī <i>give</i>	_____	abe <i>open</i>	_____
aba <i>rub</i>	_____	aduru'bu <i>dream</i>	_____
andu'ba <i>beg</i>	_____	ämë'bī <i>fly</i>	_____
ä'bū <i>build</i>	_____	kamabal <i>slow</i>	_____
di'bi <i>low, down</i>	_____	käbü <i>paralyzed</i>	_____
mbö'bö <i>spoiled</i>	_____	gburubaa <i>perfect</i>	_____

Consonants **d** and **'d**

The consonants **d** and **'d** sound similar at the beginning of words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **d** in **dongo** 'civet cat' is different than the sound of **'d** in **'dongo** 'lump on head'. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **d** and **'d**.

D d	'D 'd
dongo <i>civet cat</i>	'dongo <i>lump on head</i>
do <i>head</i>	'dice <i>message</i>
dobaa <i>abdomen</i>	'duu <i>thigh</i>
domaga <i>boundary</i>	'da <i>there</i>
dori <i>year</i>	'daa'da'da <i>soft</i>
doki'di <i>chest</i>	'du'bii <i>sleep</i>
dökër <i>side (of something)</i>	
döhī <i>funeral</i>	
dīli <i>shadow, shade</i>	
dangara <i>distance</i>	
daya <i>midwife</i>	
daa <i>water well</i>	
dümü <i>asida, porridge</i>	

The letters **d** and **'d** can also be in-between vowels. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **d** in **gbudu** 'snake type' is different than the sound of **'d** in **gu'du** 'room'. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **d** and **'d** in the words below.

d	'd
dudu <i>grave</i>	bu'du <i>man</i>
tüdü <i>crying, weeping</i>	mu'du <i>illness</i>
kuda <i>thirst</i>	ngü'dü <i>hump (on back)</i>
kudo <i>speech</i>	ngü'dü <i>blindness</i>
küdi <i>worm</i>	kü'dühi <i>cotton</i>
kidi <i>elephant</i>	ku'da <i>water place</i>
kidi <i>muscle</i>	mbu'da <i>bag, quiver</i>
bidi <i>pasture</i>	babu'do <i>resembling thing</i>
hi'dü <i>fishing spear</i>	mü'di <i>bush</i>
hido <i>behaviour</i>	ti'di <i>vomit</i>
kokidi <i>rice</i>	hi'di <i>penis</i>
hedi <i>urine, pee</i>	ti'do <i>weed</i>
kada <i>sun, day</i>	hi'dü <i>fishing spear</i>
	to'do <i>salt</i>
	kpo'do <i>hat</i>
	ko'do <i>gourd, calabash</i>
	doki'di <i>chest</i>
	bö'dü <i>hog, warthog</i>
	fö'dü <i>fire</i>
	mbirë'di <i>bamboo</i>
	nya'da <i>smile, welcome</i>

We have the letter **nd**, but we never write the letter **n'd**.

Only **nd** and not **n'd**

Correct	Wrong	
manda	man'da	<i>groundnut</i>
gbondo	gbon'do	<i>leg, foot</i>
marundu	marun'du	<i>spider</i>
lündü	lün'dü	<i>brother</i>
kündütü	kün'dütü	<i>heap, pile</i>
hindo	hin'do	<i>night</i>
mindi	mìn'di	<i>dirt, soil</i>

Exercise 5

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word		Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
'dibi	<i>low, down</i>	<u>dibi</u>	du'bii	<i>sleep</i>
'dole	<i>roaming, wandering</i>	_____	duu	<i>real</i>
'da	<i>there</i>	_____	dolongo	<i>hanging</i>
ädü	<i>start</i>	_____	a'du	<i>light, ignite</i>
ädü	<i>throw</i>	_____	a'du	<i>live</i>
agbo'do	<i>collect, gather</i>	_____	kpadu	<i>tall, long</i>
bu'dabu'da	<i>soft</i>	_____	ä'di	<i>be cold</i>
ado	<i>cultivate, farm</i>	_____	adoci	<i>cut</i>
ädi	<i>bend over</i>	_____	a'domo	<i>keep, save</i>
a'da	<i>tie</i>	_____	ada	<i>count</i>
ä'di	<i>cook</i>	_____	kä'dër	<i>much</i>
a'ju'do	<i>braid (hair)</i>	_____	'bakida	<i>over there</i>

Consonants j and 'j

The consonants **j** and **'j** sound similar at the beginning of words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **j** in **jolo** 'dress' is different than the sound of **'j** in **'jolo** 'antelope type'. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **j** and **'j**.

J j	'J 'j
jolo <i>dress (for women)</i>	'jolo <i>antelope type</i>
joli <i>limp</i>	'joko <i>tooth</i>
jölö <i>cock</i>	'johaya <i>sugar</i>
jöhï <i>nasal mucus</i>	'joo <i>vagina</i>
jumu <i>dish</i>	'jomo'ba <i>seed, kernel</i>
ji <i>arm, hand</i>	'jolanda <i>hail, ice</i>
	'jögömü <i>testicle</i>
	'jii <i>person</i>

The letters **j** and **'j** can also be in-between vowels. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **j** in **rüjü** 'flour' is different than the sound of **'j** in **lu'ju** 'sap (of tree)'. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **j** and **'j** in the words below.

j	'j
rüjü <i>flour</i>	lu'ju <i>sap (of tree)</i>
tuje <i>ancestor</i>	ndu'ju <i>greeting</i>
kuje <i>hook</i>	ku'ja <i>prostitution</i>
ngaja <i>girl</i>	a'ji <i>thing</i>
gbaja <i>comb</i>	ndö'ji <i>semen</i>

mbäjä	scab (of wound)	lë'ji	beer
wäji	hawk, bird		
mijani	weight		

Exercise 6

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
l ji arm, hand	ji	l jii person	_____
joko tooth	_____	l jölö cock	_____
l jolanda hail, ice	_____	jekee good	_____
atiji open	_____	amaja melt	_____
a'julu return, give back	_____	moo'je look, behold	_____
anduju ask, request	_____	andoji flow (like water)	_____
ä'jē diverge, separate	_____	a'ju be born	_____
agbu'ju return, go back	_____	ajudo braid (hair)	_____
ätöji pour	_____	mo'jo little	_____

Consonants 'ng, ng, g

The consonants **'ng, ng** and **g** sound similar at the beginning of words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **'ng** in **'ngoo** 'termite' is different than the sound of **ng** in **ngoo** 'in-law' and different than the sound of **g** in **go** 'neck'. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **'ng, ng** and **g**.

'Ng 'ng	Ng ng	G g
'ngoo termite	ngoo in-law	go neck
'ngo'ngo catfish	ngo'ngo housefly	goli wealth
'ngäcä slave, slavery	ngom abscess	göhi cough
'ngäl'ngäl bright	ngonjo shin (of leg)	ganja iron, metal
'ngaa'nga'nga dry	ngono chicken	gangaci circumcision
	ngoyo song	gala wild dog
	ngökü rubbish	gägä lizard
	ngöönü snore	gingo hook
	ngaja girl	giya root
	ngala dance	gewu town
	ngaligbi rainbow	gu'bu forest
	nganja crocodile	guru fish type
	nga'ba cheek	gulu yeast

ngaha	<i>run</i>	guloto	<i>granary</i>
ngayi	<i>table</i>	guu	<i>hole</i>
ngaya	<i>scabies, disease</i>	gütü	<i>strength</i>
ngäbü	<i>cobra, snake</i>		
ngira	<i>forest</i>		
ngiri	<i>firewood</i>		
ngü'dü	<i>hump (on back)</i>		
ngü'dü	<i>blindness</i>		
ngüli	<i>widow</i>		

The letters **'ng**, **ng** and **g** can also be inbetween vowels. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **'ng** in **lo'ngo** 'friendship' is different than the sound of **ng** in **kulongo** 'bottle', and is also different than the sound of **g** in **logo** 'hoe blade'. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **'ng**, **ng** and **g** in the words below.

'ng		ng		g	
lo' ngo	<i>friendship</i>	kulongo	<i>bottle</i>	logo	<i>hoe blade</i>
'ngo' ngo	<i>catfish</i>	bayongo	<i>artist, musician</i>	hogo	<i>back</i>
ngo' ngo	<i>housefly</i>	hi' bongo	<i>shell (of turtle)</i>	kogo	<i>leopard</i>
bulo' ngo	<i>good friend</i>	kurongo	<i>shout, sound</i>	mbogo	<i>hardship</i>
wa' nga	<i>poison</i>	kongono	<i>beak</i>	mburogo	<i>throat mucus</i>
tä' ngä	<i>antelope</i>	yongolo	<i>bell</i>	morogot	<i>bedbug</i>
ru' nga	<i>twin</i>	' bongo	<i>fig</i>	boogaa	<i>colleagues</i>
		' dongo	<i>lump on head</i>	'jögömü	<i>testicle</i>
		dongo	<i>civet cat</i>	mbaga	<i>mother</i>
		Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	kaga	<i>tree, wood</i>
		mbiyöngö	<i>pen</i>	domaga	<i>boundary</i>
		baanga	<i>dangerous animal</i>	magori	<i>ring, wheel</i>
		ranga	<i>vulture</i>	gägä	<i>lizard</i>
		manga	<i>crack, crevice</i>	mägürë	<i>dove, bird</i>
		kanga	<i>ostrich</i>	ndugu	<i>price</i>
		yanga	<i>clitoris</i>	kügü	<i>laughter</i>
		gangaci	<i>circumcision</i>	gbügürü	<i>bag</i>
		dangara	<i>distance</i>	higë	<i>mouse</i>
		manganga	<i>drum type</i>	higüci	<i>anus</i>
		faranga	<i>young man</i>	hege	<i>spirit, god</i>
		ngbangu	<i>okra</i>	yëgë	<i>locust</i>
		mangool	<i>flute</i>		
		wängä	<i>greed</i>		
		längärä	<i>bed</i>		
		mängälü	<i>grasshopper</i>		
		mängükü	<i>owl</i>		
		mängiri	<i>fear</i>		
		tüngöli	<i>mortar, bowl</i>		
		kungu	<i>road, path</i>		
		runga	<i>rural area</i>		

küngü	<i>baboon, monkey</i>
lingë	<i>horn (of animal)</i>
gingo	<i>hook</i>
hinga'ba	<i>cheek</i>

Exercise 7

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word		Write correctly	Test Word		Write correctly
g ori	<i>two</i>	<u>ngori</u>	'n gatee	<i>younger</i>	_____
g ol	<i>rich</i>	_____	g iyaa	<i>small</i>	_____
ng äl'ngäl	<i>bright</i>	_____	g atikan	<i>few</i>	_____
g aka	<i>towards</i>	_____	ng ewegewe	<i>falling</i>	_____
ng iyee	<i>some</i>	_____	g ändä	<i>much</i>	_____
g a	<i>all</i>	_____	'ng aa'nga'nga	<i>dry</i>	_____
'ng ara	<i>soon</i>	_____	ng a	<i>long ago</i>	_____
ng ara	<i>great</i>	_____	ng ürtë	<i>short</i>	_____
a gi	<i>turn</i>	_____	k pongo	<i>empty</i>	_____
kp ägälä	<i>far</i>	_____	t igo	<i>strong</i>	_____
l ilingi	<i>lost</i>	_____	a ga	<i>follow</i>	_____
k angaci	<i>without reason</i>	_____	m akitingo	<i>hard</i>	_____
h e'ngu	<i>sharp</i>	_____	l o'ngu	<i>big</i>	_____
d ohogo	<i>behind</i>	_____	m a'ngatee	<i>younger</i>	_____
d ohanga	<i>crawling</i>	_____	a ngo	<i>hang</i>	_____
a 'nga	<i>bite, gnaw</i>	_____	m bulugaa	<i>sweet</i>	_____
y o'ngi	<i>exhausted</i>	_____	b aga	<i>bachelor</i>	_____
t aga	<i>afternoon</i>	_____	a yanga	<i>lose temper</i>	_____
a langa	<i>cut</i>	_____	tä 'ngü	<i>blocked</i>	_____
a ga	<i>chase</i>	_____	a gu	<i>buy, sell</i>	_____
d olo'ngo	<i>hanging</i>	_____	k panga	<i>piece</i>	_____

Consonants **n**, **nd**, **d**

The consonants **n**, **nd** and **d** sound similar at the beginning of words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **n** in **noko** 'mother's brother' is different than the sound

of **nd** in **ndobo** ‘work’, and also different than the sound of **d** in **dongo** ‘civet cat’. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **n**, **nd** and **d**.

N n	Nd nd	D d
noko <i>mother’s brother</i>	ndobo <i>work</i>	dongo <i>civet cat</i>
nini <i>mother’s sister</i>	ndö’ji <i>semen</i>	do <i>head</i>
nafiri <i>wanting, needing</i>	ndörü <i>mourning</i>	dobaa <i>abdomen</i>
nabi <i>did, had</i>	ndira <i>pencil</i>	domaga <i>boundary</i>
nandanika <i>now</i>	ndi’bö <i>chin</i>	dori <i>year</i>
nokotoo <i>yesterday</i>	ndiri <i>pimple, blemish</i>	doki’di <i>chest</i>
	ndikä <i>law</i>	dökër <i>side</i>
	ndere <i>walk</i>	döhi <i>funeral</i>
	ndatara <i>tongue</i>	dili <i>shadow</i>
	ndaliko <i>chameleon</i>	dangara <i>distance</i>
	ndu’ju <i>greeting</i>	daya <i>midwife</i>
	nduma <i>grass</i>	daa <i>water well</i>
	nduru <i>weakness</i>	dümü <i>asida</i>
	ndugu <i>price</i>	
	ndüü <i>sound, voice</i>	

The letters **n**, **nd** and **d** can also be inbetween vowels. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **n** in **hi’bana** ‘skin’ is different than the sound of **nd** in **landa** ‘white stone’, and also different than the sound of **d** in **kada** ‘sun’.

n	nd	d
hi’bana <i>skin</i>	landa <i>white stone</i>	kada <i>sun, day</i>
'balakana <i>okra</i>	manda <i>groundnut</i>	kokidi <i>rice</i>
makana <i>fruit</i>	candu <i>leech, insect</i>	dudu <i>grave</i>
tarana <i>tree type</i>	gbondo <i>leg, foot</i>	kuda <i>thirst</i>
mijani <i>weight</i>	tondi <i>leech, insect</i>	kudo <i>speech</i>
kanu <i>trunk (of elephant)</i>	marundu <i>spider</i>	tüdü <i>crying, weeping</i>
dokono <i>guide</i>	lündü <i>brother</i>	küdi <i>worm</i>
ngono <i>chicken</i>	kündütü <i>heap, pile</i>	kidi <i>elephant</i>
ngöönü <i>snore</i>	kündi <i>rattle, instrument</i>	hido <i>behaviour</i>
bilina <i>dura, sorghum</i>	hindo <i>night</i>	kidi <i>muscle</i>
mini <i>water</i>	mindü <i>dirt, soil</i>	bidü <i>pasture</i>
mino <i>cry, weeping</i>	mëndë <i>thinness</i>	hi’dü <i>fishing spear</i>
tene <i>insult</i>		hëdi <i>urine, pee</i>

Exercise 8

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word		Write correctly	Test Word		Write correctly
ndee	<i>before</i>	ndee	nandanika	<i>now</i>	_____
nduu	<i>real</i>	_____	dan	<i>today</i>	_____
ndokotoo	<i>yesterday</i>	_____	dende	<i>shaking</i>	_____
ndum	<i>tomorrow</i>	_____	dole	<i>roaming, wandering</i>	_____
ndolongo	<i>hanging</i>	_____	düböö	<i>older, elder</i>	_____
di'bono	<i>forward</i>	_____	anda	<i>count</i>	_____
nandanika	<i>now</i>	_____	donondo	<i>dawn</i>	_____
kunu	<i>painful</i>	_____	donodo	<i>dawn</i>	_____
kinaru	<i>wrinkled</i>	_____	ädi	<i>bend over</i>	_____
gändä	<i>much</i>	_____	kendi	<i>correct</i>	_____
kändër	<i>much</i>	_____	kanda	<i>new</i>	_____
hondoo	<i>last</i>	_____	ädëë	<i>unripe</i>	_____
adee	<i>go</i>	_____	anda	<i>tie</i>	_____

Consonants m, mb, b

The consonants **m**, **mb** and **b** sound similar at the beginning of words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **m** in **mira** 'poison' is different than the sound of **mb** in **mbira** 'net', and also different than the sound of **b** in **bira** 'beauty'. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **m**, **mb** and **b**.

M m		Mb mb		B b	
mira	<i>poison</i>	mbira	<i>net</i>	bira	<i>beauty</i>
mini	<i>water</i>	mbirawu	<i>wild cat</i>	bihi	<i>place</i>
mijani	<i>weight</i>	mbili	<i>ear</i>	bilina	<i>dura, sorghum</i>
mino	<i>cry, weeping</i>	mbirë'di	<i>bamboo</i>	binya	<i>goat</i>
miyeeyi	<i>yelling</i>	mbiyö	<i>lie</i>	biyaa	<i>news</i>
mici	<i>potato</i>	mbiyöngö	<i>pen</i>	bidi	<i>pasture</i>
mindï	<i>dirt, soil</i>	mbere	<i>palm tree</i>	bihi	<i>dog</i>
minyï	<i>odour, smell</i>	mbele	<i>catfish</i>	bii	<i>hair</i>
mehe	<i>spear type</i>	mbëli	<i>wing</i>	birici	<i>mat</i>
mëndë	<i>thinness</i>	mbaga	<i>mother</i>	bikëbi	<i>waist</i>
mëhi	<i>meat</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	beeri	<i>open land</i>
mamba	<i>search, hunt</i>	mbu'da	<i>bag, quiver</i>	bëëri	<i>iron stand</i>
matiyo	<i>story</i>	mburogo	<i>throat mucus</i>	bata	<i>pride</i>
manda	<i>groundnut</i>	mbogo	<i>hardship</i>	bayongo	<i>artist</i>
manga	<i>crack, crevice</i>	mbötü	<i>door</i>	baa	<i>river</i>
manganga	<i>drum type</i>			baangbe	<i>sweet potato</i>
mangool	<i>flute</i>			baanga	<i>animal</i>
marundu	<i>spider</i>			baagaa	<i>colleagues</i>

maca	<i>rhino</i>
macoki	<i>tooth brush</i>
makana	<i>fruit</i>
magori	<i>ring, wheel</i>
mahikol	<i>mosquito</i>
maya	<i>breast</i>
maya	<i>yam</i>
maa	<i>child</i>
mänjüürü	<i>ant</i>
mängiri	<i>fear</i>
mängälü	<i>grasshopper</i>
mängükü	<i>owl</i>
maciki	<i>louse, lice</i>
mägürë	<i>dove, bird</i>
mu'du	<i>illness</i>
mumbu	<i>corpse</i>
munya	<i>ugliness</i>
mulu	<i>whisper</i>
muyu	<i>death</i>
mü'di	<i>bush</i>
mülü	<i>darkness</i>
mükü	<i>fallow ground</i>
moko	<i>war, fighting</i>
moori	<i>mother-in-law</i>
möümü	<i>wife</i>
möölü	<i>fish type</i>
moonyü	<i>dura</i>

buu	<i>banana</i>
bu'du	<i>man</i>
bulo'ngo	<i>friend</i>
bübü	<i>rubbish dump</i>
bütü	<i>dura, sorghum</i>
bürü	<i>camp</i>
bürükü	<i>ash</i>
bö'bü	<i>father</i>
bö'dü	<i>hog, warthog</i>
bötöli	<i>male goat</i>

The letters **m**, **mb** and **b** can also be inbetween vowels. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **m** in **tirama** ‘blood’ is different than the sound of **mb** in **kamba** ‘honey’, and also different than the sound of **b** in **haba** ‘hippo’.

m		mb		b	
tirama	<i>blood</i>	kamba	<i>honey</i>	haba	<i>hippo</i>
lalamu	<i>curse</i>	mamba	<i>search, hunt</i>	taba	<i>leprosy</i>
reme	<i>squirrel</i>	rembo	<i>sheep</i>	laba	<i>bridge</i>
lëmi	<i>sister</i>	rekembe	<i>shell instrument</i>	abeli	<i>maize</i>
jumu	<i>dish</i>	mumbu	<i>corpse</i>	ngäbü	<i>cobra, snake</i>
luma	<i>god</i>	dömbëci	<i>shoulder</i>	këbi	<i>rope, string</i>
nduma	<i>grass</i>			bübü	<i>rubbish dump</i>
cumari	<i>loin cloth</i>			ndobo	<i>work</i>
kumara	<i>woman</i>			dobaa	<i>abdomen</i>
dümü	<i>asida, porridge</i>			lobi	<i>poem</i>
kümü	<i>navel</i>			köbi	<i>buffalo</i>
kümü	<i>celebration</i>			kibi	<i>drum</i>
komo	<i>eye</i>			bikëbi	<i>waist</i>

homo	<i>nose</i>
'jomo'ba	<i>seed, kernel</i>
domaga	<i>boundary</i>
'jögö mü	<i>testicle</i>
mömü	<i>wife</i>
hümü	<i>relative</i>

Exercise 9

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
baa <i>short while</i>	<u>mbaa</u>	mbö'bö <i>spoiled</i>	_____
mo'jo <i>little</i>	_____	mbeyeka <i>also, again</i>	_____
mboo <i>friend</i>	_____	bara <i>remaining</i>	_____
mangatee <i>younder</i>	_____	bata <i>pride</i>	_____
monoo <i>certain. other</i>	_____	mbiloo <i>long</i>	_____
bulugaa <i>sweet</i>	_____	mböci <i>castrated animal</i>	_____
himi <i>inside</i>	_____	abi <i>leave, travel</i>	_____
ämbü <i>build</i>	_____	ambanya <i>abandon</i>	_____
amba <i>refuse, reject</i>	_____	kpamakpa <i>far</i>	_____
kamabal <i>slow</i>	_____	ami <i>do, make</i>	_____
abo <i>squeeze</i>	_____	ambu <i>close (eyes)</i>	_____
ambo <i>survive</i>	_____	atimbi <i>go one by one</i>	_____
fimir <i>round</i>	_____	afemu <i>deny</i>	_____
ämehi <i>bury</i>	_____	amba <i>rub</i>	_____

Consonants ny, nj, j

The consonants **ny**, **nj** and **j** sound similar at the beginning of words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **ny** in **nyoro** 'tumor' is different than the sound of **nj** in **njolo** 'frog', and also different than the sound of **j** in **jolo** 'dress'. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **ny**, **nj** and **j**.

Ny ny	Nj nj	J j
nyoro <i>tumor</i>	njolo <i>frog, toad</i>	jolo <i>dress (for women)</i>
nyihi <i>moon, month</i>	njuru <i>poverty</i>	joli <i>limp</i>
nyiti <i>potato</i>	njula <i>rubber</i>	jölö <i>cock</i>

nyere	chief	njii	leaf, foliage	jöhi	nasal mucus
nya'da	smile, welcome			jumu	dish
nyaka	field, garden			ji	arm, hand
nyälä	wealth				

The letters **ny**, **nj** and **j** can also be in-between vowels. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **ny** in **kiranya** ‘snake’ is different than the sound of **nj** in **nganja** ‘crocodile’, and also different than the sound of **j** in **ngaja** ‘girl’.

ny		nj		j	
kiranya	snake	nganja	crocodile	ngaja	girl
lanyi	gun	tanja	guinea fowl	gbaja	comb
hinyi	scorpion	ganja	iron, metal	mbäjä	scab (of wound)
hinya	bow	mänjüürü	ant	wäji	hawk, bird
binya	goat	kinji	fish	mijani	weight
minyi	odour, smell	'bonjo	pumpkin	tuje	ancestor
cinyi	stream	ngonjo	shin (of leg)	kuje	hook
kinyö	thorn, brier			rüjü	flour
munya	ugliness				
lunyi	rat				
kunyi	flea, insect				
möonyü	dura				
yenyi	scabies, disease				
kenyi	loan				

Exercise 10

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word		Write correctly	Test Word		Write correctly
ja	not	nja	nyëenyëë	blinking	_____
nja	did, had	_____	njölö	cock	_____
nja	as, while, when	_____	njonjo	small	_____
kinyi	tasty	_____	angbaja	knock down	_____
ayenye	waste, destroy	_____	kunyee	slowly	_____
anja	throw	_____	moonje	look, behold	_____
kunja	bad	_____	wänjä	wide open	_____
andunju	ask, request	_____	anja	leave something	_____
änyü	eat, chew	_____	ämönyü	eat	_____
gbanja	various, random	_____	kinyiree	bitter	_____

Consonants 'ng, ngb, gb

The consonants **'ng**, **ngb** and **gb** sound similar at the beginning of words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **'ng** in **'ngäcä** 'slave' is different than the sound of **ngb** in **ngbala** 'whip', and also different than the sound of **gb** in **gbaja** 'comb'. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **'ng**, **ngb** and **gb**.

'Ng 'ng		Ngb ngb		Gb gb	
'ngäcä	<i>slave</i>	ngbala	<i>whip</i>	gbaja	<i>comb</i>
'ngoo	<i>termite</i>	ngbangu	<i>okra</i>	gbändimö	<i>shatta, hot pepper</i>
'ngo'ngo	<i>catfish</i>	ngbütü	<i>deafness</i>	gbiti	<i>shield</i>
				gbigbiti	<i>duck, bird</i>
				gbugbu	<i>hole</i>
				gbügürü	<i>bag type</i>
				gbondo	<i>leg, foot</i>
				gboo	<i>fence</i>

The letters **'ng**, **ngb** and **gb** can also be inbetween vowels. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **'ng** in **a'nga** 'bite' is different than the sound of **ngb** in **angba** 'hit', and also different than the sound of **gb** in **agbagba** 'wander'.

'ng		ngb		gb	
a'nga	<i>bite, gnaw</i>	angba	<i>hit, slap</i>	agbagba	<i>wander</i>
wa'nga	<i>poison</i>	langba	<i>drying platform</i>	ngaligbi	<i>rainbow</i>
tä'ngä	<i>antelope</i>	baangbe	<i>sweet potato</i>	higba	<i>stool</i>
lo'ngo	<i>friendship</i>	kongbo	<i>bird type</i>		
'ngo'ngo	<i>catfish</i>	yungba	<i>hatred</i>		
ngo'ngo	<i>housefly</i>	kilingba	<i>bone</i>		
bulo'ngo	<i>good friend</i>				
ru'nga	<i>twin</i>				

Exercise 11

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
ngbä <i>complete</i>	gbä _____	ngbulu <i>big, thick</i>	_____
ngbäl'ngäl <i>bright</i>	_____	'ngaa'nga'nga <i>dry</i>	_____
gbogbo <i>big</i>	_____	ngbanja <i>various</i>	_____
gbo <i>just</i>	_____	gbülükü <i>round</i>	_____
lo'ngu <i>big</i>	_____	tängbö <i>end</i>	_____

logbow	<i>big</i>		kangbaci	<i>without reason</i>	
'bugba	<i>away</i>		alagba	<i>burn something</i>	
angu'ngu	<i>think</i>		angbe	<i>twist, turn over</i>	
a'nga	<i>put on, wear</i>		angbo	<i>join</i>	
agbu'ju	<i>return</i>		angba	<i>roast, bake</i>	

Vowels u and ü

The words **kungu** ‘road’ and **küngü** ‘monkey’ have different vowel sounds. Do you hear the difference? In **kungu** ‘road’ the vowel **u** is light, but in **küngü** ‘monkey’ the vowel **ü** is heavy. In this lesson we learn the different sounds of these vowels. In following lessons, we will learn the difference between other light and heavy vowels.

There are 10 vowels in Bongo, as shown in the list below. There are 5 light vowels and 5 heavy vowels. Heavy vowels are marked with dots above the vowel.

Bongo Vowels	
Light	Heavy
U u	Ü ü
I i	İ İ
O o	Ö ö
E e	Ë ë
A a	Ä ä

When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **u** in **kungu** ‘road’ is different than the sound of **ü** in **küngü** ‘monkey’. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **u** and **ü**.

U u	Ü ü
kungu <i>road, path</i>	küngü <i>baboon, monkey</i>
kulu <i>revenge</i>	kümü <i>navel</i>
kuku <i>lung</i>	kütü <i>handle</i>
kuhu <i>seed</i>	kütü <i>shelter</i>
'buru <i>life</i>	kürü <i>groundnut</i>
bu'du <i>man</i>	kürü <i>caterpillar</i>
mu'du <i>illness</i>	külü <i>heart</i>
mumbu <i>corpse</i>	kügü <i>laughter</i>
mulu <i>whisper</i>	bübü <i>rubbish dump</i>
muyu <i>death</i>	bütü <i>dura, sorghum</i>
tutu <i>grinding stone</i>	bürü <i>camp</i>
dudu <i>grave</i>	mülü <i>darkness</i>
ndu'ju <i>greeting</i>	mükü <i>fallow ground</i>
nduma <i>grass</i>	fütü <i>heel (of foot)</i>

nduru	<i>weakness</i>	fürü	<i>wound, sore</i>
ndugu	<i>price</i>	tütü	<i>shell (of nut)</i>
njuru	<i>poverty</i>	tüdü	<i>cry, weeping</i>
luru	<i>mudfish</i>	türü	<i>government</i>
jumu	<i>dish</i>	dümü	<i>asida, porridge</i>
gbugbu	<i>hole</i>	ngbütü	<i>deafness</i>
gu'bu	<i>forest</i>	ngü'dü	<i>hump (on back)</i>
guru	<i>fish type</i>	ngü'dü	<i>blindness</i>
gulu	<i>yeast</i>	rürü	<i>filth</i>
'buu	<i>egg</i>	rüjü	<i>flour</i>
'buu	<i>hunger</i>	lündü	<i>brother</i>
'duu	<i>thigh</i>	gütü	<i>strength</i>
buu	<i>banana</i>	ndüü	<i>sound, voice</i>
tuu	<i>grandparent</i>	rüü	<i>house, hut</i>
guu	<i>hole</i>	külülü	<i>cry, shout</i>
huu	<i>breath</i>	bürükü	<i>ash</i>
'buulu	<i>mahogany tree</i>	kündütü	<i>heap, pile</i>
cucuku	<i>bead</i>	gbügürü	<i>bag type</i>

Exercise 12

Carefully read and say the test words between the lines below. The **bold** vowel in the middle of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Test the sound of the bold vowel by comparing it with the vowel sound in the words on the left and right. The first one has been done as an example.

		Test Word				Write correctly
kungu	<i>road</i>	ngbülü	<i>big, thick</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	<u>ngublu</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	gbülükü	<i>round</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	düm	<i>tomorrow</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	'bu'bu	<i>foaming, bubbling</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	lukuluku	<i>smooth</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	düü	<i>real</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	kunu	<i>painful</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	anguru	<i>call someone</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	kurkur	<i>low</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	gburu	<i>genuine, original</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	anyu	<i>eat, chew</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____
kungu	<i>road</i>	ängü'ngü	<i>think</i>	küngü	<i>monkey</i>	_____

Vowels i and ü

The vowels **i** and **ĩ** sound similar in words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **i** in **bihi** ‘place’ is different than the sound of **ĩ** in **bĩhi** ‘dog’. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **i** and **ĩ**.

I i	ĩ ĩ
bihi <i>place</i>	bĩhi <i>dog</i>
mbili <i>ear</i>	bĩdi <i>pasture</i>
mini <i>water</i>	cĩci <i>cooking pot</i>
firi <i>word</i>	cĩnyĩ <i>stream</i>
ti'di <i>vomit</i>	mĩndĩ <i>dirt, soil</i>
tiki <i>intestine</i>	mĩnyĩ <i>odour, smell</i>
tiyi <i>ant type</i>	mĩci <i>potato</i>
nyihi <i>moon, month</i>	dĩli <i>shadow, shade</i>
riti <i>razor</i>	nĩni <i>mother's sister</i>
kidi <i>elephant</i>	nyĩti <i>potato</i>
kinji <i>fish</i>	kĩbi <i>drum</i>
kiri <i>star</i>	kĩti <i>chair</i>
gbiti <i>shield</i>	kĩdi <i>muscle</i>
wiri <i>bud (of dura)</i>	hi'bi <i>rainy season</i>
hinyi <i>scorpion</i>	hi'di <i>penis</i>
'bii <i>sleep</i>	hi'ti <i>health</i>
tii <i>peanut</i>	ndĩri <i>pimple, blemish</i>
hii <i>soil</i>	ngĩri <i>firewood</i>
ji <i>arm, hand</i>	'jii <i>person</i>
hi <i>stomach</i>	bii <i>hair, fur</i>
hilili <i>air, wind</i>	njii <i>leaf, foliage</i>
	lii <i>co-wife</i>
	cii <i>feces</i>
	bĩrici <i>mat</i>
	kilili <i>charcoal</i>
	hikinyi <i>happiness, thankfulness</i>
	gbĩgbĩti <i>duck, bird</i>

Exercise 13

Carefully read and say the test words between the lines below. The **bold** vowel in the middle of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Test the sound of the bold vowel by comparing it with the vowel sound in the words on the left and right. The first one has been done as an example.

	Test Word		Write correctly
bihi <i>place</i>	kiri <i>rich</i>	bihi <i>dog</i>	<u>kiri</u>
bihi <i>place</i>	kiri <i>heavy</i>	bĩhi <i>dog</i>	_____
bihi <i>place</i>	kinyi <i>tasty</i>	bĩhi <i>dog</i>	_____

bihi	place	kimilimi	sweet	bīhi	dog	_____
bihi	place	kidi	cold	bīhi	dog	_____
bihi	place	liki	cold	bīhi	dog	_____
bihi	place	liki	disturbing	bīhi	dog	_____
bihi	place	ciki	far	bīhi	dog	_____
bihi	place	dibi	low, down	bīhi	dog	_____
bihi	place	fimbir	round	bīhi	dog	_____
bihi	place	titikpi	loose	bīhi	dog	_____
bihi	place	liligī	lost	bīhi	dog	_____
bihi	place	tibi	unripe	bīhi	dog	_____

Vowels o and ö

The vowels **o** and **ö** sound similar in words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **o** in **'bongo** 'fig' is different than the sound of **ö** in **Böngö** 'Bongo person'. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **o** and **ö**.

O o		Ö ö	
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>
'bonjo	<i>pumpkin</i>	tö'bö	<i>fat</i>
'boro	<i>hole</i>	rötö	<i>bald person</i>
'boro	<i>air pump</i>	jölö	<i>cock</i>
'boko	<i>grass cutter</i>	kpökpö	<i>throat</i>
'boko	<i>rat type</i>	tör	<i>completely, strongly</i>
'dongo	<i>lump on head</i>	'börö	<i>already</i>
'ngo'ngo	<i>catfish</i>	ämörö	<i>stop</i>
ngo'ngo	<i>housefly</i>	ämörö	<i>wander</i>
jolo	<i>dress</i>	älö	<i>remove, take off</i>
'jolo	<i>antelope</i>		
'joko	<i>tooth</i>		
mbogo	<i>hardship</i>		
moko	<i>war, fighting</i>		
to'do	<i>salt</i>		
tolo	<i>juice, dew</i>		
dongo	<i>civet cat</i>		
doko	<i>basket</i>		
ndobo	<i>work</i>		
njolo	<i>frog</i>		
ngom	<i>abscess</i>		
ngonjo	<i>shin (of leg)</i>		
ngono	<i>chicken</i>		

ngoyo	<i>song</i>
nyoro	<i>tumor</i>
noko	<i>mother's brother</i>
lo'ngo	<i>friendship</i>
logo	<i>hoe blade</i>
ko'do	<i>gourd, calabash</i>
komo	<i>eye</i>
koto	<i>back</i>
kongbo	<i>bird type</i>
koro	<i>trap</i>
koko	<i>colour, shape</i>
koko	<i>dura type</i>
kogo	<i>leopard</i>
gbondo	<i>leg, foot</i>
homo	<i>nose</i>
holo	<i>tail</i>
hogo	<i>back</i>
'ngoo	<i>termite</i>
ngoo	<i>in-law, marriage</i>
gboo	<i>fence</i>
hoo	<i>stream, pool</i>
'joo	<i>vagina</i>
boo	<i>friend, colleague</i>
go	<i>neck</i>
do	<i>head</i>
ro	<i>body, name</i>
ko	<i>opening</i>
yongolo	<i>bell</i>
kongono	<i>beak</i>
dokono	<i>guide</i>
morogot	<i>bedbug</i>
korokoro	<i>sharp point</i>

Exercise 14

Carefully read and say the test words between the lines below. The **bold** vowel in the middle of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Test the sound of the bold vowel by comparing it with the vowel sound in the words on the left and right. The first one has been done as an example.

	Test Word			Write correctly
'bongo	<i>fi</i> g	ngbö	<i>just</i>	Böngö <i>Bongo person</i> <u>ngbo</u>
'bongo	<i>fi</i> g	jolo	<i>cock</i>	Böngö <i>Bongo person</i> _____
'bongo	<i>fi</i> g	'boor	<i>inside</i>	Böngö <i>Bongo person</i> _____
'bongo	<i>fi</i> g	'bönö	<i>front (of something)</i>	Böngö <i>Bongo person</i> _____

'bongo	<i>fig</i>	'bohondo	<i>behind</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	_____
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	tör	<i>completely</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	_____
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	mö'jö	<i>little</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	_____
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	monoo	<i>certain, other</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	_____
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	molo	<i>bottom</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	_____
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	'boro	<i>already</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	_____
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	toro	<i>up, high</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	_____

Vowels e and ë

The vowels **e** and **ë** sound similar in words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **e** in **nyere** ‘chief’ is different than the sound of **ë** in **yërë** ‘younger twin’. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **e** and **ë**.

E e		Ë ë	
nyere	<i>chief</i>	yërë	<i>younger twin</i>
ndere	<i>walk</i>	yëgë	<i>locust</i>
mbele	<i>catfish</i>	lëlë	<i>stone</i>
mehe	<i>spear type</i>	'bëë	<i>home, compound</i>
tene	<i>insult</i>	yëë	<i>awhile</i>
tele	<i>swim</i>	kpëny	<i>elder, older</i>
reme	<i>squirrel</i>	kpë	<i>large</i>
kete	<i>pot</i>	nyëënyëë	<i>blinking</i>
kehe	<i>game</i>	ëndëë	<i>unripe</i>
hege	<i>spirit, god</i>		
lee	<i>father's sister</i>		
rekembe	<i>shell instrument</i>		

Exercise 15

Carefully read and say the test words between the lines below. The **bold** vowel in the middle of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Test the sound of the bold vowel by comparing it with the vowel sound in the words on the left and right. The first one has been done as an example.

		Test Word				Write correctly
nyere	<i>chief</i>	endee	<i>unripe</i>	yërë	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>ëndëë</u>
nyere	<i>chief</i>	nyëënyëë	<i>blinking</i>	yërë	<i>younger twin</i>	_____
nyere	<i>chief</i>	ndëndë	<i>shaking</i>	yërë	<i>younger twin</i>	_____
nyere	<i>chief</i>	ndee	<i>before</i>	yërë	<i>younger twin</i>	_____
nyere	<i>chief</i>	gëwëgëwë	<i>falling</i>	yërë	<i>younger twin</i>	_____

nyere	chief	yëë	awhile	yëre	younger twin	_____
nyere	chief	kpeny	elder, older	yëre	younger twin	_____
nyere	chief	lelekpè	loose, free	yëre	younger twin	_____
nyere	chief	jëkëë	good	yëre	younger twin	_____
nyere	chief	kpë	large	yëre	younger twin	_____

Vowels a and ä

The vowels **a** and **ä** sound similar in words. When we listen carefully, we hear the sound of **a** in **mbaga** ‘mother’ is different than the sound of **ä** in **mbäjä** ‘scab’. Say each of the words below. Listen carefully to the difference in sound between **a** and **ä**.

A a		Ä ä	
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab (of wound)</i>
'bata	<i>hare, rabbit</i>	'ngäcä	<i>slave</i>
'bara	<i>rib</i>	tä'ngä	<i>antelope</i>
'baya	<i>feast</i>	nyälä	<i>wealth</i>
bata	<i>pride</i>	räkä	<i>bread</i>
mamba	<i>search, hunt</i>	kälä	<i>mane (of lion)</i>
manga	<i>crack, crevice</i>	gägä	<i>lizard</i>
maca	<i>rhino</i>	wängä	<i>greed</i>
mayä	<i>yam</i>	längärä	<i>bed</i>
mayä	<i>breast, milk</i>	wärä	<i>bright</i>
ta'ba	<i>tobacco</i>	wänjä	<i>wide open</i>
taba	<i>leprosy</i>	gändä	<i>much</i>
tanja	<i>guinea fowl</i>	rätä	<i>crazy</i>
tara	<i>quarrel, lip</i>	'ngäl'ngäl	<i>bright</i>
daya	<i>midwife</i>	kpängälä	<i>far</i>
ngbala	<i>whip</i>	wätäwätä	<i>big</i>
nga'ba	<i>cheek</i>		
nganja	<i>crocodile</i>		
ngala	<i>dance</i>		
ngaja	<i>girl</i>		
ngaha	<i>run</i>		
ngaya	<i>scabies, disease</i>		
nya'da	<i>smile, welcome</i>		
nyaka	<i>field</i>		
ranga	<i>vulture</i>		
raka	<i>shoe, sandle</i>		
laba	<i>bridge</i>		
landa	<i>white stone</i>		
langba	<i>drying platform</i>		
kamba	<i>honey</i>		

kada	<i>sun, day</i>
kanga	<i>ostrich</i>
kaga	<i>tree, wood</i>
gbaja	<i>comb</i>
ganja	<i>iron, metal</i>
gala	<i>wild dog</i>
wa'nga	<i>poison</i>
haba	<i>hippo</i>
haya	<i>sand</i>
yanga	<i>clitoris</i>
yala	<i>fly swatter</i>
baa	<i>river</i>
maa	<i>child, pregnancy</i>
daa	<i>water well</i>
tarana	<i>tree type</i>
ndatara	<i>tongue</i>
yakara	<i>pumpkin type</i>
faranga	<i>young man</i>
baanga	<i>dangerous animal</i>
'balakana	<i>okra</i>

Exercise 16

Carefully read and say the test words between the lines below. The **bold** vowel in the middle of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Test the sound of the bold vowel by comparing it with the vowel sound in the words on the left and right. The first one has been done as an example.

		Test Word				Write correctly
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	tägä	<i>afternoon</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>taga</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	wätäwätä	<i>big</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	fäcä	<i>a lot of</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	k pangala	<i>far</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	mbaa	<i>short while</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	'ngää'ngä'ngä	<i>dry</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	rata	<i>crazy</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	'ngäl'ngäl	<i>bright</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	'daa'da'da	<i>soft</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	mbärä	<i>remaining</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	wanja	<i>wide open</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	'ba'ja	<i>wet</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	_____

Mixed Vowels

Light and heavy vowels are never mixed together in the same word. In the following words, only the **light** vowels **u, i, e, o, a** are together. Read each word carefully and listen to the sound of the two vowels together.

		Second Vowel in the Word				
		u	i	e	o	a
First Vowel in the Word	u	kungu <i>road</i>	luyi <i>grass</i>	kuye <i>knot</i>	kudo <i>speech</i>	lula <i>cloud</i>
	i	hiru <i>saliva</i>	firi <i>word</i>	kire <i>arrow</i>	riko <i>bed</i>	fira <i>axe</i>
	e	gewu <i>town</i>	beeri <i>open land</i>	mbele <i>catfish</i>	rembo <i>sheep</i>	kedeka <i>also</i>
	o	ro'bu <i>wanting</i>	tondi <i>leech</i>	dole <i>wandering</i>	'boro <i>air pump</i>	dobaa <i>abdomen</i>
	a	waru <i>fish type</i>	ngayi <i>table</i>	ngatee <i>younger</i>	mangool <i>flute</i>	wa'nga <i>poison</i>

In the following words, only the **heavy** vowels **ü, ĩ, ë, ö, ä** are together. Read each word carefully and listen to the sound of the two vowels together.

		Second Vowel in the Word				
		ü	ĩ	ë	ö	ä
First Vowel in the Word	ü	kümü <i>navel</i>	kpüli <i>lion</i>	lülë <i>turtle</i>	kümö <i>celebration</i>	
	ĩ	hilü <i>hyena</i>	cinyĩ <i>stream</i>	higë <i>mouse</i>	hirö <i>liver</i>	ndikä <i>law</i>
	ë		lëmĩ <i>sister</i>	yëgë <i>locust</i>		
	ö	mömü <i>wife</i>	döhĩ <i>funeral</i>	dökër <i>side</i>	tö'bö <i>fat</i>	
	ä	hävü <i>yawn</i>	wälĩ <i>wild dog</i>	kädër <i>much</i>		'ngäcä <i>slave</i>

In summary, we have the following spelling rule.

Spelling Rule 1: Do not mix light vowels **u, i, e, o, a** and heavy vowels **ü, ĩ, ë, ö, ä** together in the same word. That is, write all vowels in the same word with dots (for heavy vowels), or write all vowels in the same word without dots (for light vowels).

Light vowels	Heavy vowels
hiru <i>saliva</i>	hilü <i>hyena</i>
ngbangu <i>okra</i>	kähü <i>mushroom</i>

kire	<i>arrow</i>	higë	<i>mouse</i>
kure	<i>malaria</i>	bürë	<i>dust</i>
loki	<i>crowd</i>	ndö'ji	<i>semen</i>
gingo	<i>hook</i>	ngökü	<i>rubbish</i>
giya	<i>root</i>	ndikä	<i>law</i>

Exercise 17

Carefully read and say each test word below. The vowels of each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word		Write correctly	Test Word		Write correctly
a'bi	<i>give</i>	<u>ä'bi</u>	hürökaga	<i>flower</i>	_____
a'jimönyü	<i>food</i>	_____	birihï	<i>honour</i>	_____
'bigumëhi	<i>butcher</i>	_____	hitiro	<i>body</i>	_____
mahimü	<i>relative</i>	_____	'bingü'dü	<i>deaf person</i>	_____
bilëlehitoro	<i>thunder</i>	_____	tülükëhi	<i>gold</i>	_____
mäcikiriko	<i>bed bug</i>	_____	lë'jicuka	<i>bubble</i>	_____
bihibi'dögürö	<i>bathroom</i>	_____	do'bëë	<i>clan</i>	_____

Long and Short Vowels

The words **hi** 'stomach' and **hii** 'soil' have different vowel sounds. Do you hear the difference? In **hi** 'stomach' the vowel **i** is short, but in **hii** 'soil' the vowel **ii** is long. Say each pair of words below. Listen for the difference between the short and long vowels³.

Short vowel		Long vowel	
hi	<i>stomach</i>	hii	<i>soil</i>
go	<i>neck</i>	ngoo	<i>in-law, marriage</i>
'buru	<i>life</i>	'buulu	<i>mahogany tree</i>

Many words with one syllable have a long vowel.

Words with one syllable and long vowel

Light		Heavy	
'buu	<i>egg</i>	rüü	<i>house, hut</i>
'buu	<i>hunger</i>	ndüü	<i>sound, voice</i>
'duu	<i>thigh</i>	'jüü	<i>person</i>

³ Without further tone analysis, there is not much solid evidence for a vowel length distinction. However, the speakers consistently and confidently write words according to vowel length. So, it seems best make the distinction of vowel length in writing.

buu	<i>banana</i>	'bii	<i>your</i>
tuu	<i>grandparent</i>	bii	<i>hair, fur</i>
guu	<i>hole</i>	njii	<i>leaf, foliage</i>
huu	<i>breath</i>	lii	<i>co-wife</i>
duu	<i>real</i>	cii	<i>feces</i>
'bii	<i>sleep</i>	'bëë	<i>home, compound</i>
tii	<i>peanut</i>	yëë	<i>awhile</i>
hii	<i>soil</i>	äyëë	<i>never</i>
kpii	<i>remaining</i>		
kii	<i>ten</i>		
lee	<i>father's sister</i>		
ndee	<i>before</i>		
'ngoo	<i>termite</i>		
ngoo	<i>in-law, marriage</i>		
gboo	<i>fence</i>		
hoo	<i>stream, pool</i>		
'joo	<i>vagina</i>		
boo	<i>friend, colleague</i>		
baa	<i>river</i>		
maa	<i>child, pregnancy</i>		
daa	<i>water well</i>		
njaa	<i>not completely</i>		
kaa	<i>whenever</i>		
haa	<i>inside</i>		

Most words with one syllable and a short vowel are used in a special way (as a preposition, pronoun, etc.)

Words with one syllable and short vowel

ji	<i>arm, hand</i>	'ba	<i>to, in</i>
hi	<i>stomach</i>	di	<i>from</i>
go	<i>neck</i>	do	<i>on, over</i>
do	<i>head</i>	na	<i>with</i>
ro	<i>body, name</i>	ji	<i>to</i>
ko	<i>opening</i>	hi	<i>in, inside</i>
ho	<i>wide open</i>	ma	<i>I, me</i>
'da	<i>there</i>	mi	<i>I</i>
ga	<i>all</i>	i	<i>you (sg)</i>
'bo	<i>had</i>	bi	<i>he</i>
na	<i>this, these</i>	ba	<i>he, him, his</i>
di	<i>when, while</i>	hu	<i>she, her</i>
da	<i>when, while</i>	ni	<i>he, she</i>
ka	<i>and, then</i>	ne	<i>it, him, her</i>
ki	<i>if</i>	ji	<i>we</i>
ka	<i>when, while</i>	je	<i>we</i>
ka	<i>in order to</i>	hi	<i>you (pl)</i>

ka	<i>be, is are</i>	he	<i>you (pl)</i>
		ye	<i>they, them</i>
		yi	<i>they</i>

Most words with two or more syllables have only short vowels. A few words have a long first syllable or a long last syllable. Most words with long vowel in the last syllable describe other words (are an adjective or modifier).

First or second syllable with long vowel		Last syllable with long vowel	
bëeri	<i>anvil, iron stand</i>	ëndëë	<i>unripe</i>
möönyü	<i>dura, sorghum</i>	nyëënyëë	<i>blinking</i>
möölü	<i>fish type</i>	mäkinyëë	<i>sweet</i>
ngöönü	<i>snore</i>	ndüböö	<i>older, elder</i>
beeri	<i>open land, clearing</i>	monoo	<i>certain, other</i>
miyeeyi	<i>yelling</i>	diroo	<i>some</i>
'buulu	<i>mahogany tree</i>	ata'doo	<i>add, increase</i>
mangool	<i>flute</i>	akpekoo	<i>leave</i>
moori	<i>mother-in-law</i>	nokotoo	<i>yesterday</i>
mooje	<i>look, behold</i>	mbiloo	<i>long</i>
'boor	<i>inside</i>	tigoo	<i>weak, faint</i>
boogaa	<i>colleagues</i>	doturoo	<i>alone</i>
ngaa'nga'nga	<i>dry</i>	hondoo	<i>last</i>
baangbe	<i>sweet potato</i>	batuu	<i>father-in-law</i>
baanga	<i>dangerous animal</i>	andee	<i>go</i>
		ngoree	<i>second</i>
		kinjiree	<i>bitter</i>
		ngatee	<i>younger</i>
		jekee	<i>good</i>
		kirehee	<i>late</i>
		kayee	<i>first</i>
		kunyee	<i>slowly</i>
		giyee	<i>some</i>
		boogaa	<i>colleagues</i>
		dobaa	<i>abdomen</i>
		biyaa	<i>news</i>
		mbulugaa	<i>sweet</i>
		maki'da'daa	<i>soft</i>
		maka' baa	<i>wide</i>
		makakpaa	<i>long</i>
		mutaa	<i>third</i>
		landaa	<i>thick, big</i>
		gburu'baa	<i>perfect</i>
		giyaa	<i>small, little</i>
		afaa	<i>dull, blunt</i>
		akpaa	<i>short</i>

Exercise 18

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter in each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
ki <i>ten</i>	<u>kii</u>	tii <i>peanut</i>	_____
go <i>neck</i>	_____	mori <i>mother-in-law</i>	_____
huu <i>she, her</i>	_____	'da <i>there</i>	_____
gboo <i>fence</i>	_____	baanga <i>dangerous animal</i>	_____
kaa <i>and, then</i>	_____	li <i>co-wife</i>	_____
mono <i>certain</i>	_____	na <i>with</i>	_____
yë <i>awhile</i>	_____	tigo <i>weak, faint</i>	_____
ji <i>to</i>	_____	ba <i>he</i>	_____
kinjiree <i>bitter</i>	_____	kunye <i>slowly</i>	_____
jee <i>we</i>	_____	afaa <i>dull, blunt</i>	_____

Vowels at the end of words

Some words that end in a vowel are pronounced without the final vowel. However, we write the word with the final vowel. Say each of the words below. Look carefully at the correct way to write them.

Correct	Wrong
abeli <i>maize</i>	abel <i>maize</i>
bötöli <i>male goat</i>	bötöl <i>male goat</i>
cöli <i>hanging net</i>	cöl <i>hanging net</i>
füli <i>cooking stone</i>	fül <i>cooking stone</i>
foli <i>shell</i>	fol <i>shell</i>
foli <i>cloud</i>	fol <i>cloud</i>
goli <i>wealth</i>	gol <i>wealth</i>
kokoli <i>kingfisher, bird</i>	kokol <i>kingfisher, bird</i>
möölü <i>fish type</i>	mööl <i>fish type</i>
tüngöli <i>mortar, bowl</i>	tüngöl <i>mortar, bowl</i>
wöli <i>brain</i>	wöl <i>brain</i>

wälī	<i>wild dog</i>	wäl	<i>wild dog</i>
joli	<i>limp</i>	jol	<i>limp</i>
a'julu	<i>return, give back</i>	a'jul	<i>return, give back</i>
bēēri	<i>anvil, iron stand</i>	beer	<i>anvil, iron stand</i>
bürü	<i>camp</i>	bür	<i>camp</i>
beeri	<i>open land</i>	beer	<i>open land</i>
cumari	<i>loin cloth</i>	cumar	<i>loin cloth</i>
firi	<i>word</i>	fir	<i>word</i>
hikēri	<i>side (of body)</i>	hikēr	<i>side (of body)</i>
kōri	<i>sheabutter tree</i>	kör	<i>sheabutter tree</i>
kürü	<i>caterpillar</i>	kür	<i>caterpillar</i>
kürü	<i>groundnut</i>	kür	<i>groundnut</i>
kiri	<i>star</i>	kir	<i>star</i>
kori	<i>footprint</i>	kor	<i>footprint</i>
luru	<i>mudfish</i>	lur	<i>mudfish</i>
mängiri	<i>fear</i>	mängir	<i>fear</i>
moori	<i>mother-in-law</i>	moor	<i>mother-in-law</i>
türü	<i>government</i>	tür	<i>government</i>
waru	<i>fish type</i>	war	<i>fish type</i>
wiri	<i>bud (of dura)</i>	wir	<i>bud (of dura)</i>
yakara	<i>pumpking type</i>	yakar	<i>pumpking type</i>
ndiri	<i>pimple, blemish</i>	ndir	<i>pimple, blemish</i>
ndörü	<i>mourning</i>	ndör	<i>mourning</i>
nduru	<i>weakness</i>	ndur	<i>weakness</i>
njuru	<i>poverty</i>	njur	<i>poverty</i>
ngiri	<i>firewood</i>	ngir	<i>firewood</i>
ngori	<i>two</i>	ngor	<i>two</i>
änyiri	<i>refuse</i>	änyir	<i>refuse</i>
adari	<i>defeat</i>	adar	<i>defeat</i>
agikori	<i>surround</i>	agikor	<i>surround</i>
ahileri	<i>slide</i>	ahiler	<i>slide</i>
ale kori	<i>go around</i>	ale kor	<i>go around</i>
alamu	<i>curse</i>	alam	<i>curse</i>
ändimü	<i>shift, move</i>	ändim	<i>shift, move</i>
ädilämü	<i>drown</i>	ädiläm	<i>drown</i>

jumu	dish	jum	dish
'jögömü	testicle	'jögöm	testicle
kümü	navel	küm	navel
hihimü	rotton	hihim	rotton
dümü	asida, porridge	düm	asida, porridge
ngöönü	snore	ngöön	snore
mijani	weight	mijan	weight
kanu	trunk (of elephant)	kan	trunk (of elephant)
künyü	flea, insect	küny	flea, insect
kényü	loan	kény	loan
hinyü	scorpion	hiny	scorpion
konye	white	kony	white
lanyü	gun	lany	gun
lönyü	rat	löny	rat
möönnyü	dur, sorghum	moöny	dur, sorghum
alonyü	contribute	alöny	contribute
ämönyü	eat	ämöny	eat

In words with a final vowel after a consonant **r, l, m, n,** or **ny,** the final vowel is often dropped in speaking.

In summary, we have the following rule for final vowels:

Spelling rule 2: Write most words with a final vowel.

Exercise 19

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter in each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

<u>Test Word</u>	<u>Write correctly</u>	<u>Test Word</u>	<u>Write correctly</u>
alam <i>curse</i>	alamu	dümü <i>asida, porridge</i>	_____
kürü <i>groundnut</i>	_____	ngor <i>two</i>	_____

ämöny	<i>eat</i>		hiny	<i>scorpion</i>	
kür	<i>groundnut</i>		wäl	<i>wild dog</i>	
cumari	<i>loin cloth</i>		jumu	<i>dish</i>	
gol	<i>wealth</i>		cöl	<i>hanging net</i>	

Consonants w, y before final vowels

The consonant **w** can be at the beginning of words as in **wa'nga** ‘poison’, or in the middle of words as in **lawu** ‘clothing item’, or at the end of words as in **kpaw** ‘all’. The consonant **y** can be at the beginning of words as in **yala** ‘fly swatter’, or in the middle of words as in **ngayi** ‘table’.

	Beginning	Middle	End
W w	wa'nga <i>poison</i> wöli <i>brain</i>	lawu <i>clothing item</i> gewu <i>town</i>	kpaw <i>all</i>
Y y	yala <i>fly swatter</i> yëgë <i>locust</i>	ngayi <i>table</i> wüyi <i>abscess</i>	

There are several different final vowels that can be after **w** or after **y**.

Final vowel after w	Final vowel after y
cucuwa <i>porcupine</i>	'baya <i>feast</i>
awo <i>pull, draw out</i>	ngoyo <i>song</i>
gewegewe <i>falling</i>	mbiyö <i>lie</i>
hiwu <i>plant type</i>	kuye <i>knot</i>
käwü <i>branch (of river)</i>	muyu <i>death</i>
	'boyi <i>trap</i>
	müyi <i>five</i>

When the final vowels **u** or **ü** are after **w**, the vowel is not spoken. However it is written. We don't write the following words without **u** as in **hiw** (wrong) ‘plant type’ or without **w** as in **hiu** (wrong) ‘plant type’. Instead, we write these words with both **w** and **u** as in **hiwu** ‘plant type’.

Correct	Wrong
hiwu <i>plant type</i>	hiw hiu <i>plant type</i>
gewu <i>town</i>	gew geu <i>town</i>
yewu <i>there are, exists</i>	yew yeu <i>there are, exists</i>
hewu <i>four</i>	hew heu <i>four</i>
alewu <i>look at, watch</i>	alew aleu <i>look at, watch</i>
lawu <i>clothing item</i>	law lau <i>clothing item</i>
mbirawu <i>wild cat</i>	mbiraw mbirau <i>wild cat</i>

alawu	<i>awake</i>	alaw	alau	<i>awake</i>
awu	<i>hear, listen</i>	aw	au	<i>hear, listen</i>
Liwü	<i>man's name</i>	Liw	Lüü	<i>man's name</i>
föwü	<i>early</i>	föw	föü	<i>early</i>
häwü	<i>yawn</i>	häw	häü	<i>yawn</i>
käwü	<i>branch (of river)</i>	käw	käü	<i>branch (of river)</i>
ädäwü	<i>confuse</i>	ädäw	ädäü	<i>confuse</i>
äwü	<i>carry, take</i>	äw	äü	<i>carry, take</i>

When the final vowels **i** or **ü** are after **y**, the vowel is not spoken. However it is written. We don't write the following words without **i** as in **'boy** (wrong) 'trap' or without **y** as in **'boi** (wrong) 'trap'. Instead, we write them with both **y** and **i** as in **'boyi** 'trap'.

Correct	Wrong
'boyi <i>trap</i>	'boy 'boi <i>trap</i>
toyi <i>near</i>	toy toi <i>near</i>
ngayi <i>table</i>	ngay ngai <i>table</i>
payi <i>digging tool</i>	pay pai <i>digging tool</i>
kayi <i>first</i>	kay kai <i>first</i>
cayi <i>healing, cured</i>	cay cai <i>healing, cured</i>
tayi <i>morning</i>	tay tai <i>morning</i>
alayi <i>rub, caress</i>	alay alai <i>rub, caress</i>
ayi <i>make</i>	ay ai <i>make</i>
amayi <i>come</i>	amay amai <i>come</i>
tiyi <i>ant type</i>	tiy tii <i>ant type</i>
luyi <i>grass</i>	luy lui <i>grass</i>
reyi <i>plenty</i>	rey rei <i>plenty</i>
miyeeyi <i>yelling</i>	miyeey miyeei <i>yelling</i>
yëyi <i>boat, canoe</i>	yëy yëi <i>boat, canoe</i>
külüyi <i>python</i>	külüy külüü <i>python</i>
wüyi <i>abscess, infection</i>	wüy wüü <i>abscess, infection</i>
müyi <i>five</i>	müy müü <i>five</i>

In summary, we have the following rule for vowels after **y** and **w**:

Spelling rule 3: At the end of words, write **y** or **w** before a final vowel. Do not write **y** or **w** at the end of words without a final vowel. Do not write two vowels together without a **y** or **w** separating them.

Exercise 20

Carefully read and say each test word below. The **bold** letter in each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
yëi <i>boat, canoe</i>	yiyi	föw <i>early</i>	_____
häw <i>yawn</i>	_____	ädäwü <i>confuse</i>	_____
amai <i>come</i>	_____	müy <i>five</i>	_____
lawu <i>clothing item</i>	_____	tayi <i>morning</i>	_____
luyi <i>grass</i>	_____	geu <i>town</i>	_____
heu <i>four</i>	_____	ngai <i>table</i>	_____

Tone

Some words sound the same except for tone. (Complete this section after further study of tone and if it is decided that some tone sounds should be represented in writing.)

Spelling Rules Reviewed

In this book, we have learned three spelling rules that help reading and writing. We now review these rules. There are examples after each rule. The page number is shown where the rule is further explained.

In summary, we have the following spelling rule.

Spelling Rule 1 (page 33): Do not mix light vowels **u, i, e, o, a** and heavy vowels **ü, ï, ë, ö, ä** together in the same word. That is, write all vowels in the same word with dots (for heavy vowels), or write all vowels in the same word without dots (for light vowels).

Light vowels	Heavy vowels
hiru <i>saliva</i>	hilü <i>hyena</i>
ngbangu <i>okra</i>	kähü <i>mushroom</i>
kire <i>arrow</i>	higë <i>mouse</i>
kure <i>malaria</i>	bürë <i>dust</i>
loki <i>crowd</i>	ndö'ji <i>semen</i>
gingo <i>hook</i>	ngökü <i>rubbish</i>
giya <i>root</i>	ndikä <i>law</i>

Spelling rule 2 (page 39): Write most words with a final vowel.

Correct	Wrong
abeli <i>maize</i>	abel <i>maize</i>
kori <i>footprint</i>	kor <i>footprint</i>
alamu <i>curse</i>	alam <i>curse</i>
ngöönü <i>snore</i>	ngöön <i>snore</i>

ämönyü *eat* | ämöny *eat*

Spelling rule 3 (page 41): At the end of words, write **y** or **w** before a final vowel. Do not write **y** or **w** at the end of words without a final vowel. Do not write two vowels together without a **y** or **w** separating them.

Correct	Wrong
gewu <i>town</i>	gew geu <i>town</i>
lawu <i>clothing item</i>	law lau <i>clothing item</i>
häwü <i>yawn</i>	häw häü <i>yawn</i>
'boyi <i>trap</i>	'boy 'boi <i>trap</i>
amay <i>come</i>	amay amai <i>come</i>
yëyi <i>boat, canoe</i>	yëy yëi <i>boat, canoe</i>

Exercise 21

Carefully read and say each test word below. The letters in each test word may or may not be written correctly. Write the word correctly in the space given. The first one is done as an example.

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
'bikülü <i>jealous person</i>	'bikülü	mäkinyë <i>sweetness</i>	_____
ahü <i>grind</i>	_____	hirökaga <i>flower</i>	_____
hi'bëë <i>courtyard</i>	_____	beer <i>open land</i>	_____
dorüü <i>roof</i>	_____	'bimängiri <i>coward</i>	_____
tüngöl <i>mortar, bowl</i>	_____	alew <i>look at, watch</i>	_____
dödili <i>ghost, spirit</i>	_____	ätünyü <i>smell</i>	_____
'jögöm <i>testicle</i>	_____	külüü <i>python</i>	_____
föü <i>early</i>	_____	ngöön <i>snore</i>	_____
lany <i>gun</i>	_____	ngayi <i>table</i>	_____

Bongo Word List

Below, singular words (one) and plural words (more than one) are in alphabetical order. There are nouns (n), pronouns (pron), verbs (v) and other word categories listed by the abbreviations below.

adj	adjective	describes a noun by following the noun
adv	adverb	describes a verb
aff	affix	prefix (beginning letters) or suffix (ending letters) that has meaning or a special use
con	connector	joins a clause, phrase or sentence

dem	demonstrative	points to or shows which noun is talked about
der	derivational prefix	beginning letters of a word that changes one word into a new word
exp	expression	word that can be a complete sentence by itself
ind	indefinite pronoun	takes the place of an unspecified noun
mod	modifier	describes a noun by preceding the noun
n	noun	person, animal, place, thing, or idea
num	number	tells how many of a noun there are
oth	other	the word category is not yet known
part	particle	word that has a special use
prep	preposition	introduces a noun (or noun phrase) that describes a previous action
pron	pronoun	takes the place of noun or noun phrase
quan	quantity	describes the approximant amount of a noun by following the noun
pron.refl	reflexive pronoun	takes the place of a noun that is used as an object (receiver) after being the subject (doer) of the same action
ques	question word	asks a question
v	verb	action, motion, change, state, or equal sign

Bongo Word List

Singular

Plural

Word category

A a

aba	v	<i>rub</i>
aba	v	<i>get engaged</i>
abe	v	<i>walk</i>
abe	v	<i>insult, reply with abusive words</i>
abeli	n	<i>maize</i>
a'ba	v	<i>drive (animals)</i>
a'ba	v	<i>sting (like bee), shoot</i>
a'bi	v	<i>uproot</i>
a'bu	v	<i>wrap up, fold</i>
a'bugu	v	<i>steal</i>
aca	v	<i>insult</i>
ace	v	<i>cover, report</i>
ace	v	<i>get ready, prepare</i>
acu	v	<i>fall, fill</i>
ada	v	<i>tie</i>
ada	v	<i>count</i>
adu	v	<i>light, ignite</i>
a'dice	v	<i>send (message)</i>
a'do	v	<i>cultivate, farm</i>
a'doci	v	<i>cut</i>
a'domo	v	<i>keep, save</i>
a'du	v	<i>live</i>

a'dugba	v	<i>catch, arrest</i>
afati, apati	v	<i>thank, praise</i>
aga	v	<i>cut</i>
agele	v	<i>choose, pick</i>
ageme	v	<i>deceive, trick, persuade, seduce</i>
agi	v	<i>turn, go around</i>
agirow	v	<i>lay (yourself) down, lie down</i>
ago	v	<i>harvest (groundnuts) by digging</i>
agoki	v	<i>gather</i>
agu	v	<i>stab</i>
agu	v	<i>buy, sell</i>
agbagba	v	<i>wander</i>
agbo	v	<i>join, put together</i>
agbodo	v	<i>collect, gather</i>
aha	v	<i>fan</i>
ahaga	v	<i>crawl</i>
ahiri	v	<i>fry</i>
aho	v	<i>slaughter, skin</i>
aje	v	<i>arrange</i>
ajo	v	<i>trap, set trap</i>
a'ji	n	<i>thing</i>
a'ju	v	<i>be born</i>
a'julu	v	<i>return, give back</i>
ake	v	<i>divide, divorce</i>
ako	v	<i>scratch (body)</i>
akori	v	<i>clear, clean, plow field after harvest</i>
aku	v	<i>tells, say, sing</i>
akpe	v	<i>kick, flap (wings)</i>
akpi	v	<i>open</i>
akpi	v	<i>help, save</i>
ala	v	<i>grow up</i>
ala	v	<i>get, bring, fetch</i>
alaga	v	<i>chop, cut</i>
alamu	v	<i>curse</i>
alawu	v	<i>awake</i>
ale	v	<i>search for</i>
alehe	v	<i>look at, see, visit</i>
alewu	v	<i>look at, watch, graze, visit</i>
ali	v	<i>remove, pull, cook</i>
alingi	v	<i>look for</i>
alo	v	<i>smear, apply (oil)</i>
alogo	v	<i>boil</i>
alolo	v	<i>fill (bottles with liquid)</i>
alonyi	v	<i>contribute, give</i>
alutu	v	<i>burn something</i>
ama'ja	v	<i>melt</i>

amala	v	<i>crawl</i>
amayi	v	<i>come</i>
amebe	v	<i>pass through</i>
ami	v	<i>do, make, cry</i>
amile	v	<i>say</i>
amita	mod	<i>able</i>
amo	v	<i>survive</i>
amohitu	v	<i>know, notice</i>
amolo	v	<i>flee, run away</i>
amolu	v	<i>enter, go in</i>
amonyo	v	<i>copulate, have sex</i>
amu	v	<i>close (eye)</i>
amba	v	<i>refuse, reject</i>
ambi	v	<i>leave, travel, escape, fade</i>
ambi	v	<i>overtake</i>
ambo	v	<i>squeeze, draw milk</i>
anene	v	<i>taste</i>
andee	v	<i>go</i>
andu'ba	v	<i>beg</i>
anduju	v	<i>ask, request</i>
anga	v	<i>follow</i>
ango	v	<i>hang, write</i>
angu'ngu	v	<i>think</i>
angba	v	<i>hit, strike, slap, spank</i>
angba	v	<i>put on, wear (clothes)</i>
angba	v	<i>roast, bake</i>
angbe	v	<i>twist, turn over, drive (animals)</i>
anja	v	<i>throw</i>
anya	v	<i>leave something, forgive</i>
anya	oth	<i>unhappy, upset</i>
a'nga	v	<i>bite, gnaw, cut off, subtract</i>
ara	v	<i>press</i>
ata	v	<i>see, find, show</i>
ata	v	<i>put, store</i>
ate	v	<i>stay, remain</i>
ati'di	v	<i>vomit</i>
atiko	v	<i>break, crush</i>
atinge	v	<i>scoop, draw water</i>
ato	v	<i>raise, lift</i>
atu	v	<i>spread (disease), carry</i>
atugba, a'dugba	v	<i>catch, arrest, take care of</i>
atunu	v	<i>kill, murder, slaughter</i>
awo	v	<i>pull, draw out</i>
awu	v	<i>hear, listen</i>
aya	v	<i>jump</i>
aye	v	<i>drink</i>

ayeme	v	<i>mend, repair, make flat</i>
ayenje	v	<i>waste, destroy, spoil</i>
ayi	v	<i>make</i>
ayo	v	<i>point, show, indicate</i>
ayu	v	<i>die</i>
äbü	v	<i>build</i>
äbü	v	<i>blow</i>
ä'bī	v	<i>give</i>
äcē, ämēcī	v	<i>get in , board</i>
äcī	v	<i>beat</i>
äcü	v	<i>be brave</i>
ädī	v	<i>be cold</i>
ädī	v	<i>bend over</i>
ädü	v	<i>start</i>
ä'dī	v	<i>cook</i>
ä'dögü	v	<i>wash (clothes)</i>
ä'dü	v	<i>throw, plant, sow</i>
äfi, äpī	v	<i>send</i>
ägē, ä'jē	v	<i>take, get, obtain, marry</i>
ähü	v	<i>grind</i>
äjē	v	<i>diverge, so separately</i>
äkü	v	<i>create, make, finish</i>
älē	v	<i>dig</i>
älī	v	<i>swallow, leak</i>
äligī	v	<i>die, be lost, loose something</i>
älö	v	<i>remove, take off (clothes)</i>
älü	v	<i>suck, nurse, raise, bring, up (child)</i>
ämēbī	v	<i>fly</i>
ämēhī	v	<i>bury</i>
ämönyü	v	<i>eat</i>
ämörö	v	<i>stop, stand, rest</i>
ämü	v	<i>bump</i>
änyī	v	<i>get up</i>
änyü	v	<i>eat, chew</i>
ärē	v	<i>threaten</i>
ärīhī	v	<i>honour</i>
ärü	v	<i>sew (cloth)</i>
ätī	v	<i>dig, push, close (mouth)</i>
ätü	v	<i>pound</i>
ätü	v	<i>sprout (like plant)</i>
äwü	v	<i>carry, take</i>
Ä ä		
äwü	v	<i>carry</i>

B b

ba		<i>pron</i>	<i>he, him, his</i>
baa		<i>n</i>	<i>river</i>
babu'do		<i>n</i>	<i>resembling thing</i>
baagaa, boogaa		<i>n</i>	<i>colleagues</i>
baanga	baangee	<i>n</i>	<i>dangerous animal</i>
batuu	batuee	<i>n</i>	<i>father-in-law</i>
bayongo	bayongee	<i>n</i>	<i>artist, musician</i>
beeri		<i>n</i>	<i>open land, clearing</i>
beerī		<i>n</i>	<i>anvil, iron stand</i>
bi		<i>pron</i>	<i>he</i>
bihi		<i>n</i>	<i>place</i>
bilina		<i>n</i>	<i>dura, sorghum</i>
binya	binyee	<i>n</i>	<i>goat</i>
bira		<i>n</i>	<i>beauty</i>
biyaa		<i>n</i>	<i>news</i>
bīi		<i>n</i>	<i>hair, fur</i>
bīdī		<i>n</i>	<i>pasture</i>
bīhī	bīhēē	<i>n</i>	<i>dog</i>
bīrihī		<i>n</i>	<i>honour</i>
boo	booyee	<i>n</i>	<i>friend</i>
bō'bū		<i>n</i>	<i>father</i>
bōcī		<i>n</i>	<i>castrated animal</i>
bō'dū	bō'dēē	<i>n</i>	<i>hog, warthog</i>
Bōngō	Bōngēē	<i>n</i>	<i>Bongo person</i>
bötōlī	bötōlēē	<i>n</i>	<i>male goat not castrated</i>
buu		<i>n</i>	<i>banana</i>
bu'du	bu'dee	<i>n</i>	<i>man, husband</i>
bulo'ngo	bulongoyee	<i>n</i>	<i>good friend</i>
bübü		<i>n</i>	<i>rubbish dump, garbage pile</i>
bürü		<i>n</i>	<i>camp</i>
bürükü		<i>n</i>	<i>ash</i>
bütü		<i>n</i>	<i>dura, sorghum type</i>

'B 'b

'ba		<i>part</i>	<i>of</i>
'ba		<i>prep</i>	<i>to, in</i>
'balakana		<i>n</i>	<i>okra</i>
'ban		<i>adv</i>	<i>there</i>
'bara		<i>n</i>	<i>rib</i>
'bata	'batee	<i>n</i>	<i>hare, rabbit</i>
'baya		<i>n</i>	<i>feast</i>
'bēē		<i>n</i>	<i>home, compound, village</i>
'bii		<i>n</i>	<i>sleep</i>
'birü	'birüēē	<i>n</i>	<i>bat</i>
'bo		<i>part</i>	<i>had</i>
'boki		<i>n</i>	<i>calf (of leg)</i>

'boko	'bokee	<i>n</i>	<i>rat type</i>
'boko		<i>n</i>	<i>grass cutter</i>
'bono		<i>mod</i>	<i>front (of something)</i>
'bongo		<i>n</i>	<i>figh</i>
'bonjo		<i>n</i>	<i>pumpkin</i>
'boro		<i>n</i>	<i>hole</i>
'boro		<i>n</i>	<i>air pump, bellow</i>
'boyi		<i>n</i>	<i>trap</i>
'börö		<i>adv</i>	<i>already</i>
'buu		<i>n</i>	<i>egg</i>
'bugba		<i>adv</i>	<i>away, outside, off</i>
'bula		<i>n</i>	<i>simsim, sesame</i>
'buulu		<i>n</i>	<i>mahogany tree</i>
'buru		<i>n</i>	<i>life</i>
'bü'bü		<i>mod</i>	<i>foaming, bubbling</i>
'bürë		<i>n</i>	<i>dust</i>

C c

caa		<i>n</i>	<i>cow</i>
caki		<i>n</i>	<i>ladder</i>
candu		<i>n</i>	<i>leech, insect type</i>
cayi		<i>mod</i>	<i>healing, cured</i>
cīī		<i>n</i>	<i>feces</i>
cīcī		<i>n</i>	<i>cooking pot</i>
cīnyī		<i>n</i>	<i>stream</i>
cōlī		<i>n</i>	<i>handing net storage</i>
cucuwa	cucuwee	<i>n</i>	<i>porcupine</i>
cuka		<i>n</i>	<i>smoke</i>
cumari		<i>n</i>	<i>loin cloth</i>

D d

da		<i>con</i>	<i>when, while, after</i>
daa		<i>n</i>	<i>water well</i>
di		<i>con</i>	<i>when, while, after</i>
dibi		<i>adv</i>	<i>low, down</i>
diroo		<i>mod</i>	<i>some</i>
dīlī		<i>n</i>	<i>shadow, shade</i>
do		<i>n</i>	<i>head</i>
do		<i>prep</i>	<i>on</i>
doki'di		<i>n</i>	<i>chest</i>
doko		<i>n</i>	<i>basket</i>
doko		<i>mod</i>	<i>edge (of something)</i>
dokono		<i>n</i>	<i>guide</i>
do		<i>n</i>	<i>head</i>
domaga		<i>n</i>	<i>boundary</i>
dongo	dongee	<i>n</i>	<i>civet cat</i>

dori		<i>n</i>	<i>year</i>
dö'bëë		<i>n</i>	<i>clan</i>
dödili	dödilëë	<i>n</i>	<i>ghost, spirit</i>
döhi		<i>n</i>	<i>funeral</i>
dökër		<i>mod</i>	<i>side (of something)</i>
dömbëcï		<i>n</i>	<i>shoulder</i>
duu		<i>mod</i>	<i>real</i>
dudu		<i>n</i>	<i>grave</i>
dümü		<i>n</i>	<i>asida, porridge</i>

'D 'd

'da		<i>adv</i>	<i>there</i>
'daa'da'da		<i>adj</i>	<i>soft</i>
'dice		<i>n</i>	<i>message</i>
'dongo		<i>n</i>	<i>lump on head</i>
'duu		<i>n</i>	<i>thigh</i>

E e

Ë ë

ëndëë		<i>adj</i>	<i>unripe</i>
ëndimëndi		<i>adj</i>	<i>mature</i>

F f

faca, paca		<i>quan</i>	<i>a lot of</i>
faranga, paranga	farangee, parangee	<i>a</i>	<i>young man</i>
fati, pati		<i>n</i>	<i>praise</i>
fira, pira		<i>n</i>	<i>axe</i>
firafa, pirafa		<i>n</i>	<i>mud wall</i>
firi, piri		<i>n</i>	<i>word, matter</i>
fito, pito		<i>n</i>	<i>cane, walking stick</i>
foli, poli		<i>n</i>	<i>cloud</i>
foli, poli		<i>n</i>	<i>shell</i>
fö'dü, pö'dü		<i>n</i>	<i>fire</i>
fule, pule		<i>n</i>	<i>scar</i>
fülü, pülü		<i>n</i>	<i>cooking stone</i>
fürü, pürü		<i>n</i>	<i>wound, sore</i>
fütü, pütü		<i>n</i>	<i>heel (of foot)</i>

G g

ga		<i>quan</i>	<i>all</i>
gala	galee	<i>n</i>	<i>wild dog</i>
ganja		<i>n</i>	<i>money</i>
gägä		<i>n</i>	<i>lizard (general)</i>
gändä		<i>mod</i>	<i>much</i>
gewegewe		<i>mod</i>	<i>falling</i>

gewu		<i>n</i>	<i>town</i>
gingo		<i>n</i>	<i>hook</i>
giya		<i>n</i>	<i>root</i>
go		<i>n</i>	<i>neck</i>
goli		<i>n</i>	<i>wealth, riches</i>
göhü		<i>n</i>	<i>cough</i>
guu		<i>n</i>	<i>hole</i>
gu'bu		<i>n</i>	<i>forest, away from houses</i>
guloto		<i>n</i>	<i>granary</i>
guru	guree	<i>n</i>	<i>fish type</i>
güci		<i>mod</i>	<i>bottom (of something)</i>
gütü		<i>n</i>	<i>strength</i>

Gb gb

gbaja		<i>n</i>	<i>comb</i>
gbanja		<i>mod</i>	<i>various, random, different</i>
gbändimö		<i>n</i>	<i>shatta, hot pepper</i>
gbiti		<i>n</i>	<i>shield</i>
gbigbiti		<i>n</i>	<i>duck, bird type</i>
gboo		<i>n</i>	<i>fence</i>
gbogbo		<i>mod</i>	<i>big</i>
gbondo		<i>n</i>	<i>leg, foot</i>
gbö, gbä		<i>adj</i>	<i>complete</i>
gbugbu		<i>n</i>	<i>hole</i>
gburu		<i>mod</i>	<i>genuine, original</i>
gbügürü		<i>n</i>	<i>bag type</i>
gbülükü		<i>mod</i>	<i>round</i>

H h

haba		<i>n</i>	<i>hippo</i>
haya		<i>n</i>	<i>sand</i>
häwü		<i>n</i>	<i>yawn</i>
he		<i>pron</i>	<i>you (pl), your</i>
hege	hegee	<i>n</i>	<i>spirit, god</i>
hengu		<i>adj</i>	<i>sharp</i>
hēdi		<i>n</i>	<i>urine, pee</i>
hi		<i>n</i>	<i>stomach</i>
hi		<i>prep</i>	<i>in, inside</i>
hi		<i>pron</i>	<i>you (pl)</i>
hii		<i>n</i>	<i>soil</i>
hi'ba		<i>mod</i>	<i>sound (something)</i>
hi'bala	hi'balee	<i>n</i>	<i>orphan</i>
hi'bana		<i>n</i>	<i>skin</i>
hido		<i>n</i>	<i>behavior, attitude</i>
higba		<i>n</i>	<i>stool</i>
hile		<i>n</i>	<i>baby</i>

hilete		<i>n</i>	<i>spoon, shell</i>
hilili		<i>n</i>	<i>air, wind</i>
hinyi		<i>n</i>	<i>scorpion</i>
hilo		<i>n</i>	<i>dry season</i>
himi		<i>mod</i>	<i>inside</i>
hinya		<i>n</i>	<i>bow</i>
hinyi		<i>n</i>	<i>scorpion</i>
hiru		<i>n</i>	<i>saliva</i>
hiwu		<i>n</i>	<i>plant type</i>
hi'bi		<i>n</i>	<i>rainy season</i>
hi'bü		<i>n</i>	<i>oil, ointment</i>
hi'di		<i>n</i>	<i>penis</i>
hi'dü		<i>n</i>	<i>fishing spear</i>
higë	higëë	<i>n</i>	<i>mouse</i>
hilëlë	hilëlëë	<i>n</i>	<i>kite, bird type</i>
hilü		<i>n</i>	<i>hyena</i>
himü		<i>n</i>	<i>relative by blood</i>
hirö		<i>n</i>	<i>liver</i>
hirüü		<i>n</i>	<i>floor</i>
hiti		<i>n</i>	<i>health</i>
hoo		<i>n</i>	<i>stream, pool</i>
hogo		<i>n</i>	<i>back</i>
holo		<i>n</i>	<i>tail</i>
homo		<i>n</i>	<i>nose</i>
hondoo		<i>mod</i>	<i>last</i>
höli	holeë	<i>n</i>	<i>bird (general)</i>
hu		<i>pron</i>	<i>she, her</i>
huu		<i>n</i>	<i>breath, spirit</i>

I i

Ï ï

ï *pron* *you (sg)*

J j

je		<i>pron</i>	<i>we, us, our</i>
jekee		<i>mod</i>	<i>good</i>
ji		<i>n</i>	<i>arm, hand</i>
ji		<i>pron</i>	<i>we</i>
ji		<i>prep</i>	<i>to, for</i>
joli		<i>n</i>	<i>limp</i>
jolo		<i>n</i>	<i>dress (for women)</i>
jöhï		<i>n</i>	<i>nasal mucus, snot</i>
jölö	jölëë	<i>n</i>	<i>cock</i>
jumu		<i>n</i>	<i>dish</i>

J j

'jii		<i>n</i>	<i>person</i>
'joo		<i>n</i>	<i>vagina</i>
'johaya		<i>n</i>	<i>sugar</i>
'joko		<i>n</i>	<i>tooth</i>
'jolanda		<i>n</i>	<i>hail, ice</i>
'jolo		<i>n</i>	<i>antelope type</i>
'jomo'ba		<i>n</i>	<i>seed, kernel</i>
'jögömü		<i>n</i>	<i>testicle</i>

K k

ka		<i>con</i>	<i>and, then</i>
ka		<i>con</i>	<i>in order to, so that</i>
ka		<i>part</i>	<i>be, is, are</i>
kaa		<i>con</i>	<i>whenever</i>
kada		<i>n</i>	<i>sun, day</i>
kaga		<i>n</i>	<i>tree, wood</i>
kakpa		<i>adj</i>	<i>long ago</i>
kaliki		<i>n</i>	<i>elbow</i>
kaliki		<i>n</i>	<i>bird type</i>
kamba		<i>n</i>	<i>honey</i>
kanu		<i>n</i>	<i>trunk (of elephant)</i>
kanda		<i>adj</i>	<i>new</i>
kanga	kangee	<i>n</i>	<i>ostrich</i>
kariya	kariyee	<i>n</i>	<i>antelope</i>
kädër		<i>quan</i>	<i>much</i>
kähü		<i>n</i>	<i>mushroom</i>
kälä		<i>n</i>	<i>mane (of lion)</i>
käwü		<i>n</i>	<i>branch (of river)</i>
kehe		<i>n</i>	<i>game</i>
kendi		<i>oth</i>	<i>right, correct</i>
kete		<i>n</i>	<i>pot (for water, cooking)</i>
këbï		<i>n</i>	<i>rope, string, thread</i>
kënyï		<i>n</i>	<i>loan</i>
këti		<i>n</i>	<i>reed</i>
ki		<i>con</i>	<i>if</i>
kii		<i>num</i>	<i>ten</i>
kidi	kidee	<i>n</i>	<i>elephant</i>
kihika		<i>n</i>	<i>grass broom</i>
kihilili		<i>n</i>	<i>light-weight</i>
kihiwa		<i>n</i>	<i>porcupine</i>
kilingba		<i>n</i>	<i>bone</i>
kindaru		<i>adj</i>	<i>wrinkled</i>
kinji	kinjee	<i>n</i>	<i>fish (general)</i>
kiranya	kiranyee	<i>n</i>	<i>snake (general)</i>

kire		<i>n</i>	<i>arrow</i>
kiri		<i>n</i>	<i>star</i>
kiri		<i>adj</i>	<i>heavy</i>
kiya		<i>n</i>	<i>gall bladder</i>
kībī		<i>n</i>	<i>drum</i>
kīdī		<i>n</i>	<i>muscle, vein</i>
kilē'bi		<i>n</i>	<i>mountain, hill</i>
kīlīlī		<i>n</i>	<i>charcoal</i>
kīlīrū		<i>n</i>	<i>giraffe</i>
kilō	kilōëë	<i>n</i>	<i>parrot, bird type</i>
kīnyī		<i>adj</i>	<i>tasty</i>
kīnyō		<i>n</i>	<i>thorn, brier</i>
kīrī		<i>mod</i>	<i>rich</i>
ko		<i>n</i>	<i>opening, edge, mouth</i>
ko'do		<i>n</i>	<i>gourd, calabath</i>
kogo	kogee	<i>n</i>	<i>leopard</i>
koki	kokee	<i>n</i>	<i>egret, bird type</i>
kokidi		<i>n</i>	<i>rice</i>
koko		<i>n</i>	<i>dura, sorghum</i>
koko		<i>n</i>	<i>colour, shape</i>
kokoli	kokolee	<i>n</i>	<i>kingfisher, bird type</i>
kokoro		<i>n</i>	<i>finger nail, talon</i>
komo		<i>n</i>	<i>eye</i>
kongbo	kongbee	<i>n</i>	<i>bird type</i>
konye		<i>adj</i>	<i>white</i>
kori		<i>n</i>	<i>footprint</i>
koro		<i>n</i>	<i>trap</i>
korokoro		<i>n</i>	<i>shap point, finger nail, claw</i>
koto		<i>n</i>	<i>back</i>
kōbī	kōbēë	<i>n</i>	<i>buffalo</i>
kōlī		<i>n</i>	<i>whistling</i>
kōrī		<i>n</i>	<i>shea butter tree</i>
kōtū		<i>num</i>	<i>one</i>
kuda		<i>n</i>	<i>thirst</i>
kudo		<i>n</i>	<i>speech</i>
ku'da		<i>n</i>	<i>water place</i>
kuhu		<i>n</i>	<i>seed, tribe</i>
kuje		<i>n</i>	<i>hook</i>
ku'ja		<i>n</i>	<i>prostitution</i>
kuku		<i>n</i>	<i>lung</i>
kulongo		<i>n</i>	<i>bottle</i>
kuloyo		<i>n</i>	<i>millet</i>
kulu		<i>n</i>	<i>revenge</i>
kumara	kumaree	<i>n</i>	<i>woman</i>
kunu		<i>adj</i>	<i>painful, important</i>
kungu		<i>n</i>	<i>road, path</i>

kunya		<i>adj</i>	<i>bad</i>
kure		<i>n</i>	<i>malaria, bulb (of plant)</i>
kurongo		<i>n</i>	<i>shout, noice, sound</i>
kuta		<i>n</i>	<i>filter, sieve</i>
kuye		<i>n</i>	<i>knot</i>
küdi		<i>n</i>	<i>worm, maggot</i>
kü'dühi		<i>n</i>	<i>cotton</i>
külü		<i>n</i>	<i>heart</i>
külülü		<i>n</i>	<i>cry, shout</i>
külüyi	külüyi	<i>n</i>	<i>python, snake type</i>
kümö		<i>n</i>	<i>celebration</i>
kümü		<i>n</i>	<i>navel, belly button</i>
küngü	küngëë	<i>n</i>	<i>baboon, monkey</i>
künyî	künyëë	<i>n</i>	<i>flea, tick, insect type</i>
kürö'bö		<i>n</i>	<i>mud</i>
Küröhî		<i>n</i>	<i>man's name</i>
kürü	kürëë	<i>n</i>	<i>caterpillar</i>
kürü		<i>n</i>	<i>groundnut</i>
kütü		<i>n</i>	<i>shelter</i>
kütü		<i>n</i>	<i>handle</i>

Kp kp

kpadu		<i>adj</i>	<i>tall, long</i>
kpanga		<i>mod</i>	<i>piece (of something)</i>
kpaw		<i>quan</i>	<i>all</i>
kpärikpö	kpärikpëë	<i>n</i>	<i>tortoise</i>
kpë		<i>adj</i>	<i>large</i>
kpëny		<i>mod</i>	<i>elder, older</i>
kpi		<i>adv</i>	<i>quietly</i>
kpico		<i>n</i>	<i>talon, claw</i>
kpo'do		<i>n</i>	<i>hat</i>
kpökpö		<i>n</i>	<i>throat</i>
kpüli	kpülëë	<i>n</i>	<i>lion</i>

L l

laba		<i>n</i>	<i>bridge</i>
lalamu		<i>n</i>	<i>curse</i>
landa		<i>n</i>	<i>white stone, rock</i>
landaa		<i>n</i>	<i>thick, big</i>
langba		<i>n</i>	<i>drying platform</i>
lanyi		<i>n</i>	<i>gun</i>
lawu		<i>n</i>	<i>clothing item</i>
längärä		<i>n</i>	<i>beg</i>
lee		<i>n</i>	<i>father's sister, aunt</i>
lelekpe		<i>mod</i>	<i>loose, free</i>
lë'ji		<i>n</i>	<i>beer, alchcohol</i>

li'jicükä		<i>n</i>	<i>bubble</i>
lëlë		<i>n</i>	<i>stone</i>
lëmï		<i>n</i>	<i>sister</i>
li'bu		<i>n</i>	<i>hive (of bees)</i>
linda, payi		<i>n</i>	<i>digging tool</i>
lïi		<i>n</i>	<i>co-wife</i>
lïngë		<i>n</i>	<i>horn (of animal)</i>
lïrù	lïrùëë	<i>n</i>	<i>pelican, bird type</i>
Lïwü		<i>n</i>	<i>man's name</i>
lobi		<i>n</i>	<i>poem</i>
logo		<i>n</i>	<i>hoe blade</i>
loki		<i>n</i>	<i>crowd</i>
loki		<i>mod</i>	<i>many</i>
longbo		<i>mod</i>	<i>big</i>
lo'ngo		<i>n</i>	<i>friendship</i>
lo'ngu		<i>mod</i>	<i>big</i>
löhï		<i>n</i>	<i>baldness</i>
lu'ba		<i>n</i>	<i>abandoned place</i>
lu'ju		<i>n</i>	<i>sap (of tree)</i>
lula		<i>n</i>	<i>cloud</i>
luma		<i>n</i>	<i>brother or sister in-law</i>
Luma, luma		<i>n</i>	<i>God, god</i>
luru	luree	<i>n</i>	<i>mudfish</i>
luyi		<i>n</i>	<i>grass</i>
lülë		<i>n</i>	<i>water turtle</i>
lündü		<i>n</i>	<i>brother</i>
lünÿi	lünÿëë	<i>n</i>	<i>rat</i>

M m

ma		<i>pron</i>	<i>I, me, my</i>
maa		<i>n</i>	<i>pregnancy, child</i>
maca	macee	<i>n</i>	<i>rhino</i>
macoki, macoko		<i>n</i>	<i>tooth brush, tooth stick</i>
magori		<i>n</i>	<i>ring, wheel</i>
mahikol	mahikolee	<i>n</i>	<i>mosquito</i>
makana		<i>n</i>	<i>fruit</i>
makara		<i>mod</i>	<i>clean</i>
makpulukpu		<i>n</i>	<i>bettle</i>
mamba		<i>n</i>	<i>search, hunt</i>
manda		<i>n</i>	<i>groundnut</i>
manga		<i>n</i>	<i>crack, crevice</i>
manganga		<i>n</i>	<i>drum type</i>
mangatee		<i>mod</i>	<i>younger</i>
mangool		<i>n</i>	<i>flute</i>
marundu		<i>n</i>	<i>spider</i>
matiyo		<i>n</i>	<i>story</i>

maya		<i>n</i>	<i>breast, milk</i>
maya		<i>n</i>	<i>yam</i>
mācīkī		<i>n</i>	<i>louse, lice</i>
māgūrē	māgūrēē	<i>n</i>	<i>dove, bird type</i>
māhīmū		<i>n</i>	<i>relative</i>
mākūmūnyī		<i>n</i>	<i>flea, insect type</i>
māngālū	māngālēē	<i>n</i>	<i>grasshopper</i>
māngīrī		<i>n</i>	<i>fear</i>
māngūkū		<i>n</i>	<i>owl</i>
mānjūkūrū		<i>n</i>	<i>ant (general)</i>
mehe		<i>n</i>	<i>spear type</i>
mēhī		<i>n</i>	<i>meat</i>
mēndē		<i>n</i>	<i>thinness</i>
mi		<i>pron</i>	<i>I</i>
mijani		<i>n</i>	<i>weight</i>
mini		<i>n</i>	<i>water</i>
mino		<i>n</i>	<i>cry, weeping</i>
mira		<i>n</i>	<i>poison, venom</i>
miyeeyi, miyooyi		<i>n</i>	<i>yelling</i>
mīcī		<i>n</i>	<i>potato</i>
mīndī		<i>n</i>	<i>dirt, soil</i>
mīnyī		<i>n</i>	<i>odour, smell</i>
mooje		<i>n</i>	<i>look, behold</i>
mo'jo		<i>mod</i>	<i>little</i>
moko		<i>n</i>	<i>war, fighting</i>
molo		<i>mod</i>	<i>bottom (of something)</i>
monoo		<i>adj</i>	<i>certain, other, another</i>
moori		<i>n</i>	<i>mother-in-law</i>
mōōlū		<i>n</i>	<i>fish type</i>
mōmū	mōmūnēē	<i>n</i>	<i>wife</i>
mōōnyū		<i>n</i>	<i>dura, sorghum type</i>
mu'du		<i>n</i>	<i>illness, sickness, rest</i>
mumbu		<i>n</i>	<i>corpse, dead body</i>
munya		<i>n</i>	<i>ugliness</i>
muyu		<i>n</i>	<i>death</i>
mū'dī		<i>n</i>	<i>bush</i>
mūkū		<i>n</i>	<i>fallow ground, abandoned place</i>
mūlū		<i>n</i>	<i>darkness</i>
Mb mb			
mbaa		<i>adv</i>	<i>short while</i>
mbaga		<i>n</i>	<i>mother</i>
mbara		<i>adv</i>	<i>remaining</i>
mbele	mbelee	<i>n</i>	<i>catfish</i>
mbēlī		<i>n</i>	<i>wing</i>
mbili		<i>n</i>	<i>ear</i>

mbira		<i>n</i>	<i>net</i>
mbirawu		<i>n</i>	<i>wild cat</i>
mbir'edi		<i>n</i>	<i>bamboo</i>
mbiyö		<i>n</i>	<i>lie, falsehood</i>
mbiyöngö		<i>n</i>	<i>pen, colour</i>
mbö'bö		<i>mod</i>	<i>spoiled</i>
mbötü		<i>n</i>	<i>door</i>
mbu'da		<i>n</i>	<i>bag, quiver</i>
mbulugaa		<i>mod</i>	<i>sweet</i>
mburogo		<i>n</i>	<i>throat mucus, phlegm</i>

N n

na		<i>prep</i>	<i>with</i>
na		<i>dem</i>	<i>this, these</i>
nafiri		<i>adj</i>	<i>wanting, needing</i>
ne		<i>pron</i>	<i>it, him, her, its, his</i>
ni		<i>pron</i>	<i>he, she (logophoric)</i>
ninä	ninäë	<i>n</i>	<i>mother's sisiter</i>
noko	nokee	<i>n</i>	<i>mother's brother</i>
nokotoo		<i>adv</i>	<i>yesterday</i>

Nd nd

ndaliko	ndalikee	<i>n</i>	<i>chameleon, lizard type</i>
ndan		<i>adv</i>	<i>today</i>
ndatara		<i>n</i>	<i>tongue</i>
ndee		<i>adv</i>	<i>before</i>
ndende		<i>adv</i>	<i>shaking</i>
ndere		<i>n</i>	<i>walk</i>
ndira		<i>n</i>	<i>pencil</i>
ndi'bö		<i>n</i>	<i>chin</i>
ndikä		<i>n</i>	<i>law</i>
ndirä		<i>n</i>	<i>pimple, blemish (on face)</i>
ndobo		<i>n</i>	<i>work</i>
ndö'ji		<i>n</i>	<i>semen</i>
ndörü		<i>n</i>	<i>mourning, grieving</i>
ndugu		<i>n</i>	<i>price</i>
ndu'ju		<i>n</i>	<i>greeting, peace</i>
ndum		<i>adv</i>	<i>tomorrow</i>
nduma		<i>n</i>	<i>grass</i>
nduru		<i>n</i>	<i>weakness</i>
ndüü		<i>n</i>	<i>sound, voice, messenger</i>
ndüböö		<i>adj</i>	<i>older, elder</i>

Ng ng

ngaha		<i>n</i>	<i>run</i>
ngaja	ngajee	<i>n</i>	<i>girl</i>

ngaka		<i>mod</i>	<i>towards</i>
ngala		<i>n</i>	<i>dance</i>
ngaligbi		<i>n</i>	<i>rainbow</i>
nganja	nganje	<i>n</i>	<i>crocodile</i>
ngara		<i>mod</i>	<i>great</i>
ngatee		<i>adj</i>	<i>younger</i>
ngaya, yenyi		<i>n</i>	<i>scabies, itching disease</i>
ngayi		<i>n</i>	<i>table</i>
ngäbü		<i>n</i>	<i>cobra, snake type</i>
ngira		<i>n</i>	<i>forest, bush</i>
ngiri		<i>v</i>	<i>firewood</i>
ngoo	ngoe	<i>n</i>	<i>in-law, guest</i>
ngoo		<i>n</i>	<i>marriage</i>
ngoo		<i>n</i>	<i>marriage</i>
ngom		<i>n</i>	<i>abscess</i>
ngono	ngonee	<i>n</i>	<i>chicken</i>
ngonjo		<i>n</i>	<i>shin (of leg)</i>
ngo'ngo	ngo'ngee	<i>n</i>	<i>housefly</i>
ngori		<i>num</i>	<i>second</i>
ngoyo		<i>n</i>	<i>song</i>
ngökü		<i>n</i>	<i>rubbish, garbage</i>
ngöönü		<i>n</i>	<i>snore</i>
ngü'dü		<i>n</i>	<i>hump (on back)</i>
ngü'dü		<i>n</i>	<i>blindness</i>
ngüli		<i>n</i>	<i>widow, widower</i>

Ngb ngb

ngbala		<i>n</i>	<i>whip, arm, branch</i>
ngbangu		<i>n</i>	<i>okra</i>
ngbo		<i>adv</i>	<i>just</i>
ngbulu		<i>mod</i>	<i>big, thick</i>
ngbütü		<i>n</i>	<i>deafness</i>

Nj nj

nja		<i>part</i>	<i>did, had</i>
nja		<i>part</i>	<i>not</i>
njaa		<i>part</i>	<i>not (completely)</i>
njii		<i>n</i>	<i>leaf, foliage</i>
njolo	njolee	<i>n</i>	<i>frog, toad</i>
njonjo		<i>mod</i>	<i>small</i>
njula		<i>n</i>	<i>rubber</i>
njuru		<i>n</i>	<i>poverty</i>

Ny ny

nya		<i>con</i>	<i>as, while, when</i>
nya'da		<i>n</i>	<i>smile, welcome</i>

nyaka		<i>n</i>	<i>field, garden</i>
nyälä		<i>n</i>	<i>wealth</i>
nyere	nyeree	<i>n</i>	<i>chief</i>
nyëenyëë		<i>mod</i>	<i>blinking</i>
nyihi		<i>n</i>	<i>moon, month</i>
nyiti		<i>n</i>	<i>potato</i>
nyoro		<i>n</i>	<i>tumor</i>

'Ng 'ng

'ngaa'nga'nga		<i>adj</i>	<i>dry</i>
'ngäcä	'ngäcëë	<i>n</i>	<i>slave</i>
'ngoo		<i>n</i>	<i>termite</i>
'ngo'ngo		<i>n</i>	<i>catfish</i>

O o

Ö ö

ötümötü		<i>adj</i>	<i>rotten</i>
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P p

piyi, linda		<i>n</i>	<i>digging tool</i>
pirapa		<i>n</i>	<i>mud wall</i>

R r

raka		<i>n</i>	<i>shoe, sandle</i>
ranga	range	<i>n</i>	<i>vulture</i>
räkä		<i>n</i>	<i>bread</i>
rekembe		<i>n</i>	<i>shell instrument</i>
reme	remee	<i>n</i>	<i>squirrel</i>
rembo	rembuee	<i>n</i>	<i>sheep</i>
reyi		<i>quan</i>	<i>plenty</i>
rëti		<i>quan</i>	<i>many</i>
riko		<i>n</i>	<i>bed</i>
riti		<i>n</i>	<i>razor</i>
ro		<i>n</i>	<i>body</i>
ro		<i>n</i>	<i>name</i>
ro		<i>n</i>	<i>for, at, on</i>
ro'bu		<i>mod</i>	<i>wanting, needing</i>
rötö		<i>n</i>	<i>bald person</i>
runga		<i>n</i>	<i>rural area for farming</i>
ru'nga	rungee	<i>n</i>	<i>twin</i>
rüü		<i>n</i>	<i>house, hut, room</i>
rüjü		<i>n</i>	<i>flour</i>
rürü		<i>n</i>	<i>filth, uncleanness</i>

T t

taba		<i>n</i>	<i>leprosy</i>
ta'ba		<i>n</i>	<i>tobacco</i>
taga		<i>mod</i>	<i>afternoon</i>
tanja	tanjee	<i>n</i>	<i>guinea fowl</i>
tara		<i>n</i>	<i>lip, quarrel</i>
tarana		<i>n</i>	<i>tree type</i>
tayi		<i>adj</i>	<i>morning</i>
tängü		<i>mod</i>	<i>blocked, obstructed</i>
tängbö		<i>mod</i>	<i>end (of something)</i>
tä'ngä	tä'ngëë	<i>n</i>	<i>antelope type</i>
tele		<i>n</i>	<i>swim</i>
tene		<i>n</i>	<i>insult</i>
tii		<i>n</i>	<i>peanut, used for sauce</i>
ti'di		<i>n</i>	<i>vomit</i>
ti'do		<i>n</i>	<i>weed</i>
tigo		<i>adj</i>	<i>strong</i>
tigoo		<i>adj</i>	<i>weak, faint</i>
tiki		<i>n</i>	<i>intestine</i>
timara		<i>n</i>	<i>blood</i>
tiyi		<i>n</i>	<i>ant type</i>
tibi, kitibi		<i>mod</i>	<i>unripe</i>
tülü		<i>n</i>	<i>ring</i>
tüngöl		<i>n</i>	<i>mortar, bowl for grinding</i>
to'do		<i>n</i>	<i>salt</i>
toko		<i>adv</i>	<i>also</i>
tolo		<i>n</i>	<i>juice, dew</i>
tondi		<i>n</i>	<i>leech, insect type</i>
toro		<i>mor</i>	<i>up, high</i>
toto		<i>adv</i>	<i>different</i>
toyi		<i>adj</i>	<i>near</i>
tö'bö		<i>n</i>	<i>fat</i>
tör		<i>adv</i>	<i>completely, strongly</i>
tuu	tuee	<i>n</i>	<i>grandparent</i>
tuje	tujee	<i>n</i>	<i>ancestor</i>
tutu		<i>n</i>	<i>grinding stone</i>
tüdü		<i>n</i>	<i>cry, weeping</i>
türü		<i>n</i>	<i>government</i>
tütü		<i>n</i>	<i>shell (of groundnut)</i>

U u

ukpaa, akpaa		<i>mod</i>	<i>short</i>
ununu		<i>oth</i>	<i>suffering</i>

Ü ü

ünyï		<i>mod</i>	<i>good, sweet</i>
W w			
wa'nga		<i>n</i>	<i>poison</i>
waru	waree	<i>n</i>	<i>fish type</i>
wäjï	wäjëë	<i>n</i>	<i>hawk, bird type</i>
wäli		<i>n</i>	<i>wild dog</i>
wängä		<i>n</i>	<i>greed</i>
wänjä		<i>mod</i>	<i>wide open</i>
wärä		<i>mod</i>	<i>bright</i>
wätawätä		<i>mod</i>	<i>big</i>
wilee	wilelee	<i>n</i>	<i>small animal like civet cat</i>
wiri		<i>n</i>	<i>bud (of dura head)</i>
wöli		<i>n</i>	<i>brain</i>
wüyï		<i>n</i>	<i>abscess, skin infection</i>
Y y			
yakara		<i>n</i>	<i>pumpkin</i>
yala		<i>n</i>	<i>fly swatter</i>
yanga		<i>n</i>	<i>clitoris</i>
ye		<i>pron</i>	<i>they, them, their</i>
yemeka		<i>adv</i>	<i>also, again</i>
yenyi, ngaya		<i>n</i>	<i>scabies, itching disease</i>
yewu		<i>part</i>	<i>there are, exists</i>
yëë		<i>adv</i>	<i>awhile</i>
yëgë	yëgëë	<i>n</i>	<i>locust</i>
yërë		<i>n</i>	<i>younger twin</i>
yëyï		<i>n</i>	<i>boat, canoe</i>
yi		<i>pron</i>	<i>they</i>
yongolo		<i>n</i>	<i>bell</i>

Glossary

Word	Example	Definition
syllable	cu ma ri in cumari 'loin cloth'	The parts of a word that can be divided according to beats.
consonant	mb and r in mbira 'net'	Letter sounds that begin or occasionally end a syllable; a consonant cannot be a syllable by itself.
vowel	i and a in mbira 'net'	Letter sounds that end a syllable; a vowel can be a syllable by itself.
heavy vowel	ü in küngü 'monkey'	The sound of vowel letters with dots.
light vowel	u in kungu 'road'	The sound of vowel letters without dots.
short vowel	i in hi 'stomach'	The sound of single vowel letters which take less time to pronounce.

long vowel

ii in **hii** 'soil'

The sound of doubled vowel letters which take longer to pronounce.

Answers to Exercises

Answers to the exercises of this book are given below.

Exercise 1

a	<u>abeli</u>	i	<u>kinji</u>	nj	<u>njolo</u>
ä	<u>äwü</u>	ï	<u>bïhï</u>	ny	<u>nyere</u>
b	<u>bu'du</u>	j	<u>ji</u>	'ng	<u>'ngoo</u>
'b	<u>'bata</u>	'j	<u>'joko</u>	o	<u>kogo</u>
c	<u>caki</u>	k	<u>kada</u>	ö	<u>köbï</u>
d	<u>do</u>	kp	<u>kpüli</u>	p	<u>pirapa</u>
'd	<u>'duu</u>	l	<u>lanyi</u>	r	<u>reme</u>
e	<u>kete</u>	m	<u>maca</u>	t	<u>tïngöl</u>
ë	<u>'bëë</u>	mb	<u>mbiyöngö</u>	u	<u>tutu</u>
f	<u>fira</u>	n	<u>noko</u>	ü	<u>küngü</u>
g	<u>ganja</u>	nd	<u>ndira</u>	w	<u>waru</u>
gb	<u>gbaja</u>	ng	<u>ngono</u>	y	<u>yongolo</u>
h	<u>hinyi</u>	ngb	<u>ngbangu</u>		

Exercise 2

number of syllables		divided into syllables			
<u>2</u>	lo'ngo	<u>lo</u>	<u>'ngo</u>		<i>friendship</i>
<u>3</u>	külüyï	<u>kü</u>	<u>lü</u>	<u>yï</u>	<i>python</i>
<u>1</u>	'ngoo	<u>'ngoo</u>			<i>termite</i>
<u>2</u>	nduma	<u>ndu</u>	<u>ma</u>		<i>grass</i>
<u>3</u>	gbügürü	<u>gbü</u>	<u>gü</u>	<u>rü</u>	<i>bag type</i>
<u>2</u>	ngbala	<u>ngba</u>	<u>la</u>		<i>whip</i>
<u>1</u>	njï	<u>njï</u>			<i>leaf</i>
<u>3</u>	marundu	<u>ma</u>	<u>ru</u>	<u>ndu</u>	<i>spider</i>
<u>2</u>	mbele	<u>mbe</u>	<u>le</u>		<i>catfish</i>
<u>3</u>	dangara	<u>da</u>	<u>nga</u>	<u>ra</u>	<i>distance</i>
<u>2</u>	nga'ba	<u>nga</u>	<u>'ba</u>		<i>cheek</i>
<u>2</u>	candu	<u>ca</u>	<u>ndu</u>		<i>leech, insect</i>
<u>2</u>	kpökpö	<u>kpö</u>	<u>kpö</u>		<i>throat</i>
<u>3</u>	bayongo	<u>ba</u>	<u>yo</u>	<u>ngo</u>	<i>artist, musician</i>

<u>2</u>	binya	<u>bi</u>	<u>nya</u>	<i>goat</i>
<u>2</u>	ünyĩ	<u>ü</u>	<u>nyĩ</u>	<i>good, sweet</i>

Exercise 3

(h) i ('b) a (n) a	<i>skin</i>
(gb) i (t) i	<i>shield</i>
(b) i (ny) a	<i>goat</i>
(j) o (l) a (nd) a	<i>hail, ice</i>
(d) o (m) a (g) a	<i>boundary</i>
(kp) o ('d) o	<i>hat</i>
(w) a ('ng) a	<i>poison</i>
(ngb) a (ng) u	<i>okra</i>
(f) a (r) a (ng) a	<i>young man</i>
(mb) ä (j) ä	<i>scab (of wound)</i>
(k) a (r) i (y) a	<i>antelope</i>
('b) o (nj) o	<i>pumpkin</i>
(p) a (c) a	<i>a lot</i>

Exercise 4

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
boor <i>inside</i>	<u>'boor</u>	'ba'ja <i>wet</i>	<u>'ba'ja</u>
böcĩ <i>castrated animal</i>	<u>böcĩ</u>	börö <i>already</i>	<u>'börö</u>
'bono <i>front of something</i>	<u>'bono</u>	ban <i>there</i>	<u>'ban</u>
'bugba <i>off, away, outside</i>	<u>'bugba</u>	'bahi <i>inside</i>	<u>'bahi</u>
bü'bü <i>foaming, bubbling</i>	<u>'bü'bü</u>	'boo <i>friend</i>	<u>boo</u>
baki'da <i>over there</i>	<u>'baki'da</u>	'bohondo <i>behind</i>	<u>'bohondo</u>
äbĩ <i>give</i>	<u>ä'bĩ</u>	abe <i>open</i>	<u>abe</u>
aba <i>rub</i>	<u>aba</u>	aduru'bu <i>dream</i>	<u>aduru'bu</u>
andu'ba <i>beg</i>	<u>andu'ba</u>	ämë'bĩ <i>fly</i>	<u>ämëbĩ</u>
ä'bü <i>build</i>	<u>äbü</u>	kamabal <i>slow</i>	<u>kamabal</u>
di'bi <i>low, down</i>	<u>dibi</u>	käbü <i>paralyzed</i>	<u>kä'bü</u>
mbö'bö <i>spoiled</i>	<u>mbö'bö</u>	gburubaa <i>perfect</i>	<u>gburu'baa</u>

Exercise 5

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
'dibi <i>low, down</i>	<u>dibi</u>	du'bii <i>sleep</i>	<u>'du'bii</u>

'dole	<i>roaming, wandering</i>	<u>dole</u>	duu	<i>real</i>	<u>duu</u>
'da	<i>there</i>	<u>'da</u>	dolongo	<i>hanging</i>	<u>dolongo</u>
ädü	<i>start</i>	<u>ädü</u>	a'du	<i>light, ignite</i>	<u>adu</u>
ädü	<i>throw</i>	<u>ä'dü</u>	a'du	<i>live</i>	<u>a'du</u>
agbo'do	<i>collect, gather</i>	<u>agbodo</u>	kpadu	<i>tall, long</i>	<u>kpadu</u>
bu'dabu'da	<i>soft</i>	<u>bu'dabu'da</u>	ä'di	<i>be cold</i>	<u>ä'di</u>
ado	<i>cultivate, farm</i>	<u>a'do</u>	adoci	<i>cut</i>	<u>a'doci</u>
ädi	<i>bend over</i>	<u>ädi</u>	a'domo	<i>keep, save</i>	<u>a'domo</u>
a'da	<i>tie</i>	<u>ada</u>	ada	<i>count</i>	<u>ada</u>
ä'di	<i>cook</i>	<u>ä'di</u>	kä'dër	<i>much</i>	<u>kä'dër</u>
a'ju'do	<i>braid (hair)</i>	<u>a'judo</u>	'bakida	<i>over there</i>	<u>'baki'da</u>

Exercise 6

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
'ji <i>arm, hand</i>	<u>ji</u>	'jii <i>person</i>	<u>'jii</u>
joko <i>tooth</i>	<u>'joko</u>	'jölö <i>cock</i>	<u>jölö</u>
'jolanda <i>hail, ice</i>	<u>'jolanda</u>	jekee <i>good</i>	<u>jekee</u>
atiji <i>open</i>	<u>atiji</u>	amaja <i>melt</i>	<u>ama'ja</u>
a'julu <i>return, give back</i>	<u>a'julu</u>	moo'je <i>look, behold</i>	<u>mooje</u>
anduju <i>ask, request</i>	<u>anduju</u>	andoji <i>flow (like water)</i>	<u>ando'ji</u>
äjë <i>diverge, separate</i>	<u>äjë</u>	a'ju <i>be born</i>	<u>a'ju</u>
agbu'ju <i>return, go back</i>	<u>agbu'ju</u>	ajudo <i>braid (hair)</i>	<u>a'judo</u>
ätöji <i>pour</i>	<u>ätö'ji</u>	mo'jo <i>little</i>	<u>mo'jo</u>

Exercise 7

Test Word	Write correctly	Test Word	Write correctly
gori <i>two</i>	<u>ngori</u>	'ngatee <i>younger</i>	<u>ngatee</u>
gol <i>rich</i>	<u>gol</u>	giyaa <i>small</i>	<u>giyaa</u>
ngäl'ngäl <i>bright</i>	<u>'ngäl'ngäl</u>	gantikan <i>few</i>	<u>ngantikan</u>
gaka <i>towards</i>	<u>ngaka</u>	ngewegewe <i>falling</i>	<u>gewegewe</u>
ngiyee <i>some</i>	<u>giyee</u>	gändä <i>much</i>	<u>gändä</u>
ga <i>all</i>	<u>ga</u>	'ngaa'nga'nga <i>dry</i>	<u>'ngaa'nga'nga</u>
'ngara <i>soon</i>	<u>ngara</u>	nga <i>long ago</i>	<u>nga</u>
ngara <i>great</i>	<u>ngara</u>	ngürtë <i>short</i>	<u>gürtë</u>
agi <i>turn</i>	<u>agi</u>	kpongo <i>empty</i>	<u>kpongo</u>
kpängälä <i>far</i>	<u>kpängälä</u>	tigo <i>strong</i>	<u>tigo</u>
lilingi <i>lost</i>	<u>lilingi</u>	aga <i>follow</i>	<u>anga</u>
kangaci <i>without reason</i>	<u>ka'ngaci</u>	makitigo <i>hard</i>	<u>makitigo</u>
he'ngu <i>sharp</i>	<u>hengu</u>	lo'ngu <i>big</i>	<u>lo'ngu</u>
dohogo <i>behind</i>	<u>dohogo</u>	ma'ngatee <i>younger</i>	<u>mangatee</u>
dohanga <i>crawling</i>	<u>dohaga</u>	ango <i>hang</i>	<u>ango</u>
a'nga <i>bite, gnaw</i>	<u>a'nga</u>	mbulugaa <i>sweet</i>	<u>mbulugaa</u>
yo'ngi <i>exhausted</i>	<u>yongi</u>	baga <i>bachelor</i>	<u>banga</u>

taga	afternoon	<u>taga</u>	ayanga	lose temper	aya' <u>nga</u>
alanga	cut	ala' <u>nga</u>	tá' <u>ngü</u>	blocked	tá' <u>ngü</u>
aga	chase	<u>aga</u>	agu	buy, sell	<u>agu</u>
dolo'ngo	hanging	<u>dolongo</u>	kpanga	piece	<u>kpanga</u>

Exercise 8

Test Word		Write correctly	Test Word		Write correctly
ndee	<i>before</i>	<u>ndee</u>	nandanika	<i>now</i>	<u>nandanika</u>
nduu	<i>real</i>	<u>duu</u>	dan	<i>today</i>	<u>ndan</u>
ndokotoo	<i>yesterday</i>	<u>nokotoo</u>	dende	<i>shaking</i>	<u>ndende</u>
ndum	<i>tomorrow</i>	<u>ndum</u>	dole	<i>roaming, wandering</i>	<u>dole</u>
ndolongo	<i>hanging</i>	<u>dolongo</u>	düböö	<i>older, elder</i>	<u>ndüböö</u>
di'bono	<i>forward</i>	<u>di'bono</u>	anda	<i>count</i>	<u>ada</u>
nandanika	<i>now</i>	<u>nandanika</u>	donondo	<i>dawn</i>	<u>donondo</u>
kunu	<i>painful</i>	<u>kunu</u>	donodo	<i>dawn</i>	<u>donondo</u>
kinaru	<i>wrinkled</i>	<u>kindaru</u>	ädi	<i>bend over</i>	<u>ädi</u>
gändä	<i>much</i>	<u>gändä</u>	kendi	<i>correct</i>	<u>kendi</u>
kändër	<i>much</i>	<u>kändër</u>	kanda	<i>new</i>	<u>kanda</u>
hondoo	<i>last</i>	<u>hondoo</u>	ëdëë	<i>unripe</i>	<u>ëndëë</u>
adee	<i>go</i>	<u>andee</u>	anda	<i>tie</i>	<u>ada</u>

Exercise 9

Test Word		Write correctly	Test Word		Write correctly
baa	<i>short while</i>	<u>mbaa</u>	mbö'bö	<i>spoiled</i>	<u>mbö'bö</u>
mo'jo	<i>little</i>	<u>mo'jo</u>	mbeyeka	<i>also, again</i>	<u>meyeka</u>
mboo	<i>friend</i>	<u>boo</u>	bara	<i>remaining</i>	<u>mbara</u>
mangatee	<i>younder</i>	<u>mangatee</u>	bata	<i>pride</i>	<u>bata</u>
monoo	<i>certain. other</i>	<u>monoo</u>	mbiloo	<i>long</i>	<u>mbiloo</u>
bulugaa	<i>sweet</i>	<u>mbulugaa</u>	mböci	<i>castrated animal</i>	<u>böci</u>
himi	<i>inside</i>	<u>himi</u>	abi	<i>leave, travel</i>	<u>ambi</u>
ämbü	<i>build</i>	<u>äbü</u>	ambanya	<i>abandon</i>	<u>ambanya</u>
amba	<i>refuse, reject</i>	<u>amba</u>	kpamakpa	<i>far</i>	<u>kpamakpa</u>
kamabal	<i>slow</i>	<u>kamabal</u>	ami	<i>do, make</i>	<u>ami</u>
abo	<i>squeeze</i>	<u>ambo</u>	ambu	<i>close (eyes)</i>	<u>amu</u>
ambo	<i>survive</i>	<u>amo</u>	atimbi	<i>go one by one</i>	<u>atimbi</u>
fimür	<i>round</i>	<u>fimür</u>	afemu	<i>deny</i>	<u>afemu</u>
ämehi	<i>bury</i>	<u>ämehi</u>	amba	<i>rub</i>	<u>aba</u>

Exercise 10

Test Word		Write correctly	Test Word		Write correctly
ja	<i>not</i>	<u>nja</u>	nyëënyëë	<i>blinking</i>	<u>nyëënyëë</u>

nja	<i>did, had</i>	<u>nja</u>	njölö	<i>cock</i>	<u>jölö</u>
nja	<i>as, while, when</i>	<u>nya</u>	njonjo	<i>small</i>	<u>njonjo</u>
kinyi	<i>tasty</i>	<u>kinyi</u>	angbaja	<i>knock down</i>	<u>angbanja</u>
ayenye	<i>waste, destroy</i>	<u>ayenje</u>	kunyee	<i>slowly</i>	<u>kunyee</u>
anja	<i>throw</i>	<u>anja</u>	moonje	<i>look, behold</i>	<u>mooje</u>
kunja	<i>bad</i>	<u>kunya</u>	wänjä	<i>wide open</i>	<u>wänjä</u>
andunju	<i>ask, request</i>	<u>anduju</u>	anja	<i>leave something</i>	<u>anya</u>
änyü	<i>eat, chew</i>	<u>änyü</u>	ämönyü	<i>eat</i>	<u>ämönyü</u>
gbanja	<i>various, random</i>	<u>gbanja</u>	kinyiree	<i>bitter</i>	<u>kinjiree</u>

Exercise 11

Test Word		Write correctly	Test Word		Write correctly
ngbä	<i>complete</i>	<u>gbä</u>	ngbulu	<i>big, thick</i>	<u>ngbulu</u>
ngbäl'ngäl	<i>bright</i>	<u>'ngäl'ngäl</u>	'ngaa'nga'nga	<i>dry</i>	<u>'ngaa'nga'nga</u>
gbogbo	<i>big</i>	<u>gbogbo</u>	ngbanja	<i>various</i>	<u>gbanja</u>
gbo	<i>just</i>	<u>ngbo</u>	gbülükü	<i>round</i>	<u>gbülükü</u>
lo'ngu	<i>big</i>	<u>lo'ngu</u>	tängbö	<i>end</i>	<u>tängbö</u>
logbow	<i>big</i>	<u>longbow</u>	kangbaci	<i>without reason</i>	<u>ka'ngaci</u>
'bugba	<i>away</i>	<u>'bugba</u>	alagba	<i>burn something</i>	<u>alangba</u>
angu'ngu	<i>think</i>	<u>angu'ngu</u>	angbe	<i>twist, turn over</i>	<u>angbe</u>
a'nga	<i>put on, wear</i>	<u>angba</u>	angbo	<i>join</i>	<u>agbo</u>
agbu'ju	<i>return</i>	<u>agbu'ju</u>	angba	<i>roast, bake</i>	<u>angba</u>

Exercise 12

	Test Word		Write correctly
kungu	<i>road</i>	ngbülü <i>big, thick</i>	<u>ngublu</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	gbülükü <i>round</i>	<u>gbülükü</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	düm <i>tomorrow</i>	<u>dum</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	'bu'bu <i>foaming, bubbling</i>	<u>'bü'bü</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	lukuluku <i>smooth</i>	<u>lukuluku</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	düü <i>real</i>	<u>duu</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	kunu <i>painful</i>	<u>kunu</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	anguru <i>call someone</i>	<u>ängürü</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	kurkur <i>low</i>	<u>kurkur</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	gburu <i>genuine, original</i>	<u>gburu</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	anyu <i>eat, chew</i>	<u>änyü</u>
kungu	<i>road</i>	ängü'ngü <i>think</i>	<u>angu'ngu</u>

Exercise 13

		Test Word				Write correctly
bihi	<i>place</i>	kiri	<i>rich</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>kiri</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	kiri	<i>heavy</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>kiri</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	kinyi	<i>tasty</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>kinyi</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	kimilimi	<i>sweet</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>kimilimi</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	kidi	<i>cold</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>kidi</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	liki	<i>cold</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>liki</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	liki	<i>disturbing</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>liki</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	ciki	<i>far</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>ciki</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	dibi	<i>low, down</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>dibi</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	fimbir	<i>round</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>fimbir</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	titikpi	<i>loose</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>titikpi</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	liligī	<i>lost</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>liligī</u>
bihi	<i>place</i>	tibi	<i>unripe</i>	bīhī	<i>dog</i>	<u>tibi</u>

Exercise 14

		Test Word				Write correctly
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	ngbö	<i>just</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>ngbo</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	jolo	<i>cock</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>jölö</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	'boor	<i>inside</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>'boor</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	'böno	<i>front (of something)</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>'bono</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	'bohondo	<i>behind</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>'bohondo</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	tör	<i>completely</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>tör</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	mö'jö	<i>little</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>mo'jo</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	monoo	<i>certain, other</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>monoo</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	molo	<i>bottom</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>molo</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	'boro	<i>already</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>'böro</u>
'bongo	<i>fig</i>	toro	<i>up, high</i>	Böngö	<i>Bongo person</i>	<u>toro</u>

Exercise 15

		Test Word				Write correctly
nyere	<i>chief</i>	endee	<i>unripe</i>	yëre	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>ëndëë</u>
nyere	<i>chief</i>	nyëenyëë	<i>blinking</i>	yëre	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>nyëenyëë</u>
nyere	<i>chief</i>	ndëndë	<i>shaking</i>	yëre	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>ndende</u>
nyere	<i>chief</i>	ndee	<i>before</i>	yëre	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>ndee</u>
nyere	<i>chief</i>	gëwëgëwë	<i>falling</i>	yëre	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>gewegewe</u>
nyere	<i>chief</i>	yëë	<i>awhile</i>	yëre	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>yëë</u>
nyere	<i>chief</i>	kpeny	<i>elder, older</i>	yëre	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>kpëny</u>
nyere	<i>chief</i>	lelekpe	<i>loose, free</i>	yëre	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>lelekpe</u>
nyere	<i>chief</i>	jëkëë	<i>good</i>	yëre	<i>younger twin</i>	<u>jekee</u>

nyere *chief* | kpē large | yēre *younger twin* | kpē

Exercise 16

		Test Word				Write correctly
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	tägä	<i>afternoon</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>taga</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	wätäwätä	<i>big</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>wätäwätä</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	fäcä	<i>a lot of</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>faca</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	kpangala	<i>far</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>kpängälä</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	mbaa	<i>short while</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>mbaa</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	'ngää'ngä'ngä	<i>dry</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>'ngaa'nga'nga</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	rata	<i>crazy</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>rätä</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	'ngäl'ngäl	<i>bright</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>'ngäl'ngäl</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	'daa'da'da	<i>soft</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>'daa'da'da</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	mbärä	<i>remaining</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>mbara</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	wanja	<i>wide open</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>wänjä</u>
mbaga	<i>mother</i>	'ba'ja	<i>wet</i>	mbäjä	<i>scab</i>	<u>'ba'ja</u>

Exercise 17

Test Word		Write correctly		Test Word		Write correctly	
a'bi	<i>give</i>	<u>ä'bi</u>		hirökaga	<i>flower</i>	<u>hirökägä</u>	
a'jimönyü	<i>food</i>	<u>ä'jimönyü</u>		birihī	<i>honour</i>	<u>birihī</u>	
'bigumēhi	<i>butcher</i>	<u>'bigumēhi</u>		hitiro	<i>body</i>	<u>hitirō</u>	
mahimū	<i>relative</i>	<u>māhimū</u>		'bingü'dü	<i>deaf person</i>	<u>'bingü'dü</u>	
bilēlēhitoro	<i>thunder</i>	<u>bilēlēhitorō</u>		tīlūkehī	<i>gold</i>	<u>tīlūkehī</u>	
mācikiriko	<i>bed bug</i>	<u>mācikirikō</u>		lē'jicuka	<i>bubble</i>	<u>lē'jicukā</u>	
bihibi'dögürö	<i>bathroom</i>	<u>bihibi'dögürō</u>		do'bēē	<i>clan</i>	<u>dō'bēē</u>	

Exercise 18

Test Word		Write correctly		Test Word		Write correctly	
ki	<i>ten</i>	<u>kii</u>		tii	<i>peanut</i>	<u>tii</u>	
go	<i>neck</i>	<u>go</u>		mori	<i>mother-in-law</i>	<u>moori</u>	
huu	<i>she, her</i>	<u>hu</u>		'da	<i>there</i>	<u>'da</u>	
gboo	<i>fence</i>	<u>gboo</u>		baanga	<i>dangerous animal</i>	<u>baanga</u>	
kaa	<i>and, then</i>	<u>ka</u>		li	<i>co-wife</i>	<u>lii</u>	
mono	<i>certain, other</i>	<u>monoo</u>		na	<i>with</i>	<u>na</u>	
yē	<i>awhile</i>	<u>yēē</u>		tigo	<i>weak, faint</i>	<u>tigoo</u>	
ji	<i>to</i>	<u>ji</u>		ba	<i>he</i>	<u>ba</u>	
kinjiree	<i>bitter</i>	<u>kinjiree</u>		kunye	<i>slowly</i>	<u>kunye</u>	
jee	<i>we</i>	<u>je</u>		afaa	<i>dull, blunt</i>	<u>afaa</u>	

Exercise 19

<u>Test Word</u>	<u>Write correctly</u>	<u>Test Word</u>	<u>Write correctly</u>
alam <i>curse</i>	<u>alamu</u>	dümü <i>asida, porridge</i>	<u>dümü</u>
kürü <i>groundnut</i>	<u>kürü</u>	ngor <i>two</i>	<u>ngori</u>
ämöny <i>eat</i>	<u>ämönyü</u>	hiny <i>scorpion</i>	<u>hinyi</u>
kür <i>groundnut</i>	<u>kürü</u>	wäl <i>wild dog</i>	<u>wäli</u>
cumari <i>loin cloth</i>	<u>cumari</u>	jumu <i>dish</i>	<u>jumu</u>
gol <i>wealth</i>	<u>goli</u>	cöl <i>hanging net</i>	<u>cöli</u>

Exercise 20

<u>Test Word</u>	<u>Write correctly</u>	<u>Test Word</u>	<u>Write correctly</u>
yëi <i>boat, canoe</i>	<u>yiyi</u>	föw <i>early</i>	<u>föwü</u>
häw <i>yawn</i>	<u>häwü</u>	ädäwü <i>confuse</i>	<u>ädäwü</u>
amai <i>come</i>	<u>amayi</u>	müy <i>five</i>	<u>müyi</u>
lawu <i>clothing item</i>	<u>lawu</u>	tayi <i>morning</i>	<u>tayi</u>
luyi <i>grass</i>	<u>luyi</u>	geu <i>town</i>	<u>gewu</u>
heu <i>four</i>	<u>hewu</u>	ngai <i>table</i>	<u>ngayi</u>

Exercise 21

<u>Test Word</u>	<u>Write correctly</u>	<u>Test Word</u>	<u>Write correctly</u>
'bikülü <i>jealous person</i>	<u>'bikülü</u>	mäkinyë <i>sweetness</i>	<u>mäkinyë</u>
ahü <i>grind</i>	<u>ähü</u>	hirökaga <i>flower</i>	<u>hirökägä</u>
hi'bëë <i>courtyard</i>	<u>hi'bëë</u>	beer <i>open land</i>	<u>beeri</u>
dörüü <i>roof</i>	<u>dörüü</u>	'bimängiri <i>coward</i>	<u>'bimängiri</u>
tüngöl <i>mortar, bowl</i>	<u>tüngöli</u>	alew <i>look at, watch</i>	<u>alewu</u>
dödili <i>ghost, spirit</i>	<u>dödili</u>	ätünyü <i>smell</i>	<u>ätünyü</u>
'jögöm <i>testicle</i>	<u>'jögömu</u>	külüü <i>python</i>	<u>külüyi</u>
föü <i>early</i>	<u>föwü</u>	ngöön <i>snore</i>	<u>ngöönü</u>
lany <i>gun</i>	<u>lanyi</u>	ngayi <i>table</i>	<u>ngayi</u>