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Preface

With this work, we present a more expansive dictionary of the Dagaare language than previously available, paired with a grammatical sketch. We have had to make some choices in putting together this dictionary, and the dictionary should not be seen as representing the whole of the Dagaare language in all its variation. Languages are always changing, and this dictionary presents the vocabulary of a particular variety of Dagaare at a particular time.

Dagaare is spoken by a large number of people (one million speakers according to Simons & Fennig 2017, although this may be conservative, see Section 1) and throughout a large area. Dagaare constitutes a dialect continuum which covers mainly the Upper West Region of Ghana. Varieties of the language can be found in the Savanna Region of Ghana. The language is also found in Burkina Faso where it is known mainly as *Dagara*. The Dagaare Language Committee (Dagaare Language Committee 1982) established orthographical conventions and made broad dialect divisions into Northern, Central and Southern Dagaare. Although these dialects are mutually intelligible to varying degrees, there is a high degree of variation, even from village to village (Bodomo 1997: 2-5).

This dictionary is primarily concerned with the vocabulary of Central Dagaare, spoken around the area of the towns Jirapa and Ullo. This dialect has served as the standard dialect for educational materials in Ghana, church literature and radio broadcasts, and we follow that tradition here. Central Dagaare is also the basis for most linguistic analysis on Dagaare, including the early work of Wilson (1962), Kennedy (1966) and Hall (1977). Southern Dagaare (also known as Waale) is centered around the towns of Wa and Kaleo and widely used as a trade language throughout the region (Bodomo 1997). While the Central and Southern dialects overlap to a substantial degree, there are certainly many differences, some of which are noted in this dictionary. Two other relevant dialects lying to the West are Southern Birifor, which is mutually intelligible with Southern Dagaare, and Safaliba (population 4000) near Bole in the Northern Region, which, according to Simons & Fennig (2017), has a large lexical similarity to Southern Dagaare. It is our hope that the publication of this dictionary will serve as a first step to documenting the diversity of the Dagaare language, and will bring to light lexical and grammatical variation across the varieties of Dagaare.

To illustrate, we list several concepts which are expressed by different lexical items in different dialect zones in Table 1.

Table 1: Lexical variation across four dialect zones

Word/Concept	Northern	Central	Southern	Western
dance	<i>yag</i>	<i>see</i>	<i>seo</i>	<i>seo</i>
footwear	<i>nafag</i>	<i>nootee</i>	<i>nagetee</i>	<i>nataba</i>
grandfather	<i>saangkom</i>	<i>saangkoma</i>	<i>nabaale</i>	<i>nabaale</i>
groundnuts	<i>simmie</i>	<i>senkaa</i>	<i>gyenee</i>	<i>gyenee</i>
horse	<i>wir</i>	<i>wiri</i>	<i>weo</i>	<i>ycho</i>
man	<i>dεb</i>	<i>dɔɔ</i>	<i>dao</i>	<i>dao</i>
rat	<i>derebaa</i>	<i>dayuu</i>	<i>gbunno</i>	<i>gbinti</i>
run	<i>zɔ</i>	<i>zo</i>	<i>zɔ</i>	<i>gyɔ</i>
salt	<i>nyaaro</i>	<i>nyenon/nyenoo</i>	<i>yaaron</i>	<i>yaaron</i>
talk/speak	<i>er</i>	<i>yeli</i>	<i>yele</i>	<i>yele</i>
tree squirrel	<i>telocra</i>	<i>lonno/lanna</i>	<i>lanta</i>	<i>anta</i>
uncle (maternal)	<i>madeb</i>	<i>areba</i>	<i>aheba</i>	<i>areba</i>

Further variation is found in the other direction: One lexical item may have different meanings in different dialects. We illustrate with the term *nabaale* which has two different meanings in two different Southern dialects, Waale and Manlaale:

- *nabaale*: ‘grandfather’ (Walee), ‘paternal uncle (older than one’s father)’ (Manlaale)

We also note that some entries retain earlier orthographical forms, even though in modern pronunciation a reduced form is current. This is particularly present for weak vowels following *ŋ*, as in *bεŋe* ‘to sift’, which is pronounced [bεŋ].

We would like to acknowledge the prior lexicographic work on Dagaare, most notably Durand (1953) and Bodomo (2004a), both being works which we have consulted and have attempted to build upon.

The structure of the entries

The entries in the dictionary are structured as follows. Each entry is followed by (i) its phonetic transcription, including tones, (ii) its part of speech, (iii) its definition in English, (iv) one or more examples in Dagaare illustrating the use

of the word and the corresponding translation(s), and (iv) any further inflectional or derivational forms.

Due to the nature of this work, the grammatical information contained in the entries is limited. In addition to the sketch grammar provided here, several grammars on Dagaare exist which describe the grammatical features of the language and other selected topics. We encourage readers to consult Bodomo (1997), Bodomo (2000), Bodomo (2004a,b), and Kropp Dakubu (2005) for further information on the grammar of Dagaare.

Nouns For nouns, the following number forms are given:

- *pl.* – Plural
- *2ndpl.* – Second Plural (also known as a Distributive Plural)
- *sg.* – Singulative

Adjectives Adjectives inflect for number in Dagaare, thus plural and second plural forms are listed when present.

Pronouns Pronouns list plural forms, although due to their common occurrence, the plural forms of pronouns are also given their own main entry.

Verbs The verbal entries specify the following six forms at the end of the entry in this order:

- Perfect
- Imperfect
- Agentive Singular
- Agentive Plural
- Agentive Derivation *-aa* Singular
- Agentive Derivation *-aa* Plural

These forms do not exhaust the derived verbal forms available in Dagaare, such as various nominalizations or derived adjectives, which we plan to incorporate in a future edition of this dictionary.

Other parts of speech Adverbs, conjunctions, and interjections are indeclinable in Dagaare, so only the single form is listed along with its gloss.

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Dictionary orthography and corresponding IPA symbols

A a	[a]	ŋm ŋm	[ŋm]
B b	[b]	Ny ny	[ɲ]
D d	[d]	O o	[o] or [ɔ]
E e	[e] or [ɪ]	Ɔ ɔ	[ɔ]
Ɛ ɛ	[ɛ]	P p	[p]
F f	[f]	R r	[r]
G g	[g]	S s	[s]
Gb gb	[gb]	T t	[t]
Gy gy	[dz]	U u	[u]
H h	[h]	V v	[v]
I i	[i]	W w	[w]
K k	[k]	Y y	[j]
Kp kp	[kp]	Z z	[z]
KY ky	[tʃ]	´	high tone
L l	[l]	`	low tone
M m	[m]	^	high-low tone
N n	[n]	˘	low-high tone
ŋ ŋ	[ŋ]	~	nasalization

NB: This differs from the orthography of Dagaare Language Committee (1982) in representing *ŋ* as a single character rather than *ng*. The grammatical sketch retains the *ng* orthography.

List of abbreviations

ADJ	adjective	N	noun
ADV	adverb	NEG	negation
ART	article	NMLZ	nominalizer
ASSERT	assertive	NONHUMAN	nonhuman
COMP	complementizer	PART	particle
CONJ	conjunction	PRF	perfect
DEF	definite	PST	past tense
DET	determiner	PL	plural
FOC	focus	POSTP	postposition
HUMAN	human	PRON	pronoun
IDPH	ideophone	REL	relative
IMPF	imperfective	RECP	reciprocal
IMPV	imperative	SG	singulative
INDF	indefinite	STR	strong
INTENS	intensifier	TOP	topic
INTERJ	interjection	V	verb
INTR	intransitive	VAR	variant
LOC	locative	2NDPL	second plural

Grammatical sketch of Dagaare

by Adams Bodomo

1 *The Dagaare language and Dagaare studies*

One of the best resources for the development of literacy and literary practices in a language is a comprehensive dictionary of the language informed by sound linguistic analysis. Dagaare has quite a lot of resources including grammars (Bodomo 1997b; 2000; Kropp Dakubu 2005), many word lists and specialized dictionaries (Durand 1953; Bodomo 2004a), readers (Zakpaa 1978) and numerous linguistic analyses in the form of theses, monographs and journal articles. However, there does not exist a comprehensive dictionary that is general and substantial enough for everyday use by native speakers and learners of the language.

The present dictionary therefore fills a major void in Dagaare studies. In this foreword, I provide some background information about the Dagaare language and Dagaare studies. I also present a sketch of the grammar of the language, based largely on my grammar sketch in Bodomo (2000).¹ All this is intended to assist the user to understand some basic aspects of the grammar towards understanding the various entries, including grammatical categories, and nominal and verbal categories and groupings.

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In terms of demographic and socio-political importance, Dagaare (also written variously as *Dagaari*, *Dagara*, and *Birifor*) is one the prominent languages of West Africa, spoken in northwestern Ghana and adjacent areas of Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire. It is broken down into various variants across these three countries: in Ghana it is mainly called *Dagaare*, in Burkina Faso, it is mainly called *Dagara* and in Côte d'Ivoire it is mainly called *Birifor*. It is spoken by between two and three million people in all these countries, with far more speakers in Ghana than in the other two countries. In terms of genetic relationship, it belongs to the Mabia (also known as Gur, although this term is dispreferred by many Dagaare-speaking linguists) group of languages of the Niger-Congo language family, along with other languages such as Dagbane, Waale, Gurenne, Mampruli, Kusaal, Buli, Kasem, Sisaali and Moore.

Dagaare is being vigorously studied and used both as a language of education at lower levels of the educational ladder and as a school subject at higher levels of the ladder. Indeed, in universities and colleges of higher education in Ghana and Burkina Faso, Dagaare programs have some of the highest enrollments. We can indeed talk of an emerging field of Dagaare Studies in the sense that, not only is there vibrancy at all these levels of education in teaching programs, Dagaare

¹I thank Lincom Europe for permission to use parts of that work in this grammar sketch.

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is also the subject of vigorous research by linguists and other scholars in West Africa (Ghana, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire) and other parts of the world. Dagaare books and articles have appeared in some of the best linguistics journals (such as, *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory*, *Lingua*, and *Studia Linguistica*) and some of the most prominent book publishing houses such as Stanford University CSLI Press, and Oxford University Press. There is even an existing (but currently dormant) *Journal of Dagaare Studies*. What all this indicates is that a comprehensive user-friendly dictionary is long overdue in this area of study. A Dagaare-English dictionary is therefore a most welcome resource. In the next section, I will introduce some of the major features of the structure of Dagaare towards understanding the dictionary entries in the book.

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2.1 Orthography and sound system of Dagaare

A note on the orthography of the language is necessary for an understanding of the written forms of the entries. The standard orthography, developed by the Catholic Church in Ghana and now widely used in educational institutions, is based on the Central dialect but there are several alternative orthographies (e.g. Nakuma 1999; 2002). All of these are basically phonemic. Dagaare is a two-tone language, but tone is not marked in the standard orthography. Table 2 shows the standard Dagaare alphabet, which has 31 graphemes, comprising 24 single-letter graphemes (representing 17 consonants and 7 vowels), 6 digraphs and 1 trigraph (Table 2).

2.2 Consonants

Dagaare has twenty-five consonants and two glides (semi-consonants) in underlying representation. This is shown in Table 3.

The glottal implosive counterparts of /h/, /l/ and /m/ are attested only in the Northern dialect of the language (spoken mostly in Burkina Faso and called Dagara); the Southern and Central dialects do not have them. Two additional consonants [r] and [ɣ] are found at surface level, occurring as allophones to /d/ and /g/ at initial positions and intervocalically, respectively. Consider the following words:

- (1) [di] 'to eat', [diré] 'eating', [góri] 'dowry', [póyó] 'woman'

In these examples [d] and [g] occupy the word initial position. The sounds [r] and [ɣ], on the other hand, occur intervocalically. Voiceless plosives are usually

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Table 2: Standard Dagaare Alphabet

A, a	as in	<i>bàná lá wààná</i>	‘It is they who are coming’
B, b	as in	<i>bàà</i>	‘dog’
D, d	as in	<i>dúni</i>	‘knee’
E, e	as in	<i>kpéré</i>	‘to cut up’
ε, ε	as in	<i>gèré</i>	‘going’
F, f	as in	<i>fànfànè</i>	‘soap’
G, g	as in	<i>gánè</i>	‘book’
GB, gb	as in	<i>gbéré</i>	‘leg’
GY, gy	as in	<i>gyilé</i>	‘xylophones’
H, h	as in	<i>húólí</i>	‘to mock at someone’
I, I	as in	<i>bibiiri</i>	‘children’
K, k	as in	<i>kànnè</i>	‘to read’
KP, kp	as in	<i>kpááré</i>	‘occiput’
KY, ky	as in	<i>kyéngé</i>	‘to walk’
L, l	as in	<i>láá</i>	‘bowl’
M, m	as in	<i>má</i>	‘mother’
N, n	as in	<i>néè</i>	‘person’
NG, ng	as in	<i>bòngó</i>	‘donkey’
NY, ny	as in	<i>nyé</i>	‘to see’
NGM, ngm	as in	<i>ngmén</i>	‘God’
O, o	as in	<i>zòró</i>	‘running’
Ɔ, ɔ	as in	<i>sówóló</i>	‘kind of dish’
P, p	as in	<i>pènnè</i>	‘to rest’
R, r	as in	<i>pùrì</i>	‘to burst’
S, s	as in	<i>sénsé</i>	‘cakes’
T, t	as in	<i>tùòrì</i>	‘to meet’
U, u	as in	<i>dùndúló</i>	‘worms’
V, v	as in	<i>vóóróng</i>	‘breath, life’
W, w	as in	<i>wááó</i>	‘snake’
Y, y	as in	<i>yánngáá</i>	‘grandchild’
Z, z	as in	<i>zàgá</i>	‘pen’

aspirated when they occur in word initial position. The phonetic transcriptions: [tʰàllì] ‘to walk fast’ and [pʰàllì] ‘to weave’ illustrate aspiration. As can be seen on the chart, some of the consonant phonemes such as /kp/, /gb/, and /ɲm/ have a dual place of articulation. What the term “labial-velar” means is that the sound involved is produced simultaneously with the velum and the lips as active or-

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Table 3: Consonants

	bilabial	labio-dental	dental	alveolar	alveo-palatal	palatal	velar	labial-velar	glottal
Stops:									
voiceless	p		t				k	kp	ʔ
voiced	b		d				g	gb	
Affricates:									
voiceless					ky [tʃ]				
voiced					gy [dʒ]				
Fricatives:									
voiceless		f		s					h
voiced		v		z					
Lateral									
				l					
Nasals									
	m			n		ɲ		ŋm	ŋ
Glides									
						y [j]		w	

gans of sound production. These sounds are known as double articulations or co-articulations. Examples are /ŋmámá/ ‘calabashes’ and /gbéírí/ ‘cripple’.

2.3 Vowels

Nine oral vowel phonemes may be established for Dagaare and these are shown in Figure 1.

		Front	Back
high	+ATR	i	u
	-ATR	ɪ	ʊ
mid-high	+ATR	e	o
mid-low	-ATR	ɛ	ɔ
low			a

Figure 1: Vowels

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The + and – signs in the chart show that the relevant distinctive features, High, Low, Round and ATR (Advanced Tongue Root), are present or absent, respectively. These are then the basic vowel phonemes of Dagaare, but processes such as vowel lengthening, nasality, harmony and sequencing make the system a bit more complex. Each of the above nine short vowels has a long counterpart, and the opposition of short and long vowels of the same quality brings about differences in meaning, as is manifest in the following minimal pairs:

- (2) /tɔ̃r/ ‘-self’ : /tòó̃r/ ‘far’
/kũr/ ‘tortoise’ : /kùú̃r/ ‘hoe’
/bà/ ‘fix to the ground’ : /bàà/ ‘grow up’

On the basis of this evidence, then, we may say that vowel length is phonemic in Dagaare. In addition, each of the nine oral vowels may be nasalized.

An interesting type of co-occurrence restriction in Dagaare involves the distinctive feature [\pm ATR]. In a Dàgáàrè phonological word, only vowels of the same ATR value can occur. The following will briefly illustrate the point:

- (3) /diré/ ‘eating’ : +ATR vowels
/díré/ ‘taking’ : -ATR vowels
/púò/ ‘farmland’ : +ATR vowels
/póó/ ‘stomach’ : -ATR vowels

This co-occurrence restriction involving both contiguous and non-contiguous vowels is called vowel harmony.

2.4 Tone

Dagaare is a register tone language with two levels of tone, high and low, and a downstepped high unit. Downstep is said to occur when in a given phonological unit the second of two high tones (with relatively low tone in between them) happens not to be as high as the first high tone (Kennedy 1966). However, downstep can also occur with two successive high tones. The data in (4) are words showing high and low tonal contrasts:

- (4) *tú* ‘to dig’ *tù* ‘to follow’
dá ‘to push (many items)’ *dà* ‘to buy’
nóŋ ‘to massage’ *nòŋ* ‘to like, love’

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2.5 Phonological processes

Various types of phonological processes occur in the language. I shall outline three types here. These are vowel harmony, vowel assimilation, and vowel elision.

2.5.1 Vowel harmony

One of the most pervasive phonological processes is vowel harmony, as has been described above. Besides vowel co-occurrence restriction based on $[\pm\text{ATR}]$, as in (3), there is also a minor vowel co-occurrence restriction based on roundness, $[\pm\text{round}]$. This happens mainly with the imperfective suffix /rɔ/ with mid vowels which must be in total harmony with root vowels in Central Dagaare. The following examples in (5) illustrate this phonological process.

- (5) zò ‘run’ → zò-ró ‘running’
ngmè ‘beat, kick’ → ngmèè-ré ‘beating, kicking’
gbè ‘grind roughly’ → gbèè-ré ‘grinding roughly’
dòò ‘squat’ → dòò-ró ‘squatting’

2.5.2 Vowel assimilation

While vowel harmony may involve both contiguous and non-contiguous vowels, vowel assimilation occurs only with contiguous vowels, that is, vowels without any intervening consonants, though they may belong to different syllables or words. I illustrate this phonological process with the following quantifier NPs, involving a noun and a numeral, as shown in (6).

- (6) a. wàà-ré áyì → wàà-rá áyì
yam-PL two
‘two (tubers of) yam’
b. bóóré átà → bóó-rá átà
goat-PL three
‘three goats’
c. kyúú-rì ànáárè → kyúú-rà ànáárè
month-PL four
‘four months’

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2.5.3 Final vowel elision/apocope

Final vowel elision is a pervasive phonological process in Dagaare and other Gur languages (see Kennedy 1966, Anttila & Bodomo 1996, Bodomo 1997b for Dagaare; Rialland 1985 for Moba; Hyman 1993 for Dagbani; and Cahill 1999 for Konni). In Dagaare, there is the tendency for the final vowel that is often not a distinctive functional morpheme to be dropped in various speech situations, such as fast speech, recitations and songs. In (7a), the final high and mid vowels are elided, thus giving us reduced forms of the words in which they are found. The examples show broad phonemic transcriptions, not orthography.

- (7) a. /mírì/ ~ /mír/ 'rope'
/wírí / ~ /wír/ 'horse'
/bíírí/ ~ /bíír/ 'children'
/píírì / ~ /píír/ 'sheep'
/bóórí/ ~ /bóór/ 'goats'
/bírì/ ~ /bír/ 'seed'
/dàgáàrì/ ~ /dàgáàr/ 'Dagaare'
/zùmmú/ ~ /zùm/ 'fish'
/lónj́/ ~ /lón/ 'toad'
/sónj́/ ~ /són/ 'wood carrier'
/póg-ó/ ~ /póg/ 'woman'
/tègè/ ~ /tèg/ 'only'
- b. /póg-bó/ ~ */pógb/ 'women'

Sometimes, even vowels representing a distinctive functional morpheme, such as the singular suffix marker in the word for 'woman' in (7a) can be elided, with the understanding that the root word also stands for the singular form of the noun. The final vowel of the item *póg-bó* cannot be elided probably because the consonant segment alone cannot indicate the plural form of the word, and such syllable structure in coda position is forbidden in Dagaare.

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This section comprises two main subsections on nominal and verbal morphology, followed by a discussion of other words classes and morphological processes. Under nominal morphology, I shall outline the main systems in the Dagaare noun phrase, including number, definiteness/referentiality, and possession. I shall also

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outline other categories in the noun phrase, including pronouns, adjectives, numerals. Under verbal morphology, I describe parts of the verb, including its root, various inflectional and derivational affixes, as well as adverbs and pluractionality. I then describe in a final section ideophones and additional morphological processes, namely reduplication and compounding.

3.1 Nominal morphology

3.1.1 The noun

3.1.1.1 Number/class Dagaare has an intricate system of number suffixes that divides its nouns into about ten classes. Each of the nouns in Table 4 represents a class of nouns.

Table 4: Classes of nouns based on singular-plural pairings

Class	Stem	Singular	Gloss	Plural
1:	póg-	/póg-ó/	‘woman’	/pógíbó/
2:	zí-	/zí-é/	‘place’	/zí-rí/
3:	gyí-	/gyí-li/	‘xylophone’	/gyí-lé/
4:	pí-	/pí-rós/	‘sheep’	/píí-rí/
5:	zú-	/zû-Ø/	‘head’	/zú-rí/
6:	bí-	/bí-rì/	‘seed’	/bí-é/
7:	gán-	/gá-nì/	‘book’	/gá-má/
8:	gbíngbíl-	/gbíngbí-à/	‘drying spot’	/gbíngbíl-lí/
9:	dí-	/dí-íú/	‘food’	(no plural)
10:	búúl-	(no singular)	‘porridge’	/búúl-úng/

The basic class distinction in Dagaare then for number. One may be able to predict the singular and plural suffixes of a noun depending on its class. Unlike in Bantu languages, where linguists have developed a labeled system of classes, there is no recognized system of labeled classes in the Mabia languages. In Bodomo (1997b), an attempt is made to group Dagaare nouns into a labeled system of classes. Table 4 is based on that classification. There is the need for a large-scale investigation of Mabia languages from a comparative perspective, with a view to establishing a system of labeled classes for the whole sub-group that covers quite a substantial landmass of the West Africa sub-continent (see also Mieke & Winkelmann 2007).

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3.1.1.2 Definiteness/Referentiality Definiteness of nouns is expressed in Dagaare by placing the article *à* before the noun. Hence:

- (8) a. *à bíé / à bírí*
 ‘the child’ / ‘the children’
 b. *à pógó / à pógóbó*
 ‘the woman’ / ‘the women’
 c. *à sàkúúri / à sàkùè*
 ‘the school’ / ‘the schools’

This is illustrated in (9).

- (9) a. *à bíé dé lá à áískèrìim di*
 DEF child take.PFV FOC DEF icecream eat.PFV
 ‘The child has eaten up the ice cream.’
 b. *à bírí gáá lá sàkúúri zénè*
 DEF child.PL go.PFV FOC school today
 ‘The children have gone to school today.’

Indefiniteness is marked by a bare noun, as shown in (10), or by placing the article *kàngá* after the bare noun, as in (11):

- (10) *bíé káá-ó wáá lá túó*
 child look-NMLZ be FOC bitter
 ‘It is difficult to look after a child.’ or ‘Taking care of a child is difficult.’
(11) *pógó kàngá dà wá lá kyé*
 woman certain PST come FOC here
 ‘A certain woman came here.’

When we make reference to a specific item, the prenominal definite article *à*, as seen above, and a postnominal demonstrative article *ná* are employed alongside the bare noun. This use of the article to signal specificity is illustrated in (12).

- (12) *à bíé ná dà wá lá kyé*
 DEF child that PST come FOC here
 ‘That child came here.’

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3.1.1.3 Case Lexical nouns are not overtly marked for case in Dagaare. Even with pronouns, it is only in the first person singular that there is a morphological distinction between the nominative and accusative case forms, as shown in the list of pronouns in §3.1.2.

3.1.1.4 Possession The associative relation is not overtly marked in Dagaare by any affixes. Instead, this is signaled by word order. In an associative construction (genitive/possessive) involving a pronoun, the pronoun occurs before the head noun. Where there are two nouns or noun phrases, the first one is the genitive (modifier) and the second the head. This is illustrated in (13).

- (13) a. fò gánè
2SG book
'your book'
- b. nààná gánè
Naana book
'Naana's book'
- c. à dòò-fáá ná gàn-vilàà
DEF man-bad that book-good
'That bad man's good book.'

In (13a), the pronoun occurs before the head noun; in (13b) the first noun, *Nàà-ná*, is the genitive and the second is the head noun. In (13c) we have two noun phrases within the constellation of the genitive construction. The first phrase serves as the genitive to the second phrase that is the head of the construction.

3.1.2 Pronouns

Under pronouns, I will briefly discuss personal, demonstrative, reflexive, reciprocal, relative, possessive, interrogative, and indefinite pronouns.

3.1.2.1 Personal pronouns In the Dagaare pronominal system, personal pronouns do not indicate gender differences, as does English with *he* and *she*, and there is hardly any case marking. Only in the first person singular pronominal paradigm is there a distinction between nominative and accusative forms, *n* and *mà*, respectively. One salient feature in the Dagaare system of pronouns is that, for subject pronouns, we have a distinction between weak and strong forms, quite like the French, *je* 'I' - *moi* 'me', *tu* 'you' - *toi* 'you' paradigm. Another important feature in this system is the distinction between human and non-human

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Table 5: Dagaare personal pronouns

	Subject (Nom)		Object (Acc)
	Weak form	Strong form	
1st pers. SG	̀̀	màá	mà
2nd pers. SG	fò	fòó	fò
3rd pers. SG	ò	ónó	ò
1st pers. PL	tè	tènèè	tè
2nd pers. PL	yè	yènèè	yè
3rd pers. PL (human)	bà	báná	bà
3rd pers. PL (non-human)	à	áná	à

forms for third person plural pronouns. Table 5 shows a list of Dagaare personal pronouns.

3.1.2.2 Demonstrative pronouns The pronouns in (14) are a few of the demonstrative pronouns in Dagaare. As with personal pronouns, there is a distinction between human and non-human forms for the third person plural pronouns.

- (14) nyě ‘this (one)’
 ónóng ‘that (one)’
 bánàng ‘those (ones) - humans’
 ánáng ‘those (ones) - non humans’
 ̀̀ ‘like that (one)’
 nyèè ‘like this (one)’

3.1.2.3 Reflexives The word *mèngé* or *mèngé tǝr* (singular) and *mènné* or *mènné tǝr* (plural), used after any of the personal pronouns above, expresses reflexivity in Dagaare. This is tabulated in Table 6.

The constructions in (15) illustrate how they are used.

- (15) a. ̀̀ tòng lá à tómó ̀̀ mèngé tǝr
 1SG work FOC DEF work 1SG self self
 ‘I did the work by myself.’
 b. màá mèngé tǝr lá tòng à tómó
 1SG.STR self self FOC work DEF work
 ‘It is I that did the work all by myself.’

Table 6: Reflexives pronouns

Weak reflexive pronouns	Strong reflexive pronouns
̀n m̀ngé (tǒr) ‘myself’	màá m̀ngé ‘me, myself’
fò m̀ngé ‘yourself’	fò ó m̀ngé ‘you, yourself’
ò m̀ngé ‘him/herself’	ónó m̀ngé ‘s/he, him/herself’
tèmènné (tǒr) ‘ourselves’	tènèè m̀nné! ‘we, ourselves’
yè m̀nné ‘yourselves’	yènèè m̀nné ‘you, yourselves’
bà m̀nné ‘themselves’	báná m̀nné ‘they, themselves’
à m̀nné ‘themselves’	áná m̀nné ‘they, themselves’

3.1.2.4 Reciprocal pronouns Reciprocal pronouns in Dagaare include *tǒ*, *tǒ sòbá*, *táá* and *táábá*. However, the most commonly used is *táá*. Example (16) illustrates its syntactic position.

- (16) t̀ ǹnó lá táá
 1PL love FOC RECP.PRON
 ‘We love each other / one another.’

3.1.2.5 Relative pronoun Dagaare does not distinguish between the human and non-human form of relative pronouns as the English ‘who’ (for humans) and ‘which’ (for non-humans). For both of these the relative pronoun is *nàng*. The following are example constructions illustrating the use of the relative pronoun:

- (17) a. à d́́ ná nánng wà
 DEF man COMP REL.PRON come
 ‘the man who came’
 b. à gánè ná nánng lè
 DEF book COMP REL.PRON fall
 ‘the book that fell’

3.1.2.6 Possessive pronouns The words *tóór* and *dèń* (SG) *dèmé* (PL), meaning ‘own’, combined with any of the personal subject pronouns, express possession in Dagaare. This is illustrated below:

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- (18) n tóór, dǎn, dǎmé ‘mine, my own’
fò tóór, dǎn, dǎmé ‘yours, your own’
ò tóór, dǎn, dǎmé ‘his/hers, his/her own’
tè tóór, dǎn, dǎmé ‘ours, our own’

yè tóór, dǎn, dǎmé ‘yours , your own’
bà tóór, dǎn, dǎmé ‘theirs, their own (humans)’
à tóór, dǎn, dǎmé ‘theirs, their own (non-humans)’
- (19) a. tè dǎn lá
1PL own FOC
‘It is ours.’
b. tè dǎmé lá
1PL own.PL FOC
‘They are ours.’

3.1.2.7 Interrogative pronouns The following is a list of interrogative pronouns in the language. Some appear in example sentences to show how they would be used in the language.

- (20) bǎng, bǎlùù ‘what’
bòò ‘which one, which of them’
bábòò, bábòbò ‘which of them (humans)’
ábòò, ábòbò ‘which of them (non-humans)’
àng ‘who (singular, humans)’
àng mìné ‘who (plural, human)’
- (21) a. bǎng lá ká ó dǎ wà nè ?
what FOC COMP s/he take come with
‘What did s/he bring?’
b. bóó lá zèng à bè ?
which FOC sit DEF there
‘Which of you/ which of them is sitting there?’
c. bábòbò lá zèng à bè ?
which FOC sit DEF there
‘Which of them are sitting there?’
d. àng lá àrè à bè ?
who FOC stand DEF there
‘Who is standing there?’

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- e. àng mìné lá àrè à bè ?
who PL FOC stand DEF there
'Who are standing there?'

3.1.2.8 Indefinite pronouns Strictly speaking, Dagaare does not seem to have indefinite pronouns as, for instance, the French *quelqu'un*, 'someone'. The situation is more like the English *somebody*, *someone*, etc., where a noun like 'body' combines with the item *kàngá*:

- (22) a. néè kàngá wà-è lá
person INDF come-PFV FOC
'Someone has come.'
b. kàngá sòbó bé lá kyě
another person be FOC here
'Someone is here.'

3.1.3 Honorific system

Dagaare does not have a system of high and low 2nd person pronouns to deploy respectful address, as we find in some European languages like French and German, or as we find in Cantonese and some South-East Asian languages by the choice of classifiers. However, like Cantonese (Killingley 1993), one way of deploying honour is to bestow a real or fictitious relationship on people, rather than addressing them by their bare names. So words like *n̄ bǎ* 'my father, friend', *n̄ bééré* 'my big brother' may be used to address people, even if they are complete strangers, as a sign of respect or honour for them.

3.1.4 Numerals

The Dagaare numeral system is a mixed system of decimals and multiples of twenty, so that 15 is 'ten and five', while 40 is 'two twenties'. Both cardinal and ordinal numerals exist in the language. Table 7 shows a list of cardinal numerals from 1 to 10.

The table shows numeral roots and, depending on whether the noun is human or non-human, a prefix or element precedes the root. Cardinal numerals follow the above regulation, shown in (23a), as do ordinal numerals, which add the element *sòbó* following the numeral, as shown below in (23b). For multiplicative numerals, the element *bo-* is added to the root of the numeral (from 1 to 9), as

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Table 7: Numerals

Numerals	Root	(+human count)	(-human count)
1	-yeni	nényéni	bónyéni
2	-yi	báyì	áyì
3	-ta	bátà	átà
4	-naare	bànáàrè	ànáàrè
5	-nuu	bànúú	ànúú
6	-yooo	bàyòòó	àyòòó
7	-yɔpoi	bàyòpòi	àyòpòi
8	-nii	bànîî	ànîî
9	-wae	bàwáé	àwáé
10		(nóbá) píé	(bómá) píé

shown in (23c), although from 10 onwards, people tend to prefer the expressions such as *gbéé píé*, ‘ten times’, etc., to using the element *bo-*.

- (23) a. *dóbó bànúú* ‘five men’
bóórè ànúú ‘five goats’
 b. *bátà sòbó* ‘the third person’
átà sòbó ‘the third (thing)’
 c. *bóyì* ‘two times’
bótà ‘three times’
gbéè píé ‘ten times’
gbéè lèzàrè ‘twenty times’

3.1.5 Adjectives

An adjective may be used as a verbal predicate (24a), or a predicative with a copular verb (24b), or in combination with a root of the noun it qualifies to form a compound (24c). Not all adjectives can be used in these three different ways.

- (24) a. *à póg-ó vèèlé lá*
 DEF woman-SG be.beautiful FOC
 ‘The woman is beautiful.’

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- b. à póg-ó é lá vèlàà
DEF woman-SG be FOC beautiful
'The woman is beautiful.'
- c. pòg-vèlàà lá
woman-beautiful FOC
'That is a beautiful woman.'

The comparative is expressed by the use of verbs of surpassing such as *gàngè* and *zùò*, as in (25).

- (25) a. à póg-ó nyé vèèlé lá gàngè à póg-ó ná
DEF woman-SG DEM be-beautiful FOC surpass DEF woman-SG DEM
'This woman is more beautiful than that woman.'
- b. à póg-ó nyé é lá vèlàá zùò à pòg-ò ná
DEF woman-SG DEM be FOC beautiful surpass DEF woman-SG DEM
'This woman is more beautiful than that woman.'

The superlative is expressed in Dagaare using the adjective, the surpass verb and the intensifier *à zàá* or *ba zàá*, as in (26).

- (26) a. à móngó nyé lá nòmó gàngè à zàá
DEF mango DEM FOC sweet surpass 3PL.NONHUMAN INTENS
'This mango is the sweetest (of all)'
- b. à dós nyé lá è béróng gàngè bà zàá
DEF man DEM FOC be fat surpass 3PL.HUMAN INTENS
'This man is the fattest (of all).'

3.2 Verbal morphology

In this section we shall outline the verbal morphology of Dagaare, including the main verb, inflectional and derivational affixes, adverbs and pluractionality.

3.2.1 The verb

3.2.1.1 Main verb Dagaare does not have what may be called an “infinitive verb”, as is commonly found in many Indo-European languages; so it is often better to talk of a dictionary entry or citation form. In a sentence like: *Ñ yèlí ká “kúli” Ñ bá yèlí ká “à zèngè”* ‘I say “go home”, I did not say “sit down”’, the citation forms are *à kúli* or *kúli* and *à zèngè* or *zèngè*. These full forms may also

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have incomplete forms: *kúlí ~ kúl*, *zèngè ~ zèng*. It is these full forms that would be featured as the key entry in any Dagaare dictionary. In its conjugated form the main verb has three other forms marking perfective and imperfective aspect. The following forms illustrate:

- (27) *tèènè* dictionary form
tèènè perfective aspectual form
tèèn-éé perfective intransitive aspectual form
tèèn-né imperfective aspectual form'

There are basically two aspectual forms in Dagaare: the perfective (completive) and the imperfective (progressive). These are often expressed by suffixes. They respond to phonological rules such as vowel harmony and assimilation, taking on the features of the root of the verb. The perfective aspect, in turn, has two subtypes. The usual type is normally not morphologically realized. The second type normally occurs when there is no object element immediately after the verb, hence the term 'perfective intransitive' aspectual form. These aspectual suffixes function in conjunction with the preverbal particles to express temporal, aspectual, and polarity features. Basically then, the morphology of the main verb is one of a root followed by a suffix. The basic system of the Mabia verb is often labeled as aspect—the perfective and imperfective aspect. It may also be called, according to Bendor-Samuel (1971), event and process, punctiliar and linear, etc. In this basic system, the speaker sees the action as either completed or not yet completed. This is irrespective of whether the action is viewed as being in the past or not, as is shown in the following sentences:

- (28) a. Ò dà kúl-éé lá
3SG PST go.home-PFV.INTR FOC
'S/he went home.'
- b. ò dà kúl-ó lá
3SG PST go.home-IMPF FOC
'S/he was going home.'
- c. ò kúl-ó lá
3SG go.home-IMPF FOC
'S/he is going home.'

In languages like Dagbane and Mampruli there is, in addition to this basic inflectional system, another inflectional positive imperative suffix *-ma* which is added to the verb. This is illustrated below in Dagbane and Mampruli:

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- (29) ìsì-má
get.up-IMPV
'Get up!'

Further still, there are other verbal suffixes, *-ya* in Dagbane and Mampruli and *-ng* in Dagaare, which serve to affirm or emphasize the verbal action, often known as a *focus* or *factitive* marker. This is also shown in (30):

- (30) a. Dagbane/Mampruli
ò ìsì-yà
3SG get.up-FOC
'S/he has gotten up.'
- b. Dagbane/Mampruli
ò kyàm-yá
3SG walk-FOC
'S/he has gone.'
- c. Dagaare
ò kyéng-éé-ńg
3SG walk-PFVINTR.-FOC
'S/he has walked.'

In Dagaare and, possibly, in Mampruli and Dagbane, these focus/factitive/affirmative affixes are in complementary distribution with the so-called postverbal *lá*.

3.2.1.2 Verb root The most basic part of the verb is, of course, the root or stem. Most verb roots in Dagaare are monosyllabic. An understanding of the relationship between verb roots and their affixes is important for categorizing Dagaare verbs into classes. The following are examples of Dagaare verb roots:

- (31) nyu- drink
zo- run
vɔg- turn up, open

In addition to these, there is a dictionary form, the equivalent of infinitive verbs in other languages. This may also be called the citation form. So, in citing any of the above verbs, designated by their roots, we would say:

- (32) à nyú to drink
à zó to run
à vògè to turn up, open

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These forms, excluding the *à*, are the ones that would appear in dictionary entries.

3.2.1.3 Inflectional affixes As has been discussed, the main inflectional affixes of Dagaare express aspect. There are three forms, one imperfective affix and two perfective affixes. In addition to this is the affixal counterpart of the factitive or affirmative particle. I shall use two of the verb roots above to illustrate the various inflectional affixes:

- (33) a. zo- verb root
 à zò dictionary form
 zò-Ø PFV
 zò-e PFV.INTR
 zò-ró IMPF
 zò-é-ńg FOC particle on PFV
- b. vɔg- verb root
 à vɔgè dictionary form
 vɔgè-Ø PFV
 vɔg-èé PFV.INTR
 vɔg(è)-ró IMPF
 vɔg-èè-ńg FOC particle on PFV

Imperative forms are homophonous with the perfective transitive forms.

3.2.1.4 Derivational affixes and changes Derivational affixes, unlike their inflectional counterparts, are not easily separable from the verb root: their forms are not easily discernible, so we will discuss them under their functions in the next section.

3.2.1.5 Functional systems of the verb An interesting aspect of Dagaare and other Mabilia verbal systems is that verbs can be classified into pairs or even several classes of oppositions depending on derivational processes such as causativity, transitivity, reversivity and many others. Table 8 is an attempt to illustrate this with a number of Dagaare verbs.

The pairs of oppositions from 1 to 7 seem to illustrate causativity oppositions, with the members to the left being the causatives. While illustrating causativity the pairs from 1 to 4 also illustrate transitivity, with the pairs to the left being the transitive verbs while those to the right are the intransitives.

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Table 8: Oppositions in verbal forms

1	kó	‘kill’	kpì	‘die’
2	lós	‘make fall’	lè	‘fall’
3	gáálè	‘put to sleep’	gángè	‘put oneself to sleep’
4	zèglè	‘seat’	zèng	‘sit’
5	túúlí	‘make drink’	nyú	‘drink’
6	sù	‘feed’	dì	‘eat’
7	séng	‘wake one up’	ìrì	‘wake up (from sleep)’
8	yàglè	‘hang’	yàgè	‘take off’
9	vòglè	‘put on (hat)’	vògè	‘remove (hat)’
10	ùù	‘bury’	ùnnì	‘exhume’
11	léng	‘tie’	lóri	‘untie’
12	nyòglì	‘hold loosely’	nyógè	‘hold’
13	sóglè	‘to hide’	sòò	‘to be black’
14	yíli	‘sing, say iter.’	yèli	‘say, speak’

Pairs from 8 to 11 illustrate the reversivity oppositions, while pair 12 may illustrate what may be called the releasive opposition. Pair 14 seems to illustrate the repetitive or iterative opposition between the two members. In addition to these oppositions one may also find other oppositions. One good example is the polarity opposition between the following Mampruli verbs: *mi* ‘to know’; *zi* ‘to not know’. This is illustrated in the following sentences where *zi* is an inherent negative verb:

- (34) a. ò mí
1SG know
‘I know.’
- b. ò pá mí
1SG NEG know
‘I don’t know.’
- c. ò zì
1SG NEG+know
‘I don’t know.’
- d. *ò pá zì
1SG NEG NEG+know
‘I don’t know.’

3.2.3 Pluractional verbal constructions

In Dagaare and some other languages, number is not exclusively a nominal system of singular and plural nouns. Plurality of action can also be expressed in the verbal system. Plurality here can mean that the action is repeated several times or that the same action affects several entities. Pluraction is a quite complex morphological process in Dagaare that cannot be discussed at length here, and I will simply provide some constructions in (37) that illustrate the syntactic restrictions involved in the expression of the phenomenon. In (37a), we have an action, cutting, that affects a couple of entities, the hands. As such this plurality is expressed inside the verbal predicate. In (37b), the action affects only one entity, and as such, the plurality expressed within the verbal predicate is ungrammatical. In (37c), we have a normal case of the action affecting only one entity with no marked plurality inside the predicate.

- (37) a. ñ núú-rì ngmàà-r-èè lá
 1SG hand-PL cut-PL-PFV FOC
 ‘My hands are cut.’ = ‘I am broke.’
- b. * à nũ ngmàà-r-èè lá
 1SG hand cut-PL-PFV FOC
 ‘My hand is cut.’
- c. à mí-rì ngmàà-è lá
 DEF rope-SG cut-PFV FOC
 ‘The rope is cut.’
- d. * à mí-rì ngmàà-r-èè lá
 DEF rope-SG cut-PL-PFV FOC
 ‘The rope is cut.’
- e. à mí-è ngmàà-r-èè lá
 DEF rope-PL cut-PL-PFV FOC
 ‘The ropes are cut.’
- f. à mí-rì ngmàà-r-èè lá
 DEF rope-SG cut cut-PL-PFV FOC
 ‘The rope is cut at several places.’

In (37d)-(37e), we expect a normal case of an unacceptable plural affix within the predicate and an acceptable case of the same expressed plurality, respectively. However, in (37f), we are faced with a case in which even though the entity is single, we still have an acceptable plural affix within the verbal predicate. This

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needs explanation. One important observation is that the verb is repeated, reduplicated. Reduplication is the next issue to explain in this grammatical sketch. Pluraction seems to be definable, not just in terms of the number of entities the predicate action affects, nor on the number of occurrences on the same entity in the same place, but also on various parts it occurs on the same entity.

3.3 Other word classes and morphological processes

In this section, I discuss the additional word class of ideophones and the general morphological processes of reduplication and compounding.

3.3.1 Ideophones

Trask (1993: 131–132) defines an ideophone as “[O]ne of a grammatically distinct class of words, occurring in certain languages, which typically express either distinctive sounds or visually distinctive types of action.” Ideophones have a specific morphophonological structure in Dagaare that no other word class consistently exhibits. First, it generally has a three-syllable structure. Second, the vowels of the first syllable are copied on to the subsequent syllables. Third, and quite importantly, there is usually only one tonal quality, either low or high, on the entire stretch of the three-syllable word. Fourth, each ideophone can be produced either as a uniquely low tone lexeme or as a uniquely high tone one, with a slight variation in meaning. The low-toned ones refer to heavier, longer, or fatter entities, while the high-toned ones refer to lighter, shorter and thinner entities. These are shown in (38), with example sentences in (39).

- (38) gbànggbàlàng / gbàngbáláng ‘of a long pole or thing falling down’
 vàrkpàrà / vàrkpàrá ‘in a messy way’
 gàrmànà / gármáná ‘spread across a surface’
 bònggòlòng / bònggóng ‘of a fat and unwieldy mass’
 bìlbàlàà / bìlbáláá ‘of a huge item lying down’

- (39) a. à lánngbàráà lá ká ó dé lóó, gbàngbàràng
 DEF hook TOP COMP 3SG take throw-down, IDPH
 ‘It is the hook s/he has thrown down.’
 b. bíní lá ká ó nyè bìng, vàrkpàrà
 excreta TOP COMP 3SG shit put-down, IDPH
 ‘It is excreta s/he has shit.’

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- c. à bíe bàl-èè lá, à páà lè gàngè, gàrmàà
 DEF child tire-PFV FOC DEF then fall lie-down, IDPH
 ‘The child is tired and then is lying there.’
- d. nyé ò nàng páà zèng bònggòlòng lé
 see 3SG when then sit IDPH PART
 ‘Just see how s/he is seated!’
- e. ò dé lá à dàngmáá lóó, bílbàà
 3SG take FOC DEF log throw-down IDPH
 ‘He threw down the log.’

Another aspect of ideophones is that, besides having their unique morphophonology, which is quite different from those of comparative word classes like adverbs, adjectives and verbs, they, again unlike these other word classes, do not seem to have independent semantics. As can be seen from the above glosses and transliterations, it is hard to pin them down and assign denotational, dictionary meanings to them. They depend on adjacent words and other contexts for their meaning. This again makes this class of words unique in the language. It seems that there are compelling reasons for setting up a word class of ideophones in Dagaare. From a comparative point of view, these facts of ideophones raise important empirical issues for discussing linguistic categorization.

3.3.2 Reduplication

Reduplication is a pervasive morphological process across the languages of the world. It involves repetition or multiple occurrence of a morphological entity within a larger unit. Formally, two types are recognized, partial and full reduplication. In the (40), I illustrate full reduplication involving verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and partial reduplication involving an ideophone.

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|------|--------------------|--|
| (40) | zò zò (v.) | ‘run, run’ |
| | wóg wóg (adj.) | ‘tall, tall; long, long’ |
| | vèlvèlvèl (adv.) | ‘very long’ |
| | vènvèlvèng (ideo.) | ‘description of a position
occupied by a long entity’ |

In a partial reduplication, not all the material of the segment being repeated is carried over, hence we have *vèng* becoming *vè* in the case of the partial reduplication. A notion of reduplicative compounds exists in Dagaare. In this morphological process, a compound is formed by repeating or bringing together certain

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segments if even they belong to different word classes to form agentive nouns. This is illustrated in (41).

- (41) góngé gónnè → gónggónò
 ‘to make noise’ ‘noise’ ‘noise-maker’
- dì bòndirî → bòndidíre
 ‘to eat’ ‘food’ ‘food eater, glutton’

This kind of phenomenon occurs in South-East Asian languages like Tagalog and Malay and should constitute a useful area of comparison between African and Asian languages. While the forms of reduplication are interesting in themselves, the way the morphological process functions across languages is also interesting. In Dagaare, as may be seen in (40), it involves intensity and also a constant repetition of the action. But this is by no means universal, as reduplication can also express less of something in some languages. In some languages like Cantonese, it can express the diminutive. Again this should provide the framework of useful comparisons between Asian and African languages.

3.3.3 Compounding

Compounding has already been discussed in some of the above morphological processes. It is a very productive process in the language. Many new words and expressions are formed through compounding of several entities including noun+affix (42a), noun+adjective (42b), noun + noun (42c), verb + verb (42d), verb + noun (+ affix) (42e), and even elements of a phrase (42f).

- (42) a. dój + -léé → dòléléé
 man + small ‘boy’
- b. néè + fáá → néngfáá
 person+ bad ‘bad fellow’
- c. dié + pógó → diépógó
 room + woman ‘wife, housewife, homemaker’
- d. yó + tá → yótá
 roam + reach personal name (one who gets to destination)
- e. bòng + gánè → gánbognó
 know + book ‘literate’
- f. kà + á + pógè → kàápógè
 COMP + DEF+ get.target ‘maybe’

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In this part of the grammatical sketch, I provide brief comments about the structure of the simple sentence including word order, voice, polarity, adpositions, and comparison. I also provide illustrations of more complex sentence formation involving relativization, question formation, small clause constructions, serialization, and serial verb nominalization. I end the chapter with a survey of discourse particles, involving especially topic and focus in the language.

4.1 Sentence types

Dagaare is basically an SVO language, although there are some complications when we deal with much more complex sentences than the basic ones. It therefore means that verbal elements in the most unmarked cases come after the subject NP and before the object NP if there is any. There are three basic types of sentences in Dagaare: the verbless sentence, the simple sentence, and complex sentences. Verbless sentences do not have an overt verb in the structure. Here are two examples:

(43) *nààná lá*
Naana FOC
'That is Naana.'

(44) *á sákúúri lá nyé*
DEF school FOC this
'This is the school.'

I now discuss the other two types of sentences in the following sections.

4.2 The simple sentence

One of the most distinctive aspects of general Mabia syntax is the presence of particles between the subject NP at the beginning of a canonical declarative sentence and the main verb. These particles, traditionally termed preverbal particles, express most of the temporal and modal aspects of the sentence. Another distinctive aspect is the presence of a postverbal particle that expresses polarity and focus phenomena. The following schema characterizes the Dagaare simple declarative sentence involving a transitive verb.

(45) Subject NP |preverbal particles - main verb - postverbal particle| Object NP

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I now describe each of these parts of the simple sentence, illustrating with (46).

- (46) Dàkóráá dà nyúú-ró lá à kòó à diè póó
Dakoraa PST drink-IMPF FOC DEF water DEF room POSTP
'Dakoraa was drinking the water in the room.'

In (46), *Dàkóráá* is the subject NP. No special affixes and particles mark the subject NP in Dagaare, hence it is not an ergative language. Grammatical functions are marked mainly by positional distribution in the sentence, with the subject occurring before the verb in a canonical declarative sentence, as is the case with the sentence above. This is followed by the preverbal particle *dà*, which expresses the temporal features of the construction. We then have the main verb, *nyúú-rò*. The suffixal parts of the main verb express the aspectual features of the construction. The postverbal particle is *lá*; it functions as a focus particle. It may also mark features of polarity. Finally *à kòó* is the object NP of the sentence. This is followed by an adverbial phrase comprising an NP, *à diè* and a locative postposition, *póó*. The pervasive use of body part postpositions, rather than prepositions, is another distinctive aspect of Dagaare and Gur syntax. This basic declarative sentence provides the basis for a number of syntactic alternations expressing aspect (perfective/imperfective), mood (imperative), polarity (negation/positivity), voice (unaccusative) and for encoding more complex thought with constructions such as relativization, serialization, and serial verb nominalization. In the following, I shall briefly illustrate these various syntactic alternations.

4.2.1 Imperative

This syntactic structure functions to compel (47) or exhort (48) an interlocutor or other participant in a speech situation. A special feature of the exhortative or the hortative is that it imposes an inherent high tone on any preceding pronoun (48).

- (47) nyú
drink
'Drink!'
- (48) ó nyú
3SG.hortative drink
'S/he should drink.'

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4.2.2 Negation

Negation is expressed in Dagaare by preverbal particles. Negation has a relationship to mood in the language. We may distinguish between a negative declarative particle as in (49) and negative imperative particle as in (50).

(49) Dàkóráá dà bà nyú à kòó
Dakoraa PST NEG drink DEF water
'Dakoraa did not drink the water.'

(50) Tá nyú!
NEG drink
'Don't drink!'

The postverbal particle is mutually exclusive with the negative particle in such negation constructions, as shown in (51).

- (51) a. tè dà gáá lá dàá
1PL PST go FOC market
'We did go to the market.'
- b. tè dà bá gàà dàá
1PL PST NEG go market
'We did not go to the market.'
- c. *tè dà bá gáá lá dàá
1PL PST NEG go FOC market
'We did not go to the market.'

4.2.3 Comparative constructions

Verbs/adjectives like *gàngè* 'more than', *sèè* 'better than', and *zùò* 'more than', which mean 'over', 'pass', etc., are used to express the comparison of different items within the Dagaare sentence. Here are examples:

(52) Bádéré é lá kpòng gàngè Àyúó
Badere be FOC big pass Ayuo
'Badere is bigger than Ayuo.'

(53) ò dà zó gàngé má lá
3SG PST run pass 3SG.OBJ FOC
'He ran faster than me.'

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- (54) fò dèmé zùó lá ò dèmé
2SG own.PL pass FOC 1SG own.PL
'Yours are more than mine.'

4.3 Complex sentences

Complex sentences serve to encode the relationship between two or more ideas, entities and events. The relationship may be one of conjunction, relational, sequential, or the quest for information about another idea, entity or event.

4.3.1 Coordination and Subordination

Several ways of conjoining sentences exist in Dagaare. For a more extensive presentation, see Bodomo (1997b). There are about seven coordinating conjunctions and four subordinating conjunctions in the language. These are *à*, *àné*, *kyé*, *kyé kà*, *béé* and *kyé béé* and *ká*, *kà*, *ká kà* and *nàng* respectively. The two sentences below in (55) and (56) illustrate one case each of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions respectively.

- (55) nàaná dà yí lá sàkúuri kúli à tè zéng dì-ré bó-má
Naana PST get.out FOC school go.home CONJ go sit eat-IMP thing-PL
'Naana went home from school and sat down eating food.'

- (56) à tè téngé nàá yèli ká té kóó-ró yágà
DEF 1PL country king say CONJ 1PL farm-IMP INTENS
'The king of our country says that we should farm a lot.'

4.3.2 Relativization

Relativization in Dagaare involves embedding one construction into another, usually rendered by an overt relativizing element which occurs after the noun in question.

- (57) à dós ná náng zàà wà kyê nyú lá à kòó
DEF man REL REL yesterday come here drink FOC DEF water
'The man who came here yesterday drank the water.'

The usual relativizing element is a complex, (*ná*) *náng*, involving an optional first element. The relativizing complex is neutral for human and non-human nouns.

4.3.3 Question formation

Dagaare presents some challenges to the so-called wh-parameter, which determines whether wh-expressions, in the case of Dagaare, *bòng*-expressions (Bodomo 1997b), can or cannot be moved to the front of the sentence. Consider the following sentences:

- (58) a. ò bóó-ró lá díú
 3SG want-IMPF FOC food
 ‘S/he wants food.’
 b. bòng lá ká ó bóó-rò
 WH FOC that 3SG want-IMPF
 ‘What does s/he want?’
 c. ò bóó-rò lá bóng
 3SG want-IMPF FOC WH
 ‘What does he want?’
- (59) a. ò gè-ré lá hóng kóng
 3SG go-IMPF FOC Hong Kong
 ‘S/he is going to Hong Kong.’
 b. yèng lá ká fó gè-ré
 WH FOC that 2SG go-IMPF
 ‘Where are you going?’
- (60) a. ò yúórí lá bònglàkyéré
 1SG name FOC Bonlacher
 ‘My name is Bonlacher.’
 b. fò yúórí lá bóng
 2SG name FOC WH
 ‘What is your name?’
 c. ?? bóng lá fò yúòrì
 WH FOC 2SG name
 ‘What is your name?’

In each of the above sentences, the (b.) and (c.) are questions inquiring about the second NP of the (a.) sentences. The question word is freely found both at the beginning and at the end of the question constructions. This seems to contravene the wh-parameter pervasive in the principles and parameters approach

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to grammar. Such analyses claim that languages may be parametrized to be wh-fronting or in situ languages. The above data shows that Dagaare seems to be at both sides of the parameter. It must, however, be observed that the (c.) question construction is unnatural in the language.

4.3.4 Small clause constructions

Small clause constructions involve a complex of at least two clauses. While the first clause may have overt verbal predicate elements, the second or subsequent clause may not have an overtly expressed verbal predicate. This second or subsequent part is termed a reduced clause or a small clause. Here are two examples.

(61) tè bing'ó lá nàá
1PL put.3SG FOC king
'We made him King.'

(62) a. ò tú lá à bògí zluńg
3SG dig.PFV FOC DEF hole deep
'S/he dug the hole deep.'

b. ò tú lá à bògí sígí
3SG dig.PFV FOC DEF hole go.down
'S/he dug the hole deep.'

Alongside such small clause constructions, in the form of object depictive resultative predicates as we have in (61) and (62a), Dagaare also has a serial verb constructions, as in (62b). Serialization is the next typical syntactic construction to be discussed.

4.3.5 Verb serialization

Verb serialization (or the serial verb construction) is a productive syntactic process in Dagaare and many other West African languages. Hardly any analysis of these languages can be successfully undertaken without an understanding of the basic properties of this pervasive grammatical construction. The following example illustrates a serial verb construction, involving as many as four verbs within the construction.

(63) Dàkóràá nà dé lá à kúúrí zá lóó èng à kòò póó
Dakoraa FUT take FOC DEF stone throw fall put DEF water inside
'Dakoraa will throw the stone into the water.'

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Many issues have been raised within the literature about these constructions and they continue to be discussed (e.g. Bodomo 1993; 1997b,a). Some of these are whether the serial verb construction consists of one clause or a series of clauses; whether we can arrive at a definitive typology of serial verbs; whether the complex of verbs expresses a single event or not; and how we can account for the fact that many of the verbs in the series share grammatical functions such as subject and object. This syntactic process can be altered in several ways, one being the serial verb nominalization.

4.3.6 Serial verb nominalization

In the serial verb nominalization, the object of a declarative serial verbal sentence (64a) gets “moved” to the beginning of the construction, and the second gets a nominal affix attached to it (64b). The whole construction is a nominalized phrase.

- (64) a. ò dà dé lá à kòò nyú
3SG PST take FOC DEF water drink
‘He drank the water./He took the water and drank it./ He drank up the water.’
- b. à kòò dé nyú-ù
DEF water take drink-NMLZ
‘the drinking of the water.’
- c. à kòò dé nyú-ù bá è yèl-sòóng
DEF water take drink-NMLZ NEG be deed-good
‘The drinking of the water is not a good thing (to do).’

This nominalized construction can form part of a sentence, and is indeed mostly the subject of a more complete sentential construction (64c). This construction is unique in Dagaare and a few other Mabia languages, but largely absent in the Kwa languages of West Africa, such as Akan. This construction has not been widely examined in the linguistic literature, especially in the light of nominalization across languages. Bodomo (1997b,a) and Bodomo (2004b) provide a useful point of departure for such a cross linguistic study.

4.4 Discourse phenomena

In this section, I will first list and briefly comment on some expressive particles, which express various types of feelings on the part of the speaker during a dis-

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course situation. The various types of emotive feelings and the particles that encode them include the following:

nàng: expression of politeness, as in 65.

- (65) *nàng dé à gánè nyè kó má*
PART take DEF book DEM. give 1SG
'Please, give me this book.'

wè, yáà: pleading tone, as in (66) and softening particle, as in (67), in the sense of extenuating a command or a potentially harsh tone:

- (66) *dé kò má wè*
take give 1SG PART
'Give it to me' = 'Why not give it to me?'

- (67) *dé kò má yàà*
take give 1SG PART
'Give it to me, eh.'

áí, wè: exasperation, as shown in (68).

- (68) *áí wè, ìrì à kyě*
PART PART get.up DEF here
'Oh please, get up from here!'

mòò, béé, mòò béé: question/interrogation in (69a) and (69b); exclamation in (69c):

- (69) a. *fò kúlò lá béé*
2SG go.home-IMPF FOC PART
'Are you going home?'
- b. *fò mòó kòng gángè bèè*
2SG PART NEG lie.down PART
'Won't you lie down /sleep overnight?'
- c. *yélé mòò béé*
matter PART PART
'Oh, what matter = Oh, my God!'

wóówóóì, ò sáá wóóì, ò má wóóì: pain, as in (70a), which is actually used in situations of mourning; surprise, as in (70b).

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- (70) a. *n̄ sàà wóóí, n̄ sàà wóóí*
1SG father PART 1SG father PART
'Oh my father, oh my father.'
- b. *wóó, bòng lá ká ó déè gángè lě*
PART why FOC COMP 3SG just lie.down that.way
'Oh, why is s/he just lying down that way?'

This list is not exhaustive but only just indicative of the particles and the feelings they encode in discourse situations. This aspect of Dagaare still awaits a detailed study. It is interesting both with respect to language internal considerations and to typological considerations.

A second aspect of discourse phenomena that I will briefly address involves two particles and their variants which tend to express topic and focus phenomena in the language.

4.4.1 Topic

The topic of a sentence or enunciation is that element on which the rest of the sentence (the comment) refers to. Dagaare is much like English and many other languages in which the topic is normally realized by the unmarked grammatical subject (71a).

- (71) a. *à dós kú-ló lá*
DEF man go.home-IMPF FOC
'The man is going home.'
- b. *à dós nyé éng (ò) kú-ló lá*
DEF man this TOP (3SG) go.home-IMPF FOC
'As for this man, he is going home.'
- (72) a. *n̄ nà nyú lá kòó*
1SG FUT drink FOC water
'I will drink water.'
- b. *màà éng (n̄) nà nyú lá kóó*
1SG.STR. TOP (1SG) FUT drink FOC water
'As for me, I will drink water.'

However, there are instances in which the grammatical subject is associated with an element, TOP, that topicalizes the whole NP entity. This NP entity is co-referential with an optional resumptive subject pronoun, as indicated in (71b).

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This is the case of a marked topic construction in Dagaare. Dagaare has two types of alternate pronominal subjects in its pronominal system—known as weak and strong pronouns (Bodomo 1997b). Unmarked grammatical subjects use the weak subject pronouns, as in (72a). When pronominal subjects are topicalized, it is the strong pronouns that are used, as exemplified in (72b).

4.4.2 Focus

The particle *lá* and its variants expresses focus among many other functions. Trask (1993: 105) defines focus as “[S]pecial prominence given to some element in a sentence which represents the most important new information in that sentence or which is explicitly contrasted with something else.” Virtually any part of the sentence can be focused in Dagaare. The sentence in (73a) may be focused in various ways, or rather parts of it may be emphasized in various ways. First, the sentence as a whole, in its neutral form, is marked with the particle *lá*, which acts as a default focus or assertive/factitive marker. It has been glossed variously as FOC, ASS, or FACT. This is just a subset of the many ways the particle *lá* may be used in Dagaare (Bodomo 1997b,a; Kropp Dakubu & Saanchi 1998) and other Mabilia languages. Having illustrated the use of the focus particle with respect to the whole sentence, we now illustrate argument focus, predicate focus and adjunct focus in the Dagaare sentence.

- (73) a. Dàkóráá dà dì lá sááo à bágúó nyé
Dakoraa PST eat FOC/ASSERT saao DEF morning DEM
‘Dakoraa ate saao this morning.’
- b. Dàkóráá là dà dì sááo à bágúó nyé
Dakoraa FOC PST eat saao DEF morning DEM
‘It is DAKORAA that ate saao this morning.’
- c. sááo lá kà Dàkóráá dà dì à bágúó nyé
saao FOC COMP Dakoraa PST eat DEF morning DEM
‘It is SAAO that Dakoraa ate this morning.’
- d. bágúó nyé lá kà Dàkóráá dà dì sááo
morning DEM FOC COMP Dakoraa PST eat saao
‘It was THIS MORNING that Dakoraa ate saao.’
- e. Díí-ú lá kà Dàkóráá dà dì à sááo
eat-NMLZ FOC COMP Dakoraa PST eat DEF saao
‘Dakoraa ATE the saao.’ (What he did was eat the saao.)

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Any argument position may be focused in Dagaare. The structure in (73b) illustrates subject focus. The subject NP *Dàkóráá* is being emphasized as the actor and not any other entity. To focus the subject, the subject NP is preposed and the focus marker, FOC, comes right after it. Unlike other languages like Yoruba where a pronominal clitic may occupy the position from which the NP subject is preposed, this does not happen in Dagaare. The structure in (73c) illustrates object focus. In this type of focus, a complementizer, COMP, is introduced in the structure. It comes right after the focus marker and before the subject/actor of the sentence. The structure in (73d) illustrates adjunct focus. The adverbial, *à bágúó nyé*, is focused. The following features of focus obtain. First, the adverbial is preposed. Next, it is immediately succeeded by the focus particle, and, finally, a complementizer, COMP, follows the focus marker. Predicates may be also focused. First, the verbal predicate is nominalized and preposed, as shown in (73e). However, unlike the situation with argument focus, the preposed predicate still has a verbal copy in situ. As with object focus, however, the focus particle and the complementizer occur after the focused predicate item.

From the above, a rule for focusing elements in a Dagaare sentence seems to emerge. In each instance, the focus element *lá* comes immediately after the focused element, which is preposed. However, depending on the type of focus in question, we may or may not have a copy of the focused (preposed) item in situ. Also, we may or may not have a complementizer element right after the focus marker.

4.4.3 Focus and Negation

The above illustrates focus with respect to declarative, affirmative constructions in the language. However, sentences with negation may also be focused. I shall illustrate this with the structure in (74a), which is the negative version of (73a). As can be seen in (74b), the focus element in the form of *lá* cannot co-occur with the negative particle *dà* in the same sentence.

- (74) a. *Dàkóráá dà bá dì à sááó bágúó sángà*
Dakoraa PST NEG eat DEF saao morning period
'Dakoraa did not eat the saao this morning.'
- b. **Dàkóráá dà bá dì là à sááó bágúó sángà*
Dakoraa PST NEG eat FOC DEF saao morning period
'Dakoraa did not eat the saao this morning.'

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- c. Dàkóráá náá dà dì à sááo bágúó sángà
Dakoraa FOC.NEG PST eat DEF saao morning period
'DAKORAA did not eat the saao this morning.' (It was not him.)
- d. à sááo náá kà Dàkóráá dà dì bágúó sángà
DEF saao FOC.NEG COMP Dakoraa PST eat morning DEM
'It is not the SAAO that Dakoraa ate this morning.'
- e. Bágúó sángà náá kà Dàkóráá dà dì à sááo
morning period FOC.NEG COMP Dakoraa PST eat DEF saao
'It was not THIS MORNING that Dakoraa ate the saao.'
- f. Díú náá kà Dàkóráá dà dì à sááo bágúó sángà
eat-NMLZ FOC.NEG COMP Dakoraa PST eat DEF saao morning period
'Dakoraa did not EAT the saao in the morning.'

From the above it may be noticed that the negative focus particle *náá* has identical distribution with its positive counterpart *lá* regarding the syntax of focus constructions in Dagaare. Argument and predicate focus are deployed in the same way as for positive focus in the language.

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a [à] *conj.* (1) and • *O wæe la a wa gan̄*. S/he came and left. (2) in order to • *O wæe la a na nyɛ te*. S/he has come in order to visit us.

a [á] *conj.* but • *A wola ka o ba wa?* But why didn't s/he come? *Var.* ana

a [à] *pron.* they, them (3rd person plural weak form nonhuman) • *Vɛŋ ka a kpɛ a zage*. Let them go into the pen. • *De a moɔ eŋ a*. Give them the grass.

a [à] *def. art.* the • *A bie kpɛ la a die*. The child has gone into the room.

a [á] *v.* to hate • *Te a ba la*. We hate them. *æ, aara, aara, aareba, aaraa, aareba*

aa [áá] *interj.* expression of surprise and regret • *A ŋmane ŋmareɛ la, aa*. The calabash is broken; what a pity! • *Aa, ka N da baŋ ka le N gaaɛ*. Oh, if I had known, I would have gone.

aa [áá] *interj.* expression of regret

aa [àà] *interj.* expression expressing "I told you so."

aae [áái] *interj.* expression of pain

a-a [á-à] *interj.* (1) expression of disapproval • *A-a, ta de ona*. Oh no, don't go that way. (2) why?; expression of doubt • *A-a, fo naŋ ba gaa?* Well, you haven't gone yet?

ãa [ãáá] *adv.* (1) yes (answer to a call) • *N boɔle la a bie ka o sage ka*

"ãa." I called the child and he answered, "Yes." (2) what? (exclamation of disbelief) • *Ka Naa boɔle fo ka fo zagere, ãa*. You refuse to answer the chief's call, what?

ãaa [ãááá] *interj.* is that so? (expression of uncertain surprise) • *Bayuo: A pɔgebil-pɛere na taa la pɔɔ. Ayuo: Áaa?* Bayuo: That teenage girl is pregnant. Ayuo: Is that true?

âaa [âáá] *part.* answer in agreement • *Fo na gaa la? âaa*. Will you go? Yes, I will.

aa-ee [áá-íí] *interj.* expression of lack of confidence in someone's ability to perform a task • *Aa-ee, fo koŋ daŋ ma ta*. I don't think you can get there before me.

aa-hii [áá-híí] *interj.* expression of total despair

aane [ááni] *adj.* infertile (woman) *pl:* aama *2pl:* aanɛɛ

aaŋ [áàn] *interj.* well then

aba [ábà] *interj.* (1) expression of despair over a repeated mishap • *A bie la lee la, aba*. The child has fallen again, oh no! (2) expression of satisfaction or agreement • *Aba, le ka N boɔrɔ*. Good, that is what I want. (3) expression of empathy • *Aba, mɔ kye so a bie kɔɔ* Try and bathe the child.

abaa [ábàà] *interj.* (1) exclamation of satisfaction or commendation •

Abaa, fo waa bie. Well done, you are a good child. (2) exclamation of despair or being distraught • **Abaa, veŋ a zɔɔre lɛ.** Oh, stop the fight.

abɛ [àbɛ́] *n.* (1) palm tree (2) palm fruit

abɛbiri [àbɛ̀bírì] *n.* palm fruit *sg:* abɛbiruu *pl:* abɛbie *2pl:* abɛbiree

abedãã [àbɛ̀dáã] *n.* palm wine *sg:* abedãã *2pl:* abedaanɛɛ

abekãã [àbɛ̀káã] *n.* palm oil *2pl:* abekaanɛɛ

abesaare [ábɛ́sáárì] *n.* palm-frond broom *pl:* abesae *2pl:* abesaareɛ

abeteɛ [àbɛ̀tìɛ̀] *n.* palm tree *pl:* abeteere *2pl:* abeteereɛ

abuobo [ábúóbò] *interrogative pronoun* which ones (nonhuman) • **Abuobo ka fo boɔɔ?** Which ones do you want?

Afereka [áfíríkà] *n.* Africa *pl:* Aferekare *2pl:* Aferekareɛ

Aferekanɛɛ [áfíríkàníɛ̀] *n.* African *pl:* Aferekanoba

afu [àfú] *n.* preface (of a book) *pl:* afuri *2pl:* afuree

age [ágí] *v.* (1) to dance (2) to jump up and down *ageɛ, agra, agra, agreba, agraa, agreba*

age [ágì] *v.* (1) to fly (2) erect, ejaculate (penis) (3) to jump over (4) to be frightened; to miss a heartbeat *ageɛ, agra, agra, agreba, agraa, agreba*
pɔlaa age to be frightened

agoo [àgòò] *v.* to ask for permission to join someone (knock door)

agoo [àgòò] *n.* a type of silky, colourful fabric *pl:* agoori *2pl:* agooree

agye [ádzé] *n.* bad luck *pl:* agyeri *2pl:* agyeree

ahâa [àhââ] *interj.* that's right (expression of agreement) • **Ahaa, o binzie la be.** That's right, that is its position.

ahaj [àháj] *interj.* an expression that denotes "well?" • **Ahaj a polisi la waana.** All is well, as the police are coming.

ai [ái] *part.* no

aïi [áìì] *interj.* an expression of despair • **Aïi, a nɔgyele ŋmareɛ.** Oh no; the egg is broken!

akaase [àkáásì] *interj.* expression of boastful challenge • **Akaase, nee kyebe na daŋ ma kɔnoɔre.** I dare anyone to finish his portion of the weeding before me.

akaasemanakei [àkáásimànà] *interj.* expression of disappointment at failure • **A bie ba toɔ tuo daga, akaasemanakei.** The child has failed to carry the box, what a pity. *Var.* akaase

akai [àkài] *interj.* expression of disgust and disagreement • **Akai, fo deme kyebe.** Too bad, you have no case.

aku [ákú] *interj.* expression of despair, loss, empathy • **A nannyigri la maalenfa la n zɔmenɛ na, aku.**

- The thieves have robbed my friend again, how awful! *Var.* akuroku
- akuroku** [àkúrókú] *interj.* emphatic form of aku *Var.* akuraku; aku
- akuu** [àkúú] *interj.* expression indicating one's inability to do a task • *Akuu, ta ko ma, N koŋ toŋ a tuori tuo.* Ei, don't kill me; I can't carry the load.
- Ala** [álà] *n.* God
- ala** [álà] *interj.* I swear • *Ala, a dɔɔ ŋa naane so a woɔ.* I swear, the bag does not belong to this man.
- alaakosebaroo** [àláákosíbaróó] *interj.* in the name of God
- ale** [áli] *v.* to open (ring), to stretch out • *Ka foŋ ba ale a fenetere, o koŋ kpe a fo nubiri.* If you don't open up the ring you can't put it on your finger. *aleɛ, alla, alla, aleba, allaa*
- alee** [àléé] *part.* expression ordering one to get out; away with you • *A bibiiri naŋ di a bondirii baare la ka ba ba yeli ka alee, ka ba wa yi gaa sakuuri.* When the children had finished eating, their father ordered them to go to school at once.
- aleema** [àlíémà] *n.* metaphor (literature)
- ale** [álè] *interj.* expression of surprise mixed with fear • *Ale, fen-tel diglii ka fo deene ne?* Whoa, you're playing with electricity?
- aloo** [áldó] *interj.* hello
- aloopelee** [álooópèlèè] *n.* aeroplane
pl: aloopelli *2pl:* aloopellee *Var.* ayɔɔmapelee
- aloopeleeduoraa** [álooópèlèédúóràà] *n.* airport *pl:* aloopeleeduori
- ama** [ámá] *conj.* but, however • *A bɔŋmeerebe mɛ la ama ba ba di.* The football players played well, but they did not win.
- ama** [ámà] *pron.* these (3rd person plural demonstrative nonhuman) • *A dogere ama daaroŋ tuo.* These pots are expensive.
- ambajenaa** [ámáŋínáá] *n.* a type of small tree with large leaves and pink fruit *pl:* ambajene *2pl:* ambajeneɛ
- Ameleka** [ámílikà] *n.* America *pl:* amelekare *2pl:* amelekareɛ *Var.* Hameleka
- aminekaŋa** [àmínékàŋá] *adv.* (1) perhaps, maybe • *Aminekaŋa o koŋ wa pampana.* Perhaps s/he will not come now. (2) sometimes *Var.* minekaŋa
- amma** [ámmá] *conj.* much more than (exaggeration) • *A bie zoro to, amma soŋaa.* The boy runs really fast, much faster than the hare.
- ammeseɛɛ** [ámmísíérè] *n.* thanks • *Fo taa la ammeseɛɛ ne fo naŋ toŋ a toma.* I am thankful to you for doing the work. *2pl:* ammesseɛɛɛ
- ammine** [ámmíné] *pron.* which people (3rd person plural human interrogative pronoun)

- person (interrogative pronoun) *Var.*
aj la o
- ansaj** [ánsáj] *conj.* before • **Vej ka saa mi ansaj ka fo bore a ka-maana.** Let it rain before you sow the maize.
- ansijinee** [ánsijínee] *n.* (1) a type of edible berry that turns violet when ripe (2) the tree of this fruit *sg:* **ansijinuu** *pl:* **ansijini** *Var.* **ansiinee**
- ansoonee** [ánsóóní] *n.* a woman who has recently given birth *pl:* **ansoone/ansoome** *2pl:* **ansoonee**
- antere** [ántèré] *n.* noon; used as a greeting, good afternoon (Southern Dagaare dialect)
- anuu** [ànúú] *adj.* five *pl:* **anuuri** *2pl:* **anuuree**
- anwoj** [ánwón] *n.* one who is great or strong (physically or spiritually) *pl:* **annwonni** *2pl:* **anwonnee**
- aj** [áj] *adj.* to be alerted; used to caution or persuade • **Ka fo wa gere a libidaana na yiri, aj baj ne baare.** If you are going to that rich man's house you'd better beware of the dogs.
- aj** [áj] *pron.* who (interrogative pronoun) • **Aj la ba nonj bompaa?** Who does not like new things?
- aja** [ájá] *n.* no one (retort; implies the matter is none of the asker's business) • **Aj la wa a kyee? Aja la wa.** Who came here? No one. (Why do you care?)
- aja** [ájá] *adv.* like • **O kono la aja**
- bibile na.** S/he cries like a baby. *Var.* **ja**
- ajgaara** [ájgáará] *adj.* having the blades burnt away, leaving the stalks (used for grass) • **A kyee zo kpe la a mo-ajgaara po.** The squirrel has escaped into the stalky bush. *pl:* **ajgaare** *2pl:* **ajgaaree**
- ajgeli** [ájgélí] *n.* a type of long grass used to weave sleeping mats *pl:* **ajgelli** *2pl:* **ajgelee**
- ajgoole** [ájgóòli] *v.* to adorn, to decorate • **Ba ajgoole la a naa wiri.** They have decorated the chief's horse. **ajgoolee, ajgoole, ajgooleba, ajgoolea**
- ajguonaa** [ájgúónáá] *n.* a type of tree with round, pink fruit *pl:* **ajguoni/ajguomo** *2pl:* **ajguonee** *Var.* **pl.var. ajguoaa**
- ajkaa** [ájkáá] *n.* orange (fruit) *sg:* **ajkaaroo** *pl:* **ajkaare/ajkae** *2pl:* **ajkaaree**
- Ajkarra** [ájkàrà] *n.* Accra *pl:* **Ajkarre** *2pl:* **Ajkarree**
- ajko** [ájkò] *n.* river blindness *pl:* **ajkori** *2pl:* **ajkoree**
- ajkorɔ** [ájkòrɔ] *n.* barrel, drum *pl:* **ajkorre** *2pl:* **ajkoree/ajkorree** *Var.* **ajkora**
- ão** [ãò] *interj.* of course (expression of certainty) • **A. Fo na kuli la be? B. ão.** A. Will you go home? B. Of course I will.
- apa** [ápà] *interj.* expression of unpleasant surprise • **A soɔɔaa muri**

la a baa bare kye zo, apa. The rabbit dodged the dog and escaped, what a pity. *Var. aparapa*

aparapa [ápárápà] *interj.* emphatic expression of despair • *Aparapa, a soɔhaa ɲa meɲ la zoe?* Oh no, this hare too has escaped? *Var. apa*

ara [àrá] *adj.* to gather up one's courage • *A pɔge ara kye daa la a dɔlee eɲ tambɔgeɲ.* The woman gathered up her courage and pushed the man into a ditch.

arambiri [árámírí] *n.* kidney • *A dɔɔta yeli ka a baala arambiri kana sãae la.* The doctor said one of the patient's kidneys had failed. *sg: arambiruu pl: arembie 2pl: arambiiree*

are [árí] *v. pl.* to cut, harvest (maize)

are [árí] *v.* to be related through the mother's line • *N are la Kusielee.* I am maternally related to the Kusielee clan. *aree, ara, ara, areba, araa*

are [àrì] *v.* (1) to stand (2) to wait • *N baɲ ka o na are la ka N gaa te pɔge o.* I know s/he will wait so that I go to meet him/her. (3) to stop • *A wɔkye kyeyee la tasoga tasoga lee are.* The watch worked for a while and then stopped. *aree, ara, ara, areba, araa*

are [árí] *v.* to tear off from the main body (branch or limb of an animal) • *A mango wɔɲ zue la ka a ulee kana are le.* The mango tree has borne so many fruits that one of

the branches tore off. *aree, ara, ara, areba, araa, areba*

areba [áríbá] *n.* maternal uncle *pl: aremine 2pl: arree*

arekponɔ [áríkpónɔ] *n.* eldest niece *pl: arekponni 2pl: arekponnee*

arelee [árílee] *n.* nephew or niece *pl: arebilii 2pl: arebilee/arebillee*

aremateke [àrímatíkí] *n.* arithmetic *pl: arematekere Var. kuntaɲ (Akan)*

arezie [àrízié] *n.* (1) standing place, spot (2) post, position, rank • *O arezie kponɔ.* S/he holds a high position. (3) position, stand (for or against an idea) • *O ba wuli o arezie a nɔkpeene pɔɔ.* She has not indicated her position with regard to the argument. *pl: areziiri 2pl: areziiree*

arozie [áróózié] *n.* (1) standing place; position (2) adverb of place (on, under) *pl: aroziiri 2pl: aroziiree*

aseɲ [àsínɔ] *adv.* for instance, like

asibiti [ásíbítí] *n.* hospital, clinic *pl: asibitiri 2pl: asibitiree Var. asiiti, asimeti, asebere*

ata [átà] *adj.* three *pl: atare 2pl: ataree*

ata ata in threes

awae [àwáí] *adj.* nine *pl: awarre 2pl: awaree/awarree Var. wae awae awae nine each*

awola [àwólà] *interrogative pronoun* (1) how much (price) • *Awola ka fo da a kparoo?* How much did the

shirt cost you? (2) how many (non-human) • *Teere awola ka ye sele?* How many trees did you plant?

awommu [àwómú] *n.* hardship, suffering • *Ka kɔɲɛɲ le awommu maɲ pɔge la noba yaga.* When there is a famine, many people experience a lot of suffering. *2pl:* awonnee *Var.* awonaa

awulo [áwúló] *n.* continuous, loud, sharp cry of pain • *A pɔge na bie naɲ kpi la lɔrɔ awulo.* The woman who lost her son is crying hysterically. *2pl:* awulee

ayi [áyì] *adj.* two *pl:* ayiri *2pl:* ayiree

ayi ayi in twos

ayililili [áyílílí] *interj.* joyous, shrill shouting in commendation (usually by women) • *A pɔgeba*

ɲme la kulinni, ayililili, eɲ a bawaseerebe. The women made shrill noises of commendation for the dancers. *Var.* ayiyiyiyi

ayoɔbo [áyòbò] *adj.* six *pl:* ayoɔre *2pl:* ayoɔree

Ayoree [áyóréé] *n.* name of a clan *pl:* Ayoruu

Ayɔɔ [áyòò] *n.* name traditionally given to a female child born on a market day *pl:* Ayɔɔmine *2pl:* Ayɔɔree

ayɔɔpɔɔ [áyòòpɔɔ] *adj.* seven *pl:* ayɔɔponni *2pl:* ayɔɔponnee

Ayuo [áyúó] *n.* name traditionally given to a female child born on a funeral day *pl:* Ayumine *2pl:* Ayuu-ree

Azaasoba [àzáásóbá] *n.* almighty

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ba [bá] *adv.* not (negative particle) • *N ba nyɛ o zenɛ.* I have not seen him today.

ba [bà] *pron.* (1) they, them (3rd person plural weak form human) • *Ba na wa la.* They will come. (2) their (3rd person possessive human) • *Te de la ba bondirii biɲ.* We have reserved their food. (3) them (human) • *Te de la a bondirii ko ba.* We have given them the food.

ba [bà] *v.* to fix a pointed object

firmly in the ground • *Ba ba la daare galle a dabɔgɔ zaa.* They have put up planks around the whole garden. *baɛ, baara, baara, bareba, baaraa*

ba [bà] *v.* to take a long drink from a container • *A saana de la a kɔɔ ba lee ka a ɲmane wa te kyere.* The stranger drank deeply until the calabash was empty. *baɛ, baara, baara, bareba, baaraa*

ba [bá] *v.* to gallop *baɛ, baara, baara,*

bareba, baaraa

ba [bà] *n.* (1) father (2) friend (between males) (3) Mister *pl:* bamine
2pl: bareε

baa [bàà] *conj.* or (normally used in question tag) • *Te na gaa la, baa wolɔ?* We'll go, won't we? *Var.* bee

baa [báá] *n.* dog *pl:* baare *2pl:* baareε

baa [báá] *n.* a small black ground ant-like creature which burrows into the ground with the tip of its abdomen *pl:* baare *2pl:* baareε

baa [báá] *n.* a type of children's game *pl:* baare *2pl:* baareε

baa [bàá] *n.* body of water *pl:* bare *2pl:* bareε

baa [bàà] *v.* (1) to grow up, to flourish • *Sêe saŋa, moɔ maŋ baa la wogiri lε.* During the rainy season, grass normally grows tall. (2) to mature • *A pɔgelee naŋ ba baa azuiŋ o ba ta sere kuluu.* The girl has not yet matured enough, so she is not marriageable. (3) to survive, to live • *A baala naŋ ba kpi zene o na baa la.* Since the patient has not died today, s/he will survive. *baa, baaε, baara, baara, baaraa, baabo*

baabaa [bààbáá] *n.* father (familiar term of address used by toddlers) *pl:* baabaamine *2pl:* baabaareε

Baabol [báábòl] *n.* Bible *pl:* baabola *2pl:* baaboleε/baabolleε

bāabōo [bāābōō] *n.* bustard *pl:* bāaboomɔ/bāaboone *2pl:* bāaboomeε/bāabooneε

baeabae [bááfbáá] *interj.* goodbye

baage [báági] *n.* bag *pl:* baagere *2pl:* bagerεε *Var.* baagye

baala [bààlá] *n.* patient, sick person *pl:* baalba *2pl:* baalbεε

baalaa [bààlàà] *adj.* (1) slim, slender, thin • *N da nye la pɔgebil baalaa kaŋa a seere zie.* I saw a slender girl at the dance. (2) narrow • *A sori waa la baalaa lε.* The road is very narrow. *pl:* baale *2pl:* baaleε

baale [bááli] *v.* to ache slightly (discomfort of the stomach) • *Ka maan iri ba gaa bangyeraa n poɔ maŋ baala la.* If I don't go to the toilet for the day I normally have a slight stomachache. *baaleε, baala, baala, baaleba, baalaa*

baale [bááli] *v.* to separate (grains from unwanted material) • *A pɔge baale iri la a seŋkābie yi a pegere poɔ.* The woman separated the groundnuts from the shells. *baaleε, baala, baala, baaleba, baalaa*

baalebayiri [bààlbáyiri] *n.* hospital *pl:* baalebayie *2pl:* baalebayiree

baalimbo [bààlímbo] *n.* the act of supporting someone by holding them by the midsection • *Ba kpe la a baala baalimbo gaa ne a asibiti.* They supported the patient by the midsection and took him to the hospital. *pl:* baalimbori *2pl:* baalimboree *Var.* boolimbo

baalombiri [bààlómíbiri] *n.* germ, bacterium *pl:* baalombie *2pl:*

baalombiiree

baalomboɔlaa [báálòmbòòlàá] *n.* feast organised for a friend • **Te daare gaa la baalomboɔlaa Loraaraa pɔɔ.** We attended a friendship feast in Lawra. *pl:* baalomboole

baalonlɔnnaa [bààlɔnlɔnnáá] *n.* contagious disease *pl:* baalonlɔnno 2*pl:* baalonlɔnneɛ

baalonnooraa [bààlɔnnòòràá] *n.* recurring illness *pl:* baalonnoore

baalɔŋ [báálɔŋ] *n.* friendship • **Ba nyɔge la baalɔŋ saŋa zaa.** They have been friends for a long time. *pl:* baalondeme

baalɔŋ [bààlɔŋ] *n.* illness, sickness • **A baala baalɔŋ see o la zene.** The patient's illness has improved today.

baalɔŋ [bààlɔŋ] *adj.* (1) calm • **Zene, a mane kôɔ e la baalɔŋ.** Today, the sea is calm. (2) gentle, gently • **A doɔ baalɔŋ na wa la kyɛ.** That gentle man came here. • **A doɔ wa la baalɔŋ.** The man is gentle. • **De a bileɛ baalɔŋ.** Take the baby gently. (3) soft (objects, sounds) • **A kapuro ŋa e la baalɔŋ yelmeŋe.** This pillow is really soft. (4) smooth (powdery substances) • **Benzɔŋ maŋ waa la baalɔŋ.** Bean flour is usually smooth.

baalugiri [bààlùgìrì] *n.* armpit *sg:* baalugiruu *pl:* baalugo 2*pl:* baalugiree *Var.* bagelugri

baaluu [bààlúú] *n.* (1) gallon measure (2) balloon *sg:* baaluuruu *pl:*

baaluuri 2*pl:* baaluuree

baa-ne-ŋmaanya [bàá-ní-ŋmááŋà] *n.* Ursa Major (constellation); also known as Big Dipper, Plough, Great Bear

baapempele [bàápèmpélè] *n.* lily pads (pl.) *sg:* baapempeloo *pl:* baapempele 2*pl:* baapempeleɛ/baapempelleɛ

baaraa [bááraá] *n.* end, last • **A baaraa zaa te na nye la a nanyige.** At the end of it all, we will find the thief.

baaraakyi [bááraákyì] *n.* bridge *pl:* baaraakyiri 2*pl:* baaraakyiree

baare [báári] *v.* (1) to finish, to end, to complete • **A tontonema baare la a toma.** The workers have finished the work. (2) to be used up • **A baalɔŋ veŋeɛ la ka a doɔ berɔŋ na baare la o zaa.** Sickness has caused that man to lose weight. **baareɛ, baara, baara, baareba, baaraa**

baasaabiri [bààsààbìrì] *n.* (1) a seed from a type of tree (2) a type of large bead made from this seed *sg:* baasaabiruu *pl:* baasaabie 2*pl:* baasaabiiree

Baasaale [bààsààlì] *n.* Baasare (ethnic group) *sg:* baasaaloo

baasakuuri [báásàkúúrì] *n.* bicycle *pl:* baasakue 2*pl:* baasakuuree

baataŋaa [báátáŋáá] *n.* a type of tree that resembles the shea nut tree *pl:* baataŋema 2*pl:* baataŋemeɛ/baataanɛ

babammo [bábámmó] *n.* ignorance
babajena [bábájiná] *n.* one who is innocent *pl:* babajenema *2pl:* babajenemεε
babajyeli [bábàjyéí] *n.* innocence
Var. dakumo
babēe [bàbíí] *n.* broth from dog meat
2pl: babeenεε
babeε [bábíé] *n.* a friend that cannot be trusted *pl:* babeere *2pl:* babeereε
babeeraa [bàbiéráà] *n.* bridge *pl:* babeere *2pl:* babeereε *Var.* baaraakyi, takoriko
babere [bàbirí] *n.* the breast of a dog
pl: babereε *2pl:* babereεε
babini [bàbíní] *n.* dog faeces *pl:* babinnee *2pl:* babinnee
babij [bábín] *n.* a type of tree *pl:* babinni *2pl:* babinnee
babiri [bábírí] *n.* bosom friend *pl:* babie *2pl:* babiiree *Var.* batuo
babogi [bàbógí] *n.* the deepest part of a body of water *pl:* babogri *2pl:* babogree
babullaa [bàbùllàà] *n.* spring, pond where water is drawn in small amounts (usually during dry season) *pl:* babulli
badaa [bàdáá] *n.* male dog *pl:* badaare *2pl:* badaareε
badaa-de-nyoore [bàdáádíjεóórí] *n.* the last day of a festival *2pl:* badaadenyooreε *Var.* baraadenyoore

badalane [bàdàláni] *n.* uncastrated male dog *pl:* badalama *2pl:* badalamεε
badalee [bàdàléé] *n.* male puppy
pl: badabilii *2pl:* badabillee/badabillee
badavaraa [bàdàváràà] *n.* castrated dog *pl:* badavarre *2pl:* badavareε/badavarreε
badere [bàdérí] *n.* (1) spider (2) cunning person *pl:* baderre *2pl:* badereε
badie [bàdié] *n.* the deepest part of a body of water *pl:* baderi *2pl:* baderee
badoge [bàdògì] *n.* a plant with a sweet smell, used to season sauce
pl: badogre *2pl:* badogreeε
badogero [bàdògró] *n.* female dog that has recently given birth *pl:* badogere *2pl:* badogereε *Var.* badogera
bafoolaa [bàfóóláá] *n.* (1) valley (2) creek *pl:* bafoole *2pl:* baroolεε
baga [bágà] *n.* a triangular garment worn by men as underwear *pl:* bagere *2pl:* bagereε *Var.* lere, para
baga [bàgà] *n.* not caring, unconcerned • *Ka onaj ba wa a poge-beeloj kye n бага kyebe.* I don't care if s/he doesn't attend the wedding.
baganaa [bàgànàà] *n.* dog leash *pl:* baganne *2pl:* baganeε/baganneε
bagane [bàgàni] *n.* dog skin, dog hide *pl:* bagama *2pl:* baganneε

bagaŋ [bágán] *n.* a mad dog *pl:* baganne *2pl:* baganεε/bagannεε *Var.* bagao

bagao [bàgàò] *n.* mad dog *pl:* bagagre *2pl:* bagagreε *Var.* bagaŋ

bageba [bágí bá] *n.* a type of sacred cult which initiates boys and girls into adulthood *2pl:* bagebεε *Var.* bagebo

bageboge [bàgìbògì] *n.* the act of divining • *Kiritabiiri kyiirun la bageboge*. It is a taboo for Christians to participate in divining. *Var.* bageboge

bageboge-dagoli [bàgìbòg-dàgólí] *n.* divining stick *pl:* bageboge-dagolo *2pl:* bageboge-dagolee *Var.* bageboge-dagoli

bageboge-karaa [bàgìbòg-kàràá] *n.* chief diviner *pl:* bagebogekarre *2pl:* bagebogekarεε *Var.* bageboge-karaa

bageboge-wo [bàgìbògì-wóó] *n.* divining bag *pl:* bageboge-woore *2pl:* bageboge-wooreε *Var.* bageboge-wo

bagere [bàgrí] *n.* sacrifice for gods *pl:* бага *2pl:* bageε *Var.* bageere

bagukyɔfeele [bàgùfɔ̀nfié́lí] *n.* very early morning (usually cold)

baguo [bágúó] *n.* morning *pl:* baguuri *2pl:* baguuree *Var.* beguo

bagupi [bàgùpí] *n.* early morning *pl:* baguipiri *2pl:* bagupiree *Var.* bebipi

bagupipi [bàgùpípí] *n.* very early morning *pl:* bagupipiri *2pl:* bagupiree *Var.* bagupi

bagbere [bàgbé̀rì] *n.* leg of a dog *pl:* bagbεε *2pl:* bagbεεεε

bagbere [bàgbé̀rì] *n.* valley *pl:* bagbεε *2pl:* bagbεεεε

bagboŋ [bàgbòŋ] *n.* fool *pl:* bagbonni *2pl:* bagbonnee

bagbori [bàgbòrì] *n.* trough for a dog *pl:* bagboe *2pl:* bagboree

bagyeεε [bàdzìè̀é] *n.* a type of children's dance *2pl:* bagyeεεεε

bagyoo [bàdzóó] *n.* (1) squirrel-like rodent (believed to be very sexually active) (2) sex maniac (male) *Var.* bagyooa, bazoo

bagyɔroo [bàdzòròó] *n.* a thick, fleshy, poisonous creeping plant

ba-irime [bá-írimé] *n.* a type of wild mouse found along river valleys which has tender skin *pl:* ba-irri *2pl:* ba-iree

bakana [bàkáná] *n.* broth from dog meat, made with flour *2pl:* bakaneεε

bakore [bàkòrì] *n.* trusted friend *pl:* bakoro/bakoremine *2pl:* bakoreεε/bakorreεε

bako [bàkò] *n.* a type of yam (early maturing) *pl:* bakoe *2pl:* bakoreεε

bakpoŋ [bàkpòŋ] *n.* (1) large stream, river (2) (capitalized) the name of a tributary of the Black Volta River in the Upper West Region *pl:* bakponni *2pl:* bakponnee

balaa [báláà] *n.* waistband (pair of shorts) *pl:* balle *2pl:* baleε

balambaaraa [bálámbáaráá] *n.* peg used for tethering animals *pl:* balambaare *2pl:* balambaareε *Var.* balambiri

balambiri [bálámbírí] *n.* peg used for tethering animals *pl:* balambie *2pl:* balambiireε *Var.* balambaaraa

balantamm [bàlántàmm] *adv.* large and heavy • *Wɔɔ waa la kponji balantamm.* The elephant is enormously large.

balante [bálántí] *n.* belt *sg:* balantee-rεε *pl:* balantere *2pl:* balantere *Var.* belente

bale [bàlì] *v.* (1) to be tired • *O toɲ la a toma te zuo lenso ka o bale.* He has overworked himself; that's why he is tired. (2) to be fed up • *Bebiri zaa ka o maɲ wa sɔre libie, maa eɲ bale la o yeɛ.* He comes to beg for money every day; I'm fed up with him. (3) to be weak • *Ka neeɲ kore o maɲ bale la.* One becomes weak when one is old. (4) to be soft • *A gane koe la, ye mere kōɔ ka o bale.* The animal skin is dry and hard, so sprinkle water on it to make it soft. *baleε, balla, balla, baleba, balaa, baleba*

bale [bálí] *n.* tribe, ethnic group • *Dagaaba bale kaɲa yuori la Kowεεε.* Kowεεε is one of the tribes among the Dagaaba. *pl:* balmine *2pl:* baleε

bale [bálí] *v.* (1) avoid, evade • *O*

daare to ma lenso ka o maɲ wa nyε ma bale. She insulted me the last time, and that's why she avoids me when she sees me. (2) divert • *Ba maɲ da beεε a baa ba bale la a sori.* When they were constructing the bridge, they diverted the road. *baleε, bala, bala, baleba, balaa, baleba*

bale [bálí] *adj.* of a kind • *A toma ɲa bale ba kye kye.* We do not have his kind of work here.

balee [bàléé] *n.* brook, stream *pl:* babilii *2pl:* babillee

balee [bàléé] *n.* puppy *pl:* babilii *2pl:* babillee

balee [bàlìì] *adj.* of a dubious and dangerous nature • *Pɔge koɲ sage toɲ tombalee ɲa tɔ.* A woman will not do this sort of shady thing.

baleɲkpɔgre [bàlɲkpɔgri] *n.* tick *pl:* baleɲkpɔgɔ *2pl:* baleɲkpɔgreε

balɔre [bálórí] *n.* (1) ugly person or thing (2) one without strength *pl:* balɔε *2pl:* balɔreε

balɔrrɔɲ [bálɔrróɲ] *n.* (1) not being strong (2) act of being ugly

bam [bām] *n.* a type of large yam *pl:* bama *2pl:* bameε

bama [bámà] *pron.* these (3rd person plural demonstrative human) • *A noba bama la maɲ toɲ a toma wiεu.* These are the people who normally do the work quickly. • *Bibiiri bama la ka ba iri.* These are the children that have been chosen.

bambaala [bàmbààlá] *n.* unassuming person; poor person *pl:* **bambaaleba** *2pl:* **bambaalebɛɛ**

bambaalaa [bámáááláá] *n.* small fish, fingerling *pl:* **bambaale** *2pl:* **bambaaleɛ**

bambalaaraa [bámáááaráá] *n.* swallow (bird) *pl:* **bambalaare** *2pl:* **bambalaareɛ**

bambanj [bámbán] *adv.* hot, steamy
 • *A zee, re ba taa diibu, a toloj bambanj.* The soup is too hot; it can't be eaten.
 • *Tentoloy sanya a nyenaa manj toloj bambanj.* During the hot season, the sun is always extremely hot.

bambiŋi [bàmbiŋ] *n.* an arrangement made in advance by two parties

bambugo [bámbugó] *n.* confused person; fool *pl:* **bambugri** *2pl:* **bambugree**

bambuŋi [bàmbugún] *n.* salp (fish of the class Thaliacea) *pl:* **babunni** *2pl:* **bambunnee**

bambuŋi [bàmbugún] *n.* locally made gunpowder *pl:* **babunni** *2pl:* **bambunnee**

bamm [bàmm] *adv.* big and heavy
 • *A nannyige zu mɔrɛɛ bamm lɛ.* The thief's head is badly swollen.

bammo [bàmmó] *n.* intelligence, wit
 • *Kɔkɔlaa taa la bammo ganj baa.* The cat is more intelligent than the dog.

bamoɔ [bàmóó] *n.* a type of tall, strong grass found around bod-

ies of water, whose dry stalks are used for weaving *sg:* **bamoɔnoo** *pl:* **bamoore** *2pl:* **bamooreɛ**

bandaa [bándáá] *n.* lizard (male) *pl:* **bandaare** *2pl:* **bandareɛ/bandaareɛ** *Var.* **banja, bɔnda**

bandaakpogilo [bàndáákpógìlò] *n.* the act of hitting the opponent's armpits with one's knees to weaken the opponent (a wrestling move)
 • *Bayuo to la Dere ka Dere nyɔge o lɔɔ tɔ bandaakpogilo.* Bayuo insulted Dere, and Dere threw Bayuo down and used his knees to hit his armpits. *2pl:* **bandaakpogilee**

bandakarekpele [bàndàkàrkpílí] *n.* Agama agama lizard; also known as red-headed rock agama *pl:* **bandakarekpele** *2pl:* **bandakarekpeleɛ** *Var.* **karekpele**

bandakarema [bàndàkàrimà] *n.* large male lizard *2pl:* **bandakaremeɛ**

bandanyene [bàndàpíní] *n.* tooth of a lizard *pl:* **bandanyeme** *2pl:* **bandanyenneɛ/bandanyemeɛ**

bandapoleene [bàndàpólíéni] *n.* female lizard *pl:* **bandapoleeme** *2pl:* **bandapoleemeɛ/bandapoleeneɛ** *Var.* **poleene**

bandazeeraa [bàndàzìéráá] *n.* kite; small bird of prey (family Accipitridae) *pl:* **bandazeere** *2pl:* **bandazeereɛ**

bandazoore [bàndàzòórí] *n.* tail of a lizard *pl:* bandazoë *2pl:* bandazooreë

banfane [bànfàní] *n.* a bangle that is believed to have medicinal value and may be worn to cure a disease *pl:* banfama *2pl:* banfanëë

bangye [bàndzí] *n.* bank *pl:* bangyere *2pl:* bangyerëë

bangyeraa [bàndzíràá] *n.* (1) latrine; washroom • *Pampana ka foon me yiri a seŋ ka bagyeraa bebe.* Modern houses are supposed to have built-in washrooms. (2) feces • *A bie nyë la bini meeë a seŋ.* The child has soiled the mat with feces. *pl:* bangyerre *2pl:* bangyerëë/bangyerëë

ba-nimie-anaare [bà-nímíè-ànáàrì] *n.* a dog, usually with big spots above the eyes that look like a second pair of eyes, believed to have supernatural powers *pl:* ba-nimie-anaare *2pl:* ba-nimie-anaarëë

bantakperee [bàntákpérèé] *n.* a type of spotted lizard (believed to be poisonous) *pl:* bantakperri *2pl:* bantakperree

bantoo [bàntóó] *n.* rectal bulb syringe *pl:* bantoore *2pl:* bantooreë *Var:* bantoo

banweebaa [bànwííbáá] *n.* carnivorous bird (bigger than a kite but strong and fast) *pl:* banweere *2pl:* banweerëë

banzee [bànzíè] *n.* copper bangle *pl:* banzeere *2pl:* banzeerëë

banzeeraa [bànzíéràá] *n.* bird that eats lizards *pl:* banzeere *2pl:* banzeerëë

banzolo [bànzòlò] *n.* chain *pl:* banzolle *2pl:* banzollëë *Var:* bantzolo

banyaa [bànyáá] *n.* chest of a dog *pl:* banyaë/banyaane *2pl:* banyaanëë

banyagere [bànyágrí] *n.* intestine of a dog *pl:* banyaga *2pl:* banyagëë/banyagerëë

banyaŋaa [bànyáŋáá] *n.* female dog *pl:* banyaŋene/banyanne *2pl:* banyaŋenëë/banyannëë

Banyene [bànyìnì] *n.* homeland of the Banyenëë clan

Banyenëë [bànyínéé] *n.* name of a clan *sg:* banyenoo

banyetogle [bànyètòglí] *n.* imitation • *Bibiiri taa la banyetogle, azuiŋ neŋkponni seŋ ka ba taa ba menne velaa.* Children like to imitate, so adults should behave well.

baŋa [bànyá] *n.* bangle *pl:* banne *2pl:* bannëë *Var:* bonyo

baŋa [bànyá] *n.* lizard *pl:* banne *2pl:* bannëë *Var:* bandaa

baje [bàŋ] *v.* (1) to know (something or someone) • *N baje la a poge ŋa serë, o yuori la Dabuo.* I know this woman's husband; he is called Dabuo. (2) to be aware of • *N baje ne la o waabo.* I know he's coming. *baŋëë, banna, banna, banema, bannaa, banema* *Var:* bonye

baɣena [bàŋíná] *n.* (1) area between the shoulder and neck (2) trickster *pl:* **baɣema/banema** *2pl:* **baɣemɛɛ/banemɛɛ** *Var:* **bɔɣeno**

baɣenaa [bàŋínáá] *n.* a type of tree that has medicinal properties *pl:* **baɣene** *2pl:* **baɣenɛɛ** *Var:* **bɔɣenaa**

baɣene [bàŋíní] *n.* cleverness • **Nannyige maɣ taa la baɣene, ka o nyogebo maɣ e tuo.** A thief usually has such cleverness that it is difficult to catch him. *Var:* **bɔɣene**

baɣori [bàŋgóri] *n.* high-heeled shoes *sg:* **baɣoruu** *pl:* **baɣorri** *2pl:* **baɣoree/baɣorree**

baɣkaronɔ [bàŋkàrɔŋ] *n.* a type of brown bird with long, thin legs *pl:* **baɣkarre** *2pl:* **baɣkarɛɛ/baɣkarɛɛ**

baɣkoronɔ [bàŋkórɔŋ] *n.* foreknowledge

baɣmeele [bàŋmíélí] *n.* twisted bangle, often with a spiritual or medicinal significance *pl:* **baɣmeele** *2pl:* **baɣmeeleɛ**

ba-ɔge [bà-ɔgí] *n.* a dog's nest, usually for a female that has recently given birth *pl:* **ba-ɔgre** *2pl:* **ba-ɔgeɛ/ba-ɔgreɛ**

bapare [bápárí] *n.* close friend *pl:* **baparemine** *2pl:* **bapareɛ** *Var:* **batuo**

bapare [bápárí] *n.* end of a valley *pl:* **bapareɛ**

bapiiraa [bàpííráá] *n.* a puppy earmarked for someone *pl:* **bapiiri** *2pl:* **bapiiree**

bapimbaare [bápímbáári] *n.* a small part of the stomach of a ruminant

that has many compartments *pl:* **bapimbaare** *2pl:* **bapimbaareɛ**

bara [bárá] *n.* boastful threat, often considered inappropriate or rude • **Dakoraa naɣ baɣ ka dɔɔ zaa kye a yiri poɔ la so ka o wa fare a bara ama taaba.** Knowing that all the men had left the house, Dakoraa went to make boastful threats. *2pl:* **bareɛ**

baraa [báráá] *n.* not making any effort; helpless

bare [bàrì] *v.* (1) to leave, to release, to let go • **Ba bare la sakubiiri.** They have let the schoolchildren go for vacation. (2) to discontinue, to abstain, to cease, to stop • **A baala bare la a dɔɔta gaabo.** The patient has stayed away from the hospital. (3) to divorce (initiated by husband) • **A dɔɔ gaa bare la o pɔge.** The man has divorced his wife. (4) not having power • **A dɔɔ ɲa eɣ bareɛ la te zuo, o koɣ tɔɔ a dere do.** This man is so useless that he cannot climb the ladder. **bareɛ, bara, bara, bareba, baraa, bareba**

bare gyɛle to be careless; to not pay attention

bare yeɣe to feel free, to relax

bare [bàrì] *v.* (1) to cultivate seeds • **A pɔge bare la kommie a dabɔge poɔ.** The woman has cultivated tomato seeds in the garden. (2) to offer firstfruits to the gods • **Bɔge-bogereba maɣ bare la bompaala kye baɣ di.** Diviners normally offer firstfruits to their gods before

eating. **barēē**, **bara**, **bara**, **bareba**, **baraa**, **bareba**

barekannēbaa [bàrikánníébbáá] *n.* local spirits (alcohol) *pl:* **barekannēbaare** *2pl:* **barekannēbaareē**

barre [bárrí] *v.* to haggle **barrēē**, **barra**, **barra**, **bareba**, **barraa**

ba-sakore [bà-sakōrí] *n.* lazy and useless dog

basasale [bàsàsàlí] *n.* slippery waterway *2pl:* **basasaleē**

ba-soomee [bà-sóómíí] *n.* weak and sickly dog *Var:* **ba-sakore**

bataabo [bátáábó] *n.* the state of not having anything

batara [bátará] *n.* poor or needy person *pl:* **batareba** *2pl:* **batarebēē**

batuo [bátúó] *n.* bosom friend *pl:* **batuuri** *2pl:* **batuuree** *Var:* **bakore**

bapare, **bameḡe**, **babiri**

bavilime [bàvìlímé] *n.* lake *pl:* **bavilimeri** *2pl:* **bavilimee**

bawaa [báwáá] *n.* a type of dance *pl:* **bawaare** *2pl:* **bawaareē**

Bayayiree [báyààyírée] *n.* people of Bayayiri *sg:* **bayaayiruu**

Bayayiri [báyààyírí] *n.* (1) a settlement in the Upper West Region (2) ancestors' dwelling; next world

Bayuo [báyúó] *n.* name traditionally given to a male child born on a funeral day *2pl:* **bayumine**

bazēē [bàzēē] *n.* blood of a dog *2pl:* **bazeenēē**

bazele [bàzìlí] *n.* tongue of a dog *pl:* **bazele** *2pl:* **bazeleē**

bazoo [bàzòò] *n.* a type of wild fox *2pl:* **bazoorēē** *Var:* **bazoa**, **bagyoo**

bazoraa [bàzóràà] *n.* fast dog *pl:* **bazorri** *2pl:* **bazorree**

bazugiri [bázúgrí] *n.* a type of wild mouse that has thick fur *pl:* **bazugo** *2pl:* **bazugee/bazugiree**

be [bè] *v.* to exist, to be there • **A baala be la asibiti poo.** The patient is in the hospital. **bee**, **bere**, **bere**, **beribe**, **beraa**, **beribe**
be nimiri to be awake, to be alert

be [bè] *loc.* there (place) • **N ba nye fo be.** I did not see you there.

be [bì] *v.* (1) to become boiled or cooked • **A nene ba be, o varema.** The meat is not well boiled, it is hard. (2) to be smooth (flour) • **A mansinni ere la a benzɔŋ ka a be.** The machine has ground the bean flour very smooth. (3) to mature, to ripen (fruit, millet) • **Ka taŋaŋ wa be o maŋ pɔre le la.** A ripe shea fruit normally falls off the tree. (4) to ferment (alcohol) • **A dāa naŋ ba be azuɪŋ a ba bu-giro.** The pito is not yet fermented, so it is not alcoholic. (5) to fortify (spiritually) • **Pɔlebìlìi yaga maŋ boɔɔ ka ba tegere ba menne a be.** Today, most young men want to fortify themselves through spritual powers. **beē**, **berē**, **beerē**, **berēbē**, **beraa**, **berēbē**

be [bí] *conj.* or • **Fo na gaa la be?** Will you go or not? *Var:* **bee**

bebe [bèbè] *adj.* present, available

- *Noba yaga da be be la kyε ka Naa wa.* There were many people present when the Chief came.
- bebelaa** [bíbíláá] *n.* termite hill *pl:* bebelle *2pl:* bebellεε *Var.* belaa
- bebelebiri** [bíbilibírí] *n.* white ant *sg:* bebelebiruu *pl:* bebelebie *2pl:* bebelebiiree
- beberaa** [bébéráà] *n.* a pessimist *pl:* beberri *Var.* beberee
- beberee** [bébéréè] *n.* one who is malicious *pl:* beberri *2pl:* beberree *Var.* bebberaa
- beberiyεε** [bébèrìyélé] *n.* malicious talk *sg:* beberiyeli
- beberuŋ** [bébérúŋ] *n.* the act of causing trouble
- bebibaaraa** [bèbíbááráá] *n.* last day *pl:* bebibaare *2pl:* bebibaareε
- bebibalaa** [bèbíbàlàà] *n.* particular day
- bebidεŋe** [bèbídéŋ] *n.* first day *pl:* bebidenne *2pl:* bebidennεε *Var.* bebidendεŋ
- bebifaa** [bèbífáá] *n.* sabbath; sacred day *pl:* bebifaare *2pl:* bebifaareε
- bebigbuli** [bèbígbùli] *n.* whole day *pl:* bebigbulo *2pl:* bebigbulee
- bebikore** [bèbíkórí] *n.* a former day, a day in the past *pl:* bebikorɔ/bebikora *2pl:* bebikoreε
- bebipaalaa** [bèbípááláá] *n.* new day; different day *pl:* bebipaala *2pl:* bebipaaleε
- bebiri** [bèbíri] *n.* date, day *pl:* bebie *2pl:* bebiiri/bebiiree

- bebisaana** [bèbísááná] *n.* strange day *pl:* bebisaama
- bebisonŋ** [bèbísóŋ] *n.* good day, holy day *pl:* bebisonne *2pl:* bebisonnεε
- bebitɔɔre** [bèbitòòrí] *n.* distant date *pl:* bebitɔɔ *2pl:* bebitɔɔreε
- bebivuo** [bèbívúó] *n.* free day *pl:* bebivori *2pl:* bebivoree
- bebiyeni** [bèbíyéní] *n.* one day, a single day *pl:* bebiyaga *Var.* bebiyena
- bee** [bèé] *adj.* to exist; to be present • *O bee be.* S/he is there. *Var.* be; be la
- bee** [bíí] *conj.* or • *O gaεε la bee o ba gaε?* Has s/he gone or not? *Var.* be, beε, baa
- bēe** [bǐí] *n.* (1) concentrated extraction from something (tasty, interesting) (2) broth from meat *2pl:* beenεε
- beele** [bíli] *v.* to envy (with evil intent) beelεε, beele, beele, beelebe, beelaa, beelebe
- beele** [bíli] *v.* to move slightly away from a spot beelεε, beele, beele, beelebe, beelaa, beelebe
- beene** [bíni] *n.* (1) strong person (2) one with supernatural power *pl:* beeme *2pl:* beemeε
- beene** [bíni] *adj.* (1) well-cooked, boiled (2) ripe (fruit) *pl:* beeme *2pl:* beenεε
- beene** [bíni] *v.* (1) to move majestically (2) to roam round leisurely

- beenεε, beeneε, beeneε, beenemeε, beenaa
- beere [bi̯iri] *v.* (1) to kill, to finish off, to beat mercilessly (2) to boil pito in the final stage of production *beerεε, beerε, beerε, beerebeε, beeraa*
- bee [bi̯e] *v.* (1) to move out of the way (allowing another to pass) (2) to divert (3) to pass someone by, to overtake *beeε, beerε, beerε, beerebeε, beeraa*
- bee [bi̯e] *v.* to slice (meat) • *A neɣɣ-maara bee la a nene eɣ a doge poɔ.* The butcher sliced the meat and put it into the pot. *beeε, beerε, beerε, beerebeε, beeraa, - Var. beele*
- bee [bi̯e] *adj.* funny; strange *pl: beerε 2pl: beerεε Var. beebee*
- b̃εε [bi̯ε̃] *n.* beer *sg: beenoɔ 2pl: beeneε*
- beebee [bi̯ẽbi̯ẽ] *adj.* strange *Var. bee*
- beela [bi̯ẽlã] *adj.* small, little (quantity, time) *pl: beele*
- beele [bi̯ẽli] *v.* to accompany *beeleε, beele, beele, beelebeε, beelaa, beelebeε Var. beere*
- beele [bi̯ẽli] *v.* to cut in strips (meat, hide) *beeleε, beele, beele, beelebeε, beelaa, beelebeε Var. beere*
- beelebeele [bi̯ẽlẽbi̯ẽlẽ] *adv.* slowly; bit by bit
- b̃εo [bi̯ε̃õ] *n.* multitude, crowd *pl: beeneε*
- beere [bi̯eri] *n.* older brother *pl: beeremine 2pl: beerεε*
- beere [bi̯eri] *v.* to follow up *beerεε, beerε, beerε, beerebeε, beeraa, beerebeε*
- beere [bi̯eri] *v.* to cut into strips *beerεε, beerε, beerε, beerebeε, beeraa, beerebeeraa Var. beele*
- bege [bigi] *v.* to stop up, to close a passage *begεε, begereε, begeraa, begerebeε, begeraa, begerebeε*
- bege [bigi] *n.* law *pl: begε 2pl: begεε Var. merε (Akan)*
- begebinne [bigibinnε] *n.* (1) lawmaker (2) member of parliament *pl: begebinime 2pl: begebinimeε*
- begebiji-duuraa [bigibiji-duuraa] *n.* parliament house *pl: begebiji-duori 2pl: begebiji-duoreε*
- begere [bigiri] *n.* wing *pl: begε 2pl: begereε*
- belaa [bilaa] *n.* anthill *pl: belle 2pl: belleε Var. bebelaa*
- belaa [bilaa] *pron.* what (interrogative pronoun) • *Belaa ka fo ere?* What are you doing?
- belaa [bilaa] *adv.* (1) small (quantity), few • *A laa poɔ bondirii waa la belaa le.* The amount of food is very small. • *Zene a tontonema waa la belaa.* Today the workers are few. (2) short while (time) • *Vey ka belaa ka fo gaa.* Wait for a short while before you go.
- bele [bili] *v.* to do extraneous work *belee, bele, bele, belbe, belaa*
- bele [bili] *n.* yeast *pl: bele 2pl: belee*

belefele [bilifili] *adv.* big and fat (person)
benee [bènéé] *adv.* that place
benne [binnì] *v.* to intrude **benne**, **benne**, **benne**, **beneme**, **bennaa**, **beneme**
benne [binné] *n.* intruder (especially to meals) *pl:* **beneme** *2pl:* **beneme**
benni [bénnì] *v.* to doubt **bennee**, **benne**, **benne**, **benime**, **bennaa** *Var.* **bonne**
bentere [bintírì] *n.* a large gourd drum *pl:* **bentee** *2pl:* **benteree** *Var.* **bontere**
beo [bèò] *adv.* big and stagnant
bere [bírí] *n.* (1) a type of small plant whose leaves and flowers are used as vegetables (2) the leaves of this plant *2pl:* **berree** *Var.* **bereneme**
bere [bírí] *n.* (1) breast *pl:* **beré** *2pl:* **berée**
bere [bíri] *v.* protect by supernatural means **berée**, **beré**, **beré**, **berébe**, **beraa**, **bereme**
bere [bíri] *adj.* powerful (supernaturally)
berabaaraa [bíribáaráá] *n.* last born (of humans and other mammals) *pl:* **berabaare**
berekaroo [bírikàróó] *n.* (1) a type of disease of the breast (2) a type of charm believed to inflict this disease *pl:* **berekarre** *2pl:* **berekaree**
berekuuri [bírikúúrí] *n.* thick centre of the breast *sg:* **berekuuree** *pl:* **berekubo**

berekpulo [bírikpúló] *n.* hard, firm breasts (of a young woman) *2pl:* **berkpulee**
bereme [bírimé] *n.* one who possesses supernatural powers *2pl:* **bereme**
bereneme [bírinémé] *n.* the flower of the bere plant *sg:* **berenenoo** *2pl:* **bereneme** *Var.* **bere**
bereno [bírinóó] *n.* a bird used in rituals to induce breast milk in a nursing mother *pl:* **berenoore** *2pl:* **berenooree**
berenoore [bírinóórì] *n.* nipple (of a breast) *pl:* **bereno** *2pl:* **berenoore**
berese [bírisì] *adv.* extremely large and fat
berewoo [bíriwóó] *n.* slang term for female breast *pl:* **berewoore** *2pl:* **berewooree**
bereyere [bíriyéri] *n.* a type of wild plant that is used as a vegetable *2pl:* **bereyeree**
beré [bíré] *v.* (1) to wish • **O beré ña zie da koñ nyaa.** S/he wished day would never come. • **O beré ona la da na gaa a tigiri.** S/he wished s/he would be the one to attend the feast. (2) take by surprise • **O beré ka saana la wa kpe.** Before he realized it, a stranger arrived.
berondondore [bíróndóndòrí] *n.* curdled milk *2pl:* **berondondoree**
beronj [bíróñ] *n.* milk
beronkãa [bíróñkáá] *n.* fat from fresh milk; butter *sg:* **beronkaamo** *2pl:* **beronkaanee**

- berroj** [bɪrrón] *n.* the state of being supernaturally powerful
- bɛ** [bɛ̃] *v.* to be sick, to be ill • *Ka saaj ɔɔ a bie o na bɛ la.* If the child is out in the downpour he will get sick. **bɛɛ**, **bɛɛɛ**, **bɛɛɛ**, **bɛɛɛbɛ**, **bɛɛraa**, **bɛɛɛbɛ**
- bɛ** [bɛ̃] *v.* to seal, to close a hole with a muddy substance • *Ka foɔj ba bɛ a pɛɛ voɔre ka saaj wa miire a die na kyire la.* If you do not patch the hole in the roof, the room will leak when there is rain. **bɛɛ**, **bɛɛɛ**, **bɛɛɛ**, **bɛɛɛbɛ**, **bɛɛraa**, **bɛɛɛbɛ**
- bɛ** [bɛ̃] *pron.* where (interrogative pronoun) • *A libie bɛ?* Where is the money? *Var.* **bɛɛ**
- bɛbɛgere** [bɛ̃bɛ̃grɪ] *n.* mud *pl:* **bɛbɛge** *2pl:* **bɛbɛgereɛ**
- bɛɛ** [bɛ̃ɛ̃] *pron.* where (interrogative pronoun), emphatic form • *A libie bɛɛ?* Where the hell is the money? *Var.* **bɛ**
- bɛɛɛ** [bɛ̃ɛ̃ɛ̃] *n.* sheep *pl:* **bɛɛɛ** *2pl:* **bɛɛɛɛ**
- bɛɛne** [bɛ̃ɛ̃nɪ] *n.* hemp seeds
- bɛge** [bɛ̃gɪ] *v.* (1) to embank (2) to block with a dam **bɛgeɛ**, **bɛgere**, **bɛgere**, **bɛgerebɛ**, **bɛgeraa**, **bɛgerebɛ**
- bɛgelaa** [bɛ̃gɪlɔ̃] *n.* a shell of a particular type of seed, used to scrape inside of cooking utensils *pl:* **bɛgele** *2pl:* **bɛgeleɛ**
- bɛlɛmbɛgere** [bɛ̃lɛ̃mbɛ̃grɪ] *n.* night-
engale *pl:* **bɛlɛmbɛge** *2pl:* **bɛlɛmbɛgereɛ** *Var.* **bɛlɛmbɛgre**

- bɛlɛnte** [bɛ̃lɛ̃ntɪ] *n.* belt *pl:* **bɛlɛntere** *2pl:* **bɛlɛntereɛ**
- bɛlle** [bɛ̃llɪ] *v.* to deceive **bɛlleɛ**, **bɛlle**, **bɛlle**, **bɛlbɛ**, **bɛllaa**
- bɛlle** [bɛ̃llɪ] *v.* to coax (a baby) **bɛlleɛ**, **bɛlle**, **bɛlle**, **bɛlbɛ**, **bɛllaa**
- bɛlle** [bɛ̃llɪ] *v.* to look at closely, to inspect **bɛlleɛ**, **bɛlle**, **bɛlle**, **bɛlbɛ**, **bɛllaa**
- bɛllebɛlle** [bɛ̃lbɛ̃llɛ̃] *n.* bean flour shaped into slabs and steamed *2pl:* **bɛllebɛlleɛ** *Var.* **tumpanne**
- bɛmbɛj** [bɛ̃mbɛ̃j] *adv.* extremely black • *A peroo e la sɔ̃gelaa bɛmbɛj.* The sheep is extremely black.
- bɛmbɛj** [bɛ̃mbɛ̃j] *v.* to move in a shaky manner **bɛmbɛjɛɛ**, **bɛmbɛne**, **bɛmbɛne**, **bɛmbɛneme**, **bɛmbɛnaa**
- bɛmbiri** [bɛ̃mbɪrɪ] *n.* bean seed *pl:* **bɛmbie** *2pl:* **bɛmbiiree**
- bɛmbugo** [bɛ̃mbùgɔ̃] *n.* barn for storing beans *pl:* **bɛmbugri** *2pl:* **bɛmbugree**
- bɛmbuli** [bɛ̃mbùlɪ] *n.* bean sprout *pl:* **bɛmbulo** *2pl:* **bɛmbullee**
- bɛmpaala** [bɛ̃mpáálà] *n.* new, fresh beans *2pl:* **bɛmpaalɛ**
- bɛmpelaa** [bɛ̃mpíláá] *n.* white beans *pl:* **bɛmpɛɛle** *2pl:* **bɛmpɛɛleɛ**
- bɛmpɛere** [bɛ̃mpɛ̃ɛrɪ] *n.* unripened bean seed *pl:* **bɛmpɛbɛ** *2pl:* **bɛmpɛbɛɛ**
- bɛmpɛge** [bɛ̃mpɛ̃gɪ] *n.* bean husk *pl:* **bɛmpɛgre/bɛmpɛge** *2pl:* **bɛmpɛgreɛ**

bendaa [béndàà] *n.* bean stalk
pl: **bendaare** *2pl:* **bendareε/bendaareε**

bendaa [béndáá] *n.* a cooked bean dish (usually not seasoned) *pl:* **bendaare** *2pl:* **bendareε/bendaareε**

benwone [bénwóní] *n.* the fruit of a bean plant *pl:* **benwomɔ** *2pl:* **benwonneε**

benzɔŋe [bénzón] *n.* bean flour *pl:* **benzonne** *2pl:* **benzonneε**

benzɔre [bénzòrí] *n.* tender (seedless) fruit of a bean plant *pl:* **benzɔɔ** *2pl:* **benzɔreε**

beŋe [bêŋ] *v.* (1) to sift, to separate grains from unwanted material (2) to skim (usually by tapping water with the back of the hand or a container to push away debris) (3) to move unsteadily, to sway **beŋeε, benneε, benneε, benemeε, bennaa, benemeε** *Var.* **peŋe**

beŋe [bêŋ] *v.* to pretend to invite someone to share something (but not whole-heartedly) **beŋeε, benneε, benneε, bennaa, benemeε**

beŋe [béŋè] *n.* beans *sg:* **bemmo** *2pl:* **benneε**

beŋgbere [bèŋgbèrí] *n.* a variety of beans *pl:* **beŋgberre** *2pl:* **beŋgbereε**

beŋkorɔ [béŋkórɔ] *n.* old beans *2pl:* **beŋkoreε** *Var.* **beŋkora**

beŋkuoŋaa [béŋkúónáá] *n.* dry bean *pl:* **beŋkuoni** *2pl:* **beŋkuoneε**

beraa [béráá] *n.* (1) trap, snare (2) bait (fishhook) (3) poison *pl:* **berre** *2pl:* **berreε**

beraa [bèráá] *n.* razor *pl:* **berre** *2pl:* **berreε**

bere [bèrì] *v.* (1) to set (a trap) (2) to poison • *Dabêe deme maŋ boɔɔ ka ba bere ba dendɔmɔ ko.* Cowards always try to kill their enemies by poisoning them. **berreε, bereε, bereε, berebeε, beraa, berebeε**

bere [bèrì] *v.* to ponder, to wonder • *O da di la a bondirii tasoga lee zeŋe bere.* After eating for some time, she sat back and thought. **berreε, bereε, bereε, berebeε, beraa, berebeε**

bere [bérí] *v.* (1) to exclude, to separate from the herd • *A naakyee-ne bere la naadɔgerɔ na bare.* The cattle herder has separated the cow that had recently calved from the herd. (2) to detach or cut off (a large piece) • *A naŋkpaana bere la a naabo gbere koore.* The butcher has cut off and sold the thigh of the cow. **berreε, bereε, bereε, berebeε, beraa, berebeε**

beren-uri [bèrìn-ùrí] *n.* pollen from the kenaf plant (a fibre-producing plant similar to hibiscus cannabinus) which causes itching *2pl:* **beren-ureε** *Var.* **beren-uri**

beron [béróŋ] *adj.* fat, thick *pl:* **berre** *2pl:* **berreε/berreε**

bibile [bibílé] *n.* small child *pl:* **bibilii**

bibile-deenaa [bibilédíénáá] *n.* toy *pl:* **bibiledeεne** *2pl:* **bibiledeεneε**

bibilpɔɔ [bibilpòɔ] *n.* young child *pl:* **bibilpɔɔre** *2pl:* **bibilpɔɔreɛ**

bibore [bibòri] *n.* the act of playing chess

bidendɛŋe [bidèndɛŋ] *n.* firstborn (human) *pl:* **bidendenne** *2pl:* **bidendenneɛ** *Var.* **bidenɛŋ**

bidɛŋe [bidɛŋ] *n.* firstborn (human) *pl:* **bidenne** *2pl:* **bidenneɛ** *Var.* **bidendɛŋ**

bidɔŋe [bidòŋ] *n.* sibling (clan level) *pl:* **bidɔŋne** *2pl:* **bidɔŋneɛ**

bidɔɔ [bidòɔ] *n.* son *pl:* **bidɔɔbɔ** *2pl:* **bidɔɔreɛ**

bie [bié] *n.* child *pl:* **biiri** *2pl:* **biiree**

bie [bié] *n.* day, date • *Fo sori na yi-ibu bie la dabuo?* What date have you set for your journey? *pl:* **biiri** *2pl:* **biiree**

bie [biè] *n.* a type of game played using marbles *pl:* **biiree/biiree**

bie [bié] *adv.* tomorrow *Var.* **bieo**

bie [biè] *v.* to come to pass • *A pol-bile na de la pɔge, a bebiri la nay ba bie.* The young man will marry, it just has not happened yet. -, **biere, biere, bieribe, bieraa, bieribe**

biebie [biébié] *adv.* daily; every day

bieo [biéò] *adv.* tomorrow • *Bieo, ba na wa la.* Tomorrow, they will come. *Var.* **bie**

bieri [biéri] *n.* stinginess, unwillingness to share or open up

bifaa [bifáá] *n.* bad child *pl:* **bifaare** *2pl:* **bifaareɛ**

bifaa [bifáá] *n.* bad pebble *pl:* **bifaare** *2pl:* **bifaareɛ**

bifɛe [bifíí] *n.* small quantity of pebbles *pl:* **bifeene** *2pl:* **bifeeneɛ**

bifõɔɔ [bifõóó] *n.* light pebble *pl:* **bifoɔne** *2pl:* **bifoɔneɛ**

bigaalaa [bigááláá] *n.* any bedding for a child *pl:* **bigaale**

bigaale [bigàáli] *n.* postnatal care *pl:* **bigaale**

bigane [bigáni] *n.* leather spread for a baby cot *pl:* **bigama** *2pl:* **bigameɛ**

bigenɛŋ [bigèŋ] *adv.* all over (area)

bigenɛŋ [bigèŋ] *adv.* big heavy sound (fall of a big wall, gunshot)

bigilenɛŋ [bigilèn] *adj.* large and heavy • *A kuuri waa la bigilenɛŋ le.* The stone is large and heavy.

bigiri [bigíri] *n.* (1) fibre (2) kenaf; a plant that produces fibre *pl:* **bige** *2pl:* **bigee**

bigiri [bigíri] *adj.* fibre-like • *A mango dee waa la bigiri.* The mango is fibrous.

bigiri [bigíri] *v.* to describe **bigiree, bigire, bigire, bigiribe, bigiraa, bigiribe**

biiree [bièré] *n.* sand *pl:* **biiri** *2pl:* **biiree**

biiridalempɔɔ [biiridàlɛmpòɔ] *n.* desert *pl:* **biiridalempoore** *2pl:* **biiridalemporeɛ** *Var.* **biirikponɛŋ**

biirikponji [biirikpôn] *n.* desert *pl:* **biirikponni** *2pl:* **biirikponnee** *Var.* **biiridalempɔɔ**

bikaa [bikáà] *n.* the act of caring for children

bikaale [bíkààli] *n.* the act of gathering pebbles

bikaara [bikáará] *n.* caretaker of a child *pl:* bikaareba *2pl:* bikarebɛɛ

biko [bikó] *n.* the act of killing children

bikoŋkoonaa [bikóŋkónáá] *n.* a child that cries a lot *pl:* bikoŋkonni *2pl:* bikoŋkonnee

bikoɔraa [bikóráá] *n.* industrious person *pl:* bikoɔre

bikore [bikóri] *n.* old chap, child *pl:* bikoro/bikoreba *2pl:* bikoreɛ

bikūu [bikúù] *n.* baby cot *pl:* bikuuni *2pl:* bikuunee

bikūu [bikúú] *n.* dead child *pl:* bikuuni *2pl:* bikuunee

bikpeebe [bikpíbé] *n.* orphan *pl:* bikpeere/bikpeemine *2pl:* bikpeereɛ

bikyela [bítʃiláá] *n.* smart child *pl:* bikelle *2pl:* bikyeleɛ

bikyena [bítʃénáá] *n.* toddler *pl:* bikyenne/bikyeneme *2pl:* bikyenemeɛ

bildɛje [bildén] *n.* firstborn (nonhuman) *pl:* bildenne *2pl:* bildenneɛ

bile [bilé] *adj.* (1) small • *A kparoo waa la bile; o koŋ kpe a bie.* The shirt is small; it won't fit the child. (2) younger *pl:* bilii

bile [bilé] *n.* offspring (nonhuman) *pl:* bilii *2pl:* bilee

bilee [bilíé] *n.* young baby *pl:* bileere *2pl:* bileereɛ *Var.* bilɛɛ

bilembileŋ [bilémbiléŋ] *adj.* round and smooth

bilembileŋ [bilémbiléŋ] *n.* caterpillar track, continuous track *pl:* bilembileni *2pl:* bilembilennee

bilembileŋ [bilémbiléŋ] *adj.* large and heavy, with weight distributed unevenly

bilentimm [bilèntimm] *adj.* bloated and large

bileɛ [bilíè] *n.* baby (newly born) *pl:* bileere *2pl:* bileereɛ *Var.* bilee

bilibala [bilibálá] *adv.* grabbing on to a huge object by throwing both arms around it • *O le nyɔge la a bomberoŋ na le bilibala.* S/he firmly grabbed the fat one.

billi [billi] *v.* to roll (a heavy object along the ground) *billee, bille, bille, bilibe, billaa*

billi [billí] *v.* to roll between the palms; to mould *billee, bille, bille, bilibe, billaa*

bimaraa [bimaráá] *n.* baby sling *pl:* bimarre *Var.* maraa

bimbij [bimbíj] *adv.* extremely dark (rain clouds) • *A saa koe la bimbij le.* The rain clouds have gotten awfully thick.

bimbiŋe [bimbíŋé] *n.* pen, poultry shed *pl:* bimbinni *2pl:* bimbinnee *Var.* nɔzage

bimeje [bimíjé] *n.* good child *pl:* bimenne *2pl:* bimennee

bimm [bìmm] *adv.* large and solid • *A bugo e la kpoɲ bimm le.* The granary is big and solid.

bimpeele [bìmpíéí] *n.* (1) white faeces (2) fear (used with nye...) • *Ba toɲ yeli ka n pɔge ma beere la ka o dee yɔ nyeere bimpeele.* A message was sent to inform my wife that her mother was sick and she is in utter distress and fear. *2pl: bimpeele*

bimporɔ [bìmpɔ́rɔ] *n.* flatulence *pl: bimporre 2pl: bimporɛ/bimporre* *Var. bimpora*

bin-eeraa [bìn-íéráá] *n.* cloth used for cleaning faeces (of a baby) *pl: bin-eere 2pl: bin-eere*

bini [bíní] *n.* excrement *2pl: binee*

binkyoo [bìntʃóó] *n.* open place full of defecation *pl: binkyoori 2pl: binkyoree*

binnyebo [bìnyeíébo] *n.* act of misbehavior

binɔnaa [bìnɔ́náá] *n.* beloved child; favorite *pl: binɔnne*

binɔɲe [bìnɔ̀ɲ] *n.* the act of loving children; the act of pampering *pl: binɔnema*

bintanyeere [bìntàɲíéré] *n.* a type of diarrhoea *pl: bintanyeere 2pl: bintanyeere*

binzēe [bìnz̄í] *n.* dysentery *2pl: binzeene*

biɲi [biɲ] *v.* (1) to put down, to place, to set out (2) to store (up) *biɲee,*

binne, binne, binime, binnaa, binime

biɲibiɲi [biɲibíɲí] *v.* to shift unsteadily, teeter • *A tanzuɲ waa la bile, ka a doge biɲibiɲine.* The pot holder is small and so the pot is moving unsteadily. *biɲibiɲee, biɲibiɲine, biɲibiɲine, biɲibiɲini-me, biɲibiɲinaa, biɲibiɲinime*

biɲkɔɔ [biɲkóó] *n.* watery faeces, diarrhoea *2pl: biɲkɔɔne*

biɲkɔɔnyeere [biɲkóɲiééré] *n.* one suffering from diarrhoea *pl: biɲkɔɔnyeerebe 2pl: biɲkɔɔnyeerebe*

bipɛɛ [bipíé] *n.* baby cot *pl: bipere 2pl: bipere* *Var. bikūu*

bipɔɔnaa [bipóónáá] *n.* pampered child *pl: bipɔɔne 2pl: bipɔɔne*

bipɔɔbile [bipóɔbílé] *n.* a lad; young man

bipɔlee [bipólí] *n.* young man, lad *pl: bipɔɔ 2pl: bipɔlee/bipɔlee* *Var. bipɔlee, bipɔbile*

bipɔlee [bipólléé] *n.* young man *pl: bipɔɔ 2pl: bipɔlee* *Var. bipɔlee, bipɔbile*

bipuulee [bipúúléé] *n.* young woman *pl: bipuuli*

biraa [bíráá] *n.* one who stammers *pl: biribe 2pl: biribe*

biri [bírí] *v.* cause debris to drop (down from a height) • *Gyangbonni biri la tene a dasereɛ pɔɔ eye a kɔɔ pɔɔ.* The mice broke debris from the ceiling into the wa-

- ter. **biree, bire, bire, biribe, biraa, biribe**
- biri** [bírì] *v.* to stutter, to stammer
biree, bire, bire, biribe, biraa
- biri** [bírì] *v.* to pass by narrowly, to slip past • *O deɛ biri la a taŋa kye le.* S/he just passed the hill a little and fell. **biree, bire, bire, biribe, biraa, biribe**
- biri** [bírì] *n.* chaff from malt *pl:* **biree**
- biri** [bírì] *n.* seed, nut *pl:* **bie** *2pl:* **biiree**
- biri** [bírì] *n.* something of worth • *Te zene toma ŋa eŋ yi la biri.* Our work today has been fruitful.
- biribiri** [bírìbírì] *adv.* rushing in large numbers e.g. in a stampede
- biribiri** [bírìbírì] *adv.* (1) completely, totally • *O zagerɛɛ biribiri ka o koŋ gaa.* He has completely refused to go. (2) completely black
- biribiri** [bírìbírì] *v.* to slip, to not fit in (joint) • *A sori na taa la kusiwara te zuo ka fo maŋ kyene ka fo gbɛɛ bibire.* That road has too much gravel, so your feet slip around as you walk on it. **biribiree, biribire, biribire, biribiribe, biribiraa**
- birikyì** [bírìtʃì] *n.* (1) brake (2) brick *pl:* **birikyiri** *2pl:* **birikyiree** *Var.* **birisi**
- birikyilaa** [bírìtʃiláá] *n.* mould (for bricks) *pl:* **birikyilaa** *2pl:* **birikyilaareɛ**
- birikyisaabo** [bírìtʃisáábó] *n.* brake pad *2pl:* **birikyisaareɛ**
- birisi** [bírìsì] *n.* brick *sg:* **birisiruu** *pl:* **birisiri** *2pl:* **birisiree** *Var.* **birikyì**
- biriyokpekperaa** [bírìyòkpìkpìràá] *n.* wild duck-like water bird *pl:* **biriyokpekperre** *2pl:* **biriyokpekperɛɛ**
- biriyonaameɛo** [bírìyònààmíɛɔ] *n.* very large duck *pl:* **biriyonaameene** *2pl:* **biriyonaameeneɛɛ**
- biriyuo** [bírìyúó] *n.* duck *sg:* **biriyoruu** *pl:* **biriyori/biriyoe** *2pl:* **biriyoree** *Var.* **biriyori**
- bisaa** [bìsàá] *n.* father (human) *pl:* **bisaamine** *2pl:* **bisaareɛ**
- bisoŋ** [bìsòŋ] *n.* good child, well-behaved child *pl:* **bisonne** *2pl:* **bisonneɛ**
- bitoroo** [bìtòròò] *n.* virgin *pl:* **bitorri** *2pl:* **bitoree**
- bitɔ̀gɛ̀lɔ̀** [bìtɔ̀gɛ̀lò] *n.* midwife *pl:* **bitɔ̀geleɔ̀/bitɔ̀geleba** *2pl:* **bitɔ̀gelebeɛ** *Var.* **bitɔ̀gɛ̀la**
- bituuro** [bìtúúró] *n.* baby adopter, nanny *pl:* **bituuribo** *2pl:* **bituuri-bee**
- biweeme** [bìwíémé] *n.* strayed or wayward child *pl:* **biweene** *2pl:* **biweeneɛ**
- biweeraa** [bìwíéráá] *n.* spoilt child *pl:* **biweere**
- biwolaa** [bìwóláá] *n.* (1) problem child (2) beloved child *pl:* **biwolle** *2pl:* **biwolɛɛ**
- biyaalaa** [bìyááláá] *n.* babysitter *pl:* **biyaalba** *2pl:* **biyaalbeɛ**

biyaale [bìyáálfí] *n.* the act of babysitting

biyaaleyieluŋ [bìyááliyiélúŋ] *n.* lullaby *pl:* biyaaleyiele *Var.* biyagleyieluŋ

biyoɔraa [bìyóóráá] *n.* well-travelled person; one who roams a lot *pl:* biyoɔre *2pl:* biyoɔree

biyopore [bìyópòrì] *n.* naming ceremony (baby)

biyuori [bìyúórì] *n.* popular person *pl:* biyoe *2pl:* biyoree

bizege [bìzègè] *n.* young baby *pl:* bizegre *2pl:* bizegee

bizɔnzɔ [bìzɔnzóó] *n.* young baby *pl:* bizɔnzɔɔ *2pl:* bizɔnzɔree

bo [bò] *v.* to gather momentum (rain seen coming from afar in full scale) **boe, boorɔ, boorɔ, booreba, booraa, booreba**

bo [bò] *v.* (1) to confer, to deliberate, to plan together • **Ba na bo la sere kye gaa a kɔto.** They will confer before they go to court. (2) to suppose • **Fo bo ka boŋ ka a saana na taa wa ne?** What do you suppose the stranger will bring along? **boe, boorɔ, boorɔ, booreba, booraa, booreba**

bobelle [bòbèllé] *n.* a type of carnivorous bird *pl:* bobelle

boboo [bòbóó] *adj.* extremely voluminous

boboruu [bóbóruú] *n.* a type of termite *pl:* boborri/boboree *2pl:* boborree

bobɔge [bòbògí] *n.* huge carnivorous bird *pl:* bobɔgre *2pl:* bobɔgree

bodaa [bòdáá] *n.* male goat *pl:* bodaaare *2pl:* bodaaare/bodaae

bodaa-ansiinee [bòdáá-ánsíinéé] *n.* a type of tree with edible fruit *pl:* bodaa-ansiini *Var.* boraa-ansiinee

bodaanonnoona [bòdáánónnóó-náá] *n.* a type of tree with edible fruit *pl:* bodaanonnoone *2pl:* bodaanonnoonee *Var.* bononnoona

bodaasensɔre [bòdáásínsóórì] *n.* wild tigernut (not edible) *pl:* bodaasensɔɔ *2pl:* bodaasensɔree

bodalane [bòdálání] *n.* male goat (uncastrated) *pl:* bodalama *2pl:* bodalamee

bodalee [bòdáléé] *n.* young male goat *pl:* bodabilii *2pl:* bodabilee

bodateene [bòdátíénì] *n.* male goat with long hair on the chin; bearded male goat

bodavaraa [bòdávàràà] *n.* castrated male goat *pl:* bodavarre *2pl:* bodavaree/bodavarree

bogere [bògrì] *v.* to break into little bits or pulp **bogeree, bogerɔ, bogerɔ, bogereɔ, bogeraa, bogereɔ**

bogi [bògí] *n.* (1) hole (2) grave, tomb (3) pit (4) ditch (5) limit *pl:* bogiri *2pl:* bogree

bogigbere-katakye [bògìgbere-kátákyè] *n.* subway, underground train *pl:* bogigbere-katakyeri *2pl:* bogigbere-katakyerree

bogikantoo [bògíkántóó] *n.* a type of rodent (not edible) *pl:* **bogikantori** *2pl:* **bogikantoree**

bogisulee [bògsùlèè] *n.* round, deep tomb (like a well) *pl:* **bogisulli** *2pl:* **bogisullee**

bogiti [bògítì] *n.* bucket *pl:* **bogitiri** *2pl:* **bogitiree**

bogi-ũu [bògì-ũũ] *n.* the act of burying a human corpse

bogi-ũu-faare [bògì-ũũ-fáárí] *n.* xylophone music signaling the completion of the burial of the dead *2pl:* **bogi-ũu-faaree**

bogi-ũu-libie [bògì-ũũ-líbiè] *n.* fee for those who bury the dead *2pl:* **bogi-ũu-libiiree**

bogi-ũu-naazoo [bògì-ũũ-náázóó] *n.* chief undertaker (one who buries the dead) *pl:* **bogi-ũu-naazoore** *2pl:* **bogi-ũu-naazooree**

bogi-ũuno [bògì-ũũnó] *n.* one who buries the dead *pl:* **bogi-ũunimo** *2pl:* **bogi-ũunimee**

bogi-ũu-saabo [bògì-ũũ-sáábó] *n.* ritual TZ for those who bury the dead *2pl:* **bogi-ũu-saaree**

bogi-ũu-sawɔɔ [bògì-ũũ-sáwóló] *n.* ritual dish for those who bury the dead *2pl:* **bogi-ũu-sawɔɔe**

bogi-ũu-zanna [bògì-ũũ-zànná] *n.* amateur undertaker *pl:* **bogi-ũu-zanema** *2pl:* **bogi-ũu-zaneme**

bogivuo [bògìvùò] *n.* uncovered tomb *pl:* **bogivori** *2pl:* **bogivoree**

bogiweraa [bògwéráà] *n.* oblong tomb *pl:* **bogiwerre**

bogizee [bògzìè] *n.* grave, deep pit *pl:* **bogizeere** *2pl:* **bogizeeree**

bogɔbogo [bògɔbógó] *adv.* ground into pulp *Var.* **bogaboga**

boguolo [bògúóló] *n.* goats given to one to raise in return for some *2pl:* **boguolee**

bog-uuno [bòg-úúnó] *n.* one who buries the dead; undertaker *pl:* **bog-uunimo** *2pl:* **bog-uunimee**

bokolo [bòkòlò] *n.* tasteless powdered stuff, tobacco *pl:* **bokolle** *2pl:* **bokolèe** *Var.* **bokola**

bokontawe [bòkòntáwé] *n.* a daily marketplace *pl:* **bokontawere** *2pl:* **bokontaweree**

bokonj [bòkónj] *n.* lean or thin goat *pl:* **bokonni** *2pl:* **bokonnee**

bokore [bòkórì] *n.* old goat *pl:* **bokora** *2pl:* **bokoree**

bokpe [bòkɔpè] *v.* to sympathise with **bokpɛɛ**, **boorɔkpeere**, **bokpeere**, **bokpeerebe**, **bokpeeraa**

bolaakaatoo [bòlààkààtòò] *adv.* talking continuously, noisy

bolaare [bòláárí] *v.* to burst strongly
 • *A lɔɔre kɔbɔ da bolaaree la.*
 The lorry tyre blasted with a loud noise. **bolaaree**, **bolaara**, **bolaara**, **bolaareba**, **bolaaraa**, **bolaareba**
Var. **belaare**

bole [bólí] *v.* to smear all over **boleɛ**, **bola**, **bola**, **bolba**, **bolaa**

bolebole [bòl'bólí] *v.* to speak unintelligibly, to mumble **bolebolεε**, **boleboló**, **boleboló**, **bolebolebó**, **bolebolaa**, **bolebolebó**

bole [bòl'éé] *n.* kid (young goat) *pl:* **bobili** *2pl:* **bobillee**

bolenaa [bòlénáá] *n.* (1) tethered goat (2) one restricted from moving *pl:* **bolenni** *2pl:* **bolennee**

bo-leŋi [bò-léŋ] *n.* the act of tethering goats

boli [bólí] *v.* to be foolish **bole**, **bolo**, **bolo**, **bolibo**, **bolaa**, **bolibo**

boli [bòlí] *adj.* not adulterated, pure e.g. honey or oil

bolle [bòllì] *v.* to murmur; to talk inaudibly **bolleεε**, **bolla**, **bolla**, **boleba**, **bolllaa**, **boleba**

boló [bòlól] *n.* a type of vegetable *Var.* **bola**

bolóboló [bòlól'bòlól] *adv.* lukewarm (water) *Var.* **bolabola**

boluu [bòlúú] *pron.* what (interrogative pronoun)

bombaala [bòmbààlá] *n.* a sick thing *pl:* **bombaaleba** *2pl:* **bombaaleεε**

bombaalaa [bòmbààlàà] *n.* a slim or narrow thing *pl:* **bombaale**

bombaaraa [bòmbààràà] *n.* something that can grow *pl:* **bombaare**

bombaaraa [bòmbááráá] *n.* the last one *pl:* **bombaare**

bombalaa [bòmbáláá] *n.* something which is avoided *pl:* **bomballe**

bombalaa [bòmbàlàà] *n.* kind of thing (referring to something huge

or strange) • *Yey ka fo ta pɔge a bombalaa ŋa?* Where did you get this kind of thing?

bombaltakyelme [bòmbáltáŋm'é] *n.* things of all sorts *2pl:* **bombaltakyelmeεε**

bombannaa [bòmbànnáà] *n.* something which is known *pl:* **bombanne** *Var.* **bombanenea**

bombaje [bòmbàŋ] *n.* (1) the act of knowing (2) knowledge

bombare [bòmbàrì] *n.* (1) the act of releasing; the act of setting animals free (2) the act of offering first-fruits to gods *pl:* **bombarre**

bombeene [bòmbííní] *n.* something that is cooked or ripe *pl:* **bombeeme** *2pl:* **bombeeneεε**

bombee [bòmbíé] *n.* something strange or mysterious *pl:* **bombeere** *2pl:* **bombeereεε**

bombeeraa [bòmbìéráà] *n.* (1) sliced strips (of leather) (2) that which is patched or to be patched (as in car tyre) *pl:* **bombeere** *2pl:* **bomberεε**

bombeere [bòmbìèrí] *n.* boils *pl:* **bombebe** *2pl:* **bomberεε**

bombiiri [bòmbíírì] *n.* very young ones; unhatched embryos in eggs *2pl:* **bombiiree**

bobile [bòmbílé] *n.* young donkey; foal *pl:* **bombilii** *2pl:* **bombillee**

bobile [bòmbílé] *n.* small thing *pl:* **bombilii**

bombiri [bòmbírì] *n.* seed; cereal *sg:*

- bombiruu** *pl: bombie 2pl: bombi-iree*
- bombo** [bõmbò] *n. (1) a small plant with a jellylike tuber (2) the tuber or flour made from the tuber of this plant (3) fried dish made from the flour of this plant sg: bomboruu (for plant or tuber) pl: bombori 2pl: bomboree*
- bombolaa** [bõmbóláá] *n. a thing that is not of the same species; a strange thing pl: bombolle 2pl: bombolleε*
- bombone** [bõmbónì] *n. a useless thing pl: bomboma 2pl: bomboneε*
- bombonoone** [bõmbònòvni] *n. a type of tree pl: bombonooma 2pl: bombonooneε*
- bomboṅṅ** [bõmbòṅṅ] *n. something that cannot be classified pl: bombonne 2pl: bombonneε*
- bombooree** [bõmbõórí] *n. (1) something that is kept for posterity (2) seed for sowing pl: bomboora 2pl: bombooreε*
- bombooro** [bõmbõóró] *n. seed for planting sg: bombooro 2pl: bombooreε Var. bomboora*
- bomboōraa** [bõmbõóráá] *n. something that is sought; something that is wanted or liked pl: bomboōre 2pl: bomboōreε*
- bomboōre** [bõmbõórí] *n. (1) things one wishes to have (2) wealth*
- bomboraa** [bõmbòràá] *n. something that is sown; a crop pl: bomborre 2pl: bomborreε*
- bombore** [bõmbòrì] *n. the act of sowing*
- bombo sawṅṅ** [bõmbò sáwólól] *n. fried duff from bombo (flour) 2pl: bombo sawṅṅε Var. bombo sawala*
- bombo** [bõmbó] *n. quest for wealth*
- bomboge** [bõmbógí] *n. the act of grinding into fine pulp pl: bombogre 2pl: bombogreε*
- bombogṅ** [bõmbógó] *n. the forearm or leg of an animal pl: bombogero 2pl: bombogereε Var. bomboge*
- bombugilaa** [bõmbúgláá] *n. something that is nursed pl: bombugili*
- bombulaa** [bõmbúláá] *n. something that can sprout from a seed pl: bombulli 2pl: bombulleε*
- bombuli** [bõmbúlí] *n. shoot of a new plant pl: bombulo 2pl: bombulleε*
- bombuura** [bõmbúúráá] *n. (1) a measure (2) something that is respected pl: bombuuri*
- bommaalaa** [bõmmàáláá] *n. something that is made pl: bommaale*
- bommaale** [bõmmààlì] *n. the act of making pl: bommaaleba*
- bommaane** [bõmmààní] *n. (1) an egg that is immature (2) something that is tiny pl: bommaama*
- bommaaroṅ** [bõmmááróṅ] *n. a wet, cold, or fresh thing pl: bommaara*
- bommanaa** [bõmmánáá] *n. a measure; something that is measured*

bompaala [bómpáálà] *n.* (1) new or fresh things (2) firstfruits of crops *pl:* bompaala *2pl:* bompaalɛɛ

bompaare [bómpáári] *n.* the vulva of any animal *pl:* bompaareɛɛ

bompaare [bómpáári] *n.* the vulva of a donkey *pl:* bompaɛ *2pl:* bompaareɛɛ

bompaare [bömpáári] *n.* foot rot *pl:* bompaɛ *2pl:* bompaareɛɛ

bompare [bómpári] *n.* (1) residue (2) bottom *pl:* bompareɛ

bompeelaa [bómpííláá] *n.* a very young animal *pl:* bompeele *2pl:* bompeelɛɛ

bompeelaa [bómpííláá] *n.* a piece torn from a piece of cloth *pl:* bompeele *2pl:* bompeelɛɛ

bompege [bómpígì] *n.* the act of decorating, improving or adding worth to something

bompegelaa [bómpígláá] *n.* something that is moving and must be intercepted *pl:* bompegele *2pl:* bompegeleɛ

bompegeraa [bómpígráá] *n.* something that is adorned *pl:* bompegere *2pl:* bompegereɛ

bompege [bómpígé] *n.* a piece of a broken container (calabash) *pl:* bompegerre *2pl:* bompegereɛ

bompelaa [bómpiláá] *n.* a white thing *pl:* bompeele *2pl:* bompeelɛɛ

bompere [bómpírì] *n.* the act of dehusking (removing the dry outer cover of a grain)

bompere [bópírì] *n.* the act of scratching (as by fowl)

bompere [bómpèèrì] *n.* an immature thing *pl:* bompebe

bompege [bómpégì] *n.* the act of washing the shell or bark of something

bompegelaa [bómpégláá] *n.* something that is carried by holding it to one's side *pl:* bompegele *2pl:* bompegeleɛ

bompegeraa [bópégráá] *n.* (1) something that has been washed (2) something for washing *pl:* bompegere *2pl:* bompegereɛ

bompelaa [bómpéláá] *n.* something that can be peeled *pl:* bompelle *2pl:* bompelleɛ

bompele [bómpélí] *n.* the act of peeling

bompele [bómpèlì] *n.* peel *pl:* bompele *2pl:* bompelleɛ

bompennaa [bómpènnáá] *n.* something that is carved *pl:* bompenne *2pl:* bompenneɛ

bompenne [bómpènnì] *n.* the act of carving

bompi [bómpí] *n.* (1) the process of becoming distended or bloated (2) claims in advance for something (see pí)

bompigiraa [bómpígráá] *n.* something that is to be watched or ought to be watched *pl:* bompigiri

bompiiraa [bómpíiràá] *n.* (1) a lost thing that is found; an unexpected

- find (2) an easy find *pl:* **bompiiri**
- bompiiraa** [bóm̥pííráá] *n.* a distended thing *pl:* **bompiiri**
- bompiiraa** [bóm̥pííráá] *n.* something that has been earmarked for someone *pl:* **bompiiri**
- bompiire** [bóm̥pííré] *n.* one who finds a lost item *pl:* **bompiiribe** *2pl:* **bompiiribe**
- bompollaa** [bóm̥pólláá] *n.* something on which an oath is taken *pl:* **bompolle**
- bompoɔ** [bóm̥pósó] *n.* a pregnant thing (nonhuman) *pl:* **bompoore** *2pl:* **bompoore**
- bompoɔraa** [bóm̥pósóráá] *n.* something by which one swears *pl:* **bompoɔre** *2pl:* **bompoɔre**
- bomporaa** [bóm̥póráá] *n.* something that is poured *pl:* **bomporre** *2pl:* **bomporre**
- bompore** [bóm̥pòrì] *n.* a situation of plentiful things *pl:* **bomporre**
- bompore** [bóm̥pórí] *n.* something that is small and short; a little thing *pl:* **bompora** *2pl:* **bompoore**
- bompore** [bóm̥pórí] *n.* the act of pouring
- bompo** [bóm̥pó] *n.* the act of swearing or taking an oath on something
- bompɔge** [bóm̥pógí] *n.* a female thing *pl:* **bompɔgeba** *2pl:* **bompɔgre**
- bompɔge** [bóm̥pògì] *n.* the act of confining animals in enclosures

- bompɔgeraa** [bóm̥pògráà] *n.* something that is confined in an enclosure *pl:* **bompɔgere**
- bompole** [bóm̥pólì] *n.* a young thing *pl:* **bompole** *2pl:* **bompolle**
- bompore** [bóm̥pórí] *n.* the act of plucking something; (fruits or groundnuts)
- bompoɔɔ** [bóm̥póɔ̀] *n.* harvester *pl:* **bompoɔreba** *2pl:* **bompoɔrebe**
- bompugo** [bóm̥púgò] *n.* an ash-coloured thing *pl:* **bompugri** *2pl:* **bompugree**
- bompulonpulon** [bóm̥pùlònpùlòŋ] *n.* various things mixed up
- bompuuraa** [bóm̥pùùráà] *n.* something that has flowered *pl:* **bompuuri** *2pl:* **bompuuree**
- bompuuraa** [bóm̥pùùráà] *n.* something that is or can be praised *pl:* **bompuuri** *2pl:* **bompuuree**
- bompuuri** [bóm̥púúrí] *n.* flowers of things *2pl:* **bompuuree**
- bonaare** [bònáárí] *adj.* four times
- bon-agraa** [bón̥jágráà] *n.* (1) winged creature (2) insect *pl:* **bon-agre**
- bonda** [bóndà] *n.* the act of buying
- bondaa** [bòndáá] *n.* male donkey *pl:* **bondaare** *2pl:* **bondaree**
- bondaa** [bòndáá] *n.* a male thing *pl:* **bondaare** *2pl:* **bondaree**
- bondaa** [bòndàà] *n.* the act of pushing *pl:* **bonda**
- bondaana** [bòndááná] *n.* rich person; one who has wealth *pl:* **bon-**

daanema/bondaama *2pl*: **bon-daameε/bondaaneε**

bondaaraa [b'ɔ̀ndaàràà] *n.* something that is bought; something that is meant for sale *pl*: **bondaare**

bondaga [b'ɔ̀ndàgà] *n.* carefree *pl*: **bondagre** *2pl*: **bondagreε**

bonde [b'ɔ̀ndí] *n.* (1) the act of taking (2) the act of harvesting

bondegere [b'ɔ̀ndigrí] *n.* a dwarflike thing *pl*: **bondege**

bondemannewullaa [b'ɔ̀ndímán-níwúlláá] *n.* example *pl*: **bondemannewulli**

bondegere [b'ɔ̀nděgrí] *n.* a dirty thing *pl*: **bondege**

bondi [b'ɔ̀ndì] *n.* the act of eating

bondikaama [b'ɔ̀ndikáámá] *n.* delicious and assorted food; luncheon *2pl*: **bondikaaneε**

bondikaraa [b'ɔ̀ndikaráá] *n.* raw food; food that is not well cooked *pl*: **bondikare** *2pl*: **bondikareε**

bondi-kpaa [b'ɔ̀ndì-kpàà] *n.* leftover food *pl*: **bondi-kpaare** *2pl*: **bondi-kpaareε**

bondimaala [b'ɔ̀ndímáálá] *n.* cook, one who prepares food

bondiraa [b'ɔ̀ndiràà] *n.* (1) food; something that is edible (2) a sharp thing (blade) *pl*: **bondirri** *2pl*: **bondirree**

bondire [b'ɔ̀ndiré] *n.* (1) one who eats (2) rightful owner *pl*: **bondiribe** *2pl*: **bondiribeε**

bondirii [b'ɔ̀ndiríi] *n.* food, things to eat *2pl*: **bondirree**

bondi-sāa [b'ɔ̀ndi-sàà] *n.* the act of wasting food

bondizie [b'ɔ̀ndizíé] *n.* restaurant *pl*: **bondiziiri** *2pl*: **bondiziireε**

bondogelaa [b'ɔ̀ndóggláá] *n.* something that is used for cooking *pl*: **bondogele**

bondogeraa [b'ɔ̀ndógráá] *n.* a boiled thing *pl*: **bondogere**

bondonaa [b'ɔ̀ndõnáà] *n.* (1) something that bites (2) insect, bug *pl*: **bondonne** *2pl*: **bondonneε** *Var.* **kyibe**

bondori [b'ɔ̀ndórí] *n.* heap *pl*: **bondoree** *2pl*: **bondorree**

bondogelaa [b'ɔ̀ndóggláá] *n.* an extra thing *pl*: **bondogele**

bondogeraa [b'ɔ̀ndògèràà] *n.* hat which has been born *pl*: **bondogere**

bondogero [b'ɔ̀ndògèrò] *n.* an animal that has recently littered *pl*: **bondogere** *2pl*: **bondogereε**

bone [b'ɔ̀nì] *n.* thing *pl*: **boma** *2pl*: **bonneε**

bone [b'ɔ̀ní] *adj.* worthless or useless *pl*: **boma**

bon-ennaa [b'ɔ̀n-ínnáà] *n.* container *pl*: **bon-enne** *2pl*: **bon-enneε**

bonfa [b'ɔ̀nfá] *n.* the act of robbing, robbery

bonfaa [b'ɔ̀nfáá] *n.* a bad or evil thing *pl*: **bonfaare** *2pl*: **bonfaareε**

bonfaa [b'ɔ̀nfáà] *n.* robbery

- bonfaara** [bónfáará] *n.* robber, thief
pl: bonfareba *2pl:* bonfabareε
- bonfaaraa** [bónfáaráá] *n.* something that is robbed *pl:* bonfaare *2pl:* bonfaareε
- bonfane** [bónfàní] *n.* a rough thing
pl: bonfama *2pl:* bonfanneε
- bonfarafara** [bónfàràfàrà] *n.* a rough, scaly thing
- bonfēe** [bónfēí] *n.* a small quantity
pl: bonfeene *2pl:* bonfeeneε
- bonfeeloo** [bónfíílóó] *n.* an opening that is small and tight *pl:* bonfeele *2pl:* bonfeeleε
- bonfegε** [bónfigé] *n.* narrow space
Var. bonfogeloo
- bonfogeloo** [bónfóglóó] *n.* a narrow thing *pl:* bofogela *2pl:* bonfogelee
- bonfogiluu** [bónfóglúú] *n.* a seedless pod *pl:* bonfogilo *2pl:* bonfogilee
- bonfole** [bónfòlí] *n.* an immature thing *pl:* bonfola *2pl:* bonfolee
- bonfolo** [bónfòló] *n.* powerful spiritual beings *pl:* bonfolo *2pl:* bonfolee
- bonfōo** [bónfōó] *n.* a light thing *pl:* bonfoone *2pl:* bonfooneε
- bonfōraa** [bónfōráá] *n.* a narrow thing *pl:* bonfōrre *2pl:* bonfōrreε
- bonfuraa** [bónfùráà] *n.* something that is used to plug an opening *pl:* bonfurri *2pl:* bonfurree
- bonfuuraa** [bónfùúráá] *n.* (1) something that is cool (2) something that threatens *pl:* bonfuuri *2pl:* bonfuuree
- bonii** [bònîi] *adj.* eight times
- bonkyaaraa** [bónťáaráá] *n.* gift *pl:* bonkyaare *2pl:* bonkyaareε
- bonkyēē** [bónťjēé] *n.* a torn thing
pl: bonkyeene/bonkyeene *2pl:* bonkyeeneε
- bonkyeεraa** [bónťjéráá] *n.* (1) something that is contributed (2) something that is cut (3) something used for cutting *pl:* bonkyeere *2pl:* bonkyeereε
- bonkyelee** [bónťjélíi] *n.* a half thing
pl: bonkyelle
- bonlaane** [bónláání] *n.* a worthless thing *pl:* bonlaama *2pl:* bonlaaneε
- bonlane** [bónláni] *n.* uncastrated animal *pl:* bonlama *2pl:* bonlamεε
- bonlee** [bónléé] *n.* a small thing e.g. object/nonhuman *pl:* bombilii *Var.* bombile
- bonlee** [bònléé] *n.* colt, young donkey *pl:* bombilii
- bonnaakale** [bōnnààkálí] *n.* the act of rolling over and over. (donkey having a sun bath) *2pl:* bonnakaleε
- bonnaŋ** [bōnnán] *n.* scarcity *pl:* bonnanne *2pl:* bonnanneε
- bonne** [bònni, bónní] *v.* to doubt; to speculate, to guess **bonneε**, **bonno**, **bonno**, **bonema**, **bonnaa**, **bonema**
- bonneε** [bōnníé] *n.* (1) the act of trampling on things (2) the act of ironing clothes *pl:* bonneene *2pl:* bonneeneε

bonni [bónni] *v.* (1) to burn (pain)
(2) to burn with fire **bonnee**,
bonno, **bonno**, **bonnaa**, **bonimo**

bonnimiri [bónnimíri] *n.* something
that is very valuable *pl:* **bonnimie**
2pl: **bonimiiree**

bonnoo [bónnoò] *n.* a sweet thing *pl:*
bonnoore *2pl:* **bonnooree**

bonnyaa [bónnyáà] *n.* (1) chest of;
(2) most important part of *pl:* **bon-**
nyaane *2pl:* **bonnyaane**

bonnyaanaa [bónnyàà] *n.* a clever
or wise animal *pl:* **bonnyaane**

bonnyaara [bónnyààri] *n.* coarseness
(flour) *2pl:* **bonnyaaree**

bonnyagere [bónnyágíri] *n.* in-
testines of nonhuman creatures *pl:*
bonnyaga *2pl:* **bonnyageree**

bonnyaaṅaa [bónnyáṅáá] *n.* female *pl:*
bonnyaaṅene/bonnyaane *2pl:* **bon-**
nyaane

bonnyaaṅaa [bónnyàṅáà] *n.* female
donkey *pl:* **bonnyaaṅene** *2pl:*
bonnyaaṅene

bonnyuu [bónnyúú] *n.* (1) something
that smells (2) smelling medicinal
lotion *pl:* **bonnyuuri** *2pl:* **bonnyu-**
ree

bonnyuu [bónnyúú] *n.* the neck
of something *pl:* **bonnyuuri** *2pl:*
bonnyuuree

bonnyuuraa [bónnyúúráá] *n.* (1)
something that is drunk; a drink (2)
something that is used for drinking
pl: **bonnyuuri**

bononnoona [bónónnóónáá] *n.* a
type of tree with juicy fruits *Var.*
bodaanonnoona

bonoone [bónòòni] *n.* a type of tree
with fleshy edible fruits; medicinal
pl: **bonooma** *2pl:* **bonoonee**

bonobono [bónòbòni] *adv.* oily-
looking • *A zeere zu dee e la*
bonobono le. The surface of the
soup looks oily. *Var.* **bonabona**

bonsãa [bónsãã] *n.* the act of being
wasteful, destructive

bonsaalaa [bónsããlãã] *n.* something
that is smooth *pl:* **bonsaale** *2pl:*
bonsaalee

bonsaalon [bónsããlɔŋ] *n.* a slippery
thing *pl:* **bonsaale** *2pl:* **bonsaalee**

bonsaana [bónsãánà] *n.* a new or
strange thing *pl:* **bonsaama** *2pl:*
bonsaanee

bonsaana [bónsãáná] *n.* one who de-
stroys *pl:* **bonsaanema**

bonsaanaa [bónsãánáá] *n.* a spoilt
thing *pl:* **bonsaane** *2pl:* **bonsaanee**

bonsammo [bónsãmmó] *n.* un-
shelled nut *pl:* **bonsama** *2pl:* **bon-**
samee

bonsaraa [bónsáràà] *n.* a young fe-
male *pl:* **bonsarre** *2pl:* **bonsaree**

bonseena [bónsfínià] *n.* something
that is touched *pl:* **boseene** *2pl:*
bonseenee

bonseeraa [bónsfíeráá] *n.* (1) some-
thing that is worn on the waist
(2) something that is sewn *pl:* **bon-**
seere *2pl:* **bonseeree**

bonseeraa [bónsíráá] *n.* that which is better than *pl:* **bonseere** *2pl:* **bonseereε**

bonseeraa [bónsíráá] *n.* something that is roasted *pl:* **bonseere** *2pl:* **bonseereε**

bonsennaa [bònsínnáà] *n.* something that is the right size *pl:* **bonsenne** *2pl:* **bonsenneε**

bonserε [bónsírε] *n.* a valuable thing *pl:* **bonserre** *2pl:* **bonserεε/bonserreε**

bonsegeraa [bónségráá] *n.* something that is written *pl:* **bonsegere** *2pl:* **bonsegerεε**

bonsegeraa [bónsègráà] *n.* something that is used to make another thing sturdy *pl:* **bonsegere**

bonsigiraa [bónsigiráà] *n.* (1) something whose price is reduced (2) something that is lowered (height) *pl:* **bonsigiri** *2pl:* **bonsigiree**

bonso [bónsó] *n.* the act of owning

bonso [bónsó] *pron.* why (interrogative pronoun) • **Bonso ka fo ba gaa a daa?** Why have you not gone to the market?

bonso [bónsó] *conj.* because • **Ba ba gaa a sori bonso a lɔre sãae la.** They could not go on the trip because the car broke down.

bonsoŋ [bónsóŋ] *n.* a good or blessed thing *pl:* **bonsonne** *2pl:* **bonsonneε**

bonsooraa [bónsóóráá] *n.* that which is owned; a belonging *pl:* **bonsoore** *2pl:* **bonsooreε**

bonsooraa [bónsóóráá] *n.* something that is asked for or wanted

bonsogelaa [bónsógláà] *n.* (1) a black thing (2) a hidden thing *pl:* **bonsogelε** *2pl:* **bonsogeleε**

bonsogele [bónsóglí] *n.* the act of hiding things

bonsɔraa [bónsòráà] *n.* something that is begged for *pl:* **bonsɔrre** *2pl:* **bonsɔrreε**

bonsɔraa [bónsóráá] *n.* something that has been counted • **A pɔge iri la a bonsɔraa kaja.** The woman took one of the already counted ones. *pl:* **bonsɔrre**

bonsu [bónsù] *n.* the act of wearing (clothes)

bonsu [bónsù] *n.* the act of pushing things into an opening

bonsugo [bónsúgò] *n.* things in great numbers *pl:* **bonsugri** *2pl:* **bonsugree**

bonsuuraa [bónsúùráà] *n.* garment *pl:* **bonsuuri** *2pl:* **bonsuuree**

bontaa [bóntáà] *n.* the act of owning

bontage [bóntàgí] *n.* a thick thing *pl:* **bontagre** *2pl:* **bontagreε**

bontage [bóntágì] *n.* the act of pulling things

bontale [bóntáli] *n.* a lobe of (kola) *pl:* **bontala** *2pl:* **bontaleε**

bontara [bòtárjá] *n.* camel *pl:* **bontanne** *2pl:* **bontanneε**

bontara [bóntará] *n.* rich man; one who owns many things *pl:* **bontareba** *2pl:* **bontarebeε**

- bontee** [bóntiè] *n.* (1) the act of shooting (2) the act of supporting things
- bonteeraa** [bóntièràà] *n.* something that supports something else *pl:* bonteere *2pl:* bonteereε
- bonteeraa** [bóntièràà] *n.* a boil *pl:* bonteere *2pl:* bonteereε
- bonteeraa** [bóntièràà] *n.* something that is shot at *pl:* bonteere *2pl:* bonteereε
- bonteere** [bóntiéré] *n.* shooter *pl:* bonteerebe *2pl:* bonteerebeε
- bontegeron** [bóntigrón] *n.* a heavy thing *pl:* bontegerε *2pl:* bontegerεε
- bonteraa** [bóntiráà] *n.* something that is given out or offered *pl:* bonterre
- bontere** [bóntíri] *n.* the act of giving out things
- bontere** [bòntíri] *n.* a big drum made of animal skin and a gourd *Var.* bontere
- bontege** [bótégì] *n.* the act of exchanging
- bontegeraa** [bóntègráà] *n.* something that is traded for *pl:* bontegerε *2pl:* bontegerεε
- bontegerε** [bóntégré] *n.* one who exchanges *pl:* bontegerεbe
- bonto** [bóntó] *n.* act of insulting of things
- bonto** [bòntó] *n.* type of cigar made by the Dagaabe *pl:* bontori *2pl:* bontoreε

- bontobo** [bóntòbó] *n.* (1) a type of plant; medicinal (2) the immediate tender leaves of a plant (bean leaves as vegetable for soup) (3) an animal with prominent ears
- bontoolaa** [bóntóóláá] *n.* that which is sent by a messenger *pl:* bontoolε/bontoolε *2pl:* bontoolεε
- bontōraa** [bóntōráà] *n.* something that is shared *pl:* bontōrre
- bontōre** [bóntōri] *n.* a worthy thing *pl:* bontōε *2pl:* bontōrreε
- bontōre** [bóntōri] *n.* the act of giving out or sharing to as many as possible
- bontuo** [bóntúó] *n.* (1) a bitter thing (2) a poisonous or dangerous thing *pl:* bontuuri *2pl:* bontureε
- bonuu** [bònúú] *adj.* five times *pl:* bonuuri *2pl:* bonuureε
- bonvaane** [bónvànání] *n.* a shrivelled thing *pl:* bonvaama *2pl:* bonvaaneε
- bonvaraa** [bónváràà] *n.* castrated animal *pl:* bonvarre *2pl:* bonvarreε
- bonvelaa** [bónviláá] *n.* a good thing *pl:* bonveele *2pl:* bonveeleε
- bonveraa** [bónviráà] *n.* (1) an implement used in throwing stones (catapult) (2) something that has been shot at by means of a catapult *pl:* bonverre
- bonveraa** [bónviráà] *n.* a shift of a bone *pl:* bonverre

- bonvere** [bónviri] *n.* the act of spraining (body part)
- bonvere** [bónviri] *n.* the act of shooting with a catapult
- bonvoora** [bónvóráá] *n.* something that breathes *pl:* **bonvoore** *2pl:* **bonvooree**
- bonvoole** [bónvòlè] *n.* a slimy thing *pl:* **bonvoole** *2pl:* **bonvoolee**
- bonvore** [bónvóri] *n.* a living thing *pl:* **bonvoe/bonvoba** *2pl:* **bonvooree**
- bonvuo** [bónvùó] *n.* an open thing; an uncovered enclosure or container *pl:* **bonvori** *2pl:* **bonvooree**
- bonvuura** [bónvúúráá] *n.* (1) a thing that crawls (e.g. creature without legs) (2) a thing that is dragged along the ground *pl:* **bonvuuri** *2pl:* **bonvuuree**
- bonwee** [bónwíé] *n.* a common thing *pl:* **bonweere** *2pl:* **bonweeree**
- bon-yaga** [bón-yágà] *n.* many things *2pl:* **bon-yagre** *Var:* **bon-yaga**
- bon-yele** [bón-yíélí] *n.* that which is winnowed or to be winnowed
- bon-yee** [bón-yéé] *n.* (1) unimportant things (2) wild crops *sg:* **bon-yeroo** *2pl:* **bon-yere** *Var:* **bon-yee**
- bon-yera** [bón-yèráà] *n.* (1) something that is hung around the neck (2) garment *pl:* **bon-yerre** *2pl:* **bon-yerre**
- bon-yorra** [bón-yóráá] *n.* (1) something that roams or wanders about (2) rheumatism *pl:* **bon-yoore** *2pl:* **bon-yooree**
- bon-yom** [bón-yòmó] *n.* plentiful and free thing(s) *2pl:* **bon-yome**
- bon-yuo** [bón-yúó] *n.* different one • *A bie yage la a kparoo na bare kye de bonyuo.* The boy took off that shirt and took a different one. *pl:* **bon-yuobo** *Var:* **bon-yuo**
- bon-yuori** [bón-yúóri] *n.* a popular or prominent thing *pl:* **bon-yoe** *2pl:* **bon-yoree**
- bonzaa** [bónzáá] *n.* (1) anything, everything • *Fo na nye la bonzaa fo nan boor.* You will get anything that you want. (2) everyone • *Bonzaa nan wa kye taa la puuraa.* Thanks to everyone who has come here.
- bonzagela** [bónzágláá] *n.* an empty thing *pl:* **bonzagele**
- bonzee** [bónzìè] *n.* a red thing *pl:* **bonzeere** *2pl:* **bonzeeree**
- bonzool** [bónzòól] *n.* a thing with hairy ends (corn cob) *2pl:* **bonzoolle** *Var:* **bonzoola**
- bonyanlori** [bònánlóri] *n.* very large female goat *2pl:* **bonyanloree**
- bonyanja** [bònánjáá] *n.* female mother goat *pl:* **bonyanjene** *2pl:* **bonyanjenee**
- bonye** [bòné] *n.* the act of having wicked ideas • *A dwo suuri da iri ne la o poge kye o da ba de bonye tuuro ne o.* The man was annoyed with his wife but he did not have any wicked ideas towards her.

bonye [bòɲé] *adj.* having wicked ideas

boŋ [bón] *pron.* what (interrogative pronoun) • *Boŋ ka fo na e zene?* What will you do today?

boŋemaŋ [bónimán] *adj.* hazy

boŋganaa [boŋganaa] *n.* bed, something that is slept on *pl:* boŋganne *2pl:* boŋganeɛ

boŋgoraa [bónḡòràà] *n.* something that is abundant *pl:* boŋgorre *2pl:* boŋgoreɛ

boŋgori [bónḡòrí] *n.* half-ripe fruit *pl:* boŋgoe *2pl:* boŋgoree

boŋgori [bónḡórí] *n.* shoes (pl.) *2pl:* boŋgoree

boŋgu [bónḡù] *n.* the act of watching over something (crops from animals)

boŋguolaa [bónḡúóláá] *n.* (1) something that is raised or reared (2) an animal given to someone to be raised *pl:* boŋguoli *2pl:* boŋguolee

boŋguoli [bónḡúólí] *n.* domestic animals and birds (poultry and animal husbandry) *pl:* boŋguolo

boŋguoli [bónḡúólí] *n.* the rearing of animals

boŋguolo [bónḡúólò] *n.* things that are reared (domesticated animals and birds) *Var.* doŋguolo

boŋguraa [bónḡùràà] *n.* something jumped upon *pl:* boŋgurri

boŋguuro [bónḡúúro] *n.* one who watches over things *pl:* boŋguuribo *2pl:* boŋguuribee

boŋgbuli [bónḡbùlí] *n.* (1) a whole thing (2) tumour *pl:* boŋgbulo *2pl:* boŋgbulee

boŋkaa [bónḡkáá] *n.* invocation of spirits *pl:* boŋkaareba *2pl:* boŋkaarebeɛ *Var.* boŋkaale

boŋkaa [bónḡkàà] *n.* (1) the act of taking care of something (2) the act of staring at something

boŋkãa [bónḡkáã] *n.* (1) oil or fat from an animal (2) something oily or full of fat *sg:* boŋkaanoo *2pl:* boŋkaaneɛ

boŋkaara [bónḡkáára] *n.* one who watches over something *pl:* boŋkaareba *2pl:* boŋkaarebeɛ

boŋkaɲa [bónḡkáɲá] *n.* something *pl:* bommine *Var.* boŋkaɲa

boŋkapala [bónḡkpálá] *n.* a type of plant *2pl:* boŋkapaleɛ

boŋkaraa [bónḡkáráá] *n.* a raw, uncooked, or unripe thing *pl:* boŋkare *2pl:* boŋkaree

boŋkoŋi [bónḡkõŋ] *n.* a lean thing *pl:* boŋkonni *2pl:* boŋkonnee

boŋkõɔ [bónḡkóó] *n.* a watery thing *2pl:* boŋkoɔneɛ

boŋkoɔraa [bónḡkóóráá] *n.* (1) crop; something that is cultivated (2) something used for ploughing or farming *pl:* boŋkoɔre *2pl:* boŋkoɔreɛ

boŋkoɔraa [bónḡkóóràà] *n.* something meant for sale (goods) *pl:* boŋkoɔre *2pl:* boŋkoɔreɛ

boŋkorabinzie [bõŋkõrãbinzié] *n.* museum *pl:* **boŋkorabinziiri**

boŋkore [bõŋkõrí] *n.* old thing *pl:* **boŋkorɔ** *2pl:* **boŋkoreɛ**

boŋkuoŋaa [bõŋkúoŋáá] *n.* a dry thing *pl:* **boŋkuoni** *2pl:* **boŋkuonee**

boŋkũu [bõŋkúú] *n.* a dead thing *pl:* **bokuuni** *2pl:* **boŋkuunee**

boŋkpɔɔ [bõŋkpɔ́ɔ] *n.* (1) lumps (2) a type of disease whose symptoms are swellings and boils *2pl:* **boŋkpɔgerɛ** *Var.* **boŋkpɔga/boŋkpaɔa**

Boŋɔ [bõŋɔ] *n.* a traditional festival of Jirapa traditional area

boŋɔmaa [bõŋɔmáá] *n.* a piece of something *pl:* **boŋɔmaara** *2pl:* **boŋɔmaaree**

boŋɔmaa [bõŋɔmàà] *n.* the practice of cutting things

boŋɔmaa [bõŋɔmàà] *n.* the confining of domestic animals that have been ranging freely (usually at the beginning of the farming season)

boŋɔmare [bõŋɔmáří] *n.* the act of breaking things *pl:* **boŋɔmarre** *2pl:* **boŋɔmaree**

boŋɔmare [bõŋɔmàří] *n.* something that is spoilt (food) *2pl:* **boŋɔmaree**

boŋɔmeeraa [bõŋɔmíéráá] *n.* musical instrument *pl:* **boŋɔmeere**

boŋɔ [bõŋɔ] *n.* donkey *pl:* **bonni** *2pl:* **bonnee**

boŋɔ [bõŋɔ] *adv.* done anyhow *Var.* **boŋa**

boo [bòò] *pron.* which one; which of them (interrogative pronoun) *Var.* **buori**

boo [bòò] *adj.* voluminous e.g. a dress

bõo [bõò] *adv.* oily-looking (top of sauce)

boolimbo [bòòlimbò] *n.* taking one by the shoulders and chest (patient) (typically used with *kpe*) *pl:* **boolimbori** *2pl:* **boolimboree**

boore [bòòrí] *v.* to attack suddenly and fiercely, to rush on **booree**, **boorɔ**, **boorɔ**, **boorebɔ**, **booraa**, **boorebɔ**

boore [bòúrí] *n.* of same stalk, species, descendant *pl:* **boora** *2pl:* **booree** *Var.* **booree**

boore [bòúrí] *n.* agreement, plan *2pl:* **booree**

boorɔ [bòúɔ] *n.* (1) off same type, family (2) seed for planting *sg:* **booroo** *Var.* **boora**

boɔ [bòú] *n.* goat *pl:* **boore** *2pl:* **booree**

bõɔ [bõò] *v.* to scoop up a large amount of something • *O bõɔ la a kãa poli o eŋe zaa.* She scooped up a large amount of lotion and rubbed it all over her body. **bõɔɛ**, **boɔnɔ**, **boɔnɔ**, **boɔnema**, **boɔnaa**

bõɔ [bõò] *v.* snub • *A dɔɔ suuri iree la ka o maŋ deɛ bõɔ neɛ te lɔɔ.* The man is so annoyed that he snubs anybody he comes across. **bõɔɛ**, **boɔnɔ**, **boɔnɔ**, **boɔnema**, **boɔnaa**

boɔbo [bʊ́ɔ̀bʊ́] *n.* (1) something that is preferred (2) the act of liking or searching for something

boɔlaa [bʊ́ɔ̀lɑ́ɑ́] *n.* (1) a call (2) an invitation

boɔle [bʊ́ɔ̀lɛ́] *v.* (1) to call (2) to invite **boɔlɛɛ**, **boɔlb**, **boɔlb**, **boɔleba**, **boɔlaa**, **boɔleba**

boɔraa [bʊ́ɔ̀rɑ́ɑ́] *n.* (1) sack (2) one hundred pounds *pl:* **boɔre** *2pl:* **boɔrɛɛ**

boɔre [bʊ́ɔ̀rɪ́] *v.* to smear with thick paste **boɔrɛɛ**, **boɔrɔ**, **boɔrɔ**, **boɔreɔ**, **boɔraa**, **boɔreɔ**

boɔrɔ [bʊ́ɔ̀rɔ́] *v.* (1) to like, to love; to desire, to want (2) to need **bɛɛ**, **boɔrɔ**, **boɔrɔ**, **boɔreba**, **boɔraa**

boɔso [bʊ́ɔ̀sʊ́] *n.* bus *pl:* **boɔsere** *2pl:* **boɔserɛɛ**

bopeɛ [bʊ́pɛ́jɛ́] *n.* traditional storey building *pl:* **bopeere** *2pl:* **bopeereɛ**
Var. **peezudie**

boraa [bʊ́rɑ́ɑ́] *n.* a stick used in sowing grains *pl:* **borre** *2pl:* **borrɛɛ** *Var.* **boredaa**

bore [bʊ́rɪ́] *v.* to break part of a lump off in big chunks **boreɛ**, **bora**, **bora**, **boreba**, **boraa**

bore [bʊ́rɪ́] *v.* to sow, to plant **boreɛ**, **bora**, **bora**, **boreba**, **boraa**, **boreba**

boredaa [bʊ́rɪ́dɑ́ɑ́] *n.* a stick for sowing *pl:* **boredaare** *2pl:* **boredareɛ/boredareɛ**

borenye [bʊ́rɪ́njɛ́] *n.* Christmas *pl:* **borenyere** *2pl:* **borenyereɛ**

boreɲmaakpantoli [bʊ́rɪ́ɲmɑ́ɑ́k-pántólɪ́] *n.* a type of large, beautiful bird with a sweet voice *pl:* **boreɲmaakpantolo** *2pl:* **boreɲmaakpantolee**

boreɲmaao [bʊ́rɪ́ɲmɑ́ɑ́ʊ́] *n.* a large bird with a strong sweet voice *pl:* **boreɲmaane** *2pl:* **boreɲmaanɛɛ**

boreɲmanlee [bʊ́rɪ́ɲmánléé] *n.* calabash for sowing *pl:* **boreɲmambili** *2pl:* **boreɲmambilee**

boribara [bʊ́rɪ́bɑ́rɑ́] *adv.* done poorly

boribori [bʊ́rɪ́bórɪ́] *v.* to carry out poorly (cleaning, talk) **boriboree**, **boriboro**, **boriboro**, **boriboribo**, **boriboraa**

boroboro [bʊ́rɔ́bʊ́rɔ́] *n.* bread *pl:* **boroborri** *2pl:* **boroboree**

boroboroɔɲ [bʊ́rɔ́bʊ́rɔ́ɔ̀ɲ] *n.* bread flour *2pl:* **boroboroɔɲnɛɛ**

boroto [bʊ́rɔ́tò] *adj.* big and round

boroto [bʊ́rɔ́tò] *adv.* fall flat • **A bie zoro gere te ɲme ghere a gaa te boroto o naɲ le.** As the boy ran along he stumbled on a stone and crashed to the ground.

borɔbe [bʊ́rɔ́bɛ́] *n.* pineapple fruit or plant *pl:* **borɔbere** *2pl:* **borɔbereɛɛ**

borɔborɔ [bʊ́rɔ́bʊ́rɔ́] *adv.* dull colour

borɔso [bʊ́rɔ́sʊ́] *n.* brush *pl:* **borɔsore** *2pl:* **borɔsoreɛɛ**

bosaraa [bʊ́sɑ́rɑ́ɑ́] *n.* young female goat *pl:* **bosarre** *2pl:* **bosarreɛɛ**

bosere [bòsírì] *n.* a necklace made of huge beads *pl:* bosee/boserre *2pl:* boserεε

bovammo [bòvàmámó] *n.* a type of bow, usually not made from bamboo *pl:* bovama *2pl:* bovanneε

bovaraa [bòváraá] *n.* castrated goat *pl:* bovarre *2pl:* bovarreε

bowola [bòwólá] *adv.* how many times

boyaa [bòyáá] *interj.* expression of surprise *Var.* boyaan

boyaan [bòyáán] *interj.* expression of surprise

boyoobo [bòyòóbó] *adj.* six times

boyoõi [bòyòõí] *adj.* seven times

bozeε [bòzìé] *n.* dog *pl:* bozeere *2pl:* bozeereε

bó [bó] *v.* (1) to search; to look for • *N bie b̄rεε la, ye soje, ma ka N b̄.* My child is lost; help me look for her. (2) to court, to woo • *Dagaaba man b̄ la p̄ge kye de.* The Dagaaba usually court a woman before marriage. (3) to engage in sexual intercourse, to make love • *Ka foon b̄ neε p̄ge ba na ηme fo la sane yaga.* If you make love to a married woman, you will be heavily fined. **b̄ε, b̄ōr̄o, b̄ōr̄o, b̄ōrebo, b̄ōraa, b̄ōrebo**

bó [bò] *v.* to clean a very dirty place or thing **b̄ε, b̄ōr̄o, b̄ōr̄o, b̄ōrebo, b̄ōraa, b̄ōrebo**

bób̄e [bób̄ó] *n.* duck *pl:* bób̄e *2pl:* bób̄r̄eε

bób̄laa [bób̄óláá] *n.* a wild animal like a dog *pl:* bób̄olle *2pl:* bób̄l̄eε

b̄e [b̄í] *n.* servant *pl:* b̄emine

b̄̄eε [b̄̄̄̄] *adv.* calmly, slowly • *O yeli la ayeε b̄̄eε le.* She spoke gently.

b̄ge [b̄gí] *v.* to grind into smooth flour **b̄geε, b̄ger̄o, b̄ger̄o, b̄gerebo, b̄geraa, b̄gerebo** *Var.* bage

b̄ge [b̄gí] *v.* (1) to hit with many arrows; to sting or bite many times (insects) (2) to apply poisonous lotion to arrows **b̄geε, b̄ger̄o, b̄ger̄o, b̄gerebo, b̄geraa, b̄gerebo** *Var.* bage

b̄ge [b̄gí] *v.* to put a fence around something **b̄geε, b̄ger̄o, b̄ger̄o, b̄gerebo, b̄geraa, b̄gerebo** *Var.* bage

b̄ge [b̄gí] *n.* (1) shoulder (2) forelimb of an animal *pl:* b̄gere *2pl:* b̄gereε *Var.* b̄ga/baga

b̄gebie [b̄gìbíé] *n.* misfortune *pl:* b̄gebiiri *2pl:* b̄gebiiree *Var.* b̄̄bie/bagebie

b̄gebiesoba [b̄gìbíésóbá] *n.* unfortunate person; unlucky person *pl:* b̄gebiedeme *Var.* bagebiesoba

b̄gebogero [b̄gìb̄ógr̄ó] *n.* sorcerer, soothsayer *pl:* b̄gebogerebo *2pl:* b̄gebogereb̄eε *Var.* bagebogera

b̄gedie [b̄gìdìè] *n.* room for divining *pl:* b̄gederi *2pl:* b̄gederee

b̄gele [b̄glì] *v.* (1) to stalk (hunting) • *Nan̄kpaana zaa man*

- bɔgele la wedoŋ a pɔge o ŋme.** A hunter will normally stalk a wild animal to get close enough to shoot. (2) to feel, to move one's hand over
 • **A zɔŋ bɔgele la a gado zu te nye a o kparoo.** The blind man felt along the bed and found his shirt. bɔgelee, bɔgele, bɔgele, bɔgeleba, bɔgeleaa
- bɔgemaale** [bɔgɛmààli] *n.* the act of making sacrifice *pl:* bɔgemaaleba *2pl:* bɔgemaalbee *Var.* bɔgemaale
- bɔgeŋmampere** [bɔgɛŋmǎmpɛ́rɛ́] *n.* shoulder *Var.* bageŋmampere
- bɔgeŋmampere** [bɔgɛŋmǎmpɛ́rɛ́] *n.* shoulder blade *pl:* bɔgeŋmampere *2pl:* bɔgeŋmampereee *Var.* bɔgeŋmampere
- bɔgeŋmane** [bɔgɛŋmání] *n.* forearm *pl:* bɔgeŋmama *2pl:* bɔgeŋmamee *Var.* bageŋmane
- bɔgere** [bɔgrɛ́] *n.* part, portion of a whole *2pl:* bɔgereee *Var.* bɔgre
- bɔgere** [bɔgɛrɛ́] *n.* (1) fetish, object believed to embody a spirit (2) sacrifice, offering to a divinity *pl:* bɔgɔ/bɔga *2pl:* bɔgereee/bɔgeee *Var.* bage
- bɔgesaa** [bɔgsàà] *n.* counsellor for a person being initiated into the bagre cult *pl:* bɔgesaamine *2pl:* bɔgesaaree *Var.* bagesaa
- bɔgesoŋ** [bɔgɛsɔŋ] *n.* luck *pl:* bɔgesonne *2pl:* bɔgesonnee *Var.* bagesoŋ
- bɔgetaŋkpolo** [bɔgɛtǎŋkpóló] *n.* cult members, those who have gone through the initiation process for a cult *pl:* bɔgetaŋkpolli *2pl:* bɔgetaŋkpolee *Var.* bage
- bɔgɔ** [bɔgɔ́] *n.* track, path (usually left by passing through grassy bush) *pl:* bɔgere *2pl:* bɔgereee *Var.* bɔga
- bɔgɔ** [bɔgɔ́] *n.* shoulder *pl:* bɔgere *2pl:* bɔgereee *Var.* bɔge/bɔga/bage
- bɔlaa** [bɔlàà] *adv.* long, round and smooth
- bɔle** [bɔlí] *n.* ball *pl:* bɔle *2pl:* bɔleee/bɔlleee
- bɔle** [bɔlí] *n.* field rat *sg:* bɔloo *pl:* bɔle *2pl:* bɔlleee
- bɔlembɔ** [bɔlɛmbɔ́] *n.* bottle *sg:* bɔlembɔroo *pl:* bɔlembɔre *2pl:* bɔlembɔree *Var.* pilintoo
- bɔll** [bɔll] *adj.* long and roundish
- bɔlle** [bɔllɛ́] *v.* (1) to move all over an object (insects) (2) to smear liquid on a surface in an untidy way bɔlleee, bɔlle, bɔlle, bɔleɔ, bɔllaa
- bɔlɛmbɔlɔŋ** [bɔlɛmbɔ́lɔŋ] *adj.* smooth and shiny
- bɔmbɔreze** [bɔmbɔ́rzié] *n.* a type of snake *pl:* bɔmbɔrezeere *2pl:* bɔmbɔrezeereee
- bɔmbɔroŋ** [bɔmbɔ́rɔŋ] *n.* a type of snake *pl:* bɔmbɔre *2pl:* bɔmbɔree
- bɔmpɔɔ** [bɔmpɔ́rɔ́] *n.* mumps *pl:* bɔmpɔre *2pl:* bɔmpɔree
- bɔndaa** [bɔndáá] *n.* lizard (variation of 'bandaa'(individual) and 'baŋa'(dialectal)) *pl:* bɔndaare *2pl:* bɔndaree *Var.* bandaa

bɔŋena [bɔŋínáá] *n.* type of tree, medicinal *pl:* bɔŋene *2pl:* bɔŋeneɛ

bɔŋenɔ [bɔŋínɔ] *n.* witty person *pl:* bɔŋenema *2pl:* bɔŋenemeɛ

bɔŋɔ [bɔŋɔ] *n.* lizard *pl:* bɔnne *2pl:* bɔnneɛ *Var.* baŋa/bɔŋa

bɔŋɔ [bɔŋɔ] *n.* bangle *pl:* bɔnne *2pl:* bɔnneɛ *Var.* baŋa

bɔɔ [bɔɔ] *v.* to dress very well
bɔɔɛ, bɔɔɔ, bɔɔɔ, bɔɔɔɛ, bɔɔɔɔ, bɔɔɔɔɛ

bɔɔderoo [bɔɔdíróó] *n.* plantain
sg: bɔɔderoo *pl:* bɔɔdeɛ *2pl:* bɔɔdeɛɛ

bɔɔdoɔ [bɔɔdóáá] *n.* towel *pl:* bɔɔdoore *2pl:* bɔɔdooreɛ

bɔɔre [bɔɔrí] *n.* sacrifice, deity *pl:* bɔɔɔ *Var.* bɔgre

bɔre [bɔrí] *v.* to break off a large chunk (from a bigger mass) bɔreɛ, bɔɔ, bɔɔ, bɔreba, bɔraa, bɔreba

bɔre [bɔrí] *v.* to blossom, to flourish (plants) bɔreɛ, bɔɔ, bɔɔ, bɔreɔ, bɔraa

bɔre [bɔrí] *v.* to get lost, to go astray; to make a mistake bɔreɛ, bɔɔ, bɔɔ, bɔreɔ, bɔraa

bɔre [bɔrí] *n.* puff adder; a thick large poisonous snake *pl:* bɔrre *2pl:* bɔreɛ *Var.* bɔsere

bɔreferoo [bɔrífíróó] *n.* pawpaw *pl:* bɔreferre *2pl:* bɔreferreɛ

Bɔrefɔ [bɔrífɔ] *n.* English *pl:* bɔrefɔre *2pl:* bɔrefɔreɛ *Var.* bɔɔ/naasaalenɔ

bu [bù] *v.* (1) to get wet • *Saa poɔ la a tontonema ka ba bon-suuri zaa bu.* The rain beat down on the workers and soaked all their clothes. (2) to mix dry powder with liquid or oil (mortar) • *A demeere bu la tene na me a dankyini.* The mason has prepared mortar to build the wall with. *bue, buuro, buuro, buuribo, buuraa, buuribo*

bu [bú] *v.* to measure (liquid), to calculate • *Ba bu la kãã bɔlem-bɔre ata eŋ a doge poɔ.* They have measured out three bottles of oil into the pot. *bue, buuro, buuro, buuribo, buuraa, buuribo*

bu [bú] *v.* (1) to ponder, to reflect • *N bu la a yeɛ n zu poɔ lɛɛ kye N nan ba baŋ a pare.* I've pondered over the issue for some time now, but I can't seem to come to terms with it. (2) to respect, to value • *Ka foŋ ba bu ma N meŋ koŋ bu fo.* If you don't respect me, I won't respect you either. *bue, buuro, buuro, buuribo, buuraa, buuribo*

bifuli [bùfùlí] *n.* a blood-sucking maggot-like worm, usually found under floors *pl:* bifulo *2pl:* bifulɛ

bugagu [bùgàgù] *n.* a type of tree, medicinal *pl:* bugaguri *2pl:* bugaguree

bugi [bùgì] *v.* (1) to be confused, to be perplexed (2) to be drunk • *O yãã nyu la dãã bugi.* As usual, he has been drinking and is

drunk. **bugee, bugiro, bugiro, bugiribo, bugiraa**

bugi [búgí] *v.* to pound into powder
• *Ba bugi a kyooma na tɔ kãã.*
The shea nuts have been pounded into powder in order to prepare shea butter. **bugee, bugro, bugro, bugiribo, bugraa**

bugi [búgí] *v.* to make fresh mounds (farming) • *A koɔraa bugi la o wee yuoni ŋa azuiŋ o beŋe wɔŋe la soŋ.* The farmer made fresh mounds; consequently, he had a good yield of beans. **bugee, bugro, bugro, bugiribo, bugraa**

bugikpara [bùgìkpárá] *n.* a moulded granary with two apartments *pl:* **bugkparre** *2pl:* **bugkparɛɛ**

bugili [búgìlì] *v.* to tend (seed)
bugilee, bugilo, bugilibo, bugilaa, - Var. buuli/buoli

bugilɛŋe [bùglíŋé] *n.* lid for a barn or granary *pl:* **bugilinni** *2pl:* **bugilinnee**

bugimoɔ [bùgimóó] *n.* a type of grass, the straw of which is mixed with clay to build a granary *sg:* **bugimoɔnoo** *2pl:* **bugimoɔnɛɛ**

bugipelaa [bùgìpìlää] *n.* a small granary *pl:* **bugipeele** *2pl:* **bugipeeɛɛ**

bugita [búgítà] *n.* kettle *pl:* **bugitare** *2pl:* **bugitareɛ**

bugo [bùgó] *n.* granary *pl:* **bugri** *2pl:* **bugree**

bukulo [búkúló] *adv.* perish completely • *A vũũ di la yiri zaa*

bukulo. Fire has burnt the house completely.

bulee [búlíé] *n.* well *pl:* **bulli** *2pl:* **bullee**

buli [búlí] *v.* (1) to germinate, to sprout, to grow out from • *Ba bore la kyi kye a naŋ ba buli sere.* They have sown millet, but it has not germinated yet. (2) to spring up, to ooze (water) • *Te tu la a bulee ka o sigi kye o naŋ ba buli kōɔ.* We have dug the well quite deep, but water has not started to flow. **bulee, bulo, bulo, bulibo, bulaa, bulibo**

buli [búlí] *n.* sprout *pl:* **bulo**

buliba [búlìbà] *v.* to run fast **bulibaɛ, bulobaara, bulibaara, bulibaareba, bulibaaraa**

bulinimiri [bùlnímírì] *n.* the point in a well from which water flows out *pl:* **bulinimie** *2pl:* **bulinimiiree**

bulli [bùllì] *v.* to collect bits of water flowing from a well or hole (e.g. during draught) **bullee, bullo, bullo, bulibo, bullaa, bulibo**

bulo [bùlò] *n.* soup from seed or nuts (beans, groundnuts) *2pl:* **bulee/bullee**

bulugiri [bùlùgrì] *n.* a container made from a gourd *pl:* **bulugo** *2pl:* **bulugiree** *Var. buluuri*

buluuri [bùlùùrì] *n.* a fat goat *2pl:* **buluuree.** *Var. bulugiri*

bumbunturi [bùmbùntùrì] *n.* a type of tree with edible fruits *pl:* **bumbunturri** *2pl:* **bumbunturee**

buji [búj] *v.* to get mouldy (seed)
bujee, bujino, bujino, bujinimo,
bujinana, bujinimo

buo [búò] *pron.* which one (interrogative pronoun) *Var.* **buori**

buoli [búólì] *v.* to nurse (a seedling)
buolee, buolo, buolo, buolibo, buo-
laa, buolibo *Var.* **buuli/bugili**

buori [bùòrì] *v.* to hurt **buoree,**
buoro, buoro, buoribo, buoraa,
buoribo

buori [bùòrì] *pron.* which (interrogative pronoun) *Var.* **buo/boo:**
abuo/abobo

huri [bùrì] *v.* to soften by moistening • **O huri la a gane a na tõe a wo.** He softened the leather so he could sew the bag. **buree, huro, huro, huribo, huraa, huribo**

huri [bùrì] *v.* to gain weight • **Beri ayi na a dõ ñmeene na lee huri la o zaa.** Lately, that lean man has been putting on weight. **buree, huro, huro, huribo, huraa, huribo**

huri [bùrì] *v.* to immerse a container in liquid or powder to fill it **buree, huro, huro, huribo, huraa, huro**

huriburi [bùrìbùrì] *v.* to be confused
huriburee, huriburo, huriburo,
huriburibo, huriburaa, huriburibo

huriburi [bùrìbùrì] *n.* state of confusion

hurimo [bùrìmó] *n.* a type of wild animal the size of a zebra *pl:* **hurri** *2pl:* **hurree**

huro [bùró] *adj.* in dry powdered form (flour) • **O ñõ la zomburo**

mogeba. He likes eating unsoaked flour. *pl:* **hurri** *2pl:* **hurree**

huroni [bùròní] *n.* white man *pl:* **huroniri** *2pl:* **huroniree**

hurõ-hurõ [bùrõ-bùrõ] *adv.* done haphazardly (without order) • **A yelee dee waa la hurõhurõ lee.** The case is just in a confused state. *Var.* **hurõhurõ**

hurri [bùrì] *v.* to fool, to outwit **hurree, hurro, hurro, huribo, hurraa, hurro**

hureli [bùséli] *n.* very heavy object
pl: **hurele** *2pl:* **hurelee**

hurelaa [bùùlää] *n.* playground *pl:* **hureli** *2pl:* **hurelee**

hureli [bùùlí] *n.* an insect that makes honey in the ground *pl:* **hurelo** *2pl:* **hurelee** *Var.* **wirikuolug**

hureli [bùúli] *n.* bells worn on the wrist to play xylophone *pl:* **hurelo** *2pl:* **hurelee**

hureli [bùúli] *v.* nurse (seed) • **O hureli la kommie a dabõge po.** She has nursed tomato seed in the garden. **hurelee, hurelo, hurelo, hurelibo, hurelaa, hurelibo** *Var.* **hureli/bugili**

hureli [bùùli] *v.* to boil (first stage in making porridge paste; saabo) **hurelee, hurelo, hurelo, hurelibo, hurelaa, hurelo**

hureli [bùùli] *v.* to murmur, to grumble • **Ka o poõõ sãã o man hureli la yelee yaga.** When she is sad, she grumbles a lot. **hurelee, hurelo, hurelo, hurelibo, hurelaa, hurelo**

buulo [búúló] *n.* something that complements or adorns another thing • *Nɔ́toro e la dɔ́ noɔ́re buulo*. A mustache complements a man's mouth.

buulunwala [bùùlùnwálá] *n.* light porridge *2pl: buulunwaleɛ*

buulunwoɔ́ɔ [bùùlùnwóóóló] *n.* por-

ridge used in the preparation of TZ *2pl: buulunwoɔ́ɔ* *Var. buulunwoɔ́ɔ*

buulunɔ́ [búúluɔ́] *n.* porridge *2pl: buulunee*

buulunɔ́ [bùúluɔ́] *n.* fleshy portion (meat) *pl: buulo 2pl: buulee*

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da [dà] *part.* past tense marker • *Ba da wa la kye*. They came here.

da [dà] *n.* time in the past; olden days

da [dà] *v.* (1) to push (2) to blow (wind) (3) to wander (in the bush) • *A nanɔ́kpaana da la moɔ́ yaga kye ba nye nene*. The hunter wandered all day but did not get any game. *dae, daara, daara, daareba, daaraa, daareba*

da ɔ́ to push or blow down

da [dà] *v.* to buy *dae, daara, daara, dareba, daaraa, daareba*

daa [dàá] *n.* (1) stick, piece of wood (2) gun *pl: daare 2pl: dareɛ*

daa [dàá] *n.* (1) market; place for buying and selling • *Ba maɔ́ ti la sampare daa poɔ́*. Sheds are often put up at the marketplace. (2) day or occasion for buying and selling • *Wa daa ane Kaane daa la maɔ́ laɔ́ kpe*. The Wa market day and Kaane market day fall on the same

day. *pl: daare 2pl: dareɛ*

daa [dàá] *n.* week (six-day) • *O nan wa kye, o daare ayi la*. It is two weeks since he came here. *pl: daare 2pl: dareɛ*

daa [dàá] *n.* cost, price • *Sěě sana bondirii daa maɔ́ do la*. The cost of food rises during the middle of the farming season. *pl: daare 2pl: dareɛ Var. daaronɔ́*

daa [dàá] *adv.* last time • *O daa wa la kye?* Did s/he come here last time? *Var. daare*

daa [dàá] *v.* to push *dae, daara, daara, dareba, daaraa, dareba*

daa [dàá] *adj.* male (nonhuman) *pl: daare/dae 2pl: dareɛ/daareɛ*

dãa [dãá] *n.* (1) brewed drink, alcoholic beverage (pito) (2) container of drink *sg: daamo pl: daaneɛ*

dãabeene [dãábííni] *n.* fermented pito *pl: dãabeeme*

dãabeere [dãábíìrè] *n.* second stage

in brewing pito *2pl*: dāabeereε
 dāabele [dāábíli] *n.* pito yeast *pl*:
 dāabele *2pl*: dāabeleε
 dāabinnaa [dāábinnáà] *n.* pito re-
 served for a regular customer *pl*:
 dāabinni *2pl*: dāabinnee
 dāabiri [dāábíri] *n.* residue from pito
 (local beer) *2pl*: dāabiree
 dāabiri [dāábíri] *n.* chaff of pito malt
2pl: dāabiree/dāabirree
 daadaa [dāádáá] *adv.* straight ahead
 dāada [dāádà] *n.* the act of buying
 alcohol
 daa-daa [dāá-dāá] *adv.* weekly; from
 time to time • *Daa-daa ka a docta*
manj wa. The doctor comes every
 week.
 dāadaara [dāádáará] *n.* one who
 buys alcohol *pl*: dāadareba *2pl*:
 dāadarebeε
 dāadagoli [dāádàgólí] *n.* one who
 loves drinking alcoholic beverages
pl: dāadagolo *2pl*: dāadagolee
 dāadie [dāádiè] *n.* pito shop *pl*:
 dāaderi *2pl*: dāaderee
 dāadoge [dāádógí] *n.* pito pot or pot
 of pito *pl*: dāadogre *2pl*: dāado-
 greε
 dāadogero [dāádógró] *n.* brewer,
 one who brews alcohol *pl*:
 dāadogerebo *2pl*: dāadogerebeε
 dāafaare [dāáfáári] *n.* bad alcoholic
 beverage *2pl*: dāafaareε
 dāafaraa [dāáfáráá] *n.* well-
 fermented pito *pl*: dāafarre *2pl*:
 dāafarreε

dāagyeme [dāágyímé] *n.* pito soda
 dāagyeme [dāágyimè] *n.* soda from
 pito brewing *2pl*: dāagyemεε/dāa-
 gyennεε
 dāakaraa [dāákáráá] *n.* unfer-
 mented pito *pl*: dāakare *2pl*:
 dāakareε
 dāakonni [dāákònni] *n.* pito that is
 fermenting
 dāakoore [dāákóórí] *n.* residue of
 pito from the last brewing stage *2pl*:
 dāakooreε
 dāakogere [dāákógrí] *n.* the
 first stage of pito brewing *2pl*:
 dāakogereε
 dāakuoli [dāákúólí] *n.* drunkenness,
 condition of being drunk
 dāakuolo [dāákúóló] *n.* drunk *pl*:
 dāakuolibo *2pl*: dāakuolibee
 daale [dààli] *v.* to float; to be sus-
 pended (on liquid) • *Ka foonj kyiri*
kãã eη kōo poɔ a manj iri daale
la. If oil is poured into water it
 will float on the top. *daaleε, daala,*
daala, daaleba, daalaa, daaleba
 daama [dāámá] *n.* state of ease; free-
 dom • *Ka a toma ηanj wa baare N*
na nye la daama fēē. When this
 work is over I shall be free a bit. *2pl*:
 daameε
 Daana [dāáná] *n.* God
 daana [dāáná] *n.* owner, lord, mas-
 ter *pl*: daanema *2pl*: daanemεε *Var.*
 dajena
 daane [dààni] *v.* (1) to change, to
 make different • *O nanj gaa o sori*

na te waana la ka o daane (la) o zaa. Returning from his trip he had changed completely. (2) to steer, to redirect, to turn away • **O poɔ s̄aae la ka o daane o niŋe bare ziyuo.** She was sad and turned her face away. **daaneɛ, daana, daana, daanema, daanaa, daanema**

daanyu [dǎǎnú] *n.* the act of drinking alcohol

daanyuuro [dǎǎnúúrò] *n.* (1) an alcoholic, a habitual drinker of alcohol (2) a person who is drinking alcohol *pl:* **daanyuuribo** *2pl:* **daanyuribee**

dāanmane [dǎǎnmání] *n.* (1) calabash used for drinking pito (2) a calabash of pito *pl:* **dāanmama** *2pl:* **dāanmameɛ**

dāapare [dǎǎpári] *n.* residue of pito from the pot *2pl:* **dāapareɛ**

dāapelaa [dǎǎpílǎá] *n.* palm wine *pl:* **dāapeele** *2pl:* **dāapeeleɛ**

dāapɔge [dǎǎpógí] *n.* pito brewer or seller *pl:* **dāapɔgeba** *2pl:* **dāapɔgebeɛ/dāapɔgreɛ**

daare [dǎǎrì] *v.* to get out of control. (bad behaviour) • **Ka bibileŋ ba nyɛ wuluu velaa o bile saŋa, o maŋ daare la.** If a child does not get good guidance during his early life, he gets out of hand. **daareɛ, daara, daara, daareba, daaraa, daareba**

daare [dǎǎrí] *n.* firewood (collective) *2pl:* **daareɛ**

daare [dǎǎrí] *adv.* (1) day before yesterday; (2) last time *Var.* **daa**

daaronŋ [dǎǎrónŋ] *n.* cost of • **Uoni saŋa kommie daaronŋ maŋ e la kpeɛŋaa.** During the dry season the cost of tomatoes goes high.

dāasenyoole [dǎǎsíŋóólí] *n.* (1) sugar ant (2) one who likes drinking alcohol *pl:* **dāasenyooɔɔɔ/dāasenyooɔla** *2pl:* **dāasenyooɔɔɔɛ**

dāa-so [dǎǎ-sò] *n.* a ritual that involves bathing a corpse with pito before burial

dāasunni [dǎǎsúnní] *n.* sticky substance from pito *sg:* **dāasunnuu** *2pl:* **dāasunnee**

dāasuoro [dǎǎsúóró] *n.* a corpse that is to be bathed with pito before burial *pl:* **dāasuoribo** *2pl:* **dāasuoribee**

dāatambalaaraa [dǎǎtámبالááráá] *n.* sweet pito *2pl:* **dāatambalaareɛ**

dāateɛ [dǎǎtíé] *n.* grapevine *pl:* **dāateere** *2pl:* **dāateereɛ**

dāatuo [dǎǎtúó] *n.* pito meant for a ritual *pl:* **dāatuuri** *2pl:* **dāatuuree**

daayi [dǎáyí] *v.* to stand out **daa yiee, daara yire, daayire, daayiribe, daayiraa**

dāazeɛ [dǎǎzíé] *n.* locally brewed beer (pito) *2pl:* **dāazerɛɛ/dāazeereɛ**

dāazu [dǎǎzú] *n.* the first pito to be poured from the pot *pl:* **dāazuri** *2pl:* **dāazuree**

dāazukpala [dāázúkpálá] *n.* pito without yeast froth *2pl:* dāazukpaleε *Var.* dāazukpali

dabaala [dábáálà] *n.* effort, struggle *2pl:* dabaaleε *Var.* dabagla

dabaaraa [dábáaráá] *n.* a three-forked stick on which pots or calabashes are placed *pl:* dabaare *2pl:* dabaareε

dabagelakala [dábáglákálà] *interj.* an expression of surprise at something great • *A poge tōo la a dō, dabagelakala.* The woman was able to throw the man down; that's great!

dabaŋkale [dàbàŋkálé] *n.* looking back with dissatisfaction; had I known, regret, remorse • *Selaa de zee la a nōlee kaŋa, ka N da baŋ ka le N poge a.* A hawk has snatched one of the chickens; if I had known, I would have put them in a pen.

dabaŋkoron [dàbàŋkórón] *n.* prior knowledge • *A sey ka kare-mamine maŋ de karembiiri dabàŋkoron wuli ba.* Teachers should base their teaching on pupils' prior knowledge.

dabēe [dàbēí] *n.* (1) juice (2) semen *pl:* dabeene *2pl:* dabeemεε/dabeenεε

dabēe [dàbēí] *n.* (1) fear (2) danger, fearsome • *A vūzele taa la dabēe.* The burning flame is looking dangerous. *pl:* dabeemε *2pl:* dabeenεε

dabeeme [dàbèímè] *n.* coward • *Nye, a dōŋ lee zoro, dabeeme la.* Look, the man is running away, he is a coward. *2pl:* dabeemεε

dabegere [dábígírí] *n.* (1) piece of, portion (2) paragraph *pl:* dabegε *2pl:* dabegereε

dabegere [dábígírí] *n.* (1) a type of white ant (2) the nest of such ants *pl:* dabegε *2pl:* dabegereε

dabilikpeo [dàbilíkpió] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties and edible fruits *pl:* dabilikpenne *2pl:* dabilikpenneε

dabilkaŋkanyogelo [dàbilka-ŋkájŋógló] *n.* small twigs used as firewood, kindling *2pl:* dabilkaŋkanyoglee *Var.* dabilkaŋkanyogla

dabiltuo [dàbìltúó] *n.* a bitter herb used to treat abdominal problems *pl:* dabiltuuri *2pl:* dabiltuuree

dabodabo [dàbódábó] *n.* duck *pl:* dabodabore *2pl:* dabodaboreε

dabogi [dàbògí] *n.* hole in a tree *pl:* dabogri *2pl:* dabogree

dabolore [dàbòlòrì] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties and edible fruits *2pl:* daboloreε

dabooraboge [dàbòòrábógí] *n.* praying mantis *pl:* daboorabogere *2pl:* daboorabogereε

dabozēe [dàbòzēí] *n.* a type of small brown bird *pl:* dobazeene *2pl:* dobazeenεε

dabɔge [dàbògí] *n.* a type of large bird (carnivorous) *pl:* dabɔgere *2pl:* dabɔgereɛ

dabɔgɔ [dàbògò] *n.* fenced enclosure; garden *pl:* dabɔgre *2pl:* dabɔgreɛ *Var.* dabɔga/dabɔge

dabɔle [dàbólí] *n.* round smooth stick, club *pl:* dabɔlɔ *2pl:* dabɔleɛ

dabɔlmakasogi [dàbòlmákásògí] *n.* a type of tall straw hat *pl:* dabɔlmakasogiri *2pl:* dabɔlmakasogiree *Var.* dabɔlkasogi/dabɔlkosogi

Dabuo [dàbúó] *n.* name traditionally given to one born after the death of the father *pl:* Dabumine *2pl:* Dabuuree

dabuo [dàbúó] *n.* abandoned house *pl:* dabori *2pl:* daboree

dabuori [dàbúóri] *pron.* when (interrogative pronoun) • **Dabuori ka fo tu fo sori na?** When will you make your trip?

dadagere [dàdàgírí] *n.* a kind of fish *pl:* dadaga *2pl:* dadagerɛɛ

dadunji [dàdúnjì] *n.* wood weevil *pl:* dadunni *2pl:* dadunnee

daga [dágà] *n.* box *pl:* dagere *2pl:* dagerɛɛ

Dagaare [dàgààrì] *n.* Dagaare; a language of the Moore-Gurma family *2pl:* dagaareɛ *Var.* Dagara

dagaareŋ [dàgààrìŋ] *adj.* done according to the practices of the Dagaaba • **Ziyuo veŋe la ka Dagaareŋ deɛ bɔrɔ.** Civilisation is

killing most of the traditional practices of the Dagaaba.

dagalaa [dàgàláà] *n.* a large, long plank used to support weak structures *pl:* dagalle *2pl:* dagalleɛ

dagangaanaa [dàgàngàànáà] *n.* large vine of a creeping or climbing plant *pl:* dagangaane *2pl:* dagangaaneɛ *Var.* gangaanaa

dagangaj [dàgàngáj] *n.* wit • **A bie taa la dagangaj, fo na yeli ka sɔɔ.** The child is so full of wit that it might be attributed to witchcraft. *pl:* daganganne *2pl:* daganganneɛ

Dagao [dàgàò] *n.* (1) native speaker of Dagaare (2) the homeland of the speakers of Dagaare *pl:* Dagaaba *2pl:* Dagaabɛ *Var.* Dagara

Dagara [dàgàrà] *n.* the Dagaare language (North Dagaare variant) *Var.* Dagao

dagaraa [dàgàràà] *n.* (1) cross; symbol of Christianity (2) crossbeam *pl:* dagarre *2pl:* dagarreɛ

dageliŋe [dàgəlínjé] *n.* lid of a box *pl:* dagelinni *2pl:* daglinnee

dagoli [dàgólí] *n.* cudgel; a hook-shaped stick used in throwing, usually at game during hunting *pl:* dagolo *2pl:* dagolee/dagollee

daguo [dàgùó] *n.* club with a knobbed end; a short, large-headed piece of wood used for breaking mud-built walls and lumps of earth *pl:* dagori *2pl:* dagoree/dagorree. *Var.* guo

- Dagbemmo** [dàgbémmós] *n.* a native speaker of the Dagbaane language *pl:* **Dagbenne** *2pl:* **Dagbenneε**
- Dagbenne** [Dàgbénní] *n.* Dagbaane language *2pl:* **dagbenneε**
- Dagbennoo** [dàgbénnós] *n.* a native speaker of the Dagbaane language *pl:* **Dagbenne** *2pl:* **Dagbenneε**. *Var.* **Dagbemmo**
- dagboli** [dàgbóli] *n.* large piece of wood (firewood) *pl:* **dagbolo** *2pl:* **dagboleε**
- dagbollo** [dàgbólló] *n.* the fifth day from now *pl:* **dagbolli** *2pl:* **dagbollee**
- dagbuli** [dàgbùli] *n.* the act of buying as a whole *pl:* **dagbulo** *2pl:* **dagbullee**
- dagbulo** [dàgbùló] *n.* appellation of a kinship group
- dagyu** [dàdzú] *n.* a type of large, hairy spider; believed to be poisonous *pl:* **dagyuri** *2pl:* **dagyuree**
- daha** [dáhá] *n.* a type of game similar to chess *pl:* **dahare** *Var.* **dara**
- dakala** [dàkálá] *n.* dried sperm *2pl:* **dakalleε**
- dakogi** [dàkógí] *n.* chair, stool *pl:* **dakogiri** *2pl:* **dakogiree**
- dakogidellaa** [dàkògìdèlláá] *n.* chair with a back *pl:* **dakogidelle**
- dakogilee** [dàkògìléé] *n.* small stool *pl:* **dakogibilii** *2pl:* **dakogibileε**
- dakoore** [dàkòòrí] *n.* bachelor *pl:* **dakòbò** *2pl:* **dakooreε**
- dakooroŋ** [dàkòóróŋ] *n.* celibacy
- Dakoraa** [dàkòráá] *n.* name traditionally given to a reincarnated male child *pl:* **dakormine** *2pl:* **dakooreε/dakorreeε**
- dakoraa** [dàkòràá] *n.* walking stick with a curved top *pl:* **dakorri** *2pl:* **dakoree/dakorreeε**
- dakoroŋ** [dàkòròŋ] *n.* former times; olden days *Var.* **dasaja**
- dakore** [dàkòórí] *n.* armlet made from enamel *pl:* **dakòbò** *2pl:* **dakoreε**
- dakore** [dàkòórí] *n.* cob (maize) *pl:* **dakòbò** *2pl:* **dakoreε**
- dakuoŋaa** [dàkúoŋáá] *n.* dry or dead wood *pl:* **dakuoni/dakuomo** *2pl:* **dakuonee**
- Dakpaa** [dàkpàá] *n.* (1) name of a village (2) a kinship group
- dakpaa** [dàkpàà] *n.* a type of wasp *pl:* **dakpaare** *2pl:* **dakpaareε**
- Dakpaaloo** [dàkpáálóó] *n.* member of the Dakpaa kinship group *pl:* **Dakpaaleε**
- dakpalori** [dàkpàlórí] *n.* a type of small bug that sucks blood (usually found in crevices of walls) *sg:* **dakpaloruu** *pl:* **dakpaloree** *2pl:* **dakpalorreeε**
- dakpele** [dàkpíli] *n.* hard wood *pl:* **dakpeleε** *2pl:* **dakpeleε**
- dakpiri** [dàkpíri] *n.* stump *sg:* **dakpirruu** *pl:* **dakpirri** *2pl:* **dakpiree/dakpirreeε** *Var.* **dakpaa, danmaparekpiri**

Dakpɔge [dàkpɔ́ǵí] *n.* a kinship group *pl:* **dakpɔǵɔ**

dakyage [dàtǵàǵí] *n.* lazy chair (for men), deckchair or sun lounger *pl:* **dakyagre** *2pl:* **dakyagreɛ**

dakyara [dàtǵàrà] *n.* forked piece of wood *pl:* **dakyerre** *2pl:* **dakyerreɛ**

Dakyeeloo [dàtǵíílóó] *n.* member of some type of kinship (Dakyeɛ) group *pl:* **dakyeelɛ**

dakyeerekpaglaga [dàtǵíírikpàǵláǵá] *n.* a type of tree *pl:* **dakyeerekpaglagre** *2pl:* **dakyeerekpaglagreɛ**

dakyeɛ [dàtǵíɛ] *n.* brother- or sister-in-law *pl:* **dakyeere/dakyeemine** *2pl:* **dakyeereɛ**

dakyeeraa [dàtǵíèràà] *n.* tree meant to be felled *pl:* **dakyeere**

dakyeeraa [dàtǵíèráá] *n.* something used for cutting wood *pl:* **dakyeere**

dakyeereko [dàtǵíèrékò] *n.* woodpecker *pl:* **dakyeerekori** *2pl:* **dakyeerekoree** *Var.* **tekoliŋkuoraa**

dakye-nɔguu [dàtǵí-nóǵuú] *n.* parrot *pl:* **dakye-nɔguuri** *2pl:* **dakye-nɔguuree**

dakyeraa [dàtǵíràà] *n.* (1) canary (2) parrot (3) weaver (bird) or weaver-bird *pl:* **dakyerre** *2pl:* **dakyerreɛ** *sg:* **dakyeroo** *Var.* **dakyeɛ**

dakye [dàtǵí] *n.* carelessness • *N neese dakye la so ka a bie kpi.* The child died because of the nurse's carelessness.

dala [dàlà] *n.* conceited talk; arrogance, self-importance • *A pɔgelee zagere la a toma kye yele o dala.* The girl refused to do the work and put on airs.

dalaa [dàlàá] *n.* small drum, made with hide and the rim of a pot *pl:* **dalle** *2pl:* **dalleɛ** *Var.* **dalaraa**

dalaraa [dàlàràà] *n.* small drum, made with hide and the rim of a pot (Northern Dagaare) *pl:* **dalarre** *2pl:* **dalarɛ** *Var.* **dalaa**

dalee [dàléé] *n.* dry twig *pl:* **dabili** *2pl:* **dabilee** *Var.* **delee**

daleere [dàlííré] *n.* total knowledge of • *A nannyige daleere zaa ka a polisri ban.* The police have gotten to know all the thief's tricks.

dalege [dàlíǵí] *n.* stampede *pl:* **dalegre** *2pl:* **dalegreɛ**

dalempoo [dàlímpóó] *n.* an area without vegetation cover *pl:* **dalempoore** *2pl:* **dalempooreɛ** *Var.* **dampoo**

dalendeeloo [dàlíndíélòó] *n.* leech; a blood-sucking aquatic worm *pl:* **dalendeelɛ** *2pl:* **dalendeelɛ**

daliiri [dàlííri] *n.* substance • *O yele na o nan yeli ba taa daliiri.* There is no substance in his/her speech. *2pl:* **daliiree**

dalogeraa [dàlóǵráá] *n.* wood bug *pl:* **dalogere** *2pl:* **dalogereɛ**

dalogi [dàlóǵí] *n.* an area where one piles up firewood for use in the kitchen *pl:* **dalogri** *2pl:* **dalogree**

daloraa [dàlòràá] *n.* neat stack of firewood *pl:* dalorri *2pl:* daloree

dalugiri [dàlúgrí] *n.* Y-shaped plank that supports roof beams *pl:* dalugo *2pl:* dalugiree

daluri [dàlúri] *n.* a type of calabash *pl:* dalurri *2pl:* daluree

damadama [dàmàdàmà] *adj.* big, large, extensive

damagara [dàmàgàrà] *n.* act of showing wit; adeptness *pl:* damagarre *2pl:* damagaree

damannaa [dàmánáá] *n.* (1) measuring stick (2) example, comparison (3) simile (lit.) *pl:* damanne *2pl:* damaannee

dambo [dàmbó] *n.* soup not spiced *pl:* dambori *2pl:* damboree

damboli [dàmbòli] *n.* stupid or foolish person *pl:* dambolo *2pl:* dambolee

damɔɔ [dàmól] *n.* cheap price (be inexpensive)

dampoɔ [dàmpóɔ] *n.* an area without vegetation cover (short form of dalempoɔ) *pl:* dampoore *2pl:* dampooree

dampuori [dàmpúóri] *n.* the back of a house *pl:* dampoe *2pl:* damporee

damui [dàmùí] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties

dandamiine [dàndàmíiné] *n.* a type of red ant (found in trees) *pl:* dandamiime *2pl:* dandamiimee/dandamiinee *Var.* gyangyamiime

dandayieni [dándáyíení] *n.* a type of small toad *pl:* dandayieme *2pl:* dandayiimee/dandayiinee *Var.* dayieni

dandɔɔ [dàndóɔ] *n.* owner (male) *pl:* dandɔɔ *2pl:* dandɔɔe

danduli [dàndúlí] *n.* caterpillar, worm *pl:* dandulo *2pl:* dandulee *Var.* dunduli

daneene [dàníné] *n.* the fifth day from today *pl:* daneene *2pl:* daneenee *Var.* danenee

danegere [dànigrí] *n.* a type of honeycomb where bees store their food *pl:* danegɛ *2pl:* danegerɛ *Var.* sedanegre

danenee [dàníníné] *n.* the sixth day from today *pl:* danenee *2pl:* danenee

danfaraj [dànfàrà] *adj.* numb

dankyimmiri [dàntʃímmírì] *n.* layer of a wall; horizontal layer of plaster *pl:* dankyimmie *2pl:* dankyimmiree

dankyini [dàntʃíní] *n.* wall *pl:* dankyime *2pl:* dankyimee/dankyinnee. *Var.* danʒyini

dankyin-ɲmaa [dàntʃín-ɲmáá] *n.* broken wall (reduced in height) *pl:* dankyin-ɲmaara *2pl:* dankyin-ɲmaaree

dankyinsegeraa [dàntʃínségráá] *n.* chalkboard (writing wall) *pl:* dankyinsegre *2pl:* dankyinsegre

dankyinsɔglaa [dàntʃínsɔgláá] *n.* blackboard (black wall) *pl:* dankyinsɔgle

dankyinsɔɔraa [dãntʃĩnsɔ́ráá] *n.* blackboard (blackened wall) *pl:* **dankyinsɔɔre** *2pl:* **dankyinsɔɔrɛɛ**

dankyĩnkogilaa [dãntʃĩnkógláá] *n.* inner corner of a wall e.g. a room *pl:* **dankyĩnkogli/dankyĩnkoglo** *2pl:* **dankyĩnkoglee**

dankyo [dãntʃó] *n.* single-barreled gun *pl:* **dankyori** *2pl:* **dankyoree**

danne [dãnnì] *v.* to praise **dannɛɛ**, **danna**, **danna**, **danema**, **dannaa**, **danema** *Var:* **denne**

dannoŋ [dãnnón] *n.* praise

danooraa [dãnɔ́ráá] *n.* a type of wood bug *pl:* **danoore** *2pl:* **danoorɛɛ**

danse [dãnsì] *n.* a paid dance session *pl:* **dansere** *2pl:* **danserɛɛ**

danseɛ [dãnsíé] *n.* witness *pl:* **danseere** *2pl:* **danseerɛɛ** *Var:* **danseesoba**

danseesoba [dãnsíésóbá] *n.* witness *pl:* **danseɛdeme**

Danteɛ [dãntíé] *n.* a town in the Upper West Region

Danteɛloo [dãntíélɔ́] *n.* a member of the Danteɛ clan *pl:* **Danteɛlɛɛ**

dantiŋ [dãtín] *n.* a type of tree *pl:* **dantinni** *2pl:* **dantinnee**

danwɛɛ [dãnwéé] *adj.* first, ahead • **Bayuo la a zoobu danwɛɛ soba.** Bayuo is the first in the race.

danyagela [dãnáglá] *n.* the sixth day coming *pl:* **danyaegle** *2pl:* **danyageɛɛ**

danyagere [dãnágrì] *n.* root *pl:* **danyaga** *2pl:* **danyagerɛɛ**

danyaŋe [dãnáŋ] *adj.* quickly, fast

dan̄ [dãn] *adj.* before • **O dan̄ kpe la aloopelee.** S/he has travelled by plane before.

dan̄aa [dãnáá] *n.* hearth; fireplace for cooking *pl:* **danne** *2pl:* **dannɛɛ**

dan̄aa [dãnáà] *adj.* big and heavy

daje [dãŋ] *v.* to be ahead of; to beat, to be the first to do something • **N na dan̄ fo la ta.** I will get there before you. **dan̄ɛɛ**, **danna**, **danna**, **danema**, **dannaa**, **danema**

daje [dãŋ] *v.* (1) be early • **Zenɛ, o daje la toma waabo.** Today s/he came to work early. (2) come earlier • **Zenɛ, o daje la toma waabo ganye bebiri zaa.** Today s/he came to work earlier than all other days. **dan̄ɛɛ**, **danna**, **danna**, **danema**, **dannaa**, **danema**

dan̄ena [dãŋíná] *n.* stack of pots on top of one another *pl:* **dan̄ene** *2pl:* **dan̄enɛɛ**

dan̄goɔne [dãŋgóóní] *n.* cliff *pl:* **dan̄goɔmɔ** *2pl:* **dan̄goɔnɛɛ**

dan̄gbala [dãŋgbála] *n.* bare and open place *pl:* **dan̄gballe** *2pl:* **dan̄gbalɛɛ**

dan̄gbale [dãŋgbálí] *n.* walking stick *pl:* **dan̄gbala** *2pl:* **dan̄gbalɛɛ/dan̄gballeɛ**

dan̄kasanj [dãŋkásán] *adj.* bloated-looking

dan̄kuuri [d̄an̄kúúrí] *n.* stone used to support a cooking pot in the hearth *pl:* **dan̄kubo/dan̄kurri** *2pl:* **dan̄kuree/dan̄kuuree**

dan̄ŋa [d̄an̄ŋá] *n.* mischief

Dan̄yi [d̄an̄yí] *n.* name traditionally given to the firstborn of a set of twins *Var.* **Zeeme**

dan̄maa [d̄an̄máá] *n.* log *pl:* **dan̄maara** *2pl:* **dan̄maaree**

dan̄meele [d̄an̄míélé] *n.* the sixth day from today *pl:* **dan̄meele** *2pl:* **dan̄meelee**

dan̄meeraa [d̄an̄míéráá] *n.* stick used to beat someone *pl:* **dan̄meere**

dan̄meeraa [d̄an̄míéráà] *n.* solution, answer to a problem *pl:* **dan̄meere**

daoo [d̄àòò] *adv.* large and firm-looking

da-ɔraa [d̄à-óráá] *n.* chewing stick (tooth cleaner) *pl:* **da-ɔre**

dapaalonj [d̄apáálonj] *n.* (1) vanity (2) splendour, glory

dapare [d̄apàrí] *n.* dwelling place of the dead; heaven, eternity

daparedaa [d̄apáridáá] *n.* death, next world

daparekpeɛŋaa [d̄apàrikpíéŋáá] *n.* strong spirit *pl:* **daparekpeene** *2pl:* **daparekpeenee**

daparenuulee [d̄apàrinúúléé] *n.* cockalo *pl:* **daparenuuli**

daparoo [d̄apáróó] *n.* soul or spirit of the dead *sg:* **daparrɛ** *2pl:* **daparrɛ**

dapeelkammo [d̄apíélkámmó] *n.* a type of bean *2pl:* **dapeelkamee**

daperaa [d̄apíráà] *n.* small dove or pigeon (grey and red) *pl:* **daperre** *2pl:* **daperɛɛ/daperreɛ**

daperekalonni [d̄apírikálonni] *n.* a type of trap for birds (usually made of bamboo and twine) *2pl:* **daperekalonnee**

daperenyaa [d̄apírínáà] *n.* the breast of a type of dove

dapeere [d̄apèèrí] *n.* immature tree or wood *pl:* **dapebe** *2pl:* **dapebee**

dapege [d̄apégí] *n.* bark (of tree) *pl:* **dapegre/dapege** *2pl:* **dapegreɛ**

dapele [d̄apélí] *n.* splinter of wood *sg:* **dapeloo** *pl:* **dapele** *2pl:* **dapelee/dapellee**

dapeleme [d̄apélmé] *n.* splinters of wood *2pl:* **dapelme**

dapeleɛje [d̄apèlèŋ] *n.* a type of tiny wild bat *pl:* **dapelenne** *2pl:* **dapelennee**

dara [d̄ará] *n.* a game played by moving small pins into marked-out holes *pl:* **darre** *2pl:* **dareɛ/darreɛ**

daransaŋ [d̄aránsán] *n.* heavy, cast-aluminium cooking pot *pl:* **daransanne** *2pl:* **daransannee**

dare [d̄arí] *v.* to be hysterical **daree, dara, dara, dareba, daraa, dareba**

dare [d̄àrì] *v.* (1) to harden (2) to get accustomed to; to be used to something unpleasant **daree, dara, dara, dareba, dara, dareba**

Dasãã [dàsáá] *n.* name traditionally given to a child born on a rainy day *pl:* **dasaamine** *2pl:* **dasaanɛ**

dasaŋa [dàsánà] *n.* olden times *2pl:* **dasaŋɛ** *Var.* **dakoroŋ**

dasaraa [dàsáràà] *n.* plank *pl:* **dasarre** *2pl:* **dasarɛɛ**

daseeɛ [dàsìlè] *n.* suicide *2pl:* **daseeɛɛ**

dasegeraa [dàségiráá] *n.* piece of wood used to cover gaps between bigger plunks of wood in an earth-constructed roof *2pl:* **dasegere**, **dasegereɛ**

daserɛɛ [dàséréé] *n.* small sticks that are used to close a gap in a thatch earth-made roof of a building *sg:* **daseroo** *2pl:* **daserɛɛ** *Var.* **dasegeraa**

dasugo [dàsúgò] *n.* many kinds of trees *pl:* **dasugiri** *2pl:* **dasugree**

dasuoluŋ [dàsùólúŋ] *n.* shadow *pl:* **dasuolo** *2pl:* **dasuolee** *Var.* **salinsuuri**

dataa [dàtáá] *n.* (1) rival (between males) (2) antagonist (lit.) *pl:* **dataare** *2pl:* **dataarɛ**

datara [dàtárá] *n.* third day from now *pl:* **datarre** *2pl:* **datarɛɛ**

datuo [dàtúó] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties and edible fruits *pl:* **datuuri** *2pl:* **datuuree**

datuo [dàtúó] *n.* being expensive *pl:* **datuuri** *2pl:* **datuuree**

dave [dàví] *n.* spoke *pl:* **davere** *2pl:* **daverɛɛ**

daveene [dàvìini] *n.* a type of small bird with very thin legs *pl:* **daveeme** *2pl:* **daveenɛ** *Var.* **veene**

daveran̄kantoll [dàviràn̄kántóll] *n.* last warning, last chance

davoro [dàvòró] *n.* courtyard *pl:* **davorri** *2pl:* **davorree**

davuo [dàvùò] *n.* a hollowed out log *pl:* **davori** *2pl:* **davoree**

dawege [dàwégí] *n.* a big plunk of wood used in the construction of earth-made roof *pl:* **dawegre** *2pl:* **dawegreɛ** *Var.* **wegre**

dawere [dàwèrì] *n.* person who saws or splits wood *pl:* **dawerebe** *2pl:* **dawerebɛ**

daworo [dàwóró] *n.* a type of bell used in music and to call for attention *pl:* **dawoe** *2pl:* **daworee**

dayeni [dàyèni] *adj.* once *pl:* **dayeme** *2pl:* **dayennee**

dayere [dàyéré] *n.* the day after tomorrow *2pl:* **dayeree**

dayieni [dáyíeni] *n.* a type of small toad *pl:* **dayieme** *2pl:* **dayiennɛ** *Var.* **dandayieni**

dayuu [dàyúú] *n.* giant rat *pl:* **dayuuri** *2pl:* **dayuuree**

dazellaa [dàzèlláá] *n.* swing *pl:* **dazelle** *2pl:* **dazelleɛ**

dazugiri [dàzùgrì] *n.* *pl:* **dazugo** *2pl:* **dazugree** *Var.* **kɔndazugri**

dazugivũu [dàzùgvũù] *n.* intense fire; hell; inferno *2pl:* **dazugvuu-nee**

de [dĩ] *v.* (1) to take (2) to accept (3) to believe **deεε**, **derε**, **derε**, **derebe**, **deraa**, **derebe**

de pɔge to take a wife

dedeekɔɔ [dèdèékóó] *n.* act of standing steadily e.g. a child beginning to walk *Var.* **dedee**, **dedeekporo**, **zazaakɔɔ**

dēe [dīi] *adv.* unlimited

deedee [dèédéé] *adj.* straight, upright

dee [dìè] *adv.* just • **N dee ba ban a pare.** I just don't understand it.

dee [dìè] *v.* to remain somewhere • **O gaa la a tigiri te dee.** S/he went to the feast and never returned. **deεε**, **deεε**, **deεε**, **deεrebe**, **deεraa**, **deεrebe**

dēe [dīē] *v.* to play, to joke **dēēē**, **deεne**, **deεne**, **deεneme**, **deεnaa**

dēeban [dīēbàn] *n.* drama, play

dēedēekaraa [dīēdīēkàràà] *n.* (1) lead player (2) protagonist (lit.) *pl:* **dēedēekarre** *2pl:* **dēedēekareε**

dēedeεne [dīēdīéné] *n.* (1) one who plays e.g. of a child (2) a character in a story, drama *pl:* **dēedeεme** *2pl:* **dēedeεmeε** *Var.* **deεne**

dēekakalle [dīēkákàllí] *n.* rough, dangerous play e.g. throwing hard objects at each other *2pl:* **dēekakaleε/dēekakalleε**

dēekoɔbo [dīēkóóbo] *n.* farmwork done for one's in-law *2pl:* **dēekoreε**

dēekuori [dīékúórí] *n.* funeral of an in-law *pl:* **dēekoe** *2pl:* **dēekoreε**

dēekpāao [dīēkpááó] *n.* guineafowl meant for one's in-law *pl:* **dēekpinni** *2pl:* **dēekpinnee**

deela [dīèláá] *n.* nightjar *pl:* **deele/deele/deeleε**

deele [dīélí] *v.* (1) to glide away from the target, to deviate (2) to deflect, to dodge **deeleε**, **deele**, **deele**, **deelebe**, **deela**, **deelebe**

deele [dīèli] *v.* (1) to spread out (to dry) (2) to expose completely (3) to float on liquid **deeleε**, **deele**, **deele**, **deelebe**, **deele**, **deelebe** *n.* drizzle

deeleεpoo [dīéléépóó] *n.* drizzle *pl:* **deeleεpoone** *2pl:* **deeleεpooneε**

dēmakoma [dīēmàkómá] *n.* grandmother-in-law *pl:* **dēmakomme**

dēmeme [dīēmé] *n.* (1) in-law (father or mother) (2) son-in-law *pl:* **dēmeme** *2pl:* **dēmemeε**

deemekonlɔŋ [dīémékónlón] *n.* the first layer of TZ in a bowl *pl:* **dēemekonlɔnne** *2pl:* **dēemekonlɔnneε**

dēempɔge [dīépógí] *n.* mother-in-law *pl:* **dēempɔgeba/dēempɔgemine** *2pl:* **dēempɔgreε**

deεnaa [dīénáá] *n.* plaything, toy *pl:* **deεne** *2pl:* **deεneε**

deεndɔɔ [dīédóó] *n.* father-in-law *pl:* **deεndɔbo/deεndɔmine** *2pl:* **deεdɔreε**

deene [dīèní] *n.* (1) play • **Bibiiri nɔŋe la deene yaga.** Children love play. • **A bibiiri ba nɔŋe a deene**

ɲa. The children do not like this play. (2) joke • *Bonso ka fo de a yelnimize ɲa eɲe deene?* Why do you take this serious matter for a joke? (3) drama • *Zenɛ te na kaa la karembiiri deene na naɲ kyaare 'bibiiri emmaaronɲ yelɛ'.* Today we shall watch a drama piece by pupils on the title 'children's health'. *2pl: deeneɛ Var. dɛɛdeene*

deeraa [dɛ́rɛ́áá] *n.* an instrument for scraping and smoothing the edge of objects *pl: deere 2pl: deereɛ*

deere [dɛ̀rɛ̀rɛ̀] *v.* to trim, to cut to make even (mouth of calabash) **deereɛ, deere, deere, deerebe, deeraa, deerebe**

dɛ̄esãakoma [dɛ̄̀sããkómá] *n.* grandfather-in-law *pl: dɛ̄esãakomine*

dɛ̄eyiri [dɛ̄̀yírɛ̀] *n.* house of an in-law *pl: dɛ̄eyie 2pl: dɛ̄eyiree*

degedaga [dɛ̀gɛ̀dàgà] *adv.* thick, heavy, and immovable

degere [dɛ̀grɛ̀] *n.* dwarf, one stunted in growth *pl: degɛ 2pl: degerɛɛ*

degili [dɛ̀glɛ̀] *v.* not to be of substance **degilee, degile, degile, degilibe, degilaa, degilibe**

degili [dɛ̀glɛ̀] *v.* to marry one's sibling's husband **degilee, degile, degile, degilibe, degilaa, degilibe**

deli [dɛ̀lí] *v.* to have one's eyes dazzled; to look without seeing **delee, dele, dele, delibe, delaa, delibe**

deme [dɛ̀mɛ̀] *pron.* own *pl.* (yours/mine) • *Fo deme la gaɲ n deme.* Yours are more than mine.

demee [dɛ̀mɛ̀é] *n.* unidentified people • *Yeɲ demee la wa?* Which people have come?

demee [dɛ̀mɛ̀é] *n.* owners • *A noore taa la demee.* The fowls have owners.

demmm [dɛ̀mm] *adv.* large and upright

dendāee [dɛ̀ndā̀èè] *adv.* appearing suddenly and frighteningly

dendegɛ [dɛ̀ndɛ̀gɛ̀] *n.* a woman given in marriage to her sister's husband *pl: dendegri 2pl: dedegree*

dendɛɲɛ [dɛ̀ndɛ̀ɲɛ̀] *adj.* upright *pl: dendenni 2pl: dendennee*

dendɛɲi [dɛ̀ndɛ̀ɲ] *adv.* upright, straight

dendɛɲɛɲɛ [dɛ̀ndɛ̀ɲɛ̀ɲɛ̀] *n.* (1) dagger (2) the longest toe of a bird *pl: dendenni 2pl: dendennee*

dendɔgaɲɛ [dɛ̀ndɔ̀gãɲ] *n.* bastard *pl: dendɔganne 2pl: dedɔganneɛ Var. dendɔgaɲa*

dendɔlee [dɛ̀ndɔ̀léé] *n.* bastard *pl: dendɔbilibi 2pl: dendɔbillee*

dendɔmɔ [dɛ̀ndɔ̀mɔ̀] *n.* enemy *pl: dendɔnne 2pl: dendɔnneɛ Var. dendɔma, dɔndɔmɔ*

dendɔre [dɛ̀ndɔ̀rɛ̀] *n.* (1) doorway (2) frontage of the main house *pl: dendɔɛ 2pl: dendɔreɛ*

deni [dèní] *pron.* that which belongs to (possessive pronoun) • **A dagere pɔɔ n deni la bile.** Among the boxes mine (the one that belongs to me) is the smallest.

denni [dènnì] *v.* to carry on one's head without the support of one's hands **dennee, denne, denne, denime, dennaa, denimee** *Var.* **delli**

denggeluu [dènggélúú] *n.* sweet potato *pl:* **denggele** *2pl:* **denggellee**

denggerɛŋ [dènggèrɛŋ] *adv.* upright, stiff, unbending and strong

dejo [dìjɔ́] *n.* preference, wish (not caring about others)

deraa [dìràà] *adj.* strong and hard, unbendable

deree [dèréé] *n.* negligence, carelessness

deri [dèrì] *v.* (1) to harden, to dry (wet or muddy place or substance) • **Pampana ŋa ka ba salle a dankyini o naŋ ba deri.** The wall has just been plastered and is not hardened yet. (2) to go into a state of convulsion, to collapse in hysteria • **Ka kɔmmaarɔŋ waare pɔgenyaŋaa naŋ zoro ɔɔre o na deri la.** If cold water is accidentally sprayed with water she will collapse in cold. **deree, dere, dere, deribe, deraa, deribe**

detaarenɛŋ [dìtáárɛŋ] *adv.* 3 years ago

deyɛŋ [dìyɛŋ] *adv.* last year

dɛ [dè] *v. pl.* to cut to make even (fingernails) **dɛɛ, deere, deere, deere, deeraa, deerebe**

dɛbiri [dèbírì] *n.* stair *pl:* **dɛbie** *2pl:* **dɛbiiree** *Var.* **dabiri**

dɛbogi [dèbògí] *n.* step on a ladder; stairs *pl:* **dɛbogiri** *2pl:* **dɛbogiree**

dɛdɛrɛɛ [dédéréé] *adv.* shallow

dɛɛ [dèèè] *adv.* open and endless e.g. grassland, desert, ocean

dɛge [dégí] *v.* to be dirty **dɛgɛɛ, dɛgrɛ, dɛgrɛ**

dɛgelekɛle [dèglèkèlè] *adj.* fatty and plentiful e.g. of a big dinner (food) on a rich couple's wedding day

dɛgere [dégrì] *n.* dirt *pl:* **dɛgɛ** *2pl:* **dɛgerɛɛ**

dɛgere iribu [dégrì íribú] *n.* (1) circumcision (male) (2) excision (female)

delle [dèllí] *v.* to lean against, to rely upon for support **delleɛ, delle, delle, delebe, dellaa, delebe**

delle [dèllí] *v.* to stage a corpse **delleɛ, delle, delle, delebe, dellaa, delebe**

delle [dèlli] *v.* to remove the top layer of liquid, to decant, to skim **delleɛ, delle, delle, delebe, dellaa, delebe**

dɛmɛdɛmɛ [dèmèdémé] *n.* making an effort

dɛmɛdɛmɛ [dèmèdèmè] *adv.* (1) full to capacity with liquid e.g. a swollen foot (2) big, fat and tall or long e.g. a huge python

dɛmmo [dèmmɔ́] *n.* conversation, talk, a pending problem *pl:* **dɛmɛ** *2pl:* **dɛmɛɛ**

dendɛlɛŋ [dɛ̀ndɛ̀lɛ̀ŋ] *adv.* long and wavy

dɛ̀ndɛ̀ŋɛ [dɛ̀ndɛ̀ŋɛ] *adj.* first, earlier
Var. dɛ̀ŋ

dɛ̀nnɛ [dɛ̀nnɛ] *v.* (1) to straighten
• *Da maarɔŋ ka ba maŋ dɛ̀nnɛ, ba ba dɛ̀nnɛ dakuoŋaa.* You can straighten a fresh stick, but not a dry one. (2) to roam • *A tɛ̀ŋɛ zaa ka o dɛ̀nnɛ kyɛ naŋ ba bale.* She has roamed the whole town but is not tired yet. (3) to be full to capacity (with liquid) • *Saa mie la ka a baa dɛ̀nnɛ o zaa.* It has rained and the stream is full to capacity. **dɛ̀nnɛɛ, dɛ̀nnɛ, dɛ̀nnɛ, dɛ̀nnɛmɛ, dɛ̀nnaa, dɛ̀nnɛmɛ**

dɛ̀nnɛ [dɛ̀nnɛ] *v.* praise **dɛ̀nnɛɛ, dɛ̀nnɛ, dɛ̀nnɛ, dɛ̀nnɛmɛ, dɛ̀nnaa, -**
Var. danne

dɛ̀ŋɛ [dɛ̀ŋɛ] *adj.* first

dɛ̀ŋɛnɛŋ [dɛ̀ŋɛnɛŋ] *adj.* first instance

dɛ̀ŋɛɛ [dɛ̀ŋɛɛ] *adj.* plentiful

Dɛ̀rɛ [dɛ̀rɛ] *n.* name traditionally given to a male child born after the death of an infant boy of the same mother *pl:* Dɛ̀rɛmine *2pl:* Dɛ̀rɛɛ

dɛ̀rɛ [dɛ̀rɛ] *n.* house mouse *pl:* dɛ̀rɛɛ

dɛ̀rɛ [dɛ̀rɛ] *n.* ladder *pl:* dɛ̀ɛ *2pl:* dɛ̀rɛɛ

dɛ̀rɛ [dɛ̀rɛ] *v.* to boil pito at the second stage of brewing **dɛ̀rɛɛ, dɛ̀rɛ, dɛ̀rɛ, dɛ̀rɛbɛ, dɛ̀raa**

dɛ̀rɛmaakonokono [dɛ̀rɛmáákónókónó] *n.* a traditional women's dance

Dɛ̀rɛpɔŋɛ [dɛ̀rɛpɔŋɛ] *n.* name traditionally given to a female child born after the death of an infant girl of the same mother

di [di] *v.* (1) to eat, to consume • *Bibiiri seŋ ka ba maŋ di bondirii kyɛ gaa sakuuri.* (2) to burn, to blaze • *Vũũ di la a tuu zaa.* The whole shrub has been burnt down by fire. (3) to erode, to make sore • *A bie noɔrɛ die la ka ba sage na di bonzaa.* The child has a sore mouth and refuses to eat anything. (4) to overcome, to win (5) to assume a throne (6) to judge • *Ba di la ba zɔɔrɛ sɛrɛɛ na baare.* They have finished judging that case of fighting. **diee, dire, dire, diribe, diraa, diribe**

di daa to haggle, to negotiate a price

di danseɛ to give witness

di dapaaloŋ to show elegance

di dɛ̀gɛrɛ to suffer

di dɛ̀mɛ/dɛ̀mmo to converse

di dɔ̀loŋ to show bravery

di dɔ̀gɛɛ to suffer

di kannyiri to be patient

di naŋ to be scarce

di naaloŋ to gain wealth or authority; ascend the throne

di nɛɛ (of a person) to be worthless

di noɔ to enjoy

di sane to owe

di seebo to harvest, to collect (honey from a hive)

di sɛrɛɛ to judge

di suuri to forgive

di vi to be ashamed
di yuori to have an unworthy name
kôo naŋ di neev to drown
dibogi [dibògí] *n.* where the family line begins and where it ends *pl:* **di-bogri** *2pl:* **dibogree**
die [diè] *n.* (1) room (2) compound, house *pl:* **deri** *2pl:* **deree**
diebie [diébié] *n.* (1) cat (2) son of the house *pl:* **diebiiri** *2pl:* **diebiiree** *Var.* **yiribie**
diebugo [dièbùgò] *n.* one who knows nothing outside home (untravelled) *pl:* **diebugri** *2pl:* **diebugree** *Var.* **diene**
dieli [dièlì] *v.* to float **dielee, diele, diele, dielibe, dielaa, dielibe**
dienee [diènié] *n.* a close relative *pl:* **dienoba** *Var.* **diebugo**
di faŋa [di fàŋá] *v.* wield power
difudee [difùdíé] *n.* cheap, simple (Akan) *2pl:* **difudeeree**
diganaa [digánáà] *n.* bedroom *pl:* **diganne** *2pl:* **digannee**
digane [digàŋini] *n.* gluttony
digangaj [digàngán] *n.* craftiness
digi [digi] *v.* (1) to chase, to run after (2) to drive away **digee, digire, digre, digribe, digiraa, digiribe**
digoo [digòò] *n.* a disease affecting bean plants
digbogbo [digbògbò] *adj.* gluttonous, eating too much
dii [dií] *v.* (1) to press down e.g. with a heavier object • **A tee da le dii la**

a lɔɔre ka noba perre. The tree fell on the car and injured some people. (2) to pile up • **A boɔre la dii taa do tee a daseree.** The bags are packed on top of each other up to the ceiling. **diiee, diire, dire, di-iribe/diiribee, diiraa**
dii [dií] *v.* to store grain in ashes • **A yidaampɔge dii la a beŋe ne tam-peloŋ ka a na ta sãã.** The head of the women preserved the bean seed in ash to prevent it from getting destroyed by insects. **diiee, diire, dire, diiribe/diiribee, diiraa, di-iribe**
diibu [diíbu] *n.* food *2pl:* **diiree**
di kannyiri [di kànɲiri] *v.* to be patient
dikpaare [dikpáári] *n.* back of a room *pl:* **dikpae** *2pl:* **dikpaaree**
dikpeeraa [dikpiéráá] *n.* living room *pl:* **dikpeere**
dilɔɔraa [dilóóráá] *n.* a room thatched with wood and earth *pl:* **dilɔɔre** *2pl:* **dilɔɔre**
di naaloŋ [di náálóŋ] *v.* to ascend to the throne
di naje [di nán] *v.* to be scarce
dindigili [dindígíli] *n.* electric fish *pl:* **dindigile** *2pl:* **dindigilee** *Var.* **dindigiri**
dindigiri [dindígiri] *n.* catfish, a type of fish that gives you an electric shock when touched *pl:* **dindige/dindigire** *2pl:* **dindigiree** *Var.* **dindigili**
di nee [di níé] *v.* to be hopeless

dipanaa [dipànáá] *n.* plastered room
pl: dipanne *2pl:* dipanneε

dire [diré] *v.* to be sharp **diee, dire, dire, diribe, diraa, dire**

diruŋ [dirúŋ] *n.* (1) food, plenty of food (2) feast

di sane [dì sání] *v.* to owe, to be indebted to

di sereε [dì sèréé] *v.* to judge

disogɔ [disógɔ] *n.* middle room *pl:* disogere *2pl:* disogereε *Var.* disoga

di suuri [dì súúrí] *v.* to forgive

diteene [ditííné] *n.* mediator, spokesman in a marriage agreement *pl:* diteeneme *2pl:* diteeneε

di vi [dì ví] *v.* to be ashamed

divuo [divúó] *n.* abandoned room; room without a roof *pl:* divori *2pl:* divoree

do [dò] *v.* to roll along the ground (circular object) **doe, duoro, duoro, duori, duoraa, duoro**

do [dó] *v.* (1) to climb up, to ascend (2) to soar (3) to mate, to crossbreed (nonhuman) (4) to climb out of the ground into a new nest (trapped termites) **doe, duoro, duoro, duoribo, duoraa, duoribo**
do saa to be high

dõo [dõõ] *adv.* hazy, misty

doba [dóbà] *n.* island *pl:* dobare *2pl:* dobareε

dobaa [dòbáá] *n.* pig (domesticated)
pl: dobaare *2pl:* dobaareε

dobadaa [dòbàdáá] *n.* male pig *pl:* dobadaare *2pl:* dobadaareε *Var.* dodaa

dobagbere [dòbàgbéri] *n.* the mane of a pig *pl:* dogbεε *2pl:* dogbεεεε

dobanene [dòbànèni] *n.* pork *pl:* dobaneme *2pl:* dobanemeε/dobanenneε

dobapɔle [dòbàpólì] *n.* young pig *pl:* dobapɔlɔ *2pl:* dopɔlleε *Var.* dopɔle

dobasugo [dòbàsúgò] *n.* herd of swine *pl:* dobasugri *2pl:* dobasugree

dodaa [dòdáá] *n.* wild male pig *pl:* dodaare *2pl:* dodaareε

dodoo [dòdóó] *adj.* large and bloated

dodoo [dòdóó] *n.* an illness that causes bloating of the whole body
pl: dodoore *2pl:* doddooreε

doge [dógí] *n.* large pot *pl:* dogre *2pl:* dogreε

doge [dógí] *v.* (1) to boil, to cook (2) to brew (3) to become very hot
dogεε, dogerɔ, dogerɔ, dogereba, dogeraa, dogerɔ

dogebile [dógíbilé] *n.* small pot *pl:* dogebilii *2pl:* dogebillee

dogekoma [dógkómá] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties

dogele [dóglì] *v.* to put over a fire
dogeλεε, dogerɔ, dogelɔ, dogelebɔ, dogelɔ, dogelebɔ

dogelee [dógléé] *n.* small pot *pl:* dugili

dogi [dògì] *v.* to remove an object from the top of something • *O dogi la a kuuri na nan pare a dankyini zu.* S/he has removed the stone from the top of the wall. **dogee, dogiro, dogiro, dogribo, dogiraa, dogiribo**

dogo [dògò] *n.* a type of dance *2pl: dogree*

dogodogo [dògòdògò] *n.* power of charm in magic *pl: dogodogri 2pl: dogodogree*

dole [dòli] *v.* to be unaware **dolee, dollò, dollò, dolebo, dollaa, dolebo**

dole [dòlí] *v.* to raise (one's head) to face upwards (when moving through tall grass) **dolee, dollò, dollò, dolebo, dollaa, dolebo**

doledole [dòlìdòlí] *v.* to swing one's head around **doledolee, doledolò, doledolò, doledolebo, doledolaa, doledolebo**

dolee [dòléé] *n.* small wild pig *pl: do-bili*

doli [dòlí] *n.* a type of tree whose bark is used as a disinfectant for washing pito pots *pl: dolo 2pl: dolee/dollee*

dolon [dòlòn] *n.* right side *pl: dollè 2pl: dollèe*

domadoma [dòmàdòmà] *adv.* bloated and soft

dombaala [dòm-bààlá] *n.* (1) sick animal (2) domesticated animal *pl: domaale 2pl: domaalee*

domberon [dòmberôn] *n.* (1) large animal (2) famous animal *pl: domberè 2pl: domberèe/domberèe*

domberon [dòmberón] *n.* large animal; *pl: domberè 2pl: domberèe/domberèe*

domm [dòm] *adv.* tall and big

domò [dòmó] *n.* totem; the sacred bird, animal, or insect of a clan *pl: donne 2pl: domèe Var. domò*

dompane [dòmpanì] *n.* a type of snake that is short and poisonous *pl: dompama 2pl: dompannee*

dompelaa [dòm-piláá] *n.* (1) white animal (2) an ordinary animal (believed not to have any spiritual powers) *pl: dompeelee 2pl: dompeelee*

dompège [dòm-pé-gé] *n.* shell of an animal *pl: dompègere*

dompoll [dòm-pòll] *n.* a material thing believed to be owed to a child from birth *pl: dompolò 2pl: dompolèe/dompollèe*

dompoò [dòm-pòó] *n.* pregnant animal *pl: dompoore 2pl: dompooree*

dondaa [dòndáá] *n.* male animal *pl: dondaare 2pl: dondaaree*

dondigiraa [dòndígráá] *n.* something that drives mosquitoes away *pl: dondigiri 2pl: dondigiree*

dondigire [dòndígré] *n.* an insect-repellent plant used in keeping mosquitoes at bay *pl: dondigiri 2pl: dondigiree*

dondoli [dóndólí] *n.* dry land *pl:* **dondolo** *2pl:* **dondolee**

dondolo [dòndóló] *n.* planks used as seats (usually in front of a house)

donεε [dónεε] *n.* humankind *Var.* **an-donεε**

donfaa [dónfaa] *n.* dangerous animal *pl:* **donfaare** *2pl:* **donfaareε**

donforoṅ [dònfòròṅ] *adv.* large/big and puffed • *A poge e la beroṅ donforoṅ le.* The woman is big and puffed.

donkyeene [dùntʃíiné] *n.* shepherd, herdsman *pl:* **donkyeeneme** *2pl:* **donkyeemεε**

donnyaṅaa [dòṅnánáá] *n.* adult female animal *pl:* **donyaṅene** *2pl:* **donyaṅenεε**

donnyaṅaa [dòṅnánáá] *n.* wild female boar *pl:* **donyaṅene** *2pl:* **donyaṅenεε**

donsaana [dónsáánà] *n.* strange animal *pl:* **donsaama** *2pl:* **donsaanεε**

donsee [dònsíé] *n.* the waist of an animal *pl:* **donseere** *2pl:* **donseereεε**

donsogelaa [dònsógláá] *n.* (1) black animal (2) an animal believed to have spiritual powers *pl:* **donsogelb**

donsugo [dònsúgò] *n.* large herds of animals *pl:* **donsugiri** *2pl:* **donsugiree**

doṅa [dòṅá] *n.* (1) animal (2) mosquito *pl:* **donne** *2pl:* **donneεε** *Var.* **doṅp**

doṅe [dòṅ] *v.* to bite (1) to sting **doṅεε, donɔ, donɔ, donemɔ, donaa, donemɔ**

doṅe [dòṅ] *v.* to be at close range • *A saa da doṅe te la ka te zo fãã kye ka poɔ te.* The rain was so close we could not escape and therefore were caught in the downpour. **doṅεε, donno, donno, donemɔ, donnaa, donemɔ**

doṅenokono [dòṅínókónó] *n.* (1) a type of tree whose leaves are edible (2) the leaves of this tree *2pl:* **doṅenokonεε**

doṅguolaa [dòṅgúóláà] *n.* an animal that has been raised, a domestic animal *pl:* **doṅguoli**

doṅguolo [dòṅgúólò] *n.* animals that are shared between an original owner and a caretaker who raises them *Var.* **boṅguolo**

doṅi [dòṅ] *n.* a Muslim religious festival *pl:* **donni** *2pl:* **donnee**

doṅkaraa [dòṅkáráá] *n.* a strong-smelling plant used for chasing away mosquitoes

doṅkommiruu [dòṅkómímírúú] *n.* a type of tiny mosquito (bites only during day) *sg:* **doṅkommiruu** *pl:* **doṅkommie** *2pl:* **doṅkommiree/doṅkommiiree**

doṅkɔsee [dòṅkòðsíé] *n.* wasp; a stinging flying insect that resembles a bee but longer *pl:* **doṅkɔseere** *2pl:* **doṅkɔseereεε**

doṅkuuree [dòṅkúúréé] *n.* a type

- of short, very poisonous snake *pl:* **doɲkuuri** *2pl:* **doɲkurree**
- doogɔ** [dóúgɔ́] *n.* plenty of enjoyment (food and drink) *2pl:* **doogɛɛ**
Var. **dooga**
- doore** [dòòrì] *v.* to continuously heave loads or chunks of matter • **Ba doore la kòɔ lɛɛ te bale ba zaa.** They heaved water until they became tired. **dooreɛ, doorɔ, doorɔ, doorebɔ, dooraa, doorebɔ**
- doɔ** [dóù] *v.* to raise one's head, to look up • **O doɔ la o zu dayeni kyɛ lɛɛ gan** S/he raised his/her head once and laid back down. **doɛ, doorɔ, doorɔ, doorebɔ, dooraa, doorebɔ**
- doɔ** [dóù] *v.* to cause to become worse (behaviour) • **A doɔ ɲmɛ la a bie doɔ bare.** The man worsened the situation by beating the child. **doɛ, doorɔ, doorɔ, doorebɔ, dooraa, doorebɔ**
- doɔ** [dòù] *v.* to ooze; to overflow • **A baa paalɛɛ la doorɔ.** The river is overflowing its banks. **doɛ, doorɔ**
- doɔ** [dòù] *v.* to fetch water with a large container **doɛ, doorɔ**
- doɔ** [dòù] *n.* (1) dawadawa tree (2) fruit of the dawadawa tree (edible) *pl:* **dore** *2pl:* **doreɛ**
- doɔbo** [dóùbò] *n.* the act of weeding
- doɔkpangyogele** [dòùkpándzògli] *n.* a large caterpillar found on the leaves of the dawadawa tree *pl:* **doɔkpangyogɔ** *2pl:* **doɔkpangyogɛɛ** *Var.* **doɔkpanyogele**
- doɔle** [dòùlí] *n.* xylophone mallet *pl:* **doɔɔ** *2pl:* **doɔɛɛ**
- doɔle** [dòùlì] *v.* to walk carefully and majestically **doɔɛɛ, doɔɔ, doɔɔ, doɔleɔ, doɔlaa, doɔleɔ**
- doɔloɲ** [dòùlóɲ] *n.* mudfish (lives in the mud during dry season) *pl:* **doɔɔ** *2pl:* **doɔɛɛ**
- doɔnyeraa** [dòùɲíráá] *n.* a type of small ant *pl:* **doɔnyere** *2pl:* **doɔnyereɛ**
- doɔre** [dòùrí] *adj.* yellow *2pl:* **doɔreɛ**
- doɔɔge** [dòùgí] *n.* female bush pig *pl:* **doɔɔgeba** *2pl:* **doɔɔgerɛɛ**
- doɔɔle** [dòùpólì] *n.* young bush pig *pl:* **doɔɔɔ** *2pl:* **doɔɔɛɛ/doɔɔllɛɛ**
- dore** [dòrì] *n.* thud; sound of an impact e.g. a heavy log falling
- doreba** [dòríbà] *n.* driver *pl:* **dorebare** *2pl:* **dorebareɛ**
- doree** [dòrèè] *adj.* large and solid
- dori** [dòrì] *v.* remove bits of the top **doree, doro, doro, doribo, doraa, doribo**
- dori** [dòrí] *n.* heap *pl:* **doe** *2pl:* **doree/dorree**
- dori** [dòrí] *n.* joint (stalk of grass) *pl:* **doe** *2pl:* **doree/dorree**
- dosoraa** [dòsáràà] *n.* young female bush pig *pl:* **dosarre** *2pl:* **donsarreɛ/donsarreɛ**
- dɔ** [dò] *v.* to spill over e.g. boiling water from yam being cooked over fire **dɔɛ, doorɔ, doorɔ, doorebɔ, dooraa, doorebɔ**

dɔ [dɔ] *v.* to pay the last bride price
dɔɛ, dɔɔrɔ, dɔɔrɔ, dɔɔreɓɔ, dɔɔraa,
dɔɔreɓɔ

dɔ [dɔ] *v.* to weed dɔɛ, dɔɔrɔ, dɔɔrɔ,
dɔɔreɓa, dɔɔraa, dɔɔreɓɔ

dɔdɔgeronɔ [dɔdɔgrɔŋ] *n.* wretched-
ness, bad treatment

dɔɛ [dɔɛ] *n.* last bride price

dɔge [dɔgɛ] *v.* (1) to bear (child),
to give birth (2) to flower (grass
pollen) (3) take something from
the top of another • *A bie dɔge la
a nene a saabo zu.* The child has
taken the meat which was on top
of the food. dɔgeɛ, dɔgrɔ, dɔgrɔ, dɔ-
greɓa, dɔgraa, dɔgreɓa

dɔgele [dɔgli] *v.* (1) to place on top
of something • *De a nene dɔgele
dankyini zu ka baare ta wa de o.*
Place the meat on the wall so that
dogs do not eat it. (2) to exceed,
to be extra • *A bie yɔɔ la a libie
ka a dɔgele ka a seŋ ka fo leɛ de
a dɔgelɔ ko o.* The child has over-
paid and so the extra money should
be returned to him. dɔgleɛ, dɔglɔ,
dɔglɔ, dɔgleɓa, dɔglaa

dɔgele [dɔgli] *v.* to mix beans with
flour dɔgleɛ, dɔglɔ, dɔglɔ, dɔgleɓa,
dɔglaa

dɔgere [dɔgri] *v.* to punish, to make
to suffer dɔgereɛ, dɔgerɔ, dɔgerɔ,
dɔgereɓɔ, dɔgeraa, dɔgereɓɔ

dɔgeronɔ [dɔgrɔŋ] *n.* descent

dɔgeronɔ [dɔgrɔŋ] *n.* penalty, punish-
ment

dɔgerɔ [dɔgrɔ] *n.* relative (blood) *pl:*
dɔgereɓɔ *2pl:* dɔgereɓɛɛ

dɔgerɔlenne [dɔgrɔlɛnnɛ] *n.* ear of
maize with multicoloured kernels
2pl: dɔgerɔlennee

dɔgeɛ [dɔgɛɛ] *n.* suffering

dɔkele [dɔkɛlɛ] *n.* kernels from daw-
daw fruit *2pl:* dɔkelee *Var.* tokele

dɔkone [dɔkɔni] *n.* kenkey (thick
corn paste shaped into balls and
boiled in leaves) *pl:* dɔkona *2pl:*
dɔkonnɛɛ *Var.* dakone

dɔle [dɔli] *adv.* pop out smoothly e.g.
from something slippery

dɔlle [dɔlli] *v.* to stretch, to lengthen
dɔlleɛ, dɔllɔ, dɔllɔ, dɔleɓɔ, dɔllaa,
dɔleɓɔ

dɔlɔ [dɔlɔ] *n.* way of doing some-
thing *pl:* dɔlɔdɔlɔ

dɔlɔdɔlɔ [dɔlɔdɔlɔ] *adv.* slimy and
slippery

dɔndɔŋ-karaa [dɔndɔŋ-kàràá] *n.*
chief enemy *pl:* dɔndɔŋ-karre *2pl:*
dɔndɔŋ-kareɛ

dɔndɔre [dɔndɔri] *n.* curd; coag-
ulated milk *pl:* dɔndɔrre *2pl:*
dɔndɔreɛ

dɔndɔre [dɔndɔri] *n.* shade caused
by clouds coming between the
earth and the sun *pl:* dɔndɔrre *2pl:*
dɔndɔreɛ

dɔŋe [dɔŋ] *n.* enmity, hatred *pl:*
dɔnne *2pl:* dɔnnɛɛ

dɔŋe [dɔŋ] *v.* to be lean, to be thin
dɔŋeɛ, dɔnnɔ, dɔnnɔ, dɔnemɔ, dɔn-
naa, dɔnemɔ

dɔɔ [dɔɔ] v. (1) to squat (2) to bow (as in greeting) (3) to excrete (4) to perch dɔɔɛ, dɔɔrɔ, dɔɔrɔ, dɔɔrebo, dɔɔraa, dɔɔrebo

dɔɔ [dɔɔ] n. (1) man (2) friend of the same sex pl: dɔɔbo/dɔɔba 2pl: dɔɔrɛɛ

dɔɔ [dɔɔ] v. (1) to disturb, to move (rustle) (2) to stir, to mix (3) to worry dɔɔɛ, dɔɔnɔ, dɔɔnɔ, dɔɔnema, dɔɔnaa, dɔɔnema

dɔɔ [dɔɔ] v. to sprain e.g. a leg dɔɔɛ, dɔɔnɔ, dɔɔnɔ, dɔɔnema, dɔɔnaa, dɔɔnema

dɔɔbile [dɔɔbɪlé] n. boy pl: dɔɔbilii

Dɔɔdɔ́áa [dɔɔdɔ́áá] n. name of a male born on the day local beer has been brewed in the house (see Pɔgedáá for female name)

dɔɔkɔ́ɛlɔ [dɔɔkɔ́ɛlɔ] n. a squatting kick game

dɔɔ-la-pɔ́ge [dɔɔ-lá-pɔ́gí] n. a man with feminine features 2pl: dɔɔ-la-pɔ́rɛɛ

dɔɔlee [dɔɔléé] n. boy pl: dɔɔbilii 2pl: dɔɔbilee Var. dɔɔbile

dɔɔlɔ́ŋ [dɔɔlɔ́ŋ] n. (1) bravery, dexterity (2) penis (figurative)

dɔɔne [dɔɔní] n. (1) noise • *N wɔŋ la dɔɔne a die pɔɔ, neekanya be la be.* I have heard some noise in the room, there must be someone in there. (2) movement • *Te nye la a baala nɔgbeme dɔɔne kye te ba wɔŋi a yeɛ o nanj yeli.* We saw some movement of the patient's lips but we did not hear what s/he

said. (3) disturbance, worry • *A pɔge yeli ka o ba boɔrɔ dɔɔne ka ananɔ so ka o yi.* The woman said she did not want trouble and that is why she divorced.

dɔɔnyanɔ́aa [dɔɔŋánáá] n. old man pl: dɔɔnyanɔ́ene 2pl: dɔɔnyanɔ́eneɛ

dɔɔ-ɔ́re [dɔɔ-órí] n. infertile man 2pl: dɔɔ-ɔ́rɛɛ Var. dɔɔ-are

dɔɔta [dɔɔtà] n. (1) doctor (2) hospital, clinic pl: dɔɔtare 2pl: dɔɔtareɛ

dɔɔtayiri [dɔɔtáyírí] n. hospital pl: dɔɔtayie 2pl: dɔɔtayiree

dɔ́re [dɔ́rí] v. to advise, to caution dɔ́rɛɛ, dɔ́rɔ, dɔ́rɔ, dɔ́rebo, dɔ́raa, dɔ́rebo

dɔ́re [dɔ́rí] n. fruits of dɔɔ 2pl: dɔ́rɛɛ dɔ́rekabakoma [dɔ́rikábákómá] n. one who incites hatred pl: dɔ́reka-bakomamine

dɔ́sanɔ́kpare [dɔ́sánkparí] n. peels of dawadawa fruits 2pl: dɔ́sanɔ́kpareɛ Var. dɔ́senɔ́kpare

dɔ́sempeele [dɔ́sɪmpíélé] n. immature dawadawa fruits sg: dɔ́sem-peeloo pl: dɔ́sempeele 2pl: dɔ́sem-peeleɛ

dɔ́zɔ́ŋe [dɔ́zɔ́ŋ] n. daw-daw flour; pulp from daw-daw fruit pl: dɔ́zɔ́nne 2pl: dɔ́zɔ́nneɛ Var. dɔ́zɔ́ŋa

dɔ́zunni [dɔ́zúnɲì] n. daw-daw seeds sg: dɔ́zunnuu pl: dɔ́zunni 2pl: dɔ́zunnee

du [dú] v. (1) to rub against (2) to iron (clothes) due, duuro, duuro, duuribo, duuraa, duuribo

dudugiri [dùdùgrí] *n.* a box made of grass *pl:* **dudugo** *2pl:* **dudugiree**

dugi [dúgí] *n.* swim *Var.* **dúú**

dugi [dùgì] *v.* to be eaten up to powder e.g. wood infected with bugs **dugee, dugiro** *Var.* **dúú**

dukuree [dúkúréé] *n.* large sores caused by scabies *2pl:* **dukurree** *Var.* **dikuree**

duli [dúlí] *v.* (1) to work strenuously on a difficult task (2) to eat a large amount (fig.) **dulee, dulo, dulo, dulibo, dulaa, dulibo**

dulun [dùlùn] *n.* a type of large bird *pl:* **dulli** *2pl:* **dullee**

dunduli [dùndùlí] *n.* (1) caterpillar (2) worm (3) maggot *pl:* **dundulo** *2pl:* **dundulee/dundullee** *Var.* **kpaṅkyori, kpaṅkyobo**

dundulivarekpenyoore [dùndùlì-várikpèṅóórí] *n.* small green caterpillar that springs from place to place *pl:* **dundulivarekpenyæ**

dundulkyoo [dùndùlʃòò] *n.* cocoon *pl:* **dundulkyoori** *2pl:* **dundulkyooree**

dundulvarkpenyoore [dùndùl-várikpèṅóórí] *n.* a type of small green caterpillar that moves by loops *pl:* **dundulvarkpenyæ**

dundun̄kolo [dùndun̄kòlò] *n.* fried yam wedges *sg:* **dundun̄koluu** *2pl:* **dundun̄kolee**

duni [dúní] *n.* knee *pl:* **dumo** *2pl:* **dunee/dunnee**

dunselee [dùnséléé] *n.* kneecap *pl:* **dunsebili** *2pl:* **dunsebilee**

duji [dún] *n.* type of weevil (found in wood) *pl:* **dunni** *2pl:* **dunee/dunnee**

duo [dùó] *n.* wild pig, boar *pl:* **dori** *2pl:* **doree/dorree**

duo [dùò] *v.* (1) to be seated all over the place in great numbers (patients at consulting room) (2) to prepare malt for brewing local beer; **duoe, duoro, duoro, duoribo, duoraa, duoribo**

duogo [dúógó] *n.* giant *pl:* **duogori** *2pl:* **duogoree**

Duon̄ [dúón] *n.* town in the Upper West Region noted for treatment of bone fractures

duoraa [dùóráa] *n.* (1) open space for a gathering; (2) resting place for shepherds and their animals *pl:* **duori** *2pl:* **duoree**

duori [dúóri] *v.* (1) to urinate (2) to ejaculate (3) to set high up (child on shoulders) (4) to raise yam mounds (5) to set a bow ready for use **duoree, duoro, duoro, duoribo, duoraa, duoribo**

duori [dùòrì] *v.* to set out in heaps e.g. tomatoes for sale **duoree, duoro, duoro, duoribo, duoraa, duoribo**

duoro [dùòró] *n.* news *2pl:* **duoree**

duor-tere [dùòr-tírí] *n.* announcement, broadcast, information *pl:* **duor-terre** *2pl:* **duorterree**

duor-tere [dùòr-tírɛ́] *n.* one who gives information, messenger, newscaster *pl:* **duor-terebe** *2pl:* **duor-terebeε**

duorunlaa [dúórùnláá] *n.* chamberpot *pl:* **duorunlaare** *2pl:* **duorunlaareε**

duorunwoɔ [dúórùnwòò] *n.* bladder *pl:* **duorunwoore** *2pl:* **duorunwooreε**

duorunzẽε [dúórùnẏĩ] *n.* bilharziasis *2pl:* **duorunzeenεε**

duoruŋ [dúórũŋ] *n.* urine

duoruŋkònsògerɔ [dúórũŋkònsògró] *n.* the condition of having difficulty passing urine *pl:* **duoruŋkònsògre** *2pl:* **duoruŋkònsògreε**

duulaa [dùùlàà] *n.* (1) row (2) line (poetry) *pl:* **duuli**

e

e [ì] *v.* (1) to act, to do • *Te na e o la velaa.* We shall do him good. (2) to let • *E ka te gaa pampana.* Let us go now. (3) to fetch • *A dɔɔ e la a kyi ko a pɔge.* The man has fetched millet for the woman. (4) to be • *A bie e la kpeeŋaa.* The child is strong. **eεε, erε, erε, erebe, eraa, erebe**

eεe [ííí] *n.* (1) horn (2) antenna *pl:* **eεe** *2pl:* **eεeε**

eε [íè] *v.* (1) to pinch (2) to hint • *Ba eε la a yeλε fẽẽ ka N woŋ.* They have given me a hint of the situation. **eεε, eεre, eεre, eεrebe, eεraa, eεrebe**

ẽε [íé] *n.* *sg:* **eεnoo** *pl:* **ẽε** *2pl:* **eεεε**
Var. **eεne**

ẽε [íè] *v.* (1) to mark the foundation of a building (2) to cut a very small piece **eεε, eεne, eεne, eεneme, eεnaa, eεneme**

eε eŋe [íè ìŋ] *v.* to flee, to run away

• *A bie zu pɔre la maŋgo ka a daana waana ka o eε eŋ.* The boy stole a mango and when he saw the owner coming he took to his heels. **eε eŋεε, eεre enne, eε enne, eε eneme, eε ennaa**

eεne [ìèní] *n.* hippopotamus *pl:* **eεme** *2pl:* **eεneε**

eεne [íéní] *n.* claw *sg:* **eεnoo** *pl:* **eεme** *2pl:* **eεneε**

eεne [íèní] *n.* a type of deer *pl:* **eεme** *2pl:* **eεmeεr**

eεne [íéní] *adj.* tiny, e.g. fingernail *pl:* **eεme** *2pl:* **eεmeε**

eεne [ìèní] *v.* to claw e.g. a cat climbing a wall

ẽεo [íèó] *n.* type of deer *pl:* **eεne** *2pl:* **eεneε**

eεraa [íèráá] *n.* hook, e.g. fishhook *pl:* **eεre** *2pl:* **eεreε**

eεre [íéri] *v.* to wipe away e.g. dirt, tears **eεreε, eεre, eεre, eεrebe,**

eeraa, eerebe
 eere [ièrì] *v.* to claw at eereε, eereε, eereε, eerebe, eeraa, eerebe
 eere-miri [ièrì-mìrì] *n.* fishing line
pl: eere-mie *2pl:* eere-miiree
 e-la [i-là] *v.* to tease e-laε, ere laara, e-laara, e-laareba, e-laaraa, e-lareba
 e-laara [i-láará] *n.* one who teases *pl:* e-lareba *2pl:* e-larebeε
 embaare [imbáárí] *n.* laziness *2pl:* embareε *Var.* entuo
 emii [ímìi] *n.* act of desperation; impatience *2pl:* emmiineε
 emmaa [imáà] *n.* the condition of being in a good state
 emmaarɔŋ [immáárɔŋ] *n.* health *pl:* emmaara *2pl:* emmaareε
 emmii [immìi] *n.* a body that is in a painful condition *pl:* emmiime *2pl:* emmiineε
 emmiirurɔŋ [immìirúrɔŋ] *n.* (1) a body in pain (2) stunted body *2pl:* emmiiree
 emmiirurɔŋ [immìirúrɔŋ] *adj.* stunted
 Emɔ [ímɔ] *n.* (1) the name of a clan in Southern Dagao (2) appellation of this group *sg:* emoɔloo *pl:* emoɔɔ *2pl:* emoɔleε
 empoɔne [ímpóóní] *n.* ocean *pl:* mpoɔneε *Var.* po
 endaa [indáá] *n.* frame (of a person's body) *pl:* endaare *2pl:* endareε/endaareε
 endaa waalɔŋ [indáá-wáálɔŋ] *n.* skin colour, appearance of the body

enfuomaala [infùòmáálá] *n.* one who makes pictures *pl:* enfuomaaleba *2pl:* enfuomaalebeε
 enfuomaale [infùòmááli] *n.* the act of making a picture (draw)
 enfuoni [infúóní] *n.* image, photograph, picture *pl:* enfuomo *2pl:* enfuoneε
 enfuori [infùòrì] *n.* the act of bewitching; the act of casting a spell
 enne [inní] *n.* act of respect *2pl:* enneε *Var.* eɣene
 ennoɔ [innòɔ] *n.* happiness *pl:* ennoore *2pl:* ennooreε
 ensɔgelaa [ínsógláá] *n.* black skin *pl:* ensɔglɔ
 entaa [intáá] *n.* mutual respect
 entage [intáǵí] *n.* muscular body *pl:* entagre *2pl:* entagreε
 entole [intólì] *n.* fever, rise in body temperature *pl:* entolɔ/entola *2pl:* entoleε
 entolɔŋ [intólɔŋ] *n.* fever *pl:* entola *2pl:* entolleε
 entukpalaa [intùkpaláá] *n.* extreme laziness *pl:* entukpalle *2pl:* entukpaleε
 entuo [intúó] *n.* laziness *pl:* entuuri *2pl:* entuureε *Var.* embaare
 enzeε [inzíé] *n.* (1) light skin (2) leprosy *pl:* enzeere *2pl:* enzeereε
 eɣ [íɣ] *part.* as • *Maa eɣ koŋ gaa.* As for me I won't go.
 eɣe [iɣ] *v.* (1) to put in • *o ɔŋ la kōɔ eɣe a doge poɔ.* S/he has put water into the pot. (2) to put on (shoes,

ring, spectacles) (3) to respect • **A seje ka bibile man eje nejkponj.** The young should respect the elderly. **ejee, enne, enne, enemε, ennaa**

eje daa to set a date

eje daa to beat

ejene [íjíní] *n.* main hole leading to a rodent's living room in its burrow *pl: enne 2pl: ejeneε*

ejene [íjíní] *n.* respect, regard for, honour • **A teje deme zaa taa la ejene kora a naa.** All the people in town have respect for the chief. *2pl: ennee Var. enne*

eje [íjé] *pron.* what, who • **Boj eje ka fo wa?** What have you come for?

eje [íjé] *n.* body (surface of) *pl: enne 2pl: ennee*

ejgane [íjgáni] *n.* skin (human body) *sg: ejganoo pl: ejgama 2pl: ejgannee*

Ejgele [íjgilè] *n.* England *2pl: ejgelee*

Ejgilisi [íjgilìsì] *n.* English *pl: ejlisiri 2pl: ejgilisiree*

ejkɔbɔ [íjκόβó] *n.* skeleton *Var. ejkɔba*

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εbaa [ébaà] *n.* crocodile *pl: erre 2pl: erreε*

ejkpaŋkpoli [íjkpáŋkpòli] *n.* naked body *Var. ejkponkpoli, ejkpoli*

ejkpoli [íjkpòlí] *n.* naked body *pl: ejkpolo 2pl: ejkpolee Var. ejkponkpoli, ejkpaŋkpoli*

ejkponkpoli [íjkpónjkpòli] *n.* naked body *pl: ejkponkpolo 2pl: ejkponkpolee Var. ejkpoli, ejkpaŋkpoli*

ej noore [íj nóóri] *v.* to promise

ej poɔ [íj pɔ́ɔ] *v.* to impregnate

ejyoore [íjyòòri] *adj.* that which does not produce excitement *Var. enyoore*

ej zēe [íj zēē] *v.* to punish severely **ejee zēē, enne zēē**

erɔj [írôj] *n.* conduct *pl: erre 2pl: erreε*

erɔj [írôj] *n.* verb *pl: erre 2pl: erreε*

Etoore [ítóri] *n.* Easter *pl: itoreε*

eto [ítɔ] *n.* the name of a clan in Southern Dagao *pl: etoɔɔ 2pl: etoɔlee*

ewa [íwà] *n.* (1) a kinship group (2) appellation of this group *sg: ewaalo pl: ewaala 2pl: ewaaleε*

ewe [íwè] *n.* the name of a clan in Southern Dagao *pl: eweele 2pl: eweelee*

εleme [èlimé] *n.* shellfish *pl: elemere 2pl: elemee*

el-elloo [èl-èlòó] *interj.* it serves you well

enne [ènnì] *v.* (1) to suckle, to nurse (2) to suck e.g. breast or finger
ennèè, ennè, ennè, enemè, ennaa, enemè

ere [éri] *v.* to crawl; to slide along on the buttocks **erèè, erè, èrè, èrebè, eraa, èrebè**

ere [éri] *v.* to grind **erèè, erè, èrè, èrebè, eraa, èrebè**

ere [èrì] *v.* to fill a hole or space tightly to disallow access **erèè, erè, èrè, èrebè, eraa, ère-èrè**

ere-er [èrì-ìr] *n.* (1) exaggeration (2) metaphor (lit.)

eregbere [èrigbèrè] *adv.* fleshy and fatty (meat)

f

fa [fà] *v.* (1) to be bad • *Ka foonj ba kyelle a bie ña na fa la, bonso ka o ba manj kpe die wieu?* If you are not careful, this child will go bad, why doesn't s/he come early? (2) to become poor • *A bie baalonj venjèè la ka o tuuli e tée lèè deè te fa o zaa.* The child's sickness has caused her to search so much for a cure that she has nothing left. **faè, faara, faaraa, fareba, -, fareba**

fa [fá] *v.* (1) to rob, to cheat • *N dɔɔ, fo banj ka ka maanj yɔɔ libie zaa pɔɔ a ananj ka fo fa ma la er?* My friend, do you know that if I paid anything more, you would have robbed me? (2) pl. of 'faa' (snatch from someone) • *A seŋ ka ba pɔge a nannyige er deŋe le, N ba nye teŋe na deme o nanj ba fa.* It will be good if this thief is imprisoned for life, because there is no town he has not robbed. **faè, faara,**

faara, fareba, faaraa, fareba

faa [fáá] *adj.* (1) bad • *Saa nanj piili miibu ñaa, beri ayi ña zaa ka te teŋe sori yāa na waa faa le.* With the setting in of the rains, the road leading to our village will soon be very bad. (2) ugly • *A pɔge veèle la kye o sere faa.* The woman is beautiful but her husband is ugly. *pl: faare 2pl: faareè*

faa [fáà] *v.* (1) to take by force, to snatch • *A bie ña yele kpeŋnaa, ka onanj sɔre o tɔ bone ka o mɔŋ o manj faa la.* This boy is ruthless, for if he begs from his colleague and is refused to give he takes the thing by force. (2) to save • *Kɔŋ da kpe la a bikpeebe ka o kono kye ka pɔge-nimbaalonj kanj la da faa o ne bondirii.* The orphan was hungry and began crying, but a benevolent woman came to his aid with food. (3) to get free, to get out

- of one's grip or hold • *N nyɔge la a kpãao kye ka o faa*. I caught the guinea fowl but it slipped free and escaped. faae, faara, faara, fareba, faaraa, faareba
- fãa [fãã] *adv.* slowly (of a fall) • *O kyeelee la gere fãa na te le*. S/he is falling slowly.
- fãa [fãã] *v.* (1) to be unable • *O gaa la o sori na fãa*. S/he has failed to go on her trip. (2) to have no choice • *A pɔmpɛɲ sãae la ka noba fãa kye sigi baa te ɔɲ kôɔ*. The water tap is spoilt, so people have no choice but to go the stream to fetch water. faãe, faana, faana, faanema, faanaa, faãfaana
- fãafãa [fãáfãá] *n.* whistle used in times of war or danger *pl:* fãafãane *2pl:* fãafãaneɛ
- faa le [fãà lè] *v.* to drop, to fall *faa lee, faara lere, faa lere, faa leribe, faa leraa, faa leribe*
- Faalɔɲ [fãàlɔɲ] *n.* the name of a village located near Lawra, a District headquarters in the UWR of Ghana
- faalɔɲ [fãàlɔɲ] *n.* the condition of being bad or wicked
- faara [fãárà] *n.* priest *pl:* faaramine *2pl:* faareɛ
- faara [fãárá] *n.* saviour *pl:* faareba
- faara [fãárá] *n.* one who robs *pl:* faareba
- faare [fãári] *v.* to intercede, to mediate (in a fight) faareɛ, faara, faara, faareba, faaraa, faareba
- faare [fãàri] *v.* to stroke, to massage • *Kɔlaa maɲ nɔɲ ka ba faara o te-gitegi le*. A cat likes to be stroked all the time. faareɛ, faara, faara, faareba, faaraa, faareba
- faare [fãàri] *n.* a boys' game of snatching others' arrows *2pl:* faareɛ
- faaregyɔ [fãàrɪɲɔ] *v.* to not utter a word; to be quiet
- fabo [fãbò] *adv.* not responding to anything; speechless
- fabo [fãbò] *adv.* tasteless
- faee [fãèi] *adv.* empty-looking
- fafara [fãfàrà] *adv.* suddenly, without permission (of entering)
- fage [fãgì] *adv.* plenty (and jumbled up), e.g. of different things • *Naɲkoore boma da pale a daa le fage*. There were many assorted goods in the market.
- fage [fãgí] *v.* to peck, to eat (of birds) fageɛ, fagera, fagra, fagreba, fageraa, fagreba
- fagere [fãgrì] *adv.* sharp (of a bite)
- fagoo [fãgòò] *adv.* full of rubbish, dirty
- falala [fãlálà] *adv.* long, smooth, and straight *Var.* falalla
- falanfuuri [fãlãnfúúri] *n.* lungs *pl:* falanfugo *2pl:* falanfugree *Var.* fulonfugiri
- fale [fãli] *v.* to slap faleɛ, falla, falla, faleba, falaa, faleba
fale pareɲ to spank (a child)

fambataabo [fãmbátáábó] *n.* weakness, powerlessness
fananna [fánánná] *adv.* very clean
fane [fàni] *v.* to become rough (skin)
 fanεε, fana, fana, fanema, fanaa, fanema
fane [fàní] *adj.* rough (skin) *pl:* fama
fanfane [fãnfáni] *n.* soap *pl:* fanfama
2pl: fanfanεε/fanfannεε
fanne [fànni] *v.* to sell one's wares at a low price
 fannεε, fanna, fanna, fanema, fannaa, fanema
fanne [fànni] *v.* to think fannεε, fanna, fanna, fanema, fannaa
faŋa [fàŋá] *n.* strength; be strong (physically) *pl:* fanne *2pl:* fannεε
faŋa [fãŋá] *adj.* young; used for calves *2pl:* fanne
Farafara [fàràfàrà] *n.* (1) a person of the Gurunε ethnicity (2) the language spoken by this group *sg:* farafaroo *pl:* farafarεε
farata [fàràtà] *adj.* tall and straight
fare [fári] *v.* (1) to foam (yeast in alcohol; discharge from eyes) (2) to boil (porridge) fareε, fara, fara, fareba, faraa, fareba
fare [fári] *v.* to build mounds around crops (farming corn) fareε, fara, fara, fareba, faraa, fareba
fare [fári] *v.* to pluck leaves in large quantities fareε, fara, fara, fareba, faraa, fareba
fare [fári] *v.* to make bare; (to shave hair off completely) fareε, fara, fara, fareba, faraa, fareba

fare [fári] *adv.* completely • **A bibii-ri zaa zo kulee la fare.** All the children have gone without any left behind.
fare bini [fári bini] *v.* (1) shit plenty (2) say disgusting things
fare yeε [fári yéé] *v.* (1) to talk a great deal (2) to complain
fasane [fàsáni] *n.* (with `ŋme') thought • **A dɔɔ da ŋme la fasane, a wa te yeli ka o ba la boɔɔ a o poɔe.** The man thought for a while and finally said he did not want his wife. *pl:* fasama *2pl:* fasamεε/fasannεε
febo [fībó] *adv.* piercingly; the manner a sharp object enters another suddenly and firmly (a thorn in the body)
fee [féé] *adv.* completely (of drinking)
fēe [fēé] *adv.* (1) for a short time; in a short time (2) few (3) small, little
feelaa [fīlāà] *adj.* young and tender, in infancy e.g. chicken, kid • **A nɔnyaa neε la nɔbil feelaa kaŋa ko.** The mother hen has stepped on one of the very young chicks and killed it. *pl:* feeε
feeε [fīli] *v.* to make tight feeεε, feeε, feeε, feelbε, feelaa, feelbε
feeε [fīli] *v.* to examine feeεε, feeε, feeε, feelbε, feelaa, feelbε
feeε [fīli] *n.* tsetse fly *pl:* feeε *2pl:* feeεε
feelee [fīlī] *n.* chance, space to operate • **Feelee kye a die poɔ, fo**

koŋ nyɛ zie biŋi fo seŋɛ. There is no space in the room; you can't find space for your bed. *pl: feele 2pl: feeleɛ*

feeloo [fiilóós] *adj.* narrow, tight *pl: feele*

feere [fiiri] *v.* (1) to blow one's nose (2) to hold, press, or tie tightly *feereɛ, feere, feere, feerebe, feeraa*

feerɔɔ [fiiròò] *adv.* suddenly disappearing into an opening e.g. into a hole or room • *Bayuo to la o beere kye zo gaa e die feerɔɔ, o nan kpe.* Bayuo insulted his elder brother and ran into the house at once.

feɛ [fiɛ] *v.* (1) to whip (2) to unshell e.g. rice or corn *feɛɛ, feere, feere, feerebe, feeraa, feerebe*

fɛɛ [fiɛ́] *v.* to be grown to some extent; to not be small • *A da ba seŋ ka o la taa poɔ pampana, a bie na o nan taa nan ba fɛɛ.* She should not be pregnant now because the baby she has is still too young. *fɛɛɛ, feene, feene, feeneme, feena*

feele [fiɛ̀li] *v.* (1) to pass closely by another e.g. a blow missing the target narrowly (2) to pass gas silently *feeleɛ, feele, feele, feelbe, feela, feelbe*

feele [fiɛ́li] *v.* to sneak out *feeleɛ, feele, feele, feelbe, feela, feelbe*

fefee [fifié] *n.* crevice *pl: fefeere 2pl: fefeereɛ*

fefere [fifiré] *adj.* the least movement • *Ka foon ba maale fo kyi*

ŋa biŋi, fo na yeli ka fo ere fefere ka noore wa la a eŋɛ. If you don't keep your millet well and you make the least move away, fowls will swoop on it. *Var: fifire*

fege [figi] *v.* to cut out a tiny opening • *A daa kpeɛnaa, a pen-nepene ba toɔ na fege o zie zaa.* The wood is so hard that the carver can hardly make any headway to carve out even a small hole. *fegɛɛ, fegre, -, fegrebe, fegraa, fegrebe*

fegele [figili] *v.* to be tight -, *fegle Var: fogle*

fegere [figiri] *v.* sob *fegreɛ, fegre, fegre, fegrebe, fegraa, fegrebe*

fegɛfegɛ [figɛ̀figɛ̀] *adv.* flashing intermittently e.g. lightning *Var: felefele*

fele [fili] *n.* sore, wound *pl: fele 2pl: feleɛ*

felefele [filɛ̀filɛ̀] *adv.* flash brightly

felefele [filɛ́filɛ́] *adv.* glittery and flashing with light

felkɔɔ [filkòò] *n.* pus *2pl: felkooneɛ*

felmaara [filmáára] *n.* sores over the body thought to be incurable e.g. leprosy *Var: felmaaron*

felmaaron [filmááron] *n.* sore caused by leprosy or yaws *pl: felmaara 2pl: felmaareɛ Var: felmaara*

felɔɔ [filòò] *adv.* of a sparkle

felpempele [filpɛ̀mpɛ́li] *n.* scar *sg: felpempeloo pl: felpempele 2pl: felpempeleɛ/felpempeleɛ*

- felzeε** [filziè] *n.* sore without pus *pl:* felzeere *2pl:* felzeereε
- femm** [fimm] *adv.* getting away fast and far e.g. bullet
- fenlege** [finlígi] *adv.* laboured e.g. breathing
- fenne** [finni] *v.* to begin to ripen (first few fruits) **fenneε, fenne, fenne, feneme, fenaa**
- fenne** [finní] *v.* to cut a very small piece
- fentele** [fintilè] *n.* lamp *pl:* fentelle *2pl:* fenteleε/fentelleε
- fentellaa** [fintilláá] *n.* local lamp *pl:* fentellaare *2pl:* fentellaareε
- fentere** [fíntíri] *n.* ring e.g. that is put on the finger *pl:* fentee *2pl:* fentereε/fenterrεε
- fentere** [fíntíri] *n.* the act of standing at attention *pl:* fentee *2pl:* fentereε/fenterrεε
- ferε** [firi] *v.* (1) to force, to pester (2) to be morally obliged to do something • **A fere ka te sonnɔ nembaalba.** We are obliged to care for the helpless. **ferεε, ferε, ferε, ferebe, feraa, -** *Var:* fere
- ferε** [fèrè] *n.* regret; bitter experience • **Ka fooŋ wa deene ne a badɔgrɔ bile fo na wa yeli ka fere.** If you play around that newborn puppy you will come to regret it. *2pl:* fereε/ferree
- ferεε** [féréré] *n.* the fruit of the wɔŋkampore plant *Var.* wɔŋkampore

- fereko** [firikó] *n.* a type of bawaa dance performed by moving to and fro to the sides (left and right) *pl:* ferekore *2pl:* ferekoreε *Var.* feroo
- feroo** [firóó] *n.* force, compulsory • **A e la feroo ka fo eye fo bie sa-kuuri.** It is compulsory that you send your child to school.
- feroo** [firòò] *n.* a type of dance *Var.* fereko
- feroo toma** [firóó tómá] *n.* duty, obligation
- fεε** [féé] *adv.* (1) happening in some manner e.g. completely • **A baala nyu la a tēē a de gooŋ e fεε.** The patient took his medication and slept soundly. (2) becoming airless instantly (tyre) • **Pimbiri kyoge la a kuriwiri kɔbɔ ka o e fεε, o nan yi.** The tyre of the bicycle was pierced by a nail and deflated at once.
- fεε** [fèè] *adv.* deflating completely of quiet sound of pent up air or gas escaping
- fεge** [fègi] *v.* (1) to indent (2) to become one-eyed **fεgeε, fεgre, fεgre, fεgrebe, fεgraa, fεgfεgre**
- fεge** [fégi] *n.* one-eyed person *pl:* fεgre *2pl:* fεgreε
- fεge** [fégi] *adv.* fall lightly, such that you don't hear anything e.g. dry leaf
- fεgeleε** [fégélégé] *adv.* out of energy *Var.* fεgeteεε
- fεgeteεε** [fégtéégé] *adv.* completely out of air or energy

fɛlɛfɛlɛ [fɛ́lɛfɛ́l] *adj.* tasteless

fɛlɛlɛ [fɛ́lɛlɛ́l] *adv.* utterly, completely • *A dɔɔ kũu maa la maa ɛɲ noore fɛlɛlɛ, ɲmenaa ɲa ka maa ne o puori taa daa poɔ* The man's death has utterly surprised me, because we greeted each other this afternoon in the marketplace.

fɛmm [fɛ́mm] *adv.* lying flat e.g. vegetation or hair

fɛraa [fɛ́ráá] *adj.* narrow, tight *pl:* fɛrɛ

fɛrɛ [fɛ́rɛ] *v.* to be squeezed up in between fɛrɛɛ, fɛrɛ, fɛrɛ, fɛrɛbɛ, fɛraa, fɛrɛbɛ

fɛrɛ [fɛ́rɛ] *adv.* sound of drop of something small and light

fɛrɛ-taa-kyɛ-moorɔ [fɛ́rɛtáátʃémóórɔ] *n.* one who has something but lies to others that one does not have it *Var.* fɛrɛ-bin-kyɛ-moorɔ/fɛrɛ-taa-kyɛ-moorɔ

fieli [fié́lí] *adj.* slim and flat (nape)

fieli [fié́lí] *v.* to fail fielee, fiele, fiele, fielbe, fielaa, fielbe

fieluu [fié́lúú] *n.* the act of failing

fiɛrɛ [fiɛ́rɛ] *adv.* scarcely outside than something happens • *A dɔɔ yeli ka o erɛ fiɛrɛ ka a kɔlaa de a nɛnɛ.* No sooner had the man left than the cat snatched the meat. *Var.* fɛfɛrɛ

figi [fiɡí] *v.* to throw out one's hand to signal to stop figee, figire, figire, figiribe, figiraa, figiribe

figiraa [fiɡràá] *n.* fan *pl:* figiri *2pl:* figiree

figiri [fiɡrɪ] *v.* (1) to fan (2) to flap one's wings figee, figire, figire, figiribe, figiraa, figiribe

fii [fiì] *adv.* manner of movement e.g. of a heavy object in the air

filoo [filóó] *adv.* at glance • *N nyɛ la a bie filoo kyɛ ka o kpɛ a lɔrɛ.* I saw the child at a glance before he entered the lorry.

finni [finnì] *v.* to cheat finnee, finne, finne, finime, finnaa, finime *Var.* fuuli

firimeɲ [firimèɲ] *adv.* appearing neatly cut e.g. growth

fo [fɔ] *pron.* (1) you (second-person singular weak form) • *Fo na gaa la bee fo koɲ gaa?* Will you go or not? (2) your (second-person singular possessive) • *Fo yuori la boɲ?* What is your name?

foge [fɔɡɪ] *v.* (1) to unshell e.g. paddy rice (2) to poke, to push quickly (3) to foam (soap) fogɛɛ, fogera, fogera, fogereba, fogeraa, fogereba *Var.* fee

fogele [fɔɡlɪ] *v.* to be tight e.g. passengers in a crowded bus • *A bi-biiri fogele la taa a lɔrɛ poɔ.* The children are squeezed tightly in the lorry. fogelɛɛ, fogelɔ, fogelɔ, fogelɛbɔ, fogelaa, fogelɛbɔ

fogeloo [fɔɡlɔ́ó] *adj.* narrow • *A die waa la fogeloo lɛ.* The room is very small. *pl:* fogelɔ

fogi [fógi] *v.* to pound e.g. clay for modeling **fogee, fogiro, fogiro, fogiribo, fogiraa, fogiribo**

fogi [fògi] *v.* to pull out from a tight hold • **Dasaja na ba maŋ fogiri la nannyige nubi-eeme.** In the olden days, thieves had their fingernails pulled out. **fogee, fogiro, fogiro, fogiribo, fogiraa, fogiribo**

fogili [fògli] *v.* to be seedless e.g. bean pod • **Ka saaj ba mi a beje na fogili la.** If it does not rain the beans will not form seed. **fogilee, fogilo, fogilo, fogilibo, fogilaa, fogilibo**

fogiluu [fòglúú] *adj.* seedless *pl:* **fogilo**

fole [fòlí] *adj.* immature, unripe *pl:* **folb** *2pl:* **folεε/follee**

foli [fòli] *adj.* not hidden *pl:* **folo** *2pl:* **folee**

folinfoori [fólinfòòrí] *n.* a type of broadleaf grass used as pig feed *pl:* **folinfobo** *2pl:* **folinfooree** *Var.* **folonfoori**

Folo [fóló] *n.* Fulani (an African ethnic group) *pl:* **folibo** *2pl:* **folee/follee**

fomeje [fómíjé] *pron.* yourself

fomfom [fómfóm] *n.* type of small cake-like food prepared from flour

fomfom [fómfóm] *adj.* deepset (eyes)

fonaano [fónáánó] *n.* sleeveless singlet *pl:* **fonaanore** *2pl:* **fonaanoreε/fonaanorreε** *Var.* **fenaano**

fonne [fònni] *v.* (1) to sniff (dog on a trail) (2) to snuff **fonneε, fonno, fonno, fonnemε, fonnaa, fonnemε**

fonɔfonɔ [fónófónó] *adj.* soft, silky, and light (cloth) *Var.* **fonafona**

foŋ [fóŋ] *pron.* then you (used in conditional forms) • **Ka saaj wa mi foŋ bore a kamaana.** If it rains, you should sow the maize.

foo [fòò] *adv.* looking open and endless e.g. a deep hole

fõo [fõõ] *adj.* dry and light e.g. grass

fõo [fõõ] *pron.* you (second person singular strong form) • **Fõo naane ka ba boorɔ.** They are not looking for you. *Var.* **fooj**

foone [fòòni] *v.* (1) to shrink e.g. a fruit (2) to deflate e.g. a tyre **fooneε, foona, foona, foonema, foonaa, foonema**

foone [fòòni] *adj.* shranked *pl:* **fooma** *2pl:* **fooneε/foomeε**

fooj [fóŋ] *pron.* you (emphatic) • **Fo yɔɔpɔge baleε la fooj na gaa te ere a zɔje?** Your sister is tired, you will have to go and grind the flour.

foore [fòòri] *v.* to hiss e.g. a snake **fooreε, foora, foora, fooreba, fooraa, fooreba**

foore [fòòri] *v.* to become bloated **fooreε, foora, foora, fooreba, fooraa, fooreba**

foore [fòòri] *v.* to rage **fooreε, foora, foora, fooreba, fooraa, fooreba**

foori [fòòrí] *adj.* (1) empty (2) empty-handed (typically used with nu) • *O belle ma la ne nufoori.* S/he deceived me with an empty hand.

fɔɔ [fʊ́ɔ́] *v.* to fill holes in a wall with mortar **fɔɔɛ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔreba/fɔɔrebo**, **fɔɔraa**

fɔɔ [fʊ́ɔ́] *v.* to pile up a heap of guinea corn heads **fɔɔɛ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔreba/fɔɔrebo**, **fɔɔraa**

fɔɔ [fʊ́ɔ́] *v.* to place branches or thorns around an object for protection against animals **fɔɔɛ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔreba/fɔɔrebo**, **fɔɔraa**

fɔɔ [fʊ́ɔ́] *v.* to whip **fɔɔɛ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔreba/fɔɔrebo**, **fɔɔraa**

fɔɔ [fʊ́ɔ́] *v.* to make lighter • *E ka a tuobu fɔɔ fɛe ka le naane N koy tɔɔ a tuo.* Make the load a little light otherwise I cannot carry it. **fɔɔɛ**, **fɔɔnɔ**, **fɔɔnɔ**, **fɔɔnemɔ**, **fɔɔnaa**, **fɔɔnemɔ**

fɔɔlaa [fʊ́ɔ́láá] *n.* passageway *pl:* **fɔɔle** *2pl:* **fɔɔlɛɛ**

fɔɔle [fʊ́ɔ́lɛ] *v.* to draw one's appendages against the body; to stand at attention **fɔɔlɛɛ**, **fɔɔlb**, **fɔɔlb**, **fɔɔlba**, **fɔɔlaa**

fɔɔle [fʊ́ɔ́lɛ] *v.* to sneak, to move stealthily **fɔɔlɛɛ**, **fɔɔlb**, **fɔɔlb**, **fɔɔlba**, **fɔɔlaa**

fɔɔɔ [fʊ́ɔ́ɔ́] *adj.* light (weight) *pl:* **fɔɔne** *2pl:* **fɔɔnɛɛ**

fɔɔre [fʊ́ɔ́rɛ] *v.* to smear with thick liquid **fɔɔrɛɛ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔrɔ**, **fɔɔrba**, **fɔɔraa**, **fɔɔrba**

fori [fóri] *v.* to loosen, to slip off, to put off a dress around the waist **foree**, **foro**, **foro**, **forbo**, **foraa**, **forbo**

fori [fóri] *conj.* since • *Fo nanj fori yi, gaa kye wa.* Since you have already prepared, go and come.

fori [fòrì] *v.* (1) to force out from its cover or shell (boiled bambara beans) (2) to treat hide by removing the fur (bleaching of the skin) (3) to develop to an appreciable level; to mature • *A pɔgelee ŋa nanj ba fori kye o pɔloo zuoe la.* This girl is not yet worth a woman but she is quite proud. **foree**, **foro**, **foro**, **forbo**, **foraa**, **forbo**

forɔforɔ [fʊ́rɔ́fʊ́rɔ́] *adj.* rough *Var.* **forafora**

forre [fʊ́rri] *v.* (1) to scrape leaves off a branch (2) to run very fast (through vegetation) **forreɛ**, **forra**, **forra**, **foreba**, **forraa**, **foreba**

foto [fótó] *n.* photograph *pl:* **fotori** *2pl:* **fotoree/fotorree**

fɔbo [fɔ́b] *adv.* very wet

fɔgele [fɔ́glɛ] *v.* (1) to press together (2) to strangle **fɔgeleɛ**, **fɔgelɔ**, **fɔgelɔ**, **fɔgelebo**, **fɔgelaa**, **fɔgeleba**

fɔlle [fɔ́llɛ] *v.* to smear with **fɔlleɛ**, **fɔllɔ**, **fɔllɔ**, **fɔlebo**, **fɔllaa**, **fɔlebo**

fɔnne [fɔ́nnɛ] *v.* to grab, to hold **fɔnneɛ**, **fɔnnɔ**, **fɔnnɔ**, **fɔnemɔ**, **fɔnnaa**, **fɔnemɔ**

fɔŋe [fɔ́ŋ] *v.* to become lean, to shrink **fɔŋɛɛ**, **fɔŋenɔ/fɔnnɔ**,

fəŋenə/fəŋnə, fəŋemə/fənemə, fəŋenaa/fənnaa, fəŋenemə/fənemə
 fəŋə [fəŋə] *n.* suburb, section *pl:* fəŋne *2pl:* fəŋne *Var.* fəŋə
 fəɔre [fəɔrɪ] *n.* greed *2pl:* fəɔre
 fəre [fərɪ] *v.* to hold, to squeeze tightly (by the throat) fəre, fəɔ, fəɔ, fərbə, fəraa, fərbə
 fəɔ [fəɔ] *n.* yaws *2pl:* fəɔre
 fu [fú] *n.* rumour, hint • *N wəŋee fu kyɛ N ba baŋ ka serɛ la be.* I have heard a rumour but I am not sure whether it is true. *2pl:* furee
 fu [fú] *v.* to blow (wind) fue, fuuro, fuuro, fuuribo, fuuraa, fuuribo
 fu [fù] *v.* (1) to parboil, to steam (meat) (2) to slough (3) to make lather fue, fuuro, fuuro, fuuribo, fuuraa, fuuribo
 fugi [fùgɪ] *v.* to threaten fugee, fugi-
 giro, fugiuro, fugiribo, fugiraa, fu-
 giribo
 fugi [fùgɪ] *v.* to bluff fugee, fugiuro,
 fugiuro, fugiribo, fugiraa, fugiribo
 fugon [fùgón] *adv.* falling suddenly
 into e.g. a hole • *O faa le a bogin
 le fagon.* S/he fell into the hole at
 once.
 fulee [fùléé] *adv.* eat gulpingly e.g.
 of a hungry person
 fuli [fùli] *adv.* exit suddenly
 fulo [fùló] *adv.* entering neatly,
 without friction • *Naazə deɛ e la
 n nyobogirin le fulo.* A fly shot
 into my nose at once.

fulofulo [fùlófùló] *adj.* roundish e.g.
 of aperture like a hole
 fulonfugiri [fùlónfugrɪ] *n.* lung *sg:*
 fulonfuuruu *pl:* fulonfugo *2pl:* fu-
 lonfugiree *Var.* falanfuuri
 fululu [fùlúlú] *adv.* appearing round
 and deep e.g. a hole
 fumini [fùminɪ] *n.* needle *pl:* fu-
 mime *2pl:* fuminee/fuminnee
 fuoli [fùóli] *v.* (1) to whistle (2) to
 squeak (of a wheel) fuolee, fuolo,
 fuolo, fuolibo, fuolaa, fuolibo
 fuomii [fùòmíi] *n.* (1) gluttony, vora-
 cious eating, wanting cheap things
 • *A dɔɔ ŋa eŋ daŋ ba iri bonzaa,
 fuomii yon ka o nɔŋ.* This man
 has never contributed anything, he
 only likes taking things for free. (2)
 freeloading *Var.* fuomiŋ
 fuomiŋ [fùomiŋ] *n.* see fuomii *Var.*
 fuomii
 fuori [fùòrɪ] *v.* to bewitch, to take
 the soul from the body fuoree,
 fuoro, fuoro, fuoribo, fuoraa,
 fuoribo
 fuori [fùóri] *v.* to sip fuoree, fuoro,
 fuoro, fuoribo, fuoraa, fuoribo
 furi [fùrɪ] *v.* to block an opening
 with an object, to seal furee, fuoro,
 fuoro, furibo, furaa, furibo
 furi [fùrɪ] *v.* to open one's eyes
 widely e.g. when surprised furee,
 fuoro, fuoro, furibo, furaa, furibo
 furi [fùrɪ] *v.* to stoop furee, fuoro,
 fuoro, furibo, furaa, furibo

furi [fúrí] *v.* to cave in **furee, furo, furo, furibo, furaa, furibo**

furi [fúrí] *n.* Islamic marriage rite *pl:* furri *2pl:* furee/furree

furi kaa [fùrì kàà] *v.* to stare, to glare **furi kaaε, furi kaaraa, furi kaaraa, furi kaareba, furi kaara, furi kaareba**

fuu [fúù] *n.* the cast-off skin of a snake *pl:* fuuri *2pl:* fuuree

fuu [fúù] *v.* to frighten, to threaten **fuue, fuuro, fuuro, fuuribo, fuuraa, fuuribo**

fuu [fúù] *v.* to speed **fuue, fuuro, fuuro, fuuribo, fuuraa, fuuribo**

fuu [fúú] *n.* a game where bare ar-

rows are used *pl:* fuuri *2pl:* fuuree

fuuli [fúúli] *v.* to cheat; to make a fool of **fuulee, fuulo, fuulo, fuulibo, fuulaa, fuulibo** *Var. finni*

fuuli [fùùli] *v.* to constrict, to make rounded (opening) **fuulee, fuulo, fuulo, fuulibo, fuulibo, fuulfuulo**

fuuri [fúúrí] *n.* (1) foam, bubbles, lather, froth (2) rest, cool off *pl:* fue *2pl:* fuuree

fuuri [fùùrí] *v.* to cool off **fuuree, fuuro, fuuro, fuuribo, fuuraa, fuuribo**

fuuri [fúúrí] *n.* treachery

fuurofuuro [fúúrófúúró] *n.* bits and pieces (of information)

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ga [gà] *v.* to eat TZ without soup **gaε, gaara, gaara, garba, gaaraa, gaareba**

ga [gá] *v.* to run wildly or in a frenzy e.g. cow stung by tsetse fly **gagaε, gaara, gaara, gareba, gaaraa, gareba**

gaa [gáà] *n.* ebony (tree or fruit) *pl:* gaare *2pl:* garεε/gaareε

gaa [gàà] *v.* to leave **gaaε, gereε, gereε, gerebeε, geraa, gerebe**

gaa [gáà] *v.* to scoop pulp e.g. soil **gaaε, gaara, gaara, gaareba, gaaraa, gaareba**

gãa [gãà] *adv.* outstretched and long

• *A sarsarɔ tɛɛ la o nu gãa ka nambaalonj ere a noba ka ba korɔ o libie.* The beggar stretched out his hand earnestly and the onlookers were moved and began offering him money.

gaabu [gáábú] *n.* onion *pl:* gaaburi *2pl:* gaaburee/gaaburree *Var. zammo*

gaafara [gááfàrà] *n.* excuse, sorry *sg:* gaafaroo *pl:* gaafarre *2pl:* gaafareε

gaale [gááli] *v.* (1) to place flat on the ground, to put to bed (2) to attend prenatal or postnatal care **gaaleε, gaala, gaala, gaalba,**

gaalaa, gaaleba

Gaana [gáánà] *n.* Ghana *pl:* gaanari
2pl: gaanɛɛ

gaane [gààni] *v.* (1) to stride; to take strides of equal length with energy and confidence (2) to wear by passing a strip between the buttocks (triangular underwear) • *Nɛŋkponni mine taa la parre a maŋ de gaane yelmaale daare.* Some elderly men have triangular underwear which they wear on festive occasions. gaanɛɛ, gaana, gaana, gaanema, gaanema, gaan-gaana

gaanoo [gaanoo] *n.* the act of striding *Var.* gaane

gabaa [gàbàà] *adv.* open and extensive

gabadayaa [gàbàdáyáá] *adj.* straightaway *Var.* gaba

gabadii [gàbàdii] *n.* a type of woolen cloth used to make suits

gabàngaban [gàbàngàbàn] *adv.* anyhow

gadaa [gàdàà] *n.* (1) ebony stick (2) sign of extradition • *A tendaana ba la nɔgraa gadaa.* The landlord has ordered the sojourner to leave.

gado [gádó] *n.* bed *pl:* gadori *2pl:* gadoree/gadorree *Var.* godo

gagaraa [gágàràà] *n.* (1) traitor (2) One who denies the truth and treads on falsehood, inconsistent *pl:* gagarre *2pl:* gagareɛ *Var.* mi-naafigi

gakogili [gákóglíi] *n.* dried berry of the ebony tree *sg:* gakogiluu *pl:* gakogilo *2pl:* gakogilee

galaa [gàláà] *n.* fool *pl:* galle *2pl:* gal-lee

galbie [gálbíé] *n.* a great person *pl:* galbiiri *2pl:* galbiiree

galbie [gálbíé] *n.* a child born after more than 9 months of pregnancy *pl:* galbiiri *2pl:* galbiiree

gale [gálí] *v.* to speak in anger; to reproach galɛɛ, gala, gala, galeba, galaa, galeba

gale [gàli] *v.* to miss the regular time • *O dane ba gale toma waabo be-biyeni gba.* S/he never missed going to work even for a day. galɛɛ, gala, gala, galba, galaa, galba *Var.* galle

galegale [gálgál] *adv.* of quick fast steps (run)

galegale [gálígálí] *n.* dog

galema [gálímá] *adj.* strange *pl:* gale-malema *Var.* galee

galɛngaa [gàlɛngáà] *n.* crow *pl:* galɛngaare *2pl:* galɛngaareɛ

galɛngooŋaa [gàlɛngóŋáá] *n.* heron *pl:* galɛngooŋe *2pl:* galɛngooŋe *Var.* gɔlɛngooŋaa

galin̄kooori [gàlɛnkóóri] *n.* millipede *sg:* galin̄kooruu *pl:* galin̄koro *2pl:* galin̄koree

galle [gàlli] *v.* to pass, to miss • *Ka pɔgeŋ wa galle o pegebo kaapɔge pɔɔ la ka o taa.* If a woman misses

her period, then she may be pregnant. **gallɛɛ, galla, galla, galeba, gallaa**

galle [gàllì] *v.* manoeuvre with skill and expertise • *Te karema maŋ galle la a kəkɔre ka noɔ kpɛ fo.* Our teacher manipulates the language such that you enjoy his talk. **gallɛɛ, galla, galla, galeba, gallaa**

Galyuoni [gàlyúóní] *n.* name traditionally given to a child born after 9 months of pregnancy *Var.* **Yuoni**

gambanna [gámbánná] *n.* one who is literate *pl:* **gambanema** *2pl:* **gambannɛɛ**

gammiri [gámíírì] *n.* woven twine string worn by women around the waist *sg:* **gammiruu** *pl:* **gammie** *2pl:* **gammiiɛɛ**

gammisɔgelaa [gámíísɔglàà] *n.* woven leather waist string *pl:* **gammisɔgelb**

gammizoolb [gámíízóólɔ̀] *n.* waist strings for adolescent girl *pl:* **gammizoolɛɛ** *Var.* **gammizoola**

gampele [gámpɛ̀lì] *n.* (1) sheet of paper (2) page of a book *pl:* **gampele**

gamporrizie [gámpórrizíé] *n.* post office *pl:* **gamporriziiri** *2pl:* **gamporriziiree**

ganaa [gànáá] *n.* (1) strip of leather (2) twine for chief mourners of a deceased person *pl:* **ganne** *2pl:* **ganneɛɛ**

ganaaganaa [gánáágánáá] *adv.* small and stretched like a string, thin

ganaaganaa [gànààgànàà] *adv.* large and stretched • *A dɔɔ ti la taa ganaaganaa, ka ba faara faana.* The men hooked each other tightly and fiercely such that people were finding it difficult to separate them.

gandaa [gàndáá] *n.* (1) hero, great person, protagonist (2) hero in literature *pl:* **gandaare** *2pl:* **gandaareɛɛ**

gandaa [gàndáá] *n.* placenta *pl:* **gandaare** *2pl:* **gandaareɛɛ**

gane [gáni] *n.* (1) book (2) hide, skin *pl:* **gama** *2pl:* **ganneɛ/gameɛ**

gangyinni [gàndzíní] *n.* the act of doing things in excess e.g. eating *2pl:* **gangyinnee** *Var.* **gangyinnuŋ**

gangyinnuŋ [gàndzínínúŋ] *n.* the act of doing things in excess *Var.* **gangyinnuu, gangyinni**

ganlaa [gánláá] *n.* a type of dance *pl:* **ganlaare** *2pl:* **ganlaareɛɛ**

ganlɔgɔ [gànłgɔ̀] *n.* small leather bag worn on the shoulder *pl:* **ganlɔgre** *2pl:* **ganlɔgreɛɛ**

gansɛgere [gánsɛ̀grɛ̀] *n.* writer, letter writer *pl:* **gansɛgerebe** *2pl:* **gansɛgerebeɛɛ** *Var.* **ganŋmaara**

gansɔraa [gánsóráá] *n.* a book for reading *pl:* **gansɔrre** *2pl:* **gansɔrreɛɛ**

gantoolɛ [gántóólì] *n.* mail *sg:* **gantoolaa** *2pl:* **gantoolɛɛ**

gaja [gàŋjá] *n.* An enclosure for livestock e.g. cattle *pl:* **ganne** *2pl:* **ganneɛ** *Var.* **gaŋe**

gaje [gáj] *adj.* mad or insane (dogs)

• *Bagaje zaamej doje la n baa.*

A mad dog bit my dog yesterday.

gaje [gâj] *v.* (1) to lie down (2) to

sleep gajeɛ, gana, gana, ganema,

ganaa, ganema

gaje [gàjì] *v.* (1) to step over • A

baa age gaj la a bogi. The dog

jumped over the hole. (2) to over-

take, • *Ba lɔre zo wa gaj la te*

deni na bare. Their lorry over-

took ours. (3) to be more than,

to exceed • A *kparoo waa la*

kpon gaj a bie. The shirt is bigger

than the child. gajeɛ, gajena/gana,

gana, gajenema/ganema, gaje-

naa/ganaa, gajenema/ganema

gajene [gàjìní] *n.* next one • N

daga maj bij la a gajene die na

poɔ. My box is kept in the room af-

ter the first one.

gajene [gàjìní] *n.* that which is too

much

gangaa [gàngàá] *n.* drum (general)

pl: gangari *2pl:* gangareɛ

gangaanaa [gàngàànáà] *n.* (1) reed

(2) vine *pl:* gangaane *2pl:* gan-

gaaneɛ

gangadaa [gàngàdáá] *n.* small drum

with a quieter sound *pl:* gan-

gadaare *2pl:* gangadaareɛ

gangadalee [gàngàdáléé] *n.* drum-

stick *pl:* gangadabilii *Var:* gangada-

bili

gangakpon [gàngàkpón] *n.* bass

drum *pl:* gangakponni *2pl:* gan-

gakponnee

gangalee [gàngàléé] *n.* small drum;

alto drum *pl:* gangabilii *2pl:* gan-

gabilee

ganganyaana [gàngànáá] *n.* drum

with a deep, loud sound *pl:* gan-

ganyanene *2pl:* ganganyaneneɛ

ganberra [gàngàbèrè] *n.* reader, let-

ter or book reader *pl:* ganberena

2pl: ganbereneɛ

ganburi [gàngàburi] *n.* funeral

string/strip given without any ac-

companying funeral donation *pl:*

ganburini *2pl:* ganburinee

ganburi [gàngàburi] *n.* dry and crum-

pled animal hide *pl:* ganburini *2pl:*

ganburinee

ganburi [gàngàburi] *n.* dried

strip of leather *pl:* ganburini *2pl:*

ganburinee

ganburi [gàngàburi] *n.* writer *pl:*

ganburinaba *2pl:* ganburinabeɛ

Var: gansegre

gara [gàrá] *n.* tapeworm *pl:* garre

2pl: gareɛ/garreɛ

gara [gàrá] *n.* hobble (rope for hold-

ing two legs of an animal) *pl:* garre

2pl: gareɛ/garreɛ *Var:* gbara

garaa [gàráá] *adj.* small and pointed

garaa [gàráá] *n.* ridge *pl:* garre *2pl:*

garreɛ

gare [gàrí] *v.* (1) to stumble, to trip

over (2) to tie or hold legs together

gareɛ, gara, gara, gareba, garaa,

gareba

gare [gàrí] *v.* to place across, to close

(road) • A *daɔ de la daa gare a*

sori. The man has placed a plank across the road. **garɛɛ, gara, gara, gareba, garaa, gareba**

gare [gárí] *v.* go bad, sour (food)
garɛɛ, gara

garegyerɛ [gáryìrɛ] *n.* a shrub with milky sap, poisonous *sg:* **garegyeroo** *2pl:* **garegyerɛɛ**

Garegyerɛbaa [gàrdzìrɛbàá] *n.* One of the main district headquarters of the Dagaare speaking area whose dialect is often referred to as the 'central dialect' *Var.* **Gyerɛbaa**

garepegele [gàrìpìglì] *v.* to crisscross • **A tɛɛ le la garepegele a sori.** The tree fell and crossed/bocked the road.
garepegeleɛ, garapegeleɛ, gara-pegele, garepegelebe, garepegelaa, garepegelebe

garewaa [gárwáá] *n.* four-gallon tin
pl: **garewaare** *2pl:* **garewaarɛɛ**

garon [gáron] *n.* sour-tasting substance

garre [gárrí] *v.* to deny **gar-
rɛɛ, garra, garra, gareba, garaa,
gareba**

gasalaa [gàsàlàà] *adj.* gaping

gegili [gèglì] *v.* be half-closed
**gegilee, gegile, gegile, gegilibe,
gegilaa, gegilibe** *Var.* **ogili**

geli [géli] *v.* to lift over something heavy lying flat on the ground • **Ba geli la a kuri gbori tiili a dankyini poɔ.** They have lifted over the iron gate unto the wall.
gelee, gelle, gelle, gelibe, -, gelibe

geli [géli] *v.* to burn badly (food)
gelee, gelle, gelle, gelibe, -, gelibe

geli [géli] *v.* to be mad, to behave abnormally or foolishly **gelee, gelle, gelle, gelibe, -, gelibe**

gelime [gélímè] *n.* insanity

gemee [géméé] *adj.* mad, insane

genegene [gènègènè] *adv.* (1) tinted (colour) • **A boɔ e la zee genegene.** The goat is tinted brown. (2) not appearing clearly • **Zie nan da wa nyaana genegene la ka o wa.** S/he came when dawn had not clearly set in.

genjen [génjén] *adj.* firmly fixed

genji [gên] *v.* to stretch out to reach e.g. to look over a wall **genjee, genjine/genne, genjine/genne, genjinime/genime, genjinaa/gennaa, genime**

genji [gên] *v.* to be mad, to be angry **genjee, genjine/genne, genjine/genne, genjinime/genime, genjinaa/gennaa, genime**

geregere [gèrègèrè] *adv.* moderately hard e.g. half-cooked yam

gebɛɛ [gèbèé] *n.* fool, lunatic

gieri [gíeri] *v.* to belch **gieree, giere, giere, gieribe, gieraa, gieribe**

go [gó] *v.* to stoop, to bend down
**goe, guoro, guoro, guoribo, goraa,
guoribo**

go [gò] *v.* watch over **goe, goro, goro, goribo, goraa, -** *Var.* **gu**

gobaa [gòbàà] *n.* shame, disgrace

gogo [gógó] *n.* (1) clock (2) hour *pl:* **gogori** *2pl:* **gogoree**

gogobiri [gògòbírí] *n.* zebu (bull with a humped back) *pl:* **gogobie** *2pl:* **gogobiiree**

gogoo [gògòó] *adj.* standing out with long appendages e.g. pointing

gogoo [gògòó] *n.* sawfish *pl:* **gogooɾe** *2pl:* **gogooɾee**

golebele [gòlibèlè] *adj.* lethargic and unsteady (very sick person)

goligoli [gòlgólí] *v.* to scribble
goligolee, **goligolo**, **goligolo**, **goligolibo**, **golgolaa**, **golgolibo**

gollaa [góllàà] *n.* a game in which players hop on one leg *pl:* **golli** *2pl:* **gollee**

golle [gòllì] *v.* to mix up any which way (clothes) **gollee**, **golɔ/golla**, **golɔ/golla**, **golba**, **gollaa**

golli [gòllì] *v.* to hop on one leg
gollee, **golɔ**, **golɔ**, **golibo**, **gollaa**, **golibo**

golɔngolɔ [gòlɔngólɔ] *adv.* long and twisted

golɔgolɔ [gólɔgólɔ] *adj.* soft and wavy (hair)

golɔnsomm [gòlɔnsòm] *adv.* roundish and big

golɔnsomm [gólɔnsóm] *adv.* roundish and small

gombole [gòmbólí] *n.* kapok fruit *pl:* **gombɔɔ** *2pl:* **gombɔlee**

gomɔgomɔ [gòmòm] *adv.* not straightforward *Var.* **gomagama**

gondon [gòndón] *n.* skirt *pl:* **gondonni** *2pl:* **gondonnee**

gone [góní] *n.* structural flaw *pl:* **gonne** *2pl:* **gonee/gonnee**

gonnaabo [gónnáábó] *n.* plant louse *pl:* **gonnii** *2pl:* **gonniinee**

gonni [gònní] *n.* cotton *sg:* **gonnuu** *pl:* **gonnee**

gonsee [gònsié] *n.* fall; season of intermittent wind

goɔ [gòɔ] *n.* cotton tree *pl:* **gonni** *2pl:* **gonnee**

goɔmane [gòɔmání] *n.* one hundred kola nuts *pl:* **goɔmama** *2pl:* **goɔmannee**

goole [gòòlì] *v.* to mix, to stir (thick paste) **goolee**, **goolɔ**, **goolɔ**, **gooleba**, **goolaa**, **gooleba**

goone [gòòni] *v.* to walk majestically with an up-and-down body movement • *A daanedann da maɔe la a naa niɔ kye goone iri.* The praise singer would walk majestically with up-and-down-movement of the body in front of the King. **goonee**, **goonɔ**, **goonɔ**, **goonema**, **goonaa**, **goonema**

goɔ [gòò] *n.* thorn *pl:* **goore** *2pl:* **gooree**

goɔ [gòò] *v.* to bend at the trunk • *Pɔgeba maɔ goɔ la kaabo kye ɔma.* Women usually hold down guinea corn to cut the head. **goɔe**, **goɔɔ**, **goɔɔ**, **goɔɔbɔ**, **goɔɔaa**, **goɔɔbɔ**

goo [gòò] *v.* to prevent from progressing; to cause to return or refrain from something **gooe, gooro, gooro, goorbò, gooraa, goorbò**

goo [gòò] *v.* to bite (snake) **gooe, gooro, gooro, goorbò, gooraa, goorbò**

gōo [gòó] *n.* (1) kiln (place for baking clay items to make them hard) (2) arena, grouping point (ko-gōo) *pl: goone 2pl: goonee*

gōoo [gòóó] *n.* sleep *pl: goonee*

gooraa [gòòràá] *n.* a type of small tree with medicinal properties *pl: goore 2pl: gooree*

goore [gòórí] *v.* to walk or run half stooping **gooree, gooro, gooro, gooreba, gooraa, gooreba**

goore [gòòrì] *v.* (1) to go round and round (2) to splash mashed ashes round the outer wall of a house (ritual to rid the house of activities of witchcraft) **gooree, gooro, gooro, gooreba, gooraa**

gora [gòrà] *n.* (1) hunchback (2) disease of the back *pl: gorre 2pl: gorree Var. gorò*

goraa [gòràà] *adj.* curved

goraa [gòràà] *adj.* ashamed

gore [gòrì] *v.* (1) to be abundant (2) to be overburdened with weight **goree, gora, gora, goreba, goraa**

gore [gòrí] *v.* to pluck feathers or fur **goree, gora, gora, gorba, goraa**

gorgore [gòrgòrí] *v.* to ruffle **gorgoree, gorgora, gorgora, gorgorba,**

gorgoraa, gorgorba

gori [gòrí] *n.* dowry, bride price *pl: gorri 2pl: goree*

gori [gòrì] *v.* to bend an object (into a sharp curve) **goree, goro, goro, gorbo, goraa, gorbo**

gori [gòrí] *n.* big pile of; load *pl: goe 2pl: goree*

gori-gori-gori [gòr-gòr-gòr] *adv.* motionless

gozambuuli [gòzàmbúúlí] *n.* the fruit of a type of thorn tree *pl: gozambuulo 2pl: gozambuulee Var. gozambuuli*

gozanaa [gòzàràà] *n.* a type of thorn tree with yellow fruit *pl: gozanne 2pl: gozannee Var. gozanaa*

gōbaa [gòbáà] *n.* (1) skillful person; one full of dexterity (2) artist (music, visual arts) *pl: goore 2pl: gooree*

gōbene [gòbìnè] *n.* governor, government *pl: gobenne 2pl: gobenee*

gōbenente [gòbínéntì] *n.* government *pl: gobenentere 2pl: gobenenteree*

gōfuuraa [gòfúúráá] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl: gofuuri 2pl: gofuuree*

gōge [gògí] *v.* to nod **gōgee, gōgerò, gōgerò, gōgerebò, gōgraa, gōgerebò**

gōgō [gògò] *n.* (1) a type of tree whose bark is used in tanning (2) to type of black bird with a long tail *pl: gōgore 2pl: gōgoree*

gɔgɔ [gɔ̀gɔ́] *v.* to bend halfway; to stoop **gɔgɔɛ**, **gɔgɔɔɔɔ**, **gɔgɔɔɔɔ**, **gɔgɔreɔ**, **gɔgɔraa**, **gɔgɔreɔ**

gɔllaa [gɔ́lláá] *n.* a type of small, fatty field mouse *pl:* **gɔlle** *2pl:* **gɔlle** *Var.* **mɔtere**

gɔlle [gɔ́lli] *v.* (1) to go round, to detour (2) to surround, to encircle **gɔlleɛ**, **gɔllo**, **gɔllo**, **gɔleɔ**, **gɔllaa**, **gɔleɔ**

gɔlɔnteebo [gɔ́lɔ̀nt̩t̩bɔ́] *n.* chameleon *pl:* **gɔlɔnteere** *2pl:* **gɔlɔnteereɛ** *Var.* **gɔmɔ/gɔmɔteebo**

gɔmberaa [gɔ́mbíríáá] *n.* state of sleeplessness *pl:* **gɔmberre** *2pl:* **gɔmberreɛ**

gɔmbulo [gɔ́mbùlò] *n.* unique sound in poetry, sound that is pleasing to the ear

gɔmɔ [gɔ́mɔ] *n.* noise, disturbance *pl:* **gɔnne** *2pl:* **gɔnneɛ** *Var.* **gɔnne**

gɔnda [gɔ́ndà] *n.* pawpaw, papaya *sg:* **gɔndaroo** *pl:* **gɔndare** *2pl:* **gɔndareɛ**

gɔnne [gɔ́nnì] *n.* noise *pl:* **gɔmɔ** *2pl:* **gɔnneɛ**

gɔntere [gɔ̀nté́rí] *v.* to talk incessantly **gɔntereɛ**, **gɔntereɛ**, **gɔntereɛ**, **gɔnterebe**

gɔntere [gɔ̀nté́rí] *v.* to burst out, especially when angry **gɔntereɛ**, **gɔntereɛ**, **gɔntereɛ**, **gɔnterebe**

gɔnzuuro [gɔ́nzúúró] *n.* sleepiness • **O taa la gɔnzuuro.** He/she is feeling sleepy. *2pl:* **gɔnzuuree**

gɔɔɔ [gɔ́ɔɔ] *adj.* crooked, bent

gɔɔɔ [gɔ́ɔɔ] *v.* to make crooked, to incline toward **gɔɔɔɛ**, **gɔɔɔɔ**, **gɔɔɔɔ**, **gɔɔnema**, **gɔɔnaa**, **gɔɔnema**

gɔɔɔ [gɔ́ɔɔ] *v.* to make noise, to quarrel **gɔɔɔɛ**, **gɔɔɔɔ**, **gɔɔɔ**, **gɔɔnema**, **gɔɔnaa**, **gɔɔnema**

gɔɔ-ɔɔ [gɔ́ɔɔ-ìɔɔ] *v.* to redirect or state to suit one's purpose • **A yeɛ ba waa le a pɔge gɔɔ-ɔɔɔ la.** That is not the true state of the matter; the woman has tried to add something to make it look like that. **gɔɔ-ɔɔɔɛ**, **gɔɔɔ-ɔɔɔɛ**, **gɔɔ-ɔɔnaa**, **gɔɔ-ɔɔnema**

gɔɔgɔlɔɔ [gɔ́ɔgɔ̀lɔ̀] *adj.* long and winding

gɔɔgɔɔɔ [gɔ́ɔgɔ́ɔɔ] *v.* to walk wearily and unsteadily; to trudge **gɔɔgɔɔɔɛ**, **gɔɔgɔɔɔ**, **gɔɔgɔɔɔ**, **gɔɔgɔɔnema**, **gɔɔgɔɔnaa**, **gɔɔgɔɔnema**

gɔɔgbire [gɔ́ɔgɔ́bíré] *n.* one who is asleep *pl:* **gɔɔgbiribe** *2pl:* **gɔɔgbiribe**

gɔɔɔ [gɔ́ɔɔ] *n.* type of guinea corn *2pl:* **gɔɔnneɛ**

gɔɔ [gɔ́ɔ] *n.* left hand, left side *pl:* **gɔɔɔ** *2pl:* **gɔɔɔɛ**

gɔɔ [gɔ́ɔ] *adj.* left-handed *pl:* **gɔɔɔ** *2pl:* **gɔɔɔɛ**

gɔɔ [gɔ́ɔ] *v.* to go round and round **gɔɔɔ**, **gɔɔɔ**, **gɔɔɔ**, **gɔɔreɔ**, **gɔɔraa**, **gɔɔreɔ** *Var.* **gɔɔre**

gɔɔrombiri [gɔ́ɔrómbírí] *n.* literary device (lit.) *sg:* **gɔɔrombiruu** *pl:* **gɔɔrombie** *2pl:* **gɔɔrombiee**

gɔpela [gɔpɪlǎá] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* gɔpeele *2pl:* gɔpeele

gɔre [gɔrɪ] *v.* (1) to bend (2) to mould a hoe into a curved shape gɔree, gɔrɔ, gɔrɔ, gɔrebo, gɔraa, gɔrebo

gɔre [gɔrɪ] *n.* scythe *pl:* gɔrre *2pl:* gɔree

gɔsɔgela [gɔsɔglǎá] *n.* a type of thorn tree *pl:* gɔsɔgelo *2pl:* gɔsɔgelee

gɔtee [gɔtɪé] *n.* a tree with thorns *pl:* gɔteere *2pl:* gɔteere

gɔzee [gɔzɪé] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties

gu [gù] *v.* (1) to watch out for (2) to look after (3) to protect, to defend (4) to wait for (someone), (5) to waylay (someone) gue, guuro, guuro, guribo, guuraa, guribo *Var.* go gu zɔɔ to ambush

gufu [gúfù] *n.* interpreter *pl:* gufuri *2pl:* gufuree/gufurree

Gumo [gúmó] *n.* a town in the Sisaalaland noted for soothsaying and divining *2pl:* gume

gunni [gúnɪ] *v.* to stalk (hunter tracking game) gunnee, gunno, gunno, gunimo, gunnaa

gunni [gúnɪ] *v.* to pick tiny leaves from plants gunnee, gunno, gunno, gunimo, gunnaa

guo [gùò] *n.* heavy club with knobbed end *pl:* gori *2pl:* goree *Var.* daguo

guoli [gùòlɪ] *v.* to coil (rope) guolee, guolo, guolo, guolibo, guolaa, guolibo

guoli [gúólɪ] *v.* (1) to bring up (child) (2) to raise (animals) guolee, guolo, guolo, guolibo, guolaa, guolibo

guoli [gúólɪ] *n.* pot rest; pad on which pots are placed *pl:* guolo *2pl:* guolee

guori [gúórɪ] *n.* kola nuts *sg:* guoruu *pl:* goe *2pl:* goree

guri [gùrɪ] *v.* (1) to throw one's body onto another (wrestling, catching a fowl) (2) to fold up (leg) guree, guro, guro, guribo, guuraa
guri pɔge to rape

gurun [gùrún] *n.* mushroom *sg:* gurruu *pl:* gurri *2pl:* gurree

guu [gúú] *v.* to be unable, to fail guue, guuro, guuro, guuribo, guuraa, guuribo

guu [gùú] *adj.* blunt, not sharp *pl:* guuri *2pl:* guuree

guu [gùù] *v.* to be blunt guue, guuro, guuro, guurbo, guuraa, guurbo

guuli [gúúli] *v.* to delay someone guulee, guulo, guulo, guulibo, guulaa, guulibo *Var.* gbuuli

guuli [gúúli] *v.* to be not yet healed of a sprain guulee, guulo, guulo, guulibo, guulaa, guulibo *Var.* gbuuli

guuli [gúúli] *v.* to delay someone guulee, guulo, guulo, guulibo, guulaa, guulibo *Var.* gbuuli

guuli [gúúli] *n.* knot *pl:* guulo *2pl:* guulee

gb

gba [gbá] *v.* (1) to gather substantive debris (2) to beat someone completely (gambling) **gbae, gbaara, gbaara, gbarba, gbaaraa, gbarba**

gba [gbà] *v.* to close tightly, to lock **gbae, gbaara, gbaara, gbareba, gbaaraa, gbareba**

gbaa [gbàà] *n.* viper *pl:* **gbaare** *2pl:* **gbaaree**

gbaalaa [gbáááá] *n.* large, sturdy broom for sweeping pavement *pl:* **gbaale** *2pl:* **gbaalee**

gbaale [gbááí] *n.* large earthenware basin *pl:* **gbaala** *2pl:* **gbaalee**

gbaale [gbààlì] *v.* to gather extensively • *A koo^{raa} gbaale la o wee kekere^e baare.* The farmer has finished gathering the stalks on his farm. **gbaalee, gbaala, gbaala, gbaaleba, gbaalaa, gbaaleba**

gbaale [gbááí] *v.* to follow in large numbers (typically used with tu) • *Polsiri nyoge la a nannyige ka bibiiri gbaale tu.* The police arrested the thief and children crowded behind them. **gbaalee, gbaala, gbaala, gbaalba, gbaalaa, gbaalba**

gbaama [gbààmà] *n.* weak appendages *2pl:* **gbaamee**

gbaane [gbààní] *adj.* lean *pl:* **gbaama**

gbaga [gbágá] *n.* animal cage *pl:* **gbagre** *2pl:* **gbagre** *Var.* **gbog^o**

gbage [gbàgì] *v.* to face • *A perooyie la a de o niye gbage sapare kye dee zoro.* When the sheep left the pen it just went running toward the east. **gbagee, gbagra, gbagra, gbagreba, gbagraa, gbagreba** *Var.* **gboge**

gbagelan [gbàglàn] *adj.* large and strong e.g. cob of corn

gbagele [gbàglí] *n.* bone with meat *pl:* **gbagla** *2pl:* **gbagle**

gbala [gbàlà] *n.* a type of women's hairstyle • *A poge^{paalaa} ponji la gbala.* The bride has shaved gbala on her head. *pl:* **gballe** *2pl:* **gbalee**

gbalaa [gbàláà] *n.* (1) pole for plucking (2) a type of tree that has aerial roots, milky sap, and (usually) a large amount of shade *pl:* **gballe** *2pl:* **gballe** *Var.* **langbaraa, kan^{kan}gbalaa**

gbale [gbàlí] *adj.* not for nothing • *A bie konni ba e gbale.* It is not for nothing that the child is crying. *pl:* **gbala** *2pl:* **gbalee**

gbale [gbàlí] *adj.* not wearing anything around the waist • *Maria^{taa} la se-gbale.* Mary does not have any beads around her waist. *pl:* **gbala** *2pl:* **gbalee**

gbale [gbàlí] *adj.* blunt, not sharp • *A so-gbale na ko^η tō^o ηmaa a nene.* That blunt knife can't cut the meat. *pl:* **gbala** *2pl:* **gbalee**

gbale [gbàli] *v.* to make blunt **gbaleε**, **gballa**, **gballa**, **gbaleba**, **gballaa**, **gbaleba**

gbambeε [gbàmbilè] *n.* albino *pl:* **gbambelle** *2pl:* **gbambeεε**

gbambiri [gbàmbíri] *n.* an object with two distinct sides (cowrie) thrown in gambling to decide the winner *sg:* **gbambiruu** *pl:* **gbambie** *2pl:* **gbambiiree**

gbambiri [gbàmbiri] *n.* a type of musical instrument, made of metal tin, a wooden board and spokes. Spoke-like metals are fixed on the board and fixed into the tin. It is played like the guitar *2pl:* **gbambiree**

gbammo [gbàmmó] *n.* (1) comb (of a rooster) (2) a variety of maize that usually has big cobs and pure white kernels *pl:* **gbama/gbanne** *2pl:* **gbamεε** *Var.* **gyampegre**

gbandige [gbàndígé] *n.* area of jurisdiction *pl:* **gbandigri**

gbandiruj [gbàndírúj] *n.* inheritance *2pl:* **gbandiree**

gbanfolb [gbànfòlà] *n.* a dish made from mashed fresh corn *2pl:* **gbanfolεε/gbanfolleε** *Var.* **gbanfola**

gbanna [gbànná] *n.* small farm near the house *pl:* **gbanne** *2pl:* **gbanneε** *Var.* **gbannaa**

gbannaa [gbànnáá] *n.* crop field *pl:* **gbanne** *2pl:* **gbanneε** *Var.* **gbanna**

gbantieloo [gbàntiélóó] *n.* the act of shooting an arrow as high as one can. (used with *saluoni*) • **O gban**

la saluoni gbantieloo. He has shot an arrow into the sky.

gbantori [gbàntòrí] *n.* ulcer *pl:* **gbantoe** *2pl:* **gbantoree** *Var.* **gbontori**

gbanzeε [gbànzíé] *n.* very light-skinned person *pl:* **gbanzeere** *2pl:* **gbanzeereε** *Var.* **gbanj**

gbaje [gbánj] *n.* gambling *pl:* **gbanne** *2pl:* **gbanneε** *Var.* **gbanja**

gbaje [gbǎnj] *n.* albino *pl:* **gbanne** *2pl:* **gbanneε** *Var.* **gbanzee**

gbaje [gbánj] *v.* to shoot an arrow as far as one can **gbajeε**, **gbana**, **gbana**, **gbanema**, **gbanaa**, **gbanema**

gbangbaa [gbàngbàà] *n.* slave *pl:* **gbangbaare** *2pl:* **gbangbaareε**

gbangbaalonj [gbàngbààlónj] *n.* slavery

gbangbakyeraa [gbàngbákýíráà] *n.* stone axe *pl:* **gbangbakyerre** *2pl:* **gbangbakyerreε/gbangbakyerreε**

gbangbalaa [gbàngbálàà] *n.* (1) a clearing (2) spot for threshing grain *pl:* **gbangballe** *2pl:* **gbangballeε** *Var.* **gbengbelaa**

gbangbanj [gbàngbánj] *n.* midday *pl:* **gbangbanne** *2pl:* **gbangbanneε**

gbangbanj [gbàngbànj] *adv.* wide, open, and endless

gbangbele [gbàngbíli] *adv.* raw and hard (fruit)

gbankeroo [gbàngkéróó] *n.* a type of wild plant with edible fruit *pl:* **gbankerri** *2pl:* **gbanke-ree/gbankerree**

gbara [gbàrá] *n.* a deaf or mute person *pl:* gbarre *2pl:* gbarɛɛ

gbare [gbárí] *v.* to struggle in agony e.g. dying • *Lɔ̀re ñme la naabo ka o le a sori zu dee gbara.* The lorry hit the cow and it fell on the road struggling. **gbarɛɛ**, **gbara**, **gbara**, **gbarba**, **gabaraa**, **gabrba**

gbare [gbárí] *v.* to tie legs together firmly • *Ba nanɛɛ nyɔge la a naaweɛme na, a nyɔge gbare.* When they eventually caught that wild cow, they tied it down by the legs. **gbarɛɛ**, **gbara**, **gbara**, **gbarba**, **gabaraa**, **gabrba**

gbare [gbàrì] *v.* to shut off from hearing **gbarɛɛ**, **gbara**, **gbara**, **gbareba**, **gabaraa**, **gbareba**

gbarema [gbàrimá] *n.* small child *pl:* gbarre *2pl:* gbareɛɛ

gbatele [gbàtíí] *n.* a kind of grass which is heated and smashed to explode *sg:* gbateeloo *pl:* gbateelɛ *2pl:* gbateelɛɛ

gbatere [gbàtérí] *n.* small, shallow pond (usually in the bush) *pl:* gbaterre *2pl:* gbatereɛ

gbe [gbè] *v.* (1) to grind coarsely (2) to know at something hard (unripe fruit) **gbee**, **gbiere**, **gbiere**, **gbieribe**, **gbieraa**, **gbegiere**

gbêɛ [gbéé] *v.* to cut a bit tiny **gbeéɛ**, **gbeɛɛ**, **gbeɛɛ**, **gbeɛneme**, **gbeɛnaa**, **gbeɛneme**

Gbeedomoo [gbìèdómóó] *n.* a member of the Gbeedomo clan *pl:* Gbeedomɛɛ

Gbeedomo [gbìèdómó] *n.* land area of the clan members (Gbeedomɛɛ) *Var.* **Gbeedomo**

gbeele [gbìèli] *n.* a type of fetish manifested in a stone; a stone believed to have supernatural power and treated as a god; the clan god of the Gbeedomɛɛ *pl:* gbeele *2pl:* gbeeleɛ

gbeele [gbìéí] *v.* to eye with suspicion, to look angrily or sternly at **gbeele**, **gbeele**, **gbeele**, **gbeelebe**, **gbeela**, **gbeelebe**

gbeele kuuri [gbìèli kúúrí] *n.* (1) round, smooth stone (2) such a stone believed to be a symbol of a fetish *pl:* gbeele kubo *2pl:* gbeele kuuree *Var.* **gbeele**

gbeere [gbìèrì] *v.* to be completely out of energy; to be spent **gbeere**, **gbeere**, **gbeere**, **gbeerebe**, **gbeeraa**, **gbeerebe**

gbeere [gbìèrì] *v.* to be felled by a rainstorm (of grass) **gbeere**, **gbeere**, **gbeere**, **gbeerebe**, **gbeeraa**, **gbeerebe**

gbeere [gbìèrì] *v.* to cut bits and pieces of meat **gbeere**, **gbeere**, **gbeere**, **gbeerebe**, **gbeeraa**, **gbeerebe**

gbeere [gbìééré] *n.* bits and pieces of meat *2pl:* gbeereɛ

gbegi [gbégí] *v.* to pile up e.g. firewood **gbegee**, **gbegre**, **gbegire**, **gbegiribe**, **gbegiraa**, **gbegire**

gbegili [gbèglì] *adj.* hard and rigid

gbegili [gbègli] *v.* to become dry and hard **gbegilee**, **gbegile**, **gbegile**, **gbeglibe**, **gbegilaa**, **gbegilibe**

gbelaa [gbèlàá] *n.* the bone of the forehead *pl:* **gbelaare** *2pl:* **gbelaare**

gbelaa [gbilàà] *adv.* protruding, straight and hard

gbele [gbílí] *n.* a type of small fox with bushy fur *pl:* **gbele** *2pl:* **gbele/gbelle**

gbele [gbílí] *v.* to work very hard **gbele**, **gbele**, **gbele**, **gbelbe**, **gbelaa**

gbelengbele [gbèlèngbéléng] *n.* flat metal musical instrument; a cymbal *pl:* **gbelengbelli** *2pl:* **gbelengbele** *Var.* **lato/nato**

gbelime [gbèlimé] *n.* bell *pl:* **gbelli** *2pl:* **gbellee**

gbelime [gbèlimé] *n.* hour *pl:* **gbelli** *2pl:* **gbellee**

gbelli [gbéllì] *v.* to turn the head away abruptly **gbellee**, **gbelle**, **gbelle**, **gbelibe**, **bellaa**, **gbelibe**

gbengbegri [gbèngbégri] *n.* (1) river bank (2) riverbed (dry) *pl:* **gbengbege** *2pl:* **gbengbegree**

gbengbelaa [gbíngbíláá] *n.* ground where millet is threshed and winnowed out *pl:* **gbengbelle** *2pl:* **gbengbele/gbengbellé** *Var.* **gbangbalaa**

gbengben [gbéngbén] *adv.* firmly fixed

gbenjini [gbénjini] *n.* lion *pl:* **gbenjime** *2pl:* **gbennee**

gbenkeroo [gbènkéróó] *n.* a shrub with brown hard fruits that are edible. Also the fruit of such a tree *pl:* **gbenkerri** *2pl:* **gbenkeree** *Var.* **naakyeemegbenkeroo**

gberi [gbèrì] *adv.* of a twine snapping sound

gberi [gbéribi] *adv.* stopping suddenly

gbebaṅa [gbébaṅ] *n.* ankle bangle *pl:* **gbebanne** *2pl:* **gbebanne** *Var.* **gbebanṅ/gbebaṅe**

gbebi-eene [gbébi-íéni] *n.* (1) toenail (2) claw *pl:* **gbebi-eeme** *2pl:* **gbebi-eene**

gbebinyoore [gbébiṅóórì] *n.* tip of the toe *pl:* **gbebinyo** *2pl:* **gbebinyoore**

gbebiri [gbébirì] *n.* toe *pl:* **gbebie** *2pl:* **gbebiire/gbebiiree**

gbebogi [gbéboḡì] *n.* (1) footprint (2) spot *pl:* **gbebogri** *2pl:* **gbebo-gree**

gbèè [gbèè] *adv.* dull, sleepy

gbèè yaga [gbéé yágá] *adj.* often *Var.* **buyibuyi**

gbefaa [gbéféáá] *n.* ill luck, unluckiness *pl:* **gbefaare** *2pl:* **gbefaaree**

gbegere [gbègrì] *v.* to be miserly, to economize **gbegeré**, **gbegeré**, **gbegeré**, **gbegerébe**, **gbegeraa**, **gbegerébe**

gbegere [gbégrì] *v.* to be loose, to be shaky (object in a hole) • **A daa bogi ba sigi yaga lenso ka o gbege**. The hole for the pole is not deep enough; that is why it

is shaky. **gbegree**, **gbegre**, **gbegre**,
gbegrebe, **gbegraa**, **gbegrebe**
gbegbe [gbègbé] *n.* wide, shallow
basket *pl:* **gbegbere** *2pl:* **gbegberee**
gbekpara [gbékpára] *n.* double-
legged *pl:* **gbekparre** *2pl:* **gbekpa-
ree**
gbekpeetaa [gbékpíétiáá] *n.* fleet-
footed *pl:* **gbekpeene**
gbekponji [gbékpónj] *n.* thigh *pl:*
gbekponni *2pl:* **gbekponnee**
gbele [gbéli] *n.* a long, thin strip of
material e.g. rubber *pl:* **gbele** *2pl:*
gbele/gbellee
gbele [gbéli] *v.* (1) to wriggle one's
torso (like in dancing) (2) way of
begging where one wriggles one's
wrist **gbele**, **gbele**, **gbele**, **gbelbe**,
gbelaa, **gbelbe**
gbelee [gbéleé] *n.* foot *pl:* **gbebilii**
2pl: **gbebilee**
gbele [gbèlèè] *adj.* loose and sag-
ging e.g. a rope
gbelgbele [gbèlgbèl] *adv.* long and
flowing
gbelonkoraa [gbèlòŋkòràá] *n.* the re-
gion at the back of the knee joint *pl:*
gbelonkorri *2pl:* **gbelonkoree**
gbelolraa [gbélòlràá] *n.* calf (hu-
man body) *pl:* **gbelolorre** *2pl:*
gbeloloree
gbeneeraa [gbéniéráá] *n.* footprint
pl: **gbeneere** *2pl:* **gbeneeree**
gbenne [gbènni] *v.* to pluck
(leaves) **gbennee**, **gbenne**, **gbenne**,
gbeneme, **gbennaa**, **gbeneme**

gbenne [gbénni] *v.* to chip the rim
or edge of something **gbennee**,
gbenne, **gbenne**, **gbeneme**, **gben-
naa**, **gbeneme**
gbere [gbéri] *n.* (1) leg (2) foot *pl:*
gbere *2pl:* **gbereere**
gbere [gbéri] *n.* person with a phys-
ical disability that prevents them
from walking *pl:* **gberre** *2pl:* **gberre**
Var. **gbere (1pl)**
gbere [gbèri] *n.* mane *pl:* **gberre** *2pl:*
gberre
gbere [gbèri] *v.* to be unable to
walk due to a physical disabili-
ty **gberre**, **gberre**, **gberre**, **gberrebe**,
gberaa, **gberrebe**
gberegbere [gbèrigbéri] *v.* crawl,
walk with serious difficulty **gbe-
regbere**, **gberegbere**, **gberegbere**,
gberegberre, **gberegberaa**, **gbere-
gberre**
gberre [gbèrè] *n.* sponge *sg:* **gberre**
2pl: **gberre**
gberoo [gbèròò] *n.* weak and de-
jected; paralysis
gbesampane [gbésámpáni] *n.* top of
foot *pl:* **gbesampama** *2pl:* **gbesam-
panee/gbesampannee**
gbesugili [gbésúglí] *n.* ankle *pl:* **gbe-
sugilo** *2pl:* **gbesugilee**
gbetanlori [gbétánlóri] *n.* half-bent
leg on the other *pl:* **gbetanloe** *2pl:*
gbetanlore
gbetere [gbètéri] *n.* small pond, usu-
ally in the bush *pl:* **gbeterre** *2pl:*
gbeterre/gbeterre *Var.* **gbatare**

gbetolon [gbétólón] *n.* (1) the condition of being fast-footed; quickness (2) intelligence *pl:* **gbetola**

gbetooraa [gbétóóráá] *n.* sock *pl:* **gbetoore** *2pl:* **gbetooree**

gbevelaa [gbévíláá] *n.* good luck, good fortune *pl:* **gbeveele**

gbeyeni [gbéyéni] *n.* one-legged thing

gbi [gbí] *v.* to kneel **gbie, gbiire, gbiire, gbiribe, gbiiraa, gbiribe**

gbi [gbí] *v.* to break down a mud or earth-made roof **gbie, gbiire, gbiire, gbiribe, gbiiraa, gbiribe**

gbi [gbí] *v.* to harvest yams to make room for seed yams to grow **gbie, gbiire, gbiire, gbiribe, gbiiraa, gbiribe**

gbie [gbíé] *n.* forehead *sg:* **gberuu** *pl:* **gberi** *2pl:* **gberree**

gbiele [gbíélé] *n.* hands and arms • *N ba taa gbiele dere biiri.* My arms are too weak to curdle children.

gbieli [gbíélí] *n.* elbow *pl:* **gbiele** *2pl:* **gbielee** *Var.* **kpaŋkpaŋyugbieli, kpaŋkpaŋgbieli**

gbieni [gbíèni] *v.* to crawl in pain, to crawl painfully **gbienee, gbiene, gbiene, gbienime, gbienaa, gbienime**

gbigiri [gbígri] *v.* to ruminate, to chew cud **gbigiree, gbigire, gbigire, gbigiribe, gbigiraa, gbigiribe**

gbigiri [gbígri] *v.* to shake to test firmness e.g. a stem **gbigiree, gbi-**

gire, gbigire, gbigiribe, gbigiraa, gbigiribe

gbili [gbílí] *adj.* silent, quiet *pl:* **gbile** *2pl:* **gbilee**

gbini [gbíní] *n.* bundle *pl:* **gbime**

gbin-gbin [gbín-gbín] *adv.* manner of running that is uninterrupted

gbinji [gbín] *v.* to cause to tremble or shake • *Bibiiri deene la a pee lenso ka o gbine.* Children are playing on the roof; that is why the roof is shaking. **gbinee, gbine, gbine, gbime, gbinaa, gbime**

gbinji [gbín] *v.* to hypnotise; to put into utter shock such that the person or thing cannot react • *A docta kyoge o la pimbiri ka o dee gbinji.* The doctor gave him an injection and he was put out. **gbinee, gbine, gbine, gbime, gbinaa, gbime**

gbirengbireŋ [gbírén-gbírén] *adv.* solid and firm

gbiri [gbíri] *v.* (1) to sleep (2) to coagulate, to clot **gbiree, gbire, gbire, gbiribe, gbiraa, gbiribe**

gbo [gbô] *n.* heart *sg:* **gboruu** *pl:* **gbori** *2pl:* **gboree**

gbo [gbò] *adv.* a loud sound, usually made when two solid things collide, e.g. two bulls in a fight when their heads crash

gbogili [gbógli] *v.* (1) to pack many objects on top of one another (2) to stand up against each other (quarrel) **gbogilee, gbogilo, gbogilo, gbogilibo, gbogilaa**

gbogiri [gbògri] *v.* (1) to gnaw flesh from a bone (2) to lick a container clean e.g. a palatable soup pot **gbogree**, **gbogiro**, **gbogiro**, **gbogiribo**, **gbogiraa**

gbogbo [gbògbò] *adj.* gluttonous

gbole [gbòlì] *v.* to look up towards the sky • *A nan̄kpaana gbole kaa la a nuulee nan̄ dɔɔ a tee zu.* The hunter looked up to see the bird in the tree. **gboleε**, **gbollo**, **gbollo**, **gboleba**, **gbolaa**, **gboleba**

gboli [gbòlí] *adj.* bare-headed (carrying a load on the head without a pad); without attachment *pl:* **gbolo** *2pl:* **gbole**

gboli [gbólí] *n.* leather string worn around the waist *sg:* **gbole/gbollee** *pl:* **gbolo** *2pl:* **gbolli**

gboli [gbólí] *v.* to search earnestly; to rummage **gbole**, **gbolo**, **gbolo**, **gbolibo**, **gbolaa**, **gbolibo**

gboligboli [gbólgból] *adj.* sound of a loud echoing and persistent call

gbolli [gbòllì] *v.* to harass; to pursue something or someone eagerly **gbollee**, **gbollo**, **gbollo**, **gbolbo**, **gbolaa**, **gbolibo**

gbomo [gbómò] *n.* lumps of matter used by a rodent to block its hole against intruders *2pl:* **gbonnee**

gbontori [gbòntòrí] *n.* ulcer *pl:* **gbontoe** *Var.* **gbantori** *2pl:* **gbontoree**

gboŋe [gbóŋ] *v.* to put pressure on (demanding action) **gboŋεε**,

gbonno, **gbonno**, **gbonema**, **gbonnaa**, **gbonema**

gbongboli [gbòŋgbólí] *n.* big rodent *pl:* **gbongbolo** *2pl:* **gbongbole**

gbongboŋ [gbòŋgbón] *adj.* all of, completely

gbongboŋ [gbòŋgbòŋ] *n.* bucket; metal container *pl:* **gbongbonni** *2pl:* **gbongbonee**

gbongbopelaa [gbòŋgbòpilàá] *n.* jackal *pl:* **gbongbopee** *2pl:* **gbongbopeeεε**

gbongbori [gbòŋgbòrí] *n.* hyena *pl:* **gbongboe** *2pl:* **gbongboree**

gboŋi [gbòŋ] *v.* to press against between two things.(finger between two objects) **gboŋee**, **gbonno**, **gbonno**, **gbonimo**, **gbonnaa**, **gbonimo**

gboŋi [gbòŋ] *v.* (1) to pile up; to pack together (2) to block an entrance (of a rodent's hole) **gboŋee**, **gbonno**, **gbonno**, **gbonimo**, **gbonnaa**, **gbonimo**

gbore [gbòrì] *v.* (1) to hold water in the mouth (2) to conceal a hole (of a rodent) **gboreεε**, **gborɔ**, **gborɔ**, **gboreba**, **gboraa**, **gboreba**

gboregbore [gbòrgbòrí] *v.* to gargle **gborgboreεε**, **gborgborɔ**, **gborgborɔ**, **gborgboreba**, **gboregboraa**, **gborgboreba**

gbori [gbórí] *v.* to move suddenly and strongly, to struggle • *Vũũ nyege la a bie ka o gbori na tage yi a daa a doge lɔɔ.* The fire

- burnt the child and as he struggled to move away he pushed the pot over. **gboree, gboro, gboro, gboribo, gboraa, gboribo**
- gbori** [gbòrí] *n.* ship, boat, canoe *pl:* **gboe** *2pl:* **gboree/gborree**
- gbori** [gbòrí] *n.* door flap *pl:* **gboe** *2pl:* **gboree/gborree**
- gbori** [gbòrí] *n.* trough *pl:* **gboe** *2pl:* **gboree/gborree**
- gbori** [gbòrí] *n.* board on which meat is dressed and cut *pl:* **gboe** *2pl:* **gboree/gborree**
- gboribiri** [gbòrbìrì] *n.* key *pl:* **gboribie** *2pl:* **gboribiree/gboribiiree**
- gborigbori** [gbòrgbòrí] *v.* to struggle, especially on the ground **gborgboree, gborgboro, gborgboro, gborgborbo, gborgboraa**
- gborikuṅkuni** [gbòrikúṅkúní] *n.* padlock *pl:* **gborikuṅkuni/gborikuṅkumo** *2pl:* **gborikuṅkumee** *Var.* **saafema**
- gborivuuri** [gbòrvúúrì] *n.* paddle *pl:* **gborivue** *2pl:* **gborivuuree**
- gborogboro** [gbòrògbòrò] *adj.* very large e.g. grains
- gboroto** [gbòrótó] *adv.* the manner of meeting face-to-face suddenly
- gbotole** [gbètólí] *n.* bush baby (animal) *pl:* **gbotola** *2pl:* **gbotolɛɛ/gbotollɛɛ**
- gboge** [gbògì] *v.* (1) to be close to, to be next to • *O zɛɲ gboge la a baala.* He is seated close to the patient. (2) to drink as a couple from one calabash at the same time (traditional kiss) **gbogɛɛ, gbogero, gbogero, gbogerebo, gbogeraa**
- gboge** [gbògì] *adj.* not full e.g. sack of grain *pl:* **gbogere**
- gbogele** [gbògì] *v.* to hold too many things at a time **gbogelɛɛ, gbogelɔ, gbogelɔ, gbogelebo, gbogelaa**
- gbogele** [gbògì] *v.* to assemble poorly e.g. broken-down machine **gbogelɛɛ, gbogelɔ, gbogelɔ, gbogelebo, gbogelaa**
- gbogɔ** [gbògɔ] *n.* a type of reptile similar to the monitor lizard *pl:* **gbogre** *2pl:* **gbogree**
- gbogɔ** [gbògɔ] *n.* strong open cage for carrying animals *pl:* **gbogre** *2pl:* **gbogree** *Var.* **gbaga**
- gbugbulee** [gbúgbúlèè] *n.* tadpole *pl:* **gbugbulli** *2pl:* **gbugbullee**
- gbuli** [gbùlí] *adj.* whole *pl:* **gbulo** *2pl:* **gbulo gbulo**
- gbulli** [gbùllì] *v.* (1) to make into a ball (2) to come together in large numbers • *A pɔge mɔɲe la a fanfane baare a nyɔge gbulli gbulli sisi sisi.* When the woman finished making the soap she made it into balls of one cedi each. -, **gbullo, gbullo, gbulibo, gbulaa, gbulibo**
- gbutuli** [gbùtùlí] *n.* uninformed person; fool *pl:* **gbutulo** *2pl:* **gbutulee**
- gbuuli** [gbúúlí] *v.* see guuli (make a knot) **gbuulee, gbuulo, gbuulo, gbuulibo, gbuulaa**

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gyaankoli [dzàáŋkólí] *n.* the sacrum and coccyx *pl:* **gyaankolo** *2pl:* **gyaankolee** *Var.* **gyikoli**

gyaare [dzààrì] *v.* to rake, to sweep roughly **gyaareε**, **gyaara**, **gyaara**, **gyaareba**, **gyaaraa**, **gyaareba**

gyaaroo [dzàárúú] *n.* a type of wild mouse *pl:* **gyaara** *2pl:* **gyaareε**

gyãayo [dzááyò] *n.* thanks *pl:* **gyãayori** *2pl:* **gyãayoree**

Gyabuni [dzàbùni] *n.* a type of idol with magical powers among the Dagaaba *pl:* **gyabunni/gyabumo** *2pl:* **gyabunee**

gyabuno [dzàbùnò] *n.* fetish *pl:* **gyabunni/gyabumo** *2pl:* **gyabunnee/gyabumee** *Var.* **gyabuni**

gyaga [dzàgà] *adj.* useless

gyage [dzàgì] *v.* (1) to face a task that is difficult surmount (2) jack **gyageε**, **gyagera**, **gyagera**, **gyagereba**, **gyageraa**, **gyagereba**

gyagele [dzàgli] *v.* to hang on to, to support lightly **gyagleε**, **gyagela**, **gyagela**, **gyageleba**, **gyagelaa**, **gyageleba**

gyambiri [dzàbíri] *n.* clitoris *Var.* **zibiri**

gyammo [dzàmmó] *n.* clitoris *pl:* **gyama** *2pl:* **gyamεε/gyanneε** *Var.*

gyampegere [dzàmpígri] *n.* comb (of a rooster) *pl:* **gyampege** *2pl:* **gyampegeε/gyampegereε** *Var.* **gbammo**

gyangyagera [dzàndzágrá] *n.* one who behaves abnormally; insane person *sg:* **gyangyagerebeε** *2pl:* **gyangyagereba**

gyangyagera [dzàndzágrá] *n.* fried corn or bean flour mixed with vegetables *2pl:* **gyangyagereε**

gyangbaa [dzàŋgbáá] *n.* something that is acidic; usually harmful *pl:* **gyangbaare** *2pl:* **gyangbaareε**

gyangbee [dzàŋgbíé] *n.* small child *pl:* **gyangbeere** *2pl:* **gyangbeereε**

gyangboŋi [dzàŋgbòŋ] *n.* house mouse *pl:* **gyangbonni** *2pl:* **gyangbonnee** *Var.* **gyoŋŋboŋi**

gyangboro [dzàŋgbòrò] *n.* fried dough made from the leaves of a small plant *2pl:* **gyangboree**

gyangboro [dzàŋgbóró] *n.* a type of small plant with edible leaves *sg:* **gyangboruu** *2pl:* **gyangboree**

gyangbɔgɔ [dzàŋgbògò] *n.* a type of monitor lizard *pl:* **gyangbɔgre** *2pl:* **gyangbɔgreε**

gyarema [dzàrímá] *n.* a type of yam farm where sticks with branches are used to support the vine of the yam *2pl:* **gyaremeε**

gyarima [dzàrímá] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *2pl:* **gyaremeε**

gyee [dzìi] *v.* short form of **gyeere** **gyeeε**, **gyeereε**, **gyeereε**, **gyeerebeε**

gyeere [dzìiri] *v.* to circle around from front to back of an object; to move away from; to change environment **gyeerεε, gyeerε, gyeerε, gyeerebe, gyeeraa, gyeerebe** *Var. gyeε*

gyeene [dzìèni] *v.* to lurk; wishing to do something • **A noo gyeene la a kyi.** The fowl is lurking around the millet. **gyeeneε, gyeene, gyeene, gyeeneme, gyeena, gyeeneme**

gyeene [dzìéni] *n.* see gyengyeene (protrusion) **pl: gyeeme 2pl: gyeemeε**

gyeeraa [dzìèràà] *n.* plume, long feather (of a rooster) **pl: gyeere 2pl: gyeerεε**

gyefa [dzífà] *n.* pocket **pl: gyefare 2pl: gyefareε**

gyefa [dzífà] *n.* unclean thing **pl: gyefare 2pl: gyefareε**

gyege [dzìgì] *v.* to be fully grown, to be strong, to be powerful **gyegeε, gyegerε, gyegerε, gyegerebe, gyegeraa, gyegerebe**

gyegele [dzìglí] *n.* a spiritually powerful person **pl: gyegelle 2pl: gyegeleε**

gyegere [dzìgrì] *v.* to display one's supernatural power, to challenge **gyegerεε, gyegerε, gyegerε, gyegerebe, gyegeraa, gyegerebe**

gyegiri [dzégrì] *v.* to mix by placing things in between others **gyegiree, gyegire, gyegire, gyegiribe, gyegiraa, gyegiribe**

gyegiri [dzégrì] *v.* to counter someone's speech; to challenge **gyegiree, gyegire, gyegire, gyegiribe, gyegiraa, gyegiribe**

gyelaa [dzilàá] *n.* carnivorous animal **pl: gyelaare 2pl: gyelaareε**

gyell [dzìll] *adj.* protuding e.g. arrow stuck in an animal

gyeme [dzìmè] *n.* convulsion, disease of children **2pl: gyemeε**

gyeme [dzìmè] *n.* short form of dää-gyeme **2pl: gyemeε**

gyena [dzínà] *n.* fairy **pl: gyenne 2pl: gyenneε**

gyenne [dzìnnì] *v.* to test **gyenneε, gyenne, gyenne, gyeneme, gyenna, gyeneme**

gyenne [dzìnnì] *v.* to waylay, to plan evil against **gyenneε, gyenne, gyenne, gyeneme, gyenna, gyeneme**

gyennoo [dzìnnóó] *n.* test, examination **2pl: gyenneε**

gyeraa [dzìràà] *n.* woven grass bracelet worn on the wrist **pl: gyerre 2pl: gyerreε**

gyeraa [dzìráá] *adj.* short (distance)

gyere [dzìrì] *v.* (1) to cross between (two objects) (2) to stumble **gyereε, gyere, gyere, gyerebe, gyeraa, gyerebe**

gyere [dzìrì] *v.* to subside (of rain) **gyereε, gyere** *Var. yoo*

gyere [dzìrì] *v.* (1) to set an arrow on a bow ready to shoot (2) to carry

an axe on the neck **gyerεε**, **gyerε**, **gyereε**, **gyerebeε**, **gyeraa**, **gyerebe**
gyere [dziri] *v.* to pierce through to the other side **gyerεε**, **gyerε**, **gyerε**, **gyerebeε**, **gyeraa**, **gyerebe**
gyere [dziri] *n.* portion unattended to (part of farm) *pl:* **gyerre** *2pl:* **gyerεε/gyerreε**
gyeremε [dzirimé] *n.* (1) respect, honour, homage (2) fifty-fifty (gambling) *2pl:* **gyeremεε**
gyeremiri [dzirimiri] *n.* rope made from a type of grass (kanterεε) *pl:* **gyeremie** *2pl:* **gyeremiree/gyeremiree**
gyeremuri [dzirimuri] *n.* a type of river grass stalk *pl:* **gyeremue** *2pl:* **gyeremuree**
Gyerεbaa [dzirébàá] *n.* Jirapa (the main town in Central Daga)
gyeregyerε [dzirédzirè] *n.* a type of skin disease
gyerre [dzirri] *v.* to crisscross; lying across one another (used with **taa**) • **A bibiiri le gyerre la taa.** The children fell crisscrossing each other. • **A teere le gyerre la taa.** The trees fell across one another. **gyerεε**, **gyerre**, **gyerre**, **gyerbe**, **gyer-
 raa**
gye [dzé] *v.* (1) to reject, to refuse to accept (in protest or annoyance) (2) to abandon **gyeε**, **gyeεε**, **gyeεε**, **gyeεrebeε**, **gyeεraa**, **gyeεrebe**
Gyεεmaan [dzéémáán] *n.* Germany *2pl:* **gyεεmanεε**

Gyele [dzèli] *n.* (1) a stream in Kaane (2) a native named after this stream *pl:* **gyeλε** *2pl:* **gyeλεε**
gyeλε [dzéli] *v.* (1) to rummage; to look through searching (2) to analyse **gyeλεε**, **gyeλε**, **gyeλε**, **gyeλεbeε**, **gyeλαa**, **gyeλεbeε**
gyeλε [dzéli] *n.* egg *sg:* **gyeλεe** *pl:* **gyeλε** *2pl:* **gyeλεε**
gyeλε [dzéli] *n.* (1) thought (2) (used with bare) not giving thought; absent minded • **A porisi bare la gyeλε ka a nannyige zo.** The police did not pay attention, so the thief escaped.
gyeλεmε [dzèlimé] *n.* smallpox *2pl:* **gyeλεmεε**
gyeλεηmεne [dzéliηméní] *n.* (1) snail (2) shellfish *pl:* **gyeλεηmεmε** *2pl:* **gyeλεηmεmεε**
gyeλεπεge [dzélpégi] *n.* eggshell *pl:* **gyeλεπεgre/gyeλεπεge** *2pl:* **gyeλεπεgreε**
gyeλεzizee [dzèlzizié] *n.* yolk *pl:* **gyeλεzeere** *2pl:* **gyeλεzeereε**
gyeμεgyeμε [dzémédzémé] *adj.* slowly and unnoticed, jokingly • **A kolaa e la gyeμεgyeμεε kye ɔ a nene zaa.** The cat ate all the meat without anyone noticing it.
gyendaa [dzèndáá] *n.* spindle *pl:* **gyendaare** *2pl:* **gyendaareε**
gyenee [dzèní] *n.* groundnut, peanut (Southern Dagaare dialect) *2pl:* **gyennεε**

gyengyeene [dzèndziéni] *n.* protrusion, part sticking out *pl:* gyengyeeme *2pl:* gyengyeeme

gyengyen [dzéndzén] *n.* circle arrangement for advancement. (war)

gyengyere [dzèngyèrí] *n.* a climbing plant *pl:* gyengyerre *2pl:* gyengyere

gyenne [dzènní] *adv.* please, beg • *Gyenne, ɔɲe kɔɔ ko ma ka N nyu.* Please, give me some water to drink.

gyenterè [dzéntírè] *n.* (1) prostitute (2) not sticking to one thing, jumping from one thing to another *pl:* gyenterre *2pl:* gyenterre

gyeɲe [dzɛ̃ɲ] *adj.* extensive; deep • *A naɲkpaana kpe la mɔ-gyeɲe.* The hunter has gone into the deep bush. *pl:* gyenne *2pl:* gyenne *Var.* gyaɲ

gyeɲe [dzɛ̃ɲ] *v.* (1) to move unsteadily (2) to move aside gyeyee, gyeyene/gyenne, gyeyene/gyenne, gyeyena/gyenna, gyeyene/gyeneme

gyeɲe [dzɛ̃ɲ] *n.* thought, mind *pl:* gyenne *2pl:* gyenne *Var.* gyaɲ

gyeɲgɛɛ [dzɛ̃ɲgɛɛ] *n.* measles *2pl:* gyeɲgɛɛ

gyeɲgyeɲ [dzɛ̃ɲdzɛ̃ɲ] *n.* mind, thought

gyere [dzérí] *v.* (1) to be mixed up (different types) (2) to be confused, to be disturbed (mad) (3) to not be in good health gyere, gyere, gyere, gyere, gyera, gyere

gyere [dzèrí] *v.* to stand firm, to not fall e.g. after a stumble gyere, gyere, gyere, gyerebe, gyera, gyerebe

gyieli [dzìèlì] *v.* (1) to note, to examine (2) to count gyielee, gyiele, gyiele, gyielbe, gyielaa

gyieri [dzìèrì] *v.* to grind into coarse powder gyierre, gyiere, gyiere, gyieribe, gyiera

gyiili [dzìílí] *n.* (1) tendon (2) artery (3) nerve *sg:* gyiiluu *pl:* gyiile *2pl:* gyiilee

gyikoli [dzikólí] *n.* the sacrum and coccyx *pl:* gyikolo *2pl:* gyikolee/gyikollee *Var.* gyaɲkoli

gyilda [dzildáá] *n.* less loud sounding one of the pair of xylophones *pl:* gyidaare *2pl:* gyildaare

gyildo [dzildóólí] *n.* xylophone mallet *sg:* gyildoooloo *pl:* gyildoole *2pl:* gyildoole

gyili [dzilí] *n.* xylophone *pl:* gyile *2pl:* gyilee/gyillee

gyili [dzilí] *v.* to surround, to go behind • *Teere are gyili la a bulee.* The well is surrounded by trees. gyilee, gyile, gyile, gyilibe, gyilaa, gyilibe

gyilko [dzilkóórì] *n.* gourd used in making the xylophone *pl:* gyilkoe *2pl:* gyilkore

gyilnyaa [dzilɲáà] *n.* the base chord area of the xylophone *pl:* gyilnyaaane *2pl:* gyilnyaaane

gyilnyaṅaa [dzìlɲáŋáá] *n.* the more loud sounding between a pair of xylophones *pl:* gyilnyanne *2pl:* gyilnyanneɛ

gyiri [dzírí] *n.* cordlike talisman worn on the waist, believed to have supernatural power *pl:* gyirri *2pl:* gyiree

gyiri [dzírí] *v.* to bring about a change that makes life difficult • *A zie gyiri ka donɛ kpeɛbo e kpeɛṅaa.* Society has declined and life has become difficult. *gyiree, gyire, gyire, gyirbe, gyiraa*

gyirimuri [dzìrìmùrí] *n.* sulphur *pl:* gyirimue *2pl:* gyirimuree

gyoboraa [dzòbòràà] *n.* carnivore, e.g. a leopard *pl:* gyoborre. *2pl:* gyoboreɛ/gyoborreɛ

gyoge [dzògì] *v.* (1) to pull mouth or lips in front to show anger. (typically used with noɔre) (2) to weed badly *gyogreɛ, gyogra, gyogra, gyogreba, gyograa, - Var. gyogere*

gyogere [dzògrì] *v.* to clear growth badly (barbing or hoeing) *gyogereɛ, gyogera, gyogera, gyogereba, gyogeraa, gyogereba Var. gyoge*

gyogili [dzògli] *v.* to hold on to lightly and gently *gyogilee, gyogilo, gyogilo, gyogilibo, gyogilaa, gyogilibo*

gyogo [dzógó] *n.* behaviour, character *pl:* gyogiri *2pl:* gyogiree

gyoll [dzòll] *adv.* appearing alone

gyolom [dzólóm] *adv.* quietly *Var. gyolon, gyolomm*

gyolomm [dzolomm] *adv.* quietly and slowly (on tiptoe) *Var. gyolom gyongyolingyo* [dzòŋgyólíndzó] *adv.* squat squarely, with knees fully bent

gyongyoŋ [dzòŋgyóŋ] *v.* to move on tiptoe *gyongyoŋee, gyongyono, gyongyono, gyongyonimo, gyongyona, - Var. gyongyoŋ*

gyoŋene [dzòŋìni] *v.* to make un-lively, to make dull *gyoŋeneɛ, gyoŋena, gyoŋena, gyoŋenema, gyoŋenaa, gyoŋenema Var. gyoone*

gyoŋgoroŋ [dzòŋgóróŋ] *adj.* a little higher or taller than

gyoŋgboŋi [dzòŋgbòŋ] *n.* house mouse *pl:* gyoŋgbonni *2pl:* gyoŋgbonee *Var. gyoŋgboŋi*

gyoone [dzòòni] *v.* to become inactive *gyooneɛ, gyoona, gyoona, gyoonema, gyoona, - Var. gyoŋene*

gyore [dzórí] *v.* to work at or make badly, to spoil e.g. haircut *gyoreɛ, gyora, gyora, gyoreba, gyoraa, gyoreba*

gyoŋgyoŋ [dzòŋdzóŋ] *n.* to move haphazardly on one's toes *Var. gyongyoŋ*

gyɔɔ [dzòò] *adv.* tall and lanky *Var. gyɔgyɔ*

gyɔreba [dzóribá] *n.* long, loose dress worn by women; tunic *pl:* gyɔrebare *2pl:* gyɔrebareɛ

gyuuni [dzùùni] *n.* vulture *pl:* gyuu-

mo *2pl:* gyuunee

h

ha [há] *v.* to hire **hae, haara, haara, hareba, haaraa**

haa [háà] *v.* to open by stretching out two ends e.g. lips **haae, haara, haara, haareba, haaraa, haareba**

haa [háá] *adv.* all (Central Dagaare dialect) *Var.* zaa

haale [hááli] *adv.* even, extremely *Var.* haali

haali [hááli] *adv.* greatly, very much

haali [hááli] *conj.* even if • **Haali ka a bieŋ wa kyε te koŋ o a gane.** Even if the child comes we will not give him/her the book.

haanaa [háánáá] *n.* blackberry *pl:* haane *2pl:* haanεε

haare [háári] *v.* to shout at; to frighten or drive away **haareε, haara, haara, haareba, haaraa, haareba**

hage [háǵí] *v.* (1) hold tight • **A dɔɔ hage la o pɔge nyuu taa le.** The man held tight to his wife's neck. (2) tighten • **Ka fooy wa nyɔge foŋ hage taa le.** When you get hold of it tighten your grip. **hageε, hagera, hagera, hageraba, hageraa, hageraba**

ha-haa [há-háá] *adv.* wide open

hai [háí] *interj.* so?

hale [háli] *v.* to smell strongly and unpleasantly, to reek **haleε, hala, halla, haleba, halaa, haleba**

hale [háli] *v.* to speak in anger **haleε, hala, halla, haleba, halaa, haleba**

halhale [hálháli] *v.* to strive with, to struggle **halhaleε, halhala, halhala, halhaleba, halhalaa**

haligba [háligbà] *conj.* even

hama [háma] *n.* hammer *pl:* hamare *2pl:* hamareε

hama [háma] *adv.* plenty

hamama [hámaà] *adj.* resounding (singing)

hamamma [hámaà] *adj.* loudly and continuously

hamm [hámm] *adv.* large

hankyere [hántfíri] *n.* handkerchief *pl:* hankyee *2pl:* hankyereε

haje [háŋ] *v.* (1) to suffer (2) to perspire, sweat (nd) **hajeε, hana, hana, hanema, hanaa, hanema**

hap [háp] *v.* to clutch tightly (North Dagaare dialect) **habeε, hapra, hapra, hapreba, hapraa, hapreba**

harahara [hárahára] *adv.* rough

hare [hári] *v.* of the stomach (overwhelmed by hunger) **hanreε, hara, hara, hareba, haraa, hareba**

helli [hélí] *v.* sharp shout e.g. during hearty laughter; the sharp cry of a dog when hit **hellee, helle, helle, helibe, hellaa**

heŋi [hénj] *v.* to draw in one's stomach **hejee, hejine/henne, hejine/henne, henime, hennaa, henime**

heremm [hérémm] *adj.* very tight

hæ [héè] *interj.* caution, be careful

hæ [héé] *adv.* overtaken completely e.g. sleep

hege [hègì] *v.* to increase e.g. fire **hegeε, hegereε, hegereε, hegerebe, hegeraa, hegerebe**

hegele [hégí] *v.* to cramp **hegeleε, hegele, hegele, hegelebe, hegelaa, hegelebe**

hegelege [hégílégé] *adv.* tired and helpless *Var.* **segelege**

hegere [hégri] *v.* to pant e.g. dog **hegereε, hegereε, hegereε, hegerebe, hegeraa, hegerebe**

hegeke [hègèkè] *adv.* large and red e.g. bonfire

hememme [hèmèmmè] *adj.* very sweet

here [hèrè] *adv.* manner of taking a big sip of fluid

hieri [híeri] *v.* to yawn **hieree, hiere, hiere, hieribe, hieraa, hieribe**

hïi [hïi] *interj.* expression of sorrow (sobbing)

hiini [hìini] *v.* to cry earnestly, to wail, to sob, to moan **hiinee, hiine, hiine, hiinime, hiinaa, hiinime**

hiri [hìri] *v.* to get to the climax **hiree, hire**

hiri [hìri] *v.* to become hot **hiree, hire**

hiri [hìri] *v.* to become serious **hiree, hire**

hogoko [hògòkò] *adv.* intensely red

holi [hólí] *n.* triangular blade *pl:* **holo** *2pl:* **hollee**

hoo [hòò] *adv.* open and endless

hoo [hóó] *interj.* hooting

hõo [hõõ] *interj.* expression of despair, depression

hoone [hòòni] *v.* to growl **hooneε, hoono, hoono, honema, hoonaa, honema**

hoopepelej [hòòpémpélej] *n.* spleen *pl:* **hoopepelle** *2pl:* **hoopepeleε** *Var.* **zagepepelej**

hunihuni [hùnihúní] *v.* (1) to speak in undertone (2) to gossip **huni-hunee, hunihuno, hunihuno, hunihunimo** *Var.* **vunnii**

hunni [húnni] *v.* whisper into the ear, gossip **hunnee, hunno, hunno, hunimo, hunnaaa**

huuni [húúni] *v.* (1) to hum (dispirited) (2) of a dog's expression of a familiar person; welcome **huunee, huuno, huuno, huunimo, huunaa**

i

iini [ììni] *v.* to get charged up • **Ba to la a dɔɔ ka o iini gbie kyɛ sɔɔ yɛlɛ.** They insulted the man and he got charged up and started grumbling.

ingyi [índzì] *n.* engine *pl:* **ingyime**
2pl: **ingyinnee**

inni [ìnnì] *v.* to forget **innee, inne, inne, inime, innaa, -** *Var.* **yinni**

iree [írèè] *n.* duiker (small antelope)
pl: **irri** *2pl:* **irree**

iri [írì] *v.* to rise, to stand up **iree, ire, ire, iribe, iraa, iribe**

iri [írì] *v.* (1) to choose, to pick (2) to take out (from a container) (3) to

subtract, to take away (4) to create **iree, ire, ire, iribe, iraa, iribe**

iribare *n.* subtraction

iri noɔre (5) to answer, to respond (to a question) (6) to explain (7) to fulfil a promise

iri pɔge to elope with a woman

iri suuri to annoy

iri yuori to praise

iriŋ [írìŋ] *n.* kind, race, species *2pl:* **irree**

iriŋ-iriŋ [írìŋ-írìŋ] *adv.* of all kinds, types *Var.* **iruŋ-iruŋ**

irizeɛ [írìzìè] *n.* a type of small but fast and clever antelope *pl:* **irizeere**
2pl: **irizeerɛɛ**

k

ka [ká] *conj.* that (introducing subordinated clauses) • **O yeli ka ba gɛrɛ.** S/he said s/he would not go.

ka [kà] *conj.* (1) if • **Ka saay mi ba na bore la.** If it rains, they will sow their crops. (2) and • **O maale la diibu de wa ko te.** S/he cooked and brought it to us.

ka [ká] *v.* to bail out (water) **kaɛ, kaara, kaara, kaareba, kaaraa**

kaa [káà] *v.* (1) to curse (2) to invoke **kaɛ, kaara, kaara, kaareba, kaaraa, -** *Var.* **kaale**

kaa [kàà] *v.* (1) to look, to watch (2) to take care of **kaɛ, kaara, kaara, kaareba, kaaraa**

kãa [káá] *n.* (1) oil; butter (2) fat (3) nectar e.g. in honey *sg:* **kaanoo** *2pl:* **kaanɛɛ**

kaabanyɛ [káábányé] *n.* disrespect

kaabo [káábò] *n.* millet plant *pl:* **kyi**
2pl: **kyiree**

kãaboli [káábòlí] *n.* pure liquid oil *pl:* **kãabolo** *2pl:* **kãabolee**

kãaburi [káábúrí] *n.* burnt residue from shea butter *pl:* **kãaburri** *2pl:*

kāaburee

kāaburituo [káábùritúó] *n.* type of residue from the last stage of shea butter preparation *pl:* kāaburituuri *2pl:* kāaburituuree

kaale [káálí] *v.* (1) to invoke (2) to perform a libation *kaaleε, kaala, kaala, kaaleba, kaalaa, kaaleba*
Var: kaa

kaale [káàlì] *v.* to gather e.g. soil, grains *kaaleε, kaala, kaala, kaaleba, kaalaa, kaaleba*

kaalɔ [kááló] *adv.* little thing eaten instantly

kaama [káámá] *n.* lively state *2pl:* kaameε

kaamaako [káámáákò] *n.* persistence

kaapɔge [káápógì] *adv.* maybe, perhaps • *Saa koe la kaapɔge o na mi la.* Rain clouds have gathered, it may rain.

kaaraa [kááráá] *n.* lumpy paste made from bean flour *pl:* kaareε

kaare [káári] *n.* car *pl:* kaε/keε *2pl:* kaareε

kaare [káàrì] *v.* to drag e.g. feet on the ground *kaareε, kaara, kaara, kaareba, kaaraa, kaareba*

kaare [káárí] *v.* to clear one's throat; to cough up (phlegm) *kaareε, kaara, kaara, kaareba, kaaraa, kaareba*

kaare [káárí] *v.* (1) to move away (2) to move away immediately, not to return (typically used with

gaba) • *Ba iri la kparoo ko a bie ka o dee kaare gaba.* A shirt was given to the boy and he left at once. *kaareε, kaara, kaara, kaareba, kaaraa, kaareba*

kaarebiri [káàrìbìrì] *n.* sputum *sg:* kaarebiruu *pl:* kaarebie *2pl:* kaarebiree/kaarebiiree

kaaterε [káàtìrè] *n.* cursed one *pl:* kaaterre *2pl:* kaaterεε

kaa tii [káà tíí] *v.* look closely *kaae tii, kaara tii*

kāazēε [káázíé] *n.* debris from final preparation of shea butter oil *2pl:* kāazēεεε

kabiri [kábirì] *n.* millet grain *sg:* kabiruu *pl:* kabie *2pl:* kabiiree

kabooro [kábóórò] *n.* millet seed *pl:* kaboora *2pl:* kabooreε

kabɔɔ [kábórò] *n.* fresh, mature guinea corn *2pl:* kabɔreε

kabulo [kábuló] *n.* sown sprouts of millet *2pl:* kabulee

kadaa [kádáá] *n.* (1) millet stalk (2) long stick for threshing millet *pl:* kadaare *2pl:* kadaareε/kadaareε

kadaara [kádáàrà] *n.* millet or guinea corn that is not properly matured *2pl:* kadaareε

kadori [kádórí] *n.* heap of millet *pl:* kadorri *2pl:* kadoree

kafini [káfínì] *n.* lance *pl:* kafime *2pl:* kafinneε

kage [kágì] *v.* to hold firmly on to *kageε, kagera, kagera, kagereba, kageraa, kagereba*

- kage** [káǵí] *adv.* stay intently
- kagelanj** [káǵlàn] *adv.* large and long
- kagere** [káǵrì] *v.* to beckon, to touch to call the attention of **kagerεε**, **kagera**, **kagera**, **kagereba**, **kageraa**, **kagereba**
- kagere** [káǵrì] *v.* to bite or cut lightly **kagerεε**, **kagera**, **kagera**, **kagereba**, **kageraa**, **kagereba**
- kagesaga** [káǵísáǵá] *adv.* small and dry
- kagesaga** [káǵísàǵà] *adv.* large and dry
- kagbin** [káǵbín] *n.* ears of corn or millet tied together *pl:* **kagbime** *2pl:* **kagbinnee**
- kagbulo** [káǵbùlò] *n.* unbroken millet seeds *2pl:* **kagbulee**
- kaka** [kàkà] *n.* hippopotamus *pl:* **kakare** *2pl:* **kakarεε**
- kakaduro** [kákádúró] *n.* ginger *sg:* **kakaduruu** *pl:* **kakadurri** *2pl:* **kakaduree**
- kakalaa** [kákáláá] *n.* a type of tree; has extremely hard wood *pl:* **kakalle** *2pl:* **kakalεε**
- Kakube** [kákúbé] *n.* a farming festival of the Nandom people *2pl:* **kakubee**
- kakubo** [kákúbò] *n.* millet mixed with stones *2pl:* **kakubee**
- kakumo** [kákúmò] *n.* donkey *pl:* **kakunni** *2pl:* **kakunnee**
- kakpenne** [kákpínnè] *n.* untidy millet *2pl:* **kakpenneεε**
- kakyeere** [káfííréré] *n.* second-grade millet *2pl:* **kakyeereεε**
- kakyeere** [káfíéréré] *n.* one who harvests millet *pl:* **kakyeerebe** *2pl:* **kakyeerebeεε**
- kakyo** [káfó] *n.* basket strainer *pl:* **kakyori** *2pl:* **kakyoree**
- Kala** [kàlà] *n.* a type of fetish
- kala** [kàlà] *n.* dog *pl:* **kalle** *2pl:* **kalεε/kallεε**
- kalakala** [kàlàkàlà] *adv.* slightly bitter
- kalbiri** [kalbiri] *n.* dawdaw spice (seed) *sg:* **kalbiruu** *pl:* **kalbie** *2pl:* **kalbire/kalbiiree**
- kale** [kálí] *n.* suffering, woe as a result of another person's action *2pl:* **kalεε**
- kale** [káli] *n.* spice made from dawdaw seed *sg:* **kaloo** *2pl:* **kallεε**
- kale** [káli] *v.* to scoop water in small amounts e.g. washing hands **kalεε**, **kalla**, **kalla**, **kaleba**, **kallaa**, **kaleba**
- kale** [káli] *v.* to make a short comment on another person's speech **kalεε**, **kalla**, **kalla**, **kaleba**, **kallaa**, **kaleba**
- kalekale** [kákál] *adv.* foul-smelling
- kalekale** [kàlkàlì] *v.* to move in a jerky manner **kalekalεε**, **kalekala**, **kalkala**, **kalekaleba**, **kalekalaa**, **kalekaleba**
- kalenyaa** [kàlǵnàá] *n.* a type of spiky grass that causes skin irritation *pl:* **kalenyaane** *2pl:* **kalenyaaneεε**

kaleŋkaa [kálìŋkáá] *n.* gall *pl:* kaleŋkaare *2pl:* kalen.kaare *Var:* yamm

kaleŋkaloɔraa [kálìŋkálóóráá] *n.* a round smooth stone used in grinding *pl:* kaleŋkaloore *2pl:* kaleŋkaloore *Var:* kaleŋkoɔraa

kaleŋkawere [kálìŋkàwìrè] *n.* a type of wasp *sg:* kaleŋkaweroo *2pl:* kaleŋkawere

kaleŋkoɔraa [kálìŋkóóráá] *n.* round stone *pl:* kaleŋkoore *2pl:* kaleŋkoore *Var:* kaleŋkaloɔraa

kaleŋmee [kálìŋmìè] *n.* a type of bird *pl:* kaleŋmeene *2pl:* kaleŋmeene *Var:* kareŋmee

kalere [kàlírí] *n.* oath in which one gives away one's food if one fails to twist a finger on another while eating (used by children) *pl:* kallerre *2pl:* kalere

kalinfuoro [kálìnfúóró] *n.* bit of the sign *2pl:* kalinfuoree

kalpigiraa [kálpìgráà] *n.* ball of dawdaw spice *pl:* kalpigiri

kalsoro [kálesóró] *n.* water used to wash dawdaw seed for spice *2pl:* kalesoree

kama [kámá] *adj.* close eyes shortly
 • *O poɔ zaã be o la tensoga ka o dan gaabo kye o nimri zaã ba kye kama.* Last night, s/he had an upset stomach and went to bed early, but s/he did not get a wink of sleep.

kama [kàmà] *adj.* cut sharply

kamaabiri [kámáábírì] *n.* kernel (of corn, maize) *sg:* kamaabiruu *pl:* kamaabie *2pl:* kamaabiiree

kamaadaa [kámáádaá] *n.* maize stalk *pl:* kamaadaare *2pl:* kamaadaare

kamaadakɔre [kámáádàkóórí] *n.* corncob *pl:* kamaadakɔɔ *2pl:* kamaadakɔre

kamaalɔnzeere [kámáálɔnzíírì] *n.* corn silk *pl:* kamaalɔnzeere

kamaane [kámááni] *n.* maize *sg:* kamaanoo *pl:* kamaana *2pl:* kamaanee

kamaapege [kámáápégì] *n.* corn husk *pl:* kamaapegre *2pl:* kamaapegre

kamakama [kámákámá] *adj.* brittle and light

kamalaɛ [kámàláì] *n.* carbide lamp; headlamp used by hunters at night *pl:* kamalaare *2pl:* kamalaare

kamasele [kámàsélì] *n.* a type of thorny, poisonous tree *2pl:* kamaselee

kamɔnɔ [kámónó] *n.* driver *pl:* kamɔnema *2pl:* kamɔnnee

kampala [kàmpàlà] *n.* a type of smart hunting dog *pl:* kampalle *2pl:* kampalee/kampalle

kampele [kámpìlì] *n.* city, town *pl:* kampele *2pl:* kampelee

kampili [kámpílì] *n.* thatched hut *pl:* kampile *2pl:* kampilee *Var:* kampiluu

kamponji [kámpónj] *n.* camp *pl:* kamponne *2pl:* kamponneε

kana [káná] *n.* thick paste made from flour and broth *2pl:* kanεε/kanneε

kanaakanaa [kànààkànàà] *adj.* stretched to the limit; tight

kananna [kánánná] *adj.* not coming forth • *A saana wa la kye deε e kananna.* The stranger came here and made a permanent stay.

kanaje [kánánj] *n.* a type of red insect with a split tail *pl:* kananne *2pl:* kananneε *Var.* kanaja

kanatege [kánátégé] *n.* reward, advantage *pl:* kanategre *2pl:* kanategreε

kandazugidaa [kàndàzùgdáá] *n.* wood of the kandazugiri tree *pl:* kandazugdaare *2pl:* kandazugdaareε

kandazugiri [kàndàzùgdáá] *n.* (1) a type of small tree with multiple branches and yellow fruits that are edible (2) the fruits of this tree *pl:* kandazugo *2pl:* kandazugiree *Var.* kòndazugiri

kane [kànì] *v.* to be overmature e.g. okro fruits kanεε, kanna, kanna, kanema, kannaa, kanema

kanea [kànìá] *n.* hurricane lamp *pl:* kaneene *2pl:* kaneeneε

kaneebiri [kànìébírì] *n.* lampshade *pl:* kaneebie *2pl:* kaneebiree

kanfaraj [káfáráj] *adv.* light (weight)

kankyeeme [kántfíímé] *n.* one hired to cook for another *2pl:* kankyee-meε

kankyele [kántfélé] *n.* a type of large tree with large, shiny leaves *pl:* kankyeleε *2pl:* kankyeleε

kankyelpelaa [kántfèlpilàá] *n.* a type of tree *pl:* kankyelpelaeε *2pl:* kankyelpelaeε

kankyiri [kántfírì] *n.* a type of small plant with edible leaves *2pl:* kankyiree

kankyirikponj [kántfíríkpónj] *n.* see kankyiri *pl:* kankyirikponni *2pl:* kankyirikponneε

kanne [kànni] *v.* (1) to teach (2) to read kanneε, kanna, kanna, kanema, kannaa, kanema

kanne [kànni] *v.* to doubt kanneε, kanna, kanna, kanema, kannaa, kanema

kannyiri [kànñírì] *n.* patience *2pl:* kannyiree

kansele [kánsìl] *n.* council *pl:* kansele *2pl:* kanseleε

kansε [kánsé] *n.* cakes *pl:* kansereε *2pl:* kansereε *Var.* sensere, sense

kansoge [kánsógí] *n.* foreign (not locally made) hoe *pl:* kansogre *2pl:* kansogreε

kantakye [kántátfè] *n.* train *pl:* kantakyeri *2pl:* kantakyerere

kanteroo [kántéróó] *n.* a type of strong grass that grows on riverbeds *pl:* kantereeε *2pl:* kanteree

- kanwaa [kánwàà] *adv.* supposed • *O kanwaa libie na baareε.* His supposed money is finished.
- kanwaa [kánwáá] *n.* hard pebble of acid *sg:* kanwaareε *pl:* kanwaare
- kanwaa-ɲmen-yelmanná [kánwáá-ɲmín-yèlmánnà] *n.* false prophet *pl:* kanwaa-ɲmen-yelmanema *2pl:* kanwaa-ɲmen-yelmanemε
- kaɲazaa [kánjázáá] *adj.* anyone, each one
- kaɲemaɲ [kánjámáɲ] *adv.* light (weight)
- kaɲkaaraamooreε [kánjkáaráámóóréé] *n.* expression signifying the end of a folktale
- kaɲkalaɲ [kánjkálàɲ] *adv.* appearing suddenly • *Te zeɲe dire seemaa wa bere ka saana la kaɲkalaɲ.* As we sat down eating a stranger suddenly appeared.
- kaɲkalare [kánjkálàri] *n.* persistence in doing something despite knowing it is beyond one's ability *2pl:* kaɲkalareε
- kaɲkale [kánjkál] *n.* a type of medicinal stew food made from flour and broth *2pl:* kaɲkaleε
- kaɲkambulo [kaɲkambulo] *n.* chronic ulcer
- kaɲkandoraa [kánjkándòráá] *n.* a type of bird with tan plumage and a thick beak *pl:* kaɲkandori *2pl:* kaɲkandoree *Var.* kaɲkanduo
- kaɲkanduo [kánjkándúó] *n.* a type of small bird with a thick beak that eats fruits of trees *pl:* kaɲkandori, kaɲkandorri, kaɲkandoree *Var.* kaɲkandobaa/kaɲkandoraa
- kaɲkankyekyeε [kákánɲíɲíé] *n.* a type of tree with milky sap *pl:* kaɲkankyekyeere *2pl:* kaɲkankyekyeereε
- kaɲkansaalaa [kánjkánsààláá] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* kaɲkansaale *2pl:* kaɲkansaaleε
- kaɲkansoglaa [kánjkánógláá] *n.* a type of fig tree with aerial roots *pl:* kaɲkansoglo *2pl:* kaɲkansogleε
- kaɲkanzeε [kánjkánzié] *n.* a type of fig tree with medicinal properties and edible fruits *pl:* kaɲkanzeere *2pl:* kaɲkanzeereε
- kaɲkaɲ [kánjkán] *adv.* bad-smelling
- kaɲkaɲaa [kánjkánáá] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* kaɲkanne *2pl:* kaɲkanneε
- kaɲkaɲgbalaa [kánjkánɲgbàláá] *n.* a type of shady tree *pl:* kaɲkaɲgballe *2pl:* kaɲkaɲgbaleε *Var.* gbalaa
- kaɲkaɲkyekyeε [kánjkánɲɲíɲíé] *n.* a type of fig tree *pl:* kaɲkaɲkyekyeere *2pl:* kaɲkaɲkyekyeereε
- kaɲmeereε [kánjmíéré] *n.* one engaged in the threshing of millet *pl:* kaɲmeerebe *2pl:* kaɲmeerebeε
- kaɲme [kánjmè] *n.* act of threshing millet
- kaɲmedaa [kánjmèdàá] *n.* stick for threshing millet *pl:* kaɲmedaare *2pl:* kaɲmedareε/kaɲmedaareε

kapaalaa [kápaááá] *n.* raised shed for guinea corn or millet *pl:* kapaale 2*pl:* kapaalee
 kapala [kápaálà] *n.* mashed yam, plantain or cassava *sg:* kapaloo 2*pl:* kapalee/kapallee *Var.* kapalo/kapala (1*pl*)
 kapenta [kápíntà] *n.* carpenter *pl:* kapentari
 kapile [kápíle] *adj.* crafty
 kaponji [kápòŋ] *n.* millet flower *pl:* kaponni 2*pl:* kaponnee
 kapuro [kápurò] *n.* pillow *pl:* kapurri 2*pl:* kapuree/kapurree
 kara [kára] *v.* to prepare, to get ready • *O kara la a saama karoo.* S/he is preparing for the visitors. *karée, kara, kara, kareba, karaa, kareba*
 kara [kára] *n.* a type of grass used for thatching
 karaa [káraá] *adj.* (1) unripe (2) not cooked through (3) not hot enough (of iron in fire) *pl:* kare 2*pl:* karree
 karaa [káraá] *adj.* uncompromising *pl:* kare 2*pl:* karree
 karaa [kàràà] *n.* cobra *pl:* karre 2*pl:* karree
 karaa [kàràà] *n.* clerk *pl:* karre 2*pl:* karree
 karaa [káraá] *n.* file *pl:* karre 2*pl:* karree/karree
 karaa [kàràà] *adj.* large *pl:* karre
 karambanne [káràmbánní] *n.* wit 2*pl:* karambannee

karansunni [kàrànsúnni] *n.* kerosene 2*pl:* karansunnee
 karasa [kàràsà] *adj.* bad-smelling
 karawaara [káráwáára] *n.* green grass that has not been burnt completely *sg:* karawaaroo 2*pl:* karawaaree
 kare [kàrì] *v.* (1) to drive away (2) to chase, to run after (3) to sharpen or polish a weapon or tool (arrow or knife) (4) to grow tall; to cause to rise tall or high (5) to get overgrown (okro) *karée, kara, kara, kareba, karaa, kareba*
 kare [kári] *adv.* completely (of people going away) • *A bibiiri zaan zo, kare.* All the children have run away, leaving none behind.
 kare [kári] *v.* to break (small objects) *karée, kara, kara, kareba, karaa, kareba*
 karekare [kàrikárí] *v.* to attempt to make a move • *Meŋ iri karekare ka te nye ka o na sage la me.* Also make an effort and let's see whether he will agree. *karekaree, karekara, karekara, karekareba, karekaraa*
 karekpe [kàrikpé] *n.* spitting cobra *pl:* karekperi 2*pl:* karekperee
 karekpele [kàrikpíle] *n.* male lizard; a small reptile of the squamata family that is red-headed *pl:* karekpele 2*pl:* karekpelee *Var.* bandakarekpele
 karekye [kàríŋi] *n.* clerk *pl:* karekyere 2*pl:* karekyeree

- karema** [kárímá] *n.* teacher, one who deals with studies *pl:* karemamine *2pl:* karemɛɛ
- karemogɔ** [kárímógá] *n.* fortune-teller, diviner *pl:* karemogre *2pl:* karemogree
- karenteɛ** [kàríntíé] *n.* machete, cutlass *pl:* karenteere *2pl:* karenteereɛ
- kareɲmeɛ** [káríɲmíé] *n.* a type of bird with long, thin legs *pl:* kareɲmeene *2pl:* kareɲmeeneɛ *Var.* kalɲmeɛ
- karingyɔɲ** [káríndzón] *n.* a type of musical instrument *pl:* karingyonni *2pl:* karingyonnee *Var.* karangyɔɲ/karengyɔɲ
- kasete** [kàséétí] *n.* cassette tape *pl:* kasetere *2pl:* kasetereɛ
- kaseleme** [kàsélímé] *n.* millet seedling *Var.* kaselle
- kaselle** [kàsélí] *n.* millet seedling meant for planting *Var.* kaseleme
- kasogi** [kàsògí] *n.* a small cage used as a nest for young chicks *pl:* kaso-gri *2pl:* kasogree *Var.* kosogi
- katakye** [kátátfè] *n.* train *pl:* katakyeri *2pl:* katakyeree
- katana** [kátánà] *n.* a large granary for storage of foodstuff *Var.* katege
- kataweɛ** [kàtawíé] *n.* umbrella *pl:* kataweere *2pl:* kataweereɛ
- katege** [kàtégè] *n.* large granary *pl:* kategre *2pl:* kategreɛ *Var.* katana
- katoɲe** [kàtòɲ] *n.* civet *pl:* katonne *2pl:* katonneɛ
- ka-uri** [ká-úrí] *n.* dusty chaff from millet (irritates the skin) *2pl:* ka-uree
- kayeɛle** [káyíélì] *n.* the act of winnowing millet
- kayeɛle** [káyíélé] *n.* one engaged in winnowing millet *pl:* kayeɛlbɛ *2pl:* kayeɛlbɛɛ
- kayere** [káyérí] *n.* half-wild millet *pl:* kayee *2pl:* kayeereɛ
- kazama** [kázámá] *n.* poorly matured millet *2pl:* kazameɛ
- kazeɛ** [kázíé] *n.* guinea corn sg: kaze-roo (plant) *2pl:* kazeereɛ
- kazu** [kázú] *n.* ear of millet *pl:* kazuri *2pl:* kazuree
- keere** [kíérí] *v.* to make a clucking noise to call fowl or drive animals away **keereɛ, keere, keere, keerebɛ, keeraa, keerebe**
- kegireɲ** [kégrén] *adj.* small and hanging • **A bie yere la wo-kegireɲ kana.** The child carried some small animal skin bag.
- kegireɲ** [kégrèn] *adj.* large and hanging
- kegisege** [kégségé] *adv.* small but compact • **A noɛ la a e kegisegee le.** The child has grown and is plump.
- kegisege** [kégsègè] *adv.* large and compact • **Wenaabo man waa la kegisegee le.** The buffalo is usually big and plump.
- kei** [kéì] *interj.* stop it

kei [kèi] *interj.* expression of disapproval

kele [kélé] *n.* very hard seeds of some fruits e.g. baobab (*adansonia digitata*) gourd *Var.* **tokele**

kelewele [kéléwèlé] *n.* fried plantain chips *2pl:* **kelewellee**

kelifelli [kéféll] *adj.* light (weight)

keloo [kélòò] *adv.* eat or chew instantly

keloo [kèlòò] *adv.* glance at once

kenekene [kínkìn] *adv.* full to capacity (liquid)

keŋkeleŋ [kèŋkéléŋ] *adj.* light and dangling • *A dɔɔ de la ŋmampege keŋkeleŋ kaŋa yere a baa.* The man has hung some light broken calabash on the neck of the dog.

keŋkeleŋ [kèŋkèlèŋ] *adj.* large and dangling • *Ka a bieŋ yere a wo-keŋkeleŋ ŋa o koŋ tɔɔ kyɛŋe ne.* If the boy hands this large skin bag on his shoulder he cannot walk with it.

keŋkeŋ [kèŋkèŋ] *adj.* very full (stomach, balloon)

kere [kéré] *n.* dog *pl:* **kerri** *2pl:* **keree**

kerekere [kérékéré] *adv.* lightweight (thickness)

kerekere [kíríkírí] *n.* wheel from the bucket *pl:* **kerekerre** *2pl:* **kerekereε**

kerekere [kíríkírí] *v.* to struggle **kerekereε**, **kerekereε**, **kerekereε**, **kerekerebe**, **kerekeraa**

kerekerekeree [kérékérékèrèè] *n.* nursery rhyme *pl:* **kerekkerri**

kerenkeren [kéréŋkéréŋ] *adv.* full to capacity (tyre, balloon, or stomach)

kereŋe [kéréŋé] *adj.* small and distended • *A bibaala puori waa la kereŋe le.* The sick child's stomach is distended.

kereŋe [kèrèŋé] *adj.* big and distended (stomach)

keri [kèri] *v.* come round • *Zene ka a boɔ dɔge a bile naŋ ba keri* The goat just littered today the kid has not come round yet. **keree**, **kere**, **kere**, **keribe**, **keraa**, **keribe**

keri [kéri] *v.* (1) to measure, to weigh (2) to face a difficult task • *O keri la toma ko ma ka N puro ne wale.* She has burdened me with a heavy job, and I am sweating. **keree**, **kere**, **kere**, **keribe**, **keraa**, **keribe**

keri [kèri] *adv.* the way a type of sound is produced when a small object hits a bigger (stiff) object (onomatopoeia)

kekere [kèkéri] *n.* (1) stalk (of maize, millet) (2) small bundle of stalks used for gathering threshed millet *sg:* **kekeroo** *pl:* **kekereε** *2pl:* **kekereε**

kelekele [kélékélé] *adj.* lightweight (thickness)

kieluu [kiélúú] *adj.* burnt-smelling

kieluu [kiélúú] *adj.* high-pitched and distorted (singing)

kieree [kiéree] *n.* brim of hat e.g. cowboy hat, bowler hat *pl:* **kieri**

ko [kó] *v.* (1) to kill (2) to put out (fire) **koε, koora, koora, kooreba, koora, kooreba**

ko [kó] *v.* to fold (cloth) **koε, koora, koora, kooreba, koora, kooreba**

ko [kò] *v.* to dry **koe, koro, koro, koribo, koraa, koribo**

ko [kó] *v.* to gather e.g. rain clouds **koe, koro**

ko [kò] *v.* to give **koε, kora, kora, ko-reba, koraa, koreba**

kobeere [kòbíéri] *n.* first weekday of post-funeral rites *pl:* **kobeere /kòbíéri/ 2pl:** **kobeereε**

kobo [kòbò] *n.* penny *pl:* **kogri 2pl:** **kogree**

kobonkoboŋ [kòbòŋkòbòŋ] *adj.* rugged, uneven e.g. road

koboɔ [kòbóɔ] *n.* goat for funeral rites *pl:* **koboore 2pl:** **kobooreε**

kobora [kòbòrà] *n.* leader, greatest one among a group *pl:* **koborre 2pl:** **koboreε**

kodaa [kòdáá] *n.* funeral week *pl:* **kodare 2pl:** **kodareε**

kodāa [kòdāá] *n.* funeral drink *sg:* **kodāao 2pl:** **kodaaneε**

kodie [kòdìè] *n.* first weekend of post-funeral rites celebration *pl:* **koderi 2pl:** **kodereε**

kodɔgerɔ [kòdògrò] *n.* foetus (believed to be the cause of death of the mother during labour) *pl:* **kodɔgere 2pl:** **kodgereε**

kodɔɔ [kòdóɔ] *n.* widower *pl:* **kodɔɔ 2pl:** **kodɔreε**

koɖu [kòdú] *n.* banana *sg:* **koduruu 2pl:** **kodureε**

kofi [kófi] *n.* coffee *pl:* **kofiri 2pl:** **kofireε**

koganaa [kògànàá] *n.* strip of leather, cloth, or twine for a bereaved person *pl:* **koganne 2pl:** **koganneε**

kogi [kógí] *n.* (1) seat, stool, chair (2) throne *pl:* **kogree**

kogi [kògí] *adj.* thick and hard *pl:* **kogri**

kogilii [kógilíi] *adj.* dry and wrinkled (used for humans, animals and objects like containers) *pl:* **kogilo 2pl:** **kogiluu**

kogilimala [kógílimálá] *adj.* very lean and worn out

kogilonɔ [kògílonɔ] *adj.* small and curved

kogiluu [kógíluú] *adj.* (1) dry (2) lean e.g. a person, objects like containers, animal and humans *pl:* **kogilo 2pl:** **kogiluu**

Kogiri [kógri] *n.* name of a village in Central Dagao *2pl:* **kogireε**

kogiri [kógri] *adj.* near the side of • **A tee peele la mɔkogiri.** The tree is near the edge of the bush.

kogiri [kógri] *v.* to wink **kogree, kogiro, kogiro, kogiribo, kogiraa, kogiribo**

kogiro [kògró] *n.* basket seat *pl:* **kogiri 2pl:** **kogireε**

- kogiron** [kògròn] *adj.* oblong in shape
- kogo** [kògò] *n.* mahogany *pl:* **kogri**
2pl: **kogree** *Var.* **kogi**
- kogõo** [kògõó] *n.* funeral ground (arena of dirge singers) *pl:* **kogoone**
2pl: **kogoonne**
- kokolaa** [kòkòláà] *n.* shuttle (weaving) *pl:* **kokolli** *2pl:* **kokolee/kokollee**
- kokolaa** [kòkòláà] *n.* a type of river god or fetish *pl:* **kokolli** *2pl:* **kokolee/kokollee**
- kokolo** [kòkòlò] *n.* a type of tree whose ashes are used as salt *pl:* **kokolli** *2pl:* **kokollee**
- kokomo** [kòkòmò] *adj.* the nature of the sound of when one takes a bite at something hard. e.g. a bone
- kokoori** [kòkòòrí] *n.* pan flute *pl:* **kokoe** *2pl:* **kokoree/kokorree**
- kokõo** [kòkõó] *n.* food or drink given to mourners at a funeral *2pl:* **kokoonne**
- kokyi** [kòtʃí] *n.* millet for funeral rites *2pl:* **kokyiree**
- kolaa** [kòláá] *n.* (1) river, source of water people must fetch (2) river god *pl:* **kolle** *2pl:* **kollne**
- kolaanoore** [kòláánóórí] *n.* south of Ghana, Kumasi
- kolaa nyɔge** [kòláá nyɔgi] *v.* to drown (intransitive) **kolaa nyɔgee**, **kolaa nyɔgrɔ**
- kolakola** [kòláakólá] *adv.* soft e.g. cloth, leather *Var.* **kolakola**
- kolanene** [kòláníní] *n.* dirge *2pl:* **lanene**
- kolboll** [kòbòll] *adv.* rising suddenly and in great quantity e.g. dust, smoke
- kolee** [kòléé] *n.* tin; cup *pl:* **kobilii**
2pl: **kobilee/kollee**
- kolemelej** [kòlmélin] *adj.* match or correspond very well e.g. rice and beans
- kolezare** [kòlìzàrí] *n.* funeral donation *pl:* **kolezae** *2pl:* **kolezere**
- kolimasogilo** [kòlimásògìlò] *n.* a legendary bird believed to be as big as the ostrich and wicked *pl:* **kolimasogili** *2pl:* **kolimasoglee**
- kolkol** [kòlkòl] *adv.* in great numbers
- kolcole** [kòlkól] *v.* to engage in affectionate play; usually between lovers **kolcole**, **kolcol/kolkola**, **kolcol/kolkola**, **kolcoleba**, **kolcollaa**
- kolkoli** [kòlkól] *v.* to be all over another e.g. a dog welcoming an acquaintance **kololee**, **kolcolo**, **kolcolaa**, **kolkolibo**, **kolcolo**
- koll** [kòll] *adv.* rising into the air e.g. smoke, dust *Var.* **kull**
- kolle** [kòlli] *v.* to gather or cut vegetation in great quantities **kollne**, **kolla**, **kolla**, **koleba**, **kollaa**, **koleba**
- kolnoo** [kòlnóó] *n.* moorhen *pl:* **kolnoore** *2pl:* **kolnoore**

kolokolo [kòlòkòlò] *n.* turkey *pl:* kolokolli *2pl:* kolokollee

kolokolo [kòlòkòlò] *adv.* light *Var.* koloŋkoloŋ

koloŋkoloŋ [kòlòŋkòlòŋ] *adv.* watery; diluted e.g. porridge *Var.* kolokolo

kolo [kòlà] *v.* to be unperturbed; to exhibit coolness. (used with negative marker) • *A bie kaŋa ba kolo kye kaŋa nyegnyege.* One of the children is calm but one is the boisterous type. *Var.* kola

koltaŋaa [kòltàŋáà] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* koltaŋema *2pl:* koltaŋemɛɛ

kolyaaraa [kòlyáaráá] *n.* a type of bird of the suborder alcedines that feeds on fish *pl:* kolyaare *2pl:* kolyaareɛ *Var.* kɔn-yaara

komaale [kòmààli] *n.* funeral rites

komaaroŋ [kòmááròŋ] *n.* a funeral where the corpse is not yet buried *pl:* komaara *2pl:* komaareɛ

Komaase [kòmáásí] *n.* main city in the Ashanti Region of Ghana *pl:* Komaasere *2pl:* Komaasereɛ

komakoma [kòmàkòmà] *adj.* mild e.g. drink, alcohol

komboroŋ [kòmbòròŋ] *adj.* wrinkled

komiri [kòmírí] *n.* a string or strip of cloth tied round the wrist or waist of the bereaved during the funeral rites *Var.* koganaa

kommiruu [kómíróúú] *n.* (1) tomato (2) eggplant *sg:* kommiruu *pl:* kommie *2pl:* kommiiree

komooɔreŋ [kómóóríŋ] *n.* a type of funeral dirge

kona [kóná] *adv.* in large quantity, immeasurable • *A kyi ba taa kona, a koŋ kpe a bugo.* There is a great deal of millet; the granary cannot contain it.

konaabo [kònáábó] *n.* cow meant for funeral rites *pl:* konii *2pl:* koniinee

konɛɛ konɛɛ [kónéékónéé] *adv.* on and on in the same direction • *A pɔgelee baŋe la seere, o dee taaɛ konɛɛ, konɛɛ o naŋ ere.* The girl knows how to dance, she is just dancing gracefully along.

konkon [kónkón] *adv.* completely, flat (of falling)

kon-kon-kon [kón-kón-kón] *adv.* to fall helplessly

konne [kónni] *v.* to make a short audible exhalation through the nose in to stop inhaling bad smell **konneɛ, konna, konna, konema, konnaa, konema**

konni [kónni] *n.* cry *2pl:* konnee

konni [kónni] *v.* to catch a falling object in midair (to prevent from falling) **konnee, konno, konno, konimo, konnaa, konimo**

konno [kónnò] *n.* mouse nest *Var.* konzagera

konobara [kónóbàrá] *n.* lamentation

konono [kónónó] *adv.* (1) smooth (flour) (2) soft (body) (3) unassuming (behaviour)

konɔɔ [kónóó] *n.* final funeral of the Sisala (an ethnic group in the UWR) *pl:* konooore *2pl:* konoooree

kon-ɔɔenesoba [kónónénìsóbá] *n.* vegetarian *pl:* konɔɔenedeme *2pl:* konɔɔenedemee *Var.* kon-ɔɔene

konzagera [kónzàgrà] *n.* mouse nest *2pl:* konzagerere *Var.* konno, konzage

koŋ [kòŋ] *adv.* not • *N koŋ gaa be zene.* I will not go there today.

koŋi [kòŋ] *adj.* mangled *pl:* konni

koŋi [kòŋ] *v.* (1) to cry, to lament (2) to crow (rooster) **koŋee, kono, konimo, konaa, konimo**

koŋi [kòŋ] *v.* to ferment **koŋee, kono, kono, konimo, konaa, konimo**

koŋkogiri [kòŋkògrì] *n.* boundary (of a field) *pl:* koŋkobo *2pl:* koŋkogiree

koŋkola [kòŋkòlá] *n.* farming field *pl:* koŋkollè *2pl:* koŋkolèe/koŋkolèe *Var.* koŋkolo

koŋkombiri [kòŋkòmbìrì] *n.* funeral dirge text *sg:* koŋkombiruu *pl:* koŋkombie *2pl:* koŋkombiiree

koŋkommoola [kòŋkòmmóólá] *n.* incessant crying and for no apparent reason e.g. a child *Var.* koŋkommoolo

koŋŋmebaa [kòŋŋmébáá] *n.* back of the head of the dog

koŋ-ɔɔ-moo [kòŋ-óó-móó] *n.* dog

kookeree [kòòkéréé] *n.* one's best attempt; effort

koone [kòòni] *v.* to groan (in pain) **koonee, koonɔ/koona, koonɔ/koona, koonema, koonaa**

kooraa [kòóráà] *n.* umbilical hernia *pl:* koore *2pl:* kooree *Var.* kpograa

koore [kòòrì] *v.* to snore **kooree, koorɔ/koora, koorɔ/koora, kooreba, kooraa, kooreba** *Var.* korŋzaa

koore [kòòrì] *v.* to collect or move a load at once **kooree, koorɔ/koora, koorɔ/koora, kooreba, kooraa, kooreba** *Var.* korŋzaa

koɔ [kòó] *v.* to have an upset stomach, intestinal illness **koɔe, koorɔ, koorɔ, kooreba, kooraa, kooreba**

kòɔ [kòóó] *n.* (1) water (2) pus *pl:* kòɔne *2pl:* kòɔnoo

kòɔ [kòóó] *adj.* water-like, liquid

koɔbo [kòóbò] *n.* the act of farming *2pl:* kòɔe

koɔle [kòòlì] *v.* to gather; to bring together **koɔlee, koɔɔ, koɔɔ, koɔleba, koɔlaa, koɔɔ**

koɔle [kòólì] *v.* to get sick **koɔlee, koɔɔ, koɔɔ, koɔleba, koɔlaa, koɔleba**

koɔle sɔgelaa [kòólìsògìláá] *n.* fertile land

koɔɔ [kòòlò] *n.* (1) farmland (2) environment *pl:* koɔle *2pl:* koɔlee *Var.* koɔla

kɔɔraa [kúɔ̀ràà] *n.* farmer *pl:* kɔ̀rebo

kɔ̀re [kò̀rì] *v.* to sell kɔ̀reɛ, kɔ̀ro, kɔ̀ro, kɔ̀reba, kɔ̀raa, kɔ̀reba

kɔ̀re [kò̀rì] *v.* to scrape, to scratch kɔ̀reɛ, kɔ̀ro, kɔ̀ro, kɔ̀reba, kɔ̀raa, kɔ̀reba

kɔ̀re [kúɔ̀rí] *v.* to tap kɔ̀reɛ, kɔ̀ro, kɔ̀ro, kɔ̀reba, kɔ̀raa, kɔ̀reba

kɔ̀re [kò̀rì] *n.* group of stars; galaxy *sg:* kɔ̀roo *pl:* kɔ̀reɛ

kɔ̀re [kúɔ̀rí] *n.* gourd *pl:* kɛ 2*pl:* kɛɛ

kɔ̀re [kúɔ̀rì] *n.* residue of final beer 2*pl:* kɔ̀reɛ

kopeɛ [kòpíé] *n.* ground immediately surrounding the stage of the corpse *pl:* kopeere 2*pl:* kopeereɛ

ko-pɔ̀ge [kò-pó̀gí] *n.* widow *pl:* ko-pɔ̀geba 2*pl:* ko-pɔ̀greɛ

ko-puɔraa [kò-pùòràá] *n.* belated condolence (usually from someone who misses a funeral)

kɔraa [kòràá] *n.* village; bush settlement *pl:* korri 2*pl:* korree

kore [kò̀rì] *v.* (1) to be old (not young) (2) to be old (not new) koreɛ, kora, kora, koreba, kɔraa, koreba

kore [kó̀rí] *adj.* old *pl:* kora 2*pl:* koreɛ

korekore [kò̀rikò̀rí] *v.* to break into bits and pieces (grass) korekore, korekora, korekora, korkoreba, korkoraa

korekore [kò̀rikò̀rì] *adv.* many, in great numbers

koreman [kò̀rimàn] *adj.* unkempt *Var.* koremɔ̀

korepere [kò̀rípírí] *n.* a type of monkey with thick fur *pl:* korepeɛ 2*pl:* korepereɛ

korewayiri [kò̀rìwàyírí] *n.* one who has spent all their youth outside their original homeland

kori [kò̀rì] *v.* to embrace, to hug koree, koro, koro, koro, kɔraa, koro

kori [kó̀rí] *n.* laziness 2*pl:* koree

kori [kó̀rí] *n.* difficulty, suffering 2*pl:* koree

kori [kó̀rí] *adv.* the manner of a sound from hitting a hard surface

korimo [kò̀rímò] *n.* a type of lizard believed to be poisonous *pl:* korri 2*pl:* korree

koringyɔ̀ [kò̀rìndzón] *n.* violin; harp *pl:* koringyonni 2*pl:* koringyonnee

koro [kò̀ró] *n.* pot for storing TZ (thick paste made from flour) *pl:* korri 2*pl:* koree/korree

korodie [kò̀ródié] *n.* kitchen *pl:* koroderi 2*pl:* koroderee/korodree

korombo [kò̀rómbò] *adv.* to empty totally, to finish with completely

koron [kò̀ró̀n] *adj.* a long time ago

koroso [kò̀rósó] *adv.* lean and dry • *A balee ba dire lenso ka o waa a koroso le.* The puppy does not eat well and that is why it is so lean and bony.

- ko suuri** [kó súrí] *v.* to arouse someone's anger **koε suuri, koora suuri**
- kotoloŋ** [kòtòlòŋ] *n.* the early part of mourning at the funeral *pl:* **kotolo/kotola**
- kotontona** [kòtòntóná] *n.* messenger who announces funeral rites *pl:* **kotontonema** *2pl:* **kotontomeε**
- kotuo** [kòtúó] *n.* a funeral where mourning is in a frenzy *pl:* **kotuuri** *2pl:* **kotuuree**
- kotuosoba** [kòtúósóbá] *n.* bereaved person (close relative) *pl:* **kotudeme** *Var.* **kotuosoba**
- kovuoro** [kòvúóró] *n.* condolences by well wishers who could not attend the funeral rites *2pl:* **kovuoree**
- Kowere** [kòwèrì] *n.* homeland of the Kowere clan
- Kowaroo** [kòwárúó] *n.* a member of the Koware clan *pl:* **Kowareε**
- koyeŋi** [kòyěŋ] *n.* wake keeping (funeral) *pl:* **koyenni** *2pl:* **koyenee**
- koyiri** [kóyírí] *n.* house of a bereaved family *pl:* **koyie** *2pl:* **koyiree**
- kə** [kɔ] *v.* (1) to hoe (2) to cultivate, to farm **kε, koεrɔ, koεrɔ, koεreba, koεraa, koεreba**
- Kəbene** [kòbíné] *n.* an annual festival celebrated by the people of Lawra *2pl:* **kəbeneε**
- kəge** [kɔgì] *v.* (1) to be near, to be close to (2) to put by the side to support (pillow) (3) to be lean **kəgeε, kəgrɔ, kəgrɔ, kəgreba, kəgraa**
- kəge** [kɔgì] *v.* to boil ground malt at the the first stage in the preparation of pito **kəgeε, kəgera, kəgera, kəgereba, kəgeraa, kəgereba**
- kəgele** [kɔglì] *v.* (1) to keep company (2) to give aid **kəgeleε, kəgela, kəgela, kəgeleba, kəgelaa, kəgeleba**
- kəgelɔ** [kɔglɔ] *n.* a type of fetish or god *2pl:* **kəgeleε**
- kəgeraa** [kɔgráá] *n.* raised lump on the floor of a room used as a seat *pl:* **kəgere** *2pl:* **kəgereε**
- kəkəbaŋ** [kɔkɔbáŋ] *n.* neck bangle *pl:* **kəkəbanne** *2pl:* **kəkəbanneε** *Var.* **kəkəbɔŋ**
- kəkəkpəgere** [kɔkɔkpɔgrì] *n.* goitre *pl:* **kəkəkpəgrɔ** *2pl:* **kəkəkpəgereε**
- kəkəlaa** [kɔkɔláá] *n.* cat *pl:* **kəkəlle** *2pl:* **kəkəlleε** *Var.* **kəlaa**
- kəkəlere** [kɔkɔlèrì] *n.* necklace *sg:* **kəkəleeroo** *pl:* **kəkəleε**
- kəkəliŋe** [kɔkɔlínjé] *n.* velum *pl:* **kəkəlinni** *2pl:* **kəkəlinnee**
- kəkəlleε** [kɔkɔlléε] *n.* kitten *pl:* **kəkəlbilii** *2pl:* **kəkəlbilleε**
- kəkəlŋgoone** [kɔkɔlŋgòóní] *n.* the trachea *pl:* **kəkəlŋgoomɔ** *2pl:* **kəkəlŋgooneε**
- kəkəlweeme** [kɔkɔlwíémé] *n.* wild cat *pl:* **kəkəlweene** *2pl:* **kəkəlweeneε** *Var.* **kəlweemeε**

kəkəlwoɔ [kəkəlwɔ́ɔ] *n.* bag made from cat hide *pl:* kəkəlwoore *2pl:* kəkəlwooreɛ

kəkəmaraa [kəkómáráá] *n.* tight-fitting necklace *pl:* kəkəmarre *2pl:* kəkəmarreɛ

kəkəraa [kəkóràà] *n.* one who does dirty things (obscene language) *pl:* kəkərre

kəkəre [kəkórí] *n.* (1) throat (2) voice (3) language *pl:* kəkəreɛ/kəkəe *2pl:* kəkərreɛ

kəkəreyele [kəkòríyélé] *n.* obscene things

kəkəroŋ [kəkóróŋ] *n.* the act of being uncouth

kəkəsəgelaa [kəkósəglàà] *n.* breastbone *pl:* kəkəsəgele *2pl:* kəkəsəgeleɛ

kəkəvɔlaa [kəkónvɔlàà] *n.* esophagus, gullet *pl:* kəkəvɔlle *2pl:* kəkəvɔlleɛ

kəkəyɔraa [kəkóyòráá] *n.* larynx, voice box, Adam's apple *sg:* kəkəy-oruu *pl:* kəkəyorri *2pl:* kəkəyoree

kɔlaa [kɔláà] *n.* cat *pl:* kɔlle *2pl:* kɔlleɛ *Var.* kəkɔlaa

kɔlbaa [kɔlbáá] *n.* bottle *pl:* kɔlbaare *2pl:* kɔlbaareɛ

kɔle [kɔlí] *v.* to be loose within something; to be too small for • *A dɔɔ kuree kɔlɔ la a o bidɔɔ see.* The man's pair of shorts is too large for his son. *kɔleɛ, kɔlɔ, kɔlɔ, kɔleɔ, kɔlaa, kɔleɔ*

kɔlema [kɔlímá] *n.* well *pl:* kɔlle *2pl:* kɔlleɛ *Var.* kɔlaa (kɔlaa), kolli

kɔleŋkɔ [kɔlínkɔ́] *n.* a type of gourd with a long neck *pl:* kɔleŋkɔre *2pl:* kɔleŋkɔreɛ

kɔl-kɔl-kɔl [kɔl-kɔl-kɔl] *adj.* in a long line e.g. a column of school children

kɔlle [kɔllí] *v.* to cluck *kɔlleɛ, kɔllɔ, kɔllɔ, kɔleɔ, kɔllaa, kɔleɔ*

kɔlle [kɔllí] *v.* to roam *kɔlleɛ, kɔllɔ, kɔllɔ, kɔleɔ, kɔllaa, kɔleɔ*

kɔlle [kɔllí] *v.* to gallop gracefully *kɔlleɛ, kɔllɔ, kɔllɔ, kɔlɔ, kɔllaa*

kɔlle [kɔllí] *v.* to smooth e.g. potter's pot *kɔlleɛ, kɔllɔ, kɔllɔ, kɔlɔ, kɔllaa*

kɔlɔkɔlɔ [kɔlɔkɔlɔ́] *adv.* to begin to brighten e.g. day breaking

kɔlɔkɔlɔ [kɔlɔkɔlɔ́] *adv.* not firm (object smaller than its fitting)

kɔmaaroŋ [kɔmààróŋ] *n.* freshly weeded or hoed-up place *pl:* kɔmaara *2pl:* kɔmaareɛ

kɔmbanna [kɔmbánná] *n.* swimmer *pl:* kɔmbanema *2pl:* kɔmbanemee

kɔmbiri [kɔmbírí] *n.* drop of water *pl:* kɔmbie *2pl:* kɔbiiree

kɔmbɔ [kɔmbɔ́] *n.* dialogue, conversation *2pl:* kɔmbɔreɛ

kɔmbɔge [kɔmbɔ̀gí] *n.* water-way *Var.* kɔmbɔgeraa

kɔmbɔgeraa [kɔmbɔ̀gráá] *n.* water-way *pl:* kɔmbɔgre *2pl:* kɔmbɔgreɛ *Var.* kɔmbɔge

kɔmbɔnne [kɔmbɔ̀nní] *n.* Akan language *2pl:* kɔmbɔnnee

kɔmbɔŋɛɔ [kɔmbɔŋɛɔ] *n.* swimmer *pl:* kɔmbɔŋɛɛ *2pl:* kɔmbɔŋɛɛ *Var.* kɔmbɔŋɛɛ

kɔmbɔŋɔ [kɔmbɔŋɔ] *n.* Akan person (one who can swim) *pl:* kɔmbɔŋɛɛ *2pl:* kɔmbɔŋɛɛ

kɔmbuli [kɔmbúli] *n.* period of water shortage e.g. during drought *2pl:* kɔmbulee

kɔmmaarɔŋ [kɔmmáárɔŋ] *n.* cold water

kɔmmaarɔŋ [kɔmmáárɔŋ] *n.* trouble free; peace

kɔmmiirɔŋ [kɔmmíírɔŋ] *n.* sour water *2pl:* kɔmmiiree

kɔmmiri [kɔmmírí] *n.* current (running water) *pl:* kɔmmie *2pl:* kɔmmiiree *Var.* kɔmbiri

kɔmɔkɔmɔ [kɔmɔkɔmɔ] *adv.* not hard

kɔmpaala [kɔmpáálá] *n.* new water e.g. bottled water for sale *2pl:* kɔmpaalee

kɔmpare [kɔmpári] *n.* (1) the under part of water, residue (2) the southern part of Ghana *pl:* kɔmparee

kɔmpiiri [kɔmpíírí] *n.* floodwaters *pl:* kɔmpie *2pl:* kɔmpiree/kɔmpiiree

kɔmpɔge [kɔmpɔgɛ] *n.* abundant waters, flood *pl:* kɔmpɔgre *2pl:* kɔmpɔgre *Var.* kɔmpɔo

kɔmpɔo [kɔmpɔ́ɔ] *adv.* period of excessive water on the land e.g. during the peak of heavy rains *Var.* kɔmpɔge

kɔndaare [kɔndáári] *n.* waves *2pl:* kɔndaaree

kɔndaare [kɔndáári] *n.* water for sale *2pl:* kɔndaaree

kɔndazugiri [kɔndázugrí] *n.* (1) a type of wild dwarf tree, short and stout with complex branches (2) the yellow fruit of this plant (edible) *sg:* kɔndazugiruu *pl:* kɔndazugo *2pl:* kɔndazugiree *Var.* dazugri

kɔndazugovũũ [kɔndázúgónvũũ] *n.* (1) furnace (2) hell *2pl:* kɔndazugovũũ

kɔndoge [kɔndógɛ] *n.* water pot *pl:* kɔndogre *2pl:* kɔndogree

kɔndugzie [kɔndúgzíé] *n.* swimming pool *pl:* kɔndugziiri *2pl:* kɔndugziiree

Kɔnduoraa [kɔndúóráá] *n.* a river in the Upper West Region of Ghana *pl:* kɔnduori *2pl:* kɔnduoree

kɔnkyɔkyɔgere [kɔntʃɔʃgɛrɛ] *n.* swamp *2pl:* kɔnkyɔkyɔgeree

kɔnkyɔree [kɔnkyɔréé] *n.* a type of bath where soap and sponge are not used *pl:* kɔnkyɔrre *2pl:* kɔnkyɔrree

kɔnkyuuri [kɔntʃúúri] *n.* waterfall *2pl:* kɔnkyuuree

kɔnnaŋ [kɔnnán] *n.* water scarcity *2pl:* kɔnnannee

kɔnne [kɔnní] *n.* leprosy *pl:* kɔnne *2pl:* kɔnnee

kɔnnimiri [kɔnnímírí] *n.* (1) spring (2) water hole *sg:* kɔnnimiiruu *pl:*

- kannimie 2pl: kannimiiree Var. bulnimiri
- kannoy [kónnóŋ] *n.* the condition of having leprosy Var. kannoo
- kannore [kónnórí] *n.* (1) beach, coastline (2) edge *pl:* kannæ 2pl: kannære
- kannyuuri [kónnyúúri] *n.* thirst *sg:* kanyuuree
- kannyuuri [kónnyúúri] *n.* potable water, water meant for drinking
- kanoore [kónóóri] *n.* a farmer's portion during farming *pl:* kónæ 2pl: kónære
- kanoŋmaara [kónóŋmáára] *n.* leader of working farmers in the farm *pl:* kanoŋmaareba 2pl: kanoŋmaarebe
- kanoŋtene [kónóŋténí] *n.* earth or soil used to mark out the boundaries of portions of land for weeding 2pl: kanoŋtene
- kanoŋtuuro [kónóŋtúúró] *n.* deputy leader of working farmers in the farm *pl:* kanoŋtuuribo 2pl: kanoŋtuuribee
- kansaa [kónsáá] *n.* the act of polluting water
- kansaalon [kónsáálon] *n.* plain fluid from a swelling (may be mixed with blood) 2pl: kansaalæ
- kansaane [kónsááni] *n.* water with mashed porridge 2pl: kansaanæ
- kanso [kónsò] *n.* the act of bathing 2pl: kansoree
- kansobɔdoaa [kónsòbòdòdóáá] *n.* bath towel *pl:* kansobɔdoore 2pl: kansobɔdoree
- kansogɔ [kónsóŋɔ] *n.* (1) the middle of water e.g. a stream (2) the act of keeping afloat in water with body upright *pl:* kansogere 2pl: kansogere Var. kansoga
- kansolaa [kónsòláá] *n.* large jar used for bathing *pl:* kansolaare 2pl: kansolaare
- kansonŋ [kónsóŋ] *n.* holy water *pl:* kansonne 2pl: kansonne
- kansogero [kónsógró] *n.* dirty water 2pl: kansogere Var. kansogera
- kansuori [kónsúóri] *n.* bathwater 2pl: kansuoree
- kansuoro [kónsúóró] *n.* one who is bathing *pl:* kansuoribo 2pl: kansuoribee
- kantere [kántír] *n.* cheek *pl:* kante 2pl: kanteere
- kantetegere [kántétègrí] *n.* puddles (plural noun) *pl:* kantetegere
- kantɔmbile [kántómbilé] *n.* fairy *pl:* kantɔmbilii 2pl: kantɔmbilee Var. kantɔmɔ, kantɔnzuzee
- kantɔmbogɔ [kántòmbòŋɔ] *n.* the act of divining through the power of fairy spirits *pl:* kantɔmbogɔ 2pl: kantɔmbogere
- kantɔmɔ [kántómò] *n.* fairy, dwarf (spiritual being) *pl:* kátɔnne 2pl: kátɔnne Var. kantɔmbile
- kanton-ire [kántòn-íré] *n.* one possessed by a spirit *pl:* kanton-iribe

- 2pl: kàntòn-iribee Var. kàntòŋ-ire
- kàntònkýi [kàntòŋfí] *n.* a type of guinea corn with short thick bunch of seed 2pl: kàntònkýiree
- kàntònnaa [kàntòŋnàá] *n.* two-shilling coin pl: kàntòŋnanne 2pl: kàntòŋnannee
- kàntòn-woò [kàntòŋ-wóó] *n.* sooth-sayer's bag pl: kàntòn-woore 2pl: kàntòn-wooree
- kàntòŋgbelime [kàntòŋgbèlimé] *n.* diviner's bell pl: kàntòŋgbelli 2pl: kàntòŋgbellee
- kànvòlò [kànvòlò] *n.* liquid residue of shea butter pl: kànvòlle 2pl: kànvòlee/kànvòllee Var. kànvòlò
- kàn-yaaraa [kàn-yáará] *n.* a type of bird that feeds on fish pl: kàn-yaare 2pl: kàn-yaaree Var. kolyaaraa
- kàn-yuori [kàn-yuori] *n.* pot for water pl: kàn-yoe 2pl: kàn-yoree
- kànzulùŋ [kànzùlùŋ] *n.* deep water pl: kànzululli 2pl: kànzulullee
- kànzunni [kànzùnní] *n.* dirt settled under water 2pl: kànzunnee
- kàŋe [kàŋ] *v.* to contract leprosy kàŋee, kàŋnò, kàŋnò, kàŋnema, kànnaa, kàŋnema
- kàŋe [kàŋ] *v.* to be unavailable • *Ka saan ba miire te maŋ kàŋe la kòò.* If it does not rain, we run out of water. kàŋee, kàŋnò, kàŋnò, kàŋnema, kànnaa, kàŋnema
- kàŋe [kàŋ] *n.* hunger 2pl: kàŋnee Var. kòŋ
- kàŋgaŋene [kàŋgàŋí] *n.* a place beyond the waters
- kàŋkaare [kàŋkáá] *n.* (1) water that has been bailed out (2) water that must be bailed out
- kàŋkare [kàŋká] *n.* plain drinking water 2pl: kàŋkaree
- kàŋkòŋ [kàŋkòŋ] *n.* palm tree pl: kàŋkòŋne 2pl: kàŋkòŋnee
- kàŋkòŋò [kàŋkòŋò] *n.* leper pl: kàŋkòŋne 2pl: kàŋkòŋnee
- kàŋkòre [kàŋkò] *n.* forest Var. tetige
- kàŋkpaare [kàŋkpá] *n.* back-stroke (swimming) pl: kàŋkpaee
- kàò [kàò] *v.* (1) to break (2) to dance (3) to become charred (4) to stampede, sudden flight or dispersion kàòe, kàòò, kàòò, kàòeba, kàòraa, kàòeba
- kàò [kàò] *adv.* one hundred
- kàò [kàò] *adj.* appear broken
- kàòkyaporo [kàòkʔapòrò] *n.* bone marrow sg: kàòkyaporuu pl: kàòkyaporri 2pl: kàòkyaporree
- kàòle [kàòlí] *adj.* burnt, charred • *A vùu tolon, ka foon deene kamaa-kàòle ka fo na se.* The fire is quite hot, and if you are not careful the maize will get burnt. pl: kàòle
- kàòlmarè [kàòlmarè] *v.* to hurt verbally e.g. insult, chastise kàòlmarèe, kàòlmara, kàòlmara, kàòlemareba, kàòlmaraa
- kàòlòŋ [kàòlòŋ] *n.* hair, fur pl: kàòle 2pl: kàòlee

- kɔ̀re [kɔ̀rí] *n.* (1) bone (2) armlet made from elephant tusk *pl:* kɔ̀bɔ *2pl:* kɔ̀reɛ
- kɔ̀re [kɔ̀rì] *v.* (1) to delay • *Ta kɔ̀re ma, N boɔreɛ wiẽũ.* Don't delay me I am in a haste. (2) keep long • *Zenɛ a bie kɔ̀re la a sakuuri pɔɔ.* The child has been kept long in school today. (3) to be late • *N karembie kɔ̀re la sakuuri gaabo ka ba ko o dɔgeron.* The pupil was late to school and they gave him some punishment. kɔ̀reɛ, kɔ̀rɔ, kɔ̀rɔ, kɔ̀reba, kɔ̀raa, kɔ̀reba
- kɔ̀to [kɔ̀tɔ̀] *n.* court *pl:* kɔ̀tere *2pl:* kɔ̀tereɛ
- kɔ̀ye [kɔ̀yɛ̀] *n.* forest *pl:* kɔ̀yere *2pl:* kɔ̀yereɛ
- kɔ̀zii [kɔ̀zì] *n.* a type of tiny bird that moves in large groups *pl:* kɔ̀ziiri *2pl:* kɔ̀ziireɛ
- kɔ̀pɔ [kɔ̀pɔ̀] *n.* cup *pl:* kɔ̀pɔre *2pl:* kɔ̀pɔreɛ
- kɔ̀puori [kɔ̀pùòrí] *n.* the act of weeding again *pl:* kopɔe *2pl:* koporeɛ
- kɔ̀raa [kɔ̀ràà] *n.* hook *pl:* kɔ̀rre *2pl:* kɔ̀reɛ *Var:* takɔ̀raa
- kɔ̀re [kɔ̀rí] *n.* (1) pocket (2) bag *pl:* kɔ̀e *2pl:* kɔ̀reɛ
- kɔ̀re [kɔ̀rì] *v.* to scoop out; to empty • *A yuori kɔ̀ɔ zaa ka ba kɔ̀re.* They have taken all the water from the pot. kɔ̀reɛ, kɔ̀rɔ, kɔ̀rɔ, kɔ̀reba, kɔ̀raa
- kɔ̀re [kɔ̀rì] *adv.* how it sounds when a stone hits an object
- kɔ̀re [kɔ̀rì] *v.* to cough kɔ̀reɛ, kɔ̀rɔ, kɔ̀rɔ, kɔ̀reba, kɔ̀raa, kɔ̀reba
- kɔ̀rema [kɔ̀rímá] *n.* partridge *pl:* kɔ̀rre *2pl:* kɔ̀rreɛ
- kɔ̀retɔ [kɔ̀rítɔ̀] *n.* sickness of animals (fur falls off) *pl:* kɔ̀retɔre *2pl:* kɔ̀retɔreɛ
- kɔ̀reɛ [kɔ̀réé] *adv.* moving at once nearer another e.g. child to mother
- kɔ̀ron [kɔ̀róŋ] *n.* cough
- kɔ̀ronkpon [kɔ̀róŋkpón] *n.* mycobacterium tuberculosis *pl:* kɔ̀ronkponni *2pl:* kɔ̀ronkponnee
- kɔ̀rre [kɔ̀rri] *v.* to slaughter, to cut the throat of kɔ̀rreɛ, kɔ̀rɔ, kɔ̀rɔ, kɔ̀reba, kɔ̀raa, kɔ̀reba
- kɔ̀srre [kɔ̀sɔ̀rri] *n.* request for farm help *2pl:* kɔ̀sɔ̀reɛ
- kɔ̀tɔ [kɔ̀tɔ̀] *n.* crab *pl:* kɔ̀tɔre *2pl:* kɔ̀tɔreɛ
- kɔ̀nɔlɔ [kɔ̀nòlɔ̀] *n.* water from the washing of sheabutter processing *2pl:* kɔ̀nɔleɛ *Var:* kɔ̀nɔlɔ
- kubogi [kúbògí] *n.* stone cave *pl:* kubogiri *2pl:* kubogireɛ
- kugbe [kùgbé] *n.* coconut *pl:* kugberi *2pl:* kugbereɛ
- kugbeɛ [kùgbié] *n.* worn-out hoe blade *pl:* kugbeere *2pl:* kugbeereɛ
- kukurbompaala [kùkùrbòm páálà] *n.* first fruits *sg:* kukurbompaaleɛ *Var:* bompaala
- kukuri [kùkùrì] *n.* hoe handle *pl:* kukue *2pl:* kukureɛ
- kukuribone [kùkùrìbòn] *n.* farm produce *pl:* kukuriboma

- kukurkpaare** [kúkúkpáári] *n.* nape of the neck of a hoe handle *pl:* kukukpae *2pl:* kukukpaareε
- kukpoŋi** [kùkpòŋ] *n.* large hoe *pl:* kukponni *2pl:* kukpomo/kukponnee
- kuli** [kúli] *v.* to go home **kulee, kulo, kulo, kulbo, kulaa**
- kulikuli** [kúlkúl] *adv.* very bad-smelling
- kulinni** [kúlinní] *n.* shrill noise of praise *2pl:* kulinnee
- kull** [kùll] *adv.* rising in a cloud *Var.* koll
- kulli** [kùlli] *v.* (1) to mind (2) to not regard, to ignore (typically used with ba) • *A baa da vuolo yaga le kye a nannyige dee da ba kullo a.* The dog was barking intensely, but the thief just ignored it. **kullee, kullo, kullo, kulibo, kullaa, - Var. kpulli/kpullo**
- kultaa** [kúltáá] *n.* marriage *pl:* kultaareε
- kultaa weltaa** [kúltáá wéltáá] *n.* divorce
- kunoore** [kùnóòri] *n.* edge of hoe blade *pl:* kunœ *2pl:* kunœε
- kuntuŋi** [kúntún] *n.* blanket *pl:* kuntuŋi *2pl:* kuntuŋnee
- kuntuŋi** [kùntùŋ] *n.* wolf *pl:* kuntuŋi *2pl:* kuntuŋnee
- kunyoore** [kùpóóri] *n.* tip of hoe, plough *pl:* kunyœ *2pl:* kùnyœε
- kuŋkuneε** [kùŋkúnéè] *n.* hillock, raised ground *pl:* kuŋkunni *2pl:* kuŋkunnee
- kuŋkunni** [kùŋkúnni] *n.* epilepsy *2pl:* kuŋkunnee
- kuŋkuŋ** [kùŋkún] *adv.* dark and threatening e.g. black storm clouds
- kuŋkuŋlere** [kùŋkúnleré] *n.* one who has epilepsy *pl:* kuŋkunlerbe *2pl:* kuŋkunlerbee
- kuo** [kúó] *n.* a type of a wild mouse *pl:* kuuri *2pl:* kuuree
- kuoli** [kùòli] *v.* to get drunk **kuolee, kuolo, kuolo, kuolbo, kuolaa**
- kuoli** [kùòli] *v.* to apply fertilizer to crops **kuolee, kuolo, kuolo, kuolbo, kuolaa**
- kuoluŋ** [kùólúŋ] *n.* manure *2pl:* kuoklunnee
- kuomo** [kúómó] *n.* a type of water plant *pl:* kuomee
- kuoŋaa** [kúóŋáá] *adj.* dry *pl:* kuoni *2pl:* kuonee
- kuori** [kùóri] *n.* funeral *pl:* koe *2pl:* koree
- kuori** [kúóri] *v.* to tap with an object **kuoree, kuoro, kuoro, kuoribo, kuoraa**
- kuree** [kùrèè] *n.* shorts *pl:* kurri *2pl:* kurree
- kuri** [kúri] *n.* (1) metal (2) iron *sg:* kuruu *pl:* kurri *2pl:* kuree
- kuri** [kùri] *v.* to forge, to shape metal **kuree, kuro, kuro, kuribo, kuraa, kuribo**

- kuri** [kùrì] *v.* to plant calabash seeds
kuree, kuro, kuro, kuribo, kuraa,
kuribo
- kuri** [kúrí] *v.* to scrape kuree, kuro,
kuro, kuribo, kuraa, kuribo
- kuri** [kùrì] *adv.* thud of a heavy solid
object falling (onomatopoeia)
- kuribini** [kùribíní] *n.* slag (ore after
iron is extracted) *sg:* kuribinuu *2pl:*
kuribinee/kurbinnee
- kuridaa** [kùridáá] *n.* iron bar *pl:*
kuridaare *2pl:* kuriaaree
- kurigbeegbori** [kúrigbéégbòrí] *n.*
train *pl:* kurigbeegboe *2pl:* kurig-
beegboree
- kurigbeesori** [kúrigbéésórí] *n.* rail
line *pl:* kurigbeesoe *2pl:* kurigbe-
soree
- kurigbewogri** [kúrigbéwógri] *n.*
trousers *2pl:* kurigbewogree
- kurikuni** [kùrikúní] *n.* (1) tortoise
(2) ball of seeds in the calabash
fruit (3) padlock *pl:* kurikumo *2pl:*
kurikunee *Var:* kuri/kuṅkuni
- kurikuri** [kùrikúrí] *v.* to search
kurikuree, kurikuro, kurikuro,
kurikuribo, kurikuraa
- kurikuro** [kùrikúró] *n.* blacksmith
pl: kurikuribo *2pl:* kurikuribee
Var: kurkuro, kurkuribo
- kurimɔŋ** [kúrímɔŋ] *adv.* stunted e.g.
malnourished child
- kuriwiri** [kúríwírí] *n.* bicycle *pl:*
kuriwie *2pl:* kurwiree
- kuriyoluŋ** [kúríyólúŋ] *n.* the act of
wearing shorts or trousers without
underwear *pl:* kuriyolli *2pl:* kuriy-
olee
- kurizee** [kùrìzìé] *n.* (1) brass (2) cop-
per *pl:* kurizeere *2pl:* kurizeeree
- kuri zu mare** [] *v.* to persevere
- kurkumpege** [kùrkùmpégè] *n.* shell
(of turtle) *pl:* kurkumpegre *2pl:*
kurkumpegree
- kurusu** [kúrusú] *adv.* small and
stunted
- kusaalaa** [kúsààlàà] *n.* smooth stone
used by a potter to smooth pots *pl:*
kusaale *2pl:* kusaalee
- kusaalaa** [kúsàálàá] *n.* sharpening
stone *pl:* kusaale *2pl:* kusaalee
- kuseebaa** [kúsìèbàá] *n.* very
large hoe *pl:* kuseebaare *2pl:*
kuseebaaree
- kusibiri** [kúsíbírí] *n.* a very small
stone *pl:* kusibie *2pl:* kusi-
biree/kusibiiree
- Kusieli** [kúsíélí] *n.* homeland of the
Kusielee clan
- Kusieluu** [kúsíélúú] *n.* a member of
the Kusielee clan *pl:* Kusielee
- kusiri** [kúsírí] *n.* stone *sg:* kusiruu
pl: kusie *2pl:* kusirree
- kusiwara** [kúsíwàrà] *n.* gravel *2pl:*
kusiwaree
- kutaayi** [kútááyí] *n.* file *pl:* kutaayiri
2pl: kutaayiree
- kutobo** [kùtòbó] *n.* hoe (traditional
Dagaaba hoe) *2pl:* kutooree
- kutoori** [kùtóórí] *n.* plough breast *pl:*
kutooree

kūu [kúú] *n.* (1) death (2) corpse *pl:* kuuni *2pl:* kuunee

kūu [kúú] *n.* see bikūu *pl:* kuuni *2pl:* kuunee

kūubogi [kúúbògí] *n.* grave *pl:* kūubogri *2pl:* kūubogree

kuunileiruu [kúúnílé-írúú] *n.* resurrection

kuuri [kùùrí] *n.* hoe *pl:* kue *2pl:* kuree

kuuri [kùùrí] *v.* to dredge; to remove

from the bottom of a container of liquid **kuuree, kuuro, kuuro, kuuribo, kuuraa**

kuuri [kúúrí] *v.* to quickly dodge an object in the air **kuuree, kuuro, kuuro, kuuribo, kuuraa**

kuuri [kúúrí] *n.* (1) stone (2) fetish stone *pl:* kubo *2pl:* kuuree *Var:* kusiri

kūuyee [kúúyèè] *n.* a type of small owl believed to foresee evil happenings *pl:* kūuyeerí *2pl:* kūuyeeree

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kpa [kpá] *v.* (1) to boil (2) to dismantle (usually at the joints) (3) to lament; to mourn **kpaε, kpaara, kpaara, kpaareba, kpaaraa**

kpa [kpà] *v.* to lock **kpaε, kpaara, kpaara, kpareba, kpaara**

kpa [kpàà] *v.* (1) to be unsuccessful • *A karema goɔ la a bie kpa.* The teacher was unable to stop the child. (2) to leave some of • *Ba di la a bondirii kyε ka a kpa.* They ate the food and some was left over. **kpaε, kpaara, kpaara, kpaareba, kpaaraa**

kpa [kpàà] *v.* to remove by pulling out **kpaε, kpaara, kpaara, kpaareba, kpaaraa**

kpa [kpàá] *adj.* leftover • *A baa ŋa ba nɔŋ bondi-kpa.* This dog does not like leftover food. *pl:* kpaare

2pl: kpaareε

kpa [kpáá] *interj.* express surprise

kpāa [kpāà] *v.* to warn **kpaε, kpaana, kpaana, kpaanema, kpaanaa, kpaanema**

kpāa [kpāà] *v.* cook very palatable food, fry (sauce or stew) **kpaε, kpaana, kpaana, kpaanema, kpaanaa**

kpaagyiri [kpáádzrí] *n.* strong whip (made of tendon and leather) *2pl:* kpaagyiree *Var:* gyiri

kpaakpaa [kpáákpáá] *n.* palm kernel *pl:* kpaakpaare *2pl:* kpaakpaareε

kpaakpaabiri [kpáákpáábírì] *n.* palm kernel seed *sg:* kpaakpaabiruu *pl:* kpaakpaabie *2pl:* kpaakpaabiree/kpaakpaabiiree *Var:* kpaakpaa

kpaakyinni [kpááʃfinni] *v.* to leap from a height to land **kpaakyinnee**, **kpaarakyinne**, **kpaakyinne**, **kpaakyinime**, **kpaakyinnaa**

kpaale [kpááli] *v.* to remind **kpaalee**, **kpaala**, **kpaala**, **kpaaleba**, **kpaalaa**

kpāaloora [kpááʃóráá] *n.* a type of small brown bird *pl:* **kpāaloore** *2pl:* **kpāalooree**

kpaalzee [kpáálzié] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* **kpaalzeere** *2pl:* **kpaalzeeree**

kpaamo [kpáámó] *n.* a type of grass *sg:* **kpaamoono** *2pl:* **kpaamoonee**

kpaane [kpààni] *v.* (1) to become tight (2) to go hunting **kpaanee**, **kpaana**, **kpaana**, **kpaanema**, **kpaanaa**

kpaanyo [kpàányò] *n.* nothing *Var.* **kpaanyo**

kpāao [kpááá] *n.* guinea fowl *pl:* **kpinni** *2pl:* **kpinnie**

kpaaraa [kpááràá] *n.* whip *pl:* **kpaare** *2pl:* **kpaaree** *Var.* **kpeeraa**, **kpeere**

kpaare [kpáári] *n.* nape of neck *pl:* **kpaee** *2pl:* **kpaaree**

kpaare [kpáári] *v.* (1) to tap (on a door) (2) to roof by knocking nails to hold roof (3) to harvest termites (at the end of the process one knocks on the pot containing termites) (4) to fly at top speed

kpaare [kpààri] *v.* (1) to come together (2) to assemble, to meet

together **kpaaree**, **kpaara**, **kpaara**, **kpaareba**, **kpaaraa**, **kpaareba**

kpaasere [kpáásíri] *v.* to end up at a point, not returning • **Ba toy la a bie ka o dee te kpaasere.** The child they sent has ended up not returning. **kpaaseree**, **kpaasere**, **kpaasere**, **kpaaserebe**, **kpaaseraa**

kpāa toori [kpāà tòòri] *v.* (1) to insist (2) to harden one's heart

kpaba [kpàbà] *adv.* sweating profusely

kpabogi [kpàbògi] *n.* point between the neck and the head *pl:* **kpabogri** *2pl:* **kpabogree**

kpaga [kpágà] *adv.* refuse to do anything

kpage [kpàgi] *adj.* thick, strong

kpagelaga [kpàglàgà] *adv.* (1) thick (2) motionless

kpagele [kpàgli] *v.* to harden **kpagelee**, **kpagela**, **kpagela**, **kpageleba**, **kpagelaa**

kpageloo [kpàgló] *adj.* (1) hard, firm (2) difficult *pl:* **kpagela**

kpagyele [kpàdzéli] *n.* the pointed part of the back of the head *pl:* **kpagyee** *2pl:* **kpagyeee**

kpagyiiili [kpàdziili] *n.* main vein connecting the back of the head and the neck *pl:* **kpagyiiile** *2pl:* **kpagyiiilee**

kpakyaga [kpáfàgà] *adj.* between *pl:* **kpakyagre** *2pl:* **kpakyagree**

kpala [kpàlà] *n.* a type of powder for the eyelashes *pl:* **kpalee**

kpala [kpàlá] *n.* (1) nakedness, nudity (2) the act of engaging in a fight (wrestling) *2pl:* kpaleɛ

kpalaa [kpàláá] *n.* sling *pl:* kpalle
2pl: kpalleɛ

kpalaŋ [kpàláŋ] *adj.* quickly, at once

kpalaŋkpalaŋ [kpàláŋkpàláŋ] *adv.* in a uneventful manner • *A dɔɔ en-tuo na toŋ la a toma kpalaŋkpalaŋ lɛ.* That lazy man did the work haphazardly.

kpale [kpáli] *v.* to become bare (bald) • *N sāakoma zu zaan kpale.* My grandfather is completely bald. **kpaleɛ, kpala, kpala, kpaleba, kpalaa, kpaleba**

kpale [kpàli] *adj.* (1) bare; empty (2) for nothing • *O wa la kye kpale lɛ, o ba nye bonzaa.* She came here for nothing; she did not get anything. *pl:* kpala *2pl:* kpaleɛ

kpale [kpàli] *v.* to make firm (loose soil) **kpaleɛ, kpalla, kpalla, kpalba, kpallaa**

kpaleŋkpa [kpàliŋkpàá] *n.* louse *pl:* kpaleŋkpaare *2pl:* kpaleŋkpaareɛ

kpalle [kpállli] *v.* (1) to remind (2) to caution (3) to remould the blade of an overused implement (axe) **kpalleɛ, kpalla, kpalla, kpalba, kpallaa**

kpambee [kpǎmbiè] *n.* spokesman *pl:* kpaambeere *2pl:* kpaambeereɛ

kpambiri [kpǎmbíri] *n.* wooden bell *pl:* kpaambie *2pl:* kpaambiiree

kpammo [kpǎmmó] *adv.* thick and hard

kpane [kpàni] *n.* (1) lead (2) spear, lance *pl:* kpama

kpanne [kpànni] *v.* (1) to hypnotize (2) to be overwhelmed by cold **kpanneɛ, kpanna, kpanna, kpanema, kpannaa**

kpantoli [kpántóli] *n.* (1) patch of hair as a hairstyle (2) crest (of a bird) *pl:* kpantolo *2pl:* kpantolee
Var. kpontoli; kpontolo

kpaŋaa [kpàŋàà] *adj.* large and hollow

kpaŋe [kpáŋ] *v.* to become rigid and hard (of a surface) **kpaŋeɛ, kpana, kpana, kpanema, kpanaa**

kpaŋe [kpàŋí] *adj.* rigid and hard (surface, object) *pl:* kpama

kpaŋenyana [kpàŋinyàŋà] *adv.* large and dirty (container)

kpaŋkpane [kpàŋkpáni] *n.* arm *pl:* kpaŋkpama *2pl:* kpaŋkpanneɛ

kpaŋkpannyugbieli [kpàŋkpànyúgbiéli] *n.* elbow *pl:* kpaŋkpannyugbiele *2pl:* kpaŋkpannyugbielee
Var. gbieli

kpaŋkpaŋkpèe [kpàŋkpàŋkpéé] *n.* force *pl:* kpaŋkpaŋkpeene *2pl:* kpaŋkpaŋkpeeneɛ

kpaŋkpazegle [kpàŋkpázíglí] *n.* hard, pimple-like swelling *pl:* kpaŋkpazegle *2pl:* kpaŋkpazegleɛ
Var. zaŋkpegiri

kpaŋkpele [kpàŋkpíli] *adj.* extremely hard

kpaŋkpire [kpàŋkpíri] *n.* race, running competition (typically

- used with ημε) • **Ba ημε la kpaŋkpire te le dogele taa.** They raced neck and neck and fell over each other. *pl:* kpaŋkpirri *2pl:* kpaŋkpiree/kpaŋkpirree
- kpaŋkpoli** [kpáŋkpòli] *n.* chicken without feathers *pl:* kpaŋkpolo *2pl:* kpaŋkpolee *Var.* kpoŋkpoli
- kparata** [kpárátá] *adv.* lie prostrate; flat with face upwards
- kpardiiraa** [kpǎdííráá] *n.* smock with multiple folds *pl:* kpardiiri *2pl:* kpardiiree
- Kpare** [kpári] *n.* name of a town in the Upper West Region
- kpare** [kpári] *v.* (1) to tie together (to make a bow) (2) to suffer, to struggle on the ground **kparee, kpara, kpara, kpareba, kparaa**
- kpare** [kpàri] *v.* (1) to pair up (2) closed to (3) to ride one bike or animal together (two or more people) **kparee, kpara, kpara, kpareba, kparaa**
- kparoo** [kpàróò] *n.* top (clothing) *pl:* kparre *2pl:* kparree
- kparpii** [kpàrpiî] *n.* needle *pl:* kparpiime *2pl:* kparpiimee/kparpiinee
- kparsirikyi** [kpǎsírífi] *n.* expensive beautiful gown *pl:* kparsirikyiri *2pl:* kparsirikyiree
- kparyolun** [kpàryòlún] *n.* top wear without a supporting underwear *pl:* kparyolli *2pl:* kparyollee
- kpateere** [kpátíéré] *n.* supporter, backer *pl:* kpateerebe *2pl:* kpateerebee
- kpaterere** [kpátírí] *n.* (1) gorilla (2) chimpanzee *pl:* kpatee *2pl:* kpateeree
- kpawere** [kpàwíré] *n.* the act of not showing concern
- kpawoo** [kpàwóò] *n.* hat (especially one made from cloth) (northern Dagaare dialect) *pl:* kpawoore *2pl:* kpawooree
- kpe** [kpí] *v.* (1) to shell a bit of (maize seed from cob) (2) to wink (to give someone a sign) **kpee, kpeere, kpeere, kpeerebe, kpeeraa**
- kpeebe** [kpíibè] *adj.* orphaned *pl:* kpeere *2pl:* kpeeree
- kpeebo** [kpíibó] *n.* orphan *pl:* kpeere *2pl:* kpeeree
- kpëekpëe** [kpíikpíi] *adv.* not bright (fire)
- kpeelee** [kpíili] *v.* to bend slightly to the side **kpeelee, kpeelee, kpeelee, kpeelbe, kpeelaa**
- kpeelee** [kpíili] *adj.* small, tiny, immature *pl:* kpeelee
- kpeelon** [kpíilón] *n.* the state of being an orphan
- kpeelon** [kpíilón] *n.* hip joint *pl:* kpeelee *2pl:* kpeelee
- kpeeme** [kpíimé] *n.* departed soul, the dead *pl:* kpenne *2pl:* kpeeme/kpenne
- kpeeraa** [kpíiráà] *n.* whip *pl:* kpeere *2pl:* kpeeree *Var.* kpaaraa

kpěe [kpíé] *n.* strength, power, force
pl: kpeene *2pl:* kpeeneε *Var.* kpeəo

kpěe [kpîè] *v.* to be older than **kpeěe**,
kpeene, **kpeene**, **kpeeneme**, **kpee-**
naa

kpeeme [kpíémé] *n.* older sister *pl:*
kpeemine *2pl:* kpeemeε *Var.* kpěěe

kpeηaa [kpíéηáá] *adj.* (1) hard,
strong, difficult (2) well, healthy *pl:*
kpeene

kpěeo [kpíéò] *n.* strength *pl:* **kpeene**
Var. kpěe

kpeere [kpìèrì] *n.* popular entrance
of a rodent's hole *2pl:* **kpeereε**

kpeerento [kpíéríntò] *n.* neighbour

kpegeke [kpégéké] *adv.* direct to the
point (usually unleashing pain)

kpegere [kpígri] *v.* to be curious
(asking questions to find informa-
tion) **kpegereε**, **kpegereε**, **kpegereε**,
kpegerebe, **kpegeraa**, **kpegerebe**

kpegileη [kpégléη] *adv.* small but
compact

kpegiri [kpégri] *n.* gizzard *pl:* **kpege**
2pl: **kpegiree**

kpegiri [kpégri] *v.* (1) to shiver
(from cold) (2) to move one's torso
quickly and vigorously (usually in
dancing) **kpegiree**, **kpegire**, **kpe-**
gire, **kpegiribe**, **kpegiraa**

kpegiruu [kpégrúú] *n.* a type of
dance

kpekpe [kpíkpi] *n.* pair of scissors *pl:*
kpekpere *2pl:* **kpekperεε**

kpele [kpíli] *v.* (1) to develop
a bad eye (black of eye look-
ing whitish) (2) to cause to be
bare (growth) **kpeleε**, **kpele**, **kpele**,
kpelbe, **kpelaa**

kpele [kpíli] *adj.* hard, difficult *pl:*
kpele *2pl:* **kpeleε**

kpele [kpélé] *adv.* break completely
Var. **kpelekpele**

kpeleηkpeleη [kpèlèηkpéléη] *adj.*
uncompromising state (quarel)

kpele [kpílé] *n.* nothing (typically
used with negative forms **ba** or
koη) • *Ka foη gaa a bondaana*
ηa zie kye fo koη nye kpele zaa.
Even if you go to this this rich you
will not get anything.

kpoli [kpéli] *n.* throw of dice in the
game **bie** *pl:* **kpele** *2pl:* **kpelee** *Var.*
kpoli

kpell [kpéll] *adv.* breaking of a hard
object

kpell [kpíll] *adv.* spread out openly
and in great quantity

kpelle [kpíllì] *n.* grass strings worn
on the waist *2pl:* **kpelleε**

kpeme [kpémé] *n.* grass used for
making hat *pl:* **kpemeε** *2pl:* **kpen-**
nee

kpeme [kpémé] *adv.* exerting some-
thing hefty (high price)

kpememe [kpímímí] *adv.* very
sweet

kpenne [kpínni] *v.* to break off bits
of the tip (of a fire log) **kpenneε**,

kpenne, kpenne, kpeneme, kpen-naa, kpeneme
 kpenne [kpínnì] *n.* ancestor *pl:* kpepe 2*pl:* kpenne
 kpenkpegiri [kpénkpégí] *n.* highest point (xylophone sound) *pl:* kpenkpege 2*pl:* kpenkpegiree
 kpenkperen [kpínkpírén] *adv.* smallish but strong (short person)
 kperaa [kpíráà] *n.* disease of the hip *pl:* kperre
 kperaa [kpíràà] *adv.* exposed, seen clearly
 kpere [kpìrì] *v.* to be stunted in growth or development kperre, kperre, kperre, kperere, kperaa
 kpere [kpírì] *v.* (1) to break off an attached bit from the main body (2) to sneeze kperre, kperre, kperre, kperere, kperaa
 kpere [kpírì] *v.* to litter kperre, kperre, kperre, kperere, kperaa
 kperefene [kpírífínì] *adj.* muscular and stocky
 kperekpere [kpìrikpírì] *v.* to struggle kperekperre, kperekperre, kperekperre, kperekperere, kperekperere
 kperekpere [kpìrikpírì] *adv.* rough, forceful • *O bie na waa la kperekpere zuo, o nmare la a kyaanaa.* This child is too rough; he will break the mirror.
 kperemene [kpìrimìni] *adj.* all over (fruits on a tree or scratches on the body) • *A mango wnye, e*

la kperemenee le. The mango tree has borne a lot of fruit. *Var.* kpurimunu
 kperemen [kpírímén] *adv.* stunted, short, and small
 kperese [kpírísí] *adv.* very sweet
 kperè [kpírè] *adj.* (1) small (2) worn out (broom)
 kperèkperè [kpírèkpírè] *adj.* little bits
 kperi [kpérì] *v.* to chop (meat, tree branches) kperre, kperre, kperre, kperibee, kperaa
 kperime [kpérímé] *n.* type of food (full of chopped meat) 2*pl:* kperimee
 kperiwere [kpéríwéré] *adv.* few, not much
 kpe [kpè] *v.* (1) to enter (2) to dwell in, to inhabit (3) to gain fertility (farmland) (4) to fit (dress) (5) to be well attended (6) to feel hurt (7) to come around (of the a season) kperre, kperre, kperre, kperere, kperere, kperere, kperere, kperere
 kpe bire to struggle, to wrestle, to contend
 kpe nyuo to seek protection from
 kpede [kpédí] *n.* ownership (wealth)
 kperè [kpèè] *n.* malt 2*pl:* kperere
 kpegelaa [kpégláá] *n.* (1) supporting object (for a boiling pot on a hearth.) (2) attachment *pl:* kpegele 2*pl:* kpegele
 kpegele [kpèglì] *v.* (1) to place by the side (provide support for a cooking pot on the hearth) (2) to

adjoin **kpegelee**, **kpegele**, **kpegele**,
kpegelebe, **kpegelaa**

kpegeleŋ [kpèglèŋ] *adv.* loose and
flabby (diseased arm)

kpegere [kpégri] *v.* to disturb or
worry someone **kpegereε**, **kpegere**,
kpegere, **kpegerebe**, **kpegeraa**

kpele [kpéli] *v.* (1) to faint (2) to
crave • *O nye la pegebil velaa
kana a dee kpele o yele.* He is
just crazy about a beautiful girl he
saw. **kpelee**, **kpele**, **kpele**, **kpelebe**,
kpelaa, **kpelebe**

kpele [kpéli] *v.* to pluck **kpelee**,
kpele, **kpele**, **kpelebe**, **kpelaa**,
kpelebe

kpeleme [kpélimè] *adj.* snatch, do or
act at once (hungry dog snatching
a bone)

kpelewele [kpéliwélé] *adv.* not firm
or strong

kpelewele [kpélwélé] *adv.* weak and
loose (pair of scissors)

kpeleŋ [kpéléŋ] *adv.* everything

kpeleŋkpeleŋ [kpéléŋkpéléŋ]
adv. finished completely *Var.*
kpéléŋkpèlèŋ

kpeleŋ kpeleŋ [kpéléŋkpèlèŋ] *adv.*
finish completely

kpele [kpéllí] *n.* loud and sharp cry
2pl: **kpeleeε**

kpenezu [kpénízú] *n.* a small black
blood-sucking fly that causes
river blindness *pl:* **kpenezuri** *2pl:*
kpenezurree

kpeŋkpeleme [kpèŋkpélimé] *n.* bits
and pieces • *A bagebogera die
kpeŋkpeleme ba di ba.* There are
very many pieces of items in the di-
viner's room. *2pl:* **kpeŋkpelemeε**

kpeŋkpeleŋ [kpèŋkpéléŋ] *adv.* of a
hanging bit

kpeŋkpererŋ [kpèŋkpéréŋ] *adj.*
spilled all over

kpere [kpéri] *v.* (1) to spill (2) to
cook a small quantity of **kperεε**,
kperε, **kperε**, **kperεbe**, **kperaa**

kperewere [kpériwéré] *adv.* small
quantity • *Zene N koy tōw nene
da, n libie dee waa la kperewereε
le.* Today I cannot buy meat;
my money is very small. *Var.*
kperewereε

kperεkperε [kpérékpéré] *adv.* bits
and pieces

kperendēŋ [kpéréndén] *adv.* best of
(deed) • *O maale la a bondirii de
wa biŋi kperendēŋ.* She cooked the
food and served it neatly.

kpererŋkpererŋ [kpéréŋkpéréŋ] *adv.*
smeared all over, in a mess • *A
bie le la memereε poε a e o zaa
kpererŋkpererŋ le* The boy fell in the
mud and is soiled all over.

kpesennegene [kpésínníníné] *n.*
pulp from pito malt

kpetaa [kpétáá] *n.* (1) be suited to; fit
well (2) a union in which the group
members work for each other in
turns *pl:* **kpetaare** *2pl:* **kpetaareε**

kpewēe [kpéwíé] *n.* water from pre-
pared malt *pl:* **kpeweene** *2pl:*

- kpeweeneε**
- kpezie** [kpèzié] *n.* abode, living place
pl: kpeziiri *2pl:* kpeziiree
- kpi** [kpî] *v.* (1) to die, to be dead (2) to wither (plant) **kpie, kpiire, kpiire, kpiiribe, kpiiraa, kpiiribe**
- kpiibifi** [kpíibifí] *adj.* small, tiny
- kpieni** [kpíení] *adj.* snatch (e.g. hawk snatching a chicken)
- kpiiri** [kpíiri] *v.* to sew the end of; to hem (dress) **kpiiree, kpiire, kpiire, kpiiribe, kpiiraa, kpiiribe**
- kpimare** [kpimàrì] *v.* to be glued to (work)
- kpi mare** [kpì màrì] *v.* to cling to, to persist **kpi mareε, kpiire mara, kpiimara, kpiimareba, kpiimaraa**
- kpinni** [kpínnì] *v.* to quench, to extinguish **kpinnee, kpinne, kpinne, kpinime, kpinnaa, kpinime**
- kpinni** [kpínnì] *n.* to remind, usually as a follow up to an earlier arrangement **kpinnee, kpinne, kpinne, kpinime, kpinnaa, kpinnuu** *Var.* pinni
- kpirikpiri** [kpíríkpíri] *adv.* very black *Var.* malmal, bembεj
- kpiroo** [kpíróó] *adv.* protruding in a small manner
- kpo** [kpó] *v.* (1) to break open an egg (2) to remove the bark of a tree **kpoe, kpuoro, kpuoro, kpuoribo, kpuoraa**
- kpo** [kpô] *n.* (1) funeral donation (2) meeting place *pl:* kpori *2pl:* kporee
- kpogeraa** [kpógráá] *n.* hyaena *pl:* kpogere *2pl:* kpogereε
- kpogi** [kpògì] *v.* to bully **kpogee, kpogro, kpogro, kpogribo, kpograa**
- kpogili** [kpògli] *n.* helmet *pl:* kpogilo *2pl:* kpogilee
- kpogili** [kpògli] *v.* to mature, to grow big **kpogilee, kpogilo, kpogilo, kpogilibo, kpogilaa**
- kpogili** [kpóglí] *v.* to wait without getting attention; to sit aimlessly **kpogilee, kpogilo, kpogilo, kpogilibo, kpogilaa**
- kpogilo** [kpóglò] *n.* boiled balls of bean and corn flour *sg:* kpogiluu *2pl:* kpogilee
- kpogilokolo** [kpòglòkòlò] *adv.* appearance (many big items)
- kpogiri** [kpógrí] *v.* to tap the inner side of a mortar (creating a beat) **kpogiree, kpogiro, kpogiro, kpogiribo, kpogiraa**
- kpogo** [kpógó] *adv.* refusing utterly to do something; (run an errand)
- kpokpo** [kpókópó] *adj.* permanent
- kpokpori** [kpòkpórí] *n.* mound *pl:* kpokporee *2pl:* kpokporuu
- kpola** [kpòlàà] *adj.* large and blunt
- kpola** [kpòlàà] *adv.* not hidden (truth)
- kpolee** [kpólée] *adj.* small and round *pl:* kpolee *kpolee*
- kpoli** [kpólí] *v.* (1) to get to the extreme (red hot metal) (2) to go bad,

- to spoil (rotten eggs) **kpolee**, **kpolo**, **kpolo**, **kpolibò**, **kpola**
- kpoli** [kpòli] *adj.* bare, naked *pl:* **kpolo** *2pl:* **kpolee/kpollee**
- kpoli** [kpólí] *n.* a player letting go a dice of the opponent in the game of bie as a sign of total control of the game *pl:* **kpoli** *2pl:* **kpolee** *Var.* **kpeli**
- kpolikpala** [kpòlikpàlà] *adv.* big, huge
- kpolinkpoori** [kpólin̄kpòòrí] *n.* a type of small ant *pl:* **kpolinkpogo** *2pl:* **kpolinkpooree**
- kpolo** [kpòló] *n.* termites (trapped for chicken feed.) *sg:* **kpolu** *2pl:* **kpolee**
- kpolor̄kpolor̄** [kpólor̄kpólor̄] *adj.* bare and clean (shaven head)
- kpolor̄e** [kpólor̄í] *n.* small, gourdlike flute *pl:* **kpolor̄e** *2pl:* **kpolor̄e**
- kpolor̄** [kpòlò] *n.* (1) inner feeling (2) anger *Var.* **kpola**
- kpommu** [kpòm̄mú] *n.* cassava (plant) *pl:* **kporē** *2pl:* **kponee**
- kponni** [kpón̄ni] *v.* (1) to hit a rigid object to clean of dirt (dust) (2) to empty powdery stuff completely from a container **kponnee**, **kponno**, **kponno**, **kponimo**, **kponnaa**
- kpontoli** [kpóntólí] *n.* topknot *Var.* **kpantoli**
- kponji** [kpò̄j] *adj.* big, large, great *pl:* **kponni** *2pl:* **kponnee**
- kponji** [kpò̄j] *v.* to knock on the head slightly **kponjee**, **kponno**, **kponno**, **kponimo**, **kponnaa**
- kponj̄kpogiri** [kpò̄j̄kpógri] *n.* wickedness; deliberate unfriendly behaviour
- kponj̄kpoli** [kpò̄j̄kpòli] *n.* miniature xylophone *pl:* **kponj̄kpolo** *2pl:* **kponj̄kpolee** *Var.* **kpanj̄kpoli**
- kponj̄kpolimo** [kpò̄j̄kpólímó] *n.* coop for fowl *pl:* **kponj̄kpolli** *2pl:* **kponj̄kpolee**
- kponj̄kpolo** [kpò̄j̄kpóló] *n.* secondary xylophone notes (usually laid out on the ground) *sg:* **kponj̄kpoluu** *2pl:* **kponj̄kpolee**
- kponj̄kponti** [kpò̄j̄kpòntí] *n.* (1) dried cassava tubers (2) food made from cassava flour *pl:* **kponj̄kpontiri** *2pl:* **kponj̄kpontiree**
- kponj̄jo** [kpò̄j̄jó] *n.* (1) cassava plant (2) dried cassava tubers *pl:* **kponnee**
- kpoo** [kpóó] *adj.* expression of surprise and dismay *Var.* **kpaa**
- kpore** [kpò̄ri] *v.* (1) to crack one's knuckles (2) to seal completely (hole) **kporee**, **kpore**, **kpore**, **kporeba**, **kporeaa**
- kpore** [kpó̄ri] *n.* snuffbox (small container for snuff) *pl:* **kporee**
- kpore** [kpó̄ri] *n.* lump (on wood) *pl:* **kporee** *2pl:* **kporee**
- kpori** [kpó̄ri] *v.* to empty • **O kpori la o wo libie zaa da ne yiri.** He emptied his purse to buy

- the house. **kporee**, **kporo**, **kporo**, **kpориbo**, **kpорaa**
- kpotee** [kpótíé] *n.* lumps, protrusions
- kpoge** [kpógí] *v.* to develop a lump; to swell up **kpogee**, **kpogro**, **kpogro**, **kpogreba**, **kpograa**
- kpoge** [kpógì] *v.* to carry, to pick up wholly (mud) **kpogee**, **kpogera**, **kpogera**, **kpogereba**, **kpogeraa**
- kpoge** [kpógí] *v.* carry (pl) e.g. carrying muddy stuff one by one **kpogee**
- kpogeraa** [kpógráá] *n.* a type of tree with hard but edible fruit *pl:* **kpogere** *2pl:* **kpogeree** *Var.* **kpogetere**
- kpogere** [kpógrí] *n.* lump *pl:* **kpogro** *2pl:* **kpogeree**
- kpogetere** [kpógítírí] *n.* a lump *pl:* **kpogetee** *2pl:* **kpogeteree** *Var.* **kpogeraa**
- kpolee** [kpòlèè] *adj.* fat and plump
- kpoleekpolee** [kpóléèkpóléé] *adv.* appearing with bulging parts
- kpohkòròh** [kpóhкòróh] *adv.* small and dented
- kpohkòròh** [kpòhкòròh] *adv.* large and dented
- kpore** [kpórì] *adj.* weak, broken (pot, calabash) *pl:* **kpòro** *2pl:* **kpòree**
- kpugilon** [kpùglón] *adj.* small, solid, and round
- kpugilon** [kpùglòn] *adj.* large, solid, and round
- kpulee** [kpúlée] *adv.* small and rounded on top
- kpulee** [kpùlèè] *adv.* large and rounded on top
- kpuleekpulee** [kpúléeèkpúlée] *n.* groundnut cake *Var.* **kpulikpuli**
- kpuli** [kpúlí] *adj.* (1) round-headed (2) hornless (ram) *pl:* **kpullo** *2pl:* **kpulee**
- kpulikpuli** [kpùlikpúlí] *v.* (1) to walk with difficulty (2) to stutter (leper) **kpulikpulee**, **kpulikpulo**, **kpulikpulbo**, **kpulikpulaa**, , -
- kpulli** [kpùlli] *v.* to conclude; to bring to the end **kpullee**, **kpullo**, **kpullo**, **kpulbo**, **kpullaa**
- kpunjkpuli** [kpúnjkpúlí] *n.* round headed truncheon *pl:* **kpunjkpulo** *2pl:* **kpunjkpulee**
- kpurimunu** [kpùrìmùnù] *adv.* (1) in great numbers (fruit) (2) of the fall of fruits *Var.* **kperemene**

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la [lá] *part.* focus particle • **Ona la na gaa.** S/he is the one who will go.

• **O na gaa la.** S/he will go.

la [là] *v.* to laugh **lae**, **laara**, **laara**,

- laareba, laaraa, laareba
- la [là] *adv.* again • *O la gaæ la.* S/he has gone again.
- la [lá] *v.* to open or break an object made of lobes (kola nut, fruit) *laæ, laara, laara, laareba, laaraa*
- laa [láá] *n.* dish, bowl *pl: laare 2pl: laareε*
- laadimee [làádíméé] *n.* great suffering *2pl: laadinnee*
- laafeε [làáfíé] *n.* health *pl: laafeere 2pl: laafeereε*
- laalee [lààlèè] *n.* small earthenware dish for serving soup *pl: laabilii 2pl: laabilee*
- laalere [lààlírì] *n.* flute made from stalk *pl: laaleε 2pl: laalereε/laalerreε*
- laalerj [lààléj] *n.* medium-size bowl
- laane [làání] *adj.* useless *pl: laama 2pl: laameε*
- laane [làání] *adj.* ripe archie-fruit (showing a split) *pl: laama 2pl: laameε*
- laane [lààní] *v.* to grope, to move one's hand over to feel *laaneε, laana, laana, laaneba, laanaa*
- laare [làárí] *v.* (1) to wave e.g. greeting (2) to move or spread out e.g. people in a circle (3) to brush aside *laareε, laara, laara, laareba, laaraa, laareba*
- laare [làárí] *v.* to hover above e.g. bird *laareε, laara, laara, laareba, laaraa, laareba*
- laare [lààrí] *v.* (1) to spread all over • *Saa mie la ka kō laare a bom-bulo zaa.* The rain has caused a near flooding of all the crops. (2) to move a finger gently over • *A doota de la tēē kāā mine laare ne a bie nimie.* The doctor applied some creamy medicine to the child's eyes. *laareε, laara, laara, laareba, laaraa*
- laare [lààrí] *v.* to assemble; to bring together *laareε, laara, laara, laareba, laaraa*
- laatereke [làátíríkì] *n.* electricity *pl: laaterekere 2pl: laaterekereε*
- labiri [làbíri] *n.* axe blade *pl: labie 2pl: labiree*
- ladiraa [làdíràà] *n.* sharp axe *pl: ladirri 2pl: ladiree*
- laga [làgà] *n.* spoon *pl: lagre 2pl: lagreε*
- laga [làgá] *n.* groin *pl: lagre 2pl: lagreε*
- lagara [làgàrà] *n.* a type of creeping grass *sg: lagaroo pl: lagarre 2pl: lagareε*
- lage [làgì] *v.* to strip off hard material e.g. bark *lagreε, lagra, lagra, lagreba, lagraa, lagreba Var. geli*
- lage [làgì] *v.* to remove malted grain e.g. guinea corn from the place it was left to sprout *lagreε, lagra, lagra, lagreba, lagraa, lagreba Var. geli*
- lage [làgì] *v.* to surround *lagreε, lagra, lagra, lagreba, lagraa, lagreba*

lagere [lágrí] *v.* to meet, to move across • *A dataare na lagere la taa a naayiri poɔ.* The opposing parties will meet at the chief's palace. *lagerεε, lagera, lagera, lagereba, lagraa*

laguu [láguú] *n.* blunt axe *pl:* laguuri *2pl:* laguuree

lakponji [lákpôn] *n.* large axe *pl:* lakponni *2pl:* lakponnee

lalee [lálèé] *n.* small axe *pl:* labilii *2pl:* labilee

laloɔɔ [lálóó] *n.* playmate *pl:* laloɔreba *2pl:* laloɔree

lambiri [lǎmbírì] *n.* testicle *sg:* lambiruu *pl:* lambie *2pl:* lambiiree

lambori [lǎmbórí] *n.* (1) side (2) *post.* side (of something) *pl:* lamboe/lambobo *2pl:* lamboree

lamborinj [lǎmbórîŋ] *loc.* beside

lambosentaa-naare [lǎmbósíntáá-náári] *n.* square

lammo [lǎmmó] *n.* gathering

lampare [lǎmpàrì] *n.* groin *pl:* lampare *2pl:* lampareεε

lampe [lǎmpé] *n.* cradle cover *pl:* lampere *2pl:* lampereεε

lampegere [lǎmpégírì] *n.* cheek *pl:* lampege *2pl:* lampegeεε/lampegereεε

lampondere [lǎmpóndírì] *n.* tax collector *pl:* lamponderebe *2pl:* lamponderebeεε

lampon [lǎmpón] *n.* levy, tax *pl:* lamponni *2pl:* lamponnee

lane [lání] *n.* scrotum *pl:* lama *2pl:* lanneε *Var.* lambiri

lanleebu [lǎnléébú] *n.* (1) unison (2) rhythm

lanna [lǎnná] *n.* tree squirrel *pl:* lanne *2pl:* lanneε *Var.* lonno

lanne [lǎnnì] *v.* to lean against *lanneε, lanna, lanna, lanema, lannaa, lanema*

lanja [lǎnjá] *n.* a tribe (Sisaale) *pl:* lanjema *2pl:* lanjemεε

Lanje [lǎnjì] *n.* area inhabited by the Sisaala

lanje [lǎnjì] *v.* (1) to gather, to get together (2) to add (3) to be jointly owned *lanjeε, lanna*

lanje [lǎnjì] *v.* to slosh *lanjeε, lanjena/lanna, lanna, lanjenema/lanema, lanjena*

langbaraa [lǎngbáràà] *n.* a long pole with a hook for plucking things high up *pl:* langbarre *2pl:* langbareε *Var.* langbalaa, gbalaa

lanjkoroo [lǎŋkóróò] *n.* corner *pl:* lanjkorri *2pl:* lanjkorree

lanjkaa [lǎŋkpáà] *n.* groin gland *pl:* lanjkaare *2pl:* lanjkaareεε *Var.* lonjkoroo

lanjkeere [lǎŋkpíérì] *n.* neighbour *pl:* lanjkeerebe *2pl:* lanjkeerebeεε

larata [lǎrátá] *adj.* white, very clean e.g. cloudless full moon

lare [lári] *n.* axe *pl:* lae *2pl:* lareε

lare [lárí] *v.* to become very hot *lareε, lara, lara, lareba, laraa*

lare [làrì] *v.* to lock **lareε, lara, lara, lareba, laraa**

lare [làrì] *v.* to stack one container in another **lareε, lara, lara, lareba, laraa**

le [lè] *v.* (1) to fall (down) (2) to be guilty (3) to settle e.g. sediment in liquid (4) to reduce in pain e.g. stomach ache **lee, lere, lere, leribe, leraa, leribe**

le [lé] *v.* to be bent on • *A porisi le ka o gaa ne a doreba kɔto.* The police officer is bent on prosecuting the driver in court.

leere [liiri] *v.* (1) to manouvre, to weave through • *O de la a bole leere o taaba zaa kye eη goal.* He dribbled the ball through the other players and scored a goal. (2) to go through and select from many objects leaving some behind • *O do la a moɔ kye leere a bombulo bare.* He removed the weeds, leaving the crops. (3) to exclude • *Ba poηi la a bibiiri diibu kye te leere a entuo soba bare.* They shared the food among the children, excluding the lazy one. (4) to feel the end points of an opening, usually with the finger e.g. in nose picking • *O nan ɔ a senkãa baare la ka o leere o yagekɔɔ.* It is after she had finished eating the groundnuts that she brushed her cheeks using her tongue. **leereε, leere, leerebe, leerebe, leeraa**

lee [liè] *v.* (1) to return, to go back

(2) to transfer to a different container (3) to change to something different e.g. behaviour **leeε, leere, leere, leerebe, leeraa, leerebe**

lee [liè] *v.* to replace, to take the place of **leeε, leere, leere, leerebe, leeraa**

lee-eebo [liè-ífbɔ] *v.* to redo; to go over

leegɔɔtɔbaa [liégɔɔtɔbáá] *n.* a local dish made from fried corn and vegetable *2pl:* **leegɔɔtɔbaareε**

leene [liéni] *n.* a type of tree with sweet and sour fruits and medicinal properties *pl:* **leeme 2pl:** **leemεε**

leene [liéni] *n.* large umbrella *pl:* **leeme 2pl:** **leemεε**

leere [liéri] *v.* (1) to change (appointment, time, place) • *Ba leere la a kpaaronη biη bieo.* They have rescheduled the meeting for tomorrow. (2) to return, to give back • *o leere la a o gane ko o.* She has returned his book to him. (3) to repudiate, to turn round • *A nannyige boɔɔ ka o leere a yeε tuo a o tuto.* The thief is trying to shift the theft onto his friend. **lee rεε, leere, leere tere, leere terebe, lee teraa**

leere [liéri] *v.* (1) to exchange • *O de la beηe leere ne kyi.* S/he substituted beans for millet. (2) change position • *A doɔ leere la a boore kpe ne maaronη.* The man moved the goats from the sun into the shade. (3) substitute, take the place of • *A bolηmeere kaηa perεε la*

ka bonyuo kpe leere o zu. As one of the football players was injured they brought in another player to substitute him.

leere [líérì] *v.* (1) to wave one's hands or other objects in the air or in the face of another • *A zɔzɔreba da leere la nuuri enne taa.* The fighters were throwing their hands in each other's face. • *A lɔre nan da wa ire n ma da leere la o nu ko ma ka n poɔ zaa sãã.* As the lorry took off my mother waved me but I was very sad. (2) wave hand vigorously in the face of another, usually in anger • *Dɔbo mine bayi da toora la taa kye leere nuuri enne taa.* Two men were waving their hands angrily in each other's face.

lege [ligì] *v.* to apply to a spot • *A t̄e-er̄e de la t̄e lege a baala tobo ne o gb̄e.* The herbalist applied some ointment to the patient's ears and legs. **leḡe, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e**

lege [ligì] *v.* to fortify oneself • *Ba lege la a nan̄kpaana na m̄ɔȳ t̄e.* This hunter has been fortified against the attack of dangerous animals. **leḡe, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e**

lege [lígí] *v.* (1) to wag (dog's tail) • *A baa da zo tuori la o daana a leger̄e o zoore.* The dog ran to meet its master and wagged its tail. (2) to struggle **leḡe, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e**

legelege [lìgìlìgì] *v.* to struggle under a tight grip • *A dɔɔ da feere la a nannyige k̄ok̄ore ka o te le-geleger̄e.* The man held the thief's throat and he struggled to breathe. **legeleḡe, legeleḡe, legeleḡe, legeleḡe, legeleḡe**

legere [lígìrì] *v.* to tickle **legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e**

legere [lígìrì] *v.* to stalk **legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e**

legere [lígìrì] *v.* to eat a great deal **legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e, legr̄e**

legere [lìgìrì] *v.* to move noiselessly to avoid being noticed **leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e, leger̄e**

legiri [légìrì] *v.* to fill in what is missing e.g. sowing of grains • *K̄orre da pere la kyi yaga, ka a kooreba la te legiri.* Partridges have scratched up most of the millet that was sown and the farmers had to resow. **legiree, legire, legire, legiribe, legiraa**

legiri [légìrì] *v.* to argue • *Dagaaba ba nan̄ bibile nan̄ legire nejkponni.* The Dagaaba do not take kindly to children who argue with elderly people. **legiree, legire, legire, legiribe, legiraa**

lekere [líkírì] *n.* boastfulness; assuming (typically used with *yel̄e*) • *A bikpon̄ na er̄e la lekere yel̄e yel̄mēȳe.* That big boy behaves in a boastful manner.

- le kōɔ [lè kòʊ́] *adj.* small
- le kōɔ [lè kòʊ́] *adj.* watery
- lelaare [lèlààrì] *v.* to take complete control; lelaareɛ, lerelaara, lelaara, lelaareba, lelaaraa
- le loɔ [lè lóg] *adj.* guilty of the law
- le nimiri [lè nímirì] *adj.* pleasant
- lenlenni [lènlènní] *n.* a type of skin disease *2pl:* lenlennee
- lenni [lènní] *v.* to be spotted lennee, lenne, lenne, lenime, lennaa
- lenni [lènní] *v.* to be interspersed lennee, lenne, lenne, lenime, lennaa
- lenni [lènní] *v.* (1) to augment the main drummer's beat (of support xylophonist) (2) play a musical instrument in support of the lead player lennee, lenne, lenne, lenime, lennaa
- leŋi [lèŋ] *v.* (1) to fasten, to bind e.g. load (2) to tether leŋee, lene, lene, lenime, lenaa
- leŋi miri to commit suicide leŋee miri, lene miri, mi-lene
- leŋi noɔre to fast; to refrain from eating leŋee noɔre, lene noɔre, no-lene
- leŋi woɔ to pack bags leŋee woɔ, lene woɔ, wo-lene
- leraa [líráá] *n.* safety pin *pl:* lerre *2pl:* lerɛɛ/lerɛɛ
- lere [lérè] *n.* a type of loincloth for men *pl:* lerri *2pl:* leree/lerree
- lere [lírí] *v.* (1) to interweave (2) crisscross e.g. sitting with legs crossed lerɛɛ, lere, lere, lerebe, leraa
- lerree [lèrèè] *adj.* naked, bare bodied
- lereme [lírímé] *adj.* interwoven
- lerese [lírísí] *adv.* small but intact (person)
- le tobo [lè tòbó] *adj.* beautiful
- lezae anaare [lìzàè ánáárì] *adv.* eighty
- lezae ata [lìzàè átà] *adv.* sixty
- lezae ata ne pie [lìzàè átà ní píé] *adv.* seventy
- lezae ayi [lìzàè áyì] *adv.* forty
- lezae ayi ne pie [lìzàè áyì ní píé] *adv.* fifty
- lezae ayi ŋmaa anuu [lìzàè áyì ŋmàà ànúú] *adv.* thirty-five
- lezare [lìzàrì] *adv.* twenty
- lezare ne ayi [lìzàrì ní píé ní yénì] *adv.* thirty-one
- lezare ne yeni [lìzàrì ní yénì] *adv.* twenty-one
- le [lě] *adv.* (1) so, usually • *Le ka a waa.* So it is. (2) as it is, at that point • *Meŋ bare a zoma le.* Also, stop there with the insults. (3) what • *N na te woŋi la le o nan na yeli.* I will go and listen to what s/he will say.
- lebirì [lèbíri] *n.* bead *sg:* lebiruu *pl:* lebie *2pl:* lebiiree
- leɛ [lèê] *interj.* is that so? • *A: A doo ŋmaa na gaa la dansareka kye yi.* *B: Leɛ?* A: That short man is an ex-convict. B: Is that so?

lee [léé] *adv.* (1) for a while (wait)
 • *o are la be lee wa te bale.* S/he waited until s/he became tired. (2) continuous and for quite sometime
 • *Ba yeli ka a sori e la ηmaa kye ka te kyeηe o lee ka ηmenaa te kpe.* We were told the journey was not long but walked and walked until dusk. *Var.* leeη

legerenη [légírén] *adv.* long, loose, and hanging

lemeleme [lémélémé] *adv.* slightly sweet

lempereη [lémpérén] *adv.* short and even at the top

lenee [lènéé] *conj.* (1) what • *N ba baηe lenee N naη na e pampana.* I don't know what to do next. (2) how • *Fo baηe la lenee ba naη maη se kparoo?* Do you know how a shirt is sewn?

lenleηko [lénlèηkò] *interj.* expression to soothe a child; usual tune in a cradle song

lenne [lènnì] *v.* (1) to lick, to taste (2) to offer a sample of food for sale
lennee, lenne, lenne, leneme, lennaa, leneme

lentere [lèntéí] *n.* thinking too much of oneself *2pl:* **lenterεε**

leηηeleηηe [léηηéléηηé] *n.* sickle *pl:* **leηηelenne** *Var.* sɔgɔraa

lere [lèrí] *n.* bead *pl:* **lee 2pl:** **lereε**

lere [lérí] *v.* to behave badly to get attention e.g. of a child **lereε, lere, lere, lerebe, leraa, -** *Var.* **leroo**

lere [lérí] *v.* to replace, to put in the place of • *A bəlymeere kaηa pereε la ka bonnyuo kpe lere o zu.* One of the football players got injured and another replaced him.
lereε, lere, lere, lerebe, leraa

libibinzie [libíbinzíé] *n.* bank *pl:* **libibinziiri 2pl:** **libibinziiree**

libibo [libíbó] *n.* quest for money

libibugo [libíbùgó] *n.* safe for money
pl: **libibugiri 2pl:** **libibugiree**

libidaana [libídááná] *n.* rich person
pl: **libidaanema 2pl:** **libidaanemεε**

libidi [libídì] *n.* the act of spending money

libima [libímá] *n.* capital

libipelaa [libípilàá] *n.* cowry *pl:* **libipeele 2pl:** **libipeeεε**

libiri [libíri] *n.* money *sg:* **libiruu pl:** **libie 2pl:** **libiiree**

libizone [libízón] *n.* (1) gold dust (2) plentiful money *2pl:* **libizonneε**

libu [libú] *n.* a funeral rite for an adult woman *2pl:* **libiree** *Var.* **ligi**

liemu [liè mú] *n.* orange (fruit) *pl:* **liemuri 2pl:** **liemuree**

lige [ligè] *adj.* dark *2pl:* **ligiree**

ligi [lígí] *v.* to get dark **ligee, ligre, ligre, ligraa**

ligi [lígí] *v.* to shroud **ligee, ligre, ligre, ligraa**

ligi [ligì] *v.* to withhold information, to leave someone in the dark **ligee, ligire, ligire, ligiraa**

ligi [lìgì] *v.* to perform a burial rite for a woman **ligee**, **ligire**, **ligire**, **ligiraa**

ligi [lígí] *n.* a burial rite for women
Var. **libu**

ligiki [lìgìkì] *adv.* deep and dark

ligiligi [ligiligi] *adj.* silent

ligiruj [lìgirúŋ] *n.* darkness *pl:* **ligire** *2pl:* **ligiree**

liiri [líirí] *v.* to patch, to mend **liiree**, **liire**, **liire**, **liiraa**

liiri [lìirì] *v.* to get out of sight • **Pampana ŋa ka ba dee kyey liiri la a taja puori** They just went behind the hill and out of sight a short while ago. **liiree**, **liire**, **liire**, **liiribe**, **liiraa**

limbo [lím̀b̀ò] *n.* (1) a transit place to heaven (2) a state of confusion
pl: **limbori** *2pl:* **limboree**

limelime [limèlimè] *adv.* between light and darkness • **Zimaa lime-lime ka noore man gaje.** Fowls sleep when darkness is setting in.

limm [limm] *adv.* dark, not clear • **Ka ziej wa soɔɔ vaare poɔ man waa la limm le.** When it is dusk, it is dark in the thick vegetation.

limpiriŋ [lìmpirìŋ] *adj.* oval shape and dark, not discernable

linni [lìnnì] *v.* to sink, to immerse e.g. as in water **linnee**, **linne**, **linne**, **linime**, **linnaa**

linni [lìnnì] *v.* to glean **linnee**, **linne**, **linne**, **linime**, **linnaa**

linni [lìnnì] *v.* to cover up someone e.g. from being embarrassed • **A bie na la zu a libie kye ka o ma linni o.** That boy stole the money but his mother covered him up. **linnee**, **linne**, **linne**, **linime**, **linnaa**

lije [lìjé] *n.* lid, cover *pl:* **linni** *2pl:* **linnee**

lingbiraa [lìŋbíràá] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties and edible fruits *pl:* **lingbirri** *2pl:* **lingbiree**

liroo [líróó] *adv.* small and protruding

Lobaa [lòbàà] *n.* a person from the Lobi ethnic group *pl:* **luori** *2pl:* **lobree**

loge [lògì] *v.* to penetrate soft ground **logee**, **logra**, **logra**, **logreba**, **lograa**

logere [lògírì] *v.* to cause to move up and down e.g. muscle under the skin **logeree**, **logera**, **logera**, **logereba**, **logeraa**

logerɔŋ [lògìròŋ] *adv.* round and fat • **Nye bufuli nan nyu zee paa waa logerɔŋ le.** See how round and fat the ground maggot looks after sucking blood.

logee [lògèè] *adj.* powdery

logi [lògì] *n.* (1) poison (2) venom e.g. of snake *pl:* **logiri** *2pl:* **logiree**

logi [lògì] *n.* quiver; sheath for arrows *pl:* **logiri** *2pl:* **logiree**

logi [lògì] *n.* rest stop, encampment • **Moore da man ŋme logi Kaleo**

- poɔ kyɛ gaa kɔmpare.* The Mossi used to camp at Kaleo on their way to southern Ghana. *pl: logiri 2pl: logiree*
- logi** [lɔ́gì] *n.* farm for crops that produce nuts *pl: logiri 2pl: logiree*
- logi** [lògì] *v.* to make a small hole
• *A bie logi la bogi a dankyini seɛ de a libiri ũũ.* The child made a hole at the base of the wall and buried the money there. **logee, logro, logro, logribo, lograa, - Var. loguu**
- logi** [lɔ́gì] *adj.* deep *Var. logoko*
- logiri** [lògiri] *v.* to remove forcibly, to take out from a hidden or tight position e.g. crevice, hole • *A kɔrre logiri la a beɛɛ ba naɲ bore.* The partridges have scratched to remove the beans that were sown. **logiree, logiro, logiro, logribo, logiraa**
- logiri noɔre** to pester, to bother (for information) • *O logiri la o serɛ noɔre ka o na yeli a zɔɔre pare ko o.* She pestered her husband to tell her the cause of the fight.
- logitogo** [lògìtògò] *adv.* deep and open (large) • *Ba yage la a baa le logitogo.* They have dug the pond very big.
- logitogo** [lɔ́gìtògò] *adv.* shallow and small • *A kparoo zomɔ deɛ waa la le logitogo.* The pocket of the shirt is very shallow.
- logoko** [lògòkò] *adv.* deep set and large • *A dɔɔ nimie logoko.* The man's eyes are deep set.
- logoko** [lɔ́gòkò] *adv.* deep set and small • *A bie nimie logoko.* The child's eyes are deep set.
- lohoo** [lòhòò] *n.* a type of tree with edible fruits *pl: lohoori 2pl: lohooree*
- lõilõi** [lɔ́lɔ́í] *adv.* bright red
- lomm** [lòm̩m] *adv.* round and big
- lomm** [lòm̩m] *adv.* balloon-like
- lomolomo** [lómólómó] *adv.* jellylike; soft • *Duoronwoɔ maɲ waa la lomolomo le.* The urinary bladder is soft and jellylike.
- lomɔlomɔ** [lòm̀m̀lòm̀m̀] *adv.* soft e.g. flesh, fruit
- lonlomu** [lɔ́nlòmú] *n.* a type of fish that is not edible *pl: lonlonni 2pl: lonlonnee*
- lonni** [lòn̩nì] *v.* to hurry (Southern Dagaare dialect) **lonnee, lonno, lonno, lonimo, lonaa**
- lonɲorɔɲ** [lòɲgòr̀ɔ̀ɲ] *adj.* cloudy
- lonkoroo** [lòɲkóròò] *n.* hidden corner • *A waabo zo kpe la a die lonkoroo kanya poɔ.* The snake ran into one of the dark corners of the room. *pl: lonkorri 2pl: lonkoree*
- lonɲo** [lòɲɲò] *n.* a type of X-shaped small drum, usually held under the armpit and played with a stick *pl: lonni 2pl: lonnee*
- loɔ** [lɔ́ɔ] *n.* the immediate front; under of one's self *pl: loɔre 2pl: loɔrɛɛ*

loɔraa [lɔ̀ɔ̀ráá] *n.* leopard *pl:* loɔre
2pl: loɔreɛ *Var.* wɛnyuo, nyuo

loɔre [lɔ̀ɔ̀rí] *v.* to move from one to the other e.g. branches of a tree
 • *A lɔnnɔ lɔnne la a ulee te ta o manzele.* The squirrel moved along the branch up to the tip. • *A bie dɔgereba taa la ba bibaal loɔre ne a asibitiri yaga kye ban nyɛ sammo.* The sick child's parents took him through several hospitals before he was cured. loɔreɛ, loɔɔ, loɔɔ, loɔreba, loɔraa

loɔre [lɔ̀ɔ̀rì] *v.* to joke loɔreɛ, loɔɔ, loɔɔ, loɔreba, loɔraa

loɔre [lɔ̀ɔ̀rì] *v.* to bend into a half-circle loɔreɛ, loɔɔ, loɔɔ, loɔreba, loɔraa

loɔregboro [lɔ̀rìgbòrò] *adv.* crumbled

lori [lòrì] *n.* pidgeon *sg:* loruu *pl:* loe
2pl: loree

lori [lòrì] *v.* (1) to untie (2) to put on weight • *Sêê saŋa don-lenni maŋ ŋmeene la kye ka ba wa bare a uoni ka lee, lori a zaa.* During the farming season, tethered animals are lean, but they bounce back in weight when ranging free during the dry season. -, loro, loro, loribo
 lori noɔre to break a fast
 lori penne to tell lies

lori [lòrì] *n.* meteorite *pl:* loe *2pl:* loree

lori [lòrì] *adv.* very full (from eating)
 • *A diibu noma la ka a bie di tege*

te lori o zaa. The food was palatable and the child ate and became very full.

loroto [lòrótó] *adv.* jellylike e.g. blister on the palm

loroto [lòrótó] *adv.* on continuous terrain (smooth-moving vehicle)

lɔbɔ [lɔ̀bɔ́] *n.* (1) riddle (2) A charm believed to be needle-like and has super natural power that can inflict sickness on someone *Var.* lɔba, lɔɔbiri

lɔɛ duoraa [lɔ̀ɛ̀ dúóráá] *n.* parking lot *pl:* lɔɛ duori *2pl:* lɔɛ duoree

lɔge [lɔ̀gì] *n.* law *2pl:* lɔgereɛ

lɔge [lɔ̀gì] *n.* a type of wild mouse *pl:* lɔgere *2pl:* lɔgereɛ *Var.* lɔɔ

lɔgetɔgɔ [lɔ̀gìtɔ̀gɔ̀] *adv.* fat, flabby, and heavy

lɔgɔ [lɔ̀gɔ̀] *n.* a type of small bag in which personal documents are kept and usually carried about *pl:* lɔgre *2pl:* lɔgreɛ

lɔgɔ [lɔ̀gɔ̀] *n.* state of helplessness
 • *A bie bebiri zaa baalonɔ vɛŋɛ ka o dɔgerebɔ lɔgɔ zaa yi.* The child's frequent illness has made his parents helpless. *pl:* lɔgere *2pl:* lɔgereɛ

lɔlɔraa [lɔ̀lɔ̀ráá] *n.* calf (part of leg)
pl: lɔlɔrre *2pl:* lɔlɔreɛ

lɔlɔrezeɛ [lɔ̀lɔ̀rìzìɛ̀] *n.* tree, is medicinal *pl:* lɔlɔrezeere *2pl:* lɔlɔrezeereɛ

lɔmɛɛ [lɔ̀mɛ̀ɛ̀] *adv.* fat and soft

lɔnne [lɔ̀nnì] *v.* to move from one point to another e.g. on a tree • *A*

ɲmaanya lɔnne la a tee ulli zaa kye ban sigi. The monkey climbed through all the branches of the tree before coming down. **lɔɲɛɛ, lɔnnɔ, lɔnnɔ, lɔnema, lɔnnaa, lɔnema** *Var. lɔɔre*

lɔnnɔ [lɔnnɔ] *n.* squirrel *pl:* lɔnne *2pl:* lɔnnɛɛ *Var:* lanna

lɔɲɛ [lɔɲ] *v.* to spread, to move from one person or area to another e.g. disease, fire **lɔɲɛɛ, lɔnnɔ, lɔnnɔ, lɔnema, lɔnnaa, lɔnema** *Var. lɔnne*

lɔɲɛ [lɔɲ] *v.* to sag, to be slack e.g. drying line **lɔɲɛɛ, lɔnnɔ, lɔnnɔ, lɔnemɔ, lɔnnaa**

lɔɲɔ [lɔɲɔ] *n.* frog *pl:* lɔnne *2pl:* lɔnnɛɛ *Var. lɔɲa*

lɔ [lɔ] *n.* mouse *pl:* lɔɔre *2pl:* lɔɔrɛɛ *Var. lɔge*

lɔ [lɔ] *v.* (1) to drop, to fall (from one's hands) (2) to throw down (wrestling) (3) to subdue, to overpower (argument) (4) to be greater than, to be more than • *A pɔgeba veɛle la kye a bonsɔgelaa nan lɔ ba zaa.* The women are beautiful, but the black one beats them all. (5) to put drops into (eyes) (6) to dash a buyer for an item bought (tomatoes) **lɔɔɛ, lɔɔrɔ, lɔɔrɔ, lɔreba, lɔraa, lɔreba**

lɔ baare to throw away, to get rid of, to discard

lɔɔbiri [lɔɔbiri] *n.* a charm believed to be mobile and have destructive powers *pl:* lɔɔbie *2pl:* lɔɔbiiree

lɔɔlage [lɔɔlɔgɪ] *v.* to surround **lɔɔlageɛ, lɔɔɔlagra, lɔɔlagra, lɔɔlagra, lɔɔlagraa**

lɔɔre [lɔɔri] *n.* lorry *pl:* lɔɔ *2pl:* lɔɔrɛɛ

lɔɔre [lɔɔri] *n.* items given to a buyer for free e.g. pepper • **lɔɔ**

lɔɔ-wullo [lɔɔ-wullɔ] *n.* scribe *pl:* lɔɔ-wulibo

lɔre [lɔri] *v.* to soak, to immerse • *A pɔge lɔre la muri a na wuo pɛɛ.* The woman has soaked straw to weave a basket. **lɔrɛɛ, lɔrɔ, lɔrɔ, lɔreba, lɔraa, lɔreba**

lɔre [lɔri] *v.* to be ugly • *A pɔge bon-suuri la so ka o lɔre.* The woman's clothing has made her ugly. **lɔrɛɛ, lɔrɔ, lɔrɔ, lɔreba, lɔraa, lɔreba**

lɔre [lɔri] *adj.* weak, useless • *Ka a bien ba lɔre o da na tuo la a daga ɲa en.* If the child had not been weak, he could, at least, have carried this box.

lɔre [lɔri] *v.* to be lucky • *N zaa-menɲ ba yeli ka fo na lɔre la zenɛ, ana naane ka fo ba toɔle fo libie.* Didn't I say you would be lucky today? See, your father has sent you money. **lɔrɛɛ, lɔrɔ, lɔrɔ, lɔreba, lɔraa, lɔreba** *Var. nɔre*

lɔre [lɔri] *adv.* sounding like a hard object hitting a soft object (onomatopoeia)

lɔrehazie [lɔrihazie] *n.* car rental company *pl:* lɔrehaziiri *2pl:* lɔrehaɔziiree

lugi [lùgì] *v.* to induce **lugee, luigi, luigi, lugiribo, lugiraa**

lugi [lùgì] *v.* to swell a little e.g. armpit, groin **lugee, luigi, luigi, lugiribo, lugiraa**

lugiri [lúgiri] *n.* a forked beam that supports the main beam in a swish-thatched roof *pl:* **lugo** *2pl:* **lugiree**

lugiri [lúgiri] *v.* to loosen (a nut on a bolt), to ease **lugiree, luigi, luigi, lugiribo, lugiribo, lugiraa**

lunguri [lùngùri] *n.* lemon *sg:* **lunguruu** *pl:* **lungue** *2pl:* **lunguree**

luori [lùòri] *v.* (1) to become bowed e.g. legs • *A bie baalon eε la kao gbεe luori.* The child's sickness has caused his legs to become bowed. (2) to extend the size of a vessel • *A pogebelebe da luori la poore na di dooga.* The bridesmaids had prepared their stomachs to feast. **luoree, luoro, luoro, luoribo, luoraa**

luou [lùòú] *n.* West *2pl:* **luoree** *Var:* **sanije**

luri [lùri] *v.* to place underneath to hide e.g. armpit **luree, luro, luro, luribo, luraa**

luri [lúri] *v.* to be filled with e.g. smoke • *A vūū ba dire ka nyoo-re luri a korodie zaa.* The fire is not burning cleanly, so the kitchen is choked with smoke. **luree, luro, luro, luribo, luraa**

luri [lúri] *v.* to play a gourd drum vigorously • *A kəŋŋmeere luri la a koore eŋ a gyile poε ne toori.* The gourd drummer played the drum alongside the xylophone

with artistry. **luree, luro, luro, luribo, luraa**

luroluro [lúrólúró] *adj.* in a circular shape (usually within a small enclosure) • *A nɔzage waa la luroluro lε.* The hen coop is roundish within.

luroluro [lùròlùrò] *adv.* in a circular shape (usually within a big enclosure) • *A taja bogi e la luroluro.* The inner part of the cave is large and round.

lurri [lúri] *v.* to smooth out a mound by covering all protruding matter with soil • *Ba man lurri la vubiri ka o naa ta ona ka waa tōō nye.* A yam mound is usually enlarged by adding more soil to enable the yam bear a good tuber. **lurree, lurro, luribo, lurraa**

luuraa [lùùràà] *n.* denial *pl:* **luuri** *2pl:* **luuree**

luuri [lùùri] *v.* to duck, to bend to pass under a hanging object e.g. beam -, **luuro, luuro, luribo, luuraa, lure**

luuri [lùùri] *v.* (1) to renounce one's word or promise, to deny • *O daare yeli ka o baje la a nanyige kye ka zene ka leε luuri o noore.* S/he said s/he knew the thief, but today s/he denies that s/he said so. (2) to return something in exchange for something else • *A dɔɔ luuri la n libie ko ma kye de o noε.* The man has returned my money and taken back his fowl. -, **luuro, luuro, luribo, luuraa, lure**

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ma [mǎ] *n.* mother, female that has reproduced *pl:* mamine *2pl:* mareε

ma [mà] *v. pl.* to stick to • **Goore ma la a kparoo.** Thorns are stuck to the shirt.

ma [má] *part.* suppose, hope; only used in question form • **Ma fo na gaa la?** I suppose/hope you will go?

ma [mâ] *pron.* me (first person singular accusative) • **O de la a gane ko ma.** S/he has given the book to me.

maa [máâ] *pron.* (1) I (first person singular strong form) • **O yeli ka maa la sãa.** S/he said it was I who was wrong. (2) me (first person singular strong form) • **Maa la so a gane.** The book belongs to me.

maa [mââ] *v.* (1) to be wet • **Saa mie la ka a teŋe zaa maa.** It has rained, making the ground wet. (2) to be cold (objects) • **A baala nyu la tēē ka o eŋe lee maa a zaa.** The patient has taken medicine and his temperature has gone down. (3) to make peaceful • **Zene a zɔzɔreba na ba wa lenso ka a zie maa a ŋaa.** Today, those quarrelsome men did not come and that is why the place is peaceful. **mae, maana, maana, maanema, maanaa, maanema**

maa [mââ] *adv.* (1) move streamingly (used only with liquid sub-

stances) • **O ma naŋ da kpi o dee kono la nentaŋ maaa.** When her mother died, she was shedding tears uncontrolably. (2) slimy

maa ghere [máá gbérì] *v.* to delay, to be late • **Ba naŋ boole o o ba maa ghere kye wa.** When he was called, he did not waste time but responded promptly.

maalam [máálàm] *n.* Islamic cleric *pl:* maalammine *2pl:* maalonnε

maale [mààlì] *v.* (1) to make, to construct, to draw • **A kɔnarata maale la baraakyi ŋmaa a baa.** The contractor has built a bridge across the river. (2) to cook • **Boŋ bondirii ka a bondimaala na maale zene?** What food will the cook cook today? **maaleε, maala, maala, maaleba, maalaa**

maale [mààlì] *v.* (1) to bless, to make good, to clean, to make beautiful • **Ba maale la a die poɔ veɔlaa.** They have cleaned the room well. (2) to pacify, to offer sacrifice • **Dagaaba mine maŋ maale la bagere.** Some Dagaaba sacrifice to their gods. **maaleε, maala, maala, maaleba, maalaa**

maale [máálì] *v.* to cause to calm down, to reduce the intensity of • **A yidaandɔ maale la a yeɔ ka a zɔre baare.** The family head calmed tempers and ended the quarrel.

maalekondi [mààlikóndí] *n.* a type of ritual food that is eaten only by specific people i.e. those who are members of the ritual

maalenj [mààlɪŋ] *adv.* just too much • **Saa la maalenj miire tu.** The rain just pours too much.

maalenj [mààlɪŋ] *adv.* again • **Saa la maalenj miire tu.** The rain just pours too much.

maane [mààni] *adj.* (1) flattened • **A kuree feele o la ka o pare deɛ waa maane le** The undersized pair of knickers has made his buttocks flat. (2) premature (egg) *pl:* **maama 2pl:** **maanɛɛ**

maanee [mááníí] *n.* okra *sg:* **maanoo** *pl:* **maana 2pl:** **maanɛɛ** *Var.* **saalommaane**

maa noɔre [máá nɔ́ɔ̀rì] *v.* to be surprised

maanɔmeɛ [máànɔmíè] *n.* a kind of tall, brown, lean bird *pl:* **maanɔmeere**

maare [máàrì] *v.* to hold, to support with open palms facing upwards e.g. baby **maareɛ, maara, maara, maareba, maaraa**

maaronj [máárɔ̀ŋ] *adj.* slow • **O taa la maaronj zuo lenso ka ba wa pɔge kpaaronj.** He is very slow and that is why he did not come to the meeting.

maaronj [máárɔ̀ŋ] *adj.* (1) cold, cool • **Firigyí kɔ̀ɔ maŋ e la maaronj.** Water stored in the fridge is always cold. (2) wet • **Ka saan mi a zie**

zaa maŋ e la maaronj le. When it rains, the whole place becomes wet.

maaronj [máárɔ̀ŋ] *n.* (1) cold, coolness • **Yuoni ŋa a maaronj zuoɛ la.** This year, the cold is excessive. (2) shade • **Tentolonj saŋa dendɔre tee maaronj maŋ tere la zemmo.** During the hot season, the shade of trees is always inviting.

maaronj [máárɔ̀ŋ] *n.* peace • **Ka zieŋ na maale ferebo ka maaronj be be.** If development is to take place there must be peace.

maaronj [máárɔ̀ŋ] *n.* fever • **Maaronj kpe la dɔɔ ka o gaa asibiti.** The man has a fever and has gone to the hospital.

maasa [máásà] *n.* a type of cake made from millet flour

maa suuri [máà súúrì] *v.* to appease, to pacify

maayee [mááyéé] *adv.* empty • **Nannyigiri da ŋmaa la a woɔ pare iri a libie, ka a dɔɔ da wa tuno a woɔ ka maayee.** Thieves had cut the bottom of the bag and removed all the man's money, and when he later put his hand into the bag, it was empty.

mabie [mábíé] *n.* sibling, relative *pl:* **mabiiri 2pl:** **mabiiree**

mabiekontapɔgema [mábíékɔ̀n-táɔ̀gímá] *n.* a type of small, short snake that is highly venomous *2pl:* **mabiekontapɔgemɛɛ**

mabile [màbìlé] *n.* maternal aunt, mother's sister *pl:* **mabilii, mabilimine** *2pl:* **mabilee**

mabo [màbò] *adv.* marshy and messy

maee [màì] *adj.* red • **A pogelee niŋ waa la maee le.** The girl's face is looking red.

maemae [máimái] *adj.* bright red • **A fele e la zee maemae le.** The saw is bright red.

magaka [màgàkà] *adv.* deep red

mage [máǵí] *v.* (1) to write • **Karekyere maŋ mage la gane vela.** Literate people write well. (2) to make beautiful patterns; usually on some clothes • **A teele mage la a kparoo niŋe ne puori zaa.** The tailor has designed both the front and back of the shirt. **magee, magra, magra, magreba, magraa**

magedalee [máǵídáléé] *n.* writing stick, pen *pl:* **magedabilii** *2pl:* **magedabillee**

magelakala [màǵìlákàlà] *adj.* skinny • **A dɔɔ wogi na bee la a te waa magelakala le.** That tall man has been sick for a long time hence his being skinny.

magelan [màǵìlàn] *adj.* large and flat
Var. **maŋgalan**

magere [máǵírì] *n.* sign, mark *2pl:* **magree**

magetaga [máǵìtǵà] *adv.* thick and marshy *Var.* **magtaga**

makoma [màkómá] *n.* grandmother *pl:* **makommine** *2pl:* **makomee/makonnee**

makontulo [màkóntúló] *n.* great-grandmother

makonkkommuulitoori [màkóŋkóm-múúlítóòrí] *n.* great-grandmother
pl: **makonkkommuulitobo** *2pl:* **makonkkommuulitooree**

makpēe [màkpíé] *n.* stepmother; older wife of one's biological father or father's elder brother's wife *pl:* **makpeemine** *2pl:* **makpeenee/makpeeme**

makpon [màkpón] *n.* see **makpēe**
Var. **makpēe**

malaa [málàà] *n.* a type of bird with deep blue and red eyes *pl:* **malle**
2pl: **mallee**

malammalam [màlammálám] *adj.* soiled e.g. mud

malantamm [màlànàmm] *adj.* bundled up

male [màli] *v.* to claim or pretend to • **O male ka o so la kôɔ** S/he claims to have taken his/her bath. • **O male ka o taa la libie kye ka o bie kaŋa zaa ba gaa sakuuri.** S/he claims to be rich but none of his/her children has been to school. **malee, malla, malla, maleba, malaa, maleba**

male [màli] *v.* to suffer repercussions, to punish • **Fomeŋe ka na male.** You will only end up punishing yourself. • **Ka fo saan**

- yeli ka fo gaa sakuuri ka fo zagere fomeŋe ka male.* If your father sends you to school and you refuse you only punish yourself. **malee**, **malla**, **malla**, **maleba**, **malaa**, **maleba**
- male** [màli] *adv.* word expressing the sound of a cut (onomatopoeia)
- malefa** [málifà] *n.* gun *pl:* **malefare** *2pl:* **malefaree**
- malefabiri** [málifàbìrì] *n.* bullet *sg:* **malefabiruu** *pl:* **malefabie** *2pl:* **malefabiiree**
- malefala** [màlifalà] *adv.* tasteless
- malefatēe** [málifátĩ] *n.* gunpowder *pl:* **malefateenee**
- malemale** [málímálí] *adv.* very black
Var. **kpirikpiri**
- malemale** [màlimálí] *v.* to struggle to do **malemalee**, **malemala**, **malemala**, **malemaleba**, **malemalaa**
- mana** [mánà] *n.* rubber, elastic *sg:* **manoo** *pl:* **manne** *2pl:* **mannee**
- mana** [mànà] *part.* of course • **kɔlaa la kpe a die ona la ɔ a nene mana.** A cat went into the room; of course it is the one that has eaten the meat.
- manamana** [mànàmànà] *adj.* sticky
- mane** [màní] *n.* large body of water *pl:* **mama** *2pl:* **mannee**
- mankyere** [mántʃìrì] *n.* match *pl:* **mankyee** *2pl:* **mankyeree**
- mankyɛɛ** [mántʃɛ̀lɛ̀] *n.* diarrhoea
- manne** [mánni] *v.* (1) to measure • **Kookoolaa ka o manne ne a**
- kyi.** They used a measuring bowl to measure the millet. • **Ba de la kekere manne ne a dendore wogiruf.** They used a stalk to measure the height of the door. (2) to compare • **Sakubie koŋ tōo de omeŋe te manne ne karema.** A pupil cannot compare herself to a teacher. **mannee**, **manna**, **manna**, **manema**, **mannaa**
- manne** [mánni] *v.* to narrate, to explain • **O manne la a zōore pare.** S/he explained the cause of the fight. • **N naŋ da gaa n zomeŋe dɔgoo bebiri tigiri N da kuli te manne la a zaa ko n dɔgereba.** After attending my best friend's birthday party, I went home and narrated everything to my parents. **mannee**, **manna**, **manna**, **manema**, **mannaa**
- mannooore** [mànnóór] *n.* beach *pl:* **mannɔe** *2pl:* **mannoooree**
- mansugiri** [mànsùgìrì] *n.* a type of wild mushroom with medicinal properties *sg:* **mansugiruu** *pl:* **mansugo** *2pl:* **mansugiree**
- mansugo** [mànsùgò] *n.* (1) a type of stomach ailment; hernia (2) type of medicine for hernia *pl:* **mansugiri** *2pl:* **mansugiree**
- mantare** [màntàrì] *n.* (1) Southern Dagaare dialect (2) the area where the Southern Dagaare dialect is spoken *pl:* **mantaree**
- mantaroo** [màntàróó] *n.* speaker of Southern Dagaare dialect *pl:* **man-**

tareɛ
manteɛ [mäntiɛ́] *n.* rubber tree *pl:* manteere *2pl:* manteereɛ
manzele [mänzilé] *n.* tip of (branch of tree) *pl:* manzelle *2pl:* manzeleɛ
mangalaŋ [mäŋgälän] *adj.* flattened
Var. magelaŋ
mangajene [mäŋgáŋíni] *n.* the other side of the sea; overseas regions *2pl:* mangajeneɛ
mangbere [mäŋgbéri] *n.* tributary (stream) *pl:* mangbɛɛ *2pl:* mangbɛɛ-rɛɛ
maŋkeni [mäŋkèni] *n.* cocoyam *sg:* maŋkenuu *pl:* maŋkeme *2pl:* maŋkenee/maŋkennee
mapo [mápò] *n.* map *pl:* mapore *2pl:* maporeɛ
mara [màrà] *n.* courage, persistence, steadfastness *2pl:* mareɛ
mara [màrà] *adv.* sounding like the sound coming from one stepping into muddy matter (onomatopoeia)
maraa [máráá] *n.* necklace *pl:* marre *2pl:* marreɛ
maraa [máráá] *n.* glue *pl:* marre *2pl:* marreɛ
maraa [máráá] *n.* cloth used to carry a baby on the back *pl:* marre *2pl:* marreɛ
maraa [màràà] *adj.* not responding to anything, quiet, mute • *A pɔge suuri naŋ iri na fo maŋ yeli la yele ko o ka e maraa.* The woman is annoyed so when you talk to her she stays mute.

marawa [màrááwà] *n.* a type of tree animal *pl:* maraaware *2pl:* maraawareɛ
maramara [màràrà] *adj.* marshy
 • *Saa mie la kō laare a tene ka a waa maramara le.* The soil has been beaten by rain and has become marshy.
marata [màràtà] *adv.* refusing to respond to anything
mare [màri] *v.* to stick to, to attach to • *Dunduli mare la a vaa pɔɔ.* There is a caterpillar hanging on the leaf. **mareɛ, mara, mara, mareba, maraa**
mare [màri] *v.* to carry on one's back e.g. a baby • *A pɔge mare la a bie ka na gbiri.* The woman has carried the baby on her back in order to make it sleep. **mareɛ, mara, mara, mareba, maraa**
mare [màri] *v.* to light, to build a fire • *Te maŋ mare vūū maale seema.* We build a fire before we cook food. **mareɛ, mara, mara, mareba, maraa**
mare [mári] *v.* to detach (a limb from the body) **mareɛ, mara, mara, mareba, maraa**
marekpɛ [màrikpɛ́] *v.* to tease • *Koŋkombie mine maŋ marekpɛ la a kotuo deme.* Some lyrics of funeral dirges tease the bereaved family.
meele [mèili] *v.* (1) to wipe off (dirt, water) (2) to soil, to make dirty **meeleɛ, meeɛ, meeɛ, meeɛbe**

meele [mífilí] *v.* to try to incriminate someone; to challenge • *O sɔgele gaa toŋ la a toma o yoŋ, o deɛ boɔrɔ ka o meele ma.* S/he did the work alone behind me; I think this is aimed tarnishing my image. **meeleɛ, meele, meeɛ, meelebe, meelaa**

meele eŋ [mìilì ìŋ] *v.* (1) to turn something to replace something else • *Waabo doŋ la a nɔnyanɔa ko ka ba nyɔge nɔdaa meele eŋ a nɔbilii.* The mother fowl was killed by a snake and so a cock was tamed to replace it. (2) metaphor (literature)

meeɛ [mìilè] *n.* (1) a type of grass that is thin but strong (2) decorative ribbons worn across the chest (3) string scale; a locally made scale made from a string and a flat piece of wood or container *2pl: meeɛɛ*

meeloo [míflóó] *adj.* thin *pl: meele*

meemee [mìimíf] *v.* to swing, to turn round (buttocks in a chair) • *A bie meemee la pare ka o koŋ gaa.* The child swung his bottom, indicating that he would not go. **meemeeɛ, meemeenɛ, meemeenɛ, meemeeneme, meemeenaa**

mee [míè] *v.* to incriminate, to make an accomplice • *A bibarewono na zu la o ba libie kye de mee ne o yɔlee.* That naughty boy stole his father's money and incriminated his younger brother. **meeɛ, meenɛ, meenɛ, meeneme, meenaa**

meebo [míébó] *n.* (1) structure • *A pɔge meebo wuli ka o taa la see yelmeŋe.* The woman's structure shows she has a really large waist. (2) character; a distinguishing feature • *A pɔlebile na meebo ba veɛɛ.* That young man's character is not good. *Var. meeroŋ*

meeloŋ [mìèlón] *n.* dew; drops of water on vegetation *pl: meeɛɛ 2pl: meeɛɛ*

meeroŋ [mìéròŋ] *n.* (1) structure, makeup (2) character, behaviour *Var. meebo*

megemege [mìgìmígí] *v.* to wriggle e.g. fish in muddy water **mege-megeɛ, megemegrɛ, megemegrɛ, megemegrebe, megemegraa**

melaa [mílaá] *n.* fence *pl: melle 2pl: melleɛ*

melaa [mílaá] *n.* talebearer *pl: melebe 2pl: melebeɛ*

mele [mílí] *v.* (1) to fence in • *Ba maŋ mele la dabɔɔ ka donne na ta sãã o pɔɔ bombulo.* Gardens are fenced to prevent animals from destroying the plants. (2) to entangle • *Ba ba leŋ a boɔ lenso ka o mele kpi.* The goat was not tethered well and so it got entangled and died. (3) to spread all over an object (ants) • *Zuluŋ mele la bokũũ.* Soldier ants are all over the carcass. (4) to tattle, to gossip • *Bibiiri nɔŋ la mele taa.* Children like tattling on each other. **meleɛ, mele, mele, melbe, melaa**

melekala [mílikàlà] *adj.* large and

twisted

melekala [mílíkálá] *adj.* small and twisted

melele [mílílí] *adv.* thin, very slim

melemele [mìlimíli] *v.* to move with unsteady legs **melemelee**, **melemele**, **melemele**, **melemelbe**, **melemelaa**

meletaa [mílítáá] *n.* the practice of talebearing • **Ka noba lan̄kpeeboŋ na noma a seŋ ka ba bare meletaa.** If people want to live in harmony, they must put an end to talebearing.

melle [milli] *v.* to twist • **Soɔ da kyebe kye a dɔɔ da de la o nu melle ne a miri ŋmaa.** There was no knife, but the man twisted the rope until it snapped. **mellee**, **melle**, **melle**, **melbe**, **mellaa**

meloo [mélóó] *adv.* eating instantly and hurriedly; especially with tasty food • **O nɔnoɔ zuoe la, a bēē ka o de e meloo.** S/he has a taste for delicious things, so s/he licked the broth at once.

menekana [mìnikànà] *adj.* crooked, twisted

menɛ [míné] *n.* a type of thin grass
2pl: **menɛɛ**

menne [míní] *v.* to throw off something heavy e.g. wrestling • **A dɔɔkpeeŋaa na are la denden̄ kye menne a o tɔ na bare ka o te le.** The strong man heaved and threw his opponent away. **menneɛ**, **menne**, **meneme**, **mennaa**

menne [míní] *v.* to swallow food in large gulps • **Kɔŋ da kpe o la te zuo ka o maŋ dee ŋmaa a saabo menne bare.** The man was so hungry that he swallowed the food in gulps. **menneɛ**, **menne**, **menne**, **meneme**, **mennaa**

mennoŋ [mínnóŋ] *n.* righteousness • **O mennoŋ zuiŋ noba zaa nɔŋ la o yeɛ.** All people like him because of his righteousness.

mensele [mínsilé] *n.* well done (praise) • **Gandaa mensele ka foŋ da ba peeɛ a bie kpie.** Well done; if you had not been around, the child would have died. *pl:* **menselle** *2pl:* **menselleɛ** *Var.* **nensele**

meŋ [mĩŋ] *adv.* also, too • **Fo meŋ na gaa la be?** Will you go too?

meŋe [mĩŋé] *n.* self • **Maa meŋe la na gaa a kuori.** I myself will attend the funeral. *pl:* **menne** *Var.* **meŋa**

meŋe [mĩŋé] *adj.* well behaved • **O teere ka o waa la meŋe zaa kye maa ba teere.** S/he claims to be good, but I doubt it.

mere [mírí] *v.* to shake in pain or distress e.g. hand in contact with fire • **Vũu nyege o la ka o mere nu.** Fire burned her hand and she shook it. **mereɛ**, **mere**, **mere**, **merebe**, **meraa**, **merebe**

mere [mírí] *v.* to broadcast e.g. rice seed during sowing • **Ba kyɔre la baa mere a mui.** They have har-

rowed the river valley and broadcast the rice. **merεε, merε, merε, merebe, meraa, merebe**

mere [míri] *v.* to have a stillbirth (nonhumans) • *A naapoɔ na da bee la lenso ka o mere bare.* That pregnant cow was sick and that is why it had a stillbirth. **merεε, merε, merε, merebe, meraa, merebe**

mere [mìri] *v.* to stick the flap of an object into an opening • *Pɔgeba maŋ mere la ba wagye eŋ kye zeŋ.* Women usually push the flaps of their cloth in between their legs as they sit. **merεε, merε, merε, merebe, meraa, merebe**

mere bare [míri bàri] *v.* (1) to have a stillbirth (of animals) (2) to desert unweaned young (of animals) • *A peroo dɔgeε la kye mere bare ka a bilii kpi.* The sheep littered but deserted the lambs and they died. **mere bareε, merebara, merebara, merebareba, merebaraa**

mere pare [mìri pári] *v.* (1) to lie helpless (2) to die **merεε pare, merε pare, pare merε, pare merebe**

merete [mèrètè] *adj.* unresponsive, mute • *Ba yeli la a bie baaloŋ ko o saa ka o e merete.* When they reported the child's mother, he refused to do anything.

meri [méri] *v.* to twist one's lips (to show indifference); to refuse to care • *A bie lee la ka lee kaa kye meri o noore.* When the child fell, the brother looked at him but re-

fused to bother. **merεε, mere, mere, meribe, meraa**

meri noore [méri nóori] *v.* (1) to twist one's lips (to show indifference) (2) to die

meruu [mèrúú] *adj.* very small

mε [mè] *v.* (1) to build e.g. a house (2) to shape (pottery) **mεε, meεε, meεε, meεεbe**

mεε [mèè] *adv.* oozing (oily liquid) • *Ba kyere la a gberε ka kōō zoro mεε.* They cut the swelling on his leg and pus was oozing.

mεfaa [méfáá] *n.* bad character *pl:* **mεfaare**

mεgeleŋ [mégíléŋ] *adv.* flat • *Lɔore do la a bogiti ka o e ηmegeleŋ le.* A car ran over the bucket and made it flat.

mεgeyεε [mégíyégé] *adj.* loose and flabby (of a fat body)

mele [méli] *n.* medal *pl:* **mεle 2pl:** **melleε**

mεlefele [mèlifèlè] *adj.* tasteless • *N noŋ la zεvaare zeere kye ama dee waa la mεlefele le.* I like vegetable soup but this one is tasteless.

melemele [mèlimèli] *adj.* blowing severely with cold • *Saseε saŋa baguo ɔore maŋ ere la melemele le, Dagao poɔ.* During hamattan, early mornings are normally very cold in the Dagaabaland.

mεlemele [mélémélé] *adj.* tasty; slightly sweet

melemmelenj [mélémélén] (1) *adj.* sweet or beautiful (kind words, deeds) (2) *adv.* to do something sweetly or beautifully • *O yeli la a yele melemmelenj le, ka fo na teere ka yelimeje la.* She narrated the case so beautifully that you would think it was true.

melentemm [méléntém] *adv.* (1) exactly; precisely • *A bie manne la a yele na o nan nye melentemm wa gaa.* The boy narrated the story in a precise manner. (2) *adj.* meticulous

memeere [mèmiéré] *n.* (1) potter (2) builder *pl:* memeerebe *2pl:* memeerebeε

memeereε [mèmiéréε] *n.* (1) mud (2) marsh *2pl:* memeereεε

mere [méri] *v.* to cook (struggling with) • *A baala mere la seema fēē mej di.* The patient has cooked some small food to eat. *mereε, mere, mere, merebe, meraa*

mereε [mèréε] *n.* pus *pl:* merre *2pl:* merreε

mi [mí] *v.* to rain *mie, miire*

mi [mí] *v.* to spin (thread) • *A zɔɔ mi la miri ka o gbekponj te zogere.* The blind person spun rope until her thigh became rough. *mie, miire*

mii [mî] *v.* (1) to shake, to shiver • *Entole kpe la a bie lenso ka o manj mii a le.* The child has a fever and that is why he is shivering like that. (2) to become frightened, to tremble • *A sogya tanne la a pɔge*

ka o mii. The soldier shouted at the woman and she became frightened. (3) to push, to shake e.g. the branch of a tree to knock down fruits • *A pɔge do mii la a tanjaa ko o bibiiri ka ba di.* The woman climbed and shook the shea nut tree to knock down the fruits for her children. *miie, miine, miine, miinime, miinaa, - Var. miiu*

mii [mî] *v.* (1) to be sour (taste) • *O zāā tuɔ la nu a zeere pɔɔ lenso ka a mii.* S/he put her hand into the soup and that is why it has become sour. (2) to be sore • *A bie zāā tɔ o nubiri, zene o zaan mii.* The child bruised his finger yesterday and today it is quite sore. (3) to be angry, to be annoyed • *Ba to o la lenso ka o mii.* They insulted him and that is why he is angry. (4) to learn from past unpleasant experience • *A tontona nan zagere toma gaabo na ba ba yɔɔ o, azuiɔ o miie la; zene o ba nagera toma.* Since the worker refused to go to work, he was not paid, and as a result, he did not skip work today. *miie, miine, miine, miinime, miinaa, miinime*

miii [mîi] *adv.* swarming all over e.g. ants *Var. miloo*

miire [mîré] *v.* to desist, to not dare • *Ma fo to ma la, an miire n yiri waabo.* Since you have insulted me, you dare not come to my house.

miire [mîré] *v.* to be careful; usually to warn or caution *miiree, miire,*

miire, miiribe, miiraa
miiri [mìiri] *v.* to not attempt **miiree**, **miire**, **miire**, **miiribe**, **miiraa**
miiri [mìiri] *v.* to turn taste sour **miiree**, **miire**, **miire**, **miiribe**, **miiraa**
miiruŋ [mìirùŋ] *n.* (1) sour sap (2) type of plant with sour sap
miiruŋ [mìirùŋ] *adj.* sour
mikalaa [mìkàlàà] *n.* thick, strong rope *pl:* **mikalle** *2pl:* **mikallɛ**
milemmilem [mìlémìlém] *adv.* intact, untouched
miliki [mìlikì] *n.* milk *sg:* **milikiruu** *pl:* **milikiri** *2pl:* **milikiree**
milikolo [mìlikòlò] *adj.* twisted
milli [milli] *v.* (1) to get acquainted with; to be used to • **Bie naŋ ba milli neɛ koŋ sage ka a soba de o.** A child that is not acquainted with someone will refuse to be cuddled by that person. (2) be all over **millee**, **mille**, **mille**, **milibe**, **millaa**, - *Var.* **milli pɔge**
milli pɔge [milli-pògì] *v.* to cover all over e.g. flies over a rotten carcass • **Naazoore milli pɔge la a nempɔnaa zaa.** The rotten meat is completely covered with flies.
miloo [mìlòò] *adj.* oily and dirty looking
miloo [mìlòò] *adj.* existing in great numbers at a particular spot e.g. ants • **A nyere deɛ da te paalɛ a korodie zaa, miloo lɛ.** The ants had invaded and covered the whole kitchen.

mine [mìné] *adj.* (1) some, a certain number • **A boore mine zoe la.** Some of the goats have escaped. (2) *pl.* morpheme (human type only) e.g. **mamine** (mothers) or **yɔmine** (siblings) • **Mamine la maŋ ko bi-iri bere ka ba enne.** Mothers provide their breasts to babies to suck.
minimini [mìnìminì] *adv.* streaming continuously e.g. tears • **A bie pɔ beere la ka o kono minimini le.** The child has a stomach ache and he is shedding tears uncontrollably.
mipelaa [mìpìlää] *n.* a type of rope used in rituals *pl:* **mipeele**
miri [mìri] *n.* rope, twine, string *pl:* **mie** *2pl:* **miiree**
misiri [mìsirì] *n.* mosque *pl:* **misirri** *2pl:* **misirree** *Var.* **musiri**
miti [mìtì] *n.* meeting *pl:* **mitiri** *2pl:* **mitiree**
mizee [mìzié] *n.* type of very strong red twine used in making bird trap *pl:* **mizeere** *2pl:* **mizeerɛ**
mɔali [mááli] *v.* get burnt e.g. part of the body
mmeŋɛ [mmínɛ] *pron.* myself • **Ka maan beere kye ba gaa asibiti mmeŋɛ la ka N ere.** If I'm sick and refuse to go the hospital, I have only myself to blame. *Var.* **mmeŋa**
moge [mógi] *v.* (1) to suck e.g. sweets (2) to eat powdery food (3) to eat up e.g. wood, of white ants **mogɛɛ**, **mogro/mogra**, **mogero/mogra**, **mogreba**, **mograa**

mogere [mògìrì] *v.* to suck at, to lick e.g. fingers **mogereε**, **mogera**, **mogera**, **mogereba**, **mogeraa**, **mogereba** *Var.* **moore**

mogere noore to kiss (on the mouth)

mogi [mógi] *v.* to eat delicious food voraciously **mogee**, **mogiro**, **mogiro**, **mogiribo**, **mogiraa**, - *Var.* **yogi**

moimoi [móimói] *adj.* very red

mokanzie [mókánzié] *n.* pawpaw *pl:* **mokanziri** *2pl:* **mokanziree**

mole [mòli] *n.* (1) become weak; used for metal that has become weak e.g. iron (2) get wet

mollaa [móllàà] *n.* a type of game in which a loop of string is hidden in soil to be found by other players using twigs *pl:* **molle** *2pl:* **molleε**

molle [mólli] *v.* (1) to deceive, to hide from (2) to play the game **mollaa** **molleε**, **mollɔ/molla**, **mollɔ/molla**, **molbɔ/molba**, **mollaa**

molɔmolɔ [mólómóló] *adj.* not stiff; flexible • *A tammo waa la molɔ-molɔ lε.* The bow is very flexible.

momm [móm] *adv.* wholly and completely

momone [mòmùní] *n.* dried salted fish *2pl:* **momoneε**

monaje [mònán] *n.* hippopotamus *pl:* **monanne** *2pl:* **monanneε**

mone [mòní] *n.* serious condition of piles *pl:* **momɔ** *2pl:* **monεε/monneε**

mone [mòni] *v.* to become serious **monεε**, **mona**, **mona**, **monema**, **monaa**

monεε [mònèè] *adj.* red

monεεmonεε [mónéémónéé] *adj.* red looking; bloodshot (eyes)

monne [mónni] *v.* (1) to lift and carry a heavy load without assistance (2) to dip to fill (3) to gather up (smile to laugh) **monneε**, **monna**, **monna**, **monema**, **monnaa**

montole [mòntòli] *n.* a type of small round beans *pl:* **montola** *2pl:* **montolleε**

mongolɔ [mòngòlò] *n.* a type of fall in which the person rolls over • *A dāa bugro lee la willi mongolɔ.* The drunk man fell and rolled over. *Var.* **mongola**

mongbenεε [mòngbénéé] *n.* infected millet seeds *sg:* **mongbennoo**

moole [mòòli] *v.* (1) to be stunted, to be weak (2) to cook in small quantity (3) to cook poorly e.g. corn paste **mooleε**, **moolɔ**, **moolɔ**, **mooleba**

mooloo [móólóó] *adj.* weak, stunted

moore [móóri] *v.* (1) to empathise; to sympathise with • *Konkonimo maη kono moorɔ korɔ la kotuo deme.* Funeral dirge singers usually empathise with the bereaved family. (2) to express regret for not being able to provide something • *A dāāpoge moore la a dāā.* The pito seller regrets that

the pito is gone. **mooreεε**, **moorɔ**, **moorɔ**, **mooreba**, **mooraa**
moore tere to sympathise with

moore [móúri] *v.* (1) to dissolve, to diminish • *A zere nyennoj ba moore.* The salt in the soup is not dissolved. (2) to rain lightly • *A saa ba mi soŋ mooroo ka o moore.* It did not rain hard; it just drizzled. (3) to intercede, to suggest • *N daare moore la o yiri kuluu ka o nyare.* When I suggested his going home, he flared up. **mooreεε**, **moorɔ**, **moorɔ**, **mooreba**, **mooraa**

moore [mò'òri] *v.* to suck e.g. finger **mooreεε**, **moora**, **moora**, **mooreba**, **mooraa**, - *Var.* **mogere**

mooretere [móúrtírɛ] *n.* consoler *pl:* **moorterebe** *2pl:* **mooreterebeε**

moorteroo [móúrtíróó] *n.* the act of consoling

moɔ [mòò] *v.* (1) to make red (2) to be ripe (3) to be serious • *Ka foŋ boɔɔ ka fo paase gyennoo fo maŋ moɔ nimiri ne zannoo.* If you want to pass a test, you need to be serious about your studies. (4) to fetch fire (red coals) **moɔε**, **moɔɔ**, **moɔɔ**, **moɔnema**, **moɔnaa**, **moɔnema**

moɔ [mòò] *adv.* really • *yeŋ moɔ ka a bie yi?* Really, where does the child come from? *Var.* **mɔɔ**

moɔ [móú] *n.* (1) grass, weeds (2) bush, wilderness *sg:* **moɔnoo** *2pl:* **moɔneε**

moɔle [mòòli] *v.* to stretch (hair) **moɔleεε**, **moɔlb**, **moɔlb**, **moɔleba**, **moɔlaa**, **moɔleba**

moɔle [móólí] *v.* to announce • *Ba moɔle ka neezaa ta wa gere tomɔ bie.* It has been announced that no one should go to work tomorrow. **moɔleεε**, **moɔlb**, **moɔlb**, **moɔleba**, **moɔlaa**, **moɔleba**

moɔle [móólí] *v.* to vanish, to sneak away • *Kɔkɔlaa wa la a yiri ka gyangbonni zaa moɔle.* A cat has come to the house and all the mice have vanished. **moɔleεε**, **moɔlb**, **moɔlb**, **moɔleba**, **moɔlaa**, **moɔleba**

moɔlb [móólò] *n.* established behaviour, character • *A bie de la o saa moɔlb.* The child has taken after his father. *2pl:* **moɔleεε** *Var.* **moɔla**

moɔraa [móúráà] *adv.* like, similar manner *Var.* **mooreŋ**

moɔre [móúri] *v.* (1) to smear with thick liquid e.g. mud (2) to camouflage • *O kúu dee moɔre ma la.* He camouflaged us before his death. **moɔreεε**, **moɔrɔ**, **moɔrɔ**, **moɔreba**, **moɔraa**

mooreŋ [móúríŋ] *adj.* similar to how the Mosi people do it *Var.* **ko-mooreŋ**

mooreŋ [móúríŋ] *conj.* like, according to • *ŋmaanya mooreŋ, dabēε sobaŋ taa yiri.* According to the monkey, he who runs away lives to fight another day. *Var.* **moɔraa**

mooɔ [móɔrɔ́] *n.* illness of sexual misconduct; adultery *2pl*: **mooɔɛɛ**

more [mòrì] *v.* to disappear, to vanish **moreɛɛ**, **mooɔ**, **mooɔ**, **morba**, **moraa**, **morba**

more [mòrì] *v.* to pop out e.g. seeds from a fruit in the mouth **moreɛɛ**, **mooɔ**, **mooɔ**, **morba**, **moraa**, **morba**

more [mórí] *v.* (1) to smile (2) to initiate (typically used with laare) **moreɛɛ**, **mooɔ**, **mooɔ**, **moreba**, **moraa**, **moreba**

moremore [mòrìmórí] *v.* to vanish at once

moromoro [mórómóró] *adj.* soft, not solid

moroo [móróó] *n.* local herbal medicine in tablet form used in massaging only *pl*: **morre** *2pl*: **moreɛ/morreɛ** *Var.* **mooɔ**

mooɔ [móɔrɔ́] *n.* herb tablet for external use *pl*: **morre** *2pl*: **mooɔɛɛ** *Var.* **mooɔ**

mooɔmooɔ [mórómóró] *adv.* (1) showing slightly (smile) • *O nye la wagyɛ paalaa a monne laare mooɔmooɔ le.* She has got a new cloth and this has made her beam with smiles. (2) get lost mysteriously • *A libie dee bɔrɛɛ la mooɔ-mooɔ le.* The money just got lost mysteriously.

mɔ [mó] *v.* (1) to wrestle • *A pɔgebo da zɔɔ la taa, a mɔ te le.* The women fought, wrestled, and fell.

(2) to try hard • *Ka fooɔ ba mɔ fo koɔ tɔɔ a tee do.* If you don't try hard, you can't climb the tree. **mɔɛ**, **mooɔ**, **mooɔ**, **mooɔreba**, **mooɔraa**

mɔ-ɔŋgaara [mò-ɔŋgáárá] *n.* half-burnt grass *pl*: **mɔ-ɔŋgaare** *2pl*: **mɔ-ɔŋgaareɛ**

mɔdoɔɔ [mòdóɔɔ] *n.* wild animal *pl*: **mɔdonne** *2pl*: **mɔdonneɛ** *Var.* **mɔdoɔɔ**, **wedoɔɔ**

mɔgaabo [mògáábò] *n.* game hunting expedition from a pitched tent over a length of time

mɔge [mógi] *v.* to get dirty • *Ka fooɔ kpe nɔzage fo nɔtee maɔ mɔge la nɔbini.* If you go into a hen coop, your shoes will get dirty with fowl droppings. **mɔgeɛ**, **mooɔ**, **mooɔ**, **mooɔreba**

mɔgele [mògìli] *v.* (1) to beseech, to supplicate (2) to persuade (3) to console, to comfort e.g. one in pain or distress (4) to beg for forgiveness **mɔgeleɛ**, **mooɔ**, **mooɔ**, **mooɔleba**, **mooɔleaa**

mooɔgeraa [mògìráá] *n.* a type of giant white ant *pl*: **mooɔgere** *2pl*: **mooɔgereɛ**

mooɔkangyi [mókándzí] *n.* (1) a type of tree with medicinal properties and edible fruits (2) pawpaw *pl*: **mooɔkangyiri** *2pl*: **mooɔkangyiree**

mooɔkpeere [mòkpíéré] *n.* (1) bush dweller (2) one who lives in a far-away country *pl*: **mooɔkpeerebe** *2pl*: **mooɔkpeerebeɛ**

mɔll [mòll] *adv.* long and smooth

mɔloo [mòlɔ́ú] *n.* a type of large antelope *pl:* mɔlle *2pl:* mɔlɛɛ

mɔlb [mòlɔ́] *adj.* (1) cheap (2) easy
Var. mɔlɛɛ

mɔlbmɔlb [mólómóló] *adj.* seemingly easy, like a joke

mɔmaara [mòmààrà] *n.* fresh grass
2pl: mɔmaareɛ

mɔnaabo [mònáábó] *n.* bush cow *pl:* mɔnii *2pl:* mɔniinee *Var.* wɛnaabo

mɔneɛ [mòníé] *n.* bushman, uncivilised person *pl:* mɔnoba

mɔnyuu [mònyúú] *n.* a type of grass with a strong smell and has medicinal use *pl:* mɔnyuuri *2pl:* mɔnyuuree

mɔɲe [mòɲ] *v.* (1) to stir (food) (2) to steer, to drive (car) (3) to paddle (boat) **mɔɲɛɛ**, **mɔɲɔ**, **mɔɲɔ**, **mɔɲemɔ**, **mɔnaa**, **mɔɲemɔ**

mɔɲe [món] *v.* to refuse to give • *A entuo daana sɔre la a bon-daana libiri ka o mɔɲ o.* The lazy man begged for money from the rich man, but he refused him. **mɔɲɛɛ**, **mɔɲɔ**, **mɔɲɔɲɔ**, **mɔɲemɔ**, **mɔnaa**, **mɔɲemɔ**

mɔpelaa [mòpíláá] *n.* a stretch of bush made mainly of dry tall grass
pl: mɔpeele *2pl:* mɔpeeleɛ

mɔre [mórí] *n.* a type of strong grass used for arrow shafts *pl:* mɔɛ *2pl:* mɔreɛ

mɔre [mórí] *v.* to swell **mɔreɛ**, **mɔrɔ**, **mɔrɔ**, **mɔreba**, **mɔraa**, **mɔreba**

mɔrɔmɔrɔ [mòròmòrò] *adv.* marshy, soft, and loose, so that it can't be held together

mɔrɔtɔ [mòròtò] *adj.* long and flat

mɔsogɔ [mòsógó] *n.* bush, the middle of the wilderness *pl:* mɔsogre *2pl:* mɔsogreɛ

mɔsɔglaa [mòsóggláá] *n.* a type of grass whose presence indicates fertile land *pl:* mɔsɔglɔ

mɔtɔ [mótó] *adv.* very full • *A boɔraa e la mɔtɔ o naɲ paale.* The sack is completely full.

mɔvɔ [mòvò] *n.* part of the rainy season when there is thick growth of grass *2pl:* mɔvɔreɛ

mɔwegi [mòwégí] *n.* wild bush *pl:* mɔwegiri *2pl:* mɔwegiree

mui [mùí] *n.* rice *2pl:* muunee

muli [múlí] *v.* to remove hair or feathers from skin (usually by applying hot water) **mulee**, **mulo**, **mulo**, **mulibo**, **mulaa**

mulli [mùlli] *v.* to dive, to go underwater **mullee**, **mullo**, **mullo**, **mullibo**, **mullaa**, **mullibo**

muni [múní] *n.* (1) meaning • *A dɔɔ ba baɲe a yelbiri ɲa muni.* the man does not know the meaning of this word. (2) reason • *A dɔɔ ba wuli a o polisiri ɲmeebo muni* The man does not know the reason why he was beaten by the police.

muni [múní] *adv.* (1) bottom • *A bie nu koɲ ta a doge muni.* The

child's hand cannot get to the bottom of the pot. (2) under • *A saama zeŋe la a maŋgo tee muni.* The strangers are sitting under the mango tree.

munii [múníí] *adj.* tiny, small • *A bemmo ŋa biri maŋ waa la munii le.* This variety of bean has a tiny seed. *pl:* muno *2pl:* munnee

munkyara [mùntfárá] *n.* a type of smock with an opening at the back *pl:* munkyarre *2pl:* munkyarɛɛ

muŋkuri [mùŋkúrí] *n.* skirt *pl:* muŋkurri *2pl:* muŋkuree

mupelaa [mùpíláá] *n.* a type of straw from tall grass used in lighting fires *pl:* mupeele *2pl:* mupeleeɛ

mupege [múpégí] *n.* grass husk *pl:* mupegre *2pl:* mupegreɛ

muri [múrí] *n.* (1) straw from a type of tall grass used in making mats (2) a bundle of such straw *pl:* mie *2pl:* miiree

muri [múrí] *n.* snake *pl:* mie *2pl:* miiree

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N [ín] *pron.* I (1st person singular weak form nominative) • *N na gaa la daa.* I will go to the market. (1) my (1st person singular possessive) • *N libie baaree la.* My money is gone.

muri [mùrí] *v.* (1) to dodge, to escape (2) to slide out e.g. rope around one's neck (3) to deny an earlier statement **muree, muro, muro, muribu, muraa, muribo**

muro [mùró] *n.* the posture of lying facedown • *Ba mɛ la te le vɔgele muro.* They wrestled and fell facedown.

muu [múú] *n.* deaf and mute person *pl:* muuni *2pl:* muunee

muu [múú] *adj.* deaf and mute

muuli [múúlí] *v.* to peep into or through **muulee, muulo, muulo, muulibo, muulaa**

muuli [mùùlí] *v.* to make a short visit (typically used with nye) • *N baŋ ka fo pagra la kye fo naŋ muuli a baala kye gere.* I know you are in a hurry, but just pop in to visit the patient and then go. **muulee, muulo, muulo, muulibo, muulaa**

muuu [múúù] *n.* (1) the characteristic sound made by a cow (onomatopoeia) (2) cow

na [ná] *pron.* that (3rd person demonstrative) • *A bi ŋmeene na beere la.* That lean child is sick.

na [nà] *part.* will, shall (future tense marker) • *A baala na gaa la asibiti.* The patient will go to the hos-

pital.

Naa [nàá] *n.* name traditionally given to a second male twin *pl:* **Namine**

naa [nàá] *n.* (1) chief, king (2) grandparent (3) rich person *pl:* **namine** *2pl:* **naɾɛɛ**

naa [nàá] *part.* (1) will/shall (emphatic na) • **Te naa wa la.** We shall come. (2) should have • **Fo da naa taa la a bie gaa ne asibiti.** You should have taken the child to the hospital. (3) would have • **A boɔso ba wa wiẽu ka le naane fo da naa wa waana ko o gaaɛ.** The bus came late, otherwise by the time you came it would have left.

naa [nàá] *adv.* not • **Onɔ naa ka N yele.** I'm not referring to that one. *Var.* **naane**

naabaa [nààbáá] *n.* a type of small black bird regarded a totem of a clan (Zagɛɛ) *pl:* **naabaare** *2pl:* **naabaareɛ**

naabaaraa gane [náábáaráá gáni] *n.* bona fide property; status not changeable; that which naturally belongs to a specific set • **Ka Daga-bieŋ baa o areyiriŋ kye o naŋ waa la naabaaraa gane.** Among the Dagaaba, even if a child is brought up in his mother's home, he still remains the kin of the father.

naabere [náábiri] *n.* udder *pl:* **naabere** *2pl:* **naabereɛ**

naabileŋmene [náábiléŋmíni] *n.* God, supreme being *pl:* **naabileŋmeme**

naabilfaŋ [náábilfáŋ] *n.* a large calf *pl:* **naabilfanne** *2pl:* **naabilfanneɛ**

naabil-paanaa [náábil-páánaá] *n.* calf, baby cow *pl:* **naabil-paane** *2pl:* **naabil-paaneɛ**

naabini [náábini] *n.* cow dung *sg:* **naabinuu** *2pl:* **naabinee**

naabo [náábó] *n.* cow *pl:* **nii** *2pl:* **niinee**

naada [náádà] *n.* the act of buying cattle

naadaara [náádáára] *n.* one who buys cattle *pl:* **naadareba** *2pl:* **naadarebeɛ**

naadaaraa [náádááraà] *n.* a cow that has been bought *pl:* **naadaare**

naadalane [náádaláni] *n.* uncastrated bull

naadalee [náádáléé] *n.* young bull, calf *pl:* **naadabilii** *2pl:* **naadabilee**

naadaŋaa [náádánaá] *n.* corral for cattle *pl:* **naadaŋene** *2pl:* **naadaŋeneɛ**

naadavaraa [náádáváraà] *n.* castrated bull

naadere [náádéri] *n.* bullock, bull *pl:* **naadɛɛ** *2pl:* **naadereɛ**

naadɔgrɔ [náádògró] *n.* a cow that has recently given birth

naaduoraa [náádúóraá] *n.* resting ground for cattle *pl:* **naaduori** *2pl:* **naaduoree**

naafaa [nààfàà] *n.* that which is advantageous • *Ka anan̄ waa le ka le naafaa la kyaare te.* If that is what it has come to, then luck is on our side.

naaga [nààgà] *n.* a type of guinea corn *pl:* **naagare** *2pl:* **naagareε**

naagaaraa [náágáaráá] *n.* feral cow *pl:* **naagaare** *2pl:* **naagaareε**

naagale [náágáí] *n.* a type of dance which is meant to invite other dancers to the stage *pl:* **naagalle** *2pl:* **naagaleε**

naagane [náágáni] *n.* cowhide *pl:* **naagama** *2pl:* **naaganneε**

naagaŋa [náágàŋá] *n.* corral for cattle *pl:* **naaganne** *2pl:* **naaganneε**

naakoɔraa [náákóóráá] *n.* working bullock *pl:* **naakoɔre** *2pl:* **naakoɔreε**

naakoɔɔ [náákóóró] *n.* cattle seller *pl:* **naakoɔreɔ** *2pl:* **naakoɔrebeε**

naakyeemεgbenkeroo [nááťfímég-bēŋkéróó] *n.* a type of wild small tree with edible fruit *pl:* **naakyeemεgbenkerri** *2pl:* **naakyeemεgbenkerree** *Var.* **gbenkeroo**

naakyeene [nááťfíné] *n.* cattle herdsman *pl:* **naakyeeme** *2pl:* **naakyeemeε**

naalee [náálee] *n.* calf, heifer; a young cow or bull *pl:* **naabilii** *2pl:* **naabillee**

naamaaron̄ [nàámááron̄] *n.* large umbrella *pl:* **naamaara** *2pl:* **naamaareε**

naamanyeene [náámápiéné] *adj.* common, unimportant

naameε [nààmíé] *n.* water turtle *pl:* **naameene** *2pl:* **naameeneε** *Var.* **naameeο**

naameeο [nààmíèò] *n.* turtle *pl:* **naameene** *2pl:* **naameeneε** *Var.* **naamee**

naamoɔ [náámóó] *n.* a type of grass *sg:* **naamoɔnoo** *pl:* **naamoore** *2pl:* **naamooneε**

naamu [náámù] *n.* head cloth *pl:* **naamuri** *2pl:* **naamuree**

naane [nàànì] *v.* to prepare, to get ready, to gather momentum to do something **naanεε**, **naana**, **naana**, **naanema**, **naanaa**

naane [náání] *adv.* not • *Ona naane de a libie.* S/he is not the one who took the money.

naanene [náánénì] *n.* beef *pl:* **naaneme** *2pl:* **naanenneε**

naanyaŋaa [náánáŋàá] *n.* cow that has had a calf *pl:* **naanyaŋene** *2pl:* **naanyaŋeneε**

Naan̄mene [nààn̄mínì] *n.* God • **naan̄meme** *pl:* **naan̄meme** *2pl:* **naan̄meneε**

naapɔge [nàápógí] *n.* daughter-in-law *pl:* **naapɔgeba/naapɔgemine** *2pl:* **naapɔgreε**

naapɔge [náápógí] *n.* female cow *pl:* **naapɔgeɔ** *2pl:* **naapɔgebeε**

naapɔle [náápólì] *n.* young cow *pl:* **naapɔlɔ**

naara [náárà] *n.* a variety of sorghum *sg:* naaroo *pl:* naare *2pl:* naareε

naare [náári] *adj.* four *pl:* naare *2pl:* naareε

naare [nààrì] *v.* (1) strife to snatch from the ground (2) to attack, usually violently **naareε, naara, naara, naareba, naaraa**

naare [náári] *v.* to delay, to be late • *A dɔɔta naŋ woŋ a bie baaloŋ o ba naare fēe zaa.* When the doctor learnt of the child's sickness, he did not delay at all. **naareε, naara, naara, naareba, naaraa**

naasaa [náásàà] *n.* dragonfly *pl:* naasaare *2pl:* naasaareε

naasaalaa [nààsááláá] *n.* white person, European *pl:* nasamine *2pl:* naasaaleε

naasaal-kuuri [nààsààl-kúúrí] *n.* plough *pl:* naasaal-kue *2pl:* naasaal-kuree

naasaalsenseroo [nààsàálsínséróó] *n.* biscuits *sg:* naasaalsenseroo *pl:* naasaalsenε *2pl:* naasaalsensereε

naasaalsori [nààsààlsórí] *n.* road *pl:* naasaalsoe *2pl:* naasaalsoree

naasaal-taŋaa [nààsààl-tàŋáà] *n.* mango *pl:* naasaal-taŋema *2pl:* naasaal-taŋemeε *Var.* manŋo

naasaal-teŋe [nààsààl-tíŋé] *n.* Europe *pl:* naasaal-tenne *2pl:* naasaal-tenneε *Var.* nasa-teŋe

naasaraa [náásáràà] *n.* adult female cow that has not littered yet *pl:*

naasarre *2pl:* naasarreε *Var.* naasarelee

naasarelee [náásárlíléé] *n.* adult female cow that has not littered yet *pl:* naasarebilii *2pl:* naasarebillee *Var.* naasaraa

naaseere [nààsììrì] *n.* a disease of the gums and teeth that produces sores *2pl:* naaseereε

naaweeme [nàáwíémé] *n.* strayed cow *pl:* naaweene *2pl:* naaweeneε

naaweozoore [nááwíézóórí] *n.* a type of grass *pl:* naaweozoε *2pl:* naaweozooreε

naayiri [nààyírì] *n.* (1) palace, chief's house (2) place of refuge *pl:* naayie *2pl:* naayiree

naayoɔ [nááyóó] *n.* young one, child *pl:* naayoore *2pl:* naayooreε

naayoore [nàáyòòrì] *n.* (1) penis of a cow (2) a type of whip made of leather *pl:* naayoε *2pl:* naayooreε

naazage [náázàgì] *n.* cattle pen *pl:* naazagre *2pl:* naazagreε

naazeeraa [náázìèràà] *n.* hostile cow (usually one that has recently given birth) *pl:* naazeere

naazoŋmaa [náázòŋmáá] *n.* a cow that has lost part or all its tail *pl:* naazoŋmaara *2pl:* naazoŋmaareε

naazoɔ [náázóó] *n.* fly, housefly *pl:* naazoore *2pl:* naazooreε *Var.* zoɔ

naazo-sɔɔglaa [náázò-sógláá] *n.* black fly *pl:* naazo-sɔɔglɔ *2pl:* naazo-sɔɔglεε

naazozuri [náázòzúrí] *n.* type of beads that look like the heads of flies *2pl: naazozuree*

nabellebie [nàbèllíbié] *n.* camouflage *pl: nabellebiiri 2pl: nabellebiiree*

nabie [nàbíé] *n.* royal person, prince *pl: nabiiri 2pl: nabiiree*

nabiilun [nàbíilun] *n.* the condition of being a prince

naboma [nàbómá] *n.* riches, treasure *pl: nabomεε*

nadire [nàdíré] *n.* one who is qualified to be chief, chief-elect *pl: nadiribe 2pl: nadiribee*

naferemε [náfirímé] *n.* (1) heel (2) hoof (3) hind toe (of a bird) *pl: naferre 2pl: naferεε/naferemεε*

nage [nágí] *v.* to beat, to hit hard (especially on the back) *nageεε, nagra, nagra, nagreba, nagraa*

nage [nágí] *v.* to produce a lot of *nageεε, nagra, nagra, nagreba, nagraa*

nage [nàgì] *v.* to bend backward *nageεε, nagra, nagra, nagreba, nagraa*

nage [nàgì] *v.* to miss work • *Daa zaa o maŋ nage la toma dayeni.* Every week she misses work once. *nageεε, nagra, nagra, nagreba, nagraa*

nage [nàgí] *adj.* crooked, bent backwards *pl: nagre*

nagenyuu [nàgìnúú] *n.* meningitis

nagbare [nàgbárí] *n.* shin *pl: nagbareεε 2pl: nagharreε*

nagbime [nàgbímé] *n.* heavy footsteps *2pl: nagbimee*

nakogi [nàkógí] *n.* throne *pl: nakogri 2pl: nakogree*

nakpi [nàkpi] *adj.* mortal

nakyige [nàŋfígé] *n.* that which is great *pl: nakyigri 2pl: nakyigree*

nakyige [nàŋfígé] *n.* four-legged animal *pl: nakyigri 2pl: nakyigree*

nakyige [nàŋfígé] *n.* long, heavy stride *pl: nakyigri 2pl: nakyigree*

nama [nàmá] *n.* carnivorous animal e.g. hyena *2pl: nameεε*

namba [námà] *n.* number *pl: nambare 2pl: nambareεε*

namban̄ka [nàmbàn̄kà] *n.* state of being probable

nambiyaaalaa [nàmbiyáálàà] *n.* centipede *pl: nambiyaaale 2pl: nambiyaaaleεε*

nambonna [nàmbònná] *n.* doubtfulness

nambogelo [nàmbógeló] *n.* hunter *pl: nambogelee 2pl: nambogeleeεε*

nameleme [nàmílimé] *n.* knock-knee *2pl: namelemεε*

namon̄o [nàmòn̄ò] *n.* body decoration e.g. tattoo *pl: namonne 2pl: namonεε/namonneεε* *Var. namona*

nana [nàná] *adv.* slowly and painfully e.g. a very sick person

nandaa [nàndàá] *n.* limb *pl: nandaare 2pl: nandaareεε*

nandaana [nándaána] *n.* poor person, needy person *pl:* nandaanema

naneŋ [nàníŋ] *adj.* at last • *Saa naneŋ mie la.* At last it has rained.

nanna-nanna [nánná-nánná] *adv.* seldom • *O da ba nagera yiri kye o ma naŋ kpi o maŋ nanna-nanna la wa kuli wa.* She used to come home regularly but since her mother's death she seldom comes home.

nannyige [nànyìgé] *n.* thief *pl:* nannyigiri

nansoba [nánsòbá] *n.* poor person, needy person

nanteŋ [nàntèŋ] *n.* very large gun *pl:* nantenne *2pl:* nantennee *Var.* nanteŋ

nanyuuri [nànyúúrí] *n.* potato; sweet potato *sg:* nanyuuruu *pl:* nanyie *2pl:* nanyiiree

naŋ [náŋ] *adv.* (1) since • *O naŋ gaa a kɔ̀rɛɛ la.* It has been a long time since she went. (2) yet • *O naŋ ba gaa.* She has not gone yet. • *O suuri naŋ naŋ ba sigi na te koŋ baŋ maale a zɔ̀rɛ.* Since his anger has not cooled off yet, we cannot arbitrate. (3) still • *O naŋ zeŋ la be.* She is still sitting there. (4) kindly, please • *Naŋ ko ma kṑ ka Nnyu.* Kindly give me some water to drink.

naŋa [náŋá] *n.* scorpion *pl:* nanne *2pl:* nannee

naŋe [náŋì] *n.* poverty; scarcity • *O toma lee la ka naŋ kpe o.* His business has collapsed and poverty has overtaken him. *2pl:* nannee

naŋene [náŋìni] *n.* hippopotamus *pl:* naŋema *2pl:* naŋenee

naŋbagele [náŋbáglí] *n.* bony meat; bone left over after the flesh has been removed *pl:* naŋbagela *2pl:* naŋbagelee

naŋgbeene [náŋgbíéré] *n.* (1) bits of meat cut from from different parts of the animal (2) profit • *Boŋ naŋgbeere ka fo nye a toma ŋa poɔ?* What profit have you made from this work? *pl:* naŋgbeeme *2pl:* naŋgbeeree *Var.* naŋgbeene

naŋkooredie [náŋkò̀rìdié] *n.* store *pl:* naŋkoorederi *2pl:* nankoorederie

naŋkooro [náŋkò̀ró] *n.* trader *pl:* naŋkooreba *2pl:* naŋkoorebee *Var.* naŋkooreba

naŋkoose [náŋkò̀sì] *n.* butcher *pl:* naŋkoosere *2pl:* naŋkooseree

naŋkpaana [náŋkpáána] *n.* hunter *pl:* naŋkpaama/naŋkpaane *2pl:* naŋkpaanee

naŋmane [náŋmání] *n.* pigeon *pl:* naŋmama *2pl:* naŋmannee

napolon [nàpò̀lón] *n.* calf (part of the leg) *pl:* napolle *2pl:* napollée

Napoge [nàpò̀gí] *n.* name traditionally given to a younger female twin *pl:* napogeba *2pl:* napogebée

naraa [nàrà̀à] *adv.* large

nare [nárí] *v.* to prepare; to get ready
nareε, nara, nara, nareba, naraa

nare [nàrí] *v.* to increase, to get out of control • *A vūu nareε la ka ba kpinne faana.* The fire has gotten out of control and they are struggling to put it out. nareε, nara, nara, nareba, naraa

nasa-kuuri [nàsà-kúúrí] *n.* plough
pl: nasa-kue

natebaa [nátébaá] *n.* large boil or abscess
pl: naterre *2pl:* naterεε

nato [nàtó] *n.* a pair of metal high sounding instruments, used to call people's attention and as a musical instrument
pl: natori *2pl:* natoree
Var: lato/latori (*pl.*)

nawale [náválí] *n.* ulcer
pl: nawalle *2pl:* nawalεε *Var:* nayagere

nayagere [nàyàgìrí] *n.* ulcer
pl: nayaga *2pl:* nayagerεε *Var:* nawale

ne [ní] *conj.* (1) and • *Kōō ne vūu koŋ tōō laŋ kpe.* Water and fire cannot coexist. (2) with • *Te maŋ kye la daa ne lare.* We cut a tree with an axe. *Var:* ane

neere [nìirì] *v.* to dodge by squeezing through • *A nannyige neere tu la a lōore takoroō zo.* The thief squeezed himself through the car window and escaped. neereε, neere, neere, neerebe, neeraa

nee [níé] *v.* (1) to trample, to stamp on (2) to cheat neεε, neere, neere, neerebe, neeraa, neerebe

nee [níè] *v.* (1) to step on • *N ba baŋ kye neε o gberε kye ka o su- uri iri.* I stepped on her foot unintentionally, but she was angry. (2) to grind • *A tēε-erε neε la a tēε eŋ kōō poō ko a baala.* The herbal doctor ground the medicine and mixed it with water for the patient. neεε, neere, neere, neerebe, neeraa, neerebe

nee [niè] *n.* person
pl: noba *2pl:* nerreε

neene [nìèni] *v.* (1) to push through or under • *Kεkepele neene la a bie nubi-ēε.* A piece of stalk has lodged itself under the child's fingernail. (2) to refer to indirectly, to gossip • *A poge ŋa maŋ neene la o yontaa.* This woman always gossips about her rival. (3) to tease neeneε, neene, neene, neeneme, neenaa

neere [níéri] *n.* grindstone
pl: nee *2pl:* nerεε

neere [nìèrì] *v.* to hide under cover • *Kōkōlāa digi la a gyanŋboŋo ka o zo kpe neere moō poō.* The cat chased the mouse and it ran into hiding under the grass.

neerekuuri [níéríkúúrí] *n.* small stone used in grinding on the main grindstone
pl: neerekubo *2pl:* neerekuuree *Var:* neebiri

neere-saare [níérsáárí] *n.* small, soft broom used to gather flour
pl: neer-sae *2pl:* neersaareε

neezaa [níèzàá] *n.* each person, ev-

- eryone • *Ba yeli ka neezaa gaa a kpaaronj*. It has been said that every person should attend the meeting.
- negebaga** [nìgìbàgà] *adj.* heavily built; usually referring to people
- negiri** [négírí] *v.* to bend the knees slightly as a sign of respect; usually by girls while the boys salute **negiree**, **negire**, **negire**, **negiribe**, **negiraa**
- nelebala** [nìlibàlà] *adj.* large and bent backward
- nembaala** [nìmbààlá] *n.* destitute, weak *pl:* **nembaalba** *2pl:* **nembaal-bee**
- nembaalonj** [nìmbààlónj] *n.* pity
- nembaal-zoro** [nìmbààl-zóró] *n.* merciful person *pl:* **nembaal-zoribo** *2pl:* **nembaal-zoribee**
- nembeene** [nìmbííní] *n.* someone with supernatural powers *pl:* **nembeeme** *2pl:* **nembeemee**
- nembee** [nìmbìé] *n.* a mysterious person *pl:* **nembeere** *2pl:* **nembeeree**
- nembëeo** [nìmbìèè] *n.* crowd of people; many people *pl:* **nebeene/nembeeme** *2pl:* **nembeenee/nembeemee**
- nembelej** [nèmbéléj] *adj.* bent slightly backwards
- nembieri** [nìmbìérí] *n.* malicious person *pl:* **nembebe**
- nembone** [nìmbóní] *n.* worthless person *pl:* **nemboma** *2pl:* **nembon-nee**
- nembon-yele** [nìbón-yélé] *n.* useless talk
- nembonj** [nìmbónj] *n.* what sort of person, who • *Nembonj la na tōo di naalonj Dagaaba lanjkeebo po?* Who qualifies to be a chief among the Dagaaba?
- nemboore** [nìmbóórí] *n.* type of person • *Maa ba banj nemboore na zaa nanj la o.* I don't know what type of person she is. *pl:* **nembooro**
- nembonnaa** [nìmbònnàà] *n.* acquaintance *pl:* **nembonne** *2pl:* **nembon-nee**
- nembuo** [nìmbúò] *n.* which person; who *pl:* **nembuobo**
- nemburee** [nìmbùréé] *n.* unintelligent person, confused person *pl:* **nemburri** *2pl:* **nemburree**
- nemmeje** [nìmmíjé] *n.* good person *pl:* **nemenne** *2pl:* **nemmennee**
- nempaalaa** [nìmpááláá] *n.* new person *pl:* **nempaalba** *2pl:* **nempaalee**
- nempelaa** [nìmpiláá] *n.* (1) Caucasian; white person (2) simple person, straightforward person *pl:* **nempeele** *2pl:* **nempeelee**
- nempɔgeraa** [nìmpògìràà] *n.* prisoner *pl:* **nempɔgere** *2pl:* **nempɔgeree**
- nempɔgere-die** [nìmpògìrdié] *n.* prison *pl:* **nempɔgere-deri** *2pl:* **nempɔgere-deree**

nendaare [nìndààrì] *adv.* one day; in the future • *O zagere la sakuuri gaabo nendaare kana o na koŋ la dabankale.* S/he has refused to go to school; one day she will regret it.

nendεgere [nìndégrì] *n.* (1) dirty person (2) unscrupulous person *pl:* nendεge

nenfaa [nìnfáà] *n.* bad person, wicked person *pl:* nenfaare *2pl:* nenfaareε

nenfole [nìnfólí] *n.* albino *pl:* nenfole *2pl:* nenfoleε

nenlaane [nìnláání] *n.* worthless person *pl:* nenlaama *2pl:* nelaaneε

nenlaara [nìnláára] *n.* person who laughs at others; scornful person *pl:* nenlaareba *2pl:* nenlaarebeε

nenlaaraa [nìnlààràà] *n.* person who is scorned, laughingstock *pl:* nenlaare *Var.* neŋ-e-laaraa

nen-nyɔgera [nìn-nyógrà] *n.* conqueror *pl:* nen-nyɔgereba *2pl:* nen-nyɔgerebeε *Var.* nen-nyɔgerɔ

nen-nyɔgeraa [nìn-nyógráá] *n.* captive *pl:* nen-nyɔgere *2pl:* nen-nyɔgereε

nensaala [nìnsààlá] *n.* human being *pl:* nensaaleba *2pl:* nensaalebeε

nensaalabie [nìnsààlàbié] *n.* son of man *pl:* nensaalabiiri *2pl:* nensaalabiiree

nensaaloŋ [nìnsààlóŋ] *n.* (1) humanity (2) something that is given a human face • *Ka a karemazuzeŋ da ba de nensaaloŋ kpe ne a bie*

dageroŋ poɔ a ŋa a bie yi a sakuuriŋ. But for the headmaster giving a human face to the boy's punishment the boy would have been out of school. (3) personification (literature)

nensaal-sɔgelaa [nìnsáál-sógláá] *n.* the typical African person *pl:* nensaal-sɔglɔ

nenseε [nìnsíè] *n.* ghost, evil spirit, apparition *pl:* nenseere *2pl:* nenseereε

nenseεbaa [nìnsièbáá] *n.* (1) a fairly grown person in age • *A pɔgelee serε e la nenseεbaa.* The young woman's husband is middle-aged. (2) a fairly big person (size) *pl:* nenseεbaare *2pl:* nenseεbaareε

nensele [nìnsíè] *interj.* great, well done *Var.* mensele

nensenyere [nìnsíjérè] *n.* one who sees spirits *pl:* nensenyerebe *2pl:* nensenyerebeε

nensonŋ [nìnsón] *n.* good person, holy person, *pl:* nensonne *2pl:* nensonneε

nensɔglaa [nìnsógláá] *n.* black person *pl:* nensɔglɔ

nentaare [nìntáári] *n.* saliva *2pl:* nentaareε

nentaboli [nìntábòlí] *n.* large glob of saliva *pl:* nentabolo *2pl:* nentabolee

nentage [nìntágí] *n.* (1) a thickset person (2) person of substance; wealthy *pl:* nentagere *2pl:* nentagereε

nentage [níntàgì] *n.* (1) act of tugging e.g. in a tussle (2) the act of taking people to court

nentakyeere [níntàfíéé] *n.* (1) dried saliva around the mouth (2) dried tears on the cheek *pl:* nentakyeere *2pl:* nentakyeere

nentan [níntán] *n.* tears *pl:* nentanne *2pl:* nentanne *Var:* nmentan/nmentanne (2pl.)

nentegeron [níntígrón] *n.* important person; person of worth *pl:* nentegeron

nenwee [nínwíé] *n.* (1) a person who is not related to another (2) unwanted person *pl:* neweere *2pl:* nenweere

nej-iraa [nín-íràà] *n.* chosen person *pl:* nej-irri *2pl:* nej-irree

nejkaa [nínkàà] *n.* (1) the act of looking at people (2) the act of caring for people *pl:* nejkaareba *2pl:* nejkaarebe

nejkaara [nínkáará] *n.* (1) one who looks at people (2) one who takes care of people, caregiver *pl:* nejkaareba *2pl:* nejkaarebe

nejkaaraa [nínkààráà] *n.* one who is cared for *pl:* nejkaare

nejkanoo [nínkànóò] *n.* mature person, old person *pl:* nejkana/nejkama *2pl:* nejkanee

nejkaraa [nínkàráá] *n.* an unruly person *pl:* nejkaare *2pl:* nejkaare

nejkaraa [nínkàràà] *n.* large person

nejkooro [nínkóórò] *n.* murderer *pl:* nejkoorebo *Var:* nejkoora

nejkore [nínkórí] *n.* old person *pl:* nejkoraa

nejkoge [nínkógí] *n.* lean person *pl:* nejkogra *2pl:* nejkogra

nejkpeetaa [nínkpíétiáá] *n.* (1) healthy person (2) strong person *pl:* nejkpene

nejkponi [nínkpôn] *n.* (1) adult, elder (2) leader *pl:* nejkpenni *2pl:* nejkpene

nejkpore [nínkpóri] *n.* weak and sickly person *pl:* nejkpore *2pl:* nejkpore

neron [nírón] *n.* consanguinity, blood ties, blood relationship • *A ba seŋ ka naasaalaa toma kaara neron.* Government employment should not be based on blood ties.

nebiri [nébirí] *n.* smaller stone used in grinding on the main grindstone *pl:* nebie *2pl:* nebiire

nebo [nébó] *v.* (1) to dress well (2) to tuck in one's shirt **nebee**, **nebre**, **nebraa**, **nebrebe**, **nebraa**

ne-bogeraa [né-bógíráà] *n.* smooth grinding stone *pl:* ne-bogere *2pl:* ne-bogere

negaa [négáá] *n.* a type of cedar-like tree with very hard wood *pl:* negere *2pl:* negere

negetege [nègìtééé] *adj.* curved inward • *A a die pee dee waa la negetege le.* The roof of the house is looking sunken in. *Var:* negtege

negetege [nègítégéé] *n.* depression, place that is curved inward • *Saa mie la ka kôo are a pee negetegee po.* It has rained and water has collected in a depression in the roof. *pl:* negetegere *2pl:* negetegerē

neguo [négùó] *n.* raised ground on which grindstones are placed *pl:* ne-gori *2pl:* negoree

ne-gyieraa [né-dzèràà] *n.* rough grindstone *pl:* ne-gyieri

neku-bile [nékú-bilé] *n.* smaller version of a neerekuuri (small grinding stone) *pl:* neku-bilii *2pl:* neku-bilee

neku-kponj [nèkú-kpôŋ] *n.* larger version of neerekuuri (small grinding stone) *pl:* neku-kponni *2pl:* neku-kponnee

nele [nélí] *v.* to fill completely • *A bogi da nele ne la ònne.* The burrow was full of mice. **nelee**, **nele**, **nelaa**, **nelebe**, **nelaa**

nell [nèll] *adv.* long and unwieldy

nembeene [némbííní] *n.* cooked meat *pl:* nembeme *2pl:* nembenee

nembelēj [nèmbèlèŋ] *adv.* long and crooked

nembiri [némbírì] *n.* boneless meat *sg:* nembiruu *pl:* nembie *2pl:* nembiree

nemmaaroy [némmááróŋ] *n.* fresh meat *pl:* nemmaara *2pl:* nemmaaree

nempoonaa [némpóónáá] *n.* rotten meat *pl:* nempoonē *2pl:* nempoonēe

nene [néni] *n.* (1) meat (2) flesh *pl:* neme

nenefene [nèníféní] *v.* to try to get attention • *O nanj waa biyeni na ana la so ka o nenefene.* She is an only child; that is why she wants so much attention. **nenefenee**, **nenefene**, **nenefene**, **nenefeneme**, **nenefenaa**

nene [néné] *adv.* precisely • *A sokyene manne la o sori yele nene leej te baare.* The traveler narrated precisely what she/he encountered on the journey.

nenze [nénzìé] *n.* lean meat *sg:* nenzeroo *pl:* nenzeere *2pl:* nenzeeree

nejeje [nèjèè] *adj.* saggy

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nejkāa [néjkāá] *n.* fatty meat *sg:* nejkāao *pl:* nejkaane

nejkaraa [néjkáráá] *n.* raw meat *pl:* nejkare *2pl:* nejkaree

nejkooɔ [néjkóóɔ] *n.* butcher *pl:* nejkooreba *Var:* nanjkoose

nejkuonaa [néjkúónáá] *n.* smoked meat *pl:* nejkuoni *2pl:* nejkuonee *Var:* nejkuoaa

nejjmaara [néjhmáará] *n.* butcher *pl:* nejjmaareba *Var:* nanjkoose

nere [nèrì] *v.* to be buried underneath e.g. in the soil **nerēe**, **nerē**, **nerē**, **nerēbe**, **neraa**

nibiri [nìbìrì] *n.* emotion *2pl:* **nibiree**
nii [nî] *adj.* eight
nimibaaloŋ [nìmìbààlòŋ] *n.* kindness
nimibaare [nìmìbáárí] *n.* bloodshot
2pl: **nimibaaree** *Var.* **nimibeeme**
nimibiri [nìmìbìrì] *n.* pupil (of eye)
sg: **nimibiruu** *pl:* **nimibie** *2pl:* **nimibiiree**
nimibuli [nìmìbùlí] *n.* eye with a cataract *pl:* **nimibulo** *2pl:* **nimibul-ee**
nimifaa [nìmìfáá] *n.* evil eye *pl:* **nimifaare** *2pl:* **nimifaaree**
nimifaa [nìmìfáá] *n.* wrong side (of fabric) *pl:* **nimifaare** *2pl:* **nimifaaree**
nimifuri [nìmìfùrì] *v.* (1) to be wide eyed (2) to show wit
nimigane [nìmìgáni] *n.* eyelid *pl:* **nimigama** *2pl:* **nimiganee**
nimigban̄kɔloŋ [nìmìgbàn̄kɔ́lòŋ] *n.* eyebrow
nimigbele [nìmìgbèlèè] *n.* the state of being considerate *Var.* **nimimaaroŋ**
nimigbon̄kogiri [nìmìgbòn̄kógrì] *n.* brow, the part of the face where the eyebrow is located *pl:* **nimigbon̄kोगiro** *2pl:* **nimigbon̄kogiree** *Var.* **nimigbon̄kobo** (pl.)
nimikaare [nìmìkáári] *n.* eyeball *pl:* **nimikaare**
nimiko [nìmìkò] *n.* act of doing wicked things

nimikɔ̄ [nìmìkɔ́] *n.* (1) watery eyes (2) tears *2pl:* **nimikɔ̄nee**
nimikɔ̄loŋ [nìmìkɔ́lòŋ] *n.* eyelash
nimikuoŋaa [nìmìkúoŋáá] *n.* wickedness *pl:* **nimikuoni** *2pl:* **nimikuonee** *Var.* **nimitiiruŋ**
nimikyaane [nìmìtʃááni] *n.* eyeglasses, spectacles *pl:* **nimikyaane** *2pl:* **nimikyaanaa**
nimilaa [nìmìláá] *n.* eye socket *pl:* **nimilaare** *2pl:* **nimilaaree**
nimimaaroŋ [nìmìmáároŋ] *n.* kindness, having pity on others *pl:* **nimimaara** *2pl:* **nimimaaree**
niminyere [nìmìnyérè] *n.* visionary, seer *pl:* **niminyerebe** *2pl:* **niminyerebee**
nimip̄e [nìmìp̄è] *n.* the act of claiming to be wise
nimipeene [nìmìp̄iéné] *n.* one who claims to be wise *pl:* **nimipeeneme** *2pl:* **nimipeeneme**
nimip̄ẽ [nìmìp̄é] *n.* the act of showing oneself to be wiser than others
nimipon̄ji [nìmìp̄òŋ] *n.* puss-like fluid on the surface of the eyeball *pl:* **nimiponni** *2pl:* **nimiponnee** *Var.* **nimipuuri**
nimip̄oge [nìmìp̄ògì] *n.* the act of blindfolding or confusing others
nimipuuri [nìmìp̄úurì] *n.* puss-like fluid on the surface of the eyeball *pl:* **nimipuuree** *Var.* **nimipon̄ji**
nimiri [nìmìrì] *n.* (1) eye (2) stinginess; avarice • **N ba taa la libie kye nimiri koŋ sage ka o da tiivi**

paalaa. My father has the money but his stinginess would not allow him to buy a new TV. (3) covetousness • **A bie ŋa taa la nimiri, o maŋ nye la o tɔ zaa bone boɔɔ o.** This child is covetous; he wants anything that another child has. sg: **nimiruu** pl: **nimie** 2pl: **nimiiree**

nimiri [nīmīrī] *n.* success • **O toma taa la nimiri pampana.** That job of his is becoming fruitful. sg: **nimiruu** pl: **nimie** 2pl: **nimiiree**

nimiri-soba [nīmīrī-sòbá] *n.* (1) miser (2) one who covets pl: **nimiri-deme** 2pl: **nimi-demee**

nimisogɔ [nīmísògɔ́] *n.* face • **A pɛge kaa la a o bibaala nimisogɔ kye viiri zu.** The woman looked into her sick child's face and shook her head. pl: **nimisogere** 2pl: **nimisogereɛ**

nimisogɔ [nīmísògɔ́] *adv.* in front of, ahead of • **A gane biŋ la n nimisogɔ.** The book is placed in front of me.

nimisoɔ [nīmísòú] *n.* dizziness, confusion pl: **nimisoɔre** 2pl: **nimisoɔreɛ**

nimitiuruŋ [nīmítìurúŋ] *n.* wickedness *Var.* **nimikuoŋaa**

nimitoloŋ [nīmítólóŋ] *n.* haste

nimitɔɔre [nīmítɔ́rɛ] *post.* (1) ahead, in front of • **Ka foon mɔnɔ lɔɔre a seŋ ka fo kaara nimitɔɔre.** If you drive you must look ahead. (2) forward (distance, direction) • **O yeli ka N gaa nimitɔɔre fěɛ kye lee tu**

nudoloŋ. She directed that I should go ahead a little and turn right.

nimiyuo [nīmíyúò] *n.* an action that creates the impression that one is more intelligent than another • **Te naŋ gaa a nene pommu Bayuo da boɔɔ ka o wuli nimiyuo kye ka te ba sage.** When we went to share the meat Bayuo wanted to cheat but we did not give him the chance.

nimiyuoro [nīmíyúóró] *n.* well-informed person, one who is abreast of the times pl: **nimiyuoribo** 2pl: **nimiyuoribee**

nimizeɛ [nīmízìɛ́] *n.* seriousness pl: **nimizeere** 2pl: **nimizeereɛ**

niŋe [nínɛ̀] *n.* face • **A bi-entuo na ba maŋ boɔɔ na pɛge o niŋe baguo.** That lazy child does not like washing his face in the morning. pl: **ninni** 2pl: **ninne**

niŋe sógɔ –in front, before, **niŋe-sogre, niŋesogreɛ** in front, before

niŋe [nínɛ́] *adv.* in front of, ahead of • **O de la a kogi wa biŋ a saana niŋeŋ.** He placed the seat in front of the visitor.

nirii [nírì] *n.* a type of creeping plant with edible seeds 2pl: **nirree**

no [nò] *v.* to grind a object by rubbing it against a surface **noɛ, noona, noona, noonema, noonaa**

nomɔ [nómá] *adj.* (1) sweet, tasty • **A tigiri bondirii da nomɔ la yaga.** The food at the party was really tasty. (2) interesting • **A senselloŋ da nomɔ la ka a bibiiri la paale**

- zie zaa.* The story was interesting and so the children laughed their heads off. *Var. noma*
- noore** [nòòrì] *v.* (1) to slither (snake) (2) to move aside; usually backwards and away from **nooreε**, **noora**, **noora**, **nooreba**, **nooraa**, **nooreba**
- noore** [nòòrì] *v.* to search, to look for **nooreε**, **noora**, **noora**, **nooreba**, **nooraa**, **nooreba**
- noo** [nòó] *n.* happiness, joy • *Poge-bilii yaga maη teere ka noo yon la be serekuli poo.* Most young women think that marriage carries with it only joy. *pl: noore 2pl: nooreε*
- noo** [nòó] *n.* fowl *pl: noore 2pl: nooreε*
- noo** [nòó] *v.* to grow fat or large **nooεε**, **nooηo**, **nooηo**, **nooηema**, **nooηaa**
- noo** [nòó] *adj.* sweet • *N lenne la a tii ka a waa noo le.* I tasted the tea and it was very sweet. *pl: nooηe 2pl: nooηεε*
- noo-noore** [nòó-nòórí] *n.* the habit of always eating
- noore** [nòóré] *n.* (1) mouth (2) beak, bill *pl: nε 2pl: nερεε*
- noore** [nòóré] *n.* edge *pl: nε 2pl: nερεε*
- noore** [nòóré] *n.* exact quantity *pl: nε 2pl: nερεε*
- noore** [nòóré] *n.* statement *pl: nε 2pl: nερεε*
- noore** [nòóré] *n.* the habit of talking a lot *pl: nε 2pl: nερεε*
- noore-emmo** [nòórí-ímmó] *n.* promise
- nore** [nòrì] *v.* (1) to bend inward, usually with force (2) to hide something (3) to appear without warning e.g. forcing a seed out of a fruit **noreε**, **noro**, **noro**, **noreba**, **noraa**
- noberaa** [nóbéráá] *n.* irritableness *pl: noberre 2pl: noberεε*
- nobinnaa** [nóbinnáá] *n.* agreement *pl: nobinni*
- nobirime** [nóbìrimé] *n.* fowl with stunted feathers *pl: nobirimeri 2pl: nobirimee*
- nobooροη** [nóbóóróη] *n.* troubling another person; irritation
- noboyi** [nóbóyi] *n.* double standards
- noboyo** [nóbóηó] *n.* bit e.g. of a horse *pl: nobonne 2pl: nobonneε Var. nobaηa*
- noda** [nódáá] *n.* rooster *pl: nodaare 2pl: nodaareε Var. noηaa (pl.)*
- nodaakommiruu** [nódáákómmírúú] *n.* a type of caterpillar, similar in appearance to a maggot, with a red head; typically found in the ground *pl: nodaakommie 2pl: nodaakommiree*
- nodakponη** [nòdàkπόη] *n.* capon *pl: nodakponni 2pl: nodakpomo/nodakponnee*
- nodalee** [nòdàléé] *n.* cockerel *pl: nodabilii 2pl: nodabillee*
- nodo** [nódó] *n.* food

nɔdɔɔne [nɔdɔdɔni] *n.* that which is too little to satisfy (food) *2pl:* nɔdɔɔneɛ

nɔ-ennaa [nɔ-ɛnnáà] *n.* vow, promise *pl:* nɔ-enne *2pl:* nɔ-ennɛɛ

nɔfaa [nɔfáá] *n.* rudeness; foul mouth *pl:* nɔfaare *2pl:* nɔfaareɛ

nɔfolee [nɔfólélé] *n.* inability to keep a secret

nɔfɔɔo [nɔfɔɔɔ́] *n.* quick at talking *pl:* nɔfoɔne *2pl:* nɔfoɔneɛ

nɔgeraa [nɔgráá] *n.* sojourner *pl:* nɔgere *2pl:* nɔgereɛ

nɔgɔo [nɔgɔ́] *n.* moustache *pl:* nɔgoone *2pl:* nɔgooneɛ

nɔgoolɔ [nɔgɔ̀ɔ̀lɔ̀] *n.* moustache *Var:* nɔgoola

nɔgɔɔ [nɔgɔ́] *n.* one-winged fowl *pl:* nɔgɔɔre *2pl:* nɔgɔɔreɛ

nɔgbembebe [nɔgbémbébé] *n.* curse, foul language

nɔgbene [nɔgbéni] *n.* lip *sg:* nɔgbennoo *pl:* nɔgbeme *2pl:* nɔgbenneɛ

nɔhaarɔɔ [nɔháárɔɔ] *n.* troublesomeness, pestering behaviour *Var:* nɔyaarɔɔ

nɔkɔnnɔo [nɔkɔ́nnɔ́] *n.* sweet talk *pl:* nɔkɔnnooore *2pl:* nɔkɔnnoooreɛ

nɔkɔɔlɔɔ [nɔkɔ́lɔ́] *n.* feathers of fowl *2pl:* nɔkɔɔleɛ

nɔkɔrema [nɔkɔ́rimá] *n.* a type of fowl with feathers like those of a partridge *pl:* nɔkɔrre *2pl:* nɔkɔrreɛ

nɔkpage [nɔkɔ́pági] *n.* gluttonism *Var:* nɔkpogi

nɔkpankyoɔne [nɔkɔ́pánfɔ́ni] *n.* a type of fowl with ash-coloured feathers *pl:* nɔkpankyoɔmɔ *2pl:* nɔkpankyoɔneɛ

nɔkpeene [nɔkɔ́piéni] *n.* argument *2pl:* nɔkpeeneɛ

nɔkpogi [nɔkɔ́pógi] *n.* gluttonism *pl:* nɔkpogiri *2pl:* nɔkpogiree *Var:* nɔkpage

nɔlanɔ [nɔlàn] *n.* unity; agreement

nɔlee [nɔlélé] *n.* chick *pl:* nɔbilii *2pl:* nɔbillee

nɔlibie [nɔlibié] *n.* a type of fowl with spotted feathers

nɔll [nɔ̀ll] *adj.* oval and large

nɔll [nɔ́ll] *adj.* oval and small

nɔluuri [nɔ̀lùùri] *n.* the act of renouncing an oath

nɔmaa [nɔ́máà] *n.* surprise *pl:* nɔmaama *2pl:* nɔmaaneɛ

nɔmelime [nɔ́mélímé] *n.* sweets *pl:* nɔmelimee

nɔmelime [nɔ́mélímé] *adj.* craving for sweet things

nɔmm [nɔ̀mm] *adv.* at rest; without movement

nɔmmo [nɔ́mmɔ́] *n.* love; strong affection or likeness for

nɔmoɔnaa [nɔ́mɔ́nǎá] *n.* lips decorated with red lipstick *pl:* nɔmoɔne/nɔmoɔmɔ *2pl:* nɔmoɔneɛ

nɔmuri [nɔ́múri] *n.* a small, smooth stick fixed in a hole made in the lip *pl:* nɔmue *2pl:* nɔmuuree

nɔmuu [nɔ́mùú] *n.* dumbness *pl:* nɔmuuni *2pl:* nɔmuunee

nɔnɛnɛ [nɔ́nɛ́nɛ̀] *n.* chicken (meat)
sg: nɔnɛnɔɔ *pl:* nɔnɛmɛ *2pl:*
 nɔnɛnnɛɛ

nɔnnɛ [nɔ́nnɛ̀] *n.* love, affection *2pl:*
 nɔnnɛɛ

nɔnnɛ boore [nɔ́nnɛ̀ bɔ̀ɔ̀rɛ̀] *n.* the act
 of taking sides

nɔnɔɔ [nɔ́nɔ̀ɔ̀] *n.* convincing talk;
 sweet mouth *pl:* nɔnoore *2pl:*
 nɔnooreɛɛ

nɔnɔ [nɔ́nɔ̀] *n.* lover, one who likes
pl: nɔnema *2pl:* nɔnɛmɛɛ *Var.*
 nɔna

nɔnɔmaa [nɔ́nɔ̀màà] *n.* a type of tree
 with medicinal properties and edi-
 ble fruits *pl:* nɔnɔmaɛ

nɔnyaŋaa [nɔ́nyaŋáá] *n.* adult female
 hen (one that has hatched chicks)
pl: nɔnyaŋɛnɛ *2pl:* nɔnyaŋɛnɛɛ

nɔnyeeraa [nɔ́nyɛ̀rɛ̀à] *n.* laying fowl
pl: nɔnyeere *2pl:* nɔnyeereɛ

nɔnyɛmɛ [nɔ́nyɛ̀mɛ̀] *n.* disturbing
 sharp utterance e.g. barking puppy
2pl: nɔnyɛmɛɛ

nɔŋɛ [nɔ́ŋɛ̀] *v.* (1) to massage (2) to
 make soft by applying substances
 and wringing out (leather) (3) to
 knead nɔŋɛɛ, nɔnɔ, nɔnɔ, nɔnema,
 nɔnaa

nɔŋɛ [nɔ́ŋɛ̀] *v.* (1) to like, to love
 (2) to prefer nɔŋɛɛ, nɔnɔ, nɔnɔ,
 nɔnema, nɔnaa, nɔnema

nɔɔ [nɔ́ɔ̀] *adv.* very one, exactly • **O
 ne o zu nɔɔ la da wa a kyɛ.** He is
 the very one who came here.

nɔɔfeele [nɔ̀ɔ̀fɛ̀lɛ̀] *n.* a hard, sharp
 nail on the back of the leg of a full-
 grown male fowl *pl:* nɔɔfeele, *2pl:*
 nɔɔfeeleɛ

nɔɔganaa [nɔ̀ɔ̀gànáá] *n.* big vein run-
 ning from the heel to the calf *pl:*
 nɔɔganne *2pl:* nɔɔganeɛ

nɔɔkyoone [nɔ̀ɔ̀kyɔ̀ɔ̀nɛ̀] *n.* ankle *pl:*
 nɔɔkyooma *2pl:* nɔɔkyoonɛɛ

nɔɔpela [nɔ̀ɔ̀pɛ̀lɛ̀á] *n.* abscess on the
 sole of the foot

nɔɔsaŋkpaare [nɔ̀ɔ̀sàŋkpáàrɛ̀] *n.* (1)
 heel (2) hind toe of a bird *pl:*
 nɔɔsaŋkpaɛ *2pl:* nɔɔsaŋkpaareɛ

nɔɔtemiri [nɔ̀ɔ̀tɛ̀mɛ̀rɛ̀] *n.* shoelaces *pl:*
 nɔɔtemie *2pl:* nɔɔtemiiree

nɔɔtere [nɔ̀ɔ̀tɛ̀rɛ̀] *n.* footwear, sandal,
 shoe *sg:* nɔɔteroo *pl:* nɔɔtɛɛ *2pl:*
 nɔɔteereɛ

nɔɔtere [nɔ̀ɔ̀tɛ̀rɛ̀] *n.* boil, abscess *sg:*
 nɔɔteroo *pl:* nɔɔtɛɛ *2pl:* nɔɔteereɛ

nɔɔpollaa [nɔ̀ɔ̀pɔ̀lláá] *n.* vow, promise
pl: nɔɔpolle *2pl:* nɔɔpolleɛ

nɔɔpalle [nɔ̀ɔ̀pɔ̀llɛ̀é] *n.* young fowl
pl: nɔɔpɔlbilii *2pl:* nɔɔpɔlbillee *Var.*
 nɔɔpɔle; nɔɔpɔle

nɔrɛ [nɔ̀rɛ̀] *v.* to be lucky • **Zene
 karembiiri banay nay ba wa
 sakuuri wiɛu nɔrɛɛ la ne a
 karema potuo na nay ba wa
 sakuuri, o da na eŋɛ ba zɛɛ.** To-
 day, those pupils who came to
 school late were lucky that wicked
 teacher did not come to school
 since he would have punished
 them severely. nɔrɛɛ, nɔrɔ, nɔrɔ,
 nɔreba, nɔraa

nɔsare [nɔ́sáɾí] *n.* a hen trough *Var.* **nɔsere**
nɔsere [nɔ́sɛ́rí] *n.* drinking water container for fowl *pl:* **nɔsae** *2pl:* **nɔsereɛ** *Var.* **nɔsare**
nɔtɛtɛɛ [nɔ́tɛ́tɛ́ɛ̀] *n.* incompatible statements; usually made by the same person
nɔtenzɔŋi [nɔ́tɛ́nzúŋ] *n.* pursed lips; protruding lips to show anger, annoyance *pl:* **nɔtenzunni** *2pl:* **nɔtenzunee/nɔtenzunee**
nɔtore [nɔ́tɔ́rì] *n.* the act of pressing the lips together (sign of annoyance)
nɔtoro [nɔ̀tòrò] *n.* moustache *pl:* **nɔtorri** *2pl:* **nɔtoree**
nɔtuo [nɔ́túó] *n.* abusiveness; rudeness of language
nɔtuo [nɔ́túó] *n.* hungering
nɔ-uunaa [nɔ́-úúnáá] *n.* brooding fowl *pl:* **nɔ-uuni** *2pl:* **nɔ-uunee**
nɔvelaa [nɔ́vɪláá] *n.* encouraging talk
nɔwogi [nɔ́wógì] *n.* dog *pl:* **nɔwogri** *2pl:* **nɔwogree**
nɔwɔɔ [nɔ́wòó] *n.* abrasiveness *pl:* **nɔwɔɔre** *2pl:* **nɔwɔɔreɛ** *Var.* **nɔtuo**
nɔyaaronɔ [nɔ́yááɾón] *n.* causing trouble, pestering
nɔyɔɔre [nɔ́yòòrì] *n.* pestering e.g. a little child *Var.* **nɔyaaronɔ**
nɔzage [nɔ́zàgí] *n.* pen for hens *pl:* **nɔzagere** *2pl:* **nɔzagerɛɛ**
nɔzagere [nɔ́zàgìrì] *n.* disobedience

nɔzɛɛ [nɔ́zɪé] *n.* red mouth
nɔzoolɔ [nɔ́zòóló] *n.* fringe *pl:* **nɔzoolɛɛ** *Var.* **nɔzoola**
nɔzɔbɔ [nɔ́zòbó] *n.* the act of pestering someone to annoy that person *Var.* **nɔzɔba**
nɔɛ [nɛ̀] *n.* (1) Mr (2) great one
nu [nú] *n.* hand, arm *sg:* **nuuruu** *pl:* **nuuri** *2pl:* **nuuree**
nubaŋa [núbáŋá] *n.* bangle for the wrist *pl:* **nubanne** *2pl:* **nubanneɛ.** *Var.* **nu bɔŋɔ**
nubidaa [núbidáà] *n.* thumb *pl:* **nubidaare** *2pl:* **nubidaareɛ**
nubidori [núbidóri] *n.* finger joint; knuckle *pl:* **nubidorri** *2pl:* **nubidoree**
nubi-eene [núbi-íéní] *n.* fingernail *pl:* **nubi-eeme** *2pl:* **nubi-eeneɛ** *Var.* **nubi-èe/nubi-ème**
nubilee [núbiléé] *n.* smallest finger, pinky *pl:* **nubililii** *2pl:* **nubilililee**
nubiri [núbìrì] *n.* finger *pl:* **nubie/nubiiri** *2pl:* **nubiiree**
nudegere [núdégírì] *n.* dirty hand *pl:* **nudege** *2pl:* **nudegreɛ**
nudolonɔ [núdòlòŋ] *n.* (1) right hand (2) to the right (direction) *pl:* **nudolle** *2pl:* **nudolleɛ** *Var.* **dolonɔ**
nufoori [núfóórì] *n.* closed empty hand • *A bie ùú la libiri o nu kaŋa pɔɔ kye yeli ka N iri kaŋa ka N ñme a nugɔɔ, ka o yuoro ka nufoori la.* The girl hid a coin in one of her closed hands and asked me to choose one, and when I chose

- her left hand, it was empty. *pl:* nufoe *2pl:* nuforee
- nufōɔo** [núfóóó] *n.* ability to act fast with the hand *pl:* nufoone *2pl:* nufoonee
- nugɔɔ** [núgòò] *n.* left hand *pl:* nugɔɔre *2pl:* nugɔɔree *Var.* gɔɔ
- nugɔɔ** [núgòò] *post.* towards the left direction *Var.* gɔɔ
- nugunno** [núgúnnó] *n.* very poor, helpless *2pl:* nugunnee
- nukuni** [núkúní] *n.* fist *pl:* nukumo *2pl:* nukunee
- nukuonaa** [núkúónjáá] *n.* dry hand *pl:* nukuoni *2pl:* nukuonee
- nukpara** [núkpára] *n.* both hands put together *pl:* nukparre *2pl:* nukparree
- nulaama** [núláámá] *n.* idle hands
- nulaayele** [núlááyéle] *n.* work of idle hands
- nuperaa** [núpíràà] *n.* finger snap *pl:* nuperre *2pl:* nuperree
- nupoɔ** [núpóó] *n.* palm (of hand) *pl:* nupoore *2pl:* nupooree
- nupuori** [núpúòrì] *n.* back of the hand *pl:* nupoe *2pl:* nuporee
- nusampane** [núsámpání] *n.* palm (of hand) *pl:* nusampama *2pl:* nusampanee
- nusugili** [núsúgílì] *n.* wrist *pl:* nusugilo *2pl:* nusugilee
- nutaa** [nútàà] *n.* wealthiness
- nutale** [nútálì] *n.* palm (of hand) *pl:* nutala *2pl:* nutalee
- nutara** [nútára] *n.* wealthy person *pl:* nutareba *2pl:* nutarebee
- nutēe** [nútíé] *n.* the act of giving, benevolence
- nuu** [núú] *adj.* five *pl:* nuuri *2pl:* nuuree
- nuulee** [núúléé] *n.* bird *pl:* nuuli
- nuuleemakōɔ** [núúléémákòó] *n.* a type of small creeping plant *pl:* nuuleemakoonee *Var.* nuuleemakōɔkōɔ
- nuuleemakōɔkōɔ** [núúléémákòókòó] *n.* a type of plant with medicinal properties
- nuulikɔɔloŋ** [núúlikóóloŋ] *n.* feather *pl:* nuulikɔɔlo
- nuulikyoo** [núúliŋfòò] *n.* bird nest *pl:* nuulikyoori *2pl:* nuulikyoorree
- nuuliparezoore** [núúlipárizóórín] *n.* pintailed bird *pl:* nuuliparezoee *2pl:* nuuliparezooree
- nuulitige** [núúlitígé] *n.* flock (of birds) – singular or plural agreement *2pl:* nuulitigree
- nuwogi** [núwógì] *n.* (1) light-fingeredness (2) thief *pl:* nuwogiri *2pl:* nuwogiree
- nuyoore** [núyòòrì] *n.* something that causes boredom, inactivity
- nu-yuo** [nú-yùò] *n.* generosity *pl:* nu-yuori *2pl:* nu-yuoree
- nuzagele-pie** [núzáglì-píé] *n.* empty handedness
- nuzegere** [núzégírì] *n.* handshake

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nyaa [ɲàà] *n.* chest *pl:* nyaɛ *2pl:* nyaane/nyaanɛɛ

nyaa [ɲàà] *v.* (1) to break e.g. light of day (2) to recover oneself; to come round (3) to awaken nyaae, nyaana, nyaana, nyaanema, nyaanaa

nyaa [ɲàà] *adj.* wise, crafty

nyaaba [ɲáábà] *n.* disgrace, shame *2pl:* nyaabɛɛ *Var.* nyaama

nyaalbini [ɲààlbíní] *n.* a disease that causes itchy rashes *2pl:* nyaalbi-nee

nyaalbiri [ɲààlbírí] *n.* guinea worm (the worm) *pl:* nyaalbie *2pl:* nyaalbiiree

nyaale [ɲááli] *v.* to move fire closely over a surface or move an object closely over fire nyaaleɛ, nyaala, nyaala, nyaaleba, nyaalaa

nyaalenyieli [ɲààlɪnyíélì] *v.* to walk with buttocks thrust backward and legs apart (because of sores on the buttocks or groin) nyaalenyielee, nyaalenyiele, nyaalenyiele, nyaalenyielibe, nyaalenyielaa *Var.* nyaanyieli

nyaalombiri [ɲáàlɔ̀mbírí] *n.* guinea worm (the worm) *pl:* nyaalombie *2pl:* nyaalombiiree

nyaalompoɔ [ɲáálɔ̀mpóó] *n.* undeveloped or dormant guinea-worm disease *pl:* nyaalompoore *2pl:* nyaalompoore

nyaalɔɲ [ɲààlɔ̀ɲ] *n.* guinea worm disease *pl:* nyiile *2pl:* nyiilee

nyaanaa [ɲàànáà] *n.* craft, cunning *pl:* nyaane

nyaane [ɲààné] *n.* (1) wit (2) wisdom *2pl:* nyaanɛɛ

nyaanema [ɲàànímə] *n.* cat *pl:* nyaanemamine *2pl:* nyaanemɛɛ

nyaanoo [ɲáánóó] *adv.* at once • *A wuo la a boma nyaanɔɔ ka saa na poɔ a.* S/he collected the things at once to prevent them being soaked by the rain.

nyaanyieli [ɲàànyíélì] *v.* to walk with legs apart (usually because of sores on the buttocks) nyaanyielee, nyaalanyiele, nyaanyiele, nyaanyielibe, nyaanyielaa *Var.* nyaalenyieli

nyaanyoo [ɲáányóó] *adv.* (1) dim (2) light (weight)

nyaaraa [ɲáaráá] *n.* (1) rake, fork (2) a type of small plant that grows on waste land (3) broom made from this plant (4) bean soup, soup without okra *pl:* nyaare *2pl:* nyaareɛ *Var.* gbaalaa

nyaare [ɲààrì] *v.* to grind roughly e.g. in order to peel the husks off seeds nyaareɛ, nyaara, nyaara, nyaareba, nyaaraa

nyaatafale [ɲáátáfálf] *n.* emptiness

nyabipee [ɲábìpíé] *n.* ribcage *pl:* nyabipere *2pl:* nyabipereɛ

nyabiri [nábírí] *n.* (1) rib (2) a disease that causes a cramp in the chest *pl:* nyabie *2pl:* nyabiree/nyabiiree

nyage [nágí] *v.* to become very angry, to become wild **nyagɛɛ**, **nyagra**, **nyagra**, **nyagreba**, **nyagraa**

nyagele [nàgìlì] *v.* to be entangled in spiky material (thorns) **nyaglɛɛ**, **nyagla**, **nyagla**, **nyagleba**, **nyaglaa**

nyagele [nàgìlì] *v.* to draw arms in a bid to fight (typically used with kpaŋkpama) **nyaglɛɛ**, **nyagla**, **nyagla**, **nyagleba**, **nyaglaa**

nyagere [nágírí] *n.* (1) bowel (2) tree root *pl:* nyaga *2pl:* nyagɛɛ

nyagere [nàgírì] *v.* (1) bite suddenly and sharply (dog bite) • **A baa digi te nyɔge la a nannyige ghere e nygere o nan don.** The dog ran after the thief and bit tore at his leg instantly. (2) get stimulated • **Saa ba miire azuiŋ n eŋe ba nyagera ne weɛ gaabo.** It does not rain and so I am not encouraged to go to the farm. **nyagɛɛ**, **nyagra**, **nyagra**, **nyagreba**, **nyagraa**

nyageron [nágɾón] *adv.* (1) quickly • **Kyɛŋe nyageron ka te gaa wieu.** Walk fast so that we can get there quickly. (2) intelligently • **A pɔge da e la nyãgeron ne o nan tage a dɔɔ yi a sorin, ka le naane a lɔɔre da na ŋme o la.** The woman was smart by pulling the man out of the way otherwise the lorry would have hit him.

nyagesaga [nágíságá] *adj.* jumbled, dry, and bare e.g. metal scrap, bones • **A kuridaare e la nyagesaga le a davorikponji poɔ.** The scrap of metal was jumbled up in the yard.

nyakpuli [nákpúlí] *n.* sternum *pl:* **nyakpulo** *2pl:* **nyakpulee**

nyale [nàlì] *adv.* suddenly, usually used to describe the sudden manner some animals excrete • **Ba ŋme la a bagao ka o nye bini nyale.** They hit the mad dog and it defecated suddenly.

nyalle [nàllì] *v.* to eat with very little sauce **nyallɛɛ**, **nyalla**, **nyalla**, **nyaleba**, **nyallaa**

nyam [nàm] *v.* to take heart, to be patient **nyamɛɛ**, **nyamena**, **nyamena**, **nyamena**

nyama [nàmà] *adv.* gripping suddenly • **A kɔkɔlaa vare guri la a gyangboŋ le nyama.** The cat jumped on the mouse, gripping it firmly.

nyamaa [nàmàà] *adv.* mixed up, congested

nyamama [námámá] *adv.* rising in intensity (pain) • **Ka gyangboŋiŋ wa peelee fo kyɛ don a be man buori nyamama le.** When a mouse gnaws at your foot, the pain rises slowly.

nyambaran [nàmbaràn] *adj.* itchy • **Ka neeŋ puri wale eŋe ka-uri poɔ, o eŋe man waa la nyambaran le.**

If you sweat on top of millet chaff your body is normally itchy.

nyañ [nán] *v.* to age, to become old **nyañɛɛ, nyaɲena, nyaɲena, nyaɲenema, nyaɲenaa**

nyañɛ [nán] *adj.* hasty • **Kyɛɲ gbɛnyañɛ ka te gaa, zie soɔɔ la.** Walk fast; let's go, for the night is falling on us.

nyañema [nánimà] *n.* accident *2pl:* **nyañemɛɛ**

nyangalan [nàngàlàn] *adv.* thick and stiff

nyaraa-nyaraa [náraáá] *adj.* with small pointed appendages e.g. crab

nyaranyara [nàràrà] *adj.* rough, rugged e.g. stony ground

nyarata [nárátá] *adv.* swiftly e.g. movement of lizard *Var.* **nyaratatata**

nyareman [nàrimàn] *adj.* hot e.g. food

nyarewara [nàrìwàrà] *adj.* grainy, stony e.g. unplastered floor

nyaroo [náróó] *adj.* small and lean

nyawele [náwílí] *n.* one that is the greatest *pl:* **nyawele** *2pl:* **nyaweleɛ**

nyee [nié] *n.* snot *2pl:* **nyeeɛɛ**

nyeene [niéni] *n.* (1) bulb, tuber (2) descendant of mother's line *pl:* **nyeeme** *2pl:* **nyeeɛɛ**

nyeere [nièri] *v.* to test, to try out, to pilot **nyeereɛ, nyeere, nyeere, nyeerebe, nyeeraa**

nyeere [nièri] *v.* to pay for the cost of herbs after treatment **nyeereɛ, nyeere, nyeere, nyeerebe, nyeeraa**

nyegenyege [niɣiniɣi] *n.* restlessness • **O taa la nyegenyege zuo, o na ñmare la ñmane.** His restlessness is great; he will break the calabsh.

nyegenyege [niɣiniɣi] *adj.* restless, restive • **O waa la nyegenyege lenso noba yaga zoro o la.** He is very restive, so many people fear him.

nyegere [niɣri] *v.* to be scarce • **Yuoni ña bonkoore yaga ba maale azuiñ bondirii na nyegere la.** This year's crop yield was poor and so food will be scarce. -, **nyegre**

nyegere [niɣri] *v.* to massage with a hot, dry object • **Daa daare kyɛge la a koɔraa gberɛ ka ba voɔ kye nyegere.** A thorn pierced and lodged itself in the farmer's foot, and after removing it they used hot water to massage it. -, **nyegre**

nyegere [niɣri] *v.* (1) to flash e.g. lightning (2) give way momentarily (limb as a result of sharp twist) • **A dɔɔ gbebaala na nyegere la ka o le.** The man's wounded leg made a snapping noise and he fell. **nyegreɛ, nyegre, nyegre, nyegrebe, nyegraa**

nyegenyege [niɣéniɣé] *adj.* very sharp and shiny e.g. blade

nyelaa [niràà] *adj.* not hidden, plainly visible • **A goɔ kɔɔ ɛɲ la**

- a ghere poɔ kyɛ o sãa la kperaa l.ɛ* The thorn has pierced the foot, but it can be seen clearly.
- nyelete** [nɪlɪlɪ] *adv.* slightly • **A vūu da sãaɛ nyelete lɛ gaŋe zaameŋ.** The light appeared slightly less bright than it was yesterday.
- nyelennyelenɛ** [nɛlɛnɛlɛnɛ] *adj.* bare and shiny e.g. razor shaved head • **A bie zu pūoe la ka ba fare ka o e nyelennyelenɛ lɛ.** The child has a cut on his head and they have shaven it clean.
- nyelɔɔ** [nɪlɔɔ] *adj.* tiny
- nyembini** [nɪbɪnɪ] *n.* matter (dirt) in between the teeth *2pl:* **nyembinee**
- nyembulo** [nɪmbɪlɔ] *n.* adult *pl:* **nyembulibo**
- nyempara** [nɪmpərə] *n.* unchiselled teeth
- nyempɛge dalee** [nɪmpɛgɛ dālɛɛ] *n.* tooth stick, toothbrush *pl:* **nyempɛge dabilii** *2pl:* **nyempɛge dabilee**
- nyene** [nɪnɪ] *n.* (1) tooth, fang (snake) (2) toothache *pl:* **nyeme** *2pl:* **nyenneɛ**
- nyengone** [nɪŋgɔnɛ] *n.* the state of grimacing (typically used with *vere*) • **A dɔɔ da tage la a miri te vere nyengonɛ.** The man tugged at the rope until he grimaced. *pl:* **nyengonne** *2pl:* **nyengonneɛ**
- nyenkaane** [nɪŋkäänɪ] *n.* molar *sg:* **nyenkaanoo** *pl:* **nyenkaama** *2pl:* **nyenkaaneɛ**
- nyeraa** [nɪrää] *n.* ant *pl:* **nyere** *2pl:* **nyereɛ**
- nyeraa** [nɪrää] *adj.* not hidden; clearly visible
- nyere** [nɪrɪ] *v.* to bare one's teeth; to laugh (scornfully) **nyereɛ, nyere, nyere, nyerebe, nyeraa**
- nyerebaa** [nɪrɪbää] *n.* a type of ant with a painful sting *pl:* **nyerebaare** *2pl:* **nyerebaareɛ** *Var.* **nyeresɔge-laa**
- nyereganguu** [nɪrɪgàngúú] *n.* a type of ant *pl:* **nyereganguuri** *2pl:* **nyereganguuree**
- nyeregbere** [nɪrɪgbɪrɪ] *adj.* mixed
- nyerekɔlonɛ** [nɪrɪkɔ́lɔ́nɛ] *n.* a type of ant that flies *pl:* **nyerekɔlɔ** *2pl:* **nyerekɔlɛɛ**
- nyerenyaga** [nɪrɪnyàgà] *adv.* uncovered, exposed completely
- nyeresaa** [nɪrɪsáárɪ] *n.* a type of small slim dark brown ant; usually in a swarm and on trees *sg:* **nyeresaaroo** *pl:* **nyeresaa** *2pl:* **nyeresaaɛ** *Var.* **nyeresalensaare**
- nyeresalensaare** [nɪrɪsálínsáárɪ] *n.* a type of tiny ant that lives together in large numbers *sg:* **nyeresalensaaroo** *2pl:* **nyeresalensaareɛ** *Var.* **nyeresaa**
- nyeresɔgelaa** [nɪrɪsɔ́gláá] *n.* a type of small black ant, usually found in the house; it has a painful sting *pl:* **nyeresɔgelɔ** *Var.* **nyerebaa**
- nye** [nɛ] *v.* (1) to see (2) to find (3) to get, to obtain **nyee, nyere, nyere,**

nyerebe, nyeraa
 nye eebo succeed
 nye ferε to suffer
 nye kpareε to suffer
 nye pare to lie down helplessly, to crumple
 nye yuori get fame, (be) powerful
 nye ze to suffer greatly
 nye [nè] v. (1) to defecate (2) pass substance through the anus (lay eggs) nyεε, nye, nyeεε, nyeεrebe, nyεeraa
 nye [nè] v. to produce tubers or nuts e.g. yam nyεε, nye, nyeεε, nyeεrebe, nyεeraa
 nye [nè] v. (1) to drain a pond of its water; usually to enable people catch the fish in the pond (2) to drill or scoop matter out to make a hole nyεε, nye, nyeεε, nyeεrebe, nyεeraa
 nyedanaao [nèdànáábó] n. a type of tiny brown bird that moves in large groups that lay eggs together pl: nyedanii
 nyegεke [négéké] adj. warmish
 nyele [néli] v. to melt • *ηmena* ηme la a kãa ka a nyele. The oil melted as a result of the sun beating down on it. nyelleε, nyelle, nyelle, nyeleba, nyellaa, nyeleba
 nyelle [néli] v. to shine, to sparkle • *A poge du la a talaa ka o te nyelle*. The woman scrubbed the pan until it shone. nyelleε, nyelle, nyelle, nyelebe, nyellaa

nyelle [nèlli] v. to covet, to aim at getting something • *N kuriwiri koreε la N nyelle la bopaalaa*. My bicycle is old, so I'm aiming at getting a new one. nyelleε, nyelle, nyelle, nyelebe, nyellaa
 nyelmaanyu [nèlmáányú] n. a type of small plant with a strong smell and medicinal properties pl: nyelmaanyuri/nyelmaanyuuri 2pl: nyelmaanyuree/nyelmaanyuuree
 nyelugiri [nèlúgrí] n. support stick for a yam plant pl: nyelugo 2pl: nyelugee/nyelugree Var. nyalugri
 nyennoη [nènnóη] n. salt Var. nyennoo, yaaroη
 Nyentoge [nèntógì] n. a meteorite revered to be a fetish in the Sisaalaland pl: nyentogre 2pl: nyentogree
 nyeraa [nèráá] n. seer pl: nyerebe 2pl: nyerebeε
 nyere [nèrì] v. to miss (a target) nyereε, nyere, nyere, nyerebe, nyeraa Var. nyare
 nyere [nèrì] v. to be fierce, to get very angry nyereε, nyere, nyere, nyerebe, nyeraa, - Var. nyare
 nyetaa [nètáá] v. confer
 nyieli [nèli] v. to tempt; to show something to someone but refuse to give it to him/her nyiélie, nyiéle, nyiélie, nyiélaa
 nyigiri [nigiri] v. to close both eyes tightly and simultaneously towards someone (insulting gesture) nyigree, nyigre, nyigre, nyigiribe, nyigraa, nyigiribe

nyigiri [nìgìrì] *v.* to steal **nyigiree**, **nyigire**, **nyigire**, **nyigiribe**, **nyigiraa**, **nyigiribe**

nyiiile [nìilé] *n.* guinea worm disease
pl: nyiili *2pl:* nyiilee

nyiiili [nìilì] *v.* to touch gently **nyii-lee**, **nyiiile**, **nyiiile**, **nyiiilibe**, **nyiiilaa**, **nyiiile**

nyiiili [nìilì] *v.* to incense **nyiiilee**, **nyiiile**, **nyiiile**, **nyiiilibe**, **nyiiilaa**, **nyiiile**

nyiiili [nìilì] *v.* to shudder **nyii-ilee**, **nyiiile**, **nyiiile**, **nyiiilibe**, **nyii-ila**, **nyiiile**

nyiiili [nìilì] *v.* to swell (breast) **nyii-lee**, **nyiiile**, **nyiiile**, **nyiiilibe**, **nyiiilaa**, **nyiiile**

nyiiiri [nìirì] *v.* to bare teeth (used with nyemε) • *Basogelaa kaḡa nyiiiri la nyemε eḡe a nannyige.* A black dog bared its teeth at the thief. **nyiiiree**, **nyiiire**, **nyiiire**, -, **nyii-rraa**

nyimenyime [nìmènyímé] *adj.* tasteful

nyobogdaa [nòbògìdáá] *n.* bridge of nose *pl:* nyobogdaare *2pl:* nyobogdaareε

nyoge [nògì] *v.* to show off **nyogεε**, **nyogrɔ/nyogra**, **nyogrɔ/nyogra**, **nyogreba**, **nyograa**

nyoge [nògì] *v.* to become sour or bad e.g. sauce **nyogεε**, **nyogrɔ/nyogra**, **nyogrɔ/nyogra**, **nyogreba**, **nyograa**

nyoge [nògì] *v.* punish severely, usually physically (used with tɔ)

nyoge [nògì] *n.* concoction believed to be powerful

nyoge [nògì] *n.* filth

nyoge-kaa-kpεre [nògì-káá-kpérì] *n.* show off that ends badly

nyogele [nògìlì] *v.* to dress well

nyogele [nògìlì] *v.* to be congested **nyoglεε**, **nyoglɔ**, **nyoglɔ**, **nyoglebɔ**, **nyoglaa**

nyogere [nògìrì] *n.* pride

nyoll [nòll] *adj.* heavy

nyoll [nòll] *adj.* small and light

nyonne [nònnì] *v.* to dry up, to evaporate **nyonneεε**, **nyonna**, **nyonna**, **nyonnema**, **nyonnaa**, **nyonnema**

nyonne [nònnì] *v.* (1) to sniff (2) to search; to delve into (3) to test; to examine **nyonneεε**, **nyonna**, **nyonna**, **nyonnema**, **nyonnaa**, **nyonnema**

nyonono [nònnónó] *n.* (1) sympathy, selflessness • *A dɔɔ nyonono zuee la lenso ka o ba ηmε a nannyige.* The man is full of sympathy and that is why he did not beat the thief. (2) selfishness • *A bie tegεε la kye o nyonono zuee la, o kon sage ka a o yɔɔ di a bondirii.* The child is full but s/he is so full of selfishness that s/he will not allow his/her brother/sister to eat some of the food.

nyonsomm [nònsòmm] *adj.* biggish

nyonyonne [nònyónnì] *n.* nausea

nyonyonne [nònyónnì] *n.* dirt

nyongolon [nòŋgòlòn] *adj.* mixed up e.g. heap of things

nyongolon [nòŋgòlòn] *adj.* thick and stiff e.g. paste

nyoore [nòórí] *n.* smoke *2pl:* nyooree *Var:* zoore

nyoore [nòórí] *n.* pride *2pl:* nyooree *Var:* zoore

nyoore [nòùrí] *v.* (1) to make hard • *Zene ka ba me a dankyini ya biao ka o na nyoore.* This wall was only built today, so by tomorrow it will get hard. (2) to dry up • *Uoni sana bare yaga man nyoore la.* Many ponds get dried up during the dry season. **nyooree, nyoora, nyoora, nyooreba, nyoora**

nyoore [nòùrí] *v.* to test the capability of e.g. a tool or a person **nyooree, nyoora, nyoora, nyooreba, nyoora**

nyoo [nòó] *v.* to fire, to bake to harden (clay) **nyoe, nyoono, nyoono, nyoonema, nyoonaa, nyoonema**

nyoole [nòòlí] *v.* to begin rising **nyoolee, nyooo, nyooo, nyoooba, nyooalaa**

nyoole [nòòlí] *v.* to close partially e.g. of eyes in strong light **nyoolee, nyooo, nyooo, nyoooba, nyooalaa**

nyoonaa [nòónáá] *n.* oven *pl:* nyoonee *2pl:* nyoonee

nyoore [nòórí] *n.* nose *pl:* nyoe *2pl:* nyoree

nyoore [nòórí] *n.* life *pl:* nyoe *2pl:* nyoree

nyoore [nòórí] *n.* tip of e.g. stick *pl:* nyoe *2pl:* nyoree

nyore [nòrí] *v.* to shrivel, to wrinkle (cloth) **nyoree, nyora, nyora, nyoreba, nyoraa, nyoreba**

nyore [nòrí] *v.* to take courage **nyoree, nyora, nyora, nyoreba, nyoraa, nyoreba**

nyoreman [nòrìman] *adj.* bushy, unkempt (hair)

nyobaare [nòbáárí] *n.* disease of the nose *2pl:* nyobaaree

nyobogiri [nòbògírí] *n.* (1) nostril (2) nose *pl:* nyobogo *2pl:* nyobogiree *Var:* nyobogi

nyofeere [nòffííré] *n.* cold (illness) *2pl:* nyofeere

nyofuli [nòfùlí] *n.* dried snot *sg:* nyofuluu *pl:* nyofulo *2pl:* nyofulee

nyoge [nògì] *v.* (1) to hold • *A bi-biiri nyoge la taa nuuri kyerre te gere.* The children held each others' hands and scampered away. (2) to catch, to arrest • *A polisi nyoge la a nanyige baguo ya.* The police arrested the thief this morning. **nyogee, nyogro, nyogro, nyogreba, nyograa, nyogreba**
nyoge kukuri to farm

nyoge noore to be surprised

nyoge [nògì] *v.* to choke • *A baa voo la a nene yaga le ka a te nyoge o.* The dog swallowed the meat so fast that the meat choked it. **nyogee, nyogro, nyogro, nyogreba, nyograa, nyogreba**

nyɔge [nɔ́gì] *v.* to infect • *A bie kɔron na nyɔge la o yɔɔ.* The child's cold has infected his sister.
nyɔgeɛ, nyɔgrɔ, nyɔgrɔ, nyɔgreba, nyɔgraa, nyɔgreba

nyɔgetaa [nɔ́gítáá] *n.* unity

nyɔgezie [nɔ́gìzìé] *n.* handle, part of an object to hold *pl:* nyɔgeziiri *2pl:* nyɔgeziiree

nyɔɔ [nɔ̀ɔ] *v.* to have sexual intercourse (human) nyɔɔɛ, nyɔɔnɔ/nyɔɔrɔ, nyɔɔnɔ/nyɔɔrɔ, nyɔɔnema, nyɔɔnaa/nyɔɔraa, nyɔɔnema

nyɔpolema [nɔ̀pólímá] *n.* summit, highest point *pl:* nyɔpolle *2pl:* nyɔpolleɛ

nyɔre [nɔ̀rì] *v.* to despise, to hate nyɔreɛ, nyɔrɔ, nyɔrɔ, nyɔreba/nyɔreba, nyɔraa, - *Var.* nyɔroo

nyɔtage [nɔ̀tàngì] *n.* sniveling

nyɔvore [nɔ̀vórí] *n.* life *pl:* nyɔvoe *2pl:* nyɔvoreɛ

nyu [nù] *v.* to smell (scent) • *A zε-kpaane da nyu la noɔ le.* The simmering sauce smelt nice. -, -, nyue, nyuuro, nyuuro, nyuuraa

nyu [nú] *v.* (1) to drink (2) to suck (of a mosquito) nyue, nyuuro, nyuuro, nyuuribo, nyuuraa, nyuuribo

nyu [nú] *v.* to smoke (pipe) nyue, nyuuro, nyuuro, nyuuribo, nyuuraa, nyuuribo

nyubuli [núbúlì] *n.* yam sprout *pl:* nyubulo *2pl:* nyubulee

nyudere [núdérì] *n.* large yam tuber *pl:* nyudɛɛ *2pl:* nyudereɛ/nyudereɛ *Var.* wadere

nyumoo [númóó] *n.* field prepared to make yam mounds *2pl:* nyumooɛ *Var.* vutene

nyunni [núnnì] *v.* (1) to smell • *A zɔɔ nyunni la a kparoo, a yeli ka o deni ba e o.* The blind man smelt the shirt and said it was not his. (2) to sniff e.g. dog nyunnee, nyunno, nyunno, nyunimo, nyunnaa, nyunimo

nyuo [núó] *n.* (1) navel (2) short form of wenyuo (leopard) *pl:* nyuuri *2pl:* nyuuree

nyusege [núsíǵí] *n.* yam barn *pl:* nyusegre *2pl:* nyusegreɛ *Var.* wasege

nyuu [núú] *n.* (1) neck (2) smell, odour *pl:* nyuuri *2pl:* nyuuree

nyuu [núú] *n.* a sensation, good or bad, detected by inhaling

nyuu [núú] *adj.* stinky *pl:* nyuuri *2pl:* nyuuree

nyuuli [núúlì] *v.* to empower super-naturally nyuulee, nyuulo, nyuulo, nyuulibo, nyuulaa

nyu-uo [nú-úó] *n.* yam barn *pl:* nyuuri *2pl:* nyu-uoree *Var.* nyu-sege

nyuuri [núúrí] *n.* envy, jealousy *pl:* nyuuri *2pl:* nyuuree

nyuuri [núúrí] *n.* yam *pl:* nyie *2pl:* nyiree/nyiiree *Var.* waa

nyuweele [núwíélì] *n.* yam seed *sg:* nyuweelo *pl:* nyuweele *2pl:*

nyuweeleɛ *Var.* waweele
nyuzele [ɲùzèlí] *n.* umbilical cord

sg: nyuzeloo *pl:* nyuzele *2pl:*
nyuzeleɛ/nyuzelleɛ

ɲ

ɲa [ɲá] *pron.* this (third person singular demonstrative) • *A dɔɔ ɲa zaameɲ wa la kyɛ.* This man came here yesterday.

ɲa [ɲá] *adv.* similar to, like • *A dɔɔ waa ɲa sogya na.* The man is like a soldier.

ɲm

ɲma [ɲmá] *v.* to conquer, to plunder
ɲmaɛ, ɲmaara, ɲmaara, ɲmaareba,
ɲmaaraa

ɲmaa [ɲmàà] *v.* to cut • *Nene la ka a pɔge da ɲmaara ka a soɔ ɲmaa o nubiri.* The woman was cutting meat when the knife cut her finger.
ɲmaareɛ, ɲmaara

ɲmaa vooroɲ to stop breathing, to die

ɲmaa [ɲmàà] *v.* to write • *Ayuo ɲmaa la seneɲe gane gaa ko o sene.* Ayuo has written a love letter to her boyfriend. ɲmaareɛ, ɲmaara

ɲmaa [ɲmàà] *v.* (1) to cross (river)
• *A mane paaleɛ la ka ba maɲ de gbori ɲmaa ne.* The river is flooded and they are using a boat to cross it. (2) to go across to meet
• *Polisiri ɲmaa la a sori nyɔgere a nannyigiri.* The police crossed the road and arrested the thieves.

ɲmaareɛ, ɲmaara

ɲmaa [ɲmàà] *v.* to prevent ɲmaareɛ,
ɲmaara

ɲmaa [ɲmáá] *adj.* short • *O sere la a dɔɔ ɲmaa na.* That short man is her husband. *pl:* ɲmaara

ɲmaa bare [ɲmàà bàrì] *v.* to exclude; to put aside ɲmaa bareɛ, ɲmaara bara, ɲmaabara, ɲmaabareba

ɲmaabini [ɲmàábíní] *n.* a type of plant *pl:* ɲmaabinee

ɲmaadaa [ɲmààdáá] *n.* mature big male monkey *pl:* ɲmaadaare *2pl:* ɲmaadareɛ

ɲmaadasaa [ɲmààdàsàà] *n.* a huge monkey *pl:* ɲmaadasaare *2pl:* ɲmaadasaareɛ

ɲmaakalaa [ɲmààkàláá] *n.* small but smart type of monkey *pl:* ɲmaakalle *2pl:* ɲmaakaleɛ

ɲmaakyeraa [ɲmààfíráá] *n.* (1) a type of tree with medicinal proper-

- ties (2) a type of small monkey *pl:* ημαακьерεε *2pl:* ημαακьерεε
- ημααηα [ημάάηà] *n.* monkey *pl:* ημααεε *2pl:* ημααεε
- ημααπαρε [ημάάπαρί] *n.* name of a popular market in Teza, a village in the Upper West region of Ghana *2pl:* ημααπαρεε
- ημαααα [ημάάαά] *n.* an evil spirit with powers of witchcraft, usually in the form of an animal that haunts people *pl:* ημαααεε *2pl:* ημαααεε *Var.* vuuluɔ
- ημαα σεε [ημάά σίέ] *v.* to conceive, to be pregnant ημααεε σεε, ημαααα σεε, σε-ημαααα, σε-ημααεε
- ημαααυγο [ημάάαυγό] *n.* band of monkeys *pl:* ημαααυγρι *2pl:* ημαααυγρεε
- ημαααηαα [ημάάαηάά] *n.* a type of tree whose fruits are eaten by birds and animals *pl:* ημαααηεμα *2pl:* ημαααηεεε
- ημααατεε [ημάάατίέ] *n.* a type of tree *pl:* ημααατεερε *2pl:* ημααατεερεε
- ημαααζεε [ημάάαζιέ] *n.* a type of monkey *pl:* ημαααζεερε *2pl:* ημαααζεερεεε
- ημααα ζιρι [ημάάα ζιρι] *v.* to lie • *O ημαα λα ζιρι κα ο βααρε λα α τομα.* He lied that he had finished the work.
- ημαααηεμεε [ημάάαηεμίέ] *n.* a type of bird with thin long legs and a long beak *pl:* ημαααηεμεερε *2pl:* ημαααηεμεερεε *Var.* ημαααηεμεε
- ημαααμπερε [ημάάαμπίρέ] *n.* a type of small weed with white flowers and medicinal properties *sg:* ημαααμπεροο *pl:* ημαααμπερεε/ημαααμπεροο *2pl:* ημαααμπερεεε
- ημαααμμο [ημάάαμμό] *n.* a type of cake made from millet flour *pl:* ημαααμμο *2pl:* ημαααμμοεε
- ημαααμπααα [ημάάαμπαάά] *n.* a type of pigeon with red eyes *pl:* ημαααμπαααρεε *2pl:* ημαααμπαααρεεε
- ημαααμπελαα [ημάάαμπίλαά] *n.* wild grey pigeon *pl:* ημαααμπεεε *2pl:* ημαααμπεεεεε
- ημαααμπελαα [ημάάαμπίλαά] *n.* neat calabash used for serving water or porridge *pl:* ημαααμπεεε *2pl:* ημαααμπεεεεε
- ημαααμπορεζυπελαα [ημάάαμπορζύπιλαά] *n.* a character in Dagaaba folktales which has supernatural power and which it uses to test the ego of other characters *pl:* ημαααμπορζυπεεε *Var.* ημαααμπορζυεεε
- ημαααμπορο [ημάάαμπόρο] *n.* a red round insect *pl:* ημαααμπορεε *2pl:* ημαααμπορεεε *Var.* ημαααμπορα
- ημαααμπορζυεε [ημάάαμπόρζυζιέ] *n.* *Var.* ημαααμπορζυπελαα
- ημαααμδере [ημάάαμδере] *n.* spider *pl:* ημαααμδεεε *2pl:* ημαααμδεεεε
- ημαααε [ημάάαί] *n.* (1) calabash, bottle gourd (2) calabash plant *pl:* ημαααε *2pl:* ημαααεεε
- ημαααεε [ημάάαί] *n.* dove *pl:* ημαααεε *2pl:* ημαααεεε

ɲmantummu [ɲmäntúmmú] *n.* unpolished calabash *pl:* ɲmantumo
2pl: ɲmantumee

ɲmantuo [ɲmäntúó] *n.* bitter calabash *pl:* ɲmantuuri *2pl:* ɲmantuuree

ɲmanzeɛ [ɲmänzíɛ] *n.* a type of dove with pink plumage *sg:* ɲmanzeroo
pl: ɲmanzeere *2pl:* ɲmanzeereɛ

ɲmanzeɛ [ɲmänzíɛ] *n.* calabash used in the preparation of oil *pl:* ɲmanzeere *2pl:* ɲmanzeereɛ

ɲmaɲgbere [ɲmäɲgbéɾí] *n.* vine of the calabash plant *pl:* ɲmaɲgbɛɛ
2pl: ɲmaɲgbɛɛɛɛ

ɲmaɲkuɲkummu [ɲmäɲkùɲkùm-mú] *n.* calabash seed in a ball form *pl:* ɲmaɲkuɲkumo *2pl:* ɲmaɲkuɲkunni

ɲmaraa [ɲmáɾàà] *n.* (1) moon (2) month *pl:* ɲmarre *2pl:* ɲmarreɛ

ɲmare [ɲmáɾí] *v.* (1) to break e.g. pot (2) to crush ɲmareɛ, ɲmara, ɲmara, ɲmareba, ɲmaraa, ɲmareba

ɲmare [ɲmáɾí] *v.* to change money into smaller units ɲmareɛ, ɲmara, ɲmara, ɲmareba, ɲmaraa, ɲmareba

ɲmarebiri [ɲmáɾíbírí] *n.* star *sg:* ɲmarebiruu *pl:* ɲmarebie *2pl:* ɲmarebiiree

ɲmaroo [ɲmáɾòò] *n.* change (money) *sg:* ɲmarreɛ *2pl:* ɲmarre

ɲmee [ɲmíí] *v.* to crush grains out of fresh heads of millet (usually after

roasting) ɲmeeɛ, ɲmeeneɛ, ɲmeeneɛ, ɲmeeneɛɛ, ɲmenaa, - *Var.* ɲmee

ɲmeene [ɲmíìní] *v.* to become thin or small ɲmeeneɛ, ɲmeeneɛ, ɲmeeneɛ, ɲmeeneɛɛ, ɲmeena

ɲmeene [ɲmííní] *adj.* lean *pl:* ɲmeeme

ɲmeeo [ɲmíító] *n.* wicked and secret act

ɲmee [ɲmíɛ] *v.* to crush ɲmeeɛ, ɲmeeneɛ, ɲmeeneɛ, ɲmeeneɛɛ, ɲmeena, - *Var.* ɲmee

ɲmee [ɲmíɛ] *adj.* scorched, withered e.g. green vegetation turning brown

ɲmeelaa [ɲmíélaá] *n.* skipping rope
pl: ɲmeele *2pl:* ɲmeeleɛ

ɲmeele [ɲmíèlì] *v.* to twist; to wring e.g. hand ɲmeeleɛ, ɲmeele, ɲmeele, ɲmeelebe, ɲmeelaa, ɲmeelebe *Var.* nye

ɲmeele [ɲmíèlì] *v.* to curl out, to ooze (smoke) • *Nyoore ɲmeele la a sege poɔ, ba mare la vūū.* Smoke is oozing from the hut, an indication that they have made fire. ɲmeeleɛ, ɲmeele, ɲmeele, ɲmeelebe, ɲmeelaa, ɲmeelebe *Var.* nye

ɲmeele [ɲmíèlì] *v.* to pass gas, to break wind, to fart • *A bie poɔ pie la ka o deɛ maɲ ɲmeele bimporɔ bare.* The child has a bloated stomach and he has terrible gas. ɲmeeleɛ, ɲmeele, ɲmeele, ɲmeelebe, ɲmeelaa, ɲmeelebe *Var.* nye

ημεελε [ημιέλι] *adj.* twisted • **A no pare ημεελε na koy la nye.** That fowl with the twisted tail will not lay eggs again.

ηmegere [ημίγίρι] *v.* to shrug one's shoulders • **Ba toy la a bie ka o ηmegere o bageηmampege kye zagere.** When they sent the child, he shrugged his shoulders and refused to go. ηmegree, ηmegre, ηmegre, ηmegrebe, ηmegraa

ηmegere [ημίγίρι] *v.* to swallow with difficulty • **A bɔbɔe ηmegere la a pɔntere eη.** The duck was able to swallow the toad. ηmegree, ηmegre, ηmegre, ηmegrebe, ηmegraa

ηmenaa [ημίνάα] *n.* (1) sun (2) noon (3) daytime

ηmenaa-diibu [ημινάά-δίβύ] *n.* lunch

ηmendaare [ημίνδάάρι] *n.* Sabbath *pl:* ηmendee

ηmendie [ημινδιέ] *n.* church *pl:* ηmenderi *2pl:* ηmenderee

ηmene [ημίνι] *n.* god, spirit *pl:* ηmeme *2pl:* ηmennee

ηmenεηmene [ημίνεημινέ] *adj.* firmly and beautifully woven

ηmentantuo [ημίντάντúó] *n.* hot or bright afternoon *pl:* ηmentantuuri *2pl:* ηmentantuuree

ηmentampole [ημίντəmpóli] *n.* late morning *pl:* ηmentampɔlɔ

ηmentɔη [ημίντəη] *n.* sunshine, daylight *pl:* ηmentɔnne *2pl:* ηmentɔnnee

ηmentɔηgɔη [ημίντəηgɔη] *n.* early afternoon (between 1 and 2 pm) *pl:* ηmentɔηgɔnne *2pl:* ηmentɔηgɔnnee

ηmentɔηkpeeraa [ημίντəηkpiéráá] *n.* sunset *pl:* ηmentɔηkpeere *2pl:* ηmentɔηkpeeree

ηmen-yelyelli [ημίν-yèlyèlli] *v.* to divine, to prophesy

ηmen-yele [ημίν-yéle] *n.* work for God

ηmenzone [ημίνzóni] *n.* blasphemy *pl:* ηmenzomɔ *Var.* ηmenzoma

ηmerege [ημírigé] *adv.* totally • **Ba toy la a bi entuo na ka o zagere ηmerege.** They sent the lazy boy and he refused totally.

ημε [ημè] *v.* (1) to beat, to hit, to strike (2) to clap, to applaud (3) to thresh • **Dagaaba maη ημε kyi kye baη yele.** Among the Dagaaba, millet is threshed before being winnowed out. (4) to bump into, to knock against • **A lɛ ama la zãã ημε taa na.** These are the two cars that collided yesterday. (5) to fire, to shoot (gun) • **Ba ημε la malefa ka a nuuli iri agere.** When they fired the gun, the birds flew away. (6) to begin to hatch (7) to apply by dusting (powder) ηmee, ηmeere, ηmeere, ηmeerebe, ηmeeraa, ηmeerebe
ημε gbelime ring (bell)
ημε kpelle shout; scream
ημε ɔge (1) to burrow to make a nest • **Sɔɔηaa maη ημε la ɔge kpe**

gañ be. The rabbit digs a warren where it sleeps. (2) to settle down in one place • *A p̄alebile nyε la n ȳḡpuulee a deε ημε te yiriñ.* The young man saw my sister and has settled down in our house.

ημε sane (1) to make a net loss • *Ka foñ da kommie sidi k̄ḡ kyε te koore sidi lezaε anaare fo ημε la sane sidi lezare.* If you buy tomatoes for one hundred cedis and sell them for eighty cedis, you have made a loss of twenty cedis. (2) to spend money on something that is not of much worth to oneself • *Ka kuoriñ ko fo yiriñ fo mañ ημε la sane.* When there is a funeral in your house you normally spend a lot.

ημεγελε [ημ̄εγ̄il̄i] *v.* (1) to flatten • *Kuuri ka o de t̄ḡ ne a koñkoñ te ημεγελε o bare.* She hit the tin with a stone until she flattened it out. (2) to suffer from hunger • *Zaameñ zaa ba ba maale diibu ka a bibiiri deε ημεγελε.* They have cooked food yesterday and the children are suffering from hunger. *ημεγλεε, ημεγλε, ημεγλε, ημεγλεβε, ημεγλαα, ημεγλεβε*

ημεγελεñ [ημ̄εγ̄il̄eñ] *adj.* flat e.g. run-over container

ημεגעλοο [ημ̄εγ̄il̄ōo] *adj.* flattened out e.g. tin run over by a car *pl: ημεγελε*

ημεgere [ημ̄εḡiri] *v.* to press, to squeeze out • *Ba ημεgere la sunni yi a tee ña poḡ.* They have

been able to squeeze some gum out of this tree. *ημεḡree, ημεḡre, ημεḡre, ημεḡreβε, ημεḡraa*

ημεgere [ημ̄εḡiri] *v.* to weep inwardly, to suffer inwardly • *Ba ημε la a bie kyε dabēē ba sage ka o koñ ka o f̄āā kyε ημεgere.* The child was beaten and, being afraid to cry, he wept inwardly. *ημεḡree, ημεḡre, ημεḡre, ημεḡreβε, ημεḡraa*

ημελεημελε [ημ̄el̄eηm̄el̄i] *v.* to writhe in pain • *O ημε la a waabo ka o ημελεημελε.* He hit the snake and it writhed.

ημεμεε [ημ̄em̄eē] *adj.* flat and twisted e.g. nose

ημεmm [ημ̄em̄m] *adv.* stand against something quietly (hide)

ημεñne [ημ̄eñni] *v.* (1) to squeeze with the fingers e.g. breastfeeding (2) to press to feel (swollen leg) *ημεñneε, ημεñne, ημεñne, ημεñneμε, ημεñnaa, ημεñneμε*

ημεñγελεñ [ημ̄eñḡel̄eñ] *adj.* flattened out of shape

ημобоfo [ημ̄ob̄of̄o] *adj.* big and ruffled

ημolle [ημ̄oll̄i] *v.* to stuff into the mouth (food) *ημolleε, ημolla, ημolla, ημolleba, ημollaa*

ημολῶηημοοραα [ημ̄ol̄āηηm̄ōōraa] *n.* a type of insect that feeds on yam leaves *pl: ημολῶηημooore 2pl: ημολῶηημoooreε Var. ημολāηηm̄ōōraa*

ημονne [ημόννι] *v.* (1) to make spotted (2) to beautify **ημοννεε**, **ημοννο**, **ημοννο**, **ημονεβα**, **ημονnaa**

ημονοημονο [ημόνάημόνά] *adj.* (1) spotted (2) beautiful *Var.* **ημοναημονα**

ημοο [ημόò] *v.* to become scorched (green vegetation) **ημοοε**, **ημοοna**, -, **ηmoonema**, **ημοοnaa**

ημοοne [ημόòνè] *v.* (1) to mutter, to grumble (2) to growl e.g. dog **ημοονεε**, **ημοοna**, **ημοοna**,

ηmoonema, **ηmoonaa**, **ηmoonema**

ηmore [ημόρι] *v.* to crush • *Ka aloopeleen le o man ηmore la o zaa.* An aircraft that crashes is always crushed completely. **ηmoreε**, **ηmora**, **ηmora**, **ηmoreba**, **ηmora**, **ηmoreba**

ηmore [ημόρι] *v.* to rush; to move suddenly and fast • *A bie lere la ka o ma ηmore te nyge.* The child was going to fall, but the mother quickly took hold of him. **ηmoreε**, **ηmora**, **ηmora**, **ηmoreba**, **ηmora**, **ηmoreba**

O

o [ò] *pron.* s/he, him, her, it (3rd person singular weak form)

ogi [ògì] *v.* to bring out of the mouth **ogee**, **ogro**, **ogro**, **ogribo**, **ograa**

ogi [ògì] *v.* (1) to segregate; to discriminate (2) to dislocate (joint) **ogee**, **ogro**, **ogro**, **ogribo**, **ograa**

ogili [ògìli] *adj.* not properly fitted or seated (lid, cover)

oii [òii] *interj.* expression of despair

oli-oli [òli-òlí] *v.* to be restless, to be unsettled **oli-olee**, **oli-olo**, **oli-olo**, **oli-olibo**, **oli-olaa**, **oli-olibo**

onaη [ónáη] *pron.* that one (3rd person demonstrative nonhuman)

ono [ónó] *pron.* s/he, it (3rd person singular strong form) • **Ono la na**

yi. S/he is the one that will go out. *Var.* **ona/one**

oηgoloη [òηgólòη] *adj.* circular, spherical in shape and small

oo [òó] *part.* yes (acceptance)

ooi [òói] *part.* yes (response to call)

ōo [òò] *part.* yes (agreement) *Var.* **ēe**

oone [òòni] *v.* (1) to clear one's throat (2) to push (giving birth) **ooneε**, **oona**, **oona**, **oonema**, **oonaa**

oore [òòri] *v.* to dash up against **ooreε**, **oora**, **oora**, **ooreba**, **oora**

ō-ō [ò-ò] *interj.* why so?

ō-ō [ò-ò] *interj.* oh no

óó [ò-ò] *interj.* expression of surprise

ō-ōo [ò-òò] *interj.* no (disagreement)

ḏ [ḏḏ] *n.* a pot with small holes all over; colander *pl:* **ḏḏne** *2pl:* **ḏḏne**
ḏḏle [ḏḏlí] *v.* to happen gradually e.g. stomach ache **ḏḏlee**, **ḏḏle**, **ḏḏle**, **ḏḏlba**, **ḏḏlaa**
ḏḏne [ḏḏnì] *v.* to grip firmly with claws **ḏḏnee**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏḏnema**, **ḏḏnaa**

ḏ

ḏge [ḏgì] *n.* ground den, lair, hole *pl:* **ḏgre** *2pl:* **ḏgre**
ḏgere [ḏgírì] *v.* (1) to struggle (2) to vomit; to retch **ḏgre**, **ḏgrḏ**, **ḏgrḏ**, **ḏgreba**, **ḏgraa**
ḏgere [ḏgírì] *v.* to get choked e.g. during eating when a child is unable to swallow a morsel of food and strains to bring the food out
ḏlaa [ḏlàà] *n.* large black fish *pl:* **ḏlle** *2pl:* **ḏlle**
ḏle-ḏle [ḏlè-ḏlè] *adj.* slimy and dirty
ḏle-ḏle [ḏlè-ḏlè] *adj.* purple
ḏmm [ḏmm] *adv.* idling
ḏne [ḏnnì] *v.* to smoke, to put under extreme heat (meat) **ḏnee**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏnema**, **ḏnaa**
ḏḏḏre [ḏḏḏrì] *n.* A small brown mouse that usually lives along river valleys. *pl:* **ḏḏḏḏ** *Var.* **ḏḏḏre**
ḏḏe [ḏḏ] *v.* (1) to draw something liquid e.g. water, to fetch something powdery e.g. flour, soil (2)

ore [órí] *v.* (1) to wash very dirty things e.g. clothes (2) to make one suffer severely e.g. beat
ore [órí] *adj.* filled to the brim
oree [órée] *adj.* round and open looking e.g. a hole
orḏba [órḏbà] *n.* rubber *pl:* **orḏbare** *2pl:* **orḏbare**

to harvest vegetables (3) to harvest dawdaw fruits or leaves **ḏḏee**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏnema**, **ḏnaa**, **ḏnema**
ḏḏe [ḏḏ] *v.* to smell (bad odour) **ḏḏee**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏnema**, **ḏnaa**, **ḏnema**
ḏḏ-ḏḏ [ḏḏ-ḏḏ] *v.* to flee **ḏḏ-ḏḏee**, **ḏḏḏ-ḏḏee**, **ḏḏ-ḏḏnema**, **ḏḏ-ḏḏnema**
ḏḏḏ [ḏḏḏ] *n.* wild mouse *pl:* **ḏḏne** *2pl:* **ḏḏnee** *Var.* **ḏḏḏ**
ḏḏ-ḏḏḏ [ḏḏ-ḏḏḏ] *adj.* valuable, useful
ḏḏ-ḏḏḏre [ḏḏ-ḏḏḏrì] *n.* a type of wild mouse that lives along river banks and has a dark brown colour *pl:* **ḏḏ-ḏḏḏḏ** *2pl:* **ḏḏ-ḏḏḏre** *Var.* **ḏḏḏḏre**
ḏḏ [ḏḏ] *v.* (1) to chew (2) to ache; to throb with pain **ḏḏe**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏḏḏ**, **ḏḏreba**, **ḏḏraa**, **ḏḏreba**
ḏḏ-donḏ [ḏḏ-dḏḏḏ] *n.* (1) intestinal worm (2) roundworm *pl:* **ḏḏ-donne** *2pl:* **ḏḏ-donne**

- ɔ̀kponɔ̀ [ɔ̀kɔ̀pɔ̀nɔ̀] *n.* winter *pl:* ɔ̀kponni *2pl:* ɔ̀kponnee
- ɔ̀kyi [ɔ̀kɔ̀fɔ̀] *n.* goose bumps i.e. small bumps on skin caused by cold *pl:* ɔ̀kyiree
- ɔ̀-ɔ̀lle [ɔ̀-ɔ̀lli] *n.* moss (usually green matter found in unkempt wet places e.g. bath house) *2pl:* ɔ̀-ɔ̀lleɛ
- ɔ̀nyukɔ̀ [ɔ̀nyúkɔ̀] *n.* a type of small tree whose leaves are edible and have medicinal properties *2pl:* ɔ̀nyukɔ̀neɛ
- ɔ̀raa [ɔ̀ráà] *n.* chewer *pl:* ɔ̀reba *2pl:* ɔ̀rebeɛ
- ɔ̀raa-piiri [ɔ̀ráá-piíri] *n.* safe abode *pl:* ɔ̀raa-pie
- ɔ̀re [ɔ̀rí] *n.* cold *pl:* ɔ̀reɛ
- ɔ̀toorebare [ɔ̀tɔ̀tɔ̀ríbàri] *n.* October (month)
- ɔ̀raa [ɔ̀ráà] *n.* a type of climbing plant with edible fruit *pl:* ɔ̀rri *2pl:* ɔ̀rreɛ

- ɔ̀raa [ɔ̀ráà] *n.* portable cage (for carrying chicks) *pl:* ɔ̀rri *2pl:* ɔ̀rreɛ
- ɔ̀re [ɔ̀rí] *v.* to prepare bean leaf broth for soup ɔ̀reɛ, ɔ̀rɔ, ɔ̀rɔ, ɔ̀reba, ɔ̀raa, ɔ̀reba
- ɔ̀re [ɔ̀rí] *v.* to throw hard against e.g. ball against a player ɔ̀reɛ, ɔ̀rɔ, ɔ̀rɔ, ɔ̀reba, ɔ̀raa, ɔ̀reba
- ɔ̀re [ɔ̀rí] *adj.* impotent *pl:* ɔ̀rɔ *2pl:* ɔ̀reɛ
- ɔ̀re [ɔ̀rí] *v.* (1) to begin to rot (2) to stink (3) to be useless (person) ɔ̀reɛ, ɔ̀rɔ, ɔ̀rɔ, ɔ̀reba, ɔ̀raa, ɔ̀reba
- ɔ̀regbɔ̀rɔ [ɔ̀rìgbɔ̀rɔ] *adv.* messy looking
- ɔ̀resɔ̀glaa [ɔ̀rísɔ̀glàà] *n.* a type of climbing plant with edible fruit *pl:* ɔ̀resɔ̀glɔ̀
- ɔ̀rɔsɔ [ɔ̀rɔ̀sɔ̀] *adv.* paying dearly for being obstinate • *O yeli ka o ba wono yele, o taraa be ɔ̀rɔsɔ.* He says he is hardheaded; he is up to suffer for it.

P

- pa [pá] *v.* to set up the beginning of something e.g. weaving paɛ, paara, paara, pareba, paaraa
- pa [pá] *interj.* an expression of surprise *Var.* paa
- pa [pà] *v.* to be full paɛ, paara, paara, pareba, paaraa
- paa [páá] *interj.* expression of fear and surprise *Var.* pa

- pãa [páà] *conj.* then, and now • *O wae la pãa wuli o a toma.* He has come, you should then show him the work.
- pãa [páà] *adj.* what else • *Libie kyebe N pãa la e wolɔ?* There is no money, what else can I do?
- pãa [páà] *v.* to warn, to caution pãaɛ, paana, paana, paanema, paanaa

paalaa [pááláá] *adj.* new *pl:* paale
2pl: paaleε

paalaa [pááláá] *n.* (1) raised dais, platform (2) stage for laying a corpse in state *pl:* paale *2pl:* paaleε

paalaa [pààláà] *n.* space in between four mounds *pl:* paale *2pl:* paaleε

paale [pààlì] *v.* (1) to fill (2) to add
paaleε, paala, paala, paaleba

paalonwuluugane [páálonwúlúú-gáni] *n.* map *pl:* paalonwuluugama

paalonɔ [páálonɔ] *n.* area of jurisdiction (country, district, kingdom)

paalonɔ [páálonɔ] *adj.* first, fresh instance

paanaa [pàànáá] *n.* ground cricket
pl: paane *2pl:* paaneε *Var.* paanɔaa

paane [pààni] *v.* to blame paaneε,
paana, paana, paanema, paanaa

paantakyeraa [pààntáfíráá] *n.* wild flying cricket *pl:* paantakyerre

paapaa [páápàà] *n.* pope *pl:* paapamine/paapaare *2pl:* paapaareε

pāapere [pā̀apiri] *n.* paper-like spider egg sac *pl:* pāapēε *2pl:* pāapeereε

paare [páári] *n.* vagina, vulva *pl:* pae
2pl: pēereε

paare [pààri] *v.* to scrape e.g. roasted yam paareε, paara, paara, paareba, paaraa

paare [pà̀ari] *v.* to weed e.g. grass paareε, paara, paara, paareba, paaraa

paare [páári] *v.* to pass (a test)
paareε, paara, paara, paareba, paaraa

paasepɔto [páásípóótò] *n.* passport *pl:* paasepɔtere *2pl:* paasepɔtereε

pāatakyeraa [pā̀átáfíráá] *n.* a type of cricket *pl:* pāatakyerre *2pl:* pāatakyerreε

paate [pááti] *interj.* expression of surprise astonishment e.g. one found in a challenging situation

paawa [pááwà] *n.* power, electric light *pl:* paaware *2pl:* paawareε

paawere [pááwirè] *n.* powder *pl:* paawerre *2pl:* paawerreε/paawerreε

pabo [pábó] *adj.* completely

padaa [pàdàá] *n.* wood used to make a stage for a corpse *pl:* padaare *2pl:* padaareε

page [págí] *v.* to hasten, to hurry
pageε, pagera, pagereba, pageraa, pagereba, pagepagera

pagere [págrì] *v.* to compete, to challenge pagreε, pagra, pagra, pagreba, pagraa

pakɔlonɔ [pákólonɔ] *n.* female pubic hair

pakyonɔ [páfónɔ] *n.* a large black ant with a painful sting *pl:* pakyonne *2pl:* pakyonneε

palampiiri [pálampìiri] *n.* (1) butterfly (2) moth *pl:* palampie *2pl:* palampiiree *Var.* palampigri/palimpiiri

palle [pàlli] *v.* to plait, to braid **pal-
læe, palla, palla, paleba, pallaa**

pamm [pámm] *adj.* straight onto the
target

pampana [pámpánà] *adv.* now

pampuntege [pámpuntègè] *n.* the
act of being inward looking; con-
cerned with only immediate rela-
tion *pl:* **pampuntege**

panana [pànànà] *adv.* lit up e.g. car
headlight in the dark

panapana [pànàpànà] *adj.* colourful,
beautiful

pane [pání] *n.* doorway cover made
of straw *pl:* **pama** *2pl:* **panæe**

paŋe [pàŋ] *v.* (1) to beat down wet
rough surface to make it even (lo-
cal way to plaster) e.g. floor (2)
fig. walk without any footwear
on, barefooted **paŋæe, pana, pana,
panema, panaa**

paŋe [pàŋ] *v.* (1) to beat merciless-
ly (2) to gather plenty of leaves (3)
to sew (Akan) **paŋæe, pana, pana,
panema, panaa**

papeeme [pápíémé] *n.* waist string
with cowries *pl:* **papeene** *2pl:* **pa-
peenee**

papoo [pàpúú] *n.* space in between
mounds *pl:* **papooore** *2pl:* **papoooree**

papoo [pápúú] *n.* inner vagina

para [pára] *n.* triangular loincloth *pl:*
parre *2pl:* **paree**

para [pàrà] *v.* to walk quickly **paree,
para, para, pareba, paraa**

parapara [pàràpàrà] *adv.* hurried
manner • *A tontonema da nyoge
la a toma parapapara, ka ba
baare a.* The worker started the
work hurriedly and soon finished.

parata [páratá] *adj.* white and spot-
less *Var.* **perete**

pare [pári] *n.* buttocks, bottom *pl:*
paree *Var.* **tege**

pare [pári] *n.* meaning • *A yeŋe ŋa
pare la wola?* What is the mean-
ing of this? • *A yeŋe pare da ba
kyaane.* The meaning of what was
said was not clear. *pl:* **paree** *Var.*
tege

pare [pári] *v.* to understand • *A bie
da ba woŋi a yeŋe pare.* The child
did not understand what was said.

pare [pàrí] *n.* raised tomb *pl:* **paree**

pare [pári] *post.* under • *A ton-
tonema balæe la gaa zeŋe tee
pare ka ba penne.* The workers
were tired and sat under the tree to
rest.

pare [pàrè] *v.* (1) to place on top
(2) to overtake, to pass **paree, para,
para, pareba, paraa, pareba**

pare [pàrè] *adj.* (1) more than (2)
over

pare-araa [pàri-áraá] *n.* the act of
having time • *N ba taa pare-araa
na gaa be zeŋe, n toma yaga.* I
have no time to go there today, be-
cause I have a lot of work.

parebaaraa [pàrbàáràà] *n.* last one
pl: **parbaare**

parebiri [pàrìbìrì] *n.* anus *pl:* parebie
2pl: parebiiree *Var.* parebogi

parebogi [pàrbógì] *n.* anus *pl:* pare-
 bogiri *2pl:* parebogiree *Var.* pare-
 biri

parefêe [pàrífíé] *adv.* in vain • *N vii-
 ri la o yiri te bale kye ka parefêe.*
 I have gone to his house several
 times but all without success.

parefuri [pàrfùrì] *n.* act of dragging
 one's feet e.g. cowardice

parekolee [pàrèkòlèé] *n.* piglet *pl:*
 parekobilii *Var.* dobalee, dobabilii

parekonene [pàrìkònénì] *n.* pork *pl:*
 parekoneme *2pl:* porkonennee

parekyara [pàrtfàrá] *n.* The part
 in between the legs e.g. when in
 astride position *pl:* parekyarre *2pl:*
 parekyaree *Var.* parekyere

parekyere [pàrtfèrè] *n.* *pl:*
 parekyerre *2pl:* parekyeree *Var.*
 parekyara

parema [pàrímá] *n.* extra

parenycge [pàrnyógi] *n.* courage

parepêe [pàrìpèè] *n.* act of struggling
 it out with another • *Ba yele na e
 la parepêe yele.* That problem of
 theirs is a difficult one.

parepîi [pàrìpîî] *n.* the end of the
 anus *pl:* parepiime

parepooɔŋ [pàrìpòóŋ] *n.* a type of
 wild mouse that reproduces prolifi-
 cally *pl:* parepooɔ *2pl:* parepooɔee

parepũo [pàrìpũò] *n.* fear

paresegere [pàrìségrì] *n.* buttock *pl:*
 paresege *2pl:* paresegerere

presunsugiri [pàrìsúnsúgrì] *n.* the
 knob-like appendage attached to
 the area above the anus of birds *pl:*
 presunsugo *2pl:* presunsugree

paretaa [pàritàà] *n.* game *2pl:* pare-
 taaree

pareteleŋ [pàrítélɪŋ] *adj.* at once

paree [pàréé] *n.* species; kind *pl:*
 paree paree

parikonyaa [pàrìkónájáá] *n.* sow
 (pig) *pl:* parikonyane

pataase [pàtáásì] *n.* type of lo-
 cal spirit (alcoholic drink) *pl:*
 pataasere *2pl:* pataaseree

pazɔŋ [pàzɔŋ] *n.* blood-sucking fly
pl: pazɔnne *2pl:* pazɔnnee *Var.*
 pazɔŋa

pe [pí] *v.* to be fed up with
 pee, peere, peere, peerebe, peeraa,
 peerebe

pedaa [pídáá] *n.* ram *pl:* padaare *2pl:*
 pedae/padaaree

peda-eele [pídá-íílé] *n.* male sheep
 with horns

pedavaraa [pídàváraà] *n.* castrated
 ram *pl:* pedavarre *2pl:* pedavaree

pee [pèè] *adv.* open and large

pê [pî] *adv.* weighty object smashing
 a smaller object (onomatopoeia)

pêe [pîí] *adj.* unrelenting, steadfast,
 not giving way

peelaa [píílàà] *adj.* infant *pl:* peelee

peelee [pííli] *v.* to tear into shreds
 e.g. rag peelée, peelé, peelé, peelbe,
 peelaa, peelbe

pēepēe [pī́pī́] *adv.* very sharp (taste, sting)

peere [pìrì] *v.* (1) to sweep, to dust, to brush off (shirt) (2) to cleanse; to reinstate someone's soul believed to have deserted her/him by performing certain rituals to cleanse the person of an evil spirit, which is believed to have overshadowed the person's actual soul **peereε, peereε, peerebe, peeraa**

peeteree [píitírí] *adj.* everything about something, the whole truth • *A polisiri da soore la noba yaga a na baje a yeε peeteree zaa.* The police questioned many people in a bid to get to the bottom of the matter. *2pl: peeterεε*

peε [píé] *n.* roof *pl: peere 2pl: peereε*

peε [pìé] *n.* basket *pl: peere 2pl: peereε*

peε [pìè] *v.* (1) to drink (taking in large gulps) (2) to take a wife or house maid from her parents **peεε, peereε, peereε, peerebe, peeraa**

pēε [píéé] *adv.* completely e.g. finished • *A kōz zaaj baare pēε.* All the water is finished completely.

pēε [pìèè] *v.* pull apart in a bid to open e.g. pulling the eyelid(s) apart **pēεε, peeneε, peeneε, peenemeε, peenaa**

pēε [pìèè] *v.* (1) to decorate well (2) to dress gorgeously **pēεε, peeneε, peeneε, peenemeε, peenaa**

pēε [pìèè] *v.* to court (Southern Dagaare dialect) **pēεε, peeneε, peeneε, peenemeε, peenaa, - Var. peε**

peele [pìèli] *v.* **peelεε, peeleε, peeleε, peelebeε, peelaa, peelebeε**
peele eelee to blow a horn

peele [píéli] *v.* to be near; to be close to **peelεε, peeleε, peeleε, peelebeε, peelaa, peelebeε**

peele-peele [píéli-píéli] *adj.* having white spots

peelon [píélóŋ] *n.* (1) whiteness (2) food

peeme [píémé] *n.* (1) decorations (2) beautiful clothing *pl: peeneε 2pl: peeneε/peemeε*

peemo [píémó] *n.* (1) courtship (2) sexual intercourse

pēeo [píéóó] *n.* a type of wild cat (dark spotted) *pl: peeneε 2pl: peeneε*

peere [pìèrì] *v.* to investigate **peereε, peereε, peereε, peerebeε, peeraa**

peere [pìèrì] *v.* to not be fussy about choices (typically used with negative marker ba) **peereε, peereε, peereε, peerebeε, peeraa**

peere [píérí] *v.* to line up; to place side by side **peereε, peereε, peereε, peerebeε, peeraa**

peere [píérí] *v.* to tap (to call attention) **peereε, peereε, peereε, peerebeε, peeraa**

peere [píérè] *n.* a type of small, black potato *sg: peeroo pl: peereε 2pl: peereε*

pege [pìgì] *v.* (1) to decorate (dress) (2) to make tasty, delicious **pegεε, pegreε, pegreε, pegrebeε, pegraa**

pegelaa [pìglàà] *n.* row (of farm mounds) *pl:* **pegle** *2pl:* **peglē**

pegele [pìgli] *v.* cut across, in order to meet at a point **peglē**, **pegle**, **pegle**, **peglebe**, **peglaa**

pegele [pìgli] *adj.* crooked, twisted e.g. feet

pegere [pìgrè] *n.* wings *sg:* **pegroo**

pege [pìgé] *adj.* not whole; e.g. broken piece of calabash

pegi [pègì] *v.* to flap one's wings **pegee**, **pegre**, **pegre**, **pegribe**, **pegraa**

pekoolon [pìkóólón] *n.* wool

pekponji [pìkpôn] *n.* large roof *pl:* **pekponni** *2pl:* **pekponnee**

pekyeene [pìkʃíné] *n.* shepherd *pl:* **pekyeeme** *2pl:* **pekyeenee**

pelaa [pìlàá] *adj.* white *pl:* **peele**

pelaaya [pìlááyà] *n.* pliers *pl:* **pelaayare** *2pl:* **pelaayaree**

pele [pìli] *v.* (1) to split a piece from a stalk (2) to leave and fail to return **pelee**, **pelle**, **pelle**, **pelebe**, **pelaa**

pele [pìlí] *v.* (1) to tear, to break off (splinter) (2) to discontinue (visits) (3) to continue without going back to former place **pelee**, **pelle**, **pelle**, **pelbe**, **pellaa**

pelee [pìlèè] *n.* lamb *pl:* **pebilii**

pelee [pèlèè] *n.* small basket *pl:* **pebilii** *Var.* **pelee**

peleemazē [pìlémàzîî] *n.* a type of with pink coloured edible fruits

pelempelen [pèlémpélén] *adv.* bare, empty

pelewelee [pìliiwiliì] *adj.* plenty of things found everywhere e.g. assorted items • **A wee tomō deε waa la pelewelee le.** There is plenty of work on the farm. *Var.* **pelewele**

pelempelen [pìlèmpílén] *adv.* all over the place, disorganised

pele [pèli] *n.* spirit, heart *pl:* **pele** *2pl:* **pelee**

pele [pél] *n.* fright

pell [pìll] *adj.* full to capacity *Var.* **pelpel**

pell [pèll] *adj.* rise into the air e.g. flame

peloo [pìlòò] *adv.* suddenly and quickly e.g. fish splashing in water

pelpel [pìlpíl] *adv.* full to the brim

pelpele [pìlpíl] *v.* to litter with broken pieces e.g. of straw **pelpelee**, **pelpele**, **pelpele**, **pelpelebe**, **pelpelaa**

pempelen [pèmpélén] *adj.* small e.g. piece of cloth

pemperi [pèmpèrì] *v.* to bend or place something in an oblique position **pemperee**, **pempere**, **pempere**, **pemperibe**, **pemperaa**, - *Var.* **pempere**

penene [pínèni] *n.* mutton *pl:* **peneme** *2pl:* **penennee**

penne [pínni] *v.* to make delicious **pennεε**, **pennε**, **pennε**, **peneme**, **pennaa**

penti [péntì] *n.* paint *pl:* pentiri *2pl:* pentiree

penyaŋaa [pínáŋáá] *n.* ewe, adult female sheep *pl:* penyaŋene/penyanne *2pl:* penyaŋene/penyanne

peraa [píráá] *n.* (1) deliberateness (2) obstinacy

peraa [píráá] *n.* hyperbole (literature)

peraa [píràà] *n.* castanet; a pair of metal rings worn on the fingers and clicked together rhythmically *pl:* perre *2pl:* perre

pere [pírì] *v.* push away; usually a small object with the foot

pere [pírì] *n.* a loop used in making the rim of a basket *pl:* perre

pere [pìrì] *v.* (1) remove from; shell (groundnuts), unwrap (parcel), (2) get wounded • *O daare zõla kuriwiri te le ka o gbere pere.* He rode a bicycle, crashed and got his leg wounded. **perre, perre, perre, perebe, peraa**

pere [pírì] *v.* push away (small object), ignore • *Ka foŋ ba boɔɔ a kuuri ŋa kye ta pere o bare.* Even if you don't like this stone don't push it away. **perre, perre, perre, perebe, peraa**

pere [pírì] *n.* sheep *pl:* peere *Var.* pero

perebare [pírìbàrì] *n.* outer toe of a fowl *pl:* perebarre *2pl:* perebare

perekara [pìrikàrà] *adj.* astride, firm and immovable • *A sogya yaare*

la o gbɛɛ perekara ka tɔloo zie kyebe. The soldier stood firmly with his feet astride such that no one can pass by him.

perekatɔɔre [pírìkátóórì] *n.* cemetery *pl:* perekatɔɔ *2pl:* perekatɔɔre

perepere [pìrìpírì] *v.* to struggle e.g. insect on a hot object **perere, perere, perere, pererebe, pererera**

perete [pírítì] *adv.* spotlessly white *Var.* parata

perere [pírèpírè] *adj.* not stuck together e.g. well-cooked rice

periperi [pèrìpèrì] *v.* to make an effort to overcome, to try hard • *O ba taa a eebo kye o meŋ aŋ peripere la.* She has not got the means, but she is also still trying hard. **peripere, peripere, peripere, periperibe, periperera**

peroo [píróó] *n.* sheep *pl:* peere *2pl:* peere *Var.* pere

pesaraa [písàràà] *n.* young adult female sheep *sg:* pesarre *pl:* pesarre

petooŋmaa [pítòòŋmáá] *n.* one who will not listen to anything *pl:* petooŋmaara *2pl:* petooŋmaare

pezage [pízàgì] *n.* sheep pen *pl:* pezagre *2pl:* pezagre

pe [pè] *v.* to squeeze out e.g. milk from a cow -, -, **peere, peerebe, peeraa**

pe [pè] *v.* to open one's eyes widely -, -, **peere, peerebe, peeraa**

pe [pè] *v.* to spiritually deprive another of prowess -, -, **peere**, **peerebe**, **peeraa**

pe [pé] *v.* to harvest nuts from the ground **pee**, **peere**, **peere**, **peerebe**, **peeraa**

pe [pé] *adj.* same, equal *Var.* **pepe**

pëe [pèè] *adv.* fatty; oily

peere [péerí] *adj.* immature *pl:* **pebe**

peeteere [péétéerí] *n.* small, flat fish; tilapia *sg:* **peeteroo** *pl:* **peetebe** *2pl:* **peetebe** *Var.* **peetere**

pege [pégì] *v.* to wash e.g. clothes, utensils -, **pegre**, **pegre**, **pegrebe**

pege [pégí] *n.* hard external covering of seeds, nuts, animals, trees *pl:* **pegre/pege** *2pl:* **pegre**

pegele [pèglì] *v.* to carry on one's side, shoulder, in arms **peglee**, **pegle**, **pegle**, **peglebe**, **peglaa**

pege yi [pégì yí] *adj.* clean, bright

pegèke [pègèkè] *adj.* deep and wide

peglen [péglén] *n.* small and flat *pl:* **peglen** **peglen** *Var.* **pejgelen**

pekogo [pèkógó] *n.* sticks put under a basket as a protective base *pl:* **pekogri** *2pl:* **pekogree**

pekpon [pèkpon] *n.* large basket *pl:* **pekponni** *2pl:* **pekponnee**

pelaa [pélàà] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* **pelle** *2pl:* **pellee**

pele [pèlì] *v.* to be white

pele [pèlì] *v.* to open up; be happy • *Zene o pele la poɔ manne a yele*

ko te. Today s/he open up by explaining the issues to us.

pele [pélí] *v.* (1) to peel (yam) (2) to clear grass by weeding with a hoe

pempelen [pémpélén] *n.* flat metal (cover of a tin) *pl:* **pempelle** *2pl:* **pempelée**

pempenee [pémpénéé] *n.* wild gum; rubber *pl:* **pempenne** *2pl:* **pempennee**

pempere [pèmpèrì] *n.* oblique position (bending very low)

pempere [pèmpèrì] *v.* to bend very low and in an oblique position **pemperee**, **pempere**, **pempere**, **pemperebe**, **pemperaa**

penaa [pènáà] *n.* musical instrument made from seasoned straw *pl:* **penne** *2pl:* **pennee**

penne [pènnì] *v.* to carve **pennee**, **penne**, **penne**, **pennee**, **pennaa**

penne [pènnì] *v.* to rest **pennee**, **penne**, **penne**, **pennee**, **pennaa**

penne [pènní] *n.* lower part of abdomen *pl:* **peeme** *2pl:* **pennee**

penne [pènnì] *n.* cloth *pl:* **peeme** *2pl:* **pennee**

pennoŋ [pènnòŋ] *n.* see **pennoo**

pennoo [pènnòó] *n.* air, breeze *Var.* **pennoŋ**

pennu [pènnù] *n.* hand measure (about 9 inches) of woven strip of cloth *pl:* **pennuuri** *2pl:* **pennuuree**

penzage [pénzágí] *n.* rag *pl:* **penzagra** *2pl:* **penzagree**

peŋe [pèŋ] *v.* (1) to groan (2) to grunt (from effort) **peŋeε**, **peŋε**, **peŋε**, **peŋeme**, **peŋaa**, **peŋeme**

peŋe [pêŋ] *v.* (1) to borrow (2) to lend **peŋeε**, **peŋne**, **peŋne**, **peŋeme**, **peŋnaa**, **peŋeme**

peŋe [pêŋ] *v.* to tap on water to clear the top of unwanted material **peŋeε**, **peŋne**, **peŋne**, **peŋeme**, **peŋnaa**, **peŋeme** *Var.* **beŋ**

peŋkɔɔɔŋ [pêŋkɔɔɔŋ] *n.* pubic hair
pepela [pépélàà] *n.* a type of small, carnivorous bird *pl:* **pepelle**

pere [péri] *v.* to stand abreast, to be equal e.g. height **perεε**, **perε**, **perε**, **perεbe**, **peraa**

pere [pèri] *v.* to bend in an oblique manner **perεε**, **perε**, **perε**, **perεbe**, **perε**

perεperε [pèrèpéré] *n.* food made of mashed yam

perεperε [pérépéré] *adv.* completely
• *A nimibaaloŋ veŋeε la ka a dɔɔ zɔŋe perεperε.* The eye disease has caused him to be blind completely.

petεε [pètíé] *n.* medium-sized basket *pl:* **petεere** *2pl:* **petεereε** *Var.* **petεlee**

peyagela [pèyàglàà] *n.* a basket, usually hung, in which calabashes are stored *pl:* **peyagle** *2pl:* **peyagleε**

pi [pí] *v.* to become bloated, to swell up **pie**, **piire**, **piire**, **piiribe**, **piiraa**

pi [pí] *v.* to reserve, to claim in advance **pie**, **piire**, **piire**, **piiribe**, **pii-**

raa

pi [pì] *v.* to be in fear; to clutch self tightly in fear **pie**, **piire**, **piire**, **piiribe**, **piiraa**

piɔŋɔ [piɔŋɔ] *n.* a type of lizard believed to be poisonous *pl:* **piɔŋne** *2pl:* **piɔŋneε** *Var.* **piɔŋa**

pie [pié] *adj.* ten *pl:* **piiiri** *2pl:* **piiiree**

pie ane anaare [pié ání ánáári] *adj.* fourteen *pl:* **pie ne anaare**

pie ane anii [pié ání áni] *adj.* eighteen *pl:* **pie ne aniini** *2pl:* **pie ane aniinee**

pie ane anuu [pié áne anúú] *adj.* fifteen *pl:* **pie ne anuuri** *2pl:* **pie ne anuuree**

pie ane ata [pié ání átà] *adj.* thirteen *pl:* **pie ne atare**

pie ane ayi [pié ání áyi] *adj.* twelve *pl:* **pie ne ayiri**

pie ane ayɔɔbo [pié ání àyòòbó] *adj.* sixteen *pl:* **pie ne ayɔɔre**

pie ane ayɔɔɔi [pié ání àyòòɔi] *adj.* seventeen *pl:* **pie ne ayɔɔɔni**

pie ane yeni [pié ání yéni] *adj.* eleven *pl:* **pie ne yeme**

pie ne awae [pié ání àwái] *adj.* nineteen *pl:* **pie ane awae** *2pl:* **pie ane awareε**

piiri [pièri] *v.* (1) to cause the skin to peel e.g. as a result of scrapes on rough surfaces (2) to cause to be bare (bush) **pieree**, **piere**, **piere**, **pieribe**, **piiraa**, **pieribe**

pieto [piétó] *n.* loincloth *pl:* **pietori** *2pl:* **pietoree**

pigepige [pígépígé] *adj.* moving around craftily

pigi [pìgì] *v.* (1) to obstruct (view) (2) to shield, to prevent (3) to trap in an enclosure e.g. house, hole
pigee, pigre, pigre, pigribe, pigraa, pigribe

pigi [pígì] *v.* to make a ball e.g. from mud
pigee, pigre, pigre, pigribe, pigraa

pigiri [pìgìrì] *v.* to look out for, to watch over
pigiree, pigire, pigire, pigiribe, pigiraa

pïi [pïî] *n.* arrow *sg:* pïiu *pl:* piime
2pl: piinee

pïi biri [pïî bírì] *n.* arrowhead *pl:* pïi bie *Var.* pimbiri

pïikaraa [pïîkàràà] *n.* sharpened arrow *pl:* pïikarre *2pl:* pïikarreε

pïili [píilì] *v.* to begin; to start
piilee, piile, piile, piilibe, piilaa, piilibe

pïi-mõre [pïî-mórí] *n.* arrow shaft *pl:* pïi-mõε *2pl:* pïi-mõreε

pïiri [píurì] *v.* to massage with warm water e.g. on bruises
piiree, piire, piire, piiribe, piiraa

pïiri [píurì] *n.* rock *pl:* pie *2pl:* piiree *Var.* pie (Southern Dagaare dialect)

pïiri [pïèrì] *v.* to recover a lost object by chance -, **piire, piiribe, piiraa**

pïirimpïi [pïèrìmpïî] *n.* a type of lizard *pl:* piirimpïime

pïi-sabõle [pïîsàból] *n.* a type of square-shaped arrow without

spikes *pl:* pïi-sabõb *2pl:* pïi-sabõlεε

pïi-sabõle [pïî-sàbólí] *n.* finless arrow *pl:* pïi-sabõb *2pl:* pïi-sabõlεε

pïiseebaa [pïîsíébaá] *n.* large, long, flat needle for weaving *pl:* pïiseere *Var.* pïiseeraa

pïi-takõraa [pïî-tàkòràá] *n.* a type of arrow with spikes on the sides *pl:* pïi-takõrre *2pl:* pïi-takõreε

pïiteeraa [pïîtèràá] *n.* an arrow that is shot out; arrow for shooting *pl:* pïiteere

pïizele [pïîzélí] *n.* poisoned arrow *pl:* pïizele

pikuuri [pikúurì] *n.* large piece of rock *pl:* pikubo *2pl:* pikuree

pileesekõ [píléésíkáó] *n.* a type of bird *pl:* pileesekõre

pilempileŋ [pílèmpíléŋ] *adv.* gusty

pilepile [pílépílé] *adv.* in a fast manner

pili [pílí] *n.* a type of mat made of tiny straw and thread used to sleep on *pl:* pile *2pl:* pilee

pilinto [pílintóó] *n.* bottle *pl:* pilintoore *2pl:* pilintooreε

pilipili [pílipílí] *v.* to cover up or confuse by clever actions
pilipilee, pilipile, pilipile, pilipilibe, pilipilaa

pilli [píllì] *v.* to roll up (mat)
pillee, pille, pille, pilibe, pillaa, pilibe

pilli [píllì] *v.* (1) to cover (with a cloth) (2) cover the top of a build-

- ing pillee, pille, pille, pilibe, pillaa, pilibe
- pilli** [pìlli] *v.* to roll the tip of a feather in the ear to scratch it
pillee, pille, pille, pilibe, pillaa, pilibe
- pilli pəge** [pìlli pəgì] *v.* to overwhelm with a swarm (bee attack)
pilili pəgeε, pille pəgrɔ, pilli-pəgrɔ
- pimbiri** [pìmbìrì] *n.* (1) nail (2) arrowhead (3) syringe *sg:* **pimbiruu**
pl: **pimbie** *2pl:* **pimbiiree**
- pimbitaaraa** [pìmbitàáràà] *n.* screw, bolt *pl:* **pimbitaare** *2pl:* **pimbitaareε**
- pimpin** [pìmpín] *adj.* far away
- pimpin** [pìmpín] *v.* to attempt to confuse, to cover a deed **pimpijee, pimpine, pimpine, pimpinime, pimpinaa**
- pinni** [pìnnì] *v.* (1) to tap on to empty e.g. pocket (2) to shake e.g. to remove unwanted bodies (bugs from a mat) (3) to perform the final threshing to remove bits of grain
pinnee, pinne, pinne, pinime, pinnaa
- pinni** [pìnnì] *v.* to remind **pinnee, pinne, pinne, pinime, pinnaa**
- pingaraa** [pìngáràà] *n.* pickaxe *pl:* **pingarre** *2pl:* **pingarreε**
- piŋi** [pín] *v.* (1) to shake to remove e.g. dust from cloth (2) to beat mercilessly (figurative) **piŋee, pine, pine, pinime, pinaa, pinime**
- piŋi** [pín] *v.* to hide or take cover behind an object **piŋee, pine, pine, pinime, pinaa, pinime**
- piŋiiri** [pìŋiìrì] *n.* a type of tiny black flying insect that moves in groups
- pipiree** [pìpíréé] *n.* (1) chaff (2) residue of the matter left after chewing and extracting the liquid from some nuts like coconut *pl:* **pipirri** *2pl:* **pipirree**
- piraa** [pìráá] *n.* button *pl:* **pirri**
- pire** [pìré] *n.* new land cleared for farming *pl:* **pirri** *2pl:* **piree/pirree**
- pirempireŋ** [pìrémpírén] *adv.* full (tyre, stomach)
- pirepire** [pìrépíré] *n.* the state of complete emptiness; the state of having nothing • ***N da boorɔ ka N gaa sori kye pirepire ba mare ma.***
I had wanted to go on a trip, but I had nothing on me.
- piri** [pìrì] *v.* (1) to compete to win e.g. vacant seat (2) to speak at the same time (two or more people)
piree, pire, pire, piribe, piraa
- piri** [pìrì] *v.* to lance, to make a small cut to release pus **piree, pire, pire, piribe, piraa**
- piri** [pìrì] *v.* (1) to button up e.g. shirt (2) to strap on e.g. wristwatch (3) to put a noose on or off e.g. neck or leg of an animal **piree, pire, pire, piribe, piraa**
- piriyoro** [pìrìyòró] *adv.* completely scattered in different directions e.g. members of a search party

po [pò] *v.* to pull a grass stalk off the base **poe**, **poorɔ/poora**, **poorɔ/poora**, **pooreba**, **pooraa**

po [pò] *v.* to dig for termites (to feed young chicks) **poe**, **puoro**, **puoro**, **puoribo**, **puoraa**

po [pò] *v.* to ooze, to flow (water) **poe**, **puoro**, **puoro**, **puoribo**, **puoraa**

pobeeme [pòbìémé] *n.* stomachache, upset stomach *2pl:* **pobeeme**

pobieri [pòbìèrì] *n.* wickedness *2pl:* **pobieree** *Var.* **powolaa**

poboɔbo [pòbòɔbò] *n.* will, desire

pobu [pòbú] *adv.* filled with (tears in the eyes)

podëo [pòdìò] *n.* preference

podegere [pòdégírì] *n.* evil thought

pofaa [pòfáá] *n.* state of being evil-minded *pl:* **pofaare** *2pl:* **pofaare**

pogaale [pògááli] *n.* prenatal care *pl:* **pogaale**

pogitogo [pògítógó] *adv.* very short and small *Var.* **pogitogoo**

pokuonɔaa [pòkúónɔáá] *n.* sharp stomachache without diarrhoea *pl:* **pokuoni** *2pl:* **pokuonee**

pokpaane [pòkpaàni] *n.* fasting *2pl:* **pokpaane** *Var.* **pokpegiri**

pokpegiri [pòkpegírì] *n.* closed-heartedness, without an open mind, wickedness *pl:* **pokpege** *2pl:* **pokpegree** *Var.* **pokpaane**

pokpelenkye [pòkpélénfjé] *n.* the act of being potentially dangerous

pokpɔgere [pòkpɔgrì] *n.* tumor in the stomach *pl:* **pokpɔgɔ** *2pl:* **pokpɔgree**

pokyiiri [pòfjírì] *n.* confession

polee [póléé] *n.* small farm

polee [pòléé] *n.* early pregnancy

poleene [pòlíéní] *n.* female lizard *pl:* **poleeme** *2pl:* **poleeme**

polepole [pòlpólí] *adj.* very tall and pointed summit (church tower)

poli [pólí] *v.* smear plenty of oil producing a shining effect **polee**, **polo**, **polo**, **polibo**, **polaa**, **polibo**

poli [pòli] *adv.* flaring up abruptly (fire)

polige [pòlígè] *n.* the state of not being open-minded

poll [póll] *adj.* small and sharp *pl:* **poll poll**

polle [pòllì] *v.* (1) to sharpen (a point) (2) to take an oath (3) to make a promise **pollee**, **polla**, **polla**, **poleba**, **pollaa**, **poleba**
polle noɔre, **polle teebo** to vow

pololo [pòlóló] *adj.* pointed and sharp

pomm [pòm] *adv.* bloated like a balloon

pompoluoree [pòmpólúóréé] *n.* a type of wild tree with edible fruit *pl:* **pompoluori** *2pl:* **pompoluoree** *Var.* **polimpoluoree**

pomponɔ [pòmpónɔ] *n.* a type of poisonous green-trunked tree with white nectar *pl:* **pomponne** *2pl:* **pomponne** *Var.* **pomponɔ**

ponaŋa [pónán] *n.* severe stomachache *pl:* **ponanne** *2pl:* **ponannee** *Var.* **ponaŋe**

ponne [pónní] *v.* (1) to drop in bits e.g. rain (2) to test tightness e.g. string of bow, guitar **ponnee**, **ponnɔ**, **ponnɔ**, **ponema**, **ponnaa**

ponne [pònñì] *v.* to covet; to make advances to mate with e.g. animals

ponne [pònñì] *adj.* not up to standard

ponji [pòŋ] *n.* pollen *pl:* **ponni** *2pl:* **ponnee**

ponji [pòn] *v.* (1) to shave (hair) (2) to remove corn from the cob **ponjee**, **pono**, **pono**, **ponimo**, **ponaa**, **ponimo**

ponji [pón] *v.* to share, to divide **ponjee**, **pono**, **pono**, **ponimo**, **ponaa**

poɔ [pòɔ̀] *adv.* sound made when one wades into water (onomatopoeia)

po-o [pó-ó] *n.* ocean *2pl:* **pooree** *Var.* **mpoone/mpoonee** (Akan)

poomɔ [póómɔ̀] *n.* bean weevil *2pl:* **poomee** *Var.* **pooma**

poone [pòònì] *v.* to persist e.g. talk, argue • **O maŋ boɔle la ba woŋi yeli kye meŋ aŋ poonɔ pare.** When he calls, there comes no answer, but he persists in calling earnestly. **poonee**, **poonɔ**, **poonɔ**, **poonema**, **poonaa**

poore [pòõrí] *n.* challenge *2pl:* **pooree**

poore [pòõrì] *v.* to challenge, to compete **pooree**, **poora**, **poora**, **pooreba**, **pooraa**

poore [pòõrì] *v.* to spray e.g. water onto someone **pooree**, **poora**, **poora**, **pooreba**, **pooraa**

poore [pòõrì] *v.* to harvest grass stalks **pooree**, **poora**, **poora**, **pooreba**, **pooraa**

poɔ [póɔ̀] *n.* stomach, abdomen *pl:* **poore** *2pl:* **pooree**

poɔ [póɔ̀] *n.* part (of a group) • **A pɔgelee ba poɔ a zɔɔreŋ.** The girl is not part of the fight. *pl:* **poore** *2pl:* **pooree**

poɔ [póɔ̀] *n.* pregnancy *pl:* **poore** *2pl:* **pooree**

poɔ [póɔ̀] *v.* to beat down on by rain **poɔee**, **poɔɔ**, **poɔɔ**, **poɔreba**, **poɔraa**

poɔ [póɔ̀] *v.* to add to; to include **poɔee**, **poɔɔ**, **poɔɔ**, **poɔreba**, **poɔraa**

poɔ [póɔ̀] *post.* (1) in, inside • **Ka diibuŋ be fo noɔre poɔ fo koŋ tɔɔ̃ yeli yeɛ vela.** If there is food in your mouth, you cannot talk well. (2) among, within • **O poɔ la a bibiiri na naŋ daŋe waaboŋ.** S/he is among the children who came early.

põɔ [pòõ̀] *v.* (1) to interrupt • **A bie ba tu o noɔre baare kye ka a karema pòɔ kpe, yeli ka zirii la.** The child had not finished telling his story when the teacher interrupted and said it was a lie. • **A**

pagebilii deene la velaa zaa ka dɔɔbilii mine wa pōo kpe ka a deene ηmaa. The girls were happily playing when some boys interrupted them and the play ended. (2) to perform a task earlier than expected • *A tontonema da pōo iree la gaa o toma zie a na te de ba sanyɔɔ.* The workers left before dawn to the work place in order to receive their salaries. **pōɔɛ, pōɔɔ, pōɔɔ, pōɔnema, pōɔnaa**

pōo [póó] *v.* to rot **pōɔɛ, pōɔɔ, pōɔɔ, pōɔnema, pōɔnaa**

pōo [póó] *v.* to play a game of hide and seek **pōɔɛ, pōɔɔ, pōɔɔ, pōɔnema, pōɔnaa**

pōɔle [póólí] *v.* (1) to cause wetness of e.g. floor (2) to soak herbs (preparing medicine) **pōɔɔɛ, pōɔɔ, pōɔɔ, pōɔlɔ, pōɔlɔ, pōɔlaa**

pōɔle [pòòlí] *v.* to make the end of something pointed **pōɔɔɛ, pōɔɔ, pōɔɔ, pōɔlɔ, pōɔlɔ, pōɔlaa**

pōɔle [póólí] *adj.* pointed end • *A bugo pare waa la pōɔle le.* The bottom of the granary is pointed.

pōɔnaa [póónáá] *n.* hide and seek (children's game) *pl:* **pōɔne** *2pl:* **pōɔnɛɛ**

pōɔre [pòòrí] *v.* (1) to rub to clear e.g. hand over face just from sleep (2) to clutch with both hands and feet e.g. in climbing a tree or wall **pōɔɔɛ, pōɔɔ, pōɔɔ, pōɔreba, pōɔraa**

pōɔron [póóróŋ] *n.* rot, rotten thing *pl:* **pōɔrɔ**

popaale [pópáálí] *n.* disease that causes swollen feet and a distended stomach

popɛɛlon [pópíélɔŋ] *n.* happiness

popelaa [pópíláá] *n.* stomachache

popelaa [pópíláá] *adv.* (1) prostrate (2) open minded

popɛɛɛ [pòpégí] *n.* outer shell *pl:* **popɛɛɛre/popɛɛɛ** *2pl:* **popɛɛɛɛɛ**

popɛle [pòpèlí] *n.* (1) happiness, joy (used with *taa*) (2) choice, wish

popo [pòpò] *n.* motorcycle *pl:* **popori** *2pl:* **poporee**

pore [póri] *adj.* tiny, small *pl:* **porre** *2pl:* **porrɛɛ**

pore [pòrì] *v.* to name, to mention **porɛɛ, porɔ, porɔ, poreba, poraa**

pore [póri] *v.* to pour out **porɛɛ, porɔ, porɔ, poreba, poraa**

pore [póri] *v.* to buy herbal medicine **porɛɛ, porɔ, porɔ, poreba, poraa**

pore [póri] *adj.* small in size

pore [pòrì] *adj.* abundant in quantity

poree [póréé] *n.* pair of pegs on which pots and calabashes are placed *pl:* **porri** *2pl:* **porree**

pori [pòrì] *v.* to cause to blister, to scald (of fire) **porree, poro, poro, poribo, poraa**

pori [pòrì] *adj.* sound of a big falling object from a height (a big fruit)

pori [póri] *adj.* sound of a small object falling from a height (small fruit)

pori [póri] *v.* to struggle e.g. dying fowl **porree, poro, poro, poribo, porraa**

poriko [pórikó] *n.* pig *pl:* **porikori**
2pl: **porikoree** *Var.* **pariko**

porisi [pórisì] *n.* police *pl:* **porisiri**
2pl: **porisiree**

poritiisan [pòritíisa] *n.* police station *pl:* **poritiisanne** *2pl:* **poritiisanee/poritiisannee**

poroso [pòròsò] *adv.* large and round e.g. balloon

poroworo [pèrìwòrò] *adj.* countless and all over the place e.g. piglets of a sow

poro [póró] *n.* fail to respond smoothly or click (archer's arrow)
• **A tammo ñme la poro ka a tanteere tee a soñaa nyere.** The bow failed to release the arrow and so the archer failed to hit the hare. *pl:* **porre** *2pl:* **porree**

porre [pòrri] *v.* to force air through closed lips (rude way of disagreeing; lie) **porree, porra, porra, poreba, porraa**

porre [pòrri] *v.* to break into tiny bits **porree, porra, porra, poreba, porraa**

porri [pórrì] *v.* to report **porree, porro, porro, poribo, porraa**

posãa [pòsãã] *n.* sadness

posaanaa [posaanaa] *n.* sorrow, unhappiness *pl:* **posaane/posaama**
2pl: **posaanee**

posogedaa [pòsògdãã] *n.* backbone *pl:* **posogedaare** *2pl:* **posogedaaree**

posoge-kporji [pòsòg-kpòñ] *n.* spinal tuberculosis

posogo [pòsògò] *n.* mid-back *pl:* **posogere** *2pl:* **posogeree** *Var.* **posoga**

poteere [pòtíéré] *n.* thoughts, wishes

poteerorj [pòtíéròñ] *n.* thought *pl:* **poteere**

potulimo [pòtúlímó] *adj.* backwards
Var. **potulo**

potulo [pòtúló] *adj.* backwards *Var.* **potulimo**

potuo [pòtúó] *n.* wickedness, malice
pl: **potuuri** *2pl:* **potuuree**

po-tu [pò-tù] *n.* the act of following

potuoluj [pòtúólúj] *n.* wickedness

potuosobo [pòtúósóbá] *n.* wicked person *pl:* **potuodeme** *Var.* **potuosoba**

potuuro [pòtúúró] *n.* follower, disciple *pl:* **potuuribo**

pou [póú] *adv.* sound of blast e.g. balloon (onomatopoeia)

povelaa [pòvilãã] *adj.* sincere, pure
pl: **poveele**

powele [pówélí] *n.* confession

powolaa [pówólãã] *n.* wickedness
pl: **powolle** *Var.* **pobieri**

po-yiraa [pò-yíráá] *n.* miscarriage
pl: po-yirri *Var.* po-yi

pozagela [pózágílà] *n.* innocence

pozagelaa [pózágíláá] *n.* empty stomach *pl:* pozagele

pozagelaa [pózágíláá] *n.* the state of being free of malice toward another *pl:* pozagele

pozu [pòzú] *n.* gossip *pl:* pozuri *2pl:* pozuree

pə [pó] *v.* to swear; to make a vow
 pəe, pəɔɔ, pəɔɔ, pəɔreba, pəɔraa

pə-ɛje [pó-ɛj] *v.* to curse; putting a malicious spell on someone pə ɛjeɛ, pəɔɔ enne, pə-ennɛ, pə-ennɛ, pə-ennɛ

pəge [pògì] *v.* (1) to close, to shut (2) to cover (3) to imprison pəgeɛ, pəgrɔ, pəgrɔ, pəgreba, pəgraa, pəgreba

pəge [pógí] *n.* (1) female (2) woman (3) wife *pl:* pəgebo *2pl:* pəgebeɛ

pəge [pógí] *v.* (1) to meet the presence of • *Daj iribu wa pəge ma kye ka Ngaa.* Get up early to come and meet me before I go. (2) to hit a target • *A nan̄kpaana ηme la walaa kye o ba pəge o.* The hunter shot an antelope but did not hit the target. (3) to be possible • *A baa kye a diη; o naa pəge la yeηe pəɔ.* The dog is not in the room; it may be outside. pəgeɛ, pəgrɔ, pəgrɔ, pəgreba, pəgraa, pəgreba

pəgebaa [pògíbaá] *n.* (1) a woman who has a sharp tongue (2) prostitute *pl:* pəgebaare *2pl:* pəgebaareɛ

pəgebeele [pògìbìèlì] *n.* the act of taking a bride to the bridegroom

pəgebeele [pògìbìéle] *n.* bridesmaid
pl: pəgebeelbe *2pl:* pəgebeeloo

pəgebeeloη [pògìbìèlòη] *n.* marriage feast (taking the bride to the bridegroom)

pəgebeere [pògìbìéí] *n.* a stage in courtship

pəge-bo [pògìbó] *n.* courtship

Pəgedãã [pògìdáã] *n.* name traditionally given to a female child born on day of locally brewed beer *pl:* Pəgedaamine *2pl:* Pəgedaanɛ

pəge-de [pògì-dí] *n.* marriage

pəgederaa [pògìdíráá] *n.* a woman that is qualified to be married *pl:* pəgederre *2pl:* pəgedereɛ

pəgedere [pògìdíré] *n.* (1) bridegroom (2) a man who is eligible to marry

pəgederoη [pògìdíróη] *n.* marriage (action of groom)

pəgedɔgerɔ [pògìdògìró] *n.* a woman who has just given birth to a child
pl: pəgedɔgereba *2pl:* pəgedɔgerebeɛ

pəgefaa-ηmenaa [pógífaá-ηínáá] *n.* early evening (4 pm)

pəgegori [pògìgóri] *n.* bride price *pl:* pəgegoe *2pl:* pəgegoree

pəgeguri [pògìgùrì] *n.* rape

pəgegbēloo [pògìbìéíló] *n.* one who leads the bride to the bridegroom's house *pl:* pəgegbēlebe *2pl:* pəgegbēlebeɛ

pɔge-iraa [pɔ̀gí-íráá] *n.* a woman who has eloped with her fiancé *pl:* pɔge-irri

pɔgekooɾe [pɔ̀gikóórí] *n.* (1) unmarried woman (2) widower *pl:* pɔgekɔbɔ *2pl:* pɔgekɔbɛɛ

pɔgekɔŋ [pɔ̀gikɔ̀ŋ] *n.* unavailability of mariagable women

pɔgekuree [pɔ̀gikúréé] *n.* skirt *pl:* pɔgekurri *2pl:* pɔgekurree

pɔge-kyaaraa [pɔ̀gí-ʃááráá] *n.* woman offered for marriage *pl:* pɔge-kyaare *2pl:* pɔge-kyaareɛ

pɔgekyee [pɔ̀gíʃíé] *n.* sister-in-law *pl:* pɔgekyeere/pɔgekyemine *2pl:* pɔgekyeereɛ

pɔgekyere [pɔ̀gíʃèrì] *n.* payment of bride price

pɔge-la-dɔɔ [pɔ̀gí-lá-dóó] *n.* woman with manly features *pl:* pɔge-la-dɔbɔ

pɔgele [pɔ̀gíli] *v.* to tame pɔgelee, pɔgelɔ, pɔgelɔ, pɔgeleba, pɔgelaa

pɔgelee [pɔ̀gíléé] *n.* (1) girl (2) junior wife (second of two wives) *pl:* pɔgebilii *2pl:* pɔgebillee

pɔgelɔŋ [pɔ̀gíɔ̀ŋ] *n.* womanliness

pɔge-nɔgeraa [pɔ̀gí-nògìráá] *n.* woman (a derogatory term implying that the woman is a sojourner and therefore has no power) *pl:* pɔge-nɔgere *2pl:* pɔge-nɔgereɛ

pɔgenyaŋaa [pɔ̀gíŋáŋáá] *n.* old woman *pl:* pɔgnyaŋene/pɔgenyanne *2pl:* pɔgenyanneɛ

pɔgenyɔgeraa [pɔ̀gɛnɔgeraa] *n.* a woman who has eloped with a man *pl:* pɔgenyɔgerre

pɔgenyuo [pɔ̀gíŋúó] *n.* woman with a big navel (name) *pl:* pɔgenyuu-ri/pɔgenyumine

pɔgepěĩ [pɔ̀gípěĩ] *n.* courtship

pɔge-pegebo [pɔ̀gí-pégíbó] *n.* menstruation

pɔgepiiraa [pɔ̀gípííráá] *n.* (1) fiancée, betrothed woman (2) engaged woman for marriage *pl:* pɔgepiiri *2pl:* pɔgepiiree

pɔgepoɔ [pɔ̀gípóó] *n.* pregnant woman *pl:* pɔgepoore *2pl:* pɔgepooreɛ

Pɔgesaa [pɔ̀gísáá] *n.* name traditionally given to a female child born on a rainy day *pl:* pɔgesamine

pɔgesaraa [pɔ̀gísáráà] *n.* young woman *pl:* pɔgesarre *2pl:* pɔgesarreɛ

pɔgesarebie [pɔ̀gísáribíé] *n.* a woman's firstborn *pl:* pɔgesarebiiri *2pl:* pɔgesarebiiree

pɔgesarelee [pɔ̀gísáriléé] *n.* young woman *pl:* pɔgesarebilii

pɔgesee [pɔ̀gísíé] *n.* woman who is menstruating *pl:* pɔgeseeere *2pl:* pɔgeseeereɛ

pɔgesee [pɔ̀gísíé] *n.* a type of yam *pl:* pɔgeseeere *2pl:* pɔgeseeereɛ

pɔgesee [pɔ̀gísíé] *n.* (1) a woman's cloth measuring about 72 x 45 inches worn on the waist (2) any

- such size of cloth *sg: seereɛ pl: pəgeeseere 2pl: pəge*
- pəgeserekulo** [pəgìsìrikùlò] *n.* marriageable woman *pl: pəgeserekulibo 2pl: pəgeserekulibee*
- pəgesoga** [pəgìsógá] *n.* middle wife (one in between the first and last of three or more wives) *pl: pəgesogre 2pl: pəgesogreɛ*
- pəgesoɔbɔ** [pəgìsòóbɔ] *n.* witch *pl: pəgesoɔre 2pl: pəgesoɔreɛ*
- Pəgesugilo** [pəgìsùgiló] *n.* female name traditionally given to the second born after twins
- pəgesugo** [pəgìsúgò] *n.* a large group of women *pl: pəgesugri 2pl: pəgesugree*
- pəge-tu** [pəgì-tù] *n.* taking home of a woman who failed to divorce
- pəge-tu** [pəgì-tú] *n.* final stage in courtship
- pəgetuuro** [pəgìtúúrò] *n.* one who takes a woman from her family to her husband's house *pl: pəgetuuri-bo 2pl: pəgetuurbee*
- Pəgeweɛ** [pəgìwié] *n.* name traditionally given to a female child born in the farm/bush (outside of the normal living environment)
- pəgeyaa** [pəgìyáá] *n.* daughter *pl: pəgeyaare 2pl: pəgeyaareɛ*
- pəgeyagede** [pəgìyágídí] *n.* polygamy
- pəgeyi-gane** [pəgìyí-gànì] *n.* writ of divorce *pl: pəgeyi-gama 2pl: pəgeyi-ganneɛ*
- pəgeyiraa** [pəgìyíráá] *n.* divorced woman *pl: pəgeyirri 2pl: pəgeyirree*
- Pəgezeɛ** [pəgìzié] *n.* (1) light-skinned woman (2) female name *pl: pəgezeere/pəgezeemine*
- pɔlaa** [pòlàà] *n.* heartbeat, pulse *pl: pòlle 2pl: pòlleɛ*
- pɔlaare** [pòláári] *v.* to swear vehemently **pɔlaareɛ, pɔɔrɔlaara, pɔlaara, pɔlaareba, pɔlaaraa**
- pɔlbile** [pòlbilé] *n.* young man *pl: pɔlbilii 2pl: pɔlbilee Var. pɔle, pɔlee*
- pɔle** [pòlì] *n.* young boy *pl: pɔlbilii Var. pɔlee, pɔlbile*
- pɔle** [pòlì] *v.* (1) to grow to maturity (2) to be full of life (3) to become beautiful **pɔleɛ, pòllɔ, pòllɔ, pɔleba**
- pɔlee** [pòlíí] *n.* young man *Var. pɔle, pɔlbile*
- pɔlese** [pòlísì] *v.* to polish **pɔleseɛ, pɔleseere, pɔleseere, pɔleseerebe, pɔleseeraa**
- pɔlkakyeere** [pòlkátjííré] *n.* the act of being overly proud of one's self
- pòllɔ** [pòllò] *n.* pathway used by wild rodents *pl: pòlle 2pl: pòlleɛ Var. pɔle*
- pɔloo** [pòlòó] *n.* liveliness • *Ye yieluŋ na taa la pɔloo.* That song of yours is lively.
- pɔloo** [pòlòó] *n.* (1) pride (2) vanity • *A pəgelee na veɛle la kye o ere la pɔloo.* That young lady is beautiful but she is proud.

pɔlteɛ [pɔltiɛ] *n.* frightening
pɔmɛɛ [pɔmɛɛ] *adv.* fat and round
pɔmpɔre [pɔmpɔri] *adj.* very young and immature e.g. puppy
pɔnne [pɔnni] *v.* (1) to hold onto someone's chest or belly, but not firmly • *A saa naŋ iri la ka a bie zele o yɔlee pɔnne a zelzele zoro ne.* As the rain started, the child picked his brother and half dragged him away. (2) to be calm • *Saseɛ daare ere la kyɛ saa mie la ka zie pɔnne.* It used to be windy but with the coming of rain, the weather is calm. **pɔnnɛɛ**, **pɔnnɔ**, **pɔnnɔ**, **pɔnema**, **pɔnnaa**
pɔntenakaare [pɔntinàkàári] *n.* one that is here and there *2pl:* **pɔntenakaareɛ**
pɔntere [pɔntiri] *n.* toad *pl:* **pɔntee** *2pl:* **pɔnteereɛ**
pɔɔ [pɔɔ] *v.* to be too small, to be too young **pɔɔɛ**, **pɔɔɔ**, **pɔɔɔ**, **pɔɔreɔ**, **pɔɔraa**
pɔɔre [pɔɔri] *n.* a short and poisonous snake *Var.* **mabiekontapɔgema**
pɔpɔreɛ [pɔpɔrɛɛ] *n.* Honeycomb in which bee larvae develop into adult bees. *sg:* **pɔpɔroo** *Var.* **sepɔpɔreɛ**
pɔraa [pɔràà] *n.* (1) an ordeal to find a wrongdoer (2) the condition of hanging in the balance *pl:* **pɔrre** *2pl:* **pɔrreɛ**
pɔre [pɔri] *v.* (1) to pluck (fruit) (2) to die (baby) **pɔreɛ**, **pɔrɔ**, **pɔrɔ**, **pɔreba**, **pɔraa**

pɔre [pɔri] *v.* to carry out a test to find a wrongdoer **pɔreɛ**, **pɔrɔ**, **pɔrɔ**, **pɔreba**, **pɔraa**
pɔ saa [pɔ sáá] *v.* to jump from a very high point e.g. lizard from the tip of a tree branch
pu [pù] *v.* to flower **pue**, **puuro**, **puuro**, **puuribo**, **puuraa**, - *Var.* **puuri**
pu [pù] *v.* to pluck very tender fruits e.g. okra **pue**, **puuro**, **puuro**, **puuribo**, **puuraa**, - *Var.* **puuri**
pu [pú] *v.* direct to • *O naŋ yeli a yele o ba pore neɛ zaa yuori kyete baŋe la neɛ na o naŋ pu.* S/he did not mention any person's name in the talk but we know who it was directed to.
pugi [púgi] *v.* (1) to disturb e.g. dust, water (2) to knead e.g. flour or shea butter dough **pugee**, **pugiro**, **pugiro**, **pugiribo**, **pugiraa**
pugi [pùgi] *v.* (1) to praise (2) to adore **pugee**, **pugiro**, **pugiro**, **pugiribo**, **pugiraa**
pugo [púgɔ] *adj.* gray *pl:* **pugiri** *2pl:* **pugiree**
puli [púli] *adv.* under, below
puli [pùli] *n.* an emergency exit of rodents that live in holes *pl:* **pulo** *2pl:* **pulee**
puli [púli] *n.* hind toe of a bird *pl:* **pulli** *2pl:* **pulee**
pulli [pùlli] *v.* to mix • *Ba de la beŋe pulli ne a mui.* They mixed the rice with beans. **pulee**, **pullo**, **pullo**, **pulibo**, **pullaa**, **pulibo**

pulli [púlli] *v.* (1) to repeat (2) to fold over **pullee**, **pullo**, **pullo**, **pulibo**, **pullaa**, **pulibo**

pulluu [púllúú] *n.* (1) repetition (2) refrain (poem, song)

pulompuloj [pùlòmpúlón] *adj.* mixed up e.g. different items

puloj [púlón] *n.* sound of a small object falling into water

pulopulo [púlópúló] *adj.* less serious than • *Ka foonj la yi tensogɔ saŋa, a febo ŋa fo ba nanj feɛ fo zene na waa la pulopulo.* If you go out in the night again, the punishment you have received today will be less serious than what you will get.

pulopulo [púlópúló] *adj.* incomparable • *Tentoj saŋa ŋmenaa manj tasoga puri la ka vüü meŋ waa pulopulo.* During the hot season sometimes the heat of the sun is incomparable to fire.

pulopulo [pùlópùló] *adj.* made of different varieties • *A tigiri daare o da di la bondi pulopulo te zuo lenso ka o poɔ da beere.* On the feast day s/he ate too many assorted dishes and that was why s/he had a stomachache.

puluŋ [pùlún] *n.* a type of grass with sharp tips that can pierce soft or light objects e.g. feet

pumpuŋkɔɔ [púmpúnkòɔ] *n.* a type of poisonous plant *pl:* **pumpuŋkɔɛɛ**

pumpuroj [púmpúrój] *adv.* small,

round, and hairy e.g. tail end of a squirrel

pumpuroj [pùmpùròŋ] *adv.* large, round, and furry

puo [pùò] *n.* (1) small farm near the house (2) farmland *pl:* **poe** *2pl:* **poree**

pũo [pùò] *v.* to make a hole through an object **pũoe**, **puono**, **puono**, **puono**, **puonimo**, **puonaa**

puoli [púólí] *v.* to saturate with water **puolee**, **puolo**, **puolo**, **puolibo**, **puolaa**

puoraa [pùòràá] *n.* (1) greetings (2) gratitude *pl:* **puoro**

puoraa karetaa [pùòràá káretáá] *n.* postcard *pl:* **puoraa karetaare** *2pl:* **puoraa karetaareɛ**

puori [pùòrí] *n.* back (body) *pl:* **poe** *2pl:* **poree**

puori [púóri] *n.* stomach; the organ in humans and animals in which food is stored *pl:* **poe** *2pl:* **puoree**

puori [pùòrí] *v.* (1) to pray (2) to greet (3) to thank **puoree**, **puoro**, **puoro**, **puoribo**, **puoraa**, **puoribo**

puori [pùòrí] *adv.* (1) behind (2) backward (direction)

puorij [púòríj] *conj.* after

puoruu [púóruú] *n.* prayer *pl:* **puoro**

puree [pùrèé] *n.* paternal aunt, father's sister *pl:* **purri/purimine** *2pl:* **purree**

puri [pùrí] *v.* (1) to burst, to break (2) to appear suddenly (3) to rise

(sun) **puree, puro, puro, puribo, puraa, puribo**
puri ŋmenaa sunrise
puri wale to sweat, to perspire; to struggle, to be in a difficult situation
puro [púrò] *n.* a type of tree that has sour sap which is used in preparing porridge *pl: purri 2pl: purree*
puro [púrò] *n.* a type of small tree squirrel *pl: purri 2pl: purree*
puu [pùù] *v.* (1) to praise (2) to congratulate **puue, puuro, puuro, puuribo, puuraa**
puulee [púúléé] *n.* lady (typically

used with bi-) *pl: puuli*

puuli [púúli] *n.* a funeral rhythm; a type of musical performance at a funeral rites session *pl: puulo 2pl: puulee*

puuri [púúri] *n.* flowers *sg: puuruu 2pl: puuree Var: tepuuri*

puuri [pùùri] *v.* to spray from the mouth (usually chewed material as medicine) **puuree, puuro, puuro, puuribo, puuraa, - Var. pu**

puuri [pùùri] *v.* to harvest okra prematurely **puuree, puuro, puuro, puuribo, puuraa, - Var. pu**

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sa [sá] *v.* to administer an enema **saε, saara, saara, sareba, saaraa**

saa [sàá] *n.* father *pl: saamine 2pl: saareε Var. ba*

saa [sáá] *n.* rain *2pl: saareε*

saa [sáá] *adv.* even if; short form of saareŋ • ***Ka foŋ saa be gaa kye fo koŋ nye o.*** Even if you go you won't see him/her. *Var. saareŋ*

sāa [sáá] *n.* blacksmith's shop *Var. saareŋ*

sāa [sáá] *v.* to mash, to mix • ***Koŋe kpe la a balee, sāa saabo eŋe o.*** The puppy is hungry; mash some TZ for it.

sāa [sáá] *v.* to appear, to be visible

sāa [sáá] *v.* (1) to spoil, to destroy, to

damage (2) to be guilty **sāae, saana, saana, saanema, saanaa, saanema**

sāabile [sáábilé] *n.* uncle (father's younger brother) *pl: saabilii/saabilimine 2pl: saabilee Var. saabile*

saabo [sáábó] *n.* flour paste (staple food of the Dagaare-speaking people) *2pl: saareε Var. TZ*

saabuulaa [sàábùúláá] *n.* porridge set for preparing saabo *pl: saabuuli*

saadaare [sáádáári] *adv.* rainy, wet day

saadoge [sàádógi] *n.* large cooking pot *pl: saadogere 2pl: saadogereε*

saa-doge [sàádógi] *n.* earthenware cooking pot for soup *Var. zedo-*

gelee
 sãadɔɔ [sáádɔ́ɔ] *n.* stranger (male) *pl:* sãadɔɔ
 saafebiri [sààfíbirì] *n.* key *pl:* saafebie *2pl:* saafebiruu
 saafee [sáàfíí] *n.* lock *pl:* saafeere *2pl:* saafeerεε *Var.* safoa, safo
 sa-ageraa [sà-ágíràà] *n.* rainclouds that gather and suddenly give way to clear weather *pl:* sa-agere *2pl:* sa-agerεε
 saakaŋkaŋaa [sáákàŋkàŋáá] *n.* a type of tree *pl:* saakaŋkanne *2pl:* saakaŋkanneε *Var.* kaŋkaŋaa
 saakaraa [sààkáráá] *n.* flour paste not fully cooked, still part raw *pl:* saakarare *2pl:* saakarεε
 sãakoma [sààkómá] *n.* grandfather *pl:* saakommeine *2pl:* saakommeε/saakommeε *Var.* saan̄koma, naa
 sãakonnoŋ [sààkónnóŋ] *n.* tradition, custom
 sãakontulimo [sààkóntúlímó] *n.* great-grandfather *pl:* sãakontulimine *Var.* sãakontulo
 sãakoŋkommuulitoori [sààkòŋkóm-múúlítóóri] *n.* great-grandfather *pl:* sãakoŋkommuulitoorimine *Var.* sãakontulimo
 sãakoŋkorema [sààkòŋkórímá] *n.* great-great-grandfather, forefather *pl:* sãakoŋkoremamine
 sãakoŋkoroma [sáákókóróma] *n.* great-great-grandfather *Var.* sãakontulimotulimo

saakõɔ [sààkóó] *n.* water in mashed poridge *2pl:* saakoεneε
 saakontuo [sáákóntúó] *n.* water from the first rain of the onset of the rainy season *pl:* saakontuuri *2pl:* saakontuuree
 saala [sáálá] *n.* charcoal *sg:* saaloo *2pl:* saaleε
 saalaa [sààlàà] *adj.* (1) smooth (2) slippery *pl:* saale
 saalaa [sááláá] *n.* object used for sharpening implements *pl:* saale *2pl:* saaeε
 saalaa [sààlàà] *n.* a type of tree with hard wood *pl:* saale
 saalaa [sààláá] *n.* bowl of T.Z. *pl:* saalaare *2pl:* saalaareε
 saale [sààlì] *v.* (1) to sharpen e.g. knife (2) to make smooth, to plaster • *Ayuo saale la o dipaalaa na o sere nan̄ ymaa.* Ayuo has plastered the new room her husband put up. saaleε, saala, saala, saaleba, saalaa
 saale [sààlì] *v.* to be sufficient • *A bondirii ama ey na saale ba la.* As for this food, it will be sufficient for them. saaleε, saala, saala, saaleba, saalaa
 saalesɔglaa [sààlísógláá] *n.* a type of tree with hard wood and medicinal properties *pl:* saalesɔglɔ *2pl:* saalesɔglεε
 saalieni [sààlièní] *n.* a type of small plant with an edible, jellylike tuber *pl:* saalieme *2pl:* saalieneε

saalombugo [sààlòmbùgò] *n.* a type of small plant whose leaves are used in place of okra *2pl:* **saalombugiree** *Var.* **saalompelaa**

saalommaane [sààlòmmáánì] *n.* okra *pl:* **saalommaana** *Var.* **maanee**

saalompelaa [sààlòmpilàà] *n.* a type of small plant whose leaves are used in place of okra *pl:* **saalompeele** *2pl:* **saalompeeleε** *Var.* **saalombugo**

saalɔŋ [sààlòŋ] *adj.* slippery, slimy • *A mui sãã la, a waa la saalɔŋ lε.* The rice is spoilt; it is slimy.

saalɔŋ [sáálɔŋ] *n.* okra or other slimy plant used in soup

saalɔre [sààlɔrí] *n.* ball of T.Z. (usually formed by putting T.Z. in water) *sg:* **saalɔroo** *pl:* **saalɔrɔ** *2pl:* **saalɔrεε**

saana [sáánà] *n.* stranger, visitor *pl:* **saama** *2pl:* **saanεε**

saanaa [sáánáá] *n.* fault, wrong *pl:* **saane**

saanweeleŋ [sáánwíélíŋ] *n.* (1) opposite, contradiction (2) irony (literature) *Var.* **saanweeloŋ**

saanɔ [sáánɔ] *n.* blacksmith's shop *pl:* **saane** *2pl:* **saanεε** *Var.* **sãa, zam-bere**

saapele [sààpélí] *n.* layer of T.Z. *pl:* **saapele** *2pl:* **saapeleε**

sãapɔge [sáápɔgí] *n.* stranger (female)

saapuori [sàápúóri] *n.* the middle of T.Z. *pl:* **saapoe** *2pl:* **saaporee**

saapurimo [sàápúrí mó] *n.* pieces of flour paste (T.Z.) *2pl:* **saapurimee**

saaraa [sáaráá] *n.* saw *pl:* **saare** *2pl:* **saareε**

saare [sáári] *n.* broom *pl:* **sae** *2pl:* **saareε**

saaremuri [sáármúrí] *n.* broom straw *pl:* **saaremue** *2pl:* **saamuree**

saareŋ [sááriŋ] *adj.* even if • *Ka foŋ saareŋ gaa kye fo koŋ nye o.* Even if you go, you will not see her. *Var.* **saa**

saa-toloŋ [sàà-tólɔŋ] *n.* hot TZ. *pl:* **saa-tolɔ/saa-tola**

saazu-kogilo [sààzú-kógiló] *n.* dried top of T.Z. *sg:* **saazu-kogiluu**

sabaabo [sàbáábó] *adj.* mysterious

sabele [sàbíílè] *n.* civilian *sg:* **sabeeloo**

sabeleme [sàbélimé] *n.* earthworm (short form of **sabelmekyɔɔ**) *pl:* **sabelemere** *2pl:* **sabelemereε** *Var.* **sεbeleme**

sabelemekyɔɔ [sàbélimètʃɔ́ɔ] *n.* earthworm *pl:* **sabelemekyɔɔre** *2pl:* **sabelemekyɔɔreε** *Var.* **sabeleme**

sabiri [sàbírí] *n.* raindrop *pl:* **sabie** *2pl:* **sabiiree**

sabogi [sábógi] *n.* something that causes concern e.g. incessant complaint • *A yi a pɔge bie nan kpi la ka o deε man yele sabogi yele.* Since the woman lost her child she has always been complaining.

sabogi [sàbògí] *n.* a type of fetish believed to have healing power and protection especially for children *pl: sabogri 2pl: sabogree*

sadɛŋe [sàdɛŋ] *n.* first rain (first heavy rain after which the people sow their crops) *pl: sadɛnne 2pl: sadɛnnɛ Var. sadɛŋe*

safeaa [sàfíáá] *n.* survey *pl: safeere 2pl: safeerɛɛ*

safekyeere [sàfɛ́jìèrè] *n.* surveyor *pl: safekyeerebe 2pl: safekyeerebɛɛ*

safoa [sàfɔ́á] *n.* lock *pl: safoore 2pl: safooreɛ Var. safoo*

safobiri [sàfɔ́bíri] *n.* key *pl: safo-bie 2pl: safobiiree Var. saafobiri, saafebiri*

safoɔ [sàfɔ́ɔ́] *n.* lock *pl: safoore 2pl: safooreɛ Var. safoa, saafee*

sagane [sàgàni] *n.* sky blue *pl: sagama 2pl: sagannɛɛ*

sage [sàgì] *v.* (1) to answer (2) to agree, to accept, to obey (3) to allow, to permit (4) to admit guilt (5) to receive (6) to sing after a lead singer *sagɛɛ, sagra, sagra, sagreba, sagraa, sagreba*

sage [sàgí] *v.* to be piled up *sagɛɛ, sagera, sagera, sageraba, sageraa, sageraba*

sagele [sàgìlì] *v.* to be caught up; to be entangled e.g. stick thrown into a tree *sageleɛ, sagela, sagela, sageleba, sagelaa*

sagere [sàgìri] *n.* rubbish *pl: saga 2pl: sagɛɛ*

sagongonjo [sàgòŋgòŋjò] *n.* rainbow *pl: sagongonni 2pl: sagongonnee*

sagbini [sàgbíni] *n.* big bundle of traditional broomsticks (the local broom is usually a bundle of slim but strong straw) *pl: sagbime 2pl: sagbimee*

sakaliŋkuuree [sàkálìŋkúúrèé] *n.* whirlwind *pl: sakaliŋkuuri*

sakere [sàkìri] *n.* bicycle *pl: sakee 2pl: sakereɛ Var. baasakuuri*

sakɔɔ [sàkɔ́ɔ́] *n.* heavy rain *2pl: sakɔɔnɛɛ*

sakora [sàkóràá] *n.* gathered rain clouds; the condition of preparing to rain *pl: sakorri 2pl: sakorree*

sakɔre [sàkórí] *n.* scrap of saabo left in the pot *2pl: sakɔreɛ*

sakɔre [sàkórí] *adj.* (1) useless, lazy • *Ba-sakɔre ba nɔŋ mɔyɔ.* A lazy dog does not like hunting. (2) dirty, untidy • *Nensaal-sakɔre zaa maŋ nyuuro la.* Every dirty person has an odour.

sakubie [sàkúbíé] *n.* student *pl: sakubiiri 2pl: sakubiiree*

sakubo [sàkúbò] *n.* hail *pl: sakuuri 2pl: sakuuree*

sakuuri [sàkúúri] *n.* (1) hailstone, ice cube *pl: sakue 2pl: sakuuree*

sakuuri [sàkùùri] *n.* school *pl: sakue 2pl: sakuuree*

sakuuribie [sàkúúribíé] *n.* student *pl: sakuuribiiri Var. sakubie*

- sakpere** [sákpírɛ́] *n.* disused broom
pl: sakperre *2pl:* sakperɛɛ
- sakyeere** [sàtʃìrì] *n.* a type of hat with a large brim e.g. cowboy *pl:* sakyeere
- sakyore** [sàtʃòrì] *adv.* height of the rainy season
- salala** [sàlàlà] *adj.* dull, passive
- salamante** [sàlàántì] *n.* cement *pl:* salmantere *2pl:* salmantereɛ
- salansalaŋ** [sàlánsálan] *adj.* smooth
- Salaja** [sàláŋá] *n.* a person who works as a cleaner and orderly maintenance of the innermost part of a chief's palace *pl:* salanne *2pl:* salanneɛ
- sale** [sàlì] *v.* (1) to be dispirited • *N woŋ la o fiellu yeŋe, ka n eŋe zaa sale.* When I heard of her failure, I was disturbed. (2) to cook a small amount soup • *A biyaala seŋ ka o sale zeere ko a bie.* The babysitter should be able to cook some small food for the child. *saleɛ, salla, salla, salba, sallaa*
- sale** [sàlì] *v.* to make sauce slippery
- sale** [sàlí] *n.* a type of plant with medicinal properties, believed to provide strength and power *2pl:* saleɛ
- salema** [sàlímá] *n.* gold *2pl:* saleɛ/salemeɛ
- salembogi** [sàlímògì] *n.* gold mine
pl: salembogri *2pl:* salembogree
- salempelaa** [sàlímpílaá] *n.* diamond
pl: salempeele *2pl:* salempeeleɛ
- salendoge** [sàlìndògì] *n.* treasury (traditional) *pl:* salendogre *2pl:* salendogree *Var.* salendoglee
- salendogeele** [sàlìndògléé] *n.* (1) a pot made of gold (2) a pot in which gold or treasure is kept *pl:* salendogebilii *Var.* salendogee
- saleŋgoo** [sàlìŋgòó] *n.* a type of tree with long, spiky thorns *pl:* saleŋgoore *2pl:* saleŋgooreɛ *Var.* sansaŋgo
- saleŋkuuri** [sàlìŋkúúrí] *n.* (1) gold nugget (2) pearl *pl:* saleŋkubo
- salinsoo-naadaperaa** [sàlìnsòò-náádàpíráà] *n.* large grasshopper *pl:* salinso-naadaperre *2pl:* salinso-naadaperɛɛ
- salinsoori** [sàlìnsóórí] *n.* grasshopper *pl:* salinsobo *2pl:* salinsooree
- salinsuuri** [sàlìnsúúrí] *n.* shadow
Var. dasuoluŋ
- saluoni** [sàlúóní] *n.* sky *pl:* saluomo
2pl: saluonee
- samafuu** [sàmàfúù] *n.* worth nothing in the end
- samane** [sámání] *n.* immediate surroundings of a house *pl:* samama
2pl: samanɛɛ
- samane** [sámání] *n.* toilet *pl:* samama
2pl: samanɛɛ
- samasama** [sàmàsámà] *n.* sanitary inspector *pl:* sansammine
- samasama** [sámásámá] *adj.* occupied and filled to capacity

sambakelee [sámákéléé] *n.* pottery shard *pl:* sambakelli *Var.* semekelee

sambala [sámá alá] *n.* a type of long, hairy grass *sg:* sambaloo *pl:* sambala *2pl:* sambalæ

sa-miiraa [sà-míráá] *n.* rain that is possible to come *pl:* sa-miiri

sampa [sámpá] *n.* a type of shed the roof of which is used to store corn and under which is used as a place to relax *pl:* sampare *2pl:* sampareæ

sampane [sámpání] *n.* wooden foot-shaped mallet for beating floor to plaster it *pl:* sampama *2pl:* sampaneæ

sampire [sàmpiré] *n.* clusters of grass *2pl:* sampirree *Var.* sampire

sampulo [sámpúló] *adv.* several times • *O wa la kye sampulo bowola zaa kye ba nye fo.* S/he came here several times but did not see you.

sanaje [sánáj] *n.* a type of large, black scorpion *pl:* sananne *2pl:* sananneæ

sandaana [sándáána] *n.* creditor, one who is owed money *pl:* sandaama *2pl:* sandaameæ

sandire [sándiré] *n.* debtor, one who owes money *pl:* sandiribe *2pl:* sandiribee

sane [sáni] *n.* debt *pl:* sama *2pl:* saneæ

sangyëaa [sǎŋdzíáá] *n.* (1) a type of long water beetle (2) crab *pl:* saŋgyeene *2pl:* saŋgyeeneæ

sanije [sàníjè] *n.* West *Var.* luou

sanlere [sànlèrì] *n.* straw put up together to form a mat on which harvested ears of guinea corn is kept to dry *pl:* sanlerre *2pl:* sanlereæ *Var.* senlere

sanna [sànnà] *v.* to caution, to warn • *Fo naŋ daare to a dɔɔ ŋa le na aŋ sanna o yiri gaabo.* The way you insulted this man, you'd better be warned not to go to his house. *sanneæ, sanna, sanna, sanema, sanna*

sanne [sánnì] *v.* to attempt *sanneæ, sanna, sanna, sanema, sanna*

sansalaŋ [sànsàlàŋ] *adv.* disorderly *Var.* sansaraŋ

sansangoɔ [sànsáŋgóɔ] *n.* a type of thorn tree *pl:* sansangoore *2pl:* sansangooreæ *Var.* salengo

sansaraŋ [sànsáráŋ] *adv.* making moves to leave all of a sudden (without prior notice) *Var.* sansalaŋ

san-yɔɔ [sán-yóó] *n.* salary *pl:* san-yɔɔre *2pl:* san-yɔɔreæ

sanyegeraa [sànyígíráá] *n.* lightning (flashes of light in a storm) *pl:* sanyegere *2pl:* sanyegereæ

saŋa [sáŋi] *n.* time, season *2pl:* sanneæ *Var.* saŋe

saŋe [sáŋi] *v.* to heal, to cure • *Těě ama la daare soŋ saŋ a baala.* This medicine helped in curing the patient. *saŋeæ, sanna/saŋena, sanna, sanema, sansaŋena, saŋenaa*

sangara [sàŋgàrà] *n.* a type of worm found in kola nuts
sangorema [sàŋgòrìmà] *n.* foot yaws
sankora [sàŋkòrá] *n.* old indebtedness • *Ka foon peye libie ba yoo baare kye la booro a mine see ka fo yoo a fo sankora na sere.* If you borrow money and have not paid back you will not get a new loan unless you pay up your old debt.
sankpalema [sàŋkpálímà] *n.* a kind of large antelope *pl:* **sankpalle**
sankpana [sàŋkpáná] *n.* scabies *2pl:* **sankpanee**
sangmene [sàŋmíni] *n.* god of rain *pl:* **sangmemee** *2pl:* **sangmennee**
sapare [sàpári] *n.* East *pl:* **saparree** *2pl:* **saparee**
sapela [sàpilàá] *n.* (1) rain from cumulus clouds (2) a type of rain god (white) *pl:* **sapeele** *2pl:* **sapeelee**
sapigi [sàpígí] *n.* large hat *pl:* **sapigee** *2pl:* **sapgree**
sapii [sàpíi] *n.* bolt of lightning *pl:* **sapiime** *2pl:* **sapiinee**
sapooraa [sàpóóráá] *n.* rain shower *pl:* **sapoore** *2pl:* **sapooree**
sapo [sàpó] *n.* sponge *pl:* **sapore** *2pl:* **saporee**
saraa [sàràà] *adj.* young and female (human and nonhuman) *pl:* **sarree** *2pl:* **sarree**
sare [sàrì] *v.* to slip **saree**, **sara**, **sara**, **sareba**, **saraa**

sare [sàrì] *n.* water trough (container from which animals drink) *pl:* **saree** *2pl:* **saree** *Var:* **sere**
sareka [sàríkà] *n.* a ritual in which one provides for the needy for atonement *pl:* **sarekare** *2pl:* **sakaree**
sarre [sàrrì] *v.* to develop into a young woman **sarree**, **sarra**, **sarra**, **sareba**, **sarraa**
sasee [sàsìé] *n.* (1) air, wind (2) storm *pl:* **saseere** *2pl:* **saseeree**
sase-woore [sàsì-óórì] *n.* harmattan *2pl:* **sase-wooree**
sasepilimbage [sàsìpìlímóŋ] *n.* whirlwind *pl:* **sasepilimbanne** *2pl:* **sasepilimbannee** *Var:* **sasepilimbəŋ**
sasere [sàsìrì] *n.* grasscutter, greater cane rat (large rodent that feeds mostly on grass) *sg:* **saseroo** *pl:* **sasee** *2pl:* **saseree**
sasigoo [sàsìgòó] *n.* hiccough *pl:* **sasigri** *2pl:* **sasigree**
sasogelaa [sàsògláá] *n.* (1) rain from black clouds (2) a type of fetish or deity connected with rain (black) *pl:* **sasogelə/sasogele** *2pl:* **sasogelee**
sasusulee [sàsúsúlélé] *n.* a type of tree *pl:* **sasusulli** *2pl:* **sasusullee**
satannaa [sàtànnáà] *v.* to thunder
savaale [sàváálí] *n.* rainstorm (at night) *pl:* **savaala** *2pl:* **savaalee**
sawarema [sàwárimá] *n.* white-looking cloud *sg:* **sawaroo** *2pl:* **sawaremee** *Var:* **sawaree**

sawarɛɛ [sàwáréé] *n.* white clouds (non-rain-bearing) *2pl:* sawarɛɛ/sawarɛmɛ *Var.* sawarɛma

sawɛge [sáwégí] *n.* long cloud sprawling across the sky *pl:* sawɛgere *2pl:* sawɛgerɛɛ

sawɔɓ [sáwóló] *n.* fried dough made from flour e.g. bean, corn, millet *2pl:* sawɔɓɛ

sazɛɛ [sázìè] *n.* a type of soft broom *pl:* sazeere *2pl:* sazeerɛɛ

sazɔŋɔ [sàzɔŋɔ] *n.* snow *2pl:* sazɔŋne

sazɔɔ [sàzɔ́ɔ] *n.* first rain which begins the farming season *pl:* sazɔɔre *2pl:* sazɔɔrɛɛ

sazu [sàzú] *n.* sky *pl:* sazuri *2pl:* sazuree

sazu [sàzú] *adv.* up

sazupii [sázúpíí] *n.* danger lurking above

se [sì] *v.* to skin (slaughtered animal) seɛɛ, seere, seere, seerebe, seeraa

sebaa [síbáá] *n.* a type of wild animal *pl:* sebre *2pl:* sebreɛ

sebiri [síbírì] *n.* bee *pl:* sebie *2pl:* sebiiree

sebitetebaa [síbítítíbáá] *n.* bee stinger *pl:* sebiteterre *2pl:* sebiteterreɛ *Var.* tetebaa

sebo [síbò] *v.* (1) to affect • *Ka foon zagere toma gaabo maa naane ka fo na sebo.* If you refuse to go to work it will not affect me. (2) to refuse to give • *N sɔre la o kuuri ka o sebo ma.* I begged for his hoe,

but he refused me. sebeɛ, sebre, sebre, sebrebe, sebraa

sebogi [síbògí] *n.* beehive, hole (usually in a tree) where bees have made honey *pl:* sebogiri *2pl:* sebo-giree

sedanegere [sídànígírì] *n.* brown, sour-tasting part of honey *pl:* sedanegere *2pl:* sedanegerɛɛ *Var.* danegɛ

sedoge [sídógì] *n.* pot/container used to trap for bees *pl:* sedogre *2pl:* sedogrɛɛ

see [séé] *conj.* unless e.g. having no option • *See ka fo daje iruu ka le naane fo koŋ nye a baala.* Unless you leave early otherwise you will not see the patient.

seebo [sííbò] *n.* (1) honey (2) beehive *pl:* seere *2pl:* seereɛ *Var.* seeo

seene [síínì] *v.* to touch seeneɛ, seene, seene, seeneme, seenaa, - *Var.* seere

seeraa [sííráá] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* seere *2pl:* seereɛ *Var.* seetere

seere [síírì] *n.* honey *2pl:* seereɛ

seetere [síítírì] *n.* a type of tree with hard wood and is also medicinal sg: seeterɛɛ *2pl:* seeteere *Var.* seeraa

seɛ [síé] *n.* waist *pl:* seere *2pl:* seereɛ

seɛ [sìè] *v.* (1) to wear (on the waist) (2) to dance (3) to be better than, to surpass • *A fanfane ŋaŋ seɛ a ŋa.* This soap is better than this. •

- Ka foon mare a bie anan see fo nan na pegele.* To carry the baby on your back is better than carrying by your side. -, seere
- see [siè] *n.* soul, spirit (of a living person) *pl:* seere
- see [siè] *n.* (1) joke, teasing • *A poge taa la poɔ ka o taaba ere o see.* The woman is pregnant and her peers are teasing her. (2) fresh air, wind
- see [sié] *adj.* by the side (wall) • *A boɔ gan la a dakyini see.* The goat is lying at the foot of the wall.
- sëe [siê] *n.* rainy season *pl:* seeme *2pl:* seenee
- seebaa [siébaá] *adj.* considerably big • *De pee nan e seebaa, ka le naane a kyi kon kpe.* Take a good-sized basket, or else the millet will be too much for a small one. *pl:* seebaare
- seebaa [siébaà] *n.* twine from daw-daw fruit *pl:* seere *2pl:* seeree
- seegoɔ [siégóó] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* seegoore
- see kpelle [siè kpíllí] *v.* to get someone in trouble *see kpelle, seere kpelle*
- sëekpepaalaa [sièkpèpáaláá] *n.* early farming season *pl:* sëekpepaala
- seelaa [sièlàá] *n.* (1) clay eaten by cattle (2) pit where cattle eat this clay *pl:* seele *2pl:* seelee
- seelee [siéllí] *n.* mystery
- seelee [siéllí] *adj.* mysterious, strange
- seene [siéni] *n.* porcupine *pl:* seeme *2pl:* seenee
- seene [sièni] *v.* (1) to grab firmly with fingers around the object e.g. neck (2) to cram e.g. a bag with clothes *seenee, seene, seene, seeneme, seenaa*
- seenoore [siénóórí] *n.* the beginning of the farming season
- sefaa [sifáá] *n.* demon, evil spirit *pl:* sefaare *2pl:* sefaaree
- segammo [sígammó] *n.* honeycomb *pl:* segama *2pl:* segamee
- segampelaa [sígãmpiláá] *n.* white honeycomb (usually contains the pure honey) *pl:* segampeele *2pl:* segampeelee
- seganfuu [sígànfúù] *n.* honeycomb without honey *pl:* seganfuuri *2pl:* seganfuuree
- sege [sígí] *n.* farm hut; camp *pl:* segere *2pl:* segeree
- sege [sígí] *v.* (1) to resemble; (2) to name a child after someone (usually an ancestor) *segee, segere, segere, segerebe, segeraa*
- segeraa [sígiráá] *n.* ancestral name given to a baby *pl:* segere *2pl:* segeree
- segesege [sigisígí] *v.* to attempt to move but being constrained by one thing or the other *segesegee, sege-segere, segesegere, segesegerebe, segesegeraa, -*

segilekele [ségilékélé] *adv.* standing upright, tall, and solitary e.g. tower
 sekāa [síkáà] *n.* pure honey *sg:* sekāao *pl:* sekaanɛ *Var.* sekāaboli
 sekāaboli [síkáábólí] *n.* pure honey *pl:* sekāabolo *2pl:* sekāabolee *Var.* sekāa
 sekalmanyuo [síkálmáɲùód] *n.* swarm of bees (usually clustering on a tree branch) *pl:* sekalmanyuuri *2pl:* sekalmanyuuree
 sekpɔgere [síkpɔgírì] *n.* proverb, riddle *sg:* sekpɔgeroo *pl:* sekpɔgɔ *2pl:* sekpɔgereɛ
 selaa [sílàà] *n.* hawk *pl:* selle *2pl:* selleɛ *Var.* gbaara, gbaare, gbaareɛ
 sele [síli] *v.* to decant *seleɛ, selle, selle, selbe, sellaa*
 selee [séléé] *n.* pottery shard *pl:* sebilii *Var.* semekelee/sambekelee
 selenkaa [sílinkáá] *n.* a small brown wasp with a painful sting *pl:* selenkaare *2pl:* selenkaareɛ *Var.* selenkaa, selenkpaa
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 selenkpaa [sílinkpáá] *n.* a small brown wasp with a painful sting *pl:* selenkpaare *2pl:* selenkpaareɛ *Var.* selenkaa, selenkaa
 selgyuuni [sildzùùni] *n.* a type of eagle *pl:* selgyuumo *2pl:* selgyuunee
 selle [sílli] *v.* to tell, to recount (story) *selleɛ, selle, selle, sellebe,*

sellaa
 selle [sílli] *v.* to reduce in size (body) *selleɛ, selle, selle, sellebe, sellaa*
 semare [símàrí] *n.* a type of fetish for which there is a secret cult that has the power to identify evil people like wizards and witches *pl:* semareɛ
 semekelee [sèmèkèlèè] *n.* broken piece from a clay molded object e.g. a pot *Var.* sembakelee
 sengye [sándzé] *n.* mosquito net *pl:* sengyeri *2pl:* sengyeree *Var.* sangye
 senlere [sínléri] *n.* sweet drink *pl:* senlerre *2pl:* senlereɛ
 senlogere [sìnlògírì] *n.* bile *pl:* senlogera
 senselloŋ [sínsillón] *n.* story, tale *pl:* senselle
 senselaa [sínsèlàá] *n.* earthenware for frying cakes *pl:* senselaare *2pl:* senselaareɛ
 senselaabogiri [sínsèlààbògírì] *n.* frying earthenware with hollow depressions *2pl:* senselaabogiree
 sensere [sínsérí] *n.* bean cake *pl:* sensereɛ *2pl:* sensereɛ
 sensogelensogɔ [sìnsògɔlìnsògɔ] *n.* middle *pl:* sensogelensogere *2pl:* sensogelensogereɛ *Var.* sensogelensoga
 sensogɔ [sìnsògɔ] *adj.* middle • *A yiri be la a teɲe sensogɔ.* The house is in the middle of the town.

pl: sensogere 2pl: sensogereɛ Var. sensoglensogɔ, sensoga, sog
sensogɔ [sínsóǵɔ] *n.* (1) home drain e.g. one leading out of the bathroom (2) a track fixed to drain rainwater from the top of a roof *pl: sensogere 2pl: sensogereɛ Var. sensoga*
sensɔge [sínsóǵí] *n.* rattle used by babysitters to accompany the singing of a lullaby *pl: sɔnsɔgre 2pl: sensɔgreɛ*
sensɔɔre [sínsóórí] *n.* tigernut *sg: sensɔɔroo pl: sensɔɔ 2pl: sensɔɔreɛ*
sensɔraa [sínsòráà] *n.* kitchen sponge *pl: sensɔrre 2pl: sensɔrreɛ/sensɔrreɛ*
sentaa [síntáá] *n.* equality
sentaalɔŋ [sìntààlɔŋ] *n.* the state of being equal *Var. sentaa*
senuulee [sínúúléé] *n.* honey bird *pl: senuuli*
senyooɔe [sínyóólí] *n.* a person or any creature that is fond of sweet things *pl: senyooɔɔ/senyooɔla 2pl: senyooɔeɛ*
seŋe [sín] *v.* (1) to suffice, to be enough • *A bondirii e la yaga; a na seŋe la a saama.* The food is plenty; it will do for the guests. (2) to be equal to • *A toma ŋa seŋe la a anan fo nan daare toŋe.* This work is equal to what you did. *seŋeɛ, senne, senne, -, sennaa*
seŋe [sín] *adv.* like • *O e seŋ ŋa o ba*

nye ma na. S/he behaved like s/he did not see me.

seŋe [sín] *v.* (1) to wake up (someone) (2) to revive *seŋeɛ, senne, senne, seneme, sennaa, seneme*
seŋe [sín] *n.* large pot used to store local beer during preparation or to store water *pl: senne 2pl: sennɛ*
seŋgelente [sínǵíléntí] *n.* singlet *pl: seŋgelentere 2pl: seŋgelentereɛ*
seŋkãa [sínkãá] *n.* groundnut, peanut *sg: seŋkaanoo 2pl: seŋkaaneɛ*
seŋkãafa [sínkãáfá] *n.* rice (Hausa) *pl: seŋkãafare 2pl: sínkãafareɛ Var. mui*
seŋkãakpɔɔɔ [sínkãákpɔɔ] *n.* a variety of groundnuts with big nuts
seŋkãawere [sínkãáwíré] *n.* a variety of groundnut with small nuts
seŋkpegere [sínkpígí] *n.* hip *pl: seŋkpege 2pl: seŋkpegeɛ*
Sepaanase [sípáánási] *n.* Spanish *pl: Sepaanasedeme*
sepelaa [sípílàá] *n.* a soul that has left a person but can be returned again *pl: sepeele*
sepɔɔreɛ [sípópóréé] *n.* honeycomb where the larvae are found *sg: sepɔɔroo Var. pɔɔreɛ*
sere [sírì] *v.* to dry up, to evaporate *serɛɛ, sere, sere, serebe, seraa*
sere [sírì] *v.* to wash, to scrub (bathing) *serɛɛ, sere, sere, serebe, seraa*

serekuli [sirikúli] *n.* the act of marrying (on the part of woman)

serekulo [sirikúló] *n.* bride *pl:* serkulbo

seretara [siritará] *n.* married woman

serete [sírítí] *adv.* very quiet • **A bibiiri gbiree la ka a zie e serete n̄aa.** The children are asleep and the place is very quiet.

serε [síré] *n.* husband *pl:* serebεε *2pl:* serreε/serεε

serε [sírè] *n.* truth *pl:* serre *2pl:* serεε

sesogelaa [sísógláà] *n.* a soul that has left a person for good *pl:* sesogelb

setaana [sitáánà] *n.* devil *pl:* setaamine *2pl:* setaanε *Var.* sitaana

setampe [sitámpí] *n.* stamp (English) *pl:* setampere *2pl:* setampereε

setetebaa [sítítibáá] *n.* the stinger of a bee *sg:* setetebaareε *2pl:* setetebaare

sε [sè] *adv.* already • **O gaæ la sε.** S/he has gone already.

sε [sé] *v.* to roast sεε, seereε, seereε, seereba, seeraa, seere

sε [sé] *v.* to sue sεε, seereε, seereε, seereba, seeraa, seere

sε [sè] *v.* to sew -, seereε

sεbelemεkyɔɔ [sɛ̀bɛ̀límɛ̀tʃɔ̀ɔ̀] *n.* earthworm *Var.* sabelemεkyɔɔ

sεge [ségí] *v.* to write sεgeε, sεgreε, sεgreε, sεgrebe, segraa

sεgebinyanaa [ségíbínánáá] *n.* vowel *pl:* sεgebinyaane

sεgebiri [ségíbiri] *n.* amulet, charm, fetish *pl:* sεgebie *2pl:* sεgebiiree

sεgebiri [ségíbiri] *n.* letter (consonant or vowel) *pl:* sεgebie *2pl:* sεgebiiree

sεgelege [ségiléǵè] *adv.* unable to move e.g. lazy dog *Var.* hεglege

sεgeraa [sèǵiráà] *n.* a piece of flat object fixed alongside a hoe blade into the handle to make the blade firm *pl:* sεgere *2pl:* sεgereε *Var.* bon-sεgeraa

sεgere [ségíri] *v.* to arrange sεgereε, sεgereε, sεgreε, sεgrebe, sεgeraa, sεgerebe

sεgere [sèǵiri] *v.* to stuff, to plug (holes, spaces) sεgereε, sεgereε, sεgereε, sεgerebe, sεgeraa

sεgesεge [séǵség] *adv.* making moves; before one is aware • **Saa koe la ka a kooreba yeli ka ba ere sεgesεge ka ona la miire.** Clouds had gathered and before the farmers could make any move it started raining.

sεle [sèli] *v.* to transplant sεleε, selleε, selleε, selebe, sellaa

sεle [sèli] *v.* to sit, perch (derogatory use) • **A dɔɔ tanne la a bie, "N tɔɔe fo la ka fo zagere kye wa sele n ninɛɛ boɔɔɔ boɔɔ?"** The man shouted at the boy, "I sent you and you refused, what do you want perched in front of me?". sεleε, selleε, selleε, selebe, sellaa

sεle [séli] *n.* the act of winning a

- game of bie outright *pl: sele 2pl: seleε*
- sema** [sémà] *v.* to sue in court **semaε**, **seεremara**, **semara**, **semareba** *Var. se, semare*
- semare** [sémàrì] *v.* to sue **semareε**, **seεremara**, **seεremara**, **seεremareba** *Var. se, sema*
- sempili** [sěmpílì] *n.* a type of long mat *pl: sempile 2pl: sempilee Var. senwoɔ*
- sendɔɔ** [sěndɔ́ɔ] *n.* the boyfriend of one's wife *pl: sendɔɔ 2pl: sendɔɔrεε*
- sendɔɔ-dogi-za** [sěndɔ́ɔ-dògì-zá] *n.* small lumps of earth on top of a wall for decoration
- sene** [sénì] *n.* (1) lover (of another sex) (2) fiancé *pl: seneme 2pl: senemeε*
- senlee** [senléè] *n.* small mat *pl: sembilii*
- senlere** [sěnlèrì] *n.* a type mat made by putting straw together on which harvested guinea corn is kept to dry *pl: senlerre 2pl: senlerεε Var. sanlere*
- sensembie** [sěnsěmbíé] *n.* bastard *pl: sensembiiri*
- senseŋ** [sěnsěŋ] *n.* the act of love making (friendship)
- senwoɔ** [sěnwóɔ] *n.* a type of long mat *pl: senwoore 2pl: senwooreε Var. sempili*
- seŋ** [séŋ] *adv.* actually • **Fo seŋ digi**

la a bie bare wε? So, you have actually driven the child away?

seŋe [sěŋ] *v.* to engage in friendship between people of opposite sexes **seŋεε**, **seneε**, **seneε**, **senemeε**, **senaa**, **seneme**

seŋe [sěŋ] *adj.* (1) one's side • **A sane yɔɔbo be la fo seŋe.** Paying the debt rests with you. (2) towards • **A sakuuri are la a teŋε sapare seŋe.** The school is situated to the east of the town. *pl: senne*

seŋε [sěŋé] *n.* mat; bed *pl: senne 2pl: senneε*

seŋkpédie [sěŋkpèdié] *n.* deep love between lovers; relationship that involves sex *pl: seŋkpederi 2pl: seŋkpedereε*

seŋkpogele [sěŋkpògì] *n.* bedbug *pl: seŋkpogelɔ 2pl: seŋkpogeleε Var. dakpalori, dakpaloreε*

sere [sérì] *adv.* before • **Sere ka a karembiiri la gaa sakuuri see ka ba dɔgereba yɔɔ a sakuuri boma na zaa ba nan sāã.** Before the students will be re-admitted to the school their parents must pay for all the school items that were destroyed.

sere [sérì] *v.* move, shift • **Ye nan sere gaa ka N meŋ zeŋ a dakogi zu?** Could you shift so that I could also sit on the bench? **sereε**, **sereε**, **sereε**, **serebe**, **seraa**

seredire [sèrídíré] *n.* judge *pl: seredirbe 2pl: seredirbee*

seremaalogi [sérímáálógi] *n.* pepper farm *pl:* seremaalogiri *2pl:* seremaalogiree

seremaane [sérímááni] *n.* pepper *sg:* seremaanoo *pl:* seremaama *2pl:* seremaane

serεε [sèréè] *n.* judgement *pl:* serre *2pl:* serree

sierεε [sièrèè] *n.* benefit

sigi [sígí] *v.* (1) to go down, to descend (2) to land, to alight (3) to decrease (intransitive) sigee, sigre, sigre, sigiribe, sigraa, sigiribe
sigi kɔmpare to sink
sigi puli to be low

sigili [sígili] *v.* (1) to become calm, to become quiet • *Zene, saseε ba da lenso ka a zie sigili.* Today there is no wind and that is why the place is calm. (2) to offer a gift or praise in honour of something well done • *A pɔgelee seε la a seere ne toori ka a naa sigili o ne libie.* The young lady danced so well that the chief honoured her by offering her money. (3) to get choked (on food) • *A noɔ dire la a zɔŋ gborɔgborɔ ka a te sigili o.* The fowl was eating the feed very fast and choked on it. (4) to gang up on (two or more people attacking one person) • *Bayuo ne o yɔɔ sigili la a dɔɔ kyε ba tɔɔ o.* Bayuo and his brother fought the man simultaneously but they could not beat him. sigilee, sigile, sigile, sigilaa, sigilibee, sigiluu

sigiri [sígiri] *v.* (1) to lower, to reduce • *Ka banay ba sigiri a noɔteε daaronɔ N koŋ tɔɔ a da.* If they don't lower the price of the shoes, I can't buy them. (2) to humble • *A seŋ ka karembiiri maŋ sigiri ba menne ka karemamine tɔɔ kanne ba.* Pupils should learn to humble themselves so that teachers can teach them. sigiree, sigire, sigire, sigiribe, sigiraa, sigiribe

sikiri [síkiri] *n.* sugar *2pl:* sikiree
Var. sukyiri

sile [sílè] *n.* shilling *pl:* silli *2pl:* sillee

simmie [simmíé] *n.* (1) bambara beans (2) groundnuts (Northern Dagaare dialect) *sg:* simmiruu *2pl:* simmiiree
Var. singbule

simmiri [simmíri] *n.* thread *sg:* simmiruu *pl:* simmie *2pl:* simmiiree

sinkyigiri [sínɕígiri] *n.* bunch, head (of guinea corn) *pl:* sinkyige *2pl:* sinkyigree

sinsuolunɔ [sínsúólúnɔ] *n.* ground bean *sg:* sinsuoluu *2pl:* sinsuolee

singbule [sínɕbúlélé] *n.* bambara beans (a type of round beans that bear nuts in the ground like groundnuts) (Northern Dagaare dialect) *Var.* simmie

sipirii [sìpirií] *n.* aspirin *sg:* sipiruu *2pl:* sipirree

siremm [sírém] *adv.* serene

sisi [sísí] *v.* to cheat sisiee, sisiire, sisiire, sisiiribe, sisiiraa

sitime [sìtimè] *n.* ship, steamer *pl:* sitimeri *2pl:* sitimeree

so [sò] *v.* to bathe **soe, suoro, suoro, suoribo, suuraa, suori**

so [sò] *v.* to own **soe, soora, soora, sooreba, sooraa**

so [sò] *conj.* as a result

sobile [sòbìlé] *n.* path *pl:* sobilii *Var.* solee

sobiri [sòbìrì] *n.* (1) road, way (2) journey *pl:* sobie *2pl:* sobiiree *Var.* sori

sobɔ [sòbɔ] *n.* (1) owner • **Nba baje a gane ɲa sobɔ a na de te ko o.** I don't know the owner of this book well enough that I could take it to him/her. (2) the one, the person • **A sobɔ na naɲ la yuo a pane, onɔ la de a libie.** The person who opened the door is the one who has taken the money. *pl:* demee *Var.* soba

so-ɛɲe [sò-ɛɲ] *v.* (1) to initiate **so-ɛɲɛɛ, suoro-ennɛ, so-ennɛ, so-enemɛ, so-ennaa**

so-ɛɲe [sò-ɛɲ] *n.* metaphor (literature)

sofoɔlaa [sòfɔɔláà] *n.* street *pl:* sofoɔli

sogelɔɲ [sòglɔɲ] *adv.* heavy and dull

sogi [sògì] *v.* to catch in midair **sogee, sogro, sogro, sogribo, sograa, sogribo**

sogi [sògì] *v.* to pant, to breathe with difficulty **sogee, sogro, sogro, sogribo, sograa, sogribo**

sogi [sògì] *v.* to chirp (guinea fowl) **sogee, sogro, sogro, sogribo, sograa, sogribo**

sogɔ [sògɔ] *adj.* middle *pl:* sogere *2pl:* sogereɛ *Var.* sogaa, sensogelen-sogɔ

sogya [sòɲà] *n.* soldier *pl:* sogyare *2pl:* sogyareɛ *Var.* sogyɛ

sokonsuo [sòkònsúó] *n.* storey *pl:* sokonsori *2pl:* sokonsoree

sokooɔraa [sòkòóɔràà] *n.* large road *pl:* sokooɔre *2pl:* sokooɔreɛ

sokyara [sòfjárá] *n.* crossroads, intersection *pl:* sokyarre *2pl:* sokyareɛ

sokyene [sòfjénè] *n.* traveler *pl:* sokyeneme *2pl:* sokyenemeɛ

solee [sóléé] *n.* path *Var.* sobile

solgbolo [sòlgbòlò] *adj.* inactive

soli [sólì] *adv.* in a neat manner • **A pɔgelee vare gaje la a miri le soli.** The girl cleared the high jump bar in a neat manner.

solli [sòllì] *v.* to be well polished **sollee, sollo, sollo, solibo, sollaa**

solli [sòllì] *v.* to narrate/repeat incessantly **sollee, sollo, sollo, solibo, sollaa**

solom [sólóm] *adv.* completely e.g. without being touched • **A nan-nyige dɔgereba iri la ba nuuri solom kye bare o ka ba gaa te pɔge.** The parents of the thief withdrew their support for him completely and he was sent to jail.

soma [sómá] *n.* a person who is good to one

somasoma [sómásómá] *adv.* quietly

somɔ [sómɔ] *adj.* good beautiful, attractive nice • *A pɔge na yeɛ somɔ la o ba baɲe yelfaare yeluu.* That woman is nice, she never uses unsavory language. *pl:* sonne *2pl:* sonneɛ *Var.* soma

somɔ [sómɔ] *adj.* holy

sompoɔ [sómɔ́ɔ] *n.* three pence *pl:* sompoore *2pl:* sompooreɛ

sonono [sónónó] *adv.* extremely cold

soɲ [sǝɲ] *adj.* good, fine *pl:* sonne *2pl:* sonneɛ

soɲe [sǝɲ] *v.* to help • *Dagaaba nɔɲe ka ba maɲ soɲe taa ba tomɔ poɔ.* The Dagaaba like to help each other in their work. *soɲeɛ, sonna, sonna, sonema, sonnaa, sonema*

soo [sóó] *adv.* pure, unmixed

sõo [sǝ́ǝ] *adv.* confused

soore [sǝ̀rì] *v.* to question, to inquire *sooreɛ, soorɔ, soorɔ, sooreba, sooraa*

soore [sǝ́rì] *v.* (1) to hiss to drive fowls away (2) to hiss in pain e.g. after eating very spicy food

soori [sò̀rì] *n.* locusts *pl:* soori *2pl:* sooree

soɔ [súɔ] *n.* knife *pl:* sɔre *2pl:* sɔreɛ *Var.* sɔlee, sɔbilib

soɔ [súɔ] *v.* to blacken, to darken *soɔe, soorɔ, soorɔ, sooreba, sooraa, - Var.* sɔɔ

soɔ [súɔ] *v.* to blossom e.g. vegetation *soɔe, soorɔ, soorɔ, sooreba, sooraa, - Var.* sɔɔ

sõɔ [sǝ̀ǝ] *v.* to flatter *sõɔe, soɔnɔ, soɔnɔ, soɔnema, soɔnaa*

sõɔ [sǝ́ǝ] *n.* witchcraft, supernatural power • *N teere ka a bie ɲa taa la sõɔ; wolɔ ka o e do a tee ɲa?* I think this boy has supernatural power; how did he manage to climb this tree?

sõɔ [sǝ̀ǝ] *v.* to draw a line on the ground with the foot *soɔe, soɔnɔ, soɔnɔ, soɔnema, soɔnaa*

soɔbɔ [sǝ́ɔbɔ] *n.* wizard, witch *pl:* soɔre *2pl:* sɔreɛ *Var.* soɔba

sõɔgõɔɔ [sǝ́ǝgǝ́ǝ] *n.* pretense

soɔloɲ [sǝ̀lǝɲ] *n.* witchcraft

soɔne [sǝ̀nì] *v.* to praise, to glorify *soɔneɛ, soɔnɔ, soɔnɔ, soɔnema, soɔnaa, - Var.* soane

soɔɲaa [sǝ́ɲàà] *n.* rabbit, hare *pl:* soɔne *2pl:* soɔneɛ

soɔre [sǝ́rì] *n.* dye *2pl:* soɔreɛ *Var.* sɔre

soɔsobo [sǝ́sǝ́bɔ] *n.* chief celebrant (traditional worship) *pl:* sɔdemee *Var.* soɔsoba

sõɔzeenagbare [sǝ́ǝziénàgbárí] *n.* small but old or strong *pl:* sõɔzeenagbareɛ

sori [sóri] *n.* way, road *pl:* soe *2pl:* soree

sotugane [sótùgání] *n.* map *pl:* sotugama *2pl:* sotuganneɛ

sotuuraa [sótúúráà] *n.* pathway *pl:* sotuuri

sə [só] *v.* to smear, to apply səe, soərə, soərə, soərəba, soəraa

sə [sò] *v.* to add vegetables to groundnut sauce səe, soərə, soərə, soərəba, soəraa

səbiri [səbiri] *n.* knife blade *pl:* səbie *2pl:* səbiiree

səge [sógí] *v.* to shell nuts səgee, səgerə, səgerə, səgereba, səgeraa, səgereba

səge [sógì] *v.* to rinse səgee, səgerə, səgerə, səgereba, səgeraa, səgereba

səge noəre to eat breakfast

səge [sògì] *adj.* (1) bushy (2) littered • *A dendəre səgee la, a seŋ ka ba peere o.* The courtyard is littered with rubbish, so it needs to be swept.

səge [sògì] *v.* to respond, to reply (in a conversation) səgee, səgerə, səgerə, səgereba, səgeraa, səgereba

səge [sògì] *v.* to be bushy səgee, səgerə, səgerə, səgereba, səgeraa, səgereba

səgelaa [sógláá] *adj.* (1) black (2) dark (colour) *pl:* səgelə

səgelaa [sòglàà] *n.* neck of a pot *pl:* səgele *2pl:* səgelee

səgele [sóglì] *v.* to hide səgelee, səgelə, səgelə, səgeleba, səgelaa, səgeleba

səgbale [səgbàlì] *n.* blunt knife *pl:* səgbala *2pl:* səgbalee

sə kpaare [só kpáárí] *v.* to forget to deliver (a message) səe kpaare, soərə kpaare *Var.* kpaare soəbo

səkpəŋi [səkpón] *n.* cutlass, large knife *pl:* səkponni *2pl:* səkponnee

səkyeeraa [səŋfèràà] *n.* cutlass *pl:* səkyeerre

səlare [səlárí] *n.* cutlass *pl:* səlae *2pl:* səlaree

səlee [səléé] *n.* small knife *pl:* səbilii

səŋə [són] *n.* wood carrier *pl:* sənne *2pl:* sənnee *Var.* səŋa

səə [səə] *adv.* in a little while • *A na ere səə ka sakuuri iree.* In a little while schools will close.

səə [səə] *v.* to blacken, to darken *Var.* soə

səə [səə] *v.* to blossom e.g. vegetation *Var.* soə

səəre [səərí] *n.* dye *2pl:* səəree *Var.* soəre

səəre [səərí] *n.* (1) liver (2) a type of dark brown bush mouse that lives along river banks *pl:* səəə *2pl:* səəree *Var.* səŋ-səəre

səre [səri] *v.* (1) to beg (2) to ask, to request (3) to plead, to implore səree, səə, səə, səəəə, səraa, səəəə

səre [səri] *v.* to cook soup made with groundnuts and vegetables səree, səə, səə, səəəə, səraa, səəəə

səre [səri] *v.* (1) to count (2) to read

sɔrebiri [sɔ́ríbírí] *n.* counter, pebble
sg: sɔrebiruu *pl:* sɔrebie *2pl:* sɔre-
biiree

sɔresɔreŋmanlee [sɔ̀rìsɔ̀rìŋmàn�éé]
n. a beggar's calabash *pl:* sɔresɔreŋ-
mamblii *2pl:* sɔresɔreŋmambilee

sɔresɔrɔ [sɔ̀rsɔ̀rɔ́] *n.* beggar *pl:*
sɔrsɔreba *2pl:* sɔrsɔrebeɛ

sɔresɔrɔ [sɔ̀rsɔ̀rɔ́] *n.* beggar *pl:*
sɔresɔrebo *2pl:* sɔresɔrebeɛ *Var.*
sɔresɔra

sɔtee [sɔ̀tíé] *n.* scabbard for a knife
pl: sɔteere *2pl:* sɔteereɛ

sɔvũu [sɔ̀vũú] *n.* light associated
with witchcraft sg: sɔvuunuu *2pl:*
sɔvuunee

su [sù] *v.* (1) to put on a top (shirt)
(2) to put inside (a hole) (3) to
spoon feed e.g. baby, patient *sue,*
suuro

su bonsuuri to wear clothes

su kaayaa to wear clothes

subaalon [sùbààlɔ̀ŋ] *n.* tenderheart-
edness

sudire [sùdíré] *n.* one who forgives,
one who pardons *pl:* surdiribe *2pl:*
sudiribee

sugaraate [sùgàráátí] *n.* cigarette *pl:*
sugaraatere *2pl:* sugaraaterɛ *Var.*
segarate

sugi [sùgì] *v.* (1) to dislocate e.g.
joint (2) to dislodge e.g. a pot from
the top of another *sugee, sugro,*
sugro, sugribo, sugraa

sugi [sùgì] *v.* to ladle soup from a
pot *sugee, sugro, sugro, sugribo,*
sugraa

sugili [sùgìlì] *v.* (1) to come next
to e.g. in a line • *Ba nan tɔ̀nɔ̀*
a lae maa la sugili o zu. When
they were queueing, I came next to
him. (2) to place one on top of the
other e.g. pots • *Ba pege la a laare*
wuo sugili taa. They washed the
bowls and placed them one on top
of the other. *suglee, suglo, suglo,*
suglibo, suglaa

Sugilo [sùgìlɔ̀] *n.* name traditionally
given to a child immediately after
twins

sugo [sùgò] *n.* herd; group of many
e.g. troop of animals • *ŋmaa-sugo*
kpe la n wee sãa a kamaana zaa.
A troop of monkeys invaded my
farm and destroyed all the maize. *pl:*
sugiri 2pl: sugiree

sugo [sùgò] *n.* a type of tiny white
ant that destroys yams • *Sugo*
saana waare. White ants destroy
yams. *2pl:* sugɛɛ *Var.* wasugo

sukaale [sùkààlì] *n.* a type of large
dress with wide sleeves that are
thrown over the shoulder *2pl:*
sukaaleɛ

sukyiri [sùtʃírì] *n.* (1) heart • *N*
sukyiri man zaara la, a sey ka
N gaa dɔ̀ta. I keep experiencing
heart palpitations; I need to go to
the hospital. (2) courage • *Ka foon*
ba taa sukyiri fo kon ban ton asi-
biti toma. If you have no courage,
you can't work in the hospital. *pl:*
sukyie 2pl: sukyiree *Var.* sikyiri
sukyiribaalon [sùtʃírìbààlɔ̀ŋ] *n.* (1)

kind heart (2) heart disease
sukyirifõõõ [súʃírifõõõ] *n.* light-heartedness *pl:* **sukyirifoone** *2pl:* **sukyirifooneε**
sukyirilijε [súʃirilijε] *n.* end of the ribcage *pl:* **sukyirilinni** *2pl:* **sukyirilinneε**
sukyiritage [súʃiritágí] *n.* bravery *pl:* **sukyiritageε**
sulee [sùlèè] *n.* chimney *pl:* **sulli** *2pl:* **sulleε**
suli [sùli] *v.* to hang one's head, to look down **sulee**, **sullo**, **sullo**, **sulbo**, **sullaa**
sumaarõj [sùmáárõj] *n.* cool-headed • *A pøge taa la sumaarõj ka le naane o da na zõ ne la a dõ.* The woman is coolheaded otherwise she would have fought the man.
sumiime [súmíímé] *n.* heartburn
sumosumo [sùmòsumó] *n.* a type of fried food made from the flour of yam
sundaa [súndáá] *n.* a stick to which birdlime is applied to trap birds *pl:* **sundaare** *2pl:* **sundareε**
sunni [súnni] *n.* (1) glue, gum, sticky substance (2) a plant that produces gum (3) birdlime *sg:* **sunnuu** *pl:* **sumo** *2pl:* **sunnee** *Var.* **sun**
sunni [súnni] *n.* blue powder used in dyeing clothes during washing
sunsugiri [súnsúgrí] *n.* white growth within a sore *pl:* **sunsugiri** *2pl:* **sunsugireε**

suori [súóri] *v.* to fall off in great numbers (leaves) **suoree**, **suoro**, **suoro**, **suoribo**, **suoraa**
supaana [sùpáánà] *n.* spanner *sg:* **supaanoo** *pl:* **supaanare** *2pl:* **supaanareε**
suree [sùréé] *n.* ladle *pl:* **surri**
suromm [súrómm] *adv.* quiet
susu [súsú] *n.* a cycle in which contributions of members are given to others *pl:* **susuri** *2pl:* **susuree**
susu [sùsú] *v.* (1) to measure (2) to be careful, to not overdo something (3) to think about carefully **susue**, **susuuro**, **susuuro**, **susuribo**, **susu-uraa**
susu [sùsù] *adj.* fast and without stopping e.g. eating
susu [sùsù] *interj.* utterance to urge a dog on to pursue (animal, thief)
su-su-su [sù-sù-sù] *interj.* an utterance to urge a dog on to catch game
sutolõj [sùtòlõj] *n.* the state of being quick tempered • *Dañ ta wa deene ne a dõ na, o taa la sutolõj.* Don't you ever play with that man; he is quick tempered.
suu [súú] *v.* to doze off for a short time
suuri [súúri] *n.* anger *pl:* **sue** *2pl:* **suuree**
suuri [súúri] *v.* to coax, to encourage, to push to pursue e.g. dog for game **suuree**, **suuro**, **suuro**, **suuribo**, **suuraa**
suuri-di-teroo [súúr-di-tíróó] *n.* forgiveness

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ta [tá] *adj.* not (negative marker) • *A pɔge kpãa la o bie ka o ta gaa a sini.* The woman cautioned her son not to go to the cinema.

ta [tá] *v.* (1) to reach, to arrive • *Ka foon wa ta fo yiri fon yeli ko ma.* When you arrive at your house, tell me. (2) to approach • *Fo man gaa ka fo ta o yiri ka baare vuoli paale ziezaa.* As soon as you approach the house, dogs bark all over. *tae, tara, tara, tareba, taraa, tareba*

taa [táá] *v.* (1) to have • *A bie taa la mangori ayi.* The child has two mangoes. (2) to keep, to hold onto • *N ba de la o zupili ka N taa.* My father has given his hat to me to keep. • *A pɔge taa la pɔɔ.* The woman is pregnant. • *o taa la yelmeɲe* S/he is honest. • *A bibiiri taa la gɔnne.* The children are noisy. *tae, tara, tara, tareba, taara, tareba*

taa kɔnnyuuri to be thirsty

taa kɔŋ to be hungry

taa laare amusing, funny

taa nimibaaloŋ kind

taa nimiri covetous

taa noɔre talkative, noisy • *A balee taa la noɔre te zuo, o man vuolo la tegitegi le.* The puppy is noisy; it always barks.

taa nyonono selfishness; sympathy

taa pɔɔ

taa toori stubborn (lit. be hard-eared)

taa yelmeɲe is honest

taa [táá] *pron.* each other

tãa [tãã] *v.* to serve very little e.g. soup • *A zeere ba seɲe bone lenso ka ba tãã a a le.* There is very little soup left and that is why they have given out so little. *tãae, taana, taana, taanema, taanaa*

tãa [tãã] *v.* to tap on the head with a finger *tãae, taana, taana, taanema, taanaa*

taala [táálá] *n.* ingredients e.g. sauce
2pl: taalee

taama [táámá] *n.* suffering

taambaa [táámabáá] *n.* young man *pl: tambaare 2pl: taambaaree*

taambeene [táámbeéni] *n.* ripe shea tree fruit *pl: taambeeme 2pl: taambeenee*

taane [tááni] *v.* to stretch a great deal *taanee, taana, taana, taanema, taanaa*

taannuulee [táánnúuléé] *n.* canary
pl: taannuuli

taantumma [táántúmmá] *n.* a type of caterpillar in hibernation *pl: taantummine*

taantunnuu [táántúnnú] *n.* shea tree caterpillar *sg: taantunnuu pl: taantunni 2pl: taantunnee*

taan̄karaa [táàn̄kàráá] *n.* unripe shea fruit *pl:* taan̄kare *2pl:* taan̄karee

taan̄kpara [táàn̄kpàrá] *n.* shea fruit with two nuts *pl:* taan̄kparre *2pl:* taan̄kparee

taare [táàrì] *v.* (1) to press hard e.g. plaster (2) to crush e.g. an ant *taaree, taara, taara, taareba, taaraa*

taare [táári] *v.* (1) to tighten (2) to screw *taaree, taara, taara, taareba, taaraa*

táatēe [táátíí] *n.* a type of small bird *pl:* táateene *2pl:* táateenee

taaye [tááyè] *n.* (1) tyre (rubber) (2) catapult *pl:* taayere *2pl:* taayeree

tabole [tábòl] *n.* table *pl:* tabolò *2pl:* tabolee/tabollee

tage [tágì] *v.* (1) to pull, to draw in or out (2) to make thick (liquid) *tagee, tagra, tagra, tagreba, tagraa, tagreba*

tage [tágí] *adj.* thick *pl:* tagre

tagekori [tágìkòrì] *n.* a type of thorn tree with sharp, curved thorns *2pl:* tagekoree

tagekyoore [tágìfóórí] *n.* measles *2pl:* tagekyooree

tagetaa [tágìtáá] *n.* (1) dispute (2) conflict (literature)

tagetage [tágtàg] *n.* ability • *A baala gbēe kpīe la, o ba taa tagetage zaa.* The patient's legs are paralysed; s/he cannot do anything.

tagevama [tágìvàmà] *n.* (1) small-pox (2) chicken pox *Var. teegara*

tahēle [táhélé] *n.* (1) extreme suffering • *Kòmbuli saŋa pògeba maŋ nyere la tahēle kòḽ yeŋe.* During drought, women suffer severely for lack of water. (2) carefree speech, behaviour; nonchalance • *A bie ŋa eŋ ba naŋ ba fee o o yelee tahēle.* Since this boy was not caned he speaks with airs. *pl:* tahelle *2pl:* tahēlee/tahellee

takaare [tákáári] *adj.* vain, proud of oneself

takaraa [tákàráá] *n.* small lizard *pl:* takarre *2pl:* takarree

takoŋi [tákòŋ] *n.* ban on performance of funeral rites

takoriko [tákòríkò] *n.* bridge *pl:* takorikori *2pl:* takorikoree *Var. tokoriko*

takoroo [tákòróó] *n.* window *pl:* takorri *2pl:* takoree/takorree *Var. tokoroo*

takɔdaa [tákòdàá] *n.* Sabbath *pl:* takɔdaare *2pl:* takɔdaree *Var. takɔraa*

takɔraa [tákòráá] *n.* Sabbath *Var. takɔdaa*

takɔraa [tákòràà] *n.* (1) fin (fish) (2) a hook or spike on an object e.g. arrow *pl:* takorre *2pl:* takorree *Var. kɔraa*

takpala [tákpálá] *n.* great suffering *2pl:* takpallee

takpala_n [tákpálà] *n.* area between the throat and the chin *pl:* takpalle
2pl: takpallɛɛ *Var.* takpaleɛne

takpaleɛne [tákpálièní] *n.* area between the throat and chin *pl:* takpaleemɛ
2pl: takpaleenɛɛ/takpaleemɛɛ *Var.* takpalan

takpɛ [tákpɛ́] *v.* to run away, to flee, to take to one's heels • *A bie gere la te nye waabo, a lee takpɛ.* As the girl walked along, she came across a snake and took to her heels. *ta kpeɛ, tara kpeɛɛ, takpeɛɛ, takpeɛreɛ, takpeɛraa*

takyenji [táfɛ̀ŋ] *n.* the absence of argument *pl:* takyenni

takyeráa [táfíràá] *n.* gecko *pl:* takyirri
2pl: takyirreɛ

takyere [táfírì] *n.* temple *pl:* takyee
2pl: takyereɛ

talaa [táláà] *n.* metal bowl or plate
pl: talaare *2pl:* talaareɛ

talane [tálàní] *n.* palate *pl:* talama
2pl: talannɛɛ

talantalɔŋ [tálàntálɔŋ] *adv.* haphazard

tale [tálí] *n.* lobe (of a kola nut) *pl:* tala
2pl: talɛɛ/tallɛɛ

tale [tálí] *adj.* flat open e.g. palm of the hand *pl:* tala *2pl:* talɛɛ/tallɛɛ

taleri [tálérì] *n.* small bush lizard *pl:* talerri
2pl: taleree

talle [tállì] *v.* to make long, quick strides; to walk fast *tallɛɛ, talla, talla, taleba, tallaa*

taltal [tátál] *v.* to move with great pain *taltalɛɛ, taltala, taltala, taltaleba, taltalaa*

tam [tàm] *v.* (1) to be numb (2) to be shocked; not able to react *tamɛɛ, tamena, tamena, tamenema, tamenaa*

tamaa [tàmáà] *n.* hope

tamanyini [tàmàníní] *n.* gum *pl:* tamanyime
2pl: tamanyimee *Var.* tanyini

tamaraa [támáràà] *n.* small quiver *pl:* tamarre
2pl: tamarreɛ

tamaregye [támáridzé] *n.* small pantaloons; short, tight trousers *pl:* tamaregyeri
2pl: tamaregyeree
Var. tamaragye

tambaa [tǎmbáá] *n.* bow bell (a hollow, carved object that is tied to the beam of the bow and makes a sound when the bow is shot) *pl:* tambaare
2pl: tambaareɛ

tambalaaraa [tǎmbááaráá] *n.* a type of honey (made by the yoyogibie)
pl: tambalaare *2pl:* tambalaareɛ
Var. tammalaaraa

tambiri [tǎmbírì] *n.* bamboo *pl:* tambie
2pl: tambiieree

tambogi [tǎmbògì] *n.* cave *pl:* tambogiri
2pl: tambogiree

tamboge [tǎmbógì] *n.* ditch or pit created by digging earth to build (usually near the house) *pl:* tambogere
2pl: tambogereɛ

tammalaaraa [tǎmmááaráá] *n.* *Var.* tambalaaraa

- tammiri** [tàmíri] *n.* bowstring *pl:* **tammie** *2pl:* **tammiiree**
- tammo** [támó] *n.* bow *pl:* **tama** *2pl:* **tameε/tanneε**
- tamogilo** [támógíló] *adj.* toothless *2pl:* **tamogilee** *Var.* **tomogilo**
- tamogilo** [támógíló] *n.* one who is toothless *2pl:* **tamogilee**
- tamoni** [támóni] *n.* toothless gum *pl:* **tamonni** *2pl:* **tamonnee** *Var.* **tamoŋi, tomoŋi**
- tampele** [támpélf] *n.* a hoe blade size of a slice/slab of earth (usually cut from soft ground with a hoe) *pl:* **tampele** *2pl:* **tampeleε**
- tampeloŋ** [támpèlòŋ] *n.* ashes *2pl:* **tampelleε**
- tampoli** [támpóli] *n.* top end of a bow *pl:* **tampolo** *2pl:* **tampolee**
- tampuori** [támpúóri] *n.* rubbish or garbage dump *pl:* **tampoe** *2pl:* **tampuoree**
- tandaa** [tándàá] *n.* bow stick *pl:* **tandaare** *2pl:* **tandareε**
- tandagere** [tándàgírí] *n.* piece of hard dried mud *pl:* **tandaga** *2pl:* **tandageε**
- tandere** [tándéri] *n.* bow stick *pl:* **tandε** *2pl:* **tandereε**
- tanfaraŋ** [tánfárán] *n.* a group farming agreement in which the members alternate farms
- tanfoolaa** [tánfóólàà] *n.* valley between hills *pl:* **tanfoole** *2pl:* **tanfoleε**
- tangyugi** [tándzúgí] *n.* in the habit of being promiscuous e.g. male goat *pl:* **tangyugri** *2pl:* **tangyugree** *Var.* **tangyuu**
- tangyuu** [tágyùú] *n.* in the habit of being promiscuous e.g. male goat *Var.* **tangyugi**
- tanlori** [tánlóri] *n.* miniature bow, children's bow *pl:* **tanloe** *2pl:* **tanloreε**
- tanne** [tànni] *v.* (1) to thunder (2) to shout at, to scold **tanneε, tanna, tanna, tannema, tannaa, tannema**
- tannetaa** [tànñitáá] *n.* quarrel
- tannoσ** [tánnóσ] *n.* a small, dark, hen-like bird that lives in highlands *pl:* **tannoore** *2pl:* **tannooreε**
- tantammonaa** [tántámmónáà] *n.* red weaver bird *pl:* **tantammonne** *2pl:* **tantammonneε**
- tantaj** [tántàn] *adv.* immediately
- tanzuŋ** [tánzûŋ] *n.* carrying pad *pl:* **tanzunni** *2pl:* **tanzunnee** *Var.* **tasere**
- tanyini** [tányíni] *n.* gum *pl:* **tanyinni** *2pl:* **tanyinee** *Var.* **tamanyini**
- taŋa** [táŋà] *n.* mountain, hill *pl:* **tanne** *2pl:* **tanneε**
- taŋaa** [táŋàà] *n.* (1) shea tree (2) shea fruit *pl:* **taŋema** *2pl:* **taŋemeε**
- taŋaaweεle** [táŋááwèlélé] *n.* mistletoe of shea tree *sg:* **taŋaaweεloo** *2pl:* **taŋaaweεleε**
- taje** [tâŋ] *v.* to keep silent, to refuse to respond (to a call) **tajeε, tanna, tanna, tanema, tannaa**

tanğara [tánğará] *n.* telegraph *pl:* tanğarre *2pl:* tanğareε/tanğarreε

tanğaremiri [tánğarìmiri] *n.* telegraph cable *pl:* tanğaremie *2pl:* tanğaremiiree

tanğɔɔtuo [tànğòòtúó] *n.* a kind of tree *pl:* tanğɔɔtori *2pl:* tanğɔɔtooree

tanğbonji [tànğbôn] *n.* a type of short tree with broad leaves and fibrous bark *pl:* tanğbonni *2pl:* tanğbonnee

tanğkama [tànğkàmà] *n.* vanity

tapolae [tápólài] *n.* torch, flashlight *pl:* tapoleere *2pl:* tapoleereε *Var.* tapoleε

tapolii [tápólíi] *n.* tarpaulin *pl:* tapolli *2pl:* tapollee

taporo [tápòrò] *n.* brain (matter) *pl:* taporri *2pl:* taporee *Var.* kyaporo

tapɔgefãa [tápógífãã] *v.* finish very quickly

taraa [tàràà] *adj.* flat and thick

taramaŋ [tàrààmàn] *adv.* blindingly

tare [tàri] *v.* (1) to set sitting right on top of something e.g. pot on fire (2) to face directly e.g. problem tareε, tara, tara, tareba, taraa

taremana [tàrìmanà] *adv.* completely blind

tasere [tàsírí] *n.* a pad put on the head to carry load *pl:* taseε *2pl:* taserεε *Var.* tanzuŋ

tasole [tásólí] *n.* a type of lizard with smooth pink skin *pl:* tasɔɔ *2pl:* tasɔɔlee

tata [tátà] *n.* boastfulness, the act of attempting the impossible

tata yeε [tátà yélé] *n.* boastful behaviour or claim

tateŋe [tátìŋé] *n.* distant country *pl:* tatenne *2pl:* tatenneε

tatoɔroŋ [tátòóróŋ] *n.* carelessness

taworo [táwòrò] *n.* towel *pl:* taworri *2pl:* taworee

tayeŋine [táyéŋíné] *n.* the state of trembling e.g. from severe hunger *pl:* tayenni *2pl:* tayennee

te [tì] *pron.* (1) we (1st person plural weak form) (2) us (1st person plural weak form)

te [té] *adv.* really *Var.* to

tēe [tíí] *n.* (1) medicine • *O beere la kye ba sage na nyu tēe.* She is sick but refuses to take medicine. (2) solution • *A pɔge taa la a bie ŋa tēe, o maŋ wa de o la ka o ba la kono.* The woman has some solution for this child, because any time she picks him up, he stops crying. (3) poison • *Ba de la gyaŋbonni tēe ko ne a yiri gyaŋbonni zaa.* The used mouse poison to kill all the mice in the house. *sg:* teenoo *2pl:* teenεε

teebo [tííbó] *n.* fetish *pl:* tebe *2pl:* teereε

tēeda [tíídà] *n.* the act of buying medicine • *A dɔɔ ŋa ba nɔŋe asibiti gaabo, tēeda ka o delle.* This man does not like going to the hospital; he relies on buying medicine.

têe-daare [tíí-dáárí] *n.* bought medicine

têe-die [tíí-dié] *n.* (1) clinic, hospital (2) pharmacy *pl:* têe-deri *2pl:* têe-deree

têe-doge [tíí-dógi] *n.* medicine pot *pl:* têe-dogere *2pl:* têe-dogere

têe-ere [tíí-íré] *n.* medicine man, traditional healer *pl:* têe-erebe *2pl:* têe-erebe

têekõo [tíí-kóó] *n.* syrup (medicine) *2pl:* têekoone

têekoore-die [tíí-kóór-dié] *n.* pharmacy *pl:* têekoór-deri *2pl:* têekoór-deree

teele [tíílé] *n.* sewing machine *pl:* teelere *2pl:* teelerere

teene [tììni] *v.* improve upon *teenee, teene, teene, teeneme, teena*

teene [tììni] *v.* delay, waste time *teenee, teene, teene, teeneme, teena*

teene [tììni] *v.* to be the spokesman for a suitor in courtship *teenee, teene, teene, teeneme, teena*

teere [tììri] *v.* (1) to rub against (2) to iron clothes *teere, teere, teere, teerebe, teeraa*

teε [tìè] *v.* to support *teε, teere, teere, teerebe, teeraa, teerebe*

teε [tìè] *v.* (1) to shoot with a bow (2) to gamble *teε, teere, teere, teerebe, teeraa, teerebe*

teε [tíé] *n.* scabbard *pl:* teere *2pl:* teere

teε [tíè] *v.* (1) to kick (2) to unset, to release (snare) *teε, teere, teere, teerebe, teeraa, teerebe*

teε [tíé] *n.* tree *pl:* teere *2pl:* teere

teε [tíé] *n.* a skin disease that causes a rash (usually on the legs) *pl:* teere *2pl:* teere

têε [tíé] *v.* (1) to stretch out e.g. legs
 • *A baala zeje delle la a gado kye tēe o gbεε.* The patient sat leaning against the bed with his legs stretched out. (2) to point to
 • *A pogelee da tōo tēe wuli la a nanyige.* The girl was able to point to the thief. (3) to hold out to give
 • *Ba de la a bondirii tēe a poge ka o zagere.* They held out the food to the woman, but she refused. *teε, teene, teene, teeneme, teena, teeneme*

têekoolon [tíékóólón] *n.* beard *pl:* têekoolo *2pl:* têekoolε

teene [tíéni] *n.* chin *pl:* teeme *2pl:* teene

teene [tìèni] *v.* to stuff e.g. pillow *teenee, teene, teene, teeneme, teena*

teere [tíéri] *v.* (1) to think (2) to remind *teere, teere, teere, teerebe, teeraa, teerebe*

teere [tìèri] *v.* to feel for texture (smoothness of flour, swelling) *teere, teere, teere, teerebe, teeraa, teerebe*

teere to [tíéri tō] *n.* hope • *Ba de la a baala gaa ne asibiti kye teere*

- toobo kyebe.* The patient has been taken to the hospital but there is no hope.
- tege [tígí] *v.* to be satisfied *tegeε*, *tegre*, *tegre*, *tegrebe*, *tegraa*
- tegele [tìglì] *v.* to shorten *tegeleε*, *tegele*, *tegele*, *tegelebe*, *tegelaa*, *teglebe*
- tegeleŋ [tìglén] *adv.* (1) little, small (amount of liquid) (2) short (length, time)
- tegeron [tígrón] *adj.* heavy (weight) *pl:* *tegere*
- tegeron [tígrón] *n.* a heavy thing *pl:* *tegere*
- tegitigi [tégtég] *adv.* always
- tegitigi le [tégtéglè] *adj.* always like that, usually like that
- tegyeere [tìdzíiré] *n.* woodpecker *pl:* *tegyeere* *2pl:* *tegyeereε* *Var.* *tekoliŋkuoraa*
- tekoliŋkuoraa [tìkólíŋkúóráá] *n.* woodpecker *pl:* *tekoliŋkuori* *2pl:* *tekoliŋkuoree* *Var.* *tegyeere*, *dakyeereko*
- tekonee [tìkóní] *adj.* tiny
- tekõo [tìkóó] *n.* sap *Var.* *tesunni*
- tekpiri [tìkpíri] *n.* stump *sg:* *tekpíruu* *2pl:* *tekpíree*
- tekye [tífè] *n.* teacher *pl:* *tekyere* *2pl:* *tekyereε*
- tekye [tífè] *n.* the act of felling trees
- telare [tìlàrì] *adv.* too much
- teli [téli] *v.* to be in an upright position e.g. head *telee*, *tele*, *tele*, *telibe*, *tela*
- telooraa [tìlòóráá] *n.* animal that lives in trees e.g. squirrel *pl:* *telore* *2pl:* *teloreε*
- tembaa [tìmbáá] *n.* a type of black ant with a painful sting *pl:* *tembaare* *2pl:* *tembaareε*
- tembeene [tìmbííni] *n.* late night *pl:* *tembeeme* *2pl:* *tembeemeε*
- tembie [tìmbíé] *n.* citizen *pl:* *tembiiri* *2pl:* *tembiiree*
- tembimeŋe [tìmbimíŋé] *n.* patriot *pl:* *tembimenne* *2pl:* *tembimenneε*
- temm [témm] (1) *adv.* without others, alone • *Nembonyeni temm la wa.* It is only one person that has come. (2) *adj.* lonely *Var.* *teneteŋ*
- tempoosori [tìmpóósóri] *n.* street *pl:* *tempoosoe* *2pl:* *tempoosoree*
- tendaa [tìndáá] *adv.* country-wide
- tendaana [tìndááná] *n.* landowner *pl:* *tendaama* *2pl:* *tendaameε*
- tenee [tìni] *pron.* we (1st person strong form)
- tenfaa [tìnfáá] *n.* (1) bad country, bad land (2) hell *pl:* *tenfaare* *2pl:* *tenfaareε*
- tensãa [tìnsãã] *n.* disruption of community, country
- tensaana [tìnsáánà] *n.* alien land, strange country *pl:* *tensaama* *2pl:* *tensaameε*
- tensaana [tìnsááná] *n.* bandit *pl:* *tensaanema* *2pl:* *tensaameε*
- tensane [tìnsáni] *n.* state of owing the gods of the land *pl:* *tensama* *2pl:* *tensanneε*

tensere [tíséri] *n.* tradition *Var.* **teṅkō**
tensoba [tinsòbá] *n.* landowner *pl:* **tendeme**
tensogezonne [tísógízónní] *n.* night blindness
tensogō [tínsógó] *n.* night *pl:* **tensogere** *2pl:* **tensogere** *Var.* **tensoga, yensogō**
tensunni [tínsúní] *n.* (1) muddy ground (2) fertile land *pl:* **tensumo**
tentolon [tíntólón] *n.* (1) hot ground (2) hot season
tentole [tíntólí] *n.* underpants *pl:* **tentol** *2pl:* **tentole**
tentolvaa [tíntólváà] *n.* triangular underwear *pl:* **tentolvaare** *2pl:* **tentolvaare**
tentōre [tíntórí] *n.* distant country, town, or village *pl:* **tentōbo**
tenvelaa [tínviláá] *n.* (1) good country, good land (2) heaven *pl:* **tenveele**
teṅa [tíṅá] *n.* (1) ground (2) town, village (3) country *Var.* **teṅe**
teṅe [tíṅ] *v.* to rub on **teṅe**, **teṅe**, **teṅe**, **teṅeneme**, **teṅenaa**
teṅe [tíṅé] *adj.* down
teṅe [tíṅé] *n.* (1) ground (2) town, village (3) country *pl:* **tenne** *2pl:* **tenne** *Var.* **teṅa**
teṅesoga [tíṅésógá] *n.* floor *pl:* **teṅe** *sogre* *Var.* **teṅesogō**
teṅezu [tíṅézù] *n.* world *pl:* **teṅezuri** *2pl:* **teṅezuree**

teṅgane [tíṅgáni] *n.* (1) top layer of soil (2) god of the land *pl:* **teṅgama** *2pl:* **teṅgame**
teṅganezu walong zannoo [tíṅgánzú wààlòṅ zánnoó] *n.* geography
teṅgbigiri [tíṅgbígíri] *n.* earthquake *pl:* **teṅgbigiri** *2pl:* **teṅgbigiree**
teṅkō [tíṅkó] *n.* tradition *2pl:* **teṅkōne** *Var.* **tensere**
teṅkpon [tíṅkpôn] *n.* town, city *pl:* **teṅkponni** *2pl:* **teṅkponnee**
teraale [tìrààlí] *n.* perfume *pl:* **teraa** *lere* *2pl:* **terelere**
tere [téré] *adj.* only • **A libie na baṅ da la bonyeni yoṅ tere.** The money can buy just one only.
tere [tìrì] *n.* spoon *pl:* **tee** *2pl:* **teree**
tere [tìrì] *v.* to give, to send **teree**, **tere**, **tere**, **terebe**, **teraa**
tere nooreto leave a message *Var.* **bare noore**
tere sori allow, permit
teree [téréé] *n.* a statement made for comments • **A koṅkono lō la terree ko a kotuo deme.** The dirge singer has presented a riddle to the bereaved family. *pl:* **terri** *2pl:* **terree**
teree-teree [téréé-téréé] *adj.* spread out and roundish at the end, cone-shaped
terembelli [térémbéllí] *adv.* straight and upright
teretere [tìrìtìrì] *v.* to crush with feet, to trample **teretere**, **teretere**, **tereterebe**, **tereteraa**

terri [térrì] *v.* to smooth out the end of e.g. pestle **terree**, **terre**, **terre**, **teribe**, **terraa**

tesogó [tisóǵó] *n.* trunk (of tree)
pl: **tesogere** *2pl:* **tesogereε** *Var:* **tesoga**

tesunni [tèsúnni] *n.* sap *sg:* **tesunnuu** *2pl:* **tesunnee** *Var:* **tekoõ**

tetebaa [títíbáá] *n.* stinger; the tip of the tail of a bee usually used to sting *pl:* **teterre** *2pl:* **teterεε**

tetere [títirì] *adj.* small in quantity

tevaa [tíváà] *adj.* green *pl:* **tevaare** *2pl:* **tevaareε**

tewóne [tìwóní] *n.* (1) berry (2) fruit of a tree *pl:* **tewómó** *2pl:* **tewónnεε**

tewóηkōó [tíwóηkōó] *n.* juice *2pl:* **tewóηkoonεε**

te [té] *v.* to spread in an orderly manner • **Dasereε ka Dagaaba maη te ne ba die kye loó.** The Dagaaba arrange small sticks on planks of wood and on which they put local mortar to roof a building. **teε**, **teεre**, **teεreε**, **teεrebeε**, **teεraa**

tεbaa [tébáá] *n.* snare *pl:* **terre** *2pl:* **terreεε**

tεεse [téésí] *n.* test *pl:* **tεεsiri** *2pl:* **tεεsireε**

tεεtεε [téétèè] *adj.* different

tege [tèǵì] *v.* (1) to exchange, to barter (2) to change (action, form) (3) to stop doing something suddenly and for a short time **tegeεε**, **tegerεε**, **tegerεε**, **tegerεbaε**, **tegerεbeεε**, **tegoo**

tege [tèǵì] *n.* meaning *2pl:* **tegrεε** *Var:* **tege**

tegele [tèǵlì] *v.* (1) to place a container with the bottom on the ground (2) to collect in a small pool e.g. water **tegeleεε**, **tegeleε**, **tegeleε**, **tegelebeε**, **tegelaa**

tegere [tèǵrì] *v.* to apply the sap of a leaf to the body (local method of tattooing) **tegereεε**, **tegereε**, **tegereε**, **tegerebeε**, **tegraa**

tege [tèǵé] *n.* meaning *Var:* **tege**

tegetεge [tèǵétèǵé] *adv.* little e.g. liquid

telentelen [tèlèntélen] *adv.* sprawled out

tell [tèll] *adj.* long, straight, and rigid

tεmbiri [tèmbìrì] *n.* (1) white ants (termites) (2) the habitat of these termites *pl:* **tεmbie** *2pl:* **tεmbiireε**

tεmbogi [tèmbòǵì] *n.* ditch where mortar is prepared *pl:* **tεmbogiri** *2pl:* **tεmbogireε**

tεmburo [tèmbùró] *n.* dry soil *2pl:* **tεmbureε**

tεmpelaa [tèmpilàá] *n.* white soil (used to plaster walls) *pl:* **tεmpeεle** *2pl:* **tεmpeεleεε**

tεmpooroη [tèmpóóróη] *n.* fertile soil *pl:* **tεmpooroε**

tεne [téní] *n.* (1) soil, earth, mud (2) the spirit of a land *2pl:* **tεnεε**

tεnne [tènnè] *n.* a type of grass usually found in front of houses *pl:* **tεnne** *2pl:* **tεnneεε**

teŋ [tɛŋ] *v.* (1) to sweeten (2) to ferment teŋɛɛ, tɛnɛ, tɛnɛ, tɛnɛ, tɛnɛmɛ, tɛnaa

teŋkubo [tɛŋkúbò] *n.* gravel

tere [tɛ̀rì] *v.* to strain one's legs • *A mɔmɔɔre da tere la gbɛɛ eŋe taa kyɛ puri wale.* The wrestlers strained their legs and sweated, too. tɛrɛɛ, tɛrɛ, tɛrɛ, tɛrɛbɛ, tɛraa, tɛrɛbɛ

teretere [tɛ̀rìtɛ̀rì] *v.* to move in protest e.g. pampered child • *A bie zagere ka kyɛŋe kyɛ maŋ teretere.* The child has refused to walk up and is moving under protest. tɛrɛtɛrɛɛ, tɛrɛtɛrɛ, tɛrɛtɛrɛ, tɛrɛtɛrɛbɛ, tɛrɛtɛraa

terewɛrɛ [tɛ̀rìwɛ̀rɛ] *adv.* standing with legs bent backwards

tɛrɛɛtɛrɛɛ [tɛ̀rɛ̀ɛ̀tɛ̀rɛ̀ɛ̀] *adv.* flat and even

tɛrɛsɛ [tɛ̀rɛ̀sɛ̀] *adv.* clumsily • *O tegɛ la a deɛ lɛɛ e tɛrɛsɛ lɛ o naŋ zɛŋ.* He is so full with food that he can hardly move.

terre [tɛ̀rì] *v.* to level out tɛrɛɛɛ, tɛrɛɛ, terre, tɛrɛbɛ, terraa

terre [tɛ̀rì] *v.* to push a container away along the ground/floor usually in anger tɛrɛɛɛ, tɛrɛɛ, terre, tɛrɛbɛ, terraa

tɛtɛgere [tɛ̀tɛ̀gɛ̀rì] *n.* muddy thing *pl:* tɛtɛgɛ

tɛtɛrɛwɛrɛ [tɛ̀tɛ̀rìwɛ̀rɛ] *adv.* daftly

ti [tì] *v.* to vomit tie, tiire, tiire, tiiribe, tiiraa, tiiribe

ti [tì] *v.* (1) to put hand on e.g. wall • *A baala ti la dankyini lenso ka o ba le.* The patient held the wall and that is why s/he did not fall. (2) to support by the use of a walking stick (3) to put up sticks with their tops meeting (making a farm hut) tie, tiire, tiire, tiiribe, tiiraa

tigi [tìgì] *v.* to gather e.g. crowd tigeɛ, tigre, tigre, tigribe, tigraa

tigiki [tìgìkì] *adj.* dark and deep set (eyes) *Var:* tigtig

tigikponɔi [tìgìkpón] *n.* big feast, solemnity *pl:* tigikponni *2pl:* tikponnee

tigiri [tìgìrì] *n.* feast, festival *pl:* tige *2pl:* tigeɛ

tigiri [tìgìrì] *v.* to grow fat tigreɛ, tigre, tigre, tigribe, tigraa

tigiti [tìgìtì] *n.* ticket *pl:* tigitiri *2pl:* tigitireɛ

tigitigi [tìgìtìgì] *v.* to shiver violently e.g. when one has a fever tigitigeɛ, tigitigre, tigitigre, tigitigribe, tigitigraa

tii [tìí] *adv.* closely and carefully e.g. look, observe

tiili [tìíli] *v.* to place against an upright object e.g. a plank against a tree/wall tiilee, tiile, tiile, tiilibe, tiilaa

tiiri [tìíri] *n.* vomit *2pl:* tiireɛ

tiiri [tìíri] *v.* to come very close to tiireɛ, tiire, tiire, tiiribe, tiiraa

tiiri [tìíri] *v.* to be fed up with tiireɛ, tiire, tiire, tiiribe, tiiraa

tiiruj [tíirũŋ] *n.* (1) a type of plant with sour sap used for cooking (2) a type of medicinal herbal concoction

tiiruj [tíirũŋ] *adj.* sour (taste)

tilento [tiléntó] *n.* (1) hornbill (2) pelican *pl:* **tilentori** *2pl:* **tilentoree**

tiŋi [tíŋ] *v.* to make firm (object fixed in the ground) **tiŋee**, **tiŋine**, **tiŋine**, **tiŋinime**, **tiŋinaa**

tiŋimeŋ [tiŋimén] *adj.* dark

tiretire [tíréítiré] *adv.* tasteless

to [tó] *v.* to insult **toe**, **toora**, **toora**, **tooreba**, **toora**, **tooreba**

to [tó] *adv.* really • **A bie ŋa zoro to.** This child runs really fast. *Var.* **te**

tobaa [tóbáá] *n.* fox *pl:* **tobaare** *2pl:* **tobaaree**

tobie sawɔɓ [tóbìè sáwóló] *n.* fried food made from baobab seed

tobiri [tóbíri] *n.* baobab seed *sg:* **tobiruu** *pl:* **tobie** *2pl:* **tobiiree**

togi [tògì] *v.* (1) take down e.g. from head, fire (2) to drip **togee**, **togiro**, **togiro**, **togiribo**, **togiraa**

togifa [tògífá] *n.* sixpence *pl:* **togifare** *2pl:* **togifaree**

togilogo [tòglógó] *adv.* (1) small (space) • **Ba boma koŋ kpe a die, o dee waa la togilogo lɛ.** The room cannot contain their belongings; it is very small. (2) small and shallow (hole) • **Ba tu la a bulee fãã kye dee e boŋkaŋa togilogo lɛ.** They were unable to dig the well; they just etched a tiny hole.

togilogo [tòglògò] *adv.* deep • **Te tu la tambɔge togilogo kaja a na kuire sagere enne.** We dug a deep ditch into which we will dump refuse.

togiroo [tògróó] *n.* raised wooded ground (Southern Dagaare dialect) *pl:* **togiri** *2pl:* **togiree** *Var.* **tuu**

togitogi [tògtóg] *adv.* never, not at all • **N gere ka o gaæ N ba nye o togitogi.** When I got there, he had left; I never saw him at all.

togoko [tògòkò] *adv.* refusing to listen, hear; not minding

tokele [tòkélé] *n.* hard dawdaw spice seed (not processable) *pl:* **tokelee** *Var.* **dakele**, **kele**

tokokyile [tòkòfílè] *n.* a bottle-like container made by removing the seeds from the baobab fruit *pl:* **tokokyilli** *2pl:* **tokokyilee**

tokoroo [tòkóróó] *n.* window *pl:* **tokorri** *2pl:* **tokoree/tokorree** *Var.* **takoroo**

tokparaa [tòkpáràà] *n.* baobab leaves (vegetable for soup) *2pl:* **tokparee**

tolee [tòléé] *n.* small mortar *pl:* **tobilii** *2pl:* **tobilee**

tolema [tòlímá] *adv.* avariciously

tolimala [tòlmálá] *n.* great enjoyment, merrymaking (edibles) *2pl:* **tolimalee** *Var.* **tolomala**

tolinŋa [tòlínkà] *n.* a car *pl:* **tolinŋae** *2pl:* **tolinŋaree**

toll [tòll] *adv.* large (heap)

toll [tóll] *adj.* small (heap)

tolomboll [tólómbóll] *adv.* lonely-looking

toloŋ [tólóŋ] *n.* heat • *Toloŋ maŋ veŋ la ka te puri wale.* Heat induces sweat. *pl:* tola

toloŋ [tólóŋ] *adj.* (1) hot • *A zeere ba taa diibu, a toloŋ.* The soup cannot be eaten just yet; it is very hot. (2) fast, quick • *Ka foŋ ba kyeh gbe toloŋ fo koŋ pɔge o.* If you don't hasten your steps, you won't meet her. *pl:* tola

tom [tóm] *v.* to become sweet, to become enjoyable **tomee, tomino, tomino, tominimo, tominaa**

tomomo [tómómó] *adv.* very sweet

tone [tóní] *n.* work *pl:* toma

tonemaa [tònìmáà] *adv.* at once, instantly

tonni [tònni] *v.* to move blindly; groping **tonnee, tonno, tonno, tonimo, tonnaa**

tonni [tónni] *v.* to drip **tonnee, tonno, tonno, tonimo, tonnaa**

tontombone [tòntòmbóní] *n.* tool *pl:* tontombomai

tontonɔ [tòtóná] *n.* (1) worker (2) industrious person *pl:* tontonema *Var.* tontona

tontonɔ [tòntón] *adv.* (1) very sour • *A buuluŋ waa la tontonɔ zuo a nyuubu tuo.* The porridge is very sour; it is difficult to eat. (2) very painful, sore e.g. overnight bruised body • *A dɔɔ zāa de la o zu za ne a*

gbori, zene a zaŋ mii tontonɔ le. The man banged his head against the door yesterday and today it really hurts.

toŋe [tòŋì] *v.* (1) to work (2) to send (someone to do something) **toŋee, tona, tona, tonema, tonaa, tonema**

toŋkpeene [tòŋkpíéí] *n.* miracles, powerful deeds *2pl:* toŋkpeenee

too [tò] *part.* okay *Var.* tɔɔ

toobini [tòòbíní] *n.* earwax (ear shit) *2pl:* toobinee

toogee [tóógéé] *interj.* a state indicating an incorrect utterance which is therefore withdrawn • *Yeli ka toogee ka le naane o na ŋme fo la.* Better say it is a mistaken statement; otherwise he will beat you.

too-gbuli [tòò-gbúli] *n.* unpierced ear *pl:* too-gbulo *2pl:* too-gbulee

toogbulo [tòògbùlò] *n.* (1) hardness of hearing, deafness, blocked ears • *Maa teere ka toogbulo ka taa, N maŋ yeli la a yeɛ ka a dee kaara n niŋeŋ.* I think she is hard of hearing, because when I talk to her she just stares into my face. (2) an animal without a mark of identification on the ear • *N peroo na naŋ bore lambori ŋmaa la pelaa kye taa toogbulo.* My lost sheep has a white spot on its side but unmarked ears.

toogyele [tòòdzéli] *n.* earlobe *pl:* too-gyele

tookurisee [tòòkúrisíé] *n.* the base of the ear (back) *pl:* tookuriseere *2pl:* tookuriseereε

tookpane [tòòkpàni] *n.* earring *pl:* tookpama *2pl:* tookpaneε/tookpaneε

toole [tòòli] *adj.* little e.g. food; used with 'ba' • *A bondirii ba toole a bie koy tege.* The food is little, the child will not eat to his fill.

toolere [tòòléré] *n.* peak, climax, most enjoyable part (of music) *pl:* toolerri *2pl:* toolereε/toolerree

toolii [tòòlí] *n.* joke *pl:* tooliiri *2pl:* tooliiree

toopāapere [tòòpāāpíri] *n.* eardrum *pl:* toopāapee *2pl:* toopāapeereε

toopurimo [tòòpúrimó] *n.* draining ear *2pl:* toopurimee

toore [tòòrí] *v.* to spit *tooreε, toorɔ, toorɔ, tooreba, tooraa, tooreba*

toore [tòòri] *v.* (1) to push into e.g. foot into socks (2) to push along a surface, to drag along *tooreε, toorɔ, toorɔ, tooreba, tooraa*

toori [tòòrí] *n.* ear *pl:* tobo *2pl:* tooree

toori [tòòri] *adj.* naughty e.g. child • *A bie na sāa la baalon kye o taa la toori yaga.* That child appears to be the quiet type but he is very naughty.

toori [tòòrí] *adj.* musically exceptional • *A bawaseerebe sereŋ taa la toori, ba gbε lanna lere la vela.* The dancers have a good ear

for music; their step falls on the beat.

toovaa [tòòváà] *n.* ear flap; the visible part of the ear (pinna) *pl:* toovaare *2pl:* toovaareε

toovooɔre [tòòvóórí] *n.* (1) ear canal (2) ear piercing *pl:* toovõε *2pl:* toovooɔreε

tõɔ [tõó] *v.* (1) to subdue, to conquer • *A bibiiri naŋ mɔ buo la tõe o tɔ?*

Which of boys overcame the other in the wrestling competition? (2) to be able, to be capable • *Ngaa la kye N koy tõe lee wa.* I'll go, but I'll not be able to come back. *tõe, toɔnɔ, toɔnɔ, toɔnema, toɔnaa*

toole [tòòli] *v.* to send a message *tooleε, toɔɔ, toɔɔ, toɔɔɔ, toɔlaa*

toɔɔ [tòòli] *n.* message *pl:* tooleε *Var.* tola

toone [tòòni] *v.* to tear off in strips (fibre from the stalk) *tooneε, toɔnɔ, toɔnɔ, toɔnema, toɔnaa*

tooraa [tòòráá] *n.* (1) self • *Ka foon beere kye zagere tēe nyuubu fo tooraa ka fo ere.* If you are sick but refuse medication, you will be hurting yourself. (2) portion, share • *Ba pon la nene ka N de n tooraa ko n ma.* They shared the meat and I gave my share to my mother. *pl:* tɔε *Var.* toore

toore [tòòrí] *n.* mortar, pounding pot *2pl:* tɔε *Var.* tooraa

toore [tòòrí] *n.* one's share of something • *A seemaa ye naŋ maale,*

N tɔɔre be? Where is my share of the food you cooked? *2pl: tɔɔ* *Var: tɔɔraa*

tɔɔre [tɔɔ̀ri] *v.* to be careless; to not pay enough attention • **O tɔɔre la a ne, ne bare ka baare de.** S/he left the meat carelessly and dogs ate it. -, tɔɔɔ

topɛge [tɔ̀pɛ́gi] *n.* boabab fruit shell *pl: topɛgre 2pl: topɛgreɛ*

toraza [tɔ̀razà] *n.* trousers *pl: torazare 2pl: torazareɛ*

tore [tɔ̀ri] *v.* to sprout, to break through the seed coat **toreɛ, tora, tora, tora, toraa**

tore [tɔ̀ri] *v.* to close one's mouth tightly (usually in anger) **toreɛ, tora, tora, tora, toraa**

torebogi [tɔ̀rìbɔ́gi] *n.* frontier, boundary *pl: torebogri 2pl: torebogree*

tori [tɔ̀ri] *adv.* continuously (doing one thing) • **Kɔ̀ɔ yɔ́ŋi ka a baala tori nyuuro.** The patient just goes on drinking water only.

tori [tɔ̀ri] *v.* (1) to be straight (2) to be right, to be correct **toree, toro, toro, toribo, toraa, toribo**

tori [tɔ̀ri] *v.* to speak with anger, to blame, to complain **toree, toro, toro, toribo, toraa**

tori-buulɔŋ [tɔ̀rì-̀búúlún] *n.* porridge made from corn and boabab flour

toriko [tɔ̀rìkò] *n.* cart *pl: torikori 2pl: torikoree*

toriko [tɔ̀rìkò] *n.* large metal snare for trapping large animals *pl: torikori 2pl: torikoree*

torizeɛ [tɔ̀rìzié] *n.* red beret *pl: torizeere 2pl: torizerɛɛ*

to-uri [tɔ̀-̀ùri] *n.* tiny spikes covering the fruit of boabab *2pl: to-uree*

tozɔŋe [tɔ̀zɔ́ŋ] *n.* boabab fruit powder *2pl: tozɔnnɛɛ*

tɔ [tɔ́] *n.* (1) colleague, an equal • **N bay ka n tɔ kanya la toŋ a tomɔ ŋa.** I guess this work is done by a neighbour. (2) same type, same kind • **N meŋ boɔɔ la a fo kparoo ŋa tɔ.** I also want the same type of shirt that you have. *pl: taaba*

tɔ [tɔ́] *v.* (1) to pound (2) to touch • **O de la o nu tɔ ne a gane na o nay boɔɔ.** She used her hand to touch the book she wanted. (3) to head-butt • **Ka foŋ deene ne naadɔgersɔ bile a naabo na tɔ fo la.** If you joke with the freshly born calf, its mother will head-butt you. (4) to get to the end of • **Te kyɛŋe te tɔ la a sori tege.** We walked until we came to the end of the road. **tɔe, tɔɔɔ, tɔɔɔ, tɔɔreba, tɔɔraa, tɔɔreba**

tɔ zɔŋɔ kyi (5) to beat about the bush (6) to be ignorant

tɔba [tɔ̀bà] *n.* tobacco *Var: tɔbɔ*

tɔbaa [tɔ̀bàà] *n.* a type of sharp axe used for carving *pl: tɔbre 2pl: tɔbreɛ*

tɔbɔ [tɔ̀bò] *n.* tobacco *sg: tɔɔroo 2pl: tɔɔreɛ Var: tɔba*

tɔge [tɔgí] *n.* (1) an earthenware container with a hole in the bottom for sieving (2) fish trap *pl:* tɔgere *2pl:* tɔgereɛ

tɔge [tɔgí] *v.* to stop tɔgeɛ, tɔgerɔ, tɔgerɔ, tɔgereba, tɔgeraa

tɔgele [tɔglì] *v.* to imitate • *A bie tɔgele la a biwɔ kyenne a men deɛ te kyene wɔrenɛ.* The boy imitated the way the lame boy walks and now he limps. tɔgleɛ, tɔglɔ, tɔglɔ, -, tɔglaa

tɔgele [tɔglì] *v.* to collect from above e.g. rain water • *Ka foɔɔ tɔgele saa kɔɔ a man maaron.* Gathered rain water is always cold. tɔgleɛ, tɔglɔ, tɔglɔ, -, tɔglaa

tɔgele [tɔglì] *v.* to turn to face e.g. in a direction • *O lee la o niye tɔgele sapare a na nye a saa nan ko.* She has turned towards the east to see the clouds. tɔgleɛ, tɔglɔ, tɔglɔ, -, tɔglaa

tɔgele [tɔglì] *v.* to help deliver a baby tɔgleɛ, tɔglɔ, tɔglɔ, -, tɔglaa

tɔle [tɔlí] *v.* to pass by tɔleɛ, tɔlɔ, tɔlɔ, tɔlebo, tɔlaa

tɔll [tɔll] *adj.* long and cylindrical

tɔnne [tɔnnì] *v.* to join tɔnneɛ, tɔnnɔ, tɔnnɔ, tɔnema, tɔnnaa, tɔnema

tɔnne [tɔnnì] *v.* to sell (usually at a low price) tɔnneɛ, tɔnnɔ, tɔnnɔ, tɔnema, tɔnnaa, tɔnema

tɔno [tɔnɔ] *n.* profit, gain, benefit *2pl:* tɔneɛ *Var.* tɔna

tɔntɔbaa [tɔntɔbáá] *adv.* at once

tɔɔe [tɔɔ] *v.* to respond to, to answer, to reply tɔɔeɛ, tɔɔena/tɔnnɔ, tɔnnɔ, tɔnema, tɔnnaa, tɔnema

tɔɔe [tɔɔ] *v.* (1) to be in a queue (2) to light a fire (3) to fetch fire tɔɔeɛ, tɔno, tɔno, tɔnema, tɔnnaa, - *Var.* kyɔɔ

tɔɔe [tɔɔ] *v.* to light a fire from another fire tɔɔeɛ, tɔɔena/tɔnnɔ, tɔnnɔ, tɔnema, tɔnnaa, tɔnema

tɔɔemɔ [tɔɔímɔ] *n.* colleague *pl:* tɔɔemɔmine *Var.* tɔɔema

tɔɔ [tɔɔ] *part.* all right, okay *Var.* too

tɔɔbɔle [tɔɔbɔlí] *n.* cylinder-shaped pounded tobacco *pl:* tɔɔbɔlɔ *2pl:* tɔɔbɔleɛ

tɔɔlaa [tɔɔláá] *n.* tobacco pipe *pl:* tɔɔlaare *2pl:* tɔɔlaareɛ

tɔɔlakãa [tɔɔlákãá] *n.* nicotine *2pl:* tɔɔlakãanɛ

tɔɔre [tɔɔrì] *n.* ball of tobacco *pl:* tɔɔbɔ *2pl:* tɔɔreɛ

tɔɔre [tɔɔrì] *adj.* far *pl:* tɔɔbɔ

tɔɔvaa [tɔɔváà] *n.* tobacco leaf *pl:* tɔɔvaare

tɔɔwuoraa [tɔɔwúórãá] *n.* a shell used in gathering and collecting powdered tobacco (snuff) *pl:* tɔɔwuori

tɔɔzɔɔe [tɔɔzɔɔ] *n.* powdered tobacco; snuff *2pl:* tɔɔzɔɔnneɛ

tɔre [tɔrì] *pron.* self (reflexive) • *N na de la a bondirii tte ko o N tɔre.* I will take the food to him myself.

tɔre [tòrì] v. to share in pieces • *A bondirii ba seɲe bone kyɛ te na de tɔre la a bibiiri.* We have very little food left but we shall share it in the little bits that we can. tɔrɛɛ, tɔrɔ, tɔrɔ, tɔreba, tɔraa

tɔre [tórì] v. (1) to break easily e.g. weak twine • *A miri poɔ̃ɛ la lenso ka O gaa ka o lene a tuobu ka o tɔre.* The rope was rotten and that was why when s/he attempted to tie up the luggage it gave way easily. (2) to cut a small piece • *N baɲ ka a nene ba seɲe bone kyɛ N na tɔre la fɛe ko fo.* I know the piece of meat is small but I'll give you a little bit. (3) to die (ailing child) tɔrɛɛ, tɔrɔ, tɔrɔ, tɔreba, tɔraa

tɔre [tòrì] adj. valuable • *O yeli ka ba zu la o libie kyɛ a ba e libi tɔre zaa.* She said they had stolen her money but it was not worth anything.

tɔ teere [tò tìrì] v. (1) without any hope/hit the rocks • *A pɔge bie baaloɲ la so ka o sori na yiibu tɔ teere.* The woman's intended journey hit the rocks because of her child's sickness. (2) to worsen • *O gaa were la o nimie na a dee tɔ teere.* The eye operation has worsened his sight. tɔteerɛ, tɔrɔrɔ teere, tɔteere, tɔteeraa, tɔteerebe

tu [tù] v. to follow a route, to take a route tue, tuuro, tuuro, tuuribo, tuuraa

tu [tù] v. to recount, to narrate tue, tuuro, tuuro, tuuribo, tuuraa

tu [tù] v. to bring back an attempted (female) divorcee tue, tuuro, tuuro, tuuribo, tuuraa

tu [tú] v. (1) to dig • *A sakuuri tu la bulee ba dabɔge pɔɔ.* The school has dug a well in their garden. (2) to uproot • *A koɔraa tu la waare paale o wasege.* The farmer has dug up yams and filled the yam barn. tue, tuuro, tuuro, tuuribo, tuuraa

tu ba [tú bà] v. to take off quickly e.g. in running tu baɛ, tuuro baara, tu baara, tu baareba

tuli [tùlì] v. to make a mistake, to err, to be wrong tulee, tullo, tullo, tulbo, tulaa

tulli [tùllì] v. (1) to change (state), disguise • *A bibiiri da tulli la ba menne a tigiri daare ka fo koɲ la baɲ ba.* The boys diguised themselves during the festival, so that you could not recognise them. (2) to confuse • *N bare la gyele ka a pɔge tulli ma kyɛ zo ne a bie.* I was so careless that the woman tricked me and escaped with the child. tullee, tullo, tullo, tulibo, tullaa

tulli [tùllì] v. to incriminate spiritually • *O tulli la omeɲɛ lenso ka o bageboge dagoli ba la nyere.* She has wronged the spirits and that is why she cannot see things in the spiritual world. tullee, tullo, tullo,

tulibo, tullaa

tulundaa [túlúndáá] *n.* pestle *pl:* tulundaare *2pl:* tunlundaareε *Var.* tulindaa, tundaa

tumakuli [tùmákúli] *n.* burri; a type of small plant with thorny fruits *sg:* tumakuluu *pl:* tumakulli *2pl:* tumakulee

tumo [tùmó] *n.* one born with the feet coming first instead of the head *2pl:* tumee

tumo [tùmó] *n.* glutton *2pl:* tumee

tumpaane [túmpáání] *n.* large talking drum; a drum that gives messages *pl:* tumpaama *2pl:* tumpaaneε *Var.* tumpanne

tumpaane [túmpáání] *n.* slabs of bean flour boiled in leaves *pl:* tumpaama *2pl:* tumpaaneε *Var.* tumpanne

tu noore [tù nòòrì] *v.* to narrate, to give an account of • *Ba yeli ka a bibiiri na nan zɔɔ taa ka kaŋa zaa maŋ tu o noore.* Each of the boys who fought has been asked to give an account of what led to the fight.

tuntundaana [túntúndááná] *n.* mosquito net *pl:* tuntundaane *2pl:* tuntundaaneε

tunturi [túntúri] *n.* a type of very large hog with powerful claws and tail for digging *pl:* tuntue *2pl:* turee

tuŋi [tùŋ] *v.* to thread (beads) tuŋee, tuno, tuno, tunimo, tunaa, tunimo

tuŋi [tùŋ] *v.* (1) to dip e.g. hand in pocket (2) to insert a finger into the vagina (defile, rape) tuŋee, tuno, tuno, tunimo, tunaa, tunimo

tuŋi [tùŋ] *v.* (1) to stumble about to fall, to totter (2) to err, to make a mistake tuŋee, tuŋino, tuŋino, tuŋinimo, tuŋinaa, tuŋinimo *Var.* tummu (of -bu form)

tuŋi [tùŋ] *v.* to overgrow e.g. hair, grass of lawn

tuo [tùò] *v.* (1) to carry e.g. on head (2) to swell e.g. blister -, tuoro, tuoro, tuoribo

tuo [tùò] *n.* (1) baobab tree (2) baobab fruit *pl:* tori *2pl:* toree

tuo [túó] *n.* (1) suffering • *Tuo yon ka zɔɔre taa.* There is only suffering in war. (2) difficulty • *A day-maa ŋa ŋmaabo tuo la so ka o ba wa.* The difficulty involved in cutting this log has dissuaded him from coming. *pl:* tuuri *2pl:* tuuree

tuo [túó] *adj.* (1) bitter e.g. quinine (2) hot e.g. pepper *pl:* tuuri *2pl:* tuuree

tuobu [tùòbú] *n.* (1) load (2) burden (3) weight (4) luggage

tuori [tùòrì] *v.* (1) to meet face to face (2) to welcome tuoree, tuoro, tuoro, tuoribo, tuoraa, tuoribo

tuosoba [túósóbá] *n.* person who does not want to make offers to any other person

turi [túri] *n.* thousand *sg:* turree *2pl:* turee

turi [tùrì] *v.* (1) to give from above or below • *A pɔge wuo a kyi pee zu de turi o sere.* The woman gathered the millet from the top of the roof and passed it down to her husband. (2) to offer one's hand **turee, turo, turo, turibo, turaa**

tu sori [tù sórí] *v.* to be right • *Te yɔ la a gama kye ka dɔ wa wuo a zaa gaa ne, a le ba tu sori.* We paid for the books but the man came and took them away; that is not right.

tutɔ [tútɔ] *n.* companion *pl:* **tutɔmine**

tuu [túú] *n.* (1) thicket, forest, wood (2) raised ground (usually on a farm) *pl:* **tuuri** *2pl:* **tuuree** *Var. togroo*

tuu [túú] *n.* eagle *pl:* **tuuri** *2pl:* **tuu-**

U

ugi [úgì] *v.* to expand e.g. cooked rice **ugee, ugro, ugro, ugribo, ugraa**

ulee [ùlèè] *n.* tree branch *pl:* **ulli** *2pl:* **ullee**

uli [úlí] *n.* fog, mist *pl:* **ulli** *2pl:* **ullee**

uli [ùlì] *v.* (1) to be dusty (2) to become moldy e.g. food • *Ka boroborɔŋ wa kɔre o maŋ uli la.* When bread is kept for long it becomes moldy. **ulee, ullo, ullo, ulibo, ullaa**

ree

tuuli [tùùlì] *v.* (1) to trace e.g. line (2) to use a finger to apply e.g. ointment (3) to go about, to roam around (4) to carried away by water **tuulee, tuulo, tuulo, tuulbo, tuulaa**

tuuli [túúli] *v.* (1) to give to drink e.g. a child (2) not deeply immersed (arrow hitting game) **tuulee, tuulo, tuulo, tuulbo, tuulaa**

tuuree [túúréé] *n.* Europe or America

tuuri [tùùrì] *v.* to pick out, to sort out, to separate **tuuree, tuuro, tuuro, tuuribo, tuuraa**

TZ [tíízèt] *n.* see saabo, flour paste (staple food of the Dagaaba); short form of a Hausa word 'tuozaafi'

ulimo [úlmó] *adj.* grey

unni [ùnnì] *v.* (1) unburying something buried • *Polisiri yeli ka ba ba ban a dɔ kũũ, pare a gaa te unni a kũũ.* The police said they did not know the cause of the man's death, so they went and exhumed the corpse. (2) to bring back past memories • *Ka Dere ne o pɔgeŋ wa zɔɔ zaa a pɔge maŋ unni la yelikorɔ.* Each time Dere and his wife quarrel, the wife will always recount past events. **unnee,**

unno, unno, unimo, unnaa

unni [únnì] *v.* to remind • *N deeme zãã wa unni ma la a koɔbo.* My in-law reminded me about the day of the group farming. **unnee, unno, unno, unimo, unnaa**

uoni [ùòni] *n.* dry season *pl:* uomo *2pl:* uonee

uori [úóri] *v.* to warm oneself (by fire, sun) **uoree, uoro, uoro, uoribo, uoraa**

uori [úóri] *v.* to mourn **uoree, uoro, uoro, uoribo, uoraa**

uori [úóri] *v.* to peer (shading one's face with the hand) **uoree, uoro, uoro, uoribo, uoraa**

uori [ùòri] *v.* (1) to bellow (bull) (2) to groan; a sound uttered in pain or grief **uoree, uoro, uoro, uoribo, uoraa**

uri [ùrí] *n.* (1) itchy stuff (2) chaff *2pl:* urree

uri [ùri] *v.* (1) to take unaware (2) to be shocked • *Maa ne a baala naŋ yeli yeɛ ba kɔre, o kũũ uri ma la.* I spoke with the patient not long ago; I'm shocked at his sudden death. **uree, uro, uro, uribo, uraa**

uri [úri] *v.* to make burn e.g. fire

uri [ùri] *n.* hair-like projections on the straw of the grass family and other plants that cause itchiness of the skin

uri [úri] *v.* to scrub a very dirty object e.g. cooking pot **uree, uro, uro, uribo, uraa**

ũu [úú] *v.* to close tightly (fist, eyes) **ũue, uuno, uuno, uuimo, uunaa**

ũu [ùũ] *v.* to bury **ũue, uuno, uuno, uuimo, uunaa**

uuni [úúni] *v.* (1) to crouch, to hide • *Ba digi la a bie ka o zo te uuni tuu poɔ.* As they chased the boy, he ran and hid in a thicket. (2) to incubate, to brood, to sit on (a fowl on its eggs) • *Noɔ maŋ uuni la daare ata kye wege.* A fowl sits on its eggs before they hatch. **uunee, uuno, uuno, uunimo, uunaa**

uuni [úúni] *v.* to form pus e.g. a swelling • *Goɔ daare kyɔge la n nubiri ka o mɔre eŋ kɔɔ ka ba were.* A thorn pierced my finger and it got swollen, formed pus, and was operated upon. **uunee, uuno, uuno, uunimo, uunaa**

uuri [úúri] *v.* to hoot, to call out e.g. lost person **uuree, uuro, uuro, uuribo, uuraa**

uuri [ùùri] *v.* (1) to smoke out (2) to warm a place with smoke **uuree, uuro, uuro, uuribo, uuraa**

uuruj [úúrúŋ] *n.* dust *2pl:* uurunnee

V

va [và] v. (1) to whip (2) to thresh (millet) vaε, -, vaara, vareba, vaaraa

va [vá] v. snatch; to run directly and suddenly at someone seizing him; used with ‘-de’ (va-de)

va [vâ] v. to graze a target; miss narrowly vaε, -, vaara, vareba, vaaraa

va [vá] v. to rush, to dash • *A dɔbɔ naŋ ŋmeεε la ka kaŋa wa va de o to gaa lɔɔ.* As the men argued, one suddenly rushed on the other and threw him down. vaε, vaara, vaara, vareba, vaaraa

vaa [vâà] n. leaf sg: vabo pl: vaare 2pl: vaareε

vaa [vâà] v. collect or take everything from a container vaaε, vaara, vaara, vaareba, vaaraa

vaa [vâà] v. to draw e.g. bowstring vaaε, vaara, vaara, vaareba, vaaraa

vaa [vâà] v. to lift an opponent’s leg (wrestling) vaaε, vaara, vaara, vaareba, vaaraa

vaagaviige [vâàgâvígè] v. I command you (to die)

vaa-iri [vâà-irì] v. to stand up quickly vaa-iree, vaara-ire, vaa-ire, vaa-iribe

vaale [vâàlì] v. to gather e.g. rubbish, garbage vaaleε, vaala, vaala, vaaleba, vaalebεε vaaloo

vaalee [vâàlíf] n. speck sg: vaaloo pl: vaala 2pl: vaaleε Var. vaale

vaali [vâàlì] adv. quickly, in a fast and sudden manner, e.g. in standing up

vaane [vâàni] v. (1) to shrink, contract (2) to wrinkle vaaneε, vaana, vaana, vaaneba, vaanaa

vaane [vâàní] adj. shrunken

vâao [vââò] adv. courageously

vaare [vâàrì] v. to wrap oneself, usually with a cloth vaareε, vaara, vaara, vaareba, vaaraa

vaare [vâàrì] v. to tug, to pull strongly and suddenly towards oneself • *A bie da nyɔge la a pedaa miri kye ka a peroo vaare o lɔɔ.* The boy held onto the rope around the ram’s neck, but it tugged him to the ground. vaareε, vaara, vaara, vaareba, vaaraa

vaare [vâàrì] v. to rinse • *Fanfane fuuri naŋ be la laare poɔ a seŋ ka vaare.* There are still soap-suds in the bowls, so they need to be rinsed. vaareε, vaara, vaara, vaareba, vaaraa

vabɔre [vâbòrì] n. spring 2pl: vabɔr-εε

vâee [vââ] adv. aromatically

vage [vâgí] v. sounding like a bird pecking at a soft object (onomatopoeia) vageε, vagra, vagra, vagreba, vagraa

vage [vàgi] *adv.* sound of pecking
vagere [vàgìrì] *adv.* pecking
vakogilo [vákóglo] *n.* dried leaves (that once were worn by women)
sg: vakogiluu
vakuoŋaa [vákúoŋáá] *n.* dry leaf *pl:* vakuoni
vakuoŋaa [vákúoŋáá] *n.* bad luck *pl:* vakuoni
valenvõo [válínvõõ] *n.* mason wasp, potter wasp *sg:* valenvõonoo *pl:* valenvõone *2pl:* valenvõonee *Var.* valenvõa
valere [vålíri] *v.* to intertwine e.g. weaving
valimmu [vålímmú] *n.* a type of small tree with soft large leaves which women used to wear to cover parts of their private parts *pl:* valinni *2pl:* valinnee
valinvaa [vålínváá] *n.* (1) leaf of the palm tree (2) the leaf of the valimmu tree *pl:* valinvaare *2pl:* valinvaaree
valinvuuluŋ [vålínvúúlúŋ] *n.* soot *pl:* valinvuulo/valinvuuli *2pl:* valinvuulee *Var.* valanvuuluŋ, vuuluŋ
valogema [válógímà] *n.* green, fresh, and tender leaves
vama [vàmà] *adv.* effortlessly
vamaaronŋ [vámááronŋ] *n.* green leaf *pl:* vamaara *2pl:* vamaaree
vanne [vánni] *v.* to stretch, to grow longer *vannee, vanna, vanna, vanna*

vapeelegboro [vápíélgbóro] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties
vapege [vápégí] *n.* fallen leaf *pl:* vapegre *2pl:* vapgree
vapielee [vápíèlèè] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* vapieli
vapõro [vápõrò] *n.* fresh green leaves *2pl:* vapõrree
vare [vàri] *v.* to wrinkle
vare niŋe make a face; usually in disgust or anger *varee, vara, vara, vareba, varaa, vareba*
vare [vàri] *v.* to make laundry not well washed e.g. clothes *varee, vara, vara, vareba, varaa, vareba*
vare [vàri] *v.* to make the layout of a mound *varee, vara, vara, vareba, varaa, vareba*
vare [vári] *v.* to jump, to leap, to hop *varoo, vara, vara, varibo, varaa, variba*
vare [vári] *v.* to castrate *varoo, vara, vara, varibo, varaa, variba*
varekpara [vàrikpàrà] *adv.* long and loose e.g. twine
varekpene [várikpíné] *n.* thick paste from beans *sg:* varekpenoo *2pl:* varekpennee
varema [várímá] *adj.* (1) tough e.g. meat, rope (2) difficult • *A pøgelee na nõŋe la laare kye o boõbo yeŋe varema.* That girl likes smiling but she is very difficult when it comes to dating her.

varevare [vàrìváraí] *v.* to heckle varevareε, varevara, varevara, varevareba, varevaraa

varevare [vàrìváraí] *v.* to pull along varevareε, varevara, varevara, varevareba, varevaraa

varoo [váròò] *adj.* tough e.g. meat
Var. varema

ve [ví] *v.* to knit veεε, verε, verε, verebe, veraa

vebo [vìbò] *adj.* striking directly e.g. arrow

vedεε [vìdié] *n.* sugarcane *pl:* vederre *2pl:* vedeεε

veene [vìini] *n.* a type of small bird with very lean legs (short form of daveene) *pl:* veemε *2pl:* veenεε
Var. daveene

veene [vìini] *v.* to tie tightly veenεε, veenε, veenε, veenemε, veenaa

veele [vìèli] *v.* to be beautiful veeleεε, veele, veele, veele

veele [vìèlé] *adj.* beautiful

veeleyeεε [vìèléyéjé] *n.* one with physical beauty only

veelon [vìélon] *n.* (1) beauty (2) goodness (3) light

veere [vìèri] *v.* to push aside growth e.g. in searching for something in an overgrown bush veereεε, veere, veere, veerebe, veeraa

veere [vìéri] *v.* to fly low and slowly veereεε, veere, veere, veerebe, veeraa

veere [vìéri] *v.* to evade e.g. a verbal attack veereεε, veere, veere, veerebe, veeraa

veerenyoge [vìèriyógi] *n.* rodent

velaa [vìlàà] *adj.* (1) good, nice (2) beautiful *pl:* veele

vell [vìll] *adj.* full to the brim

velle [vìlli] *v.* to hold the legs tightly in such a way as to make the person lose balance • *A poge velle la a dwo gbεε ka o le.* The woman held the man's legs so tightly that he lost balance and fell. vellεε, velle, velle, velbe, vellaa

velo [vìlò] *adj.* turning instantly

venenne [vìninni] *adj.* elastic

venne [vìnni] *v.* to throw off (wrestling) vennεε, venne, venne, venemε, vennaa

venoo [vìnòò] *n.* wine

venoo [vìnòò] *adj.* thick and sticky e.g. grease

venvej [vìnvij] *n.* climax

venvej [vìnvij] *adv.* at the maximum • *A daa nan da w ate kpe venvej saha la ka ba da moεle a zuyoo yeε.* It was at the climax of the market activities that they announced the payment of taxes.

vere [vìri] *v.* to shoot with a catapult verεε, verε, verε, verebe, veraa, verebe

vere [vìri] *v.* (1) to sprain (2) to dislocate (joint) verεε, verε, verε, verebe, veraa, verebe

vere [vìrì] *v.* to make an effort, to strain **veree**, **vere**, **vere**, **verebe**, **veraa**, **verebe**

vere [vìrí] *v.* to fence e.g. garden **veree**, **vere**, **vere**, **verebe**, **veraa**

verevere [vìrìvìrí] *v.* to pull very hard on e.g. tug of war **vereveree**, **verevere**, **verevere**, **vereverebe**, **vereveraa**

verenverej [vìrènvìréj] *adj.* found everywhere

vereverè [vìrèvìrè] *adj.* scattered all over

vëë [vëë] *adv.* less sunny, dusky

vele [vèlì] *v.* to become clear e.g. day, mind **velee**, **velle**, **velle**, **velebe**, **vel-
laa**

velevele [vèlvèl] *adj.* very long and and wavy

vemm [vémm] *adv.* smoothly

venevene [vènevèvè] *adj.* (1) sticky e.g. honey (2) oily

venlemm [vènlémm] *adj.* slim and beautiful

venje [véj] *v.* (1) to leave (2) to let go (3) to stop **venjee**, **vene**, **vene**, **veneme**, **venaa**

vere [vèrì] *v.* to prepare mortar **veree**, **vere**, **vere**, **verebe**, **veraa**

vere [vérí] *v.* to scatter thick liquid e.g. mortar **veree**, **vere**, **vere**, **verebe**, **veraa**

vere [vérí] *n.* stony farmland *pl:* **veree**

veree [vèrèè] *adj.* lying low e.g. dew-laden grass

venè [vèvé] *adj.* glidingly e.g. a bird

venvere [vèvèrí] *n.* mud, marsh *2pl:* **venveree**

vi [vì] *n.* shame, disgrace *pl:* **virì** *2pl:* **viree**

vigi [vìgì] *n.* owl *pl:* **vigiri** *2pl:* **vigree** *Var.* **vig**, **vib**

vigi [vìgì] *v.* to throw out in a whole (solid waste) **vigee**, **vigre**, **vigre**, **vigrìbe**, **vigraa**

viiri [vìiri] *v.* (1) to turn around, to rotate (2) to visit a place repeatedly **viiree**, **viire**, **viire**, **viiribe**, **viiraa**, **viiribe**

vilenkyimm [vìlénkyímm] *adj.* twisted

vilenva [vìlènvà] *n.* going out of sight • **A karema yeli ka o ere vilenva ka a karembiiri yaaree.** No sooner had the teacher left than the students dispersed.

vilenvilej [vìlènvìléj] *adv.* round, circular

vili [vìlí] *v.* to entwine, to tie, to wrap around **vilee**, **vile**, **vile**, **vilbe**, **vilaqa**

vilime [vìlímé] *adj.* circular *Var.* **vilenvilej**

virenvirej [vìrènvìréj] *adv.* totally e.g. refuse

viretanjbelli [vìrètánjbéllì] *n.* your limit, first and last (colloquialism)

vitanjkpulee [vìtánjkpùléé] *n.* a type of small owl *pl:* **vitanjkpulli**

vo [vò] *v.* to make less crowded **voe**, **voró**, **voró**

vogεε [vògèè] *adv.* voluminous e.g. pair of trousers

vokyɔ [vòtʃɔ] *n.* (1) a type of tree with long fruit (2) the fruit of this tree (used in kneading) *pl:* **vokyɔre** *2pl:* **vokyɔreε**

volavola [vòlávòlà] *adv.* slimly *Var.* **volɔvolɔ**

volɔvolɔ [vòlɔvòlɔ] *adv.* slimly *Var.* **volavola**

vonne [vònnì] *v.* to throw far away **vonneε**, **vonna**, **vonna**, **vonema**, **vonnaa**

voɲe [vòɲ] *v.* to stay put and refuse to move **voɲεε**, **vonɔ**, **vonɔ**, **vonema**, **vonaa**

võo [vòõ] *v.* to mix, to disturb e.g. water **voõε**, **voonɔ**, **voonɔ**, **vonema**, **voonaa**, **voonoo** *Var.* **voɲe**

voone [vòònì] *v.* to sound, to vibrate **vooneε**, **voona/voonɔ**, **voona/voonɔ**

vooraa [vòóráá] *n.* a type of lumpy paste made from bean flour *pl:* **voore**

voore [vòòrì] *v.* echo, resound (noise) **vooreε**, **voora**, **voora**, **vooreba**, **vooraa**

voore [vòórí] *v.* (1) to breathe, to take a breath (2) to be relieved, to be free, to rest • *A saama kulee la ka N naa voore.* The guets have gone and now I'm relieved. **vooreε**,

voora, **voora**, **vooreba**, **vooraa**, **vooreba**

voore fõõ to take a deep breath, to sigh

Vooronsonɲ [vòórónsónɲ] *n.* Holy Spirit

vooronɲ [vòóróɲ] *n.* (1) life (2) breathed air, breath *pl:* **voora** *2pl:* **vooreε**

voowoo [vòówóó] *n.* womb *pl:* **voowoore** *2pl:* **voowooreε**

voɔ [vòó] *v.* to pull out, to uproot **voɔε**, **voɔrɔ**, **voɔrɔ**, **voɔreba**, **vɔraa**

voɔbale [vòóbàlì] *n.* arrow with many hooks

voɔlonɲ [vòólonɲ] *n.* slimy sap (from a type of tree) used to settle sediments in liquids

voɔlonɲ [vòólonɲ] *adj.* slimy

voore [vòórí] *n.* (1) opening, hole (through an object) (2) a small door, usually at the back of a compound house (comparable to an emergency exit) (3) small space • *N daare ba nye voore gaa a kuori.* I did not get the chance to attend the funeral. *pl:* **võε** *2pl:* **vɔreε**

voore [vòòrì] *v.* to be worn out, to be spent, to be tired and weak **vooreε**, **voɔrɔ**, **voɔrɔ**, **vooreba**, **vooraa**

voore [vòòrì] *v.* to get scorched e.g. plants during drought **vooreε**, **voɔrɔ**, **voɔrɔ**, **vooreba**, **vooraa**

voore [vòòrì] *v.* to smear **vooreε**, **voɔrɔ**, **voɔrɔ**, **vooreba**, **vooraa**

vora [vóráá] *n.* a hand drill; see kyaleere

vore [vóri] *v.* to make a hole through, to pierce e.g. ears, lips
voreε, vorɔ, vorɔ, voreba, vora, voreba

vore [vóri] *v.* to weave **voreε, vorɔ, vorɔ, voreba, vora, voreba**

vore [vóri] *n.* foetus *pl:* **vore** *2pl:* **voreε**

vore [vóri] *adj.* alive *pl:* **vore** *2pl:* **voreε**

vori [vóri] *v.* to rot, to spoil completely **voreε, voro, voro, voribo, vora**

vorikporo [vórikpóro] *adv.* watery manner

vorovoro [vòròvòrò] *adj.* watery

vɔ [vó] *v.* to perform a type of ritual for a dead male **vɔε, vorɔ, vorɔ, vorɔreba, voraa**

vɔga [vógà] *n.* track, trail *Var.* **vɔgɔ**

vɔgaa [vógáá] *n.* silk cotton tree *pl:* **vɔgre** *2pl:* **vɔgreε**

vɔge [vògì] *v.* (1) to take off (2) to uncover **vɔgeε, vɔgrɔ, vɔgrɔ, vɔgreba, vɔgraa**

vɔge [vògì] *v.* (1) to scald (2) to get burnt from hot substance **vɔgeε, vɔgrɔ, vɔgrɔ, vɔgreba, vɔgraa**

vɔgele [vòglì] *v.* (1) to cover (2) to put on top e.g. hat (3) to overturn e.g. container **vɔgleε, vɔglɔ, vɔglɔ, vɔgleba, vɔglaa, vɔgleba**

vɔgɔ [vógò] *n.* track, trail *pl:* **vɔgre** *2pl:* **vɔgreε** *Var.* **vɔga**

vɔlaa [vólàà] *n.* great desire for

vɔle [vóli] *n.* great desire for meat; carnivorousness *pl:* **vɔleε** *2pl:* **vɔleε**

vɔle [vóli] *v.* to swallow **vɔleε, vɔlɔ, vɔlɔ, vɔlebo, vɔlaa, vɔlebo**

vɔll [vòll] *adj.* beautifully; usually in the state of growing up

vɔrekpɔrɔ [vòrikpòrò] *adv.* (1) wet and unwieldy • *Saseε fue la ka saa meŋ mi kòɔ lore a sagere ka a zie e le vɔrekpɔrɔ.* The rain which followed the rainstorm has soaked the garbage in the yard making it wet and disorderly. (2) sound of fall by a long winding thing e.g. snake, rope (onomatopoeia)

vu [vú] *v.* (1) to crawl e.g. child (2) to drag along the ground
vue, vuuro, vuuro, vuribo, vuuraa, vuribo

vubiri [vúbiri] *n.* mound for yam plant *pl:* **vubie** *2pl:* **vubiiree**

vuutori [vúduóri] *n.* the act of making yam mounds

vuutori [vúduóri] *n.* one who makes yam mounds *pl:* **vuutori**

vulaŋkaŋkpogili [vùlànkaŋkópóglì] *n.* final thing *pl:* **vulaŋkaŋkpolo** *2pl:* **vulaŋkaŋkpolee**

vulonkpogili [vùlòŋkópóglì] *n.* beetle *pl:* **vulonkpogilo** *2pl:* **vulonkpogilee** *Var.* **vulaŋkpaŋgile**

vulotokpolo [vùlòtókpóló] *n.* (1) piece of work meant to be one's

- work for the day (2) stanza (literature) *pl:* **vulotokpolli** *2pl:* **vulotokpolee**
- vunni** [vùnnì] *v.* to throw far away
vunnee, **vunno**, **vunno**, **vunimo**, **vunnaa**
- vuo** [vùó] *n.* (1) space, passage (2) chance, time (3) occasion
- vuo** [vùó] *adj.* hollow *pl:* **vori** *2pl:* **voree**
- vuoli** [vùólì] *v.* (1) to bark (dog) (2) to hoot (to put to shame) **vuolee**, **vuolo**, **vuolo**, **vuolibo**, **vuolaa**, -
Var. **wuoli**
vuoli kaa to peer at
- vutaŋkpulee** [vùtànkpùlèè] *n.* gate pillar *pl:* **vutaŋkpulli** *2pl:* **vutaŋkpullee**
- vuu** [vùù] *v.* to drag • *Ba vuu la a kamaana booraa bohyeni na.* They dragged that one sack of maize. **vuue**, **vuuro**, **vuuro**, **vuuribo**, **vuuraa**
- vũu** [vũú] *n.* fire *sg:* **vuunuu** *2pl:* **vuunee**
- vũudindigili** [vũúdíndígí] *n.* (1) electricity (2) electric light *Var.* **vũudigili**
- vũudiraa** [vũúdiráà] *n.* flame *pl:* **vũudirri** *2pl:* **vũudiree**
- vũudirri** [vũúdirri] *n.* a stream of burning
- vũugyele** [vũúgyé] *n.* lightbulb *pl:* **vũugyele** *2pl:* **vũugyelee** *Var.* **vũunimiri**
- vuuli** [vùú] *v.* to singe **vuulee**, **vuulo**, **vuulo**, **vuolibo**, **vuulaa**
- vũulunsaa** [vũùlúnsáà] *n.* first rain after the dry season
- vuuluŋ** [vùú] *n.* an animal believed to have supernatural power and usually attack people in the night *Var.* **valinvuuluŋ**
- vuuluŋ** [vùú] *n.* short form of **valinvuuluŋ** (soot) *Var.* **valinvuuluŋ**
- vuunimiri** [vùùnì] *n.* lightbulb *pl:* **vuunimie** *2pl:* **vuunimiiree** *Var.* **vũugyele**
- vuuri** [vùù] *v.* to feign; to pretend or attempt to do something (which doesn't happen) **vuuree**, **vuuro**, **vuuro**, **vuuribo**, **vuuraa**, **vuuribo**
- vuuri** [vùú] *n.* small oar-like stick for stirring porridge *pl:* **vue** *2pl:* **vuuree**
- vuuri** [vùú] *n.* yam farm *pl:* **vue** *2pl:* **vuuree**
- vũusaalbiri** [vũùsáá] *n.* burning charcoal *Var.* **vũusaale**
- vũusaale** [vũùsáá] *n.* burning coal *pl:* **vũusaala** *2pl:* **vũusaaloo** *Var.* **vũusaalbiri**
- vũuvaale** [vũúváá] *n.* a type of bird which hovers around bushes that are being burnt to catch fleeing insects *pl:* **vũuvaala**
- vũuyele** [vũúgyé] *n.* lightbulb *pl:* **vũuyele** *2pl:* **vũuyelee**
- vũuzeele** [vũúzí] *n.* flying burnt particles from a fire e.g. grass *sg:* **vũuzeelo** *pl:* **vũuzeele** *2pl:* **vũuzeelee**
- vũuzele** [vũúzi] *n.* flame, tongue of fire *pl:* **vũuzele** *2pl:* **vũuzelee**

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Wa [wǎ] *n.* name of the regional headquarters of the Upper West Region

wa [wà] *v.* to come **wæɛ, waana, waana, wanema, waanaa, wanema**

wa [wá] *part.* by the time; before the end of a given time • ***Te na wa tara ka zivelmɛ la.*** By the time we arrive, it will be daybreak.

waa [wàá] *n.* yam *pl:* **waare** *2pl:* **waareɛ** *Var.* **nyuuri**

waa [wàá] *v.* (1) to be • ***A tomɔ waa la yaga.*** The work is plenty. (2) to resemble, to be like • ***A biiri waa ŋa yeere.*** The children are like twins.

waabo [wáábó] *n.* snake *pl:* **weere/wamine** *2pl:* **weereɛ**

waale [wááli] *v.* to whisper **waalɛɛ, waala, waala, waaleba, waalaa, waaleba**

waale [wááli] *v.* to parboil **waalɛɛ, waala, waala, waaleba, waalaa, waaleba**

waale [wááli] *v.* to bruise slightly **waalɛɛ, waala, waala, waaleba, waalaa, waaleba**

waalenɔ [wààlɛ̃] *n.* a type of gunpowder (imported)

waalenɔ [wààlɛ̃] *adj.* like a native of Wa

waalonɔ [wààlɔ̃] *n.* (1) nature, character (2) resemblance

Waaloo [wáálòò] *n.* native of Wa *pl:* **waala**

waane [wááni] *v.* (1) to dress tightly (pull trousers to navel level) (2) to propel, to spin **waanɛɛ, waana, waana, waanema, waanaa**

waare [wààri] *v.* be touched by (liquid, powder) • ***A bie ŋ la tene waare o ma.*** The child has smeared the mother with soil. **waareɛ, waara, waara, waareba, waaraa**

waare [wáári] *v.* (1) to burn the cover (when you attempt to burn green grass, it is only the blades that burn leaving the straw) • ***A moɔ da e la mɔmaara lenso ka ba di kye waare.*** The grass was green and that is why when they attempted burning it it did not burn. • ***A nanɔkpaana nyege la a mɔmaara kye a ba di, a waareɛ la.*** The hunter tried to burn the green grass, but it did not burn well; it only burnt halfway. (2) to be painful • ***Ba tɔ la a bie fele ka o eɣe zaa waare.*** They hit on his sore and it was quite painful. **waareɛ, waara, waara, waareba**

waaronɔ [wààrɔ̃] *n.* organised group hunting

wadere [wàdɛ́ri] *n.* large yam tuber *pl:* **waderɛɛ** *Var.* **nyudere**

waderɛɛ [wàdɛ́rɛ́ɛ] *n.* large yam tuber *2pl:* **waderɛɛɛ** *Var.* **nyudereɛɛ**

- wae [wáí] *adj.* nine
- wae [wáíí] *adv.* at once
- wagere [wágrì] *n.* time for something, period *pl:* wagerεε
- wagere [wàgrì] *v.* to bite on the surface (dog) wagerεε, wagera, wagera, wagerεba, wageraα
- wagyε [wàdzè] *n.* blanket, cloth *pl:* wagyεre *2pl:* wagyεrεε
- walaa [wálàà] *n.* antelope *pl:* walle *2pl:* wallεε
- walanse [wálánsì] *n.* radio, wireless set *pl:* walansere *2pl:* walanserεε
- wale [wáí] *n.* sweat *2pl:* walεε/wallεε
- walpelaa [wàlpilàà] *n.* a type of antelope *pl:* walpeeε
- walpieli [wàlpiéli] *n.* A type of big antelope *sg:* walpieluu *pl:* walpiele *2pl:* walpielee *Var.* walpieluu
- walpieluu [wàpiéluú] *n.* A type of big antelope *pl:* walpiele *2pl:* walpielee *Var.* walpieli
- walsugo [wálsúgó] *n.* group of deer *pl:* walsugri *2pl:* walsugree
- walsunni [wàlsúnni] *n.* perspiration, extreme sweat *2pl:* wasunnee
- walwoα [wàlwóα] *n.* (1) newcomer, novice (2) a bag made of antelope skin *pl:* walwoore *2pl:* walwooεε
- wanwε [wánwé] *v.* to be gone forever; to fail to return as expected • *Ba toŋ la a bie ka o dee gaa te wanwε.* When they sent the child, he left and never returned. **wanwεε, wanawεεε, wanweεε, wanweεrebe, wanweεraα**
- wanene [wáníní] *n.* great one *pl:* wanne *2pl:* wannεε
- wanmane [wàŋmání] *n.* a hundred yams *pl:* wanmama *2pl:* wanmameε
- ware [wáři] *n.* coins; money *pl:* warre *2pl:* warεε *Var.* warebiri
- ware [wáři] *adv.* all gone (people on a journey) • *A teŋε dobo zaay e weε, ware.* All the men in the town have gone to the farm; not even one was left behind.
- ware [wáři] *n.* long draught *2pl:* warεε
- warebiri [wáribiri] *n.* coins; money *pl:* warebie *2pl:* warebiiree *Var.* ware
- warema [wárimá] *n.* brick, block *pl:* waremare *2pl:* waremareε
- wasaalŋ [wàsáálŋ] *n.* water yam *2pl:* wasaalεε
- wasege [wàsígí] *n.* yam barn *pl:* wasegre *2pl:* wasegrεε *Var.* nyusege
- wasŋα [wàsŋ] *n.* a basket of yam *pl:* wasŋne *2pl:* wasŋnεε
- wasugo [wàsúgó] *n.* see sugo (termites) *pl:* wasugiri *2pl:* wasugiree
- waweεε [wàwíéé] *n.* seed yam *sg:* waweεloo *2pl:* waweεlεε *Var.* nyuweεε
- wazie [wázíé] *n.* a type of brown snake *pl:* wazeere *2pl:* wazeerεε

we [wé] *interj.* expression of despair
 webe [wébé] *interj.* exclamation of exhaustion
 wēdere [wídíré] *n.* leader, forerunner *pl:* wēderebe *2pl:* wēderebe
 weene [wìinì] *v.* to begin to boil **weeneε, weene, weene**
 wee [wié] *n.* (1) farm (2) wilderness *pl:* were *2pl:* wereε
 wee [wiè] *v.* (1) to make a furrow/trench e.g. for water to pass (2) cut open; usually part of the body in a bid to remove a foreign body or pus (3) to push growth aside e.g. in a search for something in a thick growth **weεε, weεε, weεε, weerebe, weeraa**
 wee [wíé] *v.* to save • *A kpogili la weε o ka le naane o zu da na ymare la.* He would have broken his head but he was saved by the crash helmet. **weεε, weεε, weεε, weerebe, weeraa**
 wee [wíé] *adj.* not related to
 wēε [wíè] *adv.* in front, ahead • *Dabuo la na de o sakuuri maa-kyeebo wēε.* Dabuo will lead his school at the parade ground.
 wēε [wíè] *v.* to be wild, to be untamed, to be out of control **wēεε, weene, weene, weeneme, weena**
 weele [wíélí] *v.* to branch out in lobes (yam seed) **weeleε, weele, weele, weelbe, weelaa**
 weele [wíélí] *v.* to miss out, to lose **weeleε, weele, weele, weelbe, weelaa**

weele [wíélí] *n.* twins *2pl:* weeleε
 weele [wíèlé] *n.* mistletoe (a parasitic plant whose fruit is used to produce gum) *2pl:* weeleε
 weele [wíèlé] *adj.* (1) in vain, for nothing • *Fo gere la be weele, o koj lee ka fo.* You are going there for nothing; she will not mind you. (2) free • *A doroba de la a pge-nayaa gaa ne a doota weele.* The driver took the old woman to the hospital free of charge.
 weeme [wíèmé] *adj.* wild, untamed
 weere [wíèrì] *v.* to search through e.g. brush **weereε, weere, weere, weerebe, weeraa**
 wegere [wigrì] *v.* to squeeze through e.g. through a thick crowd **wegerεε, wegere, wegere, wegerebe, wegeraa**
 welaa [wíláá] *adj.* harbouring evil intentions
 wele [wílí] *v.* to rummage **weleε, wele, wele, welebe, welaa**
 wele [wílí] *v.* to dismantle **weleε, wele, wele, welebe, welaa**
 wele [wílí] *v.* to reduce in size e.g. obesity **weleε, wele, wele, welebe, welaa**
 wele [wílí] *n.* a type of ornament for the arm *pl:* wele *2pl:* weleε
 welenwele [wíénwílé] *adv.* vigorous, rolling (boiling liquid)
 welewele [wíèwílé] *adv.* intermittent spackle

weli [wélí] *n.* snail *pl:* wele *2pl:* welee

weliweli [wélwél] *adv.* clearly visible

welle [wíllí] *v.* (1) to scrutinize, to examine closely (2) to rummage **wellee, welle, welle, welebe, wellaa**

welli [wéllí] *v.* to make very clear, clean, or neat **wellee, welle, welle, welibe, wellaa**

wenne [wìnní] *v.* to go into the interior e.g. of bush or a crowd **wennee, wenne, wenne, weneme, wenna**

were-bare [wìrì-bàrì] *v.* to ignore **were-baree, were-bara, were-bara, were-bareba, were-baraa**

werekao [wíríkáò] *n.* wound, mark, defect • **Lòre la le ne o ka a o ghere nye werekao.** A car crash has caused a wound on his leg. *pl:* **werekarre** *2pl:* **werekaree**

werewere [wíríwírí] *adv.* smartly, quickly

were [wìré] *adj.* small species, not of high breed (groundnuts) *2pl:* **weree**

were [wíré] *n.* mountain *2pl:* **weree/werree**

were [wíré] *adj.* in vain • **O baloo na zaa kye were la, o ba nye a libie.** All his suffering has been in vain; he did not get the money.

werewere [wíréwíré] *adj.* tiny things

werewere [wìrèwìrè] *adj.* coarse (flour)

weri [wérí] *adv.* valuable, good quantity

weroo [wíróó] *adj.* small in stature *pl:* **were**

wè [wè] *adv.* (1) then (of cause) • **Ba nye la a bonzuuri o dieh, ona la zu we?** They found the stolen items in his room, he stole them then? (2) then • **Ka fo wa pagra foj de wèè we.** If you are in a haste then take the lead.

wè [wé] *v.* (1) to go bad • **Sugo kpe la a dɔɔ wasege, a waare zaay we.** Termites have invaded the man's yam barn; all the yams are destroyed. (2) to be lost forever **wee, weere, weere, weerebe, weera**

wè [wé] *adj.* not strong or courageous • **Nye dɔɔ nan we, haali o koj tɔɔ zele a pelee.** See how useless the man is; he cannot even lift the small basket.

wèbaa [wèbáá] *n.* fox *pl:* **wèbaare** *2pl:* **wèbaaree**

wèdoŋɔ [wèdɔŋɔ] *n.* a non-domesticated animal *pl:* **wèdonne.** *2pl:* **wèdonnee.** *Var.* **mɔdoŋɔ, wèdoŋa,**

wègè [wégì] *v.* (1) to hatch (2) to multiply **wègèe, wègre, wègre, wègrebe, wègraa, wègrebe**

wègè [wégì] *v.* to remove with a pointed implement e.g. corn from the cob **wègèe, wègre, wègre, wègrebe, wègraa**

wēge [wégì] *n.* beam, large plank used in making mud roofing *pl:* **wēgere** *2pl:* **wēgereε** *Var.* **wēge, dawēge**

wēgere [wègrì] *v.* to force out, to squeeze out e.g. seed from pod **wēgereε, wēgere, wēgere, wēgerebe, wēgeraa**

wēge [wégé] *n.* beam *pl:* **wēgre** *2pl:* **wēgeε** *Var.* **wēge**

wēkaraa [wèkáráá] *n.* mounds of a farm made without first clearing the land *pl:* **wēkare** *2pl:* **wēkareε**

wēle [wéli] *v.* (1) to split or break into two (2) to separate, to disperse **wēleε, wēle, wēle, wēlebe, wēlaa, wēlebe**

wēlèmbèll [wèlèmbèll] *adv.* massively moving

wēnaabo [wènáábò] *n.* buffalo *pl:* **wēnii** *2pl:* **wēniineε**

wēnoo [wénóó] *n.* dark grey hen *pl:* **wēnoore** *2pl:* **wēnooreε**

wēnu [wénú] *n.* an arm of the main body of hunters *pl:* **wēnuuri**. *2pl:* **wēnuureε**

wēnwereε [wènwéréé] *n.* a type of small plant with edible leaves *sg:* **wēnweroo** *2pl:* **wēnwereε**

wēnyuo [wényúó] *n.* leopard *pl:* **wēnyuuri** *2pl:* **wēnyuureε**

wēre [wèrì] *v.* (1) to cut open (2) to operate (3) to split, to saw (4) to make a furrow or gutter **wēreε, wēre, wēre, wērebe, wēraa**

wi [wí] *v.* to carve; to engrave **wie, wiire, wiire, wiiribe, wiiraa**

wīeu [wíéú] *adj.* fast, quick *Var.* **wien**

wigiri [wígri] *v.* to toss to turn over (grain in a basket) **wiigree, wigire, wigire, wigiribe, wigiraa**

wiiruj [wíirúj] *n.* design

willi [willì] *v.* (1) to overturn to capsize • *A saseε da waa la kpeεηaa, a da da a gboe zaa willi a mane poε.* The wind was so strong that it capsized all the boats on the sea. (2) to heave over **willee, wille, wille, wilibe, willaa, wilibe**

wire [wiré] *adv.* gone far

wirewire [wiréwiré] *adj.* far away

wiri [wirì] *n.* horse *pl:* **wie** *2pl:* **wireε/wirree**

wiri [wirì] *v.* to turn inside out e.g. pocket **wireε, wire, wire, wiribe, wiraa**

wiri-buuli [wirì-búúló] *n.* bangles for a horse *pl:* **wiri-buulo** *2pl:* **wiri-buuleε**

wiridaa [wiridáá] *n.* male horse *pl:* **wiridaare** *2pl:* **wiridaareε**

wiriduoruj [wiridúóruj] *n.* (1) jaundice (2) yellow fever

wiri-eeraa [wirì-íéráá] *n.* metal spur worn on the heel for prodding the horse *pl:* **wiri-eere**

wirigoo [wirìgóó] *n.* a type of thorny plant *pl:* **wirigoore** *2pl:* **wirigooreε**

wirikogi [wirikógi] *n.* horse saddle
pl: wirikogri *2pl:* wirikogree

wirikuoluu [wirikúólúú] *n.* a type of honey-making insect *pl:* wirikuolo
2pl: wirikuolee

wirilee [wiriléé] *n.* colt *pl:* wiribilii

wirinɔbɔŋ [wirinɔ́bɔŋ] *n.* metal ring placed around the muzzle of a horse *pl:* wirinɔbɔnne *Var.* wirinɔbɔŋeno

wirinyaŋaa [wirinájáá] *n.* female horse *pl:* wirinyaŋene *2pl:* wirinyaŋeneɛ

wirizoore [wirizóórí] *n.* horse tail *pl:* wirizoɛ

wirizoore [wirizóórí] *n.* a type of grass *pl:* wirizoɛ

wirizoore [wirizóórí] *n.* a type of sickness *pl:* wirizoɛ

wirizɔɔnɔ [wirizóónɔ] *n.* horse rider
pl: wirizɔɔnema *2pl:* wirizɔɔmɛɛ

wofɛɛ [wòfíé] *n.* a bag made from animal skin without hair *pl:* wofeene
2pl: wofeeneɛ *Var.* wofeɛmaa

wofeɛmaa [wòfíémáá] *n.* a bag made from animal skin without hair *pl:* wofeene
2pl: wofeeneɛ/wofeemɛɛ *Var.* wofɛɛ, wofuoraa, wokpele

wofuoraa [wòfúóráá] *n.* a bag made from animal skin without hair *pl:* wofuori
2pl: wofuoree *Var.* wofeɛmaa

Wogi [wògí] *n.* a town in the Upper West Region of Ghana

wogi [wògì] *adj.* long, tall

wogiri [wógrí] *v.* to cause to shake e.g. carried container of pebbles
wogiree, **wogiro**, **wogiro**, **wogiribo**, **wogiraa**, - *Var.* wɔgere

wogiri [wògrì] *v.* to steal cunningly **wogiree**, **wogiro**, **wogiro**, **wogiribo**, **wogiraa**

wogironɔ [wògròŋ] *adj.* large, big e.g. container

wogoko [wógókó] *adv.* intense (painful bite)

wokpale [wòkpálí] *n.* a traditional bag made from an animal skin whose hair has been removed *pl:* wokpalle
2pl: wokpalleɛ *Var.* wofeɛmaa, wofuoraa

wola [wólà] *pron.* (1) how (interrogative pronoun) • **Wola ka te na e maale a pɔgebilii bayi bama yel-bawontaa ŋa?** How are we going to settle the misunderstanding between the two girls? (2) why (interrogative pronoun) • **Wola la ka fo la zeŋe zomm le?** Why are you sitting so quietly? (3) what (interrogative pronoun) • **O yeli ka wola?** What did s/he say?

wolaa [wóláá] *adj.* dangerous *pl:* wolle

woli [wólí] *n.* leather rope worn on the waist *pl:* wolo *2pl:* wollee

woliwoli [wòlwòlì] *v.* to be restless (of a person) **wolwolee**, **wolwolo**, **wolwolo**, **wolwolibo**, **wolwola**, **wolwolibo**

wolle [wòlli] *v.* to rattle, to speak

- fluently (language) **wollɛɛ, wolla, wolla, wolba, wolla**
- wolle** [wólí] *v.* to be mischievous -, **wolla, wolba, wolla**
- wolomboll** [wòlòmbòll] *adj.* in disarray or confusion e.g. mob
- wolonwolon** [wólónwólón] *adv.* haphazard, in a troubled state
- wolon** [wólón] *n.* (1) disease (2) problem
- wolowolo** [wólówóló] *adj.* restive
- wolb** [wólɔ] *v.* to deceive, to hoax, to humbug **wolɛɛ, wolɔ, wola, woleba, wola**
- wonaa** [wónáá] *n.* that which pesters
- wontaa** [wöntáá] *n.* understanding between people
- woji** [wòŋ] *v.* (1) to hear • *N ba teere ka o woji a yele te nan yeli.* I don't think s/he has heard what we said. (2) to refuse to listen or internalize what has been said (idiomatic usage) **wojee, wono, wono, wonimo, wonaa, wonimo**
- woji** [wòŋ] *v.* to become deaf, to suffer from deafness, to be deaf • *Ka fo toboŋ beere ka fo ba kaa a zu velaa fo na woji la.* If you have a disease of the ears and you do not take good care of them, you will be deaf. **wojee, wono, wono, wonimo, wonaa, wonimo**
- woji** [wòŋ] *v.* to feel pain, to suffer • *Ba ŋme la baa ka a woji ka o nye, bini.* When they hit the dog it felt so much pain that it defecated. **wojee, wono, wono, wonimo, wonaa, wonimo**
- woŋ noɔ** to enjoy, to be glad
- woŋ tuo** to suffer
- woŋi** [wòŋ] *v.* (of taste) to be of the correct quantity • *Zene, Ayuo zeere ŋa nyennoo ba woŋi.* Today, there was not the right amount of salt in Ayuo's soup. **wojee, wono, wono, wonimo, wonaa, wonimo**
- woŋo** [wòŋó] *n.* deaf person *pl:* **wonni 2pl:** **wonnee** *Var.* **woŋi**
- woo** [wòɔ] *n.* water iguana *pl:* **woore 2pl:** **wooreɛ**
- woo** [wóó] *interj.* a cry of pity
- woore** [wòòrí] *n.* suffering
- woɔ** [wóɔ] *n.* bag *pl:* **woore 2pl:** **wooreɛ**
- woɔ** [wòɔ] *v.* (1) to remove from the top of e.g. basket of grain • *A senkáá paale la a pelee zuo, ye woɔ ka a ta yaara.* The basket is too full; remove some of the groundnuts so it does not spill. (2) to become smaller • *Dabuo da ba poɔrɔ kye beri ayi ŋa o woɔ la o zaa.* Dabuo used to be plump, but recently he has gotten smaller. **woɔɛ, woɔrɔ, woɔrɔ, wooreba, woɔraa**
- woole** [wòòlì] *v.* to remove top matter; to skim e.g. yeast from pito **wooleɛ, woola, woola, wooleba, wooola**
- wore** [wórí] *adv.* too much; excessive

woroto [wòròtò] *adv.* crashingly
worɔworɔ [wòròwòrò] *adv.* full of lumps
woyaara [wòyáará] *n.* part of an animal-skin bag *2pl:* **woyaare**
wɔge [wògì] *v.* to treat fresh skin in preparation for making a bag **wɔgeɛ, wɔgrɔ, wɔgrɔ, wɔgreba, wɔgraa**
wɔge [wògì] *v.* to cause to suffer **wɔgeɛ, wɔgrɔ, wɔgrɔ, wɔgreba, wɔgraa**
wɔgele [wòglì] *v.* to physically suffer, inwardly, intensely **wɔgleɛ, wɔglɔ, wɔglɔ, wɔgleba, wɔglaa**
wɔgele [wòglì] *v.* to be burnt by touching a hot object **wɔgleɛ, wɔglɔ, wɔglɔ, wɔgleba, wɔglaa**
wɔgele [wòglì] *v.* to treat beans (by soaking and drying) **wɔgleɛ, wɔglɔ, wɔglɔ, wɔgleba, wɔglaa**
wɔgere [wògrì] *v.* to shake e.g. objects in a tin **wɔgreɛ, wɔgrɔ, wɔgrɔ, wɔgreba, wɔgraa, - Var. wogiri**
wɔne [wóní] *n.* (1) small swelling (2) pimple *pl:* **wɔmɔ 2pl:** **wɔnnɛɛ**
wɔne [wóní] *n.* fruit *pl:* **wɔmɔ 2pl:** **wɔnnɛɛ**
wɔŋe [wónɲ] *v.* (1) to bear fruit (2) to develop rashes, pimples **wɔŋɛɛ, wɔŋɔ, wɔŋɔ, wɔnema, wɔnaa**
wɔŋkampɔre [wónɲkám-pórí] *n.* (1) a yamlike plant that bears fruit which is boiled and eaten (2) the fruit of this plant *pl:* **wɔŋkampɔrɔ 2pl:** **wɔŋkampɔreɛ Var. fereɛ**

wɔɔ [wòɔ] *n.* lame person *pl:* **wɔɔre**
wɔɔ [wóɔ] *v.* to provide (food for the kitchen) **wɔɔɛ, wɔɔrɔ, wɔɔrɔ, wɔɔreba, wɔɔraa, wɔɔbo**
wɔɔ [wóɔ] *v.* (1) to pluck all the fruits from a tree (2) to destroy **wɔɔɛ, wɔɔrɔ, wɔɔrɔ, wɔɔreba, wɔɔraa, wɔɔbo**
wɔɔ [wóɔ] *v.* to whip mercilessly (figurative) **wɔɔɛ, wɔɔrɔ, wɔɔrɔ, wɔɔreba, wɔɔraa, wɔɔbo**
wɔɔ [wòɔ] *v.* to be lame **wɔɔɛ, wɔɔrɔ, wɔɔrɔ, wɔɔreba, wɔɔraa**
wɔɔ [wóɔ] *n.* elephant *pl:* **wɔɔre 2pl:** **wɔɔreɛ**
wɔɔgbere [wòɔgbé-rì] *n.* elephantiasis
wɔɔgbere [wòɔgbé-rì] *n.* (1) leg of an elephant (2) difficult task (figurative) *pl:* **wɔɔgbɛɛ 2pl:** **wɔɔgbereɛ**
wɔɔkye [wòɔkí] *n.* watch *pl:* **wɔɔkyere 2pl:** **wɔɔkyereɛ**
wɔɔnu [wóɔnú] *n.* trunk of an elephant *pl:* **wɔɔnuuri 2pl:** **wɔɔnuure**
wɔɔnyene [wóɔnyínì] *n.* tusk of an elephant *pl:* **wɔɔnyeme 2pl:** **wɔɔnyennɛɛ/wɔɔnyemɛɛ**
wɔɔreŋ [wòɔrínɲ] *n.* (1) lameness (2) the act of limping *Var.* **wɔɔleŋ**
wulee [wúléé] *n.* whistle; fife, flute *pl:* **wubili 2pl:** **wullee**
wuli [wùlì] *v.* (1) to show, to point to (2) to direct, to guide (3) to teach, to advise **wulee, wullo, wullo, wulibo, wulaa, wulibo**

wuliwuli [wùlwúli] *v.* to rub over gently but fast **wuliwulee**, **wuliwulo**, **wuliwulo**, **wuliwulibo**, **wuliwulaa**

wuliwullo [wùlwúlló] *n.* teacher; one who directs *pl:* **wulwulbo** *2pl:* **wulwulbee**

wuluu [wúlúú] *n.* (1) teaching, education (2) the act of showing

wuluu bonteere [wúlúú bóntíérí] *n.* teaching or learning materials *sg:* **wuluu bonteeraa**

wuluu yelsegreminni [wúlúú yèl-ségribínní] *n.* lesson notes, lesson plan

wuo [wùò] *v.* to gather, to collect -, **wuoro**, **wuoro**, **wuoribo**, **wuoraa**, **wuori**

wuo [wúò] *v.* to expose (a secret) **wuoe**, **wuoro**, **wuoro**, **wuoribo**, **wuoraa**

wuo [wúò] *v.* to formally introduce dirge singing at the funeral **wuoe**, **wuoro**, **wuoro**, **wuoribo**, **wuoraa**

wuoli [wúólì] *v.* (1) to despise, to

hoot at (2) to bark **wuolee**, **wuolo**, **wuolo**, **wuolibo**, **wuolaa**, - *Var.* **wuoli**

wuoraa [wúóráá] *n.* (1) an implement for gathering (2) a round-shaped piece of calabash with a hole in the middle used like a funnel in putting powdered tobacco into small containers *pl:* **wuori**

wurimo [wúrimó] *n.* small, round cakes made from beans *sg:* **wurimuu** *2pl:* **wurimoree**

wurowuro [wùròwùrò] *adv.* not well cooked; underdone (round beans)

wuu [wùù] *adv.* (1) continuously • **Yuoni ña saa miire la wuu le.** This year it has been raining unceasingly. (2) having many instances • **Zene, koe dee waa la wuu le.** Today, funerals are commonplace.

wuuri [wúúrí] *v.* (1) to hoot (with laughter) (2) to shout in excitement **wuuree**, **wuuro**, **wuuro**, **wuuribo**, **wuuraa**

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ya [yá] *v.* to be mad, to be insane **yae**, **yaara**, **yaara**, **yareba**, **yaaraa**

yaa [yàá] *n.* tomb *pl:* **yaare** *2pl:* **yaaree**

yaa [yàá] *v.* to take revenge, to retaliate (used with 'sane') **yaae**, **yaara**,

yaara, **yaareba**, **yaaraa**, **yaareba**

yaa [yàà] *interj.* expression indicating disbelief

yaa [yàà] *v.* remove from liquid

yaa [yàà] *v.* to remove from liquid **yaae**, **yaara**, **yaara**, **yaareba**,

yaaraa

yaa [yàà] *part.* please • *Yaa, veŋe ka o meŋ tu o deme.* Oh, do allow him to tell his part of the story, too.

yaa [yáá] *adv.* really? • *O yeli ka boŋ yaa?* What did she really say?

yaa [yáá] *n.* a strap; usually fixed to something for carrying e.g. a bag *pl:* yaare *2pl:* yaareε

yaale [yááli] *v.* to nurse (a baby) yaaleε, yaala, yaala, yaaleba, yaalaa

yaale [yááli] *v.* to swing a container in circles yaaleε, yaala, yaala, yaaleba, yaalaa

yaale [yááli] *v.* to get to hoplessness yaaleε, yaala, yaala, yaaleba, yaalaa

yaane [yáání] *n.* (1) greeting(s) • *Dagaaba ba deene ne ba yaane puoruu.* The Dagaaba do not joke with their greetings. (2) thanks, gratitude • *Ye taa la yaane puoruu ne ye tonsonne ye naŋ toŋe.* You deserve our gratitude for your good work. *2pl:* yaanε

yaane [yáání] *n.* exhaustion • *Nkoŋ la tōō gaa yaane kpe ma la.* I can't go again; I'm tired. *2pl:* yaanε

yaantulimo [yáántúlímó] *n.* great-grandchild *2pl:* yantulimee

yaara [yààrá] *adv.* easily • *Kyaanaa ba yaara ŋmaroo.* A mirror breaks easily.

yaare [yààri] *v.* (1) to spill, to scatter, to spread • *A boōraa la puri*

lenso ka a a kyi yaare a sori zu zaa. The bag is burst and that is why the millet is scattered all over the road. (2) to enlarge, to widen • *A pelee ŋa noore yaare gaŋ la n boōbo.* The mouth of this basket is too large for my liking. (3) to perform final rites of widowhood • *Ka banaj ba yaare kodō bee kopoge o ba taa sori na toŋ seŋ-gaŋ toma.* Until the final widowhood rites are performed neither the widow nor the widower can engage in sex. (4) to pester (typically used with noore) • *Ba yaare la n noore ne ba poge na yeŋe ka N te bale.* They pestered me about their woman's case until I became fed up. yaareε, yaara, yaara, yaareba, yaaraa, yaareba

yaaronŋ [yààrōŋ] *n.* salt *Var.* nyen-noŋ

yāayiri [yááyíri] *n.* grandparent's house *pl:* yāayie *2pl:* yāayiree

yabapa [yàbàpà] *adv.* resoundingly e.g. noise of a large crowd • *A poge-belebe kye la yieluŋ yabapa pa pa tu a sori gere ne a poge.* The bridesmaids sang earnestly along the road as they took the bride along.

Yaga [yágá] *n.* name of a town in the Dagaaba land

yaga [yágà] *adj.* many, much, plenty *pl:* yagere *2pl:* yagerε *Var.* yage

yage [yági] *v.* (1) to dredge to enlarge or deepen • *Uoni saŋa Da-*

gaaba maŋ yage la baa, a na nye kōõ. During the dry season, the Dagaaba dredge wells in order to get water. (2) to increase in size e.g. a sore • *Ka onañ ba gaa asibiti o fele na na yage la.* If she does not go to the hospital, her sore will develop into an ulcer. *yageε, yagra, yagra, yagreba, yagraa*

yage [yàgì] *v.* (1) to take off e.g. a shirt (2) to take down from a hanging position e.g. a bag from a hook *yageε, yagra, yagra, yagreba, yagraa, - yage bonsuuraa* to undress

yage [yàgì] *v.* to show signs of butter forming e.g. in the last stage in the preparation of shea butter *yageε, yagra, yagra, yagreba, yagraa, - yage bonsuuraa* to undress

yage [yáǵí] *v.* to remove objects from a container e.g. bag, hole • *N ba boorɔ ka N yage a woɔ poɔ boma, a taa la dabē.* I don't want to empty the contents of the bag because they are frightening. *yageε, yagra, yagra, yagreba, yagraa*

yage [yáǵí] *v.* to open one's eyes widely (in a concentrated look) • *A bie nye la a saana a dee yage nimie eŋ.* When the child saw the stranger, he gave him a fixed look. *yageε, yagra, yagra, yagreba, yagraa*

yagekɔlare [yáǵíkóóláří] *n.* jawbone *pl: yagekɔlaε 2pl: yagekɔlareε Var. yagekɔre*

yagekɔre [yàǵíkóórí] *n.* cheek *pl: yagekɔbo 2pl: yagekɔreε Var. yagekɔlare*

yagelaa [yáǵílàà] *n.* (1) a rope holder hung from the ceiling to hold objects (2) a basket with calabashes that is hung on a *yagelaa pl: yagele 2pl: yageleε*

yagele [yáǵlì] *v.* to hang (up) *yageleε, yagela, yagela, yageleba, yagelaa*

yageraa [yáǵéráá] *n.* clay *pl: yagere 2pl: yagerεε Var. yagere*

yagere [yáǵrí] *v.* to separate stones from grain *yagerεε, yagera, yagera, yagereba, yageraa*

yagere [yáǵrí] *n.* modelling clay *2pl: yagerεε Var. yageraa*

yagere [yàǵrí] *n.* cheek *pl: yaga 2pl: yagreε*

yakpolo [yàkpólò] *n.* graveyard *2pl: yakpoleε*

yammo [yámmó] *n.* (1) bile (2) gallbladder *pl: yanne 2pl: yaaneε*

yan-yaa [yán-yáà] *n.* insane person *pl: yan-yaare 2pl: yan-yaareε*

yanyaare [yàñááří] *n.* madness

yanjaa [yánjàá] *n.* grandchild *pl: yanjene/yanne, yaamine 2pl: yanjeneε/yanneε*

yeebaa [yííbáá] *n.* a twin *pl: yeere 2pl: yeereε*

yeelaa [yííláá] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl: yeele*

yeele [yíìlì] *v.* (1) to make neat (2) to use water to extract or separate

wanted things from unwanted ones e.g. grain from stones **yeeleɛ, yeele, yeele, yeelebe, yeelaa**

yeele [yììlì] *adv.* extremely clean or beautiful

yeere [yíírì] *n.* twins (see yeebaa)

yeere [yììrì] *v.* to experience emotional distress, to suffer • *O pɔge nanj kpi zaa, o deɛ tori la yeeroo yeere.* Since his wife's death he has been suffering emotional distress. **yeereɛ, yeere, yeere, yeerebe, yeeraa**

yeele [yíéì] *v.* to winnow, to throw grain into the air to separate it from the husk • *A dɔbɔ ηme la a kyi ka a pɔgeba te yeele.* The men threshed the millet and the women winnowed it. **yeeleɛ, yeele, yeele, yeelaa, yeelebe, yeeloo**

yeele [yíéì] *v.* to come down in tiny bits e.g. a drizzle • *A saa ba mi soɲe, yeeloo ka o yeele.* It did not really rain; it just drizzled. **yeeleɛ, yeele, yeele, yeelebe, yeelaa, yeeloo**

yeele [yíéì] *v.* to follow in significant numbers • *Ba nyɔge la nanyige ka noba deɛ yeele tu.* A thief was arrested and many people ran after the team. -, **yeele, yeele, yeelebe**

yeere [yìèrì] *v.* to want attention, to act childish **yeereɛ, yeere, yeere, yeerebe, yeeraa**

yeere [yìéírì] *n.* underside of the jaw *pl:* **yeereɛ**

yelbaalonj [yèlbààlɔŋ] *n.* an issue under control

yelbaboɔraa [yèlbóóráá] *n.* (1) something that is sought, desire, wish (2) theme (literature) *pl:* **yelbaboɔre**

yelbalaa [yèbáláá] *n.* a particular issue *Var.* **yelbalee**

yelbalee [yèlbàlì] *n.* a particular issue • *A yelbalee ηa eɲe la ka o ne o pɔge dare zɔɔ taa.* It was because of this particular issue that he quarreled with his wife. *Var.* **yelbalaa**

yelbanna [yèbánná] *n.* one who knows *Var.* **yelbaɲena**

yelbaɲ [yèlbàɲ] *n.* the act of knowing

yelbaɲena [yèbáɲíná] *n.* one who knows *pl:* **yelbaɲenema** *2pl:* **yelbaɲenemeɛ** *Var.* **yelbanna**

yelbee [yèlbíé] *n.* mysterious, miraculous thing *pl:* **yelbeere** *2pl:* **yelbeereɛ**

yelbieri [yèlbíéírì] *n.* (1) evil thing (2) sin *pl:* **yelbebe**

yelbiri [yèlbíri] *n.* (1) word (2) something that is alluded to *pl:* **yelbie**

yelbitɔnnaa [yélbítɔnnáá] *n.* conjunction *pl:* **yelbitɔnne** *2pl:* **yelbitɔnneɛ**

yelboɔraa [yèlbóóráá] *n.* something that is wanted *pl:* **yelboɔre**

yelboɔraa [yèlbóóráá] *n.* (1) that which one likes (2) objective (3) something negative that affects

- one but caused by one's self *Var.* yeldaaraa
- yebuli [yèlbúli] *n.* main point *pl:* yebulo
- yeldaa [yèldáà] *n.* simple sentence *pl:* yedaare
- yeldaaraa [yèldààrà] *n.* (1) that which one likes (2) objective (3) something negative that affects one but caused by one's self *pl:* yelboore *2pl:* yeldaare *Var.* yelboorraa
- yeldeebo [yèldíibó] *n.* acceptance
- yeldegere [yèldìgrí] *n.* idiom *pl:* yeldege *2pl:* yeldegeε
- yeldegere [yèldégírì] *n.* unpleasant or dirty talk *pl:* yeldege *2pl:* yeldegeεε
- yel-eebo [yèl-íibó] *n.* behaviour
- yel-eraa [yèl-íráà] *n.* something to be done *pl:* yel-erre
- yelényelɛŋ [yíɛníɛŋ] *adj.* clear and clean (water)
- yelfaa [yèlfáà] *n.* evil *pl:* yelfaare *2pl:* yelfaareε
- yelfa-e [yèlfà-i] *n.* wrongdoing *pl:* yelfa-erre
- yelfa-ere [yèlfà-íré] *n.* evildoer *pl:* yelfa-erebe *2pl:* yelfa-erebeε
- yelferaa [yèlfráà] *n.* problem, something that matters *pl:* yelferre *2pl:* yelferreε
- yelfogilo [yèlfógló] *n.* useless talk *sg:* yelfogiluu
- yelfoli [yèlfòlí] *n.* obscene talk *pl:* yelfolo
- yelfuoni [yèlfùòni] *n.* imagery (literature) *pl:* yelfuomo *2pl:* yelfuomee
- yelgalema [yèlgálimá] *n.* strange thing *2pl:* yelgalemεε *Var.* yelgalee
- yelgboge [yèlgbógí] *n.* (1) incomplete talk (2) grammatical clause
- yeli [yéli] *n.* (1) something of concern • *Ta bɔ yeli ko o, veŋe o ka o gere.* Don't put him into any trouble; allow him to go. (2) matter • *Yeli ne o yelmeŋe N zāa ba gaa be.* As a matter of fact I did not go there. *pl:* yeε
- yeli [yéli] *n.* sentence • *Fo na ban de la eronwuluu yelbiri maale ne yeε?* Can you construct a sentence with an adverb? *pl:* yeε
- yeli [yéli] *v.* (1) to speak, to talk, to inform • *N teere ka o yeli la a yeε ko o ma.* I guess she has informed her mother about it. (2) to rebuke • *O daare yeli la o pɔgeyaa lεε ka o te kono.* He rebuked his daughter until she wept. *yelee, ye, ye, yelibe, yelaa, yelibe*
waale yeli to whisper
- yelkaama [yèlkáámá] *n.* (1) beautiful talk (2) literature *2pl:* yelkaamεε
- yelkãasegere [yèlkãáségírì] *n.* written literature
- yelkãayelli [yèlkãáyéllì] *n.* oral literature
- yelkabee [yèlkábíé] *n.* strange thing *pl:* yelkabeere *2pl:* yelkabeereε

yelpɛɛŋaa [yèlɛpíɛŋàá] *n.* difficult thing *pl:* **yelpɛɛne**

yel-lige [yéligè] *n.* (1) that which is unclear (2) mysterious thing • *Lɛ a pɔge nanj e sanje a baalonj e la yel-lige.* The way the woman was able to cure the patient is a mystery. *pl:* **yel-ligiri** *2pl:* **yel-ligiree**

yel-lige [yèl-lígè] *adj.* hidden • *A dɔ na manj tona la yel-lige toma.* That man performs mysterious deeds. *pl:* **yel-ligri**

yelmaalaa [yèlmààlàà] *n.* rite, ritual *pl:* **yelimaale**

yelmaalaa [yèlmààlàà] *n.* something that needs to be rectified *pl:* **yelimaale**

yelmaaronj [yèlmáárɔŋ] *n.* peaceful talk

yelmannaa [yèlmànnàà] *n.* (1) comparison (2) narrative, narration *pl:* **yelmanne** *2pl:* **yelmannɛɛ**

yelmanne [yélmánní] *n.* the act of narrating

yelmeŋe [yèlmínjé] *n.* truth *pl:* **yelimenne** *2pl:* **yelimennɛɛ**

yelnimiri [yènimírí] *n.* main idea

yelnoɔ [yèlnɔ́ɔ] *n.* (1) interesting thing (2) good news *pl:* **yelinoore** *2pl:* **yelinooreɛ**

yelnoŋaa [yèlnónáà] *n.* something that is liked *pl:* **yelinonne**

yelpaala [yèlpáálà] *n.* new thing *pl:* **yelipaale**

yelpɛgere [yèlpégrí] *n.* sayings that have no value *pl:* **yelpɛge**

yelsaana [yélsáánà] *n.* strange or new thing *pl:* **yelisaama** *2pl:* **yelisaameɛ**

yelsaana [yélsááná] *n.* (1) destroyer (2) one who meddles in issues *pl:* **yelisaanema**

yelsaanaa [yélsáánáá] *n.* something that has gone wrong *pl:* **yelisnaane** *2pl:* **yelisaanɛɛ**

yelsonj [yélsɔŋ] *n.* good deed *pl:* **yelisonne**

yelsɔgelaa [yélsɔgláà] *n.* mysterious thing, secret *pl:* **yelisɔgelɔ**

yeltegeronj [yéltígɔŋ] *n.* difficult position *pl:* **yelitegere**

yeltolonj [yéltólɔŋ] *n.* serious matter, something that needs urgent attention *pl:* **yelitobɔ**

yeltɔgelaa [yéltɔgláà] *n.* that which can be imitated *pl:* **yelitɔgele**

yeltɔre [yéltɔrí] *n.* something of worth or value

yeltulimo [yéltúlímó] *n.* opposite *Var.* **yelitulo**

yeltuluu [yéltúlúú] *n.* mistaken talk, error

yeltuo [yéltúó] *n.* difficult thing *pl:* **yelituuri** *2pl:* **yelituuree**

yeltuura [yéltùùràà] *n.* rite, tradition *pl:* **yelituuri**

yeluu [yéluú] *n.* saying

yelwiiraa [yélwíiráá] *n.* poem *pl:* **yeliwiiri**

yelwiiri [yélwíírí] *n.* poetry

yelwona [yélwónáà] *n.* (1) that which is a challenge; problem (2)

something that is heard *pl*: yeli-wonni
yelwono [yèlwónó] *n.* (1) listener, hearer (2) obedient person *pl*: yeli-wonimo
yelwontaa [yèlwòntàá] *n.* compromise, understanding
yelyelbaraa [yèlyèlbàráà] *n.* statement (grammar) *pl*: yelyelbarre
yelyeluu [yèlyélúú] *n.* issues that cause anger
yelzagera [yèlzágrá] *n.* one who refuses or disobeys *pl*: yelzagereba
yeme [yèmé] *n.* slave *pl*: yenni *2pl*: yennee *Var.* yieme
yempɔge [yèmpógí] *n.* female slave *pl*: yelmpɔgeba *2pl*: yempɔgrɛ
yempɔge [yèmpógí] *n.* name traditionally given to a female child born outside the house *pl*: yelmpɔgeba *2pl*: yempɔgrɛ
yendɔɔ [yèndóó] *n.* male slave
yendɔɔ [yèndóó] *n.* name traditionally given to a male child born outside the house
yeni [yéni] *adj.* one *pl*: yeme *2pl*: yennee
yensogo [yénsógó] *n.* night *pl*: yensogere *2pl*: yensogereɛ *Var.* yensoga, tensogo, tensoga
yeŋ [yêŋ] *adv.* where
yeŋe [yèŋé] *adv.* outside *Var.* yeŋi
yeŋi [yèŋí] *adv.* outside *Var.* yeŋe
ye [yé] *pron.* you (second person plural weak form)

ye [yé] *v.* to become exhausted, to get fed up **yeɛ**, **yeere**, **yeere**, **yeerebe**, **yeeraa**, **yeyeere**
ye [yé] *v.* become tired • **Ka a ton-tonmaŋ wa ye ba iri.** When the workers are tired they can stop. *Var.* **yeɛ**
ye [yé] *adj.* tired • **Maa eŋ yeɛ la ne a zeere ŋa.** I am tired of this sauce. *Var.* **yeɛ**
yeɛ [yéé] *adj.* (1) not of substance, minor • **A dɔɔ na bat aa nimizee yel-yeɛ yoŋ ka o maŋ yeɛ.** That man is not serious he is always talking of unimportant matters. (2) uncultivated (of crops that sprout on a field on which the crop was previously cultivated) • **Seŋkãã yeɛ pɔge la a gbannaa zaa ka fo na teere ka ba kɛ la.** Uncultivated groundnuts has covered the former groundnut farm and you would think that it is cultivated. *pl*: **yeere** *2pl*: **yeereɛ**
yele [yéli] *n.* cockroach *pl*: **yele** *2pl*: **yeleɛ**
yele [yéli] *v.* (1) to multiply e.g. animals reproducing (2) to enlarge **yeleɛ**, **yelle**, **yelle**, **yelebe**, **yellaa**
yele [yélé] *n.* (1) an issue (2) discussion, conversation (3) serious matter
yeloŋ [yélóŋ] *adj.* wide *pl*: **yelle**
yembaŋ [yémbàŋ] *n.* cleverness, wisdom
yembarjena [yémbáŋíná] *n.* one who

has good sense, wise person *pl:* **yembagnema**

yembile [yémbílé] *n.* small intelligence *pl:* **yembilii** *2pl:* **yembillee**

yenkyeere [yéntfííré] *n.* little mind

yenkyeeroo [yéntfííróó] *n.* prudence

yenlige [yénlígè] *n.* unclear mind

yennyaa [yénpáà] *n.* the act of developing intelligence

yenwuli [yénpwúlí] *n.* the act of teaching sense

yenwuluu [yénpwúlúú] *n.* the act of teaching sense or conscience

yenyeŋ [yénpéŋ] *adj.* near

yeŋ [yéŋ] *adv.* kindly e.g. in an appeal • **Yeŋ de a bie gaa ne sakuuri.** Try and take the child to school.

yeŋe [yéŋ] *adj.* intelligent • **A pogelee na taa la yeŋe.** That girl is intelligent.

yeŋe [yéŋ] *n.* intelligence, knowledge • **A bie yeŋ ba seŋ bone.** The child has very little knowledge. *pl:* **yenne** *2pl:* **yennee**

yere [yéřì] *v.* (1) to wear, to dress • **Ba zaa yere la tigiri bonsuuri.** They all dressed their best for the feast. (2) to hang around the neck and shoulders • **O yere bənzəl velaa kaŋa.** She wore a beautiful chain. **yeree, yere, yere, yereba, yeraa, yereba**

yere [yéřì] *v.* to trade, to do business • **Ka fooy na yere ferebo la ka fo taa libima.** If you want to engage in business, you must have some

capital. **yeree, yere, yere, yereba, yeraa, yereba**

yere [yéřì] *v.* to spread out e.g. to dry **yeree, yere, yere, yereba, yeraa, yereba**

yere [yéřì] *v.* to hunt in a group **yeree, yere, yere, yereba, yeraa, yereba**

yere [yéří] *adj.* wild; used with crops e.g. groundnuts • **A bibiiri gaa pe la seŋkãa ye.** The children went harvesting wild groundnuts. *pl:* **yee** *2pl:* **yeree**

yereyere [yéřyéřé] *n.* trader, businessperson, merchant *pl:* **yereyerebe** *2pl:* **yereyerebee**

yeroŋ [yéřóŋ] *n.* trade, business

yi [yí] *v.* (1) to go out, to exit • **Te naŋ yi ka te gaa a kpaaroŋ la ka saa dee wa miire.** As we went out to go to the farm, it started raining. (2) to divorce (by a woman) • **A dɔɔ noŋ la o poge ŋmeebo lenso ka o yi.** The man likes beating his wife and that is why she has divorced him. **yie, yire, yire, yiribe, yiraa, yiribe**

yi kyee to fade

yi sori to travel, to go on a trip

yi [yí] *v.* to be clean • **Fo ba pege a laa ne fanfane a zuinj o ba yi.** You did not wash the bowl with soap and so it is not clean. **yie, yire, yire, yiribe, yiraa, yiribe**

yi [yí] *v.* to resemble • **A bie ŋa yi la o ma yaga.** This child resembles

the mother very much. **yie, yire, yire, yiribe, yiraa, yiribe**

yi [yí] *v.* of land; become infertile, to be barren e.g. land • *Ba kɔ la a kɔlɔ ŋa ka o te yi, ka foŋ kɔ o a ba eŋ kuoluŋ fo koŋ nye bonezaa.* Several years of farming on this land has made it infertile and if you farm it without applying fertilizer to it you won't get any good yield. **yie, yire, yire, yiribe, yiraa, yiribe**

yi [yí] *v.* to lose taste e.g. beer • *Ba nanj zaameŋ ba pɔge a dǎǎ noɔre na la so ka o yi.* Because the beer was not covered, it has lost its taste. **yie, yire, yire, yiribe, yiraa, yiribe**

yidaampɔge [yídǎǎmpɔgí] *n.* head woman in a family; mistress of a compound *pl:* **yidaampɔgeba** *2pl:* **yidaampɔgreɛ**

yidaana [yídǎǎná] *n.* house owner *pl:* **yidaama** *2pl:* **yidaaneɛ/yidaameɛ**

yidaandɔ [yídǎǎndɔ́] *n.* male head of a family; master of of compound *pl:* **yidaandɔbɔ** *2pl:* **yidaandɔreɛ**

yideme [yídémé] *n.* family group; family members *sg:* **yidemu** *2pl:* **yidemeɛ**

yīe [yìè] *v.* to faint **yīee, yiene, yiene, yienime, yienaa**

yieli [yíélì] *v.* to sing **yielee, yiele, yiele, yielibe**

yieluŋ [yíélúŋ] *n.* song; music *pl:* **yiele**

yieme [yìémé] *n.* slave *Var.* **yeme**

yieri [yìèrì] *v.* to extend, to spread out • *Ka dabeŋ wa kpe karaa, o maŋ yieri la o zu ne o kɔkɔreɛ.* When a cobra is frightened, it spreads out its head and neck. **yieree, yiere, yiere, yieribe, yieraa**
yīeu [yíéú] *n.* spectacle, wonders *pl:* **yieme**

yigileŋ [yígíléŋ] *adv.* perched in a lonely manner • *A bie dɔŋɛ la ka o zu deɛ waa yigileŋ le.* The child has grown so lean that his head is literally perching on his neck.

yi kyeɛ [yí kʃíé] *adj.* uninteresting, boring

yinni [yínnì] *v.* (1) to forget • *Nyeli la a kpaaronj yeɛ ko fo ta ere wa yinni.* I told you about the meeting, so don't forget. (2) collect farm yield (e.g. grains, nuts) left behind after the main harvest, glean • *Ka banaj wa pe seŋkǎǎ baare bibiiri maŋ gaa te yinni la a gban-naa pɔɔ.* After the main ground-nuts harvest, children would normally go to the field to glean. **yinne, yinne, yinne, yinime, yinnaa, yinime** *Var.* **inni**

yiri [yíri] *n.* (1) house, home, compound (2) family, family members *pl:* **yie** *2pl:* **yiree**

yivilime [yívílímé] *n.* round compound

yobie [yóbíé] *n.* ill luck, bad name

yofaa [yófáá] *n.* a name that stigmatizes *pl:* **yofaare** *2pl:* **yofaareɛ**

- yofuu** [yófúù] *n.* abstract noun *pl:* yofuuri *2pl:* yofuuree
- yogi** [yógí] *v.* to eat, especially plentiful food that is tasty **yogee, yogro, yogro, yogro, yogribo, yograa** *Var. mogi*
- yogi** [yògì] *adj.* enough, of considerable quantity • **A zevaare ba yogi.** There is not enough of the vegetable.
- yogili** [yògli] *v.* to pamper, to treat kindly or gently **yoglee, yoglo, yoglo, yoglibo, yoglaa**
- yogoko** [yógókó] *adv.* very sweet
- yo-iri** [yó-irì] *n.* glory, praise, honour,
- yokyigiraa** [yòkyìgiràà] *n.* fishing pot *Var. yopɔgeraa*
- yololo** [yólóló] *adv.* very cold
- yoluŋ** [yólún] *n.* cone-shaped cage *pl:* yolli *2pl:* yollee
- yoluŋ** [yólún] *adj.* emptiness e.g. wearing a blouse or shirt without a singlet or a vest under it *pl:* yolli *2pl:* yolee
- yombo** [yómbó] *n.* black hair dye *pl:* yombori *2pl:* yomboree
- yontaa** [yòntáá] *n.* (1) wife in a polygamous marriage (2) relationship between wives in a polygamous marriage (3) enemy (figurative) *pl:* yontaare *2pl:* yontaaree
- yoŋ** [yòŋ] *adj.* (1) alone (2) only *pl:* yonni
- yoo** [yóó] *interj.* (1) okay • **Yoo, bieo te na gaa la.** Okay tomorrow we shall go. (2) be informed • **A toma ŋa fo yoŋ la so a yoo?** Be informed that that work is for you alone.
- yoɔ** [yòò] *v.* to stop raining *Var. gyere*
- yoɔbo** [yóóɔbò] *n.* (1) the act of roaming, wandering (2) hunting expedition
- yoɔbo** [yóóɔbó] *n.* the stoppage of rain
- yoɔbo** [yòóɔbó] *adj.* short form of six
- yoɔle** [yòòlì] *v.* to escape slowly e.g. from a punctured tyre
- yoɔle** [yóólí] *v.* to melt, to disintegrate slowly e.g. salt or sugar in sauce or tea
- yoɔne** [yóóní] *n.* a type of small, spotted amphibean that looks like a frog and is found in wet sand *pl:* yoɔmɔ/yoɔma *2pl:* yoɔnee
- Yoɔraa** [yóóráá] *n.* a traditional name given to a child believed to be reincarnated
- yoɔraa** [yóóráà] *n.* tourist, one who roams *pl:* yoɔreɔ/yoɔreba
- yoɔre** [yòòrí] *n.* penis *pl:* yɔɔ *2pl:* yɔɔee
- yoɔre** [yòòrì] *v.* (1) to cause to be exhausted or emotionless (2) to bother, irritate; to pester someone **yoɔree, yoɔreɔ, yoɔreɔ, yoɔreba, yoɔraa**
- yopɔi** [yòpɔí] *adj.* short form of ay-ɔɔpɔi (seven)
- yopɔgeraa** [yòpɔgràà] *n.* fishing pot *pl:* yopɔgere *Var. yokyigiraa*

yopɔgeraa [yòpɔ́gíráá] *n.* lid, cover of a pot
yoreyoree [yòrìyòrí] *v.* to break into little bits
yori [yòrì] *v.* to make a loop **yoree, yoro, yoro, yoribo, yoraa**
yori [yóri] *v.* to dismantle a loop **yoree, yoro, yoro, yoribo, yoraa**
yorombiri [yórómbrí] *n.* herring *pl:* **yorombie** *2pl:* **yorombireeyorombiiree**
yorɔyoro [yórɔ́yórɔ́] *adv.* smallish; usually in size *Var.* **yorayora**
yosāa [yòsàà] *n.* slander *pl:* **yosāa**
yoyogibiri [yóyògibrì] *n.* a type of small flying insect that makes *tambalaraa* (a type of honey) *sg:* **yoyogibiruu** *pl:* **yoyogibie** *2pl:* **yoyogibiree/yoyogibiiree**
yɔ [yɔ́] *v.* to wander, to roam, to travel **yɔɛ, yɔɔɔ, yɔɔɔ, yɔɔreba**
yɔge [yògì] *v.* to loosen e.g. hard substance (soil) **yɔgeɛ, yɔgrɔ, yɔgrɔ, yɔgrebɔ, yɔgraa**
yɔgele [yóglì] *v.* to be near, to approach (time) • *Sēē yɔgelɔ la ka sunkpulo kyɔɔɔ.* The farming season is coming round; hence, *dawdaw* trees are flowering. **yɔgeleɛ, yɔgelɔ, yɔglɔ, yɔgeleba, yɔgelaa**
yɔgere [yògrí] *n.* farm field around the compound *pl:* **yɔgɔ** *2pl:* **yɔgeɛ**
yɔgere [yógrì] *v.* to loosen e.g. of a string tied to something **yɔgereɛ, yɔgerɔ, yɔgerɔ, yɔgereba, yɔgeraa**

yɔgere [yógrì] *v.* to be loose, to be slack • *Ba leŋ la a tuobu kyɛ ka a leɛ yɔgere.* The load was tied but it is loose again.
yɔgevaa [yògìvāá] *n.* pumpkin leaf *pl:* **yɔgevaare** *2pl:* **yɔgevaareɛ**
yɔgevaare [yògìvāá] *n.* leaves of pumpkin (used as vegetable) *sg:* **yɔgevaabo** *pl:* **yɔgevaareɛ**
yɔgevaare-waabo [yògìvāá-rì-wāábò] *n.* green mamba *pl:* **yɔgevaare-weere** *2pl:* **yɔgevaare-weereɛ**
yɔgoo [yògúú] *n.* (1) pumpkin (2) the plant which bears the fruit *pl:* **yɔgɔ** *2pl:* **yɔgereɛ/yɔgeɛ**
yɔgoo [yògúú] *n.* (1) a type of large, white ant (2) the home of these ants *pl:* **yɔgɔ** *2pl:* **yɔgereɛ/yɔgeɛ**
yɔkɔɔlon [yòkɔ́kɔ́lon] *n.* pubic hair of a male
yɔle [yólí] *v.* to slip off as a result of being loose e.g. shorts **yɔleɛ, yɔlɔ, yɔlɔ, yɔlɔ, yɔlaa**
yɔlpelaa [yòlpìlāà] *n.* a type of tree with edible fruits *pl:* **yɔlpeeɛ**
yɔlzeɛ [yòlzíé] *n.* a type of tree with grey bark *pl:* **yɔlzeere**
yɔmɔ [yómɔ́] *adj.* free and plentiful *pl:* **yɔnne**
yɔɔ [yóɔ́] *n.* sibling (used between individuals of the same sex) *pl:* **yɔɔmine/yɔɔre** *2pl:* **yɔɔreɛ**
yɔɔ [yóɔ́] *n.* *strophantus* (a type of tree with highly poisonous sap) *pl:* **yɔɔre** *2pl:* **yɔɔreɛ**

yɔɔ [yɔ́ɔ] *v.* to pay, to redeem
yɔɔɛ, yɔɔɔ, yɔɔɔ, yɔɔɔreba, yɔɔɔraa,
yɔɔɔre

yɔɔ [yɔ̀ɔ] *adv.* freely e.g. of liquid being poured

yɔɔɔɔ [yɔ́ɔɔɔ] *n.* brother (used by females to address male siblings) *pl:* yɔɔɔɔɔɔ *2pl:* yɔɔɔɔɔɔɛ

yɔɔlee [yɔ́ɔléé] *n.* younger sibling (used between individuals of the same sex) *pl:* yɔɔbilii

yɔɔpɔge [yɔ́ɔpɔ́gí] *n.* sister (used by males to address female siblings) *pl:* yɔɔpɔgeba/yɔɔpɔgeba. *Var.* yɔɔpuulee

yɔɔpuulee [yɔ̀ɔpúúléé] *n.* female sibling (usually less older) see kpiémé *pl:* yɔɔpuuli *Var.* yɔɔpɔge

yɔɔre [yɔ́ɔrì] *n.* payment *2pl:* yɔɔɔɔɛ

yɔɔre [yɔ́rì] *v.* to fall apart, to disintegrate yɔɔɔɛ, yɔɔɔ, yɔɔɔ, yɔɔreba, yɔɔraa

yɔɔre [yɔ̀rì] *v.* (1) to become intense e.g. rainfall (2) to become widespread (disease) (3) that which is plenty yɔɔɔɛ, yɔɔɔ, yɔɔɔ, yɔɔreba, yɔɔraa

Yɔɔrebaa [yɔ̀rìbáá] *n.* Yoruba (an ethnic group found in Nigeria) *sg:* yɔɔrebaaroo *pl:* yɔɔrebaare *2pl:* yɔɔrebaareɛ

yɔɔrebɔɔ [yɔ̀rìbɔ̀ɔ] *adv.* loosely

yɔɔɔyɔɔ [yɔ̀rìyɔ̀rì] *adj.* not firm, loose e.g. mud

yuli [yúlí] *v.* to leak slowly yulee, yulo, yulo, yulibo, yulaa, yulibo

yuloo [yúlóó] *n.* object on which bows are hung *pl:* yulli *2pl:* yullee

yuoo [yùò] *v.* to open yuooe, yuoro, yuoro, -, yuoraa

yuoo [yúó] *adj.* different, of another kind • *Zene kpare yuo la ka a baala su.* Today the patient is wearing a different shirt.

yuonaa [yùònáá] *adv.* this year *Var.* yuoni ɲa

Yuoni [yúóní] *n.* name given to a child born after nine months of pregnancy

yuoni [yúóní] *n.* year *pl:* yuoomo *2pl:* yuonee

yuoni [yúóní] *n.* the crop of a bird *pl:* yuoomo *2pl:* yuonee

yuoni ɲa [yúóní ɲá] *adv.* this year

yuoni-yuoni [yúóní-yúóní] *adv.* annually

yuori [yúórí] *n.* jar *pl:* yooe *2pl:* yoree

yuori [yúòrì] *n.* (1) name (2) reputation (3) namesake *pl:* yooe *2pl:* yoree

yuuli [yùùlí] *v.* to spread small amount on top of e.g. dry cement yuulee, yuulo, yuulo, yuulo, yuulaa

Z

za [zá] *v.* to throw *zaε, zaara, zaara, zareba, zaaraa, zareba*

za [zá] *v.* to palpitate (of heart) *zaε, zaara, zaara, zareba, zaaraa, zareba*

zaa [zàá] *adj.* all, every • *A kōō zaa ka ba nyu.* They have drunk all the water. *Var. haa*

zãa [zãã] *adv.* yesterday; short form of *zaameŋ* *Var. zaameŋ*

zãa [zãã] *adv.* hazy

zaale [záálí] *v.* (1) to move water around in a container by swinging the container around (2) to commit suicide by hanging oneself *zaaleε, zaala, zaala, zaaleba, zalaala* *Var. zalle, zelle*

zaameŋ [zàámîŋ] *adv.* yesterday *Var. zãa*

zaayee [zàáyéé] *adv.* surprisingly • *N da teere ka o be la a dieŋ zaayee a bie yoŋ la.* I thought she was in the room, but to my surprise it was only the child that was there.

zabage [zábágí] *n.* foe, enemy, invader *Var. zaboge*

zaboraa [zábóráá] *n.* person under review *pl: zaborre 2pl: zaborεε*

zaboge [zábágí] *n.* foe, enemy, invader *pl: zabogre 2pl: zabogreε* *Var. zabage*

zaga [zágà] *n.* (1) animal or poultry pen (2) mortuary *pl: zagere 2pl: zagerεε* *Var. zage*

zage [zágí] *n.* head cold *2pl: zagreε*

zage [zágí] *v.* to be worn out *zageε, zagra, zagra, zagreba, zagraa*

zage [zàgí] *n.* enclosure for animals, pen, corral *pl: zagere 2pl: zagerεε* *Var. zaga*

zagedie [zàgìdiè] *n.* main chamber in a rodent's burrow *pl: zagederi 2pl: zagederee*

zagela [záglá] *n.* one being referred to • *Zagela maŋ yeli ka o puoro la kye zeere o taaba.* Some people claim to be godly but hate their neighbours.

zagelaa [záglàá] *adj.* empty *pl: zagele 2pl: zageleε*

zagepεmpεleŋ [zàgìpémpéléŋ] *n.* spleen *pl: zagepεmpelle 2pl: zagepεmpεleε* *Var. hōpεmpεleŋ*

zagere [zàgrì] *v.* to refuse, to reject *zagerεε, zagera, zagera, zagereba, zageraa, zagreba*

zagezage [zàgzág] *v.* to harass *zagezagεε, zagezagera, -, zagezagereba, zagezageraa*

zalball [zàlbàll] *adv.* airborne

zalle [zállì] *v.* (1) to swing (2) to commit suicide by hanging oneself *zalleε, zalla, zalla, zaleba, zallaa, zaleba* *Var. zaale, zelle*

zamaa [zàmàà] *adj.* confused

zamasoba [zámásúbá] *n.* one that is homeless

- zambaa** [zàmbáá] *n.* a type of small striped bush mouse *pl:* zambaare *2pl:* zambaareε *Var.* zambateraa
- zambadaa** [zàmbàdàá] *n.* stilt *pl:* zambadaare *2pl:* zambadaareε
- zambateraa** [zàmbàtiràà] *n.* a type of striped mouse *pl:* zambaterre *2pl:* zambaterεε *Var.* zamba
- zambayeε** [zàmbáyélè] *adv.* lying in a manner with face up *Var.* zambayeε
- zambere** [zàmbèrì] *n.* (1) a blacksmith's shop (2) god of the forge *Var.* zembere
- Zambɔ** [zàmbɔ] *n.* name of a village near Lawra in the Upper West Region of Ghana
- zamm** [zàmm] *adv.* huge but light
- zammo** [zàmmɔ́] *n.* onion *pl:* zama *2pl:* zannεε *Var.* gaabu (Hausa), zamaadaare
- zammuli** [zàmmúlí] *n.* tree
- zamparemuu** [zàmpàrimùú] *n.* wrist guard for archery *pl:* zamparemuuri *2pl:* zamparemuuree
- zampoŋ** [zàmpón] *n.* hedgehog *pl:* zamponni *2pl:* zamponnee
- zampoone** [zàmpóóní] *adj.* young and helpless e.g. chick *pl:* zampooma *2pl:* zampoomεε
- zane** [zání] *n.* wrist guard for archery *pl:* zama *2pl:* zameε
- zanne** [zànní] *v.* to thresh neatly or completely *zannεε, zanna, zanna, zanema*
- zanne** [zànní] *v.* to learn *zannεε, zanna, zanna, zanema, zanna, zanema*
- zanne** [zànní] *v.* to dream *zannεε, zanna, zanna, zanema, zanna, zanema*
- zannoŋ** [zànnǒŋ] *n.* dream *pl:* zanonne *2pl:* zanonnee *Var.* zannoo
- zannoo** [zànnóó] *n.* dream *Var.* zannoŋ
- zannoo** [zànnóó] *n.* education, the act of learning
- zannzanna** [zànnzànná] *n.* learner, pupil *sg:* zannzanemεε *2pl:* zannzanema
- zannyuu** [zànpúú] *n.* garlic *pl:* zannyuuri *2pl:* zannyuuree
- zanzakpiri-duoruŋ** [zànzákpirìdúórúŋ] *n.* ringworm
- zanzakpirime** [zànzákpirimé] *n.* small bat *pl:* zanzakpirri *2pl:* zanzakpirree *Var.* zinzakpirime
- zanzansɔglaa** [zànzànsɔglàá] *n.* a type of blackish-grey fruit bat *pl:* zanzansoglo *2pl:* zanzansoglee
- zanzantokele** [zànzàntókélé] *n.* a type of bat *pl:* zanzantokelli *2pl:* zanzantokelee
- zanzanzeε** [zànzànzíé] *n.* a type of reddish-brown bat *pl:* zanzanzeere *2pl:* zanzanzeereε
- zanzaŋ** [zànzán] *adv.* intensely e.g. heat • *A yeε pãã ta la a zanzaŋ.* The matter has now got to the climax.

zanzarɔa [zánzánàá] *n.* bat *pl:* zanzanne *2pl:* zanzannɛ

zanzarɔa [zánzánàá] *n.* (1) a type of shellfish similar to a clam (2) the shell of this shellfish *pl:* zanzanne *2pl:* zanzannɛ

zanzankpara [zánzánkpara] *n.* the act of jumping up and down in hysteria *pl:* zanzankparre *2pl:* zanzankparɛ

zanzunmuli [zánzùnmmùli] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties

zarɔa [zánjáá] *n.* shell *pl:* zanne *2pl:* zannɛ

zarɛ [zán] *v.* to itch *zarɛɛ, zarɛna, zarɛna, zarɛneba, zarɛnaa*

zargalan [zánjálán] *n.* veranda *pl:* zargalle *2pl:* zargalɛ

zargbaale [zánjgbààli] *n.* dome-shaped cage *pl:* zargbaala *2pl:* zargbaalɛ

zarkpegiri [zánjkpégri] *n.* a type of hard pimple *pl:* zarkpege *2pl:* zarkpegee *Var.* kpankpazegele

zare [zári] *n.* large metal hammer used in the forge *pl:* zaɛ *2pl:* zareɛ

zarema [zárímá] *n.* rags *2pl:* zaremeɛ *Var.* zereɛ

zazaakɔ [zàzáákɔ́] *adj.* steady *Var.* dedeekɔ

zē [zíí] *n.* blood *2pl:* zeenɛ

zēetē [zíííí] *n.* medicine that helps improve the level of blood in the body *2pl:* zēeteenɛ

zēewo [zííwó] *n.* blood vessel *pl:* zēewoore *2pl:* zēewooreɛ

ze [zìé] *n.* late millet *sg:* zeroo *pl:* zeere *2pl:* zeereɛ

ze [zìè] *v.* to snatch, to seize *zeɛɛ, zeere, zeere, zeerebe, zeeraa, zeerebe*

ze [zìé] *adj.* reddish brown *pl:* zeere *2pl:* zereɛ

ze [zìé] *adj.* serious • *Yelze la ka ba ye, azuij ta laara.* It is a serious case, so don't laugh. *pl:* zeere *2pl:* zereɛ

zē [zìé] *n.* acid *2pl:* zeenɛ

zē [zìé] *n.* fortification for one who has committed murder or killed an animal believed to have supernatural powers *2pl:* zeenɛ

zē [zìè] *v.* to be needed, to be necessary *zēɛɛ, zeenɛ, zeenɛ, zeenemɛ, zeena*

zēdāa [zìédáá] *n.* local beer prepared solely for ritual purposes *2pl:* zēdaanɛ

ze-genegene [zìé-gènègènè] *adj.* brown

zēego [zìéǵó] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *pl:* zēegoore

zeema [zìémáá] *n.* open ground where millet is gathered, threshed, and winnowed out *pl:* zeene *2pl:* zeenɛ/zeemɛ *Var.* gbenjbelaa

Zeem [zìémè] *n.* name traditionally given to the firstborn of twins (male)

Zēepɔge [zìépɔ́gi] *n.* name traditionally given to the firstborn of twins (female) *pl:* Zēepɔgemine

- zeeraa [zírää] *n.* sieve *pl:* zeere *2pl:* zeereε
- zeeraa [zírää] *n.* hawk *pl:* zeere *2pl:* zeereε
- zeere [zírì] *n.* (1) sauce (2) soup *pl:* zeere
- zeere [zírì] *v.* to hate, to despise *zeereε, zeere, zeere, zeerebe, zeeraa*
- zeere [zírì] *v.* to trot *zeereε, zeere, zeere, zeerebe, zeeraa*
- zeere [zírì] *v.* to be in haste, to go after something eagerly *zeereε, zeere, zeere, zeerebe, zeeraa*
- zege [zìgì] *v.* to grow to maturity and full strength *zegεε, zegere, zegere, zegerebe, zegeraa*
- zegere [zìgrì] *v.* to shrug; raise one's shoulders, indicating lack of concern *zegereε, zegere, zegere, zegerebe, zegeraa*
- zegere [zìgrì] *v.* to grow to maturity *zegereε, zegere, zegere, zegerebe, zegeraa*
- zegezege [zìgzìg] *v.* to be impatient *zegezegεε, zegezegre, zegezegere, zegezerebe, zegezegeraa*
- zege [zìgè] *n.* (1) area behind and between the shoulders (2) hump (of a cow) *pl:* zegere *2pl:* zegereε
- zegitege [zègítégé] *adv.* not moving at all, standing still in the way
- zele [zìlí] *n.* tongue *pl:* zele *2pl:* zeleε/zelleε
- zelegannoore [zilìgànóórì] *n.* a type small bird with blue feathers and a long beak that is fond of flowers *pl:* zelegannoε
- zelezele [zilézilé] *adj.* slim, at the point of giving way
- zelgannoore [zilgännóórì] *n.* a type of small bird with a very long curved beak *pl:* zelgannoε *2pl:* zelgannoεε
- zell [zìll] *adv.* filled to the brim
- zelpii [zìpíi] *n.* a type of disease that affects the tongue of dogs causing them to not eat *pl:* zelpiime *2pl:* zelpiimeε
- zembereme [zìmbírímé] *n.* a type of tree whose fruit gives red juice *pl:* zemberre *2pl:* zemberεε/zemberreε
- Zempenne [zìmpénní] *n.* name of a village
- zene [zínè] *n.* today
- zenebie [zínèbié] *adv.* nowadays, the present time
- zenzie [zìnzíé] *n.* (1) sitting place (2) settlement *pl:* zenziiri *2pl:* zenziiree
- zeje [zìj] *v.* (1) to sit, to be seated (2) to settle *zejeε, zene, zene, zeneme, zena, zeneme*
- zenjbiri [zìjgbìrì] *n.* sleeping sickness
- ze [zè] *v.* to smear *zeε, zeere, zeere, zeerebe, zeeraa, zeerebe*
- ze [zé] *v.* to sift *zeereε, zeere, zeere, zeerebe, zeeraa*
- ze [zé] *v.* to hate *zeereε, zeere, zeere, zeerebe, zeeraa*

zedambo [zèdàmbó] *n.* unseasoned soup *pl:* zedambori *2pl:* zedamboree

zedogeele [zèdógléé] *n.* earthenware cooking pot for soup *pl:* zedogebilii
Var. saa-doge

zee [zèè] *adv.* sticking onto all over e.g. fruits on a tree

zege [zégì] *v.* (1) to raise, to lift above (2) to promote **zegee**, **zegeɾe**, **zegeɾe**, **zegeɾeɾe**, **zegeɾaa**

zegelekele [zéglékélé] *adv.* not missing out • *A pɔgeba zaa ne ba bi-iri da la, zegelekele.* Each of the women had a child.

zegerɛ [zégri] *v.* (1) to shake (hands) (2) to shake in the hand to weigh **zegerɛɛ**, **zegerɛ**, **zegerɛ**, **zegerɛɾe**, **zegeraa**

zegeron [zégrón] *n.* (1) something that has worth (2) something that has scent

zekōo [zèkóó] *n.* soup that is not thick; broth-like *pl:* zekoonɛɛ

zele [zéli] *v.* (1) to apply poison; to be filled with venom (2) to be furious (3) to be bitter (taste)

zele [zéli] *n.* afterbirth (nonhuman) *pl:* zele *2pl:* zeleɛ

zele [zèli] *v.* to lift, to pick up **zeleɛ**, **zelle**, **zelle**, **zelebe**, **zella**, **zelebe**

zele [zèli] *v.* to beg (Northern Dagaare dialect) **zeleɛ**, **zelle**, **zelle**, **zelebe**, **zella**, **zelebe**

zelezele [zèlizéli] *v.* to move a heavy load with difficulty **zelezeleɛ**,

zelezele, **zelezele**, **zelezelebe**, **zelezeleaa**

zeleɲkpɛ [zèlɛɲkpè] *adj.* hanging loosely

zelle [zèlli] *v.* (1) to swing (2) to commit suicide by hanging oneself
Var. zaale, zalle

zembere [zèmbèri] *n.* (1) a blacksmith's shop (2) god of the forge
pl: zemberɛɛ *Var.* zambere

zemezeme [zèmèzèmè] *adv.* long and flexible e.g. cane

zemiime [zèmiímé] *n.* sour sauce

zemm [zèmm] *adv.* quietly, gently, and slowly

zenzeɲ [zènzéɲ] *v.* (1) to be impatient (2) to be eager, to be zealous **zenzeɲɛɛ**, **zenzene**, **zenzene**, **zenzeneme**, **zenzenaa**, **zenzeneme**

zenzeɲ [zènzɛɲ] *n.* impatience *pl:* zenzenne *2pl:* zenzenɛɛ

zeɲ [zèɲ] *v.* to lift **zeɲɛɛ**, **zenne**, **zenne**, **zeneme**, **zennaa**

zeɲɛ [zêɲ] *v.* to shake e.g. tree **zeɲɛɛ**, **zeɲɛne** **zeɲɛne**, **zeɲɛneme** **zeɲɛnaa**, **zeɲɛmo**

zerekpɛɾe [zèrikpèrè] *adv.* hanging or swelling all over e.g. fruits

zereɾe [zèríímé] *n.* rags *Var.* zarema

zeroo [zèròò] *adv.* fleshy and loose (hanging)

zevaa [zèváà] *n.* vegetable *sg:* zevaabo *pl:* zevaare *2pl:* zevaareɛ

zibalaa [zìbàlàà] *n.* odd place

zibalaa [zìbàláá] *n.* detour, diversion (road) *pl:* ziballe

ziberaa [zìbèràà] *n.* the place where a person or something is *pl:* **ziberri**

ziberaa [zìbìràà] *n.* late night *pl:* **ziberre**

zibiri [zìbìrì] *n.* clitoris *pl:* **zibie** *2pl:* **zibiiree** *Var.* **gyambiri**

zibu [zìbù] *n.* python *pl:* **zigiri** *2pl:* **zigiiree/zigee** *Var.* **zigi**

zie [zìé] *n.* place *pl:* **ziiri** *2pl:* **ziiree**

zie [zìé] *n.* weather *pl:* **ziiri** *2pl:* **ziiree**

zie [zìé] *n.* time *pl:* **ziiri** *2pl:* **ziiree**

ziezaa [zìézàà] *adv.* everywhere

zigi [zìgì] *n.* python *pl:* **zigiri** *2pl:* **zigiiree/zigee** *Var.* **zibu**

zigi [zìgì] *v.* (1) to grow in size (2) to grow more leaves (yam vine) **zigee**, **zigire**, **zigire**, **zigiribe**, **zigiraa**

zigiree [zìgréé] *n.* gravel, laterite *pl:* **zigiri**

zigizukpara [zìgìzúkpará] *n.* a monster; in the form of a two-headed python *pl:* **zigizukparre**

zigoo [zìgòò] *adj.* showing no concern for others • **A bie kono tuuro la o ma kyε ka o dee ba taa zigoo zaa.** The child is crying while running after the mother but woman did not show any concern.

zii [zìì] *adj.* thick; foliage of a tree (used only in this situation)

zii [zìì] *adj.* not clear, blurry

zikuonaa [zìkúónjáá] *n.* dry place *pl:* **zikuoni** *2pl:* **zikuonee**

zikpeeraa [zìkípíéráà] *n.* inhabitation, residence *pl:* **zikpeere**

zikyenfeele [zìtʃènfiéí] *n.* cold early morning *pl:* **zikyenfeele**

zimaale [zìmààlì] *n.* development

zimaaliire [zìmááliìré] *n.* dusk, twilight (after sunset) *pl:* **zimaaliiri** *2pl:* **zimaaliiree**

zimaane [zìmáání] *adv.* evening

zimaaronj [zìmáàróŋ] *n.* cool or wet place *pl:* **zimaara**

zimaavēε [zìmáávèè] *n.* evening; between four-thirty and five o'clock

zimaavenevene [zìmáávènèvènè] *n.* dusk

zimezime [zìmézímé] *adv.* of considerable weight

zimeremere [zìmèrèmèrè] *n.* muddy place

zinziŋ [zìnzìŋ] *adv.* very heavy

zinyaane [zìŋnàání] *n.* dawn *2pl:* **zinyaaneε** *Var.* **ziveleme**

ziŋi [zìŋ] *v.* to pound vigorously **ziŋee**, **ziŋine**, **ziŋine**, **ziŋime**, **ziŋinaa**

zipigi [zìpìgì] *n.* a type of large brown antelope with white spots on its sides *pl:* **zipigri** *2pl:* **zipigree**

ziponsentaa [zìpónsintáá] *n.* midnight

zirii [zìrìi] *n.* a lie or lies *2pl:* **zirree** *Var.* **ziriŋ**

ziriŋ [zìrìŋ] *n.* lies *2pl:* **zirree** *Var.* **zirii**

ziriŋma [zìrìŋmà] *n.* the act of lying

- ziriŋmaara** [zìrìŋmáárá] *n.* liar *pl:* ziriŋmaareba
- zisogelaa** [zìsògláá] *n.* (1) dark place (2) hiding place *pl:* zisoge
- zitɔɔre** [zìtòòrí] *n.* distant place *pl:* zitɔɔ
- zivelaa** [zìvìláá] *n.* good place, nice place *pl:* ziveele *2pl:* ziveeleɛ
- ziveleme** [zìvélímé] *n.* dawn *2pl:* zivelemeɛ *Var.* zinyaane
- ziyuo** [zìyùò] *n.* modernization
- zo** [zò] *v.* (1) to run (2) to run away, to escape (3) to flow (river water) **zoe, zoro, zoro, zoribo, zorraa, zoribo**
- zoge** [zògì] *v.* to thicken, to become hard e.g. palm of a one who does rough/odd jobs **zogeɛ, zogerɔ/zogera, zogerɔ/zogera, zogereba, zogeraa**
- zoge** [zòglì] *v.* to develop large rashes **zogelee, zogelɔ/zogela, zogelɔ/zogela, zogelega, zogelaa**
- zogelɔŋ** [zòglɔŋ] *adj.* thick and attached to *Var.* **zogelɔŋ**
- zogere** [zògrì] *v.* to shake vigorously **zogree, zogra, zogra, zoreba, zograa**
- zogere** [zògrì] *v.* to become thick or hard **zogereɛ, zogera, zogera, zogereba, zogeraa**
- zogetogo** [zògtògò] *adv.* thick and wool-like
- zogboŋboli** [zògbòŋgbòlì] *n.* the thickest part of an animal's tail that is long *pl:* **zogboŋbolo** *2pl:* **zogboŋbole**
- zokpore** [zòkpórí] *n.* the bottom end of the spinal cord *pl:* **zokpoe** *2pl:* **zokporeɛ**
- zola** [zòláá] *n.* pot with a very small mouth *pl:* **zolaare** *2pl:* **zolaareɛ**
- zola** [zòlàà] *adj.* big, large
- zoma** [zòmá] *n.* instinct *Var.* **zomo**
- zombaa** [zòmbáá] *n.* catfish *pl:* **zombaare** *2pl:* **zombaareɛ**
- zombereme** [zòmbírímé] *n.* a type of tree with medicinal properties *2pl:* **zomberemeɛ**
- Zombente** [zùmbéntí] *n.* a religious festival of Southern Dagao *pl:* **zombentere** *2pl:* **zombentereɛ**
- zomberaa** [zòbéráá] *n.* fishhook *pl:* **zomberre**
- zombiri** [zòmbírì] *n.* insult, abuse *sg:* **zombiruu** *pl:* **zombie** *2pl:* **zombiiree**
- zomm** [zóm] *adv.* still, calm, unmoving
- zommo** [zóm] *n.* fish *pl:* **zoma** *2pl:* **zonneɛ**
- zomo** [zòm] *n.* instinct *Var.* **zoma**
- zompege** [zòmpégì] *n.* fish scale *pl:* **zompegre/zompege** *2pl:* **zompegreɛ**
- zompïi** [zòpïï] *n.* fishhook *pl:* **zompïime** *2pl:* **zompïimee/zompïinee**
- zone** [zóní] *n.* insult, abuse *pl:* **zoma** *2pl:* **zonneɛ**

- zonkyoo [zɔ́ntʃóò] *n.* fishing net *pl:* zonkyoori *2pl:* zonkyooree
- zonne [zúnní] *v.* to take short, heavy steps *zonnee*, *zonno/zonna*, *zonno/zonna*, *zonemɔ/zonema*, *zonnaa*
- zonne [zúnní] *v.* to shake (from sudden shock) *zonnee*, *zonno/zonna*, *zonno/zonna*, *zonemɔ/zonema*, *zonnaa*
- zonni [zònnì] *v.* to hesitate *zonnee*, *zonno*, *zonno*, *zonimo*, *zonnaa*, *zonimo*
- zonnyɔge [zɔ́nɲóǵí] *n.* the practice of fishing
- zonnyɔgerɔ [zɔ́nɲóǵrò] *n.* fisherman *pl:* *zonnyɔgerebɔ/zonnyɔgereba* *2pl:* *zonnyɔgerebɛɛ*
- zonsaalaa [zɔ́nsààǵlàá] *n.* a type of fish with a flat head and two fins and a very slippery body, found in rivers and ponds, referred to as mudfish *pl:* *zonsaale* *2pl:* *zonsaaleɛ*
- zonsɔgelaa [zɔ́nsóǵláá] *n.* a type of black mudfish with a flat head *pl:* *zonsɔgelɔ* *2pl:* *zonsɔgeleɛ*
- zontalane [zòntàláni] *n.* gill *pl:* *zontalama* *2pl:* *zontalanne*
- zonwaabo [zɔ́nwáábó] *n.* eel *pl:* *zonweere* *2pl:* *zonweereɛ*
- zo nyonono [zò ɲónónó] *v.* to have mercy
- zoŋe [zɔ́ŋ] *v.* to shake (person) *zoŋeɛ*, *zoŋenɔ*, *zoŋenɔ*, *zoŋenema*, *zoŋenaa*
- zoŋkoron [zòŋkòròn] *adv.* grotesque; hideous
- zoŋkɔɔre [zɔ́ŋkɔ́òré] *n.* fish bone *pl:* *zoŋkɔɔɔ* *2pl:* *zoŋkɔɔreɛ*
- zɔo [zɔ́ò] *adv.* dull
- zoore [zɔ́óré] *n.* tail *pl:* *zoɛ* *2pl:* *zooreɛ*
- zoore [zɔ́óri] *n.* smoke *Var.* *nyoore*
- zɔo [zɔ́ó] *n.* rust (typically used with le) • *A soɔ lɔre la kɔɔ poɔ ana la so ka o le zɔo.* The knife got soaked in water and that is why it is rusted. *2pl:* *zɔoneɛ*
- zoole [zɔ́òli] *v.* to wither *zooleɛ*, *zooleɔ*, *zooleɔ*, *zooleba*, *zoolea*
- zori [zòri] *v.* to hold the hand in anticipation for food *zoree*, *zoro*, *zoro*, *zoribo*, *zoraa*
- zorre [zɔ́rri] *v.* shudder *zorree*, *zorra*, *zorra*, *zoreba*, *zorraa*
- zo vi [zò ví] *v.* (1) to be shy (2) to be ashamed
- zɔ [zɔ́] *n.* (1) father (2) friend (between males) *pl:* *zɔmine/zɔre* *2pl:* *zɔreɛ*
- zɔba [zɔ́bá] *n.* the act of pestering *Var.* *zɔbo*
- zɔbo [zɔ́bó] *n.* the act of pestering *Var.* *zɔba*
- zɔla [zɔ́lá] *n.* a type of guinea corn *Var.* *zɔɓ*
- zɔle [zɔ́li] *n.* fool *pl:* *zɔɓ* *2pl:* *zɔleɛ*
- zɔle [zɔ́lí] *v.* to be related to people *zɔleɛ*, *zɔɓ*, *zɔɓ*, *zɔleba*, *zɔlaa*
- zɔɓ [zɔ́ɓ] *n.* a type of guinea corn *2pl:* *zɔlleɛ* *Var.* *zɔla*

zampɔɔŋ [zɔmpɔ́rɔ́ŋ] *adv.* of considerable size, state

zonne [zònní] *n.* blindness

zonnou [zònnóŋ] *n.* blindness

zonzɔrema [zònzórimá] *n.* cobweb, dirt hanging on walls and ceiling
Var. zonzɔremɔ

zonzɔremɔ [zònzòrimó] *n.* cobweb, dirt hanging on walls and ceiling
2pl: zonzɔremɛ *Var.* zonzɔrema

zɔŋa [zòŋá] *n.* blind person *Var.* zɔŋɔ, zɔŋe

zɔŋe [zón] *n.* (1) flour (2) pulp *2pl:* zonnɛɛ

zɔŋe [zòŋ] *v.* to be blind zɔŋɛɛ, zonnɔ, zonnɔ, zɔnemɔ, zonnaa, zɔnemɔ

zɔŋe [zòŋí] *n.* blind person *Var.* zɔŋɔ, zɔŋa

zɔŋkɔɔ [zòŋkóó] *n.* (1) food for workers at work (2) water mixed with flour *pl:* zɔŋkɔɔnɛɛ

zɔŋkɔŋ-ɔnnɔ [zòŋkón-ónnó] *n.* one who cooks workers' food
pl: zɔŋkɔŋ-ɔnemɔ *2pl:* zɔŋkɔŋ-ɔnemɛɛ

zɔŋɔ [zòŋó] *n.* blind person *pl:* zonne *2pl:* zonnɛɛ *Var.* zɔŋa, zɔŋe

zɔɔ [zòó] *n.* ambush *pl:* zɔɔre *2pl:* zɔɔrɛɛ

zɔɔ [zòó] *adj.* long and flowing e.g. hair

zɔɔ [zòó] *v.* to fight, to quarrel zɔɔɛ, zɔɔrɔ, zɔɔrɔ, zɔɔreɔ/zɔɔreba

zɔɔ [zòó] *v.* to ride zɔɔɛ, zɔɔnɔ, zɔɔnɔ, zɔɔnemɔ, zɔɔnaa

zɔɔ-bo [zòó-bó] *n.* the act of irritating others

zɔɔre [zòórí] *n.* quarrel, fight

zɔɔzeele [zòózíí] *n.* silky flower on a corncob *sg:* zɔɔzeeloo *pl:* zɔɔzeele *2pl:* zɔɔzeelɛɛ

zɔɔɔ [zòóó] *adv.* reduced to minimal (rainfall)

zu [zú] *n.* head *pl:* zuri *2pl:* zuree

zu [zú] *v.* to steal zue, zuuro, -, -, zuraa

zu [zú] *adv.* on top of • *A gane dogele la a tabol zu.* The book is on the table.

zuberou [zúbéróŋ] *n.* (1) strong and dangerous animal (2) leader (often political) *pl:* zuberɛ *2pl:* zuberɛɛ

zubie [zúbíé] *n.* misfortune, ill luck
2pl: zubiiree

zudaa [zúdàá] *n.* backbone; that which one relies on *pl:* zudaare *2pl:* zudaareɛ

zufaa [zúfáá] *n.* ill fate *pl:* zufaare *2pl:* zufaareɛ

zugane [zúgání] *n.* skin of the head
pl: zugama *2pl:* zugameɛ

zugí [zùgì] *v.* to turn a container upside down to bring out all the contents zugee, zugiro, zugiro, zugiribo, zugiraa

zugí [zùgì] *v.* to press the bellows of a furnace zugee, zugiro, zugiro, zugiribo, zugiraa

zugilaa [zùgìláá] *n.* bellows *pl:* zugilaare *2pl:* zugilaareɛ

zugilonj [zúglónj] *adj.* unproportioned

zugiraa [zúgráá] *n.* blacksmith's bellows *pl:* zugiri *2pl:* zugiree

zugiri [zúgrí] *v.* to shake in order to know whether there something inside e.g. closed tin **zugiree, zugiro, zugiro, zugiribo, zugiraa**

zugizaga [zùgzàgà] *adj.* huge and heavy e.g. mallet

zugi zugi [zùgzùg] *adv.* moving through in numbers e.g. spectators
• **Ba ñme la a bɔle baare ka a noba ta zugi zugi zugi ba nanj yire.** The football match is over and the spectators are trouping out.

zugboli [zúgbòlí] *n.* (1) a shaven head (2) a head that is carrying something without a pad *Var.* zukpoli

zuij [zúíj] *conj.* (1) because, as a result • **A bie baalonj zuij o ma ba gaa toma.** As a result of the child's illness, the mother didn't go to work. (2) so • **A saama na waa la yaga a zuij maale a bondirii yaga.** There will be many guests, so cook plenty of food.

zukoore [zúkóórí] *n.* skull *pl:* zukɔe *2pl:* zukɔre *Var.* zujmane

zukogeraa [zúkógráá] *n.* pillow *pl:* zukogere *2pl:* zukogere

zukɔlonj [zúkɔlónj] *n.* hair *pl:* zukɔɔɔ *2pl:* zukɔɔle

zukuri [zúkúrí] *n.* back (body) *pl:* zukurri *2pl:* zukuree

zukpala [zúkpálà] *n.* bald head *2pl:* zukpalle

zukpeene [zúkpiéni] *n.* hardheadedness, stubbornness

zukpeɛɛaa [zúkpiéɛáá] *adj.* hardheaded *pl:* zukpeene

zukpoli [zúkpólí] *n.* (1) a shaven head (2) a head that is carrying something without a pad *pl:* zukpolo *2pl:* zukpolee *Var.* zugboli

zukyuu [zúfùú] *n.* ritual hair *pl:* zukuuuri *2pl:* zukuuuree

zulee [zùlèè] *adv.* large at one end

zuleere [zúlíéré] *n.* successor *pl:* zuleerebe *2pl:* zuleerebe

zuli [zùlí] *v.* (1) to be unbalanced, to lean to one side (2) to slope **zulee, zullo, zullo, zulbo, zullaa**

zulibala [zùlibàlà] *adj.* disproportionately big

zulimo [zúlímó] *adj.* (1) uneven, sloped (2) unbalanced (weight)

zulunj [zùlúnj] *adj.* deep *pl:* zulli *2pl:* zullee

zulunj [zùlúnj] *n.* army ant, soldier ant *2pl:* zullee

zu-maala [zú-máálá] *n.* hairdresser *pl:* zu-maaleba

zumaaronj [zúmáárɔ̃j] *n.* headache (concentrated around the forehead) *pl:* zumaara *2pl:* zumaaree

zunoɔ [zúnòó] *n.* fortune, favour, luck *pl:* zunoore *2pl:* zunooree

zunzugiri [zùnzùgrí] *n.* large isolated cloud *sg:* **zunzugiruu** *pl:* **zunzugo** *2pl:* **zunzugiree**
zunj [zǔŋ] *adv.* on top of *Var.* **zu poɔ**
zunjmaara [zúnj máárà] *n.* executioner *pl:* **zunjmaareba**
zunjmane [zúnj mání] *n.* skull *pl:* **zunjmama** *2pl:* **zunjmameɛ** *Var.* **zukoɔre**
zunjmanekoɔ [zúnj máníkòɔ] *n.* suffering
zunjmane kɔɔ [zúnj mání kòɔ] *n.* great suffering (typically used with *nyu*)
 • *Deyɛŋ boŋkoɔre ba maale ka nembraaleba da nyu ba zunjmane kɔɔ.* Last year, there was a poor crop yield and poor people suffered greatly.
zuo [zùò] *v.* (1) to be more than (2) to be too much (3) to pass someone by
zu-ɔɔ [zú-ɔɔ] *n.* the condition of having a headache *pl:* **zu-ɔɔre**
zupili [zúpíli] *n.* hat, cap *sg:* **zupiluu** *pl:* **zupile** *2pl:* **zuplee**
zupiltobo [zúpílitòbó] *n.* a hat that covers the ears *2pl:* **zupiltobee**
zupoli [zúpólí] *n.* sinciput (the front of the skull) *sg:* **zupollee** *pl:* **zupolo** *2pl:* **zupolli**
zu-pono [zúpónó] *n.* barber *pl:* **zu-ponimo**

zu pozu [zú pòzú] *v.* to gossip
zusãa [zúsãã] *n.* (1) immorality (2) the practice of vice
zusaana [zúsáána] *n.* one who preaches vice
zusaanaa [zúsáánaá] *n.* the act of engaging in evil practices
zusoga [zúsógá] *adv.* above, high up *Var.* **zusogo**
zusogɔ [zúsógá] *adv.* above, high up *Var.* **zusoga**
zutage [zú-tàgí] *n.* hardheaded *pl:* **zutagere**
zutalaa [zútálàà] *n.* headdress *pl:* **zutalle** *2pl:* **zutallɛ**
zutuo [zútúó] *n.* misfortune *pl:* **zuturi** *2pl:* **zutuuree**
zuu [zùù] *adv.* huge and heavy
zuuni [zúúni] *v.* to stoop **zuunee**, **zuuno**, **zuuno**
zuyɔɔ [zúyóó] *n.* head tax *2pl:* **zuyɔɔreɛ**
zuzee [zúzìé] *n.* leader, forerunner *pl:* **zuzeeere** *2pl:* **zuzeeereɛ**
zuzee [zúzìé] *n.* red-haired person *pl:* **zuzeeere** *2pl:* **zuzeeereɛ**
zu zɔŋe [zú zɔŋ] *v.* to be ashamed **zue zɔŋe**
zuzuu [zùzúú] *adj.* monstrous

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