

Nafaanra Dictionary

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A - a

- a** *conj.* and. **Pra sɛ a wra je paan.** They went, and he refused to come.
- aa** *emphatic.* Showing fright or surprise. **Aa! Maa pe ma!** Oh! Don't do that!
- aada** *adv.* maybe, probably, perhaps. **Aada banga bnimi mbe sɛ see.** Maybe tomorrow morning I will go to the farm.
- abani** *noun.* government. **Ala Ghana abani tia sro pan titi.** This year there is food help from the Government. *From:* Twi.
- abansru** *noun.* multi-story building. **Abansru nɛɛ chia kre na.** There are many multi-story buildings in the town. *From:* Twi.
- Abena** *noun.* female, born on Tuesday. **Abena sɛ see.** Abena went to farm. *From:* Twi.
- afoo** *noun.* 1) sheath for a knife. **U brofien kre le ki afoo nu.** He put the knife in its sheath. 2) vine. **U afoo kre chieri a ke ndru mu ɲɔɔ.** He cut off the vine and it sprouted again.
- afunɲo** *noun.* 1) taboo. **Kofi afunɲo kee pe.** Kofi has broken the taboo. 2) soap. **Afunɲo kre tna; ki tia yonyi yire yili chasi.** The soap is good and it has made the cloths clean. *Pl:* **afunyi.**
- agua** *noun.* handkerchief. **Agua kre nyu titi.** The handkerchief is very nice.
- ajuan** *noun.* Friday, the fifth day of the week. **Ajuan ble yi Techiman jafa ble.** Friday is Techiman's market day.
- akoo** *noun.* parrot. **Kofi sɛ akoo yii nyaa mu pan katoo.** Kofi caught a parrot in the bush and brought it home.
- ala** *adv.* this year. **Kofi we sɛ sukuu ala.** This year Kofi will be going to School. —*noun.* god. **Sɔɔlɔ pe pe nyiekpɔɔ, Ala.** Moslems call their god "Ala".
- ale** *adv.* last year. **Kofi na sɛ sukuu ale.** Kofi went to school last year.
- alɛɛ** *noun.* yeast. **Chlɔ wre alɛɛ le u simi kre nu.** The woman mixed yeast in her wine.
- alieri** *noun.* Sunday. **U nsra sɛ asɔri alieri ble kre.** He did not go to church last Sunday.
- aliire** *noun.* food. **Nyiekpɔɔ u o kaan o blenyini aliire.** God gives us our daily food.
- alɔm** *noun.* a white powder put in muddy water to settle out the dirt. **Ama alɔm le nyumu kre nu, a ki to klemm.** Ama put alum in the water and it became clean. *From:* English.
- alɔɔ** *noun.* woven wood carrier. **U sɛ nyaa na alɔɔ ni mbe kenyi tio.** He went to the bush with a wood carrier on his head to bring home firewood.
- Ama** *noun.* female child born on Saturday. **Pe Ama se siwiri ble.** Ama was born on Saturday.
- Amusa** *noun.* Thursday. **We pan amusa ble.** He will come on Thursday.
- ande** *prep.* exception. **Biile pre kro kro na sɛ sukuu, ande kofi nsra sɛ.** All the children went to school with exception of Kofi.
- ankura** *noun.* barrel. **Pɔ wre ankura kre su mu vru.** The child made a hole in the barrel. *From:* Twi.
- anyaarɛɛ** *noun.* rheumatism. **Anyaarɛɛ yi u yira kpɔɔ.** Rheumatism is his main sickness.
- anɲa** *noun.* today. **Anɲa Atta sɛ Tamale na.** Today Atta went to Tamale.
- anɲe** *noun.* yesterday. **Mensah na sɛ tnumu nu anɲe.** Mensah went to work yesterday.
- anɲe-kro** *adv.* three days ago. **Kofi na sɛ Kumasi na anɲe-kro.** Kofi went to Kumasi three days ago.
- apra** *noun.* armadillo. **Bɔfɔ wre apra gbo tingge wee.** The hunter killed an armadillo in a hole in a tree.
- apɔɔ** *noun.* duck. **Apɔɔ wre se chirewɛ shiin gbi.** The duck laid only two eggs.
- asau** *noun.* fishing net. **Wra asau lɔ Kumasi na.** He bought a fishing net in Kumasi. *From:* Twi.
- asɛɛɛ** *noun.* shackles. **Pe asɛɛɛ le tɔɔlɔfun wre na.** The madman is shackled.
- asɛkɛ** *noun.* shelter. **Nyie paan, a Ama sɛ tni asɛkɛ kre nu.** It was raining, and Ama went to sit under the shelter.
- asɔri** *noun.* church. **Kofi nsra sɛ asɔri.** Kofi does not go to church. *From:* Twi.
- asɔri lopom** *noun.* church elder. **Asɔri lopom kro fna mbe Nyiekpɔɔ kee chin.** The church elder should know the Word of God.
- atantɛɛ** *noun.* flea. **Atantɛɛ ndro kaa na krosi wi.** The flea bites man like a bedbug.
- ate** *excl.* sorry. **ɲga kaan kre Kofi su kre, Ama u ɲga ate.** When the stick pierced Kofi, Ama said she was sorry.

atɛɛ *noun*. platform. **Ma Donkor atɛɛ sin kagbala mu u chokoie taa.** Mother Donkor built a platform in her kitchen and put her water pots on it.

Atta *noun*. twin, a pair. **Chlɔ wre sɛ se Attae dɔkita.** The woman gave birth to twins in the hospital. *Pl: Attae.*

awe *noun*. friend. **Awe, jande, ni nga finyjie fiɛn ka.** Friend, please, give me a piece of yam.

awebele *noun*. chamelion. **Awebele ja na uyc**

kna yirɛ nyininyini. A chamelion can change itself into different colours.

awɛɛ *noun*. boiled yams. **U awɛɛ chaa mu wɛ gbosro na.** He likes boiled yams more than fufu.

ayɛtefun *noun*. ungrateful one. **Ayɛtefun n chichie chin.** The ungrateful person does not know goodness. *Pl: ayɛtefɛɛnlɛ.*

B - b

ba *adv*. there. **U sɛ ba.** He went there. *From: Sampa.*

Baabru *noun*. Bible. **Baabru pe hlɛ nga nu pe Nyiɛkpɔɔ nyu kee nyunɔ.** The Bible is the book in which they wrote God's word. *From: English.*

baare *noun*. wooden hammer, mallet. **Pe nyungo kre lam gbun na baare ni.** They beat the floor of the room with the wooden hammer.
—*verb*. grab. **U fa mu yi baare.** He grabbed him around the waist.

babaari *noun*. ribs. **U babaarie u yaa.** His ribs pain him. *Pl: babaarie.*

badaanga *adj*. biggest. **Nyungo badanga kre to.** The biggest room has fallen down. *Pl: badɛnyi.*

bali *verb*. take, pick up. **U hlɛ kre bali mu sɛ katoo.** He took the book and went home.

bamba *noun*. veranda. **Bamba kre juari.** The veranda is broken. *Pl: bambae.*

bangga *noun*. tomorrow. **Bangga mbe sɛ Kumasi na.** Tomorrow I will go to Kumasi.

bawa *adv*. there. **Bawa wra ŋunu anɛe.** He slept there yesterday.

bɛɛlɛ *adj*. small ones. **Finyie bɛɛlɛ yire u yoori mu ni nga.** He choose the small yams to give me.

biaa *adj*. all. **Ndro biao sɛ see anɛe.** Everyone has gone to farm today. *From: Twi.*

bible *noun*. small drum. **Pe bible kre tio mu sɛ ŋunu katoo.** They took the small drum and went to the chief's house. *Pl: bilɛɛlɛ.*

biblo *noun*. male child. **U biblo se.** She gave birth to a male child. *Pl: bibilɛ.*

bibre *noun*. raw, uncooked, unripe. **U kaara kre ka bire.** He ate the meat raw.

bichable *noun*. girl. **Bichable wre nyu kpa.** The girl is very beautiful. *Pl: bichabɛɛlɛ.*

bichlɔ *noun*. daughter. **Chlɔ wre bichlɔ wre bichielɛ kɔɔnanu se.** The woman's daughter gave birth to six daughters. *Pl: bichielɛ.*

bichrɔ *noun*. young girl, girlfriend. **Kofi bichrɔ wi Ama.** Kofi's girlfriend is Ama. *Pl: bichilɛ.*

bie *noun*. 1) seed. **U yirɛ bie yire fin titi.** His seedlings have germinated well. 2) small yam. **Bie sɔɔ wee tna Ma Afua pan.** The small yams are very sweet to Ma Afua.

bifiun *noun*. baby. **Pe bifun wre su panis anɛe.** They gave the baby an injection today. *Pl: bifimble.*

bijam *adj*. wedding. **Pie u bijam pe nyiɛpɔ kɛmbɔnunu wo kre nu.** They will have her wedding ceremony in November.

bijlo *noun*. first born. **Ama na u bijlo wre se dɔkita.** Ama gave birth to his first born child in the hospital.

bijɔ *noun*. bride. **Bijɔ wre n wa chia.** The bride is not in the town.

bijɔplɔ *noun*. bridegroom. **Bijɔplɔ wre pra u bijɔ wre na.** The bridegroom is not able to marry his bride.

bijrim *noun*. orphanage. **Pɔ wre lɛ na u lo ku; ki tia bijrim u yii.** The child's father and mother died; that's why the orphanage has him.

bijro *noun*. orphan. **Bijroo wa katoo kre nu.** There is an orphan in the house. *Pl: bijile.*

bikaan *noun*. drumstick. **Bikaan kre ka.** The stick for beating the drums are broken. *Pl: bikɛɛn.*

bikpɔɔ *noun*. big drum. **Bikpɔɔ kree wa ŋunu katoo.** The big drum is in the Chief's house.

bimi *adj*. fertile. **Tra kre ndru mu bimi na.** The land is fertile again.

—*noun*. childhood. **Pan wra nyi u bimi.** He was like that from his childhood.

binge *noun*. drum. **Binge kre mana sheli titi.**

- The sound of the drum is very high. *Pl:* binyi.
- biseere** *noun.* giving birth. **Chlɔ wre biseere kɔ.** The woman has stop giving birth.
- bituŋu** *noun.* messenger, apostle, or angel. **ŋunu bituŋu wre sɛ mandɛ kre bɔ, a pe loo.** The chief's messenger has gone to spread the news, and they heard it. *Pl:* bitumblo.
- blamaa** *noun.* accusation. **Leele blamaa chiin u chin.** Accusing people is the only thing he knows.
- blami** *verb.* report. **Pe kala kre blami prosie pre pan.** They have reported the case to the police.
- ble** *adj.* small. **Tinge ble kre to.** The small tree is fallen down.
—*noun.* day. **Ble kɔnashin yii wa kranu nu.** There are seven days in a week.
—*verb.* gather. **Pe bleju yire ble kagbala wa.** They have gathered the corn in the kitchen.
- bledi** *noun.* blade. **Bledi kre nyu n tna.** The blade is not sharp. *From:* English.
- blee** *noun.* night. **Ange blee ndaa funu ta.** Last night I had a house guest.
- blefun** *verb.* fast. **Sutna na Yesu penle, a wra blefun ble fuloeshiin.** Satan tempted Jesus, and Jesus fasted for forty days.
- blefungo** *noun.* taboo day. **Ange naa blefungo.** Yesterday was a taboo day.
- blefuun** *verb.* fasting. **Blefuun kre tia blɔ wre fanga kɔ.** Because the man is fasting, his strength is gone.
- bleju** *noun.* maize. **Bleju yire wali nyjila tro.** The harvest time of the maize is past.
- blenyini** *adv.* everyday, eternal. **Nyɛkpɔɔ chiin u blenyini ŋmaa kaan.** Only God gives an eternal life.
- blewe** *noun.* bambara beans. **Blewe yire fɔn peii.** All the bambara beans are rotten.
- blechaara** *noun.* chasing of men. **Blechaara na ti chlɔ buuro ta.** The chasing of men does not gain respect for a woman.
- bleklo** *noun.* bachelor. **Bleklo wre fna mbe u yɛ shie lenge haa.** The bachelor should give attention to getting married.
- blekpɔɔ** *noun.* lion. **Blekpɔɔ pe yuro ŋmba uu wa nyaa.** The lion is an animal who lives in the bush.
- blelɔɔ** *noun.* old man. **Blelɔɔ wre mbuura chin titi.** The old man knows stories well.
- blɛm** *noun.* bravery. **Blɔ wre na u blɛm nyina leele pre na.** The man demonstrated his bravery before the

- people.
- blɛmkuun** *noun.* circumcision. **Dɔkita wre blɛmkuun pe pɔ wre pan.** The Doctor circumcised the child.
- blo** *noun.* spring. **Nyumu n wa blo kre nu.** There no water in the spring. *Pl:* bloe.
- blonggo** *noun.* dust. **Blonggo wa ndoo kre nu titi.** There is too much dust in the place.
- blɔ** *noun.* man. 1) **Blɔ wre na u chɔ sɛ see.** The man and his wife have gone to farm. *Pl:* bilɛ. 2) tree. **Pe blɔ nanggɔ leni pitoo nu.** The bark of this tree is used in brewing pitoo. *Pl:* bilɛ.
- blu** *verb.* swim. **Kofi blu mu lɔɔ kre kun.** Kofi swam across the river.
- bnimi** *noun.* 1) morning. **Kofi yaa; ki tia u n sɛ sukuu anga bnimi.** Kofi is sick; so he could not go to school this morning. 2) brains. **Blɔ wre bnimi kla.** The man's brains are spoiled.
- bninge** *noun.* stirring stick. **Ama bninge kre kwari; ki fna mbe u fɔngɔ lɔ mbe sro pe.** Ama's stirring stick is broken; so she needs to buy a new one to prepare food.
- bnɔ** *noun.* horn. **Blɔ wre bnɔ fɔ mu chin titi.** The man really knows how to blow a horn. *Pl:* bnɛ.
- bokiti** *noun.* bucket. **Nyumuu wa bokiti kre nu.** There is water in the bucket. *From:* English.
- bonyaa** *adj.* kind. **Blɔ wre pe bonyaafun.** The man is kind person.
- bongrɛ** *noun.* groundnuts. **Kofi bongrɛ ta ala.** Kofi has groundnuts this year.
- bɔfɔ** *noun.* hunter. **Bɔfɔ wre sɛ nyaa u nyukwanla ni.** The hunter went to bush with his dogs. *Pl:* bɔfɔlɔ.
- bɔfɔɔɔ** *noun.* hunters' dance. **Bɔfɔlɔ pre na bɔfɔɔɔ yɔ ange.** The hunters danced their dance yesterday.
- bɔkɔ** *adv.* except. **Ndro wa sɛ na Kofi bɔkɔ.** Nobody is going except Kofi.
- bɔɔfrɛ** *noun.* pawpaw. **Bɔɔfrɛ tinge kre singe tna.** This pawpaw tree gives good fruit.
- bɔɔnri** *verb.* discuss. **Pe sɛ bɔɔnri na blɔ wre chaa mbe gbo.** They went and discussed how they would kill the man.
- bɔtɔ** *noun.* sack. **Pe bleju yire le bɔtɔ kre nu.** They filled the bag with maize. *Pl:* bɔtɔe.
- brabra** *adj.* spotted, mottled. **Nyalo wre pe brabra.** The cat's coloring is mottled.
- brabu** *verb.* bribe. **U blɔ wre ŋga brabu a u chin mu u wru tnumu nu.** He gave the man a bribe before he was hired. *From:* English.
- branda** *noun.* plantain. **Branda wa jafa na**

wa. There are plantain in the market.
From: English.

brangɔ *noun.* cane. **Ticha wre brangɔ kre ka; ki tia biile pre kro na pna.** The cane of the teacher is broken, so all the children are playing.

brɛmm *adv.* slowly. **Kaa kre kɔba ja; ki tia kra shie brɛmm** The lorry has a flat tire, so it is going slowly.

brɛri *verb.* smash. **Bɔɔfrɛ kre kun mu to mu brɛri.** The pawpaw came loose and fell and smashed.

bri *verb.* 1) stir. **U chiin yire bri.** She stirred the soup. 2) paddle. **U krɔ kre bri mu lɔɔ kre kun.** He paddled the boat across the river.

—*adv.* only. **Lɔɔ kre kɔ, a ki kro tanyɛ bri.** The river is finished, and only sand remains.

bribri *adj.* only. **Bilɛ bribri pe sɛ see kre nu.** Only the men went to the farm.

bricha *noun.* mason. **Bricha wre nyungo sin mu chin.** The mason knows how to build. *From:* Twi.

brikana *noun.* someday. **Brikana we kee chiriri pe.** Someday he will do what is good.

broni *noun.* white man. **Bronie nɛɛ Ghana tra nu funɔa.** There are many whites in

Ghana now. *From:* Twi. *Pl:* bronie.

brɔfiɛn *noun.* knife. **Brɔfiɛn ble kre nyu titi.** The small knife is very nice. *Pl:* brɔfiɛnlɛ.

brɔfiɛn afoo *noun.* sheath. **U brɔfiɛn kre le ki afoo nu.** He put the knife in the sheath.

brɔfiɛn kpɔɔ *noun.* cutlass. **Kwame sɛ na brɔfiɛn kpɔɔ kre ni see.** Kwame went to farm with the cutlass.

bru *verb.* 1) intoxicated. **Blɔ wre simi gbɔ mu bru.** The man is intoxicated from drinking gin. 2) raise groundnut mounds. **U bongrɛ see kre bru mu kɔ.** He has finished raising groundnut mounds on his farm.

bu *verb.* respect. **Ki fna mbe biile kro na kala bu.** It is good for children to learn respect.

bublɔ *verb.* move slowly. **Blɔ wre bublɔ.** The man moved slowly.

bubnɔ *noun.* donkey. **Bubnɔ wre pra u tuuro yire na.** The donkey could not carry the load. *Pl:* bubunlɔ.

bubungo *noun.* short wall. **Bubungo kre wali mu to.** The wall fell down.

buuro *noun.* respect. **Pɔ wre ndrɔ kaan buuro titi.** The child is very respectful.

C - c

cha *verb.* 1) search. **U u mbɔɔ wre cha mu la.** He searched for his sheep without success. 2) intercourse. **David na Uria chɔ cha.** David had sex with Uriah's wife.

chaa *verb.* 1) want. **Yaa chaa mbe kolo kun.** Yaa wants to travel. 2) join, combine. **U bleju yire na yua yire chaa.** He mixed the corn and the guinea corn.

chaara *noun.* look after another. **Peyɛ chaara kre nyu titi.** The way they care for one another is good.

chaara-chaara *adj.* mixed. **Yaw dodongɔ kre pe chaara-chaara.** Yaw's shirt is all different colours.

chachaa *noun.* womaniser. **Chachaa wi blɔ wre.** The man is a womaniser.

chafunɔ *noun.* 2nd wife. **Kofi, u chfunɔ wre chaa mu wɛ jlewo wre na.** Kofi loves his second wife more than the first one.

chaklo *noun.* spinster, unmarried woman. **Chaklo kro fna mbe nyɛtali mbe blɔ ta.** Every spinster should pray to have her own husband. *Pl:* chakulo.

chali *verb.* dry. **U bongrɛ yire chali yila na.**

He dried the groundnuts in the sun.

chalɔ *noun.* old lady. **Chalɔ wre mu titi.** The old lady is too aged. *Pl:* chalɛɛɛ.

chan *verb.* 1) wrestle down. **Kofi na Kwame wi a u u chan.** Kofi wrestled Kwame down. 2) spread out. **U sɛ dɛnglɛ yire chan haa.** He has gone to spread the mat.

—*noun.* vagina. **Chan nu chielɛ see.** Women give birth through the vagina.

chanche *noun.* the preferred woman. **U u chance wre nɔga kaara kpɔɔ mu wɛ nɔmba wre na.** He gives his preferred one more meat than this one.

chasi *adj.* neat. **Chlɔ wre pe chasi.** The woman is neat.

cheche *adj.* holy, innocent, without impurities. **Yesu na pe cheche.** Jesus was holy.

cheche-ndoo *noun.* sanctuary, Most Holy Place. **Suminyungo kre pe cheche-ndoo.** The temple is a holy place.

chese *verb.* commission. **U u chese u tuuro yire.** He sent his stuff with him.

chɛchiəri *adv.* bit by bit. **U nyua kre nduu chɛchiəri.** He climbed the mountain bit by bit.

chia *noun.* town. **Sojae pre sɛ chia lam.** The soldiers have gone into town. *Pl:* **chiɛ.**

chiafun *noun.* inhabitant of the town. **Chiafɛɛnɛ n na chia kre chichie chaa.** The townspeople do not want to see progress. *Pl:* **chiafɛɛnɛ.**

chichie *adj.* beautiful. **Yonggo chichie fna na ŋunu ni.** It is fitting that the chief wears beautiful cloth. *Pl:* **chichiele.**

chie *verb.* knead, massage. **U yonggo kre chie nyumu nu.** He kneaded the cloth into the water.

chieri *verb.* cut with cutlass. **U tre kre chieri mu kun.** He cut the vine with a cutlass.

chiɛn *verb.* give way. **U chiɛn mu leele pre ŋga kolo.** He moved aside and gave the people the road.

chiɛnri *adj.* shiny. **Feelee kre chiɛnri titi.** The ring is very shiny.

chiɛnri *adj.* 1) dazzling. **Yila to dwanle kre na a kra chiɛnri.** The sun hit the mirror and made it dazzle. 2) nasalized. **Kee tataara wa yi chiɛnri maalɛɛ nu.** Many words in our language are nasalized.

chieri *adv.* a short while, almost, few. **Na ki pe chieri mbe sɛ wa.** I will go there in a little while.

chiin *noun.* soup. **Fnumu chiin tna na mbro ni.** Calabash seed soup is sweet with fish.

—*adv.* only. **Wre chiin, u wa katoo.** He alone is in the house.

—*verb.* delay. **Pie mu mbe chiin sɛ Nafanchia.** They will delay before they return to the Nafaanra village.

Chiin-suuru *noun.* stirring stick. **Chiin-suuru kre ka.** The stick used for stirring is broken.

chin *verb.* acquainted with, know how to do something. **Ama n Kofi lɛ chin.** Ama does not know Kofi's father.

chine *adj.* repent, fade, exchange. **U u jawala chine.** He has repented, changed his way of thinking.

chiriri *adv.* well. **U tnumu kre tun chiriri.** He did the work well.

chlɛ *noun.* divination. **Chlefun wre n chlɛ wre chlɛ mu nya.** The soothsayer did not see any wrong thing against the woman. *Pl:* **chilɛ.**

—*verb.* sift. **Pɔ wre mimi kre chlɛ.** The child is sifting flour.

chlɔ *noun.* woman. **Ni chlɔ wre nya na u fali.** I saw the woman as she was weeding. *Pl:* **chielɛ.**

chom *adv.* only. **Finyjie nunu chom ni u pan.** He brought only one yam.

chombo *noun.* spear. **Pra kanglo wre su na chombo ni.** They pierced the grasscutter with a spear.

choo *noun.* clay. **Choo ni pe chɔ faanri.** With clay they mold pots.

chɔ *noun.* clay pot. **Chɔ ni Nafana sro taari.** With a pot the Nafana people prepare T.Z. *Pl:* **chɔɛ.**

chɔkoo *noun.* drinking pot. **Chɔkoo kre nyjiri.** The drinking pot is cold.

chɔlɔ *verb.* slope. **Bamba kre chɔlɔ; ki tia nyumu na ja mu yira wa.** The veranda slopes, so that water cannot stand there.

chɔlɔ-juu *noun.* waterfalls. **Chɔlɔ-juu, ŋga ki wa Kintampo kre, kpɔɔ mu we nyjɛ yi wa Nafantra nu kre na.** The Kintampo waterfalls is bigger than any in the Banda area.

chɔmm *adj.* pointed. **Kaan kre fre mbe ki nyu pe chɔmm.** Sharpen the stick so that its mouth is pointed.

chɔɔn *adj.* lean. **Pɔ wre n ja na lii; ki tia u chɔɔn.** The child cannot eat; that's why he is so thin.

chɔsi *noun.* crushed remains of grain after pounding. **U chɔsi yire kna mu wo ŋgulo pan.** He threw out the crushed grain to the chickens.

chrɛ *noun.* 1) calabash. **Blɔ wre chrɛ gbo ala nɛɛɛ.** The man harvested many calabashes this year. 2) hit. **U nyibie sheli; ki tia u ŋmbilɛ u waari chrɛ kpa.** He is stubborn; that is why his peers keep hitting him.

chrɛgbɔɔ *noun.* calabash used for drinking. **Chrɛgbɔɔ nyumu gbɔɔ tna titi.** This calabash is good for drinking.

chrɛri *verb.* scatter. **Ŋglo wre bleju yire chrɛri mu wo tra.** The chicken scatters the corn all over the ground.

chuami *noun.* linguist. **Ŋunu wre chuami sɛ Sampa na.** The Chief's linguist has gone to Sampa. *From:* Twi.

chunu *noun.* younger sibling. **Kwabana na u chunu sɛ see.** Kwabana and his junior brother went to the farm. *Pl:* **chinɛ.**

D - d

- da** *verb.* 1) swear. **Ni da na mba sɛ wa na.** I swear that I will not go there again. 2) reach. **Ŋga ndaa da wa na kie pe nyjila jijirɛ na yɔɔ.** When I reached there it was half passed four.
- daa** *adv.* everyday. **Ama shie asɔri daa.** Ama is going to church all the time.
- damba** *noun.* two pessewas. **Fa kre ndro lombro lo damba.** In years past a person bought an orange for two pessewas.
- damu** *noun.* width. **Nyungo kre damu we pe jeelee lafaa.** The width of the room is hundred feet.
- dani** *verb.* move closer. **U floi na dani u na.** He is moving over closer to him.
- danka** *noun.* coffin, box. **U u dodonyi le danka kre nu.** He put his clothes in the box. **Pe u le danka kre nu mu sɛ na u ni fanga lawee.** They put him in a coffin and took him to the cemetery. *From:* Twi.
- dankna** *noun.* hope. **Imi wra yo kre na tia ndaa dankna.** His promise gave me a hope.
- dansie** *noun.* witness. **Kofi na wi u dansie.** Kofi was his witness. *From:* Twi.
- dansiere** *noun.* testimony. **U kee kre dansiere li na kpura ma.** His testimony shows that it was not the truth.
- danga** *noun.* oath, vow. **Nyiekpɔɔ na Noa ŋga danga na wa nyumu tɛ mbe wangra kla na.** God gave Noah a vow that He would not again spoil the earth with water.
—*adj.* stupid. **Pɔ wre danga; ki tia wa jaa yaka twan.** The child is stupid; that's why he can not learn.
- denyjuu** *noun.* dishonesty. **Kalalifun wre denyjuu ni.** The lawyer is dishonest. (literally 'is with dishonesty')
- dɛnkɛ** *noun.* crocodile. **Pe dɛnkɛ hɛ tɛ na kpawrɛ pini.** They take the skin of the crocodile and make shoes.
- dɛnglɛ** *noun.* mat. **U dɛnglɛ kre wru mu sɛ katoo.** He took the mat and went to his house.
- didinge** *noun.* root. **Didinge kre fɔɔn.** The root is rotten. *Pl:* didinyi.
- dim** *adj.* calm. **Biile pre kroo wa sukuu nu; ki tia lawee kre ku dim.** All the children are at school and the place is very calm.
- dini** *noun.* spoon. **Dini ni chaa mbe chiin naa mbe le.** I need a spoon to taste the soup. *Pl:* dingle.
- dintaana** *noun.* deaf. **Dintaana wre n na kaa kre tingge loo, a kra u gbo.** The deaf person did not hear the sound of the car, and it killed him.
- dnɛ** *noun.* stone. **Pɔ wre hanyini wa na taya dnɛ ni mu gbo.** The child put a stone in a catapult and killed a bird.
- dnɛwee** *noun.* cave. **Dnɛwee pra Yesu le.** Jesus was buried in a cave.
- dnumu** *verb.* cheat. **Pe u dnumu jafa na wa.** They cheated him in the market.
- dobodobofun** *noun.* magician. **Dobodobofun wre yira finge kre kari yira wɔ.** The magician changed the white thing into a black thing.
- dodongi** *noun.* shirt. **Wra yonggo kre fra dodongi.** He sewed the cloth into a shirt. *Pl:* dodonyi.
- dɔkita** *noun.* hospital. **Wra yaa a pra sɛ na u ni dɔkita.** He was sick, and so they went with him to the hospital. *From:* English.
- dɔknu** *noun.* kenkey. **Bleju ni pe dɔknu pini.** Corn is used to make kenkey. *From:* Twi.
- dɔli** *verb.* bribe. **Wra blɔ wre dɔli a wra kala kre ti.** The man was bribed, so he dismissed the case.
- dɔngɔ** *noun.* worms. **Ni dɔngɔ nya loɔ kre nu.** I saw a worm in the river. *Pl:* dɔmblɔ.
- dɔɔta** *verb.* take care. **Lawee kre dɔɔta, nyukwan wa wa.** Beware of the place; there is a dog there.
- dɔɔya** *verb.* suffer, destroy. **Ndo Woli yira kre tia u dɔɔya.** Mr. Woli's sickness causes him to suffer. **Lewo sisam we jaa ti Nyiekpɔɔ u dɔɔya.** The sins of man will cause God to destroy him.
- drawa** *noun.* hook. **We mbro wɔ drawa ni.** He will catch fish with hooks.
- drunya** *noun.* world. **Pan drunya nyi imi.** This is how the world is.
- dumbre** *verb.* handle with care. **U chɛ yire dumbre mu sɛ na yi ni katoo.** He carried the pots carefully to the house.
- dumi** *noun.* grace. **Yire na Nyiekpɔɔ dumii e tni.** May the grace of God be with you.
- dunu** *noun.* track. **Bɔfɔ wre nuu wre dunu tɔɔnri.** The hunter is reading the track of the bush cow. *Pl:* dɔnɔmble.
- duɔu** *noun.* moth, termite. **Duɔu wre yonyi**

- yire kla.** The moth has spoiled the cloth.
Pl: dumblo.
- duu** *adj.* cloudy. **Dwanle kre pe duu.** The mirror is cloudy.
- dwa** *noun.* cassava. **Pe pan na dwa ni jafa na; oo jaa gaare pe.** There are plenty cassava in the market; we can make gari.

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- fa** *noun.* formerly. **Fa kre o tolɛɛ naa kpanyirɛ lii.** In the olden days, our grandfathers used cowrie shells as money.
—*verb.* 1) rub with oil, anoint. **Chlo wre wra Yesu jewrɛ fa na simi ni.** The woman anointed Jesus' feet with oil. 2) gather. **U pɔ mu kra yire fa mu ble ble.** She swept and gathered the rubbish into piles.
- faa** *adj.* off white. **Atta yongo kre pe faa.** Atta's cloth is off white.
- faanri** *verb.* massage, shape. **Bricha wre nyungo kre faanri mu ko.** The mason has finished molding/shaping the room. **Ni wejinge kro fna ni na; jande ni faanri.** My whole body is tired; please give me a massage.
- fafa** *noun.* 1) braid. **U u nyjure wa fafa.** She wove her hair into braids. 2) long ago. **Fafa kre na kaa n wa; ki tia tra leele na nyaari.** Long ago when there were no cars, our people walked everywhere.
- fakee** *noun.* history. **Chalo wre fakee chin.** The old lady knows something about history.
- fali** *verb.* farm. **Ama sɛ u bongrɛ see fali haa.** Ama went to her groundnut farm to weed.
- falifun** *noun.* farmer. **Nyie pan ala; ki tia falifun wre yie shɔ titi.** The rains came this year; so the farmer is very happy.
Pl: falifɛɛnɛ.
- fana** *verb.* mislead. **U u nyu yo na we pan tnumu nu, la, u ni fana.** He promised to come to work, but he misled me.
- fanaa** *noun.* deceit. **Ni n na fanaa kee chaa.** I do not want to be deceived
- fanga** *noun.* 1) strength. **Fangaa wa pɔ wre nu.** The child is strong and healthy. 2) grave, tomb. **Fanga kre juari.** The grave is broken. *Pl:* fanyi.
- fawolo** *noun.* ancestors. **Kakala na o fawolo na yiri; praa sni yurɔ hɛ na.** Our ancestors came from Kakala; they slept on animal skins.
- dwan** *verb.* bless. **Yesu na kɛ taa biile pre na mna pe dwan.** Jesus layed his hand on the children and blessed them.
- dwanle** *noun.* mirror, glass. **Dwanle kre nyu titi, ki tia jaa ni yie le funga.** The mirror is really nice; I can see my face now.
- feelee** *noun.* ring. **Feelee kre ndrɔ sheli, la, ki nyu ni kɛ na.** The ring costs too much, but it is pretty on my hand.
- feko** *adv.* group. **Leele pre kro tni feko feko.** All the people sat in groups.
- feni** *verb.* run. **Kofi ja na feni mu we sukoo biile pre kro na.** Kofi can run faster than any of the other school children.
- fɛ** *verb.* flee. **U fɛ mu yili nyungo wa.** He fled and left the room.
- fɛɛ** *verb.* 1) forget. **Na ndaa fɛɛ, ni sɔɔnri.** If I forget, remind me. 2) sneak. **Pɔ wre ju fɛɛ mu sɛ see.** The child snuck away and went to the farm.
—*noun.* twig. **Tinge kre fɛɛ yire ywa.** The twigs of the tree are dried out.
- fɛɛɛ** *verb.* become crooked. **Kaan kre fɛɛɛ.** The stick is crooked.
- fɛɛnrɛ** *noun.* blossom. **Tinge kre fɛɛnrɛ ndiom tna.** The tree blossoms smell sweet.
- fɛɛri** *verb.* squeeze. **U lombru kre fɛɛri a ki nyumu pan.** He squeezed the orange juice out.
- fɛngɛ** *noun.* penis. **Pra Isaki fɛngɛ kun kranu nyu na.** Isaac was circumcised at the age of one week.
- fiɛ** *verb.* fear. **Ni n na ndro fiɛ.** I do not fear anybody.
- fiɛɛ** *verb.* hurry. **U fiɛɛ mu sɛ paaki na.** He hurried and went to the football field.
- fien** *noun.* catapiller. **Fien wre chaa kpa.** The catapillers like leaves.
—*adj.* small. **Ni kambɛɛ ble fiɛn kre ni yaa.** My little finger pains me.
- fienfien** *adj.* little ones. **Biile fiɛnfien pre feni na pan.** The small children are coming running. *Pl:* fiɛnɛ.
- fierɛ** *noun.* fear. **Ki fna mbe fierɛ na o yiri Nyiskpɔɔ haa mbe we lewo na.** We should have fear of God more than of man.
- fifiire** *noun.* millet. **Fifiire luu nyjila n da tun.** Millet planting time has not yet arrived.
- figanga** *noun.* millepede. **Figanga wre jeelee nɛɛ, nde na nunu n wa u seei.**

The millepede has many legs, but if one is missing, it limps.

fii *verb.* turn off the lights, or the stove. **Jande, na mu yili wa mu kania kre fii.** Please, turn off the light when you leave.

fiiri *verb.* urinate. **Ni shie mbe sɛ fiiri fimi na.** I am going to urinate outside.

fimble *noun.* white ones. **ŋgulo fimble bribri pee wa u pan.** He has totally white chickens.

fimi *location.* outside. **Sugbɔ wre sɛ fimi na.** The goat has gone out.

fimi lawee *noun.* desert. **Sutna na sɛ Yesu penle fimi lawee yire nu.** Satan went and tempted Jesus in the wilderness.

fin *verb.* 1) germinate. **Finyjie yire fin chichie.** The yams germinated well. 2) blossom (different tone). **Mango kre fin ala titi.** The mango tree has blossomed well this year. 3) become dirty. **Pɔ wre n na weli; ki tia u fin mu ndri gbi.** The child does not wash; that's why he becomes so dirty.

finfin *adv.* for nothing. **U ni kɛ hlɛ kre finfin.** He gave the book to me free of charge. **Na u n wa wa; kena nda sɛ wa finfin.** He wasn't in, so I made the trip in vain.

fini *verb.* strain. **Ma Yaa nyumu kre fini mu ki nɔɔ kna mu wo.** Ma Yaa filtered the water and poured out the dirt.

finla *noun.* cripple. **Finla plɛ ja na pe kɛ nu tnumu tuni funga.** Some lame people are now able to put their hands to work.

finyjie *noun.* yam. **Finyjie wa jafa na.** There are yams in the market.

finge *adj.* white. **Sɛ yongo finge ka lɔ ni pan asɔrisɛwo.** Go and buy a white cloth for me for going to church. *Pl:* finyi.
—*verb.* maltreat. **Blɔ wre pɔ wre finge see wa.** The man maltreated the child at the farm.

fio *adv.* never. **Mba mu ŋga ki yi fio.** I will never give it to you at all.

flachɛ *noun.* shepherd. **Flachɛ wre pan na nɔɔɔ ni mbe ni lɔ.** The shepherds came with some milk for me to buy. *From:* Jula.

flo *verb.* keep away. **Flo ni jaara.** Keep away from me.

flom *noun.* mound. **Flom kre kpɔɔ titi.** This yam mound is too big. *Pl:* flonyi.

fna *noun.* lame. **Fna wre kpawɛ gbeele mu chin.** The crippled man knows how to repair shoes.

—*verb.* deserve. **Tnumu chichie fna na swa nɛɛɛ ni.** Good work deserves much pay.

fnaa *noun.* weariness. **Fnaa wa ni wejinge nu, kena mbe sni chieri.** I ache all over; I'm going to go lay down a little while.

fnɛ *verb.* lie. **U ja na kala fnɛ titi; ki tia ndro n u shɔnli.** She is always telling lies, so no one believes her.

fni *verb.* meet, confront. **Oo fni yilakɔngɔ.** We shall meet in the evening. **Mi na wre we fni a oo tun.** I will confront him and we will fight.

fnimi *noun.* urine, pus. **Fnimi nɛɛ u laŋmbaa kre nu.** There is lots of pus in his boil.

fninli *noun.* fellowship meals, party. **U nɔɔlɔ pre kro kro na sɛ fninli haa wa.** All of his friends went to the party.

fninyungo *noun.* church. **Yesu na jafalifɛɛnlɛ pre ni mu yile fninyungo wa.** Jesus drove the traders out of the synagogue.

fninge *adv.* bright. **Lelongofiun chiin, u fninge hanyielɛ nu.** The egret is the only white bird.

fo *verb.* 1) wrap. **U kaara kre fo na wrɛ ni.** He wrapped the meat with a leaf. 2) to spread like beans in the garden. **Atta chibi yire fo kagbla kre nu.** Atta's beans spread all over in the garden. 3) creep. **Pɔ wre fo mu yili leele pre nu.** The child crept away from the people.
—*adv.* unexpectedly. **Kwadwo pe fo nyungo wa.** Kojo surprised them by entering the room unexpectedly.

fokpɔɔ *noun.* big yam. **Fokpɔɔ ndrɔ sheli mu wɛ foluuro na nyjila kro nu.** Big yams are always more costly than the seedlings.

foli *verb.* pull out. **Dobodobofun wre bledi tini mu foli u nyuu.** The magician pulled blades out from his mouth.

foo *adj.* narrow. **Kolo kre pe foo.** The road is narrow.

—*noun.* python. **Foo ŋmba u kpɔɔ we jaa sajinu jɔli.** A big python can swallow an antelope. *Pl:* foolo.

foofoo *adj.* light weight. **Ma Nyini n fanga ni; ki tia u tuuro foofoo tio chaa.** Ma Nyini is not so strong; that's why she looks for light loads to carry.

foolo *verb.* scramble, to rush for something before it finishes. **Pe kaara yire foolo.** All the people scrambled for the meat.

fooro *noun.* sorrow, sadness, pity. **Nyiskpɔɔ we o fooro chin.** God knows our sorrow.

foorochien *noun.* compassion, sympathy, mercy. **Sɔfu wre foorochien tia leele na la u katoo.** Because of the pastor's compassion, there are always people in

his house.

foorochinfun *noun*. merciful person. **Foorochinfænlɛ wo yi dwamu. ŋgi na? Pre fooro pie chin.** The merciful persons will be blessed. Why? They will know mercy. *Pl: foorochinfænlɛ.*

foorolie *noun*. sadness. **ŋga u lo na ku kre, wra fooro li kpɔɔ.** When his mother died he was very sad.

foto *noun*. photograph. **Kofi foto kun mu chin paa; u foto kro kro nyu.** Kofi knows how to take pictures; all his photographs are good. *From: English.*

fotro *noun*. whip, rope used for scourging. **Soo wre n na chaa sɛ; ki tia u tafun u gbun fotro ni.** The horse doesn't like to go, so the owner has to hit him with a whip.

fɔ *verb*. 1) thresh. **Pe ywa yire fɔ.** They threshed the millet. 2) bandage. **U kla kre fɔ.** He dressed the sore. 3) roast. **U finyjie kre fɔ.** He roasted the yam.

fɔkrɔ *noun*. a certain fly that sucks blood like a mosquito. **Na nyie pan fɔkrɔɛ nɛɛ.** When the rains come these flies are many. *Pl: fɔkrɔɛ.*

fɔlɔ *noun*. debt. **Ni u fɔlɔ li sidi kagbenge jijire.** I owe him four thousand cedis. —*verb*. have sex. **U bichable wre fɔlɔ.** He had sex with the young girl.

fɔna *conj*. until. **Maa sra sɛ see wa fɔna mbe pan.** Do not go to the farm until I come.

fɔnkɔn *adj*. light weighted. **Pɔ wre yira kre tia u chɔɔ mu pe fɔnkɔn.** The child's sickness has made him thin and so light.

fɔngɔ *adj*. new. **Pe ɔfiisi fɔngɔ kre nyu nyaa.** The new office is opened. *Pl: fɔnyi.*

fɔlɛɛ *noun*. debts. **Na nyiepɔ ŋga ku we u fɔlɛɛ wie.** When this month ends, he will demand all his debts.

fɔɔn *adj*. rot. **Yira fɔɔn lawee shunshun chaa nyjila kro nu.** Places where rotten things are, the flies always like.

fɔɔnrɔ *noun*. weakness. **Pɔ wre fɔɔnrɔ tia u n na kakrɔ chaa.** The child's lack of strength makes him not look for quarrels.

fɔtɔɔrɔ *adj*. reward. **Chichiepefun fɔtɔɔrɔ fna na u ni.** Every good person deserves his reward.

fra *verb*. sew. **U kpla kre fra na pandiɛ ni.** He sewed his pants with a needle.

fra *verb*. err, do unintentionally. **Ndo Nyua we suɔu wre gbo, a kaan kre pɔ wre fra.** Ndo Nyua wanted to kill the mouse, and the stick hit the boy by mistake.

fraka *adj*. upright, righteous. **Kaan ŋga ki fraka ni chaa mbe nyungo sin.** A stick

that is straight I need to build a room. **Kalalifun wre pe ndro ŋmba u fraka.** The judge is a righteous person.

fre *noun*. excrement. **Blɔ wre sɛ fre yire kna mu le wee kre nu.** The man threw the faeces into the hole.

—*verb*. sharpen. **Blɔ wre kaan kre nyu fre.** The man sharpened the point of the stick.

frɛ *verb*. press. **U kɛɛn nyinyi yire frɛ na yirɛ ni mbe yia kulo.** He pressed the sticks with something so that they would not bend.

frɛrɛ *noun*. mud. **Frɛrɛ wa ndoo kre nu.** Mud is in the place.

friri *adj*. full. **Malo bɔtɔ kre nyi friri.** The bag of rice is full to the top.

frɔ *verb*. endure. **Ki fna mbe mna frɔ mu kanyana kro nu.** You have to endure all your suffering.

—*noun*. patience. **Jande ta frɔ.** Please, have patience.

fue *noun*. chaff. **U yirɛ fue yire kna mu wo.** He threw the chaff away.

fufla *noun*. hawk. **Fufla wre ŋgulo pre wru peii.** The hawk has taken all the chickens.

fufle *noun*. wind. **Zaara fufle nyu sheli titi.** The harmattan wind is always hard.

fulo *verb*. crawl. **Pɔ wre fulo bamba kre na.** The child crawled on the veranda.

—*number*. twenty. **Sidi fulo ni ta anga.** I have twenty cedis today.

fun *verb*. 1) fast. **Sɔɔblɔ wre yenge fun.** The moslem is fasting. 2) continuous soaking. **U yonyi yire fun mbe kɔɔ yi je.** She soaks the clothes before washing. 3) vanish. **Juo wre fun prosie yiɛ na.** The thief vanished from before the police's eyes.

funi *verb*. fear. **U wɔ nya a fiɛrɛ tia wra funi.** He saw a snake and became fearful.

funga *adv*. now. **Funga rɛ, mbe sɛ katoo.** Now, I am going home.

fungaami *adv*. from this point in time - forwards, or backwards. **We pan fungaami.** He will be coming soon. **Fungaami u yili fimi na.** He just left here.

fugu *noun*. stranger. **Fugu wre sɛ u chia.** The stranger has left for his town. *Pl: fumbɔ.*

fuu *verb*. 1) creep. **Kanglo wre fuu na tro.** The grasscutter crept and passed. 2) shout. **U fuu pɔ wre na a u pieri.** He shouted at the boy and he quieted down. 3) flow. **Lɔɔ kre fuu.** The river flows. 4) sprain. **Kwame jele fuu see na.**

Kwame sprain his leg at the farm.

fuuloo *noun*. knot. **U maŋa kre le fuuloo.** He tied the rope with a knot.

fuun *noun*. blind. **Fuun wre ja na shie see.** The blind man can go to the farm.

fuunro *noun*. blindness. **Blee fuunro kii wa u na.** He has night blindness.

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gaabu *noun*. dried onion leaves. **U se jafa na gaabu lahaa.** He went to the market to buy onion leaves.

gamba *noun*. rib. **U laa soo wre na mu to, a u gamba nunu ka.** He fell off the horse and broke one of his ribs.

ganga *noun*. 1) crab. **Ganga kpɔɔ waa laɔ kre nu.** There is a big crab in the river. *Pl: gambala.* 2) spear for hunting fish. **U se ganga kre ni laɔ.** He went to the river with the spear for fishing.

gbaa *noun*. palaquin. **Ŋunu wre gbaa kre nyu.** The Chief's palaquin is nice.

gbana *noun*. axe. **U gbana kre ti see wa.** He left the axe at the farm.

gbandaa *noun*. raffia. **Ni le se laɔ gbandee chaa haa mbe paan jɔɔn gbee.** My father went to the river to search for raffia to come and repair the chair. *Pl: gbandee.*

gbangɔ *noun*. wide open pot. **Ni gbangɔ kre juari.** My big clay pot is broken.

gbangmba *adj.* well. **Wra yaa, nde funngami uu gbangmba.** He was sick, but now he is well.

gbashia *noun*. laziness. **U gbashia tia a u n see ni.** His laziness is why he does not have a farm.

gbee *adv.* times. **Gbee mni mu se wa hin?** How many times have you been there?

gbee *verb*. renovate. **U basikee kre kla a u se ki gbee.** His bicycle was spoiled and he went to repair it.

gbeelee *noun*. repair. **Yira gbeelee sheli mu we ki klaa na.** It's easier to tear something down than to build it.

gbekaan *noun*. cheek. **Ŋga pe wii kre u u gbekaan gbun.** He was hit on the face during their wrestling.

gbena *noun*. pepper. **U se jafa na gbena lahaa.** She went to the market to buy pepper.

gbende *noun*. barren woman. **Gbende kro fna mbe bipɔɔɔ ta. Ŋgi na? Na u n na sii.** It is good for the barren woman to adopt an orphan. Why? Because she is not giving birth.

gbenmba *verb*. try. **Ticha wre biile pre gbenmba sukuu kre nu.** The teacher

encourages the children in school.

gbɛeri *verb*. 1) build a fire. **Kanhun kre gbɛeri nyaanyaa.** Build the fire quickly. 2) hold on lap. **Chalo wre u nana gbɛeri.** The old woman holds her grandchild on her lap.

gbɛngɛ *noun*. heat. **Yila kre gbɛngɛ pe na kanhun yi anga.** The heat of the sun today is like a fire.

gbɛngɛ *verb*. the swaying done by the moslems during prayer, swaying done from a stable position, always joyful. **Mee kre tna u pan, a u tni titɛ na gbɛngɛ.** The music was sweet to him, and he sat and swayed (to the music).

gbidinge *adj.* thickness. **Mboo kre gbidinge we pe jeelee shiin.** The thickness of the wall is about two feet.

gbila *verb*. roll. **U dne kre gbila kolo lalaa wa.** He rolled the stone from the road.

gbinjmbi *adj.* hold tightly. **U kro kre yii gbijmbi; ki tia kia jaa nyaa.** He is holding the door so firmly closed that it cannot be opened.

gblee *verb*. noise, clattering. **Pe gblee katoo wa titi.** There is too much noise in the house.

gbo *verb*. 1) carry on the back. **Yaa pɔ wre gbo pnungo.** Yaa carried the child on her back. 2) kill. **Pe mbɔ wre gbo brɔfiɛn kpɔɔ ni.** They killed the sheep with a cutlass.

gbofu *noun*. towel. **Kofi se gbofu fɔngɔ lahaa jafa na.** Kofi has gone to buy a new towel from the market.

gbolo *noun*. container. **U nyumu le gbolo kre nu.** He filled the bottle with water.

—*verb*. to get up early in the morning. **Chieɛ pre na gbolo bnimi pupu mna se Yesu fanga lawee.** The women got up early in the morning and went to Jesus' grave.

gbonɔ *noun*. stone. **Gbonɔ kre to chiin.** The stone fell into the soup. *Pl: gbonyi.*

gboo *noun*. cadaver. **Ange pra gboo wre le.** Yesterday they buried the body. *Pl: gbolo.*

gboori *verb*. scrape. **U chre gboori na brɔfiɛn ni.** He scraped the calabash

with a knife.

gboseuloo *noun*. rock. **Ni kochoo wre nya na u tni gboseuloo kre na.** I saw the monkey when he was sitting on the rock. *Pl: gboseulee.*

gbɔ *verb*. drink. **Sugbɔ wre gbɔ chɔkoo kre nu.** The goat drank from the pot.

—*noun*. large wooden bowl. **Ama gbɔ kre wa mu yɔ.** Ama threw the bowl and split it in two.

gbɔgbɔɔ *noun*. drunkard. **Mu yire u lo kumu kre na u kaari gbɔgbɔɔ.** Since his mother's funeral he has become a drunkard. *Pl: gbɔgbɔɔlɔ.*

gbɔɔ *noun*. thirst. **Gbɔɔ u ta.** He's thirsty.

gbɔɔn *noun*. beaten. **Gbɔɔn u chaa.** He is looking for a beating.

gbro *verb*. stumble. **Pɔ wre gbro mu to.** The child stumbled and fell down.

gbru *adj*. short. **Na maŋaa gbru, pra ki tini.** When the rope is short they don't pull on it.

gbuenlɛɛ *noun*. hearth. **Na gbuɛnlɛɛ yire nunu kɔ, ma jaa yaka sɔɔ yi na.** If one of the hearth stones is missing, you can't cook a thing.

gbugbam *adj*. health. **Uu wa u gbugbam nu aŋga.** He is in his health today.

gbugbuɛ *noun*. chest. **U gbugbuɛ yi u yaa.** He is suffering in his chest.

gbun *noun*. 1) chest. **Kpatɔ kre tia a u gbun na u yaa.** His cold is why he is having chest pain. 2) bravery. **Blɔ wre gbun ni paa.** The man is very brave.

—*verb*. flap the wings, kick, blow, beat. **U bɔɔli kre gbun.** He kicked the ball. **Pɔ**

wre lɛ u gbun. The child was beaten by the father.

gbunfun *noun*. brave man. **Gbunfun u fna mbe sɛ soja.** It would be good for the brave man to be a soldier. *Pl: gbunfɛɛnlɛ.*

gbuntitirem *noun*. bravery. **Soja wre na gbuntitirem tɛɛ mna sojaɛ pre ni.** The soldier was brave enough to drive away the other soldiers.

gbunu *verb*. doze. **Ŋga Ticha wre paara kre na u gbunu.** He was dozing while the teacher was talking.

—*noun*. hearth stone. **Gbunu kre nunu ja mu kla.** One of the hearth stones is completely spoiled.

gbunyinge *adj*. comfort. **Ki fna mbe mna u gbunyinge.** You should have comforted him.

gbuun *verb*. blow. **Fufɛ kre gbuun na nyiɛ we pan.** The wind is blowing like rain will come.

gran *noun*. kerosene tin. **Gran ni u bleju yire leni.** With a kerosene tin he measures the maize.

grere *verb*. to get ready. **Grere mbe o sɛ lɔɔ.** Get ready, so we can go for water.

greree *noun*. belt. **Ma Yaa's greree kre saan a u yongo kun mu to.** Ma Yaa's belt came undone and her cloth fell.

gunachien *noun*. an amphibian like a tortoise. **Kaara wa gunungo nu mu wɛ gunachien na.** There is more meat in the tortoise than in this amphibian.

H - h

haka *location*. somewhere, anywhere. **U sɛ haka.** He went somewhere.

hali *adv*. even if. **Hali na u n pan kuraa, mbe sɛ.** Even if he does not come, I will go.

hama *noun*. hammer. **Hama ni chaa mbe danka gbee.** I need a hammer to build a box. *From: English.*

hankro *noun*. dried skin of an animal. **Hankro yire mu jafa na.** The dried skins keep long in the market.

hanyini *noun*. bird. **Hanyini wre tro lɔɔ kre yiɛ na.** The bird flew across the river. *Pl: hanyiɛlɛ.*

hanyjoo *noun*. coconut. **Hanyjoo tingge kre to.** The coconut tree is fallen.

haja *adj*. remainder of things. **Sena swa kre haja kre nyi hin?** Where is the last of the money? *Pl: hɛnyi.*

haju *noun*. remainder of people. **Sena haju wre nyi hin?** Where is the last person? *Pl: hamblɛ.*

hau *verb*. trouble. **Ma ni hau.** Don't trouble me. *From: Twi.*

hla *adj*. unconcerned. **Pɔ wre ke ka ma na yaka ni; u ndro hla titi.** The child is not concerned about anything.

hle *verb*. start. **U tnumu kre nɔɔ hle.** He has started the work.

hleju *noun*. cockroach. **Hleju ja na yongo kla.** The cockroach can spoil a cloth. *Pl: hlemble.*

hle *noun*. 1) book. **Mbuura tataara wa hle kre nu.** The book contains many stories. 2) animal skin. **Yurɔ hle kre kla.** The skin of the animal is spoiled. 3) paper. **Hle ka ni cha mbe lɛta nyunɔ ni lɛ pan.** I need

some paper to write my father a letter.

hɛschinfun *noun*. literate person. **Wre chiin wi hɛschinfun chia kre na.** He is the only literate person in the town. *Pl: hɛschinfɛɛnɛ.*

hlo *noun*. elephant. **Hlo chiin u ja na hanyjoo jru nyaa yurɛ nu.** Among the animals of the bush, only the elephant can swallow a coconut. *Pl: hulo.*

hlu *verb*. 1) hang. **Dodongi kre hlu ɲmaa kre na.** Hang the shirt on the nail. 2) spit. **U tɛɛnrɛ hlu mu wo u na.** He spat on him. 3) pacify. **U u lɛ hlu na mbɔɔ ni.** He pacified his father with a sheep.

J - j

ja *verb*. 1) break. **Pɔ wre gbolo kre ja.** The child broke the gourd. 2) conquer. **Pra pe longgoolo pre ja.** They conquered their enemies. 3) to be able. **U ja na shie see funga.** He can now go to the farm.

jaala *noun*. sister. **Ni jaa wi Ama.** My sister is Ama. *Pl: jaala.*

jaara *prep*. side, beside. **Pan mu tni ni jaara.** Come and sit near me.

jaari *verb*. 1) warn. **U u jaari na waa shia se wa.** He was advised not to go there. 2) yawn. **U ɲunumu kre tia a wra jaari.** He is yawning because he's sleepy.

jafa *noun*. market. **U sɛ jafa na.** He has gone to the market.

jafalifun *noun*. traders. **Jafalifun wre sɛ Techiman jafa na.** The trader went to Techiman market. *Pl: jafalifɛɛnɛ.*

jajaara *noun*. greed. **U jajaara tia ndro na sro mu da u na.** His greed makes it so no one can approach him.

jakaan *noun*. walking stick used by old ladies. **Chalɔ wre jakaan kre ka wee kre nu.** Her walking stick got broken in the hole.

janda *noun*. rafia mat. **Pe janda prɛ jafa na.** They sell rafia mats in the market.

jande *excl*. please. **Jande, ni ɲga sidi kagbenge kɛ.** Please give me ten thousand cedis.

janɲa *noun*. 1) authority. **Uu wa na janɲa ni katoo kre na.** He's the one with the authority in the household. 2) force. **Janɲa ni u tɛɛ mu ki shɔ.** He forced and took it.

jawa *verb*. 1) to discuss, to plot, to think, to decide, to take notice of. **Jawa ni jawa; kena jande, laa ni na.** I am thinking; so please don't bother me. 2) discuss. **ɲgi ble oo kala kre jawa hin?** When are we going to discuss the case? 3) decide. **Kalalifun wre kala kre jawa.** The judge decided the case.

jawala *noun*. opinion, thought, knowledge,

mind. **E ti mbe o kro jawala nunu ta.** Let us all have one mind.

je *verb*. 1) refuse. **U je mbo wa sɛ.** He refused, saying he would not go. 2) wash, one can also wash film for developing. **U yonyi yirɛ je mu kɔ.** He has finished washing the clothes. 3) divorce. **Wre na u chɔ je.** He divorced his wife.

jeendee *noun*. onion. **Ama sɛ jeendee lo haa jafa na.** Ama went to the market to buy onions.

jekambɛlogbonggo *noun*. big toe. **Kofi u jekambɛlogbonggo gbɔ a kra u yaa.** Kofi kicked his big toe on a stone and it hurts him.

jekpɔlɔ *noun*. thigh. **U jekpɔlɔ tin.** His thigh is swollen.

jele *noun*. leg. **Wɔɔ n jele ni.** A snake has no leg. *Pl: jeelee.*

jenu *noun*. corner. **Uu wa mu yire nyunɲo kre jenu na.** He is standing at the corner of the room.

jeribaa *noun*. tanner. **Jeribaa wre tafu fra.** The tanner made a talisman. *From: Jula.*

jese *noun*. thread. **Jese n wa stɔɔ kre nu.** There is no thread in the store.

jesingɛ *noun*. hip. **Na chalɔ wre to kre, u u jesingɛ kre juari.** When the old lady fell, she broke her hip.

jewrɛ *noun*. feet. **Nyukwan u nu jewrɛ na.** A dog bit him on the feet.

jiin *verb*. groan. **U lɛɛ yira yire tia a wra jiin.** His stomach pains made him groan.

jiji *verb*. to force through. **U jiji mbe le leele pre nu.** He forced himself into the midst of the people.

jijiele *noun*. fools. **Plɛ ndikana ndra na; pra kaari jijiele mna kala nya pe sisam ndra na.** Some close their ears; they become fools and see troubles because of their sins.

jijiere *noun*. foolishness. **Blɔ wre jijiere tia pe mbɔɔ shɔ u pan ɲunu katoo wa.**

Because of the man's foolishness, the chief's house charged him a sheep.

jijirɛ *number*. four. **Ama u taa jijirɛ tafɛngɛ kre nu.** Ama came in in fourth place in the race.

jijirɛwo *adj.* fourth. **U biile jijirɛwo wi kre.** This is his fourth child.

Jijuo *noun*. fool, unwise. **Jijuo wi, kre ki tia u to lɔɔ kre nu.** He is a fool; that's why he fell into the river.

jijuom *adj.* depth. **Lɔɔ kre jijuom we pe shɔɔlɛ lafaa.** The depth of the river will be about a hundred yards.

jin *verb*. lend, borrow. **Jande, ni jin sidi lafaa.** Please, loan me a hundred cedis.

jini *noun*. blasphemy. **Na mu wa chɔ cha mu le jini mu.** When you sleep with someone's wife, you commit blasphemy.

—*verb*. continuative aspect of 'jin'. **Swa Kofi leele jini na tro.** Kofi is always lending money to people

jira *noun*. lion. **Jira na nyaa ka na kaara bɔɔkɔ.** The lion does not eat grass, only meat.

jlangoli *noun*. rainbow. **Jlangoli kre sembremu nyu paa.** The rainbow colours are beautiful.

jle *verb*. peep. **U u jle tokro kre nu.** He peeped at him through the window.

jlɛwo *adj.* first. **Sena jlɛwo wre nyi hin?** Where is the first one?

jlo *verb*. burp. **U yɔɔ mu tro; ki tia u jlo.** He was more than full; that made him burp.

jlom *noun*. clan. **Jlom shiin gbi yii wa chia kre na.** The village has only two clans.

jlom lopom *noun*. head of family. **Na u le ku, wre titi pe jlom lopom.** When his father died, he became the head of the family.

jlɔnwee *noun*. entrance. **Pe jlɔnwee kre tɔ.** They closed the entrance.

jlɔngɔ *noun*. storing pot. **Jlɔngɔ pe yira ngga nu fawolo naa simi leni.** This storing pot was used in the olden days to store drink.

jlɔnyi *noun*. chains. **Jlɔnyi yire pile.** The chains are broken.

jna *noun*. dwarf. **Pe yo mbo, jna wa tingɛ**

kre ndra na. They say there are dwarfs on the tree.

jningɛ *noun*. one of the six rotational days in Nafaanra. **Jningɛ ble pe chlɔ teeri nyungɔ.** On this day they move the bride to the home of her bridegroom.

jopo *noun*. resting day. **Ajuan ble pe jopo mu falifɛɛnlɛ ngga.** Friday is a resting day for the farmers.

jɔli *noun*. swallow. **Foo wre nyukwan wre jɔli.** The python swallowed the dog.

jɔngɔ *verb*. move. **Funga pe kaa kre gbeele mu kɔ, a ki jɔngɔ ki titɛɛ.** Now that they have repaired the car, it has moved from where it was.

jɔɔn *noun*. chair, stool. **Kofi sɛ na u jɔɔn kre ni sukuu.** Kofi went with his chair to school. *Pl:* juɛn.

jre *adj.* faint, collapse. **U jre a pe u tio mu sɛ dɔkita.** He fainted and so they have carried him to the hospital.

jri *verb*. 1) sneeze. **Kpatɔ u gbun; ki tia a wra jri.** He has cold; that is why he is sneezing. 2) crack open shells, groundnuts, or eggs. **Ni shie bongrɛ jri haa.** I am going to shell groundnuts.

ju *verb*. steal. **U finyjie ju jafa na.** He stole some yams from the market.

juari *verb*. break. **Chɔ kre to mu juari.** The pot fell and broke.

junyo *verb*. whisper. **U kee kre junyo u pan a u n loo.** He whispered, but she could not hear.

juo *noun*. thief. **Pe juo wre gbun na pwa ni.** The thief was shot dead. *Pl:* juolo.

—*adj.* deep. **Lɔɔ kre juo.** The river is deep.

juru *noun*. harp. **Fawolo jutaa na yi juru a praa mɛɛ gbuun na ki ni.** Our ancestors had a harp as their guitar and were playing music with it.

juule *verb*. cover the head, or something else. **U ngulo pre juule na kakɛɛ ni.** He covered the chickens with a basket.

juuro *noun*. stealing, robbery. **Juuro n nyu shɔnlifɛɛnlɛ pan.** Stealing is not a good habit for the christian.

K - k

ka *noun*. some. **Jande, ni ngga kaara kre ka.** Please, give me some of the meat.

—*verb*. 1) eat. **U finyjie yire ka peii.** He ate all the yam. 2) break. **U sna titi mu kaan kre ka.** He is so heavy that he

broke the stick.

kaa *noun*. 1) lorry, car. **Kaa kre nyjira frɛɛ nu.** The lorry got stuck in the mud. 2) joke. **Kaa ni lii.** I am joking.

kaala *verb*. deny, refute, argue. **U kaala na**

wre ma. He denied that he was the one.
kaalie *noun.* making fun of. **U kaalie kre tia u yiε na nyina na u ni.** His joking with him made him angry.
kaambεεε *noun.* butterfly. **Kaambεεε toto chaa kpa.** Butterflies really like flowers.
kaan *noun.* 1) stick, staff. **Chlε wre kaan kre ka a u n ja na nyaari na.** The old lady's staff is broken so she is no longer able to go out. 2) hope. **Nii wa na kaan ni nyjeeri.** I have a hope in heaven.
kaanri *verb.* argue, challenge. **Biile pre wa na peyε nyu kaanri.** The children are arguing among themselves.
kaara *noun.* meat. **Sugbε kaara tnamuu kiye na mbεε wo ni.** Goat meat, like lamb, has its own sweetness.
kaari *verb.* turn, to seek protection. **U fε mu sε blε wre kaari.** He went and sought protection from the man.
kabaara *noun.* slander. **Kabaara we jaa ti mbe prosie ndro yii mbe le nyungo finfin.** Slander can be enough for the police to put a man in prison. *Pl:* **kabεεε.**
kabiile *noun.* natives. **Fumblε na chia kee chin na kabiile lε.** Strangers do not see the town things as a native.
kable *noun.* village. **Kable biaa fna mbe asεori ta.** Each village should have a church.
kabro *noun.* malaria. **Kabro u yii.** Malaria has attacked him.
kachinde *noun.* wisdom, intelligence. **Sepe kala chin mu wε yure kro na.** A spider is an intelligent animal.
kachiju *noun.* wise, intelligent person. **Na mu kachiju se, mna fna.** When you give birth to a wise person, it is as it should be. *Pl:* **kachimblε.**
kafεεε *noun.* forgetfulness. **Kafεεε wa u na.** He's forgetful.
kafine *noun.* lie. **Kafine yi.** It is a lie.
kafnu *noun.* liar. **Ŋga u pe kafnu kre, ki tia ndro na u kala shε mu li.** As he is a liar, no one believes him.
kafue *noun.* sweat, perspire. **Tafεngε kre tia a kafue yili u na.** The race has made him sweat.
kafuεn *noun.* rotten meat. **Nyukwanla kafuεn chaa.** Dogs like rotten meat.
kafungo *noun.* dust bin. **Kafungo kre shio.** The dust bin is on fire. *Pl:* **kafunyi.**
kagbaan *noun.* hoe. **U kagbaan kre kaan ka.** The handle of the hoe is broken. *Pl:* **kagbεεn.**
kagbala *noun.* veranda, sitting room. **Bricha wre kagbala kre gbeele.** The mason

renovated the veranda. *Pl:* **kagbaalεε.**
kagbenge *noun.* thousand. **Finyie kagbenge u ta mu wε u see ala.** He has put away a thousand yams at his farm this year.
kagbla *noun.* garden. **Sugbε le Ndo Nyua kagbla wa.** A goat has gotten into Ndo Nyua's garden.
kahaa *noun.* place where animals feed. **U sε na nduulo pre ni kahaa.** He led the cows to the pasture.
kajinyurε *noun.* leopard. **Kajinyurε wa Kumasi zuu.** There are leopards in the Kumasi zoo.
kajinge *noun.* finger nail. **U u kajinge gbun na kaan ni.** He hit his finger with a stick. *Pl:* **kajinyi.**
kajle *noun.* bone. **Nyukwan wre kajle kre wru.** The dog has taken the bone.
kakεε *noun.* basket. **Kakεε kre ndrε sheli.** The price of the basket is too expensive.
kakεtunju *noun.* quarrelsome person. **Pra kaha li na kakεtunju ni.** They don't joke with a quarrelsome person.
kakpεε *noun.* city, big town. **Kofi sε kakpεε kre na.** Kofi has gone to the big city. *Pl:* **kaplεε.**
kakra *noun.* 1) lizard. **Pan kakra wejinge nyi na taanree wo yi.** The small lizard has the same body as the monitor lizard. 2) argument. **Pe kakra li sugbε wre na.** They had an argument over the goat.
kakrε *noun.* quarrel. **Kakrε le wre na u nunu wre lalaa.** There is a quarrel between him and his friend.
kala *noun.* case. **Wre na u chε kala ta.** There is a case between him and his wife. *Pl:* **kaalεε.**
kalalifun *noun.* magistrate. **Kalalifun wre n sε kalalihaa wa angga.** The magistrate did not attend court today. *Pl:* **kalalifεεnε.**
kalalihaa *noun.* court. **U n sε kalalihaa angga.** He did not go to court today.
kalεε *noun.* old town. **U sε kalεε kre na na.** He went to the old town again.
kalie *noun.* right, right hand. **Ki fna mbe mu tro kalie.** You have to pass to the right.
kaliire *noun.* judgement. **Kalalifun wre kaliire n tna.** The judge's judgment is not good.
kalonggo *noun.* house. **U kalonggo kre nyu kpa.** He has a fine house. *Pl:* **kalonyi.**
kama *emphasis.* nice. **U kalonggo kre nyu kama.** He has a fine house.
kambεε *noun.* finger. **Ni kambεε fuu.** I sprained my finger. *Pl:* **kambεεεε.**
kameŋε *noun.* left hand. **Ni kameŋε kε ni**

yaa. My left hand hurts.
kamiungu *noun.* left handed. **U pe kamiungu; ki tia wa jaa tnumu tun kalie ni.** He is left handed; that is why he can't do work with his right hand.
kan *verb.* 1) lock. **U krɔ kre kan.** He locked the door. 2) scoop, empty. **Mbe lɔɔ kre kan mbe mbroe pre wɔ.** I will scooped out the water and take the fish. 3) nail. **ŋmaa kre kan mboo kre na.** Hammer this nail into the wall.
kandala *noun.* palm. **Kaan u kandala su.** A stick pierced the palm of his hand.
kanhuun *noun.* fire. **U kanhuun gbɛɛri.** He built a fire.
kania *noun.* lantern, lamp. **U kania kre le tebru kre jaara.** He put the lantern next to the table.
kanyaa *verb.* stir up. **Leele pre na kanyaa le mna Stefano waari dne ni mna gbo.** The people were stirred up and threw stones at Stephen to kill him.
kanyana *noun.* distress, distress, affliction, pain. **Pe kanyana nɛɛ titi.** Their suffering is too much.
kanyie *noun.* walking stick, staff. **U kanyie kre ka.** His walking stick is broken.
kanyjuula *adj.* supine. **U sni kanyjuula.** He sleeps on his back.
kanɔro *noun.* fist. **U u gbun na kanɔro ni.** He hit him with his fist.
kanɔmba *noun.* a yellowish yam. **Kanɔmba tra fiŋɔɔ chaa mu wɛ gbanɔmbaa na.** The yellow yam needs new ground instead of an old farm site.
kapɛ *noun.* scissors. **Tela wre kapɛ kre fun.** The tailor lost his scissors.
kapinta *noun.* carpenter. **Kapinta wre nyjeere tnumu chin mu wɛ tra tnumu na.** This carpenter knows better how to work up off of the ground.
kaplɔ *noun.* he-goat. **Pe sɛ na kaplɔ wre ni sɛɛn jaara.** They took the he-goat to the fetish house.
kaponɔgo *noun.* whole town. **Kaponɔgo kre kro leele sɛ tnumu nu.** The whole town went to communal labour.
kapɔɔ *noun.* native, inhabitant. **Fuɔu ma ndo nyua, kapɔɔ wi.** He is not a stranger, but a native.
kapra *noun.* tendon. **U kapra sheli sheli.** He has strong tendons.
kawa *noun.* wonder. **Nyiekpɔɔ yo mbo waa na kawa ŋga oo ka ni.** God said we should not wonder about what we will eat.
kawa *noun.* a skin disease. **Kawa ndro piin patipati.** This kind of skin disease

makes the skin blotchy. *Pl:* **kawae.**
kawako *adj.* wonderful, surprise, astonish. **U kee kawako ni.** He is full of surprises.
kawiere *noun.* question. **Ticha wre biile pre ŋga kawiere tataara.** The teacher asked the students a lot of questions.
kayooro *noun.* talking too much. **U kayooro tataara tia pra ndie tɛɛ u pan nyjila kro nu.** Her constant talking causes people to not pay attention to her.
kee *adj.* matters, events. **Kee kre Yaw yo kre n nyu.** The matter Yaw talked about is not good.
keefɔnyi *noun.* new matters. **Nyisee kro na ke keefɔnyi ni.** Tomorrow has it own events.
keenyanɔfun *noun.* prophet. **Samuel na pe Nyiekpɔɔ keenyanɔfun.** Samuel was God's prophet.
keenyanɔoo *noun.* prophecy. **U keenyanɔoo yire pini yɛngɛ.** His prophecy turns out to be the truth.
kefɔngɔ *adj.* new matter. **Kefɔngɔ mu yuu ni pan kre.** You are telling me a different story.
kejenyi *noun.* firewood. **U sɛ nyaa kejenyi pan.** He has gone for firewood.
kejle *adj.* first matter. **Kejle kre nsra u yaa na shiinwo kre yi.** The first matter did not pain him like the second one did.
kekpra *noun.* truth. **U n kekpra kre yo.** He did not say the truth.
kena *adv.* then. **Kena mu sɛ ra?** Then will you go?
kepele *noun.* conduct, behavior. **U kepele n nyu.** His behavior is not good.
keshian *noun.* important. **Ki keshian n wa u na.** It is not important to him.
ketaan *noun.* sweet message. **Pe sɛ ketaan kre kpali.** They spread the good news.
keyoo *verb.* proclaim. **Paara mu kpri li mu keyoo nu.** Talk and be faithful in your talking.
ke *noun.* hand, number ten. **A mble pe pe ŋmbile pini chichie kre, u ke toni pe na.** Those who do good to their fellows, he puts his hand on them. *Pl:* **kenyi.**
—verb. give. **Ni ke nyumu taan mbe ni gbo!** Give me sweet water to drink!
keɛ *verb.* continuative form of 'ke'. **Keɛ wra u ke swa kre.** The money was given to him.
keɛpɔɔ *noun.* bush cat. **U keɛpɔɔ wre pɛɛri na pɛɛ ni.** He trapped the bush cat.
kekoooro *verb.* clap. **Assɔri fɛɛnle pre kekoooro tia o n na ndrɔ.** The church people clapping kept us from hearing.
kembəkəɔnatarɛ *adj.* eighteen. **U tɔɔri**

mu sɛ su kɛmbəkɔnatarɛ. He counted up to eighteen.

kɛmbəkunɔ *adj.* fifteen. **U u ŋga finyjie kɛmbəkunɔ.** He gave him fifteen yams.

kla *verb.* 1) smoke, roast, fry. **U mbroe pre kla.** He is smoking the fish. 2) inform. **U ni kla na we sɛ.** He informed me that he will be going.

—*adj.* spoiled, damaged. **Kaa kre kla.** The lorry is damaged.

—*noun.* sore. **Ni kla ni yaa.** My sore hurts. *Pl:* **klɛ.**

klafun *noun.* destroyer. **Lawee klafun wre sɛ seechia.** The destroyer has gone to the farm village. *Pl:* **klafɛɛnlɛ.**

klayira *noun.* griddle, spit, (for smoking meat). **Kaara klayira kre shɔ.** The griddle is burnt.

klɛ *noun.* branch. **Tinyi yire klɛ yire kwari mu wo.** The branches of the tree have broken off.

—*verb.* step aside. **Pɔ wre klɛ a kaa kre tro.** The child stepped aside and the car passed.

klo *noun.* hunger, famine, lack, or shortage. **Klo to ala ylɛ ŋga nu.** There is great famine this year.

—*adj.* bulk of something. **Simi klo yire ndrɔ nyu.** The price of the bulk of the shea butter is fine.

klɔklo *noun.* turkey. **Klɔklo u kpɔɔ kwenyurɛ nu katoo.** The turkey is the biggest among all the domestic birds.

klɔ *noun.* forest. **Yurɛ wa klɔ kre nu.** There are animals in the forest.

—*verb.* 1) cough. **Kpatɔ pɔ wre gbun a ki tia a wra klɔ.** The boy has a cold; that is why he is coughing. 2) pluck. **Sɛ ŋglo wre klɔ.** Go and pluck the chicken. 3) remove. **Jande ŋmɛɛ yire klɔ.** Please remove the nails.

klu *verb.* 1) shave, prune. **Pe u ndra klu.** The barber shaved the boy's head. **U tinyi yire ndra klu na brɔfiɛn ni.** He pruned the trees with the cutlass. 2) lead, go ahead. **U klu mu sɛ o na katoo.** He went ahead of us to the house.

kna *verb.* turn. **Kna kokoo ŋgaa na!** Turn to the other end!

knumu *verb.* cut into pieces. **U paanuu kre knumu.** He cut the bread into slices.

ko *verb.* fetch. **U sɛ nyumu ko haa.** He has gone to fetch water.

kochoo *noun.* red monkey. **Bɔfɔ wre kochoo gbo.** The hunter killed a red monkey.

koklo *noun.* snail. **Koklo wa taa kre nu.**

There is a snail in the basin. *Pl:* **kokuloo.**

kokoe *noun.* leprosy. **Kokoe yi u knumu.** He is suffering from leprosy.

kokoefun *noun.* leper. **Kokoefun wre n mana ni.** The leper has no nose. *Pl:* **kokoefɛɛnlɛ.**

kokoo *noun.* side. **Ni wɔɔ nya na u sni pɔ wre kokoo.** I saw a snake sleeping beside the child.

kokɔɔn *noun.* highway man. **Kokɔɔn wre prangka ki tia leele wa jaa sɛ see anga.** The highway man is annoyed so the people can't go to the farm today. *Pl:* **kokɔɔnlɔ.**

koli *verb.* gather. **Sɛ dwa yire koli!** Go and gather the cassava!

kombo *noun.* hyena. **Komboo wa Kumasi zoo wa.** There is a hyena in Kumasi zoo. *Pl:* **komboolo.**

koo *noun.* rainy season. **Tambɛ lɔɔ na nyi koo kre nu.** River Tombe was full during the rainy season.

kookoo *noun.* porridge. **U kookoo ka gbo a u chiin sɛ sukuu.** She drank some porridge before going to school

koori *verb.* clap. **Sukuu biile pre kɛnyi koori.** The school children are clapping their hands.

kori *verb.* love. **Kofi u chunu wre kori.** Kofi loves his brother.

kosie kan *verb.* kneel down. **U kosie kan ŋunu wre yiɛ.** He knelt down in front of the Chief.

kosoo *noun.* knee. **U kosoo u yaa.** His knee is paining him. *Pl:* **kosie.**

kotikaan *noun.* rib. **U kotikaan nunu ka paaki na.** He had one of his ribs broken on the ball field.

kotinge *noun.* armpit. **Laŋmbaa wa u kotinge.** There is a boil under his arm.

kotolo *noun.* bowl or dish made of clay. **Wra kotolo kre wa mu ja.** She threw the bowl and broke it. *Pl:* **kotie.**

kotɔŋu *noun.* follower. **Pita na pe Yesu kotɔŋu.** Peter was a follower of Jesus. *Pl:* **kotɔmbɔ.**

kotro *noun.* dove. **Kotro wre to nyungo kre ndra na.** A dove has landed on top of the building. *Pl:* **kotulo.**

koyɔɔsu *noun.* island. **Koyɔɔsu tɛɛ pe fiɛɛ ni kpa.** Living on an island is a very fearful thing.

kɔ *verb.* 1) finish. **U tnumu kre tun mu kɔ.** He has finished doing the work. 2) uproot, pull out. **U ŋmaa kre kɔ na hama ni.** He pulled out the nail with the hammer. 3) sing. **Wra mɛɛ kɔ.** He sang a song.

- kɔdu** *noun*. banana. **Kɔdu yire fɔɔn**. The bananas are rotten.
- kɔkɔŋgɔ** *noun*. oval shaped calabash. **Chre kre kulo mu pe kɔkɔŋgɔ**. The calabash bent into this shape.
- kɔkɔsaki** *noun*. vulture. **Mna yura fɔɔn nyi bawa kɔkɔsaki shie**. Where there is a dead animal the vulture is surely going. *Pl:* kɔkɔsachie.
- kɔkro** *verb*. after. **Yire kee nyje krɛɛɛ kɔkro kre wra ndrɔ mu sɛ katoo**. After all these things he went back to the house.
- kɔlɔ** *noun*. well. **Kɔlɔ kre jujuom we pe jeelee lafaa**. The depth of the well is about hundred feet.
- kɔnsni** *noun*. mile. **Mna na Wenchi we pe kɔnsni fuloeshiin**. From here to Wenchi is about forty miles. *From:* Twi.
- kɔɔn** *noun*. 1) piece. **Chlɔ wre u pɔ ŋga paanu kɔɔn**. The woman gave a piece of bread to her son. *Pl:* knumɛɛ. 2) hardened crust of food at the bottom of the pot. **Ama malo kɔɔn kre chaa**. Ama likes the crust of rice baked to the bottom of the pot.
- kɔɔnanyjire** *adj*. ninth. **U pɔ kɔɔnanyjire wo wre ku**. The ninth child of the woman is dead.
- kɔɔŋgɔɔ** *noun*. big calabash usually used by the women when preparing food. **Pe simi bibre fɛɛri kɔɔŋgɔɔ kre nu**. They are making shea butter in the big calabash.
- kpa** *adv*. very well. **U tnumu kre tun mu chin kpa**. He knows how to do the work very well.
- kpaɔ** *noun*. 1) grasshopper. **Biile pre pna na kpaɔ ni**. The children are playing with grasshopper. *Pl:* kpaɛɛ. 2) elephant grass. **Kpaɔ wa lɔɔ kre mbɛɛ na**. Elephant grass is growing near the river. 3) hernia. **Kpaɔ wa blɔ wre na**. The man is suffering with a hernia.
- Kpaan** *noun*. Volta River. **Ala nyie pan, a Kpaan nyi**. This year the rains came and the Volta River is full.
- kpahe** *noun*. cola nut. **U sɛ jafa na kpahe pre haa**. He went to the market to sell cola nuts.
- kpakpɛɛ** *noun*. straw. **U yua kpakpɛɛ yire tɛɛ mu krɔ pe**. He made a door with the straw of the grain.
- kpali** *verb*. announce. **Pra ki kpali na pie sɛ tnumu nu ajuan ble**. It was announced that Friday is communal labour.
- kpalifun** *noun*. advertiser. **Kofi wi kee kre kpalifun**. Kofi is the advertiser. *Pl:* kpalifɛɛnɛɛ.

- kpanhun** *noun*. frog. **Kpanhun wre ye mu to nyumu kre nu**. The frog jumped and landed in the water. *Pl:* kpanhɔɔnɔɔ.
- kpato** *noun*. 1) locust. **Kpato wre dwa wre yire ka peii**. The locust eats a lot of the leaves of the cassava plant. 2) cough. **Kpato wa blɔ sre na**. The man has a cough.
- kpawre** *noun*. shoe. **U sɛ kpawre lɔ haa**. He went to buy shoes.
- kpla** *noun*. pants. **Kofi kpla kre nyina**. Kofi's pants are red.
- kpo** *noun*. deaf and dumb. **Kpo wi Kofi pɔ wre**. Kofi's child is deaf and dumb. *Pl:* kpooɔ.
- kpooɔ** *noun*. not smooth, full of lumps. **Sro kre kpooɔ**. The food is full of lumps. —*verb*. knot. **Maŋa kre kpooɔ!** Make a knot in the rope!
- kpooŋmbooro** *noun*. pride. **Uu kpooŋmbooro ni; ki tia wra da ndrɔ na**. He is too proud to go to anyone for anything.
- kpɔɔ** *adj*. big. **Maŋgo kre kpɔɔ paa**. The mango is really big. *Pl:* kpɔɛɛ.
- kpɔɔmu** *noun*. greatness. **U kpɔɔmu chaa ki tia wre na loplombo n tna**. His desire for greatness keeps him from getting along with the elders.
- kpɔɔɔɔm** *noun*. large size. **U kpɔɔɔɔm fna na u ni**. He looks good being large.
- kpra** *noun*. 1) truth, fact. **Kpra kee u yuu**. He is telling the truth. 2) door made with bamboo or raffia. **U kpra kre lɛ**. His door is an old one. 3) shrimp. **Kpraɛ wa lɔɔ kre nu**. There shrimps in the river.
- kprafun** *noun*. faithful or righteous person. **Blɔ wre kprafun wi**. The man is very faithful. *Pl:* kprafɛɛnɛɛ.
- kprakunfun** *noun*. judge. **Kprakunfun wre kolo kun**. The judge has traveled.
- kra** *noun*. rubbish. **U kra le krayira kre nu**. He put the rubbish in the thrash basket. —*verb*. weigh, measure. **U malo yire kra mu u ŋga**. He measured the rice and gave it to him.
- krachi** *noun*. educated person, literate. **Ŋga u pe krachi kre, ki tia wre pe tuni lawee kro nu**. Because he is educated they send him everywhere. *From:* Twi.
- krafi** *noun*. bridle. **U krafi le soo wre nyu na**. He put the bridle in the mouth of the horse.
- kranu** *noun*. week. **Ble kɔɔnashin yii wa kranu nu**. There are seven days in a week.
- krayira** *noun*. 1) scale, measuring container, trash box. **U biile krayira kre lɔ sidi fulo**. He bought the baby scale for twenty

cedis. **Pe kra le krayira kre nu a ki nyi.** They put the trash in the trash box and it is full.

kre *pro-rel.* that. **U yaa kre, ki tia a u n ja mu sɛ.** He is sick; that is why he could not go.

—*art-def.* the. **U kaa kre kla.** The car of his spoiled.

kro *adv.* 1) back. **Jande sɛ kro.** Please go back. 2) behind. **Uu wa krɔ kre kro.** He is behind the door.

—*noun.* glue. **U hle yire mbra na kro ni.** He stuck the papers on with glue.

kroboo *noun.* myrrh. **Pe pɔ wre fa na kroboo ni.** The child is anointed with myrrh.

krote *noun.* rat. **U krote wre yii na pɛle ni.** He caught the rat with the trap.

krɔ *noun.* 1) boat. **Krɔ kre tii lɔɔ.** The boat sank in the river. 2) anger. **U krɔ kuun nyaanyaa.** He is quickly angry. **Krɔ ni u sɛ katoo.** He went to the house angry. 3) door. **Krɔ kre nya mbe blɔ wre le.** Open the door for the man. *Pl:* **krɔɛ.** 4) back. **Na ndro paara mu pan ki n fna mu krɔ kna mbe wa u na.** It is not good to turn you back when a person is talking to you. 5) inheritance. **Blɔ wre ku mu krɔ ti u biile pan.** The man died and left his inheritance to his children.

krɔkro *noun.* back of the head. **U u fɔɔri na kaan ni krɔkro.** He knocked him on the back of his head.

krɔkuɔn *noun.* wrath, anger. **Kroyoo paan na krɔkuɔn ni.** Gossip brings anger.

krɔlifun *noun.* inheritor, successor. **Krɔlifun wre krɔ kre kla.** The inheritor wasted the inheritance. *Pl:* **krɔlifɛɛnlɛ.**

krɔyirɛ *noun.* inheritance. **Pɔ wre u u le krɔyirɛ yire wru.** He took his inheritance.

kru *verb.* roll up. **U dɛnglɛ kre kru.** He rolled the mat.

ku *verb.* die. **Ale sɛɛnfun wre na ku.** The soothayer died last year.

kukoo *noun.* log. **U kukoo kre tio mu sɛ katoo.** He carried the log to the house.

kulo *verb.* 1) wind up, or bend. **Ki fna mbe mu maɲa kre kulo.** You have to wind the rope. 2) call. **Ndoo yo na sro kre waa be, ni u kulo.** Father said that when the food was ready, I should call him.

kumɔɔ *verb.* cheat. **U u kumɔɔ yirɛ yire yɔɔlɛɛ haa.** He cheated him when he shared the things.

kumu *noun.* death. **Blɔ wre kumu yaa.** The death of the man hurts.

kun *verb.* 1) cut. **Kaara kre kun na brɔnfiɛn ni.** He cut the meat with a knife. 2) raise mounds. **U u flonyi yire kun mu kɔ.** He finished making his yam mounds. 3) break off. **U maɲa kre kun.** He broke the rope. 4) circumcise, amputate. **Pɔ wre ble kɔɔnashin ble na pra u fɛnggɛ kun.** The boy was circumcised on the eighth day. 5) harvest. **U yua kun nɛɛrɛ ala.** He harvested a lot of guinea corn this year.

kun haa *noun.* harvesting place. **Yua kun haa kre haa le.** The harvesting place is far away.

kunfun *noun.* harvester. **Yua kunfun wre n sɛ see angga.** The guinea corn harvester did not go to farm today. *Pl:* **kunfɛɛnlɛ.**

kunyirɛ *noun.* resurrection. **Yesu kunyirɛ tia o kaan na na o ku, oo nyi na.** Because of Jesus' resurrection we have the hope that when we die we also will raise again.

kuo *noun.* society, organization, NGO. **Kuo nununu taarɛ yii wa chia kre na.** There are three kinds of societies in the village. *From:* Twi.

kuraa *excl.* at all. **U n sɛ wa kuraa.** He did not get there at all. *From:* Twi.

kuu *verb.* gnawing. **Sunju wre dwa waa kre kuu chechieri.** The mouse was gnawing on some of the casava. 2) dying. **Ni blɔ wre nya dɔkita na u kuu.** I saw the man at the hospital and he was dying.

kuulo *noun.* the dead. **Toleɛ Shiofi na kuulo pɛɛri alieri ble.** Grandfather Shiofi made a sacrifice for the dead on Friday.

kuulo-ndoo *noun.* hades. **Nafana shɔnli na kuulo-ndoo pe lawee titi.** The Nafana people believe hades is a real place.

kuwee *noun.* owl. **Kuwee nyielɛ kpɔɔ kpɔɔ titi.** An owl has really big eyes. *Pl:* **kuweele.**

kwan *noun.* wing. **Pwa kre hanyi wre kwan ka.** The gun broke the wing of the bird.

kwari *verb.* broken. **Kaan kre kwari.** The stick is broken.

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la *conj.* but. **Kaa pɔ wre kala tna ni pan, la**

u juu titi. I like the child, but he steals

- much.
—*verb.* miss. **U kalio wre gbun na pwa ni mu la.** He shot the monkey with a gun, and missed it.
- laa** *verb.* 1) leave, quit, remove. **U laa kro kre na.** He left the door alone. **E laa kre chlo ɲmba sembremu na.** You go away from this kind of woman. 2) bruise. **Ni to a ni kpatia laa.** I fell and bruised my shoulder.
- laala** *verb.* remove. **U tingre kre nangro yire laala.** He removed the bark of the tree.
- laari** *noun.* a kind of fish. **Laari wre kpɔɔ.** The fish is very big.
- laaro** *adj.* scarcity. **Finyjie laaro tia a klo o ta.** We are hungry due to the scarcity of yams.
- lafaa** *adj.* hundred. **Finyjie lafaa wra pre ale.** He sold a hundred yams last year.
- lafo** *noun.* afternoon, afternoon greetings. **Lafo ɲga na kaa kre sɛ.** The lorry went this afternoon.
- lafolo** *noun.* stream. **Lafolo kre nu o nyumu ko.** We fetch water from the stream.
- lagboo** *noun.* throat. **U lagboo u yaa.** He has a sore throat..
- lagɔŋɔ** *noun.* gourd. **U nyumu kre le lagɔŋɔ kre nu.** He put water in the gourd.
- lahoo** *noun.* **Lahoo kre lee.** The roof top is leaking.
- lakaja** *noun.* lazy chair. **Uu wa mu sni u lakaja kre nu.** He is sleeping in his lazy chair.
- lala** *verb.* lick, lap. **Nyukwan wre taa kre lala.** The dog is licking the plate.
- lalaa** *adv.* middle, between, midst, centre. **Mu pe lalaa kee chiin?** Do you know the relationship between them? **Uu wa mu yire pe lalaa wa.** He was standing in the centre of them. **Pe Kofi na Kwame lalaa gbee.** The quarrel between Kwame and Kofi was reconciled.
- lalaa-yirefun** *noun.* mediator. **Mbose na wi Nyiekpɔɔ na Israel pre lalaa yirefun.** Moses was God's mediator for Israel.
- lam** *noun.* inside. **Uu wa nyungo kre lam.** He is inside the room.
- lami** *verb.* roaming. **Fungga ma pe yo pe shie see ande pre pe lami na tro kre.** It is a long time since they said they were going to farm but they are still roaming about.
- lamm** *adv.* in a while. **Na ki pe lamm mbe pan wa.** In a while I will come there.
- lampoo** *noun.* levy, tax. **Lampoo shɔfun wre sɛ haka.** The tax collector has traveled. *From:* Twi.
- lampooshɔfun** *noun.* tax collector. **Lampooshɔfun wre sɛ jafa na.** The tax collector has gone to the market. *Pl:* lampooshɔfɛɛnɛ.
- lamsusrom** *noun.* wickedness. **Blɔ wre lamsusrom tia ndro na ja mu da u na.**
- landɛɛ** *noun.* sloping place. **Landɛɛ kree plɔplɔ.** The sloping place is slippery.
- langga** *noun.* big pot, jars. **Langgɛɛ nu chiele naa nyumu leni.** Women use big pots to hold water. *Pl:* langgɛɛ.
- latam** *noun.* kindness. **Ni latam pee ki ni dɔɔya.** My kindness has brought about my downfall.
- lawee** *noun.* place, location. **Lawee kre haa le na mna ni.** The place is far from here.
- le** *verb.* 1) enter, arrive. **Jande, le nyungo.** Please, come in. 2) look after. **Jande ta ni pɔ ɲmba le ni pan.** Please you have to take care of the child for me. 3) arrive. **Ange wra le.** Yesterday he arrived.
- lebiile** *noun.* royal family. **Lebiile pre kro sɛ fni ɲunu katoo.** The royal family have gone to meet at the chief's house.
- leble** *noun.* small person. **U yira kre tia a u kaari leble.** His sickness has made him a small person.
- lee** *adv.* far away. **Ni n na chaa mbe see tɛɛ lee.** I don't want to make a farm far away.
—*verb.* coming. **U yiri Kumasi na na lee.** He is just coming from Kumasi.
- leele** *noun.* people. **Leele n wa katoo kre nu.** There are no people in the house.
—*verb.* tickle. **Kofi Ama leele.** Kofi tickled Ama.
- leelee** *adv.* farthest end. **U sakri kre wru mu sɛ leelee wa.** He took the bicycle to the farthest end.
- leesaa** *noun.* 1) worthless person. **U pe leesaa kpa.** He is a worthless person. 2) witch. **Blɔ wre leesaa wi.** The man is a witch. *Pl:* leesaala.
- lefun** *noun.* caretaker, shepherd. **U n wa na lefun ni.** He has no shepherd. *Pl:* lefɛɛnɛ.
- lefunju** *noun.* new person. **Lefunju cha tnumufɛɛnɛ pre nu.** A new person has joined the workers.
- legboo** *noun.* ghost, whirlwind. **Legboo wre lawee kre tɔ kro.** The whirlwind has covered the place.
- lekpɔɔ** *noun.* big man. **Lekpɔɔ wi blɔ wre chia kre na.** The man is a big man in town.
- lekublɔ** *noun.* widower. **Fooro tia lekublɔ wre pe na yaɲu wi.** Grief has made the

widower like a sick person.

lekuchlɔ *noun*. widow. **Lekuchlɔ wre sɛ lenge chia ka na.** The widow went and married in a village.

lelɛɛ *noun*. grandmother. **Ni lelɛɛ yaa kie pe nyiɛpɔ yi kre.** My grandmother is sick almost one month now.

lelɔ *noun*. cousin. **U lelɔ wre sɛ Kumasi na.** Her cousin has gone to Kumasi.

lelɔngɔfiun *noun*. cattle egret. **Lelɔngɔfiun wre to nuu wre na.** The egret landed on the cow.

lenɛɛɛ *noun*. many people, multitude. **Lenɛɛɛ sɛ sindii kre lawee.** Many people have gone to the cinema.

lenge *verb*. 1) marry. **Kofi u Ama lenge.** Ama is married to Kofi. 2) pen up animals. **Kofi n u sikaala pre lenge angga.** Kofi has not penned up his goats today.

lengeere *noun*. marriage. **Akosua n da lengeere tun.** Akosua is not yet to the marriage stage.

lepɔɔ *noun*. member of a royal family. **Lepɔɔ wra u se.** He was born to a member of the royal family.

letaa *noun*. slave. **Pe letaa wre sɛ klɔ na u chunu wre ni.** Their slave has gone to the forest with his younger brother. *Pl: letaala.*

lete *noun*. street. **Chia kre lete yire fraka fraka.** The streets of the town are straight.

lewaa *noun*. worthless person. **Lewaa wi blɔ wre.** He is a worthless person. *Pl: lewaala.*

lewo *noun*. person. **Lewo wi na ŋu wi.** He is a person like you. *Pl: lewolo.*

lewɔɔ *noun*. blackman. **Lewɔɔ wi.** He is black in colour. *Pl: lewɔɔlɔ.*

lɛ *verb*. grow up. **Blɔ wre lɛ titi.** He is grown up.

—*noun*. father. **U lɛ mɛɛ Kwadjo.** His father's name is Kwadjo. *Pl: lɛlɛ.*

lɛɛ *noun*. 1) stomach, intestine. **U lɛɛ u yaa.** He is having stomach pains. 2) old one. **Lɛɛ wo yirɛ n nyu.** The old one is not good. *Pl: lɛlɛ.*

lɛlɛ *verb*. 1) hesitate. **Ni lɛlɛ na mba sɛ u da katoo.** I am hesitating so that I will miss him in the house. 2) bend down. **Kofi lɛlɛ a Kwame ye u na.** He bent down and Kwame jumped over him.

—*noun*. 1) fathers. **Atta lɛlɛ pe kro shiin.** Of Atta's fathers, there remain two. 2) old ones. **Broni wre u yirɛ lɛlɛ prɛ.** The white man sold his old things.

lɛlɛɛ *noun*. kind of bird. **Lɛlɛɛ wre mɛɛ**

kɔni. The bird is singing.

lɛɛtnam *noun*. kindness. **U lɛɛtnam tia ndro kro u cha nunu.** His kindness makes everyone want to be his friend.

lɛlɛm *noun*. old age. **Lɛlɛm tia wra ja mu yili fimi na.** Old age keeps him from being able to go outside.

lɛpɔ *noun*. brother or sister from the same father. **Yaa lɛpɔ wi Kosua.** Yaa's sister from the same father is Kosua. *Pl: lɛbiile.*

li *verb*. 1) eat. **Sɛ Kofi yeeri na u pan mbe e li.** Go and call Kofi to come and eat. 2) word added to many nouns and verbs, may give sense of agreement, of acceptance. **We kala li.** He will have a case.

lii *verb*. eating. **Lii u lii; maa u tɔɔra funngami.** He is eating; don't bother him now.

linkufun *noun*. murderer. **Ndro n na chin na linkufun wi gmba.** No one knew that he was a murderer. *Pl: linkufɛɛnlɛ.*

liɔwɛ *noun*. scrotum. **Lanmbaa u tin liɔwɛ na.** He has a boil on his scrotum.

lo *noun*. mother. **U lo mɛɛ Afua.** His mother's name is Afua. *Pl: loolo.*

lɔlɔngɔ *noun*. heart. **U lɔlɔngɔ sheli.** He is a hard hearted man. (He is easily annoyed.) *Pl: lolonyi.*

lombru *noun*. orange. **Lombruu wa see kre nu.** There are oranges in the farm.

longɔ *noun*. enemy. **Kee kre tia a u kna mu pe u longɔ.** The case has turned him into his enemy. *Pl: longgoolo.*

loo *verb*. listen. **Loo ni pan, Kofi.** Listen to me, Kofi.

loolo *noun*. sheanut. **Pe sɛ loolo yoori haa.** They went to collect sheanuts.

lopom *noun*. elder, adult. **Kofi wi lopom biile pre kro na.** Kofi is the eldest of the children *Pl: loplombo.*

lopo *noun*. brother or sister from the same mother. **U lopo wre ku.** Her sibling from the same mother died. *Pl: lobiile.*

lɔ *verb*. buy. **U sɛ hlɛ lɔ haa.** He went to buy a book.

lɔbie *noun*. testicle. **Jembrekutu pe yira sisaa titi mu bilɛ na. ŋgi na? Kie ja to mu lɔbie na mbe i tin.** Mumps can be a serious thing for adult men. Why? It can attack the testicle and cause them to swell.

lɔndo *noun*. okra. **U sɛ lɔndo lɔ haa.** He has gone to buy okra.

lɔɔ *noun*. river. **Nyie pan badaangga a ki tia lɔɔ kre nyi.** It has rained heavily and that is why the river is full. *Pl: lɔɔɛ.*

lɔwɛɛ *noun*. dried okra. **Afriyie lɔwɛɛ chali mbe tɛɛ tla nyjila**. Afriyie is making dried okra to put away for the dry season.
lulu *verb*. dive. **U lulu lɔɔ kre nu**. He dove in the river.
luu *verb*. plant, sow. **U finyjie yire luu mu kɔ**. He has finished planting the yams.
luuro *noun*. seedling. **Yire luuro nyininyini**

wa u pan. He has different kinds of seedlings.
luwi *verb*. press into, or hide in the ground. **Akan na yire luwi u yonggo nyunglo kre lam, a kra pe sisam Nyiekrɔɔ yie na**. Akan buried things in the ground in his tent and this was bad in God's sight.

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ma *noun*. a little thing. **Mbe ta ma**. I will have even this little thing.
maa *noun*. 1) in a little while. **Na ki pe maa mbe sɛ**. I will go in a little while. 2) title for a woman. **Maa mɛɛ Afua Kɔnya** The woman's name is Afua Kɔnya
mafaan *noun*. swamp. **Kaa kre nyjira mafaan ndoo kre nu**. The car got stuck in the swamp.
makaan *noun*. bridge of nose. **U makaan pe na bronni wo yi**. His nose is like that of a white man.
malo *noun*. rice. **Maloo wa jafa na anga**. There is rice in the market today.
mana *noun*. nose. **U mana tin**. His nose is swollen.
 —*verb*. smear. **U mboo mbɛɛ kre mana pooro ni**. He smeared the wall with mud.
mandiɛ *noun*. mission, reason for coming. **E mandiɛ mna hin?** What is your mission here?
maɲa *noun*. rope. **Maɲa kre tnu**. The rope is long. *Pl: mɛnyi*.
mawee *noun*. nostril. **Bongrɛ nyjira u mawee**. A groundnut got stuck in his nostril.
mbaalalefun *noun*. shepherd. **Mbaalalefun sɛ na u yurɛ pre ni kahaa**. The shepherd took his sheep to pasture.
mbafiun *noun*. white sheep. **Sɛɛnfɛɛnlɛ na sɔɔlɔ mbafiun teeri na sra woni**. Fetish people and moslems use white sheep for making sacrifice.
mbakɔ *noun*. future. **Tnumu ngga we tun mbakɔ yi flanga**. The work he will be doing is farming.
mbe *verb tense*. I will. **Banga mbe sɛ Wenchi na**. Tomorrow I will go to Wenchi.
 —*prep*. in order to. **Banga mbe sɛ Wenchi na mbe sɛ tuwe cha**. Tomorrow I will go to Wenchi to look for medicine.
mbɛɛ *verb*. side. **Uu wa mu yire nyungo kre mbɛɛ na**. He is standing there beside

the building.
mbii *verb*. roll. **U nyjirɛ kre mbii**. He wrapped the cloth around his things to carry.
mbiile *verb*. wind. **Wɔɔ wre mbiile kaan kre na**. The snake wound itself around the stick.
mbɛɛ *rel pron*. these. **Leele mbɛɛ n chaa**. These people are not included.
mboo *verb*. gratitude. **Nyiekrɔɔ mboo**. Thank God.
 —*noun*. wall. **Mboo kre juari**. The wall is cracked.
mbookrɔ *noun*. surroundings, compound. **Mbookrɔ yire tɔ**. The yard is full of weeds.
mbɔfinge *noun*. the white strips of cloth woven locally and sewn into cloth that can be worn. **Mbɔfinge ni sɛɛnfɛɛnlɛ tɛɛ na pe sɛɛn toni**. With the locally woven cloth fetish people cover their fetish.
mbɔɔ *noun*. sheep. **Mbɔɔ wre ku**. The sheep died. *Pl: mbaala*.
mbɔɔpɔ *noun*. young sheep. **U mbɔɔpɔ wre nyu paa**. His lamb is beautiful. *Pl: mbɔɔbiile*.
mbra *verb*. 1) affix. **Hɛ kre mbra mboo mbɛɛ kre na**. Affix the paper on the wall. 2) sit near. **Ni tni mu mbra Ma Afua na**. I'm sitting right next to Ma Afua. 3) eating fufu and chewing meat at the same time. **Mensah mbra mu chin**. Mensah knows how to enjoy his meat and fufu at the same time.
 —*noun*. law. **Nyiekrɔɔ na u leele ngga mbra kɛ**. God gave His people ten laws.
mbrambra *noun*. certain prickly plant. **U tro mbrambra yire na and i mbra u kpla na**. He passed through the prickly plant place and the stickers stuck to his pants.
mbranyinafun *noun*. scribe, or teacher of the law. **Mbranyinafɛɛnlɛ pre na Yesu nyu chaa nyjila kro nu**. The scribes were accusing Jesus all the time.

mbrekoo *noun*. kind of reddish bird with a long tail. **Mbrekoo nyini kre to ni ndie a ni yiri.** The song of the bird fell on my ears and I woke up.

mbrɛɛ *adj.* smooth, flat. **Kolo kre pe mbrɛɛ; ki tia o jaa na shie nyaanyaa.** The road was smooth so we could pass quickly.

mbro *noun*. fish. **U sɛ mbro lɔ jafa na chin pan.** He bought fish for the soup from the market. *Pl:* mbroe.

mbru *verb*. pluck. **U fiifiire yire mbru.** He plucked the millet.

mbui *noun*. tiger nuts. **U sɛ mbui lɔhaa biile pre pan.** He went to the market to buy tiger nuts for the children.

mbulɔ *verb*. slip. **U mbulɔ mu to.** He slipped and fell.

mbuura *noun*. story. **Chalɔ wre sepe mbuura chin paa.** The old lady knows 'sepe' stories well.

mɛɛ *verb*. called. **U mɛɛ Kofi Kuma.** He is called Kofi Kuma.
—*noun*. **E ti o Nyiɛkrɔɔ ŋga mɛɛ.** Let us give God praise.

mɛɛmɛɛ *adj.* flexible, weak. **Kaan kre pe mɛɛmɛɛ.** The stick is flexible.

mɛkɔŋu *noun*. singer, musician. **Mɛkɔŋu titi wi chia kre na.** There is a real singer in the town. *Pl:* mɛkɔblɔ.

mɛŋɛ *noun*. dew. **Koo nu mɛŋɛ woni.** Dew falls during the rainy season.

mi *pron*. I, myself. **Mi titi we sɛ see wa.** I, myself, will be going to the farm.

mimi *noun*. flour. **U nyumu le mimi kre nu.** He mixed the flour with water.

minyini *noun*. needle. **Minyini kre ka; ki tia tela wre n ja mu ni dodonɔgi kre fra.** The needle is broken; that is why the tailor can't sew my shirt.

mmange *greeting*. spoken form of 'mu pan ŋge'. **Mmange lɔɔ.** Welcome from the river.

mna *adv*. here. **U pan mna na ni n wa.** He came here while I was away.

mnawa *verb*. there, where we can both see. **Pee wa mnawa.** They are over there.

mni *adv*. how many. **Finyjie mni yii wa mu pan hin?** How many yams have you?
—*inter*. 1) why. **Mni mu ki pe ma?** Why are you doing it like that? 2) how much. **Mni mni i pe?** How much are they?

mɔŋɔ *verb*. shift. **Kaa kre pan; ki tia a mbaala pre mɔŋɔ mu sɛ kokoo na.** The lorry is coming; that is why the sheep have shifted to the other side of the road.

mɔɔɛɛ *noun*. lantern made out of straw.

mu *verb*. 1) keep long. **U mu sukuu lawee wa.** He kept long in the school compound. 2) kindle, light. **U kania kre mu.** He lit the lantern.

—*pron*. you. **Mni mu nyi?** How are you?
—*conj*. and. **U yiri mu pan.** He got up and came.

mumu *noun*. ash lime. **U mumu kre tɛɛ mu zemna wa.** She used ash lime to make soap.

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na *conj*. and. **Kofi na Adwoa pe sɛ see.** Kofi and Adwoa went to the farm.

—*adv*. again. **Ki fna mu ki yo na.** You have to repeat it.

naa *verb*. taste. **U chiin yire naa.** She tasted the soup.

—*noun*. 1) tail. **Klaa wa nuu wre naa kre na.** There is a sore on the cow's tail. *Pl:* nɛɛ. 2) scorpion. **Naa na pɔ wre nu anɔge blee.** A scorpion bit the child last night. *Pl:* naala.

nablɛm *noun*. bull. **Nablɛm n wa nuulo pre nu.** There is no bull among the cows.

nafa *verb*. prosper, benefit. **Kia mu nafa.** It would not benefit you.

nafun *noun*. in-law. **U sɛ u nafun chia.** He went to an in-law's town.

nagbɛɛ *noun*. corral. **Nagbɛɛ kre kla.** The

corral is damaged.

nahlɛ *noun*. cow skin. **Nahlɛ kre sheli.** Cow skin is tough.

naknɔ *noun*. tsetse fly. **Naknɔ wre to nuu wre na.** There is a tsetse fly on the cow. *Pl:* nakunlɔɔ.

nana *noun*. grandchild. **U nana wre yaa.** His grandson is sick. *Pl:* nanae.

nanɔgrɔ *noun*. bark of a tree. **Pe tingɛ kre nanɔgrɔ tɛɛ na tuwe soori.** They used the bark of the tree to make medicine.

ndaa *pron*. I (past). **Anɔge ndaa sɛ see; mba sɛ anɔga.** I went to the farm yesterday; I won't go today.

ndee *conj*. or. **Ŋu mu sɛ ndee Kofi we sɛ hin?** You are going? or Kofi will go?

ndɛɛ *noun*. liver. **Ndɛɛ tna ni pan.** Liver is really sweet to me.

ndie *noun*. ear. **U ndie nunu u yaa.** His ear is paining him. *Pl: ndiile.*

ndikana *noun*. stubbornness. "**Lewo ɲmba u o Tafun Nyiekpɔɔ fiɛ kre wo yi dwamu, la ɲmba we ndikana pe we to kala nu.**" **Yomɛɛɛ 18:14** The one who fears God will be blessed, but the stubborn one will fall into trouble.

ndikanju *noun*. deaf person. **Yaw ndikanju wi; ki tia na u nyɛni pra u wie.** Yaw is a deaf person; that is why when he cries they don't ask him what's wrong. *Pl: ndikambla.*

ndile *noun*. 1) flame. **Kanhun kre ndile sɛ nyjeeri.** The flames of the fire have gone high. 2) tongue. **Nuu ndile tna ni pan.** The tongue of the cow is sweet to me. 3) shadow. **Pɔ wre ndile nya mu jawa na ndro wi.** The child sees his shadow and thinks that it is a person.

ndio *verb*. smell, gives an odour. **Kaara kre fɔɔn na ndio.** The meat is rotten and smells.

ndiom *noun*. smell, scent. **U tlade kre ndiom tna ni pan.** The scent of her perfume is sweet to me.

ndoo *noun*. father. **Ndoo wre yira kro le u kɛɛ.** His father has handed over everything to him. *Pl: ndoe.*

ndoolo *prep*. under. **U jɔɔn kre le tebru kre ndoolo.** He put the chair under the table.

ndɔɔ *noun*. night owl. **Pɔ wre na ndɔɔ wre pɔri.** The child raised the owl.

ndra *noun*. 1) head. **U ndra u yaa.** He has a headache. 2) reason. **Ŋgi ndra na?** For what reason?
—*verb*. hide. **U hlɛ kre ndra tingge kre jaara.** He hide the book near the tree. *Pl: ndrɛ.*

ndra je *verb*. baptise. **Pra lensɛɛɛ ndra je asɔri kre nu.** Many people were baptised in the church.

ndrajefun *noun*. baptiser. **Jɔn na wi leele ndrajefun Jɔɔdan Lɔɔ kre nu.** John was the baptizer in the Jordan River.

ndram *noun*. weather, climate. **Ndram wrɛm nyjila da.** The hot season is here.

ndramwɔmu *noun*. darkness. **Ange nyie naa wii; ki tia ndrawɔmu naa wa.** Yesterday rain was threatening; that is why it was so dark.

ndra-ndra *adj*. hidden, secret. **Ki ble kre ndra-ndra kee biaa we yili fimi na.** That day every secret thing will be revealed.
—*noun*. hide and seek. **Biile pre ndra-ndra piin a wa to.** The children are playing hide and seek and he fell.

ndrashelee *noun*. wickedness. **Blɔ wre ndrashelee tia u biile fɛ mu u ti kro.** The man's wickedness has made all his children run and leave him.

ndro *noun*. person, man. **Ndro wi na ɲu wi.** He is a man like you. *Pl: leele.*

ndroo *noun*. midnight. **Juo na pan katoo kre nu ndroo.** A thief came to the house at midnight.

ndrɔ *noun*. price. **Hlɛ kre ndrɔ sheli.** The book is too costly.

ndru *verb*. 1) return. **U ndru mu sɛ katoo.** He went back to the house. 2) plant. **Finyjie u ndru nyieɔɔ ɲga nu.** He is planting yams this month. 3) hear. **U yie nyina; ki tia na mu u yeeri u n ndru.** He is busy; that is why when you call him, he doesn't hear. 4) continuative of 'nduu'. **Ni pɔ wre nya a wra lombru kre ndru.** I saw the child and he was climbing the citrus tree.

nduu *verb*. climb. **U mango tingge kre nduu mbe sɛ mango kre kun nyjeeri wa.** He climbed the mango tree to get the fruit way up high.

nduu-kaan *noun*. ladder. **U nduu-kaan kre fun.** He has lost the ladder.

nduwe *noun*. forehead. **U to mu u nduwe sin tra.** He fell down and hit his forehead. *Pl: nduweele.*

nɛɛ *noun*. more, plenty. **Leele pre nɛɛ mu tro.** The people are many.

nɛɛɛ *noun*. dirt. **Nɛɛɛ wa nyungo kre nu.** The room is dirty.

ni *prep*. with. **Wre u shie na u ni.** He is going with him.
—*verb*. chase, to drive away. **U pɔ wre ni mu yili fimi na.** He chased the boy from the room.

ninge *noun*. lust, desire. **Ninge sisa tia wa ja chlɔ nunu tɛɛ.** Lust makes it so that he can not keep one wife. **U yie nyina wejinyinge yie na.** He spends too much energy thinking about satisfying himself.

niɔ *verb*. sting. **Srɛ pɔ wre niɔ.** Bees have stung the child.

niyɛ *pron*. myself. **Mbe sɛ wa niyɛ.** I will go there myself.

nɔɔɔ *noun*. milk. **U sɛ nɔɔɔ lɔ flachɛ wre pan.** He went to buy milk from the herdsman.

nɔɔ *noun*. 1) bottom, anus. **Ki nɔɔ na u yire mu sɛ nyjeeri.** He started at the bottom and went to the top. 2) meaning. **Mu n mi nɔɔ loo.** You are not hearing me. 3) foundation. **Nyungo kre nɔɔ nsra fanga ta; ki tia na nyie na pan kra to.** The building's foundation isn't good;

that is why when the rain came, it fell to the ground.

nɔɔhle *verb.* begin. **U tnumu kre nɔɔhle.** He has started the work.

nunu *number.* one. **Ni n nunu chom ni kuraa.** I don't have even one.

—*noun.* friend. **Ni nunu wi Kofi.** My friend is Kofi. *Pl:* **Nɔɔlɔ.**

nununu *number.* one by one. **Pe sɛ nununu.** All of them have gone one by one.

nuɔu *noun.* guinea fowl. **Nuɔu na cha mbe sni tra.** Guinea fowls do not want to sleep on the ground. *Pl:* **numblɔ.**

nuu *noun.* 1) cow. **Nuu wre kpɔɔ.** The cow is big. *Pl:* **nuulo.** 2) bush cow (tone change). **Bɔfɔ wre nuu wre gbun na pwa ni.** The hunter killed the bush cow with a gun.

nuupɔ *noun.* calf. **Nuulo pre sɛ mu nuupɔ wre ti.** The cows went and left the calf.

nya *verb.* 1) see. **Nyjila nga ni u shie see kre ni u nya.** Whe I saw him, he was going to the farm. 2) melt. **Nyumu le wenge kre nu a ki nya.** Water got into the salt and it melted.

nyaa *adj.* wild, dangerous. **Nyukwan wre nyaa.** The dog is wild.

—*verb.* open. **U krɔ kre nyaa a shushɔɔnlɔ le tataara.** He opened the door and lots of flies came in.

—*noun.* bush. **Pe sɛ nyaa** They went to the bush.

nyaala *verb.* stretch out. **U denglɛ kre nyaala.** He stretched out the mat.

nyaalam *noun.* far bush. **U sɛ na nduulo pre ni nyaalam.** He took the cows deep into the bush.

nyaanyaa *adv.* hurry, quick, fast. **U ja na nyaayri nyaanyaa.** He can walk fast.

nyaara *verb.* shake, rattle. **U gbolo kre nyaara.** He is shaking the bottle.

—*noun.* edge of thatched roof. **U kaara kre su kaan na mu ki le nyaara wa.** He pierced the meat with a stick and put it up on the edge of the roof.

nyaari *verb.* 1) walk. **Ni jele ni yaa; ki tia ni nyaari brɛbrɛ.** My leg hurts; that's why I am walking carefully. 2) continuative form of 'nyaa'. **Nyaari ni ki nyaari.** I am opening it.

nyaarɔ *noun.* a kind of yam. **Nyaarɔ n na gbanmbaa cha.** This yam does not like an old site.

nyalo *noun.* cat. **Nyalo wre suɔu yii.** The cat caught a mouse. *Pl:* **nyaloe.**

nyambe *noun.* horn. **Nuu wre nyambe kulo.** The cow has a crooked horn. *Pl:* **nyamble.**

nyambie *noun.* hill. **Banga oo sɛ nyambie kre nduu.** Tomorrow we shall go and climb the hill.

nyanjɔ *noun.* boy friend. **U nyayɔ wi nyanyɔble wre.** Her boy friend is this young man.

nyanya *adj.* 1) sour. **Chiin yire taan nyanya.** The soup is sour. 2) touchy. **Blɔ wre nyanya; ki tia ndro na ja mu da u yira na.** The man is touchy; that's why no one wants to come near him.

nyanyjɛble *noun.* young man. **Na yila kɔ kre, nyanyjɛble wre wa lete na.** When the sun sets, the young man is in the streets. *Pl:* **nyanyjɛbɛɛɛ.**

nyanyjo *noun.* a kind of tree. **Tla nyjila nyanyjo sɛni.** This tree gives fruit in the dry season.

nyanyo *verb.* predict, prophesy. **U kee kre nyanyo.** He predicted what would happen.

nyanyofun *noun.* prophet, soothsayer. **Izaya na pe Nyiekpɔɔ nyanyofun.** Isaiah was God's prophet. *Pl:* **nyanyofɛɛnlɛ.**

nyangulɔ *noun.* hunt. **Pe sɛ kangulo nyangulɔ.** They went hunting for grasscutters.

nyeni *verb.* cry. **U yo u pan na waa nyeni.** He told him not to cry.

nyi *verb.* 1) awake. **Yesu na nyi mu yili kuulo nu.** Jesus awoke from the dead. 2) flash, produce lightning. **Nyie kre na nyi.** The rain produced lightning.

—*adj.* full. **Nyumu taakpɔɔ kre nyi.** The bowl is full of water.

nyibie *noun.* eyeball. **U nyibie u yaa.** His eyeball itself is paining him.

nyibie sheli *noun.* disrespectful, disobedient, stubborn. **Pɔ wre nyibie sheli.** He is a disobedient child.

nyibinyien *noun.* greed, envy. **U swa nyibinyien tia ndro kro na u fie.** His greed for money makes everyone fear him.

nyie *noun.* rain. **Nyie woni.** It is raining.

—*adj.* red. **Hlɛ nyie kre, kii wa u pan.** The red book is with him.

nyie tali *verb.* pray. **E ti o nyie tali.** Let us pray.

Nyiekpɔɔ *noun.* God. **E tio mɛɛ tɛɛ mbe Nyiekpɔɔ nga mboo.** Let us sing a song and give God thanks.

nyienyɔɔɔɔ *noun.* fortune, luck. **Nyienyɔɔɔɔ wa u pan.** He has good luck.

nyieɔpɔ *noun.* month. **Anga nyieɔpɔ ble jijire.** Today is the fourth day of the month.

nyiesinyjaa *noun.* gecko. **Nyiesinjaa napɔɔnlɔ kaa.** Geckoes eat mosquitoes.

Pl: nyiesinyjɛɛ.

nyistalaa *noun.* prayer, supplication. **E tio o nyistalaa tɛɛ mbe Nyiekpɔɔ nga mboo.** Let us give our prayers to God in thanks.

nyistwanraa *noun.* thunder. **Nyistwanraa kre to nyungo na.** The thunder of the storm fell on the room.

nyifɛɛɛ *noun.* shyness. **Nyifɛɛɛ na u gbo lenɛɛɛ pre nu.** Shyness killed him in a large group of people.

nyimi *noun.* 1) blood. **Nyimi yilii u kla kre nu.** Blood is coming out from his sore. 2) shade. **Pɔ wre wa mu tni tinge kre nyimi.** The boy is sitting in the shade.

nyina *verb.* 1) show. **Jande sɛ ni nyina foto kre.** Please show me the photograph. 2) describe. **Kee nyjɛ mna nya yire krɛɛɛ nyina.** You have to describe all that you saw. 3) teach. **Ticha wre biile pre nyina mbuura kre.** The teacher taught the children the story. 4) disperse, scatter. **Mbaala pre nyina.** The sheep scattered.

—*noun.* fat of a meat. **Nyina wa kaara kre nu paa.** There is fat in the meat.

—*adj.* red. **Afriyie kumu yonggo kre nyina.** Afriyie's funeral cloth is red.

nyinafun *noun.* teacher. **Nyinafun n wa sukuu kre nu.** There is no teacher in the school. *Pl: nyinafɛɛnɛ.*

nyini *noun.* 1) eye. **Yira to u nyini.** Something fell in his eyes. 2) type, variety. **Ni n na yira nga nyini chaa.** I don't want this kind of thing.

nyinimi *noun.* breast. **U nyinimi nunu u yaa.** Her one breast pains her.

nyinyi *adj.* fresh. **Wrɛ nyinyi u sɛ knumu mu pan** He went and brought fresh leaves.

nyingɛ *adj.* 1) wet. **Nyis Ndo Kwasi gbun mu u nyingɛ ponggo.** The rain beat Ndo Kwasi and got him completely wet. 2) suffix meaning fresh. **Kanyingɛe wa jafa na.** There is flesh meat in the market.

nyisee *noun.* day. **Nyisee na lewo nyaa chasi.** Each day opens to man clean.

nyisin *noun.* eye brow. **U nyisin yire fningɛ.** His eyebrows are white.

nyitɔngɔ *noun.* cover, lid. **Taa nyitɔngɔ kre kla.** The cover of the bowl is spoiled.

nyjeeri *noun.* 1) heaven. **Nii wa na kaan haa ni nyjeeri.** I have a hope in heaven. 2) up. **Ki wa nyjeeri wa.** It's up there.

nyjeeri-sɛɛ *noun.* ascension. **O Yesu nyjeeri-sɛɛ kre kee loo.** We have heard about the ascension of Jesus Christ.

nyjɛ *rel pron.* those. **Nyjɛ wa ni chaa.** I want

those ones.

nyji *inter.* which. **Nyji haa mu chaa?** Which one do you want?

nyjii *adj.* 1) calm. **Lawee kre nyjii.** The place is very calm. 2) wet. **Ni dodongi kre nyjii.** My shirt is wet. 3) cold. **Nyumu kre nyjii titi.** The water is too cold

nyjiimu *noun.* humility, meekness. **U uyɛ nyjii mu u lopom wre nga.** He is humble before his master.

nyjila *noun.* time. **Nyjila ngi nu mu sɛ wa hin?** What time would you be going there?

nyjɔ *noun.* older brother. **Ni nyjɔ lopom mɛɛ Kwaku.** His senior brother is called Kwaku. *Pl: nyjɔɔɔ.*

nyjulo *noun.* chewing stick. **U nyjulo lo jafa na mbe ka.** He bought a chewing stick from the market.

nyjuro *noun.* hair. **U ndra nyjuro fningɛ.** Her hair is white. *Pl: nyjuroe.*

nyu *noun.* 1) mouth. **U u nyu nyaa badaanga.** He opened his mouth wide. 2) entrance. **Pe kalonggo kre nyu tɔ.** The entrance to the house is closed. 3) point. **Kaan kre nyu pe chɔm.** The stick has a sharp point. 4) edge of knife. **Brɔfiɛn nyu n tna kuraa.** The blade of the knife isn't sharp at all.

—*adj.* to be fine. **Nyungo kre nyu titi.** The room is very fine.

nyua *noun.* mountain. **Pe nduu mu sɛ nyua kre ndra na.** They climbed to the top of the mountain.

nyuhɛ *noun.* lip. **Kaa to na u ni a u nyu hɛ wali.** He was in a lorry accident and cut his lip.

nyukɔɔnrɔ *noun.* end. **Pe da tnumu kre nyukɔɔnrɔ na.** They came to the end of the work.

nyukwan *noun.* dog. **Nyukwan wre se biile kɔɔnashin.** The dog gave birth to seven puppies. *Pl: nyukwaanla.*

nyumu *noun.* 1) water, juice. **Nyumu kre nyjii titi.** The water is too cold. **Lombru yiree nyumu ni titi.** These oranges are full of juice. 2) beauty, goodness. **U nyumu kre tia blɔ wre u chaa mbe lenge.** Her beauty is why he wants to marry her.

nyunɔ *verb.* write. **Pɔ wre hɛ kre nyunɔ u ɛ pan.** The child wrote this letter to his father.

nyunɔmu *noun.* writing. **Fungga pɔ wre nyunɔmu twan ande u nyunɔmu nyu titi.** Now the child is learning writing but his writing is good.

nyu-nunu *noun.* unity. **Nyu nunu yi fanga.**

Unity is strength.

nyungo *noun*. room. **Nyungo kre juari**. The room is broken. *Pl: nyinyi*.

nyungofun *noun*. landlord. **Nyungofun wre yaa**. The landlord of the house is sick.

nyungo-too *noun*. chamber. **Yire wa nyungo-too wa**. There are things in his chamber.

nyutanyooro *noun*. beard. **U nyutanyooro**

fninge. His beard is grey.

nyuu *noun*. eagle. **Nyuu wre gulo pre ka peii**. The eagle eats all the fowls.

—*adj.* overloaded. **Tɔɔɔfun wre tuuro tio nyuu**. The madman's headload is too much.

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ŋga *verb*. give. **Jande ni ŋga swa kre**. Please give me the money.

—*rel pron.* this. **ŋga mu chaa ra?** Is this what you want?

ŋgaala *noun*. teeth. **U ŋgaala u yaa**. His teeth pain him.

ŋgi *inter.* what. **Yira ŋgi yi ŋga hin?** What is this thing? *Pl: nyi*.

ŋglo *noun*. chicken. **ŋglo ni chaa mbe lo**. I am looking for a chicken to buy. *Pl: ŋgulo*.

ŋgochɔɔ *noun*. chicken house. **Kofi ŋgochɔɔ gbeelee u ŋgulo pan**. Kofi is building a chicken house for his chickens.

ŋgochrɛwɛ *noun*. egg. **Ni shie mbe se ŋgochrɛwɛ sɔɔ mbe prɛ**. I am going to go cook some eggs to sell.

ŋgofiun *noun*. white chicken. **ŋgofiun n wa ŋgulo pre nu**. There are no white ones among the chickens.

ŋgolo *noun*. hen. **ŋgolo wre sni chrɛwɛ kɔɔnanu na**. The chicken is sitting on six eggs.

ŋgoplo *noun*. cock, rooster. **ŋgoplo wre nyɛni gbee taarɛ**. The cock crows three times. *Pl: ŋgopilɛ*.

ŋgɔɔri *verb*. nurse. **Pɔ wre wa na ŋgoorii tɛ**. The child is still nursing.

ŋmaa *noun*. 1) nail. **U ŋmaa koori tinge kre na**. He bent the nail in the tree. *Pl: ŋmɛɛ*. 2) **Sena mu ŋmaa yiri hin?** Where does your life come from?

ŋmaajuulee *noun*. crown of life. **Nyiekpɔɔ wa ni ŋmaajuulee ni nyjeeri**. God has my crown of life in heaven.

ŋmaala *adj.* crooked. **Kaan kre ŋmaala**. The stick is crooked.

ŋmaashɔfun *noun*. Saviour. **Ni ŋmaashɔfun wi Yesu**. My saviour is Jesus.

ŋmaashomu *noun*. salvation. **Yesu na pan mu o ŋmaashomu tnumu tun**. Jesus came to do the work of our salvation.

ŋmbaa *pron.* that one. **ŋmbaa u sɛ katoo**

wa kree? Is that the one who went to the house?

ŋmbele *noun*. castanets. **ŋmbele n wa yɔɔɔ kre nu**. There are no castanets in this dance.

ŋmbi *pron.* who. **ŋmbi wra pan mna ange hin?** Who came here yesterday?

ŋmbokuŋmbo *noun*. fox. **ŋmbokuŋmboe wa nyua kre kro**. There are foxes behind the mountain.

ŋmbɔɔ *noun*. yam seedling. **Finyjie ŋmbɔɔ kre fɔɔn**. The seedling of the yam is spoiled. *Pl: ŋmbɔɔɛ*.

ŋmbrɔ *noun*. neighbour, fellow man. **Ni ŋmbrɔ blɔ wi kre**. This is one of my fellow men. *Pl: ŋmbilɛ*.

ŋnu *verb*. asleep. **ŋga ni sɛ wa na u ŋnu**. When I went there he was asleep.

ŋnuɛ *noun*. dream. **U ŋnuɛ ŋnu na u lo ku**. He had a dream that his mother died.

ŋɔni *verb*. dress meat. **U sugbɔ wre ŋɔni mu kɔ**. He has finished dressing the meat.

ŋu *prep.* you. **Na ki pe chierɔ mi na ŋu we sɛ wa**. I will go there with you in a little while.

ŋuchlo *noun*. queen mother. **Chia kre ŋuchlo wre ku**. The town's queen mother is dead.

ŋujɔɔn *noun*. throne, stool. **ŋujɔɔn kre nyu kpa**. The stool of the chief is fine. *Pl: ŋujɔɔn*.

ŋujuulee *noun*. crown. **Swanyie ni pe u ŋujuulee kre gbeelee**. His crown is made of gold.

ŋumu *noun*. spirit. **ŋumu fuɛn wa blɔ wre nu**. There is bad spirit in the man.

ŋunɔ *noun*. war. **ŋunɔ kre tia leele pre fɛ mu nyina**. The war has made the people flee and hide.

—*verb.* push. **U u ŋunɔ mu chan**. He pushed him down.

ŋunu *noun*. chief. **Pe ŋunu wre tio gbaa nu**. They carried the chief in a palaquin.

ŋunu katoo *noun*. palace, chief's house. **Pe ŋunu katoo fɔŋgɔ sin**. They built a new

house for the chief.
ɲunumu *noun*. sleepiness. **ɲunumu u shio**.
 He is feeling sleepy.
ɲunumulie *noun*. kingdom. **E tio klu mbe**

Nyiekpɔɔ ɲunumu kre haa cha. Let us
 first seek the Kingdom of God.

O - o

o *pron*. we. **O wa**. We are here.
ofa *noun*. uncle. **Wre u u nalɔ krɔ li**. He
 succeeded his uncle. *From: Twi*.
oo *pron*. we will (tense - future). **Oo sɛ**

fungaami. We will be going soon.

P - p

paala *noun*. custom. **Pe paala yi**. That is
 their custom.
paan *noun*. river monitor lizard. **Paan wre to
 lɔɔ**. The monitor lizard fell into the river.
 —*verb*. continuous aspect. **U paan**. He
 is coming.
paanuu *noun*. bread. **Ama paanuu pe mu
 chin**. Ama knows how to make bread.
From: Twi.
paara *verb*. talk. **Paara ni paara; mbe da wa
 lafona**. I'm talking; I will come there this
 afternoon.
paaraa *verb*. continuous form of 'paara'.
Paaraa nɛɛ nyungo wa titi. There is too
 much talking in the room.
paari *verb*. 1) put across. **Pe kolo kre paari
 na kaan ni**. They closed the road with a
 stick. 2) unresolve. **Loplombo n ja mu
 kala kre kpra kun; ki tia ki paari**. The
 elders were not able to tell the truth in
 the matter, so it is hanging. 3) hang. **U
 kaan kre paari kotia yire na, mu na yire
 chali yi na**. She hung a stick across
 forked poles and dried things on it.
 —*noun*. menstruation. **U paari nyjila
 tro**. Her menstruation time is over.
pan *verb*. come. **Jande, pan mna**. Please,
 come here.
pandɛ *noun*. needle. **Pandɛ kre fun; ki tia
 mba jaa ni dodongi kre fra**. The needle
 is lost; so I can't sew my shirt. *From:
 Twi*.
Paradisi *noun*. Paradise. **Na mu Yesu
 shɔmulɛ kre, na mu ku mu sɛ Paradisi
 wa**. When you believe in Jesus, when
 you die you will go to Paradise. *From:
 English*.
patia *noun*. shoulder. **U kaan kre taa patia
 na**. He put the stick on his shoulder.
pe *verb*. 1) do. **Ki fna mbe pe ki pe
 nyaanyaa, mbe o sɛ**. They should do it
 quickly so that we can go. 2) make. **U ki**

pe mu chin. She knows how to do it.
 —*pron*. they. **Pe n pan tun**. They have
 not come yet.
pee *noun*. rabbit. **Pee feni mu wɛ krote na**.
 A rabbit runs faster than a rat.
peere *adj*. rough. **Kolo kre peere**. The road is
 bad.
peeri *verb*. break into two. **U finyjie kre
 peeri shiin**. He broke the yam in two.
penle *verb*. test. **Ticha wre sukuu biile pre
 penle**. The teacher tested the children.
pɛɛnrɛ *noun*. stingy. **Bɔ wreɛ pɛɛnrɛ ni; ki
 tia u nɔɔɔ na sɛ u lawee nyaanya**. The
 man is stingy; that is why his friends are
 not quick to go to his house.
pɛɛri *verb*. set a trap. **U pɛɛ kre pɛɛri kolo
 wa**. He set the trap on the path.
pɛɛ *noun*. 1) machinery. **Funga pɛɛɛ nɛɛ
 mu wɛ jle kre na**. There is more
 machinery now than there was before.
Pl: pɛɛɛ. 2) trap. **Pɛɛ kre yurɔ yii**. The
 trap caught an animal. *Pl: pɛɛɛ*.
piɛri *verb*. keep quiet. **ɲga biile pre pe lɛ nya
 to, a pe piɛri komm**. When the children
 saw their father, they became very
 quiet.
piɛrɛɛ *noun*. threat. **Tɔɔɔfun wre leele
 piɛrɛɛ kre tia ndro na sro mu tro kolo
 kre na na**. Because of the madman's
 threat to the people, no one will pass by
 that way again.
piɛri *verb*. threaten. **Tɔɔɔfun wre biile pre
 piɛri a pra feni**. The madman
 threatened the children and they ran.
pile *verb*. break into pieces. **U to a finyjie
 yire pile**. He fell and the yams broke into
 pieces.
pimi *noun*. fault, guilty. **Kalalifun wre kala
 kre li mu u gbun na pimi ni**. The judge
 believed the accusation and declared
 him guilty.
pin *adj*. blunt. **Brɔnfiɛn kpɔɔ kre nyu pin**.

The cutlass blade is blunt.

pini *verb.* continuous form of 'pe'. **Kee nyje pe pini nyje kro wa pe nafa.** All that they are doing will not benefit them.

plɔplɔ *adj.* slippery. **Frɛrɛ kre tia a lawee kre pe plɔplɔ.** Mud is making the place slippery.

pna *verb.* play. **Biile pree wa na pna lete na.** The children are playing in the street.

pnaa *noun.* game. **Biile pnaa yi.** It is a children's game.

pnungo *noun.* back of a person. **U pɔ wre le pnungo.** She put the child on her back.

pongo *adj.* whole. **Ŋga pe o nya kre, a pe kna na o le pongo.** When they saw us, they all turned and looked at us.

poorii *verb.* look after somebody, or an animal. **Ŋgulo na sikala u poori.** He is raising chickens and goats.

pooro *noun.* mud. **Pooro ni Nyiɛkpɔɔ na lewo faanri.** With mud, God formed man.

pɔ *noun.* child. **Pɔ wre nyu.** The child is fine.

—*verb.* 1) tie. **U u kpawrɛ yire menyi pɔ.** He laced his shoes. **U sugbɔ wre pɔ tingge kre na.** He tied the goat to the tree. 2) sweep. **Ama kalonggo kre pɔ bnimi nga.** Ama swept the house this morning. 3) hang. **U kaara kre le bɔtɔ nu mu ki pɔ nyjeeri.** He put the meat in a sack and hung it up.

pɔlɛ *verb.* to be weak. **U pɔlɛ fali haa.** He is weak and cannot farm.

pɔlɛm *noun.* weakness. **U pɔlɛm kre tia a wa jaa nyaari.** His weakness makes him not able to walk.

pɔɔ *noun.* foreleg. **Kɛɛpɔɔ pɔ pɔɔ pra Chaasi pɔ nga.** The baby bush cat's foreleg they gave to Charles' son.

—*verb.* continuative form of 'pɔ'. **Pɔɔ ki tia blonggo le u ndra.** Sweeping has put

dust on him.

pɔɔrɔ *noun.* force. **Pɔɔrɔ ni u yirɛ shio leele pan.** With force he took things away from people.

pɔyira *noun.* broom. **U lawee kre pɔ na pɔyira ni.** He swept the place with a broom.

pra *pron.* they (past tense). **Pra Yesu kuraa pra u chia.** They hated Jesus even in his own town.

—*verb.* 1) hate. **Pɔ wre chin na pe u pra; ki tia wra sɛ pe lawee na.** The child knows that they hate him; that's why he won't go to their place again. 2) unable to continue. **Ni nyaari mu pra.** I've walked till I'm unable to go any farther. **Ma jaa nyumu gbo na; ni gbo mu pra.** I can't drink any more water; I've drunk until I can't drink any more.

prako *noun.* pig. **Blɔ wree wa na prako ni.** The man has a pig. *Pl:* prakoe.

prara *noun.* hatred. **Prara waa; ki tia pra Yesu gbo.** Hatred was there; that's why they killed Jesus.

pre *pron.* those ones. **Pre pe shie.** Those ones, they are going.

prɛ *verb.* sell. **U shie jafa na mbe sɛ finyjie prɛ.** He is going to the market to sell yams.

—*noun.* sacrifice. **Pe ngolo tɛɛ mu prɛ kre wɔ.** They took a chicken and poured out a sacrifice.

prɔ *adj.* better. **Ma prɔ laarɔ na.** Little is better than none.

pujiɛn *noun.* tick. **Pujiɛn wa nyukwan wre ndie na.** There is tick on the dog's ear. *Pl:* pujiɛnlɛ.

pwa *noun.* gun. **Bɔfɔ wre pwa kre gbun to a ki ja.** The hunter's gun broke as soon as it went off.

S - s

saan *verb.* 1) chew. **U kaara kre saan.** He chewed the meat 2) untie. **U maɲa kre saan.** He untied the rope. 3) pass gas. **Bifiun wre saan.** The baby passed gas. 4) frown. **U yirɛ saan.** He frowns all the time.

saanla *verb.* recover. **U saanla.** He has recovered.

saanraa *noun.* comb. **Ni nunu saanraa fɔngga lɔ ni pan.** My friend bought a new comb for me.

saanrɛɛ *noun.* beads used by women. **Chlɔ**

wre saanrɛɛ le. The woman has put on beads.

saanri *verb.* comb. **Mbe ni ndra saanri** I will comb my hair.

safiun *noun.* antelope. **Safiun kaara tna kpa.** Antelope meat is really sweet.

safwa *noun.* key. **Safwa kre fun a u kro fimi na.** The key is lost; that's why he is outside.

salegu *noun.* entrance. **Pe salegu krɔ tɔ.** They have closed the entrance.

samansama *noun.* Sanitary Inspector.

- Samansama wre sɛ wila haa.** The sanitary inspector went to inspect. *From: Twi.*
- san** *verb.* 1) decorate, adorn. **U u nyungo kre san.** He has decorated the room. **Pe bijo wre san.** They adorned the bride. 2) castrate. **U u nyukwan wre san ala.** He castrated his dog this year.
- sanyje** *noun.* mosquito net. **Sanyje kre vru.** There is a hole in the mosquito net.
- sasam** *noun.* hopeless case. **U sasam tia ndro kee ka ma na u ni.** His refusal to help himself causes people to leave him alone.
- sawra** *noun.* measles. **Sawra pe biile yira sisa titi.** Measles is a very bad disease for children.
- se** *verb.* give birth. **U sɛ se Dokita lawee.** She gave birth in the hospital.
- sebie** *noun.* canary bird. **Sebie wree wa na nyɛni denkre kre nu.** The canary bird is singing in the cage.
- seble** *noun.* birthday. **Bronya nyiɛpɔ nu pe Yesu seble lii.** In the month of Christmas they celebrate Jesus' birthday.
- see** *noun.* farm. **Blɔ wre see kpɔɔ.** The man has a big farm.
—*verb.* limp. **Chlɔ wre jele u yaa; ki tia wra see.** The woman's leg hurts her; that is why she is limping.
- seechia** *noun.* small village. **Pe sɛ seechia.** They have gone to the village. *Pl: seechie.*
- seeri** *verb.* shiver. **Weere u yii a wra seeri.** Because of the cold he is shivering. **U lɛlɛm tia na u yirɛ yii u kɛ seeri.** His old age makes his hand shake when he holds something.
- sefun** *noun.* parent. **Ki fna mbe pɔ kro ndie tɛɛ u sefun kee na.** It is good for a child to listen to his parent. *Pl: sefɛɛnlɛ.*
- sele** *noun.* family, relatives. **Ni sele leele nɛɛ.** I have a big family.
- sembremu** *adj.* kind, type, sort. **Na agga bɔkɔ, ni n da mu kala nga sembremu loo tun.** Only today I have heard about this kind of thing.
- sena** *inter.* where. **Na o yiri mna, sena mu chaa mbe o sɛ hin?** When we get up from here, where do you want to go?
- sepe** *noun.* spider. **Sepe jeelee kɔɔnataarɛ.** A spider has eight legs.
- sɛ** *verb.* 1) go. **Kofi sɛ sukuu.** Kofi has gone to school. 2) bear fruit. **Mango kre sɛ paa.** This mango tree has a lot of fruit.
- sɛɛlɛ** *verb.* imitate. **Na lopom wre paara mbe biile pre na u sɛɛlɛ.** When the elder talks, the children imitate him.
- sɛɛn** *noun.* idol, fetish. **Sɛɛn sumifɛɛnlɛ lɛ pe kro.** They are all idol worshippers. *Pl: sɛɛnlɛ.*
- sɛlɛ** *noun.* waist. **U u yii sɛlɛ na.** He is holding him by the waist.
- sembɛɛrɛ** *noun.* sign. **Glangoli Nyiɛkpɔɔ na pe sembɛɛrɛ kee na wa nyumu tɛɛ mbe wangra kla na.** God made a rainbow as a sign that He would not destroy the world with water again.
- sɛngɛ** *noun.* fruit. **Mango tingɛ wa jaa lombɔ sɛngɛ sɛ.** A mango tree cannot bear oranges.
- sɛsɛ** *noun.* scarf, head covering. **U sɛsɛ kre laa mu to.** Her scarf has come loose and fallen down.
- shaari** *verb.* greet. **Pɔ wre shaari ni pan.** Greet the child for me.
- shelee** *noun.* kapok tree. **Shelee kre nyimi kpɔɔ.** The kapok tree's shade is big.
—*adj.* hard. **Jenge pe tingɛ shelee mu wɛ shelee na.** Apapa is a harder tree than the kapok.
- sheli** *adj.* 1) hard. **Kaara kre sheli.** The meat is tough. 2) difficult. **Tnumu kre sheli paa.** This is really hard work. 3) expensive. **Ki ndrɔ sheli.** Its price is dear.
- shia** *noun.* a tree. **Shia tingɛ kre ku.** The 'fig' tree has died.
- shian** *noun.* poverty. **Shian ni yii.** Poverty has a hold of me.
—*verb.* need. **Pɛnsri ni shian.** It is a pencil that I need.
- shianfun** *noun.* poor person. **Gbashia wa u na; ki tia u kaari shianfun.** He is lazy; that is why he has become a poor man. *Pl: shianfɛɛnlɛ.*
- shie** *verb.* 1) continuative form of 'sɛ'. **U shie see.** He is going to farm. 2) wait. **Ni shie, mbe mi na ŋu sɛ.** Wait for me so that you and I can go together.
—*noun.* first born son. **U shie wre shie sukuu ala.** Her first born son is going to school this year.
- shiefun** *noun.* guard. **Katoo kre shiefun wi.** He is the guard of the house.
- shiin** *number.* two. **Nunu pe yire mbe sɛ shiin.** They start from one and count to two.
- shio** *verb.* burning. **Kanhuun to nyua kpɔɔ na na shio.** Fire has fallen on the big mountain and is burning.
—*noun.* mortar. **U sro su shio kre nu.** She pounds fufu in the mortar.
- shishia** *verb.* gather leftovers. **Chlɔ wre**

bleju yire shishia mbe ki tɛɛ banga. The woman gathered together the leftover corn and put it aside for tomorrow.

shiun *verb.* 1) suck. **U mango kre shiun.** She is sucking the mango. 2) kiss. **Chlɔ wre u bifiun nyu shiun.** The mother is kissing her baby.

sholo *adj.* erect. **Kofi we yire sholo.** Kofi will stand erect.

shɔ *verb.* 1) get. **Hlɛ kre shɔ ni pan** Get the book for me. 2) rescue. **Dckita wre u pɔ wre shɔ; na kre ma kia na nyu.** The doctor saved his child; if not, it would not have been good. 3) deliver. **Nyiɛkpɔɔ o shɔ mu yili sutna kɛ.** God delivers us from satan's hand. 4) respond. **Ni u shaari, a u shɔ.** I greeted him and he responded. 5) burn, burnt. **Ma Afua sro ka taa kanhuun na mu ki fɛɛ, a taakpɔɔ kre shɔ mu kla.** Ma Afua put food on the fire and forgot it, and the pot burned and spoiled.

shɔnli *verb.* believe. **Ni kee kre shɔnli.** I believe the message.

shɔnlie *verb.* faith. **U shɔnlie kre kpɔɔ.** Her faith is big.

shɔnlifun *noun.* believer. **U keepele tia ndro kro chin na shɔnlifun wi.** Her actions let everyone know that she is a believer. *Pl:* shɔnliɛɛnlɛ.

shunshun *noun.* 1) fly. **Shunshun kla chaa kpa.** The fly really likes a sore. *Pl:* shunshɔɔnlɔ. 2) threshing floor. **Shunshun na pe shɔlɔ gbuun.** On a threshing floor they beat grain.

sifinge *noun.* palm wine. **Na sifinge nyinge se mbe ki taan.** When palm wine sits to the next morning it spoils.

siire *noun.* pregnancy. **U siire kre we pe nyiɛpɔ knɔ.** Her pregnancy has reached about five months.

sikulɔ *noun.* kapok. **U sikulɔ le ndra gbɔɔn yongo kre nu.** He filled the pillow case with kapok.

simi *noun.* 1) oil. **Simi kre nya.** The oil has melted 2) wine. **U simi gbɔ mu to.** He has drunk wine and fallen down.

sin *verb.* 1) build. **Pe dɔkita nyungo kre sin chiriri.** They built the hospital well. 2) walk away in anger. **U krɔ kun, a u sin.** He became angry and walked away in anger. 3) smash. **Pɔ wre kotolo kre sin mu juari.** The child smashed and broke the clay pot.

sinaa *noun.* wasp. **Abena yo sinaa yaa mu wɛ srɛ na.** Abena says that the wasp sting is more painful than the bee. *Pl:*

sinaala.

sinfun *noun.* builder. **Ndo Obaan na wi nyinyi sinfun jle kre.** Ndo Obaan was first a mason. *Pl:* sinfɛɛnlɛ.

sinyjɔlɔ *noun.* small clay pot for cooking soup. **Sinyjɔlɔ chiin na kan nyaanyaa.** Soup cooked in this small clay pot does not boil quickly. *Pl:* sinyjuɛ.

singe *noun.* feather. **Ŋglo wre sinyi tia u kpɔɔ finfin.** The chicken's feathers make him look big for nothing. *Pl:* sinyi.

sisam *noun.* 1) sin. **Nyiɛkpɔɔ u sisam ti mu u kɛ.** God has taken his sins away. 2) evil. **Sisam kee wa u ndra.** Evil thoughts are in his head.

sisampɛfun *noun.* sinner. **Sisampɛfun wi.** He is a sinner.

siwri Saturday. **Aduan nyisee yi siwri.** Friday wakes up to Saturday.

sna *noun.* shin. **U to a u sna laala.** He fell down and scratched his shin.

—*adj.* heavy. **Wenge bɔtɔ sna mu sɛ kɔdɔli bɔtɔ na.** A sack of salt is heavier than a sack of cotton.

sni *verb.* sleep. **U fna; ki tia u sni.** He's tired, so he's sleeping.

snimi *noun.* spear. **Snimi ni fawolo naa shie ŋunɔ.** With a spear our ancestors went to war.

sniyira *noun.* blanket. **Na mu da blɔ; ki fna mu sniyira ta.** By the time you reach manhood, you should have obtained your own blanket.

sofiun *noun.* white horse. **Loplombo yie shɔ sofiun na.** The elders are very happy with a white horse.

soo *noun.* horse. **Soo wre feni kpɔɔ.** The horse is running fast. *Pl:* soolo.

—*verb.* join. **U jele na ka la funga ki soo.** His leg was broken, but now it is rejoined.

—*adv.* without trouble. **U sɛ kaa kre ni mu ndru mu pan na ki ni soo.** He went with the car and came back without any trouble.

sooloo *noun.* joint. **U lɛlɛm tia u sooloe u yaa.** His age makes his joints pain him. *Pl:* sooloe.

sosoo *noun.* diarrhea. **U sosoo kre u da; ki tia u chɔɔn.** His diarrhea has affected him too much, so that he has become thin.

sowɔɔ *noun.* black horse. **Nyanyɛble wre na nduu sowɔɔ wre na.** The young man climbed on the black horse. *Pl:* sowɔɛ.

sɔfu *noun.* priest, pastor. **Funnga sɔfue plɛ swa chaa mu wɛ Nyiɛkpɔɔ kee na.** Now some pastors desire money more than

- God's Word. *Pl:* sɔfue.
- sɔɔ** *noun.* step. **Mna na kaa kolo we pe sɔɔlɛ jijire.** From here to the lorry road is four paces. *Pl:* sɔɔlɛ.
- sɔɔndɔ** *adj.* to be weak. **Pɔ wre wɛri bleshiin nga nu; ki tia u sɔɔndɔ.** The child has been hot for two days; that's why he is weak.
- sɔɔ** *noun.* moslem. **Ndo Kwasi drɔba pe sɔɔ.** Ndo Kwasi's driver is a moslem. *Pl:* sɔɔɔ.
- verb.* 1) cook. **Bongre sɔɔ wee nyu mu wɛ bibre na.** Cooked groundnuts are better than raw ones. 2) move slowly. **U yaa; ki tia u nyaari sɔɔ.** She is sick and so she is walking slowly.
- sɔɔnrɪ** *verb.* remind. **Na nyjila waa da mbe mu ni sɔɔnrɪ.** When the time arrives, remind me. 2) remember. **Na maa sɛ mu chia mu o sɔɔnrɪ.** When you go to your town, remember us.
- sra** *noun.* sacrifice. **Sɔɔɔ pre na nduulo na mbaala tɛɛ mna sra wɔ yefungo ble.** The moslems use bulls and sheep for sacrifice on Ramadan. 2) snuff. **Pe sra le sragbolo kre nu a ki nyi.** They put snuff in its container and it is full. 3) weariness. **Ni tnumu tun chiin a sra wɔ ni na.** I have worked for so long that I'm weary of it.
- sragbunu** *noun.* altar. **Abraham na u pɔ Isaki pɔ mna taa sragbuɛnlɛɛ yire na.** Abraham tied his son Isaac on an altar. *Pl:* sragbuɛlɛɛ.
- sre** *noun.* bee. **Sre wre biile pre ka a pe fe mu nyina.** The bee is stinging the children and they ran away. 2) honey. **Sre tna mu wɛ sichire na.** Honey is sweeter than sugar.
- sro** *noun.* food. **U sɛ sro lɔ haa jafa na.** He went to buy food from the market. —*adj.* bitter. **Kabro tuwe sro mu wɛ tuwe kro kro na.** Malaria medicine is more bitter than any other medicine.
- stɔɔ** *noun.* shop. **Ange wra sɛ stɔɔ wa.** He went to the shop yesterday.
- su** *verb.* 1) pound. **Sro pra su ange.** They pounded fufu yesterday. 2) stab. **Juo wre na blɔ wre su na brɔnfien ni.** The thief stabbed the man with a knife.
- subie** *noun.* 1) bullet. **Pwa subie wa soja wre tɔkli.** There are bullets in the soldier's pocket. 2) hail. **Nyɛ subie yire to a biile pre na yi foolo na lii.** Hail has fallen and the children are grabbing and eating it.
- sugbaa** *noun.* shelter. **Na sugbaa wa mu pan see, na nyɛ woo, mu kee ka ma.** If you have a shelter at the farm, when rain pours it is no problem. *Pl:* sugbɛɛ.
- sugbenge** *noun.* dew, fog. **Sugbenge kre tia drɔba wre n na nyaa yɛ chiriri.** Because of the fog, the driver could not see well.
- sugbɔ** *noun.* goat. **Sugbɔ wre sii nyaanyaa.** This goat delivers quickly. *Pl:* sikaala.
- sukaan** *noun.* pestle. **Na sukaan n wa mu pan ma jaa gbosro su.** If you don't have a pestle, you can't pound fufu.
- sumi** *verb.* worship. **U sumi asɔri kre nu yɛlɛ knɔ.** He has worshipped in the church for five years.
- sumifun** *noun.* servant, worshiper. **Nyɛkɔɔ sumifun wi mi.** I am a worshipper of God. *Pl:* sumifɛnlɛ.
- sumindoo** *noun.* tabernacle, sanctuary. **Kranu bɪaa pe shie sumindoo wa.** Every week they go to the sanctuary.
- suminyungo** *noun.* house of worship. **Suminyinyi nɛɛ kakɔɔ na mu wɛ seechiɛ na.** There are more churches in the big towns than in the small towns. *Pl:* suminyinyi.
- sun** *verb.* curse. **Yesu na fig tingge kre sun a kra ku.** Jesus cursed the fig tree and it died.
- susrom** *noun.* bile, bitterness. **Na mu dɛnkɛ susrom ka, mu ku.** If you eat the bile of the crocodile, you will die.
- sutna** *noun.* Satan, devil. **Sutna Yesu fie.** Satan fears Jesus.
- suu** *verb.* pounding. **Wre u dwa yire suu na yi chlɛ.** She pounds cassava and then sifts it.
- suuru** *verb.* 1) spin. **Abiba kɔdɔli kre suuru mu kɔ.** Abiba has finished spinning the cotton. 2) strain. **U chiin yire suuru.** She strains the soup.
- swa** *noun.* money. **Pɔ wre swa kre ju.** The boy has stolen the money. —*verb.* peel. **Lombru kre swa ni pan.** Peel the orange for me.
- swafinge** *noun.* silver. **Swafinge swabie fulo na kɛ Judas na shɔ mna Yesu wɔ mu nga.** Thirty pieces of silver Judas took to betray Jesus.
- swafun** *noun.* rich man. **Swafun wre na ku ange.** The rich man died yesterday.
- swaleyira** *noun.* purse. **Swaa wa u swaleyira kre nu.** There is money in his purse.
- swanyɛ** *noun.* gold. **Pe swanyɛ tɛɛ na lagboo jlɔnyi gbeele.** They take gold and make necklaces.

T - t

- ta** *verb.* own. **Wre u katoo kre ta.** He owns the house.
- taa** *verb.* 1) follow. **Na e taa ni kro mbe e pe leele wɔfɛɛnɛ.** If you follow me I will make you fishers of men. 2) put. **U hɛ kre taa tebru kre na.** He put the book on the table.
—*noun.* bowl. **U malo le taa kre nu.** She put the rice in the bowl. *Pl:* taahɛɛ.
- taaboo** *noun.* board. **Taaboo ni pe tɛɛ na chɛnsi nyungo gbuun.** They lay boards first to put on the tin sheet roof. *From:* Twi. *Pl:* taabooe.
- taakpɔɔ** *noun.* basin. **Taakpɔɔ ni u shie lɔɔ.** She is going to the river with a basin. *Pl:* taakpɔɔɛ.
- taala** *verb.* 1) feel. **U lɛ wre mango kre taala na le na ki be mbe u ki kun mbe pɔ wre ŋga.** The father felt the mango to see if it was ripe enough to give to the child. 2) pile up. **Pe bongrɛ bɔtɔɛ yire taala yi yɛ na.** They stacked the sacks of groundnuts. 3) put one after another. **Pe yire mu taala pe yɛ na.** They are standing in a line, one after the other.
- taan** *verb.* step, trod. **Bricha wre bamba kre leni siminti a pɔ wre taan ki na; ki tia u krɔ kun paa.** The mason was laying the veranda with cement when the child stepped onto it; this made the mason very angry.
—*adj.* sour. **Chiin yire taan.** The soup is sour.
- taanla** *verb.* trample. **Chlɔ wre u yonyi je mu chali a sikala yi taanla mu tro.** The woman washed her clothes and dried them, and then goats trampled on them and went on.
- taanraa** *noun.* grumbling. **Chlɔ wre taanraa tia u kayooro nɛɛ.** The woman's grumbling makes her talk too much.
- taanri** *verb.* grumble. **Pe Kofi gbun a wra taanri.** Kofi was beaten and he was grumbling.
- taarɛ** *number.* three. **Na mu n yire shiin ma sɛ taarɛ.** If you haven't reached two, you won't go to three.
- taarɛwo** *noun.* third one. **U pɔ taarɛwo wi kre.** This is her third born.
- tablɔ** *noun.* sand. **Tablɔ wa fimi lawee mu wɛ klɔ lawee na.** There is more sand in the desert than in the forest.
- tafɛŋgɛ** *noun.* running. **Na pee tafɛŋgɛ chnɛ pe n van chnɛ.** When the rabbit you are chasing changes directions, you have to change the direction of your swing.
- tafɔkɔ** *noun.* foam, suds. **Zemina kre tna; ki tia tafɔkɔ wa nyumu kre yiɛ na.** The soap is good; that is why there is lots of suds.
- tafu** *noun.* talisman. **Sɔɔlɔ pe tafu piin.** The moslems use a lot of talismans.
- tafun** *noun.* owner, landlord. **O kro tafun wi Nyiekpɔɔ.** The owner of us all is God.
- tali** *verb.* 1) beg. **Swa talifun wree wa na swa tali jafa na.** The beggar is in the market begging for money. 2) pray. **O Nyiekpɔɔ tali we o ŋga.** We pray God to give to us. 3) grope. **Uu wa na tali na taa kre chaa wɔmu kre nu.** He is groping in the darkness for the bowl.
- talifun** *noun.* beggar. **Talifun wree wa mu tni jafa na.** The beggar is sitting in the market.
- tam** *noun.* acquittal. **Ŋga pe sɛ pe kala kre yo kre, pɔ wre u tam ta.** When they had their say regarding the case, the child was acquitted.
- tanyie** *noun.* sand in the river. **Tanyie nɛɛ lɔɔ kre nu kpa.** There is plenty of good sand in this river.
- tapan** *noun.* 1) south. **U sɛ Kumasi tapan haa wa.** He went to the southern part of Kumasi. 2) bottom. **U lulu mu tii lɔɔ kre tapan.** He dove to the bottom of the river.
- tapla** *noun.* lake, pool. **Tapla kre kpɔɔ paa.** The lake is very big.
- tataara** *adj.* many. **Yesu yo we leele yeeri tataara, la chieri ple we wɔ.** Jesus said that many are called, but few are chosen.
- tebru** *noun.* table. **Ki tɛɛ tebru kre na.** Put it on the table. *From:* English.
- tee** *noun.* 1) termite hill. **Wɔɔ wa tee kre nu.** There is a snake in the termite hill. 2) bride price. **Blɔ wre na u chɔ je, a chlɔ wre leele sɛ u tee wie.** The man and his wife divorced, and the family asked the man the cost of the return of the bride price.
- teeri** *verb.* continuative form of 'tɛɛ'. **Nyjila kro nu nyimi pe fo luuro teeri.** All the time, yam seedlings are kept in the shade.
- tɛ** *verb.* 1) carve. **Yaw Manje shio tɛ mu chin kpa.** Yaw Manje knows how to

- carve mortars well. 2) strip bark. **Ni shie mbe sɛ mango nangrɔ tɛ mbe paan tuwe pe.** I'm going to go strip some bark from a mango tree, then come and make medicine.
—*adv.* still. **Uu wa na tnumu kre tuni tɛ.** He is still doing the work.
- tɛɛ** *verb.* 1) put. **Pɔ wre sɛ brɔfien kre tɛ katoo.** The child went and put the cutlass down at the house. 2) abuse verbally. **Biile pre tɔɔɔfun wre nya to na u tɛɛ.** The children saw the madman and started verbally abusing him. 3) laugh. **Bifiun wre nyaari mu to, mu tɛɛ mna yiri.** The baby walked and fell down, laughed and got up.
- tɛɛɛ** *verb.* insult. **U n kala kre pe chichie; ki tia pra u tɛɛɛ.** He didn't do the work well; that's why they insulted him.
- tɛɛn** *noun.* sweet ones. **Biile yirɛ tɛɛn chaa mu wɛ sisrom na.** Children like sweet things better than bitter things.
- tɛɛnrɛ** *noun.* saliva. **Lɛɛ lee Edjo pan; ki tia wra tɛɛnrɛ woni nyaanya.** Edjo is in her first trimester of pregnancy; that is why she is nauseated and spits saliva often.
- tɛtiorɔɔ pɔ** *noun.* bastard, illegitimate. **Tɛtiorɔɔ pɔ wi.** He is an illegitimate child. *Pl:* tɛtiorɛɛ.
- ti** *verb.* stop. **U lawee kre sɛɛ ti.** He stopped going to that place.
- tia** *noun.* latrine. **Yira fɔɔn kro fna tia nu.** Any bad thing should be thrown into the latrine.
- tierɛɛ** *adj.* adulterous. **Tierɛɛ lewo wejinge klai.** Adultery spoils the body.
- tii** *verb.* 1) get down. **U tii tingɛ kre na.** He came down from the tree. 2) sink. **U swa kre tii lɔɔ.** His money sank in the river.
- tin** *verb.* 1) weave. **U kakɛɛ tin mu chin kpa.** She knows how to weave baskets well. 2) swell. **Kaan na u jele gɔun anɛ; ki tia ki tin na u yaa.** A stick hit his leg yesterday; that's why it is swollen and pains him. 3) flee. **Biile pre tɔɔɔfun wre nya mu tin mu yiri na feni.** The children saw the madman and fled.
- tinɛɛ** *verb.* pulling. **Nyukwan naa tinɛɛ u le yaa.** If you pull on the tail of the dog, it pains his stomach.
- tini** *verb.* 1) pull, drag. **U maɲa kre tini a ki kun.** He pulled the rope and it broke. 2) weaving (continuous form). **U wa mu tni na kakɛɛ tini.** He is sitting there, weaving baskets.
- tinkɛɛ** *noun.* 1) forgiveness. **Wra u sisam ti mu u kɛ.** **Ki tia u sisam tinkɛɛ ta.** He forgave him his sins. That means he has forgiveness. 2) gift. **Tinkɛɛ yira yi.** It is a free gift.
- tinle** *noun.* slaves. **Fa kre praa tinle loni.** Long ago they were selling slaves.
- tingɛ** *noun.* 1) tree. **Pɔ wre mango tingɛ kre nduu mbe sɛ i ye kun.** The child climbed the tree to get some mangos. *Pl:* tinyi. 2) sound. **Asɔri dɔni kre tingɛ ki ni nyi bnimi nɔga.** The sound of the church bell woke me up this morning.
- tio** *verb.* carry on the head. **Pe yaɲu wre tio ndra na.** They carried the sick person on their heads.
- tiprɔ** *noun.* witch. **Pe yo tiprɔ wi; ki tia leele u fiɛ.** He was declared as witch; that made people fear him. *Pl:* tipilɛ.
- titɛɛ** *adj.* one place. **Uu wa mu tni titɛɛ wa tɛ.** He is still sitting in one place.
- titɛɛ kre nu** *adv.* suddenly, at once. **Ŋga u pwa kre tingɛ loo, titɛɛ kre nu a u luuri.** When he heard the sound of the gun, suddenly he vanished.
- titɛɛrɛ** *noun.* laughter. **U titɛɛrɛ tataara tia pe jawa na jijio wi.** His frequent laughter made them think that he was a fool.
- titi** *adv.* 1) too much. **Kala u yaa titi.** He is too envious. 2) really, emphasis. **Wre titi we pan.** He himself will come.
- titnɔɲɔɲɔ** *adj.* long. **U kaan titnɔɲɔɲɔ kre tɛɛ mu bɔɔfrɛ kre kun.** She took a long stick and cut down a pawpaw.
- tla** *noun.* dry season. **Nyaa kro yua yi tla nyjila.** The bush dries out during the dry season.
- tlade** *noun.* perfume. **Tlade ye ndiom tna mu wɛ ye na.** The scent of some perfumes is sweeter than others.
- tlan** *verb.* shine. **U simi kre fa mu na tlan plipli.** She rubbed oil on herself until she shone.
- tlo** *noun.* 1) cloud. **Tlo n wa nyiɛ yiɛ na anɔga; ki tia yila wɛeri kpɔɔ.** There are no clouds in the sky today; that's why the sun is so hot. *Pl:* tloe. 2) scar. **U to mu yiɛ juule; ki tia tlo sni u yiɛ na.** She fell down on her face and it left a scar on her face.
- tlɔ** *verb.* pinch. **Ama u chunu wre tlɔ a wra nyɛni.** Ama pinched her junior brother and made him cry.
- tlu** *verb.* wipe. **U mango li a ki u kɛ mana a u ki tlu u dodongi na.** He ate a mango and it got all over his hands, so he wiped off his hands on his shirt.
- tna** *adj.* sweet. **Finyjie kre tna ni pan.** I like this yam.

tnam *noun*. sweetness. **Lombru yire tnam tia pe yi lo peii**. The oranges are so sweet, they bought them all.

tnɛɛ *noun*. sitting. **Tnɛɛ tataara wa fna ni**. Sitting all the time brings tiredness.

tni *verb*. 1) remain. **Pe tni wa, kie pe nyieɔɔ shiin**. They stayed there for two months. 2) sit. **U yo pɔ wre pan na u tni tra**. He told the child to sit down on the ground.

tnihaa *noun*. sitting place, dwelling place. **Pe pe tnihaa kre gbeele kama**. They fixed up their sitting room nicely. *Pl: tniɦɛɛ*.

tnɔ *verb*. mark. **Pe sugbɔ wre tnɔ mbe wa chaa pe wolo pre nu**. They marked the goat so that it wouldn't get mixed up with others.

tnu *noun*. 1) slaves. **Pra u yii tnu**. They captured him as a slave. 2) profit. **Ala u tnu ta tataara u finyie see kre nu**. This year he made a good profit on his yam farm.

tnumu *noun*. work. **Pe sɛ kapoŋgo tnumu tun**. They went to do communal labour.

tnumutunfun *noun*. worker. **Tnumutunfun fɔtɔɔɔ fna na u ni**. A worker is worthy of his reward.

to *verb*. fall. **Lawee kre pe plɔplɔ; ki tia u mbulɔ mu to**. The place is slippery; that's why she slipped and fell.

tokro *noun*. window. **Ŋga u lɛ paan a u u nya to, a u fɛ mu yili tokro nu**. When his father came and saw him, he ran and escaped through the window.

toleɛ *noun*. grandfather. **Kofi u toleɛ wre tɛɛɛ**. Kofi insulted his grandfather. *Pl: toleɛɛ*.

toni *verb*. continuous tense of 'tɔ'. **U n yongo ni na toni; ki tia weere u kuu**. She is not having a cloth to cover herself; that is why she is cold.

tonkoli *noun*. epilepsy. **Tonkolii wa u na**. He has epilepsy.

toto *noun*. flowers. **Na tingge kre fin, biile yie shɔ ki toto na titi**. When the tree blossoms, the children are very happy with its flowers.

tɔ *verb*. 1) close. **Tela wre kpla kre nɔɔ tɔ**. The tailor closed the hole in the pants. 2) cover. **Sro kre nyu tɔ mbe shunshun wa to ki nu**. Cover the food so that flies don't land in it.

tɔkli *noun*. pocket, sack. **U tuuro le u tɔkli kre nu mu paari**. He loaded his sack and hung it on his shoulder. **Swa n wa ni tɔkli nu**. There is no money in my pocket.

tɔɔɔ *adj*. mad, crazy, insane. **Nyukwan wre tɔɔɔ**. The dog is crazy.

tɔɔɔɛ *noun*. madness. **Tɔɔɔɛ lee u nu**. He is becoming mad.

tɔɔn *verb*. smash. **U dɔknu kre tɔɔn mu sichre le**. He smashed up the kenkey and put on some sugar.

tɔɔnri *verb*. 1) read. **Hlɛ u tɔɔnri**. He is reading a book. 2) count. **Pie leele tɔɔnri kia mu**. They will be taking a census, it won't be long.

tɔɔnɔ *noun*. 1) iron. **Pe tɔɔnɔ mɛnyi le u na**. They have put him in irons. 2) ashes. **Kanhun kre fii a ki kro tɔɔnɔ bri**. The fire has gone out and it remains only the ashes.

tɔɔnɔɔ *noun*. reading, counting. **U tɔɔnɔɔ chin paa**. He knows reading.

tɔɔra *verb*. worry. **Yira ŋgi ki mu tɔɔra a mu pe komm ma hin?** What is worrying you that you are so quiet?

tɔwi *verb*. keep from falling. **Pɔ wre tɔwi; na kre ma, we to**. Catch him, or he will fall.

tra *noun*. dust, sand, land, earth. **Pɔ wre pna na tra ni**. The boy is playing with the sand.
—*verb*. cure, heal, treat. **Pe sɛ u tra haa**. They have taken him to be treated.

trafun *noun*. land owner. **Fungami u pe trafun**. Now he is a land owner. *Pl: trafɛɛnɛ*.

tre *verb*. 1) grind. **U wre yire tre dnɛ kre na**. He grinds the leaves on the stone. 2) bring down. **Pɔ wre nduu mu tii mu pra, a u lɛ u tre**. The child climbed up but couldn't come down, so his father brought him down.

tri *verb*. come down. **U nyua kre tri**. He is coming down from the mountain.

tro *verb*. pass by. **U tro kolo kre mbɛɛ na**. He passed by the road.
—*noun*. bat. **Tro wre sɛ pɔ nyjeeri wa**. The bat went up there to hang.

tru *verb*. dig. **Uu wa na wee tru mbookrɔ wa**. He is digging a hole out back.

tun *verb*. 1) send. **Ni u tun katoo mbe u sɛ yira ka wru pan**. I sent him to the house to get something. 2) quarrel. **Kofi na Ama na tun ange**. Kofi and Ama fought yesterday.

tuni *verb*. quarreling. **Tuni pe tuni**. They are quarreling.

tunmble *noun*. block of wood. **Tunmble na falifɛɛnɛ jiin sugbaa jaara**. Farmers use blocks of wood to sit on near their shelter.

tuu *verb*. 1) dig. **Kɔɔ tuufɛɛnɛ pre le mbe kɔɔ kre tuu**. The well diggers have

arrived to dig the well. 2) set down a headload. **Jande, yaa ni na mbe ni nyumu kre tuu tra.** Please, help me so that I can set down this water.

tuuro *noun.* load, baggage. **U u tuuro yire ti kaa kre nu.** He left his load in the lorry.

tuuru *verb.* vomit. **U tuwe kre jɔli mu tuuru.** He swallowed the medicine and vomited.

tuwe *noun.* medicine. **U yaa; ki tia dɔkita u ŋga tuwe.** She is sick, so the doctor has given her medicine. *Pl:* **tuweele.**

twa *noun.* tobacco. **U twa gboo; ki tia u wra klo.** He smokes; that is why he is

coughing.

twan *verb.* 1) bark. **Nyukwan wre twan blo wre na.** The dog barks at the man. 2) thundering. **Nyie kre twan.** The sky is thundering. 3) learn. **Nafaanra bronie pre twan.** The white people are learning Nafaanra.

twanfun *noun.* learner. **Twafun na klu mu wɛ nyinafun na.** A learner does not know better than his teacher. *Pl:* **twanfɛɛnlɛ.**

U - u

u *pronoun.* he, she, him, her. **U wa.** Throw him away. **U sɛ.** She has gone.

uu *pronoun.* 3rd person pronoun becomes

verb. **Uu wa.** He is there.

V - v

vala *adj.* wide. **Epo vala mu wɛ lɛɛ yire kro na.** The ocean is wider than any of the rivers.

valam *noun.* width. **Bamba kre valam we pe shɔɔlɛɛ kɔɔnanu.** The width of the veranda will be six yards.

van *noun.* club. **U van kre tɛɛ mu kanglo wre gbo.** He used a club to kill the grasscutter. *Pl:* **vɛɛn.**

vankam *adv.* very wide. **Nyungo kre nyu vala vankam.** The room is very wide.

vanvan *noun.* snake. **Vanvan pe wɔɔ sisaa ŋmba kee ki pe fiɛɛ ni.** Vanvan is a snake worthy of being feared.

vavaara *noun.* cob web. **Sepe vavaara wa nyungo kre nu.** There are cob webs in the room.

viŋge *verb.* turn. **U kaan kre viŋge kokoo na.** He turned the stick to the other side.

viun *noun.* cricket. **Viun wa nyungo kre nu mu na gble.** There is a cricket in the room making noise.

vromboo *noun.* hole in the wall. **Nyungo kre yɔ a ki vromboo kre na nyaa fimi na.** The room split and the hole in the wall showed daylight.

vru *verb.* pierce. **U kɔnkɔ kre su ŋmaa ni mu vru.** He put a hole the tin with a nail.

vugmbɔ *noun.* sling. **Dewid na Goliati wa na vugmbɔ ni mu gbo.** David used a sling to kill Goliath.

vuu *adv.* full. **Tiŋge kre wre fun vuu.** The tree is absolutely full of leaves.

vuvungo *noun.* bee like insect. **Vuvungo niɔ na srɛ.** This insect stings like a bee.

W - w

wa *verb.* 1) hit. **U u wa na dnɛ ni a u to.** He threw a stone and knocked him down. 2) discard. **Ki wa ni pan.** Throw it away for me. 3) to be there. **Kaa wa.** There is some.

waara *adj.* useless. **U tnumu waara tun.** He did a useless work. **Tra kree wa mu sɔni waara.** The land lies desolate. **Bifiun wre tro wejiwaara.** The baby is walking around naked.

waaraa *noun.* raising mounds. **Waaraa sheli mu wɛ buroo na.** Making mounds is harder than making ridges.

waari *verb.* 1) raise mounds. **Pe see kre waari mu kɔ.** They finished raising the mounds. 2) scratch. **U u waari na kajinge ni.** He scratched him with a finger nail.

wali *verb.* tear. **U yonggo kre wali.** She tore the cloth.

wangra *noun*. world. **Pe chaa mbe wangra kre kro wila.** They want to tour the whole world.

wangrafun *noun*. heathen. **Wangrafun n Nyiɛkpɔɔ chin.** The heathen does not know God. *Pl:* **wangrafɛɛnlɛ.**

wangraleele *noun*. worldly people. **Wangraleele kro fna mbra Nyiɛkpɔɔ kala ndrɔ.** Worldly people should listen to God's Word.

wee *noun*. hole. **Wee wa nyua kre nu.** There is a hole in the mountain. *Pl:* **weele.**

weere *noun*. cold. **Na zaara le weere kuu.** It is cold during the harmattan season.

wejikaara *noun*. muscle. **U wejikaara nyu.** He has lots of muscles.

wejinyinge *noun*. peace. **Wejinyinge wa u lawee kre nu.** There is peace at his place.

wejinge *noun*. body. **U wejinge kro u yaa.** His whole body hurts.

wejiwaara *noun*. naked. **Wejiwaara o na pan.** Naked we came.

wejiwɛɛ *adj.* suffering, pain. **U sawra yire tia uu wa wejiwɛɛ nu.** Measles is why he is suffering.

wejiyirɛ *noun*. clothes. **Wejiyirɛ wa Kofi pan.** Kofi has clothes.

weli *verb*. bathe. **Uu wa weli haa.** He is in the bathroom.

wenyjɔ *noun*. porridge. **U mimi kre tɛɛ mu wenyjɔ suuru.** She made porridge from the flour.

wenge *noun*. salt. **U sɛ wenge lɔ haa jafa na.** He went to the market to buy salt.

wɛ *adv.* more than. **Tuuro yire wɛ u na.** His load is bigger than him.

wɛɛ *noun*. dried. **Bongrɛ wɛɛ u prɛ.** He is selling dried groundnuts.

wɛɛri *adj.* hot. **Chiin yire wɛɛri.** The soup is hot.

wi *verb*. 1) fight. **Wre na u nyjɔ wi.** He fought with his brother. 2) is. **Wre wi.** It is he.

wie *verb*. ask. **U ni wie na mbe sɛ anga ra?** He asked me if I will go today.

wiire *noun*. wrestling. **Wiire nu u jele na ka.** He broke his leg wrestling.

wila *verb*. roam. **Uu wa na wila chia kre lam.** He is roaming in the town.

wlo *verb*. find. **Ni swa wlo.** I found money. —*noun*. third born son. **U wlo wre pe legbakra.** His third born son is a giant.

wlɔ *verb*. plaster. **Bricha wre nyungo kre wlɔ chiriri.** The mason plastered the room well.

wo *verb*. 1) pour. **U nyumu kre wo tra.** He poured the water on the ground.

2) shed. **Tinge kre wre yire wo.** The tree has shed its leaves.

—*adv.* shows possession. **Ni wo yi.** It is mine.

wolo *noun*. friends. **Wre na u wolo pe sɛ.** He went with his friends.

woni *verb*. 1) continuous form of 'wo'. **U wa na nyumu woni bamba kre na.** He is there pouring water on the veranda. 2) continuous form of 'wɔ'. **U ka woni mango yire nu.** He is taking one of the mangoes.

wɔ *verb*. 1) elect. **Pe Kofi wɔ na sukuu bile pre lopom wi.** Kofi is elected as the prefect. 2) take off. **U u dodonyi wɔ mu weli.** He stripped his clothes and bathed. 3) **ɲga mu chaa wɔ.** What you want, take. 4) take out. **Chrɛ kre wɔ bokiti kre nu.** Take out the calabash from the bucket.

—*adj.* **U yirɛ yire wɔ.** His clothes are dirty.

wɔɔ *noun*. star. **Nyie wii anga; ki tia ma wɔɔ nunu kuraa nya.** Rain is threatening today, so you won't see even one star. *Pl:* **wɔɔɔɛ.**

wɔmu *noun*. darkness. **Wɔmuu wa nyungo kre nu titi.** The room is too dark.

wɔnyinakee *noun*. revelation. **Wɔnyinakee yi hle ngga ki kro tɔ Baabru nu.** Revelation is the last book of the Bible.

wɔngafun *noun*. betrayer. **Judas pe wɔngafun.** Judas was a betrayer

wɔɔ *noun*. snake. **Pe wɔɔ gbo mbookrɔ wa.** They killed a snake in the compound.

—*adj.* black. **Kpla wɔɔ wa u pan.** He has black trousers.

wra *pron*. 3rd per past tense; 3rd per negation, depending on tone. **Wra sɛ u chia.** He went to his town.

wre *pron*. 1) we. **Ee jaa sɛ, la wre wa sɛ.** You can go, but we will not go. 2) he. **Pe yo wre, u kaara kre ka.** They say he ate the meat.

—*noun*. smoke. **Wre kre yili wee kre nu.** The smoke went through the pipe.

wrɛ *noun*. leaf. **Tinge kre wrɛ nyaara pei.** The tree shed all its leaves.

wrɛmu *noun*. heat. **Wrɛmu kre lee kaara kre nu.** The heat is going through the meat.

wru *verb*. take something. **U hɛ kre wru tebru kre na.** He took the book from the table.

—*adj.* resemble, to be like. **U ndro ɲmba ni chin wru.** He resembles somebody I know.

wrunkɛɛ *noun*. betrothal. **U da wrunkɛɛ na.** She has reached the age of

betrothal.

wuu *verb.* rest. **U tni mu wuu tingge kre jaara.** He sat and rested under the tree.

wuuble *noun.* sabbath, holiday, resting day. **Falifæenle plæ wuuble yi Ajuan.** Friday is a resting day for some farmers.

wuuro *noun.* thorn, prickles. **Wuuro wa tingge kre na.** There are prickles on the tree.

Y - y

ya *verb.* help. **U ya pe na a pe tuuro yire tuo.** He helped them carried the load.

Yaa *noun.* female child born on Thursday. **Yaa u yaa ni na kagbala.** Yaa is helping me in the kitchen.

—*verb.* 1) glean. **Pe sɛ bleju yire yaa haa.** They went to glean the maize. 2) to be sick. **Yaa ni yaa kre.** I am really sick.

yaadi *noun.* yard. **Yaadi yaadi u yongo kre knumu.** He cuts the cloth by the yard. *From:* English.

yaari *adv.* quickly. **Sɛ swa kre wru yaari mu pan.** Go and bring the money quickly.

yafun *noun.* helper. **Blɔ kro yafun wi u chɔ.** Every man's helper is his wife. *Pl:* **yafæenle.**

yaka *noun.* something. **U sɛ yaka cha n ka haa.** He went to find something to eat.

yaŋu *noun.* sick person. **Pe sɛ na yaŋu wre ni Techiman na.** They went with the sick person to Techiman. *Pl:* **yambla.**

ye *verb.* 1) jump. **Sugbɔ wre ye kagbla kre na.** The goat jumped over the garden fence. 2) bounce. **U bɔoli kre wa tra a ki ye.** He threw the ball down and it bounced. 3) splash. **Nymu kre ye mu wo pɔ wre na.** The water splashed over the boy.

yeeri *verb.* 1) invite, to call. **Kofi u jaa wre yeeri mbo pe sɛ katoo.** Kofi called his sister to go home. 2) stand on tiptoe. **U yeeri na wɔɔ wre le.** He stood on tiptoe looking at the snake.

yenɪ *verb.* continuous tense of 'ye'. **Ni pɔ wre nya wra yenɪ tingge nga ki to kre na.** I saw the child jumping over the fallen tree.

yenjam *noun.* jealousy. **Lewo lengefum kro u yenyjam wii.** Every married person fights jealousy.

yenje *noun.* moon. **Yenje kre fninge; ki tia biile pre na pna lete na blee.** The moon is bright, so all the children are playing in the street at night.

yetunyi *noun.* tears. **Pɔ wre nysni a yetunyi tia u nyielæ tintin.** The child cried and tears made his eyes swollen.

yejeere *noun.* sadness. **Chlɔ wre yejeere**

kre tia wa jaa sɛ see angga. The woman's sadness keeps her from going to the farm today.

yeklo *noun.* leader. **Yeklo kro kepele fna mbe nyu, mbe ndro jaa ki le mbe twan.** Every leader's actions should be good for others to follow. *Pl:* **yekulo.**

yekpɔɔmu *noun.* pride. **U yekpɔɔmu tia wre na loplombo n tna.** His pride stands between him and the elders.

yekuuro *noun.* shame. **Nyifæere u gbo; ki tia u sɛ na yekuuro ni.** He was ashamed, so he went away in his shame.

yelɛ *noun.* 1) year. **U li yelɛ kembɔshiin.** He is twelve years old. 2) ladle. **U chiin yire bri na yelɛ kre ni.** She stirs the soup with a ladle.

yeliire *noun.* luxury. **Yeliire nu u nyi nyjila kro nu.** He lives in luxury all the time.

yenyiɛ *adj.* serious. **Kaa kre too na pe yenyiɛ ni paa.** The accident of the lorry was very serious.

yenyinge *noun.* glory. **Nyiekpɔɔ chiin ki fna o na kaan yenyinge.** God is the only one to whom we give glory.

yenyumu *noun.* hypocrisy. **Na mu yo mu Nyiekpɔɔ kori mu mu ŋmbrɔ pra, yenyumu kee.** If you say that you love God and hate your brother, it is hypocrisy.

yenyumufun *noun.* hypocrite. **Kaala nga yenyumufun we yo, kre ma kii wa u ndra.** What the hypocrite will say is not what is in his mind. *Pl:* **yenyumufæenle.**

yengɛ *adj.* true. **Chichie pee nyu yengɛ.** It is true that it is good to do good.

yeshɔɔɔ *noun.* happiness, pleasure, joy. **U u nga mboo na yieshɔɔɔ ni.** He thanked him with joy. **Lengeere kree yeshɔɔɔ ni.** They had a happy marriage.

yɛsimi *adv.* in front, forward, ahead. **Wra u nyina na wra shie u yɛsimi.** He indicated to him that he should go straight ahead.

yɛtaara *noun.* wealth. **U yɛtaara tia u n ndro bu.** Because of his wealth, he doesn't respect people.

yɛtom *noun*. attention. **Yɛtom tɛɛ mu mu tnumu twan.** Pay attention to your work.

yɛyie *adj.* endure. **Na mu yɛyie ta penlee nu ki nyu.** If you have endurance in a time of testing, it is good.

yie *noun*. 1) face. **Nyiekrɔɔ na ndro yie le mbe pimi kun.** God does not look on the face of man to judge him. 2) front. **Ta shie yie.** Go ahead.

yieyie *adj.* soft. **Kambɔ kre pe yieyie.** The TZ is soft. **Ni tnumu tun chiin a ni wejinge pe yieyie.** I have worked so long that my body feels weak.

yii *verb*. 1) catch. **Nyalo wre sunu wre yii.** The cat caught the mouse. 2) hold. **Ki yii ni pan mbe ni ki gbeele.** Hold it for me so that I can fix it.

yiiisi *noun*. yeast. **Yiisi ni pe pɛtɛsi soori.** With yeast they are making the local brew. *From:* English.

yila *noun*. sun. **Yila kre wɛɛri.** The sun is hot.
—*adj.* equal. **U yire yire yɔ a yi yila.** He divided them equally.

yilafinhaa *noun*. east. **Yilafinhaa sɔɔɔ yie teeri na nyie shaari.** To the east the moslems put their face and pray.

yilakɔngɔ *noun*. evening. **Banga yilakɔngɔ mbe sɛ Wenchi na.** I will be going to Wenchi tomorrow evening.

yili *verb*. 1) leak. **Taa kre yili.** The bowl is leaking. 2) leave. **Yili nyungo wa.** Get out of the room. 3) appear. **Yenge kre we yili yilakɔngɔ nga.** The moon will appear this evening.

yira *noun*. sickness, something. **Dokita wre pra u yira kre na.** The Doctor could not treat his sickness. **Ni nga yira ka.** Give me something.

yiranyiere *noun*. leprosy. **Yiranyiere traasheli.** Leprosy is a very difficult disease to treat.

yire *verb*. 1) stop, wait. **Yire wa!** Stop right there! 2) lift up. **Kanglo wre yire nyjeeri mbe nyukwan wre wa u kla.** Lift up the grasscutter so that the dog cannot get to it.

yire *noun*. things. **Mu yire nyji yii wa ni pan?** What of your things are with me?

yireluunyieɔ *noun*. July. **Yireluunyieɔ nu pra Lisa se.** Lisa's birthday is in July.

yireprɛfun *noun*. seller. **Yireprɛfun n nunu ni.** The trader has no friend.

yirifunɔ *noun*. teenager, adolescent. **Yirifumbɔ nɛɛ chia kre na.** There are many teenagers in the town. *Pl:* yirifumbɔ.

yo *verb*. confess, say. **U u sisam kro yo sɔfu wre pan.** He confessed his sins to the pastor.

yokunu *noun*. rag. **U yokunu kre sro.** He burnt the rag. *Pl:* yoknumɛɛ.

yolo *noun*. language. **Nafana yolo twan sheli bronie pre pan.** The learning of the Nafana language is difficult for the white man.

yomini *noun*. riddle, proverb, parable. **Yomɛɛɛ nu Yesu naa paara.** Jesus was talking in parables. *Pl:* yomɛɛɛ.

yongɔ *noun*. cloth. **Yongɔ kre sembremu nyu.** This kind of cloth is fine. *Pl:* yonyi.

yoo *verb*. dance, response to a call. **Biile pre yoo lete na.** The children are dancing in the street. **Kwame le u yeeri a u shɔ, 'Yoo!'** Kwame's father called him and he responded, 'Yoo!'

yoori *verb*. sort. **U dne yire yoori malo yire nu.** He sorted out the stones from the rice.

yooro *noun*. hair. **Yooro nɛɛ Ndo Kwasi gbun na.** The is lots of hair on Ndo Kwasi's chest.

yotunyi *noun*. tears. **Kaa pɔ wre mbɔɔ gbo a yotunyi na u fuu, bɔbɔbɔ.** The lorry killed the boy's sheep and the tears are flowing.

yɔ *verb*. 1) dance. **U yɔ mu chin.** He knows how to dance. 2) pass through. **U yɔ nyaa.** He passed through the bush. 3) divide. **U yongɔ kre yɔ shiin.** He divided the cloth into two pieces.

yɔm *noun*. division. **U yire yire yɔ taare mu yɔm shiin wru.** She divided it into three pieces and took two.

yɔɔ *noun*. half. **Na kia pe mu ni nga yɔɔ.** Please give me half of it.
—*adj.* **Pɔ wre yɔɔ.** The child is satisfied.

yɔɔɛ *verb*. divide. **U yi yɔɔɛ gbee jijire.** He divided them four times. 2) share. **Pe yire yire yɔɔɛ mu peye nga.** They shared the things among themselves.

yɔɔɛɛ *noun*. pieces. **Ni yi yɔɔɛɛ yire ye chaa.** I would like some of the pieces.

yɔɔɔ *noun*. dance, band. **Leele wa yɔɔɔ kre nu paa.** There are many people in the dance.

yɔyɔɛ *noun*. mane of a lion, or horse. **Soo wre yɔyɔɛ yire tnu.** The horse has long mane.

yɔyɔɔ *noun*. dancer. **Yɔyɔɔ wre yɔ mu kɔ, a pe u ke sidi kagbenyi fulo.** When the dancer finished dancing, they gave him 20,000 cedis.

yurɔ *noun*. animal, beast. **U n yurɔ wa ta mu gbo nyaa kre nu.** He did not get any

animal in the bush. *Pl: yurɛ.*

yurɔ gboo *noun*. carcass. **Wra yurɔ gboo wlo nyaalam.** He found a carcass deep in the bush.

yuwa *noun*. guinea corn. **Pe yuwa yire kun mu kɔ.** They have finished harvesting the guinea corn.

—*adj.* dried. **Yonyi yire n yuwa tun.** The

clothes are not yet dry.

yuwi *verb*. 1) wring out. **U yonyi yire yuwi.** She wrung out the clothes. 2) weep. **U u gbun a wra yuwi.** He beat him and he is weeping.

Z - z

zaa *verb*. search. **U lawee kre zaa mu pra u n swa kre nya.** He searched the place to exhaustion and did not find the money.

zaabɔtɔ *noun*. cocoa sack. **Funga biile zaabɔtɔ fra kla na chaan.** Now the children's cocoa sack's seam split and the its contents scattered.

zaanri *verb*. scatter. **Pe yo chiin a klo pe ta a pe zaanri.** They danced a long time and became hungry and scattered.

zaara *noun*. harmattan. **Zaara nyjila weere kuu.** It becomes cool during the harmattan season.

zaara nyjila *noun*. dry season. **Nyumu kee shelii zaara nyjila kpa.** There is always

a water shortage during the dry season.

zaka **U nyungo kre lam yire zaka kro mu chin mu u dodongi kre nya.** He

zeere *noun*. sponge. **U sɛ zeere kre ni weli haa.** He took the sponge to the bathroom.

zezee *noun*. honey comb. **Srɛ zezee kre kun mu to tra.** The honey comb cut loose and fell to the ground.

zuu *adv*. cloudy. **Lawee pe zuu na nyis kie pan.** The place was cloudy as the rain was about to come.

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