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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this phrasebook is to acquaint visitors, or indeed anyone, with some of the more common words and phrases. There is also a brief description of Lingala grammar enabling the reader to expand on the phrases given by substituting nouns, adjectives, etc. different words are made by adding prefixes and suffixes to the basic stem. The notes on grammar will give you a better understanding of the structure of words. The guide to pronunciation will also assist you to improve your spoken Lingala.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Lingala, the national language of the Congo and Zaire, belongs to the Bantu family of Languages. The dialect which is believed to be the basis of present Lingala is Bobangi.. this one is spoken by the riverside residents (Bangala) all along the Congo (Zaire) River and Ubangi River between Makanza and Mbandaka in the region of Equator, Zaire.

The first Europeans to arrive in the region commenced to learn the Bobangi language. Bobangi would then be transformed, enriched, with the contribution of other Congolese and Zairean dialects to create a new language, Lingala. Before the arrival of Europeans, the active trade carried out all along the Congo (Zaire)

River allowed multiple contacts and exchanges among the populations, and the language spoken was Bobangi. After the arrival of Europeans (in the late nineteenth century), Bobangi served as the language of communication between traders, travelers, soldiers, civil servant and missionaries.

In 1929, Kinshasa (ex Leopoldville) became the capital of Zaire (ex Congo). Then Lingala became the language of the armed forces, police, administrators, evangelists, education, politics, media, etc.

Lingala continued to expand and it has found its origin in a mixture of diverse Congolese and Zairean languages, Swahili, French, English, etc. zairean-Congolese modern music and culture are the language of communication in the Congo and Zaire. Internationally, Lingala is used in several foreign broadcastings and is the subject of intense research in the Congo, Zaire as well as abroad. It is essential that missionaries in this part of the world know Lingala.

NUMBERS

(Mitango)

Cardinal Numbers

One	1	m-oko Mo'-ko'
Two	2	mi-bale Mee'-ba-leh
Three	3	mi-sato Mee'-sa-toh
Four	4	mi-nei Mee'-neh-ee
Five	5	mi-tano Mee'-ta'-noh
Six	6	motoba Moh-toh'-ba
Seven	7	(n)sambo Nsa-mboh
Eight	8	mwambe Mwa-mbeh
Nine	9	libwa Lee-bwa
Ten	10	zomi Zoh'-mee'
Eleven	11	zomi na moko Zoh'-mee' na mo'-ko'
Twelve	12	zomi na mibale Zoh'-mee'na mee'-ba-leh'
Thirteen	13	zomi na misato

Fourteen	14	Zoh'-mee' na mee'-sa'-toh zomi na minei
Fifteen	15	Zoh'-mee' na mee'-neh-ee zomi na mitano
Sixteen	16	Zoh'-mee' na mee'-ta'-noh zomi na motoba
Seventeen	17	Zoh'-mee' na moh-toh'-ba' zomi na nsambo
Eighteen	18	Zoh'-mee' na nsa-mboh zomi na mwambe
Nineteen	19	Zoh'-mee' na mwa-mbeh zomi na libwa
Twenty	20	zoh'-mee' na lee-bwa ntuku mibale
Twenty-one	21	Ntoo'-koo' mee'-ba-leh' ntoo'-koo'mee'-ba-leh' na mo'-ko'
Thirty	30	ntuku misato
Forty	40	Ntoo'-koo' mee'-sa'-toh ntuku munei
Fifty	50	Ntoo'-koo' mee'-neh-ee ntuku mitano
Sixty	60	Ntoo'-koo' mee'-ta'-noh ntuku motoba
Seventy	70	Ntoo'-koo' moh-toh'-ba' ntuku nsambo
Eighty	80	Ntoo'-koo' nsa-mboh' ntuku mwambe
Ninety	90	Ntoo'-koo' mwa-mbeh ntuku libwa
One hundred	100	Ntoo'-koo' lee-bwa' nkama

		Nka'-ma'
Two hundred	200	nkama mibale
		Nka'-ma' mee'-ba-leh'
Five hundred	500	nkama mitano
		Nka'-ma' mee'-ta'-noh
One thousand	1.000	nkoto
		Nkoh'-ntoh'
One million	1.000.000	nkese
		Nkeh'-nseh'

Numerals are considered adjectives so they follow the noun.

In written Lingala, numbers 1,2,3,4, and 5 are variable.
Notice the following:

One person	moto moko
Two persons	Moh-toh mo'-ko'
	bato babale
Six persons	Ba-toh ba-ba-le
	bato motoba
	Ba-toh moh-toh'-ba

Some Ordinal numbers

First	ya/wa liboso
Second	Ya lee-bo-soh'
	ya mibale
Third	Ya mee'-ba-leh'
	ya misato
Fourth	Ya mee'-sa'-toh
	ya minei

Fifth	Ya mee'-neh-ee ya mitano
Sixth	Ya mee'-ta'-noh ya motoba
Seventh	Ya moh-toh'-ba' ya sambo
Eighth	Ya sa-mboh ya mwambe
Ninth	Ya mwa-mbeh ya libwa
Tenth	Ya lee-bwa' ya zomi Ya zoh'-mee'

e.g.: the first child

mwana ya/wa liboso/yambo etc.
 mwa'-na ya/wa lee-boh-soh'/ya-
 mboh'

Year 1995	mobu mwa nkoto (moko) na nkama libwa na ntuku libwa na mitano moh-boo' m-wa-a nkoh'- toh' mo'-ko' na nka'-ma' mobu mwa nkoto mibale moh-boo' m-wa-a nkoh'- toh' mee'-ba-leh
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DAY OF THE WEEK

(Mikolo mya poso)

Today	lelo Le-lo'
What day is it today?	Lelo mokolo nini? Le-lo' moh-ko-lo nee'-nee
Sunday	eyenga , lomingo Eh-yeh-nga, loh-mee-ngoh
Monday	mokolo ya liboso/ya yambo Moh-ko-lo ya lee-boh-soh'/ya-mboh
Tuesday	mokolo ya mibale Moh-ko-lo ya mee'-ba-leh
Wednesday	mokolo ya misato Moh-ko-lo ya mee-sa'-toh
Thursday	mokolo ya minei Moh-ko-lo ya mee-neh-ee
Friday	mokolo ya mitano Moh-ko-lo ya mee'-ta'-noh
Saturday	mposo, sabala Mpo'-so, sa-ba-la
This morning	ntongo oyo Nto'-ngo' oh'-yoh
Early in the morning	na ntongo penza Na nto'-ngo' peh-nza
In the afternoon	
In the evening	na mpokwa Na mpoh'-kwa
During the day	eleko ya mokolo Eh-leh-koh yam oh-ko-lo
At night	na butu Na boo'-too'

Tomorrow	
Yesterday	lobi Loh'-bee
The day after tomorrow	
The day before yesterday	ndele n-deh'-leh
Tomorrow night	
Last night	lobi na butu Loh'-bee na boo-too'
Where were you last night?	ozalaki wapi lobi na butu? Oh-za-la'-kee wa'-pee loh'-bee na boo-too'
I was in the nightclub	nazalaki na kati ya bar ya bobina Na-za-la'-kee na ka'-tee ya ba-a-r ya boh-bee-na
Where are we going tomorrow?	tokokende wapi lobi? Toh-koh-ke-nde wa'-pee loh'-bee
we are going to the beach	tokokende (na) libongo toh-koh-ke-nde na lee-boh'-ngoh'
what day is it?	Ekozala mokolo nini? Eh-koh-za-la moh-ko-lo nee'-nee
It's Saturday	ekozala na mpo'-so
Two days ago	Eh-koh-za-la na mpo'-so mikolo mibale eleki
In five days	Mee-ko-lo mee'-ba-leh eh-l eh-kee
mee'-ta'-noh	na nsima ya mikolo mitano Na nsee-ma yamee-ko-lo

Holiday	eyenga Eh-ye-nga
Day off	mokolo ya bopemi Moh-ko-lo ya boh-peh'-mee
Work day	mokolo ya mosala Moh-ko-lo yam oh-sa'-la
Birthday	mokolo ya kobotama Moh-ko-lo yak oh-boh'-ta-ma

MONTHS OF THE YEAR

(Sanza ya mobu)

January	sanza ya elanga/yanuari Sa'-nza' ya eh-la-nga
February	sanza ya elanga nsu/febuari Sa'-nza' ya eh-la-nga nsoo
March	sanza ya elanga ngweli/mars Sa'-nza' ya eh-la-nga n-gwe-lee
April	sanza ya motinda/avril Sa'-nza' ya moh-tee'-nda
May	sanza ya ndeke/mai Sa'-nza' ya n-de-ke
June	sanza ya mobanda/juni Sa'-nza ya moh-ba-nda
July	sanza ya bitwele/juli Sa'-nza ya bee-twe'-le'
August	sanza ya mbinzo/ogusiti Sa'-nza ya m-bee'-nzoh'

September	sanza ya mbula/septembere Sa'-nza ya m-boo'-la
October	sanza ya mpela/okotobele Sa'-nza ya mpeh-la
November	sanza ya mpela ya mazpbo/ novembere
December	Sa'-nza ya mpeh-la ya ma-zo-bo sanza ya mosopa ngbanda/ desembere
This month	Sa'-nza yam oh-soh-pa n-gba-nda sanza oyo
Last month	Sa'-nza' oh'-yoh sanza eleki
Next month	Sa'-nza' eh-leh-kee sanza ekoya
Two months ago	Sa'-nza eh-koh-ya' sanza mibale eleki
	Sa'-nza' mee'-ba-leh eh-leh-kee

COMMON WORDS AND PHRASES

(maloba na bilobelá)
(ya momeseno)

Greetings

It is admirable and friendly to shake hands while exchanging greetings.

Hello!

Losako!

Hi!

Loh-sa'-koh

Good morning

<i>Good afternoon</i>	
<i>Good evening</i>	mbote
<i>good night</i>	m-bo'-te'
<i>welcome!</i>	butu elamu boo-too' eh-la'-moo Boyei bolamu! Boh-yeh'-ee boh-la'-moo Oyei o! Oh'-yeh'-ee oh'
<i>This is Mrs</i>	oyo Madamu
<i>This is my mother</i>	Oh'-yoh ma-da-moo oyo mama na ngai Oh'-yoh ma-ma' na n-ga'-ee'
<i>Here's... (Goearge)</i>	tala (Gaeaorge) Ta'-la
<i>How is ... (Monica)</i>	boni (monica) Boh'-nee mo-nee-ka
<i>Pleased to meet you</i>	nakosepela kokutana nay o Na'-koh-she-peh-la koh-koo'-ta-na-na yo'
<i>how are you?</i>	Sango nini?
<i>How is it going?</i>	Sa-ngoh nee'-nee Ozali (malamu)?
<i>Fine, thanks. And you?</i>	Oh-za-lee ma-la'-moo Malamu, melesi. Na yo?
<i>Very well</i>	Ma-la'-moo me-le-see'. Na yo' malamu mingi/penza M-ala'-moo mee'-ngee/pehnza

<i>Goodbye (bid farewell)</i>	kende/kendeke malamu ke-nde'-ke' ma-la'-moo
<i>Goodbye (stay well)</i>	tikala malamu Tee'-ka'-la' ma-la-moo
<i>See you later</i>	tokomonono na nsima Toh-koh-mo'-no-no na nsee-ma
<i>Yes</i>	iyo/ee
<i>No</i>	Ee'-yoh/e-e
<i>Please</i>	te Te'
<i>Thank you</i>	palado Pa-la-do' Soki olingi So'-kee' oh-lee-ngee natondi yo Na-to'-ndee yo'
<i>Thank you very much</i>	melesi mingi Me-le-see' mee'-nghee
<i>You are welcome</i>	eloko te
<i>Don't mention it</i>	likambo te Eh-lo'-ko/lee-ka-mboh te'
<i>With pleasure</i>	nayoki nsai Na-yoh'-kee n-sa'-ee'
<i>Excuse me</i>	limbisa ngai Lee'-mbee-sa n-ga'-ee'
<i>Do you speak English?</i>	Olobaka anglais? Oh-loh-ba-ka angle
<i>I'm sorry</i>	nayoki mawa Na-yoh-kee ma-wa
<i>I don't speak English</i>	nalobaka anglais te

<i>I understand</i>	Na-loh-ba-ka a-ngle te' nayoki/nayebi
<i>I don't understand</i>	Na-yoh'-kee/na-ye-h'-be nayoki te
<i>Please speak slowly</i>	Na-yoh'-kee te' loba malembe, palado
	Loh-ba ma-le'-mbe, pa-la-do
<i>Please repeat that</i>	loba yango lisusu, palado
	Loh-ba'ya-ngoh'lee-soo'-soo,pa-la-do
<i>My name is...(pat)</i>	nkombo na ngai (pat)
	Nkoh'mboh' na n-ga'-ee'
	Pat
<i>What is your name?</i>	nkombo nay o nani?
<i>I'm from ...Canada</i>	Nkoh'-mboh' na'-nee
	nauti (Kanada)
<i>I'm here on vacation</i>	Na-oo'-tee
	nazali awa na bopemi
	Na-za-lee a'-wa nab oh-peh'-mee
<i>I like</i>	
<i>I want</i>	
<i>I'd like</i>	nalingi
<i>I don't want</i>	Na-lee-ngee
	nalingi te
	Na-lee-ngee te'
<i>Give me</i>	pesa ngai
	Pe'-sa'- n-ga'-ee'
<i>I'm hungry</i>	nazali na nzala
	Na-za-lee na n-za-la

<i>I'm thirsty (for)</i>	nazali na mposa (ya)
<i>I'm tired</i>	Na-za-lee na mpoh'-sa (ya) nalembi
<i>I'm in a hurry</i>	Na-le-mbee ngai nazali na mbangu n-ga'-ee' na-za-lee na m- ba'-ngoo
<i>Never mind</i>	komona mpasi te koh'-mo'-na mpa'-see te' Napangani te Na-pa-nga-nee te'
<i>I'm leaving now</i>	nakende
<i>Where're you going</i>	Na-ke-nde okei wapi?
<i>I'm going to visit...</i>	Oh-ke-ee' wa'-pee nakokende kotala
<i>Come here</i>	Na'-koh-ke-nde koh-ta'-la yaka awa
<i>I'll come back</i>	Ya'-ka' a'-wa nakozonga
<i>Why</i>	Na-koh-zoh'-nga mpo (na) nini?
<i>Where?</i>	Mpoh'-(na) nee'-nee Wapi?
<i>Where is?...</i>	Wa'-pee ezali
<i>Where are?...</i>	wapi?
<i>How?</i>	Eh-za-lee wa'-pee Boni?
<i>How much?</i>	Boh'-nee
<i>How many?</i>	Boni?

<i>How far?</i>	Boh'-nee? Ntaka nini? Nta'-ka' nee'-nee? Tee wapi? The'-eh' wa'-pee
<i>How long?</i>	Eleko boni? Eh-leh-koh boh'-nee'?
<i>How old is he?</i>	Azali na mbula boni? a-za-lee na m-boo'-lah boh'-nee'
<i>he is ten years old</i>	azali na mbula zomi a-za-lee na m-boo'-la zoh'- mee
<i>when?</i>	Ntango/eleko nini? Nta'-ngoh/eh-leh-koh nee'- nee
What?	Nini? Nee'-nee
<i>What's this?</i>	Nini boye? Nee'-nee boh-yeh?
<i>What does this mean?</i>	Ntina ya oyo nini? Ntee-na ya oh-yoh nee'- nee
<i>What's it called?</i>	Nkombo ya oyo nini? Nko'-mboh' ya oh'-yoh nee'-nee
<i>What time is it?</i>	(ekomi) ntango nini sikoyo? Eh-koh'-mee nta'-ngoh nee'-nee
<i>It is five o'clock</i>	ntango ekomi na ngonga mitano

<i>what's the matter?</i>	Nta'-ngoh eh-koh'-mee na n-goh-nga mee'-ta'-noh Likambo nini?
<i>Nothing</i>	Lee-ka-mboh nee'-nee eloko te Eh-lo'-ko te' Lokambo te Lee-ka-mboh te'
<i>Who?</i>	Nani?
<i>Which?</i>	Na'-nee Nini Nee'-nee
<i>May I have...?</i>	Nakoki kozwa ? Na-koh-kee koh-zwa
<i>Can you show me...?</i>	Okoki kolakisa ngai Oh-koh-kee ko-zwa
<i>It's, this, this's</i>	oyo/ezali Oh'-yoh/eh-za-lee
<i>It's good</i>	ezali malamu Eh-za-lee ma-la-moo
<i>This is my wife</i>	oyo mwasi na ngai Oh'-yoh' m-wa'-see na n-ga'-ee'
<i>Is this your husband?</i>	Oyo mobali nayo? Oh'-yoh moh-ba'-lee na yo'
<i>Here/there</i>	awa/kuna, wana A'-wa/koo'-na', wa'-a-na'
<i>There is no chair here</i>	kiti ezali awa te Kee'-tee eh-za-lee' a'-wa te'
<i>There is a bed</i>	mbeto ezali wana m-be'-toh eh-za-lee' wa'-na'

PROBLEMS

<i>I'm lost</i>	nabungi nzela
<i>I've lost my way</i>	Na-boo'-ngee n-zeh-la' Nabosani nzela
<i>Please help me</i>	Na-boh-sa-nee n-zeh-la' salisa nga, palado Sa'-lee-sa' n-ga'-ee', pa-la-do'
<i>I'm ill</i>	nazali kobela
<i>I'm sick</i>	nazali na bokono
<i>I don't feel well</i>	Na-za-lee koh-be'-la/na boh-ko-no
<i>Get a doctor</i>	nayoki malamu te
<i>I've lost my bag</i>	Na-yoh'-kee ma-la'-moo te' benga monganga Beh'-nga' moh'-nga-nga
<i>Call the police</i>	nabungisi saki na ngai
<i>Be careful</i>	Na-boo'-ngee-see sa'-kee na n-ga'-ee'
<i>Fire</i>	benga pulusi
<i>Be quick!</i>	Beh'-nga poo-loo'-see
<i>Hurry up</i>	keba
	Keh'-ba
	moto!
	Mo'-to
	sala noki!
	Sa'-la' no-kee

Wishes and greetings

<i>Best wishes!</i>	Bolamu Boh-la'-moo
<i>Good luck</i>	bolamu/esengo Boh-la'-moo/es-se-ngo
<i>Congratulations!</i>	kumbisama Koo-mbee-sa-ma
<i>Have a good trip</i>	mobembo malamu Moh-beh'-mboh ma-la'-moo
<i>Merry Christmas</i>	mbotama elamu m-boh'-ta-ma eh-la'-moo
<i>happy birthday</i>	mbotama elamu m-boh'-ta-ma eh-la'-moo
<i>happy new year</i>	mobu molamu moh-boo' moh-la'-moo
	bonana boh'-na-na'
<i>happy easter</i>	pasika elamu pa'-see-ka eh-la'-moo
<i>give my regards to x</i>	pesela ngai X mbote pe'-she'-la' n-ga'-ee' X m-bo'-te'

Colloquial Expressions

<i>damn!, bother!</i>	Ebeba!, motungisa! Eh-beh'-ba', moh-tou-ngee-sa
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<i>Shut up</i>	sala nye
<i>It's rubbish</i>	Sa'-la' nye
<i>Idiot, twit</i>	ezali bosoto
<i>You are sick?</i>	Eh-za-lee' boh-soh-toh
<i>She's a devil</i>	zoba
<i>drunkard</i>	Zo'-ba
<i>what a character !</i>	Okobela?
	Oh'-koh-be'-la
	azali zabulu
	a-za-lee' za'-bou-lou
	molangi
	moh-la'-gee
	ezalela nini!
	Eh-za-leh-la nee'-nee

Accommodations – Hotels

<i>At the hotel</i>	na elielo na elalelo ya ba paya
<i>we're staying at a hotel</i>	Na eh-lee-eh-loh na eh-la'-l eh-loh ya ba-pa-ya
<i>do you have any rooms avialables ?</i>	tokolala na lotele toh-koh-la'-la na loh-te-le
<i>I'd like a room</i>	ozali na suku ya pamba? oh-za-lee na soo-koo ya pa'-mba?
<i>With a double bed</i>	nalingi suku moko Na-lee-ngee soo-koo mo'-ko'
	na mbeto moko ya monene Na m-be'-toh mo'-ko' yam oh-ne'-ne

<i>With twin beds</i>	na mbeto mibale ekan gama
<i>With a bathroom</i>	Na m-be'-toh mee'-ba- leh'eh-ka-nга-
<i>Facing the river/ocean</i>	Na na esukolelo/bain
<i>A the front</i>	Na eh-soo-koh-leh-loh/be' na boso ya ebale/mbu
<i>At the back</i>	Na boh-soh' ya eh-ba-leh/ mboo'
<i>We'll be staying</i>	na liboso
<i>Overnight</i>	Na lee-boh-soh'
<i>A couple of days</i>	na nsima
<i>A week</i>	Na nsee-ma
<i>A fortnight</i>	tokolala
<i>May I see the room?</i>	Toh-koh-la'-la
<i>I don't like it</i>	butu moko
<i>It's</i>	Boo-too' mo'-ko'
<i>Too small</i>	mikolo mibale
	Mee-ko-lo mee'-ba-leh
	poso moko
	Po'-so mo'-ko'
	poso mibale
	Po'-so mee'-ba-leh'
	Nakoki kotala suku?
	Na-koh-kee koh-tа'-la soo- koo
	nalingi yango te
	Na-lee-ngee ya-ngoh'-te'
	oyo
	Oh'-yo'
	eleki moke

<i>Too cold</i>	Eh-leh-kee moh-ke' malili makasi
<i>Too dark</i>	Ma-lee'-lee ma-ka'-see molili makasi
<i>Noisy</i>	Moh-lee'-lee ma-ka'-see makelele
<i>Dirty</i>	Ma-ke-le'-le bosoto
<i>Give me a large room</i>	Boh-soh-toh pesa ngai suku monene
<i>What's the price?</i>	Pe'-sa' n-ga'-ee'soo-koo moh-ne'-ne
<i>I'll take it</i>	Ntalo ezali boni? Nta'-loh eh-za-lee boh'-nee
<i>My key, please</i>	nakokamata yango Na-koh-ka-ma-ta ya-ngoh
<i>Send the maid up</i>	lifungola na ngai, palado Lee-foo-ngoh'-la ya n-ga'-ee
<i>Who is this?</i>	matisa mosalisi mwasi
<i>Just a minute!</i>	Ma-tee-sa moh-sa'-lee-see mwa-see
<i>Come in</i>	Nani wana Na'-nee wa-a-na
	Zila moke
	Zee-la moh-ke'
	Kokolo!
	Koh-koh'-loh'
	kota/yingela!
	Koh'-ta/yee'-ngeh'-la

Food / eating

<i>In a restaurant or hotels</i>	na restaurant to elielo ya lotele
<i>Dining-room</i>	na res-to-ran toh-oh eh-lee-eh-loh ya Loh-te-le
<i>I'm hungry</i>	nazali na nzala Na-za-lee na n-za-la
<i>I'm thirsty</i>	nazali na mposa Na-za-lee na mpoh'-sa' (ya)
<i>Waiter</i>	mosaleli ya mobali Moh-sa'-leh-lee ya moh-ba'-lee
<i>Waitress</i>	mosaleli ya mwasi Moh-sa'-leh-lee ya mwa-see
<i>The menu please</i>	kalati ya bilei, soki olingi Ka'-la-tee ya bee-leh-ee', so'-kee' oh-lee-ngee
<i>Meal</i>	mole
<i>Breakfast</i>	Moh-leh bilei na ntongo
<i>Lunch</i>	Bee-leh-ee na nto'-ngo' bilei na moyi
<i>Dinner</i>	Bee-leh-ee na moh'-ee bilei na mpokwa Bee'-leh-ee na mpoh'-kwa
<i>What do you recommend?</i>	Okosenga nini?
<i>What would you like?</i>	Olingi nini? Oh-koh-se'-nga/oh-lee-nee'-nee'

<i>Give me some please</i>	pesa ngai palado Pe'-sa' n-ga'-ee' pa-la-do
<i>Bacon and eggs</i>	nyama ya lard na makei Nya-ma ya lar na ma-ke-ee
<i>Biscuit/cookie</i>	bisikiti Bee-see-kee'-tee
<i>Bread and butter</i>	lipa na manteka Lee-pa na ma-ntheh'-ka
<i>Cassava bread</i>	mongwele Moh-ngweh'-leh'
<i>Cheese</i>	fromage Fro-maz
<i>Coffee</i>	kawa/kafe Ka'-wa/ka-feh
<i>Honey</i>	nzoi n-zo'-ee
<i>milk</i>	mabele/miliki ma-be'-le/mee-lee-kee
<i>orange juice</i>	mai ya lilala ma'-ee ya lee-la'-la
<i>salad</i>	saladi sa-la-dee
<i>sausage</i>	sosesi/saucisse sa-se-see/so/sees
<i>ham</i>	ebelo ya ngulu/jambon eh-beh-loh ya n-goo-loo/za-bo'
<i>sugar</i>	sukali soo-ka-lee
<i>tea</i>	ti tee'

<i>boiled egg</i>	likei ya kolambama lee-ke-ee' yak oh-la'-mba-ma
<i>fried eggs</i>	makei ya kokalangama ma-ke-ee' ya-koh-ka-la-nga-ma
<i>a raw egg</i>	likei mobesu lee-ke-ee' moh-beh'-soo
<i>a beer</i>	masanga
<i>fork</i>	ma-sa-nga
<i>spoon</i>	nkanya
<i>knife</i>	n-ka-nya
<i>plate</i>	lokele
<i>glass/cup</i>	loh-ke-le'
	mbeli
	m-be-lee
	sani
	sa'-nee
	kopo
	ko'-po

Meat (nyama)

<i>Beef</i>	nyama ya ngombe
<i>Goat</i>	Nya-ma ya n-go'-mbeh
<i>Mutton</i>	ntaba
<i>Lamb</i>	Nta-ba
<i>Pork</i>	nyama ya mpata
	Nya-ma yam pa-ta'
	nyama ya mwa mpata
	Nya-ma ya mwa-a mpa-ta
	nyama ya ngulu

<i>The meat is...</i>	Nya-ma ya n-goo'-loo nyama
<i>Overdone</i>	Nya-ma elambi makasi
<i>Underdone</i>	Eh-la'-mbee ma-ka-see mwa elambi Mwa-a eh-la'-mbee

Game and Fowl (nyama ya zamba na linkeme)

<i>Antelope</i>	mboloko, mbuli
<i>buffalo</i>	m-boh'-loh'-koh', m-boo-lee
<i>chiken, hen, cock</i>	nzale
<i>duck</i>	n-za'-leh
<i>Guinea fowl</i>	soso
<i>Pigeon</i>	nsoh'-soh'
<i>Rabbit</i>	libata
<i>Wild boar</i>	lee-ba-ta' linkeme lee-nke'-me'

fish and seafood (mbisi na bile ya mbu)

<i>crab</i>	lingatu
<i>eel</i>	lee-nga'-too

<i>Electric fish</i>	moh-ka-mba
<i>Salmon</i>	nina
<i>Salted fish</i>	nee-na'
<i>Sardines</i>	samoni
<i>Shrimp</i>	Sa-mo-nee
<i>Smoked fish</i>	makayabo
<i>the eel is very tasty</i>	Ma-ka-ya-boh
<i>have you had enough?</i>	selenge
<i>I've had enough</i>	Se-le-nge
<i>Thank you</i>	monsanya
<i>That's all right</i>	Moh-nsa-nya
	mbisi ya kokokama
	m-bee'-see ya koh-koh'-ka-ma
	mokamba ezali elengi
	mingi
	moh-ka-mba eh-za-lee eh-le-ngee
	mee-ngee
	Otondi?
	Oh-toh'-ndee
	natondi
	Na-toh'-ndee
	natondi yo
	Na-to'-ndee yo'
	eloko te
	Eh-lo'-ko te'

Vegetable (ndunda)

<i>Beans</i>	madesu/nkunde
	Ma-deh'-soo/nkoo'-ndeh

<i>Cabbage</i>	su/chou
<i>Carrot</i>	Soo'/soo
<i>Cassava</i>	karoti
<i>Cassava leaf</i>	Ka-ro-tee
<i>Eggplant, aubergine</i>	nsongo
<i>onions</i>	Nso'-ngo
<i>(sweet) potatoes</i>	mpondu
<i>Rice</i>	Mpo'-ndoo'
<i>Tomatoes</i>	ngungutu
<i>Yams</i>	n-goo-ngoo-too
	litungulu
	lee-too-ngoo'-loo
	mbala
	M-ba'-la'
	loso
	Loh'-soh'
	tomati
	Toh-ma-tee
	ekeke/esapa
	Eh-ke-ke/eh-sa'-pa

Condiments and soups (makenzu na supu)

<i>Garlic</i>	litungulu ngenge
<i>Oil</i>	Lee-too-ngoo-loo n-ge-nge
<i>Pepper</i>	mafuta
<i>Salt</i>	Ma-foo'-ta
<i>Stew</i>	pilipili
	Pee'-lee-peee'-lee
	mongwa
	Moh'-ngwa
	supu ya nyama (ragout)

<i>Tomato sauce</i>	Soo-poo ya nya-ma (ra-goo)
<i>Vegetable soup</i>	supu ya tomati
<i>This is too salty</i>	Soo-poo ya toh-ma-tee
<i>There is not salt in it</i>	supu ya ndunda
	Soo-poo ya n-doo'-nda
	mongwa mingi
	Moh'-ngwa mee'-ngee
	mongwa ezangi
	Moh-ngwa eh-za'-ngee
<i>Cathedral</i>	ndako-Nzambe monene
	n-da'-koh n-za'-mbeh moh-ne'-ne
<i>dam</i>	nduka
<i>museum</i>	n-doo-ka
<i>people's palace</i>	ndako ya ntoki
	n-da'0koh ya nto'0kee
<i>sanctuary</i>	ndako ya bato
	n-da'-koh ya ba-toh
	bisambelelo
<i>waterfall</i>	bee-sa'-mbeh-leh-loh
	meta/boeta
<i>at what time does it</i>	meh-ta/boh/eh-ta
	bafungolaka/bakofunga
<i>open/close</i>	ntango
	nini?
	Ba-koh-foo-ngoh-la/ba-hoh-foo'-nga
<i>Is there a guide?</i>	Nta'-ngoh nee'-nee
	Mokambi wa batoli ezali
	wana?

<i>What types of animals</i>	Moh-ka-mbee wa boh-ta'- lee eh-za- Lee wa'-a-na
<i>May be seen there?</i>	tokoki komono ndenge nini ya Ya banyama kuna? Toh-koh-kee koh-mo'-no n- de'-nge' Nee'-nee ya ba-nya-ma koo'-na'
<i>Baboon</i>	mboma
<i>buffalo</i>	m-bo-ma
<i>chimpanzee</i>	nzale/mpakasa n-za'-leh/mpa-ka'-sa'
<i>crocodile</i>	mokomboso moh-koh'-mboh'-soh'
<i>elephant</i>	nkoli/ngando
<i>giraffe</i>	nko'-lee/n-ga-ndo
<i>hyena</i>	nzoku
<i>hippopotamus</i>	n-zo-koo
<i>leopard</i>	zirafe
<i>lion</i>	zee-ra-fe
<i>monkey</i>	yene
	ye-ne
	ngubu
	n-goo-boo'
	nkoi
	nko-ee
	nkosi/ebobo
	nko'-see/eh-bo-bo
	makabo/mpunga

<i>python/boa</i>	ma-ka'-koh/mpoo-nga nguma
<i>wild boar</i>	n-goo'-ma lingongo
<i>zebra</i>	lee-ngoh-ngoh godu go-doo

camping (nganda/molako)

<i>in the countryside</i>	na mboka ya zamba
<i>where can we hire... ?</i>	na mboh'-ka ya za'-mba Wapi tokoki kofutela ?
<i>Camped</i>	Wa'-pee toh-koh-kee koh-goo-the-la
<i>tent</i>	mbeto ya molako
<i>can we camp here?</i>	m-be'-toh yam oh-la'-koh ema eh'-ma
<i>it's nice and quiet here</i>	Tokoki kobete molako awa? Toh-koh-kee koh-be'-te moh-la'-koh a'-wa
<i>look at the...</i>	awa ezali kitoko na nye a'-wa eh-za-lee kee-to'-ko na nye
<i>cocoa trees</i>	tala
<i>farmers</i>	ta'-la miete mya kakao mee-eh-the' mya ka-ka-oh bato bwa bilanga

<i>meadow</i>	ba-toh bwa bee-la-nga
<i>hilles</i>	esobe
<i>beautiful</i>	eh-soh'-beh'
<i>interesting</i>	ngomba
<i>strange</i>	n-goh'-mba'
<i>superb</i>	kitoko
<i>terrifying</i>	kee-to'-ko
<i>tremendous, enormous</i>	esepelisa
<i>wonderful</i>	eh-seh-peh-lee-sa
	ya mopaya
	ya moh-pa-ya
	kolongono
	koh'-loh'-ngoh'-noh'
	nsomo
	nso'-mo
	ebuki
	eh-boo-kee
	ekamwisi
	eh-ka'-mwee-see

RECREATION(Lisano)

Sport (masano)

<i>Where is the stadium?</i>	Libanda ya masano/ stade ezali wapi?
<i>I'd like to see the football</i>	Lee-ba'-nda' ya ma-sa-noh/ sta-se
<i>match this Sunday</i>	Eh-za-lee wa'-pee nalingi kotala lisano ya bale na eyenga oyo

	na-lee-ngee koh-ta'-la lee-sa-noh ya ba'-leh' na eh-ya-nга oh'-yoh
who's playing	nani akosana ye ? na'-nee a-koh-la'-nga
who will win?	Nani akolonga na'-nee a-koh-lo'-nga
it's hard to tell	koloba ezali mpasi koh-loh-ba eh-za-lee mpa'-see
it will be a draw	ekozala makalekale eh-koh-za-la ma-ka-le-ka-le
how much are the tickets ?	like ezali ntalo boni? Tee-ke' eh-za-lee nta'-loh boh'-nee'
Is there a golf course nearby?	esika ya kosana golf ezali Penepene awa? Eh-see'-ka' yak oh-sa-na golf eh-za- Lee pe-ne-pe-ne awa?
What were you doing?	Bozalaki kosala nini? Boh-za-la'-kee' koh-sa'-la nee'-nee
We were playing golf	tozalaki kosana golf Toh-za-la'-kee koh-sa-na golf
Where's the tennis court?	Esika ya kosana tennis ezali wapi? Eh-see'-ka' yak oh-sa-na te-nis Eh-za-lee wa-pee

Can I rent rackets ?	nakoki kofutela raquettes ?
I'd like to see a match	Na-koh-kee koh-foo-teh-la ra-ke-te ?
Wrestling	nalingi kotala lisano ya
Boxing	Na-lee-ngee' koh-ta'-la lee- sa-noh ya
Basketball	pongo/catch
Can you swim	Poh-nogh/katz
	bibotu
	Bee-boh-too
	basket (-ball)
	Basket(bol)
	okoki kobete mai?
	Oh-koh-kee koh-be'-te ma'- ee

ABREVIATIONS

Adj.	- adjective
Adv.	- adverb
Conj.	- conjunction
Int.	- interjection
med.	- medicine
n.	- noun
o.s.	- oneself
pl.	- plural
prep.	- preposition
pron.	- pronoun
rel.	- religion
sb.	- somebody
sth.	- something
v.	- verb

NAMOKUSE

- ebakemeli
- ebotisa
- etonga mpo
- ebelela
- mino
- nkombo
- ye moko
- boyike
- ebembisa
- ekitana
- mambi ma nzambe
- moto moko
- eloko moko
- elobisa

GUIDE TO LINGALA PRONOUCIATION

Vowels

Tip of the Tongue Positions
of Seven Vowel Sounds
in Lingala

Opening of Teeth

1 st degree	i = ee/see/	u=oo/you/
2 nd degree	e=eh/day/	o=oh/over/
3 rd degree	e=e/let/	o=o/not
4 th degree	a=a/car/	

Phonetic guide

i	like ee in feel, meet
e	like ay in day, maybe
e	like e in let, egg
a	like a in father, car
o	like o in got, bought
o	like oh in over, dose
u	like oo in too, soon, book

In the phonetic pronunciation, the stress in a word is indicated by a mark ['] placed after the stressed syllable. Stress (high tone) is common in Lingala words. They have grammatical value and can indicate another tense or mood of action. They also differentiate the tense of two words written in the same way.

Semi – vowels in written Lingala

There are two semi-vowels y and w y is written for i, and w for o and u. Examples:

Nyonso = nionso (all) mwana = moana (child)

When two vowels are next to each other, each vowel is pronounced separately. Examples:

mai = ma-i (water) nzoi = nzo-i (bee)

Consonants

These are pronounced as in English and each consonant is always hard.

b, d, f, g, k, l, m, n, p, s, t and z

Semi-consonants in written Lingala are w and y standing at the beginning of a word by a vowel. Examples:

wolo (gold) yika (wheel)

Nasalized consonants

mb	mbisi	(fish)	nk	nkanda
(anger)				
mp	mpongi	(sleep)	ns	nsoso
(hen)				
nd	ndoto	(dream)	nt	ntango

(time)
ng ngonga (bell) nz nzila
(route)

The phonetic transcription follows all entries in both the dictionary and phrasebook.

ENGLISH - LINGALA

A

- able** 1. adj. Ekoki [eh-koh-kee] 2. v. be a. to kokoka [koh-koh-ka]
- about** adv. (approximately) soko [so' -ko']/ lomeka ya [loh-meh-koh ya] : a.1 mile 1. ya kilometele moko [kee-loh-me'-te-le mo' -ko']
- above** adv. Na likolo [na-lee-koh-loh']
- accident** n. ekbelakbela [eh-kbeh'-la-kbeh-la]
- across** 1. prep. na [na] 2. v. go a. kokatisa [koh-ka-tee-sa]
- add** v. kobakisa [koh-ba-kee-sa]
- advise** v. kolaka [koh-la-ka]
- afraid** adj. be a. v. kobanga [koh-ba'-nga]: I'm a. nazali kobanga [na-za-lee]
- after** prep. (n)sima [nsee-ma]
- afternoon** n. mpokwa [mpoh'-kwa]
- again** adv. lisusu [lee-soo'-soo]
- age** n. eleko, mobu [eh-leh-koh, moh-boo]
- agree** v. kondima [koh-ndee- ma] : I agree nandimi [na-ndee-mee]
- air** n. mpema [mpeh'-ma]
- airplane** n. (m)pepo, avio [mpeh'-poh, a-vee-o]
- airport** n. libanda ya pepo [lee-ba-nda ya]
- alcohol** n. masanga ma moto [ma-sa-nga ma mo'-to]
- alive** adj. na bomoi [na boh-moh-ee]
- all** adj./pron. –nso, nyonso, mobimba [nyo'- nso, moh-bee-mba]
- allow** v. kolingisa [koh-lee-ngee-sa]
- almost** adv. mbele [m-be-le]

alone adj. ngai moko [n-ga-ee mo'-ko']: I'm a. nazali
ngai moko [na-za-lee]

along with pron. esika moko [eh-see-ka moh-ko']

already adv. naino, kalakala [na-ee-noh, ka-la]

also adv. mpe [mpeh]

always adv. mikolo minso [mee-ko-lo mee-nso]

and conj. Na, mpe [na, mpeh]

anger n. nkanda [nka-nda]: I'm angry with X nazali
na nkanda

mpo na X [na-za-lee na mpoh na]

animal n. nyama [nya-ma], (pl.) banyama

answer 1. n. eyano [eh-ya-noh] 2. v koyanola [koh-ya-noh-la]

antelope n. mboloko, mbuli [m-boh-loh'- koh', m-boo-lee]

appetite n. mposa [mpoh'-sa'] (for ya)

april n. avril [avreel]

archaeology n. zebi za biloko bwa kala [zeh-bee za
bee-lo-ko
bwa ka-la]

around prep. (place) zongazonga [zoh'-nga-zoh'-ga]

arrange v. kobongisa [koh-boh-ngee-sa]

arrival 1.n. boyei [boh-yeh'-ee] 2. v. arrive koya,
kokoma

[koh-ya'-a, koh-koh'-ma]; a. at v. kokomela [koh-koh'-meh-la]

art n. ntoki [nto-kee]

as adv. lokola [loh-koh-la]

ashamed adj. (n)soni [nsoh-nee]: I'm a. nazali
koyoka soni

[na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka]

ask v. kosenga, kotuna [koh-se'-nga, koh-too'-na];
ask for

v. kobondela [koh-boh-ndeh'-la]

asleep 1. adj. -lali [la'-lee] 2. v. be a. kolala
[ko-la'-la]: he's a. alali [a-la'-lee]
at prep. na, o [na, oh]

August n. ogusiti [o-goo-see-tee]

awake v. kolongola [koh-loh-ngoh-la]

awful adj. nsomo [nso'-mo]

axe n. soka [so'-ka]

B

- baby** n. mwana [mwa'-na]
babysitter n. mokengeli-mwana [moh-ke-nge-lee]
back n. 1. (body) mokongo [moh-ko-ngo] 2. (direction)
[nsee-ma]
bad adj. -be, mabe [ma-beh']
bag n. saki, libenga [sa'-kee, lee-beh-nga]
baggage n. biloko [bee-lo'-ko]
bald-headed adj. libata [lee-ba-ta']
ball n. (sport) bale, ndembo [ba'-leh', n-deh-mboh]
bamboo n. mbanzi, linkeke [m-ba-nzee, lee-nkeh-keh]
banana n. ntela [nteh-la], (pl.) mintela
baptism n. batisimu [ba-tee-see-moo]
bargain v. kokakola [koh-ka-koh-la]
barber n. mokati-nsuki [moh-ka-tee nsuu-kee]
barrel n. (of oil) pipa [pee-pa]
basket n. ekolo [eh-koh-lo']
battery n. batiri [ba-tee-ree]
be v. kozala [koh-za-la]
beach n. libongo [lee-boh-ngoh']
beans n. nkunde, madesu [nkoo-ndeh, ma-deh'-soo]
beard n. ndole, ndefu [n-doh-leh, n-deh-foo]
beat v. (strike) kobeta, -te [koh-be'-te]
beautiful adj. kitoko [kee-to'-ko]
because conj. mpo [mpoh] (of, na)
bed n. mbeto [m-be-toh]
bedroom n. elalelo [eh-la-leh-loh]

- beef** n. nyama ya ngombe [nya-ma ya n-go'-mbeh]
before abv. yambo, liboso [ya-mboh, lee-boh-soh]
begin v. kobanda [koh-ba-nda]
beginning n. ebandeli [eh-ba-ndeh-lee]
behind adv. / prep. nsima, mbisa [nsee-ma, m-bee-sa]
believe v. kondima, koyamba [koh-ndee-ma, koh-ya-mba]
bell n. ngonga [n-goh-nga]
bellow prep. na nse [na-nseh]
bench n. (seat) etanda [eh-ta-nda]
bet n. mondenge [moh-nde-nge']
better adj. eleki malamu [eh-leh-kee ma-la'-moo]
between prep. o ntaka [oh nta-ka]
bicycle n. nkinga, velo [nkee-nga, veh-loh]
big adj. -nene, monene [moh-ne'-ne]: a big orange lilala
linene [lee-la'-la lee-ne'-ne]
bill n. (money) biye [bee-ye]
bird n. ndeke [n-de-ke] , (pl.) bandeke
birth 1. n. mbotama [m-boh'-ta-ma] 2. v. give b. (to) kobota [koh-boh'-ta]
bit n. ndambo [nda-mboh] : a little b. mwa ndambo [mwa-a]
bite 1. n. boswi [boh-swee] 2. v. koswa [koh-swa'] : a dog
has bitten him mbwa aswi ye [m-bwa' a-swee yeh']
black adj. -yindo, moyindo [moh-yee-ndoh]
bleed v. kobima makila [koh-bee-ma ma-kee-la']
blanket n. bolangiti [boh-la-ngee'-tee]
blind adj. (med.) mololanda [moh-lo-la-nda]
blood n. makila [ma-kee-la']

- blue** adj. bulo [boo-lo]
- boat** n. masuwa, bwato [ma-soo'- wa, bwa' – toh]
- body** n. nzoto [n-zoh'-to]
- boil** 1. n. (med.) matungana [ma-too-nga-na] 2. v. kobela,
kolamba [koh-beh-la , koh-la-mba]
- bone** n. mokuwa [mo-koo-wa]
- book** n. buku [boo'-koo]
- boot** n. (shoe) botte [bot]
- border** n. (country) ndelo [n-deh-lo]
- borrow** v. kodefa [koh-deh-fa]
- botany** n. zebi za bitwele [zeh-bee za bee-twe'- le']
- bottle** n. molangi [moh-la-ngee]
- bottom** n. 1. (of sea etc.) nse [nseh] 2. (body)
lisoko,
[lee-so'-ko], pl. masoko
- bowl** n. (for food) kopo [ko'-po]
- box** n. sanduku [sa-ndoo'-koo]
- boy** n. elenge/mwana mobali [eh-le-nge'/ mwa'-na
moh-ba'-lee]
- bracelet** n. ekomo [eh-ko-mo]
- brain** n. bongo [boh-ngoh']
- brake** n. frein [fren]
- bread** n. lipa [lee-pa], (pl.) mapa
- break** v. kobuka, kopaswana [koh-boo-ka, koh-pa-
swa-na]: it's
broken ebuki [eh-boo-kee]
- breakfast** n. bile na ntongo [bee-leh' na nto'-ngo]
- breast** n. libele [lee-be'-le], (pl.) mabele
- bridge** n. etalaka, gbagba [eh-ta-la-ka, gbagba]
- bring** v. koyela, komemela [koh-yeh-la, koh-me-me'-
la]: bring

- me memele ngai [me-me'-la n-ga'-ee]
brook n. (stream) moluka [moh-loo'-ka']
broom n. ndeko [n-deh-koh]
brother-in-law n. bokilo [boh-kee-loh']
brown adj. langi la kawa [la'-ngee la ka'-wa]
bucket n. (pail) katini [ka-tee-nee]
build v. kotonga [koh-toh-nga]
builder n. (mason) motongi-ndako [moh-toh-ngee n-da'-koh]
building n. ndako [n-da'-koh]
burn v. kotumba [koh-too-mba]
bury v. kokunda [koh-koo-nda]
bus n. otobisi [oh-toh-bee-see]
bush n. zamba, esobe [za-mba, eh-soh-beh]
bushmeat n. nyama (mosuni) ya zamba [nya-ma (mo-soo-nee)
ya za-mba]
business n. mombongo [mph-mbo'-ngo]
businessman n. moto wa mombongo [moh-toh wa]
but conj. kasi, ka [ka-see, ka-a]
butcher n. moteki-nyama [moh-te'-kee nya-ma]
button n. lifungu, buto [lee-foo'-ngoo, boo-to']
buy v. kosomba [koh-soh'-mba] : I'd like to buy .
nalingi kosomba [na-lee-ngee]
buyer n. mosombi [moh-soh-mbee]
by prep. na , o [na, oh]

C

- calender** n. manaka [ma-na-ka]
- call** v. kobenga [koh- beh'-nga]
- calm** v. kobondo [koh-bo'-ndo]
- camel** n. kamela [ka-me-la]
- camping** n. molako [moh-la-koh]
- can** 1. n. (of oil) engwongolo [eh-ngwoh-ngoh-loh]
2. v.
 can (be able) kokoka [koh-koh-ka] : I can nakoki
[na-koh-kee]
- candle** n. buzi [boo-zee]
- canoe** n. bwato [bwa'-toh]
- car** n. vatiri, motuka [va-tee-ree , moh-too-ka]
- card** n. kalati [ka'-la-tee]
- care**: take care (pay attention) v. kokeba [koh-keh-
ba]
- carry** v. komeme, kokumba [koh-me-me, koh-koo-
mba]
- carpenter** n. kabinda [ka-bee-nda]
- cartridge** n. (firearm) lisasi [lee-sa-see]
- carving** n. motende [moh-te-ndeh]
- cassava** n. nsongo [nsoh-ngoh']
- cassava leaves** n. (dish) mpondu, sakasaka [mpo-
ndoo ,
 sa-ka-sa-ka]
- cat** n. pusi, nkondoko [poo-see, nkoh'-ndo-koh];
wild cat
 n. nkondoko ya zamba [ya za'-mba]
- catch** v. kokanga [koh-ka-nga]
- cemetery** n. malita [ma-lee-ta]

century n. sekulo [se-koo-lo]
center n. kati [ka-tee]
ceremony n. ndulu [n-doo'-loo]
chair n. kitu [kee-tee] , (pl.) bakiti
change v. kobongola [koh-boh-ngoh-la]
charcoal n. makala [ma-ka'-la]
cheap adj. ya motuya te, mobobe [ya moh-too-ya te' ,
moh-boh-beh']
cheek n. (body) litama [lee-ta'-ma]
chicken n. nsoso [nsoh'-soh']
chief n. sefu, mokonzi [she-foo, moh-koh-nzee]
child n. mwana [mwa'-na] , (pl.) bana
chin n. lobanga [loh-ba-nga] , (pl.) mbanga
choice n. boponi [boh-po-nee]
cholera n. pulupulu ya nsomo [poo-loo-poo-loo ya nso'-ma]
choose v. kopono [koh-po-no]
Christ n. kristo [kree-stoh]
Christian adj./n. mokristo [moh-kree-stoh]
church n. ndako-nzambe [n-da'-koh n-za'-mbeh]
cigar, cigarette n. likaya [lee-ka-ya]
citizen n. mwana ekolo [mwa'-na eh-ko'-lo]
city n. engumba [eh-ngoo-mba]
class n. (school) kelasi [keh-la'-see]
clean 1. adj. petwa [pe'-twa'] 2. v. kopetwa [koh-pe'-twa']
clear adj. polele, saa [poh-leh'-leh' , saa]
climate n. mikili [mee-kee-lee]
climb v. kobuta, komata [koh-boo-ta, koh-ma-ta']
clock n. ngonga [n-goh-nga]
close v. kokanga, kofunga [koh-ka-nga, koh-foo-

nga]

closet n. etandaka [eh-ta-nda-ka]

cloth n. elamba [eh-la-mba]

coast n. mopanzi [moh-pa-nzee]

coat n. kazaka [ka-za'-ka]

coconut n. kokoti [koh-koh-tee]

coffee n. kate, kawa [ka-feh, ka'-wa]

cold 1. adj. mpio, malili [mpee-oh, ma-lee-lee] 2. n.
(med.)

moyoyo [moh-yo-yo]

collect v. kolokoto [koh-lo-koh'-toh']

color adj. langi [la'-ngee]

comb 1. n. lisanola [lee-sa-noh-la] 2. v. kosanola
[koh-sa-noh-la]

come v. koya [koh-ya-a] : I've come naye [na-
yeh'-ee'];

let sb come v. koyeisa [koh-yeh'-ee-sa]; come
from v. kouta [koh-oo'-ta]; come back v. kozonga
[koh-zoh'-nga]

come here! yaka awa! [ya'-ka' a' wa]; come in!
kota [koh'-ta']

comfortable adj. sei [she-ee]

company n. kompani [koh-mpa-nee]

complain v. kolela [koh-leh-la]

concern v. kotala [koh-ta'-la] : it concerns you etali
yo

[eh-ta'-lee yo']

concert n. ngombi [n-gih-mbee]

concubine n. makango [ma-ka' -ngoh]

confiscate v. kobotola [koh-boh-toh-la]

constipation n. libumu likangani [lee-boo-moo lee-
ka-nга-nee]

- cook** 1. n. kuku, molambi [koo' -koo, moh-la-mbee] 2. v.
kolamba [koh-la' -mba]: what are you cooking?
ozali kolamba
nini? [oh-za-lee nee' -nee]
- copper** n. kwivre, mitako [kwee-vre, mee-ta-koh]
- corn** n. (maize) mboto [m-boh' -toh]
- corner** n. (of room) litumu [lee-too' -moo]
- corpse** n. ebembe [eh-beh-mbeh']
- cotton** n. koto [ko-to]
- cough** 1.n. lokosu [loh-koh-soo'] 2. v. kokosola [koh-koh'-soh-la]
- count** v. (money etc.) kotanga [koh-ta'-nga]
- country** n. (nation) ekolo [eh-ko'-lo], (pl.) bai
ekolo
- court** n. tribunali , esambelo [tree-boo-na-lee, eh-sa-mbeh-loh]
- cousin** n. ndeko [n-deh-koh]
- cow** n. ngombe [n-go' - mbeh]
- crab** n. lingato, lingalo [lee-nga-toh, lee-nga-loh]
- cross** 1. n. (rel.) kuruse [koo-roo-she], 2. v. ko-katisa
[koh-ka-tee-sah]
- crowd** n. likita [lee-kee-ta]
- cry** v. kolela [koh-leh-la]
- cup** n. kopo [ko'-po]
- cupboard** n. etandaka [eh-ta-nda-ka]
- cure** v. (heal) kobowa [koh-bo-wa]
- curtain** n. rido [ree-doh]
- custom** n. (habit) momeseno [moh-me-se-noh]
- customs** n. douane [dwan]
- cut** v. kokata, kosesa [koh-ka'-ta, koh-se-sa]

D

- daily** adv. ntongo nyonso [nto'-ngo' nyo'-nso]
dance 1. n. bobina [boh-bee-na] 2. v. kobina
[koh-bee-na]
danger n. likama [lee-ka-ma]
dark adj. moindo, molili [moh-ee-ndoh, moh-lee-lee]
date n. (time) elaka [eh-la-ka]
daughter n. mwana mwasi [mwa' -na mwa' -see]
day n. mokolo [moh-ko-lo]
deaf adj. loko [loh-koh]
dear adj. 1. (expensive) ya motuya , ntalo mingi [ya moh-too-ya,
nta'-loh mee'-ngee] 2. (loved) bolingo [boh-lee-
ngoh]
death n. liwa , kufa [lee-wa-a, koo-fa]
decade n. zomi [zoh-mee]
deceive v. kokosa [koh-koh'-sa] : you d. me
okoksa ngai
[oh'-koh-koh'-sa n-ga'-ee']
December n. desembere [deh-se-mbe-re]
decide n. kokata likambo [koh-ka'-ta lee-kam-boh]
declare v. (disclose) kosakola [koh-sa-koh-la]
deep adj. bozindo [boh-zee-ndoh]
delay v. koumela [koh-oo-meh-la]
department n. etuka [eh-too'-ka']
departure n. bokei [boh-ke-ee]
desert n. biliki [bee-lee-kee]
devil n. zabolo, satana [za'-boh-loh , sa-ta-na]
diabetes n. bokono bwa sukali [boh-ko-no bwa soo-
ka'-lee]

- dialect** n. lokota [loh-koh-ta]
diamond n. diaman [dee-a-man]
die v. kokufa , kowa [koh-koo-fa, koh-wa']: he'll die
akokufa
[a-koh-koo-fa] : he has died awei [a-weh'-ee]
difference n. bokeseni [boh-keh-she-nee]
different adj. ekeseni [eh-keh-she-nee]
difficult adj. –kasi, makasi, mpasi [ma-ka'-see, mpa'-see]:
it's not d. ezali pasi te [eh-za-lee pa'-see te']
difficulty n. mpasi, matata [mpa'-see, ma-ta'-ta]
dinner n. bile ya mpokwa [bee-leh' ya mpoh'-kwa]
direct adj. semba [she-mba]
dirty adj. bosoto, epotu [boh-soh-toh, eh-poh-too]
disabled adj. mokoni [moh-koh-nee]
disease n. maladi, bokono [ma-la-dee, boh-ko-no]
dislike v. koyina [koh-yee-na]
distance n. ntaka [nta-ka]
district n. (of town) etuka enene [eh-too'-ka' eh-ne'-ne]
do v. kosala [koh-sa'-la]; be done kosalema [koh-sa'-leh-ma]
dock n. (wharf) libongo [le-boh'-ngoh']
doctor n. (physician) monganga [moh'-nga-nga]
dog n. mbwa [m-bwa']; wild dog mbwa ya zamba
[ya za'-mba]
donkey n. mpunda [mpoo-nda]
door n. polite, monoko ya ndako [po'l-te, moh-no-ko
ya
n-da'-koh]
doubt 1. n. ntembe [nte-mbe] 2. v. kobete ntembe
[koh-be'-te]

- down** adv. na nse [na nseh]
dowry n. mosolo, likonza [moh-so-lo, lee-koh-nza]
dream n. ndoto [n-do'-to]
dress 1. n. molato, elamba [moh-la-toh, eh-la-mba]
2. v.
 (o.s.) kolata [koh-la-ta]; (sb) kolatisa [koh-la-tee-sa]
drink 1. n. masanga [ma-sa-nga] 2. v. komela, -le [koh-me-le]
 I've drunk too much namely mingi [na-me-lee mee'-ngie]
driver n. sofele, motambwisi-motuka [soh-feh'-leh, moh-ta'-mbwee-see moh-too-ka]
dry v. kokoka [koh-koh'-ka]: it's dry ekoki [eh-koh'-kee];
 make sth dry v. kokokisa [koh-koh-kee-sa]
during prep. eleko ya [eh-leh-koh-ya]
dust n. putulu [poo-too-loo']
dysentery n. pulupulu ya makila [poo-loo-poo-loo ya ma-kee-la]

E

each adj. moko, yonso [mo'-ko', yo'-nso]

eagle n. engondo [eh-ngoh-ndoh]

ear n. litoi [lee-to'-ee]

early adv. mbangu [mba'- ngoo]

earring n. mpete/mbuma ya matoi [mpe'-te/m-boo-ma ya

ma-to'-yee]

earth n. mabele [ma-beh-leh']

east adj. /n. monyele [moh-nyeh-leh]

Easter n. Pasika [pa'-see-ka]

easy adj. molembu, pasi te [moh-leh-mboo' , pa' - see te']

eat v. kolia, -liya [koh-lee-a]: I've eaten nalei
[na-leh'-ee']

effects n. (goods) biloko [bee-lo'-ko]

egg n. likei [lee-ke-ee]

eggplant n. (aubergine) ngungutu [n-goo-ngoo-too]

eight adj./n. mwambe [mwa-mbeh]

elder adj. yaya, nkulutu [ya-ya' , nkoo-loo'-too]

electricity n. monili, lotriki [moh-nee-lee, loh-tree-kee]

elsewhere adv. esika esusu [eh-see'-ka' eh-soo-soo]

emergency n. likama [lee-ka-ma]

empty adj. mpamba [mpa-mba]

end n. nsuka [nsuu'-ka]

enemy n. monguna [moh-ngoo-na]

engine n. motele [moh-te'-le]

English adj./n. anglais [angle] : I speak English
nalobaka
 anglais [n-loh-ba-ka]
enjoy v. kosepela [koh-she-peh-la]
enough adj./adv. ekoki [eh-koh-kee]
enter v. kokota, koyingela [koh-koh'-ta' , koh-yee-ngeh-la]
entertainment n. lisano [lee-sa-noh]
even adv. ata [a'-ta]
evening n. mpokwa [mpoh'-kwa]
every adj. (n)yonso/(n)yoso [nyō'-nso, nyō'-so]
everybody, -one pron. bato bango/nyonso, moto na
moto [ba-toh
 ba-nso, moh-toh na moh-oh]
everyday adj. mikolo nyonso [mee-ko-lo nyō'-nso]
everything pron. mobimba, nyonso [moh-bee-mba , nyō'-nso]
everywhere n. bisika binso [bee-see'-ka' bee-nso]
exchange v. kosombitinya [koh-soh-mbee-tee-nya]
excuse n. bolimbisi [boh-lee-mbee-see]
expensive adj. ntalo mingi , ya motuya [nta'-loh
mee-ngee,
 ya moh-too'-ya]
eye n. liso [lee'-soh]

F

face n. elongi [eh-loh-ngee]

factory n. maboma [ma-boh-ma]

faith n. (rel.) boyambi (boh-ya-mbee)

fail (down) v. kokwa [koh-kwa-a]: it has fallen
ekwei na

nse [ekweh'- ee' na nseh]

family n. libota [lee-boh'-ta]

far adj. mosika [moh-see-ka]

farm n. elanga [eh-la-nga]

farmer n. moto wa bilanga [moh-toh wa bee-la-nga]

fast 1. n. (go without food) ntingo [ntee-ngoh] 2. adj.

(quick) noki [no-kee']

fat adj. monene [moh-ne'-ne]

father n. 1. (parent) tata [ta-ta'] 2. (priest) sango [sa'-ngoh']

father-in-law n. bokilo mobali [boh-kee-loh' moh-ba-lee]

fear 1. n. nsomo [nso'-mo] 2. v. koyoka nsomo [koh-yoh'-ka]

February n. february [feh-boo-a-ree]

feel v. koyoka [koh-yoh'-ka]: I feel well nayoki malamu [na-yoh'-kee ma-la'-moo]

festival n. (music etc.) eyenga [eh-yeh-nga]

fetish priest n. nganga-nkisi [n-ga-nga nkee-see]

fever n. fefele, molunge [fe'-fe-le, moh-loo-ngee']

few adj. /pron. moke [moh-ke'] ; a few pron. (pl.)

basusu

[ba-soo'-soo]

field n. lisala [lee-sa-la]

fight 1. n. etumba [eh-too-mba] 2. v. kobunda, kobuna

[koh-boo-nda, koh-boo-na] : don't fight kobunda te [te']

file n. (tool) mosiyo [moh-see-yoh]

fill v. kotondisa [koh-toh-ndee-sa]

find v. kokuta [koh-koo-ta] ; find (again) v. kozwa [koh-zwa]

fine n. (money) lomande [loh-ma'-nde]

finger n. (body) mosapi [moh-sa-peee]

finish v. kosilisa, kosukisa [koh-see-lee-sa , koh- soo-kee-sa] :

it's finished esilisi [eh-see-lee-see]

fire n. moto [mo'-to]

fish n. mbisi [m-bee'-see] ; fisherman n. pesele, mobomi-mbisi

[pe-se'-le, moh-boh-mee]

fit v. kobonga, kolongobana [koh-bo-nga, koh-lo- ngo-ba-na]

five adj./n. mitano [mee'-ta'-noh]

fix v. kobamba [koh-ba-mba]

flag n. bendele, dalapo [beh-nde-le, da-la-poh]

floor n. 1. (of room) mabele [ma-beh-leh'] 2. (story) etalaka

[eh-ta-la-ka]

flour n. fufu, moteke [foo-foo', moh-te'-ke]

flower n. fulele, mbe [foo-le-le, mbeh]

flu n. (influenza) mollunge mabe mpe ketuketu [moh-loo-nge'

- ma-beh' mpeh keh-too-keh-too]
- fly** 1. n. (insect) mokangi [moh-ka-ngee] 2. v. kopumbwa
[koh-poo-mbwa]
- follow** n. kolanda [koh-la-nda]
- food** n. bilei [bee-leh' -ee]
- foot** n. (body) lokolo [loh-koh-loh]
- football** n. bale, ndembo [ba'-leh' , n-deh-mboh]
- footpath** n. nzela ya makolo [n-zeh-la' ya ma-koh-loh]
- for** prep. mpo na/ya [mpoh-na]
- forbid** v. (prohibit) kopekisa [koh-peh-kee-sa]
- foreign** adj. mopaya, libanda [moh-pa-ya, lee-ba-nda]
- forest** n. zamba [za-mba], (pl.) mamba
- forget** v. kobosana, kobunga [koh-boh-sa-na, koh-boo-nga]
- fork** n. nkanya [nkanya]
- four** adj. /n. minei [mee'-neh-ee]
- free** adj. mpamba, nsomi [mpa-mba, nso-mee]
- Friday** n. mokolo ya mitano [moh-ko-lo ya mee-ta'-noh]
- friend** n. di, moninga, ndeko [dee, moh-nee-nга, n-deh-koh]
- frog** n. mombemba [moh-mbeh-mba]
- from** prep. uta [oo-ta]
- front** n. boso, liboso [lee-boh-soh']
- fruit** n. mbuma [m-boo-ma]
- full** 1. adj. –tondi [toh'-ndee] 2. v. be full (up) ko-tonda
[koh-toh'-nda]: it's f. etondi [eh-toh'-dee]

G

Game n. 1. (play) lisano [lee-sa-noh] 2. (animals) bokila

[boh-kee-la]

gasoline n. esanzi [eh-sa-nzee]

gazelle n. mboloko [m-boh'-loh'-koh']

geography n. zebi za mokili [zeh-bee za moh-kee-lee]

geology n. zebi za mabanga [zeh-bee za ma-ba'-nga']

get v. (obtain) kozwa [koh-zwa] : I get nazwi [na-zwee];

get down v. kokita [koh-kee-ta]

gift n. (present) libonza [lee-boh-nza]

ginger n. tangawisi [ta-nga-wee-see]

girl n. elenge/mwana mwasi [eh-le-nge'/mwa'-na mwa'-see]

give v. kopesa, kokaba [koh-pe'-sa, koh-ko-ka-ba]; give to v.

kopesela [koh-pe'-seh-la]

glad adj. be g. v. kosepela [koh-she-peh-la] : I'm g.

nasepeli [na-she-peh-lee]

glass n. nzinzi [n-zee-nzee]

go v. kokende [koh-ke-nde] : I'm going/I've gone nakei

[na-ke-ee']; go out v. kobima [koh-bee-ma] ; go up v.

komata [koh-ma-ta'] ; go down v. kokita [koh-kee-ta]

- goat** n. (n)taba [nta-ba]
- God** n. Nzambe [n-za'-mbeh]
- gold** n. wolo [who-loh]
- good** adj. -lamu, malamu [ma-la'-moo]
- goodbye** n. /int. 1. (bid farewell) kendeke malamu [ke-nde'-ke
ma-la'-moo] 2. (stay well) tikala malamu [tee'-ka-la]
- goods** n. biloko [bee-lo'-ko]
- grandfather** n. tata nkoko [ta-ta' nko-ko] ; g. mother
n. mama
nkoko [ma-ma']
- grapefruit** n. pamplemousse [pa-mple-mous]
- grass** n. lititi [lee-tee-tee]
- gray** adj. mbwi [m-bwee]
- green** adj. mobesu [moh-beh'-soo]
- ground** n. mabele [ma-beh-leh']
- groundnut** n. nguba [n-goo-ba]
- guava** n. lipela [lee-peh'-la]
- gun** n. bondoki [boh-ndoh'-kee]

H

- hair** n. nswei , nsuki [nsweh'-ee' , nsloo-kee]
half n. ntei, ndambo [nteh-ee, n-da-mboh]
hammer n. malato [ma-la-toh']
hand n. loboko [loh-bo'-ko]
happiness n. esengo, bolamu [eh-se-ngo , boh-la'-moo]
harbor n. nsele [nseh-leh]
hard adj./adv. –kasi, makasi [ma-ka'-see]
hat n. (cap) enkoti [eh-nkoh-tee]
hate v. koyina [koh-yee-na]
have v. kozala na, kozwa [koh-za-la na, koh-zwa]
he pron. a- [a] : he is azali [a-za-lee]
head n. moto [moh-toh']
heart n. motema [moh-the'-ma]
heat n. molunge [moh-loo-nge']
heavy adj. –zito, mozito [moh-zee-to]
help v. kosalisa [koh-sa-lee-sa]
hen n. nsoso mwasi [nsoh'-soh' mwa'-see]
her, hers ye [yeh'] 1. pron. it's hers yango na ye [ya-ngoh']
na] 2. adj. her bag saki ya ye [sa'-kee na];
herself pron.
ye moko [mo'-ko']
herb n. lititi [lee-tee'-tee]
here adv. awa [a'-wa] : it's here ezali awa [eh-za-lee] ;
here I am! ngai oyo! [n-ga'-ee oh'-yoh] ; here it's
yango
oyo [ya-ngoh']

- hide** v. 1. (sth) kobomba [koh-boh-mba] 2. (o.s.) kobombana
[koh-boh-mba-na]
- high** adj. –lai, molai [moh-la-ee']
- hill** n. ngomba [n-goh'-mba']
- him** pron. ye [yeh']; himself pron. ye moko [mo'-ko']
- hire** v. kofutela [koh-foo-the-la]
- his** adj. na ye [na yeh'] : his book buku na ye [boo-koo na]
- history** n. mokolo [moh-koh-'-loh']
- hoe** n. nkongo [nkoh'-ngoh]
- hold** v. kosimba [koh-see-mba]
- hole** n. libela [lee-beh-'la']
- holiday** n. eyenga [eh-yeh-nga]
- home** n. ndako [n-da'-koh]
- homemade** adj. (dishes) bile bya ekolo [bee-leh' bya eh-ko'-lo]
- honey** n. ndako [n-zo'-ee]
- hope** n. elikya [eh-lee-kya]
- horn** n. (of animal) liseke [lee-se-ke]
- horse** n. farasa [fa-ra'-sa]
- hospital** n. lopitalo [loh-peetah-loh]
- hot** adj. moto, molunge [mo'-to, moh-loo-nge']
- hotel** n. lotele [loh-te-le]
- hour** n. (n)tango, ngonga [nta'-ngoh, n-goh-nga]
- house** n. ndako [n-da'-koh] : at my h. epai ya ngai
[eh-pa'-ee]
ya n-ga'-ee]
- how** adv. boni [boh'-nee'] : how much? Boni? [boh'-nee'] ;
how are you? sango nini? [sa-ngoh nee'-nee']

humidity n. bobandu [boh-ba-ndoo']

hunger n. nzala [n-za-la] : I'm hungry nazali na
nzala

[na-za-lee na]

hunting n. bokila, bobengi-nyama [boh-kee-la, boh-
beh-ngee

nya-ma]

hurt v. (injure) kozoka [koh-zoh-ka]

husband n. mobali [moh-ba'-lee]

I

I pron. na- [na]: I'm nazali [na-za-lee]

ice n. glace [glas]

if conj. soki [so'-kee]

ill adj. I'm ill nazali maladi/kobela [na-za-lee ma-la-dee]
koh-be'-la] ; illness n. bokono [boh-ko-no]

immediately adv. noki, sikawa [no-kee' , see-ka'-wa]

important adj. -nene, monene [moh-ne'-ne]

in prep. o, na, na kati [oh, na, na-ka-tee]

inform v. koyebisa [koh-yeh-bee-sa]

inject v. (med.) kotuba tonga [koh-too-ba to-nга]

inside prep. na kati [na-ka'-tee]

insult v. kofinga [koh-fee-nga]

interested adj. esepelisi [eh-she-peh-lee-see]

interpreter n. lingisi [lee-ngee-see]

interview n. lisolo [lee-soh-loh]

invite v. kobyanga [koh-bya-nga]

iron i. N. (laundry) felo, engomeli [fe'-loh, eh-ngo-meh-lee]
2. v. kongoma [koh-ngoh-ma]

island n. esanga [eh-sa-nga]

it pron. e-, yango [eh, ya-ngoh'] : it's ezali [eh-za-lee]

itch n. mokosa [moh-ko-sa]

ivory n. mpembe [mpe'-mbe']

J

Jesus n. Yesu [yeh-zoo]

jealousy n. zuwa [zoo-wa]

jug n. kopo [ko'-po]

July n. yuli [yoo-lee]

jump v. kopimbwa [ko-pee-mbwa]

June n. yuni [yoo-nee]

K

kerosene n. pitolo [pee-to-lo]

kettle n. birika [bee-ree-ka]

key n. lifungola [lee-foo-ngoh-la]

kill v. koboma [koh-bo'-ma]

kind adj. 1. (good) malamu [ma-la'-moo] 2. (sort)
lolenge

ndenge [loh-le'-nge', n-de'nge']

king n. mokonzi mobali [moh-koh-nzee moh-ba'-
lee]

kiss v. kopwepwa [koh-pwe-pwa]

kitchen n. kuku [koo'-koo]

knife n. mbeli [m-be-lee]

knock v. kobola [koh-boh-la]

know v. koyeba [koh-yeh'-ba] :, I don't know
nayebi te

[na-yeh'-bee te]

L

- ladder** n. ebuteli [eh-boo-te-lee]
- lake** n. etima [eh-tee-ma]
- lamb** n. mwa mpata [mwa-a mpata]
- lame** adj. motengoli [moh-tengo-lee]
- lamp** n. mwinda [mwee'-nda]
- land** n. mabele [ma-beh-leh']
- language** n. monoko, lokota [moh-no-ko, loh-ko'-ta]
- large** n. –nene, monene [moh-ne'-ne]
- last** adj. ya nsuka [ya nsoo-k] ; (past) eleki [eh-leh-kee]
last week mposo eleki [mpo'-so]
- late** 1. adj. –umeli [oo-meh-lee] 2. v. be late
koumela
[koh-oo-meh-la] : I'am I. naumeli [na-oo'-meh-le]
- laugh** v. koseke [koh-se-ke]
- law** n. mobeko [moh-beh-koh]
- lazy** adj. goigoi [go-ee-go'-ee]
- leaf** n. lokasa [loh-ka-sa], (pl.) nkasa
- learn** v. koyekola [ko-yeh'-koh-la]
- leather** n. kwire [kwee-re]
- leave** v. 1. (abandon) kotika [koh-tee'-ka] 2. (go away)
kokende [koh-ke-nde]
- left** adj. (hand, side etc.) ya mwasi [ya mwa'-see]
- leg** n. lokolo [loh-koh-loh]
- lesson** n. liteya [lee-the'-ya]
- lemon** n. libazi, ndimo [lee-ba-zee, n-dee-moh]
- letter** n. letele ,mokanda [le'-te-le , moh-ka-nda']

lie 1. n. (untruth) lokuta [loh-koo-ta'] 2. v. kobuka
lokuta

[koh-boo-ka] ; lie down v. kolala [koh-la'-la]

life n. bomoi [boh-moh-ee]

light 1. n. mwinda [mwee-nda] , (pl.) minda 2. adj.
(weight)

bozito te [boh-zee-toh te'] ; (bright) saa [sa-a]

3. v.

kopelisa, kobambola [koh-peh-lee-sa , koh-ba-
mboh-la]

lightning n. monkalali [moh-nka-la-lee]

like 1. conj. (as) lokola [loh-koh-la] 2. adj. (similar)
lokola, lolenge loko [loh-le'-nge' lo'-ko'] 3. v.
(desire,

emotion) kolinga [koh-lee-nga] : I like nalingi [na-
lee-ngee]

limit n. nsuka [nsuu-ka]

line n. mokoloto [moh-koh-loh-toh]

listen v. koyoka [koh-yoh'-ka] : listen to me yoka
ngai

[yoh'-ka' n-ga'-ee]

little adj. -ke, moke [moh-ke'] ; (diminutive) mwa
[mwa-a] :

a l. happy mwa esengo [eh-se-ngo]

live v. kozala, kofanda [koh-yoh'-ka , ko-fa-nda] :
we live

in the same house tofandi na ndako moko [to-fa-
ndee na

nda'- koh mo'-ko']

living room n. esika ya masolo [eh-see'-ka' ya ma-
soh-loh']

long adj. -lai, molai [moh-la-ee]

look v. kotala [koh-ta'-la]

lorry n. kaminio [ka-mee-nee-o']

lose v. kobungisa [koh-boo-ngee-sa] : I've lost my

nabungisi [na-boo-ngee-see] ; get lost v.
kobunga

nzela [koh-boo-nга nzeh-la']

lot: a lot (of) n. ebele (ya) [eh-beh-leh']

love 1. n. bolingo [boh-lee-ngoh] 2. v. kolinga
[koh-lee-nга] : I love you nalingi yo [na-lee-ngee
yo'] ;

love each other v. kolingana [koh-lee-nга-na]

luck n. sanse, konzo [sa'-nseh, koh-nzoh]: good l.
bolamu

[boh-la'-moo] ; bad l. botutu [boh-too-too']

luggage n. biloko [bee-lo'-ko]

lunch n. bile na moi [bee-leh' na moh'-ee]

M

- machine** n. masini [ma-see-nee]
mad adj. elema [eh-leh'-ma']
madam n. madamu [ma-da-moo]
magic n. liloki [lee-lo-kee]
maid n. mosalisi mwasi [moh-sa' lee-see mwa'-see]
maize n. mboto [m-boh'-toh]
make v. kosala, kokela [koh-sa'-la, koh-keh-la]
make-up n. monzele [mo-nze'-le']
man n. moto/motu [moh-toh], pl. bato
manager n. moyangeli [moh-ya-ngeh-lee]
many adj./pron. mingi, ebele [mee'-ngee, eh-beh-leh'] : how
 many boni? [boh'-nee']
marabout n. (rel.) nkoko [nko'-ko]
March n. mars [mars]
market zando [za'-ndoh] ; (small) wenze [we-nze]
marriage n. libala [lee-ba'-la]
marry v. kobala, kolonga [koh-ba'-la, koh-loh-nga]
marsh n. (land) mobela [moh-be-la]
mass n. (church) misa [mee-sa]
mat n. litoko [lee-to-ko']
match n. 1. (light) alimetí, fofolo [a-lee-me'-tee,
 foh-fo'-lo] 2. (game) lisano [lee-sa-noh]
material n. (cloth) elamba [eh-la-mba]
matter n. (affair) likambo, zambi , mpo [lee-ka-
mboh , za-mbee,
 mpoh] : what's the m. ? likambo nini? [nee'-nee];
it doesn't
 m. likambo te [te']

- May** n. mai [me]
may v. kokoka [koh-koh-ka] : I may nakoki [na-koh-kee] :
 may I see it? Nakoki komona yango ? [koh-mo'-na ya-ngoh']
 may be adv. mbele [m-be-le]
me pron. ngai [n-ga'-ee']
measure 1. n lomeko [loh-meh-koh] 2. v. kopima,
komeka
 [koh-pee-ma, koh-meh-ka]
meat n. nyama [nya-ma]
mechanic n. masiniki [ma-see- nee-kee]
medicine n. nkisi, mono [nkee-see, moh-noh']
meet v. kokutana [koh-koo-ta-na] ; meet (again) v.
kozwana
 [koh-zwa-na]
meeting n. lisanga, likita [lee-sa-nga , lee-kee-ta]
middle n. na katì [ka'-tee] : in the m. katikati
midwife n. mobotisi [moh-boh-tee-see]
mile n. kilometele [kee-loh-me'-te-le]
milk n. miliki, mabele [mee-lee-kee, ma-be'-le]
mind n. mayele [ma-ye'-le]
mine pron. na/ya ngai [na/ ya n-ga'-ee] : the book
is mine
 buku ya ngai [boo'-koo]
mirror n. talatala [ta-la-ta'-la]
miss v. kozanga [koh-za-nga]
mistake 1. n. foti, miko [foh-tee, mee-koh] 2. v. be
mistaken
 kobunga [koh-boo-nga]
Monday n. mokolo ya liboso [moh-ko-lo ya lee-boh-soh']

- money** n. mbongo, mosolo [m-bo'-ngo, moh-so-lo]
monsoon n. mopepe ya molunge kilikili [moh-pe-pe
ya
moh-loo-nge' kee-lee-kee-lee]
month n. sanza [sa'-nza']
monument n. ekeko [eh-ke-ko]
moon n. sanza [sa'-nza']
more adj./n. lisusu [lee-soo-soo] : no more lisusu
te [te']
morning n. (n)tongo [nto'-ngo']
mosquito n. monkungi, mbembele [moh-nkoo-ngee,
m-be'-mbe'-le'];
mosquito net n. mosikitele [moh-see-kee-te'-le]
mother n. mama [ma-ma']
mother-in-law n. bokilo mwasi [boh-kee-loh' mwa'-
see]
motorbike, -cycle n. tukutuku, moto [too-koo-too-
koo'
moh-toh-oh]
mountain n. ngomba [n-goh'-mba']
mourning n. matanga [ma-ta'-nga]
mouse n. mpoko [m-po'-ko]
mouth n. monoko [moh-no-ko]
move v. koningana [koh-nee-nga-na] ; don't move
koningana
te [te']
movies n. sinema [see-neh-ma']
Mr. n. mobali [moh-ba'-lee]
Mrs. n. madamu [ma-da-moo]
mud n. potopoto [po-to-po-to]
museum n. ndako ya ntoki [n-da'-ko ya nto'-kee]
mushroom n. liyebu [lee-yeh-boo]

- music** n. miziki [mee-zee-kee]
- must** v. kosengela na [koh-se'-nge'-le na] : I must go
nasengeli na kokende [na-se'-nge'-lee na koh-ke-
nde]
- mustache** n. monzomba [moh-nzoh-mba]
- button** n. nyama ya mpata [nya-ma ya mpa-ta']
- my** adj. an ngai [na n-ga'-ee] : my father tata na
ngai
[ta-ta']
- myself** pron. ngai moko [mo'-ko']

N

nail n. (body) nzongolongo [n-zoh'-ngoh'-loh'-ngoh']

naked adj. bolumbu [boh-loo-mboo]

name n. nkombo [nkoh'-boh'] : my n. is John

nkombo na

 ngai za [na n-ga'-ee za'] ; what's your n.? nkombo
na yo

 nani [na yo' na'-nee]

narrow adj. moke [moh-ke']

nationality n. ekolo ya moto [eh-ko'-lo ya moh-toh]

near adv. penepene, pembeni [pe-ne-pe-ne, pe-
mbe'-nee]

neck n. nkingo [nkee'-ngoh']

need v. kolinga, kozala na posa [koh-lee-nga, koh-
za-la na

 poh-sa]

needle n. ntonga [nto-nga]

never adv. mokolo moko te [moh-ko-lo mo'-ko' te']

new adj. ya sika [ya see-ka] : new sandals ma-
papa ya sika

 [ma-pa-pa]

news n. (n)sango [nsa-ngoh]

next adj. mwa pene ekoya [mwa-a pe-ne, eh-koh-ya-
a] : next

 week mposo ekoya [mpo'-so]

nice adj. 1. (pretty) kitoko [kee-to'-ko] 2. (good)
malamu

 [ma-la'-moo] 3. (pleasant) ya nsai [ya nsa'-ee]

night n. butu [boo-too]

nine adj./n. libwa [lee-bwa']

- no** adj./adv./n. te [te'] : there's no bread lipa ezali te
[lee-pa eh-za-lee]
- nobody** n. moto moko te [moh-toh mo'-ko' te']
- noise** n. makelele [ma-ke-le'-le]
- north** adj. nordi [nor-dee]
- nose** n. zolo [zoh'-loh]
- not** adv. te [te']
- note** n. 1. (money) biye [bee-ye]; 2. (music) noti
[no-tee]
- notebook** n. kaye [ka-yeh]
- notice** n. boyebisi [boh-yeh'-bee-see]
- nothing** pron. eloko te, mpamba [eh-lo'-ko te', mpa-
mba]
- November** n. novembere [noh-ve-mbe-re]
- now** adv. sikoyo, sikawa, sasapi [see-koh'-yoh, see-
ka-wa,
sa-sa-pee]
- number** n. motango [moh-ta-ngoh]
- nurse** n. mokongeli-mokoni [moh-koh-ngeh-lee
moh-ko-nee]

O

oasis n. liziba ya biliki [lee-zee-ba ya bee-lee-kee]
occasionally adv. Mbala moko moko [m-ba-la mo'-ko']

occupied adj. okipe [o-kee-peh']

October sanza ya zomi [sa-nza ya zoh-mee]

office n. bilo, esika ya mosala [bee-loh, eh-see-ka ya moh-sa-la]

often adv. mbala mingi, nokinoki [m-ba-la mee-ngee,

no-kee]

oil n. mafuta [ma-foo'-ta]

okra n. dongodongo [doh-ngoh-doh-ngoh]

old adj. ya kala [ya ka-la']: an o. coat kazaka ya kala

[ka-za-ka] ; how o. are you? Ozali na mbula boni?
[oh-za-lee

na m-boo-la boh'-nee'] ; I'm ten years o. nazali na mbula boni? [oh-za-lee na m-boo-la boh'-nee'] ; I'm ten years o. nazali na mbula zomi [na-za-lee na zoh'-mee]

on prep. o, na [oh, na]

once adv. mbala moko [m-ba-la mo'-ko']

one adj./pron. moko [mo'-ko']

onion n. litungulu [lee-too-ngoo-loo]

only adj. /adv. mpenza [mpeh-nza] ; adv. se, nde [she',n-deh']

open v. kofungola , kokangola [koh-foo-ngoh-la, koh-ka-ngoh-la]

or conj. to [toh-oh]

orange n. lilala, ndimo [lee-la'-la, n-dee-moh]
other adj./ pron. –susu, mosusu [moh-soo-soo] : o.
people
 bato mosusu [ba-toh] ; pron. (pl.) basusu [ba-
soo-soo]
our, ours adj./pron. na biso [na bee-soh'] : our
house ndako
 na biso [n-da'-koh] ; ourselves pron. biso moko
[mo'-ko']
out, outside adv. na libanda [na lee-ba-nda]
owner n. nkolo [nko-loh]

P

- pack** v. kokanga, koziba [koh-ka-nga, koh-zee-ba]
package n. (packet) liboke [lee-boh'-keh']
pain n. bolozi , mpasi [boh-loh'-zee, mpa'-see]
paint 1. n. mokobo [moh-ko'-bo] 2. v. kokoba langi
[koh-kooh'-ba la-ngee]
palace n. ndako ya bakonzi [n-da'-koh ya ba-koh-nzee]
palm n. 1. (tree) limbila [lee-mbee-la] 2. (leaf)
ndele
[n-deh-leh] 3. (wine) nsamba [nsa-mba]
pants n. patalo [pa-ta-lo]
paper n. mokanda [moh-ka-nda]
pardon n. bolimbisi, palado [boh-lee-mbee-see, pa-la-do']
parent n. moboti [moh-boh-tee]
parliament n. ebimisa-mibeko [eh-bee-mee-sa
mee-beh'-koh]
parrot n. nkoso [nko-so']
part n. ndambo [n-da-mboh]
partridge n. (bird) ekwae [eh-kwa-eh]
pass v. koleka [koh-leh-ka] : I'll pass through Ga-
bon nakoleka
nzela ya Gabon [na-koh-leh-ka n-ze-la' ya]
passport n. epesa nzela [eh-pe-sa n-zeh-la']
path n. nzela/nzila [n-zeh-la']
patient n. (hospital) mokoni [moh-ko-nee]
pay v. kofuta [koh-foo-ta]
payment n. lifuta [lee-foo-ta]
peace n. boboto [boh-bo'-to]

- peanut** n. nguba, nkalamga [n-goo-ba, nka-la-nga]
pear n. avoka [a-vo-ka]
pen, pencil n. ekomeli [eh-koh-me-lee]
people n. bato/batu [[ba-toh]]
petrol n. esanzi [eh-sa-nzee]
pharmacy n. magazini ma mino [ma-ga-zee-nee
ma mee-noh']
photo n. foto, elili [foh-toh', eh-lee-lee]
piece n. eteni [eh-te'-nee]
pig n. ngulu [n-goo-loo]
pigeon n. ebenga [eh-be-nga]
pin n. pengele [pe'-nge-le]
pineapple n. ananasi [a-na -na-see]
pipe n. mopepe [moh-pe'-pe']
place n. (site etc.) esika [eh-see'-ka']
piquant adj. bokenzu [boh-ke-nzoo]
pity n. mawa [ma-wa] : what a p. ! mawa nini!
[nee'-nee]
plant n. (botany) etoelle [eh-toh-e'-le'] , (pl.) bit-wele
plantain n. likemba [lee-keh-mba], (pl.) makemba ;
(small)
etabi [e-ta-bee], (pl.) bitabi
plate n. sani [sa'-nee]
play v. kosana, kosakana [koh-sa-na , koh-sa-ka-na]
please 1. v. (satisfy) kosepelisa [koh-she-peh-lee-sa]
2. adv. palado, soki olingi [pa-la-do', so'-kee-oh-lee-ngee]
plot n. (land) lopango [loh-pa-ngoh], (pl.) mpango
pocket n. libenga, poketi [lee-beh-nga, poh-keh'-

- tee**]
- poison** n. ngenge [n-ge-nge]
- police** n. pulusi [poo-loo-see]
- poor** adj. mobola [moh-boh-la]
- pork** n. nyama ya ngulu [nya-ma ya n-goo-loo]
- possible** adj. ekoki [eh-koh-kee] : it's not p. ekoki te [te']
- pot** n. mozaka [moh-za-ka]
- potato** n. mbala, libenge [m-ba'-la', lee-benge']
- pottery** n. mbele [m-be'-le']
- pound** v. kotuta [koh-too-ta]
- pour** v. (liquid) kobonga [koh-boh-nga]
- powder** n. mputulu [mpoo-too-loo']
- pray** v. (rel.) kosambela [koh-sa-mbeh-la]
- prayer** n. losambo [loh-sa-mboh] (pl.) nsambo
- prefer** n. kopono [koh-po-no]
- pregnancy** n. zemi [zeh'-mee] she's pregnant
azali na zemi
[a-za-lee na]
- pretty** adj. kitoko [kee-to'-ko]
- president** n. kumu wa liboso [koo-moo wa lee-boh-soh']
- price** n. motuya, (n)talo [koo-moo wa lee-boh-soh'] : what is
the p.? ntalo ezali boni? [eh-za-lee boh'-nee]
- pride** n. enzombo, lofundu [eh-nzo-mbo, loh-foo-ndoo]
- priest** n. sango, nganga-Nzambe [sa'-ngoh', n-ga-nga N-za'-mbeh]
- prison** n. boloko [boh-loh-koh]
- problem** n. likambo [lee-ka-mboh]
- promise** v. kolala [koh-la-ka]

proud adj. lolendo [loh-le'-ndo]
public adj./n. ya bato bango [ya ba-toh ba-nso]
pull v. kobenda [koh-beh-nda]
pumpkin n. ekutu [eh-koo-too]
purse n. libenga [lee-beh-nga]
push v. kopusa [koh-poo'-sa]
put v. kotiya [koh-tee-ya]
pygmy n. mopoto, motwa [moh-poh-toh', moh-twa']

Q

quarrel v. koswana [oh-swa-na]

quarter n. (a fourth part) ya minei [ya mee'-neh-ee] ;

(pl.) (part of town) etuka enene [eh-too-ka eh-ne'-ne]

queen n. mokonzi mwasi [moh-koh-nzee mwa'-see]

question n. motuna [moh-too-na]

quick adj. na mbango [na m-ba-ngoh]

quickly adv. mbango, noki [no-kee']

quiet adj. nye [nye]

quite adv. (entirely) nye [nye'-e]

R

rabbit n. nsimbiliki [n-see-mbee-lee-kee]

radio n. radio [ra-dee-oh]

radio station n. boakisi na nsango [boh-a-kee-see na nsa-ngoh]

rain 1. n. mbula [m-boo-la] 2. v. kobete, konoko [koh-be'-te,

koh-no'-ko] : it'll rain mbula ekobete [eh-koh-be'-te]

rainbow n. monama [moh-na-ma]

rat n. mpo [mpoh'-oh]

rate n. mbotana, taux [mboh-ta-na, toh]

raw adj. –besu, mobesu [moh-beh'-soo]

reach v. (place) kokomela [koh-koh-meh-la]

read v. kotanga [koh-ta-ga] : I'm reading nazali
kotanga

[na-za-lee]

reason n. (cause) ntina, mayele [ntee-na, ma-ye'-le]

receive v. koyamba, kozwa [koh-boh-ya, koh-zwa]

red adj. ngola [n-goh'-la]

refugee n. mokimeli [moh-kee-meh-lee]

refuse v. koboya, kopima [koh-boh-ya, koh-peee'-ma]

religion n. mambi ma Nzambe [ma-mbee ma N-za'-mbeh]

reduce v. (price) kobunola [koh-boo-noh-la]

remember v. kokundola motema [koh-boo-ndoh-la
moh-the'-ma]

rent v. kofutela [koh-foo-the-la]

repair v. kobamba [koh-ba-mba]

- repent** v. komima [koh-mee-ma]
rest v. n. (repose) bopemi [boh-peh-mee] ;
(remainder)
montika [moh-ntee-ka] 2. v. kopema [koh-peh-ma]
- restroom** n. kabine [ka-bee-ne']
- return** v. kozonga [koh-zoh'-nga]
- rheumatism** n. mingai [mee-nga-ee]
- rich** adj. : he's r. azali na mbongo [a-za-lee na m-bo'-ngo]
- rice** n. loso [loh'-soh']
- right** 1. adj. (correct) sembo , molamu [she-mboh, moh-la'-moo]
2. v. be right kolonga [koh-loh-nga] : the student is r.
moyekoli alongi [moh-yeh-koh-lee a-loh-ngee]
- right** adj. (hand, side etc.) ya mobili [ya moh-ba'-lee]
r. hand loboko ya mobali [loh-bo'-ko ya]
- ring** 1. n. lompete [loh-mpe'-te] 2. v. (bell) kobete ngonga
[koh-be'-te n-goh-nga]
- ripe** adj. (fruit) eteli [eh-the-lee]
- rise** v. (get up) koteleme [koh-te'-le-me]
- river** n. ebale [eh-ba-leh] ; (small) mongala'
[moh-nga'-la']
- road** n. balabala, mofali [ba-la-ba'-la, moh-fa-lee]
- roast** v. kokalanga [koh-ka-la-nga]
- rock** n. (stone) libanga [lee-ba'-nga]
- romantic** adj. ya bolingo [ya boh-lee-ngoh]
- roof** n. motondo [moh-to'-ndo]
- room** n. suku [soo-koo]

rope n. mokulu [moh-koo-loo]
rosary n. (rel.) sapele [sa-pe-le']
rotten adj. zolongano [zoh-loh-nga-noh]
rub v. (massage) kokosa [koh-koh-sa]
rubber n. motope [moh-toh'-peh]
ruin v. kobebisa [koh-beh-bee-sa]
run v. kopota [koh-poh-ta] ; (society) kobongisa
[koh-boh-ngee-sa] ; runm away v. kokima [koh-
kee-ma]
rusty adj. egugi, ya koguga [eh-goo-gee, ya koh-
goo-ga]

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sad adj. mawa [ma-wa] ; I'm sad nazali koyoka
mawa [na-za-

lee koh-yoh-ka] ; nazali na mawa [na-za-lee na]
saint n. mosantu [moh-sa-ntoo] St. Paul Mosantu
Paul

All Saints' Day Basantu bango [ba-sa-ntoo ba-
nso]

salt n. mongwa, monana [moh-ngwa , moh-na-ma]

same adj. ata , mei, se , moko [a-ta' , meh'-ee, she'
mo'-ko']

sand n. zelo [zeh-lo]

sandal n. lipapa [lee-pa-pa]

Saturday n. mposo, sabala [mpo'-so, sa-ba-la]

save v. (rescue) kobikisa [koh-bee-kee-sa]

say v. koloba [koh-loh-ba] : I say nalobi [na-loh-
bee]

scarf n. litambala [lee-ta-mba-la']

school n. kelasi, eteyelo [keh-la-see, eh-the-yeh-
loh]

science n. zebi [zeh-bee]

scissors n. makasi [ma-ka'-see]

sculpture n. botendi [boh-te-ndee]

sea n. mbu [mboo']

search for v. koluka [koh-loo-ka]

see v. komono, -a, kotala [koh-loo-ka]

see namoni [na-mo'-nee] ; see each other v.
komonono

[koh-mo-no-no]

sell v. koteke [koh-te'-ke] : do you sell ?

Oteke ?

[oh-te'-ke]

seller n. moteki [moh-te'-kee]

send v. kotoma, kotinda [koh-toh'-ma, koh-tee-nda];
send to v.

kotindela [koh-tee-ndeh-la] : seng it to me tindela
ngai yango

[tee'-nde-la' n-ga'-ee ya-ngoh]

separate v. kosesa [koh-she-sa]

September n. septembere [sep-te-mbe-re]

servant n. boi [bo'-ee]

seven adj. /n. nsambo [nsa-mboh]

sew v. kosono [koh-so-no]

shadow n. elili [eh-lee-lee]

shake v. (shiver) kolenge [koh-le'-nge] (liquid)
konongisa [koh-nee-ngee-sa] : shake it. Ningisa
yango [nee-ngee-sa ya-ngoh]

shape n. (form) lolenge [loh-le'-nge]

share v. kokaba, kokabola [koh-ka-ba, koh-ka-boh-
la]

sharp adj. (knife) mopotu [moh-poh-too]

shave v. kokolola [koh-koh-loh-la]

she pron. a- [a] : she is azali [a-za-lee]

sheep n. meme, mpata [me'-me', mpa-ta']

shine v. kotana [koh-ta-na]

ship n. masuwa [ma-soo-wa]

shirt n. semisi [se-mee'-see]

shock n. motutano [moh-too-ta-noh]

shoe n. ekoto [eh-koh'-toh']

shop n. magazini, butiki [ma-ga-zee'-nee, boo-tee-
kee]

shore n. libongo [lee-boh'-ngoh']

- short** adj. -kuse, mokuse [moh-koo'-seh']
shorts n. mogondo [moh-'-goh-ndoh]
shout v. konganga [koh-nga-nga]
shovel n. (spade) mpau [mpa-oo]
show v. kolakisa, komonisa [koh-la-kee-sa, koh-mo'-nee-sa] : show me lakisa ngai [la-kee-sa n-ga'-ee]
shower n. (bath) douche [doosh]
shrine n. (sanctuary, tomb) bosambelelo [boh-sa-mbe-leh-lo]
shut v. kofunga [koh-foo-nga]
shy adj. abangi [a-ba-ngee]
sick adj. I'm s. nazali kobela [na-za-lee koh-be'-la]
side n. epai, mopanzi [eh-pa'-ee, moh-pa-nzee]
sightseeing n. botali mboka [boh-ta'-lee m-boh'-ka]
sin n. sumuki [soo-moo-kee]
since adv. uta , banda [oo-ta, ba-nda]
sing v. koyemba [koh-yeh'-mba]: I sing nayembi [na-yeh-mbee]
singer n. moyembi [moh-yeh-mbee]
single n. (unmarried) nduma, mozemba [n-doo-mba, moh-zeh-mba]
sister n. ndeko mwasi [n-de-koh mwa'-see]
sister-in-law n. semeki, bokilo [se-me'-kee, boh-kee-loh']
sit (down) v. kofanda, kozala [koh-fa-nda, koh-za-la] : let's
 sit down tofanda [toh-fa-nda]
sitting room n. esika ya masolo [eh-see'-ka' ya ma-

- soh-loh'**]
- six** adj. /n. motoba [moh-toh'-ba']
- size** n. lomeko , motango [loh-meh-koh, moh-ta-nogoh]
- skin** n. loposo, pl. mposo [loh-poh-soh, mpoh-soh]
- sky** n. likolo [lee-koh-loh]
- sleep** v. kolala [koh-la'-la]
- sleepy** adj. mpongi [mpo-ngee] : I'm s. nazali
koyoka mpongi
[na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka]
- slippers** n. sapato [sa-pa-toh]
- slippery** adj. (road) boselu [boh-se'-loo]
- slow** adj. goigoi, na mbango te [go-ee-go'-ee, na m-ba-ngoh te']
- slowly** adv. malembe [ma-le'-mbe]
- small** adj. -ke, moke [moh-ke']
- smell** n. nsolo [nso-lo]
- smoke** 1. n. molinga [moh-lee-nga] 2. v. komele
likaya
[koh-me-le lee-ka-ya]
- snail** n. libelekete [lee-be-be'-ke-te]
- snake** n. nyoka [nyoh'-ka]
- snow** n. mai makangani [ma'-ee ma-ka-nga-nee]
- soap** n. saboni [sa-bo'-nee]
- socks** n. soseti [soh-se'-tee]
- soft** adj. motau, petepete [moh-ta-oo, pe-te-pe-te]
- soldier** n. soda [so-da']
- some** adj. (unspecified) moko [mo'-ko']
- somebody, -one** pron. moto moko [moh-toh mo'-ko']
- something** n. eloko moko [eh-lo-ko mo'-ko']
- sometimes** adv. mbala na mbala [m-ba-la na' m-ba-

la]

- son** n. mwana mobali [mwa'-na moh-ba'-lee]
song n. loyembo [loh-yeh'-mboh], (pl.) nzembo
soon adv. noki, sikawa [no-kee, see-ka'-wa]
sore n. bolozi [boh-loh-zee]
sorry adj. mawa [ma-wa] : I'm s. nazali koyoka
mawa [na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka]
soul n. (spirit) molimo [moh-lee-moh]
south adj./n. sudi [soo-dee]
sparrow n. mokengemboka [moh-ke'-nge-mboh'-ka]
speak v. koloba [koh-loh-ba] : do you s. English?
Olobaka
anglais? [oh-loh-ba-ka angle]
special adj. ya lolenge [ya loh-le'-nge']
spectacles n. talatala [ta-la-ta'-la]
spend v. (money) kosilisa mosolo [koh-see-lee-sa]
moh-so-lo]
spicy adj. bokenzu [boh-keh-nzoo']
spirit n. elimo [eh-lee-moh]
spit v. kotwa [koh-twa-a]
sponge n. limbusu [lee-mboo-soo']
spoon n. lutu, lokele [loo-too, loh-ke-le']
sport n. lisano [lee-sa-noh]
spring n. 1. (water) liziba [lee-see-ba] 2. (season)
eleko
ya mbula [eh-leh-koh ya mboo-la]
stand (up) v. koteme, kotelema, -me [koh-te'-me,
koh-te'-le'-me]
star n. monzoto [moh-nzo'-to]
start v. kobanda [koh-ba-nda]
station n. loteme [loh-te'-me]
stay v. (remain) kotikala [koh-tee'-ka-la] : we'll stay

here

tokotikala awa [toh-koh-tee-ka-la a'-wa]

steal v. koyiba [koh-yee-ba] : he has stolen ayibi
[a-yee-bee]

stick 1. n. nzete [n-zeh-teh'] 2. v. (to sth) koban-dema

[koh-ba-ndeh-ma] ; (to a woman) kobanda [koh-ba-nda]

still adv. se, naino [she', na-ee-noh] : he's s. ill azali
se kobela [a-za-lee koh-be'-la]

sting n. (of insect) monzube [moh-nzoo-beh]

stomach n. libumu [lee-boo-moo]

stone n. libanga [lee-ba-nga]

stool n. (seat) ebonga [eh-bo-nga]

stools n. (pl.) (med.) nyei, selles [nyeh'-ee, sel]

stop v. koteme [koh-te'-me]

store n. butiki, magazini [boo-tee-kee, ma-ga-zee-nee]

strom n. ekumbaki [eh-koo-mba-kee]

straight adj. semba [seh-mba]

stranger n. mopaya [moh-pa-ya]

street n. mololo, balabala [moh-loh-loh, ba-la-ba'-la]

string n. (n)singa [nsee-nga 0

strong adj. -kasi, makasi [ma-ka'-see]

stubborn adj. moto makasi [moh-to' ma-ka'-see]

student n. moyekoli [moh-ye-ko-lee]

study v. koyekola [koh-yeh-koh-la]

suffer v. koyoka mpasi [koh-yoh'-ka mpa'-see]

sugar n. sukali [soo -ka-lee]

suit n. (costume) molato [moh-la-toh]

suitcase n. valizi [va-lee-zee]

summer n. eleko ya moi makasi [eh-leh-koh ya moh'-ee
ma-ka-see]

sun n. moi, mwese [moh'-ee, mwe'-se]

Sunday n. lomingo, eyenga [loh-mee-ngoh, eh-yeh-nга]

sure adj. solo [so'-lo']

surprise n. bokamwi, motatabana [boh-ka-mwee,
moh-ta-ta-ba-na]

swamp n. mokili potopoto [moh-kee-lee po-to-po-to]

sweat n. kotoko [koh-to'-ko']

sweep v. kokombo [koh-ko-mbo]

sweet 1. adj. elengi [eh-le-ngee] 2. n. (candy)
bonbon
[bon-bon]

swim v. kobete, -ta mai [koh-be'-te ma-ee']: I can s.
nakoki
kobete mai [na-koh-kee]

switch off v. (light) koboma [koh-boh-ma]; switch
on v.
kopelisa, kobambola [koh-peh-lee-sa, koh-ba-
mboh-la]

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table n. mesa [meh'-sa]

tail n. (of animal) mokondo [moh-koh-ndoh']

take v. kokamata [koh-ka-ma-ta] : I'll take this nako-kamata

 oyo [na oh'-yoh]; take! ma! [ma']

talk v. koloba [koh-loh-ba] : she talks too much alobi mingi mingi [a-loh-bee mee'-mgee]

tall adj. -lai, molai [moh-la-ee] : he's tall azli molai [a-za-lee]

taste 1. n. (good) elengi [eh-le-ngee] 2. v. komeka [koh-meh-ka]

tax n. ntako [nta'-koh]

tea n. ti [tee']

teach v. koteya, kolakisa [koh-teh-ya, koh-la-kee-sa]

teacher n. molakisi [moh-la-kee-see]

teapot n. mbilika [m-bee-lee-ka]

television n. televizyo [teh-leh-vee-zyo']

tell v. koyebisa [koh-yeh-bee-sa] : tell me yebisa ngai

 [yeh-bee-sa n-ga'-ee]

ten adj./n. zomi [zoh'-mee]

temple n. ndako-Nzambe [n-da'-koh N-za'-mbeh]

tent n. ema [eh'-ma]

than conj. eleki [eh-leh-kee] : he's stronger than you azali

 makasi eleki yo [a-za-lee ma-ka'-see eh-leh-kee yo']

thank v. kotondo , kosima [koh-to'-ndoh, koh-see-ma] : thank you

natondi yo [na-to'-ndee yo]

thanks int./n. melesi [me-le-see]

that 1. adj./pron. yango [ya-ngoh'] : that thaing.
Eloko yango

[eh-lo-ko] 2. conj. te [teh]

theft n. boyibi [boh-yee-bee]

their adj. ya bango [ya ba-ngoh'] : their father tata
ya

bango [ta-ta']

them pron. bango [ba-ngoh'] ; themselves pron.
bango moko

[mo'-ko]

then adv. na nsima [na nsee-ma]

there adv. (near you) wana [wa'-a-na'] ; (over there)
kuna

[koo'-na] : who's there? nani wana ? [na'-nee] ;

there he is

ye kuna [yeh']

therefore adv. ko, nde [koh'-n-deh']

these adj./pron. baye [ba-yeh']

they pron. ba-[ba] : they are bazali [ba-za-lee]

thick adj. mbinga [m-bee-nga]

thief n. moyibi [moh-yee-bee]

thin adj. moke [moh-ke']

thing n. eloko [eh-lo'-ko], (pl.) biloko

think v. kokanisa [koh-ka-nee-sa]

thirst n. mposa [mpoh'-sa'] (for ya) : I'm thirsty
nazali

na mposa [na-za-lee na]

this adj./pron. oyo [oh'-yoh] : this man moto oyo

[moh-toh]

those adj. / pron. bango [ba-ngoh']

thread n. busi [boo-see]

three adj. /n. misato [mee-sa-toh]

throat n. mongongo [moh-ngoh'-ngoh']

through 1. prep. Na [na'] 2. v. go through (forest etc.)

kokatisa [koh-ka-tee-sa]

throw v. kobwaka [koh-bwa'-ka]

thunder n. nkaki [nka'-kee]

Thursday n. mokolo yaminei [moh-ko-lo ya mee-neh-ee]

ticket n. 1. tike [tee-ke']

time n. 1. (n)tango [nta'-ngoh] 2. (period) eleko [eh-leh-koh] 3. (occasion) mbala [m-ba-la] : a long t.

kala [ka-la',] ; a short t. se sika [she' see-ka]

tip n. (gratuity) matabisi [ma-ta-bee'-see]

tired adj. I'm tired. Nalembi [na-le-mbee]

to prep. Na , o [na, oh]

tobacco n. likaya , tumbako [lee-ka-ya, too-mba-ko]

today adv. lelo [le-lo']

toe n. monsai [moh-nsa-ee]

together adv. elongo [eh-lo-ngo']

toilet n. (w.c.) libulu, kabine [lee-boo-loo, ka-bee-ne'] :

where's the toilet ? kabine ezali wapi ? [eh-za-lee wa'-pee]

tomato n. tomati [toh-ma-tee]

tomorrow adv./n. lobi [loh'-bee]

tongue n. (body) lolemu [loh-leh-moo], (pl.) ndemu

tonight adv. na butu [na boo-too']

too adv. 1. (also) mpe [mpeh] 2. (excessively)
mingi

[mee-ngee] : too big monene mingi [moh-ne'-ne]

tool n. esaleli [eh-sa'-leh-lee]

2. (excessively) mingi

[mee-ngee] : too big monene mingi [moh-ne'-ne]

tool n. esaleli [eh-sa'-leh-lee]

tooth n. lino [lee'-noh]

toothpick n. mombai [moh-mba-ee]

top n. likolo [lee-koh-loh]

tortoise n. nkoba [nko'-ba]

touch v. kosimba [koh-see-mba]

tough adj. –kasi , makasi [ma-ka'-see]

tourism n. botali mboka [boh-ta'-lee m-boh'-ka]

towards prep. na [na]

towel n. epangusi mayi [eh-pa-ngoo-see mah-ee']

tower n. ngala [n-ga-la]

town n. mboka enene, engumba [m-boh-'ka eh-ne'-ne,

eh-ngoo-mba]

trade n. mombongo [moh-mbo'-ngo]

trademan n. mosali mombongo [moh-sa-lee]

traditional adj. adj. ya bankoko [ba-nko-ko]

train n. engbunduka [eh-ngboo-ndoo-ka]

transform v. kobongola [koh-boh-ngo-la]

travel 1. n. mobembo [moh-beh-mboh] 2. v.
kobemba

[koh-beh'-mba]

traveler n. mobembi [moh-beh-mbee]

tree n. mwete [mweh-the'] , (pl.) miete

tremendous adj. monene mpe kitoko [moh-ne'-ne'

- mpeh** kee-to'-ko']
- trousers** n. patalo [pa-ta-lo]
- truck** n. (lorry) kaminio [ka-mee-nee-o']
- true** adj. solo, mpenza [so'-lo', mpeh-nza']
- truth** n. bosolo [boh-so'-lo']
- try** v. komeka [koh-meh-ka]
- Tuesday** n. mokolo ya mibale [moh-ko-lo ya me-ba-leh']
- turbulent** adj. (person) mobulu [moh-boo-loo]
- turkey** n. dendon [den-don]
- turn** v. kobalusa [kok-ba-loo-sa]
- twice** adv. mbala mibale [m-ba-la mee-ba-leh']
- twin** n. (beds, brothers) lipase [lee-pa-sa], (pl.) mapasa
- twist** v. (arm) kokamola [koh-ka-moh-la]
- two** adj./n. mibale [mee'-ba-leh']

U

ugly adj. ebe [eh-beh']

umbrella n. longembu [loh-ngeh-mboo]

uncle n. noko [no'-ko']

under prep. na nse [na nseh]

understand v. koyoka [koh-yoh'-ka] ; u. each other

v. koyokana

[koh-yoh'-ka-na]

undress v. kobotolo elamba [koh-boh-toh-la eh-la-mba]

university n. kelasi monene [keh-la-see moh-ne'-ne]

unpack v. kokangola [koh-ka-ngoh-la]

until prep. tee kino [the'-eh' kee-noh]

up, upstairs adv. na likolo [na lee-koh-loh']

urine n. minya, masuba [mee-nya, ma-soo-ba]

us pron. biso [bee-soh']

use v. kosalela [koh-sa'-leh-la]

useful adj. ya tina [ya tee-na] you are useful. ozali na tina

[oh-za-lee ya tee-na]

usual adj. ya momeseno [ya moh-me-se-noh]

V

valley n. mbwaku [m-bwa-koo]

value n. ntalo, motuya [nta'-loh ' moh-too-ya]

vegetables n. ndunda [n-doo'-nda]

veranda n. mbalasani [m-ba-la-sa'-nee]

very adv. mingi [mee-nge]

village n. mboka [m-boh'-ka]

visit 1. n. botali, lipaya [boh-ta'-lee, lee-pa-ya] 2.
v.

kotala [koh-ta'-la] : I'd like to v. nalingi kotala
[na-lee-ngee]

visitor n. mopaya [moh-pa-ya]

voice n. lolaka [loh-la-ka], (pl.) ndaka [n-da-ka]

volcano n. ngomba-moto [n-goh-mba mo'-to]

vomit v. kosanza [koh-sa-nza]

W

wait v. kozila [koh-zee-la]: I'll wait here nakozila awa

[na-ko-zee-la a'-wa] : wai for me zila ngai [zee-la'

n-ga'-ee]

walk v. kotambola [koh-ta'-mboh-la] : let's go for a walk

tokende kotambola [toh-ke-nde]

wall n. efelo [eh-fe-lo]

want v. kolinga [koh-lee-nga]: I want nalingi [na-lee-ngee]

war n. etumba [eh-too-mba] ; (civil) etumba ya bai mboka

[ya ba-ee m-boh'-ka]

warm adj. molunge [moh-loo-nge']

wash v. kosukola [koh-soo-koh-la] : wash the car, please

sukola motuka, palado [soo-koh-la moh-too-ka pa-la-do']

watch 1. n. (clock) sa [sa'-a] 2. v. kotala [koh-ta'-la]

watchman n. mokengeli, sinzili [moh-keh'-nge-lee, see-nzee-lee]

water n. mai [ma'-ee]

waterfall n. meta, boeta [meh-ta, goh-eh-ta]

way n. 1. (route) nzela/nzila [n-zeh-la'] 2. (manner) ndenge

[n-de'-nge']

we pron. to [toh] : we are tozali [toh-za-lee]

weak adj. –tau, motau [moh-ta-oo]

wear v. kolata [koh-la'-ta] : you're wearing a nice dress

olati elamba kitoko [oh-la'-tee eh-la-mba kee-to'-ko]

weather n. eleko [eh-leh-koh]

Wednesday n. mokolo ya misato [moh-ko-lo ya mee-sa'-toh]

week n. mposo [mpo'-so]

weight n. bozito [boh-zee-toh']

welcome 1. int. / n. boyei boolamu [boh-yeh'-ee boh-la'-moo] ;

2. v. koyamba [koh-ya-mba]

well 1. adv. malamu [ma-la'-moo] 2. n. (water) li-bela

[lee-beh'-la']

west adj. /n. elozi [eh-loh-zee]

wet 1. adj. mai-mai [ma'-ee-m.] 2. v. get wet kopolo [koh-po-lo]

what adj./pron. boni, nini, nde, kani [boh'-nee, nee'-nee,

n-deh, ka-nee] : w. are you doing? ozali kosala nini?

[oh-za-lee koh-sa'-la nee'-nee]

wheat n. ble [bleh]

wheel n. yika [yee-ka]

when 1. adv. tango [ta'-ngoh] 2. conj. soki [so'-kee]

where adv./pron. wapi [wa'-pee]

which adj. /pron. nini, nani, kani [nee'-nee, na'-nee, ka'-nee]

white 1. adj. (m)pembe [mpe-mbe] 2. n. (person)

mondele

[moh-nde'-le]

who, whom pron. nani, kani [na'-nee, ka'-nee] : who sits here?

Nani afandi awa? [a-fa-ndee a'-wa]

whose adj./pron. ya nani [ya na'-nee] : whose book is this?

buku oyo ya nani [boo'-koo oh'-yoh ya na-nee]

why adv. nini, mpo nini [nee'-nee' mpoh nee'-nee] ; conj. that's

why yango wana [ya-ngoh wa'-a-na']

wide adj. monene [moh-ne'-ne]

widow n. mwasi ya mokbya [mwa'-see wa moh-kbya]; widower

n. mobali wa mokbya [moh-ba'-lee]

wife n. (spouse) mwasi wa libala [mwa'-see wa lee-ba'-la]

wild adj. ya zamba, mosenzi [ya za-mba, moh-se'-nze]

wildlife n. banyama na bandeke ya zamba [ba-nya-ma na

ba-nde-ke ya za-mba]

win v. kolonga [koh-loh-nga]

wind n. mopepe [moh-pe-pe]

window n. lininisa [lee-nee-nee-sa]

wine n. masanga, vinu [ma-sa-nga, vee-noo]

wing n. lipapu [lee-pa-poo]

winter n. eleko ya mpio makasi [eh-leh-koh ya mpee'-oh

ma-ka'-see]

wish v. kotombela [koh-toh'-mbeh-la]

witch n. ndoki [n-do-kee]

- with** prep. mpe,na [mpeh, na]
- without** adv. te, tango [te', ta-ngoh]
- witness** n. nzeneneke [n-ze'-ne'-ne'-ke']
- woman** n. mwasi [mwa'-see]
- wonderful** adj. likamwisi [lee-ka-mwee-see]
- wood** n. nzete , mwete [n-zeh-the',mweh-the'] (pl.)
miete;
(firewood) nkoni [nko'-nee]
- word** n. liloba [lee-loh-ba]
- work** 1. n. mosala [moh-sa'-la] 2. v. kosala [koh-sa'-la] ;
work for v. kosalela [koh-sa'-leh-la] : he'll work
for me
akosalela ngai mosala [n-ga'-ee' moh-sa'-la]
- world** n. mokili [moh-kee-lee]
- worm** n. monkusu [moh-nkoo'-soo']
- worry** v. kopangana [koh-pa-nga-na]
- wound** n. (cut) mpota [mpoh'-ta']
- wrap** v. koziba [koh-zee-ba]: will you w. it, please?
Okoziba
yango, palado ? [ya-ngoh' pa-la-do']
- wright** adj. (correct) ndenge elongobani [ndeh-ngeh
eh-loh-ngoh-ba-nee]
you're wright. olobi solo [oh-loh-bee soh'-loh']
- write** v. kokoma [koh-koh-ma] ; write to v. koko-
mela
[koh-koh-meh'-la] : write to me komela ngai
[Koh-meh'-la'
n-ga'-ee']
- wrong** 1. adj. (incorrect) miko [mee-koh] 2. v. be
wrong
(mistaken) kobunga [koh-boo-nga]

Y

yam n. ekeke ,esapa [eh-ke-ke, eh-sa-pa]

yard n. (measure) yadi [ya'-dee]

year n. mbula, mobu [m-boo'-la, moh-boo], (pl.) mibu:

this year mbula oyo [oh'-yoh] ; last y. mbula eleki

[eh-leh-kee] ; next y. mbula ekoya [eh-koh-ya-a]

yellow adj. so, mosuku [soh, moh-soo-koo]

yes adv. iyo [ee'-yoh]

yesterday adv. lobi eleki [loh'-bee eh-leh-kee]

yet adv. (still) naino,se [na-ee-noh, she'] : not yet naino

te [te']

you pron. 1. (subj.) o- [oh], (pl.) bo- [boh] : are you ?

ozali ? [oh-za-lee] 2. (obj.) yo [yo'] , (pl.) bino [be-noh'] :

I see you namoni namoni yo [na-mo-nee yo']

young adj. elenge [eh-le-nge']

younger adj. leki [leh-kee] : y. brother/sister ndeko leki

[n-deh-koh]

your, yours adj./pron. na yo [na yo'], (pl.) na bino [na bee-noh'] : your shirt semisi na yo [se-mee'-see] ; it is

yours yango na yo [ya-ngoh']

yourself pron. yo moko [mo'-ko'], (pl.) bino moko [bee-noh']

youth n. bolenge [boh-le-nge']

Z

zone n. esika [eh-see'-ka'], (pl.) bisika

zoo n. etuka ya banyama ya zamba [eh-too-ka ya
ba-nya-ma ya
za'-mba]

zoology n. zebi za banyama na bandeke [zeh-bee
za ba-nya-ma
na ba-nde-ke]

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A

- a-** [a] pron. he, she, it [I, shi, it]: azali he, she, it is
alimenti n. match [ma-tsh] (light)
ananas n. pineapple [pai-naple]
avoka n. pear [pi-er]
ata adv. even [i-ven]
avio n. airplane [er-plein]
awa adv. here [i-e]

B

ba- pron. they [dve-y] : bazali they are [dhe-y ar]

baboti n. (pl.) parents [pae-rent]

bakisa v. add [ad]

bala v. marry [mae-ry]

balabala n. road [ro-d], highway [hay-wey]

bale n. ball [boo-l](sport)

bamba v. repair [ri-per] fix [fix], weld

bambola v. (mwinda) light [lay-t] (lamp)

banda v. begin [bi-gin], start [sta-t] : **babandi**

koyemba

they begin to sing [dvey bi-gin to sing]

bandema v. stick to [stik to] (kotingama)

banga v. be afraid [bi e-freid] : nazali kobanga I am afraid

[ay aem e-freid]

bango pron. them [dvem] : **Namoni bango** I see them

[ay si dvem]; **na bango** adj./pron. their, theirs [dver, dverz]

Tata na bango their father [dver fa-dva] ; adj./pron. those :

batobango those people [dvoz piu-ple]

bango moko pron. themselves [dvem-selvs]

bankoko n. (pl.) grandparents [grand-paerent] ; ancestors [an-sestors]

barza n. veranda [ve-rae-nda]

Bansantu banso n. (pl.) All Saints'Day [ohl sents-dey]

- basusu** pron. (pl.) others, some [o-dverz, sa-m]
batisimu n. (rel.) baptism [bap-tism]
bato/batu n. (pl.) people, men, persons [piu-ple, men, per-sons]
bato nyonso pron. everybody, everyone [evri-bodi , evri-wan]
baye adj./pron. these [dviz] : **basi baye** these women
[dviz wu-men]
-be, mabe adj. wicked, bad, ugly [wi-ked, bad, a-gli]
beba v. curse [keor-s] ; **bebisa** v. ruin [rwin]
bebe adv. now, at present [na-w, et pre-zent]
beka v. borrow (kodefa)
bela/bele v. be ill, sick [be il, sik] : **nazali kobela**
I am sick/ill [ay am sik/il]
bela v. (bilei) boil [boyl] (food)
bemba v. travel
bemba v. charm, attract [tshar-m , a-trakt]
benda v. pull [pul]
bendele n. flag [fla-g]
benga v. call [kohl] : papa abengi mbwa father has called the dog
[fa-da az cohl dve do-g]
-besu, mobesu adj. raw, fresh, unripe, green [row, fre-sh,
an-ray-pe, grin]
bete/beta v. beat, strike, knock, hit [bit, stray-k, k-nok, it]
bete mai v. swim [swi-m]
bete ngonga v. ring [ri-ng] (bell)
bikisa v. save, rescue [sev , res-kwu]

- bile/bilei** n. food, dish [fud, dish]
- bilei bya ekolo** n. (pl.) local / homemade dishes
[lo-kohl / om-med dishz]
- biliki** n. desert [de-zert]
- bilo** n. office [o-fis]
- biloko** (pl.) goods, baggage, things, merchandise
[gud, ba-ge-je,
fi-ngs, mer-cha-ndayz]
- bima** v. go out, come out [go au-t, ka-m au-t]: Mado abimi
Mado has gone out [Ma-do az go-n au-t]
- bina** v. dance : **tozali kobina** we are dancing [we ar daen-sing]
- bino** pron. (pl.) you [you] ; **na bino** adj./pron. yours [yor-s]:
ndako na bino your house [yor au-z]
- birika** n. kettle, teapot [ket-le , ti-pot]
- bisika binso** adv. everywhere [evri-wer]
- bisikiti** n. biscuit, cookie [bis-kit, ku-ki]
- biso** pron. us [as]; **na biso** adj./pron. our, ours [aw-r, aw-rs]:
maman na biso our mother [aw-r ma-dva]
- biso moko** pron. ourselves [aw-r-sel-vs]
- bitabi** n.(pl.) plantains [plan-tins] ; **etabi** n. plantain [plan-tin]
- biye** n. (makuta) banknote, bill
- ble** n. wheat [wea-t]
- bo-** pron. (pl.) you : **bozali** you are [yu ar]
- bobandu** n. humidity [yu-mi-di-ti]
- bobangi** n. shyness [shai-nes] : **abangi** He/She is shy
[I / Shi is shai]

- bobele** adv. only, permanently
- boboto** n. peace, kindness [pie-s , kaind-ness]
- boeta** n. waterfall [wo-ta-fohl]
- bokenzu** adj. spicy, piquant [spai-si, pi-kant]
- bokeseni** n. difference [di-fe-rens]
- bokila** n. hunting
- bokilo** n. father / mother – in-law
- bokolongono** n. health [eal-f]
- bokono** n. disease, illness [di-ziz, il-nes]
- bokono bwa sukali** n. diabetes [dai-be-tiz]
- bokumisi** n. (rel.) cult, service, worship [kiult, ser-vis wor-ship]
- bolai** n. height , length [ei-gt, lengf]
- bolamu** n. good luck, happiness, kindness
- bolangiti**, (pl.) malangiti n. blanket [blan-ket]
- bolenge** n. youth [yau-f]
- bolimbisi** n. excuse, pardon [ex-kiuz, pa-don]
- bolingo** n. love [lo-v] ; ya bolingo adj. romantic [ro-man-tic]
- bololo** n. bitterness [bi-te-nes]; adj. bitter], sour [bi-ta , sa-wer]
- boodzi** n. pain, ache, grief [pein, e-k, gri-f]
- bolumbu** n. nakedness [nekd-nes] ; adj. naked [ne-kd]
- boma** 1. v. kill [kil] 2.v. **koboma** (mwinda) switch off [swi-tsh of], put out [put aut] (light)
- bomba** v. hide [ai-d] : **ebombami** it's hidden [it-s i-den]
- bombana** v. hide oneself [ai-d wan-sel-f]
- bomoi** n. life [lai-f]
- bondela** v. ask for , beg [ask for, be-g] : nabondeli eloko moko

- I ask for something [ai ask for sam-fing]
- bondo** v. calm, relieve [kal-m ri-liev]
- bondoki** n. gun , rifle [gan, ri-fl]
- bonga** v. be suitable, be better, must [bi sui-te-bel ,
bi be-ta ,
mas-t]
- bongisa** v. arrange, direct, manage [a-raen-je, dai-rekt,
ma-ne-je]
- bongo** n. brain [brein]
- bongo** v. (masanga) pour (drink)
- bongola** v. change, transform, turn [tshen-je, trans-form ,teur-n]
- boni** adv. how, how much, how many [aw, aw ma-tsh,
aw me-ni] ; pron. what [woa-t]
- bopela** adj. famous [fe-mous]
- bopemi** n. repose, rest [ri-poz, re-st]
- boponi** n. choice [tsho-is]
- bosambelelo** n. shrine, sanctuary [shrai-ne, sancthuery]
- bosana** v. forget [for-get]
- boselu** adj. slippery [sli-pe-ri]
- boso** n. (nzoto) forehead [for-eed]
- bosolo** n. truth [tf-ru]
- bosoto: ya bosoto** adj. dirty [der-ti]
- bota** v. give birth [gi-ve be-f]
- botali mboka** n. tourism, sightseeing [tu-ri-sm, sait-siing]
- bokamwi** n. surprise [su-praiz]
- botendi** n. sculpture [skul-ptshar]
- botolo** v. (elamba) undress [an-dres]

- bowa** v. cure, heal
boya v. refuse, disobey [re-fiwu-z . di-zo-bey]
boyambi n. (rel.) faith
boye/bongo adv. thus, so, in this way [dvas, so, in dis wei]
boyebisi n. notice [no-tis]
boyei n. arrival [e-rai-val]
boyibi n. theft [tf-ft]
bozindo n. depth [de-pft]
bozito n. weight [wei-gt]
bozoba n. ignorance
buka v. break, crunch [brek, cran-tsh]
buku n. book [buk]
bulo adj. blue [blu]
buna/bunda v. fight [fait] : kobunda te do not fight [du not fait]
bunga v. lose, mistake, forget: [luz, mis-tek, fo-get]
 I am lost ; I have lost my way [ia-m lost;
 aiv lost mai wei]
bunola v. reduce [re-dius]
busi n. thread [dvred]
buta v. climb [clai-mb]
butiki n. store, shop [stor, shop]
buto n. button [bo-tn]
butu n. night [nai-gt]
buzi n. candle [kan-dle]
bwaka v. throw [dvro]
bwato, (pl.) n. boat, canoe [boot, ke-nu]
byanga v. invite, call [in-vait, coh]

D

dalapo n. flag [fla-g]

defa v. borrow [bo-row]

dendon n. turkey [tser-ki]

desembere n. December [di-sem-ba]

di n. friend [fren-d]

diaman n. diamond [dai-mon]

E

- e-** pron. it: ezali it is, there is
- ebale** n. river [rai-va]
- ebandeli** n. beginning [bi-gi-n]
- ebe** adj. ugly [a-gli]
- ebele** adj. many ; n. plenty (of) [me-ni ; plen-ti of]:
nakangaki e. ya mbisi I caught plenty of fish
[ai kohgt pen-ti of fish]
- ebembe** n. corpse [cor-ps]
- ebenga** n. pigeon
- ebonga** n. stool
- ebuneli** n. weapon , arm [wi-pon , arm]
- ebuteli** n. ladder [la-da]
- efelo** n. wall [who-l]
- ekeke** n. yam [yam]
- ekeko** n. monument [mo-niu-ment]
- ekembe** n. musical instrument [miu-si-kal ens-tru-
ment]
- ekoki** adj. enough, possible [e-nauf, possi-ble]
- ekolo** n. basket [bas-ket]
- ekolo** n. country [kaun-tri]
- ekomeli** n. pen, pencil [pen, pensil]
- ekomo** n. bracelet [bre-se-let]
- ekoto** n. shoe [shu]
- ekumbaki** n. storm [stor-m]
- ekutu** n. pumpkin [pamp-kin]
- ekwae** n. partridge, pheasant [par-tridje , fe-sent]
- elaka** n. date, period [det, pi-riod]
- elamba**, (pl.) **bilamba** n. cloth, material, fabric
[clof, ma-ti-rial, fa-brik]

- elanga** n. farm [far-m]
- eleki** adj. 1. past [past]: mposo eleki last week;
2. superlative [su-per-la-ti-ve]: John is stronger
than Mary
[djon iz stron-ga den meri]
- eleko** n. weather, period, season [we-dva, pi-riod,
si-zon]
- eleko ya** prep. during [dui-ring]
- elema** adj. mad (person), insane [mad, in-sen]
- elenge** adj. young girl, boy [yang gel, boi]
- elengi** adj. good taste [gud test]
- elikia/elikya** n. hope [ohp]
- elili** n. shadow, photo, picture [sha-dow, fo-to, pik-tsha]
- elimo** n. spirit [spi-rit]
- eloko**, (pl.) biloko n. thing(s) [fing(s)]
- eloko moko** pron. something [sam-fing]
- eloko mosusu** pron. something else [sam-fing els]
- eloko te** pron. nothing [no-fing]
- eloli** n. sunset [san-set]
- elongi** n. face [fes]
- elongo** adv. together [tu-ge-dva] **tokokende elongo**
we shall go together [wi shal go t.]
- elozi** adj./n. west [west]
- ema** n. tent [tin-t]
- engambe** adj. tall [tohl]
- engbunduka** n. train [tch-rin]
- engomeli** n. iron [a-yon]
- engondo** n. eagle [i-gle]
- engumba** n. city, town [si-ti, tan-un]
- engwongolo** n. can (of oil) [ka-ne]
- enkoti** n. hat, cap [at, kap]

- epai** n. side, part, piece [sai-d, pat, pies] : **epai ya Bibi** at Bibi's
[at Bibiz]
- epotu** adj. dirty [der-ti]
- esako** n. applause [a-ploz]
- esaleli** n. tool [tul]
- esambelo** n. court [kout]
- esanga** n. island [ay-land]
- esanzi** n. gasoline [ga-so-lai-ne]
- esapi** n. yam [yam]
- eseka** n. friend [frind]
- esengo** n. happiness, good fortune [a-pi-nes, gud for-tu-ne]
nazali koyoka esengo I am happy [ai-m a-pi]
- esika** (pl.) **bisika** n. place, site, zone [ple-s, say-te, zone]
- esobe** n. meadow [mi-do]
- etalaka** n. bridge [bri-dje]; (ndako) story [sto-ri]
- etanda** n. bench [bin-sh] (seat)
- etandaka** n. cupboard, closet [kap-bod, klo-zet]
- etando** n. board [bod]
- eteli** adj. (mbuma) ripe [rat-pe] (fruit)
- eteni** n. piece [pi-es]
- eteyelo** n. school [s-kul]
- etima** n. lake, pond [lek, pond]
- etoele** n. plant [plant] (botany)
- etuka** n. department, group of houses [de-part-mint, grup of auzes]
- etuka enene** n. district, quarters (of town) [dis-trikt, kuo-tars]
- etumba** n. war, fight [wor, fayt]
- etumbeli** n. oven [o-vin]

- eyano** n. answer, reply [an-swa, ri-plai]
- eyenga** n. Sunday, holiday, festival [san-dei, o-li-dei, fes-ti-val]
- eyindi** v. darken [dar-ken] (**moyindo**) adj. dark
[dar-k]

F

fanda v. live, sit (down) [live, sit (danwn)]: **tofan-daka na Zaire**

We live in Zaire [wi- li-ve in za-ire] **nani afandi awa?**

Who sits here? [wu sit ia]

farasa n. horse [ors]

febuari n. February [fe-bru-ari]

fefe n. fever [fe-va]

felo n. iron [ai-on] (for clothes)

fololo n. match (light) [ma-tsh]

fimbo n. whip [wip]

finga v. insult [i-nsalt]

foti n. mistake [mis-tek]

foto n. picture, photo [pik-tsha]

fufu n. flour [fla-w]

fulele n. flower [fla-wa]

funga v. close, shut [klo-z, shat]

fungola n. open, unpack [o-pin, an-pak]

futa v. pay [pei]

futela v. hire, rent [ai-r, rent]

G

gbagba n. bridge [bri-dje]

goigoi adj. laz, slow [le-zi, slo]

goma v. iron, press (clothes) [ai-on, pres]

guga 1. v. rust [rast]; 2. adj. **egugi** rusty [ras-ti]

I

iyo adv. yes

K

ka conj. but [bat]

kaba v. give, share [giv, sher]

kabinda n. carpenter [kar-pen-ta]

kabine n. toilet, lavatory, restroom [toi-let, la-ve-tu-ri, rest-rum] **kabine ezali wapi?** Where is the toilet?

[wer is dve toi-let]

kabola v. divide, share [di-vai-de, sher]

kakao n. cocoa [ko-ko-a]

kakola v. bargain, haggle (price) [bar-gen, a-gle]

kala 1. adv. before, first, long ago [bi-for, fest, long ego]

2. adj. **ya kala**. old : **kazaka ya kala** an old jacket
[en old dja-ket]

kalakala adv. formerly, already: **Maria alamba**

kalakala

Maria has already prepared

kalaki n. clerk

kalanga v. fry [friai] (fish, meat)

kalati n. card [kard]

kamata v. take [tek] nakokamata oyo I will take this
[I wil tek dvis]

Kamata [ka-ma-ta] v. take : nakokamata oyo [na-koh-ka-ma-ta oh'-yoh] I will take this

Kamela [ka-me-la] n. camel

Kamera [ka-meh-ra] n. camera

Kaminyo [ka-mee-nyo'] n. lorry, truck

Kamola [ka-moh-la] v. (loboko) twist (arm)

Kanga [ka-nga'] v. close, catch

Kangola [ka-ngoh-la] v. open, unpack

- Kani** [ka'-nee] adj. pron. What, which; pron. Who
- Kanisa** [ka-nee-sa] v. think (about)
- Kasi** [ka-see] conj. But, however, at last
- kasi**, makasi [ma-ka'-see] 1. adj. difficult, hard, strong, tough 2. adv. With difficulty, hard, harshly
- Kata** [ka'-ta] v. cut
- Kati** [ka'-tee] 1. n. middle, center: oyo ya katikati [oh'-yoh ya ka-tee-ka-tee] the middle one; 2. prep. Na kati [na-ka'-tee] in, inside
- Katini** [ka-tee-na] n. bucket, pail
- Katisa** [ka-tee-sa] v. cross, go across, go through
- Kawa** [ka'-wa] n. coffee
- Kazaka** [ka-za-ka] n. jacket, coat
- Kaye** [ka-yeh] n. notebook, workbook
- ke**, moke [moh-ke'] adj. small, little, not much, thin, eleki moke [eh-leh-kee] smaller
- Keba** [keh'-ba] v. take care, pay attention
- Kelasi**, (pl) bakelasi [keh-la'-see] n. school, class
- Kende** [ke-nde] v. go, leave: nakei [na-ke-ee'] I am going/have gone; nakokende [na-koh-ke-nde] I shall go; kende malamu! [ka-nde' ma-la'-moo] goodbye
- Kengele** [keh'-nge-le] v. watch, see to
- Keusa** [ke-oo'-sa] n. silk
- Kima** [kee-ma] v. run away, escape: nsoso akimi [nsoh'-soh' a-kee-mee'] the hen has run away
- Kina** [kee'-na'] prep until, till
- Kiti**, (pl.) bakiti [kee'-tee] n. chair, seat
- Kitoko** [kee-to'-ko] adj. beautifull, nice, handsome, pretty: mboka ezali kitoko [m-boh'-ka e-za-lee] the village is beautifull
- Ko** [koh'] adv. Therefore, then, at last
- Koba langi** [koh'-ba la'-nggee] v. paint

Kok [koh-ka] v. be able, can, may; nakoki [na-ko-kee] I can; nakoki kokende sikoyo? [koh-ke0nde see-koh'-yoh] may I go now?

Koka [koh'-ka] v. dry; ekoki [eh-koh'-kee] it is dry

Kokoti [koh-koh'-tee] n. coconut

Kokoto [ko-koh-to] n. smallpox

Kolola [koh'-loh-la] v. shave

Kolongono [koh'-loh-ngoh'-noh'] v. perfect, complete

Koma [koh-ma] v. write; kokomela [koh-koh-meh-la] v. write to: komela ngai [n-ga'-ee'] write to me

Kombo [koh-mboh] v. sweep

Kompani [koh-pa-nee] n. company

Kongo [koh-ngoh'] n. congo

Kopo [ko'-po] n. bowl, cup

Kosa [koh-sa] v. rub, massage

Kosa [koh'-sa] v. decieve

Kosola [koh'-soh-la] v. cough

Kosukosu [koh-soo'-koh-soo'] n. cough

Kota [koh'-ta] v. enter, come in, go in

Koto [ko-to] n. absorbaent cotton

Kristo [krees-stoh] n. Christ

Kufa [koo'-fa] 1.n. death 2. v. die: nakokufa [na-koh-koo'-fa] I shall die

Kuku [koo'-koo] n. kitchen; (molambi) cook

Kulutu [koo-loo'-too] tata nkulutu

Kumba [koo'-mba] v. carry

Kuna [koo'-na'] adv. There, over there; ye kuna [yeh'] there he is

Kunda [koo-nda] v, bury; kokundola [koh-koo-ndoh-la] v. dig up, unearth

Kundola motema [koo-ndoh-la moh-the'-ma] v. remember

Kuruse [koo'-roo'-seh] n. (rel) cross
-kuse, mokuse [moh-koo'-she'] adj. short
Kuta [koo'-ta] v. find
Kutana [koo'-ta-na] v. meet
Kwa/kweya [kwa-a, kweh'-ya] v. fall (down)
Kwivre [kwee-vre] n. (mitako) copper

L

- lai**, molai [moh-la-ee'] adj. High, long, tall
- Laka** [la-ka] v. advise, promise
- Lakisa** [la-kee-sa] v. show, teach
- Lala** [la'-la] v. sleep, go to bed
- Lamba** [la'-mba] v. cook. Prepare (food): ozali kolamba nini? [oh-za-lee koh-la'-mba nee'-nee] what are you cooking?
- lamu**, malamu [ma-la'-moo] 1. adj. Good, beautiful, lovely, happy, fine, nice 2. adv. Well; eleki malamu [eh-leh-kee] adj. better
- Landa** [la-nda] v. follow
- Langi** [la'-ngee] adj. color
- Langi la nkasa** [la nka'-sa] adj. green
- Langi la likolo** [la lee-koh-loh'] adj. Blue
- Lata** [la'-ta] v. dress (oneself), wear, put on: olati elamba kitoko [oh-la'-tee eh-la-mba' kee-to'-ko] you are wear a nice cloth
- Latisa** [la'-tee-sa] v. dress (someone)
- Leka** [leh-ka] v. pass. Go past, go beyond
- Lekaleka** [leh-ka-leh-ka] v. walk about, travel around
- Leki** [leh-kee] adj. younger
- Lekisa** [leh-kee-sa] v. exceed, go beyond (limit etc)
- Lela** [leh-la] v. cry, shout, complain
- Lelo** [le'-lo] adv. N, today
- Lembe** [le-mbe] v. tire: nalembi [na-le-mbee] I am tired
- lembu**, molembu [moh-leh-mboo'] adj. soft, easy
- Lenga** [le'-nga] v. shake, shiver
- Letele** [le'-te-le] n. letter

- Lia/liya** [lee-a/lee-ya] v. eat: nalei [na-leh'-ee'] I have eaten
- Libala** [lee-ba'-la] n. marriage
- Libanda** [lee-ba'-nda] n. playground, exterior na libanda [na] adj. outside
- Libanga**, (pl.) mabanga [lee-ba'-nga'] n. stone, rock
- Libata** [lee-ba-ta'] n. duck; (moto) bald-headed
- Libeke** [lee-be-ke] n. shoulder
- Libela** [lee-beh'-la] n. hole, permanently ; (mail) well
- Libele** [lee-be'-le] n. (nzoto) breast
- Libenga** [lee-be-nga] n. bag, purse
- Libenge** [lee-beh-nge'] n. potato, sweet potato
- Liboke**, (pl.) maboke [lee-boh'-keh'] n. package, packet
- Libongo** [lee-boh'-ngo'] n. quay, shore, port, wharf
- Libongo** [lee-bo'-ngo'] n. (nzoto) knee
- Libonza** [lee-boh-nza] n. gift, present
- Liboso** [lee-boh-soh'] adv. First, before, in front (of)
- Libota** [lee-boh-ta] n. family
- Libulu** [lee-boo-loo] n. toilet, rest room, lavatory
- Libumu** [lee-boo-moo] n. stomach, belly ; mpasi ya libumu [mpa'-see ya] n. stomachache
- Libumu likangami** [lee-ka-nga-mee] n. constipation
- Libwa** [lee-bwa'] adj./n. nine
- Lifungola** [lee-foo-ngoh-la] n. key
- Lifuta** [lee-foo'-ta] n. payment
- Ligbongo** [lee-gbo-ngo] n. swamp
- Likama** [lee-ka'-ma'] n. danger, emergency
- Likambo**, (pl.) makambo [lee-ka-mboh] n. matter, problem: likambo nini? [nee'-nee] what is the matter?
- Likaya** [lee-ka'-ya] 1. n. cigar, cigarette 2. v. komele likaya [koh-me-le] smoke

- Likei**, (pl.) makei [lee-ke-ee'] n. egg
- Likindo** [lee-kee-ndoh] n. (rel) seminary
- Likolo** [lee-koh-loh] n. sky na likolo [na] adv. Above, up, upstairs, top
- Likombe** [lee-ko-mbe] n. single, bachelor
- Likombo** [lee-koh-mboh] n. broom
- Lilala** [lee-la'-la] n. orange
- Liloba** [lee-loh-ba'] n. word
- Liloki** [lee-lo-kee] n. magic
- Limbila** [lee-mbee'-la] n. palm tree
- Limfelo** [lee'-feh-loh] n. (rel.) hell
- Lindanda** [lee-nda'-nda] n. guitar, accordion
- Linga** [lee-nга] v. like, love, want: nalingi nzoi [na-lee-ngee n-zo-ee] I like honey; nalingi yo [yo'] I love you; kolingana [koh-lee-nга-na] v. love each other
- Lingalo/lingato** [lee-nга-toh] n. crab
- Lingenda** [lee-nge-nda] n. stick
- Lingisa** [lee-ngee-sa] v. allow
- Lingisi** [lee-ngee-see] n. interpreter
- Lininisa** [lee-nee-nee-sa] n. window
- Lino**, (pl.) mino [lee'-noh] n. tooth; mpasi ya lino [mpa'-see ya] n. toothache
- Leather** n. kwire [kwee-re]
- Leave** v. 1. (abandon) kotika [koh-tee'-ka] 2. (go away) kokende [koh-ke-nde]
- Left** adj. (hand, side etc.) ya mwasi [ya mwa'-see].
- Leg** n. lokolo [loh-koh-lo]
- Lesson** n. liteya [lee-the'-ya]
- Lemon** n. libazi, ndimo [lee-ba-zee, n-dee-moh]
- Letter** n. letele, mokanda [le'-te-le, moh-ka-nda']
- Lie** 1. a. (untruth) lokuta [loh-koo-ta'] 2. v. kobuka lokuta [koh-boo-ka]; lie down v. kolala [koh-la'-la]

- Life** n. bomoi [boh-moh-ee]
- Light** 1. n. mwinda [mwee-nda], (pl.) minda 2. adj. (weight) bozito te [boh-zee-toh te']; (bright) saa [sa-a] 3. v. kopelisa, kobambola [koh-peh-lee-sa, koh-ba-mboh-la]
- Lightning** n. monkalali [moh-nka-la-lee]
- Like** 1. conj. (as) lokola [loh-koh-la] 2. adj. (similar) lokola, lolenge loko [loh-le-nge' lo'-ko'] 3. v. (desire, emotion) kolinga [koh-lee-nga]: I like nalingi [na-lee-ngee]
- Limit** n. nsuka –nsoo-ka]
- Line** n. mokoloto [moh-koh-loh-toh]
- Listen** v. koyoka [koh-yoh'-ka]: listen to me yoka ngai [yoh-ka' n-ga'-ee]
- Little** adj. –ke, moke [moh-ke]; (diminutive) mwa [mwa-a]: a little happy mwa esengo [eh-se-ngo]
- Live** v. kozala, kofanda [koh-za-la, koh-fa-nda]: we live in the same house tofandi na ndako moko –to-fa-ndee na nda'-koh mo'-ko']
- Living room** n. esika ya mosolo [eh-see'-ka' ya mo-soh-loh]
- Long** adj. –lai, molai [moh-la-ee]
- Look** v. kotala [koh-ta'-la]
- Lorry** n. kamionio [ka-mee-nee-o']
- Lose** v. kobungisa [koh-boo-ngee-sa]: I've lost my nabungise [na-boo-ngee-see]; get lost v. kobunga nzela [koh-boo-nга nzeh-la']
- Lot:** a lot (of) n. ebele (ya) [eh-beh-leh']
- Love** 1. n. bolingo [boh-lee-ngoh] 2.v. kolinga [koh-lee-nga]: I love you nalingi yo [na-lee-ngee yo']; love each other v. kolingana [koh-lee-nga-na]
- Luck** n. sanse, konzo –sa'-nseh, koh-nzoh]: good I.

bolamu [boh-la'-moo]; bad I botutu [boh-too-too']

Luggage n. biloko [bee-lo'-ko]

Lunch n. bile na moi [bee-leh' na moh-ee]

M

Miliki [mee-lee-kee] n. milk

Mima [mee-ma] v. repent, regret

Minei [mee'-neh-ee] adj./n. four minggai [mee-nga-ee]
n. rheumatism

Mingi [mee-ngee] adj../n./adv. Many, plenty (of), too/
very much

Minya [mee-nya] n. urine

Misa [mee'-sa] n. (rel.) mass

Misato [mee-sa-toh'] adj./n. three

Mitako [mee-ta'-koh] an. Copper

Mitano [mee-ta'-noh] adj./n. five

Miziki [mee-zee-kee] n. music

Mobali, (pl.) ba/mibali [moh-ba-lee] n. male, husband,
mister a- mobali adj. right (side etc.)

Mobeko [moh-beh'-koh] n. law, regulation

Mobela [moh-be'-la] n. marsh (land)

Mobembo [moh-beh'-mboh] n. travel, journey, trip

Mobesu [moh-beh'-soo] tala –besu

Mobimba [moh-bee-mba] adj. ail, total, whole, every-
thing

Mobobe [moh-boh-beh'] adj. cheap

Mobola [moh-boh'-la] adj. Poor

Mobomi-mbisi [moh-boh-mee m-bee'-see] n. fisher-
man

Mobotisi [moh-boh'-tee-see] n. midwife

Mobu [moh-boo'] n. year: mobu ekoya [eh-koh-ya-a]
next year; mobu eleki [eh-le-kee] last year

Mobulu [moh-boo'-loo'] adj. turbulent, disorder

Mofali [moh-fa-lee'] n. road, street

- Moi** [moh'-ee] n. sun
Moindo [moh-ee'-ndoh] adj. Black
Mokama [moh-ka'-ma'] tala nkama
Mokanda [moh-ka-nda] n. paper, letter
Mokangi [moh-ka'-ngee] n. fly
Mokati-nsuki [moh-ka'-tee nsoo-kee] n. barber
Mokbya mwasi [moh-kbya mwa'-see] n. widow
Mokbya mobali [moh-ba'-lee] n. widower
Moke [moh-ke'] tala -ke
Mokengeli [moh-ke'-nge-lee] n. watchman
Mokili [moh-kee-lee] n. world
Mokimeli [moh-kee-me-lee] n. refugee
Moko te [te'] n./pron. None, not any
Mokobo [moh-ko'-bo'] n. paint
Mokoko [moh-ko-ko'] n. sugar cane
Mokolo [moh-koh'-loh'] n. history, owner
Mokolo ya liboso [ya lee-boh-soh'] n. Monday
Mokolo ya mibale [ya mee-ba-leh'] n. Tuesday
Mokolo ya misato [ya mee-sa-toh'] n. Wednesday
Mokolo ya mineyi [ya mee-neh-ee] n. Thursday
Mokolo ya mitano [ya mee-ta'-noh] n. Friday
Mokolo moko te [mo'-ko' te'] adv. Never
Mokoloto [moh-koh-loh-toh] n. line
Mokondo/mokila [moh-koh-ndoh'/moh-kee-la] n. tail
Mokongo [moh-ko-ngo] n.(nzoto) back (of body)
Mokonzi, (pl.) ba/mikonzi [moh-koh-nzee] n. chief
Mokosa [moh-ko-sa]

N

Ndimo [n-dee-moh] n. orange

Ndoto [n-do'-to] n. dream

Ndulu –n-doo'-loo] n. ceremony

Ndunda [n-doo'-nda] n. (pl.) vegetables

- **Nene**, monene [moh-ne'-ne] adj. Big, fat, important, large eleki monene [eh-leh-kee] adj. Bigger

Ngai [n-ga'-ee'] pron. Me; na ngai (na) adj. my: tata na ngai [ta-ta'] my father; pron. Mine: mokanda na ngai [moh-ka-nda'] the letter is mine

Ngala [n-ga-la] n. tower

Nganda [n-ga-nda] n. camp, camping

Nganga-nkisi [n-ga-nga nkee-see] n. fetish priest

Nganga-Nzambe [n-ga-nga n-za'-mbeh] n. priest, father, minister

Ngenge [nge-nge] n. poison

Ngola [n-goh'-la] adj. Red

Ngomba [n-goh'-mba'] n. hill, mountain

Ngomba-moto [n-goh'-mba mo'-to'] n. volcano

Ngombe [n-go'-mbeh] n. cow; nyama ya ngombe [nya-ma ya] n. beef

Ngombi [n-goh'-mbee] n. concert, ballet

Ngonga [n-goh-nga] n. bell, clock, hour

Nguba [n-goo-ba] n. (pl.) groundnuts, peanuts

Ngulu [n-goo'-loo] n. pig; nyama ya ngulu [nya-ma ya] n. pork

Nguma [n-goo-ma] n. boa, python

Ngungutu [n-goo-ngoo-too] n. aubergine, eggplant, garden egg

- Ningana** [nee-nga-na] v. move: koningana te [koh-nee-ga-na te'] do not move
- Nkalanga** [nka-la-nga] n. (pl.) groundnuts, peanuts
- Nkama** [n-ka-ma'] adj./n. (one)hundred
- Nkanda** [nka'-nda] n. anger: nazali na nkanda mpo na x [na-za-lee na nmpoh na] I am angry whit x
- Nkanya** [nka-nya] n. fork
- Nkinga** [nkee-nga] n. bicycle
- Nkingo** [nkee-ngoh'] n. neck
- Nkisi** [nkee'-see] n. medicine
- Nkoba** [nko'-ba'] n. tortoise
- Nkoi** [nko-ee] n. leopard
- Nkonko** [nko-ko] n. grandparent
- Nkoko** [nko-ko'] n. sugar cane
- Nkoko** [nko'-ko] n. (rel.) marabout
- Nkolo** [nkoh'-loh'] n. owner
- Nkombo** [nkoh'-mboh'] n. name: nkombo nay o nani? [na yo' na'-nee] what is your name? nkombo na ngai Mpisa [na n-ga'-ee'] my name is Mpisa
- Nkondoko** [nko'-ndo-ko] n. cat
- Nkondoko ya zamba** [ya zamba] n. wild cat
- Nkongo** [nko'-ngo] n. hoe
- Nkoni** [nko'-nee] n. firewood
- Nkosi** [nko'-see] n. lion
- Nkoso** [nko-so'] n. parrot
- Nkoto** [nkoh'-toh'] n. (one) thousand
- Nkulutu/ nkoloto** [nkoo-loo'-too] adj. elder
- Nkunde** [nkoo-nde] n.(pl) beans
- Nkungi** [nkoo-ngee] n. mosquito
- No-noko** [no'-ko] v. rain
- Noki** [no-kee'] 1. adj. quick 2. adv. Soon, immediately, early

- Nokinoki** [no-kee'-no-kee'] adv. Quickly, often
- Noko** [no'-ko'] n. uncle
- Nordi** [nor-dee] adj. north
- Nsai** [nsa'ee] n. joy, pleasure, delight: nazali koyoka
nsai [na-za-lee koh-yoh'-ka] I am pleased
- Nsamba** [nsa'-mba'] n. palm wine
- Nsambo** [nsa-mboh] adj./n. seven
- Nsango** [nsa-ngoh] n. news
- Nse** [nseh] 1. adj. low 2. n. ground, earth, floor; na nse
[na] 1. adv. Down 2. prep. Below, under
- Nsele** [nseh-leh] n. port, harbour

O

O = (o) you, ozali malamu? Are you fine?

Obali- (o-ba-li) you got married

Obala-(o-ba-la) you married

Obiki-(o-bi-ki) you saved

Obateli –(o-ba-te-li) you keep

Obatela-(o-ba-te-la) you kept

Obandi- (o-ba-ndi) you start

Obandela-(o-ba-nde-la) you started

Obima-(o-bi-ma) you came out

Obimi-(o-bi-mi) you are out

Obeti- (o-be-ti) you beat

Odendeli- showing off

Ofandi-(o-fa-ndi)-you seat

Ofanda-(o-fa-nda)-you seat

Ofungoli-(o-fu-ngo-li)-you open

Oh- (oh)- oh

Okoma-(o-ko-ma) you arrived

Okomi-(o-ko-mi) you arrive

Okomani-(o-ko-ma-mi) you have attended

Okangi-(o-ka-ngi)-you closed

Okangi monoko(you shut mouth)

Okeyi-(o-ke-yi)- you gone

Okeba- you be careful

Opesi-(o-pe-si)- you give

P

- Papa-[pa-pa]-** Dad, father
Palata-[pa-la-ta] Silver
Pamba-[pa-mba]- nothing
Panda-[pa-nda]- Panda bear
Pasi-[pa-si]- Hurt,pain, suffering
Pene-[pe-ne] near
Pembeni-[pe-mb-eni] nearer
Pimbo-[pi-mbo] marijuana
Pili pili-[pi-li-pi-li] pepper
Piodi-[pi-o-di] macca fish
Pondu-[po-ndu]-cassava leaves,cassava
Poso-[po-so]- skin,week
Punda-[pu-nda]- horse
Pembe-[pe-mbe]- white
Polele-[po-le-le] openly
Ponyoka[(po-nio-ka)- running swiftly
Puasa[(pu-a-sa)- stupid
Puku-[pou-kou]- mouse
Poto poto-[po-to-po-to]- porridge
Pima-[pi-ma]- tensed
Pepele-[pe-pe-le]-easy

S

- Sa** [sa-a] n. watch
- Saboni** [sa-bo'-nee] n. soap
- Sabala** [sa-ba-la] n. Saturday
- Sakana** [sa-ka-na] v. joke, play
- Saki** [sa'-kee] n. bag
- Sakola** [sa-ko-la] v. declare
- Sala** [sa'-la] v. work, do. Make
- Salela** [sa'-leh-la] v. work for, serve
- Salisa** [sa'-lee-sa] v. help : salisa ngai [n-ga-ee'] help me
- Samaki** [sa-ma-kee] n. fish
- Sambela** [sa'-mbe-la] v. (rel.) pray
- Sambo** [sa-mboh] adj./n. seven
- Sana** [sa-na] v. play
- sanda**, mosanda [moh-sa'-nda'] adj. high, long
- Sanduku** [sa-ndoo-koo] n. box trunk
- Sango** [sa'-ngoh'] n. (rel) priest, father, minister
- Sango** [sa-ngoh] n. news
- Sani**, (Pl.) basani [sa'-nee] n. plate
- Sanola** [sa-no-la] v. comb [hair]
- Sanza** [sa-nza] n. month, moon
- Sapato** [sa-pa'-to] n. slippers
- Sapele** [sa-pe-le'] n. rosary
- Sasapi** [sa'-sa'-pee'] adv. Now, immediately, right now
- Se** [she'] adj. same; adv. Only, still: azali se kobela [a-za-lee koh-be'-la] he is still ill
- Sefu** [she-foo] n. chief
- Sei** [she-ee] adj. comfortable

Seke [se-ke] v. laugh, make fun of
Sekulo [se'-koo-lo] n. century
Samba [se'-mboh] adj. correct, right
Semeiki [se-me'-kee] n. brother/sister-in-law
Semisi [se-mee'-see] n. shirt
Senga/senge [se'-nga] v. ask, demand
Sengele na [se'-nge'-leh] v. must, have to, obliged
Sepela [she-peh-la] v. pleased, delighted
Septembere [sep-te-mbe-re] n. September
Sesa [se-sa] v. cut
Sesa [seh-sa] v. separate, break up
Sika [see-ka] adj. new, recent: ndako ya sika [n-da'-koh ya see-ka] new house
Sikasika [see-ka-see-ka] tala sikawa
Sikawa [see-ka'-wa] adv. Now, at once, right now
Sikoyo [see-koh'-yoh] adv. Now, at present
Silisa [see-lee-sa] v. finish: esilisi [eh-see-lee-see] it is finished
Sima [see'-ma] v, thank, appreciate
Sima [see-ma] tala sima
Simba [see-mba] v. touch, hold
Sinema [see-neh-ma'] n. movies
Singa [see-nга] tala singa
Sinzili [see-nzee-lee] n. watchman
Soda [so-da'] n. soldier
Sofele [soh-feh'-leh] n. driver
Soka [soh'-ka'] n. axe
Soki [so'-kee] conj./adv. If, maybe, about: soki olingi [oh-lee-ngee'] adv. Please
Solo [so'-lo'] adj. true; adv. Truly
Somba [soh'-mba] v. buy: nalingi kosomba [na-lee-nee koh-soh'-mba] I would like to buy ; Afi asombi

motuka [a-soh'-mbee moh'-too-ka] afi has bough a car
Sombitinya [soh-mbee-tee-nya] v. exchange
Soni [so'-nee] tala nsoni
Sono [so-no] v. sew
Soseti [soh-se'-tee] n. sock
Soso [soh'-soh'] tala nsonso
Sudi [soo-dee] adj. south
Sukali [soo-ka-lee] n. sygar
Sukisa [soo-kee-sa] v. finish, complete
Sukola [soo-koh-la] v. wash
Suku [soo-koo] n. room
Sumuki [soo-moo-kee] n. sin
Supu [soo-poo] n. soup, sauce
-Susu, mosusu [moh-soo'-soo] adj. /pron. Other
Swa [swa-a] v. bite: mbwa aswei mwana [m-bwa' a-swee' mwa'-na] a dog has bitten the child
Swana [swa-na] v. quarrel

T

Taba [ta-ba] tala ntaba

Tala [ta'-la] v. visit, look at, concern: nakotala Mado
lobi [na-koh-ta'-la loh'-bee] I shall visit Mado tomorrow;
etali yo [eh-ta'-lee yo'] it concerns you

Talatala [ta-la-ta-la] n. mirror, spectacles

Talo [ta'-loh] tala ntalo

Tambola [ta'-mboh-la] v. walk: natamboli tee na ndako
[na-ta'-mboh-lee teh'-eh na n-da'-koh] I walked to the
house tana [ta'-na] v. shine

Tanga [ta'-nga] v. read, count: nazali kotanga [na-za-
lee koh-ta'-nga] I am reading

Tanga [ta-nга] v. disgust

Tango [ta'-ngoh] tala ntango

Tata [ta-ta'] n. father, daddy

Tata mwasi [mwa'-see] n. aunt

Tatabana [ta-ta-ba-na] v. surprised, disturbed
-tatu, motau [moh-ta-oo] adj. Soft, weak

Te [te'] 1.adv. no, not 2. Prep. Without: nayebi te [na-
yeh'-bee te'] I do not know

Te [the] conj. That: nakanisi te samba akei [na-ka-nee-
see' the a-ke'-ee] I think that samba has gone.

Tee [the'-eh'] conj. / prep. Till, until

Teka/teke [ta'-ke] v. sell: oteke ? [oh-te'-ke] do you
sell ?

Tekisa [te'-kee-sa] v. resell

Tela [teh-la] v. ripen ; eteli [eh-teh-lee] adj. Ripe

Telema/teleme [te'-le'me] v. stand (up), rise, stop

Televizyo [the-leh-vee-zyo'] n. television

Teme [te-me] tala telema

- Teya** [the'-ya] v. teach
- Ti** [tee'] n. tea
- Tika** [tee'-ka] v. abandon, leave, stop: tika ngai moko
[tee'-ka' n-ga'-ee' mo'-ko'] leave me alone
- Tikala** [tee-ka'-la] v. stay, remain : nakotikala na mama
[na-koh-tee'-ka'-la na ma-ma'] I shall stay with mother
- Tike** [tee-ke'] n. ticket
- Tinda** [tee-nda] v. send
- Tindela** [tee-ndeh'-la] v. send to: nook atindeli ngai
mokanda [no'-ko' a tee,ndeh'-lee n-nga'-ee' moh-
kanda'] uncle has sent me a letter
- Tindisa** [tee-ndee-sa] v. push
- Tiya** [tee-ya] v. put
- To** [toh-oh] conj. Or
- To-[toh]** pron. We: tozali [toh-za-lee] we are
- Toma** [toh'-ma] v. send
- Tomati** [toh-ma-tee] n. tomato
- Tonda** [toh'-nda] v. fill (up), be full, have had enough
- Tondo** [to'-ndo] v. thank: natondi yo [na-to'-ndee yo']
thak you
- Tonga** [toh-nga] v. build
- Tongo** [to'-ngo'] tala ntongo
- Tosa** [toh'-sa] v. obey
- Tumba** [too-mba] v. burn
- Tumbako** [too-mba'-koh] n. tobacco
- Tuna** [too'-na] v. ask, question
- Tungisa** [too-ngee-sa] v. annoy, sadden
- Tuta** [too'-ta] v. (nguba) pound (peanuts)
- Twa** [twa-a] v. spit

U

Umela [oo'-meh'-la] v. delay, last, be late

Uta [oo'-ta] prep. From, since

Uta [oo'-ta] v. come from: Roger Ngouabi auti kongo
[a-oo'-tee koh-mgoh'] Roger Ngouabi comes from the
congo.

V

Valizi [va-lee-zee] n. suitcase

Velo [veh-loh'] n. bike, bicycle

Vimba [vee-mba] v. swell

W

Wa [wa-a] v. die: mbwa awei [m-bwa' a-weh'-ee'] the dog has died; bakowa [ba-koh-wa-a] they will die

Wana [wa'-a-na'] adv. There: nani wana? [na'-nee] who is there?

Wapi [wa'-pee] adv. /pron. Where: kabine ezali wapi? [ka-bee-neh eh-za-lee] where is the toilet?

Wela [weh'-la] v. rush, speed up, fight over something

Wenze [we'-nze] n. small market

Wolo [who-loh] n. gold

Y

Ya [ya'-a] v. come, arrive, become: moussa ayei [a-ye-h'-ee'] Moussa has come

Yamba [ya-mba] v. receive, welcome, believe

Yambo [ya-mboh] adv. First, before, in front (of): liteya ya yambo [lee-the'-ya ya] adj, first lesson

Yango [ya-ngoh'] pron. It, that: yango oyo [oh'-yoh] here it is; nateki yango [na-te'-kee] I have sold it; yango wana [wa'-a-na'] that is why

Yangomei [ya-ngoh'-meh-ee] pron. Itself

Yanola [ya-noh'-la] v. answer, reply

Yanuari [ya-noo-a-ree] n. January

Yaya [ya-ya'] adj. elder

Ye [yeh'] pron. Her, him; naye [na] adj. her, his: mama na ye [ma-ma' na] his mother

Yeba [yeh'-ba] v. know: nayebi te [na-yeh'-bee te'] I do not know

Yebisa [yeh'-bee-sa] v. tell, inform: yebisa ngai [yeh'-bee-sa' n-ga'-ee] tell me

Yekola [yeh'-koh-la] v. learn, study : nazali koyekola [na-za-lee koh-yeh'-koh-la] I am studiyng

Yela [yeh'-la] v. bring: yela ngai [n-ga'-ee'] bring me

Yemba [yeh'-mba] v. sign: nayembi [na-yeh'-mbee] I sing

Yezu [yeh'-zoo] n. Jesus

Yiba [yee'-ba] v. steal: ayibi [a-yee'-bee] he has stolen

Yika [yee'-ka] n. wheel

Yikinya [yee-kee-nya] v. multiply

Yina [yee-na] v. dislike, hate

Yingela [yee-ngeh-la] v. come in, enter

Yo [yo'] pron. You: namoni yo [na-mo'-nee yo'] I see you; yo moko [mo'-ko'] pron. Yourself

Yoka [yok'-ka] v. hear, listen, feel, understand: nayoki yo [na-yoh'-kee yo'] I understand you, nazali koyoka molunge [na-za-lee moh-loo-nge'] I feel hot

Yokana [yoh'-ka-na] v. agree, get on (with): toyokani malamu [ma-la'-moo] we agree well

Yoso [yo'-so] tala nyonso

Yuli [yoo-lee] n. July

Yuni [yoo-nee] n. June

Z

Zabolo/zabulu [za-bo-lo] n. devil

Zala [za-la] v. be, live, stay, sit(down), exist: nasali [na-za-lee] I am; ezali [eh-za-lee] it is; nazalaka na France [na-za-la-ka na] I live in France

Zala na [za-la na] v. have : tozali na [toh-za-lee na] we have

Zamba, (pl.) mamba [za'-mba] n. forest, bush

Zambi, (pl.) mambi [za-mbee'] 1. n. matter 2. conj. Because

Zando [za'-ndoh] n. market

Zanga [za-nga] v. miss, need

Zebi [zeh-bee] n. n. science

Zelo, (pl.) melo [zeh-loh] n. sand

Zemi [zeh-mee] n. pregnancy: azali na zemi [a-za-lee na] she is pregnant

Zila [zee-la] v. wait: nakozila awa [na-koh-zee-la a'-wa] I will wait here

-zito, mozito [moh-zee-toh] adj. heavy

Zoba [zo'-ba] n. idiot, twit

Zoka [zoh-ka] v. injure, hurt: moto azoki [moh-toh a-zoh-kee] the man is injured

Zolo, (pl.) mozo [zoh'-loh] n. nose

Zolongano [zoh-loh-nga-noh] n. circle

Zomi [zoh'-mee] adj./n. ten

Zonga [zoh'-nga] v. return, come back; Edourd azongi [a-zoh'-ngee] Edward has returned

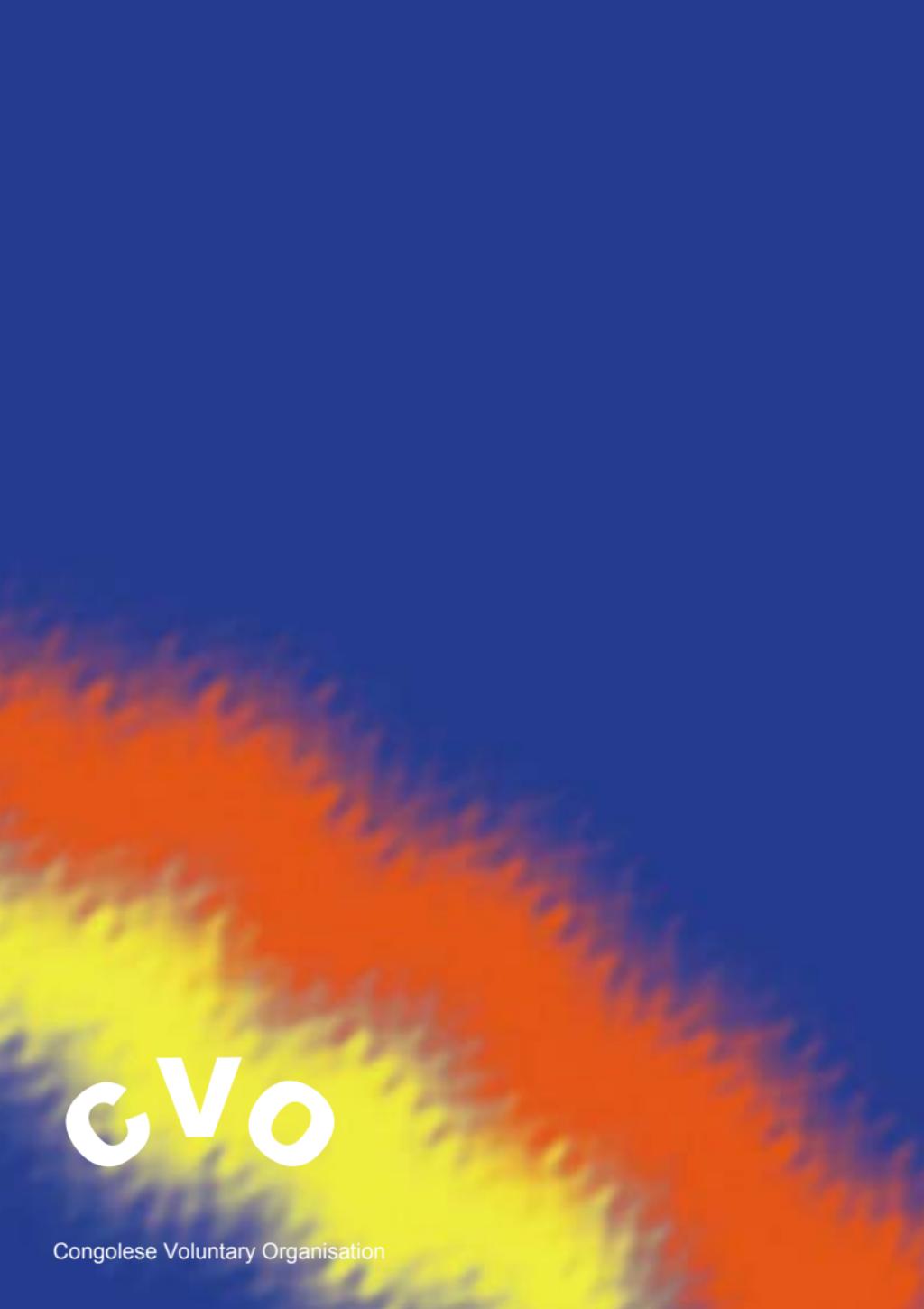
Zongazonga [zoh'-nga-zoh'-nga] prep. Around (place)

Zwa [zwa] v. have, receive, find (again), earn: nazwi mokanda nay o [na-zwee moh-ka-nda' na yo'] I have

received your letter

Zwana [zwa'-na] v. meet (again)

Zuwa [zoo'-wa] n. jealousy: Monika ayoki zuwa [a-yoh'-kee] Minica is jealous.



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