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Introduction

This booklet is for speakers of the Baka language who do not yet read Baka but do read English. If you are such a person, and you use this book, you should find that learning to read Baka is much easier than learning to read English.

In English, some letters (or letter combinations) always represent the same sound every time they occur. However, other letters (or letter combinations) can represent a variety of sounds, depending on the word; for example, the letter A represents three different sounds in the words *fat*, *fate*, and *father*.

Also in English, some sounds are always written with the same letter (or letter combination). However, other sounds can be written with a variety of letters (or letter combinations); for example, the vowel sound is the same in the words *all*, *haul*, and *saw*, but it is written in three different ways (a, au, and aw).

Such irregularity in spelling makes written English difficult. But the spelling of Baka is much more regular. For the most part, each sound is always represented by the same letter, and each letter always represents the same sound. Exceptions to this rule have a good reason and are explained in this book.

We hope you will enjoy this book. After you have learned how to read and write Baka, find another speaker of Baka who wants to learn to read and write the language and help him to learn too.

Lesson One

1.1. Many Baka letters and letter combinations represent the same sound in Baka as they do in English. They are:

b d f h k l m n p t v w
mb nd nv

Reading these letters should give you no problem in Baka. Just read them the way you read them in English. Notice that some of the letters consist of two symbols, but are still considered to be one letter. The names of the letters are given at the end of this book.

1.2. As mentioned in the introduction, some letters and letter combinations in English can represent a variety of sounds, depending on the word. Some of those are:

a e g i o s u y ng ny

In Baka, these letters represent only one of the possible pronunciations found in English. They are pronounced as follows:

a	as in “father”
e	as in “bed”
g	as in “girl”
i	as in “sit”
o	as in “pot” (or as the ‘aw’ in “saw”)
s	as in “sell”
u	as in “put” (and as the ‘oo’ in “good”)
y	as in “yes” (it is a consonant, not a vowel)
ng	as in “hunger” (not as in “hanging”)
ny	as in “canyon”

1.3. The ‘r’ in Baka is pronounced differently than the ‘r’ in standard English, but even so, there should be no confusion. ‘dr’ ‘ndr’ and ‘tr’ should also cause no confusion.

1.4. Exercise 1: *Read the following words. (The marks above the vowels will be explained in Lesson 2.)*

bulúndu	grandfather
dúlú	colobus monkey
fúndú	shoulder, wing
ewu	the cut of a knife
kásá	to send
líko	chameleon
maku	knife
noko	uncle
papáyi	papaya (pawpaw)
teme	ground squirrel
vaka	the sound of a falling branch
wóko	cane rat
mbílí	Ear, leaf
ndéré	to go
nvánva	to smash
ánya	crocodile
eso	four
gála	jackal
ína	goat
ota	three
sigé	rat
umbu	death, corpse
yáká	garden

ngonyo	mud
nyárá	plain
ráfá	hoof
drá	clean
ndrúgu	serval
trandri	guinea fowl

1.5. Exercise 2: *Match each Baka word with the correct English word.* [Answers are on page 59.]

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| 1. íli | A. skin |
| 2. rere | B. stone |
| 3. náná | C. snake |
| 4. saná | D. to want |
| 5. tánga | E. locust |
| 6. súwú | F. to wait for |
| 7. kámá | G. to bite |
| 8. wará | H. crab |
| 9. mbíra | I. to count |
| 10. sóngó | K. small wingless termites |
| 11. tutú | L. shoe |
| 12. kírá | M. grass |

1.6. Exercise 3: *Write the correct Baka word or words next to the English word.* [Answers are on page 59.]

1. altar _____
2. he has stolen it _____
3. razor blade _____
4. tail _____
5. he has died _____
6. sand _____
7. star _____
8. sun _____
9. work _____
10. sky _____
11. chicken _____
12. he has divided it _____
13. python _____
14. aardvark _____
15. garden boundary _____
16. beads _____
17. maggot _____

Lesson Two

2.1. In Lesson 1, you probably noticed the mark that is sometimes written above a vowel. This particular mark is called an “acute accent”. It is used to indicate “high tone” in Baka. Tone is a feature of most African languages. It is the voice pitch of the syllable. Some languages have two tone levels, some have three, and a few even have four tone levels. Baka has only two tone levels: **high tone** and **low tone**. Low tone is not marked in Baka.

Each vowel of every word carries at least one tone. Some vowels carry more. Here are some examples of how words differ by tone:

sáka	mat	sáká	to help
mókó	yam	moko	work
ngono	chicken	ngónó	ngono tree
bangá	animal	bángá	bachelor
éfé	moon	efé	firesticks
kéré	arrow	kére	durra (sorghum)
gáma	kite	gámá	walking around
ndéré go	you have gone	nderé go	he has gone
úgú go	you have bought it	ugú go	he has bought it
úgu go	you have stolen it	ugu go	he has stolen it
lófó go	you have split it	lofó go	he has split it
lófo go	you have torn it	lofo go	he has torn it

2.2. Exercise 4: *Read the following:*

Moko emesá.	Work is good.
Mókó emesá.	Yam is good.
Ba sáka.	This is a mat.
Ídí sáká wo.	Please help him.
Máílí go ánu kubayi.	I want to eat sweet potato.
Lofó wáraga go.	He has torn the paper.
Lofó kágá go.	He has split the wood.
Mamá ugú gali go.	Mama has bought beads.
Ambí ugu bongó amá ne?	Who has stolen my clothes?
Babá ufu kámá go.	Papa has killed a snake.
Nongo eré eré bú.	A chicken fears an eagle.
Ndotó eké wáraga go.	Ndoto has written a letter.
Nadí nderé karana yáká.	Nadi went to the garden
Sigé naná ngono.	A rat bit the chicken.
Noko anu ama bú.	Uncle eats python.

2.3. Usually, there is only one tone on a vowel, but sometimes there are more than one. If there are two tones on one vowel, we double the vowel letter in order to show both tones. For example, if the vowel E has a high tone followed by a low tone, then we write it like this: éé. If it has a low tone followed by a high tone, we write it like this: ee. Here are some examples:

máa	“me”	fáa	“spread widely”
kenéé	“like that”	néé	“that” or “him”
yáa	“over here”	kóo	“before today”
séé	“you (plural)”	feé	“smoothly going”

aá	rude “yes”	yéé	“them”
sií	“silent”	gáa	“earlier today”
sáa	“clock / watch”	laá	“once / irregularly”
foó	sound of tearing off a layer of something		
naá	polite “yes” (to a mother)		
lée	wide surface of water		
óo	jeering: a sign of dissatisfaction		
koó	broken and hanging loose		
góo	just sitting around, waiting		

2.4. Exercise 5: *Read the following:*

Née bangá amá.	That is my animal.
Saká sée go.	She has helped you.
Sáká máa go.	You have helped me.
Uku yaá née ufu kámá go.	He said he had killed a snake.
Ugú gáa awandí go.	He already bought peanuts today.
Uku koo kenée.	He said so.
Ndotó londo yée go.	Ndoto deceived them.
Urúzé do iní léé.	We saw a wide surface of water.
Ófo sókó kágá foó.	Tear the bark of a tree.
Áyí aka ba fú góo ona?	Are you still just hanging around.
Lefe kére fää do sáka.	She spread the durra on the mat.
Teté nderé gara lá laá laá.	Grandma goes to town once in a
Óo, Née ba yée?	Hmph, You mean these are the
Naá, Mamá, Mááyí ba.	Yes, Mama, I'm here.

2.5. Exercise 6: *Write the acute accent where there is a high tone.* [Answers are on page 59.]

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| 1. | sama | leprosy |
| 2. | samama | my blood |
| 3. | sama ama | my bow |
| 4. | Soko tutu go. | He has removed the stone. |
| 5. | Maayi go ewe ini . | I'm drinking water. |
| 6. | Ngono ene uyu go. | His chicken has died. |
| 7. | Kamssa oyo rone bu. | The snake moves itself. |
| 8. | Ndoto ndere gaa yaka. | Ndoto went to the garden today. |
| 9. | Luru dulu komo kamba. | He saw monkeys in the sausage tree. |
| 10. | Maliga kamba bongo go. | Maliga has wrung the clothes. |
| 11. | Mama ndere lugu bongo. | Mama went to wash clothes. |
| 12. | Baba anu ama bu. | Papa eats python. |
| 13. | See, ase go eke ledre. | You, you are writing. |
| 14. | Uru maa go. | You have woken me up. |
| 15. | Uru go. | He has woken up. |
| 16. | kara nee | that woman |

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| 17. | karanee | future |
| 18. | kara ga gere nee | those women |
| 19. | mbira | net |
| 20. | mbira | locust |

Lesson Three

3.1. There are certain sounds in Baka which are also in English, but they are written differently:

c	sounds like ‘ch’ in “church” or ‘ts’ in “cats”
i	sounds like ‘i’ in “machine” and ‘ee’ in “see”
u	sounds like ‘u’ in “rude” and ‘oo’ in “too”
z	sounds like ‘z’ in “zip” or ‘j’ in “jump” or ‘ds’ in “pads”
ph	sounds like ‘f’ in “fire” or ‘p’ in “pot”
ng	sounds like ‘ng’ in “hanging”
nz	sounds like ‘nz’ in “enzyme” or ‘nj’ in “enjoy”

Notice that ‘ph’ can be pronounced either like ‘f’ or like ‘p’, depending on the individual. It is used in words like **phala** “spear” and **phútru** “to pierce”, where both pronunciations are heard.

3.2. Exercise 7: *Read the following:*

cucú	caterpillar
cayi	ineptness
líci	to fry
inyí	five
iri	a name; a bat
sílí	a hand
tudu	flour
údu	to attack
ukú	soup, sauce, broth
zángá	to miss

zée	us
úzu	to try, to test
phéphé	to nail
phiyí	morning
mángángá	open-bill stork
ŋongó	a fly, a remainder/remnant
ungú	a wound
nzánza	to smash
onzó	pumpkin
nzoó	cold
nzoli	a frog

3.3. Exercise 8: *Write the following words in Baka. Be careful in writing the tones.* [Answers are on page 59.]

1. sausage tree _____
2. beads _____
3. a crocodile _____
4. a bow (for arrows) _____
5. a mountain _____
6. a hoe _____
7. cloth _____
8. a garden _____
9. grass _____
10. spear _____
11. fish _____
12. yard, compound _____
13. tortoise _____
14. snore _____

15. bird _____
16. door _____
17. brother _____
18. ear _____
19. arrow _____
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20. laughter _____
21. bottle gourd _____
22. water _____

3.4. Exercise 9: *Fill in the blanks with the correct letters (and accents where necessary).* [Answers are on page 60.]

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| 1. <u>írá</u> | a net |
| 2. <u>có</u> <u>ó</u> | a bone |
| 3. <u>mak</u> <u>_</u> | a knife |
| 4. <u>ba</u> <u>_a</u> | forest |
| 5. <u>úmú</u> | a hare, a rabbit |
| 6. <u>k</u> <u>_le</u> | a star |
| 7. <u>k</u> <u>_tị</u> | a chair |
| 8. <u>go</u> <u>_o</u> | an axe |
| 9. <u>lu</u> | to swallow |
| 10. <u>so</u> <u>_ú</u> | a bird |
| 11. <u>ung</u> <u>_</u> | a winged termite |
| 12. <u>i</u> <u>ka</u> | smoke |
| 13. <u>a</u> <u>_andí</u> | peanuts (groundnuts) |
| 14. <u>te</u> <u>_i</u> | honey |
| 15. <u>ko</u> <u>_o</u> | eye |

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| 16. | sá_a | outside |
| 17 | __úgú | to bathe |
| 18. | zu_́aa | a leather bag |
| 19. | __óo | a weaver bird |
| 20. | L_mo | God |

Lesson Four

4.1. There are 12 sounds in Baka that are not in English. Six of them are listed below. The other six will be taught in Lesson 6.

'b	'be "home", líf'ba "beehive"
'd	'dúku "termite mound", kó'do "calabash"
í	kacíma "my footprints", zíze "for us"
'y	'yi "person", ndu'yú "question"
r	ranga "a lie", mboro "baboon"
v	vénye "to roll up (sleeves or cuffs)

4.2. Exercise 10: *Read the following:*

**Me'beyí 'di'bi 'bí esé go ndéré
kíe 'be.** Your wife has taken yours
home.

**Owú 'bí amá i'dí tezí gi simí
líf'ba amá.** My child harvested honey from
my beehive.

**Unga e kí kündú e ndíšiní simí
'dúku.** Both winged and wingless
termites live in a termite
mound.

**Ewézé iní gi simí 'dawú kí
kó'do.** We drank water from the well
with a calabash.

**Simí bi otoní bangá goó simí
erí ní, do lódú kacía.** When the animal is rounded
up, they follow its footprints.

**Me'be Noko i'bí búu zíze kí
ezemá.** Uncle's wife gave my friend
and me a banana.

'Yì éwé le'yí ní 'yì só-so'di kací lafúne e.	One who drinks alcohol always provokes others.
Kára née ogü ona ndú'yú 'yì bì ocó owú 'bì ené ní.	That woman came here to ask the one who hit her son.
Wotía uku ṙanga gi zí ngíri.	His son told a lie because of fear.
'Yì miřifo ndísi gámá kí ngírá.	A mad person goes about naked.
Vénye sìndí bongó eyí 'dága gi zí monyó née.	Roll up the legs of your trousers because of that mud.
Owúo'do née sembí kó'dú 'yì ugu yoó kí sogo maséte.	That boy slapped the thief's chest with a machete.

4.3. Exercise 11: *Match the English word with the Baka word.* [Answers are on page 60.]

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| 1. 'bú | A. a warthog |
| 2. 'do'dó | B. madness |
| 3. íí | C. to spread |
| 4. á'ya | D. hunger |
| 5. ríkí | E. a type, a kind |
| 6. tóyí | F. heavy beating sound |
| 7. sụ'bú | G. mortar |
| 8. wo'dú | H. to become wet, rattle |
| 9. misi'di | I. suffering |

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| 10. | 'yá'yá | J. | oil |
| 11. | ṛifo | K. | yes |
| 12. | yí | L. | a road |

4.4. Exercise 12: *Write the correct Baka word.* [Answers are on page 60.]

1. a mortar _____
2. to fold _____
3. beer _____
4. yes _____
5. to breathe _____
6. to delay _____
7. dust _____
8. to point _____
9. to bend _____
10. an elephant _____
11. to rub _____
12. August _____

4.5. Exercise 13: *Read the following passage:*

Bıcayı 'yị ndaá

Moko emesá. 'Yị ga bì do ngaráze ní, owoní kací méngi moko e mìngúngúcua bú. Wo bì owo kací méngi ngítí moko phé ní, owo ené kací méngi ngítia bìlámáne wá.

'Yị ndaá 'bì ené íri bì yaá owo kací méngi kékembí éyí wá ní wá. Ledre máa duú cayi ndisi sínyi 'yị e ne.

Bì goó kenée ní, ili go zí 'yị e óto komoyé kíngaya lá ro éyí bì owoní kací méngi a bú bìlámáne ní. Zíye méngi a kí lámáne kíngaya zí ịriyé ówúne doa, zíye kpá ánu tarayé doa kí óto 'be roa.

Lesson Five

5.1. In many languages, unstressed vowels sometimes become weakened and shortened so that they are not pronounced distinctly. But when putting a language into writing, it is best to write the root form (the underlying form), in order to maintain uniform word shapes. This allows for easier word recognition, and hence more fluent reading.

Look at the English words *metal* and *symbol*, for example. In these two words, the first syllable is stressed and the vowel is strong and clear: ME•tal, SYM•bol. The second syllable is unstressed, and the vowel is weak and unclear. The *-al* and the *-ol* both sound the same. But if you add the suffix *-ic*, the stress shifts to the second syllable, and the vowels become strong and are heard clearly to be different: me•TA•lic, sym•BO•lic. That is why we write them differently even when they are weak and sound the same. We write the root form.

We write the underlying form in Baka, too. For example, in “Málágá kágá go”, the prefix **má-** is unstressed and sounds more like **mí**, but since it is derived from the pronoun **máa**, we write it with **a**, not **i**. And in “Azé go ndéré 'be'”, the suffix **-zé** is unstressed and sounds more like **zí**, but since it is derived from the pronoun **zée**, we write it with **e**, not **i**.

The word **do** “head, on” is sometimes stressed and sometimes unstressed. When it is unstressed, the vowel **o** is no longer distinct, but we always write the root form. Compare:

STRESSED	UNSTRESSED
domá my head	do Badí Badi's head
do'yị one's head	do 'yị a person's head
doné his head	

Also behaving like **do** are the words **so** “tooth”, **ro** “self, body”, **go** “neck”, and **ko** “inner mouth”.

5.2. Notice that when two vowels come together, the first one often loses its own sound and takes on the sound of the following one, although its tone remains there. Thus, in “Máili go ndá'ba 'be”, the **a** of the prefix **má-** sounds like **i**; and in “Zíma ótoómo a”, the final **o** sounds like **a**. When this happens, we still write the root form. Sometimes the hidden vowel affects the pronunciation of the second vowel. Be on the look-out for hidden vowels, as in the following examples:

Ongo koo esí néé káe 'di?

'Di'bí maku zía óngo a kíe.

Ánuóto nyangu ngówu néé tríé do bi kéríá.

Bungá i'bionzó kobi lá kí kéré kíé'do.

Ndá ínyị gi ore wá, 'búó togú mándá'baógu go.

Kíaraká 'bí ené ngoru mánga 'duo kí sókóne mbá.

Ndá ótoómo owú ísi néé gámáne faa wá, abára ní ndére útúónzó a.

Komo ngono néé 'dutu gi zía bí kámá udru súrúne komoa ne ní.

Mázangá tezi gi **zíá** bi mboço e ítríonzóní lí'ba amá bi ní.
 Mááráligá e kí 'yí 'bi 'be 'bi ené e ndísiní ndísí eyé tríé
 do bi kéríá simí bi ayíní go gi ro íni ini zí Lomo
 ní.

5.3. In “**Zí 'búa ótoómo a**”, the first **a** is a suffix, but the last **a** is a separate word. Notice the difference in meaning. The suffix **-a** means “his, her, its”, and belongs to a set of possessive suffixes. The word **a** means “him, her, it”, and belongs to a set of direct object pronouns. These two different sets are illustrated on the next page:

Direct object pronouns:

máa	Zíá ótoómo máa 'be.
yíí	Zíá ótoómo yíí 'be.
a	Zíá ótoómo a 'be.
wo	Zíá ótoómo wo 'be.
zée	Zíá ótoómo zée 'be.
sée	Zíá ótoómo sée 'be.
yée	Zíá ótoómo yée 'be.

Possessive suffixes:

-ma / -má	nokomá	sílíma
-yí / -yí	nokoyí	sílíyí
-a	nokoá	sílía
-ga	nokoga	sílíga
-ne / -né	nokoné	sílíne
-'yí	noko'yí	síl'yi

-ze / -zé	nokozé	sílíze
-se / -sé	nokosé	sílísé
-ye / -yé	nokoyé	sílíye

Notice how the tone of some of the possessive suffixes changes, depending on the final tone of the word they are attached to.

Notice also the difference between the possessive suffix **-ga** and the word **ga** which means plural:

Komo**ga** 'dütüní go gi zí ngoko.

Odu 'yi ógu lúrú wo lá duú lémi**ga**.

Owú **ga** gére née, bílámá owú e.

Póolo eké wáraga zí 'yi 'bí Lomo **ga** símí Róma ní.

Sümü**ga** **ga** bí 'dáa ní, sakáofuní wo go.

Not all of the possessives are suffixes. Some are full words; these we call possessive pronouns:

amá	bongó amá	owú 'bí amá
eyí	bongó eyí	owú 'bí eyí
ené	bongó ené	owú 'bí ené
ezé	bongó ezé	owú 'bí ezé
esé	bongó esé	owú 'bí esé
eyé	bongó eyé	owú 'bí eyé

5.4. Exercise 14. *Write the following in Baka.* [Answers are on page 60.]

1. my hand _____
2. your (sg.) father _____
3. his relatives _____
4. our ears _____
5. your (pl.) door _____
6. their garden _____
7. his bow _____
8. her house _____
9. someone's sister _____
10. our God _____

5.5. Exercise 15. *Add the correct possessive form, paying attention to whether it is a suffix (attached) or a pronoun (a separate word).* [Answers are on page 60.]

1. Mándíki owú née máa; née **owú 'bì**.
2. Ndá ési wará née wá; née ndaá **'bì** wá.
3. Áyí ánu **'bì** kubayi; mááyí ánu
'bì gbánda.

4. Mamá i'bí sáka née go zíse; née nda goó
[bí].
5. Lúndu Mamá ní zíma [noko].
6. Ídí índi [mbílí] bìlámáne zíyi úwú ledre.
7. Eré ótụúrú ndonyo éyí wá, 'bìrogo 'dụtụ gu [somo] go.
8. Yakóbo ngasá gi zí Isáwu 'be 'bì [noko].
9. Owú o'do bì Mamá ndikiogü wo née ní, ní zíze [lúndu]
.
10. Ndásé ndéndeke kí ṣaríyá wá, ní útú [komo].
11. Kará e ndíṣiní ímbí ndokoiní [do].
12. Ki'di ndíṣi 'dí'bi éyí kí kánané. Kánaa ní zíá kpá káa
zí [sílí] ní.
13. Wo'dú naná 'decí mbírá kí [so].
14. Ndásé ési sílísé ko pho'dú wá; pho'dú ní óngbó [sílí].
15. Málérí e ndíṣiní lágáphútru simí umbu ki'di kí sókó
[tara].

5.6. Exercise 16. Write the following in Baka, with special attention to the direct object pronouns. [Answers are on page 60 & 61.]

1. My children are good; don't beat **them**.
2. If you don't come early, the car will leave all of **you** behind.
3. We lock our door so that the lion will not eat **us**.

4. Did you leave **him** at home alone?
5. That food has spoiled; don't eat it.
6. The one who broke the calabash was **you**.
7. Mosquitoes bit **me** last night.
8. The honey bees will sting **you** if you shake the hive.
9. That cloth is dirty; don't wear **it**.
10. It was a leopard that killed **him** in the forest.

5.7. Exercise 17: *Read the following passage:*

Misi'di ówo késí

Togú 'yi ni kí késí zíne, ni ídí kí éyí ené ga bì ili yée ní za mbá. Ni ndísi bílámá ndísi, zíá ndísiné sìmí bílámá 'be, zíá ési bílámá bongó, zíá kpá ndísi ánu 'dúo bílámá éyí miánu. Bi kenée ní, ni ídí kí bílámá sìmí sanáne zíá ndísi mbófo Lomo.

Tú'dú misi'di e niyí bo 'bì owo késí. Yée ga bì oloní sukúlụ go ní, menginí 'bì eyé moko sìmí mákitabu, zíye ówo késí do odú éfē. Yée ga bì oloní sukúlụ wá ní, o'doní 'bì éyé éyí zíye úgúoyó a zí yée ga bì menginí 'bì eyé ngítí géyi moko e ní.

Ledre máa toro go lá mbá ro moko. Togú ilizé késí, idízé ótoómo cayi kí ngidri, zíze méngi moko kíngaya.

Lesson Six

6.1. In Lesson 4, you learned how to write six of the 12 Baka sounds that are not in English. The remaining six are listed below, along with examples.

gb	gbánda “cassava”, gbagba “granary”
kp	kpá “also”, rokpo “lizard”
ngb	ngbíkpí “bush pig”, ngbangú “okra”
gbr	gbre “two”, gbri “kneeling”
kpr	kpráka “breaking into a run”, kpreé a snapping sound
ngbr	ngbrúó a falling sound, ngbra ngbra motion of bees around a hive

6.2. Exercise 18: *Read the following:*

'Yí gére oguní gi gbála.	Those people came a long distance.
Gború sama abitúru owúofu go.	The sound of a gun is very loud.
Bakpórú ni bilámá kénzé.	Tilapia is a good fish.
Inyí 'duo akpa kí phiyí.	He woke up very early in the morning.

Teté ndisi 'dókó roné kí ngbángbá.	Grandmother supports herself with a walking stick.
Maku ongo sília go ngbú.	A knife has cut his hand deeply.
'Dewe aka kágá née gbraá.	Please break that stick.
Mbořo itréonzóní lí'ba amá goó gbryó bi.	Baboons have pushed down my beehive.
Ocooyó bété bi komoné goó kprraa 'dá'ba.	He pulled out some of his eyelashes.
Sindí gbá'dá 'dewe goó kpreeé mi'dewe.	A leg of the stool has broken.
'Yí e udemní gi zia ngbríjí mbá ngásá.	Everyone ran away from him.
Onzó sindíne ngbryó simi gu migugúyi.	His leg broke through into a hole below the surface of the ground.

6.3. Exercise 19: *Match the English word with the Baka word.* [Answers are on page 61.]

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. gbú'du | A. footprints |
| 2. solú | B. mosquito |
| 3. kpurú | C. scattered at once |
| 4. ngbingbíliri | D. two |

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|----|------------------|
| 5. | sulú | E. | August |
| 6. | ngbutú | F. | through |
| 7. | Venyí | G. | poverty |
| 8. | gbre | H. | sign of deafness |
| 9. | Kproó kproó | I. | short |
| 10. | esi | J. | bird |
| 11. | ngbríi | K. | across |
| 12. | lerí | L. | meat |

6.4. Exercise 20: *Write the correct Baka word.* [Answers are on page 61.]

1. her daughters _____
2. across _____
3. ours _____
4. kneeling _____
5. your (pl) teeth _____
6. snapping sound _____
7. their skin _____
8. totally dark _____
9. its shadow _____
10. always / every day _____

11. its blood _____

12. bamboo _____

6.5. Exercise 21: *Fill in the blanks with the missing letters to make the correct Baka word corresponding to the meaning given in English. [Answers on page 61.]*

1. ____ényi a trap for rats

2. á__á to immunize

3. lo__ó a thigh or leg of an animal

4. círí__í to wind (cloth) around

5. __ácu filled to the brim

6. kí__í a drum

7. lí__í to open

8. ró__ó to force

9. __aá along

10. li__í gossip

11. ____ángba to extend

12. lá__á the mounted collection of
harvested durra

6.6. In lesson 5, we noted the difference between the possessive suffix **-a** and the direct object pronoun **a**. It is easy to remember that the pronoun **a** follows a verb, whereas the suffix **-a** follows a noun (and is attached to it). However, you may need to think more carefully about which one to write following a participle.

In Baka, the participle is formed by adding the prefix **mi-** to the infinitive form of a verb. For example:

INFINITIVE	PARTICIPLE
ógu to come	miógu coming
lúrú to see	mílúrú seeing

The participle of a verb is always formed in this way, whether the verb is transitive (can have an object) or intransitive (cannot have an object). However, although the participle of a transitive verb behaves like a verb, the participle of an intransitive verb behaves like a noun. It is therefore the direct object pronouns that follow participles of transitive verbs, but it is the possessive suffixes that follow participles of intransitive verbs. For example:

WITH PARTICIPLES OF TRANSITIVE VERBS

Ba mizefí mílúrú **yée** zíma. This is my first time seeing **them**.

Ba mizefí mílúrú **a** zíma. This is my first time seeing **him**.

WITH PARTICIPLES OF INTRANSITIVE VERBS

Mióguyé ní bìlámáne.

Their coming was good.

Miógua ní bìlámáne.

His coming was good.

6.7. Exercise 22: *Add a direct object pronoun or a suffix to the underlined participle, paying attention to whether it is from a transitive or an intransitive verb.* [Answers are on page 61.]

1. Ndá ótoómo ágele eyí zíma wá, **mingásá** eme kíe ngú.
2. Máowóófụ go, **miímbísíkpi** gí bi yí ené ledre.
3. Bi ngárá ngásáénzị royí kpá wá ní, **miútú'dí'bi** gáa kírí née kpá éyí.
4. Togú áyí kí 'bú, **míkóyó** gí zí le'yí 'duo gbóo.
5. Gí zía bi ulúní owú 'bi eyé kí bìlámá éyí miánu ní, **mingbóró** lu'bú wá.
6. Ngasázé mu, abú azé tú'dú ndotó, **miánu** ndaá zí kembí kemí née éyí wá.
7. Esizé ezé wará wá, **míndéré** eme kíe ngú.
8. Ídísé ínyíoyó rosé gí do bi née 'dá'ba, **míndísi** ore ní 'dí'biógu ledre.
9. Ugúní kótí kí tú'dú késí gí zía bi **miící** umbúofụ go ní.
10. **Mílúgu** umbú karaba wá gí zía bi ndékésé ndeke sìmí 'buru wá ní.
11. Togú 'dígí mbómú eyí e kací mocoyé, **miútú** ní í'dí 'duo kí lámáne.
12. 'Dí'biógu lá tú'dú ísi e ní, **miúlú** umbú zíyí wá?

6.8. Exercise 23: Read the following passage:

Gara ezé, Marídi

Simi Marídi, toso komo bi e niyí ndumu kí límí. Kí ndumu, iní ndisi é'dí kíngaya simi éfí 'bi Venyí (8). Zí ngonyo ídí 'bi ené, bárá bi gámá ndaá. Áyí aka yénye sìndí bongó kí, zíyi 'dí'bi wará do sílífí; áyí fú ndéré do mísí'di. Zí súwú 'dútu mísí'di mbá. Wo néé ki'di eré óyo roné simia duý ne. Yée ga bi nderéní goó do bi le'yí ní, togú lu'búní go íri, iní ní ócó komoyé kí ndá'ba.

Bí kenée ní, bárá bi ó'do éyí ndaá kpá wá. Tí lá simi bi áyí aka ógú yáká gó'dú roiyí ro moko káa ní, iní ogú go. Zí kángá nda ídine do so lógo káa zí ko'dó ní, óróóyó má. Áyí aka fú yenyí, yenyí ógo monyó gi do so lógo ní, kadra ní go ndéré, kacíyi ndaá aka fú wá.

Nda go kí límí 'dáa ní, síli ogú ndambú 'bi ené go kí 'búru. Zí 'bírogo útúne do 'yí e gi zí 'búru bi ndisíní 'dówú a simi doyé néé. Ngíti géyi yaá kágáa ngorú mbilí gbánna útru a simi tóyí do súsú a simi do'yí do lála ndonyoa somo'yí, 'yí ní fú ómo.

Íi, kú'düoguní néé bété ledre ga ba simi Marídi ní. Iní e'dí kpá do ngíti géyi bi e bú ndotó, ndaá lakú káa zí 'bi Marídi ba wá. Ili go zí 'yí e méngi moko kíngaya gi ro do yéme mísí'di e kí zélete do gámá'yí doa kí aríbíya. Ili go kpá do tónó ó'do éyí kí terékítére; ndaá lolú fú lá kí kombí kí mangiroko wá. Marídi idí ngbóró kpá káa zí ngíti géyi gara e ní. Kágáa duý moko kíngaya.

Lesson Seven

7.1. One word that we have not yet seen is the word **⠑⠓** “no”. It deserves special attention because it has a rare sound that we call a *glottal stop* in the middle, separating the two vowels. This glottal stop is written with an apostrophe. Notice that the word **⠑⠓⠓** “yes” does not have the glottal stop.

7.2. Do not confuse sentence intonation with vowel tone. When a question is asked that can be answered with **⠑⠓** ‘yes’ or **⠑⠓⠑⠓** ‘no’ (called a yes/no question), the words are the same as in a statement, but the voice pitch of the sentence changes so that people know a question is being asked. A question intonation is used instead of a statement intonation. Compare the statement intonation of “**Nd̥isi ánu nd̥uk̥u**” with the question intonation of “**Nd̥isi ánu nd̥uk̥u?**” Do you hear the difference between the statement intonation and the question intonation? With the question intonation, the voice pitch of the sentence is higher than it is with the statement intonation, and it rises even higher at the end. The question intonation is used with yes/no questions. Compare also “**Utú goó simi iní?**” with “**⠑⠓, utú goó simi iní.**” Since the intonation starts at the beginning of the yes/no question, we write a question mark at the beginning as well as at the end, so that the reader knows to start the intonation at the beginning.

This intonation is not used with questions that use a question word and are not answered with ‘yes’ or ‘no’, so we write a question mark only at the end of these questions (called ‘content

questions'): **Gálama eyí ní 'da?** One does not answer **Í** or **Í'í**, but with other information, such as: **Gálama amá ní ba.** Other content questions are:

Ánu gáa 'di?

Ambí 'di'bi maséte amá ne?

Ugúní kí ndu?

Ógụ ká be 'di?

A special intonation also accompanies exclamations. Here again, the intonation starts at the beginning of the exclamation, so we write an exclamation mark at the beginning as well as at the end; for example:

Áyi, Ndísi 'dú'dusó'do 'di? Ínyiogu mu 'dága.

7.3. In Baka we make the same distinction between direct quotations and indirect quotations that we make in English. When what a person says is quoted directly (using his own words), his words are enclosed with quotation marks. But when what he says is quoted indirectly, no quotation marks are used. For example:

A. DIRECT	B. INDIRECT
Ádama yaá, “Ngíri mengí zée ne.”	Ádama yaá, ngíri mengí yée ne.
Áwa ya kídí, “Kámá londo máa ne.”	Áwa ya kídí, kámá londo née ne.

In these examples, the words which Adam and Eve quote in the A column are direct quotations, so quotation marks are used. But in the B column, they are indirect quotations, so no quotation marks are used.

When a direct quotation spans more than one paragraph, each paragraph is opened with quotation marks, but only the final paragraph of the quotation is closed with quotation marks.

When a direct quotation is given within a larger direct quotation, the larger quotation is indicated with double quotation marks, and the smaller quotation is indicated with single quotation marks.

7.4. Exercise 24: *Read the following passage, paying attention to the question, exclamation and quotation marks:*

Ángá éyí

Símí bì koo máayí aka símí Marídí ní, ndisizé koo méngi bangá e. Kí lími ndisizé ndéré óngbó ṙindí gbála, kí ndumu, ndisizé lá ángá éyí símí erí dangá 'be.

Do ngonyo togú otoní bangá goó símí erí, do tónó ímí ngirí fóo fóo fóo gí do bì zí 'yí e úwú a. Gíri togú uwúní go yá: “A, Díbilí owú ba 'be wéyí? Únzusé mbírá mu zíze ndéze íri.”

Símí bì onzóní mbírá goó kací moco erí gí 'dí kerí, bi bì ngará mbírá ogú doa wá ní do óto owú e doa zíye ndísi ángá éyí: “Gbroó, gbroó,” gí zí bangá kí ngásáoguné doyé.

Karanée togú 'yị lódú bangá máa, zíma ólúma sİMİ eři ndÍsI lódú kací bangá ma'dáa kí gbúrógbó: "Kacía gí yáa ba, kproó ba...du'du goó ba...gí yáa ba." Zíma ndéré kÍe fú kenée, kenée, máayí ídí kÍe ní, vüyü bangá ụdụ go. Née ní, zíma nda ótrú ledre: "Ákó ya'dá e, gí yáa dosé." SİMİ bÌ ngasauté go kí mbírá ní, zí ya'dá e lé'béoguyé ndÍsI ícÍ a: "Babá obé, sÍlÍma née bi yá?"

BÌ umbu bangá nÌ nda goó bi ní, ngÍti géyí zíye ndambú tónó ófú eyé: "Ufuní bangá ba sİMİ mbírá amá, zíma ícÍútu a kpá máa, ambaga ndaá zÍyí wá." Okó 'bié kpá gbóo.

Togú nyórü 'yị nÌ ore, zÍa ódróné sİMİ ledre máa née: "Ledre bÌ máúku go máyá, 'kenée wá nÍ' úwúsé wá? Née bangá 'bÌ wéyí, odúa née. Máíli tú'dú ledre wá."

Nda gí ore do óngo sÍlÍ 'bÌ míngí eři, zí 'yị e nda báyayé ndá'balúgu roye 'be kÍ esí.

7.5. Exercise 25: Put question, exclamation and quotation marks where needed in the sentences below. [Answers are on pages 61 & 62.]

1. Máayí ba 'busé, togú úwúsé ledre amá wá ní, asé úwú ledre 'bÌ ambi? Née kóo kúrú Babá zíze.
2. 'Di'diya ógóoyó aka ngono née, nÌ go ánuónzo kúfú awandí amá.
3. NgÍti ezemá nÌ kóo bo togú i'bi wóko goó zÍa ndÍsI lóbúne: Súra sÍlÍma née bi yá?
4. Máayí aka ndú'yú yÍj, kúrúma bÌ gáa zÍyí: ndéré ógù kÍ íní zíma ní, ligí yÍj goó

5. Pheré nde'dé gi do teté útúlóko roné gburá
6. Áyí ógụ lúrú zée kí be 'di
7. Ówo o'do bangá bì ndisi íni ini nyawú, nyawú ní bú
8. Líkpí gáa zíze ona: bì gáa máayí 'be 'bì ngére 'dáa ní, lorù ené gáa: ídísé íci musuturáa dangá 'be.
9. Owú gére ndisiní ánu éyí 'da
10. Máayí aka lá ánga sama ro wo'dú káa ní, mändíki ní, gbraá , sama 'dewe yí ené go.

Lesson Eight

8.1. Compound verbs are written as one word. For example:

nda'baogu go. This is different from a succession of two verbs, as in: **Togú íli ógu yána yá, ídí ógu kílondó,** and **Miyáká nderé úgú kófú.** Below are some examples of compound verbs.

ndá'baogu	'dí'bióyó	óyóló'bó	'díyíóto
ndéréógu	gámásó'do	lúrúndíki	útúólú
óngo'déci	ánuónzó	ótóómo	ndéréókpó

mándá'baogu go	ndá'baogu go	nda'baogu go
nda'baoguzé go	ndá'baogusé go	nda'baoguní go

8.2. The hyphen is used when two words that are alike are joined together because the last part of the first word drops out. This does not happen with words that begin with vowels. Notice:

jlíní ílí go	ílí ílí go	ní go ílí ílí
ininí ini go	ini ini go	ní go íni ini
indí	indí indí	

But it does happen with words that begin with consonants. For example, instead of **ndolo ndóló go,** we have **ndo-ndóló go.**

Similarly,

instead of:

ní go ndólo ndóló
ní go kúgú kugú
kugú kugú go
kíé'do kíé'do
cúku'dée cúku'dée

we have:

ní go **ndó-ndóló**
ní go **kú-kugú**
ku-kugú go
kíé-kíé'do
cú-cúku'dée

We call these forms “contractions”.

The hyphen is also used to join two halves of a word that is broken because the whole word won't fit at the end of a line. The break is always made so that the first half of the word ends with a vowel (followed by the hyphen), and the second half of the word begins with a consonant, as in the following two examples:

Zí do sogo kángá kíziné mí- kízì gi zí bangá e kí rokinyi.	Símì bì úkuní ledre néé ke- néé ní, zíye....
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8.3. When a personal name is the direct object of the verb, you can hear that it is pronounced with an extra high-low tone combination; for example:

Lomo kasa koo **Músa**.

Ngíti 'yí ní koo bo kí ıriné **Máárákaya**.

We do not write this high-low tone, because we don't want the shape of the name to change, and the context usually tells the

reader whether to add the tone or not. However, it may be that the reader comes across a name that is new to him, and he doesn't know whether the name is of a person or of a clan or tribe. To avoid confusion, we write personal names with an initial upper case letter, and clan and tribal names with initial lower case letter:

Mááyí Mandulu I'm Mandulu

Ní Isiréle He's Israel

Mááyí Ébere I'm Eber

Mááyí baká I'm a Baka

Ní isiréle He's an Israelite

Mááyí ébere I'm a Hebrew

8.4. In lesson 5 we looked at the direct object pronouns. There is another set of pronouns called the *subject emphasis* pronouns:

máa ze

yíi se

ne ye

Notice that although **máa** and **yíi** have the same form as the direct object pronouns, the others have a different form. These pronouns are used to emphasize the subject of a verb:

Máméngíonzó moko née mbá **máa**.

Éré lá ngíri ní, áyí gáa í'dí tezí ma'dáa **yíi**?

Babá olo domá **ne**.

Ubúzé kenísa née **ze**.

Gí zía bi ógusé gi dilelia ní, asé nda ó'doónzó ngíti
súwú née **se**.

Áyí eyí nda ndú'yúsó'do 'di, bì owú 'bì eyí e lokoní
pheré eyí ye ní.

8.5. Exercise 26: *Give the correct Baka compound verbs for the following English words* [Answers are on page 62]:

1. rub away _____
2. postpone _____
3. bring _____
4. pull out _____
5. dig a hole through _____
6. eat and leave remainder _____
7. overtake _____
8. eat enough _____
9. kill secretly _____
10. beat to death _____
11. to raise up _____
12. step on and smash _____
13. to deny _____
14. to drop and smash _____

8.6. Exercise 27: Use a hyphen to make contractions where necessary [Answers are on page 62]:

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. líkpí likpí | 8. íni ini |
| 2. gósú gosú | 9. ndáda ndada |
| 3. ánu anu | 10. akpa akpa |
| 4. kólu kolu | 11. ngólu ngólu |
| 5. rág̊a ranga | 12. lanyá lanyá |
| 6. ndéke ndeke | 13. ngbutú ngbutú |
| 7. só'do so'di | 14. turé turé |

8.7. Exercise 28: Fill in the blanks with the Baka pronouns that emphasize the subject of the verb [Answers are on page 63]:

1. Akúma yeme mís'i'di néé _____.
2. Owú 'bí amá e ụbúní 'dící domá _____.
3. Máúfu koo kámá néé _____.
4. Ásé lá ánu búu ma'dáa ní, 'díyísé koo ____ ?
5. Sím̊i kadra néé, nderézé koo mbófo Lomo lá dùú _____.
6. 'Dí'bi wará amá gi sí rangba gi ona ____ ?
7. Ábuwá ndiṣiní eyé kúkugú ba _____.
8. Bulúndu ní goó ngoko 'yí, ní ánu ama lá dùú _____.
9. 'Défí gáa awandí máa ____ ?
10. Lokozé ezé pheré néé ____ wá.
11. Soyí ndaá, í'bí esí néé zíma ánu a _____.
12. Gi zía bí í'dísé tezí ma'dáa ____ ní ogusé mu ndéne a.

8.7. Exercise 29: *Read the following passage:*

Ngongó tezi

Ngongó tezi e ndisíní ónzóogu tezi ye. Ndísiní ónzó a simi lí'ba, ngítí géyi já, onzóní yí eyé kpá lá gbóo simi 'bówó kágá bi kenée ní.

Sí do ngongó tezi e niyí bo gbre: ngbayiwá e kí ngbiriri e. Ngbayiwá e 'bi eyé yée ga bi lá nzéré, ambúye lá gberé okó; i'biní 'bi eyé 'yí ngbiya geré kí sáma, zí ro'yí úrúne kpá geré miúrú ní. Olúní 'bi eyé simi lí'ba bi gbála do mbírímbící kágá 'dága ní, zíye ndísí ériyé 'duo kíé-kíé'do. Simi ledre máa née ní, su'búye ofu 'bi ené go.

Ngítí sído ngongó tezi máa ge 'bi eyé ngbiriri e. Yée née olúní 'bi eyé gbóo simi lí'ba ga bi ndende ní. Niyí 'bi eyé mbá mingburokoyé, zíye ndísí é'be 'bi eyé tara lí'ba tí ngbra ngbra kenée. I'biní eyé 'bi eyé 'yí cù káa zí 'bi ngbayiwá e wá; zí su'búye ídí 'bi ené ca gi zí 'bi ngbayiwá e.

Abú 'yí ówo ledre gi ro tezi e ukuní ya ngbiriri e i'biní 'yí kíngaya wá, gbékpí 'yí e eréní 'bi eyé gi zíye mbá ngiri. Née ledre bi ndisíní ndéré óto lí'ba gi zíá gbála simi súwú ní. Togú otoní lí'ba dangá 'be zí ngbayiwá e ógu ólúlúyú royé simi a já, mongú ledre ogu yí ené go. Simi bi gú gíri kadra ni súwu ní, niyí ógu ógóbáyi 'yí e gi 'be ngbríi 'dá'ba. Ówo bú? Si'dí ngongó tezi bi ndísí i'bi 'yí kíé ní, yí ené lá kíé'do. Togú i'bi 'yí go kíé, zíá ndé'déogu ené; ngítí a olúogu ené wá. Abú kenée ndotó, gbékpí rírí ngongó tezi née ni 'bi ené ógu ndísí útru dangá doyí, zíyi 'bi eyí sómú a já kídi

sí'l dia ní aka bo, zíyi ési síndiyí kpraka sími ngásá, ngásá'l déwe
síndiyí sími gu mígugúyi.

Gí zía bì tezí máa ngbetéofü go ní, 'yì eréní 'bì eyé rará 'bì
ngongó tezí e née wá, nìyí 'bì eyé fú ící okó kíye gí ro su'búye.

Lesson Nine

9.1. Exercise 30: *Read the following story and answer the questions:*

Ísi ni yí ené kóo ngére

'Yí éké a: Lévi Tabáni

Ngíti o'do bangá ni kóna bo, iria Ísi. Ni yí ené kóo ngére 'bi bangásuwú e mbá. Gi zía bi komoa enzísá ní, ndisi ódro mbá bílámá ledre, zí bangá e úwú ledre mbá gi taraa.

Bí kóo kenée ní, kúrú Ísi ni yí ené kóo káa zí kúrú Kemi ní. Togú Ísi ili go kótru bangá e, ni ndólo 'yí e kí mingburoko kúrúne, zí bangá e óguyé ka sídoyé za mbá úwú ledre gi taraa Ísi.

Símí sılı́ kíé'do, zí Ísi sómú ledre gi ro úcúómo bangá ga bi ndisíní ánu lafúye ní. Zía úku ledre ya kídí, “Éyí bi mbí mbí bangá e ndisíní ánu royé dengbíye gi roa ní 'bié 'di?”

Zí Ísi ndólo bangá e kací sídoyé mbá, zíye óguyé, zí Kemi ási kí ogü duý ne. Bi bangá e kotruogúní royé ní, zí Ísi ndúndu'yú, “Bangá e oguní go kací sídoyé kíé-kíé'do mbá?” Zí bangá e ngúngu a, “Ee; lá Kemi ogü wá ne.” Ísi yaá, “Kemi ogü wá gi zí 'di?”

Bangá e yaá, “Owozé wá.”

Zí Ísi tóroné cii, zía ócó sononé, zía ndisíné do bindísi ené 'bi ngére. Zí Ísi kpá tórone 'dága, zía síkpí kúrúne kí ledre 'dága kídí, “Yíi bangá bi ndisi ánu ezeyí bangá ní, ídí síkpí sılı́yi 'dága.”

Zí Ísi síkpí sílífne fí ne zí Lübogú e, Kérí e, Mbírawú e kí ngítí géyi o'do bangá e mbá síkpí sílífye. Zí Ísi úku ledre kídí, “Ótolúgusé sílífse mu.”

Zí Ísi úku ledre kídí, “Ledre kíé'do idízé ótoómo ledre 'bí ánu lafúze karaba, ndaá kpá kílondó wá.”

Zí Kérí úku ledre kídí, “Ídi aka nda 'dódo éyí bí mbí mbí azé ánu a ní.”

Zí Ísi úkulúgu ledre kídí, “Úku ba zaá ledre, Kérí? Sómú 'bí eyí yá, bangá ga bí ndísiżé ánu yée ba ní, ndísińt ánu 'di? Idízé ánu mbílí kágá e kí miáná kágá e kí mbílí súwú e. Sókó sílífze ní kpá bo gí ro gíragá éyí ga bí káa zí otró, ngebe, mburé kí ngítí géyi bülámá sí kágá e ní kfe. Éyí bí ní rómo zée ní 'di?” Zí Kérí e kí ngítí géyi o'do bangá e ɳgúŋgu a tí lá gbu kenée.

Zí Kobí ndúndu'yú gí ro bangá ráfá e ya kídí, “Bí úkuyémesé ledre go mbá ba ní, 'yí ánu zée bí gí ro Kemí ba uku 'bí ené yaá 'di?”

Zí Ísi úkulúgu a zía ya kídí, “Ndásé éré ngíri wá, ledre ga gére ní úkú mbá karaba. Ezegámá Kemí ona náambi?”

Zí 'Büsümú úku ledre kídí, “Mándá ezegámá Kemí wá, éyí bí ní bo ní máódro kí Kemí bú.”

Zí Ísi úku a zí 'Büsümú yaá, “Ndéré úku a zí Kemí yaá, ngére ní ndólo a.”

Bí Kemí ogu ní, zía úwú ledre bí bangá e odroní kí ngére ní, zí Kemí kíyi káláne yowu yowu, zía ndísi náná do soné 'duo kirí kirí

kirí zía úku a zí Ísi ya kídí, “Togú íli zíma ótoómo kí ánu bangá e, ídí óto máa ngére, zíyi í'bí mìngburoko kúrúyí née zíma.”

Zí Ísi óto Kemi ngére. Zíma í'bí mìngburoko kúrúne zí Kemi. Zí Ísi 'dí'bi 'bí ené ógbú 'bí Kemi. Zí Kemi trútru sìmí kúrúne, zí do bangá e ídíye 'duo ngbíi.

Zí Kemi úku a zí Ísi ya, “Mbófo éyí zíyi gi ro mongú ledre bi méngí karaba zíma ba. Máayí éré go duú yíi gi ngará bangá e mbá.”

Zí Kemi ndósoné gbóo dangá Kobi, zíma ndú'yú Ísi yaá, “Bi gáa ndólo bangá e mbá ní, ndólo gáa bangá bi kí ịrịnē 'Bú ní goó?’”

Zí Ísi úku a yaá, “Mándólo wo wá.”

Zí Kemi lúrú bi 'duo nzewú mi'dí zí Kobi, zíma gbírógbóne 'dága kídí, “Ísi, lúyú ledre go, áyí gáa ndólo 'Bú, zíyi úku ledre zíma, gi ro zíma ótoómo kí úfu zée. Ndísiżé ánu lafúze bangá e ba gi zí 'Bú bi ndísi úfu zée ní, kpá káa zí bi ni úfu yíi ní. Símiyí ni gi zíma ngíngíflówú née ní. Kobi. Ógụ yáa, zíma ánu yíi.”

Zí Kemi lé'béne óngbo Kobi, óngbóónzó a fí umbu, zí ngítí géyi o'do bangá e úfu mìnzeré bangá e gi ro ánu yée, zí bangá e údụyé mbá ngásáye.

Zí Ísi lúrú a má, zíma kpá úfu 'bí ené Dóngbó gi ro zíne ndéré kíe zí 'yí yéme bi gi roné. Tí ma'díi, zí 'bú ndísi sìmí súwú nzúlúne do Ísi, zíma lála Dóngbó ógụ kíe gbóo dangá 'be, zíma ótoécí a. Zíma ndíki ya'dá ngítí a, zíma úku ledre gi roné mbá zíma. Zí ya'dá ba ówo Dóngbó ené gi zí Ísi, zíma 'dí'bi a fí zíne 'be, zíma ndísi lúrú bi kací a. Ísi ogụ nda yí ené goó bílámá ezegámá 'yíma'dí e.

Bì Ísi owo nda ezegámáne go ní, zía úku a zía ya kídí, “Máíli kóo méngi bìlámá ledre zí bangá 'bì súwú e. Gì zía bì iliní wá ní, mááyí nda ógu méngi bìlámá ledre zíyi ona. Mááyí ndísi úfu bangá ógu kíe zíyi, zíma ndísi lúrú bi kací 'be 'bì eyí gì zí 'yì ugu e kí ndülü cé. Zí bi émené ro mígí 'be gì zí Ísi.

Née ledre bì Ísi lanyá kací 'yíma'dí gì roa fí karaba ní.

Yíjì bì ndísi sómú 'bì eyí fú lá bìlámá ledre ní, bìlámá ledre ni yómo yíjì káa zí bìlámá ledre yomo Ísi gì zí Kemi, zí Ísi kpá ómoné do 'yíma'dí gì zí bìlámá ledre ní.

Mbófo éyí, lúndu e kí lémi e, ndazé sógó rozé kí eze 'be 'bì ezé e wá. Gì zía, bìlámá mísómú ledre ndísi 'dí'biógu rokinyi.

Ndu'yú e:

1. Úkuógu sí ledre e ota, bì kóo bangá súwú e ndísiñí úwú ledre gì tara Ísi gì roa ni.
2. Kúrú Ísi ni kóo 'desí 'dá'dá káa be 'di?
3. Ledre bì kóo Ísi ili yéme a do ngará bangá e ní 'di?
4. Bì kóo Ísi ndoloogu bangá e ní, bangá kóo ógu wá ní wo be 'di?

5. Bi koo Ísi ili zi bangá e ánu lafúye wá ní, idíní koo nda ánu 'di?
6. Kobí ndu'yú koo ndu'yú yaá 'di?
7. Kemi ogu koo ídí ngére 'bi bangá e káe 'di?
8. Bi koo otoní Kemi ngére ní, nguñgu koo go kí dí bangá e ndaní ánu roye dengbíye wá? Ówo káe 'di?
9. Do kací ledre gére mbá Ísi mengí nda koo 'di?
10. Togú áyí koo ngére káa zi Ísi ní, áyí koo méngí sìmí bi Kemi yaá idíní óto née káa do ngére do í'bí mìgbìroko kúrú zíne kí ní 'di?

Lesson Ten

10.1. Exercise 31: *Read the following story and answer the questions:*

Cíka gi ro 'Büsümú e kí Kírógbódoísi

'Yí éké a: Rícedí Rúbene

'Büsümú e niyí koo yí eyé kí Kírógbódoísi do lúndu. Otoní koo 'be 'bi eyé mbá do bi kíé'do. 'Büsümú ni 'bi ené koo kí me'bené. Me'be Kírógbódoísi ndaá 'bi ené koo wá. Kírógbódoísi ndisi koo ánu 'bi ené ngọngó ndukú fú lá 'be 'bi 'Büsümú.

Kadra kíé'do, zí Kírógbódoísi ndéréne ngbuřu gi ro íngi iní miéwé.

Simi bì Kírógbódoísi ogü nda do 'dawú ní, zía íngi iní kí kó'do, zía léfe a simi pheré, zía ínyiné ónzóoto kó'do do iní, zía ndísiné lúgu simi pheré ené.

Simi bì luguonzó nda simi pheré go mbá ní, ni nda lúru bi do iní káa ní, kó'do bì gáa onzóoto do iní ba ní ndaá 'bi ené lolü wá, zí Kírógbódoísi nda ndísiné sómú siminé gi ro kó'do ené ba kídí, “Áyí, Kó'do amá bì gáa máonzóoto do iní ona ba ní, ni nda goó 'da?” Ábuwá Nzagba 'di'biokpó yí ené kó'do kací Kírógbódoísi goó 'be 'bi ené.

Nda née ní, zí ngiti sómuledre óguné simi do Kírógbódoísi kpá geré 'diya kídí, “Togú kenée yá, máli ba go ndítí simi 'dawú ona gi ro gámásó'do kó'do amá.”

Gí do kací bì Kírògbódoísí somú ledre kenée ní, zía ínyiné ótoómo pheré ené cíkí do 'dawú ore, zía geré ndítíne sìmí 'dawú, tónó ndéréne, zía ndéréoguné gi 'be 'bì Nzagba.

Sìmí bì Nzagba e kí me'bené lurúndikiní Kírògbódoísí kí ógu ní, zíye émbéye 'duo ngbára, ngbára. Zíye nda óguyé 'dí'bi Kírògbódoísí do sumú. Zíye í'bí mandá zí Kírògbódoísí kídí, "Kírògbódoísí, áyí bo?" Kírògbódoísí ya kídí zíye ní, "Íí, máayí bo." Zíye í'bí bi ndísi zí Kírògbódoísí, zí Ama ólúoguné gi 'dící kírókú roné kpere do bi ndísi ba, zí Kírògbódoísí ógu ndísiné 'duo có do Ama ba.

Nda née ní, zí bi úlúne, zí Nzagba nda yéme bi'dú'du zí Kírògbódoísí gi sìmí fíragá tezi, zí Kírògbódoísí 'dú'duné doa, zía 'dú'duráyi bi.

Nda go kí phiyí, zí Nzagba ínyiné úku ledre zí Kírògbódoísí kídí, "Ndéré mu íci mókó amá bì ro kágá 'dáa ba. Togú áyí go íci a yá, ndá 'déwe a yana wá; ndá kpá ící unégú roa wá." Zí Kírògbódoísí méngí a tí káa zí bì Nzagba uku zía ní.

Sìmí bì Kírògbódoísí ogu kí mókó ní, zí Nzagba úku ledre zía kídí, "Ídí mu óngbó mókó ma'dáa née ní. Bì áyí go óngbó a ní, ndaá mbútru wá; ndaá kpá léfí wá." Zí Kírògbódoísí méngí a tí káa zí bì Nzagba uku zía ní. Zí Kírògbódoísí óguné kí mióngbó mókó ba zí Nzagba, zí Nzagba ánuonzó a mbá.

Sìmí bì Nzagba anuonzó mókó go mbá ní, zía ínyiné úku ledre zí Kírògbódoísí kídí, "Kírògbódoísí, ndéré mu íngi iní bì kí bangainí sìmíné ní zíma, gi ro zíma éwé a kací mókó bì máánu ba." Nda née ní, zí Kírògbódoísí kpá ndéréne íngi iní bì kí

bangainí siminé ní, ogu kie zí Nzagba. Zí Nzagba éwé a mbá, zia ndidiné goru.

Gi do kacie née ní, zí Nzagba nda úku ledre zí Kírògbódoísí kídí, “Kírògbódoísí, idí ekí komo Ngu'du, ziyi 'décí miáná kúkú e gíri inyi, ziyi ndítíogu yí kie bi yáa.” Zí Kírògbódoísí méngi a kpá kenée.

Zí Nzagba ínyiné úku ledre zí Kírògbódoísí kídí, “Kírògbódoísí, idí ndéré kí miáná kúkú ga gére née ní óngboloko yée do landa.” Zí Kírògbódoísí méngi a kpá kenée.

Simi bi Kírògbódoísí ogu do landa ní, zia 'dibí mizefí kúkú, zia óngbo a kpunyá do landa. Zí mongú mizambá kára 'duo rerekpe kenée óguné tóroné sogo a. Zí Kírògbódoísí óngboónzó miáná kúkú ga bi inyi ba mbá, zí nyí Nzagba e óguyé kpá inyi, idíye mbá káa do me'be Kírògbódoísí. Zí Kírògbódoísí nda ínyiné 'dibí me'bené ga bi inyi ba do ndá'ba kíye mbá 'be.

Simi bi Kírògbódoísí ogu nda go kí me'bené e ní, zí 'Büsümú lúru kará ga ba ní, zí ledreyé tónó ówoné roa. Zia ndú'yú Kírògbódoísí kídí, “Kírògbódoísí. Ndíki 'bi eyí bélamá kará ma'dáa ga ba gi 'da?”

Zí Kírògbódoísí úkulúgu ledre zia ya kídí, “Máogu kíye gi 'be 'bi Nzagba.”

Zí 'Büsümú kpá ndú'yúlögú Kírògbódoísí kídí, “Ógu 'be 'bi Nzagba íri káe 'di?”

Zí Kírògbódoísí úkulúgu ledre zí 'Büsümú kídí, “Dibí lá kó'do ziyi ndéréyi kie ónzóoto a do 'dawú. Togú kó'do olúokpó goó sí iní

yá, zíyi ndítílódú kací a simi 'dawú íri; áyí geré ógu 'be 'bi Nzagba."

Simi bi 'Büsümú uwú nda ledre ma'dáa ba kenée ní, zía ínyiné geré ógóoyó me'bené gi 'be 'dá'ba. Zía geré 'dí'bi sorú kó'do kací Mbámeyé, ndéréne kíe, ndéré ónzóóto a do 'dawú. Simi bi onzóoto kó'do do 'dawú ní, zí kó'do ólúókpóne simi 'dawú.

Simi bi sorú kó'do olúokpó nda simi 'dawú ní, zí 'Büsümú kpá geré ndítíne simi 'dawú, tónó ndéréne, ndéréoguné gi 'be 'bi Nzagba.

Lá bi Nzagba e kí me'bené niyí lúrúndíki 'Büsümú kí ógu ní, zíye kpá tónóye émbéye. Simi bi Nzagba e niyí ndísi émbé ní, 'Büsümú ní yí ené go ndísi ngásá kí mbúmbudú ené gi zí Nzagba e. Nda née ní, zí Nzagba e ótoómo kí émbéye, zíye nda óguyé 'dí'bi 'Büsümú do sumu.

Zí Nzagba nda í'bí bindísi zí 'Büsümú, zí Ama ólúóguné gi 'díci kírókú roné do bindísi ba. Simi bi 'Büsümú lurúndiki Ama kí kírókú roné do bindísi ní, zía ínyiné úku ledre kídí, "Mándísi amá do bindísi née wá gi zí Ama kí náná máa." Nda née ní, zí Ama kpá ndá'balúgu yí ené roné 'díci.

Nda go kí ndulü, do yéme bi'dú'du zí 'Büsümú gi simi fírágá tezi. Simi bi 'Büsümú nderé nda do bi 'dú'du ní, zía ndísiné ánu fírágá tezi ba ní, ánuonzó a za mbá.

Zí bi áráne. Simi bi Nzagba nderé nda kí phiyí gi ro kírókúóto bi'dú'du kací 'Büsümú ní, ogundiki lolu fírágá tezi wá. Bi kenée ní, Nzagba uku ené kpá ledre wá.

Zí Nzagba nda tóroné úku ledre mókó zí 'Büsümú, zí 'Büsümú ndéré 'bì ené íci mókó ba 'duo kí 'déwe a kpá kí ící uŋgú e roa. Sími bì ogu kíe gi ro óngbó a ní, zí mókó ndísi léfí ne 'duo káa zí ngberí lefíne ní, zía mbútrúne 'duo kékewu káa ní. Zí 'Büsümú óguné kíe zí Nzagba. Nzagba ya zía ní, anu yí ené mu. Zí 'Büsümú ndísiñé ro miimbútrú mókó ba ánuónzó a mbá.

Nda née ní, zí Nzagba úku ledre iní bì kí bangáiní siminé ní zí 'Büsümú. 'Büsümú ya zí Nzagba ní, "Mándéré amá íngi iní née wá, gi zí bangáiní kí 'dí'bi máa."

Zí Nzagba kpá tóroné úku ledre zí 'Büsümú kídí, "Ndéré mu ékí komo Ngu'du bì 'dáa née ní, zíyi 'décí miáná kúkú e girí ịnyí, zíyi ndítíoguyí kíye zíma bi yána."

Zí 'Büsümú úkulúgu ledre zí Nzagba kídí, "Máékí amá komo Ngu'du wá, gi zí Ngu'du kí úgu máa." Zí 'Büsümú ndéréne 'décí lá ngorú miáná kúkú ga bì gbóo nde nde tara kángá ní, óguné kíye zí Nzagba. Nzabga ya kídí zía ní, "Idí ndéré kí kúkú ga gére née óngbolóko yée do landa."

Zí 'Büsümú ịnyiné ndéréne kí ngorú miáná kúkú ga bì ịnyí ba. 'Dá'dá zía kí óguné do landa, zía ógundíki lá mongú 'dúkù, zía úku ledre kídí, "Mándéré amá gbála do landa 'dáa wá, máayí ba go óngbolóko kúkú ga ba tí lá ro 'dúkù ba ona."

Sími bì 'Büsümú 'di'bi nda kúkú zía óngbo a ro 'dúkù ní, ní ídí kíe ní, mongú mbó'dó le'béogu nda yí ené goó ne tóroné cigí a. Zí 'Büsümú úku ledre kídí, "Máogu gáa ona ba gi royí? Bì máili yí amá ba bilámá kará ga bì káa zí 'bì Kírogbódoísi ní."

Zí 'Büsümú óngbolóko ngorü miáná kúkú ga bì do sílíné ba mbá, mbó'dó e le'béoguní yí eyé nda fú lá yée. Zí 'Büsümú ínyiné gi ore ndá'balúgu roné 'be 'bì ené lá gbékpíne, kará e ndaní lolu zía wá.

Owú 'bì Mamá e, 'dódo ledre ní gi sími cíka ba ní gbre.

Mizefì a ní káa zí ba: “Áyí 'dó'dó mi'dó'dó do sogo kángá ona kí, áyí fú ndíki éyí bì íli wo ní. Kírògbódoísì 'do'dó kóo kíngaya, nda sími odùa, zía ówo mizambá kará e ínyi.”

Gbre 'dódo ledre ní gi sími a káa: “Ndá ógóoyó me'beyí bì 'be ní gi ro ngítí mìkánda kára wá, gi zíyì kí ídíyì sími lerí. Bì kóo 'Büsümú ogóoyó Mbámeyé gi ro ndéré 'dí'bi ngítí kára ní, nda'balugu kóo roné sími mongú lerí.”

Mbófo éyí zí 'yì ólo a.

Ndu'yú e:

1. Sí ledre bì Kírògbódoísì nderé gi zia 'be Nzagba ní 'di?
2. 'Büsümú ogóoyó me'bené gi 'be gi ro 'di?
3. Éyí 'bié kóo do ngará 'Büsümú e kí Kírògbódoísì 'di?

Answers to the exercises

Lesson One

Exercise 2 1: D 2: K 3: G 4: A 5: I 6: M 7: C 8: L 9: E 10: F
11: B 12: H

Exercise 3 1: **mbayi** or **tuka** 2: **ugu go** 3: **lifa** 4: **sono** 5: **uyu go**
6: **sayi** 7: **kele** 8: **kadra** 9: **moko** 10: **ere** 11: **ngono** 12: **ifi go**
13: **ama** 14: **nduwu** 15: **mama** 16: **gali** 17: **kidri**

Lesson Two

Exercise 6 1: **sámá** 2: **sámamá** 3: **sama amá** 4: **Soko tutú go.**
5: **Mááyí go éwé iní.** 6: **Ngono ené uyu go.** 7: **Kámá oyó roné bú.**
8: **Ndotó nderé gáa yáká.** 9: **Lurú dúlú komo kamba.** 10: **Maligá kambá bongó go.** 11: **Mamá nderé lúgu bongó.** 12: **Babá anu ama bú.** 13: **Sée, ásé go éké ledre.** 14: **Úru máa go.** 15: **Urú go.**
16: **kára née** 17: **karanée** 18: **kará ga gére née** 19: **mbírá** 20:**mbíra**

Lesson Three

Exercise 8 1: **kamba** 2: **gali** 3: **ánya** 4: **sama** 5: **landa** 6: **lógo**
7: **bongó** 8: **yáká** 9: **súwú** 10: **phala** 11: **kénzé** 12: **ligá** 13: **siko**
14: **(ngó-)ngonu** 15: **solú** 16: **mbotu** 17: **lúndu** 18: **mbílí** 19: **kéré**
20: **kugú** 21: **kúkú** 22: **iní**

Exercise 9 1: **mbírá** 2: **cóngó** 3: **maku** 4: **baba** 5: **súmú** 6: **kele**
7: **kítí** 8: **gongo** 9: **úlu** 10: **solu** 11: **unga** 12: **cika** 13: **awandí**
14: **tezi** 15: **komo** 16: **sága** 17: **ndúgú** 18: **zuráa** 19: **nzóo** 20: **Lomo**

Lesson Four

Exercise 11 1: D. 2: I. 3: K. 4: C. 5: E. 6: G. 7: J. 8: A. 9: L.
10: H. 11: B. 12: F.

Exercise 12 1: **tóví** 2: **kúrókú** 3: **le'yí** 4: **ii** 5: **'dówú** 6: **lú'bú**
7: **'búru** 8: **kú'du/kúru** 9: **gó'du** 10: **ki'di** 11: **óró** 12: **Venyí**

Lesson Five

Exercise 14 1: **sílíma** 2: **'buýí** 3: **súmuğa** 4: **mbílize** 5: **mbotú esé**
6: **yáká eyé** 7: **sama ené** 8: **'díci ené** 9: **lémi 'yí** 10: **Lomo ezé**

Exercise 15 1: **owú 'bi amá** 2: **'bi eyí** 3: **'bi eyí, 'bi amá** 4: **'bi esé**
5: **nokomá** 6: **mbílyí** 7: **somoa** 8: **nokoné** 9: **lúnduzé** 10: **komosé**
11: **doyé** 12: **sílía** 13: **soné** 14: **sílise** 15: **tarayé**

Exercise 16 1: **Owú 'bi amá e niyí bílámá owú e; ndá ócó yée wá.**
2: **Togú ogusé akpa wá, aríbíya ní ótoómo sée mbá 'dá'ba.**
3: **'Dütüzé mbotú ezé gi zí kemí kí ánu zée.** 4: **Ótoómo wo 'be kí ngúcuné?** 5: **Ndükü née sinyí go, ndá anu a wá.** 6: **'Yí bi loko kó'do née yíi.** 7: **Sülü e anuní máa karana kí ndülü.** 8: **Ngongó tezi**

nìyí i'bí yíi togú kízì lí'ba née go. 9: Bongó née ụlụ go, ndá ési **a** wá. 10: Kerí ufu **wo** ne sìmì baba.

Lesson Six

Exercise 19 1: I. 2: J. 3: F. 4: K. 5: B. 6: H. 7: E. 8: D. 9: A. 10: L. 11: C. 12: G.

Exercise 20 1: nyíga 2: ngbingbíliri 3: 'bì ezé 4: gbrị 5: sosé 6: kpreé 7: sanáye 8: ngbụ́ 9: lílìa 10: gbụ́ 11: sámaa 12: gbóru

Exercise 21 1: **ngbényi** 2: **ágbá** 3: **lokpó** 4: **círingbí** 5: **gbácu** 6: **kídrí** 7: **líkpí** 8: **rókpó** 9: **kpaá** 10: **likpí** 11: **ngbángba** 12: **lángbá**

Exercise 22 1. mìngásáma 2. miímbsíkpí máa 3. miútú'dí'bi yíi 4. mìkóyoyí 5. mìngbóróa 6. miánu zée 7. mìndéréze 8. mìndísisé 9. miící **a** 10. milúgu sée 11. miútuyé 12. miülú yée

Lesson Seven

Exercise 25

1. “Máayí ba 'busé, togú úwúsé ledre amá wá ní, asé úwú ledre 'bì ambi?” Née koo kúrú Babá zíze.
2. 'Di'diya, ógóyó aka ngono née, ní go ánuónzo kúfú awandí amá.

3. Ngíti ezemá ní kóo bo togú i"bi wóko goó zía ndísi lóbúne:
“Súra, sílíma née bi yá?”
4. Máayí aka ndú'yú yíj, kúrúma bì gáa zíyi: “ndéré ógụ kí íní zíma ní,” liġi yíj goó?
5. Pheré nde'dé gi do teté útúlóko roné gbürá.
6. Áyí ógụ lúrú zée kí be 'di?
7. Ówo o'do bangá bì ndísi íni ini “nyáwú, nyáwú” ní bú?
8. Líkpí gáa zíze ona: “bì gáa máayí 'be 'bì ngére 'dáa ní, lorù ené gáa: 〈ídísé íci musuturáa dangá 'be〉.”
9. Owú ga gére ndísiní ánu éyí 'da?
10. Máayí aka lá ánga sama ro wo'dú káa ní, mándíki ní, gbraá, sama 'dewe yí ené go.

Lesson Eight

Exercise 26 1: lúlúoyó 2: úcuómo 3: 'dí"biógu 4: lálaógu
 5: íciphútru gu 6: ánuómo 7: ngásáómo 8: ánuásá 9: úfuúgu
 10 ócóonzó 11: ímbísíkpi 12: 'dítíkanya 13: ícíngéri 14: ónzókanya

Exercise 27 1: lí-líkpí 2: gó-gosú 3: ánu anu 4: kó-kolü 5: rá-rangá 6: ndé-ndeke 7: só-so'di 8: íni ini 9: ndá-ndada 10: akpa akpa 11: ngó-ngólü 12: la-lanyá 13: ngbú-ngbutú 14: tu-turé

Exercise 28 1: ne 2: ye 3: máa 4: se 5: ze 6: yíi 7: ye 8: ne 9: yíi
10: ze 11: máa 12: se

Lesson Nine

Exercise 30 Look for the answers in the story.

Lesson Ten

Exercise 31 Look for the answers in the story.

Iri létera e

A	álufa
B	bírávo
C	cáríli
D	délíta
E	éko
F	fókisi
G	góliifi
I	índiya
K	kílo
L	líma
M	máyiki
N	novémba
O	ósika
P	pápa
R	rómiyo
S	siyéra
T	tango
U	únifomu
V	víkita
W	wísiki
Y	yángi
Z	zúlu

Á	álufa kí ákisendi doa
'B	bírávo kí apósítrofi
'D	délíta kí apósítrofi
É	éko kí ákisendi doa
Í	índiya kí ákisendi doa
Í	índiya kí dóti síne
Í	índiya kí dóti síne kí ákisendi doa
Í	mi'ldeci índiya
Í	mi'ldeci índiya kí ákisendi doa
N	novémba kí dóti síne
Ó	ósika kí ákisendi doa
R	rómiyo kí dóti síne
Ú	únifomu kí ákisendi doa
Ú	únifomu kí dóti síne
Ú	únifomu kí dóti síne kí ákisendi doa
V	víkita kí dóti síne
'Y	yángi kí apósítrofi