

CLASSIFICATION OF NOUNS IN NKWEN LANGUAGE

Mèghàsənə Məlwenə mə Ədzunə



Nouns prefixes

1. ò , mò

2. b̀

3. ̀

4. ǹ

5. m̀

6. à

7. ̀

8. f̀

9. φ



Below is a table showing the different noun prefixes in Nkwen Language. There are nine (9) noun classes following the noun prefixes. The nouns in class one (1) begin with the prefix (m̀ or ǹ). It should be noted that classes 2, 5 and 7 are plural classes while the rest are singular. Thus, class seven (7) is different from class (3) three which is a singular class, though they both begin with the prefix à. The last class (9) is made up of nouns with no prefix.

Class	Prefix	Nouns
1.	ǹ, m̀	ǹfò - chief m̀byî - goat ǹgwo - dog ǹchĩ - in-law ǹzεrè - thief ǹkàmə - noble ǹkenə - message ǹkà - drum



class	Prefix	Nouns
2.	bè	<p>bèfò - chiefs</p> <p>bèkəmā - nobles</p> <p>bèntò - pots</p> <p>bèzèrə - thieves</p> <p>bəsə'ə - insects</p>
3.	è	<p>èlàrè - bridge</p> <p>èlyi - soldier-ant</p> <p>èlìi - incense</p> <p>ètàrè - cram</p> <p>èkǔ - bed</p>



Class	Prefix	Nouns
4.	nè	nèsa - buttock nèlònḡ - radio/guitar nèfâ - twin nèlà'a - net nèfunḡ - fats
5.	mè	mènṭa'à - hills məkù - feet mèsâ - buttocks məkú - beans mḡfâ - twins Mèla'a - houses



Class	Prefix	Nouns
6.	à	<p>Àkù - foot</p> <p>Àtyî - a tree</p> <p>àfwoǎ - medicine/leave</p> <p>Àkaŋə - a pan</p> <p>Àlənə - a chair</p>
7.	è	<p>èsô - hoes</p> <p>ètsə'ə - clothes</p> <p>èbà'à - doors</p> <p>èlənə - chairs</p> <p>èkaŋə - dishes</p>



Class	Prefix	Nouns
8.	fè	fènkəbè - a statue fəkəbə - a spoon fènyə - a snake fəsàŋè - a star fèbu'u - a gorilla fèli'i - smoke
9.	φ	kàŋè - a cane rat forə - a rat bàtə - a wine calabash wàrè - a hawk tankă - friend yèrə - an earring



Homework

Write two nouns in Nkwen Language that begin with each prefix below.

1. n̈́ , m̈́ _____ _____
2. bè _____ _____
3. è _____ _____
4. nè _____ _____
5. mè _____ _____
6. à _____ _____
7. è _____ _____
8. fè _____ _____
9. φ _____ _____