

Aŋwa'arə` Məzi'irənə` Abɔ̄ŋnə Menkwənə

STUDY GUIDE FOR
TEACHING
The NKWEN LANGUAGE



Ngə Binə` zhi Abɔ̄ŋnə Ala'a



A binə bojnə: Kwe nə əbinjə dzwi (Let's talk: Answer these questions)

O nə ntse'etə ətəaa wwo bwo mmă
wwo mba'a-mba'a a la?

How would you greet your
father and mother in the
morning?

O nə ntse'etə ətəaa wwo bwo
mmă wwo ntenünjə a la?

How would you greet your
father and mother in the
afternoon?

O nə ntse'etə bələmə bwo a
la?

How do you greet your
brothers and sisters?

Mənyù Ma fyî (New words)

Njwelă?	good morning	mənyù	things
O zi?	good afternoon	fyî	new
a bəla?	how are you?	Ətəaa	father
O yi?	welcome (visitor)	mma	mother
O bü?	welcome back	ndəmə wà	relative (any relation)
o dzwi nshi'inə?	are you well?	muvi	anyone younger than you
Ndə	Sir/madam	ndiwi/ ndi	anyone older than you

Tojtə Nji ko?o (*Read aloud*)

Mètsɛ'ɛtənɛ ɲu Mbà'a-mba'a (Greeting a person in the morning)

Njw <u>el</u> ă?	Good morning (literally means “is the day (njwe) dawn (lă)?
Njw <u>el</u> ă mma	Good morning mother
Njw <u>el</u> ă ətāà	Good morning father
Njw <u>el</u> ă ndəmə wà	Good morning my brother/sister/relative
Njw <u>el</u> ă muwi	Good morning (to someone younger)
Njw <u>el</u> ă ndìwi/ ndì.	Good morning (to someone older)

Mètsɛ'ɛtənɛ ɲu Ntenuŋɛ (Greeting a person in the afternoon)

O z̄i mma	Good afternoon mother
O z̄i ətāà	Good afternoon father
O z̄i ndəmə wà	Good afternoon brother/sister/relative
O z̄i muwi	Good afternoon (to someone younger)
O z̄i ndìwi/ ndì	Good afternoon (to someone older)

Mətsə'etənə nju Mbə'a-mbə'a` (Greeting a person when he or she returns home)

ó bǔ	Welcome back
ó bǔ mma	Welcome back mother (or any adult female)
ó bǔ etàà	Welcome back father (or any adult male)
ó bǔ ndəmə wà	Welcome back my brother/sister/relative
ó bǔ muwi	Welcome back (to someone younger than you)
ó bǔ ndìwi/ ndì	Welcome back (to someone older than you)

Mətsə'etənə nju Mbə'a-mbə'a` (Welcoming a visitor)

O yí	Welcome
O yí mma	Welcome mother (or any adult female)
O yí etàà	Welcome father (or any adult male)
O yí ndəmə wà	Welcome my brother/sister/relative
O yí muwi	Welcome (to someone younger than you)
O yí ndìwi/ndì	Welcome (to someone older than you)

Mèzhinè ñgə ñù a dzwi nshiiñinè lè (When enquiring on someones wellbeing)

ò dzwi nshiiñinè mma?	Are you well mother?
ò dzwi nshiiñinè etàà?	Are you well father?
ò dzwi nshiiñinè ndemè wà?	Are you well my brother/sister/relative
ò dzwi nshiiñinè muwi?	Are you well? (to someone younger)
ò dzwi nshiiñinè ndiwi/ndi	Are you well? (to someone older)

Mètsè?etènè ñu aghèmtsèmè (Greetings at all times)

A bëla mma?	How are you mother?
A bëla etàà?	How are you father?
A bëla ndemè wà?	How are you my brother/sister/relative?
A bëla muwi?	How are you? (to someone younger)
A bëla ndi/ndiwi?	How are you? (to someone older)

Àfà?à (*Practice Exercise*)

Boijə a bə mba?a-mba?à o' tsε?etə bə bii njə; In the morning you would greet these persons in the following way:

mima. Mother/mama

ətàà. Father/dad

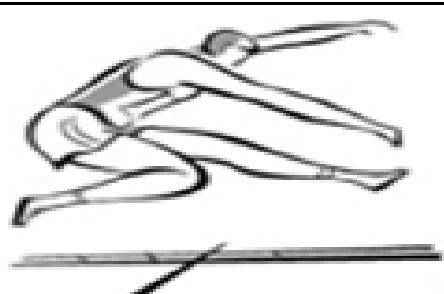
ndəmə wà. Brother/sister

muwi. Younger one

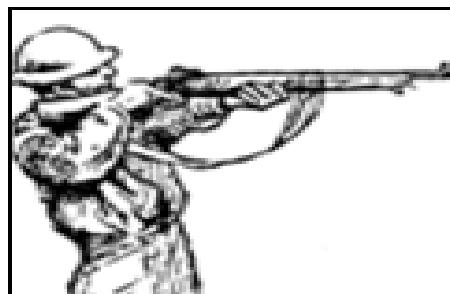
ndiwi. Older one/elder

Mèghèrènè Mənyù (*Simple Commands*)

Bé bi gha a la? What are these people doing?



Dzà?a! Jump!



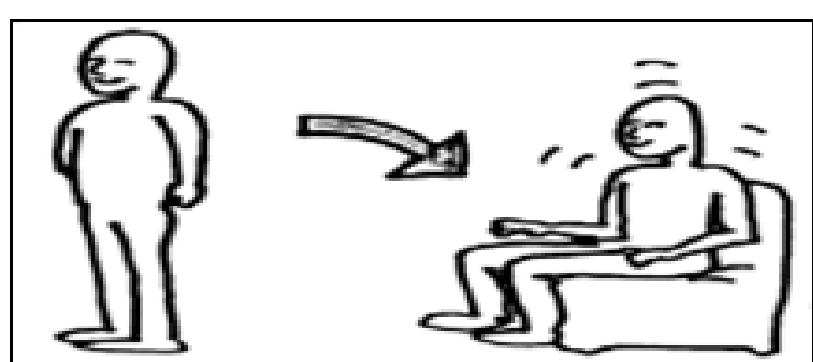
Təmə! Shoot!



Tonjtə! Read!



bənə! Dance!



Nunə nshye! Sit down!

Għèrha anyu zuma Ndexx aqwa?arha bex swiġej

Do what your teacher says

ku yi! - *come in!*

zhwin! - *shout!*

kî! - *cry!*

tsəmə! - *stop crying!*

wwe! - *laugh!*

bənə! - *dance!*

dzà'a! - *jump!*

iżwà?arə! - *write!*

sej̱ə! - *count!*

tojtə! - *read!*

yi! - *come!*

ghə! - *go!*

tiġe! - *stand! / wait!*

də! - *give!*

fyā! - *give!*

khə! - *run!*

ze?etə! - *shift/move over!*

tiġe ndətiġe! - *stand up!*

nunə nshye! - *sit down!*

linə! - *look!*

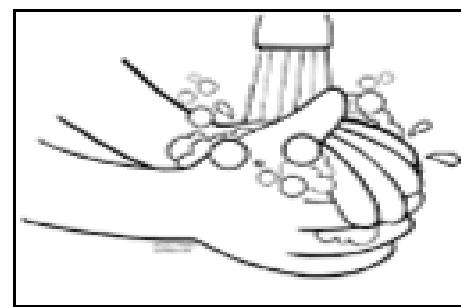
fū abi! - *go out!*



to?o! push!



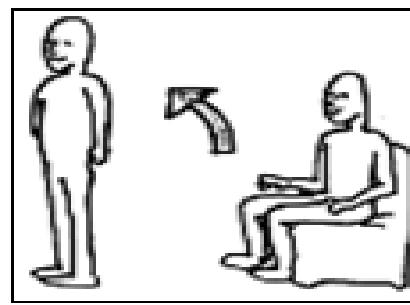
Təmə! Play!



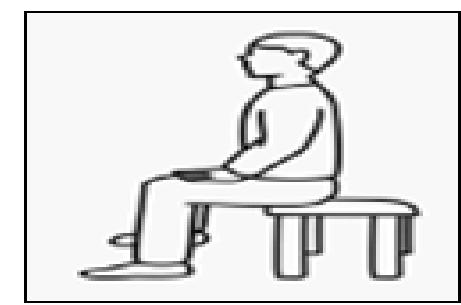
Suu! Wash!



khə! Run!



Tiġe! Stand!



Nunə! Sit!

Mèzi'irènè 2: Mè mbè a wè?

(Lesson 2: Who am I?)

A binè bojnè: Kwe nè əbinjsè dzwi

(Let's talk: Answer these questions)

	Əbinjsè Questions	Mèbinjè Answers
1	Əlwènè wwo bè a wè? What is your name?	Əlwènè wa bè Tala/ Ngèlà My name is Tala/Ngela
2	O dzwi a fè? Where do you reside/live?	Mè dzwi a Fètruè (Futru) I live at Futru
3	O' bè əlinjè dzwi sè?è? How old are you?	Mè bè əlinjè dzwi nèkwà? I am four years old
4	Əlwènè etàa wò wè? What's your father's name?	Əlwènè etàa wà bè Azeh My father's name is Azeh
5	Əlwènè mìma wò wè? What's your mother's name?	Əlwènè mìma wà bè Ngwi My mother's name is Ngwi
6	O fà?a a fè? Where do you work?	Mè fà?a Menteh I work in Menteh
7	O fà?a a kè? What do you do (profession/occupation)?	Mè fà?a ma docta I am a doctor
8	O kǔ ndyá-àjwà'arè fè Where do you go to school?	Mè nkǔ ndyá-àjwà'arè Katorè fè Fètruè (Futru) I attend Catholic school Futru

Mènyù Ma fyî (New words)

əlwénə (məlwénə-pl)	name (s)	əlùnje	year(s)
wá	my	bé	is
ətää wá	my father	a biné	let us
míma wá	my mother	bojnə	talk/speak
ndyâ-àñwa?aré	school/ class/place of learning	fafé	at
a fə	where	ghé!	to go/go
wé (bəwé- plural)	who	nákwa	four
nkú	enter/attend/come in	afà?a	work/job
wwo	your	Katore	Catholic

Tojté Nji ko?o (*Read aloud*)

Olwénə wa bē Ngélà	My name is Ngela.
Mə ndzwi Ndáa	I reside at Manda
Mə mbé əlùnje nákwa	I am four years old
Olwénə m ma wá bē Ngwiná	My mother's name is Ngwina
Olwénə ətää wá bē Talá	My father's name is Tala
Mə nkú ndyâ-àñwa?aré Katore fə Fetruə. (Futru)	I attend Catholic school Futru.

Àfà?à (Exercise)

Swinjə mənyù mbə?ə atyəmbəjə zhə (*Talk about yourself*)

Өlwənə wa bə _____

My name is _____

Mə ndzwi fəfə _____

I reside/live/at _____

Mə mbə əlunjə _____

I am _____ years old

Өlwənə ətāa wà bə _____

My father's name is _____

Өlwənə mma wà bə _____

My mother's name is _____

Mə nku ndyá-ŋwa?arə _____

I attend school at _____

Mèzi'irènè 3: Li bèwè?

(Lesson 3: Who are these)



A binè bojnè: Kòwe nè əbinj sè dzwi

(Let's talk: Answer these questions)

1. Li bèwè?	Who are these?
2. La dzwi wè nèbènè wwo?	Who is by your side/who is your neighbour?
3. A dzwi a fè?	Where does he/she live?
4. À bè èlùnjè dzwi sè?e?	How old is he/she?
5. Òlwènè ətàa yì bè wè?	What is his/her father's name?
6. Òlwènè mma yì bè wè?	What is his/her mother's name?

Mènyù ma fyi (New words)

Names

Ngwifà'á (f)
 Ndifo' (m)
 Ngötse' (f)
 Frinywé (f)
 Ndàa- Manda Quarter
 Ntè'ø- Menteh Quarter

Basèrè - Presbyterian(Basel)

Nèbènè - near

Yì - his/her

Bè - is/are

Nchè-ñtùu - sixteen

Dù - person/human being/someone

Brushì - police



Toŋtə Nji ko'o (*Read aloud*)

Li bə Frinywè

This is Frinwie

A dzwi fəfə Ntə?ə

She resides at Menteh

À bə èlùnjè ncè-nitùu

She is sixteen years old

Ølwènè ətàa yi bə Ndifo

Her father's name is Ndifor

Ølwènè mma yi be Ngètsé.

Her mother's name is Ngeche

A kǔ ndyâ-àjwa'arə Basərə fəfə
Ndàa

She attends Presbyterian
School Manda

Øtàa yi bə ijù brushi

Her father is a policeman

Àfà?à

Swiŋe mənyù mbə'ə Frinywe. *Talk about Frinywe.*

1. Ølwènè yi bə _____
She is called _____

2. A dzwi fəfə _____
She lives at _____

3. À bə èlùnjè _____
She is _____ years old

4. Ølwènè ətàa yi bə _____
Her father's name is _____

5. Ølwènè mma yi bə _____
Her mother's name is _____

6. Øtàa yi bə _____
Her father is a _____