

Aŋwa’arè Məzi’irənə Aboṇnə Menkwənə

STUDY GUIDE FOR
TEACHING
The Nkwén LANGUAGE



Ngə Binè zhi Aboṇnə Ala'a

Mèzi'irènè 4: Mèyà wwo?

Lesson 4:

Thank you



A binè bojnè: Kwe əbinjè dzwi (Let's talk: Answer these questions)

O nè nfya mèyà njù a aghèmè kè?

When would you say thank you?

Bonjè o tè swà'a lontè azunjè njù o swingè ngè kè?

If you want to borrow/beg from someone what would you say?

Mènyù Ma fyî (New words)

Mèyà wwo	Thank you	Àzunjè	thing
Tèko'o	Big/much/large	Aghèmè kè	When/what time
Tèko'o mèya	Thank you very much	Nfonjè	cup
Lontè wa	May I borrow?	Wwo	You/your
Nlènè	Forget/to forget	Tu'uñè	Hold/pregnant
Zhè	Your/yours	Fusè	Take out/remove
Tyì bonjè	Would/could/can	Àbă	bag
Ndyâ	House/at home		

Mètanjné ngamé (Conversation/dialogue)

Frinywé: Ngélo, lonté wa né aijwà?aré zhé. *Ngelo lend me your book/Ngelo may I borrow your book?*

Ngélo: Ku! Tu?uné nshi?iné. *Take it! Handle it with care.*

Frinywé: Mèyà wwò Tyì bojé ò bù nlonté wa né niforjé wwo ? *Thank you. Would you also lend me your cup? (or May I also borrow your cup?)*

Ngélo: À a. Fusé mémé àbă mwo. Ó wwo fè? Yes. *Take it from my bag. Where is yours?*

Frinywé: Mè nlène ndyâ. Təko?o mèyà wwò. *I forgot it at home. Thanks a lot.*

Àfà?à (Exercise)

Míté ngé “mèyà wwò” *Complete with “Thank you”*

Tala a kwèsé Lemé a swijé né zhé ngé _____.

Tala helped Lem and she said to him _____

Ngéfor à kwèsé mmà tsé mändunjé, a swijé ngé _____.

Ngefó has helped a certain woman on the way and she said to her _____

Ôtàà wà kë fya nínà zà, mè swijé a mbwo zhé

ngé _____ ôtàà. My father gave me meat and I said to him _____

Bojé ijù ghèrè anyù nshí?iné a mbwo wwò ò swijé ngé _____.

If someone does something good to you, you should say _____

Mèswijé ngé _____ bë ànyù shí?iné.

To say _____ is a good thing

Mènyù Ma fyî (New words)

kwesə	<i>help/assist</i>	fyā	<i>give</i>
swinjə	<i>said/says/say</i>	nìnà	<i>meat</i>
ngə	<i>that</i>	zà	<i>mine/my</i>
tsə̄	<i>After a pronoun denotes someone/something you don't know</i>	A mbwo	<i>to/in the hands of</i>
mândunjə	<i>road</i>	ghərə	<i>do something/make</i>
anyù	<i>something</i>	nshi' inə	<i>well/good/nice</i>
məlwənə	<i>names</i>	məmə̄	<i>in</i>
ədzunjə	<i>things</i>	ndyâ	<i>house</i>
ghəkə̄	<i>go (pl)</i>	ndyâ bū	<i>your house</i>

Mèzi'irènè 5 Mèlwènè mè ədzunjè (Lesson 4: Nouns)



A binè bojnè (Let's talk)

Fya mèlwènè mè ədzunjè dzwu ma ə dzwi a mèmè ndyâ bû.

Fya mèlwènè mè ədzunjè dzwu ma ə dzwi a mèmè ndyâ-gwa'are bû.

Linè abi, nfya mèlwènè mè ədzunjè dzwu ma ó zé.

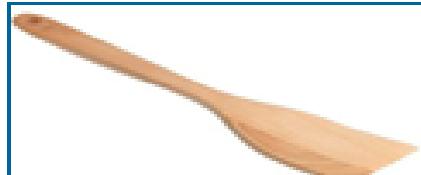
A nè bè nè njwè bè ghakè a fè?

Give the names of things found in your house.

Give the names of things found in your school.

Look outside and name the things you see.

During the day, where do people go to?



Anso'o - kitchen spatula



ndzàa - an axe



àkù - bed



nito - pot



rigarè - gun



nidènjè-neloujè - telephone



fènywè - knife



lu'u - soup spoon



nákèrè-nákara - modern cooker

Zi'irə məlwənə mə ədzuŋə (Study the names of things)

Ədzuŋə məmə ndyâ (items in the house)

àkanjə/əkanjə	Pan/pans
àbaʔatə-kanjə /əbaʔatə-kanjə	Plate/plates
àlərjə /ələrjə	Chair/chairs
nítò/bèntò	Pot/pots
luʔu /bəluʔu	Dishing spoon/spoons
n̄kōnjə/mənkōnjə	Pestle/pestles
ákü/məkü	Bed/beds
àtətə /ətətə	Table/tables

Ədzuŋə ndyâ-ŋwa'arə (Things at school)

ambəŋjə /əmbəŋjə	Chalk
ajwā'arə /əjwà'arə	Book/books
n̄kōnjə-ŋwa'arə /mənkōnjə mə ajwā'arə	Pen, pencil/pens/pencils
tafrə /bətāfrə	Chalkboard/chalkboards
fətū /bəfətū	Picture, photo/pictures/photos
àchiʔisə tafra /əchiʔisə tafrə	Duster, eraser/dusters, Erasers
nídə /bəndə	Teacher/teachers
àbă/əbă	Bag/bags



ndziŋə a bell



tafrə chalkboard



àtētə a table



Ndə-fərə clock



nkonyə-ŋwə'arə - pen



Ndə-ŋwə'arə a teacher



əŋwə'arə books



ələŋə chairs



bore -ball

Ədzunjə ma boŋə bə seŋə (countable nouns)

ákaiŋə - pan

àləŋə - chair

n̄to - pot

n̄fɔiŋə - cup

àfwō - a tablet

àtsəŋə - dress

əkaiŋə - pans

ələŋə - chairs

bənto - pots

mən̄fɔiŋə - cups

məfwō - tablets

ətsəŋə - dresses



Àfà?à (Exercise)

Lině ndajtēnè nswijè ədzunjè dzwu ma ə zhite nə; (*look below and name things beginning with*)

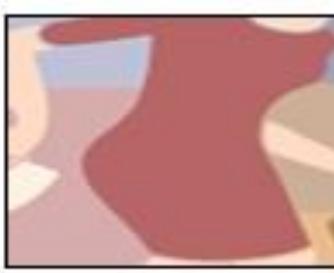
a _____

m _____

b _____

ŋ _____

n _____



Өdzuijə ma bojə bə kakə sejə (*Uncountable nouns*)

mìmu - *fire*

mìmu'ù - *brains*

àlinjə - *blood*

nikyī - *water*

mbèijə - *rain*

fèli?i - *smoke*

mèwurè - *oil*

krashi- *kerosene*

nikyī-mimu- *petrol/fuel*



nikyī - water



fèli?i - smoke



mìmu - fire

Өdi?i dzwu ma bə nə nghə wə (*Places we go to*)

àdi?i - *place*

àfò - *farm*

àto?ò - *raffia bush*

àwàsè - *hospital*

àtyə-nta'à - *hill top*

mètane - *market*

ndyâ-ijwa?àrè - *school*

èdi?i - *places*

èfò - *farms*

èto?ò - *raffia bushes*

èwàsè - *hospital*

ètyə-mənta'à - *hill tops*

bèmètane - *markets*

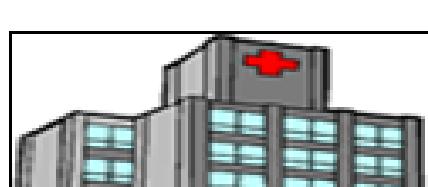
mèla'à mè àijwa?àrè - *schools*



àfò-farm



mètane-market



àwàsè-hospital

Àfà'à (Exercise)

Dwa'árə edzuijə dzwu ma ə zhite nə 'ə'; (Write words beginning with 'ə' ;)

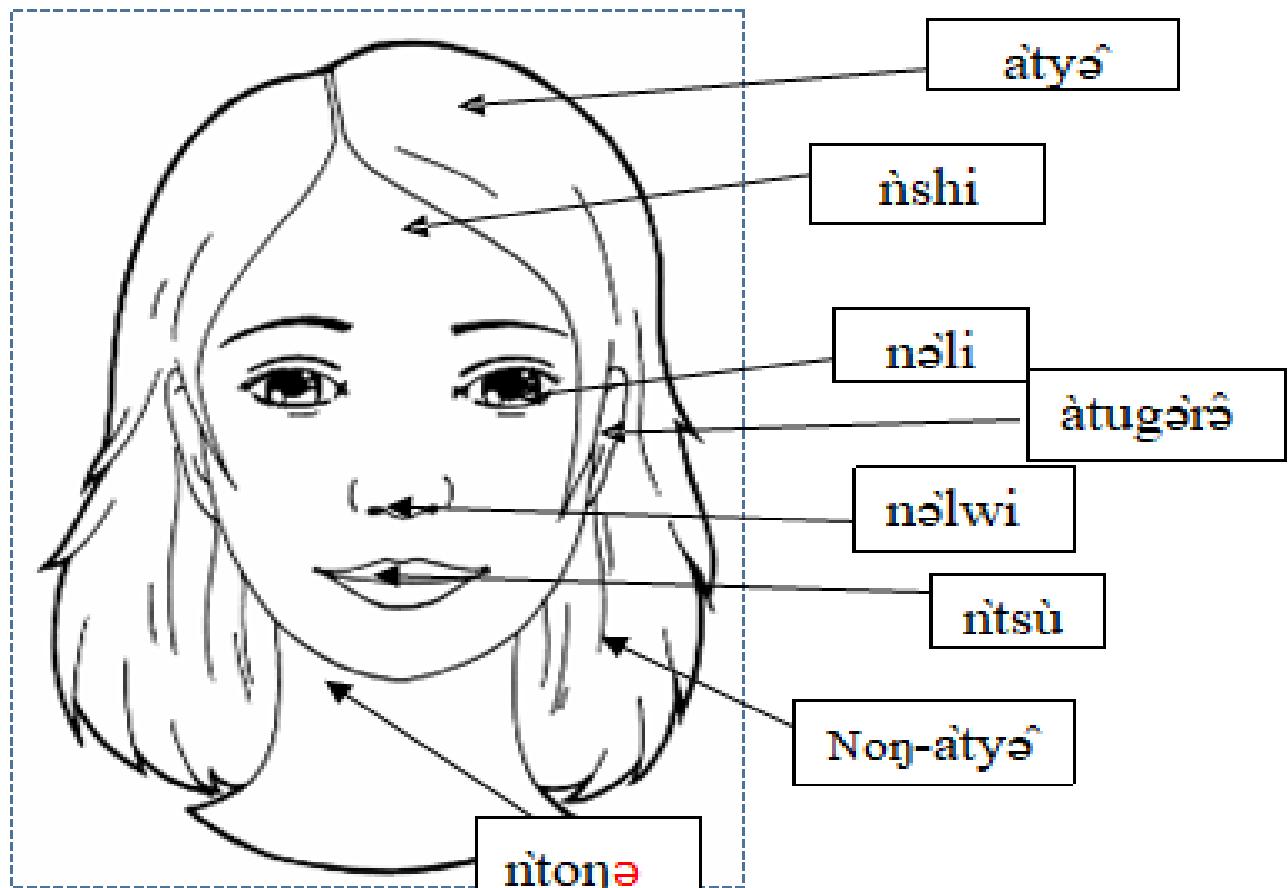
ə _____

ə _____

ə _____

ə _____

Ədi'i nnu ịju (Parts of the body)



Ədipi nnu ịṇu (Parts of the body)

Singular/Plural

ātyə̄ /ətyə̄	head/heads
n̄tsù/məntsù	mouth/mouths
ātugərə̄/ətugərə̄	ear/ears
n̄eli/mimi	eye/eyes
n̄elwi/məlwi	nose/noses
n̄fəŋjə-n̄elwi/ n̄fəŋjə-məlwi	nostril/nostrils
n̄ətɔŋjə/ mətɔŋjə	navel/navels
àkù/mékù	foot/feet
ābwo /mibwo	hand/hands
n̄ebəmə/məbəmə	stomach/stomachs
ñtā/məntā	leg/legs

Ədzuijə ma boŋə bə kàkə́ zə (abstract nouns)

àghonə	sickness
mifə̄	air
fərə̄	wind
àzhi'ítə	intelligence
məchí	Wisdom/knowledge
n̄eborjə	beauty
àghu'lusə	Worship/respect/adoration/praise

ndurə ədzunjə (collective nouns)

nkā ənyu	a swamp of bees
nkā ngwipnə	a swamp of locust
nigəŋə məmbo	a bunch of bananas
nigəŋə nənguiŋə	a bunch of plantains
atārə bəsəŋə	a flock of birds
atārə nko'ondzəmə	a herd of cattle
atārə mbyi	a flock of sheep
nno bə	a group of people
nəbəŋə nə ndəŋə	a bunch of bamboos
nəbəŋə nə əbii	a bunch of thatch grass
ákà bəzərə	a gang of thieves
ábá njya	a bag of vegetables
ábà fəngwarjə	a bag of salt
nkùnjə nəkyi	a box of soap
nkùnjə məlù'ù	a crate of beer
ákaká'a mənŷe	a big basket of groundnuts/peanuts
ádzwa'a ngwásanjə	a bundle of maize
nədzwa'a nə ədzō	a bunch/cluster of plums



Àfà?à (Exercise)

A. Fya dzwa danjè edzujuè ma bə bikakè nzə. (Give more abstract nouns)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

B. Be atyə abòjnè zu ma ə wε ijwà?àrə (pick the missing word and write)

(aghù?usə honour, Mfè cold, Fèrè wind, Àghònè sickness, Nèbojnè beauty)

1. _____ chyâ mbe atyə ndya Takwi'i.
_____ has blown Takwi's roof off.
2. _____ ko wa.
I am _____
3. A binè fya _____ a mbwo Nywé.
Let's give _____ to God
4. _____ zə^ kəka dwi nnu moo Mèngye wi.
There is exceptional _____ in this girl
5. _____ tèbòjnè dwi bii.
There is a terrible _____ outside.