

Base Vocabulary

Common Nouns

- **Person:**

- *mi* /mi/ - we
- *zi* /zi/ - you
- *baŋa* /'ba.ŋa/ - child
- *babaki* /ba'ba.ki/ - elder
- *murū* /'mu.ru/ - friend
- *tonka* /'ton.ka/ - enemy
- *babu* /'ba.bu/ - ancestor

- **Places:**

- *hanga* /'han.ga/ - wind
- *danga* /'daŋ.ga/ - edge (e.g., twilight edge)
- *lunga* /'luŋ.ga/ - stream
- *tanga* /'taŋ.ga/ - land
- *kibanda* /ki'ban.da/ - shelter

- **Nature:**

- *maji* /'ma.ji/ - water
- *sora* /'so.ra/ - sun
- *lunga* /'luŋ.ga/ - river
- *ŋokado* /'ŋo.ka.do/ - veins
- *hanaŋa* /'ha.na.ŋa/ - tree
- *ŋida* /'ŋi.da/ - guide (e.g., wind guide)

- **Animals:**

- *driftuŋa* /'drif.tu.ŋa/ - gliding creature
- *ŋama* /'ŋa.ma/ - serpent
- *mandu* /'man.du/ - beast

Verbs

- *nganŋa* /'ŋaŋ.ga/ - to gather
- *shanda* /'ʃan.da/ - to trade
- *tula* /'tu.la/ - to build
- *honga* /'hoŋ.ga/ - to survive
- *pasa* /'pa.sa/ - to share
- *nala* /'na.la/ - to honor
- *baŋa* /'baŋ.ga/ - to listen
- *kina* /'ki.na/ - to teach

Adjectives

- *manga* /'maŋ.ga/ – great
- *ŋolu* /'ŋo.lu/ – small
- *tana* /'ta.na/ – strong
- *suŋa* /'su.ŋa/ – weak
- *kara* /'ka.ra/ – bright
- *ŋamu* /'ŋa.mu/ – dark

Adverbs

- *na* /na/ – at/in/on
- *zi* /zi/ – to
- *ja* /ja/ – is/are
- *ma* /ma/ – not

Cultural Terms

- *hangakiya* /'haŋ.ga.ki.ja/ – wind craft (weatherworking)
- *maji'tunga* /'ma.ji.tu.ŋa/ – water finding
- *han.ga.danja* /,han.ga'da.ŋa/ – twilight edge
- *banja'sora* /,baŋ.ga'so.ra/ – ritual walk

Sample Phrases

1. *Mi ngangga na han.ga.danja.*
/mi 'ŋaŋ.ga na ,han.ga'da.ŋa/
"We gather at the twilight edge."
2. *Maji ja tana.*
/ma'ji ja 'ta.na/
"Water is strength."
3. *Babaki ja kina na han.ga.*
/ba'ba.ki ja 'ki.na na 'han.ga/
"The elders teach us about the wind."

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