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INTRODUCTION TO  
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Entries for this dictionary have, for the most part, come from the fieldwork of the compilers. Entries have, however, also been taken from personal dictionaries or word lists compiled by Gail Forbutt, Debbie Maclean, Dorothy Meehan, and Phil Meehan (school teachers at Bamyili); Dorothy Heasman (nursing sister at Ngukurr); Ron Butler (minister at Numbulwar); and David Zorc (School of Australian Linguistics, Batchelor); as well as from Margaret C. Sharpe's (May 1976) Roper Creole Dictionary MS.

Entries have been taken as spelled from the following Creole books published after the Creole orthography decisions of November 1976:

Jentian, Danny Marmina (ed.). *Enimulen*. Bamyili Press, 1977.  
(123 pages)

Jentian, Danny Marmina (ed.). *Anemlen*. Bamyili Press, 1977.  
(144 pages)

Thompson, Winston. *Motoka La Ngukurr*. Ngukurr School, n.d.  
(8 pages)

Thompson, Winston. *Gundu-Gundu*. Ngukurr School, n.d.  
(7 pages)

The English gloss or meanings given for entries are only the primary or basic meanings. Different specific senses of the entries and the words they are used in combination with are not given in this edition. For example,

bogi (v.) swim, bathe

primarily means 'to swim or bathe', but it also means 'to collect' when used of water lilies or water lily seeds and roots:

*bogi bla yarlbun*  
'collect water lilies'

and 'to hunt' when used of turtles:

*bogi bla tetul*  
'hunt for turtles'

The dictionary is alphabetized according to the English order of alphabetization.

Abbreviations used in giving the grammatical function or part of speech of the entries are:

<i>a.</i>	auxiliary
<i>adj.</i>	adjective
<i>adv.</i>	adverb
<i>conj.</i>	conjunction
<i>i.</i>	intransitive
<i>inter.</i>	interrogative
<i>intj.</i>	interjection
<i>n.</i>	noun
<i>ph.</i>	phrase
<i>pn.</i>	pronoun
<i>prep.</i>	preposition
<i>t.</i>	transitive
<i>v.</i>	verb

## A

- abas (*adv.*) half past
- abat (*prep.*) about
- abda 1. (*adv.*) after  
2. (*v.t.*) increase
- abdajat (*conj.*) after that, from there
- abdanun (*n.*) afternoon, after 3 pm.
- abdanuntaim (*n.*) afternoon, after 3 pm.
- aben (*n.*) oven
- abgug, abgugwan (*adj.*) partially cooked
- abigin (*adv.*) half again, a quarter of
- abija (*n.*) father's mother, mother's father
- abijaja (*n.*) mother's father
- abirnini (*n.*) kinship relationship
- abset (*v.i.*) upset, anxious
- abuji (*n.*) father's mother
- abul (*n.*) hobble
- abultrap (*n.*) hobble-trap
- abulum (*v.t.*) hobble
- abum (*v.t.*) have
- abwei (*adv.*) half way, half of, in the middle
- ad, adbala, adwan 1. (*adj.*) loud  
2. (*adv.*) loudly
- ada (*v.a.*) ought to
- adli (*adv.*) hardly, not very well

afta (*adv.*) after  
 aftanun (*n.*) afternoon  
 aftanuntaim (*n.*) afternoon  
 aftum (*v.t.*) pursue, chase after  
 agri (*v.i.*) agree  
 agli, aglibala, agliwan (*adj.*) ugly  
 agudibala (*adj.*) ugly  
 agyu (*v.i.*) argue  
 ai 1. (*pn.*) I  
     2. (*n.*) eye, seed  
 ai, aibala, aiwan (*adj.*) high  
 aibem (*n.*) seed  
 aibis (*n.*) ibis  
 aidol (*n.*) idol  
 aiglas (*n.*) spectacles  
 aijin (*n.*) (department of) hygiene, sanitation  
 ailen (*n.*) island  
 aili, ailibala (*adv.*) early, morning  
 ailid (*n.*) eyelid  
 aionwud (*n.*) ironwood tree  
 aipat (*n.*) a. eye like part  
           b. eyelash, eyebrow  
 airam (*v.t.*) hire  
 airrap (*adv.*) up stream, higher up  
 -aklak (*time suffix*) used with numbers to indicate clock time



alabat (pn.) they, all  
album (v.t.) help  
aligeida (n.) crocodile, saltwater crocodile  
alo (intj.) hello, "What's this!"  
alolog (n.) hollow log  
am (n.) arm  
amaj (inter.) how much  
ambag (v.i.) play around, be cheeky  
ambi (n.) humpy  
ambrela (n.) umbrella  
ami (n.) allied soldier, airman, army  
amini (inter.) how many  
ampi (n.) humpy  
ampiaus (n.) humpy  
ampit (n.) armpit  
amu (n.) mother's sister  
amuri (n.) father's father  
-an (v. suffix) (Indicates direction or location) on  
andanis (adv.) under, underneath  
andanit (adv.) under, underneath  
andasten (v.i.) understand  
andi 1. (v.a.) will, want  
2. (n.) father's sister, aunt  
andil (conj.) until  
andim (v.t.) hand, pass

andimwei (*v.t.*) chase away  
 anding (*v.*) hunting  
 andrid (*adj.*) about a hundred  
 anga (*intj.*) 'My word!, Goodness!, Oh, no!, True!'  
 anggul (*n.*) mother's brother, uncle  
 anggultobi (*n.*) porridge  
 anginap (*v.i.*) hanging up, on top, above, hanging from  
 angindan (*v.i.*) hanging down, below  
 angri, angribala, angriwan (*adj.*) hungry  
 angul (*n.*) mother's brother, uncle  
 ani (*n.*) honey  
 anibi (*n.*) honey bee  
 anjim (*v.t.*) answer, reply  
 anles (*conj.*) unless  
 annan (*intj.*) 'Isn't it cute.' (used of babies)  
 ansim (*v.t.*) answer, reply  
 antap (*adv.*) on top, above  
 ant (*n.*) ant  
 anyan (*n.*) onion  
 ap (*adj.*) half  
 -ap (*v. suffix*) (indicates direction) up  
 apaji (*n.*) father's mother  
 apapwan (*n.*) syllable  
 apas (*adv.*) half past

apaseit (*adv.*) half past eight  
apassiks (*adv.*) half past six  
apblekwan (*adj.*) brown  
apset (*v.i.*) upset  
apul (*n.*) apple  
apun (*n.*) harpoon  
ardim (*v.t.*) hurt  
arr (*n.*) sound made by brolga  
arrap (*v.i.*) sexually aroused  
asban (*n.*) husband  
asgim (*v.t.*) ask  
askim (*v.t.*) ask  
at (*n.*) heart  
-at (*v. suffix*) (indicates direction) out  
atim (*v.t.*) hate  
atjump (*v.i.*) startled, frightened  
atsaid (*adv.*) outside, away from  
au (*inter.*) how  
audim (*v.t.*) put out, turn off  
aul (*n.*) owl  
awus (*n.*) house, building

B

ba 1. (*prep.*) for, of  
2. (*n.*) bar

baba (*n.*) brother, sister, sibling

babbab (*n.*) young dog, puppy

babim (*v.t.*) pop, hit

babolo (*n.*) buffalo

babulap (*v.i.*) bubble up

bada (*n.*) butter, margarine

badablai (*n.*) butterfly

badlim (*v.t.*) paddle

badlingbot (*n.*) paddle steamer

bafalo (*n.*) buffalo

bafulohol (*n.*) buffalo hole

-baga (*adj. suffix*) (nominalizer - sometimes used in place of  
-bala)

bagadap (*v.i.*) unserviceable, broken, messed up, not working

bagadimap (*v.t.*) mess up, make unserviceable

bagas (*intj.*) 'Forget it!'

bagi (*n.*) tobacco

bagimbat (*v.t.*) intercourse

bagkinu (*n.*) a boat made of bark

baib (*adj.*) five

baibala (*adj.*) five

baibul (*n.*) Bible



balgin (*adj.*) bitter, unsweetened  
 balginti (*n.*) unsweetened tea  
 baligal (*n.*) pelican  
 baligin (*n.*) pelican  
 bam 1. (*n.*) buttocks  
       2. (*v.i.*) bump  
 bambaba (*n.*) frozen loliwater stick  
 bambai (*adv.*) later  
 bambam (*n.*) buttocks  
 bambu (*n.*) a. bamboo  
           b. didjeridoo  
 bambum (*v.t.*) bump  
 bambumen (*n.*) didjeridoo player  
 ban (*n.*) band, strip of something around an object  
 bandamis (*n.*) pandanus palm  
 bandigut (*n.*) bandicoot  
 bandiyan (*n.*) king brown snake, python, taipan  
 bangardi (*n.*) male sub-section skin group  
 bangarn (*n.*) female sub-section skin group  
 banigin (*n.*) panikin, cup  
 banijim (*v.t.*) punish  
 banji (*n.*) brother-in-law, sister-in-law, spouse  
 banjim (*v.t.*) punch, hit  
 banjimen (*n.*) sibling-in-laws, spouse  
 bank (*n.*) bed

banksia (n.) banksia  
 bardigindak (n.) Burdekin duck  
 barlbarl (v.) pound, soften by hitting  
 barlkiny (adj.) bitter, unsweetened  
 barn (v.i.) a. burn  
                   b. burnt out  
 barnana (n.) sweetheart, girl friend  
 barnarra (n.) a type of tree  
 barnga (n.) kinship relationship  
 barngras (n.) burnt grass  
 barnim (v.t.) a. burn  
                   b. sting  
 barnimap (v.t.) a. burn up, destroy  
                   b. annoy  
 barragarl (n.) spear  
 barramandi (n.) barramundi  
 barrawu (n.) boat, canoe  
 bas 1. (n.) bus  
       2. (v.i.) bust, break up  
 basawei (v.i.) die  
 basdam (adv.) a. first  
                   b. in the past  
 basdam buk (n.) history book  
 basim (v.t.) pass  
 baskit (n.) basket  
 basketbol (n.) basketball

bastim (v.t.) bust, break  
 bastimap 1. (v.t.) break, bust  
 2. (intj.) 'Terrific!, Really good!'  
 bat (conj.) but  
 -bat (v. suffix) : (continuative aspect)  
 bata (n.) butter  
 batin (n.) button  
 batju (n.) bush potato  
 bawabe:d (n.) great bower bird  
 baya (n.) fire, firewood  
 bayastik (n.) a. firestick - burning stick from fire for lighting  
 another fire  
 b. fire making equipment  
 bayastik tri (n.) a type of tree Clerodendrum cunninghami (?)  
 used for making fire sticks  
 baya tri (n.) fire tree (?)  
 bayawud (n.) firewood  
 bebak (n.) paperbark tree  
 bebal (n.) navel  
 bed (n.) bed  
 bed, bedwan (adj.) bad  
 bedkol (n.) cold, runny nose  
 bedsik (v.i.) very sick  
 beg (n.) bag  
 bega (n.) tobacco  
 begimap (v.t.) put in a bag or sack  
 beibi (n.) baby



beibidaga (n.) baby food  
bebiwan (adj.) infantile  
beigim (v.t.) bake  
beikin paoda (n.) baking powder  
beja (n.) feather  
bek (n.) back  
-bek (v. suffix) (indicates direction) back  
bekbon (n.) back, backbone, spine  
bekbongija (adv.) back to back  
bekhou (n.) backhoe  
beko (n.) backhoe  
beldim (v.t.) belt, whip  
beldri (n.) 'corkwood' tree  
beleinjan (n.) female sub-section skin group  
beli (n.) belly, tummy, stomach  
beling (n.) female sub-section skin group  
belring (v.i.) ring a bell  
belt (n.) belt  
bendibendi (n.) type of snake  
bendigut (n.) bandicoot  
bendij (n.) bandage  
bendim (v.t.) bend  
bendiwan (adj.) curved, bent  
bengk (n.) a. bank of river or creek  
b. bank for money

bengk roba (n.) bank robber  
 bengsiya (n.) banksia  
 beptais (v.) baptise  
 berrim (v.t.) bury  
 berrimap (v.t.) bury  
 berrit (adj.) covered  
 bet (n.) bat  
 bet, betwan (adj.) fat, plump, swollen  
 betri (n.) battery  
 beya (n.) bear  
 be:d (n.) bird  
 be:dnes (n.) bird's nest  
 bi 1. (n.) bee, fly  
     2. (v.a.) be  
 biain (adv.) behind  
 biainpat (n.) stern  
 bib (n.) a. meat, beef  
           b. flesh  
 biba (n.) fever  
 bibi (n.) breast  
 bibok (n.) beefhawk  
 bida, bidawan (adj.) bitter  
 bidim (v.t.) beat, win  
 bidul (n.) bush fly  
 bif (n.) a. meat  
           b. flesh



bildim (v.t.) build  
 bildimap (v.t.) a. build up  
   b. help  
   c. save  
 bili (n.) billy  
 bilib (v.) believe  
 bilibim (v.t.) believe  
 biligen (n.) billy  
 biligut (n.) billy goat  
 biligut palm (v.t.) a bush fruit  
 bilim (v.t.) feel  
 bilimap (v.t.) fill  
 bilyid (n.) billiards, pool  
 bin 1. (n.) bean  
       2. (v.a.) (past tense)  
 binabeg (n.) spinifex  
 binana (n.) banana  
 bindiai (n.) bindi-eye, sticker, prickle  
 bingga (n.) finger, hand  
 binganeil (n.) fingernail  
 bingk, bingkwan (adj.) pink  
 binij 1. (v.i.) a. finish, complete, end  
   b. die  
       2. (intj.) 'The end. That's all.'  
 binijim (v.t.) a. finish, complete  
   b. use up, exhaust  
 binijimap (v.t.) use up, finish  
 binijimof (v.t.) finish, use up

binish (v.i.) finish  
 binja (n.) hair  
 binji (n.) stomach, belly, intestines  
 binjigija (adv.) facing each other  
 binjim (v.t.) pinch  
 binjing 1. (v.i.) make a fence  
 2. (n.) fence, fence line  
 birlal (n.) water lily leaf  
 birridak (n.) wood duck  
 biskit (n.) biscuit  
 bisi (v.i.) busy  
 bisnis (n.) tribal ceremony  
 bitj (n.) beach  
 biya (n.) beer, grog  
 biyad (n.) beard  
 bla 1. (prep.) for, of  
 2. (conj.) to  
 blad (n.) blood  
 bladat (adv.) full speed, fast  
 bladim (v.t.) plait  
 blading (n.) plaitting  
 bladwoda (n.) a. flood  
 b. fast or strong current  
 bladwud (n.) black bloodwood tree  
 blai 1. (n.) fly, bee  
 2. (v.i.) fly  
 blain, blainbala, blainwan (adj.) blind



- blekbat (n.) blackbutt tree, Eucalyptus confertiflora
- blekberi (n.) a type of tree, Antidesma species
- blekbrim (n.) black brim
- blekhed sneik (n.) black headed python
- blekkaran (n.) black currant, Clerodendrum cunninghamii, Carissa lanceolata
- blek krela (n.) red-tailed cockatoo
- blek plam (n.) black currant, Clerodendrum cunninghamii
- bleksoil (n.) black soil, black soil plain
- blekti (n.) weak black tea
- blenggid (n.) blanket
- blenggid irriwul (n.) frilled neck lizard
- blengid lijid (n.) frilled neck lizard
- blekwan bod (n.) blackboard
- blet, bletwan (adj.) flat, blunt
- blo (v.) blow
- blowap (v.) blow up
- bloim (v.t.) blow
- bloimap (v.t.) blow up
- blok (n.) block
- blokim (v.t.) block
- blout (v.i.) float
- blowin (v.i.) breathe
- blu, bluwan (adj.) blue
- blu kren (n.) great-billed and white-necked herons, mangrove herons

bludang (n.) blue tongue lizard  
 bluin (v.i.) breathe  
 bluin bluin (v.i.) puffing  
 bo (prep.) for  
 boa (n.) bore  
 boa, boabala (adj.) four  
 bobala 1. (intj.) expression of empathy  
           2. (adj.) four  
 bobo (intj.) goodbye  
 bodam (n.) bottom, down  
 bodamwan (adj.) bottom, lower  
 bodi (n.) body  
 bodl (n.) bottle  
 bog 1. (v.i.) bog  
       2. (n.) fog, dew  
 bogabain (n.) porcupine, echidna  
 boget (v.) forget  
 bogi, bogiwan (adj.) boggy  
 bogi 1. (v.i.) a. wash, bathe, swim  
           b. baptise, ceremonial washing  
       2. (n.) bath, swim  
 bogi graun (n.) wet ground, a bog  
 bogiban (n.) echidna  
 bogiples (n.) boggy place  
 boi (n.) boy  
 boil 1. (v.i.) boil  
       2. (n.) boil, open sore



boila (n.) boil, abcess sore  
 boilap (v.i.) bubble up  
 boilim (v.t.) boil  
 boilimap (v.t.) boil up, disturb  
 boiling (adj.) boiling, bubbling, foaming  
 boimilk (n.) underdeveloped breast  
 bois (n.) voice  
 boi binji, boiwan binji (n.) barren womb  
 boiwan (adj.) male  
 bojiwan (adj.) sporty  
 bojwan (adj.) boss, leader  
 boks (n.) a. box  
                   b. coffin  
 boksin (v.i.) boxing  
 bol (n.) ball  
 boldan (v.i.) fall down  
 bolibol (n.) volleyball  
 bololo (n.) a bush fruit (like a hard green plum)  
 bolorum (v.t.) follow  
 bom (n.) bomb  
 bomereing (n.) boomerang  
 bomit (v.i.) vomit  
 bon 1. (n.) bone  
       2. (v.i.) born  
 bonarra (n.) bow and arrow

bonbala (n.) skinny, slim  
 bonbij (n.) a. bony bream, Fluriajasa erebi  
 b. eel, Nematolosa come  
 boniboni (n.) young horse, colt, foal  
 boniwan (adj.) skinny, slim  
 bonpis (n.) bone fish  
 borlorlo (n.) wild passion fruit  
 born (v.i.) born  
 bornim (v.t.) give birth to  
 borred (n.) forehead  
 bos (n.) a. boss, head person  
 b. owner  
 bosmen (n.) a. head person, boss, ruler, chief priest  
 b. owner  
 boswan (adj.) head, chief, principal  
 bot (n.) boat, ship  
 botboi (n.) deckhand  
 botmen (n.) deckhand  
 bra (n.) brassiere  
 braba, brabawan (adj.) correct  
 brabawan domiauk (n.) steel axe  
 brabli (adv.) a. very  
 b. proper, real, correct  
 brabliwan (intj.) excellent, perfect  
 brabliwei (adv.) a. correctly  
 b. excellently  
 brait (v.i.) afraid, frightened

braitnim (v.t.) frighten  
 braja (n.) brother  
 brambi (n.) brumby, wild horse  
 branda (n.) verandah  
 brash (n.) brush  
 braun, braunwan (adj.) brown  
 breb, brebwan (adj.) brave  
 bred (n.) bread  
 breigap (v.i.) break  
 breigim (v.t.) break  
 breigimap (v.t.) break up  
 breigimdan (v.t.) break down, tear down  
 breigimof (v.t.) break off  
 brejwoda 1. (n.) freshwater  
 2. (adj.) freshwater  
 brekfis (n.) breakfast  
 bren (n.) a. brain, mind  
 b. friend, mate  
 brend (n.) brand, mark  
 brendim (v.t.) brand, mark  
 brengija (n.) mutual friends  
 brennu (adj.) modern  
 brida (n.) bull  
 briks (n.) bricks  
 brim (n.) bream (not black bream)

bringimap (v.t.) bring up

bringimbek (v.t.) bring back, return

briskit (n.) chest

brobli, brobliwan 1. (adj.) really, excellent  
2. (intj.) excellent, superb

brogimap (v.t.) break

broginwan (adj.) broken

broлга (n.) broлга, sarus crane

brom (prep.) from

brudbrud (n.) mouse, bandicoot

brugim (v.t.) break

bruginbala (adj.) broken

brum (n.) broom

bubumap (v.t.) put up, erect (a tent)

bubumdan (v.t.) put down

budum (v.t.) a. put, place  
b. kick, put one's foot into  
c. accelerate a vehicle

budumat (v.t.) put out, place out

budimin (v.t.) put in

budum bingga (v. ph.) clap

budumbudum (v.t.) a. trample, kick  
b. accelerate (a vehicle)

budum mijelb (v. ph.) show off

buj (n.) a. bush, scrub  
b. lost, confused

bujabe:d (n.) butcher bird, magpie

buji (*conj.*) if  
 bujigat (*n.*) cat  
 bujij (*n.*) branches, leaves, bushes  
 bujum (*v.t.*) push  
 buk (*n.*) book  
 bulain (*n.*) male sub-section skin group  
 bulainjan (*n.*) female sub-section skin group  
 bulak (*n.*) cattle  
 bulangkanga (*n.*) white currant  
 bul, bulwan (*adj.*) full  
 bulap (*v.i.*) full  
 bulap binji (*v. ph.*) satiated, satisfied appetite  
 buldan (*v.i.*) fall, fall down  
 buldas (*n.*) bull dust, very fine dust  
 blulak weigan (*n.*) bullock wagon  
 buldosa (*n.*) bulldozer  
 buligi (*n.*) cattle  
 buligi milk (*n.*) cow's milk  
 buligi rod (*n.*) cow pad  
 bulmun (*n.*) full moon  
 buludang (*n.*) blue tongue lizard  
 bulum (*v.t.*) pull  
 bulumap (*v.t.*) pull up  
 bulumat (*v.t.*) take away, take off

bulumwei (*v.t.*) pull away, take away from a person  
 bulwadi (*n.*) a lancewood-like tree  
 bumbum 1. (*n.*) buttocks  
 2. (*v.i.*) defecate  
 bumbumwei (*adv.*) to or past a person's backside  
 bumareing (*n.*) boomerang  
 bundin (*n.*) water lily seed at certain stage of development,  
 when it's brown  
 bunga (*n.*) penis, vagina  
 bunggawa (*n.*) boss, captain, lord, king  
 bunggul 1. (*n.*) 'play' corroboree  
 2. (*v.i.*) sing with didjeridoo and clap sticks  
 bunjarra (*adj.*) sulky, jealous, brooding over or longing for  
 something  
 bunji (*conj.*) if  
 bunju (*conj.*) if  
 bunyi (*conj.*) if  
 burdagul (*n.*) spear  
 burdi, burdibala, burdiwan (*adj.*) pretty, good looking  
 burdiblawa (*n.*) flower  
 burdiperit (*n.*) small green parrot  
 burlburl (*n.*) lungs  
 burlum (*v.t.*) pull  
 burnbala (*adj.*) thin, skinny  
 burrum (*prep.*) from

bus (n.) bush  
 bus daga (n.) bush food, wild food  
 bush 1. (n.) bush  
       2. (v.i.) lost, confused  
 bush, bushwan (adj.) bush, wild  
 bush rod (n.) Aboriginal foot walking track, unformed vehicular track  
 busis (n.) a. bushes  
           b. leaves  
 but (n.) a. shoe, boot  
           b. foot, feet  
 butek (v.i.) foot ache, aching feet  
 butjabe:d (n.) butcher bird  
 butwok (v.i.) foot walk, go on foot

D

dab (n.) dove, pigeon  
 dablim (v.t.) a. fold in half, bend back  
               b. cross (legs, arms, etc.)  
 dablimap (v.t.) fold, double up  
 dabul (v.i.) fold  
 dabul tok (n.) reduplicated word  
 dabulap (v.i.) fold, double up  
 dabulumap (v.t.) fold  
 dabulum mijelb (v.t.) curl up  
 dadan (pn.) that (one)

dadei (*adv.*) that way  
dadi (*n.*) father, father's brothers  
dadiwan (*adj.*) paternal  
daga (*n.*) food, bread  
dagat (*v.*) eat  
dagatginu (*n.*) dugout canoe  
dagbli (*adj.*) dark blue  
dai (*v.i.*) die  
daibadak (*n.*) darter, cormorant, Anhinga novaehollandiae  
daibin (*v.*) dive  
daibindak (*n.*) kind of duck  
daim (*n.*) time  
daimap (*v.t.*) tie up  
dak (*n.*) duck  
dak, dakbala, dakwan (*adj.*) dark  
dakdak (*n.*) duck  
dalim (*v.t.*) tell  
daldu (*intj.*) 'That will do., Enough.'  
-dan (*v. suffix*) down  
danab 1. (*v.i.*) turn off  
2. (*n.*) turn off  
danbek (*v.i.*) turn back  
danda (*n.*) gecko lizard  
danim (*v.t.*) turn  
danimran (*v.t.*) turn around



dap (n.) top  
dardi, dardibala, dardiwan (*adj.*) dirty  
dardim (v.t.) make dirty  
darran (pn.) that  
das (n.) a. dust, dirt  
          b. stirred up mud in water  
dasol (*intj.*) 'That's all.'  
dastim (v.t.) make dirty  
dat (pn.) that  
datmaj (*adv.*) so much, too great, a high quantity  
datwan (pn.) that, that one  
daun, daunwan (*adj.*) down, lower  
dea (*adv.*) there  
debada (n.) death adder  
debala (*adj.*) deaf  
debul (n.) devil  
ded, dedwan, dedbala (*adj.*) dead, paralyzed  
dega (n.) dagger  
deganaif (n.) dagger  
dei 1. (pn.) they  
      2. (n.) day  
deibin (*contraction -- pn. + v.a.*) they (past tense)  
deigidawei (v.t.) take away  
deigim (v.t.) take  
deigimap (v.t.) take up  
deigmat (v.t.) take out, pump



- dibul kila (n.) wild blackfellow, mulungwa
- didibaba (n.) lotus bird, large waders
- didiwu (v.i.) dive, plunge
- difrin, difrinwan (adj.) different
- digim (v.t.) a. dig  
b. take
- digimat (v.t.) a. dig out  
b. take out, remove
- dijaid (adv.) this side
- dijaidwan (n.) the one on this side
- dijan, dijanwan (pn.) this (one)
- dijan la top (n. ph.) God
- dijaridu (n.) didjeridoo
- dijeji (adv.) this way, this direction
- dijkantri (adv.) this place, here
- dilib (n.) tea, tea leaves
- dilibeg (n.) dilly bag, small carrying bag
- dilyarr (n.) type of tree
- dim (adj.) dim, soft
- dina 1. (n.) dinner  
2. (contraction -- pn. + adv.) this particular one  
(dijan + iya)
- dinataim (n.) dinner time, lunch, noontday meal
- dinga (n.) flying fox
- dinggi (n.) dinghy, small boat
- dinggo (n.) dingo, wild bush dog

dingū (n.) dingo  
 dip (adj.) deep, in a thick crowd  
 dip, dipwan (adj.) deep  
 dirdibawuba (n.) lotus bird, large waders  
 dirr (v.i.) emit wind from anus  
 dirrawu (v.i.) dive, jump in  
 dis (pn.) this  
 disaid (adv.) this side  
 Disemba (n.) December  
 dish (n.) dish  
 disobidiyans (v.i.) disobediant  
 distaim (adv.) this time  
 diwait (n.) black duck  
 diya (n.) deer  
 diya, diyawan (adj.) important or dangerous ceremony  
 doa (n.) door  
 doda (n.) daughter  
 dog (n.) dog  
 dojim (v.t.) a. shine a torch on, spotlight  
                   b. bypass, miss, go around  
 dokta (n.) doctor  
 doktabala (n.) a. doctor, male medical worker  
                   b. wise person, prophet  
                   c. witch doctor, mulungwa  
 dola (n.) dollar  
 doldol (v.i.) ring a bell

dolidoli (n.) doll  
 don (v.a.) do not  
 donkenggaru (n.) stone kangaroo  
 dongki, dongkidongki (n.) donkey  
 dono (v.) do not know  
 dop (n.) a. blouse  
                   b. top  
 dot (n.) nit, louse  
 drabum (v.t.) drop  
 draf hos (n.) draft horse  
 draf hos weigan (n. ph.) draft horse wagon  
 drai, draibala, draiwan (adj.) dry  
 draiba (n.) driver  
 draibim (v.t.) drive  
 draibam (n.) yeast  
 draim (v.t.) dry  
 draimat (v.t.) dry out  
 draipleis (n.) dry place, river bank  
 drajim (v.t.) trust, believe one's word  
 dranggin, drangginbala, drangginwan (adj.) drunk  
 draun (v.i.) drown  
 draundim (v.t.) drown  
 dregli (adv.) directly, soon  
 dreitbala (adj.) right relationship  
 dreitbalawei (adv.) right relationship

dreitwei (*adv.*) right relationship  
 drekli (*adv.*) immediately  
 dres (*n.*) dress  
 dribala (*adj.*) three  
 drim 1. (*n.*) dream  
       2. (*v.*) dream  
 drimin (*n.*) dreaming, dream time, totem  
 drimintaim (*n.*) dream time  
 dringim (*v. t.*) drink  
 dringimap (*v. t.*) drink completely  
 dringk (*n.*) drink, alcohol  
 dringkim (*v. t.*) drink  
 drip (*n.*) intravenous fluid  
 droim (*n.*) draw  
 dronginbala (*adj.*) drunk  
 dropim (*v. t.*) drop  
 druhones (*intj.*) 'True., Cross my heart and hope to die!'  
 druim (*v. t.*) draw  
 du (*v.*) do  
 dubala 1. (*adj.*) two  
       2. (*pn.*) they (dual)  
       3. (*n.*) married couple  
 dubob (*n.*) two bob, 20¢ piece  
 duim (*v. t.*) do

duingap (n.) spanking, hiding

duit (v.t.) a. do  
b. obey

dum (v.t.) a. do  
b. obey

dumaj (adv.) very many, large quantity

dumaji (conj.) because

dumajim (contraction -- conj. + pn.) because he  
(dumaji + im)

dumeni (adj.) plenty, many, lots

dunda (n.) grass roots used for making medicine

dupal (n.) bush fruit

dyu (n.) dew

dyugong (n.) dugong

### E

ea (n.) hair

eapat (n.) hair, part with hair

eapin (n.) hairpin

eba 1. (v.t.) have  
2. (v.a.) ever

eben (n.) heaven

ebi, ebibala, ebiwan (adj.) heavy

ebidi (pn.) every

ebri (pn.) every

ebribodi (pn.) everybody

ebrijing (pn.) everything  
 ebritaim (adv.) every time  
 ebriwan (pn.) everyone  
 ebriwea (adv.) everywhere  
 ebriwei (adv.) every way  
 ebriweya (adv.) everywhere  
 ed (n.) head  
 edben (n.) headband  
 edeik 1. (n.) headache  
 2. (v.i.) have a headache  
 egpat (n.) egg-like part  
 egret (n.) egret  
 egskus (n.) excuse, delaying tactic  
 ei (inter.) 'Correct?, Don't you agree?'  
 eig (n.) egg  
 eijdi (n.) leprosy  
 eijins spai (n.) secret agent, spy  
 eindit (inter.) 'Isn't it?'  
 einggim (v.t.) hang  
 eingul (n.) ankle  
 Eiprul (n.) April  
 ejij (n.) ashes, coals  
 eksadint 1. (n.) accident  
 2. (v.i.) have an accident  
 eksaidid (v.i.) excited



eksplenim (v.t.) explain

ekus (n.) excuse, delaying tactic

elabo (n.) elbow

elbo (n.) elbow

eldis (adj.) eldest

elepen (n.) elephant

elideis (n.) early days

elideis, elideiswan (adj.) older, old fashion

elikopta (n.) helicopter

elti, eltiwan (adj.) healthy

embyulin (n.) ambulance

en 1. (n.) hand  
2. (conj.) and

enbed (n.) ant bed, ant hill

enbeg (n.) handbag

endlim (v.t.) cope

eni (pn.) any

enibodi (pn.) anybody

enijing (pn.) anything

enimoa (adv.) any more

animul (n.) animal

animul leidi (n.) female zoo keeper

animulen (n.) zoo

enijing 1. (pn.) anything  
2. (n.) possessions, baggage

eniwan (*pn.*) anyone  
eniwea (*adv.*) anywhere  
eniwei (*adv.*) anyway, randomly  
enkiju (*n.*) handkerchief  
enpus (*n.*) purse  
ent (*n.*) ant  
enta (*v.*) enter  
epul (*n.*) apple  
Ereb (*n.*) Arab  
ero (*n.*) arrow  
eroplein (*n.*) aeroplane  
erradrom (*n.*) airport, airstrip, aerodrome  
erraplen (*n.*) aeroplane  
evriwea (*adv.*) everywhere  
eya (*n.*) hair  
eyastrip (*n.*) airstrip, airport  
e:pot (*n.*) airport  
e:tim (*v. t.*) hurt

## F

faifaklok (*adv.*) five o'clock  
faif, faifbala (*adj.*) five  
failsinik (*n.*) type of non-poisonous water snake  
faindim (*v. t.*) find

fait 1. (n.) fight  
 2. (v.) fight

faiya (n.) a. fire  
 b. firewood

falorum (v.t.) follow

fam (n.) farm

fan (n.) fun

faniwan (adj.) funny

fans (n.) dreams that a dog has

fas (adv.) fast

faswan (adj.) fast

faswei (adv.) fast

fatha (n.) father

faya (n.) a. fire  
 b. firewood

Februweri (n.) February

feibrit (adj.) favourite

feis (n.) face

feisap (v.i.) confront

fektri (n.) factory

femili (n.) family

femilibaik (n.) tandem bicycle

fet, fetwan (adj.) a. fat  
 b. healthy

fetha (n.) feather

fe:nul (n.) funeral



floa (n.) floor  
flot (v.i.) float  
flu (n.) flu  
fo (prep.) for  
fo, fobala (adj.) four  
foeva (adv.) forever  
fog (n.) fog  
foget (v.) forget  
fogud (adv.) permanently  
folorum (v.t.) follow  
folt (n.) fault  
forrid (n.) forehead  
fotaim (adj.) four  
fowiktaim (adv.) in four weeks time  
Fraidei (n.) Friday  
frait (v.i.) frightened, afraid  
fraitbalawei (adv.) in a frightened manner  
fraitnim (v.t.) frighten  
frant (adv.) front  
fren (n.) friend  
frenghija (n.) mutual friends  
fresh, freshwan (adj.) fresh  
freshwoda (n.) fresh water



gada (v.a.) will, must

gadabila (n.) caterpillar

gadem 1. (v.t.) have  
2. (prep.) with

gadi 1. (v.t.) have  
2. (prep.) with

gadim 1. (v.t.) have  
2. (prep.) with

gadimap (v.t.) carry

gagadu (n.) cockatoo

gaggag (n.) mother's mother

gaidim (v.t.) guide

gaja (intj.) expresses surprise or disbelief

gajak 1. (v.i.) have intercourse  
2. (intj.) (swear word)

gajim (v.t.) get, catch

gajin (n.) mother-in-law

gajinga (intj.) 'Good grief!' (considered by some to be a swear word)

gajolaim (v.t.) a. grab  
b. hug, embrace

galap (v.i.) run, gallop

galegdim (v.t.) collect

galga (n.) soldiers

gali (n.) gully, creek bed

galijan (n.) female sub-section skin group

galimap (v.t.) climb

galoping (v.i.) fast or rolling boil

gam 1. (n.) gum  
2. (v.i.) come

gamain (n.) female sub-section skin group

gaman (v.i.) come

gaman tru (v.i.) come through

gamap (v.i.) come, come up, rise

gamat (v.i.) come out

gamarrang (n.) male sub-section skin group

gambek (v.i.) come back

gambek bumareng (n.) returning boomerang

gambla (n.) gambler

gambling (v.i.) gamble

gamdan (v.i.) come down

gamwarra (n.) large lizard

gan 1. (v.a.) cannot, can't  
2. (n.) gun

ganfaita (n.) gunman

gangabarri tri (n.) black plum, black currant, Carissa lanceolata

ganjal (v.) break with teeth, bite thru

gardi (intj.) expression of mild surprise or horror

gardigar (intj.) expression of mild horror

gardudu (n.) penis

garlai (v.) beg

garnda (n.) buttocks



garndai (n.) private parts

garnia (n.) water lily root (edible)

garabas (n.) milkwood tree

garrabarri (n.) corroboree

garrabarriya (n.) corroboree

garria (n.) European male

garrimap (v.t.) pick up and carry

garrinyirringba (adj.) very many, lots of

gatja (intj.) (swear word)

gats (n.) guts, intestines

gedap (v.i.) get up, arise

gedawei (v.i.) get away, escape

gedim (v.t.) get

gedin (v.i.) arrive

geim, geimbala (adj.) game, willing

geit (n.) gate

gejap (v.i.) reach, go high

gejim (v.t.) catch

gejimap (v.t.) reach, go high, get, bring up to, arrive at

geko (n.) gecko lizard

gel (n.) a. girl  
b. sister's daughter

gela (n.) a. male sub-section skin group  
b. galah

gelgandri (n.) playboy  
 gelwan (adj.) female  
 geman 1. (adv.) false, lie  
 2. (v.i.) pretend, fake  
 gen (intj.) 'Oops, I've made a mistake!'  
 geng (n.) ally gang, group, friend, associate  
 gerrap (v.i.) get up  
 gibap (v.i.) give up, abandon  
 gibgon (v.i.) continue  
 gibim (v.t.) keep  
 gibit (v.t.) give  
 gibitbek (v.t.) give back, return  
 gibitat (v.t.) give out, distribute  
 gid (v.a.) get  
 gid- (v. prefix) (indicates passive voice)  
 gidap (v.i.) arise, get up  
 gidgon (v.i.) get going, start  
 gidigidi (n.) kid, young goat  
 gidim (v.t.) get  
 gidbus (v.i.) a. become lost, lose one's way  
 b. become confused  
 gidredi (v.i.) get ready, prepare  
 gidsok (v.i.) shocked, surprised  
 gidstak (v.i.) get stuck  
 gidwail (v.i.) become angry  
 gidwasawei (v.i.) become castaway

gigim (v.t.) kick

gija (pn.) other, each other

-gija (suffix) (used with nouns, adjectives, adverbs, and verbs to indicate reciprocal relation) to each other

gijim (v.t.) get

gila (n.) galah

gilgil (v.i.) crawling

gilim (v.t.) a. hit  
b. kill

gilti (adv.) guilty

gin 1. (v.a.) can  
2. (*emphatic particle*) (emphatic)

ginu (n.) canoe

girlgirl (adj.) blunt

girria (n.) European female

Girringgo (n.) Mexican

git (v.a.) get, become

gita (n.) guitar

gitamen (n.) guitar player

git wail (v.i.) angry

givin (v.i.) give in, yield

giyeman (v.i.) play, pretend, lie

glaimap (v.t.) climb

glas (n.) a. glass  
b. mirror

glu (n.) glue

go 1. (v.i.) go  
2. (v.a.) become, turn into

goan (v.i.) go on, come on

goap (v.i.) go up, ascend

goat (v.i.) go out, exit

gobek (v.i.) go back, return

God (n.) God

goda (v.a.) will, must

godan (v.i.) go down, descend

gogi (n.) a. cockatoo  
b. crest of bird, parrot crest

goin (v.i.) go in, enter

goj (n.) gorge

gojan (n.) female sub-section skin group

gojok (n.) male sub-section skin group

gokidu (n.) cockatoo

gola (v.i.) get angry

golajambap (v.i.) get angry, annoyed

golmaja (n.) schoolmaster

golweja (n.) cold weather, cold season, dry season

gon (v.i.) gone

gona (v.a.) (future marker)

goran (v.i.) go around

gotjan (n.) female sub-section skin group

·gowej (v.i.) go away, depart  
 gowena (n.) goanna  
 grab (n.) caterpillar, grub  
 grajim (v.t.) dig  
 grajimat (v.t.) dig out  
 grajopa (n.) grasshopper  
 gralim (v.t.) chastise  
 grambul (v.) growl at, reprove  
 gran (n.) ground  
 gran gabarra (v.i.) a. headache, dizzy head  
   b. drunk, spinning head  
   c. crazy, mad  
 grandimap (v.t.) grind  
 gras (n.) grass  
 grasopa (n.) grasshopper  
 gras wolabi (n.) agile or sandy wallaby  
 graul (v.) growl  
 graulim (v.t.) growl at, grumble  
 graun (n.) a. ground, dirt  
   b. floor  
 graungraun (v.i.) spin, go in a circle  
 grebum (v.t.) grab  
 greihaun dog (n.) greyhound type, dingo  
 grei, greiwan (adj.) grey  
 greib (n.) grave  
 greibi (n.) grave

greibum (v.t.) scrape

greid (n.) grade (school)

greida (n.) grader

greip (n.) grapes

grenbaja (n.) father's father

grendota (n.) granddaughter

grenfatha (n.) grandfather

greni (n.) mother's mother, mother's mother's brothers and sisters,  
sister's daughter's children

grensan (n.) grandson

gri (v.i.) a. sense something behind or coming upon  
b. uncomfortable

griba (n.) vine, creeper

gri bekbbon (v.i.) sense something coming upon

gridi, gridibala, gridiwan (adj.) greedy

grin, grinwan (adj.) green

grin plam (n.) green plum, Buchaniana oborate

grinad (n.) raw hide, green hide

gro (v.i.) grow

groap (v.) grow (up)

grog (n.) beer

groim (v.t.) grow

groimap (v.t.) raise

grom (v.t.) raise

gropa (n.) groper (fish)

grugidgrugid (*adj.*) zig zag.

gulbuntri (*n.*) tree that smells like Vicks Vapour Rub

gubala (*adv.*) quickly

gubarl, gubarlwan (*adj.*) second hand, rubbish, discarded

gud, gudbala, gudwan (*adj.*) good

gudan (*v.i.*) go down

gudbinji (*v.i.*) a. happy, satisfied  
b. desire

gudei 1. (*intj.*) 'Good day.' (greeting used during daylight)  
2. (*v.*) greet with 'good day'

gudfren (*n.*) good friend

gudjob (*intj.*) good job, expression of approval

gudnait (*intj.*) greeting used upon meeting someone after dark

gugum (*v.t.*) cook

gula (*v.i.*) angry, arguing, nagging

gulajamap (*v.i.*) very angry

gulijap (*adv.*) near, close

guliman (*n.*) cooliman

gulujap (*adv.*) near, close

gulukguluk (*n.*) tree that smells like Vicks Vapour Rub

gululu (*n.*) stomach with diahorrea

gulutgulun (*n.*) bush medicine

gulya 1. (*n.*) lower bowel, colon  
2. (*adj.*) greedy

gumbu 1. (*n.*) urine  
2. (*v.i.*) urinate

guna 1. (n.) a. faeces  
           b. anus  
       2. (v.i.) defecate  
 guna boi (n.) homosexual  
 gundarl (n.) black plum  
 gundu-gundu (n.) card game  
 gura (n.) semen  
 guraunguraun (v.i.) around  
 guriny (v.i.) horny, callous  
 gus (n.) goose, magpie goose  
 gusaba (n.) cassava  
 gwei 1. (v.i.) go away, leave  
       2. (intj.) 'Be gone!'  
 gwena (n.) goanna  
 gwigbala (adv.) quickly  
 gwin (v.i.) enter, go in (to)

## H

habwei (adv.) halfway  
 had, hadbala, hadwan 1. (adj.) hard  
                           2. (adv.) loudly  
 hadwe:k (v.i.) hard work  
 hafa (inter.) how far  
 hafwan (adj.) half portion  
 hafwei (adv.) halfway



hai, haibala, haiwan (*adj.*) high  
 haidim (*v.t.*) hide  
 haiding (*n.*) whipping  
 haimen (*n.*) boss  
 hambag (*v.i.*) play around, cut up, fool around  
 hambe:ga (*n.*) hamburger  
 hamini (*inter.*) how many  
 hampi (*n.*) humpy  
 hangri (*v.i.*) hungry  
 hanta (*n.*) hunter  
 hanting (*v.i.*) hunting  
 hao (*inter.*) how  
 harriap (*v.*) hurry up  
 hat (*n.*) heart  
 hatjamp (*v.i.*) surprised, startled  
 haus (*n.*) house  
 hea (*n.*) hair  
 hearibala (*adj.*) lot of hair, hairy  
 hebi, hebibala, hebiwan (*adj.*) heavy  
 hed (*n.*) head  
 hedeik 1. (*n.*) headache  
           2. (*v.i.*) headache  
 heidim (*v.t.*) hate  
 helikopta (*n.*) helicopter

help (n.) help  
 helpa (n.) helper  
 health (n.) health  
 healthsenta (n.) health centre, clinic  
 hendulim (v.t.) handle, control  
 hengen (v.i.) hang on  
 hepi (adj.) happy  
 hepin (v.i.) happen  
 het (n.) hat  
 heya (n.) hair  
 hidim (v.t.) hit  
 hil (n.) hill  
 hipopotamis (n.) hippopotamus  
 hol (n.) hole  
 holbit (pn.) all, whole  
 Holden (n.) brand of car, Holden  
 holdim (v.t.) hold  
 holidei 1. (n.) holiday  
           2. (v.i.) have a holiday  
 holmob (pn.) all, whole  
 hololog (n.) hollow log  
 holologwan (adj.) having a cylindrical hole  
 holot (pn.) all  
 hom (n.) home  
 honda (n.) Honda, brand of motorbike

hop (v.) a. hope  
b. hop

hos (n.) horse

hosis (n.) horse

hospil (n.) hospital, clinic

hot, hotbala, hotwan (adj.) hot

hotdog (n.) hot dog

hotweja (n.) late portion of dry season

ho:nim (v.t.) butt, gore

hu (inter.) who

hu blanga (inter.) whose

hugimap (v.t.) hook

huk (n.) hook

huk bumareing (n.) hook boomerang

I

ibimap (v.t.) heap up

idim (v.t.) a. eat  
b. hit

idimap (v.t.) eat everything

idiwul (n.) ear

igin (adv.) again, repeated

igul (n.) eagle, hawk

igulok (n.) eagle, hawk

ik (n.) sound made by brolga

il (n.) hill  
 iliman (n.) shield  
 im (pn.) he, she, it, him, her, his, hers, its  
 -im (v. suffix) (indicates transitivity)  
 imbala (pn.) they, them  
 indubala (pn.) they two, them two, theirs  
 imin (contraction -- pn. + v.a.) he, she, it (past tense)  
 (im + bin)  
 imiyu (n.) emu  
 imiyu daga (n.) kinds of trees eaten by emus  
 imiyu sneik (n.) emu (?) snake, snake which bites emus  
 imolabat (pn.) they, their  
 impotn, impotnwan (adj.) important  
 imrait (intj.) 'It's OK., Is it OK?'  
 imself (pn.) himself, herself, itself  
 imti, imtiwan (adj.) empty  
 -in (v. suffix) a. (progressive aspect)  
 b. (direction) in  
 indien (n.) Indian  
 indit (intj.) 'Isn't it?' (asking for agreement)  
 indiyin (n.) Indian  
 -ing (v. suffix) (progressive aspect)  
 ingk (n.) ink  
 inglis (n.) English  
 injin (n.) engine, motor

inkarij (v.) encourage  
 insaid (adv.) inside  
 insaidpat (n.) the flesh of fruit  
 insek (n.) insect  
 intit (inter.) 'Isn't that so?, Is that so?, True?'  
 intu (prep.) into  
 ip (n.) heap, together  
 ipap (v.) heap up  
 ipbon (n.) hip bone  
 ipin heaped up  
 irrim (v.t.) hear  
 irriwul (n.) ear  
 is (adv.) east  
 -is (adj. suffix) (used with some adjectives to indicate intensified quality) very  
 Ista (n.) Easter  
 -it (v. suffix) (indicates transitivity, sometimes used in place of -im)  
 itj (ph.) each  
 itjaw (v.i.) a. sneeze  
                   b. cough  
 itji (adj.) itchy  
 iya (adv.) here  
 iyal (n.) heel

J

- jabala (*adj.*) sharp
- jabalajabala (*adj.*) spiny
- jabi (*v.*) know, understand, recognise
- jabibala (*adj.*) wise, clever
- jabiru (*n.*) jabiru
- jabo (*n.*) native cat
- jabum (*v. t.*) a. chop  
b. jab
- jaburu (*n.*) jabiru
- jad (*pn.*) that
- jadan (*pn.*) that
- jadap (*v. i.*) shut, shut up
- jadawat (*conj.*) that is what
- jadawei (*adv.*) that way
- jadei (*adv.*) that way
- jadim (*v. t.*) shut
- jadimap (*v. t.*) shut
- jadlot (*pn.*) those
- jadmob (*pn.*) that group, those
- jagadi, jagadiwan (*adj.*) stage of development of water lily seed when it's red, soft, not really ripe, but at the best stage for making damper
- jagadim (*v. t.*) a. throw  
b. buck
- jagadimwei (*v. t.*) throw away, discard

jagar 1. (n.) saliva  
 2. (v.) spit

jagim (v.t.) throw, cast

jagimad (v.t.) throw out

jagimdan (v.t.) throw down, put down

jagimin (v.t.) throw in, toss in

jagirri (n.) certain stage of development in water lily seedpod

jagul (n.) penis

jagurl (n.) testicles

jainati (n.) strong black tea

jainamen (n.) Chinaman, oriental

jaini, jainiwan (adj.) a. shiny  
 b. gold

joint (n.) giant

jaja (intj.) 'Goodbye., See you tomorrow.'

jajanga (intj.) 'Goodbye., Tata.'

jajak (n.) tree

jakim (v.t.) throw

jaldu (intj.) 'That'll do., OK.'

jalgi, jalgibala, jalagiwan (adj.) a. sulky  
 b. bitter

jalgibij (n.) young barramundi

jalis (v.i.) jealous

jaliswan (adj.) jealous

jalk (v.i.) inject, stick, poke, prick

jalkim (v.t.) inject, stick, poke, prick

jambum (v.t.) jump  
 jamimi (n.) vagina  
 jamp (v.i.) jump  
 jampap (v.i.) jump up  
 jampin (v.i.) jump in  
 jamugu (n.) vagina  
 jan (n.) sun  
 janadi (n.) unsweetened tea  
 jandap (v.i.) a. stand  
                   b. to be, exist  
 jandi (n.) ceremony  
 jandim (v.t.) a. send  
                   b. speed (in car)  
 jandimap (v.t.) stand up  
 jandimdan (v.t.) send down  
 jandimwei (v.t.) send away  
 jangidap (n.) sunrise, east  
 jangidapwei (adv.) easterly  
 jangudan (n.) sunset, west  
 jangudanwei (adv.) westerly  
 janggul (n.) jungle, rain forrest  
 janurr (n.) mucus, snot  
 jaojao (n.) stem of water lily (edible)  
 jarl (v.) copy  
 jarran (pn.) that  
 jarrimap (v.t.) stir



jatberlberl (n.) a type of bird  
jatimap (v.t.) shut  
jea (adv.) there  
jebaru (n.) jabiru  
jeganen (adj.) used, second hand  
jegapbala (n.) editor  
jegbeg (n.) large bag  
jegimap (v.t.) check, edit  
jei (pn.) they (plural)  
jeid (n.) shade  
jeidubala (pn.) they two  
jeijimap (v.t.) chase after, pursue  
jeikim (v.t.) shake  
jeim (n.) shame, embarrassment  
jeimwan (n.) same, similar  
jeinj (n.) change (money)  
jeinjeinj (v.i.) alternate, take turns  
jeinjim (v.t.) change  
jeinjoba (v.i.) swap, exchange  
jeisim (v.t.) chase  
je:j (n.) church  
je:min (n.) enemy soldiers, German  
jekjan (n.) injection  
jelas (adj.) jealous, sulky

jem (n.) jam  
 jemani (n.) enemy armed forces, soldiers, German forces (WWII)  
 jemwij (n.) sandwich  
 Jenyuweri (n.) January  
 jerrimoni (n.) ceremony, corroboree  
 jeya (adv.) there  
 je:sti, je:stibala (adj.) thirsty  
 je:t (n.) shirt  
 jes (n.) chest  
 jesim (v.t.) chase  
 jibdim (v.t.) shift, move  
 jidan (v.i.) a. live  
                                   b. to be  
                                   c. sit down  
 jididi (n.) quail  
 jidim (v.t.) cheat, take advantage of  
 jigi, jigibala, jigiwan (adj.) a. wild, dangerous  
   b. cheeky, sassy  
 jigi aul (n.) masked owl, barn owl, boobook owl  
 jigi yem (n.) cheeky yam (poisonous until soaked or cooked)  
 jiginat (v.i.) stick out  
 jiginim (v.t.) stick into, pierce  
 jiginin (v.i.) penetrating, sticking in  
 jigininbala (adj.) penetrating  
 jik (n.) cheek, sassiness  
 jik, jikbala, jikwan (adj.) sick

jikin (n.) chicken  
 jikinok (n.) collared sparrowhawk, brown goshawk  
 jikinwan (adj.) chicken  
 jilip (v.i.) sleep  
 jilipiai (v.i.) sleepy  
 jilipibala (adj.) sleepy  
 jimbijamba (n.) a type of fish  
 jineik (n.) snake  
 jing (v.) sing  
 jingat (v.i.) sing out, call out  
 jingdan (v.i.) sink  
 jinggabat (v.) consider, contemplate, think  
 jinggali (v.i.) proud, happy  
 jinggarlibala (n.) a proud person  
 jinggi, jinggibala, jinggiwan (adj.) rotten, decomposing, stinking  
 jingibat (v.) think, contemplate  
 jinginat (v.) calling out  
 jinginwan (adj.) rotten, smelly  
 jingit (v.) think  
 jingulili (n.) blackberry  
 jinigap (v.i.) sneak up  
 jinjabred boi (n.) gingerbread boy  
 jinjabred men (n.) gingerbread man  
 jinma (n.) shark

jinuj (n.) sinew, muscle, tendon  
 jip (n.) a. potato chips  
           b. sheep  
 jiraf (n.) giraffe  
 jis (adv.) just  
 jistabat (adv.) almost  
 jit (n.) sheet  
 jitja (n.) sister  
 jo (n.) jaw, chin  
 job (n.) job  
 jodaba (adv.) sort of, a type of  
 jogim (v.t.) a. soak  
               b. choke  
 joinim (v.t.) join  
 joinimap (v.t.) join, unite  
 jojpan (n.) a. saucepan  
           b. The Saucepan constellation, Orion's Belt  
               Scabbard  
 jolda (n.) shoulder  
 joldableid (n.) shoulder blade  
 jop (n.) shop  
 jo:tbala (adj.) short  
 jubij (n.) jewfish  
 judum (v.t.) shoot  
 juga (n.) sugar  
 jugabeg blai (n.) bee, native Trigonia, 'English' Apis

- jugalib (n.) a kind of tree, Eucalyptus aspera
- jugong (n.) dugong
- jugubeg (n.) wild honey
- juju (n.) breach cloth
- jukjuk (n.) chook, chicken, cock
- jukdan (v.) bend over, crouch
- jukijuki (n.) type of four wheel drive vehicle
- Julai (n.) July
- juljul, juljulbala (adj.) sexy, randy
- julubala (adj.) slowly
- julugan (n.) wild banana
- julugwin (n.) wild banana
- jululuma (n.) belly button, navel
- julurruma (n.) umbilical cord
- jumbago (n.) tobacco, native tobacco
- jumelim (v. t.) smell
- Jun (n.) June
- junggai (n.) boss of a ceremony or country
- jupdan (v. i.) stoop down
- jupi (n.) black currant
- jupjup (n.) soup, stew
- juriny (adj.) sexed up, randy
- jurratj (n.) diarrhoea
- jurribala (adj.) three

jurru (*adv.*) through  
 jus (*v.i.*) make a choice, decide  
 jusim (*v.t.*) choose  
 juwing (*v.i.*) swing  
 juwum (*v.t.*) chew  
 jwalorrum (*v.t.*) swallow  
 jwelap (*v.i.*) swell up  
 jyu (*n.*) a. fog  
                   b. dew

K

ka (*n.*) car, motor car  
 kabarrimap (*v.t.*) bury, cover over  
 kabed (*n.*) cupboard  
 kađ (*n.*) cards  
 kadim (*v.t.*) cut, surgically operate  
 kadimap (*v.t.*) carry  
 kadimbek (*v.t.*) carry back  
 kadjak (*v.i.*) intercourse  
 kafu pija (*n.*) movie film that features karate or judo  
 kain (*n.*) kind, type  
 kaiyabam (*n.*) wild orange tree  
 kaji (*n.*) sound made by jabiru  
 kajin (*n.*) mother-in-law

kaka (n.) excreta  
 kala (n.) colour  
 kalarim (v.t.) colour  
 kalawan (adj.) coloured  
 kalbiri (n.) cavalry, mounted soldiers  
 kaliko (n.) calico, sail, bedspread, swag roll, any cover  
 kalini (n.) sound made by jabiru  
 kam (v.i.) come  
 kaman (v.i.) come  
 kamap (v.i.) come up  
 kamat (v.i.) a. come out  
                   b. arrive  
 kambek (v.i.) come back, return  
 kamdan (v.i.) come down  
 kamin (v.i.) come in  
 kampeni (n.) company, companionship  
 kan (v.a.) cannot, does not  
 kanar (n.) sound made by jabiru  
 kangurri (n.) long yam  
 kantim (v.t.) count  
 kansil (n.) council  
 kantri (n.) country, land, territory  
 kantrimen (n.) countryman, fellow tribal member  
 kap (n.) cup  
 kapati (n.) cup of tea

kapatidaim (n.) tea break  
 karanyirringba (adj.) lots, many  
 karant (n.) a. current, tide  
                   b. currant (fruit)  
 karrimap (v.t.) carry  
 karraborri (n.) corroboree  
 karrakkarrak (n.) darter, comorant  
 karrijong tri (n.) a tree  
 kasgara (n.) a tree  
 kastad epul (n.) custard apple (edible fruit tree)  
 katapila (n.) caterpillar  
 kauboi (n.) cowboy  
 kauboi kantri (n.) a type of hilly area  
 kaundim (v.t.) count  
 kayay (v.i.) sexed up, always chasing women  
 keb (n.) cave, hole  
 keik (n.) cake  
 keingurru (n.) kangaroo  
 keipok tri (n.) kapok tree  
 kelenda (n.) calendar  
 kemp 1. (n.) dwelling place  
       2. (v.i.) camp  
 kemra (n.) camera  
 kemul (n.) camel  
 keraban (n.) caravan



kerluk (n.) sound made by jabiru  
 kerosinwud tri (n.) kerosine-wood tree, a kind of Hakea  
 kerriimap (v.t.) carry  
 ket (n.) cat  
 ketfis (n.) catfish, saratoda, Scleropages jardini  
 ketul (n.) cattle  
 ke:li (adj.) curly  
 ki (n.) key  
 kid (n.) child, kid  
 kidikidi (n.) young goat, kid  
 kidni (n.) kidney  
 kikim (v.t.) kick  
 kil (v.) be killed  
 kila (n.) killer  
 kilim (v.i.) a. hit  
                   b. kill  
 king (n.) king  
 kingbraun (n.) king brown snake  
 kingfisa (n.) kingfisher, restless flycatcher  
 kinu (n.) canoe  
 kipgon (v.i.) keep going, continue  
 kisni (n.) kidney  
 klab (n.) social club  
 klaimap (v.t.) climb up  
 klaud (n.) cloud

klaun (n.) clown  
 klei (n.) clay  
 kleba, klebawan (adj.) clever, smart  
 klebamen (n.) smart person  
 klia (adj.) clear  
 klif (n.) cliff  
 klin, klinbala, klinwan (adj.) clean  
 klinap (v.i.) clean up  
 klinim (v.t.) clean  
 klinimap (v.t.) clean, clean up  
 klok (n.) a. clock  
                   b. sound made by jabiru  
 klos (n.) clothes  
 klosim (v.t.) close  
 klothing (n.) clothing  
 koat (n.) court, court case  
 kob (v.i.) cough  
 kodan (n.) cotton  
 kofi (n.) coffee  
 koginatgrob (n.) coconut grove  
 koki (n.) parrot  
 kokreg (n.) breech cloth, loin cloth  
 kokroj (n.) cockroach  
 kokoreg (n.) breech cloth, loin cloth  
 kokwud tri (n.) 'corkwood' tree

- kol, kolbala, kolwan (*adj.*) cold, cool
- koldringk (*n.*) cold drink, drink for relieving headache
- kolim (*v.t.*) a. say the name of  
b. name, call
- koljeid (*n.*) cool shade
- kolsik (*n.*) bad cold
- kolum (*v.t.*) a. say the name of  
b. call, name
- kolweja (*n.*) cold season, early portion of the dry season
- komic (*n.*) comic book
- kona (*n.*) corner
- konkinberri tri (*n.*) a tree
- kopi (*v.t.*) copy
- koris (*n.*) chorus, song
- koroburi (*n.*) corroboree
- kot (*n.*) coat
- kowarri (*n.*) shield
- krabri (*n.*) corroboree
- krai (*v.i.*) cry
- kraingki (*adj.*) a. angry, upset  
b. mad, insane
- krean (*n.*) crayon
- kreb (*n.*) crab
- kreibij (*n.*) crayfish
- krein (*n.*) crane
- kreipis (*n.*) crayfish

krek (n.) crack  
 krekim (v.t.) crack  
 krela (n.) white cockatoo, sulphur-crested cockatoo  
 krik (n.) creek, stream  
 krikbed (n.) creekbed  
 kriket (n.) cricket (sport)  
 krikid (adj.) crooked  
 kriol (n.) Creole, pidgin  
 kripul (n.) cripple  
 Krismas (n.) a. Christmas  
 b. year  
 Kristian (n.) Christian  
 krokadail (n.) crocodile  
 krol (v.i.) crawl  
 krosim (v.t.) cross  
 krosing (n.) crossing  
 kro:fis (n.) crayfish, yabby  
 krukid, krukidbala, krukidwan (adj.) crooked  
 krukmen (n.) crook  
 kudarrgu (n.) broilga  
 kuk 1. (v.i.) cook  
 2. (n.) cook  
 kuk, kukbala, kukwan (adj.) a. cooked  
 b. ripe  
 kukubarra (n.) kookaburra  
 kukum (v.t.) cook



ladim (v.t.) allow, let  
 laf (v.i.) laugh  
 lagijad (adv.) thus  
 lagijat (adv.) thus  
 laib (v.i.) alive, live  
 laib, laibwan, laibala (adj.) alive  
 laibala (adj.) live  
 laibli, laibliwan (adj.) lively, active  
 laidim (v.t.) a. light (a fire)  
                   b. turn on (a light)  
 laif (n.) life  
 laigi (prep.) like, similar to  
 laigim (v.t.) like, love, appreciate  
 laik (adv.) like  
 laim (n.) a. lime (fruit)  
           b. lime (mineral)  
 laim woda (n.) lime water  
 lain (n.) a. line, fishing line  
           b. lion  
 lainap (v.i.) line up  
 laininrein (n.) thunder storm (?)  
 lait (n.) light  
 lait, laitwan (adj.) light  
 laita (n.) (cigarette) lighter  
 laithawos (n.) light house

laitning (n.) a. lightning  
b. gecko

lait peipa (n.) tracing paper

laitti (n.) weak tea

laiv (adj.) live, alive

laiya 1. (n.) liar  
2. (v.i.) lie

laiyawan (adj.) one who tells lies

laja (n.) leather

lama (n.) shovel-nosed spear

lama spiya (n.) shovel-nosed spear

lambarra (n.) father-in-law

lamp (n.) lamp

landin (v.i.) land (an aircraft)

lang (n.) lungs

langa (prep.) in, at, on, to

langgus (n.) language

languna (n.) goose

langurr (n.) name of a ceremony

langweis (n.) language

lanswud (n.) lancewood

las (adv.) at last, finally

las nait (adv.) last night

laswan (adj.) last, final

laswik (adv.) last week

laudis (adj.) very loud

laus (n.) lice  
 lebden (n.) left hand  
 lebdenjaid (adv.) left side  
 lebden wolabi (n.) nail tail wallaby, Onychogalea unguifer  
 lebenbala (adj.) eleven  
 lebul (adv.) a. level, even  
                   b. parallel  
                   c. simultaneous  
 leda (n.) a. ladder  
               b. letter  
 ledim (v.t.) let, allow  
 leg (n.) leg, thigh  
 legpat (n.) extremity  
 leidan (v.i.) lay down  
 leidaran (adv.) later on  
 leidi (n.) lady  
 leig (n.) lake  
 leim (v.t.) lay (eggs)  
 leim, leimbala, leimwan (adj.) lame  
 leisi, leisibala, leisiwan (adj.) lazy  
 leit, leitbala (adv.) late  
 lektrik, lektrikwan (adj.) electric  
 lemen (n.) lemon  
 lenggwij (n.) language  
 lenroba (n.) landrover  
 lenswud (n.) lancewood



leped (n.) leopard

lesin (n.) lesson

leta (n.) letter

le:n (v.i.) learn

le:nim (v.t.) teach

lib 1. (v.i.) live  
2. (n.) leaf

liba (n.) liver

libdimap (v.t.) lift up

libim (v.t.) leave

libt (n.) lift, ride

libtimap (v.t.) lift, lift up

libum (v.t.) a. leave  
b. forget

lid (n.) a. lead position, in front  
b. skull, bone

lida 1. (n.) leader  
2. (adv.) lead position, ahead, initial

lidim (v.t.) lead

lidimap (v.t.) lift up, guide up

lif (n.) leaf

lijid (n.) lizard

lik (v.i.) leak

lil, lilbala, lilwan (adj.) little, small

lilbit (adv.) little, small amount

lilboi (n.) little boy, between infancy and adolescence

lilgel (n.) little girl, between infancy and adolescence  
 lili (n.) water lily, Nymphaea gigantea  
 lililib (n.) water lily leaf  
 lilirut (n.) lily root  
 lilisid (n.) water lily seed, water lily fruit  
 lilpleiwan (adj.) very small, minature, toy sized  
 lilwail (adv.) little while, short time  
 lim (n.) limb (of tree)  
 lin (v.) lean  
 lindim (v. t.) lend, loan  
 linngu (n.) language, native language  
 lip (n.) leaf  
 lipdim (v. t.) lift  
 lipdimap (v. t.) a. lift  
   b. uplift  
 lirrga (n.) blue tongue lizard  
 lisid (n.) lizard  
 lisiin (v.) listen, pay attention, obey  
 lod (n.) load  
 loda (adj.) lots, many  
 lodan (adv.) low down, below, down river  
 lodabum (adv.) a lot of  
 lodimap (v.) load up  
 loding (n.) load, cargo  
 logabat (v.) look around

lokap (n.) jail  
 lokimap (v.t.) a. imprison  
                   b. lock up  
 loli (n.) lolly, sweet, candy  
 loliwoda (n.) lolly water, soft drink  
 long, longbala, longwan (adj.) a. long  
   b. tall  
 longam (adj.) long-sleeved  
 longdaim (adv.) a long time, a long time ago  
 longiswan (adj.) very long  
 longnek te:tul (n.) long neck turtle  
 longtaim (adv.) a. a long time  
                   b. a long time ago  
 longtom (n.) long Tom fish  
 longwei (adv.) long way, distant, far  
 longwei kantri (n.) foreign country  
 lowan (adj.) low  
 lo: (n.) law  
 lua (n.) fishing lure  
 lubis (n.) window louveres  
 lubra (n.) Aboriginal female  
 ludan (adv.) low, low down  
 lugabdum (v.t.) look after a person, mind, take care of  
 lugap (v.i.) look up  
 lugaran (v.i.) look around  
 luginat (v.) observing, watching, spying

lujim (v.t.) lose, forget  
 luk (v.) look, see  
 lukabat (v.) look, search  
 lukap (v.i.) look up  
 lukaran (v.i.) look around  
 lukat (v.i.) look out, take care  
 lukdan (v.i.) look down  
 lukbek (v.i.) look back, glance back  
 lukinat (v.) watching, observing, spying on  
 lukluk (v.i.) die, dead  
 lusim (v.t.) a. lose  
                   b. forget  
 lus, lusbala, luswan (adj.) loose

## M

ma (intj.) come on, let's go, begin  
 mabul (n.) marble  
 mabultri (n.) marble tree, (?) Alphitonia exoelsis  
 mad (n.) mud  
 madkod (n.) mud cod  
 madwan (adj.) silly, mad  
 magim (v.t.) mark, write  
 mai (pn.) my

maila (*intj.*) pass, forego one's opportunity (in cards)  
 mailawik (*n.*) non-pay day week  
 main (*pn.*) my, mine  
 maind (*n.*) mind, brain  
 maindim (*v.t.*) look after, tend to, protect  
 mainmak (*intj.*) good  
 mainwan (*pn.*) mine  
 mait (*adv.*) might  
 maitbi (*adv.*) might, maybe  
 maitj (*v.*) a. make a vow  
                   b. put under oath  
                   c. pull rank on  
                   d. place off limits  
 maiyal, maiyalbala (*adj.*) wild, unsophisticated, mad  
 maj (*adv.*) much  
 majblai (*n.*) March fly  
 majurrum (*v.t.*) muster  
 mak (*n.*) mark, brand  
 makim (*v.t.*) mark, brand, draw  
 malabangu (*n.*) mussel  
 malat (*n.*) mullet  
 malawarra (*n.*) a bush fruit (a little bit like pears)  
 mama (*n.*) food, vegetable food, fruit  
 mami (*n.*) mother, mother's sister  
 mami milk (*n.*) breast milk

mamiwan (*adj.*) maternal  
 manmam (*n.*) mother's father, father's mother  
 Mandei (*n.*) Monday  
 mangga (*n.*) vagina  
 mangki (*n.*) monkey  
 mangumangu (*v. i.*) intercourse, fornication, adultery, premarital sex relations  
 mani (*n.*) money  
 mant (*n.*) month  
 manth (*n.*) month  
 mantin (*n.*) mountain, prominent hill  
 maont (*n.*) mount (used in naming prominent hills)  
 manuga (*n.*) money  
 marid (*v. i.*) married  
 marlabangu (*n.*) freshwater mussel, shellfish  
 marluga (*n.*) old man  
 marramarra (*n.*) certain stage of development in water lily seedpod  
 marrayin (*n.*) name of a song  
 marrunggun (*n.*) bush fruit (like a black currant)  
 marrut (*v.*) put aside for someone, save for someone  
 mastarrim (*v. t.*) muster, congregate  
 masul (*n.*) mussel  
 Matj (*n.*) March

- maus (n.) a. mouth  
b. mouse, rat
- mawus (n.) mouth
- medisin (n.) medicine, disinfectant, poison
- medmed (v.i.) a. mad  
b. stupid
- megajin (n.) magazine
- megit (n.) maggot
- megpai (n.) magpie, butcher-bird
- Mei (n.) May
- meigapwan (adj.) artificial
- meigidat (v.t.) figure out, make out, understand
- meigim (v.t.) make, cause
- meikshua (v.) make sure
- meinggo (n.) mango
- meit (n.) a. friend  
b. spouse, banji
- mejis (n.) matches
- mejurim (v.t.) a. measure  
b. take aim
- mel (n.) mail
- mela (pn.) we, us
- melabandi (contraction -- pn. + v.a.) we will, we want  
(melabat + andi)
- melabat (pn.) we, us, our
- melabinli (contraction -- pn. + v.a. + v.a.) we always did  
(melabat + bin + oldei)

men (n.) man  
mendim (v. t.) sew  
mendimap (v. t.) sew up  
menggo (n.) mango  
meni (adj.) many  
menida (n.) man eater, saltwater crocodile  
menija (n.) manager  
menijim (v. t.) manage  
merigoraun (n.) merry-go-round  
merrit (v.) marry  
merritmen (n.) married man  
mes (n.) mess  
mesij (n.) message, sermon  
mesika (n.) massacre  
met (n.) mat  
metjis (n.) matches  
mi (pn.) me, I, my, mine  
mibala (pn.) we (exclusive)  
midap (v.) meet up, merge  
midim (v. t.) meet  
midil (adv.) middle  
midileij (adj.) middle aged  
midilnait (adv.) midnight  
miding (n.) meeting



midnait (*adv.*) midnight

midubala (*pn.*) we two, the two of us (exclusive)

midul (*adv.*) middle, center

migamiga (*n.*) leach

migim (*v. t.*) make

mijamet (*adv.*) together

mijelb (*pn.*) one's self

mijelb kantri (*adv.*) alone, by one's self

mijelbmijelb (*adv.*) separately, individually

mijij (*n.*) European woman

mikibul (*n.*) young bull

mikenik (*n.*) mechanic

miksap (*v. i.*) confused

miksimap (*v. t.*) a. mix  
b. join  
c. add

milgi, milgiwan (*adj.*) white coloured water

milk (*n.*) a. milk  
b. breast

milkim (*v. t.*) milk

milktri (*n.*) milk tree, Excoecaria parvifolia

milnait (*adv.*) middle of the night

milwan (*adj.*) middle one

milwoda (*n.*) deep water

milyan (*adj.*) innumerable

mimba (*v. i.*) remember

min (v.i.) mean  
 minbal (pn.) we two (exclusive)  
 minbala (pn.) we two (exclusive)  
 mindim (v.t.) mend, repair  
 mindubala (pn.) we (dual exclusive)  
 mini (pn.) many, lots  
 minim (pn.) we two (exclusive)  
 minimminim (v.i.) blinking, flashing light  
 minista (n.) a. clergymen  
                                     b. head of government department, high government  
   official  
 minminlait (n.) ghost light  
 mining (n.) meaning, message  
 mis (n.) Miss - general title for female school teacher  
 misal 1. (n.) itchy, pain  
           2. (pn.) one's self  
 misdim (v.t.) miss  
 miselb (pn.) one's self  
 misgida (n.) mosquito  
 mishin (n.) machine  
 mishin gan (n.) machine gun  
 misin (n.) mission  
 misinri (n.) missionary  
 misis (n.) a. European woman  
                                     b. wife

miskida (n.) misquito  
mista (n.) mister  
misteik 1. (n.) mistake  
2. (v.i.) make a mistake  
miting (n.) meeting  
mira (n.) mirror  
moa (adv.) more  
mob (n.) crowd, lot, large quantity  
mobaja (adv.) further  
modalans (n.) motor boat  
mobeda (adv.) better  
modibaik (n.) motorcycle  
modiga (n.) car, motor vehicle  
modiga rod (n.) vehicular track  
moghaus (n.) morgue  
mokim (v.t.) mock, ridicule  
moni (n.) money  
moning (n.) morning  
moningsta (n.) morning star, Venus  
moningtaim (adv.) morning  
mop (n.) mop  
mopim (v.t.) mop  
morrhe (n.) bush fruit (like a green plum)  
motoka (n.) vehicle  
moyi (n.) green plum

mub (v.i.) move  
 mubingwoda (n.) moving water  
 mudiga (n.) motor car  
 mukmuk (n.) owl  
 mula (n.) mother-daughter (reciprocal term)  
 mulabanda (n.) gecko  
 mulungwa (n.) wanderer, wild black fellow, witchdoctor, killer  
 mun (n.) a. moon  
                   b. month  
                   c. snail  
 munanga (n.) European  
 munmen (n.) mythical being  
 munyumunyu (n.) sister's son, father-in-law  
 murlurri (n.) cousin  
 murnda (n.) a. muscle strength  
                   b. muscle  
 murndamen (n.) a strong man, a muscle man  
 murrunggan (n.) black currant

## N

na 1. (adv.) now  
     2. (*emphatic partical*) (emphatic)  
 nada, nadawan (pn.) other, another  
 nadasaid (adv.) other side  
 naf (pn.) enough

naga (n.) a. material, cloth  
 b. breech cloth, loin cloth

nagap (v.i.) tire, wear out

nagid, nagidbala, nagidwan (adj.) naked

nagop (v.i.) finish work, knock off

naif (n.) knife

nain (adj.) nine

nait (n.) night

naitaim (n.) night

naitaul (n.) (?) tawny frogmouth, (?) boobook owl

naitingeil (n.) nightingale

naja (pn.) other

najaboi (n.) other boy

najalot (pn.) others

najamob (pn.) others

najan (pn.) other, another

najapleis (adv.) other place, another place

najasaid (adv.) other side, another side

najawan (pn.) other, another

najawei (adv.) a. another direction  
 b. by other means

najing (adv.) nothing

nak (v.i.) knock

naka (intj.) 'It's not yours.'

nakimdan (v.t.) knock down

nalanala (n.) nullanulla, a hardwood club  
 namba (n.) number, reference number  
 nambawan (adj.) first, most important, principal, very good  
 nap (v.a.) still, already  
 napkin (n.) nappy, napkin  
 narro, narrobala, narrowan (adj.) narrow  
 neba (v.a.) never, seldom  
 nebal (n.) navel, umbilica  
 neidib (n.) native, Aborigine  
 neidib kompenyan (n.) brolga, sarus crane  
 neidibket (n.) native cat  
 neil (n.) a. nail, spike  
                                     b. needle  
 neilbush (n.) a type of bushy tree  
 neilfish (n.) (?) Jewfish  
 neim (n.) name  
 nek (n.) neck  
 nekdei (adv.) next day  
 nekswan (adj.) next  
 nektaim (adv.) next time  
 nenigut (n.) goat  
 nes (n.) nest  
 net (n.) net  
 ne:boswan (adj.) excited  
 nga (inter.) 'OK?'

ngabi (*inter.*) 'Correct?'  
 ngabirnini (*n.*) kinship relationship  
 ngaja (*v.*) a. beg, plead, ask for  
                   b. grab  
 ngaladarra (*n.*) fish with coloured scales  
 ngaminngamin (*n.*) card game  
 ngamuri (*n.*) father's father  
 ngar (*v.*) erection (of penis)  
 ngaridi (*n.*) strength, power  
 ngarlmarr (*n.*) armpit  
 ngarnanngarnan (*v.i.*) isolated, alone  
 ngarni 1. (*inter.*) OK?, What now?  
           2. (*conj.*) but  
 ngarrij (*n.*) male sub-section skin group  
 ngarritjan (*n.*) female sub-section skin group  
 ngatju (*adj.*) generous  
 ngatjurr (*v.i.*) generous  
 ngi (*inter.*) 'Correct?'  
 ngirr (*v.i.*) bark, growl  
 ngulumurrun (*n.*) pubic hair  
 ngurridin (*n.*) wild banana  
 ngutju (*adj.*) generous  
 ni (*n.*) knee  
 nibali (*n.*) sister's son, nephew

nidil (n.) needle  
 nigilij (n.) necklace  
 nigro (n.) negro  
 nildan (v.i.) crouch, kneel  
 nirrinirri (n.) fly  
 nis (n.) niece  
 no 1. (v.) know  
 2. (v.a.) no  
 no- (*adj. prefix*) (indicates negative or opposite quality, used on a restricted set of adjectives)  
 Nobemba (n.) November  
 nobodi (pn.) no body  
 nodis (v.) notice  
 nogab (v.i.) tire, wear out  
 nogud, nogudbala, nogudwan (*adj.*) a. bad, wrong, evil  
 b. diseased, dirty  
 nogudbala, nogudwan (n.) sin, sinner, bad person  
 nogudbala gabarra (n. ph.) cranky  
 ngoudbinji (v.i.) sad, not happy, displeased  
 nois (n.) noise  
 nok (v.i.) knock  
 nokap (v.i.) tired, worn out  
 nokimap (v.t.) tire  
 nokimdan (v.t.) knock down  
 nomeda (*adv.*) never mind, disregarding  
 nomo (v.a.) no, not



nos (n.) nose  
 not (n.) knot  
 noth (adv.) north  
 nowan (pn.) no one  
 nuga (n.) money  
 nugudbala (adj.) bad  
 numu (v. a.) no, not  
 nusanwan (n.) a nuisance, someone to avoid  
 nyali (v. i.) satisfied, pleased  
 nyamurni (adj.) delicious  
 nyangarr (v. t.) selfish, not sharing  
 nyangarri (v.) selfish, unsharing, greedy  
 nyapaja (n.) kinship term for an old man who is in 'banjimen'  
 relationship  
 nyarr (adj.) good, excellent, fantastic, pleasant, good looking  
 nyart (n.) penis  
 nyartnyart mijelb (v. ph.) masturbate  
 nyingaya (n.) sake, desire (?)  
 nyirt (n.) penis  
 nyirtnyirt mijelb (v. ph.) masturbate  
 nyu, nyubala, nyuwan (adj.) new  
 nyubon (adj.) newborn  
 nyukurr, nyukurrwan (adj.) sacred  
 nyukurr teibul (n.) communion table, altar

nyumumnyumum (v.i.) intercourse

nyus (n.) news

O

o 1. (intj.) Oh!  
2. (conj.) or

oa (conj.) or

oba (adv.) over

obajea (adv.) over there

obin (v.) open

obin, obinbala, obinwan (adj.) a. open  
b. open or clear (country)

obinim (v.t.) open

obiningwei (n.) door

obis (n.) office

oda (v.a.) should, ought to

-of (v. suffix) (indicates direction) off

ofsaida (n.) offsider, assistant

Ogis (n.) August

oil (n.) oil

oim (v.t.) owe

oista (n.) oyster

ojioji (n.) horse

ok (n.) hawk, eagle

oktapus (n.) octopus

Oktoba (n.) October

ol 1. (pn.) all  
2. (n.) RAAF plane

ol, olbala, olwan (adj.) old

ola (pn.) all

olabasadn (adv.) all of a sudden, suddenly

olabat (pn.) they, them, their (more than two)

olagija (adv.) a. forever, everlasting  
b. totality

olawei (adv.) all the way

olbit (adv.) altogether, whole lot, everything

olda 1. (n.) halter  
2. (adj.) older, oldest

oldei 1. (v.a.) always  
2. (adv.) all day

oldendaim (adv.) olden times, early days

oldim (v.t.) hold

oldim gabarra (n.) confirmation

oldindeis (adv.) old time

olidei 1. (n.) holiday, vacation  
2. (v.i.) go for a holiday

oligija (adv.) forever, all over, altogether

olim (v.t.) hold

olfeshanwan (adj.) out-dated

olgamen (n.) woman, old woman

olgamenwan (adj.) of or relating to women

olgoigamen (n.) women, old women

olkain (*adv.*) all kinds  
 olkainaba (*prep.*) all kinds of  
 olmen (*n.*) man, old man  
 olmenolmen (*n.*) men, old men  
 olnait (*adv.*) throughout the night  
 olot (*pn.*) whole lot, all of it  
 olpipul (*n.*) old people  
 olredi (*adv.*) already  
 olum (*v. t.*) hold  
 olwuman (*n.*) old woman  
 omom (*v. t.*) warm  
 on 1. (*pn.*) own  
     2. (*n.*) horn  
 oni (*v. a.*) only  
 onli (*v. a.*) only  
 ononwei (*adv.*) own way  
 onself (*pn.*) own self  
 ontop (*adv.*) on top, above  
 opinimab (*v. t.*) open  
 orait (*intj.*) alright, OK  
 oredi (*adv.*) already, now  
 orinj (*n.*) orange  
 orinj, orinjwan (*adj.*) orange  
 os (*n.*) horse

ostritj (n.) ostrich  
ot, otbala, otwan (adj.) hot

P

pa (adv.) far, distant

pai (n.) pie

pailit (n.) pilot

pailitim (v.t.) to pilot

pailitmen (n.) pilot

painwud (n.) tree, Erythroleum chlorostachyum

pajam (v.t.) beat in a race

pamp (n.) pump

panapul (n.) pineapple

panishim (v.t.) punish

pans (n.) panties, women's knickers

pappap (n.) puppy dog

paoda milk (n.) powdered milk

pasawei (v.i.) die, pass away

paspas (v.i.) pass by

-pat (nominalizing suffix) used with nouns, adjectives, adverbs,  
and some times verbs to indicate part  
or portion

pautj (n.) pouch, purse

pedul (n.) paddle



pidim (v.t.) feed  
 pigipigi (n.) pig, hog  
 pijin (n.) pigeon  
 pikok (n.) peacock  
 pinat (n.) peanut  
 pinjim (v.t.) a. press, squash, pinch  
                   b. steal  
 pinsal (n.) pencil, pen  
 pipul (n.) people  
 pitja (n.) picture  
 piwi (n.) magpie lark  
 plam (n.) plum  
 plat (v.i.) stop work and sit in camp  
 platat (adv.) quickly  
 plei (v.) play  
 plein (n.) a. plain  
                   b. aeroplane  
 plein, pleinbala, pleinwan (adj.) plain, hairless  
 plein keingarru (n.) red kangaroo (?), Megaleia rufa  
 pleiran (v.) fool around  
 pleis (n.) place  
 pleiwan (adj.) toy  
 plen (n.) plan  
 plendi (adj.) plenty  
 plismen (n.) policeman, constable

plisteisan (n.) police station  
 plistrega (n.) police tracker  
 poget (v.) forget  
 poisin (n.) poison  
 poisin, poisinbala, poisinwan (adj.) poisonous  
 poket (n.) pocket  
 pokipain (n.) porcupine  
 popo (n.) paw paw  
 posam (n.) possum  
 posam daga (n.) kind of plant  
 porij (n.) porridge  
 poto (n.) photograph  
 potri (n.) pottery  
 praibit, praibitwan (adj.) personal  
 prais (v.) price, charge  
 pramis 1. (v.) promise  
 2. (n.) promise  
 prapa (adv.) very  
 prea 1. (n.) prayer  
 2. (v.i.) pray  
 prei (v.i.) pray  
 presen (n.) present  
 president (n.) president  
 presim (v.t.) press, push, squash, pinch  
 prik (n.) sound made by brolga



prikli tri (n.) a tree, Carissa lanceolata

priskul (n.) preschool

pruv (v.) prove, have proof

pudi, pudiwan, pudibala (adj.) pretty

pudim (v.t.) put

pudimdan (v.t.) put down

pudum (v.t.) put

pul (n.) a. (game of) pool  
b. full

pulteibul (n.) pool table

pulumat (v.t.) pull out, take off, take away from

pulurrim (v.t.) follow

pupa (n.) larva

purduga (n.) a bush medicine

purrum 1. (v.t.) put, place  
2. (prep.) from

pushim (v.t.) push

putato (n.) a. potato, root  
b. root vegetable

putpat (n.) footpath, sidewalk

pwima tri (n.) a type of tree

## R

- raba (n.) a. robber, thief  
b. rubber, eraser
- rabij (n.) a. rubbish, litter, trash  
b. sister, woman, old people
- rabij, rabijwan (adj.) worthless, useless
- rabijbin (n.) rubbish bin
- rabim (v.t.) wrap
- rabum (v.t.) a. rub  
b. spread
- rabumat (v.t.) erase
- raf, rafbala, rafwan (adj.) rough, tough, hard
- raidap 1. (adv.) all the way  
2. (conj.) until
- raidem (v.t.) write
- raidim (v.t.) a. ride  
b. write
- raidimdan (v.t.) write down
- raifol (n.) rifle
- raiful fish (n.) archer fish
- rainosris (n.) rhinoceros
- rais (n.) rice
- rait (adv.) right, correct
- rait, raitbala, raitwan (adj.) right
- raitim (v.t.) write
- raithenmen (n.) right-hand man, offsider, foreman, assistant

rajap 1. (*conj.*) until  
 2. (*adv.*) all the way up to

ramp (*n.*) buttocks

ran (*v.i.*) run, drive

-ran (*v. suffix*) (indicates direction) around

ran, ranbala, ranwan (*adj.*) round, circular

ranap (*v.i.*) run up

ranat (*v.*) run out

ranawei (*v.*) run away

ranbek (*v.i.*) run back

randimap (*v.t.*) round up, gather together

ranimap (*v.t.*) catch, chase after

raning toilet (*n.*) diarrhoea

raningwoda (*n.*) running water

ranim (*v.t.*) run

ranwei (*v.i.*) a. run away  
 b. backslide

rapimap (*v.t.*) wrap up

ras 1. (*v.i.*) rust  
 2. (*n.*) rust

raun, raunwan (*adj.*) round

rebit (*n.*) rabbit

red, redbala, redwan (*adj.*) red

red lili (*n.*) red water lily, Triglochin procerae

redant (n.) red ant  
 redended (adv.) caught in the act  
 redi, redibala (adv.) ready  
 rediredi (n.) walking stick  
 redkol (n.) burning coal  
 redoga (n.) red ochre  
 redwan (n.) hot or burning coal  
 redyela (adj.) red and yellow  
 reilwei (n.) railway  
 rein 1. (n.) rain  
       2. (v.i.) rain  
 reinbe:d (n.) wood swallow, koel  
 reinbo (n.) rainbow  
 reinbo jinek (n.) rainbow serpent  
 reinbol (n.) a. rainbow  
           b. rainbow snake  
 reintaim (n.) wet season  
 reintaim rod (n.) wet season detour  
 reinwoda (n.) rain water  
 rekin (v.) reckon  
 releshan (n.) relation  
 reng (intj.) swear word  
 res (n.) a. rest  
           b. race  
 resinka (n.) race car  
 reslim (v.t.) wrestle

restim (v.t.) rest, stop

rib (n.) a. rib  
b. chest

riba (n.) river, creek

riba wisling tri (n.) river oak

riba wolabi (n.) type of wallaby

ribgija (adv.) side by side

rid (v.i.) read

ridim (v.t.) read

rigin (v.) reckon, claim

ril, rilwan (adj.) real

rili (adv.) very, really

riligudwei (adv.) excellently

riliwei (adv.) excellently

rimimba (v.) remember

ring (intj.) swear word

ringap (v.) a. put up  
b. phone, contact by wireless

ringim (v.t.) ring

ringimap (v.) erect, put up (tent)

rinso (n.) washing powder

rinsomen (n.) one who masturbates

ro, rowan (adj.) unripe, green, raw

roba (n.) robber, thief

robala (adj.) rough

robin (n.) robin  
 rod (n.) a. fishing line  
           b. (piston) rod  
           c. road  
 rodio (n.) rodeo  
 rok (n.) rock  
 rok kantri blanbo (n.) sugar glider  
 rok keinggurru (n.) euro, Macropus robustus  
 rok kod (n.) sleepy cod, northern carp  
 rok wolabi (n.) rock wallaby, Petrogale wilkinsi  
 roket (n.) rocket  
 rolawei (v.i.) roll away  
 roldap (adj.) curled  
 rolim (v.t.) roll  
 rolimap (v.) roll up  
 romanoj (n.) (?) Roman-nosed  
 ron (pn.) own  
 rong (adj.) wrong  
 rongsaidbala (n.) one who is married wrongly  
 rongwei (adv.) incorrectly, wrongly  
 roptri (n.) rope tree, green plum, Buchaniana obovata  
 rorring (v.i.) a. roaring, thunder  
               b. engine sound  
 rop (n.) rope  
 rostim (v.t.) cook, roast  
 roud (n.) road, track

rowan (*adj.*) raw  
rudimat (*v.t.*) destroy, dig out, root out  
rul (*n.*) rule, law  
rula (*n.*) ruler  
rulim (*v.t.*) rule  
rum (*n.*) room, space  
runggai (*n.*) an edible root  
runimdan (*v.t.*) destroy, ruin  
rusta (*n.*) rooster  
rustim (*v.t.*) roast, cook  
rut (*n.*) root

S

sabi (*v.*) know, understand  
sabol (*n.*) shovel  
sad (*v.i.*) sad, sorrow, sympathy  
Sadadei (*n.*) Saturday  
sadisfai (*v.*) satisfied  
sadnis (*n.*) sorrow, sadness  
safring (*v.i.*) suffer, suffering  
said (*n.*) a. side  
                  b. bank, shallow water  
saidwei (*adv.*) sideways

sailin gan (n.) gun with a silencer  
saini, sainibala, sainiwan (adj.) shiny, bright, like silver  
sainim (v. t.) a. sign  
b. shine on  
saipris (n.) 'Cypress', Hibiscus zonatus, Hibiscus radiatus,  
Cyperus decompositum  
sak (n.) shark  
saladoda (n.) catfish, Saratoda, Queensland barramundi  
sam (pn.) some  
sambala (pn.) some  
sambodi (pn.) somebody  
sanding (pn.) something  
samjing (pn.) something  
samwan (pn.) someone  
samwea (adv.) somewhere  
san (n.) a. man's son, brother's son  
b. sun  
sandan (n.) sunset  
Sandeï (n.) Sunday  
sangirrap (adv.) east  
sangraun (n.) sand  
sangudan (adv.) west  
sangudanwei (adv.) west  
sanraiswei (adv.) east  
sanrij gowena (n.) sandridge goanna  
santa (adv.) centre



sapa (n.) dinner, evening meal  
sapataim (n.) about 6 p.m., time for evening meal  
Satadei (n.) Saturday  
sauth (adv.) south  
sawa, sawawan (adj.) sour  
seben, sebenbala (adj.) seven  
seben sista (n.) Pleiades, Seven Sisters (stars)  
sebra (n.) zebra  
seidilaig (n.) Satan (?)  
sed, sedwan (adj.) sad  
sedilmen (n.) settlement  
sedimap (v.t.) set up  
sei (v.) say  
seibum (v.t.) save  
seik (n.) sake  
seikrid (adj.) sacred  
seim (v.i.) shame, embarrassment  
seimwan (adv.) same, likewise  
seimpleis (adv.) same place  
seimwei (adv.) same way  
seitn (n.) Satan  
selim (v.t.) sell  
senflai (n.) sand-fly  
senfrog (n.) sand frog

sengran (n.) sand, sandy ground, sandy soil, sandstone  
 senhil (n.) sandhill country  
 senrij (n.) sandridge  
 senrij gowena (n.) sandridge goanna  
 sens (n.) cents  
 sent (n.) cent  
 sentapid (n.) centipede  
 separetim (v.t.) separate  
 Septemba (n.) September  
 seremani (n.) corroboree, ceremony  
 se: (intj.) 'Sir'  
 se:bis (n.) church service  
 se:kul (n.) circle  
 shabala (adj.) sharp  
 shabala bingga (n.) fingernail  
 shabalashabala 1. (n.) 'Crown of Thorns'  
 2. (adj.) spiny  
 shabul spiya (n.) shovel spear  
 shabulnos spiya (n.) shovel spear  
 shadim (v.t.) shut  
 shadimap (v.t.) shut, close  
 shadan (v.i.) to be shot down  
 shadap (v.i.) shot down  
 shak (n.) shark  
 shalowoda (n.) shallow water

shap, shapwan (adj.) sharp

shatgan (n.) shotgun

shawa 1. (n.) shower  
2. (v.i.) shower

shea 1. (n.) a. share, portion, inheritance  
b. chair  
2. (v.) share

sheaim (v.t.) share

shedo (n.) shadow

sheid (n.) shade

sheidi, sheidiwan (adj.) shady

sheiditri (n.) shade tree, shady tree

sheigen (v.i.) shake hands

sheigim (v.t.) shake

sheik (v.i.) shake, shiver

sheim (v.i.) embarrassment, shyness

shelifish (n.) shellfish

sherrim (v.t.) a. shear  
b. cut hair

she:t (n.) shirt

shibdim (v.t.) shift, move

shil (n.) shield

ship (n.) sheep

shit (n.) sheet

shiva (v.i.) shiver

shoim (v.t.) show



sik 1. (*v.i.*) sick  
 2. (*n.*) sickness

sik, sikbala, sikwan (*adj.*) sick

sikap (*v.i.*) upset, fed up

siknes (*n.*) sickness

sikpin (*n.*) five cents

siks, siksbala (*adj.*) six

sili, siliwan (*adj.*) silly, mad

silip (*v.i.*) sleep

silipi (*v.i.*) sleepy

silipiai (*v.i.*) sleepy

silipri, silipriwan (*adj.*) slippery

sin (*n.*) sin

sina (*n.*) sinner

sing (*v.*) a. sing  
 b. work a curse on

singat (*v.i.*) shout, call out, sing out

singatbek (*v.i.*) shout back

singim (*v.t.*) a. sing  
 b. work a curse on

singsong (*n.*) singing

singul, singulwan (*adj.*) single

singulgel (*n.*) a. single girl or woman  
 b. widow

singulmen (*n.*) unmarried man, batchelor

sisis (*n.*) scissors





smokim (v. t.) smoke

smoko (n.) a. tea break, coffee break  
b. (also refers to food and drink taken during break)

smokotaim (n.) a. time for break  
b. mid-morning

smoktri (n.) Eucalyptus pruinesa, a tree with blue-green leaves that looks like smoke from a distance

smol, smolwan (adj.) small

snaipa (n.) sniper

sneik (n.) snake

sneil (n.) snail

snikap (v. i.) sneak up

so 1. (n.) sore  
2. (conj.) so

sobala (adj.) sore

sodfish (n.) swordfish

sodimat (v. t.) sort out, untangle

sofbal (n.) softball

sofdringk (n.) soft drink, lolly water

sof, sofwan (adj.) soft

soing (v.) sewing

sok (n.) a. sock  
b. soak, spring

soka (n.) soccer

sokis (n.) soakage, soak, spring

sol (n.) salt



solda (n.) shoulder  
soldi, soldiwan (adj.) salty  
soldiwoda (n.) saltwater  
solja, soljamob (n.) soldiers, guards  
solwoda (n.) saltwater, sea  
song (n.) song  
songmen (n.) singer, songman  
sop (n.) soap  
sopmen (n.) one who masturbates  
soptri (n.) a type of wattle tree, used for fish poison and  
medicine  
sori (v.i.) sympathize, sorry  
sori, soribala (adj.) sorry  
sosij (n.) sausage  
sospin (n.) saucepan  
sowing (n.) sewing  
so:mil (n.) sawmill  
spai (n.) spy  
spia (n.) spear  
speid (n.) triangle  
spel 1. (n.) rest, break  
2. (v.i.) rest, have a break  
spesilmen (n.) offsider, appointee  
spik (v.i.) speak  
spilim (v.t.) spill, tip out

spindim (v. t.) spend  
 spirrim (v. t.) spear  
 spirrit (n.) spirit  
 spirritjulwei (adv.) spiritually  
 spirritwan (adj.) of spirit  
 spit (v. i.) spit  
 spiya (n.) spear  
 splidim (v. t.) split  
 spoil (v. i.) spoil  
 spoilim (v. t.) spoil  
 spotspot (adj.) spotted  
 spredimat (v. t.) spread, scatter, dispurse  
 spring (n.) spring  
 springwoda (n.) spring water  
 spun (n.) spoon  
 spunbil (n.) spoonbill  
 sta (n.) star  
 stab (v. a.) stop  
 stabum (v. t.) stop, prevent  
 stadi (v.) study  
 stak (v. i.) stuck, caught  
 stakmen (n.) stockmen  
 stakyad (n.) stockyard  
 stat (v. i.) start, set out  
 statim (v. t.) start

stedi, stedibala, stediwan (*adj.*) careful  
 stei (*v.i.*) stay, stop  
 steisan (*n.*) cattle station  
 step (*n.*) step  
 stes (*n.*) stairs  
 stigim (*v.t.*) stick  
 stik (*n.*) a. stick  
                   b. clap sticks  
 stikibik (*v.i.*) mind someone else's business  
 stikinat (*v.i.*) stick up, stick out  
 stil (*adv.*) still  
 stilim (*v.t.*) steal  
 stilimbala (*n.*) thief, robber  
 stilinbala (*n.*) thief  
 stilwan (*adj.*) still, motionless  
 stingayu (*v.i.*) burns one's mouth  
 stinggi, stinggibala, stinggiwan (*adj.*) smelly, rotten  
 stingim (*v.t.*) sting  
 stingari (*n.*) stingray  
 stingrei (*n.*) stingray  
 stiya (*n.*) steer, young cow or bull  
 stoa (*n.*) store  
 stokkemp (*n.*) stock camp  
 stokmen (*n.*) stockman  
 stom (*n.*) storm

stombe:d (n.) blue-winged kookaburra, oystercatcher, swallow,  
 swift  
 ston (n.) stone  
 ston, stonwan (adj.) stone  
 stonaben (n.) a method of cooking utilizing hot stones  
 stoni, stoniwan (adj.) stony, rocky, gravelly  
 stoni kantri (n.) gravel country, brackish water country  
 ston keingurru (n.) Antelopine kangaroo  
 stori (n.) story  
 straipid, straipidbala, straipidwan (adj.) striped  
 streidap (adv.) straight up, above  
 Streit, Streitbala, Streitwan (adj.) straight  
 Streitat (adv.) a. straight out  
 b. frankly  
 Streitbalawei (adv.) correctly  
 Streitnim (v.t.) a. straighten  
 b. correct, make right  
 string (n.) string, strap  
 stringibak (n.) stringybark tree  
 stringim (v.t.) string  
 strit (n.) street  
 strong, strongbala, strongwan (adj.) strong  
 strong ti (n.) strong or unsweetened tea  
 stupid, stupidbala, stupidwan (adj.) a. stupid  
 b. naive  
 suga (n.) sugar

sugabeg (n.) sugarbag, wild honey  
 sugabeig (n.) sugarbag, wild honey  
 sugakein (n.) sugarcane  
 suweig (n.) swag  
 sweda (n.) sweater, cardigan, jumper  
 sweig (n.) a. swag  
           b. belongings  
 swet (n.) sweat, perspiration  
 sweta (n.) cardigan, jumper, pullover  
 swetgidap (v.i.) sweat, perspire  
 swet kamat (v. ph.) sweat, perspire  
 swim (v.i.) swim  
 swing 1. (n.) swing  
       2. (v.i.) swing  
 swingim (v.t.) swing  
 swipap (v.i.) sweep up  
 swit, switwan (adj.) sweet  
 switti (n.) sweetened tea  
 swipim (v.t.) sweep  
 swolap (adj.) swelling  
 swolap nos (v.i.) state of emotion; jealousy or love

## T

- taid 1. (n.) tide  
2. (v.i.) tied
- taiga (n.) tiger
- taim (n.) time
- taim (*adverbial suffix*) time of or during, used with nouns, adverbs, verbs to indicate time
- taimap (v.t.) tie up
- taimbom (n.) time-bomb
- taipen (n.) a type of snake
- taiya (n.) tyre
- tajim (v.t.) touch
- talim (v.t.) tell
- tamaring (n.) tamarind tree
- tang (n.) tongue
- tangumirl (*adj.*) greedy, selfish
- tanimof (v.t.) turn off
- tatu (n.) cuts on chest and arms
- taun (n.) town
- tayid, tayidbala (*adj.*) tired, feeling lazy
- tearimdan (v.t.) a. upset, treat in a bad way  
b. tear down, destroy
- teblit (n.) pill, medicine
- tedibeya (n.) teddybear, toy bear
- tedulhok (n.) fish hawk, kite hawk, fire bird
- teibul (n.) table

teik (v.a.) take  
teikim (v.t.) take  
teikinap (v.) taken up  
teil (n.) tail  
teilim (v.t.) tail, mind, tend  
teis 1. (v.i.) taste  
2. (n.) taste  
teistim (v.t.) taste  
telabisin (n.) television  
telaфон (n.) telephone  
telam (v.t.) tell  
ten, tenbala (adj.) ten  
tenis (n.) tennis  
tent (n.) tent  
terrimap (v.t.) tear up, destroy  
testim (v.t.) test  
tetul (n.) turtle  
te:ki (n.) turkey  
te:n (v.i.) turn  
te:tul (n.) turtle  
thad (pn.) that  
thadmaj (adv.) plenty, abundance  
Thesdei (n.) Thursday  
thesti (adj.) thirsty

thin, thinbala, thinwan (*adj.*) a. thin  
 b. sick

thing (*n.*) thing

thong (*n.*) thong

thri, thribala (*adj.*) three

thridei (*adv.*) in three days time

throim (*v. t.*) throw

throt (*n.*) a. throat, neck  
 b. voice

thru (*adv.*) through

ti (*n.*) tea, drink

tibum (*v. t.*) tip

tikit (*n.*) ticket

til (*adv.*) till

tilib (*n.*) tea, tea leaves

tilif (*n.*) tea, tea leaves

timda (*n.*) tempter, Satan

tindim (*v. t.*) tempt

timpul (*n.*) temple

tinait (*n.*) tonight

tin bib (*n.*) tinned meat

tin frut (*n.*) tinned fruit

tin milk (*n.*) tinned milk, powdered milk

tinstaf (*n.*) tinned food

tipoba (*v. i.*) tip over

tisim (*v. t.*) tease



tit (n.) teat, nipple  
 titja (n.) teacher  
 titjim (v.t.) teach  
 titri (n.) tea-tree, Melaleuca alsophila  
 tjugim (v.t.) chuck, throw  
 tjeinjim (v.t.) change  
 tje:tj (n.) church  
 tju (adv.) to you  
 toilet 1. (n.) toilet, faeces or urine  
 2. (v.i.) defecate or urinate  
 tok 1. (v.) talk  
 2. (n.) talk  
 tol, tolwan (adj.) tall  
 tomiok (n.) axe  
 tomigan (n.) tommy-gun  
 toyota (n.) type of truck, four wheel drive vehicle  
 trabul (n.) trouble  
 trai (v.a.) try to, endeavour to  
 traim (v.t.) try, test  
 traib (n.) tribe  
 trak (n.) truck  
 tramput (n.) trumpet  
 trasis (n.) trousers  
 trastim (v.t.) trust

trauja (n.) trousers  
trebala (n.) messenger  
trebul (v.i.) travel  
tregimap (v.t.) track  
treila (n.) trailer  
trein (n.) train  
trek (n.) track, footprint  
trekta (n.) tractor  
tri (n.) tree  
trik (n.) trick  
trikim (v.t.) trick  
trip (n.) trip, journey  
trisaid (adv.) on the side where the tree is  
trisneik (n.) tree snake  
tru, trubala, truwan (adj.) true  
tu 1. (conj.) too, also  
2. (adj.) two  
tubala (adj.) two  
tubeka (n.) tobacco, smoke, cigarette  
tubob (n.) two shillings, 20c  
tudei (n.) today  
tudeina (adv.) right now  
tum (n.) tomb  
tumaj (adv.) many, lots  
tumentaim (adv.) in two months time

tumarrō (n.) tomorrow  
tumato (n.) tomato  
tumeni (adv.) many, lots  
tus (n.) tooth, teeth  
tuth (n.) tooth, teeth  
tuwiktaim (adv.) two weeks time  
twistim (v. t.) twist  
tyun (n.) tune  
Tyusdei (n.) Tuesday

## U

u (inter.) who  
uk (n.) a. hook  
          b. fishing gear in general  
urldi (v. a.) used to  
uruk (n.) sound made by jaboru

## V

veri (adv.) very  
vilij (n.) village

## W

- wadabat (*inter.*) what about
- wadaim (*inter.*) when, what time
- wadbo (*inter.*) why
- wadi (*n.*) stick, log, tree
- wadrim (*v.t.*) water, spray
- wadul (*n.*) wattle, Acacia terulea
- wael (*n.*) whale
- waguwagu (*n.*) river oak, Casuarina cunninghamiana; silky oak type plant
- wai (*inter.*) why
- waid, waidwan (*adj.*) wide
- waident (*n.*) termite, white ant
- waif (*n.*) wife
- wail, wailwan (*adj.*) a. wild  
b. angry, upset
- wail anyan (*n.*) an onion-like ground nut about 1 cm. dia., nut-like or potato-like flavour, grows in sandy ground
- wail binana (*n.*) 'wild banana'
- wail dog (*n.*) dingo, wild dog
- wail faul (*n.*) 'wild fowl'
- wail gusaba (*n.*) wild cassava
- wail juk (*n.*) black comorant
- wail juga (*n.*) 'wild sugar'
- wail kokonat (*n.*) 'wild coconut'

wail melin (n.) a green vine  
 wailmen (n.) wild man  
 wail meinggo (n.) a green fruit like a mango  
 wail piteta (n.) 'wild potato'  
 wail rais (n.) wild rice, Oryza rufipegan  
 wailwin (n.) whirlwind  
 wail yem (n.) 'wild yam'  
 wait, waitwan (adj.) white, light yellow  
 wait gamtri (n.) white gum  
 wait hok (n.) whistling eagle  
 wait karant (n.) white currant  
 waitmen (n.) European  
 waitwud (n.) 'white wood', (?) 'smoke tree'  
 waiya (n.) a. wire  
                   b. fishing spear  
 waiya spiya` (n.) fishing spear  
 waj (n.) watch  
 wajameda (inter.) why  
 wajim (v. t.) a. watch  
                   b. wash  
 wakwak (n.) crow  
 wal (intj.) well  
 walgarra (n.) a type of fish  
 wamut (n.) male sub-section skin group  
 wamutjan (n.) female sub-section skin group

wan (*conj.*) when

-wan 1. (*nominalizing suffix*) used on adjectives allowing them to function like nouns  
 2. (*adjectivizing suffix*) used on some nouns when they function as adjectives

wan, wanbala (*adj.*) one

wanaklok (*adv.*) one o'clock

wanbinji (*v.i.*) united, of one accord

wandei (*adv.*) one day

wandim (*v.t.*) want, desire

wani (*v.a.*) will, want

wanmoa (*adv.*) a. one more  
 b. again, repeat

wanmoa igin (*adv.*) once again

wannait (*adv.*) one night

wanem (*inter.*) what

wangulu, wangulubala (*n.*) widow, orphan, poor

wanguwangulu, wanguwangulubala (*n.*) widows, orphans, poor

wani (*v.a.*) will, want

wanim (*inter.*) what

wanim blanga (*inter.*) why

wanpleis (*adv.*) a certain place

wansaid (*adv.*) on the side of

wantaim (*adv.*) once, one time

wanwan (*v.i.*) doubt, question

wanwik (*adv.*) one week

wanwiktaim (*adv.*) one week



weit (v.i.) wait  
 weiv (n.) waves  
 weks (n.) wax  
 wel (intj.) well  
 welai (n.) green parrot  
 Wensdei (n.) Wednesday  
 welwin (n.) whirlwind  
 wem (n.) worm  
 wen (conj.) when  
 werdei (intj.) expression of pleasure  
 werte (intj.) 'You've done it the wrong way!'  
 wes (adv.) west  
 weswan (adj.) worse  
 wet, wetbala, wetwan (adj.) wet  
 wetsisan (n.) wet season  
 weya 1. (adv.) where  
       2. (pn.) who, when, where  
 we:d (n.) word, message, story  
 we:di (intj.) expression of distaste  
 we:k 1. (n.) work  
       2. (v.i.) work  
 we:kinboi (n.) a. working man  
            b. disciple  
 we:l (n.) world  
 wi (pn.) we (plural)  
 wida (n.) a. widow  
           b. single girl or woman



wijan (pn.) which

wijei (adv.) where

wijeijei (inter.) a. where  
b. how

wijeiwijei (inter.) a. where  
b. how

wijidi (n.) witchety grub

wik (n.) week

wik, wikbala, wikwan (adj.) weak

wiken (n.) weekend

wil (n.) wheel

wiliwegteil (n.) Willie Wagtail

wiliwili (n.) whirlwind

wilsten (n.) wheelstand

win 1. (conj.) when  
2. (n.) wind, breath  
3. (v.) win

wina (n.) winner

winbreik (n.) windbreak

windo (n.) window

wing (n.) wing

winim (v.t.) win

wing (n.) wing

wip 1. (v.i.) weep  
2. (n.) whip

wipim (v.t.) whip

wip sinik (n.) whip snake

wirrim (v. t.) wear

wirrimon (v. t.) put on clothes

wisildak (n.) whistle duck

wiska (n.) whiskers, beard

wislingdak (n.) whistle duck

wislingtri (n.) river oak, Casurina cunninghamiana

wisul (v. i.) whistle

wisuldak (n.) whistle duck

witbiks (n.) weet-bix

wobla (n.) large fishing line

woda (n.) water

wodabat (inter.) what about, how about

wodaberg (n.) dilly bag, carrying bag

wodabidul (n.) water beetle

wodahol (n.) waterhole

woda lili (n.) water lily, lily seed

wodaret (n.) water rat

wodarum (v. t.) water

wodasneik (n.) water snake

wodrum (v. t.) water, make wet

wok (v. i.) walk

wokabat (v. i.) walk, journey, trip

wol (n.) wall

wolabi (n.) wallaby

wolabi daga (n.) a type of plant eaten by wallabies

wom, wombala, womwan. (*adj.*) warm

womum (*v. t.*) warm

wonim (*n.*) warn, caution

worde (*intj.*) expression of pleasure

wori (*v. i.*) a. sorrow  
b. worry

wotaim (*inter.*) when

wotpo (*inter.*) why

wotrong (*inter.*) a. What is the matter?  
b. why

wo: (*n.*) war

wo:fait (*n.*) war

wo:tengk (*n.*) tank

wud (*n.*) wood

wudi (*intj.*) expression of pleasure, mild surprise

wujei (*inter.*) where

wulibak tri (*n.*) Eucalyptus papuana

wulijeim 1. (*conj.*) so, so that, in order that  
2. (*adv.*) same as, like

wulijim (*adv.*) a. so, so that  
b. same as

wumara (*n.*) woomera, spear thrower

wunbun (*n.*) hornet

wundidwan (*adj.*) injured

wurlida (*n.*) tree

wurramabala (n.) a. rich person  
b. well known person  
c. playboy

wuruk (n.) jabaru bird sound

wuruki (n.) sound made by jabaru

Y

yad (n.) yard, fenced or caged area

yadim (v.t.) put in a yard

yadimap (v.t.) put into a yard

yakkai (intj.) 'Horrors!!, Come off it!!!'

yalala (adj.) satisfied, pleased

yan (n.) yarn, talk, conversation

yang, yangbala, yangwan (adj.) young

yangboi (n.) young boy

yanggel (n.) young girl

yangmen (n.) young man

yangsan (n.) young son

yalbun (n.) water lily seed pod (edible)

yarl (n.) a type of tree (used in making artifacts)

yarlbun (n.) water lily seed pod (edible)

yarlma (n.) yam

yarraman (n.) horse

yarwok (n.) wild yam



yundubala (pn.) you (dual)  
yunmalabat (pn.) we and you  
yunmi (pn.) we (dual inclusive)  
yuno (intj.) you know  
yusda (v.a.) used to  
yuselb (pn.) yourself  
yusim (v.t.) use  
yusimap (v.t.) use up, finish  
yustu 1. (v.a.) used to  
2. (v.t.) familiar with  
yuwalabat (pn.) you (pl.)  
yuwai (intj.) yes