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Grammar made simple



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ABSTRACT

This guide is designed for the language training of Peace Corps volunteers in Guinea Bissau and focuses on daily communication needs in that context. Guinea-Bissau Crioulo is a Portuguese pidgin without standardized written form that is used as the lingua franca within and among tribes. The guide consists of a brief introduction to the language, brief notes on the relationship of Guinea-Bissau Crioulo and Portuguese, pronunciation notes, a basic grammar (numerical markers, articles, personal pronouns, possessives, demonstrative pronouns, negative forms, verbs, comparative adjectives), a dictionary of grammar elements, and a series of 14 competency-based lessons on these topics: greetings; personal identification; introductions; meeting people; saying goodbye; family; human body; the home; food and restaurants; shopping in the market; tailors; laundry; giving and getting directions; and transportation. Each lesson consists of grammar notes, vocabulary and phrase lists, dialogue(s), and cultural notes. (MSE)

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INTRODUCTION

Guinea-Bissau Crioulo is a sort of pidgin Portuguese. It is widely spoken (as a first or second language) by Guineans of different ethnic backgrounds in all the towns and larger villages of the country. The word order and pronunciation may vary between individual speakers depending on their tribal origin and socio-cultural environment. As a lingua franca, Guinea-Bissau Crioulo is not only a language of unity and inter-tribal communication, but also of business, practical communication at work and personal contact in almost any local community.

Guinea-Bissau Crioulo has not yet been standardized as a written language. Many books exist in which the author has used a particular alphabet to write Crioulo. What you will find in the next pages is also an attempt to facilitate the reading and acquisition of essential Crioulo grammar and common proverbs by non-native learners.

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LEARNING CRIOULO FROM PORTUGUESE

Like other pidgins Guinea-Bissau Crioulo has kept many aspects of the Portuguese language, especially certain vocabulary. While some aspects of Portuguese have remained intact others have been slightly modified over the years. Therefore, we find the following:

a. Guinea-Bissau Crioulo language elements that are similar to Portuguese:

- National/International holidays (religious holidays, May 1, etc.)
- Nationalities
- Professions
- Months of the year
- Days of the week
- Cardinal and ordinal numbers
- Expressions of time
- Titles (government, military and civil)
- Cooking utensils, working tools, machines and devices
- Games and sports
- Parts of private and official buildings and furniture
- Names of fruits, animals, seafood and celestial bodies
- Technical vocabulary

b. Portuguese terms of which omission of the last letter makes their Crioulo version:

- Most verbs, except the monosyllabic ones such as: **ir, ler, ser, ter, ver, vir**

BASIC GRAMMAR OF THE GUINEA-BISSAU CRIOULO

1. THE CRIOULO ALPHABET

A B C D E F G H I J J̃ K L M N Ñ Ñ̃ O P R S T U V W X Y Z
a b c d e f g h i j̃ j̃ k l m n ñ ñ̃ o p r s t u v w x y z

a) Pronunciation hints

The vowels: a e i o u

Intern. Phonetic
Alphabet (IPA):

a is pronounced as in father	/ɑ/
e is pronounced as in there	/ɛ/
i is pronounced as in mean	/i/
o is pronounced as in low	/o/
u is pronounced as in rude	/u/

The consonants

All consonants of the English alphabet are used except one Q. J̃, ñ̃ and ñ̃̃ are additional letters which do not exist in English. Note the following pronunciation hints:

c is pronounced as ch in church	/tʃ/
j̃ is pronounced as g in garage	/dʒ/
ñ̃ is pronounced as ng in wing	/ŋ/
ñ̃̃ is pronounced as in California	/k/
x is pronounced as sh in show	/ʃ/
r is rolled as in Spanish "rr"	/r̄/

2. THE NUMERAL MARKERS

Crioulo maintains most of the Portuguese cardinal and ordinal numbers. Some Crioulo speakers traditional diction use "di" before two, three, etc. (but never before "un") instead of the Portuguese terms for second, third, and so on.

Example: Ka bu coma Andre di dus si i ka kudi primeru bias.
Don't call Andre a second if he does not not answer to the first (call).

The multiple numbers are most commonly indicated by the corresponding cardinal number followed by the word "bias" meaning time(s).

Example: N bai fera dus bias aos.
I went to the market twice (two times) today.

3. THE ARTICLES

Crioulo does not have any articles, except for the indefinite article "un" that stands for both a and an.

Example: N bota lixu na koba I threw the garbage in the
ku sta na kintal. hole that is in the backyard.

N oja un gatu na ki I saw a cat in that hole.
koba.

Kumpra un laranja di Buy an orange, please.
fabur.

4. PERSONAL PRONOUNS

Crioulo personal pronouns take the place of the nouns they recall in a clause or sentence. They may function as subjects or as direct objects.

a) Pronouns as subjects

Secondary form	Crioulo pronoun main form	English pronoun
ami	n	I
abo	bu	you (sing.)
o'll	i	he/she
-- *	j	it
anos	no	we
abos	bo	you (plur.)
olis	e	they (people)
-- *	e	they (things and animals)

* When things and animals are subjects in a sentence they are usually recalled by secondary forms of personal pronouns.

NB: The secondary form stresses the subject pronoun, like the reflexive pronoun in English such as "myself, I'm American".

In certain circumstances the secondary form of a personal pronoun can be used as an object pronoun if it's the predicate of the verb "i" (to be).

Example: I **ami**. It's me.
 I ka **ami**. (It) is not me.*

* Things and animals are recalled only by a main form of personal pronoun when they are functioning as subject.

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b) Pronouns as objects (personal markers):

They are:

-m	me
-u	you (sing.)
-l	his/her/it
-nu	us
bos	you (plur.)
elis	them

NB: Crioulo object pronouns follow immediately the verb and some are actually attached to it. The singular forms and the first person plural become suffixes of the verb and the stress shifts to the last syllable, for example:

Pat <u>m</u> yagu n bibi.	Give me (some) water for me to drink.
N na o <u>ju</u> na kasa.	I will see you at home.
Fala <u>l</u> pa i bin li.	Tell him to come here.
Mostr <u>anu</u> bu futografia.	Show us your picture.
Taksista na leba bos otel.	The taximan will take you to the hotel.
Punta elis se nome.	Ask them their names.

5. THE POSSESSIVES

Both adjectives and pronouns can demonstrate possession.

a) The possessive adjectives

The possessive adjectives in Crioulo are invariable. They agree with the possessor in number and person. Their position in a sentence is before the segment they determine. Usually they are not stressed in a sentence.

na kolega di kuarta	my room mate
bu amigu	your friend
si nomi	his/her/its name
no tera	our country
bo tabanka	your village
se xefi	their chief

b) The possessive pronouns

They are also invariable and agree with the possessor in number and person. Unlike the possessive adjectives, their position in a sentence are flexible. For example:

E ropa i di mi	these clothes are mine
Di bo pirdi.	Yours got lost.

The other possessive pronouns are:

di eil	his/hers/its
di nos	ours
di bos	yours (plur.)
di selis	theirs

6. DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS

They are:

(e)s	this	(e)sis	these
(ki)la	that	(ki)las	those

NB: "es" is used alone to mean this (one) and "kilas" stands for these (ones). In a sentence, their respective short forms "e" and "ki" are usually used for Example:

E fruta(s) kusidu. * This/these fruit(s) are ripe.
Ki bulana(s) lunju. * That/those rice field(s) are
distant.

* Some Crioulo speakers add an "s" to a word to distinguish between singular and plural, while others don't. You may prefer one way to the other and may want to be consistent, but this is not necessary. Most Guineans speak traditionally without using the "s" for plural forms unless they feel it is essential for clarity.

The demonstratives precede the word or group of words they determine, which can be followed by the adverbs of place "li" or "la" in order to emphasize the location.

Examples: E lugar li This place here
Ki lugar garandi la That big field over there.

7. THE NEGATIVE FORM

In Crioulo the negative is indicated by "ka", which immediately follows the subject of a sentence. For example:

Raimundu ka sta li. Raymond is not here.
Rita ka bin inda. Rita has not yet come.

NB: An exception to this rule is that the negative marker "ka" always comes after the verb "i" (to be). You will find other exceptions to this rule in the section on the imperative.

NB: An exception to usage (1) are the verbs To be (i; sta; and To have (ten/tene). These two verbs take the time marker ba to show that the action they indicate has been completed in the past.

- Verb stem + auxiliary ja.

Rikardu kume ja. Ricardo has already eaten.

- The auxiliary kumsa + verb stem + nan denotes immediate past, for example:

Tata kumsa bin nan. Tata has just arrived.

- The verb stem + ba (remote past and conditional)

N bai ba Bisau anu pasadu.
I went to Bissau last year.

N misti ba pista bu sapatu.
I would like to borrow your shoes

- Na + Verb stem + ba, denotes that two actions were taking place at the same time in the past.

I na durmi ba oca bu konki porta.
S/he was sleeping when you knocked on the door.

- The verb stem + baja, indicates that the action had been completed before another action took place in the past.

N kume baja oca bu ciga.
I had already eaten when you arrived.

iii. The future moment

There are two forms:

- The auxiliary **na** + verb stem (immediate Future)

I **na** cubi aos diserteza.

It is going to rain today for sure.

- The auxiliary **na bin** + verb stem (remote Future)

I **na bin** cubi.

It will rain (some day).

9. THE ASPECT AUXILIARY

a) The habitual aspect

- The auxiliary **na** + verb stem.

Bu **ta** rapa barba tudu dia. You shave every day.

10. THE MODE AUXILIARIES

Criloulo indicates the mode by adopting some verb stems as auxiliaries. Some are allowed by prepositions, others are not. The more common indicate:

a) Desire

- **misti** to want

Mininu **misti** durui.

The child wants to sleep.

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b) Duty

- dibi di must

Bu **dibi di** rispita garandi.
You **must** respect the elders.

- ten ku have to

No **ten ku** kaba barbaju li pa dinoti.
We **have to** finish the work before dark.

c) Possibility

- kapas di may

Kacupa **kapas di** sirvidu mas aos.
Kachupa **may** be served again today.

d) Ability

- Pudi can

Tata **pudi** konduzi. Tata can drive.

11. THE IMPERATIVE

Crioulo expresses the imperative action using the the verb stem alone for the second person singular. For example:

Lanta --- Get up
Sinta --- Sit down

The subject is always expressed in the other grammatical persons. For example:

Bo sukuta --- Listen (to many people)
No kala --- Let's be quiet.

The third person singular and plural are preceded by the particle "pa". For example:

Pa i sai li --- Let him/her get out of here.
Pa e bin gosi--- Let them come now.

NB: In a negative sentence the negative marker "ka" comes before the subject which must be also expressed even for the second person singular. For example:

Ka bu rota --- Don't belch.
Ka no bai la --- Let's not go there.
Ka e mata limaria(s.) --- Let them not kill the animals.

In a negative sentence the particle "pa" is not used. For Example:

Ka i tira kankuran futufracia.
Let him/her not take a picture of a "kankuran".

12. THE COMPARISON OF THE ADJECTIVES

The following words are most usual in comparing adjectives:

- mas ... diki more than

Kandongga mas rapidu diki bisikleta.
A bush taxi is faster than a bicycle.

- menus diki less than

Pekadur ta tarbaja menus diki makina.
Man works less than a machine.

- ma puku diki fewer than

Azudanti ta risibi ma puku diki xoferu.
An apprentice earns less than a driver.

- suma as ... as

E mininu jiru suma si pape.
This child is as clever as his father.

14. DICTIONARY OF GRAMMAR ELEMENTS

Prepositions

with -----	ku
against -----	kontra
without -----	sin
of -----	di
from -----	di
in -----	na
on -----	na
for -----	pa
untill -----	te/tok
since -----	desdi/disna
inside -----	dentru di
within -----	dentru di
between -----	entri/na metadi di
among -----	entri/na metadi di

according to -----	kunformu/sugundu/suma ku
behind -----	tras (di)
before -----	anti (di)
after -----	dipus (di)
over -----	riba di
on -----	riba di
above -----	riba (di)
below -----	bas (di)
under -----	bas (di)
out of -----	fora di
besides -----	fora di
apart from -----	fora di
around -----	na roda di/banda di
together -----	juntu
near -----	pertu
far from/away -----	lunju

Question words

who -----	kin (ku)
what -----	ke (ku)
which (one) -----	kal (ku)
how many -----	kantu
how much -----	kantu
when -----	kal ora/ kal tempu/kal dia
why -----	pa bia (di ke)/ke ku manda/ pa ke ku
where -----	nunde (ku)/nde
how -----	kuma (ku)
how long -----	pa kantu tempu

Contractions

Some native Orizulo speakers like to speak in short sentences made of contracted words such as:

- ku i = ki (contraction of relative pronoun ku and third person singular personal pronoun)

Ex: E mininu ki (ku+i) manda riba di mi.
This the child that he/she sent up to me.

- pa bia di ke = pe (contraction of the words for the sake of what meaning why)

- ku bu = ku (contraction of the relative pronoun ku and the second person singular personal pronoun bu)

Ex: Pe (pa+bia+di+ke) ku (ku+bu) bai la?
Why did you go there?

- si bu = su (contraction of the conjunction si and the second person singular personal pronoun bu)

Ex: Su (si+bu) ka mistil, kontan.
If you don't want it, tell me.

- na bai = nai (contraction of the time marker ba and bai, verb to go)

Ex: Bu nai men?
Are you going for sure?

- na bin = nin (contraction of the time marker na and bin, verb to come)

Ex: Joe nin men?
Is Joe coming for sure?

NB: This explanation of common contractions is meant to improve the learner's listening comprehension. It is not being recommended for use.

Intensifiers

In Crioulo, there are language elements you can use to intensify the meaning or feeling of an adjective or participle used adjectivally.

burmeju wak -----	blood-red
branku fandan -----	snow white
pretu nok -----	pitch black
sukuru tip -----	very dark (sight)
funguli but (things) -----	very dusty
funguli but (skin) -----	dry and white
limpu pus -----	very clean
susu putuk -----	very dirty
forti badau -----	very sour
mela cut -----	very sweet
kinti wit -----	red hot
firia yem -----	very cold
kala yem -----	so silent
jugta canar -----	jumped flexibly
firma can -----	standing firm
kai konos -----	fell/fallen down abruptly
lanta firkit -----	got up quickly
moli botok -----	very soft
risu kan -----	very hard
sai fat -----	come out suddenly
kebra kat (crispy item) -----	broken noisily
kebra pancalan (glass; earthenware) -----	broken to pieces
kebra pat (wood) -----	broken apart
konki konkon -----	knocked repeatedly
kupi kup -----	kicked hard
maja pan -----	knocked hard
bofotiadu bau -----	slapped loud
rebenta bau -----	blew loudly
frita ca -----	fried noisily
cubi war -----	rained/raining noisily
fura puf -----	pierced noisily
paga fup (fire) -----	put out loud
lebi kef (weight) -----	very light
pisadu sip -----	very heavy
lampra piliu -----	flashed brightly
seku kan (things) -----	very dry
seku kan (person) -----	very skinny
taka mus (person) -----	very fat

- Sort out grammar points per unit / Explain necessary usage

- Decide amount of material to present
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Volume I

Topic: Greetings
Competence: a. To be able to greet one or more people at different times of the day.
b. Recognize and use formal and informal ways of addressing to people.

Grammatical Areas: a. affirmative
b. interrogatives
c. personal pronouns
d. Present indicative of STA (estar)
e. Present indicative of I (ser)

Greetings

- | | | |
|----|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. | Parmaña | In the morning |
| | -- Bom dia. | Good morning |
| | -- Bom dia. | |
| | -- Kuma ku bu mansi? | Did you wake up feeling well? |
| | -- N' mansi diritu? | I woke up feeling well. |
| b. | Di tardi | In the afternoon |
| | -- Bo tardi | -- Good afternoon |
| c. | Di noti | In the evening |
| | -- Bo noti | -- Good evening |

Forms of greetings that can be used at all times

- | | | |
|----|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A. | -- Kuma. | -- Hi/how do you do? |
| B. | -- Kuma or N sta bom. | -- hi/how do you do? or I'm well. |
| A. | -- Ke ku tem? | -- What's up? |
| B. | -- Nada | -- Nothing. |
| A. | -- Ke ku ñu/ña fala? | -- What do you say? (literally) |
| B. | -- N ka fala nada. | -- I don't say anything. |
| A. | -- Ke ku kontá? | -- What do you tell? |
| B. | -- Nada si ka kansera. | -- Nothing, except hardship. |

Cultural Note:

It is an act of courtesy and solidarity for people to greet and become acquainted with each other. People also feel they means something to you if only you are noticed allowing them to know you and your acquaintances. This way you are prepared.

Situation: Miles meets Bunka, his host, for the first time.

Miles: Bom dia! -- Good morning!
Bunke: Bom dia! -- Good morning!
Miles: Kuma? Sta bon? -- Are you well?
Bunke: N sta bon, obrigadu. -- I'm well, thank you.

General Greetings

Vocabulary

kasa	home	koitadesa	poverty (hardship)
jinti	people	moransa	compound
kuma di	how is/are	bairu	neighborhood
kurpu	body	sindidur	sick person (usually a child)
njena	to try		tiredness (hardship)
mansi	to overnight		
bu	you (informal)		
tarbaju	work	kansera	
omi	man		
minjer	woman		

A -- Kuma di kurpu? -- how is your body? (How are you.)
B -- (kurpu) sta bom. -- (my body) is well.)I'm well.
A. -- Kuma? -- Hi/how do you do?
B -- Kuma/N sta bon. -- Hi/how do you do? or I am well.
A. -- Kuma di tarbaju? -- How is your work?
B. -- N na njena ku el. -- I am trying (with) it.
A. -- Kuma di jinti di kasa? -- how are the people at home?
B. -- E sta bom. -- They are well.
A. -- Kuma di kil sindidur?* -- How is that sick person?
B -- Alal la. -- he/she is there.
A. -- kuma di kansera? -- how about hardship?
B. -- Alf nel. -- Here am I in it.
A. -- Kuma ku bu mansi? -- Did you sleep well?
B. -- N mansi diritu. -- I did sleep well.
A. -- Ke ku tem? -- what's going on?
B. -- Nada. -- What's up?
A. -- Omi/minjer, kuma -- hello/woman. (very informal?)
B. -- Alin li. -- Here am I.
A. -- Na kamara, kuma. -- Hello my dear.
B. -- N sta bon? -- I am well.

* When a child is often sick, it is nicknamed "sindidur," meaning he who can set fire on himself so that he is always warm. Some Crioulo speakers prefer the term "namburere" (glowfly) to "sindidur."

Greetings at different times of the day

Vocabulary

- * 1. Parmana: In the morning:
- A -- Bom dia -- Good day.
 A -- Bom dia. -- Good day.
 A -- Kuma ku mansi? -- Did yo sleep well?
 B -- N mansi bem. -- I did sleep well.
2. Di tardi: In the afternoon:
- A -- Bo tardi. -- Good afternoon.
 B -- Bo tardi. -- good afternoon.
 A -- Ke ku tardi fala? -- What has the afternoon said?
 B -- Tardi ka fala nada. -- The afternoon did not say anything.
- o or
- A -- Kuma di e tardi? -- How is this afternoon?
 B -- Tardi sta bom. -- The afternoon is good.
3. Di noti: In the evening
- A -- Bo noti -- Good evening.
 B -- Bo noti -- Good evening.
 A -- Bo sta na sukuru? -- Are you in the darkness?
 B -- Alinu nel. -- Here we are in it.

Interrogative words: "Kuma?" Como?
 "Ke ku tem?" O que há? (how are you?)

Personal Pronouns:

	Formal	Informal
Singular	na senhora	bu tu
	tia tia (for older women)	
	nu senhor	
	tio tio (for older men)	
Plural:	ba ña senhoras	bó voce
	ba ñu senhore	

LIÇÃO 2

Tópico: Personal identification
 Competencia: To be able to exchange information including name, address, profession, nationality.

Vocabulary

Professions

istudanti	student	americanu	American
alunu	pupil	portugis	Portuguese
profissor	teacher	ginense	Guineense
secretaria	secretary	ispanhol	Spanish
injeñeru	engineer	kabriano	
dur	doctor	ingles	English
labradur		sueco	Swedish
kidera		cutano	Cuban
istiva		chines	Chinese
carpintero	carpenter	russo	Russian
infirmu	nurse	S. Tomé	

GB ethnic groups:

Balanta	Manjaku	Biafada
Fula	Mankan	Bijugu
Mandinga	Fulup	Nalu
Papel	Sarakule	Kasanga

Cumprimentos.

Informal:

A -- Bon dia.
 B -- Bon dia. Kuma?
 A -- N sta bon. Kuma?
 B -- N sta bon.

Formal:

A -- Na Laura, (tia) bo tardi.
 B -- Bo tardi. Nu (bu) sta bon?
 A -- N sta bon. Na sta bon?
 B -- N sta bon.

Cultural note:

Tiu is a formal title for addressing a man or a woman old enough to be your parent. Nu ou Na is a normal form of addressing between a man and woman of about the same age group. Young people also address a much older person by

using Nu or Na. In turn, the older persons uses Bu (a personal pronoun, second, person singular).

Diálogos

Situation: Paula meets Jair. Kuma ki bu nomi?
Paula.-- Na nomi i Paula andrade.
Jair. -- Ami i istudanti. Abo /gora?
Paula.--.Ami i sekretaria.
Jair. -- Ami i Amerikanu. Abo tambi i amerikanu?
Paula.-- Nau, ami i Purtugis.

Afirmative:

ami i
abo i
el. i
i (neutral, 3rd. person singular)
anos i
abos i
elis i
e (neutral, 3rd. person plural)

NB: the "i" (verb to be) is always omitted in the neutral forms and this omission does not interfere with meaning.

Oralidade 1

1. Kuma ki bu nomi?
N nomi i antonio,
2. Kuma ki si nomi?
Si nomi i Adilza.
3. Abo /gora. Kuma ki bu nomi?
Na nomi i karius.

Negative:

ami i ka
abo i ka
el i ka
i - ka .(neutral, 3rd. person singular)
anos i ka
abos i ka
elis i ka
e - ka (neutral, 3rd. person plural)

NB.: The negative marker "ka" always comes after "i" and, unlikely enough, it precedes all other verbs.

Professions and nationalities are the same as in Portuguese. Add to your list of nationalities the tribal groups.

Oralidade 2:

1. ami i alunu.
2. Abo i ka inzeneru
3. El i mediku.
4. El i ka profisor.

Oralidade 3

1. Afirmativo Ami _____ profisor.
2. Negativo Abo _____ ekonomista.
3. Negativo El _____ infirmeru.
4. Afirmativo Ara _____ .advogadu.

Oralidade 4

Ex.: Ami i Portugis? (sim)
Sim, abo i Portugis.

El i Ginensi? (Nau/Amerikanu)
Nau, el i Amerikanu.

1. El i Alimon? (sim)
2. Abo i Ispanol? (Nau/Fransis)
3. Ami i Kabrianu? (Nau/Ginensi)
4. El i Mandinga? (Nau/Fulup)
5. Ami i Balanta? (Sim)
6. Abo i fula? (Nau/amerikanu)

Texto:

Maria. -- Bo tardi.
Danso -- Bo tardi.
Maria -- Na nomi i Maria.
Danso -- Na nomi i Danso. Abo i Kabrianu?
Maria -- Nau, ami i Fula. Abo #gora?
Danso -- Ami i Mandinga. Ke ki bu tarbaju?
Maria -- Ami i profissor di Inglis.
Danso -- A bon! Ami i profissor tambi, ma di Portugis.

VERBS

sta be (Port. ESTAR) gusta like

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i
bin
riba
bai
misti
fika
buska

be (Port SER)
come
go back
go
want
stay
pick up

sibi
kungsi
tarbaja
baja
mora
fasi
passa

know
know
work
dance
live
do
spend

LIÇÃO 3

Tópico: Introduction
 Competencia: To be able to introduce yourself and others.

VOCABULARY

bon	good, well
dia	day
kuma ku	how (are you); what
Bu	you; your
sta	to be (like "estar" in portugues).
obrigadu	thank you.
ki	is (contraction of the question " ku"+ "I", verb to be like "ser")
ku	with; and.
nomi	name
ña	my
I	he; She; It; Is
abo	you (can only be used with the verb used with the verb "I" or alone).
in	yes
ami	I (can only be used with the verb "I" or alone).
amerikeru	American
bin	to come; To have come
pasa	to spend (time).
fin	end
di	of; from
sumana	week
li	here
yo	alright
na	word that denotes present or future time. It generally precedes the verb.

Self Introduction

Situation: The host is so reserved, so Miles is leading him into conversation. This is alright.

Miles:	Kuma ki bu nomi?	-- What is your name?
Bunka:	Ña nomi i Bunka.	-- My name is Bunka.
	Abu gora?	-- And you?

Miles: Na nomi i Miles. -- My name is Miles.
 Bunka: Abo i amerikanu? -- Are you american?
 Miles: In, ami i americanu. -- yes, I'm american.
 N bin passa fin di I have come to spend
 sumana li. the weekend here.
 Bunka: Yo. Alright.

Self Introduction

Vocabulary

kuma ki	What's
bu	your (informal)
nomi	name
manteña	surname?
abo	you (informal)
gora	too
nunde	where
i	to be
di	from, of
ami	I (always used alone except with the verb
k	"to be.:
Kal	which
jinti	people
la	there
elis	they
tudu	all
ala	there they are.
coma	to be called
sentru di saudi	health center
Voluntariu	Volunteer
sin	without
pagu	pay
juda	help

- A. -- Kuma ki bu nomi? -- What is your name?
 B. -- Na nomi i Stella -- My name is Stella?
 A. -- Kuma ki bu manteña -- What is your surname?
 B. -- Na manteña i Divino -- My surname is Divino.
 A. -- Abo gora kuma ki bu nomi? -- And you? What is your name?
 B. -- Na nomi i Domingas. -- My name is Domingas.
 A. -- Abo i di nunde? -- Where are you from?
 B. -- Ami i di Amerika -- I am from the United States.
 A. -- Nunde na Amerika? -- Where in the United States?
 B. -- Washington. -- Washington.

di	and your people."
I	of
fiju	to be
prazer	son, daughter
na	I'm pleased to meet you
	in

Diálogos

1. A male PCT introduces Pintu, his counterpart, to uncle Duarte, his landlord.

PCT -- Tiu Duarte, es i na kolega di tarbaju Pintu, es ki dunu di kasa	-- Uncle Duarte, this is my counterpart. Pintu, this is my landlord.
Pintu -- Tiu sta bon?	Uncle, are you well?
Tiu -- N sta bom, subrinu.	I am well, nephew.
Pintu -- Kuma ku ba tiu sta li?	How are you and your people here?
Tiu -- No sta li diritu.	We are well here.
Pintu -- N kontenti N kungsi tiu	I'm pleased to know you, uncle.

2. Ana, a neighbor, introduces her son to a PCT called Stella, as an act of courtesy.

Ana -- Stella es i ña fiju ku sta na Bissau. Albinu, es i dutur ku mora li.	Stella, this is my son who stays in Bissau. Albinu, this is the health person who lives here.
PCT -- Prazer.	Pleased to meet you.
Albinu -- Prazer	Pleased to meet you

NB. Some people in Guiné-bissau think that all foreigners who work in health centers are doctors -- an assumption based on their past experience.

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LICAO 4

Topico: Meeting people (Encontro)
Competencia To be able to find out what someone's plans are.
-Indicate one's intention.
-Ask someone if he/she can do what you want.
-State time in which you expect someone.
-Confirm reliability of appointment.

Grammatical Area: Future

Verbs:	fasi	do
	sibi	know
	misti	want
	kaba	finish

Future

N na bai fasi	I will do ...
Bu na bai sibi	You will know.
I na bai buska	I will look for ...
No na bai kabanta	We will consider it finished.
E na bai fasi	They (elas) will do ...

Vocabulary

inda	yet	kau	place
pabia	why?	si	if
jumbai	chat	maina	fail

Diálogo

Situation: Roz meets a man in the market.

Roz:	-- Bu sta bon?	-- Are you well?
Nelson:	-- N sta bon. Kuma ki bu nomi?	-- I'm well. What's your name?
Roz:	-- Na nomi i Roz. Kuma ki bu nomi?	-- My name is Roz. What's your name?
Nelson:	-- Na nomi i Nelson. Nunde ki bu ta mora?	-- My name is Nelson. Where do you live?
Roz:	-- N ta mora na Lar Femi-ninu. Abo gora?	-- I live in the Lar Feminino. and you?
Nelson:	-- N ta mora na Bande. Nunde ku bu ta tar-	-- I live in Bande. Where do you work?

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Roz: baja?
 -- N ta tarbaja na liseu. -- I work in the high school.
 Nelson: -- Ke ku buta fasi? -- What do you do?
 Roz: -- Ami i profesor di -- I'm an English teacher.
 inglis.
 Nelson: -- Abo i koperanti? -- Are you a cooperante?
 Roz: -- Ami i ka koperanti. -- I'm not a cooperante. I'm
 ami i Vuluntariu di a Peace Corps Volunteer.
 kurpu di Pas.
 Nelson: -- Ke ki Kurpu di Pas? -- What's the Peace Corps?
 Roz: -- I un organizason ame- -- It's an American organiza-
 ricanu di sirvisu vo- tion of volunteer service.
 luntariu.
 Nelson: -- Ami i alunu di iskola -- I'm a student at the techn-
 teknika. ical school.
 Roz -- Bu na bai kumpra algum -- Are you going to buy some-
 kusa? thing?
 Nelson -- In na bai kumpra. -- Yes, I will.
 Roz -- Te logu. -- See you later.

Vocabulary

ke ku	what
bu	you
na fasi	are doing
aos	today
di tardi	in the afternoon
N	I
ka sibi	don't know
inda	yet
pabia	why
misti ba	would like
pa no	us (literally: that we)
jumbai	chat
mbokadu	a little
i sta bon	that's good
pudi	can
bin	come
na kau	my place
si	if
kaba sia	have finished eating dinner
in	yes
mbon	so
perau	wait for you
peran	wait for me
ka bu	don't you (singular)
maina	fail
de	word of emphasis
n ka na	I won't
te logu	see you later
kal ora	when
ku n pudi	can I

o jan	see me
parel	for
i ka nada	it's nothing
mal	bad
na bin	will
sibi	know

Diálogos

Encuentro:

A. -- Ke ku bu na fasi aos di tardi?	-- What are you doing this afternoon?
B. -- N ka sibi inda. Pabia?	-- I don't know yet. Why?
A. -- N misti ba pa no jumbai mbokadu.	-- I would like to chat a little.
B. -- I sta bon.	-- That's good.
A. -- Bu na pudi bin ña kau si bu kaba sia?	-- Can you come to my place when have eaten dinner?
B. -- In, n na pudi.	-- Yes, I can.
A. -- Mbon n na perau.	-- So, I will wait for you.
B. -- Yo, peran.	-- Ok, wait for me.
A. -- ka bu maina de.	-- Don't fail.
B. -- N ka na maina.	-- I won't fail.
A. -- Te logu.	-- See you later.
B. -- Te logu.	-- see you later.

Other Expressions

A. -- Kal ora ku n pudi ojau?	-- When can I see you?
B. -- Ora ku bu misti.	-- Whenever you want to.
A. -- Ke ku bu misti ojan parel?	-- What do you want to see me for?
B. -- I ka nada mal. Bu na bin sibi.	-- It's nothing bad. You will see.

Cultural Note:

Inviting a person of the opposite sex to your house, particularly at night when you live alone, is a sign of great thrust of love. You may need to state the purpose of the invitation so as to avoid unnecessary expectations or misinterpretation on the part of the person you are inviting. People may not show up if you don't indicate that it is important.

LICAO 5

Topico: Saying good-bye (Despedida)
Competencias: To be able to indicate the intention to go on a trip.
- State destination and time to be expected back.
- Say good-bye..

Vocabulary

runde ku	where
bu	you
na bai	are going
ke ku	what
fasi	to do
la	there
jubi	to visit
kumpaner	colleague
ta sta	is staying
na	at
kuntum	a neighborhood in Bissau
kal dia ku	when
na riba	are coming back
yarmon di amana	the day after tomorrow (literally: the brother of tomorrow.
yo	word of satisfaction
pa	may
Deus	God
kumpaneu	bless you
ali	word emphasizing presence
n riba	I'm back
in	yes
n tisi	I have brought
pon di bias	a gift
suma	like
ke	what
serta	guess
n ka	I don't
sibi	know
pera	what
te	till
ora ku	when (literally" the time that)
yabri	open
bolsa	travelling bag
kontan	tell me

Diálogos

- 1.
- A. -- Amana n na bai bias. Tomorrow I'm travelling
B. -- Nunde ku bu na bai? Where are you going?
A. -- N na bai fora di tera. I'm going to the interior.
B. -- Ke ku bu na bai fasi la? What are you going to do there?
A. -- N na bai jubi ña kumpaner. I'm going to visit a colleague
of mine.
B. -- Nunde (ku i ta sta) na interior? Where is (he/she) staying in the interior.
A. -- I ta sta na Katio. She/she is staying at Catio.
B. -- Kal dia ku bu na riba? When are you coming back?
A. -- N na riba yarmon di amana. I'm coming back the day after tomorrow.
B. -- Yo, pa Deus kumpanau. May God bless you (accompany you)

NB.: "Interior" stands for any town outside of Bissau.

- 2.
- A. -- Ali n riba! Here I'm back.
B. -- Yo, bu bin? So, you are back.
A. -- In, n tisi pon di bias. I have brought (you) a gift.
B. -- yo! suma ke? Very good! Do you like that?
A. -- Serta. I guess.
B. -- N ka sibi. kontan. I don't know.
A. -- Pera te ora ku n yabri Wait till I open my travelling
na bolsa. bag.

Cultural notes:

"Pon di bias" is a gift. It could be food, fruit, tobacco, or kolanut that you bring from your trip for your host or the people with whom you live. It could also be money you give to someone having to travel. You do not have to do it. It's a gift that people believe may bring you closer to those who receive it. It is also thought to be a good means for calming down somebody you quarrelled with, who do not want to give up his/her anger at you. The most appreciated gift are things that the receiver lacks.

LICAO 6

Tópico: Family (Família)

Vocabulary

pape	father	tia	ant
mame	mother	dona	grandfather
			grandmother
fiju	son	neto	grandson
			granddaughter
subrinu	nephew, niece	kunadu	brother-in-law
primu	cousin	omi	husband
yarmon	brother, sister	minjer	wife
tiu	uncle	rapaz	boyfriend
		bajuda	girlfriend

Diálogo

José. -- Bu kungsi ña familia?	Do you know my family?
PCV. -- Nau, n ka kungsi.	No, I don't know them.
José -- Es i ña pape, es i ña pape, es i ña mame, es i ña yermonsino, es i ña dona.	This is my father, this is my mother, this is my little sister, this is this my grandma.
PCV -- Bo sta bon?	How are you?
Família. -- In, no sta bon, abo gora?	Yes, we're fine thank you.
PCV -- Sta bon, obrigadu.	I'm fine, thank you.
José -- Mama es i ña amigu i amerikanu.	Mom, this is my friend, he is amerikanu.
Mae. -- Bu ta tarbaja li ña fiju?	Do you work here, my son?
PCV. -- In, n fasi ja um ano.	Yes, it's been a year.
Mae. -- Bu sta li ku bu papas?	Are you here with your parents?
PCV. -- Nau sta ami som.	No, I'm by myself.
Mae. -- Bu bim tarbaja li.	Did you come here to work?
PVC. -- In.	Yes.
Mae. -- Kantu tempu ki bu na fasi li?	How long will you be here?
PCV. -- Na fasi so dus anu.	I'll be here only for two years.
Mae. -- Anta bu pertu ja bai.	Then, it's almost time to go back.
PCV. -- Bardadi.	Is it true?
Mae. -- Bu pudi bata bim jubinu. ora ki bu tem tempu.	You may come to visit us whenever you have time.
PCV. -- Sta bon.	Fine.
Mae. -- N kontenti n konsiu.	It was nice to have met you.
PCV. -- Ami tambi, obrigadu.	Same here, thank you.

LICAO 7

Topico: The human body
Competencia: To be able to identify parts of the human body,
To identify basic diseases.

Vocabulary

Kabesa

rostu	face	garganti	throat
boka	mouth	piskus	neck
lingu	tongue	oreja	ear
dintis	teeth	kosta	back
uju	eyes	pitu	chest
naris	nose	testa	forehead
kabelu	hair	ós	bone
totis	back of the neck	juju	knee
		brasu	arm
mon	hand	gotovel	elbow
dedu	finger	alkañada	ankle
uña	finger nail		
perna	leg		
pé	foot		
korson	heart		
sangi	blood		
pulmon	lung		
figadu	liver		
stomagu	stomach		
tripa	intestinu		

Diseases:

panga bariga	diarrheia	kemadura	burn
sarampu	measles		
sarna	skin disease		
tetanu	tetanus		
paludismu	malaria		

Expressions:

dur di kabesa	headache
dur di bariga	stomach ache
dur di pitu	chest pain
dur di uju	pain in the eye
dur di dinti	tooth ache

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Diálogo
Na konsultorio

B = Biuna

F = Funcionário

- B. -- Bon dia.
 F.. -- Bon dia.
 B.. -- Nunde ki e ta pui nomi
 ?a consulta. Where do you make an appointment
 for a doctor's visit.
 F. -- I li. It's here.
 B. -- N misti pui nomi. I want to make an appointment.
 F. -- Bai la nunde ki jintis
 sta na bicha. Go there where those people are
 in line.
 B. -- Obrigadu. Thank you.
 F. -- Kuma ki bu nomi? What's your name?
 B. -- Na nomi i Biuna My name is Biuna.
 F. -- Kal konsulta ki bu misti? What kind of appointment do you
 want?
 B. -- Misti konsulta di dur di
 kurpu. I want a appointment for pains on
 my body.
 F. -- Paga duzentus pés. You pay 200,00 pesos.
 B. -- Ali kal ora ki konsulta
 na kumsa? At what time will the appointment
 start here?
 F. -- I na kumsa oitu ora, bai
 sinta. la bu pera, bu bata
 sukuta bu nomi. It starts at 8:00, go sit there,
 you wait, you keep listening for
 for your name.
- Doc. -- Sinta Sit down.
 B. -- Obrigadu. Thank you.
 Doc. -- Ke ku ta deu? What do you feel?
 B. -- Kurpu. Pain in my whole body.
 Doc. -- Dedi kantu dia ki kurpu
 na deu. How long has your body been
 hurting?
 B. -- I fasi ja um simana. It's been a week.
 Doc. -- Kuma ki kurpu ta deu. How does the body ache?
 B. -- I ta kumsa na ombra e
 ria pa kosta. It starts on the shoulder and
 spreads on my back.
 Doc. -- Kal mesiñu ki bu ta toma. What medicine do you take?
 B. -- N ka ta toma nim um mesiñu. I don't take any medicine.
 Doc. -- Dispi ropa para sukutau Take off your clothes for me
 to listen.
- Dipus di ka sukutal After finishing listening.
 Doc -- Ali e dus karta: es bu
 na bai kumpra mesiñu na
 farmácia, es utro bu na
 bai marka analis, la na
 kau di tira sangui. Take two prescriptions: This is
 to buy the medicine at the phar-
 macy, the other is for you to
 make a blood analysis, there in
 the place to take a blood sample.
 Ora ki bu fasi analis, bu
 na tisim resultado. When you make the analysis, you
 bring me the result.
 B. -- Kuma ki na bata babi
 mesiñu?. How do I take the medicine?
 Doc. -- Ora ki bu cumpra mesiñu
 omi ki vindiu el na
 isplikau, bu pudi bai. When you buy the medicine, the
 man who sold ~~it~~ to you explains
 and you can go.
 B. -- Te logu. See you later.

LICAO 8

Topico: The home
 Competencia: To be able to identify parts of a house.
 To rent a house.

Grammatical Area: Continuous present

N na buska	I am looking for
bu na tarbaja	You are working
I na toma	He is taking (água)
Bo na kobra	I am charging
E na mostra	They are showing

Vocabulary

Verbs:

renda	rent	toma	take
kobra	charge	renda	to rent
mostra	show	tene	have
na buska	I'm looking for	ta bin kumpu	make
fin	end	ta kobra	do charge
mostran	show me	na toma	going to take
misti ba	would like	sina	sing
n dau	I've given you		

kantu ... ku	how much/many
ku	and
kila	that
pa	for
kada	each
dentru	inside

Nouns:

kasa	home
renda	rent
renda adiantadu	advanced payment of rent
renderu	tens:it
kuarti	room
latrina	latrine
problema	problem
cabi	key
dineru	money
kau	place
serku	outdoor bathing enclosure
mis	month
kuntu	thousand pesos
cabi	key
karta	paper

Diálogo

Renting a House:

- A. -- N na buska kau di mora. I'm looking for a place to live in
- B. -- No tene kasa di renda. We have a house to rent.
- A. -- Kantu kuarti ku i tene? How many rooms does it have?
- B. -- I tene dus kuarti. It has two rooms.
- A. -- Latrina ku serku gora? What about a latrina and a bathroom?
- B. -- Kila renderu ku ta kumpu. That the tenant makes.
- A. -- Renda pa fin i mis i kantu? How much is the rent for the end of a month?
- B. -- N ta kobra kada kuarti sinku kuntu I charge 25,000 pesos for each room.
- A. -- Bu puci mostran dentru di kasa? Can you show me inside the house?
- B. -- I ka problema. Bu na toma cabi? Are you going to take the house on rent? (Lit.: are you going to take the key?)
- A. -- In, n na toma. Yes, I am.
- B. -- N misti ba renda adinatadu I'd like an advanced payment of the rent.
- A. -- Renda di kantu mis ku bu misti? How many months of rent do you want?
- B. -- Fasi karta bu sina kuma n dau. Make a paper (and) sign that I have given you some money.

Cultural Note:

It is difficult to find a house in the capital city of Bissau and many urban areas. Rentiers ask for hard currency if their houses are going to be rented by a foreigner. Tenants are often required to pay for the rent of three or more months in advance.

LICAO 9

Topico: Foods and Restaurants
Competencia: To be able to identify meals, to order food in a restaurant, to ask for the bill. To be able to negotiate eating meals with a family.

Vocabulary

Verbs

kusiña	cook	paga	pay
tisi	bring	pui	put
kume	eat	kumsa	begin

Nouns

mata bicu	breakfast	bibida	drink
janta	lunch	diñeru	money
sia	dinner	troku	change
sita	leftover	yo	alright
karni salgadu	salted pork		
kaldu	sauce		
galifa	chicken		
arus	rice		
pis	fish		
karni di baka	beef		
karni di purku	pork		
karni di kabra	goat		
karni di kasa	game		

Poportada: Guinean dish of rice with sauce of meat and tomato, thickened with flour.
Kaldu di mankara peanut soup.

Expressions

kin ku oja	may be
dispus	after
kal	which, what
ke ku	what
ke bo	do you (plural)

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Diálogos

1. Eating in a restaurant.

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| <p>A. -- Bon dia, kal koldadi
Kumida ku bó tene aós?</p> <p>B. -- No tene poportada ku
kaldu di mankara.</p> <p>A. -- Ke ku bó kusina eles
ku el?</p> <p>B. -- Poportada ku karne
salgadu, kaldu di mankara
ku galiña.</p> <p>A. -- Yo. Tisin kaldu di .
mankara</p> <p>B. -- Ke ku bó misti pa bibi?</p> <p>A. -- No misti un serveja geiadu</p> | <p>Good morning. What type of
meals do you have
today?</p> <p>We've got "poportada" and
"Kaldu di Mankara."</p> <p>What have you cooked them
with?</p> <p>Poportada wich salted pork and
kaldu di mankara with chicken.</p> <p>Alright. Bring me (some) peanut
soup..</p> <p>What do you have to drink?</p> <p>We have cold beer.</p> |
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| <p>A. -- I kantu?</p> <p>B. -- I 1,250,00 pes.</p> <p>A. -- Bu tene troku di 1.500,00
pes?</p> <p>B. -- N' tene.</p> <p>A. -- Ali dineru.</p> <p>B. -- Ali troku.</p> <p>A. -- Yo, obrigado.</p> <p>B. -- I ka nada.</p> | <p>How much is the meal?</p> <p>It's 1,250.00
peso.</p> <p>Do you have change for 1,500.00
pesos.</p> <p>I do.</p> <p>Here's the money.</p> <p>Here's the change.</p> <p>Alright. Thank you.</p> <p>It's nothing.</p> |
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2. Negotiating eating meals with a family.

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| <p>A. -- Bon dia. Kuma ku bu sta?</p> <p>B. -- Alin li na njena. Abo gora?</p> <p>A. -- N sta bon. N tene un mistida.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Kin ku oja tiu pudi judam.</p> <p>B. -- I ke ña fiju?</p> <p>A. -- N bon, n misti ba ta kume ku bos.
Es kusa di ba ta bai fera, dispus
di tarbaju, pa kumsa bin kusiña
i kansadu. Si n pudi ba ta kume
ku bos i ta sta ba bon.</p> <p>B. -- I sta bon. Bu misti ba ta janta
ku sia o son janta?</p> <p>A. -- Tudu dus. Kantu kun na ba ta
paga?</p> <p>B. -- Bu na ba ta tisi bu arus ku mafe</p> | <p>Good morning. How are you?</p> <p>We are doing fine. and you?</p> <p>I'm fine. I have something
to do.</p> <p>May be uncle can help me.
What is it, my son?</p> <p>Well, I want to eat with you.
The idea of going to the
market and cooking after
work is tiring. It would be
good if I could eat with
you.</p> <p>It's fine. Do you want to
Do you want to have dinner
and dinner or just lunch?</p> <p>Both. How much should I
pay?</p> <p>Would you bring your rice</p> |
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o ami na ba ta pui tudu?

A. -- Tiu ba ta pui tudu n ta ba ta
diñeru

B. -- Sta bon.

A. -- Kantu ki na ba ta paga?

B. -- Bu puidi ba ta paga korenta
kuntu.

A. -- Kal dia ki n puidi kumsa kume li?

B. -- Dia ku bu misti?

A. -- N bon, amaña. Kantu ora ku
janta ta kaba?

B. -- Uma hora. Sia i oitu ora.

A. -- Obrigadu. Amaña na bin. Te maña.

B. -- Te maña ña fiju.

or am I going to provide
everything?

Uncle provides everything da
I give the money.

It's fine.

How much will I have to pay?

You can pay 40.000 pesos.

When can I start eating
here?

Whenever you want to.

It's fine, tomorrow. What
time is lunch ready?

At one o'clock. Dinner is at
8:00 o'clock.

Thank you. I will come to
see you tomorrow.

See you tomorrow, my son.

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TEMPERU/PURPARU - CONDIMENTS

MALGETA	hot pepper
SUKULBEMBE	big hot pepper
MALGETA SINU	small hot pepper
SAL	salt
KOKOBARO	salt with big grains
SABOLA	onion
PIMENTON	sweet pepper
LIMON	lemon
GUSTU	maggy or chicken flavor cubes <i>bullion cube</i>
AJU	garlic
PAJA DI LUR	bay leaves
VINAGRI	vinegar
VINAGRI DI LIMON	vinegar made of lemon
VINAGRI DI FOLI	vinegar obtained from the crush of a wild fruit locally called foli
KAMATI	fresh tomato

KUSA DI BURI GUSTU - APPETITE STIMULATORS

KONSERVA	vegetables preserved in vinegar
PAJA DI SABOLA	green onion leaves pounded with salt, hot pepper and flavored with lemon
BAJIJKI	sorrel boiled in water with some okra and green tomato, then ground with salt, maggy <i>bullion</i> cubes and dry fish
KANJA PILADU	okra boiled and ground, with maggy <i>bullion</i> cubes and dry fish.
NETETU	flavoring powder obtained from pounded dry locust beans
JORONJI	pounded dry shrimps with hot pepper
ISKALADA	fish gutted in sea water, preserved with salt and hot pepper, dried in sun and sold cut into small cubes.
GANDI	dry snail
OSTRA SEKU	oyster preserved with salt and pepper and dried
KASSEKE	fish dried plainly in the sun
NATA	yellow fatty substance that gather over fermented cow milk
JEPET PILADU	smoked tiny little fished pounded with salt and pepper for flavoring cooked rice

KUSINA DI TERA LOCAL DISHES

KANFURBAT	fish or meat cooked in water with salt, lemon and a lot of pepper.
KALDU BLUFU	broth of fish or meat with condiments and no oil, eaten with rice cooked separately.
KALDU DI CEBEN	broth of fish or meat thickened with crush of boiled palm fruit with condiments, eaten with rice cooked separately.
KALDU di MANKARA	broth of fish or meat thickened with peanut butter with condiments, eaten with rice cooked separately.
KALDU DI SITI	broth of fish or meat with palm oil and condiments, eaten with rice cooked separately.
POPOTADA	broth of pork thickened with rice flour containing condiments and eaten with rice cooked separately.
BRINJI DI OSTRA	dish of rice cooked in oil sauce of oyster with condiments.
RAFOGADU	dish of rice cooked in oil sauce of fish or meat with tomato and condiments.
KUBAMBA	<i>passidge</i> Porridge of pounded millet cooked separately, with sour (fermented) milk, palm oil and sugar.
MUNI	porridge of pounded millet made into nuggets and boiled in water with sugar.
BYANDA DI SITI KU LITI	dish of rice cooked separately with sour milk and sugar.
OSTRA TEMPRADU	oyster boiled in salty water, then flavored with more salt, lemon, hot pepper and sliced onions.
SIGA	okra soup: broth of smoked fish or meat with palm oil, condiments, a lot of sliced okra and some green tomato, eaten with rice cooked separately. <i>okra</i>
KALDARADA	broth of meat cooked in tomato sauce with oil, condiments and chopped potatoes or cassava [with(out) boiled green bananas], eaten with rice, millet or tubers boiled separately.
KAFRYELA	dish of chicken flavored with condiments, boiled in little water for the meat to absorb condiments and then grilled and cooked in butter sauce. The <i>meat</i> cooking is eaten with bread or rice boiled separately.
BADAJI	soft food: (foten) rice boiled in water with fermented cow milk, butter and sugar.
KUNCUR	liquid food made of rice pounded with raw peanuts and boiled in water with sugar
LALO	powder from dry baobab leaves used for flavoring starchy foods.
FOTMANDE	balanta food made of rice pounded with beans then cooked to be eaten with fresh palm oil or sauce.
KUNTANGU DI ISKALADA KU SITI	dish of rice cooked with dry fish eaten with palm oil, boiled okra and green tomato or boiled sorrel leaves beaten with chicken flavor cubes, salt and dry locust beans powder.

JAMBO leaves mixed in groundnut or palm-oil soup being the largest ingredient of these cookings. Jambo meaning leaf in the Fula dialect can be of a wild tree, of cassava plant and of a wild plant respectively called in Fula Sureje, hako bantaraje and borboro. The food is called jambo and the name of the leaves it is made of added to it for specification.

LICAO 10

Tópico: Shopping in the market
Competencia: To be able to ask about the articles,
to negotiate a price and make payments.

Grammatical Areas: a. numbers
b. interrogative pronouns
c. commands: paga, fasi, cumpra
d. present indicative: misti, tene

Vocabulary

Verbs

fasin	make	tene	have
ña pudi	can you?	pai	put
paga	pay	na bai	going
misti	want		

Nouns

pes	peso	arus	rice
ña	senhora	fison	beans
limon	lemon	pis	fish
lagosta	lobster	tomate	tomato
abóbora	squash, pumpkin	pipino	cucumber
ostra	oyster	kubi	cauli flower
repolho	cabbage	alface	lettuce
senora	carrot	kanja	
malgeta	malagueta	laranja	orange
mango	mango	siti	palm oil
sal	salt	pon	bread
sabon	soap	vela	candle

Expressions:

ña kamara	my dear	kantu bias	how long
kau	where	kantu	how much
ali	her		

-- pis na bai? Do you buy the fish?
-- I ka na bai, obrigadu No, thank you.

Cultural Note

Bargaining is becoming now a common practice. The prices of goods tend to be risen upon knowing that the customer is a foreigner. Beggars usually sit at the gate of the market places asking for money. It is not considered rude to ignore them if you have no money to offer.

Dialogo

A. -- Bon ida . <i>dia</i>	Good morning.
B. -- Bon dia	Good morning.
A. -- Na kamara, banana i kantu.	Lady, how much is the banana?
B. -- Banana i 100 pés kada um son.	The bananas are 100 pesos each.
A. -- Na pudi fasin el mas baratu.	Can't you make it cheaper?
E. -- Mbon, paga 80 pés	OK, you pay 80 pesos.
A. -- Sta bon.	Fine.
B. -- Kantu banana ku bu misti?	How many bananas do you want?
A. -- N misti seis banana.	I want six bananas.
B. -- Na tene kau di pui.	Do you have a bag?
A. -- N tene.	I don't have one.
B. -- Seis banana i 100 400 pés.	Six bananas are 100 400 pesos.
A. -- Ali diñeru.	Here is the money.
B. -- Na ka tene diñeru trokadu.	Do you have a smaller bill?
A. -- Nau n ka tene.	No, I don't.
B. -- Peram n na bai buska troku.	Wait. I will go for change.
A. -- Sta bon.	OK.
B. -- Ali bu troku.	Hedre is the change.
A. -- Obrigadu.	Thank you .

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LIÇÃO 11

Tópico: Clothes, Taylor (Roupas, Alfaiati)
Competência: To be able to order clothes from the
taylor, to negotiate the price and
determine when to pick the clothes.

Grammatical Areas: Verbs: kusi
midi
pudi

Present Indicative (habitual action)

N ta kusi
Bu ta kobra
I ta tarbaja
Nu ta canta
Bu ta juga
E ta labra

NOTE: "ta" is used in the present to indicate habitual action.

Prepositions:

riba	on (sobre)	na frenti di	in front of
bas	under	dianti di	in front of
ladu	at the side of	metadi di	between
tras di	behind		

Vocabulary

Nouns

bistidu	dress
saia	skirt
blusa	blouse
kalsa	pants
sutien	brassiere
kamisa	shirt
kamisola	T-shirt
meia	socks
kalsón	short
mudelu	model
midida	measurement

Verbs

kusi	to sew
midi	to take measurement
bin buska	to come for (to collect)
prinda	to be hanging
suma	like
kila	that (one)

Diálogo

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| A. -- Bu ta kusi bistidu? | Can you sew a dress? |
| B. -- In, n ta kusi | Yes, I can. |
| A. -- Kantu ku bu ta kobra? | How much do you charge? |
| B. -- N ta kobra 8 kuntu. | I charge 8.000 pesos. |
| A. -- Bu pudi tira ña midida gosi? | Can you take my measurement now? |
| B. -- In, bin n midiu. | Yes, come let me take your measurement. |
| A. -- Kal ora ku n pudi bin buska bistidu? | When can I come for the dress? |
| B. -- Bin yarmon di amaña parmaña. | Come the day after tomorrow in in the morning. |
| A. -- Kal mudelu di bistidu? | What model of dress? |
| B. -- Suma kila ku prinda la riba. | Like that (one) hanging up there. |

Cultural Note:

It is advisable not to pay the taylor before the work is done. That would delay the rendering of his service.

Texto

I tem um dia, n bai buska ña ropa na alfaiati, ocan n ciga, alfaiati kasta ba, e staba som si ajudanti. N puntal, pa alfaiati, e rispundim kuma e sai, ma i kana tarda pa riba, e puntam ke ki n misti, n falal n bai buska ña ropa. E puntam ña ticide i kal koldadi, n falal e di seda e bai dentru e riba e falam kuma i ka oja nim um bistidu di seda, so di algudom ku malia, e puntam sim pudi peral te ora ki ciga. N setal um bokadu alfaiati entra e falam manteña, dipus e punta ajudanti si e ka dam ña ropa ajudanti falal kuma e ka falal pa e da ningim ropa el ki manda e ka dan el. Alfaiati entra e bai tisi ña ropa. N pagal n falal obrigadu. So dipus kim kumsa na pensa kuma ajudanti ka fiaba nam dan ropa.

LIÇÃO 12

Tópico: Laundry (Lavandaria)
Competencia: To be able to contract someone to wash your clothes, to come up with the price, to instruct on washing and ironing, how many times a month, how long it will take.

Grammatical Area: Conditional

N misti ba tarbaja	I would like to work
N misti ba diskansa	I would like to rest
N misti ba bai Praia	I would like to go to Praia.

Vocabulary

Verbs

laba	wash	disa	let
kobra	charge	tisi	bring
rapatil	reduce (the price)	kema	burn
da	give	bisti	wear
susa	dirt, stain	seka	dry (expose?)
kema	burn	lisa	iron
marlota	wrinkle	rumpi	tear
larga	lose the original shape		

Nouns

labandera	washer woman
panu di kama	bedspread
feru di lisa	iron
mis	month
fin di mis	end of the month
kuntu	1.000,00 peso

Expressions:

pa me	for me	in	yes
i sta bon	that's good	diritu	properly
i karu	that's expensive	ora	at time
limpu	clean		

Diálogo

Situation: Mr. A negotiates with Ms. B. for her to be his laundress.

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| <p>A. -- N misti ba pa ña kamara
bata laba pa mi.</p> <p>B. -- I sta bon.</p> <p>A. -- Kantu ku ña ta kobra fim
di mis?</p> <p>B. -- N ta kobra 7 kuntu.</p> <p>A. -- I karu, rapatil n bata da
sabon.</p> <p>B. -- Mbon, paga 6 kuntu.</p> <p>A. -- Ka ña bata seka ña ropa na
paja. Ka ña bata labal ku
soda, ka ña bistil.</p> <p>B. -- I sta bon. Ma ami n kata
bisti ropa di jinti.</p> <p>A. -- Kantu dia ku ta fasi ku
ropa?</p> <p>B. -- Tris dia. Kal dia ku n
pudi bata bim buska ropa?</p> <p>A. -- Tudu quinta fera.</p> <p>(A.) -- I sta bon. Bu pudi bin
buska utru quinta fera.</p> | <p>I would like you (my dear)
to do my laundry.</p> <p>That's good.</p> <p>How much do you charge at the end
of the month?</p> <p>I charge 7 thousand pesos.</p> <p>That's expensive, reduce it. I
will be giving you the soap.</p> <p>Well, pay 6 thousand pesos.</p> <p>Don't dry the clothes on the
grass. Don't wash with "soda,"
don't wear (my clothes)</p> <p>It's fine. But I don't wear
people's clothes.</p> <p>How many days do you keep the
clothes?</p> <p>Three days. What day can I come
to pick up the clothes?</p> <p>Every thursday.</p> <p>It's fine. You may come pick up
the clothes next thursday.</p> |
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Laundry/Ironing Related Terms

<p>bata lisa diritu labaremu</p> <p>ropa ka limpu</p> <p>ka bu seka ropa na paja. ka bu laba ku soda ka bu disa ropa kema ora di lisa.</p> <p>ka siti susa ropa</p> <p>bata tira noda ku feruju na ropa</p> <p>ka bu bistil ropa ora ku bu lebal.</p>	<p>Do the ironing properly what one gets additionally to his/her pay as a reward.</p> <p>Do not take too long to bring the clothes back.</p> <p>Do not dry the clothes on the grass. Do not use "soda" to wash the clothes, Do not burn the clothes at when ironing.</p> <p>Do not get clothes stained by palm oil.</p> <p>Do wash the blots and rustlike marks out of the clothes.</p> <p>Do not wear the clothes when you take them to your home.</p>
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Cultural Notes:

Like in the market, a service can be expensive if the requirer is known to be a foreigner. You may need to find out from a host country national about the cost of launder before finding a laundress for yourself. Rewarding a good service whenever possible encourages the launder woman to work at your will. It is advisable to provide the type of soap with which you want your clothes to be washed. If you have the same launder woman doing ironing for you, you may want to explain to her that you need all your clothes to be properly ironed as clothes are sometimes dried on wild grasses which make them itchy.

LIÇÃO 13

Tópico: Directions (Movimentação)
Competencias: To be able to give and follow directions, ask for a guide.

Vocabulary

Adverbs:

pertu	close	na ladu	beside
lunju	far	riba	on
tras	behind	bas	under
dianti di	in front of	antis di	before

Expressions:

na mon direita	on the right
na mon iskerda	on the left
fila	to be opposite to
si bu passa	if you pass
paragen	the car park*
kaminu	way
kumpridu	straight

Verbs:

kurva	turn, curve
sinala	show me
ciga	arrive, get at
pega	take
pasa	pass

Ordinal numbers:

purmera	first
segunda	second
tirsere	third

* "Car park" is a West African English expression for a place in town where bush taxis park waiting for passengers.

Diálogo

Situation: A foreigner is looking for the bush taxi station. He/she asks someone for directions.

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| A. -- Munde ku i paragen? | Where is the car park? |
| B. -- Paragen sta lungu di fera. | The car park is near the market |
| A. -- Sinalan kamiñu di fera. | Show me the way to the market. |
| B. -- Pega e kaminu di kumpridu tok bu ciga ntronkamentu, | Go this way straight until you get to the crossroad, the market |

- fera sta na mon direita is on the right hand side.
A. -- Kai ladu ku paragen sta? On which side is the car park?
B. -- I sta dipus di un taberna It is after a stop as you pass
ora ki bu passa fera. the market.
A. -- Mininu ten ku pudi mostran Is there a child who can show me
la? Is there a chld who can there?

Cultural Note:

People tend to be evasive in their speech. They may lead you to ask another person for something they could tell you themselves. Usually, a child is assigned to show people the way or a place if they ask for it.

LIÇÃO 14

EMBAZLO

Tópico: Transportation (Transportes)
 Competencias: To be able to ask questions regarding transportation and fares.

Vocabulary

Nouns:

kandongga bush taxi
 tabela list of taxi fares
 kargu luggage
 ajudanti person who helps (ajuda) the driver
 xoferu driver

Verbs:

mbarka board
 na paga to be paying

Expressions:

N na ria li I will come down here.
 Bu pudi leban te kasa? Can you take me to my home?
 N tene kargu pisadu I have a heavy luggage.
 N na bai pa delegacia I'm going to the regional education office.
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Diálogos

1. Kandonga

A. -- Mund ku bo na bai? Where are you going?
 B. -- No na bai Gabu. We are going to Gabu.
 A. -- Li pa Gabu i kantu? How much is it from here to Gabu?
 B. -- LI pa Gabu i tris kuntu From here to Gabu is three
 i oitusementu. thousand eight hundred.
 A. -- Nunde ku na sinta? Where am I going to sit?
 B. -- Bu na sinta tras. You will sit in the back.
 A. -- Nunde ku n na pui ña Where can I put my luggage?
 kargu?
 B. -- Dal ajudanti i pul riba. Give it to the "ajudanti" to
 put it up.

Cultural Notes:

If there is a car crisis (often caused by lack of fuel,) passengers are charged a single price, that of the two points between which the bush taxi shuttles, regardless of whether one passenger's destination is a shorter distance. Travelers are required to carry their identity cards with them. Carrying luggage other than hand-

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luggage can cost extra depending on the "ajudanti." The capacity of a "kandongá" is a set number no matter what the size of the passenger. You will be told by the "ajudanti" when to pay your fare. Watch out for your wallet.

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A. -- Nunde ku bu na bai?

Where are you going?

B. -- N na bai prasa.

I'm going downtown.

A. -- Nunde ku bu na ria?

Where are you going to?

B. -- N na ria na fera garandi.

I'm going down to the Central Market.

A. -- Nunde ki bu mbarka.

Where did you board (the taxi)?

B. -- N mbarka na Missira.

I boarded at Missira.

A. -- Kantu ku n na paga?

How much am I going to pay?

B. -- Un kuntu.

A thousand pesos.

A. -- Asin ku i sta na tabela?

so is it the fare in the "tabela"?

b. -- Diskulpa, i setesentu i sinkuenta.

Sorry, it's seven hundred and fifty (pesos.)

A. -- Bu tene troku di sinku kuntu?

Do you have change for five thousand?

B. -- Nau.

No.

Cultural Note:

When you are among people waiting for a taxi, you lift one finger up to indicate that you are moving alone (taxi drivers would rather stop to carry a passenger who is travelling all by him/herself so they make more money.) If there are two of you moving together, you pay the amount one person would pay should you get off at the same place. It's up to you to pay if the cab has a breakdown and cannot carry you to your destination. To stop a taxi you wave your arm up and down, lifting one finger, two or more according to the number of people you are travelling with. Taxi drivers make a sign indicating that they are going straight ahead; so you wave them on if your destination is along the main way that links downtown to the airport. They also wave one finger or five respectively showing that there is one or no room left. Other drivers flick the two front lights as a sign that they are booked. It is advisable to learn the price-list to be sure you will pay the right fare.

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