

Mbololo Taita Tone

Each noun in the language is assigned to a grammatical class (numbered 1-14), indicating arbitrary gender and plurality, which is signalled by a prefix (which may be \emptyset or may be phonologically opaque). Adjectives agree with their heads, taking a prefix which is generally the same as the prefix of the noun.

ifúmu	‘spear’	lúmbo	‘song’
miséngé	‘walking sticks’	m̄sídu	‘forest’
m̄kábo	‘vertical stud’	ŋóndi	‘sheep’
iyeyo	‘tooth’	iyembe	‘hoe’
masoka	‘axe’	kijiko	‘spoon’
kikoto	‘hand’	lundi	‘rafter’
miri	‘roots’	muzi	‘village’
ituku	‘day’	kiju	‘shadow’
lumi	‘tongue’	mikonu	‘arms’
mori	‘moon’	m̄kame	‘sp. tree’
ifúmu íbaha	‘big spear’	lúmbo lulača	‘long song’
miséngé milača	‘long stick	m̄sídu m̄baha	‘big forest’
m̄kábo m̄lača	‘long stud’	ŋóndi mbaha	‘big sheep’
iyeyo íbaha	‘big tooth’	iyembe íbaha	‘big hoe’
masoka málača	‘long axes’	kijiko kilača	‘long spoon’
kikoto kíbaha	‘big hand’	lundi lulača	‘long rafter’
miri mílača	‘long roots’	muzi m̄baha	‘big village’
itukú ilača	‘long day’	kijú kibaha	‘big shadow’
lumí lulača	‘long tongue’	mikonú mibaha	‘big arms’
morí m̄baha	‘big moon’	m̄kamé m̄lača	‘tall tree (sp.)’
lulača	‘long (cl. 11)’	milača	‘long (cl. 4)’
m̄lača	‘long (cl. 3)’	malača	‘long (cl. 6)’
kilača	‘long (cl. 7)’	ilača	‘long (cl. 5)’
luḃaha	‘long (cl. 11)’	mibaha	‘long (cl. 4)’
m̄ḃaha	‘long (cl. 3)’	maḃaha	‘long (cl. 6)’
kiḃaha	‘long (cl. 7)’	ibaha	‘long (cl. 5)’
ngánga	‘guinea fowl’	ngánga mbaha	‘big guinea fowl’
sabúni	‘soap’	sabúni ndača	‘long soap’
kamba	‘rope’	kamba ndáča	‘long rope’
mbayo	‘savannah’	mbayo mbáha	‘big savannah’
mbua	‘nose’	mbua ndáča	‘long nose’
njoyolo	‘rooster’	njoyolo mbáha	‘big rooster’
čoka	‘snake’	čoká ndača	‘long snake’
koši	‘dog’	koši mbaha	‘big dog’
ngolo	‘heart’	ngoló mbaha	‘big heart’
nguku	‘chicken’	ngukú ndača	‘tall chicken’
tindi	‘tomato’	tindí mbaha	‘big tomato’

ifúmu itíni	‘small spear’	lúmbo lutíni	‘small song’
miséngé mitíni	‘small sticks’	mšídu m̄tíni	‘small forest’
iyeγo í'tíni	‘small tooth’	iγembe í'tíni	‘small hoe’
masoka má'tíni	‘small axes’	kijiko kí'tíni	‘small spoon’
itukú itíni	‘small day’	kijú kitíni	‘small shadow’
morí m̄tíni	‘small moon’	m̄kamé m̄tíni	‘small sp. tree’
kambá 'ndíni	‘small rope’	mbayó 'ndíni	‘small savannah’
mbuá 'ndíni	‘small nose’	njoyoló 'ndíni	‘small rooster’
čoká 'ndíni	‘small snake’	koší 'ndíni	‘small dog’
ngoló 'ndíni	‘small heart’	ngukú 'ndíni	‘small chicken’