

THE LUO/LANGO LANGUAGE – SOME BASICS

(REV. 6-08)

(4-07) I'm no linguist, but I did enjoy learning some common phrases in Luo. Some of you asked for this information and here it is. Remember to roll your R's like they do in Spanish.

Content and grateful,
Karina.

<u>English</u>	<u>Phoenetic</u>	<u>Luo spelling</u>
Good morning (1)	E bootoe a bare	Ibuto aber
Good morning (1+)	E bootoe uno a bare	Ibuto-wuno aber
Greeting to young	Koe pan know	Kop-angoo
How's the morning	E te ay ning yo	Itie-ningoo
Daytime/evening greeting	Erio a bare	Iriyo aber
Praise God	O pa koe roat	Opako-Rwot
Greeting to Christian	O pa koe Hey suz	Opakuno Jesu
Safe journey	tuna bare	Ituna ber
Good bye (1)	whata bare	
Good bye (1+)	amoro wu	
Are you hungry?	Key tia annakey	
I am hungry	Key tia anika	
The food is good	dek tia a bare	
I'm full	a ying	
Food	chem.	
Nice	meat	
Bad	pe bare	
Thinking of you	a parre	
Missing you	e moe a	
Are you happy	e yome	
My brother	o mina	
My sister	a mina	
What's your name?	ning e gna	nyingi nga?
My name is _____	gna _____	
Harp type instrument	a dungu	
May I take your picture?	A macha wu	
Beautiful	chill	
Beautiful girl	Nykae a chill	
Smile	bwon yo	
God bless you	O banga medi goom	

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<u>English</u>	<u>Luo</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
Mealtime:		
beans	oranga	orangna
casava	omogo	amogo
mango	aeme	aimeh
bananas	abolo	abowlo
simsim (sesame)	nino	neeno
millet	kal	kal
vegetable	abuga	abooga
food		chem
water	pii	pee
cup	copi	copee
plate	cani	canee
spoon		ohgiwho
Body Parts:		
head	wiya	weya
back of head	toca	toca
foot	tyine	tieene
hand	cinga	singa
eye	waga	wagnaw
glasses	ceo	key oo
thumb		twanshinga
finger		lwearah
nose	uma	ooma
buttocks	duda	doodah
boy		awoe bee
girl		kneeahoe
Animals:		
sheep		rhama
turtles		apook
dog		gwa
cat		pootch
goat		diel
rat		oyo
flies		lwangee
bee		keetch
cow		deeang
Common Phrases:		
How are you?		kopangnow
Fine		kopae
How old are you?		Mwaka nicha a dee
What is your name?		Nning gna
My name is ____		Gna _____

Other Words:

flower	atura	atureah
tree	yat	yat
stick		lode
bag		ohcapoo
pen	alam	alamb
red pen	alamrema	alambarema
pencil	alamcalo	alambcallo
house	ot	ought
village		challo
paper	papara	paparah
car		otah ha
Africa	Langi	longee
Muzungu	muno	moonoh
pass	kari	caree
roll	mali	mallee
run	nyeci	nwhyshe
go/walk	wori	warree
jump		pieba
bathing	Iwok	loowalk
football/soccer	gwyadilo	gwayadillo
T-shirt	sari	sharee
wedding	wango	wangow
skirt		pierbag
hoe	kewri	quarry
shoes	waro	wahrow

Numbers:

1	acel	atshiel
2	aryo	ario
3	adek	adeck
4	angwen	angwen
5	abic	abeach
6	abichel	abishel
7	abiro	abeero
8	aboro	aboaro
9	abongwen	abongwen
10	apar	apahr
11	aparacel	apahrashiel
12	apararyo	apahrario
13	aparadek	apahradeck
14	aparangwen	apahrangwen
15	aparabic	apahrabeach
16	aparabichel	aparabishel
17	aparabiro	aparabeero

18	aparaboro	apahraboaro
19	aparabongwen	apahrabongwen
20	perario	pierario
21	perarioacel	pierearioashiel
22	perarioario	pierarioario
23	perarioadek	perarioadek
30	peradek	peradek
40	perangwen	perangwen
100	meacel	meashiel
200	mearyo	meario
1000	tuto	twotoo