

## LEXICAL PROXIMITY OF A XRI CORPUS TO KHOEKHOEGOWAB

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The present paper examines a corpus of some 1 130 Xri concepts collected by Jan Snyman (UNISA) in the early 1970s. This collection is by far the largest corpus of vocabulary of self-declared "Griekwa" speakers available, and is unlikely to be surpassed in future, as the language is moribund. 1096 concepts of this Xri corpus are compared dialectometrically to the equivalents in Namibian Khoekhoegowab (Khoekhoe, formerly "Nama/Damara"). According to this method the rate of cognation between the Xri corpus and its Khoekhoe equivalents is 69% and consequently sets Xri aside as a lect distinct from Khoekhoegowab. While the entire word list is provided in an appendix, distinctive correspondences of the segmental phonology are discussed. The crucial question whether Xri had a three-tone system like !Ora or a four-tone system like Khoekhoegowab cannot be investigated reliably because of the absence of tonal data for Xri. The fact, however, that Xri (like !Ora) distinguishes certain voiced and voiceless consonants permits the conclusion that it too had a pre-tonogenetic system where voicing still is distinctive and – assumedly - has not caused tonal depression as in Khoekhoegowab. Although no dialectomeric comparison of !Ora and Xri lexicon has been undertaken, certain systematic phonological contrasts between these two lects set Xri aside also from !Ora as a distinct lect in this dialect continuum.

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### 1. Introduction: Origin of the data

The present paper examines a corpus of some 1 130 concepts for which the late Prof. Jan Winston Snyman<sup>1</sup> had collected Xri equivalents. He made over this corpus to me, W. H., around 1990. This collection on index cards is by far the largest corpus of vocabulary of self-declared "Griekwa" speakers available. The next largest corpus consists of illustrations subsumed under 112 German glosses by Meinhof (1930: 147-152). Some very short lists are too scant to offer meaningful insight into the lect. George Trevor Nurse (1975) reports the existence of an unpublished manuscript of his own, entitled *A short annotated Xiri (Griqua) word list*. I have had no access to it, though, and judging by the general research interests of Nurse, the words may rather be samples of Griekwa

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<sup>1</sup> Jan Winston Snyman 8 July 1941 – 23 June 2002.

Afrikaans. The explorer and zoologist Andrew Smith, who from 1834-36 was director of an expedition to explore Central Southern Africa, collected in his diary a list of 36 Xri words (including the numerals from 1-10) with !Ora equivalents (Kirby 1939/40).<sup>2</sup>

Hence, Snyman's collection warrants close consideration, even though virtually no metadata is available concerning the consultants. Three names of informants can be gleaned from certain cards with particular entries: Gert Maerman, Jan Kok from Campbell, and Katrina Brouers from Douglas, towns to the west of Kimberley in the Northern Cape. References to !Ora words do occasionally appear on cards (marked as [K] in this paper). Hence, it can be assumed with reasonable certainty that this collection of vocabulary is the one that J. A. Louw refers to:

"Use was also made of an unpublished vocabulary collected by J. W. Snyman, F. Ponelis and J. A. Louw among the Korana and Griqua at Douglas and Campbell on the Orange River" (Louw 1986: 150).

This Griekwa vocabulary can thus be assumed to have been collected by Snyman in the early 1970s: After he had in 1970 resigned from the Bureau for Indigenous Languages in Namibia to accept a post at the University of South Africa (UNISA) in Pretoria, and before 1975, when Fritz Ponelis in a workshop paper referred to fieldwork done by Jan Snyman and himself (Ponelis 1975: 60). While the three linguists from UNISA were engaged in joint fieldwork, it must have been Snyman who did the actual investigation of Xri and !Ora (and thus claimed ownership of the data), as Snyman was an established Khoesan phoneticist, while Prof Louw was a Bantuist (interested *i.a.* in Khoe loans in Bantu) and Prof Ponelis an authority in Afrikaans linguistics (*i.a.* the development of Afrikaans). As all three researchers have passed away, it appears to be no longer possible to glean any further information about this excursion. It is reasonable to assume that Profs Louw and Ponelis had an influence on the choice of concepts to be elicited, depending on their respective research interests. To give Jan Snyman due recognition for his fieldwork, I take the liberty to posthumously citing him as co-author, on the understanding that any subsequent editorial errors are solely my responsibility.

Snyman's cards were independently perused and annotated by Eliphaz Eiseb, co-author of the *Khoekhoegowab Dictionary* (Haacke & Eiseb 2002). The Xri data were never discussed by him and myself, though. For this reason the Khoekhoe equivalents provided in this paper are, when marked for tone, always extracted from the above dictionary. Khoekhoe equivalents not marked for tone were added to the cards by Eiseb, but do not appear in the dictionary. Most of the example sentences that he provided were included in this paper.

It must be taken into consideration that the data in all likelihood was not systematically verified subsequently by Snyman with Xri consultants, either for correctness of transcription or for correctness of rendering by the consultants, *i.e.* whether indeed the most appropriate Xri word was elicited for the gloss investigated. The latter problem was pragmatically handled in the dialectometric evaluation in this paper, especially when misunderstandings were apparent according to my judgement. With regard to the transcription one may rest assured that Jan Snyman was a most scrupulous phonetic fieldworker, having pioneered the phonological analysis of !Xuun/Jul'hoansi (Snyman 1970 and 1975). It is not known whether Snyman transcribed the words directly onto index cards, or whether he worked from audio-recordings. The cards render the impression, though, that they were compiled directly during the interviews. The non-availability of audio-recordings –

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<sup>2</sup> I am indebted to Bonny Sands for drawing my attention to this source.

if they ever existed – now deprives us of the crucial opportunity to determine the tonological status of Xri with regard to the tonogenetic development from !Ora to Khoekhoe as expounded by Beach (1938: 247 *et seq.*). The best information we have on Xri tone is that Beach (1938: 237) found in 1936 that "Griet Booise, a Griqua informant from Beaufort West, employed exactly the same sort of intonation" as two competent speakers of !Ora had used a year earlier near Kimberley.

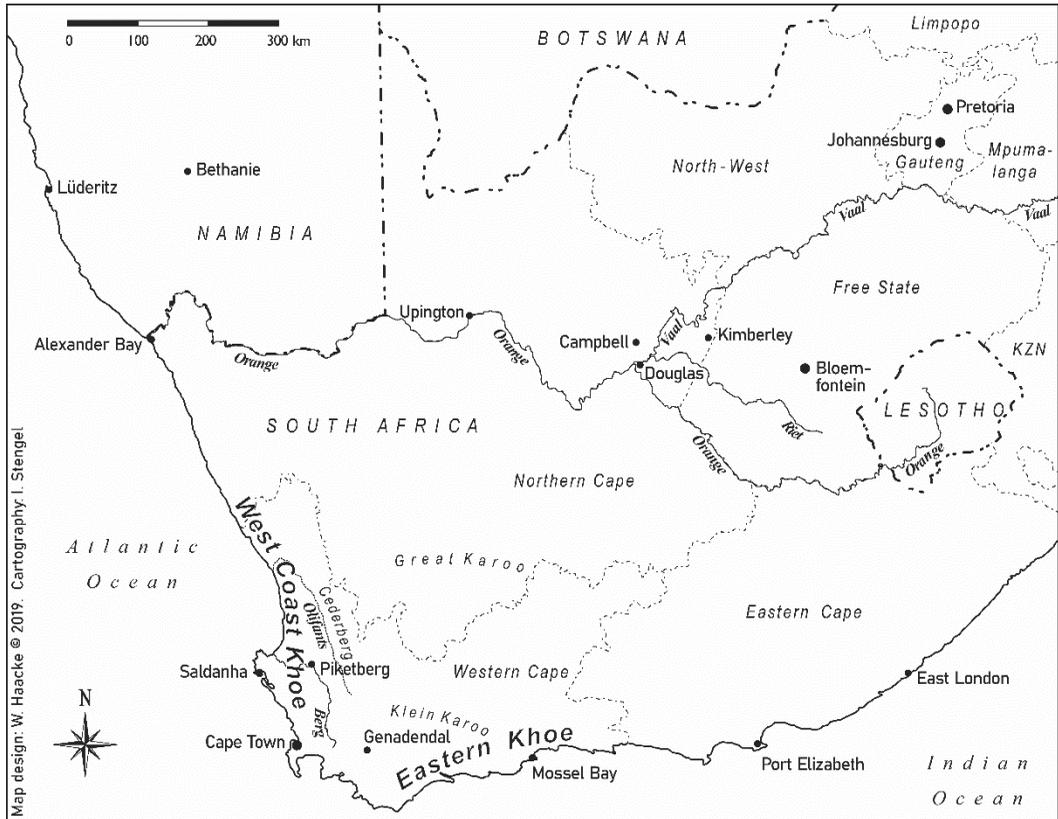
In view of the extreme paucity of data on Griqua lexicon, this database by Jan Snyman of well over a thousand lemmas does warrant publication irrespective of the uncertainty concerning the linguistic background of the consultants who identified themselves as "Griekwa".

## 2. Ethnonym of the "Griekwa" or "Griqua"

Before the data is discussed a reconsideration of the appropriate ethnonym for the so-called "Griekwa" is opportune. In recent publications (esp. Güldemann & Fehn 2014: 4) the spelling *Xiriis* advocated. While it is fully justifiable to purge person-gender-number-markers (PGNs) like *-kwa*, *-qua*, *-na* from Khoe ethnonyms – albeit the *-n* of *San*, or better *Saan*, is inconsistently exempted – three variants of this stem are advocated in the literature: *Xiri* or *Xuri* with a high vowel as V1, or *Xri* with omission of V1. The variant *Xiri* should not be accepted without reservation, though. One reason is that the occurrence of the front vowel *i* after the velar consonant *x* violates the back vowel constraint, which stipulates that in Khoe languages a front vowel V1 (*i*, *e*) cannot be preceded by a retracted consonant C<sub>1</sub> (like *x*). Furthermore, Beach (1938: 182) states that the "Griqua themselves" as well as all his Korana informants pronounced the root simply as *xri*. He reports though, that while according to Meinhof the Griqua themselves (around 1928) used *xri*, the !Ora used *xiri*. Meinhof renders "Griqua" as *xiri-kyā-n-a* in his !Ora glossary (1930: 93), but as *xrikyā-* in his Griqua glossary (1930: 149). The fact that in !Ora *-kyā-* is mistakenly treated as part of the stem suggests that these speakers had shifted from Khoe to Afrikaans to such an extent that the back vowel constraint no more applied as a phonological rule for them. An additional factor that may have contributed to the spelling with *i* is that the Dutch letter *u* is pronounced as [y], *i.e.* as a rounded high vowel. As Nienaber (1989:444) conjectures, *giri* is the unrounded pronunciation of Dutch spelling "guri".<sup>3</sup> Note also the variant with the high front vowel, *Xirikwana*, *Xurukwana* for "Griekwa people" in the Appendix below, as recorded by Snyman. This variant complies with the back vowel constraint.

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<sup>3</sup> An analogously misguided pronunciation due to spelling convention is the pronunciation of the word *Khoekhoe* as [khukhu] in Afrikaans. It is caused by the convention that the high back vowel [u] is spelt *oe* in Afrikaans.



**Figure 1** Orientation map of southern Africa

The first colonial records of a CVICV2 stem all use the vowel *u* instead of *i* as V1. Nienaber (1989) in his meticulous and exhaustive survey of historical records points out that van Riebeeck in his *Daghregister* consistently (46 times) refers to the "Charigurina", *i.e.* †*Kharixurina* (Little Xuri), since they first appeared at the castle from south of the Bergriver at Saldanha<sup>4</sup> in 1657. (Bear in mind that the Dutch letter *g* normally had a fricative pronunciation [x].) Van Riebeeck describes their original whereabouts most exactly:

"... de Cleijne Chariguriquas, ..., die haer meest onthouden tusschen de Saldanhabaij ende ten halven tuschen 't Robben ende Dasseneijland, ongeveer 4 a 5 uijren gaens van de zeekant in 't land, ..." <sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> 160km from Cape Town.

<sup>5</sup> van Riebeeck 1662 *Memorie*, in Nienaber 1989: 243.

The †*Kharixurina* were, as the name implies, a smaller branch of the Griqua. The other branch was known as the "Grigriqua". Europeans usually contrasted them as the "*Groot Charigurikwas*", assuming that the stem in *Grigrikwa* was a duplication of the root. Nienaber (1989:445) speculates that "*geri-*" or "*geeri-*" assimilated to "*Grigri-*".

Indeed, this stem *mutatis mutandis* is of the same type as the stem of *Khoekhoe*: The initial nominal root serves as attributive qualifier to the stemfinal head noun *khoe*. The free rendering of such – only apparently - reduplicated nouns is that it is a 'real/genuine/true/prototypical (*Khoe* or *Xri*)'; cf. also Haacke (2011).<sup>6</sup> By implication the *Xrixri* thus are the 'Main Xri', in contradistinction to the 'Little Xri'.

Be it as it may, the meaning of neither variant, be it *Xiri*, *Xuri*, or *Xri* is known. It is contended here that, as the quality of V1 cannot be established beyond doubt for the etymon, the word in its most recent form as truly heard (*viz.* Beach 1983: 182), *i.e.* with elided V1 as *Xri*, should be accepted as the valid ethnonym as an instance of normal phonotactic reduction. While the elision of V1 does not occur frequently, it is manifested in other Xri words; *e.g.* *Brip/Brikwa* (Goat people, *i.e.* Tswana); cf. *Khoekhoe Pirin* from Tswana *ṗodi* (goat).

The original Xri people thus essentially belonged to the West Coast Khoe, like the Nama. According to the historical sources as analysed by Nienaber (1989) the Little Xri were related to the 'Cochokwa' ('Saldanhars' or 'Smal Wangen', *i.e.* †*ǀOǀxóǀn*), who lived at Saldanha. According to van Riebeeck the latter were "den allergrootsten van al de Hottentoots" (Nienaber 1989: 265). The Little Xri were subservient to them and served them as herders. By about 1660, however, the †*Kharixurin* revolted against their servitude under the †*ǀOǀxóǀn* and disappeared into a territory north of the Olifants River (Nienaber 1989: 16).

The main Xri group, the *Xrixri* lived further inland on the northern/right side of the Berg River towards the present Piketberg and into the Cederberg. As they disseminated, they became ever more strongly hybridised. According to the physician and zoologist Martin Hinrich Lichtenstein the name "Griekwa" had disappeared by 1800 (Nienaber 1989:449). Lichtenstein, later Rector of the University of Berlin, in his report on an expedition from 1804-5 referred to them exclusively as "Bastardhottentotten". He only once mentions the term "Giriqua", and that as an example of an ethnonym long disappeared ("längst verschollen") in the Colony. These descendants of the former Xri interbred extensively with the descendants of the !Ora, who – while still in the Cape were associated with the Eastern Khoe clans - themselves were strongly hybridised and known as Bastards, after having migrated north. It was only through the influence of the missionary John Campbell that these mainly Dutch-speaking and largely impoverished descendants of the former Xri by 1816 had adopted the forgotten name "Griekwa" as autonym in place of "Bastard", which sounded demeaning to Europeans. Concerning the hybridization of the !Ora it is indicative that today Nama and Damara in Namibia, while being ignorant of the original Khoe history of the !Ora, will understand the term !*Órà* without hesitation as a reference to the so-called *Rehoboth Bastards*. Indeed, this community that had its origin in the Northern Cape ("Bushmanland") in the nineteenth century, has retained the term *Bastard* as part of its autonym.

After their exploratory tour in 1836 the missionaries Thomas Arbousset and Francois Daumas of the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society wrote that

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<sup>6</sup>Ghomeshiet *al.* (2004) discuss a semantically similar kind of construction, known from phrases in colloquial English like "*It's tuna salad, not SALAD-salad*", as "contrastive focus reduplication". The *Khoekhoe* construction does, however, not have reduplicative tonology (as in causatives) but attributive tonology: The first root has the citation melody and the second root (head) the sandhi melody: *Khǀèkhǀè*.

"The Griquas are a mixed race, having the same characteristics, and almost the same manners, as the Bastards speaking the same language, and intermarrying with them... For what african [sic] blood they have, the Bastards are indebted entirely to the aborigines of the Cape colony. The Griquas trace theirs, in some measure, to the same source" (in Nienaber 1989:433).

An anonymous missionary "who resided a long time in the midst of them" is quoted in a letter from 1846:

'the Griquas ... are a people of very recent origin, their history scarcely extending further back than forty years... A slave, called Adam Kok ... purchased his freedom. ... He sold his little domain, and emigrated into the country of the Namaquas, where his subjects were increased by the addition of a considerable number of the natives. Mr Anderson ... led Adam Kok ... still further to the north, and with the assistance of Mr Campbell, he gave to the people a new code of written laws. The people were declared independent: they took the name of Griquas, and they agreed to acknowledge Kok and his descendants as their legitimate sovereigns...' (Nienaber 1989:433).

Adam Kok I, born in 1710 as son of a Dutch settler who had married a slave, married a daughter of the †*Khariaxurin* ("Little Griqua") chieftain and in 1750 moved north over the Berg River to Piketberg with his family. With reference to this maternal ancestor his so-called "Baster" descendants of the northern Cape area replaced their ethnonym with *Griqua* in 1816.

The obvious question now arises, to what extent remnants of a genuine "Griekwa" lect had survived into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It must be considered that the descendants of the Xri had lived in close proximity not only to the !Ora but also the Orlam Nama (especially the !*Amân* who had also left the Colony for "Little Namaqualand" in the area between the Berg and Olifants Rivers), who later moved on to what was known as "Great Namaqualand" to the north of the Orange River – where they became known as "Bethaniers". Beach, who did his research in the 1930s, grouped !Ora and Xri together "mainly because the boundary line between the two is very difficult to define. The Korana and the Griqua have intermingled on such a large scale that it is now almost impossible to find a pure representative of either tribe." (Beach 1938: 181).

### 3. The Data<sup>7</sup>

At first perusal of the cards the high number of Xri lexical items identical to those of Khoekhoe is striking and raises suspicion that there may be direct borrowings from Nama. Indeed, of the 1096 concepts considered for the comparison 846 or some 77% of the pairs consist of partial or full cognates, or – stated differently - only 23% of the Xri lexicon is independent of (Namibian) Khoekhoe. To reflect the extent of divergence of partial cognates the principle of weighting as used in dialectometrics<sup>8</sup> is applied:

- For full identity of cognates, including cognates with regular sound correspondences, 4 points are allocated;

<sup>7</sup> I am indebted to Edward Elderkin for his comments and careful scrutiny of an earlier draft version of this paper.

<sup>8</sup> cf. Möhlig 1983.

- for *morphological* divergence (e.g. differing orders/combinations of morphemes in a compound stem, or morpheme omissions), **3** points; person-gender-number markers (PGNs) are not considered for comparison, as their usage can be arbitrary, and compounds with different head-nouns are not taken as cognates;
- for irregular *phonological* divergence, **2** points; As the Xri consultants occasionally appear to be uncertain about the correct click, probable full cognates are then rated as 2 instead of 4 in case of divergence;
- for *multiple* divergence or *combined* morphological and phonological divergence, **1** point.

In the case of alternative reflexes only one rating per gloss is provided, as determined by the closest pair of cognates available. When only a !Ora reflex is available, no rating is applied. Mismatches between Xri (non-)depressor consonants and Khoekhoe tone melodies are rated with 2 as phonological mismatch, eg.

back                      \*\*!ʼáp                      llǎáb.

As as the glottal stop release of !ʼ did not become a depressor in Khoekhoe (see below), the Khoekhoe melody should not commence with an extra-low tone.

According to this weighted calculation the **rate of cognation** between the Xri corpus and its Khoekhoe equivalents is 69% (to the nearest per cent).

**3.1 Equivalent of Khoekhoe depressor consonants in Xri** The essential question is to what extent the self-asserted Xri lexis represents *authentic* Xri lexis, *i.e.* lexis that is not a mere adoption of either Nama/Khoekhoe or !Ora vocabulary. This paper will be confined to comparing Xri and Khoekhoe. While the same question pertains to the status of Xri as against !Ora, it is not investigated here for reasons of space and as there are considerable lacunae in the available !Ora data bases<sup>9</sup>.

A brief introduction to the tonological system of !Ora and Khoekhoe should facilitate comprehension of the following arguments involving tone. As Beach (1938) has presented a reliable analysis of the tonology of the citation (*i.e.* basic) forms of !Ora roots, while no such systematic analysis has ever been presented for a Xri lexicon, the tonology of !Ora must be taken as the best representative of South African Khoe lects to compare to contemporary Namibian Khoekhoe. As will be argued below, it can be assumed that Xri had a tone system similar to that of !Ora. As Beach employs a tonological framework different to that of Haacke (1999), his findings will be summarized here in a way compatible with the approach of Haacke.

While Beach (1938: 236 *et seq.*) recognizes the (mono- or disyllabic) “*root*”<sup>10</sup> as tone bearing unit, to which he assigns a rising or falling tone or “*toneme*”, Haacke (1999) argues that a tonal contour or “*melody*” consisting of two register *tonemes* is assigned to the bimoraic root. In the latter analysis *toneme* and *syllable* are isomorphic. Beach’s contoured “*toneme*” thus amounts to Haacke’s “*melody*”, which is made up of two register *tonemes*. Beach marks each “*toneme*” (*i.e.* *melody*) with a single distinctive symbol before the root.

<sup>9</sup> Cf. below for a reference to Haacke (2016), which is a separate investigation of the lexical proximity of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Cape Khoekhoe and !Ora to contemporary Khoekhoe.

An Index of some 3100 !Ora roots was published in du Plessis (2018) after the compilation of this paper. du Plessis has consolidated all available printed sources and augmented them with recent field work.

<sup>10</sup> Beach (1938: 27) distinguishes “*weak*” roots and “*strong*” roots. His “*weak*” roots are ignored here as they are grammatical formatives.

Because of a tonogenetic process, Khoekhoe has - through the development of an additional toneme lower than the three others - a total of four register tonemes, which can combine into six (major) bimoraic melodies. The !Ora system of Beach is hence re-interpreted here as consisting of three tonemes (combining into four melodies).

The four register tonemes of Khoekhoe are identified in the text in one of the following ways, depending on the context:

### Khoekhoe

“Extra-high”: /4/ or / ˈ ˈ /

“High”: /3/ or / ˈ ˈ /

“Low”: /2/ or / ˈ ˈ /

“Extra-low”: /1/ or / ˈ ˈ /.

The most striking difference between !Ora and Khoekhoe phonology (as shown by Beach 1938: 247 *et seq.*) is the phenomenon that !Ora has certain egressive and ingressive consonants that, as root-initial consonants, act as depressors in Khoekhoe and create the additional, "extra-low" tone. They are:

The !Ora *voiced* plosives (*b, d, g* ;

the egressive consonants realised as Khoekhoe fricative *h* and nasal *m*, and aspirates *kh* and *ts*;

and

the click (X) releases realised as *Xh* and *Xn* in Khoekhoe.

In the process of tonogenesis Khoekhoe loses the voice distinction between the three plosives *b, d, g*, and *p, t* and *k* respectively, as the distinction becomes transphonologised into tonological distinctions. The !Ora melodies "mid level" and "low-mid falling" transpose to the melodies /12/ and /13/ respectively in Khoekhoe, when depressed. Through tonogenetic splitting the four !Ora melodies (Beach: "tonemes") hence have six equivalent melodies in Khoekhoe:

!Ora melodies (Beach: "tonemes")	Khoekhoe melodies (Haacke)	Gloss	!Ora	Khoekhoe
high level	= /43/ / ˈ ˈ ˈ /	one	ˈgui <sup>11</sup>	gúí
high rising	= /24/ / ˈ ˈ ˈ /	cold	ˈkhai	!khǎǐ
<b>non-depressor</b> + mid-level	= /32/ / ˈ ˈ ˈ /	snore	-!kharu	!kharù
<b>depressor</b> + mid-level	> /12/ / ˈ ˈ ˈ /	sing	-!nae	>!nǎè
<b>non-depressor</b> + low-mid falling	= /22/ / ˈ ˈ ˈ /	ostrich	ˈlamis	làmis
<b>depressor</b> + low-mid falling	> /13/ / ˈ ˈ ˈ /	rise	ˈkhâi	>khǎí

<sup>11</sup> The !Ora instances are here spelt according to the Khoekhoe orthography.

This means that while !Ora – and presumably Xri – had a three-tone system with tones equivalent to Khoekhoe /2/, /3/, /4/, Khoekhoe developed an additional, lowest tone /1/, giving it a four-tone system with tones /1/, /2/, /3/ and /4/.<sup>12</sup>

It remains to be seen whether in Xri too the above depressor consonants correlate with the depressed melodies in Khoekhoe. If so, it can be assumed that Xri had a three-tone system similar to that of !Ora. The actual pronunciation of those melodies can no longer be retrieved, however.

A brief note on the orthographic conventions is opportune. For Khoekhoe the standardised spelling is used in this paper, but with the regular adaptation that so-called "long" vowels normally spelt with a macron are here spelt with double vowels in order to accommodate the two tone diacritics of the bimoraic root; e.g. !gāb (poison) is spelt !gáàb. In Snyman's Xri roots vowels have been doubled according to the canonic disyllabic CV(C)V structure of Khoe roots, so as to facilitate the comparison to the Khoekhoe roots. Snyman has not considered this principle, as there was no general awareness of it before about 1999.

Since tone is not indicated in Xri words, nasalised vowels in Xri are spelt with only a single vowel with circumflex like in the standardised Khoekhoe orthography, while in Khoekhoe two vowels appear with a subscript tilde under the first vowel, in order to accommodate the two tone marks; e.g.

Xri/nî            Khoekhoe /nĩ̃/ (another).

Note that both vowels are nasalised.

- Third person masculine singular PGNs that are assimilated to a preceding nasal consonant are rendered as / (homorganic) nasal+i / in both lects, e.g. *kx'ami*>*kx'ammi* (lip).
- The nasal accompaniment of clicks (**X**) has been changed from Snyman's *nX* to *Xn* for Xri, in line with Khoekhoe.
- The rendering of Xri clicks with *voiced* velar accompaniment has been kept as *gX* in Snyman's rendering, in order to highlight the contrast to the *voiceless* velar accompaniment, *X*. Note that Snyman writes the *voiceless* velar accompaniment that usually is spelt as *Xk* in !Ora, merely with a click *X*. Khoekhoe only has voiceless unaspirated accompaniments *X*, as the voicing distinction has disappeared during tonogenesis.

It should be kept in mind that in the standardised orthography of Khoekhoe (as used here) the respective use of the letters for voiceless and voiced plosives reflects neither voicing nor the tonogenetic origin of words, but simply is an orthographic convention to distinguish three higher melodies from three lower melodies when tonal diacritics are not used, *viz.*

*p, t, k* for / ' ` /, / ` " / and / " ' /  
*b, d, g* for / " ` /, / " ' / as well as / ` ` /.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>12</sup> For a detailed discussion of tonogenesis in Khoekhoe, see Haacke 1999: 54 *et seq.*. For some minor sets of correspondences involving Khoekhoe /43/ and /24/, see Haacke 2008. These do not pertain to the present investigation, however.

<sup>13</sup> This convention was introduced for Khoekhoe on the recommendation of Snyman while employed as educational planner in the Bureau for Indigenous Languages (p.c.) in order to distinguish homophones in the practical orthography where tone diacritics are not used; e.g. *puru* [pürú] (knock over) *vs.* *buru* [pürú] (be amazed).

In initial position these three plosives represent unaspirated plosives that are essentially voiceless. The *intervocalic* labial consonant (C2) in Khoekhoe has three free variants: a denti-labial fricative [v], a bilabial fricative [β] or a bilabial plosive [b]. In line with general lenition and possible elision of C2, [v] occurs most frequently. In the spelling either VpV or VbV may be used to indicate the tonal melody, or a non-committal VwV may be used. Neither of these three letters implies a particular pronunciation of the labial. For the sake of simplicity this paper uses in Khoekhoe only w. Snyman without exception uses b in Xri. It can be assumed that he indeed intends to indicate a voiced plosive. Meinhof uses a plosive b for !Ora as well, contrasting it with Nama w.

For the purpose of interlinear glossing a tilde (~) is used as boundary symbol to link reduplicated roots in causative constructions, and to mark PGNs that are normally spelt conjunctively with the preceding word, but are not grammatically part of it. In the wordlist the (*disjunctively* occurring) tilde represents the key word in an example.

The main lects are, in the wordlist, referred to by respective capitals in square brackets, if so: [D] Damara, [N] Nama, [K] !Ora, [X] Xri. While !Ora lexicon is not provided systematically, entries that were marked as !Ora by Snyman are marked with [K] (for Korana) in the present list, so as to point out the distinctiveness or similarity to Xri. As said, !Ora reflexes are not considered for rates of proximity. Cognates with an irregular consonantal correspondence to Khoekhoe are marked with an asterisk \* in Xri. Cases where the depressor status of an initial Xri consonant does not correlate with the tonal melody of Khoekhoe are marked with a double asterisk \*\*. The reader is reminded that this issue of depression does not apply to the melodies /43/ and /24/. For reasons of space only some select exemplifications are provided in the discussion, rather than exhaustive lists.

Xri voiced velar accompaniment gX and Khoekhoe "double low" melody / ˘ ˘ /

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
divide	g!oara, g!ora	!gòrà
belch	g!ai	!gài
groan	g!ae	!gàè
bull	g!oop	!gòòb
wing	g!abop	!gàwòb
lean - bec.	g!aba [X], [K]	!gàbá
mud	g!oap [X]	!gòàb

Counter examples

poison	**g!aip, !aap	!gààb
pull	**g!ae, !ae	!gàè

Of 20 instances three, or 15% are counter examples, where Khoekhoe has a /32/ melody instead of a /12/ melody, despite a depressor consonant in Xri. Of these three, however, two words were recorded with both voiced and voiceless clicks, suggesting a measure of uncertainty on the side of the consultants.

It should be kept in mind that words spelt with Xg in Khoekhoe can have either depressed or non-depressed melodies, as the clicks are mergers of the pretonogenetic voiced and voiceless accompaniments. Only comparative data can reveal irregularities.

Xri voiced velar accompaniment gX and Khoekhoe "low-rising" melody / ˘ ˘ /

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
hip	g!ubup, !nuwup	!gùwús
twin	!amglee-e	!gèéb
chin	g!anni	!gǎnni/-s
trunk (of tree)	g!aop	!gǎób
gargle	g!obo	!gǒwópénám!nàà, !gǒwópé
meat	g!anni	!gǎnni
lean - bec.	g†aba [X], [K]	†gǎwá
nose	g†uip [X], g†uis [K]	†gùís

## Counter examples

boil <i>v.i</i>	!û, **g!û	!gùù
press	**g!âi	!gǎi
dress <i>v.</i>	**g†ac†â;†ac†aa	†gǎc†gǎà
west	**soreg†aas	sòrès di †gǎà!kháàb

Out of 19 pairs two to four (11 - 21%) are counterexamples, with two instances displaying uncertainty in voicing of the click accompaniment.

Khoekhoe clicks with voiceless unaspirated releases, spelt Xg, are not depressors, as they are devoiced mergers of the respective Xri and !Ora *voiced* velar accompaniment gX and the *voiceless* velar accompaniment simply spelt X here for Xri. Hence *all* melodies are found with the Khoekhoe Xg clicks.

It should be remembered that in Khoekhoe (obvious) depression only applies to the melodies /22/ and /32/; not to /24/ and /43/.<sup>14</sup> In the database each of the 89 Xri words with a *voiceless* glottal accompaniment without exception has Khoekhoe cognates with one of the nondepressed melodies /43/, /24/, /32/ or /22/; *e.g.*

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
brother	!âp	!gǎáb /43/
enter	†â	†gǎà /22/
grass	!âp, !amp	!gǎáb /24/
take shelter from	!aa	!gǎà. /32/.

It can thus be concluded that Xri is distinct from Khoekhoe, in that it has a pre-tonogenetic system where voicing still is distinctive and – assumedly - has not caused tonal depression. It seems to differ also from !Ora, for Beach (1938: 250) holds that in !Ora the "original g click-efflux seems to have become unvoiced k throughout". Despite of this neutralization he had not in !Ora observed tonogenetic transphonologisation to depressed melodies. The neutralisation of voicing with consequent tonogenesis is the most distinctive characteristic of the Khoekhoe dialect cluster that includes the Hailom and †Aakhoe dialects, as opposed to !Ora and Xri.

<sup>14</sup>Cf. section 3.1 above. See also Haacke 2008 for a discussion.

**Xri clicks with voiceless glottal fricative release X'h and Khoekhoe clicks with delayed voiceless glottal fricative release Xh**

Snyman writes the equivalent click release of the Khoekhoe *delayed* glottal fricative release *Xh* [X<sup>h</sup>] in Xri with an apostrophe signifying an "interruption", followed by a glottal fricative *h*, viz. X'h; e.g.

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
bag	!hoop	lhöób/s
basket	!harup	lhärüs
bee	!habup	!häwúb
placenta	‡hoos	‡höós

He does not provide phonetic descriptions in his Xri field notes, quite understandably. But this makes the phonetic interpretation of his apostrophe in the click release X'h a matter of concern, as he uses the apostrophe to indicate a glottal stop [ʔ] in the glottal stop click release X', e.g. !*abib* (aardvark), and in the velar affricate, e.g. *kx'aa* (drink). A consistent use of the apostrophe would thus let it represent a glottal stop also in the click release involving the glottal fricative *h*. The click followed would thus be a voiceless glottal affricate release. This is distinct from !Ora, where, according to Beach (1938:232) the release is an unvoiced glottal fricative like in Khoekhoe. Meinhof (1930: 149 *et seq.*) likewise does not record the glottal stop for Xri but simply the glottal fricative, as in !Ora or Khoekhoe.

Snyman's published materials may provide a lead to his method of phonetic transcription. In his Master's dissertation (Snyman 1970: 53) he describes the click accompaniment for !Xü *h* as "laryngeal and *interruption* features" (italics added, W.H.) and he indeed renders it phonetically as a glottal stop, e.g. [ʔ<sup>h</sup>]. In his subsequent doctoral thesis, however (Snyman 1975: 95-96, submitted in 1972, about the time when he did his fieldwork on Xri) he renders !*h*and corresponding clicks phonetically as [!<sup>h</sup>]. The macron signifies a pause or delayed articulation of the fricative, not a glottal closure. This latter interpretation of the apostrophe in the click release falls in line with !Ora and Khoekhoe and will be adopted here as appropriate.

The database contains 100 instantiations where Xri X'h corresponds to Khoekhoe Xh [X<sup>h</sup>]. Of these 100 only the following ten deviate aberrantly from this click correspondence:

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
breathe strongly (sniff)	*!ubi	lhüwì
cat	*!ôas, !hôas	lhöàs
wheat	*!hû(n)!horop	!hòròb
cut (thong) spirally	!hari, *!xari	!hàrì
land	*!uup	!hüúb
pole	*!anap	!hànàb
rainbow	*!hôas / tuus !anap	túú!hànàb, làwí!hànàb
message	*hôap	‡höàs/b
bother	*n!huuxa	lhúú
gather	!hami, *xami	!hámí
spider (big black)	*!nuus	lhúús



**Front vowel e:**

day after tomorrow	!non!âitsheep, !'ari!âtsheep	lârìkàm'tsèèb
yesterday	!'aatshee, !'arikamtsheep	lârìkàm'tsèè

One exceptional pronunciation with a voiced fricative [z] before *î* is on record:

toe – big	*zîp	tsÿb/s
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The following instances are words for which Khoekhoe cognates have tonal melodies (/24/, /43/) that are not susceptible to depression. They thus are not counterexamples to the 100% depressor effect of *ts* in Khoekhoe. The occurrences of *th* and *tsh* in the Xri reflexes cannot be associated with specific tonal melodies in Khoekhoe but seem to be arbitrary fluctuations.

boil <i>n.</i>	<b>tshuip</b>	tsù'ís
grey	* <b>thaothao</b>	tsá'ótsáó (= ashen)
grobe	* <b>thâthâ</b>	tsánáná> tsǎáná
night	<b>tshuxuba</b> , * <b>thuxuba</b>	tsuxub [tsùúxúúp]
sexually excited – be	* <b>thâ</b>	cf. tsǎá (= feel, taste)
soft	* <b>thamsa</b>	tsá'úrá, tsám'sá
string, rope	* <b>thurip</b>	tsú'úrìb
taste	<b>tshâ</b>	tsǎá
thumb	- (kâitsís [K])	ká'ítsílgùúbès
tonight	<b>tshuxuba</b>	[tsùúxúúbǎ]

**Front vowel i:**

and	tshii	tsî/tsi [tsǐ, tsǐ]
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**Xri aspirated velar plosive *kh* and Khoekhoe aspirated velar plosive *kh***

As both !Ora and Khoekhoe have retained an aspirated velar plosive *kh*, it is not surprising that Xrilikewise has an aspirated velar plosive *kh* as cognate; *e.g.*

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
light (fire)	<b>khau</b>	khàù <i>v.t.</i>
burn <i>v.i</i>	<b>khabu</b>	kháú <i>v.i</i>
lift up	<b>uukhâi</b>	úúkhǎí
man	<b>khoe</b>	khòèb

Note that the intransitive Khoekhoe verb *khàù* is derived from the transitive *khàù* by means of the /13/ melody. This process must also have existed in !Ora where the "low-mid falling" melody (Beach 1938: 248) has been the etymon of Khoekhoe /22/ and /13/.<sup>15</sup> We have no information about the possible existence of this process in Xri, but note that in the above case the intransitive *khabu* has the canonic CVCV structure, while the transitive *khau* has elided C2.

<sup>15</sup> See Haacke 1999: 74.

Only two of the 18 cognates to Khoekhoe *kh* are recorded for Xri with consonants different from *kh* :

dig	<b>khao</b> , * <b>kxau</b>	khàǎ
skin <i>n.</i>	* <b>kxhoop</b>	khòǎb.

Beach's claim that "the **kh** remained in Korana, but became **kx** in Nama" (Beach 1938: 253) cannot be confirmed. At least today the affricative pronunciation of the velar certainly is much rarer in Khoekhoe than the aspirated pronunciation. (In especially the Sesfontein dialects of the *Namidama* (Namib-Damara) *kh* is pronounced as fricative *x*, e.g. *khòǎb* (skin) > *xòǎb*.)

### Xri voiced plosives *b*, *d* and *g*

Voicing in initial egressive plosives of Xri corresponds to depression in Khoekhoe, while their unvoiced counterparts *p*, *t* and *k* correlate with non-depressed cognates in Khoekhoe, just as in !Ora. Beach has no evidence for *b* in !Ora, simply because bilabial plosives are comparatively rare in C1 of Khoe radicals.

The reader is reminded that in Khoekhoe the symbols *p*, *t*, *k* on the one hand, and *b*, *d*, *g* on the other do not reflect voicing but higher and lower tonal melodies instead, as all plosives are devoiced (see above, 3.1).

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
take away	uubee	ùúbbé
Tswana (= goat)	Piris/p, Parip	Pírís/b <sup>16</sup>
tear <i>v.i.</i>	doa	dǎá
tinder box	doros	dǎrós
spotted	too	tǎǎ
swallow	tom	tǎm
sheep	guus	gǎús
stupid	gâre	gǎáré, gǎà
shade	karap	kǎrǎb (coolness of afternoon)
bead	karap	kǎrás
speak	koba	gǎwǎ <sup>17</sup> (= argue)

Note the case where with a voiced plosive in Xri, Nama did not undergo depression, but the geographically more removed Damara dialects did:

at	daba	tǎwǎ [N]; tǎwǎ [D].
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For the sake of simplification only the spelling with *tis* used for *tawa*.

<sup>16</sup> Meinhof (1930: 81) renders 'goat' as *biri-* in !Ora. But then he renders the bilabial plosive only as *b*, never as *p*. In "Nama" he likewise lists "bǎri-b" with a voiced plosive, which it does not have.

<sup>17</sup> The reader is reminded that / ǎ / is a non-depressed melody; hence the voiceless plosive *k* in the Xri cognate. It is merely an orthographic convention that words in Khoekhoe with a / ǎ / melody are spelt with a voiced plosive to identify them as words with one of the lower melodies.

In intervocalic position the bilabial consonant of Khoekhoe appears mostly as dentilabial fricative [v], but it can also be pronounced as bilabial plosive [b] (especially in Damara) or less commonly as bilabial fricative [β]; *i.e.* there is a tendency to lenition, hence fricativization. The standardized spelling with the letter *w* for Khoekhoe is neutral/non-committal with regard to tone, as *p* and *b* can intervocalically also be used instead to indicate a higher or lower melody. While no explicit information is available it must by default be assumed that Snyman's consistent spelling with the plosive *b* indeed signifies an intervocalic plosive consonant in Xri. The possibility of some degree of lenition can, however, not be excluded for Xri. Lenition, after all, led to the formation of roots with juxtaposed identical or non-identical vowels through complete elision of the intervocalic consonant in Khoekhoe languages, generating so-called "long vowels" and "diphthongs".

**3.2 Equivalent of Khoekhoe non-depressor consonants in Xri** Khoekhoe has two non-depressor click releases: the glottal stop *X'* (spelt with the click symbol only) and the aspirated or affricated uvular release *Xkh*.

**Xri glottalic affricate release *Xx'* or glottal stop release *X'* and Khoekhoe glottal stop release *X'***

The Khoekhoe glottal stop release *X'* has two cognate releases in Xri. While one is identical to that of Khoekhoe, *viz.* a glottal stop release (spelt here as *X'* for Xri), the other is a glottalic affricate *Xx'*. Both variants appear in !Ora as well (cf. Beach 1938: 232 *et seq.*). The occurrence does not appear to be contextually determined, and occasionally both variants are on record for a word. Beach (1938: 233) is of the opinion that *Xx'* is in the process of being replaced by *X'* as in Khoekhoe. Releases with the glottal stop appear to be more dominant in the Xri data, and occasionally Snyman has recorded contrasting variants from !Ora with the glottalised fricative. At this stage it can not be determined from these releases whether the Xri consultants were under any predominant influence of either !Ora or Nama, but – as the following !Ora cognates from Meinhof 1930 and Engelbrecht 1928 show – the Xri click releases are identical to those of !Ora in most cases, and the question arises to what extent the "Xri" of the 1970s actually is a version of !Ora.<sup>18</sup> A comprehensive investigation cannot be undertaken here for reasons of space.

Gloss	Xri (Snyman)	Khoekhoe	!Ora
bald head	!oodanab,	!óòdänáb	cf. !'oo xaa (naked)
breathe	!om	!òm	cf. !'umma (breath)
full	!oasa, !x'oasa	!òàsá	!kx'oa full; cf. !'oa (fill)
sharp	!aa, !x'aa	!áà	!kx'aa cf. !'aal'aa (sharpen)
fear	!ao	!áò	!'au fear; !'aosa (be frightened)
fish	!aup	!àùb	!aub; !'aub (< Engelbr.)
cough	!ui	!úì	!ui
blunt	!ubu	!ùwù; !ùù D	!ubu
peep	!ui	!ùĩ	!uĩ (look at closely)

<sup>18</sup> To facilitate comparison Meinhof's orthography has been transliterated according to the same conventions as Snyman's. His renderings have been translated from German.

The following are the instances found of Khoekhoe tonological counter examples (*i.e.* with depressed melodies) or irregular click correspondences:

dish	!ores	!òrés	!'oreb, !'orekua (Engelbr.)
back	!âp X, (!x'âp [K])	!âáb	!kx'âb
few, little	!x'aro	!gáró	-
porridge	!x'ammi	!khámmi [D] (= uintjie broth)	!kx'amma
bladder	!x'urup	!khùrùs	-

### Xri fricative release Xx and Khoekhoe aspirated or affricated uvular release Xkh

Beach (1938: 231) describes the relevant efflux of !Ora as "unvoiced velar *affricative*" release, but he spells it simply as Xx. Snyman adheres to the same orthographic practice, but left no information about the pronunciation. The click correspondences between Xri and Khoekhoe are fairly regular; *e.g.*

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
absent	!xai	!kháǎ
arrest	!xoo	!khóó
blanket	!xons	!khòns/!khèns, (patchwork blanket)
<i>Acacia karroo</i>	!xuup; (!xoop [K])	!khùús
brain	!xôp	!khùùb/s

The following irregularities (involving Khoekhoe Xkh) constitute some 6% of the cognates, the erratic nature of which seems to be indicative of the moribund state of Xri:

tremble	!huu!naa, !xuu!naa	!khùú
elephant shrew	!xaup/s	!khàú(+gǔǐ)b
fold	!'hon	!khóón
moon - new	!haelxâs	!khàè!khàáb
cf. darkness	!xaep	!khàèb
pierce	!h <sup>*</sup> aa (?), !xaanaru	!khàǎ
porridge	!x'ammi	!khámmi [D] (= uintjie broth)
snaring place	!'huis	!khuis (?)
stupid	g!ookhoe, g!ooke	!khǔúké [D]
bladder	!x'urup	!khùrùs
thorn	!huup, !xuup	!khùúùb
Xhosa	!Hoosap	!Khóòsàb
small	!xari, !hari	!khàǎ

**3.3 Xri correlates to the Khoekhoe glottal plosive onset [ʔ]** In line with the canonical root structure of Koe languages C1V(C2)V, roots *spelt* with a vowel as initial sound in Khoekhoe phonetically actually commence with a glottal stop ʔ as C1, *e.g.*

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
drink	ā	[ʔáá] C1VV
dog	arib	[ʔäríp] C1VC2V.

The presence of an onset consonant was beyond doubt perceptible in the respective !Ora cognates: viz. *kx'aa* and *kx'ari*. The glottal stop is not articulated very distinctly in Khoekhoe, though, and presumably also not in Xri. Snyman follows the Khoekhoe orthographic practice and commences a root with a vowel in the absence of *kx'*. It is not clear whether he was aware of the root-initial glottal stop as phoneme in Khoekhoe. Beach (1938: 188 and 251) contrasts initial ʔ and *kx'ʔ* in !Ora, but, although he does acknowledge the occurrence of ʔ as "independent phoneme" in Nama, dwells more on its phonetic capriciousness. The canonic existence of it as phoneme in C1 position of Khoekhoe roots was pointed out in Haacke 1999: 10.

In the Xri data no consistency exists, as the initial consonants fluctuate between either a glottalised velar affricate *kx'* or a glottal stop ʔ. Meinhof (1930: 146) found the same fluctuation between "k' " and "k' " in Xri.

Beach's claim (1938: 251) that in Khoekhoe ʔ goes with the non-depressed melodies /32/ and /22/ was refuted in Haacke (1999: 56-58) with numerous counter examples, as ʔ occurs with all six main melodies. This is not surprising, as the glottal stop ʔ of Khoekhoe is intrinsically voiceless, but can be expected to be a historical merger. It is thus interesting that in Xri instantiations commencing in /32/ and /22/ consistently - one alternative aside - occur with *kx'*, while no instantiations (happen to?) occur with their depressed counterpart melodies /12/ and /13/:

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
<b>/22/</b>		
alive	<b>kx'ûi</b>	ùisà
raw, cf. rude	<b>kx'oara</b>	òrà
<b>/32/</b>		
boy	<b>kx'aooloodap,</b> *aooloodap	àdǝ́  gòàròb gòòròb < /32/ + 4
drink	<b>kx'aa</b>	áà
drown	<b>kx'aall'oo</b>	ààl'óó < /32/+43/
house	<b>kx'ommi</b>	óms/-mi
look back	<b>!abakx'oa</b>	kòó-óà
louse	<b>kx'urip</b>	úrìb
man - young	<b>kx'arop</b>	áàxàròb; cf. áòb
thief	<b>!x'âkx'aop</b>	!ǝ-àòb
<b>/13/</b>		
e.g. bow	-	khàáb
<b>/12/</b>		
e.g. consecrate	-	khài

The data suggests that in Xri *kx'* and <sup>?</sup> were separate phonemes that merged in Khoekhoe <sup>?</sup>. This distinction does not pertain to !Ora, however, according to Meinhof's wordlist. In !Ora words commencing with a glottal stop do exist, but are decidedly in the minority.

In the two Khoekhoe melodies not (obviously) susceptible to depression, /24/ and /43/, both consonant onsets occur in the Xri cognates, seemingly at random:<sup>19</sup> Note the articulatory contradictions below between *loekx'am* and *maa-am*, *'ere-am*, *†anam*. The high degree of agreement, some 83%, between the initial onset of Xri and !Ora nevertheless is considerable.

/24/, /43/

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe	!Ora (Meinhof)
aloe	<b>kx'</b> aikorap, auk <b>kx'</b> orap, kx'auxuikorap; (kx'ausaxuup [K] )	àúkóréb	? <b>kx'</b> au...
allow	maa-am	màà-ám < 12 43	maa <b>kx'</b> am
ambush	lo <b>kx'</b> am	lǵòé-ám 43 43	loel <b>kx'</b> am
close	*†anam [†an'am]	†ǵáǵám [†an'am]	†an <b>kx'</b> am
answer	'ere-am [!'ere'am], 'are-am, †hoak <b>kx'</b> am, oe-am †hoa'ama	'éréám [!'ere <sup>(?)</sup> am]; òè-ám; oetsi [D] [= concur]	†hoak <b>kx'</b> am †hoalk <b>kx'</b> am
at the end	<b>kx'</b> aip daba	lunis tawa	( <b>kx'</b> ai)
beard	<b>kx'</b> ai'l'hom (-ku)	lhòò-áǵs cf. áǵs (face)	?
before, in front	ai!'â; (kx'ai!'â [K])	áǵ!àà	<b>kx'</b> ai
bitter	<b>kx'</b> au	àú	<b>kx'</b> au
face	<b>kx'</b> aip	áǵs	<b>kx'</b> aib
give	au	áú	'au
give birth	ôa	òá (of: anim.)	?
gums	arika	àǵǵb	?
hole	kx'aas, aap	áás	'aab
kidney fat	âup	àún	?
lift up	uukhâi	ùúkhâí	'uukhâisi
lip	<b>kx'</b> ammi	áǵǵgâúǵb	<b>kx'</b> amkx'aib
liver	<b>kx'</b> âip	áǵís	<b>kx'</b> âib
maiden	oaxais	óáxáès	'oaxais
milk - curdled	âudaip	àúdáǵb	'âubǵb
on	ai	ái	<b>kx'</b> ai
pick up	úkhâi	ùúkhâí	'ukhâisi
pit (of stomach)	<b>kx'</b> ai'†am	áǵ†áǵs	?
roast	<b>kx'</b> am	ám	<b>kx'</b> am
rob	uul'hana	ùúlhá ná	cf. 'uu-
search	<b>kx'</b> ôa, ôa	òá	<b>kx'</b> ôa

<sup>19</sup>This statement needs further verification, though, as it has been shown (Haacke 2008) that there exists also a depressed melody /24/ next to the non-depressed one. This depressed melody is not considered in the present investigation, as instances are rare and difficult to detect without comparative data.

sweat	aosen	áòsèń, áòsèh	'aosen, 'ausen
take	uu	úú	'uu
take away	uubee	ùúbèé	cf. 'uu-
trinket	anis, ainis	(cf. àní = decorate)	?
truth	<b>kx'amap</b>	ǎmăb <ǎímăb	<b>kx'amab</b>

See also footnote 25 for the treatment of compounds.

**3.4 Nasalised vowels with PGN** Snyman has recorded a phenomenon for Xri that neither Beach nor Meinhof nor Engelbrecht recorded for !Ora, and that seems to be another indication of an authentic Xri lect. When roots with nasalized vowels are followed by a third person masculine singular PGN *p*, then the nasalization of the vowel may disappear and become a prenasalisation of the PGN.<sup>20</sup> It would appear that Snyman has used a narrow phonetic transcription to demonstrate this phonetic detail, as shown below:

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
grass	lâp, l <b>amp</b>	lgǎáb

Prenasalisation is triggered mainly by the bilabial PGN *-b*, but occasionally also by the velar onset of the third person masculine plural PGN *-ku*. It does not seem to appear with other PGNs or consonants; cf.

horn	ln <b>amp</b> but lnâku	lnǎáb
thief	lx' <b>amp</b> , lx'âkx'aop	lǎà-àòb
tooth	l <b>ûp</b>	lgǔú <b>ûb</b>
teeth	l <b>ûmp</b> /l <b>ônku</b> /l' <b>angku</b> <sup>21</sup>	lgǔúgu
	lungku	

The following instances of *\*-p* occur in the vocabulary:

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe
arm	‡h <b>amp</b>	‡hǎáb (= forearm)
December	Kaitseedi l <b>âmp</b>	Hôasoreb (cf. lkhǎáb = month)
eyebrow	ln <b>amp</b>	lámǎèb; lámǎìb [N]
head	bii-/baa-/bee! <b>amp</b> , (bii!'âkwa K)	dánáb
krantz	‡âp, ‡ <b>amp</b> , ‡ <b>amp</b>	‡gǎáb
mountain	‡ <b>amp</b> , ‡âku [X]; (‡â [K])	!hòmmi (‡gǎáb = rock face)

<sup>20</sup> While Snyman's rendering of the masculine PGN as voiceless *-p* is phonetically correct, this PGN in (unreleased) word-final position is also voiceless in Khoekhoe. It is spelt with a *-b*, though, as it is voiced, when succeeded by a vowel, especially the oblique marker *-a* in, e.g., *aoba*.

<sup>21</sup> Obviously there is an inconsistency in the transcription of l**ônku** and l'**angku**, one with nasal vowel and alveolar nasal, the other with oral vowel and velar nasal. What is important is that prenasalization of a sort appears before the PGN *ku*.

thief	lx'amp, lx'âkx'aop	lǎà-àòb
August	Xauku û ûmp Xauka û ûs	Áò khùú û û khǎàb
ear	lnâump	†gǎé'b (cf. lnǎú = hear)
hair	'ump, 'ômp, 'ûku	lùùb

It is notable that there occasionally is a discrepancy between oral and nasalised vowels of Xri and Khoekhoe: *e.g.*

armpit	gam!naap	vs.	gǎm!nǎàs
crockery	khoaxuuku	vs.	khǒáxùùn
dress <i>v.</i>	†aetaa; *g†aetâ	vs.	†gàè†gàà.

Beach (1938: 187) already observes that "many Korana roots differ from Nama roots by the substitution of one sound for another (*e.g.* a nasal vowel for an oral or vice versa, a vowel combination for another, one click for another, etc.)." As nasalised vowels in Khoe languages have become distinctive after the elision of an intervocalic nasal, *viz.* \*CVNV > CŨNŨ > CŨŨ (cf. Haacke 1999: 11), it implies that any discrepancy of nasalisation between contemporary lects must be due to an etymological irregularity in one or the other of the lects. As said before, it can be assumed that discrepancies such as in nasalisation, and especially also discrepancies in clicks, are more likely to have occurred in the moribund Xri and !Ora rather than in Khoekhoe because of the comparatively more deteriorated competency of the speakers.

#### 4. Miscellaneous morphological observations

From the sporadic examples that Snyman has included in his word list it can be gleaned that Xri, like !Ora, uses *na* for the present continuous aspect marker, instead of Khoekhoe *ra* or *ta*; *e.g.*

	Xri				Khoekhoe			
'I am looking at the light'	mû	r	na	!naap	!nâb-a	ta	ra	koo.
See	I	PR	light	light-OBL	I	PR	look.at	

While !Ora uses the same diminutive suffix for nouns as Khoekhoe, *viz.* *-ro*, Xri uses *-da*.

fountain	lx'aus, l'audas	lǎũs, lǎúròs.
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According to Snyman's examples Xri seems to omit the oblique case marker *-a* for the object NP even more consistently than !Ora (cf. Meinhof 1930 in Haacke 2013: 341); *e.g.*

(1)	Xri:	<i>Hee</i>	lx'urip-Ø	<i>ir</i>	<i>na</i>	g oba~g oba.
		This	iron-Ø	I	PR	bend~CAUS
	Khoekhoe:	<i>Nee</i>	lurib-a	<i>ta</i>	<i>ge ra</i>	!hoa~!hoa.
		this	iron-OBL	I	IND PR <sup>22</sup>	bend~CAUS

<sup>22</sup> For category labels used in interlinearization see Abbreviations below.

‘I bend this iron’

The oblique case apparently is also not used with postpositions that use it in Khoekhoe, like *xu* (from), *e.g.*

(2)	Xri:	<i>Hee</i>	<i>!khaip-Ø</i>	<i>xu</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>doe.</i>		
		this	place-Ø	from	I	PR	move		
	Khoekhoe:	<i>Nee</i>	<i>!khais-a</i>	<i>ta</i>	<i>ge</i>	<i>ra</i>	<i>doexuu.</i>		
		this	place-OBL	I	IND	PR	move.from		
		/	<i>Nee</i>	<i>!khais-a</i>	<i>xu</i>	<i>ta</i>	<i>ge</i>	<i>ra</i>	<i>doe.</i>
		this	place-OBL	from	I	IND	PR	move	
								‘I am leaving this place’	

Xri also shares with !Ora the distinction between a masculine and a feminine PGN marker for the first person singular. In Khoekhoe the older forms have become neutralised into one form that is non-specific for gender:

Xri	masculine	<i>ir (r)</i>	feminine	<i>ta</i>
!Ora	masculine	<i>ir (r)</i>	feminine	<i>ta</i> <sup>23</sup>
Khoekhoe	masculine/feminine	<i>ta</i>		

Regrettably data on the other PGN markers and on object concords are not available in the Xri examples.

Xri appears to use the indicative sentence type marker *ge/ke* only rarely. It is regularly used in main indicative sentences in Namibian Khoekhoe. In !Ora too the indicative marker *tje* is omitted more readily than in Khoekhoe. Witzlack-Makarevich (2006) has demonstrated that in the Khoekhoe of the Nama of the Northern Cape this indicative marker is also used less frequently than in standard Namibian Khoekhoe.

## 5. Conclusion

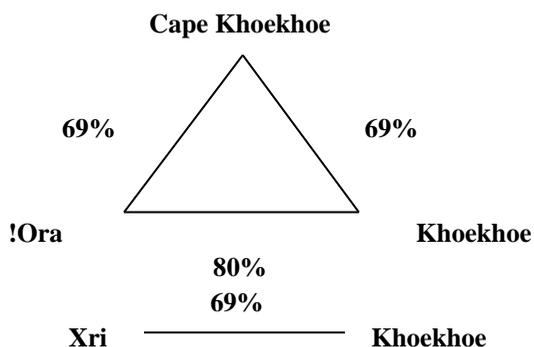
Snyman's vocabulary of Xri with over 1 100 entries (transcribed from his cards) provides the most substantial evidence available that a Xri lect has indeed existed, and could be traced into the 20<sup>th</sup> century despite the fact that by the 19<sup>th</sup> century the ethnic communities identified as *Xri* or even *Xrixri* had virtually disappeared. As said, the data reveals a lexical proximity to Khoekhoe of 69%. While this percentage clearly accommodates Xri as a lect in the Khoekhoe dialect continuum, the 31% difference to Khoekhoe suggests that the consultants interviewed in the 1970s did not speak a lect that was unduly influenced by their former or present Nama neighbours. The rate of cognation between Xri and !Ora appears to be particularly high (a systematic comparison was not undertaken here). But the prenasalization of the PGNs *-p* and *-ku* appears to be a distinctive characteristic of Xri that sets it apart as lect. The elicitations also show that the consultants were not merely repeating

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<sup>23</sup>Meinhof 1930: 32.

!Ora lexicon, as Snyman frequently has contrasted Xri with contemporary !Ora cognates. It can be assumed that the Xri consultants had rejected these words as being not their own but !Ora.

Haacke (2016) has investigated the lexical proximity of 17<sup>th</sup> Century Cape Khoekhoe as compiled in vocabularies by Johannes Grevenbroeck, to !Ora according to Meinhof (1930) and Engelbrecht (1928) and present-day Khoekhoe (Haacke & Eiseb 2002). It was found that Cape Khoekhoe has a rate of cognation of 69% to both !Ora and Khoekhoe, while there is a rate of 80% between !Ora and Khoekhoe. If the rate of cognation of 69% of Xri to Khoekhoe may be compared to those figures, albeit they quite different data bases, then it may be concluded that Xri has a greater lexical distance to Khoekhoe than !Ora has.



Appendix: Word List<sup>24</sup>

Gloss	Xri	Khoekhoe	Rating
<b>A</b>			
aardvark	'abip g'ooxommi [K]	lkhùwúb, lǵáǐòb	0
abomasum/(lang pens)	lx'aras	láràs	4
abound with	lx'oasa	lòàsá	4
absent	lxai	lkháǐ	4
<i>Acaciaheteracantha</i>	!oop	!gòòs [= <i>A.hebeclada</i> ]	4
<i>Acacia karroo</i>	lxoops [K]; lxxuup	lkhùús	4
accustomed	!'ôi, #ûi	lnáétǐ	0
adam's apple, larynx	!'hores [K]	dòm!khòm's [N], dòmòròs [D]	0
admonish	lx'ai, lx'ae, lx'ae	lná má	0
afterbirth, placenta	#'hoos	#hòòs (= afterbirth of animal)	4
afternoon	!'uiba, !'uip	!úib [N]; !úìàb [D] (= twilight)	4
		kàràb [D]	
	!'oe	!oe (= bec. evening [N])	
again	lxaba	lkhàwá	4
		láàxùù-ámmè [N]	
aged	kaira, kaida	káǐrà	4
alive	kx'ûi	ùìsà	3
all	hoa, (wa), lnaa	hòá	4
allow	*maa-am <sup>25</sup>	màà-ám	2
aloe	kx'aukorap, *aukx'orap, kx'auxuukorap; kx'ausaxuup [K]	kóréb; áúkóréb [N]	3
alone	luri; lona [K]	lǵurǐ	4
always	lnaa laep	hòálláè	0
ambush	loekx'am	lgòè-ám	4
and	tshii, î	tsî/tsi [tsǐǐ, tsǐǐ]	4
angry (be)	!'aixa, !'ani	làǐxà lámi	4

- (3) *Bettis ge tir*    !'aixa.                      *Bettis ge ti*    !oagu ra l'aixa.  
 Betty IND me angry                              Betty IND ART opposite PR angry  
 'Betty is angry with me'

<sup>24</sup> See Section 3 above for the significance of the numerical ratings. Xri example sentences in italics are supplied by Snyman and have been interlinearised here. Khoekhoe equivalents were provided by Eliphaz Eiseb.

<sup>25</sup> A missing glottalised velar affricate *kx'or* glottal stop <sup>?</sup> in the subsequent root of Xri compounds, e.g. with *-am* or *-ai*, is assessed as 2 (phonological diversion) in this list. Such words could arguably also be assessed as full cognates, as the phonetic difference is minimal.

(4)	<i>Kaise-r</i>	<i>ke</i>	<i>na</i>	<i>l'ani.</i>		
	Very-I	IND	PR	angry		
	'I am very angry'					
ankle		!orop		!gòròs		4
ankle-bone		!nooxoop		!gǎ̀ùxás		0
announce		ʃ'anʃ'an		ʃánʃàn		4
another		lnî, lnâi		lnî [lnǎ]		4
different, other		lxara		!khàrà		4
answer		*!ere-am, !'are-am, ʃhoakx'am *oe-am		!éréám [!'ere'am] òè-ám; oetsi [D] (= concur)		2
ant		ʃuburup; ʃomirop		ʃgùwùrúb; ʃgòwèrúb [D]		4
anus		thoap [K]		tsoas		
<i>applicative suffix</i>		-ba		-ba		4
(5)	<i>!Ama- i</i>	<i>uu-haa-ba</i>		<i>!Gam-e</i>	<i>uu-haa-ba</i>	<i>te!</i>
	water-Ø	take-come-APPL		water-OBL	take-come-APPL	me
	'Bring me water!'					
arm		ʃhamp		ʃhǎǎb (= forearm)		4
arm – right		ʃhanul'ôap		àm!òǎb		0
armpit		gam!naap		gǎm!náàs		2
arrest		!xoo		!khóó		4
(6)	<i>!Xoo tsi-r</i>	<i>na,</i>	<i>ti birs</i>	<i>its</i>	<i>ko ko</i>	<i>lx'aa labako daba.</i>
	arrest you-I	PR	my goat	you	REC ?	steal police-OBL at
	'I arrest you, you have stolen my goat at the police (station)'					
arrange skirt decently		ʃnawa		ʃnǎwá		4
arrive		!úg!oaxa		!gùù!gòáxǎ		4
ascend		!'aba, !'aba		!áwà		4
ashamed – be		tao		táò		4
(7)	<i>Tao</i>	<i>er</i>	<i>ke</i>	<i>na.</i>		
	be.ashamed	I	IND	PR		
	'I am ashamed'					
askew		g!oa, ʃuiʃnam xoara		!ǎrésè		0
assemble		!hao		!hǎó		4
at		daba		táwà [N]; táwà [D]		4
at the end		kx'aip daba		!unis tawa		0
August		Xaukul'ù!úmp Xaukal'ù!ús		Áò!khùúmpù!khǎǎb		0
away (move ...)		bee		bèé		4

awl	ʔ'orop/s	ʔòròs [D]; (ʔóm)l'nàòs [N]	4
axe	!oos (?)	!óós	(2)
<b>B</b>			
baboon	ʔnaatap, ʔneedap, l'naidap, l'neerap,	l'nèèrāb, l'nòòrāb, ʔhà'ís àòb; l'árúb [D]	4
baby	ʔxam looda-i	l'gǒárò-i; l'gǒórò-i [N]; dàrórǒ-i	1
back	**!ʔāp; l'x'āp [K]	l'ǎáb	2
bad	ʔxabusa [K] l'ausa [K]	ʔkhàwùsǎ (= weak), tsùù l'áù (= useless)	
badger	daniskunaʔ'û, l'haup	l'hàrèsèb [D]; l'hàrèbāb [N]	0
bag	l'hoop	l'hòób/s	4
bag (carried over shoulder)	glarus	l'gārùs	4
bald head	l'oodanap, l'naap	l'óòdānāb, l'naadanab, ʔgǎá'dānāb, ʔgǎás	4
	l'oba!'aap	l'ùwúdānāb	
baptise	l'â!â	l'ââ l'nǎà	0
barn owl	l'hams	sèrèb, l'húúʔgüüb	0
bark v.	l'huu	l'húú	4
basket	l'harup	l'hārùs	4
bead	karap	kǎrás	4
beads	l'x'aiku	?	
beard	kx'ai!hom/ai!hom(-ku) l'nomku	l'hòò-ǎm's > l'hòm's l'nòm's, l'hàús	4
beat (w. stick)	**ʔnau	ʔnǎú	2
beast ("gedierte")	l'gaaxuu <sup>26</sup>	l'gúrúb	0
beautiful	îsa	îsǎ	4
because of	ʔama [K]	!aroma; ʔamà (about)	0
bee	l'naniip, l'habup	l'hǎwúb	4
beetle (small black w. white underside, eats skins)	!û!ûp	?	
before, in front	*ai!â; kx'ai!â [K]	ǎí!âà	2
beg	ʔona	ʔgònà (wait patiently like dog), l'khówè	4
beggar	ʔonakx'aop	l'khówè-àòb	0
behind	khaop kx'ai; khao!a [K]	khǎó!gǎ, khǎós âi	4
belch	g'ai	!gài	4
believe	ʔom	ʔgóm	4
bellow	!oro, g!oro	!gòrò (of: bull); !gòó	4
bend	gl'obagloba	l'hòà!hòà, gǎmǎgǎmǎ	0

<sup>26</sup> Supplied by Gert Maerman.

(8) <i>Hee</i>  x'urip  ir na  globa~g oba. !hoa~!hoa.		<i>Nee</i>  uriba  ta ge  ra	
this iron-Ø I PR bent~CAUS		this iron-OBL I IND PR bent~CAUS	
'I am bending this iron'			
bend (limb); fold	!hon [K] g obag oba	!hòn !hòá!hòà, gàmàgàmà	0
bend over	!am!'aa	!gàm!'aa	4
bent (not sharply)	g obasa	!göwà (= bow-legged)	3
bent – sharply (of: short object)	!hoba	!hònsà	0
berry	g ararap	‡rás (pip, seed)	1
beside, next to	xaroro	xóó!khàà, xóóri	0
next to me	ti  xaroro	tí xóó!khàà	
beverage	kx'aaxuup	áàxùüb	4
beware of	!ôibasen ‡anabasen	!ùt'basèn, !ù'isèn ‡an'basèn; ‡anàbàsùn [‡Aa] <sup>27</sup>	3
bewitch	g'ai	!gài	4
bicycle	x'urihaas/p	l'ur' háàb	4
big	kai	káí	4
birthmark	‡habas	‡nàós	0
bite	baa [K]	náá	
bitter	kx'au	àú	4
black	‡nuu	‡nùù	4
black thorn	!noes	!nòés	4
bladder	* x'urup	!khùrùs	2
blanket	!xons	!khòns/!khèns (= patchwork bl.) ‡nàms (= kaross)	4
blind – be	!hamkx'ai	‡gii !hamai, samai (= operate on s.o. for cataract)	0
blow (w. mouth)	!nasi, !nai	!nái	2
blow (nose)	xuni	xúnì	4
blow (of: wind)	!om	!góm	4
blue	g'oa, !noa	‡hòà	0
blue wildebeest	‡xòap	gàób	0
blunt	‡ubu, ‡unu	‡ùwù; ‡ùù [D]	4
body	xaap, arep	!khááb	4
boil <i>v.i</i>	lû, **g'lû	!g'ùù	4
boil <i>n.</i>	*tshuip	tsù'ís	4
bone	‡xoop,  xoop	‡khòób	4
bore, nauseate	kx'uixa	ùt'xà kái	3

<sup>27</sup> The apparent nonelision of the final vowel –a in Xri ‡anabasen and ‡Aakhoe and Hailom ‡anàbàsùn, to the exclusion of mainstream Khoekhoe, is some striking bit of evidence for the etymological link of these geographically most removed lects. Cf. also Haacke (2014: 136) for ‡Aakhoe ‡anàbàsùn.

born – be	!nae	!nǎé	4
borrow	*!hubi;  xubi <sup>28</sup>	!khúwí	4
bother	*!ora	!nora	2
*n!huuxa	!húú (kái)		
bowl	!ores	!òrés	4
boy	kx'aooloodap, aooloodap	àòré  gòàròb/ góòròb ááxàròb, dàròb	1
brain	‡xòp	‡khùùb/s	4
bran	‡amaroku	!hóób	0
bread	baredas, berep, perep	péreb	4
break	khôa	khóá v.t; khǒá v.i	4
breast	sammi	sá m/s/mi	4
breathe	!om	!òm	4
breathe strongly (sniff)	*!ubi	!hùwí	2
bring forth young	*ôa	òá (of: anim.)	2
broad	‡habasa	‡hàwá	3
brother	!âmp, !âp	!gǎâb, !gǎâsâb	4
brother-in-law	!uip	!ùib	4
brown	!oa, g!oa	‡gàmà	0
brown hyena	g!aip	‡nùúbé‡hùiràs	0
bubble out (of: spring)	g!ama‡ui	‡ùwí	0
buchu	sâp	sǎâb	4
bud (of: tree)	!hai	!ùmí; gòá (of: esp. acacia) !hài (= germinate)	0
buffalo	‡xaop	!gáòb	2
bull	g!oop	!gòòb	4
bull-calf	kx'aogomadap	tsǎúb,  gòòtsǎúb,  nǒàb	0
bullet	x'urip	!áwúlùris, !hàás	3
bundle v.	!ae-am	!gǎé-ám, !gǎé!kháá	2
burn	!am	!á m (= light (candle, torch))	0
burn (of: fire)v.i	khau, khabu	khǎú v.i	4
(of: fuel)	‡hubi	‡hùwí v.i	4
burn, bec. scalded	dâu	dǎú	4
bury	!xoo	!khóò	4
Bushman	Xâusaa-i, Saa-i	Sàà-i	4
bustard ?	har!laalaa	xàrtsí!lgáà!lgáàs/gààrǎs (= black korhaan)	0
butcher bird	‡âkx'anis ("hang+bird")	?	
butter	gôan di !nuip ("cow+ fat")	!khàó(!nù)b	1
buttocks	‡areku, !ubiku, *g!ubuku	‡árédi !gùwíra (vulg.)	4
by (ag.), about	xa	xà	4
from (source)	xa	xà	

<sup>28</sup>Supplied by Jan Kok, Campbell.

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calabash	l'hoep	àwás; lhòés (= carved vessel)	0
calf	lnôa-e	lnôà-i, tsǎú-i	4
call	‡ai	‡gǎí	4
camelthorn	lanap, lânáp	lgánàb	4
candle acacia	‡ùí‡ùisenhaip	!gòòs	0
Cape wild dog	g!aup [K]	!gàùb	
careful	sau!naa	sàú(à!nàà) (= have a fear of)	1
		‡ǎǎbàsèn	
carry	tani	táni	4
carry (on palms of both hands)	‡xao	‡khào (= carry on head)	0
carrying-stick	tanihaip	táni-áihǎib [N]; dààrà(hǎi)b [D]	3
cartilage (of shoulder blade)	l'ani	làńb (= cartilage) [N]; liníb [D]	4
carbuncle (of goat)	l'harap	lhàrás (= wart)	0
cat	*!òas, !hòas	lhòàs	4
catch	!xoo	!khóó	4
cattle	gôan, goman	gòmàn; gaman [Bond.]	4
chaff, bran	‡amaroku	làwób (= garbage), lhóób	0
charge with	khomkx'ai	lhàw‡gàà-ám	0
charms	g!aip	!gàib	4
chase (animals)	g!aru	lgärù	4
chase out (livestock)	!hae‡oasi	!hàé‡òàsì [D]; !hàé‡úí [N]	4
cheek (side of head)	xoo!naap	xóób;	3
		xóó!nààb (= side; margin of page)	
cheekbone	xoop	xóób, xóó‡khòòb	4
chest	!xaip	!kháib	4
chew	lae	lgǎé	4
child	loo-i (lonku)	lgǒá-i, (lgoo-i)	2
child – my	ti ôa-i	tí òà-i; tí àà-i [D]	4
chin	g!anni	!gǎńni/-s	4
chippings (to kindle fire with)	!nomap	‡nomab [tone not recorded]	2
chop	l'haa	lháá	4
churn	!nubu	!nùwú	4
cicada	sorexuudas ("sun-thing") sore‡nuus	sórètsí!íibès	1
clay pot	!xubis, g‡oasuup/-!xubis	‡gòàsùùb	4
clean	!anu, (!ana)	!ànú	4
clever	gaa, gaakx'ai, gâasa	gǎá-ǎí	4
climb	l'aba [K]	!áwà	
climb down	!ôa	!gòá	4
climb (through fence)	l'haru	lhàrú	4
cling	!xoo	!khóó	2

close	‡anam	‡g'áńám	2
cloth	laa-i	lǎ́á-i (< Afr. lap)	4
clothes	!xanku	sáràn	0
cloud	!nanus; !'hommi	!nànús; !ǎ́ús [D]; !hòmmi (= heaven)	4
coarse, rough	!xoara	!khóá; !khórá	4
coccyx	!nanip	!nánàb, !nánìb	4
cold <i>a.</i>	!xai, *!hai	!khàí	4
cold ( <i>med.</i> ) <i>n.</i>	!xai!oop; !x'óas [K]	lóàs	0
come	haa	hàà	4
come back, return	!'hoba	!hòwà	4
come across	!'hao	!hàó	4
comfort (child)	!noo!noo	!nóó!nòò	4
complain	sii!nuri	síí !nùr'í	4
congratulate (by popping finger)	!awu	?	
contemporary – my	ti khama gaidas	ti !hààb	0
convene	!'hao(gu)	!hàó, !hǎ̀ù	4
converted –be	daba!xunigu	!khùn'í, !hòwàsèn (dǎ́wá!khùn'í= turn (s.) back to point of departure)	0
cook	sâi, sâsî	sǎ́í	4
cooking shelter	!nuup	!gànìs	0
cool <i>v.t.</i>	!xai!xai	!kháí!khǎ́i	4
corn	!'hû(n)!horop	!hòròb	3
corner (of house)	!nanip/!'anip	!nànìb/!ánìb (= other/far side); !hóás, óms di ‡gùís	4
correct	‡hanu	‡hànú	4
cough	!'ui	lúi	4
count	!ôa	!gǎ́á	4
cover (w. cloth)	g!uu	!gǎ̀ú	4
cow	gâs	gòmàs; gàmàs [Bond.]	2
cowardly	‡xabusa ‡aop î (w. weak heart)	!àò!nàà	0
crack , burst open	!'hui	!hǎ́i	4
crack <i>v.i.</i> (of: <i>e.g.</i> cup)	‡xabe	‡khàwè	4
crack (whip)	!oa	!gòá	4
crank	!xami	!khàm'í	4
crawl (like baby)	‡hana	‡hànà	4
(like child)	!nuru	!nuru (= move on buttocks) [no tone]	4
cream	!x'abup, !x'abop !'abup, !'abop <sup>29</sup>	!àòp'èb < !awob (Kroenlein 1889)	2
cricket	!'hâi!'harip	‡gìr'í!gìr'ís, !gàm'‡khùr'íb	0

<sup>29</sup> Supplied by Gert Maerman.

crockery	khoaxuuku (< Afr. breekgoed), !'oreku	khòáxùùn, !òrédi (= plates)	2
crook	!goexap	lhòàkàób	0
crooked	!'hoa	!hòà	4
cross (river)	!âu	!gàu	4
crow	gorap	gòráb	4
crumbs	!aboku	làwób (= rubble)	3
curdled milk	*áudaip	áúdáib	2
curried skin	‡aop	‡gòá b	2
curse	loi; loe [K]	!gòè	2
cut (hair/wool)	‡xom	‡khòm	4
cut into strips	!haa	lháá	4

(9) *Kx'oop-Ø ir na !'haa.*

Meat-Ø I PR cut.into.biltong.strips  
'I cut the meat into strips'

*!Gan-e ta ge ra !'haa.*

meat-OBLI IND PR prepare.

cut (thong) spirally	!'hari, *!xari	!hàri	4
cut (umbilical cord)	!aolnae	!gàòlnàè	4

## D

dagga	!'amaxap = !'ammaaxap?	!á màmàägäb, !á mhä'ib	2
dance	‡naa	‡näà	4
darkness	!xaep	!khàèb, !khàès'ib	4
daughter-in-law	!'oitaras [K]	lùìlgòàs	
day after tomorrow	!nonalái tsheep <sup>30</sup> , !'ari!â tsheep	làrikám tsèèb, àétsèè	0
debt	surteb	súrúðèb (< German: Schulden)	2
December	Kaitseedii lâmp	Hôasoreb	0
decent	!'amku	!ámkú	4
deep	g!ama; g!am(sa)	!gám	2
defecate	xau	xáú	4
deformed – bec.	!'hara	ùù	0
delicious, tasty	!ái	!khóáxä; !gáì (= good)	4
dent	‡'om, dubu	áwó	0
devil's thorn	!xanip	!khùripé!khám	0
desire	‡ao	‡gáó	4
diarrhoea – have	!xari, !x'ookx'aa	!khári, !khíri	4
die	!'oo; !xai	!óó; !khát	4
die of hunger	!'áloo	!ààlòò	4
difficult	!om, thû	!góm, tsùù	4
dig	khao, *kxau	kháó	4
digging stick	khaohaip	kháóhàib	4
<i>diminutivesuffix</i>	-da	-ro	2

<sup>30</sup>Supplied by Gert Maerman.

dirty	'urisa ;  x'uril x'urisa	lùr'sá/lùr'xà; lùr'lùr'sà	4
disgrace	taop [K]	táòsìb, táò+nàòs	
dish	'ores	!òrés	4
dishonest	g'luisa, g'luixa	lhòàkàó, á màò'nàà	0
disjointed	lxuri	lkhùri [D]; !òé [N]	4
disobedient	kooxa	lnàúòlnàà	0
divide	g'loara, g'lora	lgòrà	4
doctor	g!aixap [X]	!gài(dīi)-àòb; !gàiòb [D] (= shaman) sóòlòàdīi-àòb/s	3
done, cooked	'ansasa	l'ánsá	3
door	lxobas	dàòs; (cf. lkhòwá-ám v. open)	0
Douglas; Vaalriver	G#auxunup	-	
draw in (head)	lansen, #ae#á	lhùrì#gàà	0
draw (tail between legs)	#naba	#nàwá ? (= arrange skirt); lnàwé ?0	
draw water	xuri [K]	xùr'í	
dream <i>n.</i>	'habop	lhàwós	4
dress <i>v.</i>	**g#ae#á; #ae#aa	#gàè#gàà	4
!xansen; *ana [K]	áná		
driedoring <i>Rhigozum trichotomum</i>	'hauka [K]	lhäúb	
drink <i>v.</i>	kx'aa	áà	4
(10)  'Hunip-Ø	<i>ir ke na</i> kx'aa.	'Hunib-a	<i>ta ge ra aa.</i>
Shepherd's.tree-Ø	I IND PR drink	Sheph.'s.tree-OBL I	IND PR drink
'I drink witgat coffee'			
drink <i>n.</i>	kx'aap, #naa-am, 'hai-am	áàb, 'hài (= v. bottle-feed)	4
drink, suckle	dai, bii	dài	4
drip <i>v.</i>	'am'am	#nàá	0
drive (animals)	g'laru, diikhao	lgärù, dīikháo	4
drought	'oop	lkhùrúb	0
drown	kx'aal'oo	ààl'óó	4
drowsy – bec.	#'omi (??) <sup>31</sup>	#òm' hū	2
drunkard	'horosmap	lhòrós(è)mààb	3
dry'oo, 'uu	lòò (= cease to produce milk) 'úkhâisi, 'uu/'oo (ha)	#nàà (= bec. dry)	4
dry <i>v.t</i>	'aa láá?, = squeeze, press)		4
duiker	g'laro-e	dòás [N]; nàùb [D]	0
dull, dense	gâ	gâà(ré)	4
	g'lookhoe, g'looke	!khúúké [D]	
dung (wet)	#haup	#hàùb	4
dung-beetle	xau!norap	xàúgàrìs, lgàmàbèb, kùm'ís	1

<sup>31</sup> "(?)" questions correctness of information.

dust	tsharap , tharap	tsàràb	4
dust (fine powdery soil)	#oap	? (#gòàb = clay)	

**E**

eat	#û	#ùú	4
eagle owl	!hûros, !hû'hûs	!hûúròs (= pearl spotted owlet)	4
ear	lnâump	#gàéb (lnâú = hear)	0
early	loaba, loaka	lgóàgà	4
east	sore'uis	sórès lhàìlkháàb, lgóàlgám̃s	0
easy	sui(sa)	suisui [D] (of low density > easy)	3
edge	glarap (of e.g. book)	!nàm̃mi	0
egg	lnarap, !ubup	!ùwús	4
eggshell	!uwub khôa	!ùwú#khòròs	0
eight	lxaisi	lkháísá; lkháésá [Bond.]	3
elbow	!unip	!ùnĩb	4
elephant	#xoap	#khòàb	4
elephant shrew	*lxaup/s	bàús; !khàú(#gũí)b	1
eleven	*yisi lui'l'a	đíísí lgúílàà	2
elope	duni	dùní (= abscond)	4
ember (glowing)	lx'ais, #nummi	#nòms (= coal), dùnúb	3
empty bowels	lau	xáú	0
end	!aap	lùnís	
	!ammi	làĩms	4
energetic	lari	sùsènxà, làéxà	0
enter	#â	#gàà	4

(11)	<i>Tir ke</i>	<i>kx'ommi</i>	<i>!nâ</i>	<i>#â.</i>	<i>Tita</i>	<i>ge</i>	<i>ommi</i>	<i>!nâ</i>	<i>ra</i>	<i>#gâ.</i>
	I	IND	house	in	I	IND	house	in	PR	enter
	'I am entering thehouse'									

European	!Hôp; !Hû(m)p <sup>32</sup>	!Húúb	4
	!Hûnkhoe/s	(!hòñkhòèb = master, boss)	
exhausted – bec.	#xabu	#khàwù, tsáú	4
exit	lx'oa(sii)	#òá	0
explain	!hoaba!'aa	(!hoa!aaba), mǔ'làá	3
explain (genealogy)	lxobesa	sùrí#gàè (= correlate ancestries)	0
eye	mûmp, mûp	mǔús	4
eyebrow	glâuku; lnamp [K]	lgâùs; lám̃mèb; lám̃mĩb [N] (= cilium)	4
eyelashes	mû'l'ûku	mǔú!ám̃mègu	0

<sup>32</sup>Obtained in Griekwastad

**F**

face	kx'aip	ǎís	4
faeces (of dog)	xaup	xáúp	4
father – my	tí îp	tí îb	4
father-in-law	'oi-îp	lùìlgùùb	0
fall	lnaa	lnǎá	4
far	!nuu	!nùù	4
farm	'aas	farms, lgàùmǎís	0
fart	sii	sîi	4
fast	'haese	!háésè	4
fasten (belt)	!ae	!gǎé	4
fat <i>n.</i>	lnuip	lnùìb	4
fat – bec.	kau	kǎú	4
fat – subcutaneous	'haup	lháúb	4
fear	'ao	!áò	4
fearful, timid	'aon!a [sic!]	!áò!nǎà	2
feather	'úb	!ám̃mi (lùùb = hair)	0
feel ill	lxari	láésèn hààsè tsǎà	0
fence	'hanab	lgǎú+nàmìb (!hànàb = pole of rush hut)	0
fertile	#û (a. ??)	#ùútànìxǎ; #ùúxǎ, #ùú#ùùxǎ	3
fever	lx'òas	lkhàis	0
few	'aa(sa)	lòrò	0
few, little	*!x'aro	!gǎró	2
fierce	'aixa	làíxǎ	4
fierce, strict	*!hoo, lxoo	lkhóó	4
fight	!xam	!khám	4
fill	lx'oalx'oa	lòàlòǎ	4
fine, smooth	#xanu	#khànù	4
finger	lxunup	lkhúnúb	4
finger nail	lorop	lgóròb	4
finished	toa	tóá	4
fire	'aep	làés	4
firewood	'aeku	làégu	4
fish	'aup	làùb	4
fish <i>v.</i>	'au!xoo	làù!khóó	4
fist	'ommi	!óms	4
five	koro	kórò	4
flat	#haba	#hàwá	4
flat stone bank	#narop [K]	#nǎwáb; #gèrèb	
flea <i>n.</i>	'aetap	!àèdàs	4
flee <i>v.</i>	'hâ, 'hâbee	lhǎá(bèé) [D]; lhài	4
	!xoebee	!khòèbèé, !khòènî	
flint stone	#nan!uip	#nànùú!úís, !nòns	3
float	lôa	sùú	0

flow	g!ama	dàú	0
flute	#'aap	#ààb/s (= reedflute)	4
fly <i>n.</i>	lanap, lainap <sup>33</sup> ; lanip !'amip, !nanip	lgìnàs, lgèènàs	2
fly <i>v.</i> (of: bird)	doe	dòè, !khànà	4
floor	kx'ommi !'huup	#ài#gàwàb	0
foal	#xam haada-e	fěI-i (< Afr. vul)	0
fog	taurap	taus ?, !hàńs, tsàńtǒ(r)ós; huris (coastal/winter fog)	0
fold (up) <i>v.</i>	!'hon	!hòn; !khǒn	4
follow	sao(!aa); !ûll'aell'ae	sǎó	4
foot	#'aip; #'aip/#naip [K]	#àib	4
underside of my foot	ti #'ai!'naka	ti #'ais (di) !naakab	
ford <i>v.</i>	xanu	xànú	4
ford, drift <i>n.</i>	xanup	#hǔs; !núú(!gùù)!gàú-ám̃s	0
ford (near Douglas)	g!auxanup [K]	-	
fore-arm	#'hâp	#hàáb	4
forehead	!'uub/s, !'uus	!'úús	4
forget	!'uru	lùrù	4
forgive	!'uruba	lùrùbà, lùúbà	4
fountain	!x'aus, !'audas	làús, làúròs	4
four	haka	hàkà	4
fowl	*anis [X]; kukurub [K]	ànís; hǔngùrìb (< Herero) kukuru	2
freeze to death	!xail'oo	!khǎl'òò	4
friend	!'omakhoe-i	sòré-i, hòré-i, gùrìb,	0
friendship	!'omasip	khòèhórésàgùb, khòèxàsìb	0
fright – get a	!'huri	!hùrì	4
from	xu	xu [xùú]	4
frost, May	!x'abap, !'abap	!khòàb (!áwàb = spring)	0
frown	!nuni-ai	!níníái	0
full	!x'oasa, !'oasa	!òàsá	4
fungus (yellow powdery)	!'hobos	!nàúùb (!hǒwó = <i>v.</i> paint face w. ointment made from !nàúùb)	0
<i>future t.</i>	ni	ní	4
<b>G</b>			
gallop	!'are	!órè	2
gargle	g!obo	!gòwópè'nám!nàà, !gòwópè	3
garden	!'hanap	!hànáb	4
garment	tanip, !xanip/!xanku	ànáxùù-i	0
gather	!'hami, xami	!hámí; xámí (= gather & roll up blankets)	4

<sup>33</sup>Beach (1938: 194): Korana *lenap*.

	'hao!'hao	lháólhàò	
generation	'haos	sùrib (lhàòs = family)	0
genet	tool'hôas	!nòrèb	0
germinate, grow <i>v.i</i>	'hai	lhài, !iĩ	4
get erection	kx'ôa	lkhámá	0
girl	loos	lgǒás	2
	laaloodas, taareloodas	lgǒá(rò)s	
	'oaxais	óáxàès	
– young	'habasas	lgǒáròs	0
give	au	màà (áú = let share in)	0
give birth	'ora	lòrá (of: esp. human)	4
	ôa	ǒá (of: anim.)	
glans (of penis)	xâp di bi!'âp [K]	tsòràb	0
glue, affix (?)	#abe	#áwé, #àè	4
		(= sit glued to, adhere to)	
glutton	'harip	òó-àò-i	0
		(cf. lharisa <i>arch.</i> gluttonous)	
go out	#oa	#òá	4
God	Tshuul'aop, Tshii'l'aop	É lób, !Khùùb, Äwób;	4
	Tshii'l'oa, Siiloap, Suu-loap, Abop, Elo, !Xuup	Tsuilgoab <i>arch.</i>	
gone (absent)	kaa, !xai	káà, !khái	4
good	*!'áisa	!gáì	3
gossip	'hoe	lhòè	4
grab	!xoo, *zubu	!khóó, tsùwú	4
grain bag	'hoop	lhòób/s	4
grandchildren (my)	ti loon di oan [K]	ti òàn di !gòàn	1
grandfather	lûp; !naup [K]	!nàò(sà)b, áútáb	0
grass	!âp, lamp	!gááb	4
grave <i>n.</i>	'hobap	lhòwás	4
graze	!'û	!ùú	4
green	!x'am, !'am	!ám	4
green, unripe	kx'ôara	òrà	4
greet	nebe, nabe(te)	táwédè; náwédè [D]	4
		(náwé = beckon)	
grey	'hai	lhái	4
	thaothao	tsaotsao (= ashen)	
grey <i>v.</i> (of: hair)	!noa	!nòá	4
Griekwa language	Xri!'hoap		
Griekwa people	Xirikwana, Xurukwana		
(12) Tita ke	Xurukwa-Ø.		
I IND	Griekwa-Ø		
'I am a Griekwa'			
Griekwastad	Kai!'aas, !Ora#hòap	-	

grind (cereal)	xun	xóń, xéń	4
groan	g!ae	!gàè	4
grope	*thâthâ	tsánánǎ> tsǎánǎ; !gǎ wó, !náá!náá, tsòmǎè	1
ground-squirrel	saop	!gǎé+nàáb [D]	0
grow (of: anim.s, plants)	!ui	!úí (= thrive, flourish)	4
good	!âi	!gǎi	4
guilty	!habixa	!hàwíxǎ	4
guinea fowl	tookx'anis (?)	!khénǎs (tòó = mottled)	0
gullet	!x'abdommi	!ǎ wádòmǎmi	4
gully	!aap	!nǎmǎmi; (!àáb = river)	0
gum (of tree)	hairap	!háírǎb	4
gum (of jaws)	arika, !úx'oop	àríb	4
<b>H</b>			
hair	!ump, !ômp, !úku !xomku	!ùùb	4
hamerkop	!hams	?	
hammer	!urip	!hàmers (lùríb = iron)	0
hand	!ummi, !ommi	!órmǎmi	4
hang, suspend	!aami < !aamai	!gǎámǎí	2
hang (to execute)	!â	!gǎǎ	4
hard - bec.	karo	!kàró	4
hardworking	!ari	!gǎrí (= indefatigable)	4
hare	!ôas; *!ôas	!òàs	4
hat	!haep/s	!gǎwàs	0
hawk	!x'aup;	!ǎúùb	4
	kuku!xookx'aop ("fowl-catcher") [K]		
head	danap	dǎnáb	4
	bii-/baa-/bee!'amp;		
	bii!'ákwa [K]		
head – back of	!norop	!nòró	4
head cloth	!xaip	!khǎíùb	4
heap of stones	!oro	!nǎróùb/s	0
hear	!nâu	!nǎú	4
heart	!aop	!gǎóùb	4
heartbroken	!aotshû	!gǎóùtsùù	4
heat – be on	sâ [K]	sóm (of: bitch)	
heaven	!hommi	!hòmǎmi	4
heavy	!om	!góm	4
hedgohog	!xam !noap (= young ~)	!gǎmírós (!nòǎp = porcupine)	0
heifer	!noa(da)s;	!nòà(rò)s, tsǎús,	2
	tara!noas [K]	tǎránùù gòmàs/tsǎús	
height, steep cliff	!âp	!gǎǎùb [D]; !hòáb [N]	4
help	!hui	!húí	4
herd (cattle) <i>v.t</i>	!úi, !ôasi	!úí, !òási	4

herbivorous animal	xamarep	xǎmáři-i [N]; xǎmánĭ-i [D]	2
heron	'!au-anip (= "fish-bird")	rèir-i (< Afr. reier), !gùrĭ khòèsèb0	
hiccup	'!ubi	lùwĭ [D]; !nùwĭ	4
hide	!xaru, gaugaubee	!kharú (= put away for later); sǎu	4
hide o.s.	gau, gaugau	gǎu	4
high	‡amka	‡ám!nàà (= on top of); !gàwĭ(sè)	
	!urisa	!gùrĭsè (= at high altitude)	3
hill	‡arerep	!nǎúb, !nómmi	0
hillock	khuup	khüübès (= bulge); !nǎúròs	3
hinder	'!ore	‡hǎni; (!lòrè = abuse, maltreat)	0
hip	‡hobep;	‡höwèp [D] / !gòwèb [N]	4
		(= flank, waist)	
	!g!ubup, !nubup	!gùwús, !nùwús (= area of hip)	
	‡ommi	‡nómmi (= area of external thigh)	
hippo	‡xoas (??)	!khàòs (‡khòàb/s = elephant)	0
hold	!xoomái	!khòòmǎi (= hold upright)	4
hold tightly	'!hau	!khòó!gàrá	0
hole	kx'aas, aap	ǎás	4
holy	'!anu	!ànú	4
home	hǎ!xaep	hǎǎ!khǎis; hǎǎ!khǎès [N]	4
honey	danis	dǎníb	4
honeybeer	dani!xarip	dǎní!khàrĭs	4
hoof	!xoarap	!khorás	2
horn	!namp/!nǎku, *n!áp	!nǎàb	4
horse fly	haa-uip	hǎǎ!gĭnǎb	0
hot	!am (?? = v.i.)	!gǎmsǎ a.	3
hot – bec. (of: fire/sun)	!xôa	!khoa	4
house	kx'ommi	óm/s/-mi	4
how?	hamtii?	mǎàtĭ? [D]; hǎmĭtĭ? [N]	4
hunger	'!áp	!ààb	4
hurried, be in a hurry	'!aaxa	!nòésǎ, !áàxǎ (= busy)	4
hurry, haste	'!hae	!hǎè!hǎèsèn	3
hurt	thúthú	tsÿútsÿù	4
hyena	'!húgaop, '!ongaop	(!hǒàkǎóǒb = rascal)	
	‡hairap	‡hǎirǎs, ‡hǎirǎs	4
<b>I</b>			
I	r, ir; tir	tà; tita [tĭtǎ]; (tir [tĭr] [N])	1
ill	'!aesén	!ǎèsèn	4
(13)	<i>Kaise r '!aesén-a.</i> very I sick [< PERF?] 'I am very ill'	<i>Kaise ta ge   aesén hǎ.</i> very I IND sick PERF	
illness	'!aep (-kwa)	!ǎèsènni; !ǎéb (= raised temperature)	4

implore	!xoma	!khómá	4
immortal(ity)	!oo!aap (< death+end)	loo loa (= can't die)	0
in	!naa	!nàà, (!nàà)	4
in pieces	-!aa	-!àá	4
chop in pieces	!haa!aa	!hàá!àá	
inhale	!x'omi, !'omi	!òm+gàà; !hómí (= inhale spasmodically)	4
initiation feast (after circumcision)	dorop	?	
insane	!xau	!khàú; !gàrú(àdàná)	4
inside	!na	!nàà, (!nàà) <i>postp.</i> ; +gàná <i>adv.</i>	2
intestine	*!hûip, !ûiku g!oip; g!ûip [K]	!gûíb, !gûígu	4
investigate	‡naulnaa	ǒá!nàà, ǒá!gàó	0
iron	!xurip, !urip	!ùr'íb	4
isolate (girl at puberty)	!nuu‡nuu	!gòrà, !guu‡nûi	0
itch	!xon	!khón [D], !khén [N]	4
<b>J</b>			
jackal	!airap, !aikep !eieb	!giùr'íb, (!gàùr'áb) [N]; !gàùr'èb [D]; !giùr'áb	4
jaw	!nanip (-kua)	!nàà'n'íb	2
jealous	!tauxa, !taoxa	!táúxà	4
jodhpurs (fat on thighs)	!lomi	‡nám'mi	0
jump	!ae [K]	!àè; òrò (= buck)	
(14)	!Ae na haap ke. Jump PR horse IND 'The horse is jumping.'	Oro ra haab ge. buck PR horse IND 'The horse is bucking.'	
	*huri [K], [X]	ùrí	2
<b>K</b>			
karree ( <i>Rhus lancea</i> )	!are; !x'are	!àrés	4
kaross	‡nammi	‡nàm's	4
kierrrie, club	!xarus	!khá'rus, !hóás	4
key	!uris (= iron)	!khòwá-ám'mi	0
kick	‡naa !ai	‡nàà (kick, dance) !gái	4
kidney	!naip; !xâp [K]	!nà'ís	4
kidney fat	*âup	â'ún	2
kill	!am	!gám	4
king	gaokx'aop	gàó-àòb	4
kiss	!òaa	!lòà	2
knee	!ôap [X]; !oap [K]	!góás	4
kneel	!oaku ‡ama maa [K]	!hòn!gòà	0

knife	kôas	gòàs	4
knob	!ubup	!gúwúb (= sphere)	4
knot v.	!hú [K]	!hùú	
know	#an	#án	4
know not	!uu	lúù	4

(15)	!Uu- r ke a.	!Uu ta (ge) a.	
	not.know I IND PS	not.know I IND PS	
	!Uu ta-a. [< Nama]		
	'I do not know'		

Korana (pl.)	!Oran	!Góràn	4
kraal	!harap	!hàrás	4
krantz	#amp, #amp; #âp [K]	#gàáb [D]; lhòáb [N]	4

**L**

lamb	!xaoda-i, !xoada-i	!khàòb/s	3
lamb (young)	#xam !xaoda'e	#khám !khàòrò-i	3
land	*!uup	!hùú	2
late (arrive)	!xaeba (haa)	!ònkháó	0
lay a charge	!nuri	!nùrí!gǎá	3
lazy	!obe	!òwésá	3
lead (pers./anim.)	!â	#gâc#gǔí	0
leak	#naa	#nǎá	2
lean – bec.	g#aba [X], [K]; !'aro [K]	#gǎwá	4
lean against	g!anasen	!gǎàsèn	2
leanness	!'arop	#gǎwá(sì)b	0
learn	!xaalxaasen	!khàà!khààsèn	4

(16)	Sisen-Ø ir na !xaa~!xaa~sen.	Sìsens-a ta ge ra	
	work-Ø I PR be.able~CAUS~REFL	work-OBL I IND PR	
		!khaa~!khaa~sen.	
		be.able~CAUS~REFL	
	'I am learning the work'		

leave alone	xuu	xùú	4
leave (go away)	doe	dòè, dòéxùú	4

(17)	Hee !khaip-Ø xu r na doe.	Nee !khais-a ta ge ra doexuu.	
	this place-Ø from I PR move	this place-OBL I IND PR move.leave	
	'I am leaving this place'		

leave (undisturbed)	!naa	!nàà, !nààxùú	4
left hand	!'are !'ôap [K]	!àrèb, !àrè!óm̄mi	
-less	-o	-ò	4

- (18) *Mari-o r ge ha.* *Mari-o ta ge a.*  
 money-PRIV I IND AUX money-PRIV I IND PS  
 'I am penniless'
- leg lnuup (-ku [X],  
-kwa [K]) lnüúb 4
- level #haba #hãwá 4
- liar lækx'aop #hòmì-/#hùmi-àòb 0
- lick thaa, \*csaa tsää 4
- (19) *Thaa r na tami |xa.* *Tsaa ta ge ra nammi |kha.*  
 Lick I PR tongue with lick I IND PR tongue with  
 'I am licking with the tongue'
- lid \*|'anaip #gáñáìb 1
- lie (n.) #hũmi (-ku) [K] #hùmìb, #hòmìb  
 læp (-ku) [K] (|gàès = story)
- lie (tell ...) læ #hùmì, #hòmì 0
- lie down loe |góé 4
- lie on back |xamp kx'ai ~ |hãb ai ~
- light n. !naap, !nâp, torop !nãáb 4
- (20) *Mû r na !naap-Ø.* *!Nâb-a ta (ge) ra koo.*  
 see I PR light-Ø light-OBL I (IND) PR look.at  
 'I am looking at the light'
- moonlight |xâp di !nâp |khã!nãáb, |khãb di !nãáb
- light (fire) khau khãù 4
- lift up #xao, uukhâi ùúkhãí, (#kháò = put on head) 4
- lightning tabatabap, tabap nãwàb [N]; táwàb [D] 4
- (21) *Ho'o na tabataba.* *!Naa-b ge nawaba nawa/tawa.*  
 ? PR strike there-he IND lightning strike  
 'there is lightning'
- (22) *!Am-!na tabatabap ge.* *!Gam ra nawab ge.*  
 kill-in(?) lightning IND kill PR lightning IND  
 'lightning kills'
- like prep. khama khãmá, khãmí, khèmí 4
- (23) *Hee khoep ge haap khama haa* *Nee khoep ge haap khama ii.*  
 this man IND horse like PERF this man IND horse like look.like  
 'this man is like a horse'

limestone	!xorop	!khòròb	4
limp	!hoara	!hòrá (= crippled)	2
	!x'ii	líi	
lion	xammi (-ku), *arip	xàmmi	4
loinskin	lnabes	lnàwéb	4
lip	kx'ammi	á mlgàúb	3
listen	!â	!gâà	4
little (a) a.	laa	!gáró [N];  gaa (Rust '69:74)	4
a little water	laa lamdan	‡khari  gam-i	
little finger	lxunudap [K]	!khúnùròb, !khunudab,	
	laalxunup	‡khàr'gà‡òñ nèb/-‡èñ nèb	
liver	kx'âip [K]	ǎís	
lizard sp. (10cm)	g!abarip [K]	?	
lizard sp. (striped, 30cm)	g!âis [K]	!gâís	
load v.	!nao	!nàò	4
lockv.	*!ankx'am, *!an'am	‡gá nâm	2
locust	‡homs	‡hòmmi	4
long for	!xoo	!khórè	0
long-eared fox	!xamap	!khàmáb (= silver jackal)	4
	!aake, !aaki [K]	láàb (= bat-eared fox)	
look	!aba	!gáwà	4
look back	!abax'oa	kòó-óà (= look back to past)	0
look behind/back	!aba!xuni	kòòñ(khàò)!gá à	0
loose the way	!habu	!hàwú, kàà	4
lost	kaa	kâà	4
louse	kx'urip	úrìb	4
love v.	!âa; *‡nam (??)	!ǎǎ !nàm	4
love n.	!âap	!ǎǎb, !nàmmi	4
lung	sookoi(-ku), sookui(-ku) [K]	sòób, (sòèb)	3
lynx	!x'abal'hôap, !'abal'hôap	!á wá!hòàb [N]; !hááb	4
<b>M</b>			
maggot	*!uni (-ka)	‡ùnìb (= worm)	0
magistrate	gaop	!gòrà!gǎá-àòb	0
maiden	oaxais	óáxàès, ‡khàm'khòès	2
man	khoep	khòèb, áòb	4
man- strong	‡xaramap	‡khàrà!nàà hààb (= matured man)1	
		!gárrí-àòb	
man- young	kx'arop [X]	axarob = áàxàròb, áàxà-àòb	0
mane	!haup	!gàr'èb	0
		!hàúb (= goatee, beard)	
manner	‡uup	!gàúǎ; ‡úúp (= character)	0
many	!oosa [X]; ‡ui [K]	‡gùí, ‡ǎúsá	0
	harasa		

many (people)	'oasa/'oosa (khoen)	‡gui (khoen) (loasa = full)	
(24) ‡Ui koman-Ø er ko mû. Many cattle-Ø I REC see 'I have seen many cattle'		‡Gui goman-a ta ge go mû. many cattle-OBL I IND RECsee	
mare	haas	háás	4
marrow	gʔaep [X]	‡gäéb	4
marry	'aaxae [X]	lǎxáègù	1
	xael'ái, g'amme [K]	!gǎ́m̀m̀è	
meat	glanni, kx'oop	lgǎ́nni	4
(25) Hee glanni ke (n)‡hanu tama. this meat IND right(?) NEG (‡hanu = right; correct, proper) 'this meat is not good'		Nē lganni ge !gâi tama hâ. this meat IND good NEG PERF	
meerkat, suricate	xarap, 'aep, ‡aup	xáràb (gen.)	4
meat	*'hoo!'oa, !xoo!'oa	lhàõ, !óágù; !khòó!óá (= receive)	2
melt v.i	tshuni, thuni	tsùni	4
mend (clothes)	‡x'abo, ‡abo	!nǎwá (= patch) (‡áwò = daub)	0
message	*‡hòap	‡hòàs/b, hàisì-ám̀s	2
milk n.	daip, biip	dàib	4
milk v.	lx'ao, 'ao	làó	4
milk (sour)	lxurudaip	lkhùrúdaïb	4
milk – curdled ...	*‡udaip	ǎúdaïb	2
milk bag	!abap, !aballhoop/s	dài!gàwàs	3
mind, move out of way	‡oo, ‡oobasen	‡góò	4
(26) Daop-Ø xu r na ‡oo. way-Ø from I PR step.aside 'I am moving out of the way'		Daob-a xu ta (ge) ra ‡goo. way-OBL from I IND PR step.aside	
minister (of church)	lxaalxaa-aop	lkhààlkhàà-àòb	4
miserly	'hari	lgíxà; lharisa (= arch. derog. greedy)	0
mix (wet/dry)	*!lobe, globe	‡gòwé (= esp. fat); hǎwá; lòré	2
mix (mud/clay)	globe, 'uri <sup>34</sup>	hǎwá; ‡gòwé (= mix esp. soft fat)	0
mole (on skin)	sanap	lgí̄s; sanas/b (= large mark)	4
	'harap	lhàrás/b (= wart)	4
mole (anim.)	'huudurup/-dorop, 'huu‡xoas	hawa(tsuru)b (?)	0
moon	lxàs	lkháàb	4

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moon – full	'oasa l xâp, 'oal xâp kai l xâp	lòàsá l khàäb kái l khàäb	4
moon – half	ʒ xaril xâp	ʒ khám l khàäb	1
moon – new	'asa l xâp	l ásà l khàäb	4
"dark moon"	*!'hael xâp	l khàè l khàäb	
morning	loap	l gòàs/b, l gòàgäb	4
moth	ʒ'unip; ʒ'hunip <sup>35</sup>	àwúr'és, sòn'nès (ʒ'unis = worm)	0
mother ( <i>vocat./gener.</i> )	mamas	mámàs	4
	îs	ú'ís	
my mother's mother	ti îs di g úus	ti îs di l gúus	
mother-in-law	'oisas [K]	l ùì(sà)s (= o's child's m.-in-law), l ùì l gùùs	
motor vehicle	'aekunis	àú'dòs (l àèkúnìs = steam-locomotive)	0
mountain	ʒamp (ʒàku), l xaap	l hòm'mi (ʒg ááb = rock face)	0
mountain eagle	l xaap di kx'anip	l áù l khàás	0
mouse	durup, dorop, !aru	dúrús	4
move (vehicle) (?)	!nari	!nàri	4
move away <i>v.i.</i>	doe	dòè, dòébèé	4
much	l x'oasa, l x'oosa	lòàsá	4
mucus (of nose)	xunip	xúnìb	4
mud	g'oap	ʒgòàb	4
mule	dongip (??)	múlìb	0
<b>N</b>			
nail (hand/foot)	lorop	l góròb	4
name	l x'onni (-ku)	l òns	4
(27) Sa l x'on-i-Ø tari hâ?		Sa l onsa mati hâ?	
your name-Ø who PERF		your name-OBL how PERF	
'what is your name?'			
name <i>v.</i>	l x'onna maa	l òn'mää	3
naughty	l orexa, l xonsa	l órèxà	4
navel	l naep	sùn'ís	0
near	*l x'uuse	l gúùsè	2
near – bring	luuluu	l gùù l gùù	4
nearly	ʒ'anixa	l áùbè(xà)	0
neck	!'aop; !x'aop [K]	l áób	4
need <i>v.</i>	ʒao	ʒg áó, ʒh ääbà	4
needle	nali	náli, nánni (< Afr. naald)	4
nephew	l nurip	l nùrib	4
nickname	l xam'l'onni	l gàm l ì l òns	1

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night	tshuxuba, thuxuba, *tjuxup	tsuxub [tsùúxúùp]	4
nightjar	!xaep, *!haep ‡aakx'ai loes ("which lies on plane")	!khàèb (= darkness) ǎwúhǐyòb, ‡gáàlgóéǎ	3
nine	!nani!â (??)	khòèsè (!nánílà = sixteen)	0
nip, pinch	!xai	!khiǐ, !khàí, !khirí	4
nipple	sammi !'ammi [K]	sámáǎms	
noise	‡xubip, !haap	‡khúwíb	4
nose	g‡uip [X], g‡uis [K]	‡gùís	4
not <i>negative marker</i>	tama	tàmà	4
<b>O</b>			
old	kaira, kaida	káírà	4
omasum, leaf-stomach !x'aras	!nubup – bâ!âs, (!áràb = abomasum)	‡gùí!hámisès	0
omasum – contents of on	‡'haup ‡'ama, *ai	‡hàùb (= fresh dung) ái	4 2
on (be on something)	‡'amka	‡ámái	3
one	lui	!gúí	4
open <i>v.t</i>	*!xoba-am	!khòwǎ-ám	2
Orange River	‡Nuug!arib	!Gàrib	3
ostrich	!'amip	!àmìs/b	4
otter	!amn‡arup	!hòmǎí, !omitsilâab	0
out	‡x'oasi, ‡oasi, ‡'ui	‡òá	3
owl	!huuros; !'hù!hús [K]	!húúròs (= pearlspotted owl) !honnos	2
<b>P</b>			
pack <i>v.</i>	!hami	!há mí (= gather belongings for journey)	4
pack-ox	!arip	!gǎrúb	2
pain <i>v.</i>	tshù [X]; thù [K]	tsùù	2
palate	*!'harukx'ammi	‡khàrùb, nǎǎ!hànǎb	1
pan, vley	!xubip	!khùwìs	4
paper	‡xanip	‡khànǐb	4
pass <i>v.</i>	!xaru	!khàrú	4
<i>passive suffix</i>	-he	-hè	4
<i>past tense</i>	**ko	gò, (gè)	4
peace	‡xâip	‡khǐǐb	4
peck up	!haakhâisi	!hòwěkhǎí	1
peel <i>n.</i>	sorop	sòròb	4
peep	‡'ui	‡ùí	4
penis	xâp	xâàb, !gǎrǎb, !óáb	4
perpendicular	!naalôana, g!amallôa	‡gòòhànù	0
person (a friendly ...)	kx'âikx'aop	khòèxà!nàà khòèb	0



predator	glaralûp <sup>37</sup>	xámánĩ-i	0
prepare/brey (skin)	lnoro	lnóró	4

(30)	<i>Ben_ ke na kaop-Ø lnoro.</i>	<i>Benni ge khoob-a ra lnoro.</i>
	Ben IND PR skin-Ø brey	Ben IND skin-OBL PR brey
	'Ben is breying a skin'	

*present tense* na ra/ta

(31)	<i>Mû r na sîsen na khoep-Ø.</i>	<i>Mû ta (ge) ra sîsen ra khoeb-a</i>
	see I PR work PR man-Ø	see I IND PR work PR man-OBL
	'I am seeing the working man'	

press	**g!âi	!gâi	2
prick	*!haa	!khàá	2
proud	!uri	!gùrĩ (= insubordinate)	4
puff-adder	!ais	!gâís [N]; !gâés	4
pull	**g!æ, !æ	!gâè	4
pupil (of eye)	!nuumûs	!nùùgòràs, !ùtsí!gàrès	0
pursue (walking)	kx'ao!â!û	!gòà!gòn	0
(running)	kx'ao!â!xoe	dâá!gǎ	0
push away (w.foot)	!haabee	!hàábèé	4
put away	sâubee, !xan	!gù!bèé	0
put down	!nûi	máí, !nûí	4
put together	!nui(n)!hao	!nùí!hàó	4

## Q

quarrelsome	!xamxa	!khámxà, !nùnìxà, gòwàxà	4
quail	!nubus	!nàwàrís, !háús	0
quickly	!haese	!háésè	4
quiet – be	!noo	!nòó	4

## R

raft	bâs	?	
rain	tuup	!nànús, túús [D, Topn., Bond.]; !àw!b [N]	4
rainbow	!hòas / tuus *!'anap	túú!hànàb, !àwí !hànàb	2
<i>Grewia</i> sp.	!x'âug!ararap, !âun	!âún, !âún	4
ram	!xaraguup	bâ!b, !khàràgùùb	4
rape	xae	!gâi!khòò (xâé = have intercourse)	0
rat	!nurulaus <sup>38</sup>	dùrúb	0
raw, cf. rude	kx'oara	òrà	2

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ready cooked	!ʼansasa	lǎńsǎ	3
receive	!xoo!ʼoa, *!ʼhoo!ʼoa	!khòó!óá	4
recover from illness	khoesi	‡úrú	0
red	!xʼaba	lǎwǎ	4
reed	‡ʼaap	‡áàb	4
reed flute	‡ʼaap	‡áàb	4
refuse	‡xaa	‡kháà	4
regret	*‡aothuu ("heartsore"), !ʼhao‡ao	!hǎúsèn; tsùùà‡gào (= feel sad)	1
relative	!ʼomap	khòèxàbèb, lùì(khòè)-i	0
remember	‡ʼái	‡ǎíhóó, !khòóǎí (‡ǎí = think)	0
remind	‡ʼái‡ʼái	‡ǎí‡ʼái!nàà, !nàwé!nàwé!nàà	3
repair	‡ʼhanu (??)	‡hǎnú‡hànù (‡hànù = a.correct)	3
request	‡ao	‡gǎń; ‡gǎó!kháà (= demand)	0
resembling one another	luiti-ii	!gúítí-íí, ǒǎsèn	4
reside	hǎ	hǎǎ, lǎn	4
(32) <i>Hǎ</i>	<i>r ge na.</i>	<i>!An ta ge hǎ.</i>	
live/dwell	I IND PR	reside I IND PERF	
'I am residing'			
residence	hǎ!xaip	hǎǎ!khǎǐb, lǎn!khǎǐb	4
rest	!ʼom!ʼomsen	sǎǎ, !hǎú (!om!omsen = give o.self a breather)	4
return (v.i)	!ʼhoba, !ʼhobaxʼoa kxʼoahaa, daakxʼoa, daba	!hòwà, óà; !lǎrú òàhǎà (= come back)	4
rib	!xʼarap [K]	lǎrǎb	
rich – bec.	!xuu	!khùù	4
ride (animal/cycle) (vehicle)	!abi !nari	!gǎwì !nǎri	4 4
Riet River	!ʼOma!garip	- (= ‡áà!ààb)	
reticulum	lanisa	!núwúpés	0
ridicule	!ʼhoo	!hòó	4
riem	!ʼhǎup	!hǎùb	4
rifle	!ʼabus, *!ʼabus	!ǎwús	4
ring (for finger)	!xunu!an-	!khúnú‡núídàs	0
ring (metal)	!an (-ku)	rǎís, rǎngs (< Afr./Ge. ring/Ring)	0
ringed cobra (?)	‡nuulxʼaop (?? = "black snake")	!hùíb, !gòrébèb	0
rise (of: sun)	‡ʼoa, ‡ʼoaxa	!hǎì, ‡óáxǎ	4
river	g!arip	!áàb, dòmmi (!gǎrip = river bank)	0
rock bank	‡narab	‡náwáb; ‡gèréb [D] (= bedrock)	0

rock buchu	!uisap	luisab, lúí!kháób	4
road	‡arop	‡gárób (= footpath), dàòb	1
roast <i>v.</i>	kx'am	ám	4
rob	*uul'hana	ùú!há ná, !khòó!há ná	2
roll (tobacco)	!nora, !noara	!nòrá	4
root	!nomap [X]	!nòmáb	4
rope	thurip	tsúúrìb	4
rot	!oo, !x'oo	!óó	4
rotate (wheel at handle)	!xami	!khámí <i>v.t</i>	4
rotate <i>v.t</i>	‡oma	‡gòmá (= wring washing)	1
rotten	!hansa	!hánsà, !háń!nàà	4
	!oosa	!óósà/-!nàà	4
	ham	hàm (= smell rotten <i>v.i</i> )	1
round <i>a.</i>	!ubu	!gúwú	4
round hill	!nunis [K]	!gúwú !nàús!/hòms	
rude, cf. raw	kx'oara	òrà	4
rumbling	‡xubip, !haap	‡khúwìb (= persistent noise)	3
run	!ari, !xoe	!khóé, (!gárí = frisk/gambol)	4
run away	!xoebee	!khòébéé	4
rush mat	!harup	!hàrùb, !hàrúb	4
rush out (of: water at fountain)	!hui [K]	!hùí	

## S

salt $n.$	‡oop,‡x'oop	‡òòb	4
salt pan	‡oop [K]	dàwés	0
salute, greet	tabe	táwédè	3

(33) *Gao-kx'aop-Ø its ge ni tabe.*      *Gao-aob-a~ts ge nî tawede.*  
 rule.man-Ø    you IND FUT greet      rule.man-OBL~you IND FUT greet  
 'you must greet the chief'

same (= said one)	!âi	lîi	4
sand	!xaep; !omap	!khàé̃b	4
satiated – bec.	‡û!x'a, ‡uul'a; !x'â [K]	‡ûú!lǎ, lǎ	2
satisfied	‡au, ‡ao, ‡xâi	‡àù ‡khǎ̃(sá)	2
save (money)	!oro, !sâu	sâù	4
say so	!tí mî	tí mǎ̃	4
scapular region	!xûip	!khǎ̃í̃b	4
scold	!haa	!áó	0
scoop (water)	xuri	xùrí	4
scorpion	!huus, !xaa-aop	!hùúb [N]; ‡khǎ̃í̃b, ‡hìrìrìé̃b [D]	4
scrape (skin)	!xao	!kháó, xàá(-âi)	4
scrape off	xoal!naa	xòá!nàà	4
search	kx'ôa, *ôa	ǎá	4

secretary bird	!x'ao!ú!kx'anip	dùrú!khòwàb, túrúrèb	0
seed	‡'arap, ‡x'arap [K]	‡áráb, !khóm̃n	4
seeds (of pumpkin)	garuku	pàpú!khòm̃n, (gàrúb = melon pulp)	0
seep out (of: water)	xore [K]	‡nǎá	
seeping place	xoras, xoaras (-di) [K]	xòráš (= waterhole dug in river sand)	0
send	sî	sǎ	4
senile	gare	‡gäwú; gǎáré (= stupid)	4
set (of: sun)	‡â	‡gǎà	4
seven	hòkx'ò, hùkx'ù	hǔú, hǔú	2
sever	!aolnaa	!gàòlnàà	4
sew	‡'om	‡óm̃	4
sexually excited – be	*thâ	?, cf. tsǎǎ (= feel; taste)	
shade, shadow	karap, sommi	sóm̃mi (kàráb = late afternoon when heat subsides [D])	4
shake	!nubu	!nǔwú, !gòm̃	4
shake out	!hae!hae	!hǎèbè!úí	1
share <i>n.</i>	!nammi	!ǎás, ǎám!nǎàs	0
(34) <i>Ti !namma ir ke na uu.</i> <i>Ti !âasa ta ge ra uu.</i> my side-OBL I IND PR take      my portion-OBL I IND PR take 'I take my share'			
sharp	!aa, !x'aa g!oasa, g!aisa	!áà (!gǎisà = strong, potent)	4
shave	‡xom	‡khòm̃	4
sheep	guus	gǔús	4
sheer, perpendicular	!naalôana, g!amallôa	‡gòò‡hànù	0
shelter (against wind) <i>n.</i>	!nuus	‡óà!khòm̃s, cf. !nó(r)ò <i>v.t.</i> (!nùús = resting-place)	0
shepherd's tree	!hunip	!hǔnǐb	4
shield	!xaukxoop	!khǎúkhòòb	4
shin	!haip [K]	!hǎib, !ùú̃b	
shine <i>v.i.</i>	taba	táwà [D]; náwà [N]	4
shine (light)	!am	!ám̃	4
shine (of: sun)	!hao	!nǎá	0
shoe	!habop, !harop (velskoen)	!hǎwós [N] (= velskoen), !hǎrób/s [D]	4
shoot	‡noa	‡nòà	4

- (35) *Komas ke !'abu\_!xa go ‡noa-he.*      *Gomas ge !abus !kha go ‡noa-he.*  
cow IND rifle with REC shoot-PASS      cow IND rifle with REC shoot-PASS  
'the cow was shot with a rifle'

shopkeeper	!amaxuukhoep	lámáxùú-àòb	3
short	!nubu, !nobu	!nüwú	4
shoulder	g!arap *!hoop (Meinhof)	lgäráb (= scapula) !höós	3
shoulder blade	g!arap	lgäráb	4
shout	!au, !x'au	!áú	4
show	!au	lgáú	4
shut (door)	*!anam	!gǎńám	2
side	!nammi	!nǎm̄mi	4

(36) *Sa !nammi kx'ai na r si-ma*  
 your side on PR I arrive.stand  
*gaos !na.*  
 government in  
 'I testify on your behalf before the law'

*Sa !khaab ai ta ge ra xatui.*<sup>39</sup>  
 your side on I IND PR testify

side (of body)	!oms	!nǎm̄mi	0
left side	lui !xaap arep, !are!xaap	!àré!khǎáb	2
right side	*am!xaap	àní!khǎáb	2
sigh <i>v.</i>	!hail'om	!hǎimǎǎín!òm̄	3
sigh <i>n.</i>	!úmp	!hǎimǎǎín!òm̄s	0
silent – keep	n!oo	!nòó	4
silence	n!oop	!nòó(sì)b	4
sin	!hubip	!órèb	0
sinew	!abap	!áwáb	4
sister-in-law	!oisas [K]	!ùì(sǎ)s	
sit	!nôa, !noa	!nòǎ (< !núú hǎǎ)	4
sit down	!nú	!núú	4
six	!nani	!nǎní	4
sjambok	!nabap	!nǎwáb	4
skew	gama	gǎmá (= crooked)	4
skin <i>v.</i>	!aa!ǎǎ	!nǎà!khǎá	3
skin <i>n.</i>	*kxhoop	khòób	2
skunk	!x'aa!x'aap [K]	!ùúrób, !gámrób	
slanting	!uru	!lǎrésè	0
slaughter	!aa, !aaxadom, g!oe!ani [K] <sup>40</sup>	!ǎǎ (!gǎòxǎdòm̄ = slit throat)	4
sleep	!om, !òm	!óm̄	4
sleeping-mat	!aop (??)	!gòǎb	0
sleepy	!umi	!òm̄hǐ, !òm̄hǐ	2
slender-tailed meerkat	xarap	xáràb	4

<sup>39</sup> xatui < Afrikaans getuig (testify)

<sup>40</sup> Supplied by “old woman at Ritchie”.

sole (of foot)	#'aip (di) kharup	#ái!nääb	0
slip <i>v.</i>	#xanu	#khànù	4
slippery	#xarisa	#khirisá	2
slowly	#'ause	#àúsè	4
slow - be ( <i>i.e.</i> talk less)	!ae!ae [K]	#àúsè (ra) !hóà	0
small	#xari, *#hari; #xami; laa	#khàrí, lùì; !gaa (Rust 1969: 74)	4
smear (floor); anoint	#xau	#kháù	4
smile	!num	!nóm	4
smoke <i>v.t</i>	#ae	#gáè	4
smoke <i>v.i</i>	!x'an	!án	4
smoke <i>n.</i>	!khabup	!ánni	0
snake	!x'aop, #naup	!àób	4
snaring place	*!'huis	!khuís (?); !nùís (= snare)	?
sneeze	!x'am [X/K], !x'á	tsǿ, sǿ́!(!ám = snort (of: horse))	0
snore	!xaru	!khárù	4
snuff	g#ú!#aep	súní-i	0
soft	!thamsa	tsàúrá, tsám'sá	4
soil	!'huup	!hùúb	4
son-in-law	!'uikx'arop [X/K]	!ùì!gòáb	3
sorghum	!bari!'horop	?	
sour	!xuru	!khùrú	4
sow	!tshoro	!tsöró	4
spark <i>v.</i>	!'ai	!áè	2
speak	!'hoa koba	!hóá gòwà (= argue)	4
spider	!nùis	!nùís	4
spider (big black)	*!nuus	!hùús	2
spine	!á#xoop	!áá#khòòb	4
spit	#x'ara [K], #'ara	#áárà	4
spit (through teeth)	!xabi	!lírí	0
spleen	#nubis	#nùwis	4
splinter <i>v.</i>	!xare	#khàrè	2
spoil	#x'oha	!gúí	0
spoon	!kxammi, !xammi, g!oap <sup>41</sup>	!gòáb	4
spotted	!too	tòó; #úúrà [N]	4
springbok	!lùp/s	!gùúb; #hààèb [D]	4
springtrap	!xooluris	!nùís	0
spy on	!aba!aba	!khě!gǎ	0
squint	!xá	!khǎá	4
stab	!xaa; *!haa	!khàá	4
stalk	!xuri	!khùrú	4

<sup>41</sup> Supplied by Jan Kok; a Nama?

stallion	(#khara)haap	#khàràhááb	4
stamp (grain)	#noa	#nòà, #hàú	4
stamp (maize)	!hù	!hùú	4
star	lamaroda-i	lgàmíróš	0
stare (at)	!aba	!gáwà	4
steal	lx'aa, lx'âa, l'âa	lǎ, !nàrí	4
steenbuck	lx'aba!'hai-e	!àríš	0
sting v.	!xaa	!khǎá	4
sting (of bee) n.	xam-ap	!nòmǎmi	0
stinging-fly	!'hamkx'ailarup	gòmǎlgìnǎb	0
stingy	g!uixa	lgǐxǎ	0
stink	!'han, ham	hǎm, !hǎná!nàà	4
stir	huni	hùnǐ	4
stomach	!naap; !xommi	!nǎáb (lkhóms = rumen)	4
stomach – contents of	!'harap	!hàràb	4
stone	!'uip	!úíb/s	4
stone plover (kom- mando voël)	*!'hai-anip	!khài-ànìb (= crowned plover)	2
stoop	!'ai, #ai !'hòá	!nòmǎ !nòmšèn !'hòá (a. crooked)	4
stop (activity)	!'uu [K]	!ùú	
strange	lxara, !nii	!hàò (lkhàrà = different)	0
other	lxara, !nii	!khàrà, !nǐ	4
strangers	!'haokhoen	!hàòkhòèn	4
strap (cow)	!'hau	!hàú	4
strict	!xoo	!khóó	4
strike (w. hammer)	#nau	#náú	4
strike (w. fist)	#noa	#nòà	4
string	**thurip	tsúúrǐb	2
strong	g!aisa, *!aisa g!aiǎ!ai	!gàisǎ	4
struggle w.	!xana	!khànǎ (= v.i be busy/engaged)	4
stupid	gâre *g!ookhoe, *g!ooke	gǎáré, gǎà !khúúké [D], !khòmǎpóó	4
stutter	koba !'oa	ànààm, àilààm	0
suck	lom	!gòmǎ	4
suckle	bii	dǎisì	0
suffice	#âu	#àù	4
sugar	#xon-i	súgùrǐ-i, súíkèrì	0
summer	!xoonap	!khùúnǎb	4
sun	sorep	sórèb/s	4
supper	!'ui#ùp	!'ùì#ùs	4
swallow	tom	tóm, hárá	4
swear	loe	!gòé	4
sweat	*aosen	áòsèèn, áòsèǎ	2
sweep	!nau	!nàwú	2

sweet	‡xon	‡khòń	4
sweetness	‡xonnip	‡khòńsĩb	3
swell	xâi	xăĩ	4
swim	*tshâ; thâ [K]	tsăâ	4
swim under water	‡naru [K]	-, (dũu)	0
swing (in a circle)	‡oma	săwú	0
sword	‡nuup	gǒâb; ‡nuub (?)	0

## T

tobacco	baaxap	tápàgâb, màgâ-i ( <i>&lt; Herero omakaya</i> )	0
table	‡'ûkx'aixuup, ‡'û'aixuup	tăáb	0
tack, thread (?) v.	naru	nărũ, tsóánă	4
tail	‡arep	‡ăréb	4
take	*uu	úú	2
take away	*uubee	ùúběé	2
take care of	!ôasi	kóó!gǎâ, !gòró, !gǎń	0
take shelter from	laa	!gǎâ	4
tall	gaaxuu	ga(i)xu [gǎxùú] / [gǎixùú], !năòsǎ	4
tame – bec.	‡'au, ‡'au <sup>42</sup> , gaa	‡ăú	4
taste v.t	*tshâ	tsăă	4
teach	!xaa!xaa	!khàà!khàà	4
tear (drop) n.	!amarop	!gǎm්රó̃b	4
tear v.	doa	dòá v.i, dòà v.t	4
	!xau v.t	!khàú	4
tease (by pretending to give)	laelae	măá(gă)găárǎ (!gǎê!gǎè = mimic, ape)	0
teeth	lungku	!gǎúúgu	4
tell	!hoaba, !naa; !hoaba [K]	!hòăbă	4
ten	dzisi	dĩisĩ	4
termite nest – abandoned	!'abip/!'abip 'ump	!gawes [D]	0
testicle	‡xarap	‡khàràs	4
glad (= grateful)	!âixa‡ao, !aixa‡ao	!gǎiă‡gǎó	2
that demonstrative	!naa	!năă	4

(37) !Naa khoep ir na mũ sisen na. !Naa khoeb mũ ta ra-b ge ra sisen  
that man I PR seework PR that man see I PR-he IND PR work  
'that man whom I am seeing is working'

thatch v.	g!abo	!gǎwó‡àm!năà, !gǎúí‡àm!năà	3
to	-!x'ai	-!ĩ, !năă!ĩ	2

<sup>42</sup> Supplied by Katrina Brouers (Douglas).

(38)	<i>!Naa-lx'ai !û!</i> there-to go 'go there!'	<i>!Naa-lí !gû re!</i> there-to go HORT.P	
they	!âin	!j̥in	4
thief	!x'aamp, !x'âkx'aop !hôagaop	!ââ-àòb, !nàrí-àòb !hòá káòb (= crook)	4
thieving	!x'aamp	!âs/b, !âs̥s, !nàríb	4
thigh	t̥ip <sup>43</sup> timp <sup>44</sup>	t̥is/b	4
thigh-bone	t̥i#xoop	t̥i#khòòb, ká í#khòòb	4
thin	!ui	!ùì	4
thing	xuup	xúùb	4
think	#âi	#âí	4
thickish (of: tree)	!nana(sa)	!ná ná	4
thirsty – bec.	!â	!gâ á	4
thong	!âp !hâub	!âáb (= boot-/shoe-lace) !hâùb	4
thorn	*!huup, !xuup	!khùùb	4
three	!nona	!nòná	4
throat	!arap, dommi	dòmmi	4
through – pierce, pass, stab through	!xaru *!haa!xaru	!khàrú !khàá !khàrú	4
throw ea. o. down	#ûku	!gáú	0
thumb	!nanip káitsis [K]	khâwús káítsí!gùùbès	0
thunder <i>n.</i>	**!urup	!gùrùb	2
thunder <i>v.</i>	**!uru	!gùrù	2
tick	!oarabep	!òrápép	4
time	!aep	!áéb	4
tinder box	doros	dòrós	4
tired - bec.	!hubu	!hùwú, tsáú	4
to	!oa, gla	!òá, !ga [!là]	4
to us/me	<i>sida !oa, tir !'oa</i>	<i>tita !oa!ga, sida !oa!ga</i>	
(39)	<i>Kx'ommi gla r na !û.</i> house to I PR o 'I am going to the house'	<i>Oms !ga ta ge ra !gû.</i> house to I IND PR go	
toe	#aip !xunup zíp [K]	#áì!khúnús ts̥j̥ib/s	3
toe – big	*zíp	ts̥j̥ib/s	2

<sup>43</sup> Supplied by Klaas.

<sup>44</sup> Supplied by Jan, Emma, Angelina.

tomorrow	!oaba	!gòàgà	1
	!aowa	!àrì	
tongue	tammi, nams	nà'mi, là'mmi, tà'mi	4
tonight	**tshuxuba	tsuxuba [tsùúxùùbà], nee!oe, nee!uia, là'n!òè, là'rikám !òè	2
tooth	!lúp	!gúúb	4
	!lòm̩p/!lônku/!angku		
tortoise	!urup	!nàás, !khù'ís/b	0
trachea	!arap; !x'arap [K]	!nòòèb, ká'ródò'mmi, là'nídò'mmi	0
gullet	!arap	!á wádò'mmi, !gá'ndò'mmi	0
train	kaikunis, !'aekunis	‡nùùkúnìs, tré'ns (!àèkúnìs = locomotive)	0
trap	‡nauhaip	‡ná úhà'ib, !nóás	4
tremble	**!huu!naa, !xuu!naa	!khùú	1
trench	!arep	?	
trinket	anis, ainis	? (cf. ani = decorate)	
troublesome	!haaxa	!haaxa	4
trunk (of tree)	g!aop	!gàób	4
truth	kx'amap	ámàb < ámmàb	4
Tswana (person)	Biris/p, *Barip	Pírìs/b	4
turf	‡nuuǵoap	‡nùùǵòàs	4
turn <i>v.t</i>	!xâi	!khâ'í	4
turn back <i>v.t</i>	!xae	!kháè	4
turn (o.s.)	!xunisen	!khùn'ísèn, dàwá!khùn'ísèn	4
turn (handle)	!xoba	!khàm'í	0
turn round/over <i>v.i.</i>	!xunisen	!khù'ísèn	0
turn (of: vehicle)	kx'onisen	!nùm'ísèn	0
turn up (nose)	!uunakx'ai	sòrà, !hà'áxùú	0
turtle	!naas [K]	‡gà(w)ís (!nàás = tortoise)	0
turtle dove	‡nais	‡nà'ís	4
twilight	*tshuxup (??)	!hówób (tsuxub = night)	0
twin	!amg!ee-e	!gèé-i	3
two	!am	!gám	4
<b>U</b>			
ugly	!ai, !laasi	!gá'ís'í, !gá'às'í; lá'ís'í, lá'às'í [N]	4
uintjie	!oop (in pans) !uup (in sandy veld)	!hà'ns	0
umbilical cord	!naep	!nà'éb	4
unable	!oa	!lóá	4
unfold <i>v.t</i>	!khoba	!khòwà	4
uncle	!naosap, !nausa	ò'méb, dà'dáb; !nàòsàb (= mother's brother)	4
under	!naka, k'onk'aro	!nàáká; !gàó	4
undress	*!ae+oasi, *!ae †ui	‡gàè+ú'í!khàà, !hùú!khàà	1

unhappy	!xoara	ʃkhĩ̀ò!nàà	0
unlock	!xoba	!khòwá-ám	3
unscrew	!xoba	ʃgòmá!nàà, òré	0
urinate	!xam [K]	!khám, àú!gám	
urine	!xammi	!ùùb	0
uterus	!h'oos	!hàás	2

## V

vaalbos	kaurtship	?	
Vaal River	!'Haig!arip [K]	-	
vagina (?? vulva?)	ʃaup, !xam!naida	!óás, !gàùs	1
varicoloured	toa	tòó, ʃúúrà	2
vein	ʃxurup	ʃkhúrúb	4
veld	!'aup	!àùb	4
Venus	!'huupaip !oalamaros, !'uip !ama- ros	!gàròb (!hùúbáíb = world) !góá!gàmìròs, !ú!gàmìròs	2
visit	ʃare(!ú), sari	sàrì	4
vlei	!oap	!góáb (= depression)	4
voice	dommi	dòmmi	4
vomit	!xûi, !xôi	!khûi, árà	4
vulture	kaigoarap	káígòràs [N]; káí-ànt's [D]	4

## W

wade	xanu	xànú	4
wag-'n-bietjie <i>bot.</i>	ʃ'arop; ʃx'arop [K]	ʃáròs	4
wagon	kunis	kúnís	4
wagon wheel	kunis ʃ'aip	kúní!nùús	0
wagtail	!amkx'ammi?		
wait, hold on	!'ú, !nam	!nàm	4

(40) !Nam aibe!	!Nam aibe!
wait in.the.meantime	wait in.the.meantime
'wait a bit'	

wait (for)	!'âu	!àú	4
walk	!úu	!gùù	4
walk (round s.thing)	!ú#nami	!gùù#nàmi	4
walk past	!ú-ii!xaa	!gùù-í!khàà	4
walk backwards	kx'oa	kháódùrú, kháó-òà	3
wall	!nuup/s	ʃnùwìʃgòàb	0
waltz <i>n.</i>	ʃomas	?	
want <i>v.</i>	!'anu	ʃgáó, ʃhàábà	4
want to (do)	!aa	ʃgáó	0
war	torop	tórób	4
warm – bec.	!xôa	!khóà	4

wart	!harap	lhàráb	4
wash (garment)	!aa	lǎá	4
waterhole in rock	!urup	lkharub	0
we	sida	sida [sí'ida] (= we exclusive)	4
weak - bec.	‡xabu	‡khàwù	4
wear (clothes)	!xansen	‡gàè‡gààsèn	0
weather	!hommi	‡óàb mǎàsìb (lhòmmi = sky)	0
well	kx'aap	‡gǎb <i>Bibl.</i> , tsàúb (ǎáb = deep hole)	0
west	**sore‡aas	sórès di ‡gààlkháab, hùrì‡òàs	1
wet	!x'â, !â	lǎǎ	4
what?	tæ?	tǎré?, tǎé?	4
wheat	*!hû(n)!horop	!hòròb	2?
which	ham?	mǎǎ?, hàǎ?	4
when?	ham!æ?	mǎǎ! àé?, hàǎ! àé? hàǎmǎó?	4
where?	ham?	mǎǎpǎ?	0
whisper	tubu	túwù, sówàbè	4
whistle	‡nam	‡náǎ	4
white	!uri, xati	!ùrí	4
who?	tari?, daa?	tàrí?, tàí?	4
wild <i>a.</i>	!nari	!nárí(sǎ)	4
wild olive <sup>45</sup>	!ommi, !omhaip	!goms	4
win	daa	dǎà, dǎǎ	4
wind <i>n.</i>	!aop	‡óàb	0
wind (strong)	‡oap	‡óàb	4
wing	glabop	lgǎwòb	4
winnow	**!haa(!ui)	!háà	2
	‡aaburu	‡óàpùrú	
wipe	!om	lǎǎ	4
wire-worm	‡nunip	? (‡unìb = worm <i>gen.</i> )	
witgat <i>Boscia albitrunca</i>	!hunip, *!honip	!hùnís	4
with	!xa	!kha [!khàà]	4
without	*ose	òsè	2
woman	khoes	khòès	4
womb	‡hoos	‡hùú!gàùs, !háás (‡hòós = afterbirth of animal)	0
wood splinters	!x'oboku, !'aboku	!khàǎni/-gu, !ànàb	0
work, toil	g!om	!óá (!gǎm = <i>a.</i> burdensome, onerous)	0
world	!huup, !huup(kx')aip	!hùúbǎíb	4
worm	‡unip	‡unìb	4
wound <i>n.</i>	kx'uup	!hàwís (úúb = pus)	0
wring out (clothes)	‡oma‡ui	‡oma‡ui	4
wrinkle	!x'unip	!gǎí b	0

<sup>45</sup> Supplied by Jan Kok

wrong	thuu, tshuu!aa <sup>46</sup>	tshùù, #khàwà	4
<b>X</b>			
Xhosa	*!Hoosap	!Khòòsàb	2
<b>Y</b>			
yard	lâup	!gáùb	4
yarn	!ʼabap	!áwàb	4
yawn	!hubu	gàà!gǎá (!hùwú = bec. exhausted)	0
tired	!hubu	!hùwú, tsàú	4
year	kurip	kùrǐb	4
yeast	!xurup	!khùrúb (= leaven)	4
yellow	!hai, !hao	!hùni (lhái = pallid)	0
yellow cow	!hao gâap		
yellowfish	!hailʼaup [K]	?	
yesterday	!ari	!àri	4
	!aatshe, !arikamtsheep	!àrikàmʼtsèè	
yesterday morning	!arikamloa	!àrikàmʼ!gòà(gà)	4
yonder	!naa, !naaba	!nàá, !nàápá	4
young	!xam, !xami	!khám	4
youth (young man)	!ui-aop/-arop/ !ui-kxʼarop [K]	!khàmʼkhòèb	0
<b>Z</b>			
zebra	!arudaus	!gǒrèb; !gǒárèb [D]	0

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<sup>46</sup> Obtained in Griekwastad.

**Abbreviations**

<i>a.</i>	adjective
Afr.	Afrikaans
AUX	completed/perfective aspect marker
<i>Bibl.</i>	<i>Biblical</i>
Bond.	Bondelzwarts (Nama)
[D]	Damara dialects
Engelbr.	Engelbrecht 1928
FUT	future/obligative marker
Ge.	German
<i>gen.</i>	generic/in general
HORT.P	imperative/hortative particle
IND	Indicative sentence type marker
[K]	Korana!/Ora
[N]	Nama dialects (of Namibian Khoekhoe)
NEG	past/present negative marker
PGN	person-gender-number marker
PR	(present) progressive marker
PRIV	privative
PS	(present) stative marker
REC	recent past marker
REFL	reflexive
Topn.	Topnaar (Nama)
<i>v.i</i>	intransitive verb
<i>v.t</i>	transitive verb
[X]	Xri
[‡Aa]	‡Aakhoe

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