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**DISONARIU KABUVERDIANU**

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FOREWORD

1. Introduction. This is actually the second edition of a dictionary of the Capeverdean language which was prepared by J.J.R. Pires and John Hutchison and first appeared in 1983 bearing the title *Disonariu Preliminariu Kriolu*. This second edition bears a different title, and has benefited from the contributions of a third author, Manuel Goncalves of the Capeverdean Bilingual Program of the Boston Public Schools. This second edition was produced to respond to the needs of students at Boston University enrolled in the 1994 Co-operative African Language Institute hosted by Boston University from the 20th of June to the 29th of July, 1994. The course is being taught by Manuel Goncalves, and it is hoped that through the course it will be possible to make significant improvements in the quality of the dictionary, and to increase the number of entries.

Though the word *Preliminariu* has been removed from the title, this second edition of the dictionary remains in a working draft version which is being improved on an ongoing basis. Like its predecessor, it does not contain etymologies for the language sources of words. The development of a dictionary is an ongoing process and the authors would greatly appreciate receiving comments and criticisms from those reading and using the dictionary.

2. Spelling and orthography. The orthography of Capeverdean has again changed, as reflected in this dictionary, from a more phonetic orthography, to a more Portuguese-based orthography. The new order of the alphabet is shown in the table below, following the abbreviations.

3. The problem of dialects and variation. The dictionary can be said to be based in the Sotavento dialects of Capeverdean (Kriolu), with the variant forms for certain other dialects which differ considerable also indicated through cross-referencing. There is a great deal of permissible variation even within a single dialect, let alone when dealing with all of the dialects. In the present work, we have only begun to deal with the problem of dialects, and have barely scratched the surface. There clearly remains a great deal of work to be done.

The authors express their hope that this effort will contribute to the ongoing process of legitimization of the Capeverdean language, and to its promotion and use in education both in the Cape Verde Islands and in the Capeverdean diaspora in Europe and the United States.

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abuzu n insult, abuse.

adapt = adapt.

adÅs expr see adeus.

ade expr see adeus.

ades expr see adeus.

adeus expr goodbye = adÅs, ade, ades.

adjaa excl used in admiration.

adjada n noise, sounds = rabulisu.

adjada n(Bar.) screaming = papiada.

adjetivu n adjective.

adju n garlic.

administrador n administrator.

administrason n administration.

admirason n admiration. = dimirason.

adore v adore, like.

aduka v see eduka.

adultu n adult.

advogadu n lawyer.

ael pro him.

aeroportu n airport.

afetu n affetion.

afinal adv finally.

afirma v affirm.

afirmason n affirmation.

Afrika n Africa.

Afrikanu n African.

aga n bb see agu.

agarnel n bb see garnel.

agia n eagle.

ago adv now (consequence).

ago adv now, now then. ~ bu pode da-
m. Now give it back to me right away.

= agora.

agora adv see ago.

agostu n August.

agosturdia n/adv bb see ontonti.

agoturdia n/adv bb see ontonti.

agrab v feel remorse after rejection.

agrabadu past part saddened by rejection.

agrad v please.

agresivu adj aggressive.

agrikultor n farmer.

agu n water. ~ l oju=di oju tears (of
the eyes). ~ dosi soft drink, soda = aga.
~ ta korta na nha boka. My mouth is watering.

agua n mare.

agua-ferna n(S.Ant.) hot water remaining after washing tools used in extracting honey.

agua-pá n inferior quality of rum.

aguardenti n whiskey, corn liquor.

= grogu.

aguentav keep, hold onto, maintain.

= karapata.

ai ai excl used when resigning oneself to an obligation.

aia excl used in surprise and astonishment.

aián (S.Tiago) yes. = sin.

aina n st see alma.

aipu n plant variety grown among the rocks.

ajensia n agency.

ajenti n agent.

ajuda n help, assistance.

ajudanti n adjudant, assistant.

ajunta n breakfast, usually taken with coffee.

aka di re, aki de re excl cry for help. ~, tudu mundu txiga! Help, everyone come quickly.

akabadu adj finished.

akatron n see okatron.

akazu n accident, chance. pur ~ by chance.

akel pro 1 which. 2 the (definite article).

= kel.

akizison n acquisition.

akulturason n acculturation.

al auxiliary particle conditional. Kenha ki ~ flaba? Who would have thought so?

al n aisle.

ala adv in the meantime, suddenly.

ala dem adv there.

ala in ~ bo? Are you there? ~ bu bon? Are you well?

alal expr there! ~s here they are.

alalalal dem adv right over there.

alanbiki n still.

alanpra n lightning. = ralanpu, = relanpe.

alanpra v expand.

alarga v extend.

alarmi n alarm.

albaiadu adj colorless. = arbaiadu.

albarda n donkey’s saddle for attaching loads.

alberka n peasant’s sandals, slippers = arberka.

albes adv sometimes.

albigera n see aldjibera.

albisa n good news = albrika, = arbisa.

alborada n distant noise of e.g. people approaching = arborada.

alborku n house where people gather for palm reading. = aborku; = elborku.

albrika n see albisa.

albu adj pale, white = abru.

aldeia n 1 small village. 2 section of the island of Fogo.

aldjaros n downspout, gargouille.

aldjibera n 1 hanging pocket purse. 2 pocket = bolsu; = albijera.

ale pred here is/are. ale-bu here you are. ale-m here I am. ale-s here they are. = ali.

alebi n exaggerated talk, boastful accounts of things that one has not really done. labanta ~ tell tall tales.

alegra v be happy.

Alemanha n Germany.

Alemon n/adj German. = Almon.

alenta v survive.

Alenteju n region in Portugal.

alerta v alert.

alfabetizason n literacy.

alfabetu n alphabet.

alfaiati n tailor = arfaiati.

alfandiga n customs, customs house = arfandiga.

alfasi n lettuce.

alfineti n 1 safety pin. 2 plant variety. = arfineti.

algadon n see algudon.

algaris n 1 pus. 2 gonorrhea. = algarixu.

algarixu n see algaris.
algén pro form 1 someone. 2 (neg) nonne n person. ~ algén everyone.
= argen.
algola n hook (usu suspended from ceiling and used to hang things up high for safekeeping) = algolía, = argória,
= argoria.
algolía n see algola.
algudón n cotton = argudón.
algudón n cotton. = algadón.
alguns art some, certain. pro form some, certain ones, some of them.
= arguns.
ali dem adv here. alil, alí-l ali right here. ~ ta ruddëxa. Things are going well here.
ali pred see ale. ali-me (BV) here I am.
alias adv otherwise, on the other hand.
algoriku adj allegoric.
alilili dem adv right here.
alimaria n see limalia.
alimenta v feed.
alimentu n food.
alinia n paragraph.
alisersa v lay the foundation.
alisersi n foundation.
aliterason n alliteration.
aljema v cuff.
alj’ëma n cuff.
alkansa v reach.
alkatifa n llhl carpet, pile rug.
alkua v become bow-legged = arkuá.
alkuadu past part bow-legged = arkuadu.
alkuolí n alcohol.
alma n soul = aima, = arma.
almazn n warehouse. = armazén.
almažén n warehouse. = armazān.
almirantadu n admiralty.
almirante n admiral.
Almon n/adj see Alemon.
almuñada n pillow = armuñada.
almuñasa v have lunch = armusá.
almuñusu n lunch = armusu.
aloa adv (S.Nic.) over there.
aloya v lodge, put up, accomodate.
alasa n competence. N’ë dé se ~. It’s not due to his competency.
alterason n alteration.
altor n height, altitude.
altu adj tall = artu.
aluadu adj crazy, out of it, as if one was on the moon.
aluna nf pupil.
alunu nm pupil.
aluz n bb see luz.
aluz n light.
alvora v come out.
alvorsa v itch.
alvri n tree
alzoni 4-5 pm meal, kafe ku mustura ama conj and, but. amarelu adv yellow. = marelu.
ameasa v threaten. = measa.
amen expr amen.
amenda n almond.
amerikanu n american. = merkone, = merkana, = marikanu.
amí, mi 1S pro l, me.
amige n (BV) see amigu.
amigu n friend.
amizadi n friendship.
amoda n fashion. = modā.
amor n love.
analiza v analyse.
analología n similarity.
analogiku adj analogous.
anan n dwarf. = anon.
ananas n pineapple.
anbientsi n atmosphere, ambience.
anbisiona v be ambitious.
anbisiozu n ambitious.
anbison n ambition.
anbisozu adj ambitious.
anbitu n extent.
anbrodu n thorny creeping plant = abrodu, = abri-odju.
anda v see unda.
andar n floor/story of a building.
andewu n one who always walks = andexu, = sotanda.
andexu n bb see andewu.
anel n ring. ~ di konprimisu engagement ring. ~ di noivadu wedding ring.
anfia v accompany to the door, see out.
Angola n angola = Ngola.
anguli n see nguli.
anija n joint.
anilia n see latan.
anima v animate.
animadu past part animated.
anju n 1 angel. 2 body of a deceased child.
ankodje v b see nkodje.
ankodjedu past part b see nkodjedu.
ankua v live well, live in comfort and security.
ankuadu past partwell-established, living comfortably.
anon n see anan.
anpara v sustain.
anparadu past part sustained.
anpo n see motorinhu. conj Fogo so, now.
anpogo excl used in admiration.
antan conj and then. = enton, = nton.
antan conj bb see entan.
antena n television antenna.
anterior adj 1 anterior. 2 former.
anti prep before. di ~ in front. =antis.
antigu n antiquity, long ago. tempul ~ olden days, former times.
antipatiku n antipathy.
antis prep see anti.
Anton n Anthony.
antotxa v b see totxa.
antotxadu past part b see totxadu.
anu n year. tudu ~ every year. prosimu ~ next year.
anula v cancel, void. =nula.
anunsia v announce.
anunSaint n fish hook, hook.
aoji n(Bar.) today.
aonti n(Bar.) yesterday.
aparador n 1 sideboard, buffet. 2 sharpener.
aparei n radio.
apezar prep despite, in spite of.
aplika v apply.
aplikason n application.
apoia v support.
apozenta v retire.
apozendu past part retired.
apozentadu past part retired.
ar n 1 air. korentil ~ air current. 2 air, airs. ~ di un jenton air of a gentleman
ar, aru n arch.
ara v cultivate.
ar v lh err, make a mistake.
arabi adj arabian.
arabia n Arabia.
arada n cow who fails to get pregnant after being mated with a bull = nubija
arada.
araji n air. =areju.
aranha n spider.
arbaiadu adj see albaiadu.
arberka n see alberka.
abri v(SN) see abri.
arbisa n see albisa.
arbitra v arbitrate, referee.
arbitru n umpire, referee, arbitrator.
arborada n see alborada.
arboredu n forest. = padjisal.
arboriza v plant trees.
arbu adj see albu.
arde v glame.
arde n ant.
arida v(SA) start trouble.
aridiga v see fadiga.
aridigadu past part see fadigadu.
area n 1 sand. 2 area = aria.
aredor n suburbs.
areja v air.
areju n see araji.
arenga n noise.
aresadu past part permanently swollen and cracked (of the feet).
arafiai n see alafiai.
arfasi n see alfasi.
arfineti n see alfineti.
argen pro see algen.
argen quant some (of a person); someone. un ~ someone.
argi v get up, stand up.
argod v bb = fadiga.
argola n hook, ring.
argolia n see algola.
argolinha n(Brava) part of a festival involving the catching of rings by men on horseback.
argozu adj proud, arrogant.
argudon n see algudon.
argun quant some (of a thing).
arguns art see alguns.
ari v laugh.
aria n see area.
arka n trunk, chest = mala, = baul.
arkitetu n architect.
arkitetura n architecture.
arku n 1 arc. ~ d’abedja, ~ iris.
   rainbow. 2 bow (of e.g. violin, bow and arrow.
arkua v see alkua.
   arkuadu past part see alkuadu.
arma n 1 see alma. 2 weapon, arms.
arma n(SA) see irma.
arma v assemble.
arma v start to do something, concentrate. Pueta ta ~ branda.
armador n one who assembles.
armariu n cupboard, toolshed.
armason n assembly.
armazán n see almazén.
armazéén n see almazén.
armazena v store, warehouse.
armon n see irmon.
armonia n harmony.
armufada n see almufada.
armun n see irman.
armusa v see almusa.
armusu n see almusu.
aronbo v see oronbo.
aroz n rice.
arra! excl shit!
arri v laugh.
arteria n artery.
arti n art. belas ~ fine arts.
artikulasan, artikulason n articulation.
articletra n literary magazine in Cape Verde.
artiozu n craftsman.
artista n artist.
artizanatu n artisanat.
artu adj see altu.

arvuri n tree.
Argentina, Arozentina n Argentina.
as n ace of deck of cards.
asa v roast, barbecue.
   asadu past part roasted, barbecued.
frangu ~ roasted chicken.
asea v clean.
   aseadu past part cleaned.
aseiu n hygiene, cleanliness.
asenblea n assembly. ~ nasional national assembly.
asentu n record, certificate. ~ di kazamentu marriage record. ~ di nasimentu birth certificate.
aseriu adv see seriu.
aserka di, aserkal prep about, concerning.
aseta v accept. = seta
asi adv so, therefore.
asi adv this way, thus, like this. K’? Isn’t it so? = asime, = sime.
asisti v attend. ~ reunion go to a meeting, attend a meeting
askentu adj revolting.
asnera craziness, madness.
asnera n nonsense. fra ~ talk nonsense.
asnu n donkey.
ason n action.
asonzi n lunch (during farming work or road construction), picnic lunch.
asparagu n asparagus.
aspetu n aspect.
aspirina n aspirin.
astoxa n(BV) hell. ba pa ~ go to hell.
astru n planet.
asukra n sugar.
asukrinha n coconut candy = sukrinha.
asuntu n matter, issue.
asves adv sometimes.
ata v tie.
   atadu past part tied.
ataka v attack, assault.
ate prep see te.
atensan n attention = tensan.
atenson n attention. = atensan.
atinji v attain, reach.
ativu adj active.
ator n actor.
atraza v delay.
  atrazađu past part/adj late, delayed.
atrazamentu n delay, backwardness.
atrazu n delay.
atreve v see kunfia.
atribui v attribute.
atribuison n attribution.
atrivi v see kunfia.
atrividu past part see kunfiađu.
atua v act.
atualidadi n actuality, reality.
atun n tuna, tunafish.
atura v handle.
atxa v 1 find. 2 meet.
aula n class, classroom.
avalia v evaluate.
avansa v advance, walk, move ahead.
  avansađu past part advanced.
avansu n advance.
avenguason n verification.
avenda n avenue. =avinida.
azete n see azeti.
azet n oil. ~ dosi olive oil. =azete,
  =zete.
azeti n olive oil. = zeti.
Azia n Asia.
azia n bad smelling stomach gas from
belching.  tene ~ have a sour stomach.
aziatikus adj asiatic.
azidja n see azilias.
azilias n in the Cape Verde Islands (term
used by Capeverdean Americans)
=azidja.
azoge n energy, quickness. El ten ~ na
korpu. S/He’s smart/quick/active.
azu n b see buru.
azuñ adj blue.
azuñadu adj colored blue.
azurga n liquid which remains in the
still.

b
 b the letter b of the alphabet.
ba, bai v go. ~ di kosta expr too much,
beyond the limits.
aventura n adventure.
aventura v venture, risk.
avinida n see ganxu.
avion n plane, airplane.
avistruz n ostrich.
aviza v alert.
avontadi adj 1 sufficient, adequate. N
ten dineru ~. 1 have adequate funds. 2
comfortable, at ease financially.
avukotu n see vukotu.
axa, axi n high fever of an infant.
axada n large field.
aza n wing.
aza n wing.
azagua rainy season
azarma n ghost, boogey man, creature of
the night.
azeda v sour, turn sour.
azedinha n currant plant/tree.
  =grozelha.
azedu adj sour, acidic.
azeitona n olive.

  badu past part gone. dj a ~ already
  gone.
  baba n a long time ago, former times.
  tenpu di ~ former times, long ago.
  baba v drool.
  babadu past part drooled.
  babau adj foolish, stupid. =nganadu.
baboza n plant whose bitter secretion is
applied to the breast when weaning a
child.
babozera n nonsense. papia ~ talk
nonsense, make no sense.
bada n departure, going.
badalada n clang of a bell, ringing of a
bell.
badelada n insignificant matter, problem
unworthy of s.o.’s time. Bu e so ku ~,
or Bu e so na ~. You only bring up
unimportant things.
badera fn see bador.
badia n f inhabitant of Santiago.
badija n walking around.
badiu n m inhabitant of Santiago.
badja v dance. =baia.
badjadera fn dancer.
badjadoru n dancer, good dancer.
badju n dance.
badjuda n peasant women, women of the soil, working women.
bador, badera m & f n someone who goes out regularly, one who attends consistently. ~ di mise one who attends mass often.
baeta n woman’s slip.
bafa n snack or hors d’oeuvre often eaten while drinking.
bafa v 1 cover. 2 ripen (a fruit) by e.g. putting it in a warm place covered with leaves. 3 warm oneself by e.g. putting a blanket on.
bafata n city in Guiné Bissau where A. Cabral was born.
bafatada n slap.
bafatia v slap.
bafaton aug n big slap.
bagabaga n termites.
bagaja, bagaji n baggage, luggage.
bagarozu adj slow.
bagasera n Portuguese rum. =barsera.
baia n beach, seashore.
baia v see badja.
bainha n 1 hem (of clothing). 2 holster. v hem (e.g. pants, dress).
bai n jar.
bajinha n see bonjinha.
baka n 1 cow. 2 glutton (fig).
bakalhau n codfish.
bakati n see abakati.
bakela n goat with a great deal of milk.
baketi n bucket.
bakon n 1 glutton. 2 coward. =bakan.
bala n ballet.
bala n harvested crops. ~ tente large basket for carrying corn flour.
bala v leave in a rush, rush off.
bala, balai n basket =sestu, =balaiu.
baladu adj ripe, mature (of a coconut).
balaeru n maker of balae.
balainhlu n basket for carrying food, meals, etc. usually as gifts.
balaiu n see bala.
balan-balan ideo v talk noisily, babble. El sa ta ~. S/He’s talking a lot.
balanbuta, barlanbuta, Burlanbuta n large butterfly.
balangia v swing slowly.
balansa n scale.
balansa n scales.
balansa v swing.
balsamia n watermelon.
balsamia v shake.
balansu n swinging, balancing, equilibrium.
bala-balau ideo v talk nonsensically.
baldi n bucket.
bale v 1 be worth, be good. 2 be worthwhile, be valuable. ka ~ worthless, no good.
baleeru n whaler.
baleia n whale.
balenti adj valiant, brave, courageous.
balentia n bravery, valianc.
baleia n valley, rich and fertile lowland agricultural surface, e.g. for bananas, coffee, etc.
balei n valet, jack of cards.
balkon di bolu n deli counter.
balkon di pagamentu n cash register.
balkon n counter.
balkon n see barkon.
balon n balloon.
balar n see valor.
baloxa n fat person.
baloxe n(SA) light residues of substances.
balsera n set of bean plants.
balsuma v grow, grow up, mature (of plants). Bijon dja ~. The beans have grown up.
bani di riba n upstairs.
bana v b/f 1 sway in the wind, e.g. of a tree. 2 wave to or at (s.o.).
bana n banana.
bananadu adj weak.
bananera n banana tree.
bananinha n(SA) Adam’s apple. El pega-l na ~. He hit him in the Adam’s apple.
banatu n stupid person, idiot.
banbaran adj monstrous, ferocious. uni omi ~ a monster.
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<td>load placed on a donkey's back.</td>
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<td>1 musical band. 2 side (of a record. 2 region, area, side.</td>
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<td>bandadju</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>one who never stays put, a vagabond.</td>
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<td>bandeja</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>first floor.</td>
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<td>bandeja</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>rectangular container for serving food.</td>
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<td>bandera</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>1 flag. ~ nho San Djon flag for a religious ceremony to St. John. 2 embroidered cloth waved on high during kola celebration. 3 in ~l porta door.</td>
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<td>bandera</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>naturalize.</td>
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<td>banjera</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>past part naturalized.</td>
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<td>banderona</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>see mes.</td>
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<td>bandida</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>f bandit.</td>
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<td>bandidu</td>
<td>n m</td>
<td>bandit.</td>
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<td>bandofa</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>become large (of s.o.'s belly).</td>
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<td>bandoi</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>see bandadju.</td>
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<tr>
<td>bandona</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>abandon.</td>
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<tr>
<td>bandu</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>band, group. toka ~ announce publicly.</td>
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<tr>
<td>banduria</td>
<td>n(BV)</td>
<td>interfere.</td>
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<tr>
<td>banganh</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>cut calabash gourd container with a lid, for food, etc. ~ shapi half calabash gourd bowl for food.</td>
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<td>bangaroti</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>small basket.</td>
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<td>bangi-bangi</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>falling side by side.</td>
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<td>bango</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>green beans =bongolon, =mangolon.</td>
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<td>bangu</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>net for catching fish or shrimp.</td>
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<td>banha</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>fat, lard.</td>
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<td>banhu</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>bath.</td>
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<tr>
<td>banhun</td>
<td>adj</td>
<td>gray. gatu ~ gray cat.</td>
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<td>bank</td>
<td>n SV</td>
<td>see banku.</td>
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<tr>
<td>banka</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>appear in abundance.</td>
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<td>bankeru</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>banker.</td>
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<tr>
<td>banku</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>1 bench. 2 bank. ~ d'orin traditional checkers-like game played on a board or on the ground using seeds or pebbles as markers. =bank.</td>
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<td>banza</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>eat well.</td>
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<td>bap</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>idiot. =bup.</td>
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<td>bapor</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>see vapor.</td>
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<td>bapora</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>evaporate.</td>
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<td>bar</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>bar.</td>
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<td>bar-bar</td>
<td>ideophone in abundance.</td>
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<td>bara</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>stick, bar, big stick. ~ di manteka a stick of butter. ~ piska fishing pole. =po.</td>
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<td>bara</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>go east or west.</td>
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<td>baradja</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>card shuffling.</td>
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<td>baradja</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>shuffle cards.</td>
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<td>baradju</td>
<td>past part</td>
<td>shuffled.</td>
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<td>baradjida</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>riot, fight among children.</td>
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<td>baradjidu</td>
<td>adj</td>
<td>confused, scatter-brained, rushing, in a great hurry. un omi ~ a confused man.</td>
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<td>baradju</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>deck of cards =karta djuga.</td>
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<td>baradura</td>
<td>n(SA)</td>
<td>disposition of karisu canes when covering a hut or house.</td>
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<td>barafunda</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>complications, additional difficulties or burdens.</td>
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<td>barafusta</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>fight, attack. n confusion.</td>
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<td>baraka</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>1 lean-to type storage area at the side of a house. 2 mistake.</td>
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<td>baranbudja</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>noise of children.</td>
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<td>baranda</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>veranda, balcony, porch. =varanda.</td>
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<td>baranku</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>wall of terrace-like ledge dug in cliff or building a house.</td>
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<td>barapo</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>stick.</td>
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<td>barata</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>cockroach.</td>
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<td>barateru</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>s.o. who sells things cheaply.</td>
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<td>baratu</td>
<td>adj</td>
<td>cheap, inexpensive.</td>
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<td>barba</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>beard of the chin.</td>
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<td>barbanti</td>
<td>adj</td>
<td>arrogant.</td>
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<td>barbari</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>become desparate.</td>
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<td>barbaridu</td>
<td>past part</td>
<td>desparate.</td>
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<td>barbaria</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>barber shop.</td>
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<td>barbaru</td>
<td>adj</td>
<td>barbarous.</td>
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<tr>
<td>barbaton</td>
<td>n(Fogo/Br)</td>
<td>quickness. di ~ quickly, rushing.</td>
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<td>barbel</td>
<td>adj</td>
<td>gray.</td>
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<td>barberu</td>
<td>n</td>
<td>barber.</td>
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<td>barbia</td>
<td>v</td>
<td>shave.</td>
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barbise v go wild, become wild =berbise.
barbitixi, barbitxu n muzzle.
barbuli v nestle on the ground after eating, usu of chickens.
bardadi n truth. =berdadi.
bardamerda n shit.
bardolega n vegetable.
bardu n 1 plant variety. 2 small wall built in agricultural valleys to protect crops against erosion by flooding.
bare v see vare.
bare v sweep.
baredor n sweeper.
baredu adj swept.
baredura n garbage, sweepings.
bareja n smell. =vareja.
barela n washboard. =taba bate.
barenka n stick used to beat s.o.
barenka v beat or whip (s.o.) with a barenka.
barenkada n a beating, a whipping, blow from a barenka =rabenkada.
barrera n barrier.
baret n beret.
barexa, bareja n 1 fly which is attracted to meat when an animal is slaughtered. 2 s.o. who is never invited but shows up for e.g. a party and tries to gain entrance.
barfumadu n articles made out of metal for display.
bargin n see barkinu.
baria v become slightly crazy, go out of one's mind, e.g. from being overworked, etc. =varia.
bariadu past part out of one's mind e.g. from being overworked =variadu.
bariason n see varaison.
bariason n worries.
baridu adj swept. dodu ~ describes s.o. who is out of his mind.
bariedadi n variety.
bariga n belly, stomach. tene dor di ~ have a stomachache.
baril n barrel.
barilinhu n small barrel or keg.
barilon n large barrel.
barka v see nbarka.
barkadu pastpart see nbarkadu.
barkinhu n small boat.
barkinu n goatskin water bag =bargin.
barkon n 1 counter (e.g. in a store, bar, etc.) =balkon. 2 large vessel, ship.
barku n boat.
barlabento adj windward.
barneda n plant.
barnelu n plant. =barneda.
barodja v 1 break out in a rash. 2 see sarodja.
barodjadu pastpart broken out in a rash.
barodjadura n rash =kosera.
baron n 1 slats or side rails of a bed. 2 big stick. =maron.
barotadu adj full.
baroti n good wood for construction.
barsa v hug.
barsera n bean field, field of bean plants.
baru n clay.
barudja n noise, riot. v make noise, riot.
barudjentu adj noisy. =rabilisentu.
barudju n noise. =rabiliso.
barufa v moisten (flour) by sprinkling water on e.g. from the hand. =txobe.
barusku adj fat.
barze n see varze.
basia n basin. ~1 kama bedpan. ~l rostu washbowl.
basidja n midriff, mid-section (of human or animal).
baskudja v know. 2 look for.
baskudja v see vaskudja.
baskuju n search.
basora n broom =bosora.
basta v suffice, be enough.
bastanti adj enough.
bastiana fn old woman. =mudjer parida.
bastise v furnish.
baston, boston n stick.
batanka corn meal cake like a tortilla
batanka grilled corn cake
batanka n fried potato and eggpancake.
bataria n set of musical drums.
batata n potato.
batatera n potato farm.
bate v 1 wash. 2 churn or beat, e.g. milk into butter. = batita. 3 hit.
batedu past part 1 washed. 2 churned, beaten. leti batedu, leti durmidu buttermilk.
batilon n large fat man.
batilona n large fat woman.
batinbora v go away.
batismu n baptism.
batismu n baptism. = botizmu.
batita v B see bate. of Santiago.
batiza v baptize. = botisa.
batizadu past part baptized. = botisadu.
baton n lipstick.
batukadera n singer of tinason.
batuki, batuku v dance african type of dancing typical of Santiago.
batuku n see batuki.
batunera n cement mixer.
baul n trunk.
baxa v lower, bring down (e.g. a curtain).
baxada n downward direction, southward direction.
baxarel n 1 tuna. 2 degree.
baxarelatu n baccalaureat, bachelor’s degree.
baxeza n meanness.
baxinha n 1 branch of a tree, etc. 2 harvest of staple food crops, usu beans, peas, etc.
baxon n chorus of background singers.
baxon n reason. N da-l~.
baxu sobaku n armpit.
baxu, baxe n underside. ~ l meza underneath the table, under the table. adj 1 short. 2 low.
baxudu adj slight of build, small in stature (of a person).
baza n style, manner, countenance. El ten ~ mufinu. She or he has a bad way or countenance.
baza v 1 overflow, spill over. ~ na txon spill on the floor. 2 drop. ~ baxu let drop, forget, let go by.
bazadu adj see bazode.
bazadu past part spilled.
bazi adj BB see baziu.
bazia v base in, found on, root in. baziadu past part based, rooted.
baziu adj empty = bazi, = sisi, = vaziu.
bazode adj spilled over. = bazadu.
bazof n SB see bazofu.
bazofa v be cocky, be conceited, be a showoff.
bazofaria n showing off, being conceited.
bazofu n 1 well-dressed person. 2 a showoff, a conceited person. = bazof, = ratorku.
bazunta v put too much oil on one’s body, cover with oil. = bezunta.
bazuntadu past part oiled, covered with oil.
bazuntu n women’s make-up, cosmetics.
bea n blood vein.
bebe v drink.
bebe v see bibe.
bebeda v get drunk.
bebedera n drinking.
bebedor n drinker.
bebedu past part drunk.
bebeke, bebeku n crazy person.
bebekeza n craziness, nonsense.
bebi v BB see bibe.
bebida n drinks.
bedja n fish variety.
bedja v age, become old, get old. adj old.
bedja, bedju adjm old. adj old, used for a long time.
bedjakaria n art of conning people.
bedjaku adj l wise, clever, knowledgable, often of an older person. 2 crafty, cunning, of e.g. a crook.
bedjasan n scalliwag, monkey.
bedjera n honey.
bedjisi n old age.
bedjosku adj relatively old.
bedjota n old woman. = velhota.
bedjusa n behavior of an elderly person.
bedjuska adj old.
bedjusku n old man.
beia n  blood vessel.
beja v  kiss.
beju n  kiss. da un ~ give (s.o.) a kiss.
beku n  1 corner (of room, etc.) =kantu.
  2 streetcorner, a small corner =skina =beleku.
beleku n  1 corner. 2 port of Mosteiros in Fogo.
beleku n  see beleku.
Belen n  Bethlehem. =Blen.
Beleza n  name of a Capeverdean musician and composer.
beleza n  beauty.
Belga n  Belgian.
beli v  shake. =buli.
bemol n  music note.
ben v  come, arrive. ~ pa tras come back.
ben, benses n  goods, domestic animals, wealth in animals.
benba conj  perhaps, maybe. ~ ka el.
Perhaps it wasn't him.
benbe n  mood, bad mood. El e di ~. He is moody.
benda, bende v  sell. =venda.
bendedu past part sold.
bende v  sell.
bendedu past part sold.
bendedor seller
bendera n  seller.
bendor n  one who appears regularly at mealtime expecting a free meal, a freeloader.
bendu past part coming, having come.
benefise, benefisiu n  benefit.
benefisia v  benefit.
benena v  1 poison. 2 anger, irritate.
benenozu n  poison. =venenozu.
benenu n  poison. =venenu.
benerespu n  archbishop.
benfetor n  benefactor.
benfetoria n  beneficence.
benfetu expr  well done.
bengala n  cane, walking stick.
benka v  come here.

benkabenka n  children's game involving guessing number of objects held in each other's hands.
bensa n  see benson.
bense v  win.
benses n  goods.
benside expr in di ~ all at once.
benson n  blessing, benediction. Nho nha da m ~, polite respectful form for addressing one's elders. =abensa =bensa.
bensua v  bless.
benta v  blow (of the wind).
bental n  apron.
bentania n  wind.
bentia v  1 walk a way from an unpleasant situation, cool off (when angry), vent one's anger. 2 winnow (grounded grain) in the wind. =ventia.
bentuzu adj  winde.
bentu n  wind. ~l mar sea breeze. ~ ki bu panha. The wind made you sick.
benze v  genuflect, cross oneself.
benezdu past part having genuflected.
bera adv  already.
bera n  side, proximity. ~l/na/di x beside x, next to x. ~ di mar water front, sea shore.
bera quant  a little.
bera v  bleat, of e.g. goats, sheep.
bera v  to be a berador =sensia.
bera-mar n  water front, seashore.
berador n  one who appears regularly at mealtime expecting a free meal, a freeloader.
beradu n  proximity, environs, surrounding area. ~ di, ~l in the area of, beside, surrounding.
beral n  side, proximity.
beran expr(Brava) nothing.
berbise v  see barbise.
berbleta n  BB see gorgoleta.
berdaderu adj  truthful.
berdadi n  see bardadi.
berdi adj  green.
berdise v  become bardadi.
berdolengu n(SN) poor soil =verdungadu.
berefika v verify. =verefika.
bergata n medicinal plant whose leaves are used in a tea-like drink. padja ~ leaves of the bergata plant.
berinha n edge, boundary. ~ d’orega edge of the ear, base of the ear.
berinha n hairdressing.
bernadera n plant.
ersu n cradle.
bes n time. otu ~ another time, one more time. =bez.
besana adv(BV) in a moment.
bespa n see vespa.
bespa n see vespa.
besta n 1 female donkey. 2 stupid person.
besta n female donkey.
besti v see vesti.
bestona n f 1 female donkey. 2 (vulg) bitch, when used to insult a woman.
beton n concrete layer forming ceiling of house.
betuma v make concrete.
betumi n concrete.
bexiga n bladder = papada.
bexiga n bladder. = bixiga, = papada.
bexona aug n big lip. =bexudu.
bexu n lip.
bexudu n see bexona.
bez n occasion.
bez n see bes.
bezaria n(SN) life.
bezgu adj bad (of a person).
bezindade n(BV) stupidity.
bezindadi n(BV) nonsense.
bezote pro see buzote.
bezunta v see bazunta.
bi?, be? expr what?
Bia n proper noun.
bia v bundle or tie up (e.g. a bundle of hay in the field).
bia ~ bundle or tie up (e.g. a bundle of hay in the field).
biadu past part bundled or tied up.
bia v butt with the head, charge (of cattle, goats, etc.). =nbia.
bia, bie expr because, due to in pa ~, pas ~.
biafa n bird.
biagi n B see biaji.
biaja v travel =viaja.
biaji n 1 trip, travels. 2 way, road. ba bu ~ go on your way. =biagi.
bianda n soft preferred center part (e.g. of loaf of bread).
biata n see totoku.
bibe v drink =bebe, =bebi.
bibedu past part drunk.
bibida n drink.
bibis n penis.
bibla n bible.
biblioteka n library.
bibu v live, be alive. adj living.
bida n life. ~l katxor a dog’s life. ki es ki nha bida this is my life, this is what my life is like.
bidinhu a little life, in pejorative sense
bidinhu n dim a small and insignificant life (used derogatorily).
bidion n fish variety.
bidja n see muringu.
bidjeti n ticket, note.
bidjeti n ticket. =bilheti.
bidjetinhu n little note, letter.
bidon n see droma.
bidrasa n life. 2 glass. =vidrasa.
bidreuntu adj glassy. =vidreuntu.
bidru n 1 glass. 2 small bottle. =vidru, =vru.
bifi n beef.
bigodi n moustache.
bigodinhu n aug large moustache.
bigudis n barrette-like hair decoration.
bijita v visit. 2 attend a funeral wake. =vizita.
bika n 1 fish variety =bikuda. 2 small fresh water spring or waterfall in the hills.
bika n being broke. N sta na ~. I’m broke.
bikibiki v shake.
biku n 1 teats, nipples. ~l mama nipple of the breast. 2 navel.
bikuda n see bika.
bila n town.
bila n(Fogo) see vila. ~ San Filipe city of San Filipe. Kuz'e so na bila sen kazaku. It’s none of your business.

bilhan, bilhon num billion.
bilheti n ticket.
bilhetinhu n dim small ticket.
binagri n vinegar. =vinagri.
binbirin v wilt.
binda n advent, coming. =vinda.
bindi n pot.
bindinhu n small pot.
binga v avenge, get revenge.
bingsansa n vengeance, revenge.
binha n field.
binkadu adj see vingedu.
binte num twenty. =vinti.
binten n old coin worth twenty cents. 2 hymen. =vinten.
bintin n in N ka ten nun ~. I don’t have a single cent. tres ~ hymen.
binusa n(SA) legend. Na tenpe di ~. In the time of oil and vinegar; the Jeora time.
bioka v 1 make a face at, stick tongue out at. 2 become deformed (of body part of a handicapped person).
biku n face made at s.o. faze ~ make a face at.
biola n guitar. =viola. O dedu, o korda o ~. It doesn’t matter.
bior n(SA) bird which sings in the evening.
bipe, bip adj full.
bira v 1 become. 2 turn.
bira v 1 get used to, become accustomed to. 2 become. 3 change one’s ways, change one’s ideas.
birja, birji f & m n virgin. ~ Mari Virgin Mary.
birku, biku n umbilical cord.
birole n see virole.
biroti n penis.
biroti n see virole.
biroti n small boy’s penis. =tonton, =buljin, =pipi.
birta-bolta n turning around.
bisdona, bisdonu n see busdona, busdonu. bisi v sort (corn, etc.) by shaking in preparation for winnowing.
biskoitu n biscuit.
bisnetu n see busnetu.
bispadu adj burned (of food).
bispadu n bishop’s residence.
bispote n basin.
bispu n bishop.
bista n sight, sightseeing. =vista.
bisti v dress.
bistidu past part dressed.
bistidu n dress.
bistimenta n article of clothing.
bistimentu n 1 vestments. 2 fancy clothing.
bistuaji n dress.
bitek n son of a bitch.
bitoke n son of a bitch.
bitoku n 1 small rambunctious boy of 4-
6 years of age. 2 country bumpkin, hick.
bitokinhu n dim small bitoku.
bitoku n migrant.
bitola n compass. v measure or calculate using a compass.
bitua v get used to.
bitxa n dragon.
bitxa v become excited or enthusiastic.
bitxinhu n B see bitxu.
bitxoka n worm.
bitxu n f chigger. ~ katxo chigger which attacks dogs. =bitxinhu, =pulginha, =purginha.
bixu n insects that attack bean crops.
bixu-pretu n worms during the rainy season that eat the crops.
bixon n widow. =viuva.
bixu n widower. =viuvu.
bixa n line.
bixeru n calf, baby cow. =bixeru.
bixeru n calf.
bixiga n bladder.
bixiga n see bexiga.
biza v remind, intimate.
bizaria n(SN) life.
bizaruu adj so-so.
bizeru n calf (of cattle).
bizeru n see bixeru.
boia v 1 float. 2 swim slowly while
resting on the surface of the water. 3
well up (of water e.g. in the eyes). Agu
ta ~ na odju. Tears are welling up in
the eyes (usu when s.o. is on the verge
of crying).
boia v float. n life buoy.
boina n beret.
boion aug n big ox.
boita v turn. n turn. =bolta, =borta.
boka n 1 mouth. 2 edge.
boka n mouth.
bokinha dim n 1 small mouth. 2 a
little tiny bit of sth.
boka n mouth. te ~ full to the brim, full
right to the top. n sta te ~ I am full to
the brim. ~l tardi early afternoon.
bokada n a handful of food, a mouthful.
bokadu n 1 a little bit. 2 a piece of sth.
bokal n mouthpiece of lamp holding the
wick.
bokeja v talk.
bokexa n chin.
bokexada v yawn.
bokinha n dim 1 small mouth. 2 a little
bit. 3 beginning, starting edge, etc. ~l
tardi very early afternoon. ~l noti
early evening.
bokudu adj talkative. =lunguaradu.
bola n ball.
bola v 1 end, finish. 2 finish x.
bolada n this time.
bolbol n a heavy set, stout person.
bolea n ride, lift.
bole n see buli.
bole n see buli.
bolokia v walk while shaking.
bolonbolona n extremely fat woman.
=batilong.
bolonbolu n small pumpkin variety.
bolora v spoil, rot. =fangula, =bolorse.
bolorse v see bolora.
bolsa n bag. =borsa.
bolsu n pocket.
bolta v return to, give back to =boita,
=borta, =volta.
boltera adj diligent.
bolu n cake, cupcake.

boi n ox =toru.

bodjibodji n(SA) small he-goat. Dinheru na
mon ~na korda. No credit/lay-away.
bodi n he-goat.
boji n spot. =bolha.
bojibi-bodji v shake due to fatness
or obesity (usu. of a pig).
bojdibodji v shake, tremble, beat.
Korason ta ~. The heart beats.
bodona adj great, super.
bodona n name of place in Fogo.
bodun adj smelly.
bofe n(SA) lungs.
bofatada n see bafatada.
bofatea v slap.
bofibofi n lungs =pluman, =pulmon.
bofrera n(SA) woman who has recently
given birth and thus abstains from
having sexual relations.
boga n expressions, things people say.
boga v push.
boi n ox =toru.
**bome** pro yourself.
**bon** adj good. adv well. ~ **dia** good morning, good day. **Bu sta** ~? Are you well? =**boa**.
**bona** v give away.
**bona** v give credit, extend credit to.
**bonba** n 1 bomb. 2 pump.
**bonba** v 1 sing while planting, asking for rain. 2 low, moo (of cow, camel, etc).
**bonbardera** n the plant collootropis procera.
**bonberu** n 1 firetruck. 2 fireman.
**bonbia** v spray, hose, pump (water).
**bonbo** v dent.
**bonbona** aug n big bomb.
**bondansa** n(SA) abundance.
**bondoba** n BB see **bandoba**.
**bone** n see **bune**.
**boné** n cap.
**boneka** n doll. v animate.
**bonga** n much conversation.
**bongolom** n see **bangolom**.
**bonina** n springing up. v spring up.
**bonita** v become beautiful.
**bonitera** n beauty.
**bonitona** aug adj/n pretty (one).
**bonji** n beans.
  **bonjona** big beans.
**bonjona** n see **bonji**.
**bonoti** greet good evening.
**bontadi** n will. =**vontadi**.
**bontadi** n wish. ten ~ wish.
**bonvia, bonbe** v scream.
**bonz, bonzinhu** n beans.
**bora** n sediment, remains. ~**l kafe** coffee grounds. ~**l lama** slippery sediment at well-bottom.
**boransu** n garbage. =**boronsera**.
**boratxa** n milk bag made of small goat skin often used as butter churn.
**borbodeku** n male goat, he-goat.
**borbori** v agitate. =**burburi**.
**borda** v crochet, embroider, embroider along the edge.
**bordadu** past part embroidered on the edge.
**borda** v crochet.

**bordadera** n one who crochets.
**bordela** n edge, border.
**bordera** n edge.
**bordon** n 1 node where two sections of e.g. a sugar cane stalk meet. 2 joint =**djunta**.
**borega** v bother.
**boregadu** adj full of.
**borinha** pro form a little bit.
**bornal** n land.
**boron** n sediment.
**boron** n sisal plant stalk used as a bed slat between the trabesa.
**boronkada** n stick.
**boronsera** n see **boransu**.
**boroxa** v comeout.
**borraxera** n rubber plant.
**borresidu** adj bored.
**borsa** n see **bolsa**.
**borse** v bore.
**borsedu** n overly talkative person.
**borsimentu** adj bored, boring.
**borta** v see **bolta**.
**borteja** v turn around.
**bos** ideophone a lot.
**bos** pos pro your.
**bosa** n boss.
**bosa** pos pro yours.
**bosbui** v see **busbui**.
**bosbui** v undo.
**bose** pro you.
**bosses** pro you (pl).
**bosora** greet good afternoon, good day.
**bosora** n BB see **basora**.
**bosta** n animal excrement.
**bosta** v defecate.
**Boston** n capitol city of Massachusetts.
**bota** n boots.
**bota** n boots. -- **di txuba** rain boots.
**bota** v 1 lose. 2 consume (usu a snack). ~ **bafa** have a snack while drinking. 3 drop off. 4 throw out.
**botador** n expert. ~ **di sorte** n seer, palm reader. ~ **di dibinha** riddle expert.
**botang** n ball.
**botardi** greet good afternoon.
boti n 1 boat. 2 part of religious feast.
botika n phramacy.
botikon aug n large pharmacy.
botisa v see batiza.
botisadu past part see batiza.
botisteru n 1 birth records. 2 record books.
botizmu n see batismu.
botoku n grooved wooden plug for patching hole in e.g. a goatskin water bag, to which string is tied to secure skin in groove.
boton di punhu n cuff links, tie pin.
boton n bottom.
botu n meat of a young tunafish.
botungu n short and fat person.
=butungu.
botyika n(SA) chin.
boxoxudu n big face. bo ku bo ~ you yourself. =boxexudu.
boyay v agu ta -- na odju tears welled up in his eyes. (check & see old dict)
bra v(SN) turn, turn around. ~ siu turn suddenly.
braba n the island of brava =brava, =Djabraba.
brabise adj very brave.
brabise v brave.
brabu adj 1 brave. 2 wild.
brada n(SN) turning around.
brada v claim.
brada v claim.
brajerisu n comic.
brajeru n comic.
braki n noise of woon when it is broken or snaps.
brakon n big hole.
braku n 1 hole. 2 orifice. =bueru.
braku naris n nostril.
brama v scream, yell.
bran ideophone dadji ~ describes the noise of something falling. =pran.
branbisan v bang together.
branda v become quiet.
brandi n cognac, brandy.
brandi v oscillate.
brandon n place in Fogo. adj smooth.
brandu adj see mansu.
brandu adj smooth.
branje v extend.
branji v incorporate.
brankada n group of white people.
brankasa adj white.
branke adj(SA) white.
branketi n one who wants to become white.
brankindadi n whiteness.
brankise v become white, whiten.
brankon, brankona n(SA) adj clear, fair, light skinned.
branku adj white. n white person, European.
branku white
brasakua n(SA) agrarian measurement in Fogo.
brasaka v embrace, hug.
brasa v(SA) delay, take time, endure. Dja-l ~ di ben. I took him/her a long time to arrive.
brasad n swimming.
brasilet n bracelet. -- di reloji watchband.
brasinha dim n(SA) small hug.
brasu n arm. di baxu ~ armpit.
brava n see braba.
bravinha n type of pig known for fatty body.
braxed v hug.
braza n hot coals.
brazada n hug. Petu sabi da brazada.
Brazil n Brazil.
Brazileru n Brazilian.
brazinu adj stupid.
bregont n bruises. =veregon.
brevi adv soon, briefly. en ~ soon, very soon.
brevia v shorten, abbreviate.
briv v see abri. ~ porta open the door.
briva v 1 be aroused, excited or turned on. 2 see bridja. 3 float.
bridja n crotch.
bridja v shine, reflect =bria.
briga v fight.

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brigadu expr thanks, thank you = obrigadu.
brigonha n shyness, shame. tene ~ be shy, be ashamed. = burgonha.
brigonhu n shy person.
brinda v toast.
brindi n toasting.
brinhol, brinhola n fried gufrigu.
brinka v play. = djuga.
brinkadera n playing.
brinkador, brinkadjon n playful person.
brinke, brinku n earring.
brinku n earring.
briu n 1 desire, passion, lust. ten ~ l have passionate desire for s.o., be excited. 2 flirting, playing around.
briza n breeze.
broka v perforate, make a hole in.
broku n small tunafish.
brota v spring up.
brotxa v hold on to, cling to (usu out of fear).
broxa v hug, adhere to.
broxi n female to male oral sex.
brufa n light rain. = burfu.
brufa v start raining. Sa ta ~. It’s raining. = barufa, = burefa.
bruga n spots.
bruk, bruki ideophone describes sound of an object falling.
brumedja n a fair-skinned person.
brumedju adj red = burmedju.
brutalindadi n being bruted, brutality.
bruteza n stupidity.
brutu n brute.
bruxa n witch.
bruxaria n witchcraft.
bréka n a big hole.
bu pers pro you (sing). Dja ~ bai? Have you already gone? N’ta odja ~. I will see you. poss pro your.
bua v 1 jump, fly. 2 throw, toss up. = vua.
   buadu (ka dretu) past part not good.
buada adj crazy.
buadura n jump, flight.
   buadura n see voadura.
buati n cabaret, nightclub.
buatu n rumors, gossip.
budja n commotion. ~ ~ continuous commotion.
budjentu n person who creates a great deal of budja.
budjentu n person who creates a great deal of commotion.
budjubudju n problems, troubles.
budodje n very fat person.
bueru n see braku.
bufa n fart. da ~ v fart. = bufabufa, = pedi.
bufabufa n see bufa.
bufalu n buffalo.
bufongu n see gufongu.
bugadju n piece.
bugu-bugu n excrement, turds.
buk-buk adj dark. tenpu ~ foggy weather.
bul, bule, bulu n coffee container.
bulanha n fertile land.
bulanha v fertilize.
bulaxa n crackers.
bulaxu n a piece of wood used in rinsing clothes. = suradora, = loradera.
bulanhu adj artistic.
bulde, bulu n coffee pot.
buldi n coffee pot.
buli n 1 calabash gourd. 2 gourd bottle for carrying fresh milk back from milking. ~ l bate butter churn. = boli.
buli v 1 hit, beat, whip, strike = sota. 2 move, shake, affect = buli-buli.
buli-buli v see buli.
bulizera n gourd (calabash) plant.
bulkan n see burkan.
bulkon n current. ~ d’agu current of water.
bulonga, bulunga n dish made from corn or beans. = xeren de fijon, = trixida.
Bulu n woman’s proper name.
bulu n teapot, coffepot.
bulusia n blouse, uniform.
buluza n blouse.
bun adj see bon. dja ~ that’s enough.
bunbu v see banbu.
bunda n butt, buttocks. =polpa.
bundansia n abundance.
bune n cap. =bone.
bunina v bud. n bud.
bunita, bunitu adj pretty.
bup n see bap.
bup, bupe ideophone well, much, a lot.
bur n see buru.
buraca n town in Portugal.
buraxu n 1 rubber. 2 eraser. 3 baby pigeon.
burboleta n butterfly.
burbudju n dusty terrain where dust is stirred when one walks on it.
burbuli v roll in the dust to scratch (of a horse) =burburi.
burbulidu past part excited sexually, turned on =burburidu.
burbur adj powdered, dust-like, dusty.
burbur v see borbori.
burburi v see borburi.
burburi v see burbuli.
burburidu past part see burbulidu.
burduku v(SA) eat well.
bureza n stupidity.
burgadju n pebbles, small rocks.
=kaskadju, =graeida.
burgonha n see brigonha.
burindadi n stupidity.
burkan n volcano =vulkan =burkon =bulkan.
burkon n balcony.
burkon n see burkan.
burmedja v become red, redden.
burmedjasu, burmedjasku adj red.
burmedjina n and adj dim see burmedjina.
burmedjul adj red. =brumedju.
burmedjon, burmedjona aug adj extremely red.
burmedju adj red. =brumedju.
buron n m 1 ink spot, drop of ink =nodia. 2 fool, stupid ass.
burona n f fool, stupid ass.
burskia v see zuburga.
buru n 1 donkey. 2 stupid person.
burinhu dim n young donkey.
buru n donkey, ass =azu. ~ femia female donkey.
burufa v drizzle, fall lightly (of rain).
burufu n light drizzling rain.
burufu n see bruva.
buruzga v see zuburga.
busa v abuse. =buza.
busadu past part abused. =buadu.
busadu adj rude, pushy.
busbui v turn into flour. =bosbui.
busbus adj powedered.
busdona, busdonu n great grandparent. =bisbona, bisdonu.
buse n pig.
buse, buze adj abusive.
buska v 1 get, obtain. 2 win (e.g. a lover). 3 look for.
buskarudeza n stupidity.
buskarudu/a adj insulting.
busnarize n magic activities.
busnetu n great grandchild. =bisnetu.
busu v 1 slip. 2 strip off (e.g. leaves from a branch by running it between fingers). 3 peel off (e.g. skin from an animal, wallpaper, etc.). 4 scrape or suffer abrasion of (e.g. one's skin).
busuda past part having an abrasion of the skin.
busuda n land without vegetation, barren land.
butiija n round clay pot for carrying water.
butungu n see botungu.
buxadu n 1 cud. 2 contents of stomach of slaughtered animal.
buxitxa n cheek.
buxu n 1 calf (of the leg). 2 cheeks. 3 mouthful.
buza v see buza.
buzadu past part see buzadu.
buzina v honk. n horn.
buziu adj dull.
buzot pro BB you (plur) =nhos, =buzotu.
buzote pro you.
buzotu pro BB see buzot.
s the letter s of the alphabet.
subia v see zibia.
sa aux verb particle used in the formation of the progressive. N ~ ta baba. I was going. =sta.
sabadu n see sabru.
sabakotia v see sakotia.
sabe v know, know how to.
sabi adj good, enjoyable, pleasant.
sabiduria n knowledge, wisdom. ~ popular popular saying, proverb.
sabinhu adj very good. à sabi. It is good.
sabola n onion.
sabon good looking male.
sabona n good looking female.
Sabru n Saturday =Sabadu, =Saudu.
sabura n distraction, amusement.
sagradu adj sacred.
sai v leave, go out. ~ tras track, pursue.
El ~ se tras. He pursued him.
saia n skirt. ~ braniku petticoat. ~ di basu underskirt =sainha.
saida n exit, way out.
sainha n see saia.
sais num six. =seis.
sakarodja n see sakarolha.
sakarolha n corkscrew. =sakarolha.
sake v stand up, stand, get up.
sakedu past part standing, upright.
sakotia v 1 do an activity very intensively, usu. with repetitive pounding motion. 2 pound against a wall. =sabakotia.
sakrifa v sacrifice.
sakrifikadu past part sacrificed.
saku n sack.
sakudi v shake, shake up.
sakundi v hide.
sakundidu past part hidden.
sakuta v 1 eavesdrop. 2 listen =ubi. =skuta.
sakutu n care. tuma ~ take care.
sal n salt.
sala n living room.
salada n salad.
saleru n salt shaker.
salga v 1 salt, preserve in salt. 2 oversalt. =sarga.
salgadu past part salted, preserved in salt =sargadu.
salidor(u) n see sulidor.
salmon n salmon.
salmora n saltwater brine used to preserve pork meat.
salon n court (for sports), floor (e.g. for dancing). ~ di kabelu hairdressson salon.
salta v jump.
saltu n jump.
salva v save.
samatal n sandals.
sana v wave at s.o.
sandalia n sandals.
sande n medium-sized house made of sisa leaves and wood.
sandiki n 1 puppet. 2 fool (insult).
Sandjo, Sandjon n fifteen to thirty day religious festival involving dancing and religious rituals.
sanganha v yell. ~ na yell at s.o.
sangetadu adj 1 bloody. 2 bruised.
sangi n blood =sangri.
sangri n see sangi.
sanpadjuda, sanpadjuda n Cape Verdean people of non-Santiago origin, born in the other islands.
Santa Luzia n island of Santa Lucia.
santa n saint.
santa v register. ~ na tropa register formilitary service.
santagran n ear of corn with very few kernels.
santamentu n registration.
santu n m saint.
santuadu adj wild, unpredictable.
Santume y Prinsipi n San Tomé and Principe.
santxu n monkey. adj athletic (figuratively applied to a person).
sapa v see korta.
sapatia v gorge o.s., eat very quickly (e.g. as a dog eats).
sepatu n shoes. ~ saltu altu high-heeled shoes.

sapatinhu dim small shoe. =sapatu.

sara v 1 close a door leaving it ajar. 2 get a little bit better.

sara v be nearly completed, be almost completely done. Du sta ~ boka. We are almost finished.

saradja n 1 small goatskin water bag used as canteen. 2 plant variety with milky liquid used as animal feed.

sarason n fog =nubri.

sarbaxi n savage = selvaji.

sardinha n sardine.

sarga v see salga.

sargadu past part see salgadu.

sarodja v roast slightly, pass quickly over the fire =barodja.

sarpenti n serpent.

sarrada adj ajar (of a door).

sasenta num sixty.

satadja v gorge.

satadjadu past part gorged.

satadju, satadjon n 1 a portion, a part.

2 measure used in buying e.g. part of a manioc.

satanaz n see xuxu.

satentu num seventy.

sauda n health.

saudu n B see sabru.

sbangadja v spread, disperse, distribute.

sbangadjadu past part spread all over, disperse or distribute widely.

se poss pro his, her.

sebada n fat person, fat one.

sebu n lard, fat.

sedadu n silk.

sedì n thirst. tene ~ be thirsty.

sedja n barrel.

sedjong n woman’s saddle for riding sidesaddle.

sedu n and adv early, soon.

sega v become blind.

segonha n stork.

segreda v whisper a secret, tell a secret.

segredu n secret.

segu adj blind.

seguru n insurance.

seis num see sais.

seis num six.

seiu n sky.

seju n thirst. tene ~ be thirsty.

seka dry

seka v dry, become dry, dry up. ~ soru cool off, dry off the sweat.

sekadu past part dried up, dried.

sekeru n unirrigated land.

seki expr see kondon.

seklu n century.

sekretaria n desk.

seku adj 1 dry. 2 empty. korpu ~ thin, emaciated.

sel poss pro his, hers. e di ~ it is his, hers. =ses.

selidoru n bucket.

sello expr cry when a ship is sighted, ship ahoy!

sela n stamp. ~ di avion airmail. ~ di vapor sea mail.

selvaji see sarbaxi.

sen prep see sin.

sende v 1 light, illuminate. 2 turn on.

sendedu past part lit, turned on.

senpen n centipede.

senpri adv always.

sensia v SA see bera.

sentidu n thought, feeling, desire.

sentru n center.

sentu n seat. ~l kaza see pran.

sentu num one hundred. dos ~ two hundred.

ser v be. sin N’~ba riku if I were rich.

sera n 1 rooster’s comb. 2 saw.

sera v see spera.

serebru n brain.

sereia n mermaid.

sereja n cherry.

serenade n music sung or played at night below a woman’s window by her sweetheart = serenata.

serenata n see serenade.

serenu adv quietly.

seriu adj serious. a ~ for real, seriously.

serka di prep around, about, approximately.
serka v surround, enclose, approach.
serku n farm, field, corn field = padijal.
serta v aim at, shoot at.
sertez a n certainty.
sertu adj sure, certain.
service a n beer.
sés 3P poss adj their.
sestafera n Friday.
sestu n basket with a handle.
seta v see aseta.
Setenbru n September.
seti num seven. n feast of celebration on the seventh day after a child is born.
séu n sky, heaven.
sezu adj upright.
sforsa v strive, force oneself.
sfrega v see frega.
sfria v become impotent.
si conj if. poss adj his, her. =se
si yes. ~ me true, be true. Ka ~ me? isn't it so? E ka ~ me ...? Isn't it true that ...? conj if.
sidadi n city.
sidja n cinch for horse's saddle.
siensia n science.
sienti adj clever.
sientista n scientist.
siganu n low class population in Portugal.
sigaru n cigarette.
sigi v follow.
sigidu past part followed.
signifika v see sinifika.
sigo adv this way, like this.
signundafera n Monday.
siklet n chiclets, chewing gum.
silaba n syllable.
silang n 1 seat. 2 wooden frame for donkey's back which sits under the skangadja.
silin n (Eng) ceiling.
sima, sime adv see suma.
simana n see sumana.
sime adv thus, this way. (e) ka ~? isn't it so?
simenta v cement.
simentera n 1 planting season. 2 portion of grain set aside for following year's seeds.
simenti n seed = simia.
simentu n cement.
simia n see simenti.
simia v seed, sow, plant (seeds).
sin 1 yes. =si. 2 so, thus. e ka ~? isn't it so? =sime, =singo, =sigo.
sin prep without. ~ pensa without thinking. = sen.
sin yes.
sinal n token, symbol. ~ di amizade token of friendship.
sinan conj otherwise = sinon.
sinboa n lute type of instrument made from a calabash (gourd).
sinhor add see sinhoru.
sinhora add madame, maam.
sinhoru add sir = sinhor.
sinifika v = signifika.
sinku num five.
sinkuenta num fifty.
sinquaenta num fifty.
sinon conj see sinan.
sinora n carrot.
sinta n 1 waistline, beltline = sintura. 2 girdle. 3 sheath. faka na ~ knife in a sheath.
sinta n small farm plot in a precarious location, e.g. a terrace carved out of a hill.
sinta v sit, sit down. = xinta.
sintadu past part seated. = xintadu.
sinti v feel. = xinti.
sintidu past part felt. n care, awareness, sensitivity, feeling. tuma ~ pay attention, be careful. = xintidu.
sintu n belt = latu.
sintura n 1 beltl ine (of clothing) = kos. 2 see sinta.
sintxu n mold for pouring and shaping cheese.
sinza n ash, ashes.
sinzeru n ashtray.
sirbi v 1 serve. 2 be used, be useful as, function as.
sirbiunia n usefulness.
sirbisal n 1 slave. 2 working men and
women.
sire n sniff. =kankan.
sirklu n circle.
sirmonha n relaxed and easy going
manner.
sirmonha v do things deliberately, do
things slow in a relaxed manner, be
easy going.
sirmonhentu adj slow, relaxed, and easy
going (of a person).
sirmonia n ceremony.
sirurjian n surgeon.
siseroni n guide (Port) cicerone.
sistensia n 1 welfare. 2 disaster.
sisterna n see tisterna.
sitenta adj seventy.
skada n staircase.
skala n scale.
skaldada n dish made of corn flour,
water, and butter and eaten e.g. with
milk.
skale n cargo boat.
skalopi n scallop.
skama n scales.
skangadjia n donkey saddlebag framed
in wood and used for carrying water,
etc.
skangadjia v fall apart, fall into pieces.
skangandjadu adj thin after losing
weight.
skanheia v scowl at.
skapa v escape =kapli, =kapri.
skapador n see skapadura.
skapadura n 1 steep cliff =skapador. 2
disappearing act to avoid a difficult or
uncomfortable situation. da ~ do such
a disappearing act.
skara v hawk up saliva before spitting.
skarlati adj see iskarlati.
skasea become scarce
skasu adj rare, scarce.
skina n corner.
skiva v dart when fleeing in order to
escape.
skletu n see iskeletu.
skoba n brush.
skobera, skoberu n m and f one who
habitually tries to get sth. for nothing.
skodja v choose, select. n choice.
skola n school.
skontra n see kontra.
skorda v wake x up.
skorega v slice, slip.
skova v brush.
skratxa n scratch wound.
skreb v write.
skrebenu past part written.
skriben n clerk. ~ tabalhon notary
public.
skriteriu n office.
skritura n 1 written statement, contract,
lease, etc. 2 writing.
skua na kaska di banana slip on a
banana peel
skua v slip, slide.
skubu n see sukuru.
skuta v see sakuta.
sob v adv only, just. ~ si only if. bo ~ only
you. mi ~ only me. ~ ku only with
uniquely with, not without. Merka ā ~.
There's nothing like America.
soba v 1 pound away at s.o. 2 (vulg)
have sex with s.o. in this manner.
sobaku, baxu sobaku n armpit.
sobde n see sabru.
sobra n remains, leftovers, the rest of
sth.
sobradu n mansion.
sobri prep about, on the subject of.
sobrimenta n dessert.
sobrinni n surname, last name =
subbusnini.
soda v wait for a chance, lurk in wait,
ambush.
sodadu n longing for, missing s.o.,
homesickness. N teneba ~l bo. 1
missed you.
sogra, sogara n f mother-in-law.
sogru, sogaru n m father-in-law.
soka nv see nsoka.
sol n sun.
sola n sole of the foot.
sola v pick, pluck, strum (e.g. a musical instrument).
soldadi n soldier.
soldera (porta) n threshold (of the door). solta v see sorta.
soltu adj see sortu.
soma v 1 total, add up, sum up. 2 appear from afar or in the distance.
sonata n 1 little sleep. 2 instrumental piece.
sonbra n shadow, shade.
sonbra v 1 spend the day. ~ ku spend the day with. 2 visit.
sonbradu past part spent, on last legs.
sonbre adj shady.
sonda v take a chance, chance. ~ mare chance putting one's boat in between waves.
sonhu n dream.
sonu n sleep.
sopa n soup.
sopra v blow.
sorbe v sniff.
sorodju n 1 sth. that is moist, sth. that is half wet and half dry. 2 corn that is not quite ready for eating.
sorta v release, untie, free = solta.
sortia v gamble, try one's luck, take one's chances.
sortu adj freed, footloose = soltu.
soru n sweat.
sosiedadi n society.
sosiu n associate.
sota v see buli.
sotabentu adj windward.
sotanda n see andeju.
soti v emerge.
soti, sutu n whipping. da ~ whip.
spadja v 1 disperse, spread. 2 distribute, give out. 3 spread out. = lansia, = spadjiga.
spadjadu past part 1 dispersed. 2 distributed, given out. 3 given out. = lansiadu, = spadjigadu.
spadjiga v see spadjia.
spalika v explain = splika.
Spanha n see Ispanha.
spanika v pluck or pick the guitar.
spanikador guitarist
spanta v 1 scare, frighten, surprise, shock. 2 be awestricken.
spantadu past part 1 scared, frightened, surprised, shocked. 2 awestruck.
spantadju n scarecrow.
sparderu n ruins.
spasu n space.
spedju n mirror.
spedju n see ispedju.
spera v wait, wait for. = sera.
speransa n hope.
spera adjf 1 fresh. 2 nosy, obnoxious (of a busybody).
spertu adjm expert, intelligent, quick.
espesia n change
spia v look and see, look out for, check out, look at.
sigua n ear of corn. ~ di midju ear of corn.
spinakri n spinach.
spingarda n rifle.
spinha n 1 spine. 2 fishbones. 3 pimples.
spinhu n 1 thorn. 2 thorny plant variety.
spinika v strum, pick, pluck (e.g. a guitar).
spira v aspire.
spitxa v stretch (usu. when tired).
splice v see spalika.
spora n spurs.
spozt v see ispoza.
spreme v grunt, bear down. ~ koko grunt or bear down while defecating.
spresia v hurry up.
spreta v 1 spy on. 2 look out for, keep an eye out for, watch for. = bizia.
sprigisa v stretch o.s. = sprigita.
sprigita v B see sprigisa, spritu n spirit.
spritu n spirit.
spromenta v check, verify, see.
sta sen folgu be out of breath
sta treme sima bora berde trembling like thin branches
sta v be in a place, be in a temporary state. aux used to form the present progressive. El ~ trabadja. She is working.
stadu n state, condition.
staka n tethering post for livestock.
stala v crack.
stalu n crack.
stangu n stomach.
stanka v 1 block or wedge (e.g. wheels of a car to keep it from rolling). 2 be mentally blocked, have a mental block.
stanti n shelf. ~ di libru bookshelf.
stason n 1 season. 2 station.
stende v lay out, spread out (e.g. clothes to dry in the sun).
stera n 1 mat woven from banana leaves. 2 firm woven sisal mat often used under a mat or as a door to divide or separate rooms. 3 mourning, grief.
Ele tene ~. S/He is in mourning. El ka po l ~. She is not mourning him. =kankanar.
istere adj steady. adv frequently, consistently, always.
stitka v 1 spread sth. out. 2 stretch sth. out. N ta ~ un kareda pa la. I am racing to get there.
stileu n style.
stinbari n see stribaria.
stoan n store.
stoju di pintura v blush.
ston n cent, penny = tiston.
stopa v plug.
storia n 1 history. 2 narrative account.
strabaria n stable.
straga v 1 spoil, rot. 2 mess up or spoil sth. when trying to repair it.
stragadu past part 1 spoiled, rotten, ruined. 2 broke, busted, having no money.
strangeru
stranhuv adj strange, unfamiliar.
strapu n belt, strap.
strela n star.
strela v 1 fry. 2 beat up. N ta ~ bu soku. I'll beat you up. =zgrela, =sgrela.

streta v B rub (e.g. pounded corn) to make the chaff come to the surface =farela, =farera.
stribaria n tamped down place on the ground where an animal has lain =stibaria.
stroba v hinder, embarass, disturb.
strobadu past part broken (language)
stroka v change.
stronbola v roll down a hill =tonbola.
strubui n burden.
struma v fertilize (e.g. a farm).
strumadu past part fertilized.
strumu n fertilizer, manure.
strutura n structure.
studia v study.
studadu past part studied.
studenti n student
studiozu adj see istudiozu.
studu n study.
stuki v 1 stick in. 2 have sexual intercourse with.
stupidu adj see istipidu.
ступаia n big fat person.
stupor n stupor.
sua v 1 blow one's nose. 2 sweat, perspire.
sua v sweat.
suadja v lay a wooden floor or install a wooden ceiling.
suadjadu past part having a wooden floor or ceiling.
suadju n wooden floor or ceiling.
suadu past part sweaty, perspiring.
subi v 1 steam. 2 climb, go up onto, mount. 3 go high. 4 raise.
subida n dry corn flour put on top of djagasida and steamed by the cooked food.
subransedja n eyebrow.
subrinhu n f niece.
subrinhu n m nephew. ~n matxu
nephew. ~n femia niece.
subtrait v subtract.
suburbi n suburbs.
subusnomi n see subrinomi.
sufa n sofa.
sufri v see paga.
  sufridu past part see pagadu.
sufritu n suffering.
sugundafera n Monday.
sugundu adj second. n the second one.
sugura v hold, secure, keep safe.
suguru adj secure, safe. n insurance.
sukara v become hard or sugary, sacraft
  (of e.g. honey, cooked candy, etc.).
sukaradu past part sacrified.
sukri n sugar. =asukra.
sukudi v shake.
sukundu v ST see ngatxa.
sukurise, sukurse v become dark at
  night.
sukuru adj 1 dark (of the night time). 2 dark-skinned. n darkness, night-time.
  =skuru.
sul, sul-a-baxu n 1 south. 2 Santomé,
  Angola.
suli v pour through a small opening.
sulidoru n gourd bottle with open end
  for milking cows =salidoru.
suma prep same as, similar to, like, as,
  etc. =sime.
sumanana n week. ~ pasadu last week.
  =simana.
sumara v concentrate, contemplate.
sumi v reduce, shrink.
sumu n juice =supu.
sungai n 1 grainary or storage bin for
  preserving and protecting farm
  produce. 2 large basket.
sunha n dream. v dream.
sunhador n dreamer.
suprimu adj supreme.
supu n see sumu.
sura v 1 bray (of donkey) =ruza. 2
  scratch.
surmol juice
susega v 1 cease, desist, quit. 2 calm
  down, settle down.
susegadu past part calmed down,
  settled down, tranquil.
susegu n lull, peaceful and welcome
  break or calm after sth. relatively
  unpleasant.
suspeta n f suspect.
suspetu n m suspect.
suspiru n 1 breath. 2 sigh. 3 have an
  earnest desire.
suste v sustain raise children.
sustenta v sustain o.s., make a living.
sustentu n bread.
sutian n brassiere.
sutian, sution n see parapetu.

  d

  d the letter d of the alphabet.
da v 1 give. ~ banhu bathe s.o., give s.o.
  a bath. ~ fe snoop, investigate
  curiously. ~ bolta search, run
  through~ na pedra throw against a
  rock. ~ ku denti take a bite. ~ ku
  koro butt with the horns. ~ ku tornu
  wiggle pelvic area in dancing. ~ na get
  used to, accustomed to. ~ na ku spank.
  ~ na boka slap. ~ na odju hit in the
  eye. ~ n go! Give it back to me! ~ lapi
  pound down. ~ paseiu take a walk, go
  out. 2 emit, give off. ~ misa lead
  prayers, give mass. ~ forgu breathe. 3
  strike a blow. ~ ku porta na kara slam
  the door in s.o.’s face. ~ ku porta na
  rostu slam the door on. ~ pankada
  BV hit, hurt =firi. N ~ pankada na
  kosta. I have hurt my back. ~ zimola
  give alms.
dadu past part given.
dada n 1 giving. 2 a gift, the given.
dadiva n gift.
dadji v spank, beat up.
dalia n dahlia.
dana v 1 spoil, rot, ruin. 2 break up, split
  up, end a relationship.
danadu past part/adj spoiled, rotten.
dansa v dance. n dance.
data n large quantity of. un ~ di a
  bunch of, lots of.
debe v 1 owe. 2 must, have. 3 pay.
debedu past part owed.
dedinhu n see dedu.
dedon n aug big digit, big finger or toe. -
  - di pe big toe.
dedon n aug see dedu.
dedu n digit, finger, toe. ~l mon finger.
  -- pe toe. -- miminhu, ded mindin S.V.
  little finger.
dedinhu n dim finger, toe (other than thumb or big toe). ~l mon finger. ~l pe toe.
dedon n aug thumb.
degu n Portuguese person.
delfin n dolphin.
denti n tooth, teeth. tene dor di ~ have a toothache.
dentista n dentist.
dentu n insides, interior. ~l kaza inside the house. ~ kel all of a sudden, suddenly, right then. ~l del inside of it.
pa ~l inside.
deos n God. ~ ba ku bo may god go with you. =Des, =Dios.
depangada v injure.
departamentu di fazenda tax office
derama v shed (light)
derenka v SA 1 get (sth..) out of the way, put (sth.) away. 2 disperse, run away = disrenkia.
deres n cents, pennies.
derete v melt.
desizon n decision.
deta go to bed
deta v go to bed, sleep, lie down.
detadu past part in bed, lying down.
deta v go to bed. ~ ki N deta-bu N durmi. As soon as I went to bed I fell asleep.
Deus n God.
devera n in na ~ truly.
dez num ten. =des.
dezaforu expr for spite.
dezanovi num nineteen.
dezaseis num sixteen.
dezaseti num seventeen.
dezenraskan, zanbrasa v get out of trouble
dezoitu num eighteen.
di anda a toa expr hang around, wander
di bes in kuandu from time to time
di poku poku a little at a time
di prep of, for, from. =~l. ~ ninhun modu not at all, no way. ~ meu mine, ~ bó yours (informal), ~ nho yours (formal, masc.), ~ nha yours (formal fem.), ~ see his or hers, ~ nos ours, ~ nhos yours, ~ sêss theirs.
dia n day. ~ dumingu Sunday. otu ~ the next day.
diabu n devil, satan.
dianti n front, ahead. pa ~ forwards, ahead. di li pa ~ from now on.
diarui adj/adv daily.
dibagar adj slow.
dibagaru adv slowly.
dibaxu adv downstairs, down, underneath, down below
dibdib n see dibinha.
diberbunkadu fatuzes expr God forbid.
dibinha n riddle. ~ expr used to announce that a riddle is about to be told. =kuza ma kuza, =dibdib, =dvinha.
dibirti v 1 have fun, enjoy oneself, spend time together. 2 amuse s.o.
dibirtimentu n diversion, distraction, amusement.
didadu adj free, for nothing.
didal n thimble.
didimingo n see dimingo.
difikulda N difficulty.
difisi adj see difisil.
difisil adj difficult, hard. =difisi.
digia v SA see udja.
digidji v shake.
dignidai n dignity.
dignidai adj see difisil.
digreda v be degraded.
digredadu past part degraded.
digudja v beat (e.g. beans) to separate from skin = diguia, = zighudja, = zugedja.
dimanda v demand, discuss. n discussion.
dimas quant good, great, too much. Bo e ~. You are too much.
dimingo n Sunday. =didimingo.
dimirason n see admirason.
Dinamarkez n Dane.
dindoku n small pot. =pindoku.
dinheru n money.
dinortiandu past part disoriented = dizorientadu, = disnorteadu.
diplomata n diplomat.
dipos prep/adv see dipoz.
dipoz prep after. ~ di manhan the day after tomorrow. adv afterwards.
  =dipos, =dispos.
direkson n see direson.
direson n 1 direction. 2 address. =direkson.
diretamenti adv directly.
direte v see derete.
dironza v BV see dizonra.
dirumunhu n windy storm that blows in very quickly and surprisingly.
disaforu n brazen act motivated by spite or jealousy. =dizaforu.
disastri n disaster. =dizastri.
disdia v undo.
disenbru n December. =dizenbru.
disfreia v lose one’s respect.
  =dizinkara.
disfreiadu past part discredited =dizinkara.
disgobedja v see djangrabi.
disgosta v dislike. n unhappiness.
disgrasia, dizgrasia v disgrace.
  disgrasiadu, dizgrasiadu past part disgraced, ashamed.
disjus peradu, dispika v empty, free (a container for use).
  dispijadu past part emptied, freed for another use =dispijadu.
dispika v 1 destroy. 2 see spinika.
dispixa v see dispija.
  dispixadu past part see dispixadu.
dispoza v put someone down.
dispre v see dipoz.
dispriga v stretch.
disprinda v unhook, take down.
disputa v dispute.
disraza v take down.
disrenkia v see derenka.
distanpa v become senile.
  distanpadu past part senile.
distimidu adj fearless.
distinu n destiny.
distorse v untwist.
  disstorseda past part untwisted.
disupeira v 1 discourage. 2 be discouraged.
  dissusperadu past part 1 discouraged. 2 unsettled, unpredictable.
disvantazi n disadvantage.
ditras prep behind.
dividi v divide.
divididu past part divided.
divulga v disseminate.
divulgason n dissemination.
dixa v 1 leave, abandon. 2 let, allow, permit.
diava v leave, abandon. =xa.
dixe v come down from, land, descend, alight.
dizenkara v become discouraged, lose interest.
dizenkaradu past part discouraged.
dizenkara past part disheartened, give up hope.
dizenkaradu past part disheartened.
dizertu n desert.
dizgrasa n reckless, destructive behavior.
dizgrasadu past part fearless.
dizinima v become discouraged, lose interest.
dizinimadu past part feeling discouraged.
dizinkara v see disfreia.
dizinkaradu past part see disfreiadu.
dizintua v become distracted, lose the thread of one’s thoughts, work, etc.
dizintuadu pastpart distracted, slow to learn, unable to concentrate.
dizoka v see dznoka.
dizlokadu past part see diznokadu.
diznoka v dislocate (e.g. one’s shoulder) =dizloka.
diznokadu past part dislocated =dizlokadu.
dizona v SV insult, curse. =dizonza, =disonra.
dizorienta v see difia.
dizorientadu past part see ditiadu.
do re mi fa so la si do n musical notes.
dobra v fold.
dobra v see dubra.
dobra v see kroka.
dobradisu n hinge.
doda v go crazy, become insane.
dodu adj crazy.
doensia, duensia n sickness.
doenti adj sick, ill.
doese v be sick, get sick.
doga v 1 be fed up. 2 B see gata. 3 see fastia.
dogadu past part 1 obnoxious, irritating. 2 B see gatadu. 3 see fastiadu.
dola n dollar.
dona n f grandmother =madona.
dondon n 1 variety of water insect. 2 insect similar to fonfon.
dondona n f term of address for grandmother.
dondonu n m term of address for grandfather.
donu n m 1 grandfather =padonu. 2 landlord.
dor n pain, ache. ~ di kabesa headache.
  ~ na kosta backache. ~ di bariga stomachache. ~ na kadi stiff neck, neck ache. 2 regret. N tene ~ d’el. or N da-m ~ d’el. I’m sorry for him/her.
doradu past part/adj golden.
dos n sweets, candy.
dos num two. ~ sentus two hundred.
dosa v sweeten.
dosadu past part sweetened.
dosi adj sweet, nice. = doxi.
dosi adj sweet.
dosura n sweetness.
dota v adopt.
dotor n doctor.
doxi adj see dosi.
dodzi num twelve.
dragon n dragon.
dragueru n plant species of Cape Verde.
dretu adv 1 right, correctly, right. 2 well. drumi ~ I slept well.
emisora n radio.
emisora n emission.
empregadu n see kasheru.
em dos en dos anu every two years
en prep see na.
enboru conj although, though.
enbre vSA see nbruda.
endjuria v injure.
endru n herbal medicine.
enfin adv at last, finally. =finalmenti.
enganu n mistake.
enganeru n see engineru.
engolradu past part half-cooked.
enkadernador n bookbinder.
enkomenda n package, gift.
enkomenda high value
enpregada n f waitess.
enpregadu n m waiter.
entan conj 1 then, therefore. 2 hello. ~, bu sta? well hello, how are you?
=anton, =ntan.
entende v understand. =tende.
entera v bury. =ntera, =ntera.
enteru n funeral.
entra v 1 see kanba. 2 go down, set (of the sun).
entrada n entrance.
entri prep between.
entriti v be amused.
entritimentu n amusement, distraction.
enxina v teach. =nxina.
erarkia n hierarchy.
erba n 1 tobacco. 2 grass. ~ dosi wild grass taken as a pain killer by pregnant women. 3 herbs.
erderuf n heiress.
erderi n m see erderu.
erderu n heir.
ermana n see irma.
ero n hero.
eroina n heroine.
ervilha n pea.
es pro they, them (3rd person plural).
dem pro this =esu. por esu for this reason, because of this. ~ ki nha bida this is my life, this is what my life is like.
es pro they, them.
eskudo n one cent, a penny
estadu n state.

Disonariu Kabuverdianu

droga n oil drum, barrel. =bidon, =tanboru.
dropi n drop, gumdrop.
drumi v 1 sleep. 2 sour, curdle (of milk). =durmi.
drumidu past part 1 asleep. 2 soured, curdled. leti ~ sour milk. =durmidu.
du 1st person plural pronoun we, us, etc.
dubra v bend. =dobra.
dubradu past part bent.
duedju n knee. =jei.
duense v get sick.
dufuntu n the dead, a deceased person. adj defunct.
duka n game of tag involving touching other child before leavetaking. nha ~ my touch, you’re it.
Dumingu n Sunday.
duninha n large variety of rat.
durmi v see drumi.
durmidu past part see drumidu.
durmi v sleep.
durra adj stupid.
duru adj hard.
duspensa n pantry, storeroom. =dispensa.
duzi binten n twelve cents.
duzi num twelve.
duzia n a dozen.
dvinha n riddle.

e

e the letter e of the alphabet.
eduka v educate, train. =aduka.
edukadu past part educated, well-mannered. =adukadu.
edukasan, edukason n education.
egua n mare.
ekonemiku adj economical.
el pro he, she, him, her. ku ~ with him or her.
elborku n see alborku.
elu n tie, link, bond.
ementa n see imenta.
emisor n see imenta.
emisor n radio.
emisora n emission.

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esti n east.
esu dem pro see es.
Etiopia n ethiopia.
Europeu n European.
 ezami n examination, exam. =izami.
ezofagu n oesophagus. =izofagu.

f
f the letter f of the alphabet.
fa n musical note.
fa v sharpen, whet.
 faba n lima beans. lima bean varieties:
 ~l tardi, ~ boka pretu, ~ boka branku, 
 ~ pintadina, ~ brazinu. ~ tal.
fabatera n variety of tree.
 fabera n lima bean plant.
 fabinha n dim small bean variety.
 fabona n aug large lima bean variety.
 fabrika n factory.
 fabrika v make, manufacture, fabricate.
 fabrikadu past part made, manufactured.
 fada n fairy. kontu di ~ fairy tale.
 fada v get upset, get mad, become fed up.
 fadadu past part upset, mad, fed up.
 fadiga v worry, trouble =ardiga.
 fadigadu past part worried, troubled =ardigadu.
 fadja v 1 miss, be absent from. N ~
 reunion. I missed a meeting. 2 get lost,
 be missing.
 fadjadu past part absent from, missing
 faiska pro form small portion, a very
 little bit. =faiskinha, =fitina.
Fajan n place on the island of Fogo.
 faka n knife.
 fakia v 1 stab. 2 fuck (vulg).
 faktu n fact. di ~ in fact.
 fal v see fra.
 faladera n one who talks a lot.
fali v be ravenous with hunger, be a
 glutton.
 falia n faults.
 falida n f 1 one who cannot stop eating
 after a period of hunger, one who is
 starved. 2 one who is small in
 comparison to others of same category.
 =falidu.
 falidu n m see falida.
falili n bird variety.
falkan n see falkon.
falkon n l falcon. 2 one who is
 successful with women. =falkan.
falu adj false.
falta v 1 lack, fail. 2 remain, fall short of.
 =farta.
falta v lack.
falupa v see fulupa.
familia n family.
fana v circumcise.
 fana v 1 slice.
 fana ~ to others of same category.
 fanadu past part circumcized
 fangula v see bolora.
fantxa v prostitute.
fantxona n aug inveterate prostitute.
 farela v F see strela. =farera.
 farelu n chaff, bran (esp farera).
 farera v see farela.
 farfa v atrophy from age, not fully
 develop.
 farfadu past part not fully developed
 (of e.g. a body part)
 fari prep usu. in ki ~ much less, let
 alone. Te bo bu pode papia kriolu, ki
 ~ el. Even you can speak Kriolu, let
 alone him.
 farinha n flour.
 farmasia n pharmacy.
 farmaseutiku n pharmacist.
 farmasia n pharmacy.
 farta be full, have enough to eat
 farta v see falta.
 farto adj full. N sta ~. I’m full, I’m
 satisfied.
fartura n plentiful harvest.
 fas, fasi, faxi adj easy.
 fastentu adj see fastadiu.
 fastentura n a very particular or
 finnicky person.
 fastia v 1 become tired of, become fed
 up with, get bored with. 2 irritate,
 bother =doga.
 fastadiu past part 1 fed up with, sick of
 =xatiadu. 2 bothered, irritated
 =dogadu, =fastentu.
fatia v 1 slice. ~ di poni slice of bread. 2
 put a suit on.
fatu n suit. ~ konpletu three-piece suit.
~ makaku overalls. ~ trenu sweatsuit.
fatxa v 1 gather crabs for bait in the early morning by the light of a fatxu. 2 light s.o.'s way.
fatxu n 1 dried leaves of plant often used as fire kindling. 2 torch.
faxi v quick, quickly, fast. ~ ~ very quick/ly.
faxo n B see faxona.
faxona n dash or small gift given merchant to encourage a customer to return = faxo.
faye v see fade.
faze v do, make. ~ barba shave. ~ negosio shop, do shopping. kat ~ nada it doesn't matter, nothing can be done, it doesn't make any difference.
fazedu past part done, made.
fazenda n 1 fabric, cloth. 2 a neighborhood of Braia.
fe n 1 intention, plan. 2 fate, destiny. El sta da di ~. He or she is eavesdropping, snooping. 3 faith.
febereru n February.
febri n fever. tene ~ have a fever.
fedi adj 1 bad-smelling. 2 sad, unhappy. = kasabi. 3 bad = mon.
feia, feiu adj ugly.
fel n bile.
femia adj female, feminine.
fende v break in two, divide in two.
fepeu id completely, totally, all of it. Nos du bai ~. All of us are going. ~ ku tudu every single one.
fera n 1 fair, amusement park. 2 wild jungle animal.
ferbe, ferbi v heat, cook in water. ferbedu past part warmed up, heated, cooked in water. agu ~ hot water.
ferbedor n a person with a one-track mind.
fereru n smith.
ferga v scratch.
feria n vacation
feriadu n and past part holiday.
feru n iron. ~l fundia anchor.
festa n fiesta, festival.
feta n copulation by chickens.
fetu adj done, accomplished, finished, made.
fetu n fetus.
fxe, fexi adv a lot, a bunch of, very much, extremely.
fia v trust, count on. 2 sell on credit. fiadu past part trustworthy. 2 on credit. kunpra ~ purchase on credit.
fiador n 1 co-signer. 2 shoelace.
fiansa n confidence, trust. di ~ trustworthy.
fibela n hair berette.
fidja n f daughter.
fidjada, fidjadu n godchild.
fidju n 1 son, daughter. ~ matxu son. ~ femia n daughter. 2 fruit, offspring. 3 stone pestle for grinding.
fiel adj faithful. n ~ d'armazan warehouse manager.
fiera n string or line for e.g. fishing.
ffiri v see djangrabi.
fititi v wash (e.g. clothing) by rubbing knuckles together. = fitifiti.
figa n see kanhota.
figadu n liver.
figera n tree. 2 bean variety.
figu n fig
fijon n beans.
fika v 1 stay, remain. 2 become.
fila n line.
fila v arrange (sth.) for (s.o.), fix (s.o.) up = ranja.
filli n variety of bee.
filisidadi n happiness.
filosofa, filosofu n philosopher.
filosofia n philosophy.
fin n end.
finadu adj final n the dead.
finason n batuku singing.
finda v see kaba.
findadu past part finished.
fineza n kindness.
fininga v render worthless, destroy, obliterate.
finingi n rags.
finingita n small shred of cloth.
finka n thorn.
finka v pound into, drive in, fix, stick. ~ pa put one’s foot down.
Finlandia n Finland.
finu adj 1 fine. 2 refined.
firiri v see djangrabi.
firi v 1 stick, prick, lance (e.g. with a pin). 2 get hurt, be injured, be wounded. 3 hurt, injure = da pankada.
firma n company, firm.
firma v become physically developed.
firmi adj firm.
folios n harpoon.
fita n 1 ribbon. ~ l kabesa sweatband. 2 playing hard to get, to be coy, avoiding subject. faze ~ be coy, play hard to get.
fitera, fiteru n a woman who is coy and plays hard to get.
fitifiti v see fititi.
fitinha n very small portion, tiny bit. = faiskinha.
fitiseras n witch.
fitxa v 1 close. 2 (e.g. a dog) on s.o.
fitxadu past part closed.
fitxadura v lock.
fiu n necklace.
fla v see fra.
fladu past part see fraudu.
flexa n 1 slingshot. 2 arrow. = frexa.
flor n flower. ~ di mindju flower of the corn plant. = frol. ~ na petu flower on lapel
flora v flower, blossom.
florista n florist.
fode v (vulg) fuck.
fodedu past part fucked.
fodja n leaf. ~ loru bay leaves. ~ di papel sheet of paper.
fodjadu adj leafy.
fodju n flounce, ruffle.
fodoku adj bad, ominous, worse (of e.g. the state of one’s affairs).
fofa v 1 be in full bloom, be covered with fruit, flowers, etc. 2 be in a cluttered mess, (of e.g. an office).
fofula past part 1 covered with fruit, flowers, etc. 2 cluttered up
foga v drown.
fogadu past part drowned.
fogafoga n pumpkin.
fogarer n little stone made of tin.
fogera n campfire.
fogelu n 1 inhabitant of Fogo = djar ~. 2 one who starts a fire.
fogeti n fireworks.
fogon n cooking tripod, kitchen hearth. ~ prima portable stove, primus stove. ~ pedra triangular hearth of three stones for supporting a cooking pot.
Fogu n the island of Fogo = djar ~.
foka n focus.
foka v alluminate, shine a light on.
fola v see pela.
folg n BV see folgu.
folgu n breath. = folg = forg = forgu.
foiri n hunger. tene ~ be hungry.
fonfon n variety of bee.
fonti n 1 well (water). 2 tank. 3 fountain.
Fonti-Bila n beach of port of San Filipi Fogo.
fontilexu n round hut made of stones with thatched roof.
fora n/adv outside, in the countryside.
fora v cover.
foradu past part covered.
forg n BB see folgu.
forge n see folgu.
forka v hang. ~ kabesa hang s.o.
forma n form, style, shape.
forma v become.
formadu adj with a college degree, educated.
formason n formation, training.
formigona n aug big ant.
formingona n B see furminga.
formos adj beautiful, handsome.
formadu n furnace.
foru n 1 traditional bread oven. 2 oven.
forsa n strength. ~ di kretxeu strength of love. v 1 force. 2 rape.
forsadu past part forced.
fotti adj strong, well-built. ~ bon emi strong well-built man.
fos n book of matches.
fostera n f stranger, foreigner, guest.
fostera n m see fostera.
frota v B say, tell. ~ mantenha greet, say hello to. Ja'n ~ mantenha. I already greeted him or her. Du ~ du mantenha. We greeted one another. ~ n' go! Tell me now! = fala, = fla.
fradu past part. said, told. = fladu.
fragidera n frying pan.
fraginota n cracklings. = txitxu.
frakeza n weakening.
fraku adj 1 skinny, weak (of humans). 2 strong smelling.
franga n f pullet chicken before laying eggs.
frangansa n smelling.
frangu n m pullet cock before feta. ~ asadu roasted chicken. ~ raxeadu roasted chicken.
Fransa n France.
franceses adj french.
frasedju n variety of bee.
frega v massage, rub. = sfrega.
fregidia n parish.
freiu n 1 (horse's) bit = redia. 2 foreskin. kebra ~ be circumcized (of a boy).
fréta v rent (e.g. a boat), charter.
frétadu past part rented, chartered.
frétxa n doorway = aru.
frétxa v swarm, gather suddenly, appear in hoards, e.g. at the scene of an accident = renkia, = runa.
frétxadu past part swarmed, gathered suddenly.
fréxa n see flexa.
fríia v become cold, get cold.
fríadu adj cold.
frída n wound, sore.
fríntxa n hole. ~ di porta hole in the door.
fríta v fry.
frítadu past part fried.
fríu adj cold, cool. tene ~ be cold.
fról n blossom, blooming.
frólu n see flor.
fronha n pillow case.
fronta v confront, get s.o. into a difficult situation.
frontadu past part confronted.
frosteru n stranger (not foreign).
froxa v 1 open a crack (e.g. a door). 2 get out of bed and walk round while recuperating from an illness. 3 get up.
froxeu adj weak (of a beverage).
frujidera n frying pan.
frunhi v 1 scorn or look ascance at s.o. while saying 'ts-ts'. 2 see txia.
frunhidu past part scorned.
fruta n fruit.
frututu id sound of a bird flapping its wings in flight.
fruxi v come out all over, spray out (of e.g. a can of soda), squish out all over (of a ripe fruit), swarm out in hoards (of bees).
fruxifruxi v 1 run all over, swarm (of e.g. people on a crowded street) 2 come out. = fruxufrutxu.
fruxufrutxu v see fruxifruxi.
fudidu adj bad, sinister.
fudidu n fugitive.
fugareru n little cooking stove, kerosene stove (Primus).
fuji v run away.
fuka n lantern = kufuka.
fulia v see furia.
fulupa v sink in, cave in = txfunga.
fuma v smoke. ka ta ~ no smoking.
fumada, fumadu past part/adj smoked.
fumador n smoker.
fumega v smoke.
fumu n smoke.
funana n type of Cape Verdean music.
funda n catapult or sling to throw rocks, etc.
funda v found, establish.
fundadu past part founded, established.
fundador n founder.
fundamental adj fundamental.
fundason n foundation.
fundia v anchor oneself, anchor x.
fundiadu past part anchored.
fundidju n part of male body behind the scrotum.
fundidor n smelter.
fundidu adj melted.
fundon n  bottom, depths, abyss, deepest point.
fundu n  end, farthest point.
fundura n  depth.
funeral n  funeral.
funil n  funnel.
funkape n  small shelter made of sisal for animals, storage, etc.
funku n  1 thatch-roofed hut, shade.  2 den (of e.g. a wolf).
funsona v  work, act, function.
funsonariu n  civil servant, government employee.
fur v  pierce, make a hole.
furadu past part  be full of holes.
Furado n  name of a place in Fogo.
furfuia adj  in galinha ~ special chicken variety.
furfunha v  see furfuri.
furfuri v  mess up, put in disarray.
= furfunha.
furfurido past part  unkempt, have messed up hair, etc.
furia n  enthusiasm, great desire.  tene ~l badja crave dancing.
furia v  throw = fulia.
furiozu adj  furious, mad.
furminga n  small ants = forminga.
furna n  large hole in ocean floor.
furna n  small village on the island of Brava.
furo n  rage, furor.
furt v  steal. = txoka.
furtu n  robbery, theft.
fuska n and adv  1 early morning.  2 dusk, after sunset.
fuska v  get drunk.
fuskafuska n and adv  1 sunrise, dawn, early morning period before teral.  2 dusk, after sunset.
fusku adj  dark (color).
fusku v  see gata.
futi v  1 slip, slip away.  2 get away from, escape.
futidu past part  escaped, gone.
futifuti v  hand on.
futuru n  future.
fuzil n  cigarette lighter.
fuzila v  shoot (with a gun), shoot down.
fuziladu past part  shot down, shot dead.
fuzileru n  rifleman, gunman.
fuzon n  fusion.

\[ g \]

g  the letter \( g \) of the alphabet.

\[ \text{gabardine} n \  \text{raincoat}. \]

\[ \text{gabeta} n  \text{drawer} = \text{skanilh}. \]

\[ \text{gabineti} n  \text{1 cupboard, cabinet.}  \ 2 \text{pantry.}  \text{3 governmental cabinet.} \]

\[ \text{gafanhotu} n  \text{grasshopper}. \]

\[ \text{gagixa} v  b \  \text{see gigixa}. \]

\[ \text{gaita} n  \text{reed.}  \ ~ \text{di boka} \  \text{bagpipe}. \]

\[ \text{gala} v  \text{copulate with.} \]

\[ \text{galafu} n  \text{miser}. \]

\[ \text{galegu} n  \text{1 mixed pig variety that is first offspring of two different.}  \ 2 \text{Portuguese person from Galiza}. \]

\[ \text{galinha} n  \text{1 chicken.}  \ 2 \text{hen.}  \ ~ \text{dangola} \  \text{domestic guinea hen}. \]

\[ \text{galopi} n  \text{gallup.}  \ ~ \text{di kabalu} \  \text{horse's gallop}. \]

\[ \text{galu} n \  \text{rooster, cock}. \]

\[ \text{galukanta} n  \text{cock's crow}. \]

\[ \text{gana} n  \text{urge, desire. craving.} \]

\[ \text{ganansia} n  \text{desire, longing, craving.} \]

\[ \text{ganha} v  \text{1 gain, earn, win.}  \ 2 \text{fool, trick.}  \]

\[ \text{ganhadu} past part  won, earned. \]

\[ \text{gansu} n  \text{goose}. \]

\[ \text{gansu} n  \text{hairpin.} = \text{avinida}. \]

\[ \text{garafa} n  \text{bottle}. \]

\[ \text{garafinha} n \text{small bottle}. \]

\[ \text{garafon} n  \text{aug large bottle}. \]

\[ \text{garafona} n  \text{aug huge bottle}. \]

\[ \text{garaji} n  \text{garage}. \]

\[ \text{garanhava} v  \text{scratch}. \]

\[ \text{garda fato} n  \text{wardrobe}. \]

\[ \text{garda} v  \text{keep, store, guard.}  \ ~ \text{kumida} n  \text{cupboard}. \]

\[ \text{gardadu} past part  kept, stored. \]

\[ \text{gardise} v  \text{thank}. \]

\[ \text{gardisedu} past part  thanked, grateful. \]

\[ \text{N fika-bu gardesedu}. \]

\[ \text{garf} \ n \text{BB} \  \text{see garfu}. \]

\[ \text{garfu} n \text{fork} = \text{garfu}. \]
garfungo, garfugunho  n fried corn cakes
garganta  n throat. tene dor di ~ have a sore throat. N sa te ~. I’m fed up.
gargunha v get goose bumps (out of fear, cold, etc.) =gurgunhan.
garnel n neatly stacked circular storage pile of unhusked corn. ~ di batata potato storage pile with mud support. =agarnel.
gasta v spend.
gata v get drunk =fusku, =doga, =moku.
gatadu past part drunk, inebriated =dogadu.
gatinha v crawl.
gatu n cat.
gatxa v see ngatxa.
gazadja v receive (a guest) for the night. gazadjadu past part lodged for the night.
gazadju n place to stay for the night, occasion given to a traveler in need of lodging.
gefang n BB see gufungo.
genho v not eat, starve oneself, stop eating when approaching death.
genis n see djentis.
gera n war, fight = gerra.
geru n war.
gerra n see gera.
gia v drive.
gigija v B see gigixa.
gigixa v stutter =gagixa.
giza v stew, heat up, reheat.
go adv now. Mi ~. I don’t care.
goberna v govern.
gobernamental adj governmental.
goiba n guava.
gola n 1 see kabeson. 2 collar. 3 lapel = lapela.
golozu adj greedy, gluttonous.
golpi n see gorpi.
gongon n spirit, zomy.
gora adv see gosin.
gora v bring to nothing.
gordinhu adj/n a little fat one.
gordu adj fat.
gordura n rendered pork fat.
gorgoleta n butterfly =berbleta.
gorpi n sip, taste. =golpi.
gosi adv see gosin.
gosin adv now, right now. ~ immediately, right away. = ago, = gosi, = gora, = agora.
gosta (di) v like, enjoy, get pleasure from. N ~ N like (specific) N ta ~ N like (general, customarily).
goza v see ngoza.
graba v be offended, be angry.
grabata v 1 dig out with the hand e.g. potatoes, etc.). 2 investigate, ask questions about.
grabenta, grabentu v be offended.
gradi n screen, screening.
grafon n carafe.
grama v please.
grandeza n joy, happiness.
grandeza n joy, happiness.
grandi adj big.
grang n (vulg) penis.
grasa n in di ~ free, at no cost.
grasas n thanks. ~ a Deus thank God.
grauda n gravel, aggregate for cement making.
grava v 1 record. 2 engrave.
gravadu past part 1 recorded. 2 engraved.
gravador n 1 tape recorder. 2 engraver.
gravason n 1 tape recording. 2 engraving.
gravata, gravati n tie.
graxa v polish, wax, shine.
gredja n grill, barbecue. v grill, barbecue. = grella.
gregu adj Greek.
greja n church.
grela v see ngrela.
grelha v see gredja.
gresia n Greece. 
greta n fissure, crack or narrow space in e.g.a door where light can come through.
greta n holes.
grevi n strike. faze ~ go on strike.
grili v stare wide-eyed at x =ragala, =rigili.
grilidu past part wide-eyed, having big eyes =ragaladu, =rigilidu.
grilu n cricket.
gripa v catch the flu, come down with the flu.
gripadu part having the flu.
gripi n flu.
grita v scream, yell, shout.
gritu n scream.
grogu n see aguardenti.
Gronelândia n Greenland.
gros adj fat, big, oversized.
groson adj aug very fat.
grozelha n(BV) see azedinha.
gruda v glue=kola.
grudi n glue.
grupu n group.
guardanapu n table napkin.
gudja n needle.
gudja v sprout, bud.
gufungu n bread-like mixture of sweet potatoes and flour cooked on the wood of a fire between banana leaves and cornmeal cake =bufongu, =gefang.
gufungu n cornmeal cake.
guloria n glory.
gumita v vomit.
gurdura n shortening.
gurgunhan v see gargunha.
gurila n gorilla.

i
i adv here, there. Al ta kume ~. He eats over there.
i conj see y.
i the letter i of the alphabet.
ia, ija adv already. ~l ben s/he has come (already). =ia, =ja.
ia-ia n prelude to a batuku song followed by txabeta.
iao, iau excl(BV) what?
iati n yacht.
idadi n age. Ki ~ bu ten? How old are you?
idadoru adj senior, older.
idja n see ilha.
iki-iki expr struggle with life.
ien n silence.
iena n hyena.
ignoranti adj ignorant.
ignoransa n ignorance.
iguala v equal.
ila v pop (corn), roast (e.g. peanuts, coffee) =lia.
iladu past part stunted (in growth pattern) =liadu.
ilian, ileison n election.
ilha n island. ~ dezerta desert island, Santa Luzia. ~ di montanha mountainous island; Sant Anton. ~ batuku/~ tabanku island of batuku, tabanka; Santiago. ~ di flor island of flowers; Brava/Djabraba. ~ di vulkan volcano island, Fogo/Djar Fogo. ~ di portu grandi island with the important port. island of San Vicente. ~ di aeroportu the island with the airport; Sal. ~ di morna the island of the morna; Boa Vista. ~ di keji the island of cheese; Maio.
ilifanti n elephant.
iludi v elude.
imajina v imagine.
imajinason n imagination.
imenta n menu = ementa.
imigra v immigrate.
imigranti n immigrant.
imigrason n immigration.
imisferu n hemisphere.
imita v imitate.
imitason n imitation.
inaja, imaji n image.
inberna n continuous rain. =inverna.
inbisil n imbecile.
inbora adv away. ba t'~ go away, get out of here.
inda adv still, yet. ~ N ka tende. I still don't understand. ~ non not yet.
inda non adv not yet
indaga v see ndaga.

independensia n independence.

India n India.

Indianu n Indian.

indika v indicate.

indikadu past part indicated.

indikador n index finger.

indipendent adj independent.

indiu adj and n Indian.

indjon adj far away.

indoli fata ti ti ti na n Capeverdean children's play.

indretu adv non-stop, directly.

infernu, inferu n hell.

infesti v invest. = investi.

influensia v influence.

influenti adj influential.

inga, ingua n glands.

ingenheru n engineer. = enginheru.

ingoda v caress.

ingodu n bait of broken up seafood parts thrown in water to attract fish. = iska.

inratidon n ingratitude. = iska.

ingratu adj ungrateful.

ingri n cliff which juts out with undercut angle below.

ingua n glands.

inisial adj initial.

injeri, injiri v swell.

injuria n injury.

injuria v injure.

injuridu past part injured.

inkli v incline.

inklinason n inclination.

inklui v include.

inkluidu past part included.

inkomada v cause s.o. an inconvenience, put s.o. out.

inkomada v disturb, bother.

inkomodadu past part not feeling well.

inkomodadu adj having one's period, menstruating.

inkomu, inkomodu adj inconvenient.

inkoviniensa n inconvenience.

inkovinienti adj inconvenient.

inkrimina v incriminate.

inkuidu past part included.

inkumenda n care package, gift.

inkunha n wedge.

inpadu adj full of.

inpasienis n impatience.

inpata v interrupt = inpaxa.

inpaxa v see inpata.

inpaxador n one who won't leave people alone, who always interrupts.

inpaxa v onstruct.

inpaxu n obstruction.

inpedi v impede.

inpénha n rectangular stone placed at an angle when building a home.

inpenhu n motivation. ku ~ motivated.

inpisa n skin rash causing peeling of the skin and raw wounds = inpixa.

inpixa n see inpisa.

inplika v implicate.

inplikason n implication.

inplora v implore.

inpo v impose.

importansa, importansia n importance.

inposivel adj impossible.

inpregada, inpregadu n employee.

inpresen v print.

inpresionas v impress.

inprimi v print.

inprimidor n printer.

inprinsa v print. n print.

inprison n impression.

inpropi adj inappropriate.

inprudenti adj imprudent.

inpu, inpetu n nausea, vomiting.

inpuni v penetrate.

insarzi n smaller hand cut building stone which interlocks with kunhal.

(can following be integrated here or where? used to support kunhal. 2 a slice, a piece (of e.g. bread, cake, etc.). 3. a chip.)

insendia v burn.

insendio n fire.

insensa v insense.

insertera n uncertainty.

insirmu n protective padding of e.g. rags under frame of pack saddle on donkey's back.
insita v incite.
insivil n pig, impolite person.
inspesiona v inspect.
instala v install.
instiga v instigate.
instrumentaliza v instrumentalize.
instrumentalizada past part/adj instrumentalized.
instrumentu n instrument.
instruson n instruction.
insulta v insult.
insultu n insult.
insutu adj see nsutu.
inte adv so long, up until now.
intenson n intention.
inter, interu adj whole, entire.
intera v see entera.
interferensa n interference.
interkanbiu n interchange.
interna v hospitalize.
interne n burial.
interoga v question.
interpreta v interpret.
interpretason n interpretation.
interpriti n interpreter.
intersanti adj interesting.
interu n funeral.
intervenson n intervention.
intimason n subpeona.
intxa v 1 swell. 2 ripen, take shape before final ripening (of fruit, coffee beans, etc.). 3 fill, fill up, become swollen.
intxada past part swollen.
intxasu n swollen wound caused by an infection or disease.
intxi v fill.
intxidu past part full, filled.
intxon n swelling.
inverna n see inberna.
invernu n winter.
inves n used in ~ di instead of.
investi v see infesti.
investigason n investigation.
investimentu n investment.
inxa-bar n fish variety.
inxada n hoe.
inxinpri n tea.
ipi id describes sth falling down.
ipi n hippy.
ipokrita n hypocrite.
ipopotamu n hippopotamus.
irma, irmana nf sister =ermana,
=irman, =irmun femia.
irman nf see irma.
irmon n brother or sister, sibling. ~ machu brother. ~ femia sister. =armon.
iska n 1 bait. 2 dish made of liver. 3 inside of stalk of sisal plant.
iska n see ingodu.
iskarlati, skarlati adj scarlet.
iskiletu, skletu n skeleton.
iskoses adjand n Scotch.
iskultor, skultor n sculptor.
Ispanha, Spanha n Spain.
ispersu, spersu n mirror.
ispooza, spoza n wife.
istudiozu, studiozu adj studious.
ividen adj evident.
ivita v avoid.
ivoluson n evolution.
ixa, ixixa n a little bit.
izami n see ezami.
izofagu n see ezofagu.
j
j the letter j of the alphabet.
jÄ adv already.
janbi, janbri n fruit variety. pe di ~ janbi tree.
janela n window.
janeru n January.
jangu v be angry.
janota adj beautiful, handsome, cute =nzanota.
janota v dress up, dress beautifully.
janta v have s.o. to dinner.
JÄnta n dinner.
jara n large pot for carrying water.
jardin n garden.
jardineran f gardener.
jardinerum m gardener.
jardinol n nightingale.
jaros n waterway.
jaru n pitcher (for water, etc.), jar.
jatezan(BV) see jatisi.
jatison n craziness. =jateza.
jatun adj ridiculous, stupid.
ej(nBV) see dueju.
ejuan v fast.
jelen v freeze.
ejeladun past part frozen, iced.
jeladuran n refrigerator.
jelun n ice.
jenu n good temperament, good will.
jeralan adj general.
jerason n generation.
jerentii n manager.
jerupia n liquor.
jesus n plaster.
jezus n Jesus.
jigantii n giant.
jigudjan v see digudja.
jiju, jijun n fasting, going without food.
in ~ without having eaten. kebra ~ break one's fast, eat something for the first time of the day.
jin n gin.
jiografia n geography.
jiografun n geography.
jiradiskun(ST) record player.
jirafan n giraffe.
jirason n sunflower.
jis n chalk.
joge(nBV) see jogu.
jogun n game. =joge.
jorna v travel.
jornan n newspaper.
jornalan, jornelan n newspaper. 2 salary.
jornalener, jornalerun n journalist.
jornalistan n journalist, reporter.
juda v see djuda.
judeun n Jew.
judisiadun adj sentenced, adjudicated.
juelhan v knee.
jugejan v BB see diguja.

juis n brain.
juiz n judge.
juigan v judge.
juhtan n July.
juhtun n July.
juna v(BV) fast.
juhtun n June.
juhun n male turkey.
juntna n joint.
juntna v gather, join.
 juntdadun past part joined.
 juntdadun n(BV) gathering.
 juntron n ingredients. katsuapun sen ~ katsuapun without meat. kafepun sen ~ coffee without bread.
 juntnu adv together.
 jura v swear.
 juradun adj inclined.
 juradison n jurisdiction.
 justan v adjust.
 justifikan v justify.
 justifikanstan n justification.
 justisan n justice.
 justun adj just, fair, right.

dj

djan adv already. perfect aspect marker to have done something. ~ es bai they have (already) gone.
djanora n name of children's hide and seek type game.
dja, djaran see ilha.
djabakozon n witchdoctor, sorcerer.
djabunquant enough.
djabunoten muchness, plentifulness, bounteousness.
djagasi v shake.
djagasi v shake.
djagasinan, djagasisian 1 first heavy layer of dry corn flour sprinkled to cook on top of cooked food. 2 couscous made of corn flour plus another grain or legume.
djagasinadadjii n(ST) plant name =iaiadiani.
djakeian adj many-colored (of a goat).
djakean n jacket.
djaki n young or small bull.
djakrandi n wood.
djandjan n(BV) cock, rooster.
djiangada n 1 fishing raft. 2 litter used in burial of a poor person.
djiangan n(BV) large pan.
djiangata n large kindling for fire starting.
djiangoto v F squat down =djongoto,
= djungoto.
djangrabi v be doing all right, be getting along, survive, make ends meet =fifiri,
= fifiri.
djanguri v 1 reduce in size, decrease. 2 wrinkle up, shrivel up. = djunguri.
djanta dinner.
djanta n dinner.
djazi v stay with, be lodged.
djazidu past part staying with, lodged with.
djazigu n hiding place.
djenge v see genge.
djengedu past part see gengedu.
djenu n son-in-law.
djente, djenti n people. ~ di fralda country people. ~ di vila city people.
djeu n P section of an island, a small island.
djiba-djiba n struggling.
djigiji v shake.
djintxu n ST spindle for hand spinning cotton thread or string for weaving.
djo v look.
djobe look for
djodja v join.
djodjadu past part joined.
djodje n joint.
djogu n 1 game. El se ~ e fraku. 2 trump suit in a game of cards.
djoguta v get by, manage. = djuguta.
djoka n E joker in a deck of cards.
djolondi v swing. = djondjoli.
djolondida n rope swing.
= djondjolida.
djondjo v put together.
djondjoli n see djolondi.
djondjolida n see djolondida.
djonga v nod off to sleep.
django, djingu n nodding off, going to sleep, snoozing.
djongormidu adj closed.
djonsinhu n small pieces of wood for kindling in a cooking fire.
djoroka v be troubled, be in trouble.
djoronbo v remove the chaff from the grains.
djorundi v(BV) separate through circular movements.
djuda v help. = juda.
djudeo n and adj Jewish.
djudeo n/adj Jewish, Jew.
djuga v 1 play. 2 gamble.
djugador n player.
djugadu adv hopefully.
djuguta v see djuguta.
djuguta v survive.
djuiz n judge
djulangi n swinging back and forth.
djulzu n July.
djundju v 1 knock over. 2 spill (usually a non-liquid). 2 spill. = djindji.
djungoto v(b see djangoto, djanguri.
djunhu n June.
djunku n a group of people gathered together.
djunta n 1 see bordo. 2 join.
djunta n finger.
djunta v gather up, bring together, assemble. ~ mon work together, do collective labor, help one another. = junta.
djuntadu past part gathered together. =juntadu.
djuntu adv together.
djura v see zura.
djura v swear.
djurdjur adj alive, smart.
djurdjur v become scatter-brained or frazzled.
djurdjurida/u past part scatter-brained.
djustadu n agreement
djustu adj just.
djutu pro form a few.
djutu v belittle (e.g. a gift from someone).
I

l the letter / of the alphabet.

laba v wash, bathe. ⁪ kurpu ⁪ take a bath. ⁪ pratu ⁪ wash the dishes.

labada n place to wash the dishes.

labada n place to conserve water to get into the cistern.

labadera n f clothes washer.

labaderu n m clothes washer.

labanta v get up, wake up.

labantadu past part woken up.

labrador n laborer, farmer.

labuta v struggle. ⁪ na ⁪ struggle with, deal with. ⁪ djangrabi.

labutadu past part having struggled with. ⁪ djangrabinu.

laderu n side of a mountain.

ladra v bark.

ladridja v pave with stone.

ladridjadu past part paved.

ladridju n cobblestone.

ladron n thief, robber.

ladru n side. Ki ~? Which side?

lagoa n see lagoa.

lagoia n lake =lagoa.

lagosta n lobster.

lagua n (Praia) tears. =agu d'odju.

laimu n drool, spittle.

lakakan n creeping plant variety which when pounded is used for washing the hair.

lakatona n B see okatron.

lakri n sealing wax.

lama n sticky wet soil, clay, mud.

lamada n woman who sticks very closely to her man.

lameadu n mud.

lamenta v 1 lament. 2 see mamanta.

lamina n blade. ⁪ di faze barba ⁪ razor blades

lan n fine body hair.

lanbe v see lenbe.

lanbiki n see alanbiki.

lanbu n 1 fold or pouch in woman's cloth near waist area used to hold e.g. beans when harvesting. 2 part of the lap area near the groin.

lanbu v cover o.s., put sth. over one's shoulders.

lansu n spear.

lansadera n sewing machine.

lansia v 1 cast (fishing line). 2 be spread in all directions, be scattered. =spadjia.

lansiadu past part cast, spread out, scattered.

lansol n bedsheets, bedspread. =lensol.

lantera, lanterna n see landia.

lantena n plant variety.

lantxa n boat, fishing boat.

lapa n caves in a cliff. ~l mar snail and its shell.

lapa v pierce, perforate, make a hole in.

lapadu past part 1 perforated, having holes. 2 used (of a woman).

lapela n see goia.

lapi v punch, beat. N ta ~ bu na boka. I will punch you in the mouth.

lapidu past part punched, beaten. N sta ~l txuba. I am drenched by the rain.

lapis n pencil. ~d pinta odju eyebrow pencil.

lapu n slap with the open hand.

laranja n orange.

larga v 1 leave alone. torna ~ leave alone again. 2 leave behind, leave in the dust, win. 3 quit, give up. ~ skola drop out of school.

largatixa n small lizard variety.

largatu n caterpillar.

largu adj wide, loose.

laska n hand-cut stone for building purposes.

lata n 1 a can. 2 twenty liter kerosene tin used to carry and measure water. 3 belt.

latan n plumbing washer =anilia.

lateru n tinsmith.

latiga v 1 suffer, be ill. 2 be poor.

latitudi n latitude.

latu n 1 belt. 2 man in charge, boss.

latxi v lie down flat on the ground.

latxidu past part lying flat on the ground.
lavatoriu n washstand.
laxa adj in perte ~ small child.
laxidu n bedrock =ladrijdadu.
le v read.
lea v 1 tangle up. 2 be associated with, be mixed up with.
leadu past part tangled up, mixed up with.
leba v bring, come with, take to.
läba n temporary insanity, a fit, a mad or insane desire.
lebi adj light (in weight).
lebiona n f an easy woman.
lebri n hare.
legra v munch on, eat in small bites (often of people with few teeth).
legradu past part munched on, eaten.
legri adj happy.
legumes n vegetables.
lei n law.
lejitimu adj legal, legitimate.
leki n fan.
lemi n rudder (of a boat).
len n the other side.
lenba-lenba n plant variety.
lenbe v lick. =lanbe.
lenbra v remember.
lenbransa n souvenir, remembrance.
 lendia n lice and accompanying rash affecting the scalp, etc.
lenha n firewood.
len n BB see lensu.
 lensol n see lensans.
lenso n 1 scarf. 2 handkerchief. =lens.
leopardo n leopard.
lesta v open. ~ obidu open your ears.
lestada n see lestira.
lesti n east.
lestrada n extended period of lestri weather. =lestrada.
lestri n dry hot sahelian weather.
leti n milk. ~ durmidu buttermilk.
letra n letter.
lexikal adj lexical.
li dem adv here. ~ pra ~ right here. ~ sin right here. ~ sin sin right here. ~ pa tres ora around three o'clock.
lia v B see ila.
 liadu past part B see iladu.
lial adj loyal.
liberdadi n liberty.
libra n a pound (weight).
libra v dodge, avoid (e.g. a thrown object).
libra v evacuate the placenta after giving birth.
libreru n bookseller.
libri adj free, liberated =livri.
libru n book.
ligo adv over here.
ligria n joy.
likida v liquidate.
 lilas n lilac.
lima n lime.
lima v polish.
limadu past part polished.
limalia n 1 wild game, animals. 2 livestock. 3 a very jumpy person =limaria.
limaria n see limalia.
limia v light, alluminate.
limita v limit.
limitadu past part limited.
limon n lemon.
limu n algae.
lingua n 1 tongue. ~l karneru sheep's tongue. 2 language. 3 pointed fold of a scarf. 4 ~l ceia first flow of a rivulet from rainfall in another part of an island.
linguara v talk a lot.
linguara past part overly talkative, big-mouth (of one who talks or gossips too much).
linguistika n linguistics.
linguistiku n linguist.
linha n string, line. adj plaid.
linp BB adj see linpu.
linpa v clean.
linpeza n cleanliness.
linpu adj clean =linp.
lion n lion.
liriu n lily.
lisin adv over here.
liso adj sewn.
lista n 1 list. 2 menu.
lista v list.
literariu adj literary.
literatura n literature.
litografu n lithographer.
liton n piglet.
litru n litre.
livri adj see libri.
livru n book.
lixu v plot for s.o.'s downfall.
lixu v smooth a surface, e.g. with sandpaper =reia, =taba n file. ~ di unha nail file, emery file.
lobu n wolf. nho ~ Mr. Wolf.
lodja n building.
loku n mud.
logu adv later. te ~ until later. N ta odja bu ~. I'll see you later.
loja n store, shop.
loka v E lock.
loku v S see rola.
loki n plant variety.
loku v slide, slip.
loki n penis.
lonb n BB see lonbu.
lonba v strike a blow at, hit. ~ na txon fall hard to the ground.
lonbadu past part beaten up.
lonbu n 1 loin, tender loin. 2 lower back. =lonb.
longa v hand over to.
lonj, lonji adj and adv far, long, distant =lonz, =prala.
lonjitudi n longitude.
lora v SA see rola.
loradu adj blond.
loron n food made out of corn.
loru n blond.
loru n tobacco plant burned to make tobacco flour.
lotoloti adj 1 frail, weak, haggard. 2 wrinkled, rumpled (of clothes).
lova v worship.
lovadu past part worshipped.
lua n moon.
lua v refuse to do sth.
luba n glove.
lufi v see lupi.
luga n cornfield.
luga v rent.
lugar n see kabu.
lumenta adj excited, overactive.
lumi n fire.
lumia adj shiny =bria.
lumia v flash, light up, blink.
lupi v 1 pound (corn that is not completely dry) in a mortar. 2 (vulg.) fuck. =lufi.
lus n see luz.
lutru n one year period during which a widow wears black while in mourning. =lutu.
lutu n see lutru.
luxa v get all dressed up in preparation for an outing.
luxadu past part dressed up.
luxu n snobbery, unfounded overconfidence.
luz n light =lus.

m
m 1S direct object pronoun me, to me.
El da~ dinheru. S/He gave me money.
m the letter m of the alphabet.
ma conj but, that.
madera n wood.
madjon n border, boundary marker, dividing line =markason.
madju n sledge hammer =mareta.
madona nf see donna.
madrasta n step-mother.
madrinha n godmother.
madrugada between midnight and 5 am or dawn
madrugada n and adv early morning period when the rooster crows.
magru adj skinny, thin.
maguadu adj 1 frail, weak. 2 sad.
mai n 1 mother. 2 stone mortar for grinding. 3 tree, bearer of fruits.
maiou adv bigger, greater, better, superior.
maiou n May.
makaku n monkey, ape.
makara n macaroni, spaghetti.
maki n a blow struck with the fist. id sound of a blow struck with the fist, sound of sth. falling to the ground.
makina n machine. ~l skrebe typewriter.
mai n 1 wrong. 2 disease.
mal n 1 mail. 2 trunk, chest.
malagueta n see malgeta.
malandru adj clever, crafty, cunning, tricky.
maldadi n bad mischievous behavior, misdeed =maldeza.
maldeza n see maldadi.
aleta n small trunk or chest.
malfetu n 1 bad spirit, curse. 2 witchcraft =korda.
malgeta n hot pepper. =malagueta.
malit n boil, infected pimple. odju-l ~ core or head of a boil or infected pimple.
malkriada adj f bad, no good.
malkriadeza n stupidity, ridiculousness.
malmiker n daisy.
malona n aug large trunk or chest.
maltatra v mistreat. maltradu past part mistreated.
mama h1 n bunch of fruit (e.g. grapes, bananas).
mama n breast. ~l kadera buttocks. N ta sota bu na ~ l kadera. I will hit you in the buttocks.
mama n mother.
mama v nurse, suckle =mamanta.
mamanta v see mama.
mamon n seed of the castor oil plant or palma christi.
mamonbera n castor oil plant.
mamota n an awkward person.
mamulani n herb variety.
manda v send. ~ fra send word. ~reka send word. ~kaku pay for drinks.
mandioka n manioc.
mandiokera n manioc farm.
manduka n stick, bat.
manduka v beat up with a stick.
manduku n stick for beating. id very, alot, etc. el sta ~ grandi he or is very very big.
mane lobu n see minhotu.
manenti n actual reality. =koreti. adv continuously.
manera n 1 manner, method, way.
=modi. 2 means. To k N tene ~. As soon as I find the means.
manga n sleeve. ~ kimoni; ~ kurtu short sleeve. ~ kunpridu long sleeve.
manga v mock, joke, make fun of.
mangalon n see bangolon.
mangera n 1 garden hose. 2 mango tree.
=mangeru, =mangu.
mangi n mango.
mangra v become weak or feeble.
mangradu past part weak, feeble.
mangu n see mangera.
mangu n see mangeru.
manha n 1 cunning. 2 trick.
manhan n and adv 1 morning. 2 tomorrow. =palmanhan,
=parmanhan, =pramanhan.
Manhana n proper name.
manhentu n crafty person.
manhongo v shrink (of cloth)
=munhongo.
mania n mania.
manifesta v demonstrate (in protest).
manifestason n demonstration (in protest).
manifestu n public declaration.
manka v limp.
mankara n peanuts, groundnuts.
mankaron n spaghetti, macaroni.
manku n one who limps.
mansa n dish made of meat sauce with balls of dough cooked into it.
mansa v 1 knead (dough, etc.). 2 break or train (e.g. a horse). =totoku.
mansan n apple. ~ di rostu cheek. =masan.
mansanza n apple tree.
mansape n clay-filled area, clay-like soil.
mansin adv softly, lightly.
mansu adj =branu.
mansu adj quiet, calm, collected.
manta n blanket.
mantega n butter, cow oil.
mantegera n butter dish.
mantenha n greeting. fra ~ greet s.o.
mantx, mantxa n spot. ~ sol sun spot.
sombre ~ shady spot.
manxe adj soft (of a sound).
manxe v become morning, become
daybreak, become dawn. ~
palmhan early morning.
manzia n magic, supernatural power.
mapa n map.
mar n sea, ocean.
mar v wrap.
marasku n male pig.
marbia v mix (of colors).
marbiadu past part of mixed colors.
mare n tide. ~ incidu high tide. ~ seku
low tide. na ~ di tardi at dusk.
marel u adv see amarel u.
marel u adj yellow.
marentu adj see amarentu.
mareta n see madju.
marga v think sadly.
margarida n daisy.
margeta n large hot pepper variety.
margeta v pepper one's food.
margetadu past part peppered,
spiced.
margetona n large margeta.
margos adj bitter.
margosa v make bitter. nha ~-m boka
make my mouth bitter, give me a little
pinch of chewing tobacco.
margudja v 1 dive into or immerse o.s.
in water. 2 plant (manioc or sweet
potatoes). = murgudja. ?=margula?
maria v 1 be seasick. 2 confuse s.o. ~
kabesa make dizzy. n seasickness.
maria v get dizzy.
mariadu past part dizzy. kabesa sta
mariadu going crazy.
marid u n husband.
marikinha n effeminate man.
marinba v SV not care about, not give a
damn.
marinheru n sailor.
markason n see madjon.
marlota v rumple, wrinkle.
marlotadu past part rumpled,
wrinkled.
marmelada n marmalade.
marmelera n plant or tree of marmelu.
marmelu n melon.
marmita n small tin can.
marna n traditional slow, sad and
melancholic Cape Verdean song and
dance often reflecting the tragic side of
life. = morna.
maron n see baron.
marseneru n cabinet maker.
marsu n March.
martelu n hammer. ~ pedredu
hammer for building rock walls. ~
karpinteru carpenter's hammer.
marujadu adj bitter.
marxa v march.
mas n kid, boy.
mas pro form more.
masa n 1 mass, population. 2 food made
out of corn.
masan n apple.
masan n see mansan.
maska v chew.
maskara v mask, disguise.
maskra v mask.
masku n wad of chewing tobacco, etc. or
anything that is kept in the mouth and
chewed.
mastiga v 1 see nhame, nhami. 2
ponder, think over.
mastru n 1 master. ~ de festa master
of the festival. 2 long pole used at
festival time to hang a flag on and
decorate with fruits, etc.
mata v 1 kill. 2 slaughter. Mi dja bu ~!
You've killed me!
mataboron n blotter, blotting paper.
matakan n large stone, boulder.
materia n see pus.
matu n forest.
matxadu n axe.
matxu adj male.
mau adj bad (of a person).
maxe n and adv early morning period
before sunrise when roosters crow. v
pass through this period, become morning =manxe.
me conj but.
me n center, middle.
me postpos also, too, even. bo ~ you too. =tanben
mea v meow (of a cat).
meadu n 1 surrounding area, environs. 2 for approximations. ~ di junhu around June.
mede v fear.
media n and adv noon, at noon.
medida n extent. na ~ ki to the extent that.
mediku n physician, doctor.
medisina n medicine.
medu n fear. tene ~ be afraid. ten ~ di x fear x.
meia n 1 half, middle. ~ lua semi-circle.
~ noti midnight 2 socks, stockings. ~ kalsa stockings, pantyhose.
meiu n middle.
mei n honey. 2 molasses. ~ di kana cane molasses.
meia v 1 have sleep appear in the corners of the eyes. 2 get full or covered with.
meladu n sleep, dried deposits in the corners of the eyes.
meladu past part 1 covered with. 2 unkempt, dirty.
membra n female partner, lover.
menda v heal.
mehimenhi n and adv pre-dawn or dusk period which is neither night nor day.
menus prep less, minus.
menza n table.
meranda n snack.
merda n shit, feces.
meres n see mires.
Merka n America. adj American.
merkadu n market.
merkanu adj American. enbaxada ~ American embassy.
mersieru n grocer.
mes n month. proximu ~ next month. ~ di bandera month of Kola festival.
mesmu adv and prep 1 even. ~ bo even you. 2 same. ~ kuza same thing
meste v need.
mestri n master. ~l skola school master.
metadi pro form half. na ~ in half. ~l mansa half an apple. ~ di dia half day
mete v put in, put through.
metru n meter.
metxa, metxe v put on (a hat).
meu pro mine, my. E di ~. It’s mine.
meixe v 1 touch, mess around with. 2 rub bodies together when dancing. 3 stir.
mexedu adj see mixedu.
mí 1S pro me. ~ e bodona. I’m smart.
El daba ~ kel kaneta. S/He gave me that pen.
midi v measure.
midida n measurement.
midjo adj see midjor.
midjor adj better. ~ ki pode the best it can be. =midjo.
midjora v improve, repair, better.
midjoramentu n betterment.
midju n corn. ~ meion large ear of corn.
midor n stone mortar and pestle for grinding grain =muidoru, =muinhu.
migadja n B a small portion of, a bit of.
mija v see mixa.
mil num one thousand.
milhon num one million.
mimika v mimic, mime.
mimoria n memory.
mimos adj tender.
mimu n being spoiled (of a child). El sta ku ~. S/He is spoiled.
mina n mine.
mina v rekindle a dying fire. =tisa.
mindju n corn. spigal ~ ear of corn. =midju.
minal adj mineral.
imhotu n vulture =mane lobu.
imina n f little girl.
iminu n child.
minis, minizu n children.
ministeriu n ministry.
ministru n minister.
minizada n children.
mintida n see mintera.
mintira n lie, falsehood. konta ~ lie, tell a lie. =mintida.
minutu n minute.
miôdinhu adj very small, minute.
miôdu adj short, small, slight of build.
mira v aim at, sight.
mires n escudo, cent, penny. Da-m des ~. Give me ten escudos. = meres.
mistura n mixture.
mistura v mix.
mixa v urinate, pîss = mija.
mixedu adj scrambled. = mexedu.
mizeria n misery.
mo n see modi.
mo n see mon.
mobe v abort.
  mobedu past part aborted. fidju ~ aborted baby.
mobilia n furniture.
modi n manner, way, means. = manera.
modja v get wet.
  modjadu past part wet.
modju n sauce.
moeda n corns.
mofa v mold, mildew.
  mofadu past part molded, mildewed.
mofinu adj 1 bad, evil (of a person). 2 of one who does not reciprocate favors. 3 cheap, worthless, no good. = mufinu.
mofu n mold, mildew.
mogedja v destroy, demolish, beat the devil out of.
omoioi id of softness of e.g fruit or flowers.
moka adj/n deaf.
moka v (vulg) screw, fuck.
moku adj 1 drunk. El sta ~. He is drunk. 2 deaf, hard of hearing. El e ~. He is deaf. 3 short. katxor di rabu ~ a dog with a short tail. n inebriation.
moku adv totally, completely. El kume-l ~. He ate it all up.
moku v see gata.
molenga v see dibida.
moli adj 1 soft. 2 ripe and ready to eat. 3 malleable, soft and easily swayed (of a person).
moli adj fat free.
molia v soften.
molifika adj soft.
molon n see melon.
momentu n moment.
on n hand = mo. pa ~, ku ~ by hand.
tene dor na ~ have a sore hand.
monzinhu n 1 little hand. expr
Monzinhu fitxa mon riju. Little hands squeeze your hand tightly. 2 children’s game involving guessing who has an object, etc.
 MONDA v harrow a farm.
mondrongu n Portuguese person.
mongolon n see bongolon.
monta v mount, climb onto. ~ bisiklet ride a bicycle.
montador n rider, horseman.
montanha n mountain.
monti adj alot, many. un ~ pro form a great many, alot.
monti n mountain. monti ilimentu
monzada n handful = monzura.
monzinhu n see mon.
monzura n see monzada.
mopidu adj wrecked.
mora v 1 live, reside. 2 stay.
morabe, morabi adj friendly.
morabeza n kindness, hospitality.
morador n one who lives in another’s house who might exchange work for room and board.
morangu n strawberry.
morde v bite.
more v die.
morea n eel, more eel.
morenu adj brown, dark-skinned.
morna n see marna.
morna v heat (water).
mornu adj warm.
morse v moisten.
morseda  n  easygoing person who lacks perseverance.
morsegu  n  bat (flying mouse = ratu buador).
mortadja  n  1 useless belongings of a deceased person. 2 paper for rolling cigarettes. 3 funeral shroud = l
finadu.
morti  n  death.
moru  adj  unblessed. fidju ~ an unbaptized child.
mos  n  1 fly. ~ transera ladybug. =moska. 2 fellow. 3 boy.
mosinho  n  dim little boy.
moska  n  see mos.
moskitu  n  mosquito.
mostra  v  show. n  sample.
mosu  n  boy.
mota  n  motorcycle.
motorinha  n  little moped. =anpo.
motxu  n  1 cow or goat with no horns. 2 woman with very little hair = mocinha.
moxu  n  chair, stool, seat. ~ di bar bar stool.
mubi  v  see mungi.
mudje  n  woman, wife = mudjer.
mudjer  n  see mudje.
muela  n  chicken gizzard.
mufineza  n  one who is unfair or unjust.
mufinu  see mofinu.
muga  v  eat a powdery substance. ~ kamoka eat flour of roasted corn.
mu1  v  pound (cereal crop grain) in a mortar.
muidoru  n  see midor.
muinhu  n  B  see midor.
muitu  adj and adv see mutu.
mukumuku  n  animal that grunts and snorts.
mula  n  mule.
mulatu  adj  dark in color, brown.
muleku  n  male donkey which copulates with female horse.
muleta  n  crutch.
muletu  n  omelette.
munda  v  1 take animals to pasture. 2 graze.
mundadu  n  pasture animals.
mundanu  adj  mundane.
mundu  n  world.
mungi  v  SA crunch, squash (usu. a hard object, a tin can, etc.) = mapi, = mubi, = mupi.
munha  n  B  see munhu.
munhafu  n  pile of dirt, wood, etc. swept up or gathered.
munhongo  v  see manhongo.
munhu  n  1 small kindling for starting a fire. 2 dust etc. swept up to throw out. = munha.
munhumunhu  n  see txukutxuku.
mupi  v  SA  see mungi.
murgudja  v  B  see margudjai.
muringu  n  clay jar for carrying water = bidja.
muriska  v  patch up the roof of a house to prevent rain from leaking in.
murutxa  v  to render yellowish, to yellow.
murutxu, murutxada  adj  yellowish.
musika  n  music.
muskitu  n  mosquito.
musklu  n  see muskulu.
muskulu  n  muscle = musklu.
mustarda  n  mustard.
mustura  n  8th to eat with coffee.
mutu  adj  much, a lot of, many.  adv very. ~ ben very well. = muitu.
muzeu  n  museum.
muzika  n  music.
muziku  n  musician.

n
N 1S subject pro 1. ~ kre bai 1 want to go. = m.
n  the letter n of the alphabet.
na (before vowels) n' prep  at, in, during. ~ otubru in October.
naba  n  cloud.
nabadja  n  1 jacknife. 2 razor blade.
nabiu  n  boat, ship. ~ di po wooden ship = naviu.
nabu  n  turnip.
nada  pro form nothing, none.  Es ka ~.
It's nothing, you're welcome.  N ka ten ~.  I have nothing.
nada v swim.
nagiosianti n merchant. ~l ritalu retail merchant. ~ di bordu smuggler.
naki n container.
namora v flirt, fall in love.
namorada n f lover.
namoradu n m lover.
napu n napkin. guarda ~ table cloth.
naris n 1 nose. 2 nostril.
nase v see nese.
nasional adj national.
nasionaliddi n nationality.
nason n nation, nationality.
nau no.
naviu n see nabiu.
nbarka v depart, embark, start out on a journey =barka.
nbarkadu past part embarked, departed =barkadu.
nbarka v leave, travel, embark
  nbarkadu past part be embarked, be shipped out. N ta sta ~. I will be at sea, shipped out.
nbarkadiu n traveler.
nbarkason n embarkation, departure.
nbia v 1 butt (with the head), charge, ram. 2 see bia.
nbitxa v 1 get fresh, be impolite, be overconfident, be cocky, be conceited.
  2 get or have bitxa katxo (of a dog).
nbixadu past part having bitxa katxo (of a dog).
nbreia v see pastri.
nbreu adj dark (in color). pretu suma ~ very very black, jet black.
nbrudja v cover o.s. up with a cloth, blanket, etc.
nbusa v plaster a bare stone wall.
ndaga v investigate, check into =indaga.
ndreta v straighten out, become straight.
neba n fog, snow. =nebi. v snow.
nebadu past part snowy.
nebi n see neba.
neg n deny, refuse.
neen conj 1 with negative in ~ (ku)
  neither ... nor. ~ ku mi, ~ ku bo
  neither me nor you. 2 not even.
nedua n see nervu.
nervu n nerve. =nerbu.
nese v 1 be born. 2 rise, appear in the sky (of the sun). = nase.
neta n f granddaughter.
netu n m grandson.
nevi n snow.
nferuxadu adj dusty.
ngana v fool.
gatxa v hide =gatxa.
gatxadu past part hidden. =gatxadu.
geru n [weru] mistake.
godra v charm or be nice to s.o. in order to obtain sth. from them.
gosa v 1 get angry, be unfriendly. 2 SA see ngotxa.
gotxa v SA see taraxa.
goza v kid, fool, joke with. Bu sta ~ ku mi. You are kidding me. =goza.
grelo v sprout, grow new leaves =grelo.
guli v swallow =anguli.
gunia v pout.
  guniadu past part poutful.
nina v lull a child to sleep.
ningen, ninguen pro form no one, nobody.
niun pro form none.
njota adj see jonota.
njera v grow in the womb (of the fetus).
njjun n empty stomach.
njuria v corner, entrap, catch.
  njuriadu past part cornered, stuck or caught in a difficult situation.
nkaba v attach a hoe blade to its handle.
kanka v get stuck in a place.
kantadu past part stuck in a place.
karega v be in charge, be responsible for.
karegadu (di) past part in charge (of).
kodja, kodje v 1 shrivel up, wither, dry up. 2 pull back, pull or draw in (e.g. one’s legs to allow s.o. to get past.
=ankodje.
kodjadu, kodjedu past part 1 shriveled up, withered, dried up. 2 drawn back. =ankodjedu.
nkrua v become solid and uneatable due to overcooking.
noba n news.
nobega v in ~ ku deal with.
nobu adj 1 young, new. 2 virgin, untouched.
nodia n stain, spot. ~ tintu inkspot. = buron.
nodja v pass through the nodjadu period.
nodjadu past part and n seven day mourning period after a death.
nodju n mourning.
noka n nape of the neck, back of the neck.
noka v put back in place (e.g. a dislocated limb).
nomi n 1 name. 2 noun.
non n knot.
nonona n see kona.
nora n daughter-in-law.
norti n north.
Noruega n Norway.
Norueges n Norwegian.
nos pro we. ~ tudu all of us. ~ kuatu the four of us.
nosenti adj innocent.
Nosu Sinhor n Our Lord.
ota n note, bill. ~ di dola dollar bill.
noti n night. boa ~ good evening, goodnight. ozi ~ tonight. onti ~ last night. ~ manxe through the night and into the morning, all night long.
novenbru n November = nuvenbru.
noventa num ninety.
novi num nine. es di ~ they are nine, there are nine of them.
npadja v make from grass, cover with grass.
npadjadu past part made or covered with grass.
npena n passage to the back door.
npena v be concerned with.
npenadu past part concerned.
npo excl used to express admiration.
nporta v care.
npregadu n employee.
nrazadu adj rooted.
nseba v get oily.
nsoka v solidify = soka.
ntan expr hello.
ntende v hear, understand.
ntenson n intention.
ntera v see entera.
nteresadu past part interested. ~ na x interested in x.
ntruja v doublecrosos, pull a fast one.
ntua v get back on the track, reform one's ways.
ntudja n small cow. v put soil in a hole.
ntupi v obstruct, block up.
ntuxi v tuck in.
nu 1P pro we, us.
nubra v become cloudy, cloud over (of the sky).
nubradu past part clouded over, cloudy.
nubri n cloud.
nunbru n number.
nula v see anula.
nunka adv with negative never.
nununa n form of address for a small baby girl.
nutxi v crack or partially break e.g. the end of an egg to stand it up.
nuven n cloud.
nuvenbru n month of November.
nxuta v get a little better, be partially recovered, be better off healthwise or economically.
nxutu adj almost dry, not completely dry. Bu ten kara ~. You have no shame (said to s.o. who repeats e.g. a criminal act and makes the same mistake again). = insutu.
nxuvaidhu n insult.

nh
nha add title showing respect to an elder woman.
nha poss pro my. subject pronoun you (fem formal).
nhame, nhami v chew, masticate. = mastiga, = nheme.
nhanbapa  n f Azorian Portuguese woman.
nhanbapu  n m Azorian Portuguese man.
nhara  n see anbrodju.
nhani  v not eat well, not eat properly, be malnourished.
nharanau  expr no maam.
nharasin  expr yes maam.
nehfa  n face.
nehme  v see nhame.
nho  subject pronoun you (masc formal).
     term of address Nyo Padri our Father.    Nho Lobu.
nhornau  expr no siri.
nhorsin  expr yes siri.
nhuki   v bunch up and tuck in, usu. of a woman fastening her wrapper around her waist.

o

o  conj or. ~ mi ~ mo either me or you.
 o  n hour, time. Ki ~ ki sta? What time is it? ~ ki bu krec when you want. =ora.
o  the letter o of the alphabet.
oba  n fish egg.
obi  v see ubi.
     obidu  past part see ubidu =oredja.
obistinada  adjf obstinate.
obistinadu  adjm obstinate.
obra  n work, piece of work.
obra  v defecate, shit.
obriga  v oblige.
     obrigadu  past part 1 obliged. expr see brigadu.
obu  n 1 egg. 2 testicles, balls.
odja  v see. Xa-m ~ . Let me see.
odju  n 1 eye. ~1pe =~ di pe ankle. 2 eye of a pea, bean, etc. =oi.
ofisial  adj official.
ofisina  n auto shop.
oi  n SA see odju.
oitenta  num eighty.
oitu  num eight.
oji  n and adv today. ~ noti tonight.
okatron  n asphalt, tarmac, pavement =akatron, =lakatron.
oklus  n eyeglasses =okru.
okru  n see oklus.

Oland, Olanda  n Holland.
Olandez  n Dutchman.
oliu  n oil. ~ di palma palm oil. ~ di mankara peanut oil.
omi  n man.
omita  v emit, give out.
onbru  n shoulder.
onda  n 1 wave. ~ kurto short wave. 2 ocean wave = ondia.
ondi int see undi.
onra  n honor. v honor.
onrada  adj fem honest.
onradu  adj masc honest.
onzi  n and adv yesterday.
onzonti  n and adv the day before yesterday = agosturdia, = agoturdia.
onz  num BB see onzi.
onzi  num eleven = onz.
opera  v operate, perform surgery.
opson  n option.
opson  n option.
oradu  adj masc honest.
oradu  adj fem honest.
ora  n hour, time. tud ~ all the time, any time. = o.
orbadju  n dew.
ordidja  n twisted piece of cloth used as cushion for carrying loads on the head.
oredja  n ear.
orela  n edge.
     orelinha  n dim tip, very end of, e.g. the nose, the tongue, etc.
organizason  n organization.
orgudju  n pride.
orientadu  adj oriented.
ori  n see uri.
orivel  adj horrible.
oronbo  v gather up, collect. = aronbo.
orta  n property.
oru  n 1 gold. 2 diamonds (suit in a deck of cards).
osada  n bones, pile of bones from e.g. an animal carcass.
ospidi  n host.
ospital  n hospital.
osta  n oyster.
osu  n bone.
otonu  n autumn, fall.
otoridadi  n authority.
otu adj 1 another, other, different. ~ bes again, one more time, once again. 2 next ~ anu next year. ~ sumana next week. pro form the other, another one. un ... ~ the ... the other.

otubru n October.

ovakotu n(En) overcoat.

p

p the letter p of the alphabet.

pa n 1 shovel. 2 dustpan.


pabi n see pabil.

pabilia conj see pasbia.

pabil n wick =pabi, =tursida.

pada n see paddas.

padaria n bakery.

padas n piece, bite, part ~l pon piece of bread. ~ di tson piece of land. =pada.

paderu n baker.

padise v suffer.

padjaja n grass, hay, fodder. ~l karga load of thorny grass.

padjjeta n pick, guitar pick.

padjiga n 1 bush, wilds, woods. 2 farm, field.

padjigal n one's entire farm, land, crops, etc.

padjisal n see arboredu.

padogo n west African lantern made from a tin can =podogo.

padonu n m see donu.

padrastu n step-father.

padre, nho padre n 1 priest, father. 2 godfather. =padri, nho padri

padri, nho padri n see padre, nho padre.

padrinhu n m dim godfather =padre.

paga v 1 pay. 2 end, terminate. 3 extinguish, put out, turn off.

pagadu past part paid.
pankada n 1 damage. 2 pain. 3 spanking.
pankreas n pancreas.
panpa v spray.
panpu n 1 corn which hasn't grown properly. 2 sprayer.
panta v get rid of, kick out.
pantadu past part kicked out. Mi n ka ta ~. Me I can't be gotten rid of.
pantera n panther.
panu n cloth, measure of cloth approximately two yards in length. ~l menza tablecloth. ~ pegador mitt. ~ batuku cloth used in the batuku dance.
papa n 1 wheat porridge. 2 pope. 3 father.
papada n see bexiga.
papaera n papaya tree.
pepel n paper.
papia v speak, talk.
papiadu past part spoken.
papiada n see adjada.
papiadera n f see papiador.
papiador n m one who talks too much.
Papiamentu n language of Curacao.
papu n 1 fat baggy neck. 2 stomach (of a chicken). 3 describes shape of corn when it starts to grow ears, kernels.
papulinu n see pulinu.
par n pair, a pair.
para v stop, end, cease.
paradu past part stopped.
paralelu n (geog) parallel.
paraliza v paralize.
paralizadu past part paralized.
parapetu n 1 chest strap for horse's saddle. 2 brassiere = sution. 3 garter belt. = sutian.
paravanti n traditional dance often used to raise money for musicians, etc., involving bidding for a partner in the center of a circle using morna and koladera movements.
pardal n sparrow.
pardu adj colorful, of varying colors.
paredi n wall.
parenti n relative.
pari v give birth to.
parida n woman who has given birth.
parmada n spanking.
parmadia v spank. =palmadia.
parmanhan adv see manhan.
parmu n palm.
parpa v see palpa.
parpanhan n/adv early morning.
parse v 1 appear, seem. ~ n. It seems to me, I think so, I think that. ~ n ki el sta bon. It seems to me that he is well. Ka ~ n. I don't think so, It doesn't seem that way to me. 2 look like, resemble = ~ ku. El ~ (ku) bo. He looks like you.
parsipia v see komensa.
part n BB see parti.
parti n 1 story, tale, account =partida. 2 part, member. faze ~ (di) be a part (of), be a member (of). 3 side, section. =part.
parti v divide, share.
partilu n corset.
partina v bother =pertina.
partinadu past part bothered =pertinadu.
pas n peace.
pasa v 1 pass (e.g. an exam), succeed. 2 spend time, pass time. ~ sabi have a good time.
pasa v surpass, exceed (used in comparatives). Li kore pingu ~ mi. S/He runs faster than me.
pasadinha, pasarinha n bird variety.
pasaj n passage, ticket. ~ di avian airplane ticket.
pasbia conj because of = pabia.
pasensia n 1 patience. 2 fate, act of God. e ~ it's God's will.
pasia v go out.
pasia v stroll around e.g. a town square in the evening.
pasienti n patient.
pasipia v see komensa.
pasta n 1 briefcase. 2 tube.
pastel n pie, meat pie made from corn meal, etc.
pastora v herd, take out to pasture.
pastri v rub on =nbreia.
pasu n bird variety.
pataka n(arch) small coin.
pataku, pataka n (arch) money
formerly used in the Cape Verde Islands.
patera n one who cannot be serious, a joker, a practical joker.
patia v have supernatural powers, practice witchcraft.
patifi adj 1 dirty, sloppy, unkempt. 2 worthless, irresponsible.
patina v 1 ice skate. 2 get stuck (of e.g. a vehicle in the sand).
patinadu past part stuck.
patru n yard, patio.
patras n back, behind, used in e.g. ben ~ come back, return. ~ di kaza behind the house =tras di kaza.
patu n duck.
patxi v crush, squash.
patxili n water snail.
patxipatxi v mess up, spill all over. id describes steady sound of medium rainfall.
patxipatxidu past part messed up, spilled.
pau n wood.
pauladu? tera pauladu?
pavilhon n 1 pavilion. 2 gymnasium.
pazbezia adj reversed, inside-out.
pazma v be overwhelmed, amazed or shocked.
pazulana n sandy ingredient for making cement. =puzulana.
pe n 1 foot. tene dor na ~ have a sore foot. ~ na con barefoot. ~l cuba sudden heavy downpour of rain. 2 end. 3 border, frontier. 4 plant. ~l mandioka manioc plant.
pedi n see bufa.
pedona n f one who breaks wind or farts frequently.
pedor n m SA see pedoru.
pedoru n m one who breaks wind or farts frequently =pedor.
pedra n rock, stone. ~ bibu ~ mola knife sharpener. ~ sponja spruge stone. 1 unbreakable rock. 2 pillar of the society, solid citizen.
pedreru n stone worker.
pedron n aug. large pedra.

pega saia n plant variety.
pega v 1 grab. 2 reach, attain. 3 catch.
  Cuba ~ n na kaminhu. The rain caught me on the road. 4 hold. 5 attack.
  pegadu past part caught, etc.
pela v skin, peel =fola.
  peladu past part skinned, hairless, shaved, bald.
peli n 1 skin. 2 hide, leather. 3 feather.
pelo menu at least
pena n 1 feather. 2 pen.
pela n pity.
pena v pick (e.g. peanuts) from dried plant.
peneron n see peneru.
peneru n boulder, huge rock
  =matakan, =peneron.
pensa v think =kuda. ~ di think of, think about.
penti n see pentia.
pentia n comb =penti. v comb.
  pentiadu past part combed.
peta n pear.
perdua n sparrow.
perde v 1 lose. 2 get rid of.
  perdedu v lost.
pergunta v ask =purgunta.
  perguntadu past part asked.
permiti v permit, allow.
perna n leg, thigh.
Persa n Persia.
persipia v see komensa.
persubeju n black bug with characteristic strong smell, and which does not fly.
perta v 1 squeeze tightly, cinch tightly. 2 embrace, hug. ~ mon shake hands.
  pertadu past part tight.
pertina v see partina.
pertinadu past part see partinadu.
pertu adv near. ~l se kaza near his or her house.
Peru n Peru.
peru n turkey.
pesa (di) n kind (of).
pesa v weigh. =peza.
pesigu n peach.
pestana n eyelids.
peta n gift of money given by a man to a woman to show his interest in marrying her.
peta v give peta to a woman.
petu n chest.
pexi n fish.
peza v see pesa.
peza v weigh.
pezigoto n newborn bird.
pi a small hole in bottom of water supply cistern for pumping water from when water is low, and for sweeping dirt into when cleaning.
piada v ask indirectly for sth., beat around the bush.
pidi v request, ask for.
pidja n clay pot for preserving meat in salt brine.
pidona, pidonu n f and m beggar, one who always asks for things.
piga v grasp, attack (of e.g. a contagious disease).
pija v stamp feet on the ground, crush (e.g. grapes) with the feet.
pijama n pajamas.
pik n pick axe = pikareta.
pika n (vulg) penis.
pika v chop up, cut into small pieces.
pikareta n see pik.
pikena n girlfriend = namorada.
Piki-ntoni n name of highest mountain in Santiago.
pikiniki n picnic.
pikinoti adj slight of build, thin, etc.
piku n 1 mountain peak. 2 southwestern part of an island.
pila v see kutxi.
pilidu n last name, family name.
pilon n mortar (of mortar and pestle).
pilorinhu n market. ~I sidadi velha slave marked in Sidadi Velha.
piloriti n children’s cultural song = piloriti.
pimenta, pimenton n pepper.
pimentu n see dindoku.
pinda v hang.
pineu n tire. 2 flirting. Dj'eI da-u ~. She’s flirting with you. = pneu.
pinga v drip.
pingu n 1 drop. 2 a measure of liquid. ~I grogu a shot of whiskey. nun ~ not a drop.
pingu-pingu ?adj polka dotted.
pinoti n desire, wish, craving = piti.
pinta v 1 paint. ~ odu eye makeup. 2 fully ripen, change color during final ripening stages, usu. of fruit and coffee.
pintador n painter.
pinton n chick, baby chicken.
pintu n appearance. el ten ~ bunitu he or she is good looking, attractive.
pintxa v 1 push. 2 push off, leave. = puxa.
pintxu v push.
piodju n head lice. ~ iladu public lice, crabs = xatu.
pipenu, pipinu n cucumbers.
pipinu n cucumber = pepinu.
pirato n dried manioc flour.
pires n saucer.
pirinhu candy
pirinia n 1 candy. 2 goatee, beard of the chin.
piripiri n hot spice, hot pepper sauce.
piloriti n see piloriti.
pirsina v genuflect by crossing anywhere on one’s body.
pisina n swimming pool.
piska n fishing.
piska v 1 wink at. 2 fish.
piskador n fisherman.
piskos n neck. idiom N sta te piskos. I am fed up.
pista v 1 borrow. 2 lend. = prista.
pistola n pistol.
pita v honk.
pitada n 1 snuff, a pinch of snuff. 2 SA (vulg) vagina.
pitisku n aperitif.
pititi n see pinoti.
pitu n pipe stem.
pigu n BB socks, stockings.
piza v occupy, be occupied = pixa.
pizadela n nightmare.
pizadinhu n sth. or s.o. light in weight.
pizadu n very heavy person or thing.
pizadu adj heavy.
pizadu past part occupied, busy, engaged =pisadu.
plania v plan.
planiadu past part planned.
planifikadu past part planified.
planta n/v see pranta.
planu n plan.
platxi id sound of sth. falling down.
plisa n (SV) see polisia.
plumon n lung. =pulmon.
pluta v see poluta.
pneu n see pineu.
op n 1 used in
un ~ di sinbrón stick. 2 see bara.
op n whipping.
op spread e.g. put on butter
op start, begin to, put
op v 1 put, put down, place. ~ruba put
down on. ~ en enceki plot against. ~
menza set the table. 2 put on.
pobreza n poverty.
pobri adj poor.
pobu n people =povu.
pode v be able to, can. ~ ser could be,
might be, maybe.
podogo n see podogo.
podri adj rotten, spoiled.
poea n see pueta.
poladu n see poluta.
pofende n a cracked stick which is on
the verge of breaking.
pofendedu past part in Bu ta kume
suma ~. You will burst from eating.
polia v support.
poiu n ledge, small cliff.
pokenta v annoy, bother, disturb.
pokentason n annoyance.
poku adj little. pro form a little, a few.
Polaku n Pole, person from Poland.
polisia n police = plisa.
polon n tick (a tree variety that grows to
20 meters in the Cape Verde Islands).
poluta v SB catch a thrown object.
=plutas, =puluta, =puruta.
pomada n pommade, ointment, rub, etc.
pompadu n paste, ointment.
pon bread. ~ torradu toast
pon n bread.
pobu n pigeon.
pondon n 1 huge clump of earth. 2 large
piece or portion of food.
ponta n 1 edge. 2 point, tip. tra lapis ~
sharpen a pencil.
pontada n waist.
pontape n kick. da (ku) ~ kick.
ponti n bridge =pontu.
pontu n see ponti.
pontxi n punch, drink made of grogu,
honey, and lemon.
popa n stern (of a boat).
popa save, spare, money etc.
popa v conserve, save, spare (money,
etc.). ~ bu dinheru. Be careful with
your money.
populacion n population.
poro expr for this reason. =pur isu.
pora n shit.
pork n SA see porku.
porka n f 1 sow, female pig. 2 disloyal
woman. 3 filthy woman.
porkaria adj worthless.
porkera n B see pursera.
porku n pig =pork.
pormu n portion of food or liquid, e.g.
milk before turning into cheese.
porta n door. ~ di dianti front door.
porton n 1 gate. 2 door of kintal.
posibilidade n possibility.
potkia n sth. pawned or left in hawk.
poteka v pawn, leave in hawk.
potu n earthen pot, clay water jar.
potxeka adj worthless.
povu n see povu.
povu n see povu.
pozitiva adj positive.
pria prep in, during. ~ manhan in the
morning.
praga n curse. El pidi m ~ pa nha fidja.
S/He invoked a curse upon my
daughter. ~ buru ka ta subi séu. The
donkey’s curse won’t go up to heaven.
prai a n beach. 2 placenta, afterbirth.
prala adv see londji.
promanhan adv see palmanhan.
prampram v 1 rattle, shake, etc., e.g. a chain. 2 run around noisily and irritatingly (of a small child).
pran n 1 flat plot of earth where a house will be built. ~sental kaza. 2 yard of a house.
prankan id of suddenly getting up or standing up.
pranta n plant. ~ di ramedi herbal medicine. v plant. = planta.
prapara v 1 prepare. 2 cook. =parpara.
prasa n plaza.
prata n silver.
pratlera n shelf. ~ di libru bookshelf.
pratu n plate, dish. na ~ on a plate.
prazer n pleasure.
prega v nail onto.
pregu n 1 nail. 2 (vulg) penis.
pendra n 1 bobby pin, hairpin. 2 gift for a child.
prende v 1 learn. ~ sobre learn about. 2 teach. 3 arrest.
prenhav be pregnant.
presiana n window blind.
presu price
preta v darken.
pretinha n dim little black one.
pretu adj black.
prezu adj arrested, in jail, imprisoned.
prezuntu n ham.
prigisa n laziness.
prigisozu adj lazy.
prigozu adj dangerous.
prigu n danger.
prima m cousin.
primavera n 1 primrose. 2 spring (season of the year).
primeru adj first =primeru.
primu n m cousin.
prindu v hang.
prinsipia v begin.
printxera n plant variety producing bean used as a coffee substitute during difficult times.
prisiana n shutter.
prista v B see pista.
prizenti n gift.

Prizidiu n 1 name of a prison in Tarrafal. 2 (Fogo) public gardens or plaza.
proa n prow of a boat.
prolema, problemu n problem.
produtu n product, produce. ~ di padaria baked goods. ~ di lata canned goods.
profesor, profesoru n professor, teacher.
promete v promise.
promoni n pronoun.
pronta v be ready, get ready
propself-owned.
prosimu adj next.
pruba v prove =pruva.
prudenti adj prudent.
pruku n sound of stabbing with aknife.
prumeru adj see primeru.
prupusta v proposal.
prutxi v squash, squish, squeeze (e.g. fruit, etc.) =kroka.
prutxidu past part squeezed.
pruva v see pruba.
publika n public. adj public.
publika v publish.
publikadu past part published.
publisidadi n publicity.
pudin n pudding, pie, cake.
puema n poem =poema.
pueta n poet =poeta.
puleru n chicken coop, roost where chickens can sleep.
puletanso, puletauso n pilothouse.
pulgera n tree variety. =purgera.
pulginha n see bitxu.
pulidu adj fine, polished (of things and people).
puliu n poplin fabric =papuliu.
pulitika n politics.
pulitika v practice politics, engage in politics.
pulmon, plumon n see bofibofi.
Pulonia n Poland.
pulova n sweater, sweatshirt.
pulsra n bracelet.
pulsu n wrist =punhu.
puluta v see puluta.
punde v visit.
pundi? int where?
punhu n see pulsu.
pupa v 1 squeal (of a pig). 2 shout, scream.
pupu?
pur isu expr see por eso.
purba v test, check on the taste of, taste test.
purbeta v take advantage of =purveta.
purbetu n advantage.
pureru n insistence. adj great.
purfentu n insistent, argumentative person =purfiador.
purfeta n prophet.
purfi v insist on when arguing.
purfiador n see purfentu.
purfumaria n perfume shop.
purfumi n perfume.
purga n flea, bed bug.
purgera n see pulgaria.
purginha v insistent.
purger v insist.
purguenta v see pergunta. n question.
pursebi n goosenecked barnacle.
pursentazi n percentage.
pursera n bracelet.
Portugal n Portugal.
Portuges n and adj Portuguese.
puruta v see poluta.
purveta v see purbeta.
pus n pus =materia.
pusdretu adv straight ahead.
pusta v bet.
pustana n eyebrow.
pustema v-stile a person and his chances.
puta n prostitute.
putona n aug prostitute.
putaria n being fresh (of girls).
puteka n (vulg) bitch.
puxa v pull, push =pinca.
puxa! expr get out of here! shove off! (said to s.o. who is bothering you).
puxa-puxa v gossip. ~ na gossip about.
puzulana n see pazulana.
Kabuverdianu adj Capeverdean.
kada det each. ~ un each one. ~ kual every which.
kadabra
kadela n 1 bitch, female dog. 2 (fig) prostitute.
kadera n 1 chair, seat. 2 rump, rear end, buttocks.
kadernu n notebook.
kadi n neck area.
kadiadu n padlock.
kadiju n fringe.
kadja v be shipwrecked, be grounded (of a ship).
kadjadu past part wrecked, grounded (of a ship).
kadja v happen, occur, come in time.
kadjau n 1 flintstone. 2 pebble.
kadjor n see kaxtor.
kadoja v ground, strand.
kafe n coffee. ~ di palmanhan morning coffee. ~ ku bora espresso coffee.
kafe n coffee. pe di ~ coffee plant = kafezera. ~ berdi green coffee. ~ maduru ripe coffee beans ready for harvest.
kafezera n see kafe.
kafri n kaffir.
kaga n see koko.
kaga v defecate, shit. ~ na defecate on, shit on.
kagadu past part full of shit.
kagatera n (vulg.) vagina.
kai v fall.
kaia v 1 whitewash. 2 become bald, lose one's hair. 3 fade (of clothing).
kaiadu past part bald.
kaiada n term used to refer to the guinea fowl when chasing it off of one's farm.
kaianbra v cramp. n cramp.
kaianbradu past part cramped.
kaianbradu past part see karsadu.
kais n wharf.
kaju n cashew nut.
kakarada, kakerada n a knock on the head.
kakau n cocoa.
kaki n and adj khaki, of khaki material or color.
kaku n a sip of an alcoholic beverage, drink.
kakuruta n top, tip, head. = kokuruta.
kal int pro which? which one? ~ le? which one is it? = kel. ~ e kuza? riddle = kuza ma kuza.
kal n plaster, plaster of paris, lime.
kala boka n food given to a child to quiet him down.
kala v be quiet. ~ boka! Be quiet, shut up!
kaladu past part quiet.
kalada n warm sunlit spot where one sits just before sunset, protected from the wind during the cold season.
kalafata v 1 get by, manage. 2 fix temporarily, patch up.
kalapitxa v mess up, put in total disarray. n 1 a mess. 2 a potpourri of foods.
kald n BB see b.
kalda n liquid from sugar cane.
kaldera di direta n melting pot.
kaldera n cooking pot, pan. ~ di direta melting pot.
kalderon n aug a large kaldera = kaleron.
kaldja n pipe made out of sisal stalk for conducting rain water from roof to cistern.
kaldu n broth, gravy = kald.
kalema n a calmness on the waters of the sea.
kalendaru n calendar.
kaleron n see kalderon.
kalha it turns out that, it happens by chance.
kalia it turns out that, it happens by chance.
kalka v see karka.
kalkanhar n 1 ankle. 2 heel.
kalkoka n dancing style involving many extra intricate gestures. tene ~ be good at kaloka dancing.
kalkor heat
kalore n heat. tene ~ be hot.
kanbar  n  setting (of sun).  na  ~ di sol  at sunset.
kanno  u  n  train.
kabera  n  cabin, chamber, room.
kandiosa  n  gambol.
kandemba  v  be obligated to do something.
kanderu, kandiero  n  1  lamp, lantern.  2 candle.
kandia  n  local oil or kerosene-burning lantern  =lantera, =lanterna.
Kandinha  n  dim  female proper name.
kaneka  n  1  tin can used as a drinking or serving cup.  2 measuring cup.  ~i fijon cup of dried peas.
kanela  n  1  shin.  2 powdered herb used in coloring food.
kanela  n  pen.
kanga  v  copulate (of animals).
kangalona  n  small calabash gourd bowl for e.g. meat, butter, salt, etc.
=kongalona.
kanhi  n  1  Cain.  2  ungenerous person.
kanhota  n  closed fist symbol made of wood, metal or horn and worn with figa horn symbol around the neck to protect wearer from evil.
kanhoto  n  smoking pipe.
kanina  v  stare at.
kanzadi  n  dance enjoyed during sandjon which involves lots of costumes and makeup.
kankan  n  see sire.
kankan  n  see tabaku.
kankan  n  snuff.
kankanarana (di karisu)  i check
kankanara  n  =stera.
kandù  n  top.
kapaninha  n  1  bell.  2  uvula.
kantesti  adj  ugly.
kantia  v  1  squeeze tightly, hug.  2  steel oneself, coil in preparation to jump or it.  3  see karapata.
kantion  n  champion.  adj  excellent, very good.
kantio  v  not care, not give a darn.
kandua  n  interior, countryside.
kansa v get tired, tire.
   kansadu past part tired, exhausted.
kanson n song.
kanta v sing.
kantadera, kantadora n f singer, good singer.
kantadoru n m singer, good singer.
kantares n 1 name of a cultural song involving special ceremonies. 2 a good singer.
kantera n garden. ~ di flor flower garden.
kantiga n song.
kantu hora ten? what time is it?
kantu n see beku.
kantu? int how many? how much? ~ dia? how many days?
kaos n chaos.
kap n 1 cover, lid, cap. 2 cap and gown, cloak. 3 corn husk.
kapa v castrate.
   kapadu past part castrated. karni di bodi ~ meat of the castrated male goat.
kapas adj capable, able.
kapaseti n helmet.
kapasidadi n capability, ability, capacity.
kapatas n boss of a work crew.
kapataz, kapatazis n foreman.
kapati v 1 pick at, pick away at. 2 peck at.
kapel d’odju n eyelashes.
kapela n small church chapel.
kapera n chicken coop.
kapina v cut grass, mow lawn.
kapiton n captain.
kapitu n chapter.
kapli v SA see skapa.
kapota n see kapoti.
kapot n 1 cap. 2 dress, overcoat. 3 hood = kapota. da x ~ beat x by 90 to 30 in a card game, or to win a game nine times consecutively. Dja n da bu ~. I won nine times. N ba tra un ~. idiom I had sexual relations with a mistress.
kapotinu n small cap or hood.
kapri v see skapa.
kapris adv for that reason, because of that.
kapusu d’odju n eyelid.
kar int pro which? which one? = kal. ~ ki bu kre? Which one do you want?
kara n face.
karabon n 1 charcoal, charcoal briquets. 2 see tirna.
karaga, karega v carry.
   karagadu, karegadu past part 1 carried. 2 loaded, overloaded.
karakada = karekada, = kabesada. N sta ba da un ~ na kabesa oji. I’m going to shave my head today.
karakol n 1 curled seashell variety. 2 ringlet of hair.
karakola v curl.
karakoladu past part curled, curly.
karakter n character.
karakterizadu adj characterized.
karaku excl used to express desire upon seeing something one wants.
karakunha n ukelele.
karamusu n 1 large sea snail. 2 shell of large sea snail used as a horn. see buziu.
karanba excl used to express desire upon seeing something or someone who is beautiful. ai ~ same. Ai ~ dja N bedja. I am too old to enjoy this.
karanbola n marbles.
karangeju, karangexu n crab variety. ~ branku edible crab variety. ~ pretu crab variety used as fishing bait.
karantonha n creative gift, ingenuity of e.g. an artist, a thief, etc.
karapata v hold onto tightly, cling to, hang on to = aguenta, = kanpia.
karapati katxf n tick.
karapati n sisal.
karapau n fish variety.
karasku n hard, cruel person.
karater n character.
karateristika n characteristic.
karaterizason n characterization.
karbaseru n type of tree and its fruit.
karboeru n coal miner.
karbon n see karvon.
kardita v see kredita.
kareda n row = karera.
karega v carry.
kareka n a bald person. adj bald.
karensaxi n plant variety.
karepa n crumbs, bits (of e.g. ashes, granular substance, etc.).
karepa v comeout, peel off.
karepinha n dim tiny bit of a granular substance.
karera n see kareda.
karera v run away (e.g. on an errang) and return quickly.
karerinha n 1 plaited hair style with fine braids. 2 a moment to carry out a task's a chance to dash off and do sth. and come back.
karinh u n dim see karu.
karis, karisu n plant variety that does not flower, used to make balai basket.
karka v 1 squeeze tightly = perta. 2 step on, squash (usu. a person). = kalka.
karkel adj whichever, any. ~ ora whenever.
karkuti v argue = kurkuti.
karkutisan n power of arguing in a literary way.
karman n ladle-like spoon for drinking and serving.
karn n BB see karni.
karnaval n carn
karnerinho n dim lamb.
kerneru n sheep.
karni n meat.
karniseru n butcher.
karosia n caress.
karpinteru n di ~ (check)
karraga carry.
karsa v shoe.
karsadu past part 1 shoed, with shoes.
2 numb, asleep (of e.g. a body part) = kayanbradu.
karta djuga n see baradju.
karta n letter.
karta postal postcard
kartera n 1 desk. 2 wallet. ~ di sinhora purse = tira-kol.
kartunis n quail.
kartxuti to tell off, insult.
karu adj expensive.
karu n car.
karinh u n dim 1 little car. 2 wheelbarrow. ~ di mon shopping cart. ?3 caress?.
kavon n coal, charcoal. = karbon.
kasa fos n matchbox.
kasa n box.
kasabi adj sad. = fédi.
kasamentu wedding
kasan n baby shark.
kasi, kasime expr Isn’t it so?
kaska n rind, peel. ~ laranja orange peel v peel off.
kaskadu past part peeled off. denti ~ always laughing.
kastanhu adj brown.
kastiga v punish.
katastrufl n catastrophe.
katikati expr life goes on.
katisa v provoke, bait.
katoba n see kotota.
katron n smuggler.
katubelu n elbow.
katxas n male pig, boar (usually used for breeding).
katxepe n male pig that is not castrated.
kaktikatxii adj describes steady downpour of light drizzling rain which is ideal for planting crops.
katxo n dog. ten pel ~ walk a lot.
=katxor, = katxorro, = katxoru.
katxola n husk of corn plant.
katxor dog
katxor n see katxo.
kaxora n dishonourable woman.
kaxorinho n dim puppy.
kaxorur u n see katxo.
kaxotxa n small fish variety usually found in pools on rocks.
kaxu n 1 neck (of e.g. a guitar). 2 bunch or fruit, cluster of fruit.
kaxu n 1 neck. 2 stalk of fruit (e.g. bananas, grapes).
kaxu n 1 neck. 2 stalk of fruit (e.g. bananas, grapes).
kakuta n jacket, sportcoat.
kebe v 1 fit into. 2 be big enough to/for.
kebedu n a person who likes to be everywhere.
kebra v break. ~ jejun eat something early in the morning to ease one’s hunger, break one’s fast.
kibradu broken, broke
kel article/demonstrative the, that.
kem? int who? kemha? Who is it?
keto v burn.
ken? int who? kenha? Who is it?
kentadu past part hit.
kentura n heat, state of being hot.
kera n very hard bean which is uncookable.
kera n see kreka.
eketa v hit.
konfundi v confuse.
konfundidu past part confused.
kongolon n see kango lon.
koni v see konko.
kunfia n collective.
kunfia n see konfia.
kunfia n collective.
kunfia n see konfia.
konpanheru n 1 companion, colleague. 2 each other (reciprocal). Es da ∼ pankada. They hurt each other.

konpasa v follow the rhythm.

konpasadu past part well done, in keeping with the rhythm.

konpo v fix up, get straightened out

konprenson n comprehension.

konprimisu n engagement.

konputador n computer.

konputason n computation.

konsakuentimenti adv consequently.

konsedjeru n advisor.

konsedju n advice.

konselhavi adj advisable.

konsentra v concentrate.

konsera n canned goods.

konsiderason n consideration.

konsiensia n consciousness.

konsi v reach.

konsoanti prep according to.

konstata v realize.

konta n beads.

konta v tell stories, make conversation.

~ mintera tell a lie.

kontador n m storyteller.

kontadora n m storyteller.

kontendi adj happy, content. ~ di konshe bu. Pleased to meet you.

kontestu n contest.

kontidadi n quantity.

kontidadi n quantity.

kontise v happen.

kontratadu past part under contract.

~ di Sao Tomé forced immigration to Sao Tomé from Cape Verde.

kontributu n contribution.

kontu n 1 one thousand eskudus. 2 short story.

kontu n story.

kontxa n see konxa.

konvive v have fun.

konxa n shell = kontxa.

konzuntu n musical group, orchestra.

kopu n cup, glass.

kopu n glass

kor n color. di ~ colored. ~ di laranja orange. ~ di rosa rose, pink.

koragi n courage.

korason n heart.

korboti v scratch.

korbu n crow.

korda n rope.

korda n rope. ∼ spinhal spinal cord.

korda n see malfetu.

korda v wake up.

kordera n branches of the bean plant.

kore v run. ~ ku x get rid of x, make x disappear, chase x away.

korenti n chain.

korenti n see manenti.

korida n race. ~ di bisiklet bicycle race. ~ kabalu horse race.

kornu n wife’s cheating on her husband. =txifri.

koroa n crown.

koroko n lump.

korpu n body. =kurpu.

korreiu n post office.

korta v 1 cut. ~ unha clip nails. 2 harvest. 3 trim. agu ta ~ na boka water at the mouth. n crops. tenpul ~ harvest time.

koru n horn.

kosta n back.

kostuleta n spare ribs, chops.

kota v clap.

kotikoti v tickle (usu the body) = kucici, = kuciku.

kotota n vagina = katota.

kotubelada n a poke with the elbow.

kotubelu n elbow = kutubelu. koze v sew.
kozi v close. ~ bu boka close your mouth.
kran id seku ~ completely dry, completely empty.
kran-kandan adv suddenly, instantly.
krapukrapu v talk aimlessly, mumble.
kraskras id describes steady downpour of heavy rain.
k raster v babble about, talk endlessly about.
kre v 1 want. 2 like. 3 love N ~ bu ceu. I love you. 4 intend. ~ fra mean.
kredita v believe, think. =kardita.
kredu n creed.
kraka n hard shell of the bean.
=kereng v in idiomatic expression: Si n da-b‘el ki N ~. If I give it to you I would die.
kreki adv maybe, perhaps.
kremi n cream ~ di barbi shaving cream.
krensa n mores, beliefs.
kreskres id of disturbing sound of s.o. playing or meddling with one’s belongings.
kretxeu n lover, boyfriend, girlfriend.
krador n creator.
kriadu n 1 offspring. 2 son. 3 maid.
kriativu adj creative.
kriska n vagina. ~ bu mai (insult) your mother’s vagina.
kriola n Capeverdean woman.
Kriolu n 1 Capeverdean language. 2 Capeverdean person.
krista n comb or crest (of a rooster). ~ galu chicken’s comb. ~ di bentu ridge.
Kristu n Christ.
kriteri, kriteriu n criterion.
kritiku n analyst.
kronika n chronicle.
kru adj sour.
krus, kruz, kruza n cross.
krusa v cross.
kruxa n bird variety.
ku conj =ma.
ku prep 1 with. 2 on, by. ~ pe on foot. conj and.
kuadja v curdle, coagulate.
kuadjadu past part curdled, coagulated.
kuadju n curdled milk.
kuadra n lover’s dialogue.
kuantu? int pro how many?
kuarta n measurement.
kuarta-fera n Wednesday.
kuartu n 1 room. ~ di banhu bathroom. ~ di durmi bedroom ~ di djanta dining room ~ di kriadu n servants’ quarters. 2 a quarter, one fourth.
kuazi prep almost, nearly, approximately.
kubisa n jealousy. v be jealous.
kubisos adj covetous.
kubri v cover.
kubu n cube.
kuda v 1 take care of. 2 see pensa.
~ kudadu past part taken care of, cared for.
kudi v respond, answer.
kudjer n spoon. ~ di masa trowel. ~ di panela spatula.
~ kudjeron n aug large spoon.
kueka n underpants.
kuidadu n care.
kular n chain. ~ d’oru gold chain.
kularinhu n see kabeson.
kuleson n collection.
kulin kas kas kalina n children’s game.
kulokiu n colloquium.
kultura n culture.
kumadri n mother-in-law.
kume v eat.
kumesa v begin, start.
~ kumesadu past part begun, started.
kumida n food. ~ frizadu frozen food.
kumun adj common.
kumunga v share.
kumunhon n communion.
kumunikason n communication.
kunbina v agree.
kundun id sound of sth falling a long way.
kunfiadu adj bold, arrogant = konfiadu.
kunhal n see inpéna.
kunhisimentu n consciousness, awareness. ten ~ be aware of, have knowledge of.
kunpadri n best man.
kunpanheru n 1 roommate, partner, buddy. 2 (reciprocal) one another, each other.
kunpra v buy.
   kunpridu past part
kunprador n buyer.
kunpridera n state of being long.
kunpridu adj long.
kunsa v begin =kumensa.
  kunzia/kuzinha to cook
kural n corral.
kuridu often
kurkuti n see karkuti.
kurkutison n argument.
kurpu n see korpu.
kursu n course.
kurtina n curtain.
kurtu adj short.
kurupuson n corruption.
kusidu adj see kuzi.
kuskus n couscous.
kuskusa lli v boil with anger, become enraged, fume.
kuspinhu n spitting.
kustv a cost.
kutelu n 1 hill, mountain. 2 lookout point, view from atop a mountain.
kutubelu n see kotubelu.
kutxi v moisten and pound grain in a mortar in order to remove the bran or chaff only.
   kutxidu past part pounded and freed of bran covering (of corn, grains, etc.).
kutxikutx v see kotikoti. =kutxiti.
kutxis-kutxas id sound of an object falling.
kutxiti v b see kotikoti. =kutxikutx.
kuza n thing. kuzas sta-l trapadjadu things are all messed up for him.
  kuza-ma-kuza n riddle =dibinha. Kuza ki ta torna bira kuza. A thing which becomes a thing again.
kuze? int What is it? ~ otu? what else?
  kuzidu adj cooked = kusidu.
kuzinha a little.
  kuzinha n kitchen
kuzinheru n cook.
kuzitxinha dim n a very little bit.

r
r the letter r of the alphabet.
rabeka n violin = violiniu; = robeka.
rebela n rebel. = rebela. v rebel.
rabenta n bud. v bud.
rabulisentu adj noisy.
rabulison n aug a lot of noise.
rabulisu n noise.
rabusada, rabusadu n candy, sweet candy.
radason n essay.
radio n cable, telegram, radio.
rafodju n beating around the bush, saying sth indirectly.
ranganha v spread.
   raganhadu past part spread apart, spread. denti ~ snarling mouth.
ragas n lap.
ratxav v spread.
raith n see re.
rainha n queen.
railuxis n x-ray.
raka, rakua v distance.
rakexon n see rekexon.
rakodje v collect, gather.
   rakodjedu past part gathered up.
ralanpu n see alanpra.
rmedia n see djangrabi.
ramexe v try hard.
ramu n field, farm.
ranbaxa v put down.
ranja v 1 look for. 2 arrange, put in order.
rarapiga n 1 young girl, virgin. El ka sta ~. She is no longer a virgin. 2 lover, mistress. El ten ~. He has a mistress/He is cheating on his wife.
rarapigada n group of young girls.
rapas, rapaz n young man.
arapende v regret.
arpendimentu n regrets.
arapenti adj sudden.
rapika v stomp, stamp feet, step down strongly.
raprova v fail.
rasa v pray = raza, = resa.
rasga v tear off.
raskudja v dig through, rummage in.
ratadja v tear off.
ratadjadu past part split.
ratorku n handsome gentleman.
ratxa v tear, rip.
ratxadu past part torn, ripped.
raza v see rasa.
razan n (B) see razon.
razon n reason = razan.
re n king. = rai.
rebelu n see rebelu.
rebeladu past part see rabeladu.
redi n screen.
redia n see freiu.
renga v sprinkle, water, irrigate.
regador n watering can, sprinkling can.
regen n Reggae music.
registra v register.
registradu past part registered.
regradu adj orderly.
regu n 1 row or furrow for planting (e.g. potatoes). ~ batata row of planted sweet potatoes. 2 canal.
reguenta v B see rikiti.
rekuadu n message.
rekexon n thick warm milk of goat or sheep when their first start giving milk after having offspring. = rakexon.
rekuenta v see rikiti.
rekumendason n recommendation.
rekureku n grooved musical instrument scraped with a stick.
relanpe n see alanpra.
religion n religion.
relouju n clock, timepiece, watch. ~ di pulsu wristwatch.
rema v row, paddle.
remonda v hoe e.g. a farm for the second time.
remu n oar.
renki adj a lot, many.
repartition n government offices.
republika n republic.
resa v see rasa.
resende, resendia v smell good.
resibu n receipt.
responde v respond, answer. = rusponde.
resta v 1 borrow s.o.'s woman or wife to dance with.
restoranti n restaurant.
restu n leftovers.
reta v rub against.
reutu adj 1 straight. 2 erect.
reunion n meeting.
revista n magazine.
revolta v revolt.
ri v see ari.
riba n in ~l on top of. ~l menza on top of the table, on the table. = ruba.
rigili v see grili.
rigilidu past part see grilidu.
riju adj and adv 1 sturdy, masterful. 2 strong, loudly. grita ~ scream loudly.
kabesa ~ hardheaded.
riju adj loud. 2 heavy.
rikeza n resource, wealth, riches.
rikise v become rich, become wealthy.
rikiti v nibble on, bite (e.g. fingernails) = reguenta, = rekuenta.
riku adj rich. e ~ na be rich with.
riloji n clock, watch = ruloji, = riloji.
riloju n see riloji.
rin n kidneys.
rinca v whinny, neigh.
rinka v pull out, uproot.
rinoseronti n rhinoceros.
ripiti v see rapiti.
riska v Teral dja ~. expr the sun is just coming up, early morning period when the sun just begins to rise. Papaia dja ~. The papaya is ready to pick.
risku n line, drawn line.
rispeta v respect.
rispetadu past part respected. = ruspetadu.
ristoranti n see restoranti.
riu n river.
rivista n magazine.
robeka n see rabeka.
robi n bathrobe.
roda n 1 wheel. 2 proximate area, land near the house. na ~ in the area of.
rodia v 1 encircle, surround. 2 turn around, revolve, rotate. 3 circle or hover around. = rondia.
rodiadu past part surrounded. = ronadiadu.
rodidja v roll up, twist. 
rodidjadu past part twisted.
rodju n dried ear of corn used to make charcoal, or used to cork a bottle.
rodondu adj round.
roku adj hoarse-voiced, having laryngitis.
rol n shore. ~ di mar seashore.
rola v roll, e.g. down a hill = lolo, = lora.
rolu n roll.
roman n pomegranate.
romansi n novel.
ronba v fall apart, cave in.
ronba v fall down, collapse, e.g. of a building.
ronbadu past part collapsed.
ronda v round.
rondadu past part round, rounded.
rondia v see rodia.
ronka v 1 snore. ~ na sonu snore in one's sleep. 2 oink.
ronkodju adj male whose testicles have not dropped down.
ronku n noise. ~ l palabra noisy talk = rabulisu.
ropa n clothing. ~ di baxu underwear.
ropa n see rupa.
rosa v 1 prepare (a farm) for planting. 2 gather up and take away. 3 brush up against, touch lightly.
rosa v squeeze through (e.g. a crowd of people) = roska.
rosa, roza n rose.
rosador n farm worker who prepares a farm for planting.
roska v B see rosa.
rosokia v tighten, screw down.
roskon adj generous.
rostia v 1 drag eg. along the floor. 2 rape.
rostu n face. ~ ku ~ face to face. = kara.
rota v burp.
rotelu n type of lamp.
rotxa n 1 rocky terrain, hilly country. 2 big stones, quarry area, boulders, mountain of stone.
rotxa v push against.
roxi adj purple, violet.
roza n rose.
rua n street.
ruba n see riba.
rubn v 1 rob, steal. 2 become senile.
rubera n valley, low point, chasm, abyss.
rudi adj rude, heavy.
ruga v shrivel up from old age.
ruki v insert = txuki, = txusi, = stuki, = zuki.
ruloji n see rilojiu.
ruma v arrange, put in order, settle.
rumadu past part arranged, neat, settled, in good order.
Ruman n Roman.
rumo a lot of.
runbu n way to, direction.
rundadi n mixture of blood, pus, etc. coming from a wound.
runha n f trouble-maker.
runhu n m trouble-maker.
rupa n clothes. = ropa.
Rusa n Russian.
rusa v come up.
ruskia v see zuburga.
ruskunhu n fear felt when in an unknown place.
ruspetadu past part see rispetadu.
ruspetu n respect.
rusponde v see rispetadu.
rusponde v see responde.
rusu adj of mixed color, salt and pepper color (of e.g. hair).
ruvolvu n revolver.
ruza v bray = sufa.

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t

t the letter t of the alphabet.
ta aux of habitual and future verb forms.
ta sende ta paga off and on.
taba n board. ~ l bate washboard.
tabaku n snuff = kankan; = sire.
tabalhon n notary public.
tabanka n 1 social and religious dance typical of Santiago. 2 F small personal tobacco plantation.
tabankera n 1 dancer or singer of tabanka music. 2 plant variety used medicinally to relieve headaches.
taberna n tavern.
tabokadu past part overfilled.
tabuleta n crutches.
tadja block (sight) or prevent from

tadja v 1 tailor (clothing). 2 break up (a fight). 3 split, divide, or dut up (e.g. cloth to make into clothing). = parti. 3 cease, desist, stop. 4 block, fend off.
tadja n 1 cut up piece of e.g. potato used in replanting. 2 barrier, blockade, e.g. to stop sand from blowing across a farm.
taga n carved wooden bowl used to carry food to e.g. people working on a farm together =tagara.
tagara n see taga.
tainha n insect variety found in and near water.
taki conj while, when. =toki.
takon n heel.
talaia n village on the island of Fogo. ~ basu form of Cape Verdean music.
talobasku n stupid person.
talu n 1 cane section between two nodes of e.g. a sugar cane stalk. 2 joint.
talvez adv perhaps.
tanbarina n tamarind fruit.
tanbe n also, too.
tanbor n (mus) drum =tanboru.
tanboru n 1 see droma. 2 see tanbor.
tanbra n date(s).
tanjirina n tangerine, mandarin orange.
tanki n water tank, reservoir.
tanpa v cover up.
tanpadu past part covered.
tanpu n lid, cover =tapu.
tantu adj join pro form so much, so many.
tapa v cover. Du ta ~ mi ku bo. We will meet, we will fight.
tapeti n carpet.
tapona n a blow of the hand to the back of the head.
tapona v hit with the hand on the back of the head.
tapu n see tanpu.
tapu n stage, step.
taranta v be shocked, be amazed.
taranta di buru n mushroom.
taratara adv evenly, a tie (of a race or competition).
taraxa v 1 squeeze into, make room for o.s. =ngotxa. 2 tighten up, screw down tightly.
tardi n 1 afternoon. boa ~ good afternoon. 2 late.
tardinha n mid-afternoon period.
tarinha n stone wall built on a farm to protect against erosion.
tarinha n soup tureen.
tarladu n amulet sewn in a leather pouch, greegree.
Tarrafal n 1 tourist area on Island of Santiago. 2 colonial prison on Santiago.
prizon di ~ prison used by the Portuguese for political prisoners during the colonial period.
tartaruga n 1 sea turtle. 2 small green turtle which damages bean crops. =tataruga.
te boka filled to the brim
te prep 1 until. ~ manha until tomorrow, until morning. ~ ki bu ben. Until you come back. ~ oji until today. 2 even, including even. ~ mi ta xina Kriolu. Even I am learning Kriolu. =tamenti, =timenti. 3 see to. ~ toku to the short end.
tedja n tile.
tedjadu n roof.
teki id very full. ~ ~ completely full.
telefoni n telephone.
tema v whine or complain persistently to get sth. (usu. of a child).
tamenti ki prep (with negative) unless, only if.
tamenti prep see te.
temoze adj f stubborn.
temozu adj m stubborn.
ten kel ki ten whatever there is
ten v 1 have, possess. 2 have to do sth., must. N ~ ki bai. I have to go. 3 there is, there are. 4 ago. ~ tres dia. Three days ago. =tene. ~ raiba di be angry at. 5 hold that, believe. N ~ ki,... 1 think that, I believe that, I hold that,...

ten v 1 have. 2 ago. ~ tres dia three days ago. idioms: ten kuma think. ~ bontadi wish.
tene v see ten.
tenparatura n temperature.
tenporal n storm.
tenpu n 1 time, season. na ki ~? at which time? when? ~l sek u dry season. ~l txuba rainy season. 2 weather.
tension n hypertension. ~ artu high blood pressure. 2 see atenson.
tenta v try, attempt.
tente v winnow.
tenteren n corn flour.
tera n country, land, earth.
tera v see tudja.
tereru n yard used for the batuku dance.
termometru n thermometer.
ternidadi n eternity.
testa n forehead. Dj’el da na ~. idiom I’ve had enough.
tiatru n theatre.
tibaron n shark.
tika v jump.
tinta n ink, paint, dye. ~ di pinta odju mascara.
tinteru n inkpot, inkwell.
tinu n juice.
tipe adj silent.
tira v take. ~-kol shoulder bag. = kartera.
tirpitxi = trapitxi; = tripitxi.?
tirsidjado adj messed up = tridjadu.
tisa v see mina.
tiston n a penny, a cent.
tiu n m uncle.
tizga v usu. in Bu ka pode ~. You are worthless, you should disappear from the face of the earth.
tizora n scissors.
tizoru n treasure.
to prep 1 when, as soon as. ~ ki bu ten tenpu. As soon as you have time. 2 up to, up until. intxidu ~ (ku) boku filled to the brim =te.
toa di anda a toa hang around, wander
toka v 1 play (usu. a musical instrument). 2 touch.
toki conj see taki.
tolera n childish behavior, nonsense.
toleti n oarlocks.
toma fe notice
tonbola v see stronbola.
tontona n see kona.
topada n 1 stubbing of a toe. n da ~ (na
h a pe) I stubbed my toe. 2 wound of extremities from e.g. stubbing one’s toe.
topada v bump into, knock against.
topet n mumps.
topografia n topography.
topu n large dot of earth.
topu n top.
tora v burn rubber, spin wheels.
tora v roast (e.g. peanuts).
tora v roast.
tora v roast.
torador n musician.
torezma n see txitxaron.
torna v 1 turn, turn over, reverse, turn upside down. 2 do again, do over, go back and do again. n ~ fra-l I said it again, I repeated it.
tornel n button-like type of knot on the end of a rope which is inserted into the kasola.
tornera n tap, faucet.
tornera n tap, spiggot.
torsa, torse v twist.
torsedu past part twisted.
torsida n see pali.
torta adj ugly.
tortad u adj bent.
tortodju n 1 plant variety which may intoxicate animals who eat it, and which is also used as a painkiller. 2 name of a village on the island of Fogo.
tortu adj wrong, incorrect, unjust.
toru n ox.
tosi v cough. tene ~ have a cough.
tosinhu n ham. = toxinhu.
total adj total.
toto n  1 elastic for tying up the hair, e.g. in pigtails.  2 see *mofinu*.
totoku n  cigarette butt = *biata*.
totoku n  see *mansa*.
totxa v  crowd in, squeeze o.s. into a crowd or a line.
toxinhu n  see *tosinhu*.
tra v  1 take.  ~ mama wean a nursing child.  ~ pa fora throw up, vomit = vomita.  2 shave.  ~ barba shave the beard.  3 clear?.
trabadia v  work.
trabadjador(u) n  worker, hard worker.
trabadju n  work.  ~l kaza homework, housework.
trabadjuransadu mixed
trabanka v  establish, start up (e.g. a conversation).
trabanka v  lock, latch, close.  *cuba* ~ rizu rain started coming down heavily.
trabesa n  1 bed slats.  2 tray for food.
trabesadu n  1 view of space ahead of a person.  2 crossing east or westwards.
trabesadu n  mixed breed pig variety.
adj  once removed (of a family relation)
primu di ~ cousin once or more removed, distant cousin.
trabeson n  wood support frame for putting a window in a house.
trabiseru n  pillow = *kabisera*.  = *trubiseru*.
traduzi v  translate.
traduzidu past part translated.
trandu prep and adv  1 except for.  excepting, save for.  2 until, while.  ~ el ka ben until he has come.
tranfanfan n  odds and ends, miscellaneous objects, e.g. in pockets, etc.
tranka v  1 close tightly.  2 start doing sth.
transa n  braid.  v  1 braid, plait = *koca*.  2 mix up, mess up.
transa v  cross, cross-breed.
transadu mixed
transpира v  perspire, sweat.
transporta v  transport.
transportadu past part transported.
trapadjadu adj mixed up.
trapadjason troubles
trapitxi n  sugar cane grinding mill = *tripitxi*.
tras n  pa ~ behind, in back.  ben pa ~ come back.
trata v  treat, care for.
trava v  brake, slow down (a car).
travesa n  dish, platter.
travon n  break.
traze v  bring.
trazentu num three hundred.
= trezentus.
trebesadu n  type of pig valued for its meat.
treme v  tremble, shake with fear.
tres num three.
tresentus num see *trazentu*.
tresi num see *trezi*.
trezi num thirteen = *tredi*.
triatu n  theatre.
tridja n  1 blood blister under a finger or toenail.  2 type of infected wound of the sole of the foot.
tringi n  latch, door latch.
trinta num thirty.
trintxanti n  1 sth that squirts or sprays and makes a mess.  2 plant variety.
tripa n  guts, tripe.
tripinha n  dim small stomach or gut.
tripitxi n  see *trapitxi*.
tripona n  tripe.
tristeza n  sadness
tristi adj sad.
triznota v  spend final hours or nights with a dying person.
trizontonti n and adv  three days ago.
trofega v  1 get along, survive.  2 wreak havoc (of a storm).  3 crowd in.
trofegadu past part crowded with many people.
trofegu n  crowd of tightly packed people.  ~l bentu hurricane.
troka v  1 change.  2 exchange.
trokador n  trader, one who exchanges.
trokalansa adj  fickle, always changing one's mind.
turkatroka n fickleness, undecidedness.
    Bo e so na ~-. You are always changing your mind.

troku n change.

tromenta v upset, bother, worry.
    tromentadu past part troubled, upset, traumatized.

tronku n trunk (of a tree), log.

tropika v knock feet together in walking.

tropiku n tropics.

trosa v make fun of.

trosu n 1 stuff, junk, bric a brac. 2 left over corn stalks which animals do not consume thus leaving them in their food troughs.

trubada n thunder.

trubiseru n see trabiseru.

truk v have sex with.

trupika v trip, stumble, almost fall down.

trus n man's briefs.

trusstrus adj mushy or crumbly (of food).

tualha n cloth. ~ di meza tablecloth.

tubaron shark

tubinhu story character.

tubu n tube, pipe. ~ d'agu drain pipe.

tudja n towel.

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tudja v bury =ntudja, =tera.

tudos quant both =tudu dos.

tudu adj all. ~ kau everywhere.

tudu banda adv everywhere

tudu dos anu every two years

tudu kasta all kinds, all sorts

tuga n Portuguese person. lingual ~ Portuguese language.

tulipa n tulip.

tuma v ~ banu take a bath.

tuma v 1 take. 2 consume, drink.

tumara expr used in blessings. ki ~ bu rikise may you be wealthy.

tumati n tomato.

tundun id 1 describes falling down. 2 describes sound of strumming of guitar strings.

Turkia n Turkey.
Turku n Turk.

tursida n see pabil.

tusinhu n white fatty animal tissue used to make txitxeron.

tutanu n bone marrow.

tutu n child's genitalia. ~ barela see kutunbenben.

tututa n small girl's vagina.

u

u the letter u of the alphabet.

ua, uaba expr exclamation of amazement.

uai n crying due to pain or sorrow.

ual adj brilliant.

uan ideophone describes sth. that is completely opened up.

uap, uapu n noise.

uau excl expression of admiration.

uaxi adv all at once, all of a sudden. =uapu, =zas.

uba n grape.

ubadura n barking of dogs.

ubera n grapevine.

ubi v hear, listen =uvi.

ubri n 1 udder (cow, goat, etc.). 2 (slang) breasts.

ubri, ubri n goats.

ueme n(SA) see omi.

uente n/adv(SA) see onti.

ufu excl used in admiration of e.g. beauty.

ufu excl used to draw s.o.'s attention to sth, 'look at that!'.

ula-ula v hurry up, rush.

uli loc adv here. ~-I here it is.

ultima v end.

ultimu adj 1 last. 2 ultimate.

ultimu adj last.

ultrapasa v overcome, override.

uma adj big.

uma fem det one, a, some, a certain.

unmilhason n humiliation.

un det one, a some, a certain. ~ be once upon a time.

unbige n umbilical cord. =unbigu.

unbigu n see unbige.

unda v walk. =anda.
dujjantu adj grey.
unha n 1 nail, finger or toenail. 2 hard surface near eye of certain bean varieties. = ~l fizon.
unha v expose one's private parts.
uni v unite, gather.
unifikason n unification.
universidadi n university.
unji v secrete.
unluu v become excited. = lua. unluadu, unluada past part emotional, excitable (usu. of women) = luadu, luada
uns det some, certain.
unta v grease.
untadu past part greased.
untru pro form the other one, one more, another one.
urdi v come up with something.
urdinha v milk.
uri, urinka n traditional game involving counting and moving seeds and capturing an opponents seeds, known in English as mankala. = ori.
urina di neva n light rain.
urina n urine. v urinate.
urisu n urchin.
urjensa n v urgency, emergency.
ursu n bear.
utiliza v utilize, use.
utre, utri n see uterus.
ubi v see ubi.
usa v use.
uzadu past part used.
Uzorgu n village in Santiago.
uzufuita v benefit.
uzufui n benefit.

valoriza v value.
valorizason n valorization.
valsa n valise, purse. da na ~ spend all of one's money.
volume n volume. = volumi.
vana v see bana.
vantazi n advantage.
vapor, vaporu n ship.
vaporu v evaporate.
vara n stick.
varona n aug big stick.
varanda n see baranda.
vare v sweep. = bare.
vareja v see bareja.
varia v go crazy, lose one's mind.
varia v see bari.
variadu past part see bariadu.
variason n variation. = bariason.
varon n 1 stick. 2 male.
varsula n waltz.
varze n garbage. = barze.
vasilutu, vasiluta adj absolute, independent, autonomous.
vaskudja v look for. = baskudja.
vazilina n vaseline.
vaziu n see baziu.
vei adj old. pa~ grandfather.
vela n candle.
vela v stand in vigil.
venta v cover.
venta, vende v sell. = bende.
veneno n see beneno.
veneno n see benenu.
venerson n veneration.
vene v win.
venta v blow (of the wind), be windy.
ventia n see bentina.
ventilason n ventilation.
ventuinha n name given to the MPP (Mouvemento para Democracia).
ventuinhu n ST windmill.
ventura v adventure, venture.
vera n truth. Di ~? is it true?
verbonha n see brigonha.
verbu n word.
verdade, verdu n truthful.
verdega v(SN) become green.
verdi adj green.
verddid adj 1 truth. 2 it is true.
verefika v see berefika.
veregon n bruise. =vergon.
verga n wall.
verga v bend.
vergamota, vergamuta n herb variety.
vergon n see veregon.
verifika v verify.
verifikason n verification.
vernis n polish. ~ di unha nail polish.
veron n summer.
veronica n feature.
versu n verse.
vespa n eve. ~ Nadal Christmas eve.
vesti v dress. =besti.
vestia n vest.
vestiji n vestige.
veternariu n veterinary doctor.
vez n turn.
via prep via. =pavia.
viada n stag.
vija v see biaja.
viajante n traveler.
vija n trip, travels, voyage.
vibra v vibrate.
vida n life. mudjer di ~ bitch. =bida.
videra n grape vine.
virdra v crystallize.
vidrasa n see bidrasa.
vidrasadu adj made of glass.
vidrenta adj glassy.
vidru n see bidru.
viila n village. =bila.
vilis n suitcase, luggage, valise.
vin n(SA) see vinhe.
vinagri n see binagri.
vinda n see binda.
vingga v avenge, get revenge.
vingative, vingativu adj vindictive.
vingativu adj vindictive.
vingedu adj mature. =binkadu.
vinhe, vinhu n wine. =vin.
vinhu n wine.

vinten n see binten.
vinti num twenty =binti.
violeta adj violent.
violeta v violate, commit violence.
violet n and adj violet.
vilonu n see robeka.
vilon n guitar.
vip ideophone full of.
vira v turn.
virgua v verify.
virji n virgin.
virole n male genitalia. =birole, =biroti.
vista n eye. dor di ~ sore eye.
vista v approach.
vistu ki expr so that, in order to.
vita v avoid.
vitela n 1 heifer cow. 2 veal.
vitoria v win, sing victory.
viva n see biuba.
vivau n see biubu.
vive v live. ~ mansebidu live together.
vivida (SN) n gathering of cattle.
viza v warn, alert.
vizinha n f neighbor.
vizinhansa n neighborhood.
vizinhu n m neighbor.
vizita v see bizita.
vizita v visit.
voa v fly.
voade adj crazy.
voada n jump, flight. =buadura.
vokason n bocation.
volta v return.
volta v see bolta.
voltia v turn around.
voluma v increase in volume, become voluminous.
volumi n see valume.
volunta v volunteer.
vomita v vomit =tra pa fora.
vontadi n see bontadi. boa ~ goodwill.
vota v vote.
votason n voting registration.
vovo n grandfather, grandmother.
vozedura n noise.
vidru n see bidru.
vruga v bruise.
vua v BB see bua.
vukotu n overcoat =avukotu.
vulkan n see bulkan; burkan; rulkon; bulkon.

w
w the letter w of the alphabet.
wa excl h used to express admiration.
wabar excl used to express admiration.
wa excl used to express amazement.
aweiwai excl used to express grief and mourning.
warwar n woman interested in men and who becomes excited in a man's presence.
westi n west.
wi excl used to express surprise e.g. when pinched, stepped on, etc.

x
xa n tea. ~d'inde tea. ~di padja sidrera. ~di paja tezerinha. ~di ortalon mint tea. ~di belgata. =xa.
xa v 1 allow, permit, let. ~n papia. Let me talk. 2 leave, abandon, stop, quit. =dixa.
xabrola n female cat.
xagua v strike heavily, pound down heavily (e.g. of a heavy rainstorm)
xaguadu past part.
xaguabu v see xagua.
xaguadu adj beautiful.
xaguati n 1 beating. 2 place name and hotel name near Sao Felipe on Fogo.
xalaver n(SA) container for keeping fish.
xalera n large coffee pot.
xali n shawl.
xalzi n shawl.
xameja v burn out, flame (bees).
xamine n chimney. =txamine.
xana n cat.
xanpu n shampoo.
xapecu n cap, hat. =txape, txapeu.
xapi v get rid of. ~gatu get rid of a cat.
xarafa v touch softly, gently.
xaranpa n measles.
 xaranpanha n dim see xaranpa.
xaranpa v come out.
xargan n saddle padding used under a horse's saddle.
xaropi n syrup.
xaroti n cigar. =xarutu.
xarutera n plant variety.
xarutu n cheroot, cigar.
xarutu n see xaroti.
xata n pain in the neck.
xatia v 1 bother, trouble, annoy, upset. 2 become bothered, be fed up. =fastia, =kontraria.
 xatiadu past part see fastiadu.
xatu n 1 see piodju iladu. 2 crab,
xavi n key.
xaviel n basin or bowl made out of clay. =xuviel.
xavina n cup.
xefi n chief, head. ~izekutivu chief executive.
xefia v head.
xei adj full.
xeiu adj full of.
xei n check.
xela adj beautiful, nice.
xeren n meal made with ground corn.
 faze ~ prepare corn for a x[eren meal.
xibati n see xubati.
xibinhu n see sobrinhu.
xika n remains.
xikorason n a big hug.
xikoria n chicory.
xikra , xikara n cup. ~di xa cup of tea.
xileku adj crazy, out of one's mind.
 =xilengu.
xilengu adj see xileku.
xina n China.
xina v 1 learn. 2 teach =prende.
xinela n(BV) herbal tea. =xa di rubera.
xinelu n 1 slippers. 2 wall-climbing lizard variety.
xinpaze n chimpanzee.
xinta v see sinta.
xinti v see sinti.
xintidu past part see sinti.
xiringa v inject.
xit n intimate voice used to talk to animals.
xita v whistle at (e.g. a donkey) to make stop.
xitada n overall winning of a card game or urin.
xixi v 1 urinate, pee. 2 wet the bed.
xobra v shovel, shovel up, scoop up.
oxfer n(F) driver.
xoku adj offended.
xokulati n chocolate.
xola adj sad, ashamed, humiliated.
xorti n shorts, boxer shorts.
xoviska v drizzle (of rain), rain very lightly.
xuapu id sound of whipping or beating.
xuat, xuati adv in an instant.
xubati n remains of butter in a butter churn, whey. =xibati.
xuduku n short, fat person.
xuina n chewing gum.
xukalhu n rattle.
xule n smelly feet. tene ~ have smelly feet.
xunpa n light rum. =ague-pe.
xupeta n lollypop, sucker.
xuraka v eject in a flowing manner, eject in a liquid form (e.g. of diarrhea).
xurute, xuruti n idiot.
xuta v shoot.
xutis n fast Cape Verdean dance involving spinning and twirling, originally from the island of Fogo.
xutu n suit.
xuviel n(SA) see xaviel.
xuxa v make dirty.
xuxidadi n dirt.
xuxu adj dirty. =satanaz.
xuxu n devil.

tax

tax the digraph tx of the alphabet.
taxbeta n 1 clapping hands in rhythm during batuku singing. 2 power, empowerment. 3 name of a dance group.
taxi n key.
taxaboka v make (sth) imperfectly, sloppily, temporarily.
taxa adj plain.
taxa n flat open field.
taxa v B see karsa.
taxa f pig.
taxafuga v see karka.
taxafunga v see fulupa.
taxaga v scar.
taxagadu past part scarred.
taxalap id of a slap of the hand.
taxamada n calling.
taxamadu n adj offended.
taxankrang id of suddenly getting up or standing up.
taxansla v hoe, farm (a manic or sweet potato field) for the first time.
taxapa n patch.
taxapa v patch (clothing).
taxapatxapa n a patched-together-looking shirt of different colors and materials.
taxape, taxapeu n see xaapeu. ~ di txuba umbrella.
taxapu id of grabbing ay suddenly.
taxaputada n see txaputada.
taxaputi v pinch.
taxaputxapu id of sound of dripping water.
taxas-txalabas-txas adv quickly.
taxasina n dried goat meat.
taxastxas id quickly, in the wink of an eye (of the verb to go).
taxera v sniff, smell.
taxestxes id of walking stealthily, of sneaking.
taxeu adv extremely, very, very much, a lot, many, much, etc. ~ ~ intensified form of taxeu. ~ pa fronta =~ pa kaga very very many.
taxia v frown at =frunhi.
txibara n  she-goat of 6-7 months of age =txibara.

txibati n milk and butter mixture left after removing butter from butter churn.

txiboku n young male goat.

txifi n see kornu.

txiga v 1 arrive. 2 move, go. ~ la come here. ~ la go over there. 3 be enough, suffice. dja ~ that's already enough.

txigada n arrival.

txiker n SA see txikeru.

txikeru n house for small animals, pig sty, pigpen. =txiker.

txiku n bull whip often cracked to scare children away from eg. a farm.

tximine n see txamine.

txintxin n 1 toast. 2 repeatedly bouncing the ball on one's foot in soccer.

txintxiroti n variety of bird.

txipi adj 1 tight-fisted, avaricious. 2 inexpensive, cheap.

txitxaron n fried pork rinds with fat =txorezma, =torezma.

txitxaru n fish variety.

txitu n see fraginota.

txoba n grave.

txobe v see barufa.

txobe vi rain.

txode =disha =leave

txoka v 1 SV steal. 2 roost, hatch. ~

galinha hatch eggs, have chicken set on eggs. galinha ~ period when chickens don't lay eggs.

txoku adj bad (of a smell), rotten-smelling.

Txon bon de Mangi n  place on the Island of Santiago.

tax n ground, floor. na ~ on the ground, on the floor.

Txontxinha n person's name.

txora v cry.

txorezma n see txitxaron.

txorisu n sausage

txoru n crying.

txota v see furta.

txuba v rain

txubara n B see txibara.

txuia adj raw.

txuk n S pig (general term) =porku.

txuka n girlfriend =txuxa, =menbra

txuki v insert, stick in. =txukitxuki.

txukitxuki v see txuki.

txukutxuku n 1 trouble-making, causing trouble. 2 restless misbehavior a child. v see txusi.

taxuma v 1 call. 2 call oneself, be named. txumadu pastpart called.

txumuska v burn th off of an animal's skin.

txumuskadu past part burnt off (of the hair of an animal's skin).

txumusku n odor given off from the burning of scorched hair of e.g. a pig, chicken, etc.

txunba v fail, flunk.

txunbadu adj failed.

txunbu lead (metal).

txunbu n 1 l. 2 weight or sinker for a fish line.

txupa v 1 suck, suck on. 2 inhale (e.g. smoke). 3 slurp up. 4 take a hit off of.

txupador n drinking straw. (Fogo) water reservoir.

txuputada n pinching

txuru n do mother's milk.

txusi v stick in. =txusitxusi; = txukutxuku.?

txusitxusi v see txusi.

txutxa n see txuka.

txutxi v B see txusi.

y

y the letter y of the alphabet.


yaiadj n ST see djaidjadji.

z

zabelinha di Diogu n variety of bee.

zagaia n plant variety.

zanga n being on bad terms with someone. N sta di ~ ku bo. I am not on good terms with you.
zanga v in ~ ku be mad at, be angry with.
  zangadu (ku) past part angry at
zangata v b see ratxa.
zapaza adv see zaza.
zaxa v tear up, wrap up.
  zaz expr it's easy, it can be done in a minute.
  zaza adv right now, immediately = zapaza.
zebra n zebra.
zezi n see azeti.
zgrela v B see strela.
ziada n very light drizzling rain = zuada.
zibia v whistle. = subia.
zigi-zagi adj zig-zag.
zimola n alms for the poor.
zinbra v crash to the ground, dash to the ground.
  zinbradu past part 1 beaten up. 2 out of commission, in bad shape.
zinga v zig-zag, swing, play.
zungi n water container.
zinidu n sound of vibrations. = zinidu.
zoedje n knee. = joelhu, = duedju.
zona n zone.
zuada adv all at once.
  zuada n see ziada.
  zubia v 1 whistle. El ~ l fepu. he ate it all up, he whistled it down. 2 blow (of the wind).
  zubia whistle
zubiu n whistling.
zubra n(SN) remains left in the still after making kalda.
zuburga v B devour, eat up very quickly, inhale, consume = burskia, = buruzgia, = ruskia.
zuni n sound of vibrations after striking or plucking a musical instrument.
  zunidu n see zinidu.
zunzun n whispering, gossip, rumors. N obi un zunzun. I heard a rumor.
zup ideophone all at once, suddenly. El dadji zup dentu de kara. Tapu entra zup dentu de garafa.
zup-zup ideophone all together, at once, one after the other. = zupu-zupu.