

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English

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## Preface

This dictionary is divided into three major subdivisions. The first is an alphabetical Dadibi-first listing of common words and phrases. A Tok Pisin and English meaning is given in most cases. This section is intended to be valuable for the Dadibi speaking students of the Tokples and Community Schools.

The second major subdivision is arranged by topics so it will be easier for an English or Tok Pisin speaker to find Dadibi words or expressions. The first two topics are simply MISCELLANEOUS THINGS and VERBS. Following these two categories are a number of topics listed alphabetically. WILD LIFE and BIRD NAMES are included as the last two topics.

The third major subdivision contains some basic grammar ideas from the Dadibi language. It should help to get an elementary understanding of how the verbs and the noun phrases work in the language. It is, however, far from comprehensive in its scope.

This dictionary is a preliminary document and will be used to solicit feedback for a more thorough set of dictionaries to follow. We would expect to have an English-first and a Dadibi-first book and to include more exemplary information of word and phrase usage.

## Tobolu Po

E Dadibi Po buku tomode dai sela elalubo. Hasia daide Dadibi po me te Kiape po me te Englisi po elalubo. Tigidali Dadibi po dabe te eleta "a" hobolo badu elalubo da te po dabe hasia elalubo. Nosali da te "b" da me te "d" dao. Te tiwai deli deli eleta bidida paibao.

Te namba tu daide me te Dadibi po elalubo, tiali goli haniani dwasianu po dabe dai dabe tomode te Dadibi po dabe elalubo. Mebadu da te SE EBO PO dao. Mebadu da te TUBO NAI po dao. Mebadu da te BIDIGO TIGI PO dao. Haniani elalubo, tama suao. Englisi po konealubo bidigo te po sulama, Dadibi po dage dabe gegelama suaibao.

Te namba sela daide gasa Dadibi po kolesaga elalubo. Te namba sela daide aseani po da te Englisi dao. Te Englisi konealubo bidigo sulama, mebadu Dadibi po genuai kolesaga koneaibao. Tibaso te kolesaga e buku tomode elalubao.

E diksioneri buku te hasia mu buku dao. Hauwa Dadibi po ede menio. Tiali goli nosali, dago nedama, gasa Dadibi po dage dabe kone palama, asenama, dago e buku hasegelama, gesi diksioneri buku nigaiabao. Eno homugo Englisi po hasia buku me Dadibi po hasia buku, te buku si, dago nosali nigaiabao. Te buku si tomode te Tok Pisin po me muaiabao. Tibaso, nosali Englisi koneani bidi me ma Dadibi koneani bidi me ma Tok Pisin koneani bidi, sela bidi dabe augwaligo po dage dabe gegelama, suaibao.

## Mena Po Tomode Elalubao

DAI 1

Yabe 5

Dadibi me Tok Pisin me Englisi me Englisi dogone  
("a" hasia, teda "b", teda "d", te tama bidida  
paibao.)

DAI 2

Yabe 27

Dadibi me Tok Pisin me Englisi me Englisi dogone  
(MAGI MAGI NAI DABE hasia, teda SE EBO PO, teda  
haniani po dwasianu dai dabe elalubao.)

DAI 3

Yabe 53

Dadibi Po Page (Englisi koneani' bidigo Dadibi  
po kolesaga sagameo.)

## Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

A a

- Au**, *sori*, sorry [sori]  
**abagi**, *pren*, friend [frend]  
**abe**, *susa*, sibling [sib-ling]  
 opposite sex  
**abelebo**, *baim*, buy [bai]  
**abu**, *kru*, new growth in a tree  
**abuai**, brains [brens]  
**ade**, *daun bilo*, down there [daun ther]  
**ae**, exclamation  
**aga** (*bidi me ma ogwa*), *em*, him [him]  
**aga** (*we me ma wegi*), *em*, her [hir]  
**aga** (*nai*), *en*, it [it]  
**agai** (*bidi me ma ogwa*), *em*, he [hi]  
**agai** (*we me ma wegi*), *em*, she [shi]  
**age na**, *fok*, fork [fork]  
**age ni**, *tiang*, crotch [kratch]  
**agebele**, *ples i bruk liklik*, crack [krak]  
**agia**, *arang*, *karuka*, pandanas, applied to peanuts  
**ai**, *wara*, water [water]  
**ai dulu**, *wantaim wara*, *bihainim wara*, along with the water  
**ai gamia**, *baret*, ditch  
**ai gea pelama**, *kapsaitim wada*, pour water  
**ai paubo**, *waswas*, bathe, shower whole body [beth]  
**ai sane**, *waitsan*, white sand [wait sand]  
**ai sanide**, *wesan klos tu long wada*, beach [bitch]  
**ai telabo**, *waswas*, wash [wash]  
**alua pabo**, *bruk*, shatter  
**ama**, *brata*, sibling [sib-ling]  
 same sex  
**amago me ma abego ogwa**, nephew [nef-yu]  
**amago me ma abego wegi**, niece [nis]  
**amamu**, *anis bilong kaikai diwai*, termite [ter-mait]  
**ame**, *susu*, woman breast  
**ame nabo**, *dring susu*, breast feed [brest fid]  
 give birth to [giv berth]  
**ame pe**, *susu*, milk, breast milk [milk]  
**anaqa**, *fiv*, five [fiv]

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anaga olama mebadu deli, *sikis*, six [siks]  
 anaga olama mebadu ene nanobo, *nain*, nine [nain]  
 anaga olama mebadu mesi mesi, *nain*, nine [nain]  
 anaga olama mebadu sela, *et*, eight [et]  
 anaga olama mebadu si, seven, seven [seven]  
 anali, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
 aniani, *anian*, onion [an-i-an]  
 anomani, *poison*, sorcery  
 aowa, *plang long pait*, shield for fighting  
     sticks in the ground  
 aowe, ao, yes, yes [yes]  
 asəbo, *raitim*, write [rait]  
 asəbo ni name, *blekbod*, blackboard [blek-bord]  
 aseba, *kakalak*, cockroach [ka-kroch]  
 asigə wabo, *kus*, sneeze  
 asisigi, multi colored [a-si-zí-gí]  
 asobo, *kam*, come [kam]  
 au, husband's mother-in-law  
 augwa, *bilong o1 yet, o1 yet*, their own. themselves [ther on]  
 augwaligo, *augwali*, o1, they, them [the, them]  
 auwa, *smolpapa*, uncle, mother's brother, grandmother [unk-el]  
 auwa mosio, auwa mosi, *pikinini o lapun mama*, grandchild,  
     or grandmother [grand-mather]  
 awi, *pitpit*, pitpit [pit-pit]  
 aya, *papa*, father, dad, father's brother, uncle [fath-er]  
 aya ida, *papamama*, parents [pair-ents]  
 ayenu, *daun bilo*, down under

B b

ba, *pisin*, bird [berd]  
 ba boko, *bataplai*, butterfly [ba-ter-flai]  
 ba ge, *kiau*, egg [eg]  
 ba gogolo, *kakaruk*, chicken [chi-ken]  
 ba nala, *koki*, cockatoo [ka-ka-tu]  
 bada, *hwa dulubo nai*, fail, file [fail]  
 bage, *grup*, mixed group [miks grup]  
 baguasa bilobo, go around in circles  
 bagulubo, encircle [en-sir-kel]  
 balia ebo, *singsing long meri*, singing of women [sing]



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bolu, front men's cover  
bomai, *strongpela*, strong [strong]  
bono, *lain, baklain*, rope [rop]  
bono si ame, man's breast nipple  
bret, *bret*, bread [bred]  
bugagia, *gut*, well  
buku, *buk*, book [buk]  
bula sigi pali, go *insait*, go inside [go in-said]  
bulmakau, *bulmakau*, cow [kao]  
bulobo, *planim*, plant [plant]  
bulu, *ples*, village [vil-aj]  
bulu hwa bidi, *wel maselai*, spirit man  
bulu mamamonu, *wel maselai*, spirit man  
buluba keni, *kaskas*, scabies [ske-bis]  
bulubadu, *autsait*, outside [aot-said]  
bulubo, put something in something  
bulubo ugwa, *siot*, shirt [shert]  
buludu, *maunten*, mountain [maun-ten]  
buludu bage, mountain top [maun-ten tap]  
bunu, *ninik; binen*, bee [bi]  
bunu ge, honey [han-i]  
bunu togobo, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
busi, *bus*, woods [wuds]

## D d

da, *mipela*, us [as]  
da, dago, *mipela*, bilong *mipela*, we, our [wi, a-wer]  
dadalo soabo, *kamapim i kam*, *i kam*, *i kam*, coming up  
dagalu, *skai, heven*, sky [skai]  
daganabo, attach  
daganabo dili, *likli bun bilong am*, small bone in arm  
dagego, dage, *yupela*, you [yu]  
dai, *banis bilong haus*, wall [wal]  
daide, *antap*, on top [antap]  
dali, *wantaim*, with [with]  
damua pai, *damua pali*, *i gat wara*, sting,  
                  moist, rotten [moist, rat-en]  
day wabo, tighten, fasten [tait-en, fas-en]  
day wabo nai, *laimim, bulitim*, glue [glu]

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- daū wabo nai, *clam*, clamp, or glue. [clamp, glu]  
de, *husat*, who [hu]  
de, *wantaim*, with (clitic on nouns)  
dedage, *hul*, hole [hol]  
dedage nigibo nai, *boa*, drill [dril]  
degebo, *pun daun*, fall over [fal o-ver]  
degowe, *husat*, who  
deli, *wan*, one [wan]  
deli deli sogo, once in a while  
denami, smell [smel]  
di, *pekpek*, excrement [eks-kri-ment]  
di be, *haus pekpek*, toilet [toi-let]  
diasa pabo, *pekpek wara*, diarrhoea [dai-a-ri-a]  
didibili ebo, shake [shek]  
didibili gasi, *skin i guria*, chills  
digibulu, ade, *longwe tru*, far away [far a-we]  
dili, *bun*, bone [bon]  
dili keni, *buk*, boil  
dili togwa pai, *bun i bruk*, broken bone  
dilia pali, *hard*, hard [hard]  
dilibi, *rop*, vine [vain]  
dinai, *natnat*, mosquito [mos-ki-to]  
dini ebo, *dinibo*, itch [itch]  
do, *tomara o asde*, yesterday or tomorrow [tu-mar-o, yes-ter-de]  
dobabo, *skelim*, distribute [dis-trib-yut]  
dodolobo, *mekim gut gen*, repair [ri-pe-er]  
dogoni, neck front [nek]  
                    adams apple  
dogoni, sound of voice [vois]  
dola, *lip tulip*,  
dolalubo, *sanap*, stand up [stand ap]  
dologode, *ananit long*, under [an-da]  
domobo ugwa, *posa ugwa*, cloak which encircles neck, [klok]  
                    something knitted with holes in it  
du, *ples i go antap*, hill, mound [hil, maund]  
du, fruit [frut]  
dua dua, *isi isi*, slowly [slo-li]  
dualubo, *haitim*, hide  
duba, two days before or two days hence  
dula, *glas*, mirror [mir-or]

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dulalubo, *sindaun*, sit down [sit daun]  
dulalubo nai, *ser*, chair [cher]  
dulubo, *sapim*, sharpen [shar-pen]  
dulubo nai, *sanpepa o fail*, sandpaper or file [sand-peper]  
dwagiai, *gut*, good [gud]  
dwai, *nogut*, bad [bad]  
dwai haubo *mobo bidi*, bad spirit [bad spirit]  
dwasianu, *liklik*, narrow [ne-ro]  
dwasianu, *liklik*, small [smal]  
dwasianu bolo, *liklik rat*, mouse [maus]  
dwasianu hasomani, *liklik snek*, worm [werm]  
dwasianunu, *liklik tru*, very very few  
dwasianunu, *liklik tru*, tiny [tain-i]

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## E e

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e, *hia*, here [hi-er]  
e badu, *dispela sait*, this side [this said]  
ebe ogo, *pinga bilong muruk*, muruk claw  
ede, *hia*, here [hi-er]  
egeba, stick for fighting, two sides sharpened  
ela pabo, *winim*, win [win]  
elalua pabo, *i stap i go*, continues to exist  
and go on  
elalubo, *i stap*, exists, remains [eks-ists, ri-mens]  
things  
elebo, *paitim*, hit, or kill [hit]  
ena, *mi*, me [mii]  
ena, *mi*, I (non ergative) [ai]  
ene, *spia*, arrow [ero]  
ene, *kanda*, rattan [ra-tan]  
ene nanobo naga, *foa*, four [fo-a]  
ene nawe, kidney  
enebo, *sutim*, shoot [shut]  
enesigi, *banara*, bow [bo]  
eno, *bilong mi*, my, I (ergative) [mai]

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## G g

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gabali, *kawali*,  
gabo, *suga*, sugar cane [shu-gar ken]  
gabo a!, *suga*, sugar [shu-gar]  
gagalobo, *statim*, start  
gagawai, *luk olsem*, look similar [luk sim-i-ler]  
gagea pabo, *krukitim*, bend  
gagelebo, *pilai*, play  
gagi, *gorgor*, *kawawar*, ginger root [gin-ger rut]  
gani, *pedauwali*, *maus*, lower lip [lo-er lip]  
gasa badu, *hap sait*, other side [other said]  
gasi ebo, *sik*, sick [sik]  
gawadi, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
geo, *guria*, earthquake [erth-kwek]  
ge, *mama bilong skru*, nut, egg, or small object [nat]  
ge hwa, *naif*, knife [naif]  
geasa pabo, *kam bek*, return [ri-tern]  
geba, *bot*, raft, boat [raft, bot]  
gebelebo, *kibu gebelebo*, *pasim pik*, tie up feet of pig  
geda mubo, *popaia*, miss [mis]  
geda wabo, *krai*, cry  
gedu, *ai*, eye [ai]  
gedu dili, upper cheek bone  
gedu haluasabo, *pre*, pray [pre]  
gedu nisi, eye brow [ai brao]  
gedu pade nisi, eye lash [ai lash]  
gedu wedai, *aipas*, blind [blaind]  
gegebo, *laik painim*, look for, [luk foa]  
try to find  
gegeda pabo, *lusim ting ting*, forget [for-get]  
don't know  
geme dualobo, *hait*, hide [haid]  
geme halubo, *hait*, secret, hide [si-kret]  
genage, *kap*, *mambu*, cup, bamboo tube [kap, bam-bu]  
genage, *mambu*, bamboo [bam-bu]  
genage dage, *baket*, bucket [bak-et]  
genage, *tin*, *tin*, can [kan]  
genuai, *brait*, wide [waid]

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genuai, *bikpela*, big [big]  
gesabidi, *fes*, face [fes]  
geselebo, *mekim gut gen*, repair [ri-pair]  
gesi, *nupela*, raw, new, young [raw, nu]  
gesi bidi, *yangpela man*, young man, [yung man]  
                        *man i no marit*, or unmarried man  
gesiga, well, good  
gi, *gaden*, garden [gar-den]  
giliga, *san*, sun [san]  
giligade, *taim bilong san*, day [de]  
gisigo wabo, *lap*, laugh [laf]  
godolo mu ebo, *givim bel*, love [luv]  
gogo tubo, *kisim hot*, get warm [get warm]  
gu pagede, *matmat*, burial place  
gudabo, *rausim*, extract, remove [eks-tract, ri-mov]  
gudubo ugwa, *trausa*, trousers [trau-sas]  
gumi, *sket*, *purpur*, skirt [skirt]  
guni, *nus*, nose [nos]  
guni bulasabo, *pulim nus na kros liklik*,  
guni tubo, *draivim*, drive

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## H h

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ha ebo muli, *solmuli*, lemon [le-mon]  
ha ebo nai, *plen*, plane [plen]  
ha yai ni pobelebage, *pipia long plen*, shavings [shev-ings]  
habo, ha ebo, *i gat pait*, bitter [bit-er]  
habu badu, *kona*, corner [kor-ner]  
haga, *galip*, Tahitian chestnut  
hale ebo, *sem*, shame [shem]  
halebage, *bokis*, box [baks]  
haliga, *rope bilong pikinini*, umbilical cord, [um-bil-i-kal kord]  
                        intestine  
hamia, backside men's covering  
hamina, tongue  
hamu, a bundle (of saksak or tobacco)  
hamudali, *banis*, chest [chest]  
hanalubo po, *askim*, question [kwes-tion]  
hasa, *animal*, *kapul*, animal, cuscus [an-i-mal, kas-kas]  
hasegelebo, *senesim*, swap, exchange [swap, eks-chenj]

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hasomani, *snek*, snake [snek]  
hauwa, *planti*, many [man-i]  
hauwa sogo, *planti taim*, often [awf-ten]  
hi, *balus*, a bird  
hinsis, *hinsis*, hinge [hinj]  
hq, *sta*, star [sta]  
hobede, *sori*, sorrow, sorry  
hobolobo, *samapim*, sew [so]  
hobolu du, heart [hart]  
hodalobo, *kirap*, get up, raise [rez, get ap]  
hodama, *rausim long mu mu*, take out of mu mu  
hodo dolobo, *malolo*, rest [rest]  
hodo dolobo side, *taim bilong malolo*, seventh day  
hodobo, *mipela olgeta*, all together  
hogomu, *smoke bilong graun*, dust [dast]  
hogwabo, *tainim nabaut*, spin, rotate [spin, ro-tet]  
holo, *nek long baksait*, neck, back of [nek, bek of]  
holobo, *go antap*, grow [get ap]  
holobo ugwa, *siot*, shirt [shirt]  
homu, *lewa*, liver [liver]  
homu denibo, *bel i nogut*, sad [sad]  
homu elebo gasi, *sot win*, short of breath  
homu godolo menio, *mi no amamas*, unhappy  
homu kone tua pali, *tingting i paul liklik*, thinking slightly  
    wrong  
homu mobodo ebo, *hart i wok tasol*, heartbeating  
homu pemene ebo, *amamas long dispela*, happy, joyful  
homu segebo, homu dwai ebo, *mi gat wari*, worry  
honu, *kru*, sprout  
huli, *tudak*, dark [dark]  
hulia sabo, getting dark [get-ing dak]  
hulide, *nait*, night [nait]  
husugu, dark [dark]  
    often dark blue  
hwibo, *pait*, fight [fait]  
hwa wai, *liklik naif*, small knife

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## I i

ibadu *we dabe*, middle wives  
ida, *mama*, mother [math-er]  
idali *weyu*, lest [lest]  
ide, *longwe liklik*, further than ude  
ili, *gris*, fat. grease [fat, gris]  
imilai, iminai, *daun pasin*, humble, quiet person [hum-bul]  
(homu ayedu elalubo)  
iminai *bidi*, humble person  
isi, *paia*, firewood [fai-er-wud]  
isibo, *dai*, die [dai]

## K k

kabis, *kabis*, cabbage [ka-bij]  
kaiya, *lip kumu mosin*,  
kala, *kunai*, sword grass [sord gras]  
kali, *kaukau*, sweet potato [swit po-te-to]  
kaneme ebo, *karim blut*, bleed [blid]  
kanome, *blut*, blood [blud]  
kauwa *bidi*, *wel maselai*, spirit man  
kebo, *pasim long rop*, tie [tai]  
keba hwa, stone axe  
kegebo, *pulim*, pull [pul]  
kele, *tit*, teeth [tith]  
keli, *sit bileng paia*, white ash [wait ash]  
keloa, *kanda*, a vine, rattan  
kemi, *wesan*, sand [sand]  
kena, gall bladder  
keni, *sua*, sore [sor]  
kibo, *skirap*, itch [itch]  
kiapego kali, potato [po-te-to]  
kibu, *pik*, pig [pig]  
kibu be, *yia*, year [yia]  
kibu mi, *mit bilong pik*, pork [pork]  
kibu sipsip, *sipsip*, sheep  
kibu wali, *let*, belt [belt]  
kibu yalegai, *wel pik*, wild pig

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kidu, *ni*, knee [ni]  
kidu sugunobo, *brukim skru*, kneel [nil]  
kigamu, *morning*, morning [morn-ing]  
kigibili, *rop long blut*, vein for blood [ven]  
kilasa soabo, *subim i go liklik*, push over a little  
kiso mu, *planti tumas*, very very much  
kobi, *kopi*, coffee [kof-i]  
kolesaga, *save*, knowledge [na-lej]  
komonai, *namba wan*, first, eldest [ferst, el-dest]  
komonai oqwa, *namba wan pikinini man*, first son [ferst san]  
komonai we, first wife  
kone palobo, *ting ting*, think [think]  
konealubo, *holim long tingting*, memorize [mem-o-riz]  
konebo, *save*, know, to [no]  
konila ebo, *tupela i bamp*, strain, tension  
kü, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
kumini, brown [braon]  
kuna, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
kuni kali, carrot [kar-ot]

## M m

ma, *papai, talinga*, mushroom [mush-rum]  
mabo, *givim*, give [giv]  
madi, *hat*, cap [kap]  
madi, *pesagede*, *ples*, place [ples]  
magede mubo, *salim*, sell [sel]  
magi, *wanem*, what [wat]  
magibasowe, *magibaso meni*, *bilong wanem*, *watpo*, why [wai]  
malu, plain [plen]  
mama, *ret*, *retpela*, red [red]  
mama kali, *yam*, *mami*, yam [yam]  
mamudono, *sise1*, chisel [chis-el]  
manibo, put on roof [put on ruf]  
mano, grasshopper [gras-hap-er]  
manogo, *anis long kaikai diwai*, termite  
masigi, *ston*, rock, stones [rak]  
masigi ge, *mani ain*, money, coins [man-i]  
masigi hwa, *akis ston*, stone axe  
mene, husband's sister-in-law

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me si me si, *foa*, four [fo-a]  
mebadu, *sampela*, some [sum]  
meda, *pobelebage*, *pipia*, dirt [dert]  
medabu, *nil*, needle [nid-el]  
mege, *liklik flai*, a small fly  
megi, *nau*, now or today [na-o]  
mena bidi, which man  
mena tama, *olsem wanem*, how [ha-o]  
menade, *we*, *long wanem ples*, where [we-er]  
menio, *woo*, *nogat*, no [no]  
mi, *mit*, muscle [mus-el]  
mi, *mit*, meat [mit]  
**mobia pali**, **mobi yai**, *drai sting*, dead and dry tree  
[ded and drai]  
mobo, *win*, breath [breth]  
modoli, *tragau long nait*,  
moni, large [larj]  
moni hamago, *bel*, stomach [sta-mak]  
mono dabe, *lapun man*, old man [old man]  
mosi dabe, *lapun woman*, old woman [old wo-man]  
mubo, *putim*, put [put]  
mumunu ebo, *pos i liklik lus*, a little loose in the ground  
munalubo, *mualubo*, *putim*, *na i stap*, put and remains (things)  
[put and ri-mens]  
munamuna, *marasin*, medicine [med-i-sin]  
musugwa, hic up

## N n

na, *sol*, shoulder blade [shol-der]  
na, *smolmama*, aunt [ant]  
na, *driman*, dream [drim]  
na, *spun*, spoon [spun]  
naboge, cheek [chik]  
naga, *yu yet*, you yourself  
naga, *wanpela*, *tasol*, alone only [a-lon]  
naga mea pali, *malu malu*, soft [sawft]  
nagede, shoulder [shol-der]  
nago, *nage*, *yu*, you [yu]  
nai, *samtинг*, thing or things [thing or things]

## Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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- nai tibilibo nai, oesophagus [esafagas]  
nala, koki, cockatoo [kakatu]  
nanibo, i lait, shine [shain]  
nasi, rais, rice [rais]  
nasibo, hangre, hungry [hang-ri]  
nedebo, rit, read [rid]  
nedu, pamkin, squash [skwash]  
nedu du, tomato, tamato, tomato [to-me-to]  
negedubadi, olsem taim long lukautim, while looking out for  
negele, dinau, loan, debt [lon]  
ni, diwai, wood [wud]  
ni, diwai, tree [tri]  
ni dage, dono, stik, stick [stik]  
ni dogobo nai, boa, bit [bit]  
ni gelebo, katim diwai, cut down tree [kat daun tri]  
ni name, plang, plank, board [plank, bord]  
ni name se ebo bidi, kapenta, carpenter [kar-pen-ter]  
ni pedali, as bilong diwai, tree root [tri rut]  
ni tomo tigi, as bilong diwai, trunk [trunk]  
nigo nai walobo, tree bears fruit [tri bers frut]  
nisasi, wanpela pisin, a bird  
nisici, gras, hair [hair]  
nisu naga, hamas, how many  
nisu sogo, wanem de, when, what day  
nisu sogo, wataim, when [wen]  
niwai bidi, some man, a man [sum man, a man]  
nou dabe, lapun papa, tumbuna, ancestor  
no, laus, flea [flii]  
nogi, nem, name [nem]  
nogo, am, o han, arm, or hand [arm, hand]  
nogo dani, pinga, finger, finger nail [fing-er, nel]  
nogo habu, skru, elbow [el-bo]  
nogo mubo, putim han antap, put hand up  
nogo sawali, palm of hand  
nogo si, ten, ten [ten]  
nogo tu ebo, point [point]  
nologo, han bilong diwai, branch [branch]  
noma, reflection or image in mirror  
noma bidi, a personal effect  
noma sali, kirap nogut, surprised

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

nosali, dua, bihain, later [le-ter]

## O o

o, taro, taro [ta-ro]  
o, sai, honamu, saksak, sago [se-go]  
obe, i no drai, not dry [nat drai]  
obo, banis, fence [fens]  
oda saga sabo, come kisim, come and get [kam and get]  
odasa pabo, kisim i go, take and go [tek and go]  
odobo, harim, listen, hear [lis-en]  
odogo, ples daun, valley [val-i]  
ogolu holobo, hic up  
ogwa, pikinini man, son [san]  
ogwa bidi, single man  
ogwa wai, spirit of man, or lung [spir-it, lang]  
ogwa we, single woman  
oiyabe, lepa, leprosy [lep-ro-si]  
ola mabo, tis, teach, show [tich]  
olo, ia, ear [i-er]  
olo, nating, not engaged [nat en-gajd]  
olo degai, yaupas, iapas, deaf [def]  
omai, man, male [mel]  
ona sulubo, winim mambu, learn to play the flute  
osala subo, check [chek]  
osogo, temporarily [temp-o-rer-li]  
owai, drai, drv [drai]

## P p

pisigabo, lusim rop, untie [an-tai]  
pade, kostu, near [ni-a]  
pade isainu ebo, klos to i dai, near death  
pagabo, pulapim, fill up, to [fil]  
pa, binatang long saksak, grub [grub]  
(edible)  
pabalo bidi, impulsive, outgoing person  
pabalo bidi, outspoken person  
pabo, go, go [go]  
pado, hill side [hil said]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

pagede, *arere long*, by, beside [bai, bi-said]  
pagu, *masis*, matches or something for lighting fires  
paiabo ni, *plang*, siding [said-ing]  
pano, shin [shin]  
pedalobo, happen, to [hap-en]  
pedauwali, *maus*, upper lip [ap-er lip]  
pedebo, *brukim*, cut with grain [kat with grain]  
pedu ni, ridgebeam  
pemene ebo, *dwigai homu ebo*, *hepi amamas*, happy [hep-i]  
penani, *wasket*, chin [chin]  
penani ebo, *brukim marit*, commit adultery [ko-mit a-dul-ter-i]  
penani gabulu, chin  
penani nisi, beard [bi-erd]  
penebo, *klinim*, clean [klin]  
pesa, *spet*, spit. saliva [spit]  
pesegelebo, *lusim*, untie  
peselama, *katim*, cut  
pewadage, *sot*, *sotpela*, short [short]  
pibo, *slip*, sleep [slip]  
pibo be, *betrum*, bedroom [bed-rum]  
pibo sai, *bet*, bed [bed]  
pila mubo, *slip*, lie down [lai daun]  
pio, *abinun*, late afternoon [let af-ter-nun]  
pisila pabo, *i bruk*, tear [tair]  
po, *klaut*, cloud [klaud]  
po da haluasali, *smoke bilong bus*, fog [fog]  
po, *toktok*, talk [tok]  
po dage, *tok*, word [wurd]  
po mibo, *tok tok*, discuss  
po mobo, *lo*, law  
po tu ebo, *jas*, judge, to [juj]  
po wabo, *spik*, speak [spik]  
po wasiawai bidi, *maus pas*, mute [mut]  
pobasealubo, isi pobasealubo, *slip klos tu long paia*,  
sleep next to the fire [slip neks tu faia]  
pobebo, *pobeali*, *pobeai*, *ranawe long en*, chase  
pobelebage, *pipia*, trash [trash]  
pobogebo nai, *boa masin*, brace [bres]  
pobogebo nai, *screwdraiva*, screwdriver [screw-draiv-a]  
pobogelebo, *tainim*, turn around once or so

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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pogolobo, *subim*, push  
poi, *pispis*, urine [u-rin]  
poi pibo be, *taim bilong biksan*, summer, [sum-er]  
dry time [drai taim]  
polasa pabo, *go pas*, go first, ahead [go ferst]  
polo, *kwik taim*, quickly [kwik-li]  
polo, *hariap*, quick [kwik]  
polua, *mun*, moon [mun]  
polua nanibao, *mun lait*, moon shines  
poluago elebo, *kilim mun*, menstruate [men-strait]  
pomo, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
pos, *pos*, post [post]  
posobo, anger  
posolo, *hat*, hot [hat]  
posolo gasi, *malaria*, malaria [ma-lar-i-a]  
pou, *plet*, plate [plet]  
pu, *graun i gat wara*, mud  
puba hwi, *tenkyu*, thank you [thenk yu]  
pubalobo, *planim*, bury [ber-i]  
puli, *kumul*, kumul  
pulugwa, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
punali, *banis long bel*, stomach muscle [stamak masel]  
pus kat, *pusi*, cat [kat]  
pusobo, *spik*, se, say [se]  
pusu, *swit*, sweet [swit]  
pusu nai muli, *swit muli*, orange [o-ranj]

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saga, *lek*, foot, leg [fut, leg]  
saga dani, *pinga bilong lek*, toe, toe nail [to, to nel]  
saga habu, *saga gabulu*, heel [hil]  
saga sawali, *ananit bilong fut*, sole [sol]  
sa mabo, *mak*, mark, to [mark]  
sabeli, *plang bilong pait*, shield [shild]  
sabi, *las*, last [last]  
sabi ogwa, last son [last san]  
sabi si, *wan nem*, have same name [hav sem nem]  
sabi we, last wife  
sabilibo, *karim i go*, carry around

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# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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sabo, *kisim*, receive [ri-siv]  
sabolobo, *kamap*, arrive [a-raiv]  
saga nadaba, *su*, shoe [shu]  
sagadu, *anis*, ant [ant]  
sagala, *wait pela ston*, limestone, chalk  
sagia sabo, *pasim maus*, don't answer [dont anser]  
sai, *floa, o tebol*, floor, or table [flo-er, te-bel]  
sasia pai, *drai i no sting*, dry, not rotten [drai, nat rat-en]  
sau, cliff [klif]  
sau pado, *go daun tumas*, steep place [stip ples]  
se ebo, *wok*, work [work]  
se hagalabo, *les*, lazy [le-zi]  
sebedi, *limbum*, limbum  
sebelebo, *pasim hol*, close a hole [kloz a hol]  
sege, *pekato*, *sin*, sin [sin]  
sege ebo, *hevi*, heavy [hev-i]  
segeni ebo, *liklik ren*, mist, slight rain [mist, slait ren]  
selā, *tri*, three [thri]  
selā asobo, *bringim wantaim*, bring when coming  
[bring wen kam-ing]  
selā pabo, *kisim i go wantaim*, take when going  
[tek wen go-ing]  
selā sabo, *tekewe, rausim*, remove, subtract [ri-mov. sab-trakt]  
sene, *sospen*, kettle or dish [ket-el or dish]  
sene po, *tuptup*, lid [lid]  
sesebo, *bringim*, bring [bring]  
sesegede, *arere*, edge [ej]  
sesemani sogo, *olgeta taim*, all the time  
sewa, *yelo, yelopela*, yellow [yel-o]  
si, tu, two [tu]  
sia, *paia*, fire [fai-a]  
sia dabo, *paia em i lait nau*, light the fire  
sia degasabō, *san i go daun*, sunset [san-set]  
sia nogobo, *statim paia*, light the fire [lait tha fai-er]  
sia sali, *wada long mambu em pinis*, it is finished  
(but not by itself)  
sia sulasabō, *em i no lait nau*, fire goes out  
sia, sia ge, *san*, sun [san]  
siade, *taim bilong san*, daytime [de-taim]  
siago dabo, *kukim*, burn [bern]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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siasali, did exist, now not [did eg-sist,nau nat]  
sibi, *lain*, group of similar [grup uv sim-i-lar]  
sibulu side, time for sibulu, also marks a year  
sidawede, *aninit long haus*, under a house  
side, *taim*, season [si-san]  
siga, *bretfrut*, breadfruit [bred-frut]  
sigi, *raun wara*, lake [lek]  
sigi hwa, *akis*, axe [aks]  
sigidu soabo, *haiwe*, flying past or over  
sili, hip [hip]  
sina ebo, *wok yet i go i go*, continues to work  
sisi, *blek*, black [blek]  
sisi asəbo nai, *ing*, ink [ink]  
sisi ebo, *redim*, make ready [mek re-di]  
sisi haliga, colon  
sisinibo, *bungim, tainim wantaim*, come together, or mix  
[kam tu-geth-er, miks]  
so, *meri*, female [fi-mel]  
sobao, proceed [pro-sid]  
sobu, *sop*, soap [sop]  
sogo, *smoke*, tobacco [to-ba-ko]  
sogo, *de, na taim*, period, day, a time [per-i-ad, de, a taim]  
sole, *lait lam*, light [lait]  
lamp  
suasa, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
subigila, *nabaut*, around [a-raund]  
subo, *lukim*, see [si]  
sugabea, *anis i gat wing*, winged ant [wingd ant]  
sugu, *pis*, fish [fish]  
sulasali, *em yet it pinis nau*, it itself finishes  
suni, *kemodage, taragau*,  
sunumi, *tū*, door, road [do-er, rod]  
susugo wabo, *kus*, cough, cold [kawf, kold]  
ṣuyame ni, *floa*, floor planks

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T t

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tə, *banana*, banana [ba-na-na]  
tagadi, a red bird  
tabi, *bel*, stomach area [sta-mak er-i-a]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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- taga pabo, *lus i go*, leave  
taga soali, *lusim*, leave, to [liv]  
tagala pabo, *salim i go*, send [send]  
taims, *taims*, multiply, times [mul-ti-plai]  
tama, *olsem*, thus [thas]  
tamadi, shortly, short time previous or after  
tamu, *sol*, salt [sawlt]  
tamu ai, *solwara*, salt water [sawlt wat-er]  
tau, *mau*, ripe [raip]  
tau sabo, *helpim*, help [help]  
tebi, *pipia hip*, compost pile or heap  
teda, *nau*, then [then]  
tede, *long hap*, there, specific [ther]  
tedelai, *wait*, white [wait]  
tegabi, *bin*, bean [bin]  
tegeda, excited exclamation of greeting  
tegiga, two days before or two days hence [tu dez bi-for]  
tele, thigh [thai]  
ti, *ples i hait long san*, shade [shed]  
tiabi wabo, *singsing*, sing and dance [sing and dans]  
tiali goli, *tasol*, so it is, but [so it is, bat]  
tialima, *tasol*, however [hao-ev-er]  
tidi pabo, *sanap na lukluk i go*, watch to see what happens  
[wach tu si wat hepen]  
tigi, *bodi*, body [bod-i]  
tigi posolo, *fiva*, fever [fiva]  
tigidali, *olgeta*, all [ol]  
tigidali sogo, *olgeta taim*, all the time  
tigiwali, *skin*, skin [skin]  
tiwai, *lukluk olsem*, resemble [ri-zem-bel]  
tiwai si, *wankain*, same [sem]  
to, *graun*, ground [graund]  
to dodogo, *hul long graun*, hole in ground  
to haga, *wanpeila pisin*, a bird  
tobalu ebo, *i no swit, i no pait*, not sweet and not bitter  
tobolu, *het*, head [hed]  
tobolu denibo, *het pen*, headache  
tobolu nisi, hair on head [hair on hed]  
togibili, *leta*, ladder [la-der]  
togobo, *katim*, cut cross grain [kat kros grain]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

togobo nai, so, saw [saw]  
togobo ugwa, *laplap*, cloth [clawth]  
togwa pabo, *brukim*, break [brek]  
towgai ni tigi, *diwai*, log [log]  
tolalubo, *holim*, *pasim*, hold, retain [hold, ri-ten]  
tolobo, *karim long solda*, carry on shoulder  
tolobo, *salim i go*, send [send]  
toma tubo, *malolo*, rest [rest]  
tomo ogwa, a middle son [a mid-el san]  
tomode, *insait*, inside [in-said]  
tonalubo, *lukautim*, *wetim em*, look out for, wet  
[luk aut foa, wet]  
tu, *doa*, door, road [do-er, rod]  
tubo, *kaikai*, eat [it]  
tubo nai, *kaikai*, food [fud]  
tudi badu, *baksait*, rear [rir]  
tulalubo, *pun daun i stap*, fall and remain [fal and ri-men]  
tulubage, *ren*, rain [ren]  
tulubage be ugwa, *kolsinglis*, sweater [swe-ter]  
tulubo, *pun daun*, fall down  
tunumu, *ples long wokim mu mu*, place for starting a mu mu

## U u

u badu, ude, *hapsait*, other side [ather said]  
udabo, *tan*, run [ran]  
ugwa dabe, *klos*, clothes [cloths]  
ugwa genemo, 6th day before or after today  
ugwaba sabo, *liptimapim nem*, praise [ prez ]  
ugwade, *antap*, up there [ap ther]  
ugwago edago, 5th day before or after today  
ula, *windoa*, window [wind-o]  
ulubo, *kuk*, cook [kuk]  
umabo mu, *planti tumas*, very many [ver-i man-i]  
uni, *taragau i flai long*, owl [aol]  
usu ebo, *orait*, satisfactory, alright [sat-is-fact-or-i]  
                  alright  
usu menio, *i no inap*, insufficient [in-saf-ish-ent]  
usu ni, *rula*, ruler [ru-ler]  
usu ni, *tep*, *tep*, tape [tep]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

W W

- wadi, *wel faul*,  
wai, husband's father-in-law  
wa, *sek*, sack, bag [sak]  
wa, *bilum*, string bag [string beg]  
wa bula sabo, go *insait long bilum*, go inside of string bag  
[go in-said uv string beg]  
wa!, *lapun papa, tumbuna*, grandfather [grand-fath-er]  
wai, grandson [grand-san]  
wagali, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
wago yabe, *daka, daka*  
wai, *bebi, pikinini*, baby [be-bi]  
waia, pandanus fruit [pan-dan-as frut]  
waia side, *kibu be, yia*, year [yi-er]  
wala wala ni, *safnil*, purlins  
wali, *win*, wind [wind]  
wali pabo, *bihainim tok*, obey, follow [obe]  
walisi, radio [re-di-o]  
wamia, woman's backside covering  
waselabo, *soim*, show  
we, *wara*, water [wa-ter]  
we, *meri*, woman [wo-man]  
we dabe, we sibi, women [wi-men]  
we isai bidi, *man, meri i dai pinis*, widower  
we sai bidi, *man*, husband [has-band]  
we wai bidi dabe, *manmeri*, people [pi-pul]  
wegi, *pikinini meri*, daughter [dawter]  
wei ponobo, *bekim bek*, answer, repay [an-ser, ri-pe]  
wel, *wel*, oil [oil]  
welia kugulu, *belt long bilas*, ornamental belt  
wia, *purpur*, woman's front covering  
wi pabo, *ranawe*, flee [fli]  
wi sabo, *stil*, steal [stil]  
wi sabo bidi, *stilman*, thief [thif]  
wiani, *bilas long het*, head band decoration  
wibo, *praid*, afraid [a-fraid]  
wiegiai, *naispela*, nice [nais]  
wilawe we, widow [wi-do]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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## Y y

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ya, *yar*, casuarina [kas-u-ri-na]

yabe, *lip*, leaf [lif]

yabe tigi pwai, green [grin]

yadila pali, *isi*, *i no hevi*, light, easy [lait, isi]

yisu, *kon*, corn [kon]

yoqwa, *palai*, gecko [ge-ko]

yowi, *dok*, dog [dog]

yuguli, *wanpela pisin*, a bird

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## MAGI MAGI NAI DABE

## MISC THINGS

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- aga (nai), en, it [it]  
age ni, tiang, crotch [kratch]  
agebele, ples i bruk liklik, crack [krak]  
aowa, plang long pait, shield for fighting  
sticks in the ground  
bigi, masket, gun [gan]  
bogodi elebo nai, musik, something to make music  
bogoli, lait bilong paia, flame [flem]  
bokwali, ambrela, umbrella [am-brel-a]  
bono, lain, baklain, rope [rop]  
bulu, ples, village [vil-aj]  
dedage, hui, hole [hol]  
di, pekpek, excrement [eks-kri-ment]  
di be, haus pekpek, toilet [toi-let]  
dula, glas, mirror [mir-or]  
dwai haubo mobo bidi, bad spirit [bad spirit]  
egeba, stick for fighting, two sides sharpened  
ene, spia, arrow [ero]  
enesigi, banara, bow [bo]  
ge, mama bilong skru, nut, egg, or small object [nat]  
geba, bot, raft, boat [raft, bot]  
genage, tin, tin, can [kan]  
halebage, bokis, box [baks]  
hamu, a bundle (of saksak or tobacco)  
hanalubo po, askim, question [kwes-tion]  
hobede, sori, sorrow, sorry  
hogomu, smoke bilong graun, dust [dast]  
huli, tudak, dark [dark]  
ili, gris, fat, grease [fat, gris]  
isi, paia, firewood [fai-er-wud]  
keli, sit bilong paia, white ash [wait ash]  
malu, plain [plen]  
masigi, ston, rock, stones [rak]  
masigi ge, mani ain, money, coins [man-i]  
masigi hwa, akis ston, stone axe  
meda, pobelebage, pipia, dirt [dert]  
medabu, nil, needle [nid-el]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

mobo, *win*, breath [breth]  
na, *driman*, dream [drim]  
nai, *samtинг*, thing or things [thing or things]  
negele, *dinau*, loan, debt [lon]  
ni, *diwai*, wood [wud]  
ni dage, dono, *stik*, stick [stik]  
nogi, *nem*, name [nem]  
noma *bidi*, a personal effect  
obo, *banis*, fence [fens]  
pagu, *masis*, matches or something for lighting fires  
pesa, *spet*, spit, saliva [spit]  
po, *toktok*, talk [tok]  
po dage, *tok*, word [wurd]  
po mobo, *lo*, law  
pobelebage, *pipia*, trash [trash]  
poi, *pispis*, urine [u-rin]  
pos, *pos*, post [post]  
sabeli, *plang bilong pait*, shield [shild]  
sege, *pekato*, *sin*, sin [sin]  
sia, *paia*, fire [fai-a]  
sigi, *raun wara*, lake [lek]  
sisi asębo nai, *ing*, ink [ink]  
so, *meri*, female [fi-mel]  
sobu, *sop*, soap [sop]  
sole, *lait lam*, light [lait]  
                    lamp  
ti, *ples i hait long san*, shade [shed]  
tebi, *pipia hip*, compost pile or heap  
wę, *wara*, water [wa-ter]  
wa, *sek*, sack, bag [sak]  
wa, *bilum*, string bag [string beg]  
walisi, radio [re-di-o]  
wel, *we1*, oil [oil]  
wi sabo *bidi*, *stilman*, thief [thif]

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## SE EBO PO            VERBS

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abelebo, *baim*, buy [bai]  
ai gea pelama, *kapsaitim wada*, pour water  
ai paubo, *waswas*, bathe, shower whole body [beth]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

aſ telabo, *waswas*, wash [wash]

alua pabo, *bruk*, shatter

ame nabo, *dring susu*, breast feed, or give birth to  
[brest fid, giv berth]

anomani, *poison*, sorcery

asəbo, *raitim*, write [rait]

asobo, *kam*, come [kam]

baguasa bilibo, go around in circles

bagulubo, encircle [en-sir-kel]

balia ebo, *singsing long meri*, singing of women [sing]

belegebo, mix

bidalubo, *i stap*, is here, remains [iz hir, re-mens]  
living, not plants

bidibo, *stap*, stay [ste]

bidida bidida paibao, *i go i go*, go for long time, eternal  
[i-ter-nal]

bilibo, *wakabout*, walk [wak]

bobugubo, *traut*, throw up

boi pibo, make peace

bola soabo, *flai*, to, fly, to [flai]

bula sigi pali, *go insait*, go inside [go in-said]

bulobo, *planim*, plant [plant]

bulubo, put something in  
something

day wabo, tighten, fasten [tait-en, fas-en]

dadalo soabo, *kamapim i kam*, *i kam*, *i kam*, coming up

daganabo, attach

degebo, *pun daun*, fall over [fal o-ver]

didibili ebo, shake [shek]

dini ebo, dinibo, itch [itch]

dobabo, *skelim*, distribute [dis-trib-yut]

dodolobo, *mekim gut gen*, repair [ri-pe-er]

dolalubo, *sanap*, stand up [stand ap]

dualubo, *haitim*, hide

dulalubo, *sindaun*, sit down [sit daun]

dulubo, *sapim*, sharpen [shar-pen]

ela pabo, *winim*, win [win]

elalua pabo, *i stap i go*, continues to exist  
and go on

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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elalubo, *i stap*, exists, remains [eks-ists, ri-mens]  
things

elebo, *paitim*, hit, or kill [hit]

enebo, *sutim*, shoot [shut]

gagalobo, *statim*, start

gagea pabo, *krukitim*, bend

gagelebo, *pilai*, play

geasa pabo, *kam bek*, return [ri-tern]

gebelebo, *kibu gebelebo*, *pasim pik*, tie up feet of pig

geda mubo, *popaia*, miss [mis]

geda wabo, *krai*, cry

gedu haluasabo, *pre*, pray [pre]

gegebo, *laik painim*, look for, [luk foa]  
try to find

gegeda pabo, *lusim ting ting*, forget [for-get]  
don't know

geme dualobo, *hait*, hide [haid]

geme halubo, *hait*, secret, hide [si-kret]

geselebo, *mekim gut gen*, repair [ri-pair]

gisigo wabo, *lap*, laugh [laf]

godolo mu ebo, *givim bel*, love [luv]

gogo tubo, *kisim hot*, get warm [get warm]

gudabo, *rausim*, extract, remove [eks-tract, ri-mov]

guni bulasabo, *pulim nus na kros liklik*,

guni tubo, *draivim*, drive

hale ebo, *sem*, shame [shem]

hasegelebo, *senesim*, swap, exchange [swap, eks-chenj]

hobolobo, *samapim*, sew [so]

hodalobo, *kirap*, get up, raise [rez, get ap]

hodama, *rausim long mu mu*, take out of mu mu

hodo dolobo, *malolo*, rest [rest]

hogwabo, *tainim nabaut*, spin, rotate [spin, ro-tet]

holobo, *go antap*, grow [get ap]

homu kone tua pali, *tingting i paul liklik*,  
thinking slightly wrong [think-ing slait-li rong]

hulia sabo, getting dark [get-ing dak]

hwibbo, *pait*, fight [fait]

isibo, *dai*, die [dai]

kebo, *pasim long rop*, tie [tai]

kegebo, *pulim*, pull [pul]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

- kibo**, *skirap*, itch [itch]  
**kidu sugunobo**, *brukim skru*, kneel [nil]  
**kilasa soabo**, *subim i go liklik*, push over a little  
**kone palobo**, *ting ting*, think [think]  
**konealubo**, *holim long tingting*, memorize [mem-o-riz]  
**konila ebo**, *tupela i bamp*, strain, tension  
**mabo**, *givim*, give [giv]  
**magede mubo**, *salim*, sell [sel]  
**manibo**, put on roof [put on ruf]  
**mubo**, *putim*, put [put]  
**mumunu ebo**, *pos i liklik lus*, a little loose in  
the ground  
**munalubo**, **mualubo**, *putim, na i stap*, put, and remains  
things, but not people [put, and ri-mens]  
**musugwa**, hic up  
**nanibo**, *i lait*, shine [shain]  
**nedebo**, *rit*, read [rid]  
**negedubadi**, *taim long lukautim*, while looking out for  
**ni gelebo**, *katim diwai*, cut down tree [kat daun tri]  
**nigo nai walobo**, tree bears fruit [tri bers frut]  
**nogo mubo**, *putim han antap*, put hand up  
**nogo tu ebo**, point [point]  
**noma sali**, *kirap nogut*, surprised  
**oda saga sabo**, *come kisim*, come and get [kam and get]  
**odasa pabo**, *kisim i go*, take and go [tek and go]  
**odobo**, *harim*, listen, hear [lis-en]  
**ogolu holobo**, hic up  
**ola mabo**, *tis*, teach, show [tich]  
**ona sulubo**, *winim mambu*, learn to play the flute  
**osala subo**, check [chek]  
**pagabo**, *pulapim*, fill up, to [fil]  
**pabo**, *go*, go [go]  
**pedalobo**, happen, to [hap-en]  
**pedebo**, *brukim*, cut with grain [kat with grain]  
**penani ebo**, *brukim marit*, commit adultery [ko-mit a-dul-ter-i]  
**penebo**, *klinim*, clean [klin]  
**peseglebo**, *lusim*, untie  
**peselama**, *katim*, cut  
**pisigabo**, *lusim rop*, untie [an-tai]  
**pibo**, *slip*, sleep [slip]

## Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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taga pabo, *lus i go*, leave

taga soali, *lusim*, leave, to [liv]

tagala pabo, *salim i go*, send [send]

taims, *taims*, multiply, times [mul-ti-plai]

tau sabo, *helpim*, help [help]

tiabi wabo, *singsing*, sing and dance [sing and dans]

tidu pabo, *sanap na lukluk i go*, watch to see what happens  
[wach tu si wat hepen]

togobo, *katim*, cut cross grain [kat kros grain]

togwa pabo, *brukim*, break [brek]

tolalubo, *holim*, *pasim*, hold, retain [hold, ri-ten]

tolobo, *karim long solda*, carry on shoulder

tolobo, *salim i go*, send [send]

toma tubo, *malolo*, rest [rest]

tonalubo, *lukautim*, *wetim em*, look out for, wet  
[luk aut foa, wet]

tubo, *kaikai*, eat [it]

tulalubo, *pun daun i stap*, fall and remain [fal and ri-men]

tulubo, *pun daun*, fall down

udabo, *ran*, run [ran]

ugwaba sabo, *liptimapim nem*, praise [prez]

ulubo, *kuk*, cook [kuk]

wa bula sabo, *go insait long bilum*, go inside of a string bag

wali pabo, *bihainim tok*, obey, follow [obe]

waselabo, *soim*, show

wei ponobo, *bekim bek*, answer, repay [an-ser, ri-pe]

wi pabo, *ranawe*, flee [fli]

wi sabo, *stil*, steal [stil]

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## ACCOMPANIMENT

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dali, *wantaim*, with [with]

de, *wantaim*, with (clitic on nouns)

hodobo, *mipela olgeta*, all together

naga, *wanpela*, *tasol*, alone, only [a-lon]

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## HOMO TOMODE PO

## ATTITUDE

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imilai, iminai, *daun pasin*, humble, quiet person [hum-bul]  
(homu ayedu elalubo)

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# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

pabalo bidi, impulsive, outgoing person

sé hagalabo, 1es, lazy [le-zi]

wibo, praid, afraid [a-fraid]

## BIDIGO TIGI PO BODY PARTS

abuai, brains [brens]

ame, susu, woman breast

bono si ame, man's breast nipple

daganabo dili, likli bun bilong am, small bone in arm

dili, bun, bone [bon]

dogoni, neck front [nek]

adams apple

dogoni, sound of voice [vois]

ene nawe, kidney

gani, pedauwali, maus, lower lip [lo-er lip]

gedu, ai, eye [ai]

gedu dili, upper cheek bone

gedu nisi, eye brow [ai brao]

gedu pade nisi, eye lash [ai lash]

gesabidi, fes, face [fes]

guni, nus, nose [nos]

haliga, rope bilong pikinini, umbilical cord, [um-bil-i-kal kord]  
intestine

hamina, tongue

hamudali, banis, chest [chest]

hobolu du, heart [hart]

holo, nek long baksait, neck, back of [nek, bek of]

homu, 1ewa, liver [liver]

kanome, blut, blood [blud]

kele, tit, teeth [tith]

kena, gall bladder

kidu, ni, knee [ni]

kigibili, rop long blut, vein for blood [ven]

mi, mit, muscle [mus-el]

moni hamago, bel, stomach [sta-mak]

na, sol, shoulder blade [shol-der]

naboge, cheek [chik]

nagede, shoulder [shol-der]

nai tibilobo nai, oesophagus [esafagas]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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nisi, gras, hair [hair]  
nogo, am, o han, arm, or hand [arm, hand]  
nogo dani, pinga, finger, finger nail [fing-er, nel]  
nogo habu, skru, elbow [el-bo]  
nogo sawali, palm of hand  
noma, reflection or image in mirror  
ogwa wai, spirit of man, or lung [spir-it, lang]  
olo, ia, ear [i-er]  
pano, shin [shin]  
pedauwali, maus, upper lip [ap-er lip]  
penani, wasket, chin [chin]  
penani gabulu, chin  
penani nisi, beard [bi-erd]  
punali, banis long bel, stomach muscle [stamak masel]  
saga, lek, foot, leg [fut, leg]  
saga dani, pinga bilong lek, toe, toe nail [to, to nel]  
saga habu, saga gabulu, heel [hil]  
saga sawali, ananit bilong fut, sole [sol]  
sili, hip [hip]  
sisi haliga, colon  
tabi, bel, stomach area [sta-mak er-i-a]  
tele, thigh [thai]  
tigi, bodi, body [bod-i]  
tigiwali, skin, skin [skin]  
tobolu, het, head [hed]  
tobolu nisi, hair on head [hair on hed]

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## KAPENTA PO      CARPENTER TERMS

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dav wabo nai, laimim, bulitim, glue [glu]  
ha yai ni pobelebage, pipia long plen, shavings [shev-ings]  
hinsis, hinsis, hinge [hinj]  
ni name, plang, plank, board [plank, bord]  
ni name se ebo bidi, kapenta, carpenter [kar-pen-ter]  
paiabo ni, plang, siding [said-ing]

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## BOMAI DAWE      CAPABILITY

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bomai, strongpela, strong [strong]  
bomo meni, i no gat strong, weak or tired [wik or tai-erd]

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# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

## MENA ELA PABOWE

## COMPARISON

gagawai, *luk olsem*, look similar [luk sim-i-ler]  
komonai, *namba wan*, first, eldest [ferst, el-dest]  
sabi, *las*, last [last]  
sabi si, *wan nem*, have same name [hav sem nem]  
tiali goli, *tasol*, so it is, but [so it is, bat]  
tialima, *tasol*, however [hao-ev-er]  
tiwai, *lukluk olsem*, resemble [ri-zem-bel]  
tiwai si, *wankain*, same [sem]

## E TODE ME DAGALUDE PO

## ENVIRONMENT

aŋ, *wara*, water [water]  
aŋ gamia, *baret*, ditch  
aŋ sane, *waitsan*, white sand [wait sand]  
aŋ sanide, *wesan klos tu long wada*, beach [bitch]  
be gulu gulu wabo, *klaut i bruk*, thunder [than-der]  
be sele ebo, *lait bilong klaut*, lightning [lait-ning]  
buludu, *maunten*, mountain [maun-ten]  
buludu bage, mountain top [maun-ten tap]  
busi, *bus*, woods [wuds]  
dagalu, *skai*, heven, sky [skai]  
du, *ples i go antap*, hill, mound [hil, maund]  
geo, *guria*, earthquake [erth-kwek]  
gi, *gaden*, garden [gar-den]  
giliga, *san*, sun [san]  
ho, *sta*, star [sta]  
kemi, *wesan*, sand [sand]  
odogo, *ples daun*, valley [val-i]  
pado, hill side [hil said]  
pq, *klaut*, cloud [klaud]  
pq da haluasali, *smoke bilong bus*, fog [fog]  
polua, *mun*, moon [mun]  
pu, *graun i gat wara*, mud  
sagala, *wait pela ston*, limestone, chalk  
sau, cliff [klif]  
sau pado, *go daun tumas*, steep place [stip ples]  
sia, sia ge, *san*, sun [san]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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sunumi, *tū*, door, road [do-er, rod]  
tamu *ai*, *solwara*, saltwater [sawlt wat-er]  
*tq*, *graun*, ground [graund]  
*tq dodogo*, *hul long graun*, hole in ground  
tulubage, *ren*, rain [ren]  
wali, *win*, wind [wind]

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## PUSUBO PO EXPRESSION

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Au, *sori*, sorry [sori]  
ae, exclamation  
aowe, *ao*, yes, yes [yes]  
bogobo po, *tro aut*, throw up [thro ap]  
menio, *woo*, *nogat*, no [no]  
puba hwi, *tenkyu*, thank you [thenk yu]  
tama, *olsem*, thus [thas]  
tegeda, excited exclamation of greeting

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## TUBO NAI FOOD

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agia, *arang*, *karuka*, pandanas, applied to peanuts  
ame pe, *susu*, milk, breast milk [milk]  
aniani, *anian*, onion [an-i-an]  
awi, *pitpit*, pitpit [pit-pit]  
ba ge, *kiau*, egg [eg]  
bidi tobolu du, *kokonas*, *kokonas*, coconut [ko-ko-nat]  
bret, *bret*, bread [bred]  
bunu ge, honey [han-i]  
du, fruit [frut]  
gabo, *suga*, sugarcane [shu-gar ken]  
gabo *ai*, *suga*, sugar [shu-gar]  
gagi, *gorgor*, *kawawar*, ginger root [gin-ger rut]  
ha ebo muli, *solmuli*, lemon [le-mon]  
kabis, *kabis*, cabbage [ka-bij]  
kali, *kaukau*, sweet potato [swit po-te-to]  
kiapego kali, potato [po-te-to]  
kibu mi, *mit bilong pik*, pork [pork]  
kobi, *kopi*, coffee [kof-i]  
kuni kali, carrot [kar-ot]  
ma, *papai*, *talinga*, mushroom [mush-rum]

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# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

mama kali, *yam*, mami, *yam* [yam]  
mi, mit, meat [mit]  
nasi, rais, rice [rais]  
nedu, pamkin, squash [skwash]  
nedu du, tomato, tamato, tomato [to-me-to]  
o, taro, taro [ta-ro]  
o, sai, honamu, saksak, sago [se-go]  
pusu nai muli, swit muli, orange [o-ranj]  
siga, bretfrut, breadfruit [bred-frut]  
sogo, smoke, tobacco [to-ba-ko]  
ta, banana, banana [ba-na-na]  
tamu, sol, salt [sawlt]  
tegabi, bin, bean [bin]  
tubo nai, kaikai, food [fud]  
waia, pandanus fruit [pan-dan-as frut]  
yisu, kon, corn [kon]

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## NISU NAGA SOGO DAWE                    FREQUENCY

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deli deli sogo, once in a while  
hauwa sogo, planti taim, often [awf-ten]  
sesemani sogo, olgeta taim, all the time  
tigidali sogo, olgeta taim, all the time

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## BE NAI DABE                    HOUSE THINGS

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be, haus, house [haus]  
be beli, rack above fire [rak a-bav faia]  
be mabo, veranda, porch [porch]  
be pai, outside wall of house  
dai, banis bilong haus, wall [wal]  
dulalubo nai, ser, chair [cher]  
pedu ni, ridge beam  
pibo be, betrum, bedroom [bed-rum]  
pibo sai, bet, bed [bed]  
suyame ni, floa, floor planks  
sai, floa, o tebol, floor, or table [flo-er, te-bel]  
togobili, leta, ladder [la-der]  
tu, doa, door.road [do-er, rod]

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# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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ula, *windoa*, window [wind-o]

wala wala ni, *safnil*, purlins

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## DWASIANU BIDI BO NAI DABE

## INSECTS

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amamu, *anis bilong kaikai diwai*, termite [ter-mait]

aseba, *kakalak*, cockroach [ka-kroch]

boliai, *flai*, fly [flai]

bunu, *ninik; binen*, bee [bi]

dinai, *natnat*, mosquito [mos-ki-to]

mano, grasshopper [gras-hap-er]

manogo, *anis long kaikai diwai*, termite

mege, *liklik flai*, a small fly

no, *laus*, flea [fli]

sagadu, *anis*, ant [ant]

sugabea, *anis i gat wing*, winged ant [wingd ant]

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## HANALUBO PO

## INTERROGATIVE

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degowe, *husat*, who

magi, *wanem*, what [wat]

magibasowe, *magibaso meni, bilong wanem, watpo*, why [wai]

mena bidi, which man

mena tama, *olsem wanem*, how [ha-o]

menade, *we, long wanem ples*, where [we-er]

nisu naga, *hamas*, how many

nisu sogo, *wanem de*, when, what day

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## MENADE ELALUBO PO

## LOCATIONS

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ade, *daun bilo*, down there [daun ther]

ayenu, *daun bilo*, down under

bulubadu, *autsait*, outside [aot-said]

daide, *antap*, on top [an tap]

digibulu, ade, *longwe tru*, far away [far a-we]

dologode, *ananit long*, under [an-da]

e badu, *dispela sait*, this side [this said]

ede, *hia*, here [hi-er]

gasa badu, *hap sait*, other side [other said]

gu pagede, *matmat*, burial place

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# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

habu badu, *kona*, corner [kor-ner]  
ide, *longwe liklik*, further than ude  
madi, *pesagede*, *ples*, place [*ples*]  
pade, *kostu*, near [ni-a]  
pagede, *arere long*, by, beside [bai, bi-said]  
sesegede, *arere*, edge [ej]  
sidawede, *aninit long haus*, under a house  
sigidu soabo, *haiwe*, flying past or over  
subigila, *nabaut*, around [a-raund]  
tede, *long hap*, there, specific [ther]  
tomode, *insait*, inside [in-said]  
tudi badu, *baksait*, rear [rir]  
tunumu, *ples long wokim mu mu*, place for starting a mu mu  
u badu, ude, *hapsait*, other side [ather said]  
ugwade, *antap*, up there [ap ther]

## GASI EBO PO MEDICAL

asiga wabo, *kus*, sneeze  
buluba keni, *kaskas*, scabies [ske-bis]  
diasa pabo, *pekpek wara*, diarrhoea [dai-a-ri-a]  
didibili gasi, *skin i guria*, chills  
dili keni, *buk*, boil  
dili togwa pai, *bun i bruk*, broken bone  
gasi ebo, *sik*, sick [sik]  
gedu wedai, *aipas*, blind [blaind]  
homu elebo gasi, *sot win*, short of breath  
homu mobodo ebo, *hart i wok tasol*, heart beating  
kaneme ebo, *karim blut*, bleed [blid]  
kauwa bidi, *wel maselai*, spirit man  
keni, *sua*, sore [sor]  
munamuna, *marasin*, medicine [med-i-sin]  
oiyabe, *lepa*, leprosy [lep-ro-si]  
olo degai, *yaupas*, *iapas*, deaf [def]  
pade isainu ebo, *klos to i dai*, near death  
po wasiawai bidi, *maus pas*, mute [mut]  
posolo gasi, *malaria*, malaria [ma-lar-i-a]  
susugo wabo, *kus*, cough, cold [kawf, kold]  
tigi posolo, *fiva*, fever [fiva]  
tobolu denibo, *het pen*, headache

## Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

## MENA TAMA PO                  MANNER

**dua dua, isi isi, slowly [slo-li]**  
**polo, kwik taim, quickly [kwik-li]**

## **NISU NAGA PO NUMBERS**

anaga, *fiv*, five [fiv]  
anaga olama mebadu deli, *sikis*, six [siks]  
anaga olama mebadu ene nanobo, *nain*, nine [nain]  
anaga olama mebadu mesi mesi, *nain*, nine [nain]  
anaga olama mebadu sela, *et*, eight [et]  
anaga olama mebadu si, *seven*, seven [seven]  
bidi sese, *twenti*, twenty  
deli, *wan*, one [wan]  
ene nanobo naga, *foa*, four [fo-a]  
me si me si, *foa*, four [fo-a]  
nogo si, *ten*, ten [ten]  
selo, *tri*, three [thri]  
si, *tu*, two [tu]

# WE WAI BIDI DABE PO PEOPLE

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

- auwa mosio, auwa mosi, *pikinini o lapun mama*, grandchild,  
or grandmother [grand-mather]  
aya, *papa*, father, dad, father's brother, uncle [fath-er]  
aya ida, *papamama*, parents [pair-ents]  
bage, *grup*, mixed group [miks grup]  
base, *kandre*, husband's brother-in-law  
bidi, *man*, man [man]  
bidi dabe, men [men]  
bidi pai we, *meri*, wife [waif]  
bulu hwa bidi, *wel maselai*, spirit man  
bulu mamamonu, *wel maselai*, spirit man  
da, *mipela*, us [as]  
da, dago, *mipela*, *bilong mipela*, we, our [wi, a-wer]  
dagego, dage, *yupela*, you [yu]  
de, *husat*, who [hu]  
ena, *mi*, me [mi]  
ena, *mi*, I (non ergative) [ai]  
eno, *bilong mi*, my, I (ergative) [mai]  
gesi bidi, *yangpela man*, man i no marit, young man.  
or unmarried man [yung man]  
ibadu we dabe, middle wives  
ida, *mama*, mother [math-er]  
komonai ogwa, *namba wan pikinini man*, first son [ferst san]  
komonai we, first wife  
mene, husband's sister-in-law  
mono dabe, *lapun man*, old man [old man]  
mosi dabe, *lapun woman*, old woman [old wo-man]  
na, *smolmama*, aunt [ant]  
naga, *yu yet*, you yourself  
nago, nage, *yu*, you [yu]  
niwai bidi, some man, a man [sum man, a man]  
nou dabe, *lapun papa*, tumbuna, ancestor  
ogwa, *pikinini man*, son [san]  
ogwa bidi, single man  
ogwa we, single woman  
omai, *man*, male [mel]  
sabi ogwa, last son [last san]  
sabi we, last wife  
sibi, *lain*, group of similar [grup uv sim-i-lar]  
tomo ogwa, a middle son [a mid-el san]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

wai, husband's father-in-law

wai, lapun papa, tumbuna, grandfather [grand-fath-er]

wai, grandson [grand-san]

wai, bebi, pikinini, baby [be-bi]

we, meri, woman [wo-man]

we dabe, we sibi, women [wi-men]

we isai bidi, man, meri i dai pinis, widower

we sai bidi, man, husband [has-band]

we wai bidi dabe, manmeri, people [pi-pul]

wegi, pikinini meri, daughter [dawter]

wilawe we, widow [wi-do]

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## HOMU PO PSYCHOLOGICAL

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homu denibo, bel i nogut, sad [sad]

homu godolo menio, mi no amamas, unhappy

homu pemene ebo, amamas long dispela, happy, joyful

homu segebo, homu dwai ebo, mi gat wari, worry

iminai bidi, humble person

pabalo bidi, outspoken person

pemene ebo, dwagiai homu ebo, hepi amamas, happy [hep-i]

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## DWAGIAI MA MENIWE QUALITY

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dwagiai, gut, good [gud]

dwai, nogut, bad [bad]

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## NISU NAGA QUANTITY

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dwasianunu, liklik tru, very very few

hauwa, planti, many [man-i]

kiso mu, planti tumas, very very much

mebadu, sampela, some [sum]

tigidali, olgeta, all [ol]

umabo mu, planti tumas, very many [ver-i man-i]

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## SKUL NAI SCHOOL THINGS

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asebo ni name, blekbod, blackboard [blek-bord]

usu ni, rula, ruler [ru-ler]

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Dadibi, *Tok Pisin*, English [dogone]

## SHAPE

**bobobage**, *longpela*, tall [tawl]  
**dwasianu**, *liklik*, narrow [ne-ro]  
**genuai**, *brait*, wide [waid]  
**pewadage**, *sot*, *sotpela*, short [short]

## NISU GENUAI DAWE

## SIZE

**bobobage**, *longpela*, long [long]  
**dwasianu**, *liklik*, small [smal]  
**dwasianunu**, *liklik tru*, tiny [tain-i]  
**genuai**, *bikpela*, big [big]  
**moni**, large [larj]

**STATUS, CONDITION**

**bedegebo madi**, *i we1*, slippery [slip-er-i]  
**damua pai**, **damua pali**, *i gat wara, sting*, moist, rotten, damp  
[moist, rat-en]  
**dilia pali**, *hard*, hard [hard]  
**gesi**, *nupela*, raw, new, young [raw, nu]  
**gesiga**, well, good  
**mobia pali**, **mobi yai**, *drai sting*, dead and dry tree  
[ded and drai]  
**naga mea pali**, *malu malu*, soft [sawft]  
**nasibo**, *hangre*, hungry [hang-ri]  
**obe**, *i no drai*, not dry [nat drai]  
**olo**, *nating*, not engaged [nat en-gajd]  
**owai**, *drai*, dry [drai]  
**posolo**, *hat*, hot [hat]  
**sasia pai**, *drai i no sting*, dry, not rotten [drai, nat rat-en]  
**sege ebo**, *hevi*, heavy [hev-i]  
**siasali**, did exist, now not [did eg-sist,nau nat]  
**tau**, *mau*, ripe [raip]  
**usu ebo**, *orait*, satisfactory, alright [sat-is-fact-or-i]  
**usu menio**, *i no inap*, insufficient [in-saf-ish-ent]  
**wiegiai**, *naispela*, nice [nais]  
**yadila pali**, *isi*, *i no hevi*, light, easy [lait, isi]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

## NISU SOGO PO

## TIME

be posobo, *tulait*, dawn, start of day [dawn, start uv de]  
bodolo mubo, *makim taim*, set a time [set a taim]  
do, *tomara o asde*, yesterday or tomorrow [tu-mar-o, yes-ter-de]  
duba, two days before or two days hence  
giligade, *taim bilong san*, day [de]  
hodo dolobo side, *taim bilong malolo*, seventh day  
hulide, *nait*, night [nait]  
kibu be, *yia*, year [yia]  
kigamu, *morning*, morning [morn-ing]  
megi, *nau*, now, or today [na-o]  
nisu sogo, *wataim*, when [wen]  
nosali, dua, *bihain*, later [le-ter]  
osogo, temporarily [temp-o-rer-li]  
pio, *abinun*, late afternoon [let af-ter-nun]  
poi pibo be, *taim bilong biksan*, summer, dry time  
[sum-er, drai taim]  
polo, *hariap*, quick [kwik]  
polua nanibao, *mun lait*, moon shines  
sia degasabo, *san i go daun*, sunset [san-set]  
siade, *taim bilong san*, daytime [de-taim]  
sibulu side, time for sibulu, also marks a year  
side, *taim*, season [si-san]  
sogo, *de*, *na taim*, period, day, a time [per-i-ad, de, a taim]  
tamadi, shortly, short time previous or after  
teda, *nau*, then [then]  
tegiga, two da's before or two days hence [tu dez bi-for]  
ugwa genemo, 6th day before or after today  
ugwago edago, 5th day before or after today  
waia side, kibu be, *yia*, year [yi-er]

## PEDAUWALIDE DENAMI

## TASTE

denami, smell [smel]  
habo, ha ebo, *i gat pait*, bitter [bit-er]  
pusu, *swit*, sweet [swit]  
tobalu ebo, *i no swit*, *i no pait*, not sweet and not bitter

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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## KAPENTAGO SE EBO NAI DABE

## TOOLS

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bada, hwa dulubo nai, *fail*, file [fail]  
daū wabo nai, *clam*, clamp, or glue, or fastening device [clamp, glu]  
dedage nigibo nai, *boa*, drill [dril]  
dulubo nai, *sanpepa o fail*, sandpaper or file [sand-peper]  
ha ebo nai, *plen*, plane [plen]  
keba hwa, stone axe  
mamudono, *sisel*, chisel [chis-el]  
ni dogobo nai, *boa*, bit [bit]  
pobogebō nai, *boa masin*, brace [bres]  
pobogebō nai, *screwdraiva*, screwdriver [screw-draiv-a]  
sigi hwa, *akis*, axe [aks]  
togobo nai, *so*, saw [saw]  
usu ni, *tep*, *tep*, tape [tep]

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## BEDE SE EBO NAI DABE

## UTINSELS

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age na, *fok*, fork [fork]  
ge hwa, *naif*, knife [naif]  
genage, *kap*, *mambu*, cup, bamboo tube [kap, bam-bu]  
genage dage, *baket*, bucket [bak-et]  
hwa wai, *lilik naif*, small knife  
na, *spun*, spoon [spun]  
pou, *plet*, plate [plet]  
sene, *sospen*, kettle or dish [ket-el or dish]  
sene po, *tuptup*, lid [lid]

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## TOBA BULALI NAI DABE

## VEGETATION

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abu, *kru*, new growth in a tree  
dilibi, *rop*, vine [vain]  
dola, *lip tulip*,  
ene, *kanda*, rattan [ra-tan]  
genage, *mambu*, bamboo [bam-bu]  
haga, *galip*, Tahitian chestnut  
honu, *kru*, sprout  
kaiya, *lip kumu mosin*,  
kala, *kunai*, sword grass [sord gras]

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# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

keloa, kanda, a vine, rattan

ni, diwai, tree [tri]

ni pedali, as bilong diwai, tree root [tri rut]

ni tomo tigi, as bilong diwai, trunk [trunk]

nologo, han bilong diwai, branch [branch]

sebedi, limbum, limbum

togwai ni tigi, diwai, log [log]

wago yabe, daka, daka

ya, yar, casuarina [kas-u-ri-na]

yabe, lip, leaf [lif]

## BA DABE, HASA DABE, GULUA DABE

## WILD LIFE

ba, pisin, bird [berd]

ba boko, bataplai, butterfly [ba-ter-flai]

ba gogolo, kakaruk, chicken [chi-ken]

ba nala, koki, cockatoo [ka-ka-tu]

be badi, snek bilong haus, house snake

bena, snek i dringim blut, leech [lich]

bokwa, blek bokis, flying fox [flai-ing foks]

bozo, rat, rat [rat]

bulmakau, bulmakau, cow [kao]

dwasianu bolo, liklik rat, mouse [maus]

dwasianu hasomani, liklik snek, worm [werm]

ebe ogo, pinga bilong muruk, muruk claw

hasa, animal, kapul, animal, cuscus [an-i-mal, kas-kas]

hasomani, snek, snake [snek]

kibu, pik, pig [pig]

kibu sipsip, sipsip, sheep

kibu yalegai, wel pik, wild pig

pa, binatang long saksak, grub [grub]  
(edible)

pus kat, pusi, cat [kat]

sugu, pis, fish [fish]

yoqwa, palai, gecko [ge-ko]

yowi, dok, dog [dog]

# Dadibi, Tok Pisin, English [dogone]

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## BA NOGI DABE      BIRD NAMES

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analı, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
beli sigi, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
bunu togobo, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
gabali, *kawali*, a bird called Kawali  
gawadi, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
hi, *balus*, a bird called Balus  
kü, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
kuna, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
modoli, *tragau long nait*, a bird  
nala, *koki*, cockatoo [kakatu]  
nisasi, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
pomo, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
puli, *kumul*; kumul bird  
pulugwa, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
suasa, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
suni, *kemodage*, *taragau*, a bird  
tagadi, *wanpela redpela pisin*, a red bird  
to haga, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
uni, *taragau i flai long*, owl [aoi]  
wadi, *weil faul*, a bird  
wagali, *wanpela pisin*, a bird  
yuguli, *wanpela pisin*, a bird

## DADIBI LANGUAGE USAGE HELPS

### General

The verb in Dadibi is at the end of the clause or end of the sentence. Final clauses in sentences usually carry the tense or aspect information. A different series of verb forms (without tense information) are used in clauses which are medial in a sentence. Simple sentences with only one clause have final verb forms.

### Primary verb forms (final clause forms)

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| -bo     | gerund form, sometimes present tense                   |
| -bao    | present to near future                                 |
| -aibao  | future tense   |
| -ao     | imperative, command form                               |
| -ali    | near past tense, (not always a time oriented nearness) |
| -ai     | past tense   |
| -bo dao | customarily  |
| -ai dao | completed  |

### Primary verb form examples

**Present continuing form**      Eno megi tama te buku nedebao.  
                                        *I now the book am reading.*

Engl    Now I am reading the book.

Pisin    Nau tasol mi ritim buk.

**Present tense eno buku nedebao**  
                                        *I book read*

Engl    I am reading the book.

Pisin    Mi ritim buk.

**Future tense**    Eno    buku    nedaibao  
                    *I*          *book*          *will-read.*

Engl I will read the book.

Pisin Bai mi ritim buk.

**Imperative**      buku    sao  
                        book     get

Engl get the book (a command)

Pisin yu mas kisim buk

Engl Joseph saw the book.

Pisin Josep em lukim buk pinis.

**Customarily**    Aganasi    agai    buku dabe  
                    *Agnas*         *she*         *books*

nedebo dao.  
*customarily reads.*

Engl Agnas customarily reads books.

Pisin Aqnas em save ritim buk.

**Completed**      T<sub>e</sub>      buku      aqai      nedai dao.  
*This*      *buk*      *he*      *finished reading.*

Engl He finished reading this book.

Engl The man who reads books  
went to the mountain.

**Pisin** Dispela man em save ritim buk,  
em i go long maunten pinis.

## Negatives in final verbs

**-be** negative gerund, or present form

Engl      eno    sesebe  
              *I*      *didn't bring*

Pisin mi no bringim

-bo meni negative continuing form

pibo meni  
am not sleeping

Pisin mi no sleep nau

### -gabe negative future

magobe  
Engl      *won't give*  
Pisin      *can't give*

no inap givim

### Medial clause forms

- lama, -ama having done
- badi while (simultaneous with some other action)
- baso reason, for this reason
- bo si when this happened (time oriented)

### Medial verb form examples

#### -lama

Dadibi      Ena maketeba pelama,  
                I to-the-market having gone,  
  
                tubo nai abelali.  
                food bought.

English      Having gone to the market, I bought food.

Tok Pisin    Mi go long maket na baim kaikai.

#### -badi

Dadibi      Tulebage tubadi,      ena beba  
                Rain while falling, I to-the-house  
  
                sobao.  
                am-proceeding.

English      While it is raining,  
                I am proceeding to the house.

Tok Pisin    Taim ren i kam daun, mi go long haus.

-baso

**Dadibi**    Eno nasi baso, kali abelaibao.  
              *I because hungry, sweet potato will-buy.*

**English** Because I am hungry,  
I will buy sweet potato.

Tok Pisin Mi hangre na bai mi baim kaukau.

## Two verbs combined

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| verb <sup>1</sup> -g- verb <sup>2</sup> | verb <sup>2</sup> is usually: |
|   | asobo                         |
|   | pabo                          |
| for-the-purpose-of                      |                               |

Example:      sisinagasaki      (sisinibo -g- asobo)  
gather                    |                came  
together                |  
                          |  
                          for-the-purpose-of

**Tok Pisin:** kam long bung

**English:** come for purpose of gathering together

Example:      magasao      (mabo      -g-      asobo)  
                  |  
        give | come (*imperative*)  
                  |  
        for-the-purpose-of

Tok Pisin: kam long givim bek

English: come to give it back

Example:      sugipali      (subo      -g-      pabo)  
                  |  
        see    |    went  
                 |  
        for-the-purpose-of

**Tok Pisin:**    go long lukim

**English:**    went to see

Example:      pusagasomainogo (pusa -g- aso- mainogo)  
                  |  
        speak    |    come desires  
                 |  
        for-the-purpose-of

**Tok Pisin:**    em laik kam long toktok

**English:**    want to come to speak

#### Movement clitics added primarily to nouns

-ba      move to

*Ena beba                         paibao.*  
I to-the house will go.

-du      move from, move through

*Fna Karimuidu                 eba                 megi         asali.*  
I from-Karimui to-here today came.

*Da busidu                         pelama,                 eba*  
We through-the bush having-come, to-here

*sabolali.*  
arrived.

**-de**      at, in, on

*Ena Negabo bede                            bidibo.*  
I at-Negabo village am staying.

*Te nai                halebage tomode            elalubo.*  
That thing in-the box exists.

*Te kali                        ni name daide*  
The sweet potato on-top-of-the plank

*muao.*  
put it.

### Relation clitics on nouns

**-bolo**      to a recipient

*Te hobî            enabolo                    magasao.*  
The thread to-me come-to-give-back.

**-de**      with someone  
concerning someone or something

*Eloisi            enade                    asalio.*  
Lois with-me came.

**-go**      marks the actor in a two participant event

*Te bidigo            eno            ogwa            elai.*  
That man my son hit.

**-go**      marks the possessor

*Te bidigo            ogwa                    bugagia bidibao.*  
That man's son is living well.

**-go**      marks the instrument in an action

*Kibago            hwago                    ni            gelai.*  
Kiba with-an-axe tree chopped down.