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PREFACE.

Although several short lists of Maru words have been collected by officers who have travelled among the frontier tribes in the north of Burma, this is I believe the first attempt that has been made to give an outline of the construction and grammatical principles of the Maru language. To this have been added some colloquial exercises and a vocabulary of over a thousand words, and it is hoped that the manual will be found sufficient for the use of any government officers or others who may wish to gain an acquaintance with the language.

By our boundary arrangements with China the whole of the Maru Country lies within our political frontier, and its direct administration will doubtless have to be undertaken before many years have elapsed. In any case the rapid opening up of communications within the limits of our present administered territory must lead to increasing intercourse with these frontier tribes.

Maru being, like Chinpaw, entirely an unwritten language, considerable difficulty is found in adequately representing the sound of the words in English characters. I have followed as far as possible the system of spelling which has been employed by Mr. Hertz in his "Handbook of the Kachin Language" and which has been accepted by the Local Government for the spelling of Kachin words. Certain sounds, however, occur in Maru which cannot be accurately rendered by any combination of Roman characters. The pronunciation of such words can only be learnt by actually hearing them spoken by Marus. This remark applies especially to the

sound which I have attempted to represent by the combination ry, but which is so guttural as to almost correspond with the sound of gry in hungry.

Although great care has been taken to avoid mistakes in the Vocabulary and Colloquial Exercises by checking them through several times with separate men, errors are extremely liable to creep in where the only common language between informant and questioner is a language so meagre as Chinpaw. For any such errors and omissions I must claim indulgence. The grammatical portion of the book is simply an attempt to tabulate and explain the construction of simple sentences such as are illustrated in the colloquial exercises.

In conclusion I must express my indebtedness to Mr. H. F. Hertz, District Superintendent of Police, Myitkyina, who has kindly permitted me to follow the system of arrangement of his Kachin Handbook and to make use of some of the colloquial phrases and lists of words from that book.

Sadon, July 1899.

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RULES FOR PRONUNCIATION OF MARU.

Letter.	Pronunciation and Remarks.	Examples.
ă	Short vowel sound like u in hut,	kănaw = how much
a	Long a sound as in father,	lap = grave.
e	Sound of ay in pray,	ye=to go.
i	As i in machine when at the end of a word or syllable,	mi = fire.
i	Short as i in hit when in the middle of a syllable,	myit = to ask.
0	Long as o in dote,	nop = breast.
u	Long as oo in boot,	yu=to take.
	As u in bull,	muk=rain.
ai	English i in ice,	wai=to buy.
au	Like ow in how,	khau=paddy.
aw	As in law, or as o in long,	kaw=to break yawng=he.
eu	Like German ö,	meungdun = j a c k
oi	Sound of oi in oil,	ngoi=to rejoice.
b	As in English,	ba=sun.
ch	As ch in child,	choi=to arrive.
d	English d,	dai=to send.
g	Hard as in go,	săge=a youth.
gy h	A combination of g and y sounds	gye=soldier.
h	As in English,	huk=to shout
j k	do	ăjam=green.
	English k ,	suk=chief.
kh	Guttural k,	khau=paddy.
hk	Aspirated k,	hkit = leg.
ky	A combination of k and y sounds, is not softened into ch as in	,
-	Burmese,	kyaw = road.
1	English 1,	law = to return.

Letter.	Pronunciation and Remark	ks.	Examples.
m	English m,		maw=fungus.
n	English n,	***	nat = mouth.
ng	As ng in singer,	***	ngaw=I.
p	As in English,	12.50	pak = to shoot.
hp	Aspirated p,	***	hpe=what.
pf	A combination of p and f ,	***	pfaw = leaf.
г	As in English,		ruk=rat.
ry	A very guttural sound almost		THE JUST IS NOT THE
	equal to gry in angry,		ryi = big.
S	English s,	76.00	sak = tree.
sh	English sh,		she = sword.
hs	Aspirated s,	***	hse = to kill.
t	Hard t,	***	ta = to say.
ts	A blending of t and s,	***	tsai = tooth.
w	As in English,	***	waw = village.
у	ditto		yit = liquor.
Z	ditto,	***	mawzaw = old mar
tz	A blend of t and z sounds,		tzaw = food.

General Notes.

No accents have been used in this Manual. In Maru words the accent almost always falls on the last syllable of a word. In rapid conversation final k, t and p are frequently elided or slurred over so as to be inaudible. This practice will explain apparent discrepancies in spelling between the words in the Vocabulary and the colloquial phrases. All vowels and initial consonants must however always be given their full value.

INTRODUCTION.

The Marus are a race of people inhabiting the basin of the Nmaikha River or Eastern branch of the Upper Irrawaddy. Their southern limit is the Shinngaw Valley (lat. 25° 40') just within our administrative border, though there are scattered Maru villages in various parts of the Kachin Hills and even eastward of the Irrawaddy as far south at Mohnvin. The Maru Country proper is however still practically a terra incognita to Europeans, the only expedition which has penetrated far up the Nmaikha valley being that of Captain Pottinger, R. A., in the spring of 1897. The northern boundary of the Marus is therefore undetermined, but would probably lie in about Lat. 27° 30'. With our present scanty knowledge of the country it is impossible to estimate with any degree of accuracy what the population amounts to. Judging however by the extent of the tract and the fact that the villages are fairly numerous and that some of them contain as many as 100 houses, the total figure can scarcely fall short of 20,000.

The Maru language presents very little similarity to Chin-paw, but assimilates more closely in formation, sound, and construction to Burmese, and still more closely to Szi and Lashi. Captain Pottinger says, "The language of the Marus, Lashis and Szis is practically the same," and I would be inclined to go still further and say that Szi and Lashi are only dialects of Maru.

The similarity between <u>Burmese</u> and <u>Maru</u> is explained by Captain Pottinger by the theory that both these races originally migrated from Tibet by the valley of the Nmaikha, the

Maru section remaining in the hill country near the headwaters while the Burmese continued on into the plains below. The Chinpaws, on the other hand, though belonging to the same Tibetan stock, found their way southward by way of the Malikha valley. As regards the Szis and Lashis they are obviously of Maru extraction, though they themselves strenuously deny the fact. They are probably the decendants of intermarriage between Marus and Lepai Kachins, possibly with a sprinkling of Chinese blood. Their language, as I have already pointed out, is practically only a corrupted form of Maru.

The Marus are not a particularly fine race physically, being as a rule more slightly built and shorter than Chinpaws. The inaccessibility of their country has protected them from outside aggression and preserved their independence; and their warlike instincts, if they possess any, have not had much chance of being developed. Marus make excellent coolies. Owing to their freedom from the opium habit they are capable of doing a much better day's work than the ordinary Kachin, and they are wonderfully handy in using their dahs.

Each Maru village forms a separate community under its own chief (Suk waw). The main divisions of the Marus are given below, though it is believed that these do not represent separate clans or sub-tribes as with the Chinpaws.

Tangbau. Săkum. Nanwaw.

The Marus speak of themselves as Lawngwaw, their river, the Nmaikha, they call Lawngpit. The term "Maru" is the name given them by the Chinpaws.

Mary, Mro = the people, or the tribe - Mian - see Tracouparia - Languages of Elinar before the Elinese, page.

PART I GRAMMAR AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE LANGUAGE.

PART I.

CONSTRUCTION OF SENTENCES.

1. The verb is always placed last in the sentence.

Examples.

Ngaw yam kat ra = I am building a house. Ngaw = I (subject). Yam = house (object). Kat ra = am building (verb).

2. When the subject is a personal pronoun and the object has a qualifying adjective, the object often precedes the subject.

Example.

Che tsåshawng ngaw aw ra = I love this child. che = this. tsåshawng = child (object). ngaw = I (subject). aw ra = love (verb).

3. The Indirect object usually precedes the direct object.

Sătek me pau poi yu ge=Take the coat out of the box.

sătek me = out of the box (indirect object).

pau = coat (object).

poi yu ge = take out (verb).

4. Auxiliary verbs follows the verb which they qualify, except 'raw' (to be able) which immediately precedes it.

Example.

Ngaw miyam raw pak ra = I can fire a gun. ngaw = I, miyam = gun. raw = can. pak ra = fire.

NOUNS.

Gender.

1. Sex in human beings is expressed as follows:—

yauk kai = man or male. mi ge = woman or female. yauk kai tzaw = boy. mi ge tzaw = girl. săge = lad, young man. tsămi = maid.

2. The sex of animate beings is distinguished by adding 'law' for males, and 'tsan' for females.

Examples.

myaw=a horse, myaw law=stallion, myaw tsan=mare. lăka=dog, kalaw=dog (male), ka tsan=bitch. myangka=tiger, myang kalaw=tiger (male), myang katsan = tigress.

3. With birds however the affix 'paw' is used for males.

Example.

ryaw = a fowl, ryaw paw = cock, ryaw tsan = hen.

4. Inanimate objects have no gender.

NUMBER.

Unless special emphasis is required, the plural is the same as the singular.

Occasionally the words 'ryi' and 'cham' are affixed to the

singular form to mark the plural.

Example.

myaw = horse, myaw ryi, myaw cham, horses. mige = woman, mige ryi, mige cham women.

These forms are never used with numerals or with collective adjectives, like some, all etc.

THE VERB.

1. The verbal root is the same through all the tenses which are formed by adding verbal affixes.

2. The Present Tense is formed by adding the affix 'ra'

Example.

Infinitive.

kat = to do.

Present Tense.

ngaw kat ra, = I do.
naw kat ra, = thou doest.
yawng kat ra = he does.
nătnaung kat ra = we do.
nănawng kat ra = you do.
yawngbam kat ra = they do.

3 The addition of the auxiliary 'na' (to be) denotes continuance of action.

ngaw kat na ra = I am doing.
naw kat na ra = thou art doing.
etc., etc.

Past Indefinite.

4. The Past Indefinite is formed by adding the verbal affix 'wa' to the root.

ngaw kat wa = I did. naw kat wa = thou didst. yawng kat wa = he did. etc., etc.

5. The past definite is formed by prefixing the verb 'pwin' (to finish).

ngaw pwin kat wa = I have done. naw pwin kat wa = thou hast done. yawng pwin kat wa = he has done.

Future Tense.

6. The Future is formed by the addition of the affix 'ne' to the root.

ngaw kat ne = I shall do. naw kat ne = thou shalt do. yawng kat ne = he will do. etc., etc.

7. The Present conditional is formed by adding the affix 're' to the root.

ngaw kat re = if I do.
naw kat re = if thou doest.
etc., etc.

8. The Past conditional is formed by the affix 'lawng.'

ngaw kat lawng = if I do.
naw kat lawng = if thou didst.
etc., etc.

The Imperative.

9. The Imperative affixes are 'ge' 'a' 'ya' 'la' 'ge la' They are employed as follows:—

With Intransitive verbs, 'a' (or ya after a final 'i') is used for the singular and 'ge' for the plural.

Examples.

ye a = go thou (singular).

ye ge = go (plural).

li ya = come (singular addressing one person).

li ge = come (addressing several persons).

With Transitive verbs the same rule applies when the object is a third person:—

Examples.

yawng re tă kye pyit a=give him a rupee (singular). yawng re tă kye kye pyit ge = each of you give him a rupee (plur.).

When however the object is the speaker (1st person) the affix 'la' is used in the singular and 'ge la' in the plural.

ngaw re ngoi pyit la = give me money (singular). ngaw re ngoi pyit ge la = give me money (plural).

Transitive and Intransitive Verbs.

Transitive verbs are occasionally formed by prefixing 'sha' to the Intransitive verb.

Example.

li = to come (Intransitive). shăli = to make to come, i.e., to bring (Transitive).

PRONOUNS.

The Personal Pronouns are:-

ngaw = I
naw = thou
yawng = he

nătnaung = we
nănawng = you
yawngbam = they.

The Possessive Pronouns are:-

nga = my
ni = thy
yawng = his

nătnaung = our
nănawng = your
yawngbam = their.

Possessive Pronouns precede the noun they qualify.

Example.

Nga paw yawng năloi kuk wa = my father stole his buffalo. The Demonstrative Pronouns are:—

che, = this
maw = that

htaw = that (speaking of a thing on a higher level).

Examples.

Che tsămi yaung ra = this girl is pretty. Maw mawzaw mă yaung ra = that old man is ugly. Htaw pam myaw ra = that mountain is high.

The same forms are used in the plural for 'these' and 'those.'

Interrogative Pronouns.

kak, kăyauk = who hpe = what kă yauk = which (of things). kătau = which (of animals).

Examples.

Che yauk kak? Che kă yauk? = who is this?

Che myaw maw myaw ka tau che kai ra? = which is the better this horse or that?

Naw hpe kat ra = what are you doing?

ADVERBS.

Adverbs precede the verb which they modify. When special stress is required, they are placed first in the sentence.

Adverbs of Place.

che kyaw = here.
maw kyaw = there.
kai kyaw = whither?
muk pyaw kyaw = above
kyit kyaw = below.
kuk kyaw = inside.
rit mum kyaw = upstream.

htaw kyaw = up there.
kai = where?
kai me = whence?
htaw kyaw = above (up hill).
aw kyaw = below (down hill).
kum kyaw = outside.
rit bang kyaw = downstream.

Adverbs of Time.

atso = now.
kane = when.
anapa = to-day.
ami net = yesterday.
ani net hkit net = daybefore yesterday.
ami = yesterday night.
talang taraw = sometimes.

atso = presently.
ta pa = formerly.
net mon ne = to-morrow.
sawng paw pa = day after to-morrow.
ana mi = to-night.
mi tawng = at night.
hkit ne = before.
tawng ne = after.

Examples.

Naw kăne choi ne? = when will you arrive? Yawng yat choi ne = he will arrive soon. Ami lăka shet wa = the dog died last night.

Adverbs of Manner.

kăru = how.

ăru, shăru = thus.

tăku = carefully.

kai kai = well.

myi myi
pyit pyit } = quickly.

myaw myaw = much.

Examples.

Che mau kăru kat ne? = how will you do this work?
Myi myi ye a = go quickly.
Se se ta a = speak slowly.
Tsaw re ye ge = go slowly.
Shăru kat ge = do like this.

Adverbs of Number.

kănaw = { how much? how many? kănaw lang = how many times?

tă lang sa = once. shit lang = twice. sam lang = thrice.

Examples.

Miyam kanaw chaw ra? = how many guns are there? Shit lang pak wa = he fired twice.

ADJECTIVES.

Adjectives follow the nouns which they qualify.

Examples.

suk ryi = a great chief. myaw pyu = a white pony.

The following are a few of the common adjectives:-

ryi = big.
ryi tzan = great.
ngai = small.
kaung = long.
ryuk = difficult.
yaung = pretty.

kai = good.
mă kai = baḍ.
naw = deep.
lang = short.
ăhsak = new.
ătsuk = old (of things).

The names of colours are as follows :-

naw = black.

ne = red.

nyuk = green.

pyu = white.

ma = blue.

nyuk = yellow.

Comparison of Adjectives.

The Comparative is formed by the use of the particle 'che' (more).

Example.

Which is the bigger of these two things? = Che e maw kălam che ryi ra?
(literally, this and that, which is bigger?)

NUMERALS.

r = tă.	20 = shit se.
2 = shit.	21 = shit se tă.
3 = sam.	30 = sam se.
4 = pit.	40 = pit se.
5 = ngaw.	50 = ngaw se.
6 = kyauk.	100 = tǎ yaw.
7 = nat.	200 = shit yaw.
8 = she.	500 = ngaw yaw.
9 = ku.	1000 = tă khing.
10 = tă se.	2000 = shit khing.
II = tă se tă.	. 2500 = shit khing ngaw
12 = tă se shit.	yaw.
13 = tă se sam.	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH

The above are the actual numerals. To complete these, however, certain numeral affixes are necessary which change with the class of objects indicated, as in Burmese.

The principal numeral affixes are as follows:-

For human beings,	yauk.
For animals,	tau.
For inanimate objects, (long shaped,)	ke.
For inanimate objects, (round, cubical etc.).	lam

Examples.

Su shit yauk = 2 persons. Myaw pit tau = 4 horses. She ku ke = 9 dahs. Sătek tă se lam = 10 boxes.

With certain words, such as yam (house), kyaw (road) the noun itself is repeated after the numeral instead of using a numeral affix.

Examples.

yam tă yam = one horse. kyaung shit kyaung = two rivers. kyaw pit kyaw = four roads.

PREPOSITIONS.

Strictly speaking there are no prepositions, as the words corresponding to our prepositions always follow the nouns they refer to and should therefore be called postpositions.

re = to (sign of dative). kyaw = to (place). me = from. ne = near. e = with. åkyaw me = between.

Examples.

Ngaw re pyit la = give me.

Ngaw Lăpak kyaw ye ne = I am going to Lapak.

Yawng Lăpak me li wa = he has come from Lapak.

Yam ne myangka na ra = there is a tiger near the house.

Ngaw e li ya = come with me.

NEGATIVES.

The negative is formed by the particle $m\ddot{a}$, which is placed immediately before the verb.

Example.

Ngaw må pa = I do not know. Che khau må kai = this paddy is bad (not good).

In the imperative mood the prefix ' $t\tilde{a}$ ' is used instead of $m\tilde{a}$.

Examples.

Maw kyaw tă ye = do not go there. Tă kiau = fear not.

INTERROGATIONS.

The order of the sentence is not changed in interrogative sentences. Where there is no adverb of interrogation the particle 'i' is placed at the end of the sentence to denote a question. The particle 'i' is never used with adverbs of interrogation or interrogative pronouns.

Examples.

Naw hpe kat na ra? = what are you doing? Naw kane choi ne? = when will you return? Naw choi ne i? = will you return? Naw sak shi aw ra i? = do you like fruit?

Exception.

With the adverb 'kai me' (whence, where) the verbal affix ra is changed into ru.

Naw kai me li ru? = where do you come from?

The particle 'lau' at the end of a sentence denotes a conjectural question. This particle can be used with the interrogative pronouns and adverbs.

Examples.

Naw kai kyaw ye ne lau? = wherever are you going? Hpe tsai lau? = what can it be? Naw ye ne lau? = you are going, perhaps?

NAMES OF ANIMALS, BIRDS, ETC.

Dog = låka.

Buffalo = nå loi, nung loi.

Bullock = nå chaung.

Cow = nå tsan.

Cat = suk miaou.

Goat = shåtpai.

Rat = ruk.

Sambur = tse.

Crocodile = ngapai.

Snake = lawng moi.

Duck = paiche.

Fowl = ryaw.

Partridge = ngaw pfai.

Horse = myaw.

Mule = tsang tau.

Pig = waw.

Tiger = myangka, lämaw.

Elephant = tsawng.

Sheep = suk, yang.

Bear = we.

Barking-deer = shit shit.

Frog = paw.

Crab = wawki.

Goose = năbe.

Crow = kănaw.

Pheasant = ngaw kya.



PART II. COLLOQUIAL EXERCISES.

PART II.

EXERCISE I.

What is your name?

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Ni mang hpe ga?

2	My name is Ma Gam.	Nga mang Ma Gam.
3	Where do you come from?	Naw kai me li ru?
4	I come from Ritkawng.	Ngaw Ritkawng me li ra.
5	Where are you going to?	Naw kai kyaw ye ne?
6	I am going to Lammuk.	Ngaw Lammuk kyaw* ye ne.
7	What is your village?	Ni waw hpe ga?
8	My village is Lapak.	Nga waw Lăpak.
9	Where is your village?	Ni waw kai me chaw?
10	My village is in the Tanai valley.	Nga waw Tanai rit mum kyaw* chaw ra.
11	How far is it?	Kănaw wa?
12	Not very far-very far.	Kănaw mă wa-kyai wa ra.
13	How many days journey?	Kănaw pa ye re choi ne?
14	One day's journey—two days' journey.	Tă net re choi ne—Tă mi yap choi ne.
15	**	Nănaw waw kănaw yam ngat?
16	The second secon	Tăse yam ngat.
17	****	Suk mang hpe ga?
18	The duwa's name is	CALLED THE BASE A

Suk mang Lawtang.

shit ge la.

Yawng mawzaw ngat ra? Mă ngat, săge ngat.

Ngaw re Myaungnaw kyaw*

Lawtang. 19 Is he an old man?

No, he is a young man.

Show me the road to Myaungnaw.

^{*} In rapid conversation the word " kyaw", in sentences like this is slurred over so as to sound like " ke."

- 22 I do not know the road.
- 23 I have never been there.
- 24 The road is very bad.

Ngaw kyaw mă pa.

Ngaw mă choi ye shi.

Kyaw mă kai.

EXERCISE II.

- Why have you come?
- 2 I have come to buy salt.
- 3 When will you return?
- 4 To-day, to-morrow.
- 5 What work do you do?
- 6 I cultivate taungyas'.
- 7 What are you cooking?
- 8 I am cooking rice.
- 9 This rice is bad.
- 10 I am cooking curry.
- 11 Bring some water.
- 12 Go and buy fowls.
- 13 They will not sell them.
- 14 What is the price?
- 15 One rupee—four annas.
- 16 Eight annas—twelve annas.
- 17 What is this?
- 18 It is a dog.
- 19 We Kachins do not eat dogs' flesh.
- 20 Go into the house.
- 21 Enter-come out.
- 22 I shall go home.

Naw hpe mung li? Ngaw tsaw wai ye.

Naw kăne law ne ?

Ana pa,—Net mon.

Naw hpe kat ye?

Ngaw yaw laung kat.

Naw hpe yaung?

Ngaw tzaw yaung.

Che tzaw mă kai.

Ngaw chăsum yaung.

Rit shăli ya.

Ryaw yu wai ya.

Yawng bam yawng ma aung gaw.

Kănaw naw re aung gaw?

Tă gyet-tă che.

Shit che-sam che.

Cheya hpe tsai?

Lăka ngat wa.

Nătnaung paw waw lăka shaw mă tzaw.

Yam kyaw taw li ye.

Waw li ya-tup ye.

Ngaw yam kyaw law ne.

23 Go quickly.

24 Stand up-Sit down.

25 Rise up.

26 We Marus.

27 Come quickly.

Myi myi ye.

Ye a-saung a.

Taw a.

Nătnaung lawng waw.

Myi myi li ya.

EXERCISE III.

1 Give me some money,

2 I have no money.

3 Speak slowly.

4 I do not understand.

5 What does he say?

6 He says nothing.

7 Who is calling?

8 I am calling.

9 How are you?

to I am well.

11 What are you doing?

12 I am doing nothing.

13 Come here (to a person).

14 Go there (to a person).

15 Come here (to several people).

16 Go there (to several people).

17 How old are you?

18 I am twenty-five.

19 Is this child dead?

20 He is not dead, he is asleep.

21 What disease has he?

22 Head ache—a bad hand.

Ngaw re ngoi pyit ge la.

Ngaw ngoi mă chaw.

Se se ta a.

Ngaw mă ba (ngaw mă hse).

Yawng hpe ta lau?

Hpe ri mă ta.

Kak yawng ra?

Ngaw chau ra.

Naw kai wa i?

Kai wa.

Naw hpe kat na ra.

Hpe ri mă kat na.

Che kyaw li ya.

Maw kyaw ye a.

Che kyaw li ge?

Maw kyaw ye ge.

Ni prat kănaw ngat wa?

Shit se ngaw sin ngat wa.

Che tsăshawng shet wa i?

Må shet, yap chaw ra.

Yawng hpe naw ra?

Au naw ra-law naw ra.

- 23 That old man is strong.
- 24 I am afraid of the soldiers.
- 25 Why do you say this?
- 26 I am speaking the truth.

Maw mawtzaw ryam kyai paw ra.

Ngaw gye re kiau ra.

Naw hpe ăn ta?

Ngaw tang tang ta ra.

EXERCISE IV.

- Have you burnt your fields yet?
- 2 They are not yet burnt.
- 3 When will you sow the paddy?
- 4. This month, next month.
- 5 When will you reap the paddy?
- 6 It is not yet ripe.
- 7 When it is ripe, we will reap it.
- 8 It is raining.
- 9 The wind is blowing.
- There is snow on that hill
- What is the name of this tree?
- 12 Are these leaves good to eat?
- 13 Where does this road lead to?
- 14 It is the road to the hill fields
- 15 Does it rain much in this country?
- 16 It is very cold in the cold weather.

Nănawng yaw mă nga shi i ? Yaw mă nga shi.

Khau kăne toi ne? Chelaw, shălaw.

Khau kăne she ne? Mă mang shi,

Yawng mang ra yaw re, she ne.

Muk ryu ra. La hok ra.

Htaw bam kyaw kyu chaw ra.

Che sak mang hpe ga?

Che pfaw raw tzaw ra i?

Che kyaw kai me tuk ru?

Yaw ye kyaw.

Che muk kyaw muk kyak ryu ra i?

Kiaw yaw re kyai kiaw ra.

17 The sun is very hot.

18 The moon is shining.

19 The sun has set.

20 Before sunrise.

21 The river is very cold.

22 We Marus do not wash.

Ba kyai le ra.

Law tsaw ra.

Ba waw wa.

Ba mã tuk shi re.

Rit kyai nwin ra.

Nătnawng Lawng waw kaung mă tchit.

EXERCISE V.

1 What are you doing?

2 I am building a house.

3 Who is the owner of this house?

4 I want to buy a buffalo.

5 Why are you killing that pig?

6 I am worshipping the spirits.

7 I am afraid of the pony.

8 The horse does not kick.

9 The dog barks but does not bite.

10 Do not be afraid.

11 Do not run away.

12 Has the chief arrived?

13 No, not yet. He will arrive soon.

14 He is hiding in the jungle.

15 The jungle is thick.

16 Go and call him.

17 The dog is chasing the deer.

18 He has not caught it.

Naw hpe kat na ra?

Ngaw yam kat na ra.

Che yam san kăyauk?

Ngaw nungloi wai nuk ra.

Maw waw hpe an hse?

Ngaw yui kuk ra.

Ngaw myaw re kiau ra.

Myaw mã pak.

Lăka rye ra, mă pwin.

Tă kiau.

Tă pawng.

Suk choi wa i?

Mă choi shi. Atso choi ne. Săyaw kyaw pfaw chaw ra.

Săyaw kyai hse ra.

Yawng re ye yawng ge.

Shit shit re laka tuk ra.

Shit shit re mă taung wa

- 19 He runs very fast.
- 20 I cannot overtake him.
- 21 I have a bad leg.
- The Chinaman is riding a pony.

Yawng pyet pyet wa law ra.

Yawng re ngaw ma myi

Ngaw hkit naw ra.

Maw Hawaw myaw saung ra.

EXERCISE VI.

- 1 My mother is ill.
- 2 Is your father alive?
- 3 How many children have you?
- 4 Two boys and a girl.
- 5 My grandfather is dead.
- 6 That young women is pretty.
- 7 I want to marry.
- 8 I am not yet married.
- 9 That man is my brotherin-law.
- The dacoits killed my uncle.
- When my father dies I shall become chief.
- 12 My elder brother lives at Sadon.
- 13 He has gone to collect rubber.
- 14 Is there any amber found here?
- 15 No, but there is jade.
- 16 Whose is this dah?
- 17 The sheath is broken.

Nga mi naw ra.

Ni paw dai ra i?

Ni tzaw kănaw na ? Yauk kai tzaw shit yauk, mi ge tă yauk.

Nga puk shet wa.

Maw tsămi yaung ra.

Ngaw mi paung pfun nuk ra.

Mi mă yu shi.

Maw yauk nga khau ngat.

Nga pāmaw re gye yan hse wa. Nga paw shet re ngaw suk poi ne.

Nga maw Sădon kyaw na ra.

Yawng naiyi sum kyaw ye.

Che kyaw pat raw ne i?

Pat må ngat, lawpseng ngat.

Che she kak re?

She pyaw kaw wa.

I will give you a gun. 18

Can you shoot well? 19

I have no powder.

Can you give me some 21 lead?

My younger brother is 22 dead.

Naw re ngaw miyam pyit ne. Naw táku raw pak ne i?

Ngaw mi chit ma raw.

Săshi raw pyit ne i?

Nga nawng shet wa.

EXERCISE VII.

Of what tribe are you?

I am a Maru.

Can you speak Burmese?

He can speak Chinpaw. 4

The Maru language is very difficult.

I want to learn Chinese.

That trader is a Yawyin.

This boy is an orphan.

We live on the other side of the Nmaikha river.

If you go, I will go too. 10

Put the fruit in the basket. II

Widows can marry again. 12

Why do you wear ear-13 rings?

Where are my shoes? 14

You Marus are very lazy. 15

Have you finished your 16 work?

Light the fire. 17

Naw hpe boi ngat.

Ngaw Lawng waw ngat.

Naw myen myen raw ta ne i? Yawng Paw myen raw ta ra.

Lawng myen sawng ryup ra. Ngaw Ha myen maw nuk ra.

Maw wak Lasi ngat.

Che tsăchawng chuktzaw ngat.

Nătnaung Lawng Pit tăte na ra.

Naw ye re, ngaw ri ye ne.

Htawng me shi ke taw chaw a.

Chukmaw mi paung tam raw pfun ra.

Ni nătaw hpe ăn tsai ra?

Nga sauhai kai me?

Nănawng Lawng waw kyak noi ra.

Ni mau pwin wa i?

Tawng nga a.

- 18 Put these stones here.
- 19 Clear the jungle round the house.
- 20 The earth is very wet.
- 21 Throw away that straw.
- 22 I am very tired.

Che laupwai re che kyaw taw chaw a.

Yam ne myaw ge. Mitzai kyauk chuk ra. Maw kăphaw shăbyet ge.

Ngaw kyak myaung wa.

EXERCISE VIII.

- 1 What are you looking at?
- 2 I am looking at the soldiers.
- 3 Can you see the officer?
- 4 Open the door.
- 5 Why do you shut the door?
- 6 A tree has fallen over the path.
- 7 Fetch that big stone.
- 8 Dig a hole here.
- 9 How many posts are there in this house?
- They are making bamboo flooring.
- Make some bamboo matting.
- The house has not yet been roofed.
- 13 I cannot get any thatch.
- 14 Fasten the thatch carefully.
- 15 I am thirsty.

Naw hpe ryu ra?

Ngaw gye re ryu ra. Naw gye suk raw myu ra i? Kam pawng ge.

Kam hpe ăn pyit ra?

Kyaw me sak kyang chaw ra. Laupwai ryi ru shali ya. Che kyaw kyaung tau a.

Che yam me tsan kănaw?

Yawngbam tsai pau ra.

Khure kat ge.

Yam må muk shi. Ngaw maw ma raw.

Maw tăku mya ge. Ngaw rit shap ra.

- 16 Are you hungry?
- 17 We do not drink milk.
- 18 Bring some eggs
- 19 This egg is bad.
- 20 He is putting mustard leaves into the curry.
- 21 How many baskets can one get for a rupee?
- 22 Four baskets.

Naw we mai?

Nătnaung nung nok mă shau.

Ryaw au shali ya.

Che ryaw au bap ra.

Yawng chăsum me aw ke taw ra.

Tă kye kănaw pye raw ne? Pit pye raw ne.

EXERCISE IX.

- When will you return to Myitkyina?
- 2 I shall go the day after to-morrow.
- 3 When will you arrive?
- 4 I shall arrive at midday.
- 5 We will start before sunrise.
- 6 Can mules travel by this road?
- 7 They will go very slowly.
- 8 The road is very steep.
- 9 The chief does not want to fiight.
- There are no guns in this village.
- 11 The Chinamen have all bolted.
- 12 The soldiers attacked the village at night.
- There is a fence round the chief's house.

- Naw Măkina kyaw kăne law ne?
- Ngaw net mon net ne kawng ye ne.
- Naw kăne choi ne?
- Ngaw pa kaung tau choi ne.
- Nătnaung pa ma tuk shi re ye ne.
- Che kyaw myaw raw lai ra i?
- Yawngbam tsaw re ye ne.
- Kyaw kyak tsaung ra.
- Suk paw mă chaw pyaw nuk ra.
- Che waw miyam mă chaw.
- Ha waw ălap pawng wa.
- Mi taw gye cham wawkaung kyaw ye pak agaw.
- Suk yam kyen ke taw ăgaw.

- They have hidden their 14 paddy in the jungle.
- 15 If they do not come, I shall burn their village.
- The Yawyins have stolen 16 my buffalo.
- You must pay tribute 17 every year.
- 18 Where is the source of the Nmaikha?
- 19 Marus cultivate both hill clearings and lowland paddy fields.

Yawng bam khau săyaw kyaw nyăm taw ăgaw.

Yawngbam mă li re ngaw wawkaung me mi nga ne.

Nga nungloi Lasi cham kuk

Sin kawng nănawng kandawk raw ge ne.

Lawng pit kai me tuk ru?

Lawng waw yaw ri kat agaw yi taung ri kat agaw.

EXERCISE X

- How can one cross the river?
- It is wide; it is not deep.
- There is a boat.
- The bridge is broken. 4
- Can you swim?
- He was drowned last year.
- What is in that box?
- Take my coat out of the
- tin box. Give me some tobacco.
- It is in my bag. 10
- Do you like tea? II
- All Kachins chew betel. 12
- Do you take opium? 13
- We cannot get opium in 14 the Maru country.

- Rit kăru raw nak ăgaw?
- Rit ryi ra; mă naw.
- La chaw ra.
- Tse kyuk wa.
- Naw rit khre raw khre ne i?
- Anak yawng rit kyaw shet.
- Maw sătek me hpe paw ra?
- Chawtawk satek me nga pau poi yu ge.
- Ngaw re chit pyit ge la.
- Nga tawng-a me paw ra.
- Naw paw kyet aw ra i?
- Paw waw ălap bulap tzaw ăgaw.
- Naw kani shau ra i?
- Nătnaung Lawng muk kyaw kani mă raw.

When we worship the nats we drink a lot of liquor.

16 That old man is drunk.

17 The women are pounding paddy.

18 This rice is dirty.

19 I am fond of plantains.

20 What fruit can one get in this country.

21 Mangoes, jackfruit.

Yui kuk re, it myaw myaw shau ra.

Maw mawzaw it yit ra.

Mige ge khau taung ăgaw.

Che chin mă yaung.

Ngaw nawmyawk shi aw ra.

Che muk kyaw hpe shi raw ra. Omong shi, meungdun shi.



PART III VOCABULARY.

The following Abbreviations are used:-

N. = Noun.

Pro. = Pronoun.

A. = Adjective.

Interj. = Interjection.

 $V_{\cdot} = \text{Verb.}$

P. P. = Past Participle.

Adv. = Adverb.

Tr. = Transitive.

Conj. = Conjunction.

Intr. = Intransitive.

Prep. = Preposition.

Sing. = Singular.

Plur. = Plural.

VOCABULARY.

A.

Abandon, v. shapye chaw. Abbreviate, v. lang. Abdomen, n. we tok. Abhor, v. mă aw, mă wam. Abide, v. na. Able, be, v. raw. About, adv. (near) ne. Above, prep. htaw kyaw. Absent, a. mă na. Abuse, v. nang. Accept, v. lam. Accompany, v. tăka ye. Accurate, a. tang. Accuse, v. tawn shit. Ache, v. pwin naw. Acid, a. chin. Acquaintance, n. pa nam. Add, v. ge shi. Adhere, v. hte. Adjacent, a ne. Adorn, v. yaung shaw kat. Advance, v. hkit kyaw ye. Afraid, v. kyauk. After, prep. tawng shaw. Again, adv. tam. Age, n. prat. Agree, v. nat lam wang.

Aid v. pawng. Air, n. la Alike, a. ta kyaw. Alive, a. dai. All, a. ălap. Alone, a. za ai. Also, adv. ri. Always, adv. kăné. Am, v. na, ngat, tsai. Amber, n pashu. Ancient, adj. tăba. And, conj. e. Angry, a. nak yaw. Animal, n. săyaw shaw. Ankle, n. hkit sak. Annoy, v. nak chayaw. Annually, adv. sin kawng ngaw Another, adj. kaje. Answer, v. ta shit. Ant, n. păryup. Arise, v. tau. Arm, n. law. Arouse v. nok. Arrest, v. taung. Arrive, v. choi. Arrow, n. myaw. As, adv. shăru mu, măru mu.

Ascend, v. taw.
Ashamed, be, v. kraw.
Ashes, n. mi pau.
Ask, v. myit, maw.
Assault, v. yechaw pyaw.
Assemble, v. paung.
Assist, v. pawng.
Astonished, be v. muk.

At, prep. kyaw.
Attack, v. pyaw.
Aunt, n. (paternal) na.
Aunt, n. (maternal) maw.
Avoid, v. phai.
Awake, v. nok.
Axe, n. wutsawng.

B.

Baby, n. sănau, tsăshawng. Back, n. tawng kawng. Bad, a mă kai. Bag, n. tawng a. Ball, n. ătai. Bamboo, n. waw. Bamboo tube, n. htopan. Banish, v. tuk pye. Banyan, n. myawngke. Bank (of river), n. rit ye. Bark, v. rye. Bark, (of tree) n. săk kau. Basket, (for measure) n. pye. Basket, (on back) n. htawng. Basket, (common sort) n. cham Bat, n. pokhit. Bathe, v. kaung tchit. Bazaar, n. kai. Be, v. na, ngat, tsai. Bead, n. ryui. Bean, n. săjawng. Bear, v. chi, hte. Bear, n. we.

Beard, n. nat moi. 484626 49408 Beast, n. săyaw shaw. Beat, v. hpe. Beautiful, a. yaung. Because, conj. yaung. Become, v. poi. Bed, n. yap chaw ryaw. Bee, n. pyaw. Beef, n. naw shaw. Bees-wax, n. păchin kit. Before, prep. hkit kyaw. Beg, v. maw. Begin, v. hkit kat. Behind, prep. naung taw. Behold, v. ryu. Believe, v. lam. Bell, n. chu. Belly, n. we tok. Below, prep. kyit kyaw. Beneath, prep. kyit kyaw. Belt, n. pyit chui. Bend v. nan jaw. Betel-leaf n. bulap.

Better, a. che kai. Between, prep. akyaw.

Beyond, prep. { tå te kyaw. tå shat kyaw.

Big, a. ryi, tzan. Bind, v. myak. Bird, n. ryaw. Bite, v. pwin. Bitter, a. kaw. Black, a. naw. Blacksmith, n. shengkat Blanket, n. mai. Bleed, v. hsa tup. Blind, a. myaw mā myu. Blood, n. hsa. Blossom, n. pwin, sak pwin. Blow, v. mat, (-int), hok. Blue, a. ma. Blunt, a. må taw. Boat, n. la. Body, n. kaung. Bold, a. shale. Bone, n. shiki, Boot, n. hkit saung. Booty, n. lănyap. Borrow, v. chik yu. Boundary, n. chări chi tsau. Bow, cross, n la. 45

Bow, n. păting. Bowl, n. kuk su.

Box, n. sătek.

Boy, n. yauk kai tzaw. Bracelet, n. tang.

Brass, n. tang nyuk. Brave, a. shăle Bread, n. chinman.

Branch, n. sak kaung.

Bracken, n. bong sak, raw sak.

Break, v. t. kyuk. Break, (smash) v. kaw.

Breast, n. nop, nuk.

Bridge, n. tse, tseng. Bright, a. paw.

Bring, t. v. shăli.

Broad, a. te.

Broom, n. shampan.

Brother, (elder) n. maw.

Brother, (younger) n. nawng.4 Brow, n. na lawng. Brute, n. sayaw shaw.

Buffalo, n. nã lõi, nung loi, Build, t. v. kyat, kat.

Bull, n. nă law.

Bullet, n. mi shi. Bullock, n. năchaung.

Burman, n. myen. < Burn, t. v. mi nga law.

Burn, int. v. mi nga. Burst, int. v. kaw.

Bury, t. v. lap.

Business, n. mau. Butterfly, n. pale.

Button, n. tang, pauking.

Buy, t. v. wai.

By, prep. kyaw.

C.

Cage, n. ryaw yam. Call, v. yawng. Call, (to name), v. myang. Can, v. raw. Cane, n ryam. Cannon, n. myawk. Cap, n. maukyap, mautsaung. Capable, a. raw. Captive, n. chum. Caravan, n. hpuka. Carcass, n mung, Carefully, ad. nyang nyang, kai kai. Carriage, n. leng. Carry, (on back), z. wun. Carry, (in hand), v. chi. arry, (as a pony), v. htaw. carry, (on a pole), v. waw. Cart, n. leng. Cast, v. shabye. lat, n. la ngiau, suk miaou. latch, v. taung. lause, n. shaw. Cemetery, n. lap raw. entre, n. kyi le. Chair, n. tawng kau. Change, v. ta, ta wet. harcoal, n. mi gyoi. harm, n. ăga. thase, v. tuk. heap, a. paw. heat, v. muk.

Cheek, n. page. Chest, n. rawng kawng. Chew, v. waw. Chief, n. suk. Child, n. tså shawng. Chilli, n. chawng pya. Chin, n. etawng. Chinaman, n. ha waw. Cholera, n. ram, we ni. Chop, v. ryam. Cigar, n. chiku. Circle, n. kyaung. Clean, a. myauk. Clever, n. law mau. Climb, v. taw. Close, a. chawng. s white, n. pun pyu. dark, n. pun naw. Clothes, n. wet nam. Cloud, n. cham. Coat, n. mai pau. Cock, n. ryaw paw. Coffin, n. kaung. Coin, n. gyet. Cold, a. kiaw. Cold, (as water), a. nwin. Collect, v. tsang taw. Come v. li. Command, v. naw. Commence, v hkit kat. Companion, n. pin tshawng. Complete, a. pwin wa.

Comrade, n. pin tshawng. Conceal, v. nyăm taw. Confide, v. kam. Confluence, n. rit sap. Conquer, v. aung. Consider, v. myit ryu. Contain, v. paw. Cook, v. yaung chaw. Cool, a. kiaw. Copper, n. tang myuk. Copulate, v. lup. Corn, n. kaung. Corpse, n. mung. Correct, a. tang. Cost, n. kau chaw. Cotton, n. ta au. Cough, v. kyaung tsup tsup. Count, v. nye. Country, n. muk. Courageous, a. shăle. Cover, v. pfwet.

Cow, n. nă tsan. Cowrie, n. puk su. Crab, n. waw ki. Crack, v. kaw. Crooked, a. khoi. Crop, n. khau bam. Cross, (on foot) v. nak. Cross, (by boat or bridge)v.kau. Crossroad, n kyi kaung. Crossbow, n la. Crow, n. kănaw. Crow, (as a cock) v. tum. Cry, v. nguk. Cultivate, v. yaw kat. Cup, n. kumtaung. Cure, v. kai shaw. Curry, n chăsum. Custom, n. tsaung. Cut, v. ryam. Cut, (slice) v. sat pi.

D.

Dacoit, n. lai yu ra piu.
Dagger, n. she tawng.
Dah, n. she.
Daily, adv. pa kawng ngaw.
Dam, n. rit tang.
Damp, a. chup.
Damsel, n. tsămi.
Dance, v. tsam gaw.
Dance, n. tsam.
Dark, a. chat.

Daughter, n. mi ge tsaw.
Dawn, muk mă paw.
Day, n. pa.
Dead, be, v. shet wa.
Deaf, a. ma kyaw.
Dear (in price), a. chaw.
Debt, n. yuk.
Deceive, v. muk.
Deep, adj. naw.
Deer (barking), n. shit shit.

Deer (sambhur), n. tse. Delighted, be v ngoi. Deliver, v. ge, lak. Demand, v. maw. Deny, v ha nak. Depart, v. law, ye. Descend, v. kyaw law. Desire, v. aw. Despatch, v. dai. Depredate, v. lat yu. Destroy, v. pyaw yu. Devil, n. jan. Dew, n. ngun chwe. Die, v. shet. Different, a må wang. Difficult, a. ryup. Dig, v. tau. Dirty, a. mă myauk, măchu măcha. Discharge, v. ge. Discover, v. khup. Disease, n. naw. Disease (cattle), n. nă gam. Dish, n. kuk. Dislike, v. mă aw.

Dismiss, v. ge. Disobey, v. mă kyaw. Distant be, v. wa. Distribute, v gye pyit. Distrust, v. må lam. Divide, v. gye pyit. Divorce, v. kawng pyet. Do, v. kyat, kat. Doctor, n. mächit suk. Dog, n. lăka. Doll, n. pi law. Door, n. kam. Dream, v. yap maw. Dress, v. wet. Drink, v. shau. Drop, n. shum. Drown, v. rit kyaw shet. Drum, n. tsam. Drunk, v. it yit. Dry, a. kyaup. Duck, n. pai che. Dung, n. kit. Dust, n. păluk. Dwell, v. na.

E.

Each, pron. ălap.
Ear, n. khyet.
Early, adv. net sum sum.
Earring, n. nătaw, năkăn.
Earth, n. muk, mitzai.
Earthquake, n. mi lap.

East, n. pa tup kyaw.
Easy, a. loi.
Eat, v. tzaw.
Eatable, a. raw tzaw.
Edge, n. she saw, she so.
Egg, n. au.

Elbow, n. law ma taung tawng.
Elder, n. lau te.
Elephant, n. tsawng.
Else, pro. kăje.
Empty, a ăkum.
End, v. pwin.
Endure, v. hte.
Enemy, n. mang ke.
Enough, be, v. kai wa.
Enter, v. waw li.
Entrails, n. au.
Escape, v. pawng.
Escort, v. chwi li, chwi ye.
Evening, n. mi taw.

Ever, adv. kåne re må taw. Every, a. ålap.
Excavate, v. tumkhung tau. Exchange, v ta.
Excrement, n. kit.
Exist, v. toi.
Expel, v. tuk ge.
Explain, v ta shit.
Extinguish, v. (mi) hse.
Extract, v she yu
Eye, n. myaw.
Eyeball, n. myaw chit.
Eyebrow, n. myaw mawk.
Eyelash, n myaw mu.

F.

Face, n. myaw kawng. Fade, v sum law. Fail, v. mã aung. Fall, v. kyaw law. False, a. mă tang. Fan, n. she,—v. she wa. Far, a. wa. Fast, a. pyet pyet, myi myi. Fat, a tsau. Father, n. paw. Father-in-law, n. saw paw. Fear, v. kyauk. Feast, n. poi tuk. Feather, n. ryaw muk. Feeble, a. ryam ngai law. Feed, v. (tend), lauk. Feel, v. hsoi, nak.

Fell, v. tau kyang. Female, n. mi ge. Fence, n. kyen. Fern, n. bong sak. Fetch, v. ye shali. Feud, n yuk. Fever, n. na ryam naw. Field, n. yaw, yi taung. Fight, v. chaw pyaw. Filth, n. máchu mácha. Find, v. kyup. Finger, fore, n. law nyuk. Finger, 2nd, n. law tai nyuk. Finger, 3rd & 4th, n. law ton nyuk. Finger, thumb, n. law mochi. Finish, v. pwin.

Finished, p. p. pwin wa. Fire, n. mi. Fireplace, n. mi rye. First, a. hkit kyaw. Fish, n. ngaw. Flame, n. mi she. Flash, n. le pyăt. Flea, n. kăla. Flesh, n. shaw. Floor, bamboo, n. tsai. Floor, plank, n. sak hte. Flower, n. pwin. Fly, v tawng. Fly, n yawngkaung. Fog, n. cham. Follow v. tăga ve. Fond, be, v. aw, ngoi. Foolish, a. săkaw. Foot, n. kawaw.

Gaiter, n. hkit tắp.
Gale, n. la ryam.
Gamble, v. hu.
Gaol, n. taung.
Garlic, n. hau pyu.
Get, v. raw.
Ginger, n. shawng kaw.
Girl, n. tsa mi.
Give, v. pyıt.
Glad, be, v. ngoi.
Gnat, n. pyap.
Go, v. ye, law.
Goat, n. shat pai.

Ford, n. kau kung, hau maw. Forearm, n. law pan. Forehead, n. na law. Forget, v. taw myit. Formerly, ad. ta pa, ta pa ni. Fort, n. wang tsauk. Fowl, n. ryaw, rawk. Friend, n. pa nam. Frighten, v. chakyauk. Frog, n. paw. From, prep. me. Front, a. hkit kyaw. Frost, n. kyu. Fruit, n. shi, sak shi. Full, be, v. pyang wa. Funeral, n. maw nyăp. Fungus, n. maw. Future, in, ad. tawng kyaw.

G.

God, n. mawzaw (litr. 'old man')
Gold, n. kyang.
Gong, n. maw.
Good, a. kai.
Goods, n. tsai.
Goose, n. năbe.
Govern, v. up.
Government, n. ăsoya, (British) kumpani mi.
Granary, n. chi.
Grandfather, n. puk.
Grandmother, n. pit.
Grandson, n. mit.

Grass, n. mwin.
Grave, n. lap.
Grase, v. saw.
Great, a. ryi, tzan.
Green, a. nyuk.
Green, (verdant), a. ăjam.
Grind, v. pyat.
Groan, v. năkyang kyang.
Ground, n, muk.

Hack, v. ryam. Hail, v. lak kyaw. Hair, n. tse. Half, n. tå kye. Halt, v. tang. Hand, n. law waw. Handsome, a. yaung. Hang, v. toi lawng. Happen, v. poi. Happy, be, v. ngoi. Hard, a. ryup, rawng. Hat, n. mawkyup. Hat, (straw), n. mawkzi. Hawk, n. tsum. Hay, n. wahau kyaup. Hate, v. mă aw. He, pro. yawng. Head, n. au. Headache, n. au naw. Headcloth, n. au tăp. Hear, v. kyaw. Heart, n. kum. Heavy, a. la.

Ground-nut, n. kyaung kyup.
Grow, v. ryi li.
Guest, n. pang waw.
Guide, n. kyaw shit yauk.
Gum, n. sak kit.
Gun, n. miyam.
Gunpowder, n. mi chit.
Gunstock, n. miyam sauk.

H.

Help, v. pawng. Hen, n. ryaw. Here, ad. che kyaw. Hide, v. nyam, pfaw. High, a.. myaw. Hill, n. pam, bam. Hire, v. she yu. Hit, v. hpe. Hock, n. pa lau. Hog, n. waw. Hold, v. tsai. Hole, n. kyaung. Hollow, a. sak kaung. Honey, n. pyaw i. Hook, n. koi. Horn, n. kyup. Horse, n. myaw. bare, 81-600 Horse shoe, n. myaw chu. Hot, a. laung, le. House, n. yam. How, ad. karu. How much, ad. kănaw.

Howl, v. hok. Hungry, be, v. we ma. Hurt, v. naw shaw. Husband, n. saw paw. Husk, v. taung pyawng. Husk, n. kăpyaw. Hut, n. tsaung, yam saw.

I.

I, pron. ngaw.
Ice, n. ning.
Idiot, n. săkaw.
Idle, a. nai.
If, conj. re (used with verb instead of verbal affix 'ra.'
see Rules Part I.)

Ill, a. naw.
Immediately, adv. åtso.
Impossible, a. må raw.
Imprison, v. taung kyaw taw.
In, prep. kit kyaw.
Inclose, v. chum.
India-rubber, n. naiyi.
Infant, n. så nau.
Inhabit, v. na.
Inquire, v. myit.

Insane, a. săkaw. Insert, v. ke taw. Inside, adv. kuk kyaw. Instantly, adv. atso. Instruct, v. maw pyit. Interior, n. kuk kyaw. Interpret, v. ta shit. Interpreter, n. ta ra yauk, săgabyan. Into, prep. waw. Intoxicated, v. it yit. Invite, v. yawng. Iron, n. chaw tawk. Is, v. ngat, na, ra, tsai. Island, n. ka gyaw kawng. It, pro. yawng. Itch, v. hpan naw.

J.

Jackfruit, n. meungdun shi. Jacket, n. pau. Jade, n. lawpseng. Jar, n. ye. Jaw, n. e tawng. Join, v. sap. Joint, (of hand) n. taw tsak. Juice, n. shi gaung. Jump, v. loi. Junction, n. sap. Jungle, n. săyaw.

K.

Kachin, n. Paw waw.
Kachin language, n. paw myen
Keep, v. yu taw.
Kick, v. pak.
Kill, v. hse.
Kind, n. boi.
Kindle, v. nga.
King, n. khawkam, suk ryi.

Kiss, v. chap.
Knee, n. pat lap.
Knife, n. she.
Knife, (small) she saw.
Knock, v. kaw.
Knot, v. tam, myak.
Know, v. pa, ba, se.

L.

Labour, n. mau. Ladder, n. tsam tawng. Lake, n. rit naung. Lame, be, v. hkit kyu. Lamp, n. mi kawk. Lance, n. le. Lance, (to stab with), v. tuk. Land, n. muk. Language, n. myen. Large, a. ryi, ăgyi, ryi tzan. Last, a. htawng kyaw. Laugh, v. ryi. Law, n. tsaung. Lay, v. taw. Lay, (as eggs), v. au kiaw. Lazy, a. noi. Lead, v. she. Lead, n. sawng shi, să shi. Leaf, n. sak pfaw. Leak, v. (as a roof), yuk yuk. Lean, v. na taw. Lean, a. ngaung.

Learn, v. maw. Least, a. ngai tawng. Leather, n. sharvik. Leech, n. pfwe nyu. Left, (hand) a. law kaung. Leg, n. hkit. Lend, v. pfai pyit. Length, n. tsaung pyaw. Leprosy, n. kwina. Letter, n. muk suk. Lick, v. yaw. Lie, (to tell lie), v. muk. Lie, (to recline), v. lang. Life, n. (breath), saw she. Light, a. (not heavy), hsum, mă la. Like, a. taw kyaw, baung. Like, v. aw. Lime, (fruit), n. shaku shi. Lime, n. tu gi. Lip, n. nat ryit. Liquor, n. yit.

Listen, v. kyaw.
Little, a. ngai, (a little) ta chit.
Live, v. dai.
Long, a. kaung.
Look, v. ryu.
Loot, n. lănyep.

Lord, n. suk.
Lose, v. pyauk.
Love, v. aw.
Low, a. mya.
Low, v. (as cattle), myang.
Lunatic, n. săkaw.

M.

Mad, a. săkaw. Maggot, n. lauk. Maiden, n. tsă mi. Maize, n. ka aung. Make, v. kat. Male, a. yauk. Man, n. peu, su. Man, (young), n. săge. Man, (old), n. mawzaw. Mango, n. omong shi. Many, a. kyai. Marry, v. mi paung pfun. Marsh, n. rit naung. Master, n. suk. Mat, (floor), n. tin. Mat, (wall), n. khure. Matter, (pus), n. pfwa. Measure, v. kha. Meat, n. shaw. Medicine, n. măchit. Meet, v. kyup. Merchant, n. wak. Midday, n. pa kaung tau. Mind, n. myit.

Milk, n. nung nok. Mistake, v. shat. Mirror, n. pa tam. Mix, v. lak. Moist, be, v. chup. Money, n. ngoi. Monkey, n. myauk. Moon, n. law. Morning, n. net sum. Month, n. law. Morrow, n. net mon. Mosquito, n. pyap. Mother, n. mi. Mount, v. taw. Mountain, n. pam, bam. Moustache, n. nat moi. Mouth, n. nat. Much, a. myaw myaw. Mud, n. tămpap. Mule n. tsang tau. Murder, v. hse. Must, v. raw. Mustard, n. aw.

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N.

Nail, (iron), n. chaw tawk.
Nail, (finger), n. law san.
Naked, a. kaung kong.
Name, n. mang.
Nation, n. boi.
Navel, n. chaw.
Near, a. chawng, ma wa
Near, prep. chawng.
Neck, n. lang tsang.
Necklace, n. rui, khung.
Nephew, n. ok.
Nest, n. ryaw sat.
Net, n. gum.
Nettle, n. păpe.
New, a. ahsak.

Night, n. mi;—(to-night) ăna mi.

Nipple, n. nop shi.
No, adv. mă ngat.
Nobody, n. kak mă.
Noise, n. myang.
Noon, n. pa kaung tau
North, n. ăpi kyaw.
Nose, n. naw.
Not, adv. mă.
Nothing, n. hpe mă.
Now, ad. ătso.
Nowadays, adv. tă ba ni, ăna ni.
Nut, n. shi

0.

Oar, n. pai li. Obey, v. kyaw.
Obtain, v. raw.
Occasionally, adv. tă lang tă raw
Occur, v. poi.
Odour, n. ne
Of, prep. not expressed in Maru
Offer, v. pyit.
Officer, n. gye suk.
Often, adv. tă sap sap.
Oil, n. nămman.
Old, a. (of things), ătsuk.
Old man, n. mawzaw.
Old woman, n. mawzaw.
On, prep. mu pyaw kyaw.

Once, adv. tă lang sa.
One, a. ta.
Only, adv. sa.
Open, v. pawng.
Opium, n. kani.
Order, v. naw.
Orphan, n. chuk tzaw.
Other, a. kăje.
Our, pron. nătnawng.
Outside, adv. kum kyaw.
Overflow, v. tam tam.
Overtake, v. myi.
Owner, n. yam san.
Owl, n. tsum.
Ox, n. nă chaung.

P.

Pack, v. kak. Package, n. tang, tsum. Paddle, v. pai li. Paddy, n. khau. 600 Pain, n. naw. Paint, v. tsup. Palm, (of hand), n. law tum. Palisade, n. pănkhu. Part, n. lam. Partridge, n. ngaw pfai. Pass, v. lai. Path, n. kyaw. Penis, n. ngi. People, n. supe, supe ryi. Person, n. piu, su. Perspire, v. pau kyoi tu. Petticoat, n. maishe. Pheasant, n. ngaw kya. Peacock pheasant, n. rvaw graw. Pig, n. waw.Pipe, n. chit kuk. Pit, n. tun khun. Place, n. raw. Place, v. taw. Plantain, n. nawmyawk shi. Plate, n. kuk. Pond, n. naung.

Pony, n. myaw. late, N: Nel Poor, be, v. myaung. Pork, n. waw shaw. Porcupine, n. pyu. Possess, v. na, tsai. Post, n. tsan. Pot, n. uk. Pound, v. taung. Pour, v. pfe. Powder, n. mi chit. Powerful, a. ryam baw. Pray, v. naw. Precipice, n ram. Present, n. chaung khu. Pretty, a. yaung. Price, n. puk. Prison, n. taung. Prisoner, n. chum. Property, n. tsai. Pull, v. she. Punish, v. yubak. Purchase, v. wai. Pursue, v. tuk. Pus, n, pfwa. Push, v. tum. Put, v. taw. Putrid, be, v. bap. Python, n. pukna.

Q.

Quarrel, v. taw myaw myaw ta Quarter, v. pit lam pyit. Quench, v. hse. Question, v. myit. Quickly, adv. myi myi, pyit pyit.

Quietly, *adv*. ăchesaw. Quiet, *adv*. ălap. Quiver, *n*. myaw tauk. Quiver, *v*. nin.

R.

Race, (tribe), n. boi. Raft, n. puk. Rain, n. muk,-v. muk ryu Raise, v. tau taw. Ransom, v. she yu. Rat, n. ruk. Reach, v. choi. Reap, v. she. Receive, v. hte yu. Reckon, v. nye. Recover, v. khup yu. Red, a. ne. Rejoice, v. ngoi. Relate, v. ta. Release, v. ge. Remain, v. na. Remember, v. tsam chi. Repair, v. sak tam kat. Repeat, v. tam ta. Reply, v. ta kyaw, ta shit. Report, v. ta. Request, v. maw. Retch, v. tauk. Return, v. law.

Rice, n. chin. Ride, v. myaw saung ye. Right, be, v. tang. Right, (side), a. law yaw kyaw Ring, (finger), n. law pwin. Ring, (leg), n. gye. Ripe, a. mang. Rise, v. taw; (as sun), tuk. River, n. kiaung, rit. River Nmaikha n. Lawng pit. Road, n. kyaw. Rob, v. kuk. Robber, n. kuk su. Rock, n. laupwai, lau tsan. Roll, v. int. lang pit kyaw. Roll, v. tr. lang ke. Roof, n. (maw) muk. Room, n. guk. Root, n. (sak) ki. Rope, n. tai. Rot, v. bap. Round, a. ătai. Rouse, v. nuk. Row, (a boat), v. khau.

Rub, v. tum poi. Rubber, (tree), n. naiyi sak. Rule, v. up. Rump, n. pit tam.
Run, v. wa, pawng.
Rupee, n. kyet, kye.

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S.

Tale) onthe Saddle, n. myaw ain. Saliva, n. kătha. Salt, n. tsaw. Same, a. ta kyaw. Sand, n. ma chaw. Sandal, n. sau hai. Say, v. ta. Scabbard, n. (she) pyaw. Scissors, n. sheng nye, Scold, v. ryum. Scrape, v. hpan. Season, n. yaw. Season, wet, a. sin kaung yaw. Season, dry, a. tsaung yaw. Season, cold, a kiaw yaw. Season, hot, a. laung yaw. Seat, n. ta kau. See, v. myu. Seed, n. yaw. Seek, v. hkaw. Seize, v. taung. Self, pron. kaung. Sell, v. aung. Send, v. dai. Sew, v. kyap. 690 Shade, n. pa kawng. Shake, v. lai.

Shall, v. ne. Shallow, be, v. mă naw. Shame, v. kraw shaw myang. Shan, n Hse. Sharp, a. taw. She, pron. yawng. Sheath, n. (she) pyaw. Shed, n. tsaung. Sheep, n. suk. Shiver, v. nin. Shoe, n. sau hai. Shoot, v. pak. Short, a. lang. Shoulder, n. law sin. Shout, v. huk. Show, v. shit, khyu. Shrine, (nat), n. yui chaw raw. Shut, v. pyit. Sick, a. naw. Side, n. shat, te. Sift, v. pyawng. Silk, n. lai kyang. Silver, n. ngoi. Since, adv. tawng kyaw. Sing, v. lakyaw yaw. Sister, elder, n. pai. Sister, younger, n. naung. 2609

Sit, v. saung. Skin, n. shăryik. Sky, n. muk. Slave, n. chum. Sleep, v. yap. Slip, v. tsap pyet. Slowly, adv. se se. Small, a. ngai. Small-pox, n. pyap. Smell, v ne ryu, ne. Smoke, n. mi kuk. Smoke, v. shau. Snake, n. lawng moi. Snow, n. kyu. So, adv. ăru, shăru. Soldier, n. gye waw. Some, a. tăkhe. Sometimes, ad. tălang tăraw. Son, n. yauk kai tzaw. Soon, adv. tă sat saw. Sound, v. myaung. Sour, a. chin. South, n. api kyaw. Sow, v. toi. Spade, n. sangbawn. Sparrow, n. chakyawng. Speak, v. ta. Spear, n. le. Spectacles, n. myaw nawn. Spew, v. tauk. Spider, n. pit kawm. Spike, (panji), n. tsau. Spin, (cotton). v. nai. Spirit, n. yui.

Spirits, n. it. Spit, v. kăta poi. Split, v. kaw. Stab, v. tuk. Stair, n. tsam tawng. Stand, v. ye. Star, n. kyi. Stay, v. na. Steal, v. kuk. Stick, (affix), v. hte taw. Stomach, n. we dok. Stone, n. laupwai. Stool, n. ta kau. Stoop, v. kam. Stop, v. tang; (of rain) ryin. Storm, n. la ryam. Story, n. mawmi. Straight, a. ting ting. Straw, n. kaphaw. Stream, n. rit, kiaung. Strength, n. ryam. Strike, v. hpe. String n. tai. Strong, a. ryam paw. Stump, n. sak ngăt. Such, a. ăru. Suck, v. shau. Suddenly, adv. myak din. Sufficient, a. kai wa. Sugar, n. săchuk. Sulphur, n. pfan. Summit, n. kaung. Sun, n. pa, ba. Support, v. tauk.

Surround, v. chum. Sweat, v. pau kyoi tu. Sweet, a. chuk. Swim, v. rit khre khre. Sword, n. she.

T.

Table, n tsi. Tail, n. shimi. Take, v. yu. Take out of, v. she yu. Talk, v. tawng ta. Tall, be, v. khang. Taste, v. tzaw ryu. Tattoo, v. mawk htuk. Tea, n. paw kyet kyaup. Teach, v. maw. Teak tree, n. mai sak. www Tear, n. myaw pin. Tear, v. lawng shat. Tell, v. ta. That, pron maw, htaw. Thatch, n. maw. There, adv. maw kyaw. They, pro yawng bam. Thick, a. (dense), hse. Thief, n. kuk su. Thigh, n. ta puk. Thin, n naung. Think, v. myit. Thirsty, be, a. rit shap. This, pron. che. Thorn, n. sau Thread, n. chit. Thresh, v. hpe. Throat, n. kyaung

Throw, v. pyet. Throw away, a. shabyet. Thumb, n. law moche. Thunder, n mu myang. Tie, v. toi, mya. Tiger, n. myangka, lå maw Tin, n. chaw tawk pyu. Tired, be, v myaung. To, prep. re, kyaw. Tobacco, n. chit. To-day, n ăna pa. Toe, n. hkit moche. Together, adv. tága. Tomb, n lap. Tomorrow, n. net mon. Tongue, n. chaw, shaw. Too, adv. ri Tooth n. tsai. Torch, n. mi tam. Tortoise, n. taupo. Track, n. khu. Trader, n. wak. Tree, n. sak. Tremble, v. nin. Tribe, n. boi. Tribute, n kandawk. Trousers, n. mai she. True, a. tang. Trunk, n. sak taung.

Trust, v. kam. Tube, n. (for water) rit jaung. Turban, n. au tăp. Turn, v. lang. Tusk, n. tsai. Twist, v. chap.

U.

Ugly, a. må yaung.
Umbrella, n. jawng.
Unable, a. må raw.
Unbind, v. pum.
Uncle, (paternal) påmaw,
pågan.
Uncle, (maternal), ngi.
Underneath, adv. aw kyaw.

Understand, v. pa.
Untie, v pum
Until, prep. shaw.
Up, prep. htaw kyaw.
Upon, prep. htaw kyaw.
Upstream, adv. rit mum kyaw.
Urine, n. it.
Urinate, v. tak.

V.

Vagina, n chauk.
Valley, n. kumaw.
Value, n. puk.
Vein, n. shigi.
Very, adv. kyak, kyai, sawng.

Village, n. waw, waw gaung. Visible, a. raw myaw ra. Visit, v. ye myu. Vomit, v. tauk. Vulture, n. tsum.

W.

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Waist, n. pyit tam.
Wait, v. tang na.
Wake, v. nuk.
Walnut, n pau shi.
Wall, n. khure.
Wander, v. rin.
Want, v. aw, nuk.
War, v. chaw pyaw.
Warm, a laung.
Wash, v. rit tchit.

Wasp, n. pyaw.
Watch, v. lauk.
Water, n. rit.
Waterfall, n. răm.
Way, n. kyaw.
We, pron. nătnaung.
Weak, adj. ryam ngai.
Wear, v. we.
Weary, be, v. myaung.
Weave, v. kat.

Wed, v. mi paung pfun. Weep, v. nguk. Weigh, v. lak. Well, n. rit jawng. West, n. pa waw kyaw. Wet, a. chuk. What, pron. hpe. When, adv. kăne. Where, adv. kai. Whence, adv. kai me. Which, pron. kā yauk, kā lam. White, a. pyu. Whither, adv. kai kyaw. Who, pron. kayauk. Why, adv. hpe mung, hpe an. Wicked, a. ma kai. Wide, a. te. Widow, n. chukmaw. Widower, n. chukpo. Wife, n. yam sang mi.

Will, v. ne. Wind, n. la. Wine, n. vit. Wing, n. tawng. Winter, n. kiaw yaw. Wise, be, v. law maw. With, prep. taka. Wither, v. sum. Woman, n. mige. Womb, n. păchat. Wonder, v. muk. Wood, n. (fuel), tawng. Work, n. mau. Work, v. kat. World, n. maw mit. Worm, n. waw tai. Wrist, n. law tsak. Write, n. muk suk tung. Wrong, a. må tang, shat.

Y.

Yarn, n. kyang.
Yawn, v. he tum tum.
Year, n. sin.
Yearly, adv. sin kawng.
Yellow, a. nyuk.
Yes, adv e, ngat wa
Yesterday, n. ăngyi net.
Yesterday, the day before, adv.
tăba net.

Yesterday-night, n. ămi. You, sing. naw. You, plur. nănaw. Young, a. prat ngai. Your, pron. sing. ni. Your, plur. nănaw. Youth, n. săge.

Z.

Zeal, n mau tsoi.

Zinc, n chaw tawk pyu.

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