

Proto-Bantu Voiced Obstruents

The following set of data is from Proto-Bantu—the reconstructed latest common ancestor of the modern Bantu languages spoken in Eastern, Central, and Southern Africa, including Swahili and Ganda. [β, ɬ, γ] are in complementary distribution with [b, d, g] respectively.

1. <i>βale</i>	'two'	13. <i>kiγa</i>	'eyebrow'
2. <i>leme</i>	'tongue'	14. <i>yiγe</i>	'locust'
3. <i>taβe</i>	'twig'	15. <i>kulu</i>	'tortoise'
4. <i>pala</i>	'antelope'	16. <i>ongo</i>	'cooking pot'
5. <i>konde</i>	'bean'	17. <i>tendε</i>	'palm tree'
6. <i>zɔŋgo</i>	'gall'	18. <i>zala</i>	'hunger'
7. <i>βεγa</i>	'monkey'	19. <i>zɔγu</i>	'elephant'
8. <i>βembe</i>	'pigeon'	20. <i>βele</i>	'body'
9. <i>limo</i>	'god, spirit'	21. <i>lelu</i>	'chin, beard'
10. <i>kan̩ga</i>	'guinea fowl'	22. <i>eyi</i>	'water'
11. <i>γɔmbε</i>	'cattle'	23. <i>kingɔ</i>	'neck'
12. <i>lelo</i>	'fire'	24. <i>nto</i>	'person'