



## Glossary:

**ruwa:** water (**iya ruwa:** be able to swim)

**laka:** mud, clay

**mutumen banza:** useless man

**hakuri:** patience

**maketaci:** wicked (man)

**abin kwarai:** good thing, useful action

**keta:** wickedness

**ya fare:** he is finished = I will get him

**Allah = Ubangiji:** God

**Alhamdulillah rabbil alamina:** Thank God, the Lord of all creatures! (*from Arabic*)

**makwabci:** neighbor

**kwaya:** drug

**gurin iko:** to (the Chief's) court

**kara:** suing (to court)

**ɗari:** [ɗāri] **cold** (during the cold season)

**ɗari** [ɗāri] = one hundred

**kudin kiran:** fees (paid to the chief when suing someone)

**rigima:** trouble, quarrel, squabble (usually verbal with plenty of noise making)

**ya yi yawa:** It is too much

**karambani:** meddlesomeness

**taɓo = laka:** mud

**roƙon Allah:** Invocation to God

**bawa:** servant, worshipper (of God)

### *Suggestions for grammar*

- Imperative Tense/Aspect

- **Iya + (verbal) noun** to express capability to do something (Iya ruwa, iya laka, iya cika mini shi ...)
- Conditional with **in .... to** (in ka iya ruwa, (to) ka iya laka?)
- Ellipsis with verb **yi: I** instead of **yi** (I hakuri = yi hakuri)
- Subjunctive with the verb **bari = to leave** (bari in + verb) to express let me ....