

GLOSSARY

Abal ci biti: to leave in peace

contraction of amuloo Amoo:

Amaat: to have again [from am + suffix -aat meaning "again"]

Amewoo ma doom: equivalent of amaloo ma doom or amuloo doom ak man (Lebu Wolof)

Bà: variant of bàyyi

Baayu jiitle: stepfather

Barké: blessing (from Arabic baraka); an exclamation, "I swear!"

Billaahi: by God (Arabic)

Bum': contraction of bu mu

to make or say a riddle Cax:

Céy Yàlla: oh God!

Céy: expression of astonishment or pity

Commande b-: remote control (from French télécommande)

Coom: Lebu last name, French spelling "Thiome"

contraction of dafa Daa:

Day: contraction of dafay

Daal: really [idiomatic, placing emphasis on a preceding noun]

Dàmm: to break

Dang': a contraction of danga

Dee: to die

Deux mille dix: 2010 (French)

Deux mille douze: 2012 (French)

Dev: variant of de, emphasizing particle **Digaale:** to face

Donn: just, only; variation of *don*

Doomu jiitle j-: stepchild

Dóór: to hit

Duus b-: restroom (from French *douche*; Urban)

Eleksiyon y-: elections (from French)

Fëgg: to knock (on the door)

Fexe: to manage to, to figure out a way to; to find a solution

Fuñ': a contraction of fu $\tilde{n}u$

Fuuy: to overestimate oneself, to be full of onself

Gaañu: to be wounded; [euphemistically] to pass away

Ginnaaw: behind

Gone g-: child, variant: gune g-

Grand: an honorific meaning large, great, elder (from French)

Guró g-: kola nut

Jaar ginnaaw: to pass behind someone's back, undermine someone

Jamano j-: age, era, variant of *jamono j-*

Jariñ: to be beneficial or useful

Jaxumpa: Lebu last name, French spelling "Diakhoumpa"

Jëm: to be headed toward

Jinne j-: spirit, devil

Jot na: the time has come, it's time to

Jote: to fight, to quarrel

Jur: to conceive, engender, give birth

Kale: that person

Ka: equivalent of *ko* and *ku* (Lebu Wolof)

Kom kë: since (as a conjunction) (from French comme que; Urban)

Kumaase: to start (from French *commencer*)

Laa ilaaha: expression of amazement (Arabic) [the first part of the Muslim

testament of faith]

Laal: to touch

Lééb: to tell a story or tale

Lenn la ma laa xamal: I'll tell you one thing, equivalent of lenn laa la xamal (Lebu Wolof)

Li kii la wone, la kale la wone rekk: What this person shows you, that person shows you as

well (Lebu Wolof)

Lum': contraction of *lu mu*

Maashalla: an expression of praise or satisfaction (from Arabic, "what

God has willed")

Mais: but (French; Urban)

Man: variant of *mën*

Manoo: contraction of *manuloo*, a variant of *mënuloo*

Mbej: to slap

Mbëkk: to hit someone with the head

Mbéng: Lebu last name, French spelling "Mbengue"

Mel: to seem, to appear

Meloo: contraction of *meluloo*

Metti: to be painful; to be hard, difficult

Mitin b-: meeting (from English *meeting*)

Mo: expression of negative surprise or annoyance

Moo fi amaat: here it is again

Moom: to own, to possess

Moroom m-: peer, social equal

Musiba m-: misfortune, tragedy, calamity (from Arabic)

Musiba Mbaaba Kumba: great misfortune (from a Wolof folk story about a man, Mbaaba

Kumba, whose family was cursed when he broke a taboo against slaughtering a

certain goat)

Na: variant of *ni* (Lebu Wolof)

Naan: to say

Ndey j-: mother, synonym of *yaay*

Ndeysaan: gosh, what a shame, "Awww" [interjection of pity or sympathy]

Ndóóy: Lebu last name, French spelling "Ndoye"

Neexal: to mend things with someone [in this case]; to please, make a situation,

pleasing

Nekkiin: way or condition of being, staying [from nekk + suffix -iin (also pronounced -in)

meaning "way or condition of"]

Nijaay j-: maternal uncle; a traditional honorific used by wives to address their

husbands

Daññ b-: fault, reproachable thing

Olof Njaay: variant of Wolof Njaay, allegorical figure used to introduce proverbs

Paase: to have passed, synonym of weesu (French; Urban)

Palaas b-: place (from French *place*; Urban)

Parce que: because (French; Urban)

Politik y-: politics

Potu chambre: chamber pot, bedpan (French)

Puur: for, in order that (from French *pour*; Urban)

Remplacer: to replace (French)

Ren j-: this year

Saf sapp: very tasty, very spicy (superlative of saf); quite heated, tense

[figurative]

Sape: to change the channel, to zap (from French *zapper*)

See: variant of *cee* [formed by combining ci + a]

Seetaan: to watch

Sëtëtëtë: expression of stress or anxiety

Simple: simple, "just a ..." (French; Urban)

Sol: to implant an idea in someone's mind [in this case]; to fill; to wear

Sonnal: to tire, annoy

Soof: to be stupid, to be boring, to have a bad attitude

Takk: to marry

Tal: to have time for; to devote oneself solely to

Taxaw: to wait, to stop

Teg: to put

Tele b-: television (from French *télévision*]

Téye: to restrain, hold back

Tollu: to have reached to (a certain point)

Uti: variant of *wuti*

(...) war na la: (...) suits you

Waxu gone: kids' talk

Wone: to show

Yaak: contraction of yow ak

Yab: to disrespect

Yàq: to ruin, to destroy

Yekk: to serve a meal; [idiomatically] to give someone a hard time; variant of yakk

Yem: to be the same

Yemale: to put someone in their place [in this case]; to level; to equalize, adjust

Yemoo: to coincide with

Yéy: to chew

Yor: to be in charge of [in this case]; to hold

Yuuxu: to scream, to cry