

Bandbanese Lexicon

A	-	Eh
All	-	Mae
Anything	-	Lamma
At	-	Fo
Better	-	Behno
Big	-	Beejah (really big-Beejah-Beejah- ad infinitum)
Bless	-	Biybeh
Body	-	Beedoh
Book	-	Bohboh
But	-	Petamba
Bye	-	Byeh
Dan	-	Can
City	-	Ob-beh
Concubine	-	Wobahnahbahma
Crap	-	Mahmoo
Cure	-	Pehlah
Curse	-	Eebahmobo
Do	-	Doh (Don't Doh-na)
Eat	-	Ee
Eyes	-	Jubah
Face	-	Fabuweh
Fill	-	Fanang
Fire	-	Fabba
For	-	Mah
Forever	-	Faboweh
God	-	Guwa
Good	-	Ghom
Great	-	Behnbah
He's	-	Eegoo
Him	-	Eeg
His	-	Ehmob
Hit or wack	-	Ka-bonga
Holy	-	Bahtambo
Hundred	-	Padah
I	-	Moh
If	-	Is
Interfere	-	Gaba
Is	-	Oo (Isn't - Oo-na)
Jungle	-	Bananga
Keep	-	Ballah
Light	-	Canna

Man	-	Tangee
May	-	Dahbba
Meat	-	Tombatee
Mine	-	Baba
Of	-	Oma
On	-	Ohd
Open	-	Obeh
Out	-	Behlabo
Pit	-	Bahba
Place	-	Dehbeh
Poisonous	-	Mahbahleh
Queen	-	Bendahgeh
Return	-	Jabbah
Royal	-	Pundeh
Rule	-	Ehdo
Safe	-	Ehboo
Secret	-	Peteh
Send	-	Bwapa
Shaman	-	Montangee
Snakes	-	Essahmbuwa
Stringy	-	Smellamella
Thousand	-	Padah-padah
Teeth	-	Entbay
The	-	Lappa
This	-	Bah
To	-	Gibeh
Tough	-	Tamafella
Will	-	Ehn
With	-	Mee
You	-	Boo
You'll	-	Boobee
Your	-	Boobah

Na is negation

Repeating words increases or decreases their value

The Bendaba	A native cannibal people of the Congo
Byangombe	The big Bendaba god
Bohbahbahlah	Love god
Flimani Koku	Great voodoo god
Khonvoum	God of the hunt
Moh bahbohleh	An oath or promise
*Bahtoobenohbuhwheybah	Bendaba toilet

Peteh Bahtambo Ob-beh Bananga
Bahbeh-oowa
Boo-bah bee-ja bah-la-la
Boobwana

The secret, holy city of the jungle
Ritual suicide
A curse, profanity
To drag on the ground

*Bahtoobenohbuhwheybah A kind of Benaban toilet. Elephant ear leaves are tied together to form a funnel about six feet long. The wide end is tied to the fork of a tree and the small end points to the ground. The Bendabans climb to the fork, and squat in the funnel. The feces slide down the tube and onto the ground. The Bendaban climbs down from the tree he steps in the poo prompting a cry of “Bahtoobenohbuhwheybah!”