

In the introduction reference was made to three dialects of KŌnsīmè: the dialect of Messamena, the dialect of Lomié, and the dialect of Ngoïla. These three dialects correspond to three ethnic subdivisions. Messamena is populated principally by the [bādžwè], Lomié is populated by the [ñjém] from Mindourou and by the [nzīmè], and Ngoïla is populated by the [mèlŋ]. The latter-named group prefers to be called "Njem" as well, but speaks a dialect clearly different from the Njem of Mindourou and Lomié. Just as these three dialects constitute a single language, these four ethnic groups constitute a single larger ethnic group, also referred to as "KŌnsīmè". According to one account, the ancestor of all these people was one [k5ʔ3]. He had three sons, [ñjém], [nzīmè], and [ədžwè], who became the heads of the three ethnic subgroups. The word [kŏ:nzīmè] is apparently derived from the name [k5ʔ3], the prefix for class 1, |N|, and the verb /èsimè/, which means 'to be tightly bound'. Therefore the /kŏnsīmè/ are those who are tightly bound to [k5ʔ3].

The following word lists represent the three dialects spoken in Messamena, Lomié, and Ngoïla, all mutually intelligible. It is hoped that these lists will orient the reader as to the range of speech which is being called "KŌnsīmè". The lists are based on the Swadesh-220 Word List. Above each list is given the name of the dialect of the speaker. The data on the Ngoïla dialect was gotten in the town of Karagoa from Mr. Jean Mbea, aged 36, who was born in Yanebot. The data on the Messamena dialect was gotten in Yaoundé from Miss Rusine Anzok, aged 23, who was born in Djaposten.

Tone will be written in the following manner:

[1]: ˘,                      [1-3]: ˘,                      [4-5]: ˆ-5.  
[4]: ˘,                      [4-2]: ˇ,

In the column for the dialect of Messamena, the letter "S" indicates that the word is the same as that in the column for the Lomié dialect.

	<u>Ngoïla</u>	<u>Lomié</u>	<u>Messamena</u>
1. mouth	nũm	nũm <sup>4-5</sup>	S
2. eye	dĩh	dĩh	dĩ +
3. head	lɔ	lɔ	S
4. hair (of body)	myã	myẽ	S
5. tooth	lã dʒè	ãdye <sup>4-5</sup>	S

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	<u>Ngoïla</u>	<u>Lomié</u>	<u>Messamena</u>
6. tongue	dzím	jîm	S
7. nose	dó	dô	S
8. ear	lêgwól	êgwâl	S
9. neck	cf:	ǰú:	S
10. breast	lêbêl	êbêl	S
11. arm	mbóh	mbô	S
12. claw, fingernail	nã	nã	S
13. calf of leg	póm	púm	S
14. thigh	dô	du <sup>4-5</sup>	S
15. leg, foot	kô	kû	S
16. penis	sûsô hó	ju? <sup>4-5</sup>	-- --
17. fem. genitalia	sîsûhò	nôr	-- --
18. belly	mê	mô <sup>4-5</sup>	S
19. umbilic- icus	dô	dô:	S
20. liver	ǰyó?	ǰyô? ~ ǰ <sup>w</sup> ô?	ǰyô
21. intes- tines	mînjâ	mînja <sup>4-5</sup>	S
22. blood	mêtîô	mêtîê	S
23. urine	mêmîh <sup>o</sup> lâ	mêmîh <sup>o</sup> la <sup>4-5</sup>	S
24. excrement	bîǰfô	bîǰfê	S
25. bone	jûhê	ǰwêhê	S
26. skin	kór	kúr	S
27. wound	pê:	pî:	S
28. wing	lêmpâbâ	êmpâbâ:	S
29. feather	lêsâ	êsâ	S
30. horn	lî?	ntô:	S

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	<u>Ngoïla</u>	<u>Lomié</u>	<u>Messamena</u>
31. tail	kòn	kùn	S
32. a person	mòr	mür <sup>4-5</sup>	S
33. man	mòrúm	mòrùm	S
34. woman (= wife)	mòmá	mòmá ~ mùmá	mòmá
35. husband	ndzúm	ñjùm	S
36. father	sòŋ	sòŋ	S
37. mother	ñòŋ	ñòŋ	S
38. child	mántyèm	mántwùm	mántyùm
39. brother	múyá	měs <sup>4-5</sup>	S
40. sister	kél	kél	S
41. mat. uncle	kó?ó	kú?	S
42. name	dîò	dfe <sup>4-5</sup>	S
43. sky	júóp	júò	jóbò
44. night	pùm	pùm <sup>4-5</sup>	S
45. month	ŋgòŋ	ŋgòŋ <sup>4-5</sup>	S
46. star	cúcwén	áúúwén	S
47. day	mòhó	mòhó	S
48. sun	dùòp	dúò	dóbò
49. wind	pùbò	pùbò	S
50. cloud	džũnò	dũnè	S
51. dew	mělò?ò	mělò?	S
52. rain	mpwíó	mpié	S
53. rain season	ñbú bèmpwíó	èpólà lòmpié	èpólà lòmpié
54. dry season	mbú džòhé	èpólà é dwehé	èpólà é dweh

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	<u>Ngoïla</u>	<u>Lomié</u>	<u>Messamena</u>
55. year	mbú	mbû	S
56. soil	bibwǎhǎ	þibwǎh	S
57. sand	běsiǎ	ǎsiǎ	měsiǎ
58. rock	lěkǎǎ	ěkǎ?	S
59. hill	lěké?	ěcû?	S
60. trail	nzi	nzi	zi
61. water	mědǎbǎ	mědǎbé	S
62. stream	dǎbǎ	dǎbé	S
63. house	mběh	mběr	S
64. village	kwǎr	kwǎr	S
65. fire	siǎǎ	þi?e <sup>4-5</sup>	S
66. firewood	džǎrǎ	jiǎra <sup>4-5</sup>	þwǎ ra <sup>4-5</sup>
67. smoke	džúlu	dǎlu <sup>4-5</sup>	S
68. cinders	měswi	měþũ	měfi:
69. hole	lěǎǎ	ěǎǎ	S
70. bottle	ntǎ?	nta? <sup>4+5</sup>	S
71. knife	lěbǎ?ǎ	ěbǎ?	S
72. cord	kǎl	kol <sup>4-5</sup>	S
73. lance	lěkǎǎ	ěkǎǎ	S
74. arrow	bǎhǎ	bǎh	S
75. war	dǎm	dǎm <sup>4-5</sup>	S
76. cloth	kǎn	kǎn	S
77. fishing basket	þzi?ǎ	nzi?ǎ	S
78. animal (= meat)	tír	þfir	S
79. dog	mpwěh	mpyě	S

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	<u>Ngõlã</u>	<u>Lomié</u>	<u>Messamena</u>
80. elephant	nzõ?	nzo? <sup>4-5</sup>	võ?
81. panther	ŋko:	ŋkõ: <sup>4-5</sup>	S
82a. goat	ntãmākã	ntãmākã <sup>4-5</sup>	-- --
82b. goat	-- --	tab <sup>4-5</sup>	tab <sup>4-5</sup>
83. bird	n̄n	n̄n	S
84. turtle	kúl	kúl	S
85. snake	n̄õã	n̄õã	S
86. fish	sú	gû	fû
87. lice	bîn̄n̄õ	bîn̄n̄õ	S
88. egg	lèkí	ècí	S
89. tree	lí	lí	S
90. stick	ŋkás	ŋgáhã →	S
91. leaf (= grass)	ká	ká →	S
92. seedling	mpè?	mpè? <sup>4-5</sup>	S
93. root	kã:lõ	kã:lè	S
94. salt	m̄ẽswõn	èkpa <sup>4-5</sup>	S
95. fat	m̄ẽgówã	m̄ẽgóa <sup>4-5</sup>	S
96. oil	m̄ũlõ	m̄ũlo <sup>4-5</sup>	S
97. the aged one	ndzòm	n̄jòm	S
98. newness	lèdzwã	èq̄wã	S
99. depth, to be deep	lèdĩmò	èq̄dĩmè	S
100. to be wide	lèbwõ	èpwã?	S

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