

ChiChewa is a Bantu language of the Benue-Congo branch of the Niger-Congo family and is the national language for the Republic of Malawi in southeast Africa. It is a dialect of chiNyanja that developed from contact with Zulu.

ChiChewa Consonants:

Fortis:	p	t	ts	tʃ	k
Lenis:	b	d	dz	dʒ	g
Aspirate:	p ^h	t ^h			k ^h
Implosive:	ɓ	ɗ			
Fricatives:	f	s			
	v	z			
Nasals:	m	n		ɲ	ŋ
Liquids:			(r)	l	
Glides:	w			j	

Vowels Encountered:

i	u
e	o
a	

I. Word Lists

Consonants:

1	[p]	[pusi]	"cat"
2		[pandʒa]	"outside"
3	[p ^h]	[p ^h iri]	"mountain"
4	[t]	[teŋga]	"take"
5		[tola]	"pick up"
6	[t ^h]	[t ^h upi]	"body"
7		[t ^h ɛŋgo]	"forest"
8	[ɓ]	[ɓulu]	"donkey"
9		[ɓwato]	"canoe"
10	[ɗ]	[ɗula]	"cut"
11		[ɗiso]	"eye"
12	[ts]	[tsiku]	"day"
13	[dz]	[dzira]	"egg"
14		[dzuwa]	"sun"
15	[tʃ]	[tʃifua]	"cough"
16	[k]	[komano]	"but"
17		[kufúna]	"want"

18	[k ^h]	[k ^h osi]	"neck"
19		[k ^h utu]	"ear"
20	[g]	[gaŋu]	"dog"
21		[gona]	"sleep" (imperative)
22	[f]	[fupa]	"bone"
23	[s]	[siŋaŋga]	"medicine man"
24	[z]	[zoona]	"truth"
25		[zikomo]	"thanks"
26	[l]	[lina]	"another"
27	[m]	[mubvi]	"arrow"
28		[mwendo]	"leg"
29		[msana]	"back"
30	[p]	[pama]	"animal; meat"
31		[pumba]	"house"
32	[ŋ]	[ŋombe]	"cow"
33		[ŋoma]	"drum"
34	[w]	[máwa]	"tomorrow"
35		[iwo]	"they"
36	[j]	[jakuda]	"a black one"
37		[uju]	"this person"

Vowels:

1	[pusi]	"cat"
2	[p ^h iri]	"mountain"
3	[mwendo]	"leg"
4	[t ^h ɛŋgo]	"forest"
5	[maji]	"mother"
6	[tʃauta]	"god"
7	[kaka ŋono]	"small"
8	[moto]	"fire"
9	[utʃi]	"honey"
10	[mvuwu]	"hippopotamus"

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