

MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventory: Words and Sentences short form for Traditional and Town Bemba (Zambia)

This adaptation of the MacArthur-Bates Communication Short Form Level 2 has been authorized by the CDI Advisory board in December 2024.

	<i>Bemba Word</i>	<i>English Translation</i>
1	pushi/cat	cat
2	ukukaba	hot
3	toilet	toilet
4	icikumo	toe
5	tiye/let's go	let's go
6	ameno/kuluma/teeth	teeth
7	ukuboko or hand	hand
8	imishishi	hair
9	insapato or shoes	shoes
10	kaputula	short
11	ilaya	dress
12	icakufwala	clothes
13	mupepo	cold
14	amenshi	water
15	chai or tea	tea
16	umukaka	milk
17	ilanda or ing'anda	house
18	bikseti	biscuit/cookie
19	rice	rice
20	abanshi	beans
21	embe or mango	mango
22	ifilashi	messengers
23	masau	masau fruit; indian jujube
24	musale	sugar cane
25	papaye	papaya
26	nkashiyandi	sister
27	isabi	fish
28	amacipushi	chips/fried potatoes/fries
29	amataba	maize/corn
30	juwisi or drink	juice
31	umunani	relish
32	amabula	leaves
33	ici	this
34	abo	those
35	ico	that

36	ine	me
37	umwana	baby
38	ako	that
39	aba	these
40	panshi	down
41	iwe	you
42	uku	there
43	icipuna	chair
44	ubunashi or bed	bed
45	iloba	soil
46	cimuti	tree
47	i'nganda	house
48	doyo	insect
49	ikuni	firewood
50	infula	rain
51	kumushika/market	market
52	isukulu	school
53	supuni	spoon
54	imbale	plate
55	ibotolo	bottle
56	sopo	soap
57	inkoko	chicken
58	umwiko	a large cooking paddle; traditionally used to stir large pots of food, such as nsima
59	ubutanda	reed mat; traditionally used to cover the ground for sleeping, eating, sitting, etc.
60	akalimba	radio
61	pipii (kulra kwa motoka)	beeping (car sound)
62	ngiriri (kulira kwa foni)	ringing (phone sound)
63	kulukulu (kulila kwa nkoko)	cluck (chicken sound)
64	amatipa/deti	mud
65	imbushi	goat
66	icinga	bicycle
67	ukulala	sleeping
68	ukusamba	bathing
69	ukukonka/tiye	let's go
70	doli	doll
71	ukubuka	waking up
72	ukupona/ukulya	eating
73	in'gombe	cow

74	ukuwa/ukupona	fall
75	ukunya	pooping
76	ukwangala	playing
77	ukwikata	touching
78	ukuposa	throwing
79	ukwiminina	standing
80	ukusha	leaving
81	chicken	chicken
82	frutican	juice
83	head	head
84	legs	legs
85	bedroom	bedroom
86	sitting room	sitting room
87	kitchen	kitchen
88	garden	garden
89	tap	tap/spigot
90	flower	flower
91	stones	stones
92	church	church
93	eat	to eat
94	uncle	uncle
95	auntie	auntie
96	cartoons	cartoons
97	come	come
98	sopo	soap
99	dance	dance
100	ambuya/grandma Bushe umwana wenu atendeke ukubika amashiwi pamo, pamo nga: Isa kuno Ukulya nsima Ukukoma umupila	grandmother Has your child begun to combine words together, such as: come here eat nsima kick ball