

SWADESH 100-WORD LIST

The following is a list of 100 basic vocabulary items in Pondi, following Swadesh's (1971:283) list of 100 words. Where I could find no Pondi word for a particular concept, I have provided the closest equivalent (with a gloss to explicate this), and, failing this, a question mark. For nominals, I present the non-plural form (with what I believe to be the root in parentheses following).

1	'I'	nyĩ
2	'you'	o (2SG.SUBJ), u (2SG.OBJ), wany ~ wanin (2DU), wan (2PL)
3	'we'	an (1PL), any ~ anin (1DU)
4	'this'	nja
5	'that'	anda
6	'who'	kĩman
7	'what'	awnjin (NPL), awse (PL)
8	'not'	ambo
9	'all'	mokan
10	'many'	andeyal
11	'one'	kwandap ~ kwan
12	'two'	inin ~ in
13	'big'	alĩmbam (alĩmb-) ~ anĩmbam (anĩmb-)
14	'long'	mĩnangondĩ (mĩnangondĩ-)
15	'small'	kote (ko-)
16	'woman'	amwĩ (am-), angwaliyĩ (angwali-)
17	'man'	ingamo (ingam-), nĩman (nĩ-)
18	'person'	alkĩ (alkĩ-)
19	'fish'	kimbe (kimb-)
20	'bird'	njinulam (NPL), sewawi (PL) (< *sewa-m ?)
21	'dog'	ndindi (NPL), meyo (PL) (< *me-m ?)
22	'louse'	mon (mon-)
23	'tree'	njimoka (NPL), yame (PL) (< *ya-m-o ?)
24	'seed'	mom (mom-) ('fruit, seed')

25	'leaf'	papī (pap-)
26	'root'	kīsīl (kīsīl-) ('vine, root')
27	'bark'	njimoka nambiyī (literally 'tree skin')
28	'skin'	nambiyī (nambi-)
29	'flesh'	namuse (namus-)
30	'blood'	e (e-)
31	'bone'	kalwas (kalwas-)
32	'grease'	sumam (sumam-)
33	'egg'	kwanjimo (kwanji-m-)
34	'horn'	kapaw (kapaw-) ('cassowary casque')
35	'tail'	as (as-) (< *ongas ?)
36	'feather'	awmbame (awmbam-)
37	'hair'	yul (yul-)
38	'head'	kamal (kam-)
39	'ear'	kīkal (kīk-)
40	'eye'	yan (ya-, yu-)
41	'nose'	kīp (kīp-)
42	'mouth'	sal (s-)
43	'tooth'	awmo (aw-m-)
44	'tongue'	mīlīm (mīl-)
45	'claw'	yakamo (yaka-m-) ('finger, claw')
46	'foot'	pis (pis-) ('leg, foot')
47	'knee'	kambama (kambama-)
48	'hand'	ipī (ip-) ('arm, hand')
49	'belly'	kīnambiyī (kīnambi-)
50	'neck'	kut (kut-)
51	'breast' ¹	kwas (kwas-)
52	'heart'	apmos (apmos-)
53	'liver'	imbanje (imbanj-)
54	'drink'	nambi am- (literally 'water-eat')
55	'eat'	am-
56	'bite'	am- ('eat, bite')
57	'see'	andi(m)- ~ ala- (suppletive forms)
58	'hear'	ola-
59	'know'	?
60	'sleep'	kaw-
61	'die'	kīlī-
62	'kill'	asi(m) ('hit, kill')

1 Plural ('breasts') in original Swadesh list.

63	'swim'	nambi sango- (literally 'water-walk')
64	'fly'	alas- (allomorph: <i>alat-</i>) ~ alawa- (plural form?)
65	'walk'	sango-
66	'come'	i-
67	'lie'	waka-
68	'sit'	si-
69	'stand'	sinanga- ('stand, arise'), kalapa- ('be standing')
70	'give'	an- ~ ala- (suppletive forms)
71	'say'	ya- ~ yaw- ~ yawi- (suppletive forms) ('talk, say')
72	'sun'	ale (ale-)
73	'moon'	alawiyi (alawi-)
74	'star'	?
75	'water'	nambi (nambi-)
76	'rain'	kin (kin-) (also means ' <i>kundu</i> drum'; metonymic connection?)
77	'stone'	namom (namom-) ('stone axe, stone')
78	'sand'	?
79	'earth'	ambangin (ambangin-)
80	'cloud'	kalam (kalam-) ('sky, cloud')
81	'smoke'	apin ngane (< <i>apin</i> 'fire' + * <i>ngane</i> , an older word for 'cloud?')
82	'fire'	apin (apin-)
83	'ash'	isil (isil-)
84	'burn'	apin am- (literally 'fire-eat')
85	'path'	pisimli (pisimli-) (< <i>pis</i> 'leg, foot' + * <i>m(i)li</i> 'path')
86	'mountain'	kipwi ('mound, as for planting yams') (< <i>kip</i> 'nose' + <i>-wi</i> '-like')
87	'red'	kotmonde
88	'green'	minangewi (< <i>minange</i> 'taro' + <i>-wi</i> '-like')
89	'yellow'	?
90	'white'	klaluwi (< <i>klal</i> 'ripe' + <i>-wi</i> '-like?')
91	'black'	kalami (related to <i>kalam</i> 'sky, cloud' or <i>kalambo</i> 'night?')
92	'night'	kalambo
93	'hot'	apungwi (apungw-)
94	'cold'	kalpmate (kalpmat-)
95	'full'	kusuwate (kusuwat-)
96	'new'	mındawı (mındaw-)
97	'good'	almwan (al-)
98	'round'	?
99	'dry'	kataplam (katapl-, katape-)
100	'name'	ki (ki-)

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