

A Little Tshiluba

Tshiluba, spoken by about 6 million people, is one of the official languages of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Below are some sentences in Tshiluba, along with their English translations:

	Tshiluba	English
1	mukaji uvwa mumona muana.	The woman saw the child.
2	bakaji bavwa bamona muana.	The women saw the child.
3	muluma uvwa mumona bakaji.	The man saw the women.
4	muluma uvwa mumona bambuji.	The man saw the goats.
5	banzolu bavwa bamona bantambwe.	The chickens saw the lions.
6	tubambwa tuvwa tumona baluma.	The small dogs saw the men.
7	mbwa uvwa mumona ntambwe.	The dog saw the lion.
8	ntambwe uvwa mumona tubanzolu.	The lion saw the small chickens.
9	kanzolu kavwa kamona tubantambwe.	The small chicken saw the small lions.
10	tubakulu tuvwa tumona mbwa.	The small adults saw the dog.
11	kamuntu kavwa kapeta kantambwe.	The small person found the small lion.

Answer the following questions in your answer sheets:

1. Translate the following into Tshiluba:
 - a. Dog
 - b. The man saw the child.
 - c. The chicken saw the dogs.
 - d. The adult found the goat.
 - e. The small goats found the small child.
2. Tshiluba belongs to a group of languages known as the Bantu languages. What does *bantu* mean in Tshiluba?
3. The Tshiluba word for “fruit” is *cimuma*, and the Tshiluba word for “fruits” is *bimuma*. Translate the following into English:
 - a. cimuma civwa cimona ntambwe.
 - b. ntambwe uvwa mumona tubimuma.