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# SPOKEN HAUSA

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|------|------------|------|-----------|
| zōbē | 'ring'     | nōmā | 'farming' |
| gōbe | 'tomorrow' | dōyā | 'yam'     |
| dōkī | 'horse'    |      |           |

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|       |                |       |                       |
|-------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|
| saurō | 'mosquito'     | aurē  | 'marriage'            |
| zaurē | 'entrance hut' | aunā  | 'weigh'               |
| nauyī | 'heaviness'    | gautā | 'a type of vegetable' |
| sāuka | 'get down'     | saurī | 'haste'               |
| zaunā | 'sit down'     | ḍaukā | 'pick up'             |

Contrast Drill - Follow the directions for the contrast drills for /ē/ and /āi/ above.

|                   |      |       |                       |
|-------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|
| 'square house'    | sōrō | saurō | 'mosquito'            |
| 'dig up'          | tōnā | taunā | 'chew'                |
| 'fry'             | tōyē | tauyē | 'shrink'              |
| 'a cult'          | bōrī | baurī | 'bitterness'          |
| 'exceed slightly' | gōtā | gautā | 'a type of vegetable' |

Discrimination Drill - Now listen to the following pairs of words. Repeat each pair after the informant and say whether they are the same or different with respect to the diphthong or vowel in the first syllable.

|                     |        |        |                   |
|---------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| 'weigh'             | aunā   | ōdā    | 'order'           |
| 'tie up'            | ḍaurē  | aurē   | 'marriage'        |
| 'car'               | mōtā   | nōmā   | 'farming'         |
| 'buffalo'           | ḍaunā  | bōrī   | 'a cult'          |
| 'come here!'        | zō nān | zaunā  | 'sit down'        |
| 'pick up'           | ḍaukā  | dōkā   | 'type of hair-do' |
| 'mosquito'          | saurō  | saurī  | 'haste'           |
| 'chase off'         | kōrā   | kōmā   | 'return'          |
| 'type of vegetable' | gautā  | gōnā   | 'farm'            |
| 'fear'              | tsōro  | tsaurī | 'hardness'        |

III. Tone

Reproduction Drills - Repeat each word after your informant, paying close attention to the tone. Then repeat the words again while the informant checks your pronunciation.

Tone Drill 1 - High-high-high

|         |             |         |                     |
|---------|-------------|---------|---------------------|
| galsuwā | 'greetings' | tāsōshī | 'dishes'            |
| mōtōcī  | 'cars'      | kēwayō  | 'come around again' |
| gishirī | 'salt'      |         |                     |

Tone Drill 2 - High-high-low

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| lāfiyá   | 'greetings'   |
| bindigá  | 'gun'         |
| gāfará   | 'forgiveness' |
| inuwá    | 'shade'       |
| fartanyá | 'hoe'         |

Tone Drill 4 - Low-low-high

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| ámfānī  | 'usefulness' |
| tākālmī | 'shoe'       |
| tālātin | 'thirty'     |
| gōnākī  | 'farms'      |
| āshirin | 'twenty'     |

Tone Drill 6 - Low-high-low

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| sābulū | 'soap'   |
| dālīlī | 'reason' |
| māganā | 'word'   |
| lābārī | 'news'   |
| būkātā | 'need'   |

Tone Drill 3 - High-low-high

|           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| kujērā    | 'chair'     |
| itācē     | 'tree'      |
| gidājē    | 'compounds' |
| mutānē    | 'people'    |
| tsuntsāyē | 'birds'     |

Tone Drill 5 - Low-high-high

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| cīnikī   | 'trading'  |
| kāsuwā   | 'market'   |
| shīnkāfā | 'rice'     |
| ābinci   | 'food'     |
| dāriyā   | 'laughter' |

Tone Drill 7 - Low-low-low and  
low-low-falling

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| āyābā    | 'banana'   |
| ākūwāti  | 'box'      |
| Littinīn | 'Monday'   |
| āsūbā    | 'dawn'     |
| Ālhamīs  | 'Thursday' |