

1. Meyō binjo nga shī nā kəfeya umeyi binjo nga shede ka ha

Free Translation: Build a granary and roof it, if you build and leave it unroofed, it will fall

Meaning: When you marry a woman, you don't just carelessly leave her, you have to provide her necessary needs to make her what you desire.

2. Piye blata wog nga hik-wa, kənga da bladə dē

Free Translation: by pulling the bark of a tree; you will get a fiber from drawing it.

Meaning: If you want to look for whom to marry, don't marry an old person; look for the one that you are sure to be able to give birth to children.

3. Ma ngə ko ndugu mə nga ko na reye, nga woziye

Free Translation: If you go to farm without a hoe, you cannot work

Meaning: You cannot just assume things and be done without you working them out, dreams without working on them is just an imagination.

4. Tawa Mboi tə dau kado zangzangto, ma kado zangzangto sheme wuro ka kade

Free Translation: We the people of Mboi love peaceful living, for without living in harmony the world will not exist.

5. Ye kayi lengleng a ishiya aka kwa lumo waya ye

Free Translation: One who has a red-thread grass round his loins should not go to help in quenching fire outbreak.

Meaning 1: He who is guilty or faulty will not attempt reconciling others of the same offense.

Meaning 2: A person that refuses to hear warning will be caught up unaware.

6. Wodiyə ka mbəshe bū pai yo to nau?

Free Translation: If a dead refuses a grave, where will he go and sleep, or lay himself?

Meaning: There is no alternative in what befalls someone as a result of his cause.

7. Nga to waya da niyē, sai da talya

Free Translation: One should not pick fire particles with a bare hand, instead, a broken pot.

Meaning: One cannot approach a case of judgement or resolve problems with an empty hand and words.

8. Ndakka gurummu

Free Translation: Better there is than none

Meaning: Better you have your fellow or partner and is seen bad than the absence of everybody.

9. Mə ngə zā jimsa tongi shemde ka nade

Free Translation: A roof without a pillar doesn't stand

Meaning: staying all alone is always dangerous, a council of others always help in solving problems and confusions.

10. Agəna fandi ma ka khā ye twa shidou?

Free Translation: Does a single person make a tatch roof and lift it up to the building?

Meaning: Unity is always good, united we will prevail over all.

11. Bimiya fandi fəko mbəliya ceye

Free Translation: A single bangle on hand does not jingle

Meaning: An isolated person suffer loneliness

12. Kənga twa kwa kənga bən dangou?

Free Translation: Will you carry a sickle to beat a drum?

Meaning: you don't punish a child with a stick or sharp object, you will end up harming or killing him. Do things the way they are supposed to be done.

13. Tali nda kənda hyā nide kəm!

Free Translation: All of us must suffer the hotness of this pan, for we were already warned.

Meaning: When you fail to listen to warning among others, the awaiting trouble will involve all of you.

14. Horihoriya, branyā

Free Translation: The owner has arrived, it has happened!

Meaning: Since we have not listen to the good advise, now we will face the real judgement from the owner.

15.Tali nda ndə kəm də.

Free Translation: All of us must undergo this pan

The group sin of offence must attract a group punishment

16.Gihīn ɓwhā bodi kətiye

Free Translation: A good soup does not serve the whole food (tuwo)

Meaning: A good does not stay alive for long

17.Agben kooyi aa nə tol a kalliye

Free Translation: A squirrel does not give birth to a baby squirrel with a side tail

Meaning 1: A child's behaviour has nowhere to be compared with than the parents.

Meaning 2: A child's habit is believed to be inherited or learned from the parents

18.Kang cima guletati an lime yaze

Free Translation: The bedbugs in your bed are the very ones harming you

Meaning: your enemy is nobody else than your intimate fellow

19.Akeleng ɗa humza

Free Translation: A he-goat among other goats

Meaning: A careless lad keeps impregnating women without having a bonifide child

20. Nge dāu yinge panga yiya kaa ya maa ye

Free Translation: It is not your pleasure to address grandmother as mother

Meaning 1: It is as a result of a motherlessness that made someone regard grandparents as parents

Meaning 2: in the absence of the first-class wants we stick on the second-class

21. Kā ihī

Free Translation: Talkative person

Meaning: A person who manipulates things and can be able to defend them no matter

22. Mbwa won jīyāwa won todazo

Free Translation: What you like most is what easily kills you

Meaning: Anything habitual can easily destroy the destiny

23. Akeleng dayi aaye

Free Translation: A he-goat does not own a kid

Meaning: A child must belong to a bonafide owner no matter, but it depends on how reckless the mother is

24. Ngod hizo tami lungdung miyē

Free Translation: A dried tree cannot make a forest

Meaning: An isolated living hinders community progress

25. Gat ka vat dā lungdungma paka yap mba nged mayāu?

Free Translation: Can a river flow into a forest without breaking the trees?

Meaning: When a solution man arrives there must be a breakthrough

26. Abwa yin kũ pe mwau?

Free Translation: will a dog become old and be able to hunt?

Meaning: it is good for a living to use times and moments wisely and redeem it.

27. Ngod hizo foyiye

Free Translation: A dried stick doesn't bend

Meaning: A stitch in time saves nine

28. Ndom dər thāyi đā nun

Free Translation: A sleep comes on a blind person

Meaning: The worst has happened

29. Gufo yin mine yamnu?

Free Translation: A belly praises who?

Meaning: Who because of his frequent feeding got an award? Better focus on more important issues.

30. A ni kpəng hobi zāyě

Free Translation: You don't beat a snake with an empty hand

Meaning: You don't work good things without being well-equipped

31. Tāima na da mbiu?

Free translation: what does the sympathizing words give me?

Meaning: Problems need solutions not empty talks or promises

32. Mbwanda kaa baa mbaayi

Free Translation: this thing will hook you alone

Meaning: failure to take heed or harken to a warnig will lead to a ruin against the owner.

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