

BASIC COURSE IN HAITIAN CREOLE

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Pronunciation Introduction

Tape B02.29: Supplementary Sheet - Lessons 3 & 4

Lesson 3

B. Upon hearing this signal, read the following items aloud. The confirmation will be given on the tape and you should repeat each item after the confirmation.

kisa Gabi fanmi vis-la pitit

Write down the following words. Stop the tape after each word and check your spelling against the key given on the right hand side of the page. Then read the word in its correct spelling aloud.

M _____
P _____
_____ - _____
_____ - _____
_____ - _____
_____ - _____

Key: Mari
pa pi mal
klas-la
pa di sa
m la m la
ou la

C. Now read the following items which contain various combinations of i, a, and ou:

bakoulou m ap di ou ti moun ou y ap di ou pitit-la
diri-a initil l a di sa

Read the following items aloud:

li isit ou malad
ou isit ou pa pi mal
pitit ou

Write down and pronounce the following items. Stop the tape after each word and check your spelling item by item with the key on the right hand side of the paper.

_____ - _____ - _____
_____ - _____ - _____
_____ - _____ - _____
_____ - _____ - _____
_____ - _____ - _____
_____ - _____ - _____

Key: dis pitit
li bakoulou
m ap di ou
ti moun li
pitit-ou
Mari ak pitit-li
pitit-la

Lesson 7 - The vowel é

In the following exercise first cover the key, then identify the member of each pair which contains the vowel é. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the vowel é which will be given by the voice on the recording.

1. First Second
2. First Second
3. First Second
4. First Second
5. First Second
6. First Second

Key:	salé	sali
	kou-li	koulé
	diri	diré
	soulé	sou-li
	palé	pa-li
	Mari	maré

Read the following items. The confirmation will be given by the voice on the recording.

Two syllable words:

Asé	pasé	niché	mété	lagé	li vlé	viré	Alsé	pavé
Gabi		kou-li	isit	chita		machin		

Three syllable words:

kalité disipé éséyé

Read the following sentences aloud. The confirmation will be given by the voice on the recording, then translate the sentences you have written and check with the key in the workbook:

Gabi ap maché	Key: Gabi is walking
Gras a Dyé	Thanks to God
nou pralé	we are going
m pralé pita	I am going later
Babay Alsé	Goodbye, Alsé

Write down the following words. Check your spelling with the key given on the right hand side of the page, and read the word in its correct spelling aloud.

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 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
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 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

Key: pasé
li mété
sa ou vlé
ki sa ki rivé
Gras a Dyé
si Dyé vlé
nou pa palé
y ap maché
ou yé
Alsé, li pa pi mal

The vowel è

Identify the member of each pair which contains the vowel è. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the vowel è which will be given by the voice on the recording.

1. First	Second	Key: bé	(bè)
2. First	Second	(kè)	ké
3. First	Second	(lagè)	lagé
4. First	Second	koulé	(koulè)
5. First	Second	maché	(machè)

Read the following words. The confirmation will be given on the recording.

vapè machè koulè razè li bèt dé nèg ki lès boulé
 li vlé kité pèdi mèsi pèmèt rémèd

Read the following sentences. Compare with the confirmation. Then translate each sentence and check your answers with the key.

1. Gabi, machè	Key: Gabi, dear
2. m a wè ou	I'll see you
3. li wè ou pita	he'll see you later
4. Alsé pa pi mal	Alsé is not worst

Write down the following sentences. Check with the key and read aloud.

— — — — — .	Key: Li bèt.
— — , — — — — — .	Sa, sé sè-m.
— — — — — — — — ?	Sa ou ap fè la-a?
— — — — — — — .	Ti moun sa-a.
— — — — — — — .	Li ban-m de lèt.
— — — , — — — , — — — — — ?	M la, m la, é ou mèm?
— — — — — .	kèk lèt.
— — — — — — — — .	M pral chèché.

Tape B02.30-31 - Lessons 11-15

Part I

In the following exercise, identify the member of each pair which contains the vowel en. If you can make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the vowel en which will be given by the voice on the recording.

1. First Second	Key: sé	(sen)
2. First Second	(fen)	fè
3. First Second	(pen)	pè
4. First Second	bé	(ben)
5. First Second	(len)	lé
6. First Second	pè	(pen)
7. First Second	jé	(jen)
8. First Second	(chen)	chè

Read the following items. The confirmation will be given by the voice on the tape.

Two syllables 1-2 rhythm:

diven lé Sen kouzen maten kenz lèt senk ka genyen
ak mwen

Three syllables 1-2-3 rhythm:

li genyen machin mwen senk rézen kouzen mwen

Four syllables 1-2-3-4 rhythm:

démen maten li fin goumen épi lé Sen

Read the following sentences aloud. The confirmation will be given by the voice on the recording. Then write the translation of the sentences you have read and check with the key.

1. Li genyen kèk lèt. _____
2. Gras a Dyé epi lé Sen. _____
3. L ap kenbé toujou. _____
4. En ben, m pralé lakay mwen. _____

Key: 1. He has some letters. 2. Thanks to God and the Saints too.

3. He is still holding on. 4. Well, I am going home.

Dictation

Check your answers with the key and then read aloud.

Key: genyen
renmen
l ap kenbé
machin mwen
sa ki gen en
En ben, Kouray Bòs
Si Dyé vlé
M pralé lavil

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Part II.

Identify the item that ends in n or m. If you make the correct identification, repeat the item ending in n or m.

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|----------|--------|------|--|---|
| 1. First | Second | Key: | chen | chenn |
| 2. First | Second | | jenn | jen |
| 3. First | Second | | menm | men |
| 4. First | Second | | ren | renn |
| 5. First | Second | | venn | ven |

Read aloud. Write down the items that do not end with n or m sounds in the appropriate blanks in the workbook.

chen chenn benn pen plenn menm pwent machin genyen
senmenn ou-menm chémen goumen

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- Key: chen
pen
pwent
genyen
chémen
goumen

In Creole any é or è that precedes n or m is usually pronounced en. Read aloud.

fèmen ménen mèm rèmen

Write and translate.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
- Key: é ou mèm?
Ba-m nouvèl ou
kay komè Anita
Mèsi, n a wè

Translation:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
- And yourself?
What's new with you?
at Sister Anita's house
Thanks, see you

Part III

Identify the member of each pair which contains the vowel an. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the vowel an which will be given by the voice on the recording.

1. First Second	Key: la	(lan)
2. First Second	(tan)	ta
3. First Second		sa
4. First Second	ren	(ran)
5. First Second	(chan)	chen
6. First Second	ba	(ban)
7. First Second	pa	(pan)
8. First Second	(kan)	ka
9. First Second	ben	(ban)

Read the following words aloud:

riban kouman chanjman trantan senkant mande santi
 anyen anpil

Dictation

_____	Key: anba
_____	nan·mache-a
_____	kouman ou yé?
_____	M pran kèk lèt
_____	Y ap grandi toujou
_____	Li chanté anpil

Part IV

Identify the word ending in n or m. Repeat the word after the voice on the tape if you make the correct identification.

1. First Second	Key: tann	tan
2. First Second	van	(vann)
3. First Second	(prann)	pran
4. First Second	(janm)	jan
5. First Second	kan	(kann)

Read:

tann vyann janm kann rann désann aprann dé bann
 li pann jam zami maman anana ané

Read the following sentences aloud. The confirmation will be given by the voice on the recording. Then translate the sentence you have read and check with the key below.

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1. Ban·m nouvèl ou?
2. Kouman komè Anita yé?
3. Nou pralé nan maché-a.
4. Sa ki genyen machè?
5. E ou menm, ki sa ou ap fè?
6. Gras a Dyé épi lé Sen, y ap grandi.
7. Babay Mari. M wè ou pita.
8. Nan wout li wè anita ak Alsé.

Translation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Key:

- What's new with you?
How is Sister Anita?
We are going to the market.
What's the matter, dear?
What about you, what are you doing?
Thank God and the Saints, they are growing up.
Bye bye, Mari. I'll see you later.
On the road, he sees Anita with Alsé.

Dictation

After you check your answers with the key, read aloud.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Key: Kouman Anita yé?

- Kèk zouti anba bra-li.
Nou pralé lavil Dimanch.
Sa pa fè anyen, machè.
Swasant senk santim.
Pa gen anpil ladan.
Sa li mandé ou.
Nou pralé la dwann ansanm.

Lesson 15

Identification Exercise 1

Identify the member of each pair which contains the vowel o. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the vowel o which will be given by the voice on the recording.

1. First	Second	Key: pou	(po)
2. First	Second	(mo)	mou
3. First	Second	lò	lo
4. First	Second	wou	wo
5. First	Second	(so)	sò
6. First	Second	(cho)	chou
7. First	Second	(po)	pò
8. First	Second	(do)	dou

Read the following aloud:

répo poto pokò lèt-yo kokoyé karako lopital zaboka

Dictation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Key: papa-yo

Sé Tijo

Ki koté ou pralé?

Kat didantité-yo

é pitit-ou-yo, ban m nouvèl-yo

Li rélé Tijo tou

Identification Exercise 2

Identify the member of each pair which contains the vowel ò. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the vowel ò which will be given by the voice on the recording.

1. First Second
2. First Second
3. First Second
4. First Second
5. First Second
6. First Second

Key: po

pò

bò

bo

sò

so

mo

mò

fò

fo

lò

lo

Identification Exercise 3

Write which of the two vowels, o or ò, occurs in the following words. Pronounce the word, if you have identified the vowel correctly.

Key: 1. ò bò 2. o so 3. o do 4. o wo
 5. ò bò 6. o fo 7. ò mò

Read the following:

rigòl kréyòl lézòt alò ankò sòti chofè loraj
 Bòs Pòl pokò Ajéno Pòtoprens Bòs Toma kòdònyé

Now read the following dialogue. Translate each sentence mentally. Check with the glossary whenever you are unsure of the meaning of any word.

-Bonjou Bòs Alsé.

-Bonjou Konpè Toma. Ban m nouvèl ou.

-M la é komè Mari, ki jan li yé?

-L ap kenbe toujou. Pitit ou-yo, ban m nouvèl yo?

-Y ap grandi toujou, gras a Dyé épi lé Sen.

-Ki koté ou pralé?

-M pralé Lapòs épi Lakomin.

-E ou menm, m pralé nan maché-a.

Dictation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Key: Yo pran kèk lèt
 Gadé byen koté li yé.
 Yo alé lapòs.
 Yo vire' agòch.
 Ki koté ou monté?

Identification Exercise 4

Identify the member of each pair which contains the nasal vowel ou. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the nasal vowel o which will be given by the voice on the recording.

1. First	Second	Key:	ban	bon
2. First	Second		ton	tan
3. First	Second		pen	pon
4. First	Second		so	son
5. First	Second		gon	gou
6. First	Second		won	wo
7. First	Second		nen	non
8. First	Second		don	dan

Identification Exercise 5

Write which one of the three nasal vowels en, an, on occurs in each word given. Pronounce the word if you have identified the vowel correctly.

1. _____	Key:	an	ban
2. _____		en	nen
3. _____		on	ton
4. _____		on	won
5. _____		en	sen
6. _____		an	jan
7. _____		on	don
8. _____		on	gon

Read the following:

ton bonbon konpè tonton-m réparasyon sé tonton-nou
 yo kontan anpil

Read the following sentences.

Konpè Toma sé tonton-m.

M a montré you.

No gen dizan.

Sé bòs Toma ki tonton-li.

Dictation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Key: Yo montré-m kay yo.
 Tonton-m ap kenbe toujou.
 Ki bò kónpè-a pralé?
 Gason-ou rélé Wobè.
 Yo genyen onz pitit.
 Vini, m a montré ou.

Identification Exercise 6

Identify the word ending in a nasal vowel on + n. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word ending in on + n which will be given by the voice on the recording.

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|----------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. First | Second | Key: | [ponn] | pon |
| 2. First | Second | | kòn | [konn] |
| 3. First | Second | | [lonn] | lon |
| 4. First | Second | | pon | [ponn] |

Identification Exercise 7

Write the vowel or vowel + n which occurs in the following words. Pronounce the word aloud, after you have made the correct identification.

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|----------|-------------|--------|------|
| 1. _____ | Key: | ò + n | bòn |
| 2. _____ | | on | non |
| _____ | | on + n | konn |
| 4. _____ | | ò + n | jòn |
| 5. _____ | | on + n | lonn |
| 6. _____ | | on + n | fonn |
| 7. _____ | | ò + n | mòn |
| 8. _____ | | on | ton |

Read:

ponn konn jòn bòn pon ton pann tann

Read:

A. bon	bòn	konn	pòn	jòn	fòn	désann	réponn
yo tann	li ponn	zanmi	madanm	kamyonèt	sonnen	renmen	
bonè	kommen	komè					

B. Konpè Toma ak Komè Anita

Li jwenn bank-la.

Nou fini fè réparasayon-an.

Pa viré agòch.

Li genyen anpil, alò.

Dictation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Key:

Ou ap pwomnen.
Yo pralé bonè.
Li kapañ mennen ou.
Nan biwo kab-la.
Nou pralé nan mòn.
Yo vann anpil zouti.

Now you should be able to read the dialogues of Units I and II fluently. Read sentence by sentence and compare with the native model which will follow. Repeat each sentence until you are able to read it accurately and fluently.

I. -Bonjou, komè Mari.

-Bonjou, konpè Toma. Banm nouvèl ou.
-M pa pi mal. E ou menm, ki jan ou yé?
-M la, m la.
-E bòs Alsé, ki jan li yé?
-Gras a Dyé, li byen tou.

II. -Komè Gabi, machè, kouman ou yé?

-M ap kenbé toujou. E ou menm?
-Gras a Dyé, m pa pi mal.
-E bòs Alsé?
-Li konsa.
-E ti moun-yo?
-Gras a Dyé epi lé Sen y ap grandi.
-Ki koté ou pralé la-a?
-M pralé lapòs. E ou menm?
-M pral fè yon ti viré nan maché-a.
-Alò m a wè-ou pita, Gabi. Babay.
-Babay Mari.

Tape B02.32-33 – Lessons 19 and 23

Lesson 19 – Identification Exercise 1

Identify the member of each pair which contains the vowel u. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the vowel u which will be given by the voice on the recording.

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|----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1. First Second | Key: | li | lu |
| 2. First Second | | ru | ri |
| 3. First Second | | ni | nu |
| 4. First Second | | pou | pu |

5. First Second

bou

(bu)

6. First Second

mu

mi

Read the following:

Ozétazuni ru du Pak Ki koté buwo kab-la yé? Li nan ru dé Mirak

Identification Exercise 2

Identify the member of each pair which contains the vowel eu or the vowel eù.

1. First Second	Key: deu	dé
2. First Second	ké	(keu)
3. First Second	pèp	(peùp)
4. First Second	(neùf)	nèf
5. First Second	sé	(seu)
6. First Second	msye	(msyeu)
7. First Second	leu	lé

Read

leu deu peùp seul beuzwen paskeu dufeu reuvandeùz
reuseuvwa ru du Magazen deu Léta

Read aloud. Be sure to maintain a 1-2 rhythm.

bonjou mirak anpil konnen monchè viré soti Kréyòl
fransé kenbé tonton Dyé vléDictation

Write down the numbers from 1 to 10. First copy the number for one: Youn

Now write and read aloud after you have written each number.

2	_____	Key: dé
3	_____	twa
4	_____	kat
5	_____	senk
6	_____	sis
7	_____	sèt
8	_____	uit
9	_____	nèf
10	_____	dis

Read aloud:

m pa konprann sé madanm mwen li pa k ap jwenn fò ou réponn

Read aloud:

kamyon konnen bonneu ménen pwomennen téléfonnen kamyonèt

Dictation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Key:

M ta vlé téléfonnen.
 Ki koté Lapòs yé?
 L ap monte ru du Peùp
 Sa ou ap fè isit?
 Bòs Alsé pa vlé voyé kab-la.

Dyalòg

- Konpè Toma, ban m nouvèl-ou?
- Sa pa pu mal, non.
- Ou deyò bonneu, wi l.
- Wi, monchè. M pralé kay komé Anita.
- Sa ki genyen?
- Anyen bòs Alsé. M pral fè yon ti travay pou komé-a.
- Ki sa ou poté anba bra ou la?
- Zouti m.
- Ou pral fè yon gwo travay?
- O, wi monchè. E ou menm, koté ou pralé?
- M pral lavil.
- En ben, bon kouraj, bòs.
- Mési, n a wè si Dyeu vlé.
- E msyeu. Bonjou.
- Bonjou, msyeu. Sa m kap fè pou ou?
- M ta vlé voyé yon kab ozétazuni.
- An, ou ta vlé voyé yon kab Ozétazuni.
- Wi, m ta vlé voyé kab la kounyé-a.
- Buwo kab-la nan ru dé Mirak.
- Ki koté ru dé Mirak-la yé?
- Ou pran ru du Peùp-la tou dwat...
- Ru sa-a menm.
- Wi sé li menm.
- Lè ou jwenn ri dé Mirak, ou viré adwat.
- Wi, m viré adwat ru dé Mirak...
- Ou desann nèt jus ou rivé nan buwo kab-la. Li maké "R.C.A. Communications".
 Li anfas bank Kanada.
- Buwo-a agòch ou adwat?
- Li adwat. Bank Kanada-a agòch.
- Bon, mèsi anpil.

Lesson 23

Identification Exercise 1

Identify the member of each pair which contains the semivowel /w/. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the semivowel /w/ which will be given by the voice on the recording. Do this exercise until your score is perfect.

	Key:
2.	pwa
3.	fwa
4.	lwen
5.	mwén
6.	pwason
	beuzwen

Read the following items aloud. Be sure to produce /w/, here represented by ou in one syllable.

pwen wi twa lwé pwason ou ap wè n ap jwé
 swasant twa fwa sa ou ap bwè aswè-a

Read the following items aloud:

wont wout wòb buwo woma sitwon Yon bél wòb wouj
 Li rélé Wobè Ki koté m kap jwenn buwo-a

Dictation

1.	Key: Li lwen
2.	ou a jwenn li
3.	Sa sé jwèt mwén
4.	N a wè ou aswè-a.
5.	Li genyen yon bél wòb wouj.

Identification Exercise 2

Identify the word which contains the semivowel /y/. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification repeat the word containing the semivowel /y/ which will be given by the voice on the recording. Do this exercise until your score is perfect.

1.	Key: pyé
2.	Dyé
3.	byen
	byento
5.	vyé moun

Read the following items aloud:

yon yanm youn byen msyeu Dyé Kay bay fi
 voyé bliyé yo yé ayisyen téyat dènyé vwayaj bagay
 fanmiy rélijyeu réparasyon Pétyonvil réunyon Yo genyen yon fi
 genyen kamyonèt anfas Bank Natyonal Yo voyé anpil bagay aswè-a
 Msyeu bliyé li ta vlé Pétyonvil

Dictation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Key: Yo genyen yon fi
 Sé yon ayisyen
 Ou wè Bank Natyonal
 Li voyé anpil bagay bay fanmi li

Identification Exercise 3

Identify the word which contains gn. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification repeat the word containing the consonant gn which will be given by the voice on the recording. Do this exercise until your score is perfect.

1. First Second
2. First Second
3. First Second

Key: lin lign
 sign sin
 pèy pengn

Dictation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Key: Li fè lign Pétyonvil.
 Mwen wè twa kamyonèt.
 Konpagni-an, li nan ru koub.
 Yo ba yo ransègnman.

Identification Exercise 4

Identify the word which contains the consonant j. Check each pair with the key. If you make the correct identification, repeat the word containing the consonant j which will be given by the voice on the recording. Do this exercise until your score is perfect.

1. First Second
2. First Second
3. First Second
4. First Second
5. First Second

Key: dja ja
 jou chou
 pay paj
 bagaj
 tidjo tijo

Read the following items aloud:

janb jouk manjé jodi-a jwenn yo dégajé oblijé
 Ki jan pou m voyé pakèt sa-a? Sé yon jounalis ayisyen. Yo kap dégajé yo byen.

Dictation

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Key: Yo manjé senk béréjenn.
 Nou té travay tout la jounen.
 Yo pa kapab jwenn msyeu jodi-a.
 Ki jan Tijo dégajé l.

Dyalòg

- E msyeu. Bonjou. M ta vlé téléléfonnen. Ki koté m ka téléléfonnen isit?
 -En ben, msyeu blan, ou kap téléléfonnen tou patou.
 -M pa konprann ou, monchè.
 -Ou kap téléléfonnen nan tout magazen-yo. Isit menm, Kay Bata, ou kap téléléfonnen.
 Men pou ou pi su, si ou vlé fè yon ti maché, ou a téléléfonnen nan télélégraf-la.
 -Ki koté télélégraf la yé?
 -Li anfas ou. Ou wè pi gwo kay sa-a? Bon, sé télélégraf-la.
 -Ou su m ka téléléfonnen la vré?
 -Wi, msyeu blan, ou kap jwenn téléléfòn nan télélégraf-la.
 -Bon, m ap mande ou yon lòt sèvis. Ki kote m kap jwenn kamyonèt pou ale Pétyonvil?
 -Isit la menm. Sé nan ru dé Mirak kamyonèt-yo monte.
 -Koté ru dé Mirak-la yé?
 -Devan-ou la-a. Lè ou sou galri Bata, ou nan ru dé Mirak. Lè ou devan li, ou nan Gran ru. Sé la tout kamyonèt-yo viré.
 -M wè. Mèsi anpil, monchè. Men pou pran sigarèt ou.
 -Mèsi anpil. Oréwva.
 -é stòp!
 -Bonjou. Ki sa ou beuzwen.
 -Monchè, m rélé Makdonal. E ou, ki jan ou rélé?
 -M rélé Lwi, m byen kontan fè konèsans ou. Ki sa k rivé ou?
 -Anyen monchè. M pral Okap. M bliyé wout-la.
 -A bon, m konprann. Ou sou wout-la. Kou ou fè koub-la, w ap jwenn Plézans.
 -A pwopo, ki bò m a jwenn yon koté pou m manjé, paskeu mwen grangou?
 -Ou a jwenn yon restoran nan Plezans menm, tou pré légliz katolik-la.
 -Ou té manjé la déjà?
 -Wi, m té manjé la déjà. Yo fè bon manje.
 -Ki bò ou soti la-a?

-M sòti Okap.

-Okap lwen ak isit?

-Li pa two lwen.

-Konbyen kilomèt konsa?

-Kité m wè. Apré Plézans, sé senkant kilomèt ki rété pou rivé Okap.

-Mèsi anpil, Lwi monchè.

-Deu ryen, monchè Makdonal. Bon vwayaj.