Lhagang Choyu Wordlist with the Thamkhas Dialect of Minyag Rabgang Khams (Lhagang, Dartsendo)

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Lhagang Choyu is a newly-recognised language spoken only in Thamkhas Hamlet of Lhagang Town, Dartsendo Municipality, Ganzi Prefecture, Sichuan Province, China. This language, analysed as an independent Qiangic language which is the closest to Choyu, has no more native speakers who acquired it as the first language; there are less than 100 elder people who have knowledge of this language, and they generally speak Khams (Thamkhas dialect, Minyag Rabgang Khams). This word list contains around 750 words that we were able to collect from speakers living in Lhagang Town, with an equivalent of the Thamkhas dialect of Khams.

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1. Introduction

This article aims to provide a word list (including ca. 750 entries) of Lhagang Choyu (Tagong Queyu¹ 塔公却域語 in Chinese), newly-recognised, highly endangered non-Tibetic² language, with supplementary data of the Thamkhas dialect of Khams Tibetan for each entry of Lhagang Choyu. Both of them are spoken in Tage [Thabs-mkhas]³,⁴ Hamlet (henceforth Thamkhas Hamlet), located in the south-western part of Tagong [lHa-sgang] Town (henceforth Lhagang Town), Kangding [Dar-mdo]⁵ Municipality, Ganzi [dKar-mdzes] Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province,

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¹ The character 却 que is pronounced as [tchio] in the local Sichuan Mandarin (Sichuanese).

² See Tournadre (2014) for the definition of 'Tibetic'.

³ The original Tibetan orthography in a romanised transliteration based on de Nebesky-Wojkowitz (1956: xv) is attached in square brackets for each proper name with a transcription of Chinese.

⁴ There is another spelling for this hamlet: Tha-skas (Rig-'dzin bsTan-srung 2015).

⁵ The Municipality centre is called Dartsendo [Dar-rtse-mdo], which is frequently used instead of Darmdo.

China (see Figure 1 and 2^6). It also includes a brief sketch of potential sound structure of Lhagang Choyu.

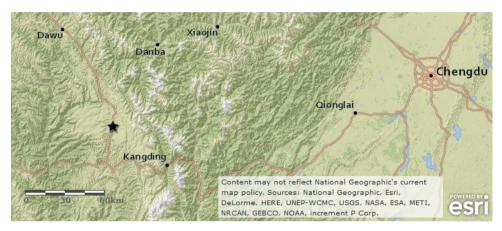


Fig. 1 Geographical position of Lhagang Town



Fig. 2 Geographical position of Thamkhas Hamlet and Lhagang Village

We conducted research in Lhagang Village, centre of Lhagang Town, not in Thamkhas Hamlet. As shown in Suzuki & Sonam Wangmo (2017), Lhagang Village has become a multilingual area principally due to the governmental policy of the resettlement of pastoralists (Sonam Wangmo 2013). Lhagang Choyu speakers are farmers; however, influenced by this policy, several families migrated to the village.

⁶ The figures provided in the article were designed by Arc GIS online (accessed 12th December 2016): https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html.

Our main collaborator is Chime Lhamo ['Chi-med lHa-mo], at her 50s, living in Lhagang Village for more than one decade. Her mother tongue is the Thamkhas dialect of Minyag Rabgang Khams,⁷ and acquired Lhagang Choyu as a second language. She belongs to the last generation who *knows* Lhagang Choyu as a modest user. The communication language between us is the Lhagang dialect of Minyag Rabgang Khams;⁸ however, due to the difference between Lhagang Khams and Thamkhas Khams, we have had not a few difficulties in our communication. The first author's first fieldwork needed even an interpreter of Lhagang Khams to Shingnyag Amdo,⁹ and Shingnyag Amdo to Thamkhas Khams. This too complicated sociolinguistic background of Lhagang Choyu is reported in Suzuki & Sonam Wangmo (2016b), followed by Suzuki (2016) and Suzuki & Sonam Wangmo (forthcoming), to be summarised below.

The Lhagang Choyu language is newly recognised by our field research. Any previous works, including governmental annals and reports, do not provide the information of this language. Even though we successfully recorded word forms of Lhagang Choyu, it is known by only a few, older people in Lhagang. This language is called *skad-logs* 'bent language' by Thamkhas people. We should note that this name is not *logs-skad*, often used in Khams area, which denotes 'non-Tibetic variety'. This language, firstly mentioned in Suzuki & Sonam Wangmo (2016b), currently faces severe endangerment, and it might, unfortunately, be no more speakers who acquired it as a mother tongue, and there are merely less than a hundred modest users, most of whom are now speakers of Khams Tibetan (the Thamkhas dialect; Minyag Rabgang Khams) with a knowledge of Lhagang Choyu as a second acquisition language. Based on our research, Lhagang Choyu does not function as a communication tool any more. Hence, they usually do not use this language and speak Khams Tibetan instead. Even within a family in which all the members are from Tage Hamlet, they use Khams Tibetan.

The relationship between Lhagang Choyu and Choyu has not been examined with a systematic comparative method so far. However, referring to previous works regarding Choyu (Lu 1985, 10 Wang 1990, Nishida 2008, and Prins & Nagano 2013) and the first author's fieldnote on the Phubarong dialect of Choyu as well as local narratives on the migration history transmitted in Thamkhas Hamlet (Suzuki & Sonam Wangmo 2016b) always suggests a close relationship between them. The basis of a comparative study is good language materials in quality as well as in quantity; hence it is an important step to provide a word list although the data is highly limited.

⁷ See Suzuki (2009) and Suzuki & Sonam Wangmo (2017) for the classification and appellation of Khams Tibetan.

⁸ See Suzuki & Sonam Wangmo (2015ab, 2016a) for a description of Lhagang Khams.

⁹ See Suzuki & Sonam Wangmo (2016c) for Shingnyag Amdo.

¹⁰ Lu (1985) uses "Zhaba" as a language name for the variety that he studied. However, as mentioned in Wang (1990), it is suitable that we consider this language as a dialect of Choyu.

2. Potential sound structure of Lhagang Choyu

It is difficult to present a phonological overview only with based on 750 words. Hence the data to be displayed below just denotes a *potential* sound structure.

2.1. Phonemes and suprasegmentals

The phonological inventory adapted to the description of this article is as follows:

.0111	lab.	alveo.	posalv.	retr.	pal	atal	vel.	uvul.	glot.
					pre-	post-			
asp.	p ^h	t ^h		t ^h			k^h	q^h	
vl.	p	t		t.			k	q	?
vd.	b	d		d			g		
asp.		ts^h	$t \int^h$		tc^h				
vl.		ts	t∫		tç				
vd.		dz			d≱				
vl.	φ*	S	\int	ş	¢		X		h
vd.		Z	3		Z		γ	\mathbf{R}	ĥ
vd.	m	n	<u>n</u>		1).		ŋ	N	
vl.	m	ņ			$\mathring{\mathbf{n}}$		ŋ̊	N	
vd.		1		r					
vl.		1							
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^{*:} Existent only as a preinitial.

(plos.: plosive; affr.: affricate; fric.: fricative; semiv.: semivowel; asp.: voiceless aspirated; vl.: voiceless non-aspirated; vd.: voiced; lab.: labial; alveo.: alveolar; postalv.: postalveolar; retr.: retroflex; vel.: velar; uvul.: uvular; glot.: glottal)

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Three secondary articulations, nasalisation, velarisation and labialisation, are attested.

No contrasts between 'short' and 'long' are found.

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Some consonants might be missing due to the small number of data, e.g., $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ are expected to exist.

Suprasegmentals

A two-way word tone system is attested. It distinguishes HIGH (level and falling) [–] from LOW (rising and rising-falling) [′]. The tonal marker is put before a word.

A tone bearing unit (TBU) only covers two syllables at maximum even if word forms (including phonological words) are polysyllabic. When the second syllable is atonal, it is interpreted as an existence of stress on the first syllable, and an marker ' is thus added just at the end of the first syllable.

2.2. Phonotactics

The phonotactics of Lhagang Choyu is basically as follows 12: CCC_iGV.

However, it is rare that a double preinitial (CC) appears; hence an ordinary sound structure should be $^{C}C_{i}GV$. A minimum structure is $C_{i}V$.

All the consonant phonemes are able to appear at the position of main initial (C_i) except for $/\phi/$. A preinitial $(^C)$ may be prenasalised elements (i.e., homorganic nasal), bilabial nasals $(^m, ^m)$, bilabial stops $(^p, ^b)$, bilabial continuants $(^\phi, ^w)$, a labiodental fricative $(^v)$, velar fricatives $(^x, ^y)$, or preaspirations $(^h, ^h)$. A double preinitial $(^{CC})$ is only one combination $(^{mp})$.

¹² Described by using the manner of Suzuki (2005).

3. Overview of the sound structure of Thamkhas Khams

The following description is a phonological overview of the Thamkhas dialect of Minyag Rabgang Khams spoken by Lhagang Choyu users. Due to the research method as mentioned in Section 1, our data might include forms of the Lhagang dialect.

Consonantism

moonant	13111	lab.	alveo.	retr.	pal	latal	vel.	uvul.	glot.
					pre-	post-			
plos.	asp.	p ^h	t ^h	th			k^h	q^h	
	vl.	p	t	t.			k	q	?
	vd.	b	d	d			g	\mathbf{G}	
affr.	asp.		ts ^h		tc^h				
	vl.		ts		t¢				
	vd.		dz		dz				
fric.	asp.		s^h		c^{h}				
	vl.	ф	S	ş	¢		X		h
	vd.		Z		Z		γ		\mathbf{h}
nasal	vd.	m	n		n		ŋ	N	
	vl.	m	ņ		$\mathring{\mathbf{n}}$		ů		
liquid	vd.		ĺ	r					
	vl.		100						
semiv.	vd.	w				j			

(plos.: plosive; affr.: affricate; fric.: fricative; semiv.: semivowel; asp.: voiceless aspirated; vl.: voiceless non-aspirated; vd.: voiced; lab.: labial; alveo.: alveolar; retr.: retroflex; vel.: velar; uvul.: uvular; glot.: glottal)

Contrasts between 'short' and 'long', and 'plain' and 'nasalised' are attested.

Suprasegmentals

A two-way word tone system is attested. It has four contrasts as follows:

-: high level : rising : falling : rising-falling

The tonal marker is put before the word.

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Word list of Lhagang Choyu with Thamkhas Khams

The entries of vocabulary are ordered following Hua ed. (2002), in which selected items are described here, as: Nouns (classified into several semantic categories, such as Astronomy & Geology, Body, Person, Animals, Plants, Food, Clothing, Housing, Instrumentals, Cultural objects, Space & Time), Numbers, Pronouns, Adjectives, and Verbs. ¹³ A small number of words excluded in Hua ed. (2002) are also added.

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sky ¬mu / ¬mu ku ¬ñ mā sun ¬mi tsi / ¬mi htsi ¬ni ma light ¬mi tsi ¬tsi ¬ni ma moon ¬fida ¬fida hka: star ¬hka ma ¬hka ma: cloud ¬htē / ht ma: ¬hte / ht ma: thunder ¬la ¬flō wind ¬flō kha / ¬la ¬flō rain ¬hwi ¬tu / ¬mu ¬tu ¬teha fiba rain ¬hwi ¬tu / ¬tu ¬teha fiba rain ¬hwi ¬tu / ¬tha ¬tha snow ¬kha wa / ¬kha ¬kha: shail ¬kha wa / ¬kha ¬kha: hail ¬kha mo ¬teha mo fire ¬teha ro ¬sa ¬tehu smoke ¬khu ¬teha earth ¬teha ¬tehu <trr< th=""><th>Item</th><th>Lhagang Choyu</th><th>Thamkhas Khams</th></trr<>	Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
light	sky	-mu / -mu ku	`finã
moon -fi da -fi da hka: star -hka ma -hka ma: cloud -htë /-hti -htë thunder -ndu -ndu? wind -filo kha /-la -filo rain -hwi -tu /-mu -tu -filo rainbow -ndza -ndza snow kha: -hdza snow kha: -hdza snow kha: -hdza fost 'pa mo 'pa mo dew 'zi pa 'zi: tchuu ice 'tcha ro -me tcha smoke -khu -me tcha earth 'ca 'sha mountain -qho 'ra rock -lu 'fidu <	sun	⁻ mi tsi / ⁻ mi ^h tsi	^n,i ma
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thunder wind 'filo kha / -la rain rain -hwi -tu / -mu -tu -teha fiba rainbow -ndza snow Kha wa / -kha Kha: hail Kha mpho 'zi pa 'zi tehtu ice 'teha ro sa fire ma / -ma smoke -khu earth 'ga mountain -qho rock -lu river lake -ntsh u road plairie -ru -htsa tho la -filo 'ndu' 'ndu' -filo -filo 'ndu' -filo -filo 'ndu' -filo -filo -filo 'ndu' -filo	star	^{-h} ka ma	
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frost $pa mo$	snow	'k ^h a wa / ⁻ k ^h a	'k ^h ar
dew	hail	´kʰa ^m ̥pʰo	`she ra
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sand ´tcə ma ^tcə ma	stone	⁻ lu	`fidu
	sand	´tçə ma	^tçə ma

¹³ Several verbs might have a stem alternation, which, however, does not regularly appear any more. Another article will be needed for a detailed description regarding this issue.

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
water	´3 ⁹	⁻ tg ^h ui
spring	⁻tçʰɯ mi	`t¢ ^h w mi?
gold	$^{-h}$ S $^{\gamma}$	hshe!
silver	$^{-6}\eta^{ m w}$ a	` ^h ŋuː
copper	´z̃z`	čz̃`
iron	^{−h} t¢a	`htca?
agate	$^{ m GZ}^{ m a-}$	$^{ m GZ}^{ m A-}$
place	´ça	-sha fidza
Lhagang	-la figo	⁻la fgã
Dartsendo	⁻ⁿ du	•
village	′ţõ ^m be	^tõ ba
bridge	´zã ^m be	⁻ zã ba

Body

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
head	⁻ q ^h o	^{-ŋ} go
hair	´q ^h a me / ⁻ q ^h a me	`hta
woven hair	⁻ t ^w i çe ⁿ dzə	`htaː hta
forehead	´t ^h a pe	`t ^h o? pa
eyebrow	¬ne me	[–] mi? ^h put
eyelash	-ņe me	⁻ mi? ^h put
eye	¬ne	⁻⁶ ne? ⁶ do/`mi?
nose	[–] ņi	-na
ear	[−] ni pu to / [−] ni	`fina ndzo?
face	~q ^{hw} a' 3ə / ~q ^h o' 3ə	`kʰa ŋu
mouth	_úĐ	$-k^ha$
lip	⁻ ůtç ^h w to	`åtchu to
moustache	-na me	`kʰa ʰpɯ
chin	´ma ^{ıj} k ^h i	′ma ⁿ tc ^h ə
neck	_Re	^{-h} ke
shoulder	^p tha pe	`tʰɑː pa
back	´fig ^w ə te	^fige: pa
breast	^p tu / ^p tu te	$^{ m h}$ go
milk	$^-$ n $arepsilon^{\gamma}$	^γo ma
belly	⁻ vu	$-p^h$ wa
navel	vui çu	^{-h} te wa
waist	-tçw	`hke? pa
buttocks	-shu ŋgu / -pho	⁻?õ pʰo
thigh	⁻⁶ la	`fila

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
knee	_ni / _n̂i	^{−h} pu mu
foot	^{−h} ko / ^{−h} ku	⁻hkõ ba
elbow	´tuı ["] dzo	′tuu ⁿ dzo
hand	⁻ le	^lα? pa
finger	le ni	∽dzw γw
thumb	´ ⁿ t ^h e mo ^{fi} dza ^{fi} bu	
little finger	´ ⁿ dzuı tç ^h õ ma	^ndzutç ^h õ ma
nail	$^{-h}tsa^{\gamma}$	
mole	-me wa	-me wa
wound	⁻ ñ mi	$^{-\hat{\mathrm{h}}}$ ma
blood	$^-$ sə $^{\gamma}$	$-t^h\alpha$?
pulse	^{^6} dzuı ^h ka	$^{-h}$ tsa
brain	− ⁶ lε pa	−61ε : pa
bone	[−] ∫ə rə	rн: pa
tooth	[–] ki	$-s^h u$
alveolus	$-\stackrel{m}{\circ}t^{h}O$	-sho cha
tongue	$-h_{\stackrel{\circ}{l}i}$	`htçix
gum	´ja ʰke	^ja k ^h a
throat	⁻?o ¹di	`?o ⁿ di:
lung	− ⁶ lo wa	⁻ĥlo wa
heart	[–] na' mi	`nj.ĩ
liver	ze	⁻ҧ̂tçʰĩ ba
spleen	⁻ ⁿ ts h e h pa	⁻åtshe hpa
kidney	⁻ ůk ^h i ma	[−] ÿk ^h iː ma
stomach	-vu	⁻ p ^h o wa
intestine	^{′ĥ} dzuı ma	^ĥd≱uɪ ma
excrement	^{-h} to	^{−h} tçα? kwa
urine	´pa ^γ	`htçĩ
sweat	_na' 39	` ^h ŋuː tç ^h ɯ
sputum	$-^{n}_{\circ}t^{h}a$	¹u² pa
saliva	⁻ q ^h a ʒə	[−] k ^h a tç ^h uı
nasal mucus	γ̄nα pə	,ůas
tear	_ne' 39	mi? tchu
voice	^{−h} kə	`hke?

Person

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
person	_mm.	m _ə
Tibetan	po pe	´po? pa

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
Han Chinese	^{r6} dza	^{rh} dza
child	´go ge	^n,aː n,õ
old man	´ ^{fi} gə pu	^{'fi} gε pu
old woman	´ ^{fi} gə mu	⁻ ^ĥ gε mu
boy	⁻ zi	⁻ p ^h o s ^h ar
girl	⁻⁶ zo	^po mu
merchant	´tsʰõ ^m ba	´ts ^h õ ba
doctor	¯mį̃ mba	−m̃̃ε ba
farmer	r̃õ ^m be	r̃õ ba
soldier	− ⁶ ma mi	^{−6} maː mi
pastoralist	´¹¹do pe	⁻ᠬdoː pa
thief	⁻ʰkɯ ma	⁻ʰkɯ ma
friend	'tç ^w a	⁻çʰa ʰpɯ
teacher	−ĥge ĥge	− ⁶ ge ⁶ ge
lunatic person	_ra, mn	−n̂õ ba
mute	−ĥ1̃ã ^m ba	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}$ l $\widetilde{\epsilon}$ ba
grandfather	⁻ ?a wu	⁻ ?a ne
grandmother	[–] ma ma	⁻?a çʰə
father	$^{-}$?a pa / $^{-}$ s w e 14	`?a pa
mother	⁻ ?a ma / ⁻ mi ¹⁵	`?a ma
parents	⁻ s ^w e mi	[–] p ^h a ma
son	⁻ zi	´puı
daughter-in-law	⁻⁶ na me	^{−6} na ma
daughter	[−] fi zo	^po mu
son-in-law	⁻ pə t ^h o	´mα? pa
grandson	⁻ ts ^h a wu	⁻ ts ^h a wu
granddaughter	⁻ ts ^h a mu	⁻ ts ^h a mu
elder brother	′?a ko / ⁻ zuɪ mə ʰtuɪ	′?a ko
elder sister	'?a dze / ⁻ ?a' tca	′?a dze
younger brother	⁻ me ^m bu / ⁻ za mə ^h tuı	´nuɪ wu
younger sister	^{−h} sε mu	`hseː mu
paternal elder uncle	⁻ ?a kuı	⁻ ?a kuı
paternal elder uncle's wife	⁻ ?a ne	⁻ ?a ne
maternal uncle	-19 ≱ 0	`?a zɔː
twins	$-\mathring{u}ts_{\mu}\Theta_{\lambda}$	` ⁿ ts ^h er ma

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Animals

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
domestic animals	´sə ⁿ ,tç ^h e	[−] k ^h εː ma
yak	$^{\gamma}$ c †	` ^ĥ ja?
female yak	-rwa/-ra	$^{ m G}\!{ m b}^{ m p-}$
mdzo ¹⁶	⁻wə' ẓi	$^{-n}$ dzu
female mdzo	$^{-n}$ dzo	^{'n} dzo mo
calf	-xe' zi	´pi li
milk cow	^{−6} zõ ma	^{−6} zõ ma
cattle dung	´p ^w a	` ^h t¢ə wa
horn	$\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{d}}\mathrm{t}^{\mathrm{n}} \setminus \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{d}}\mathrm{t}^{\mathrm{n}}$	ra tço
skin	⁻ ^ĥ ri / ^{−h} lo ^γ	−pα? pa/−ku wa
body hair	-me / -wra	^{−h} pɯ
tail	´nə	` ^{fi} ŋa ma
horse	^{-v} re	`hta
pony	[−] qa ẓi	^{−h} tiː tsə
sheep	Ίu	1u?
goat	$-^{n}_{\circ}ts^{h}a$	´ra
kid	⁻ "tsha' zi	
wool	´zu	´pεː
mule	´ţi	´tiː
donkey	⁻ kə rə	⁻ kə rə
pig	−ue	-pha?
sow	−wa' ¹¹dα	`pʰa? ma
boar	$^-$ p $^{ m h}$ u p $^{ m h}$ $lpha$	`pʰu pʰaʔ
piglet	−pə' zi	⁻ p ^h aː wu ^h tsi
dog	[−] t∫ ^h ····	⁻tç ^h ə ^{fi} gi
cat	−mo zi	mõ dzi?
rabbit	´rə γõ	´rə qo
chicken	[′] ∳ca	´ça / ´kõ kõ
herbivore	rə te	rə ta?
carnivore	^{−h} tçə ⁿ dze	`htçə ndze
tiger	$^{-h}$ t $lpha^{\gamma}$	`hta?
lion	´sẽ gi	´s ^h ẽ gi
dragon	$^{\prime\eta}\mathrm{d}u$	'ndu?
claw	´wa rə	^{−6} deː mu
monkey	$^{-h}$ te	⁻ ?a ^{fi} gi
bear	er cw` / um ij`	′tã
mouse	-h ^w a	-tsi γi
wolf	'figo' ra/ 'figo' tə	$^{-h}$ tç $\tilde{\tilde{\mathrm{o}}}$ k $^{\mathrm{h}}$ uu / $^{-\mathrm{h}}$ p $\tilde{\mathrm{o}}$ k $^{\mathrm{h}}$ uu

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
fox	γ́a	γ́a
eagle	[∙] ¢ca ^{fi} go	´ça ^{fi} go?
vulture	^{−h} la	`hla?
owl	γu pa	^γu? pa
crow	^ф çа ӆі ӆі	^q ^h a ^h ta
peacock	^{−6} ma ¢a	⁻⁶ ma ja
snake	−pə re	`fidix
frog	− ⁶ bε ba	`fbe: ba
fish	'n,a	'na
insect	[−] pə' t∫a	$^{-m}$ b u
flea	'hlo	` ^{fi} dzə wa
louse	-cə	`¢ ^h i? ma
ant	[−] pə ro / ^{−6} dẓa pə ro	−mbur ^to? ma
butterfly	-∫uı	^ç ^h i ma

Plants

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
tree	-ce	
root	⁻ ru	^{-h} tsa
leaf	1o ma	^lo ma
flower	mə to	me to?
juniper	⁻çu pa	⁻ç⁴u? pa
thorn	$^{-}$ ts $^{\mathrm{h}}$ $\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{\gamma}}$	`ts ^h e ma
peach	−k ^h ã buı	⁻kʰã bɯ
lotus	⁻ pε ma ⁻ mə to	[−] pε: ma`me to?
caterpillar fungus	⁻ pə' t∫a	^{−m} b₩
walnut	^{-h} ta ^{fi} ga	^{-h} ta ^{fi} ga
rice	$^{-m}\mathrm{d}^{\mathrm{w}}\mathrm{a}$	$^{ u}darepsilon$
seed	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}\mathrm{lm}^{\mathrm{y}}$	´sʰa wu
wheat	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}\mathrm{lm}^{\mathrm{y}}$	´ţo
barley	$^{-}$ k $^{\mathrm{w}}$ a	-shu wa
oat	´ji pu	´jiː pu
highland barley	$-\int_{\Theta_{\Lambda}}$	'nei
chili	⁻ hu ts ^h a	[−] φu ts ^h a
onion	⁻ tso	-tso:
garlic	-œu	^figor pa
ginger	⁻ tça ^{fi} ga	-tça ^{fi} ga

¹⁶ A hybrid between the yak and the cow.

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
potato	j̃ã ji	ĵã ji
bean	^{−h} sε ma	^{−h} sɛː ma
grass	⁻ ru	^{-h} tsa
mushroom	-ca mo	⁻çʰa mo
root of silverweed	_ Z Ə	^to ma

Food

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
food	⁻ⁿ du	^za ma
porridge	$^{\prime\eta}\mathrm{d}arepsilont^{\mathrm{h}}\mathrm{u}$	^nder thu?
flour	$^{ m V}$ $^{ m V}$ $^{ m W}$	^to ^{fi} dze
bean flour	⁻ na ^y	
momo ¹⁷	⁻ ka' wa	^ku ["] dza
noodle	´gu za	^pə taː
breakfast	´q ^h a ts ^h a	`ts ^h a x ^h i?
lunch	^{∕6} gu za	ko zε:
dinner	⁻ tçe' wu tça	'tça xo tça
meat	$-\mathring{v}t^{ m h}$ o	`cha
lean meat	⁻ ņtho ⁻ qaγ', ≱i	`cʰa nɑʔ 'mɑ̃ bo
oil	- _ŷ a	`nw
fat	^{-h} tsa	`ts ^h iː
butter	⁻ ma	´maː
yoghurt	′zo	´Z0
cheese	´ta ra	`tçʰw ra
tsampa ¹⁸	_və / _va	⁻ʰtsã ba
salt	⁻ⁿ ,tç ^h i	`ts ^h a
sugar	$^{-}\int^{\mathbf{w}}\mathbf{\alpha}$	${ m cb}^{ m a'}$
Sichuan pepper	^{−ĥ} ja ma	⁻ɓjax ma
egg	´ ^{fi} go ŋa/´na ^{fi} go	^figo ŋa
alcoholic drink	$^{-}\mathrm{w}\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{y}}$ / $^{-}\mathrm{w}\mathrm{o}^{\mathrm{y}}$	$tc^h\tilde{o}$
hot water	´ʒə t∫ʰɑ	$^{-}$ t c^{h} uu k $^{\mathrm{h}}$ i:
tea	´tça	'tça
tobacco	$^{-}k^{\mathrm{h}}u$	'tur wa
medicine	-me	`m̃̃̃
pig feed	−vi ⁿ du	
horse feed	^{-v} ri ⁿ du	
snuff	-na the	-na the

Clothing

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
thread	^{-h} tsə	′re: ʰkɯ?
cloth	´ra / ´ra ʰkɯ	re:
cloths	⁻kə mə / ´kə mə	ko ze
Tibetan robe	´po pe ¯kə mə	´poː pa ´ko ze
collar	⁻kə mə ⁻taŸ' gi	′ko ze ⁻tço
sleeve	−pʰɯ l̞e	$^{ ext{rc}}^{ ext{d}} ext{tm}^{ ext{d}} ext{g}^{-}$
button	´ ^{fi} du ku	^{∕6} do ʰkɯ
trousers	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}$ dz $\mathrm{u}\mathrm{i}$	^toː ma
scarf	⁴pa rε	^hpaː rɛː
hat	´za	´za
shoe	$^-$ z $^{ m w}$ i / $^{- m w}$ zi	^ĥdẓa l̞ɑ
boot	′ko tsə [−] z ^w i	^ndzu? hta
comb	´sə	ʻşoz tsə
jewel	´no ^{fi} buı	´no ^{fi} buı
coral	⁻çw rw / ´çw rw	⁻çш rш
turquoise	$^{-6}$ j m	$^{-6}\mathrm{jm}$
amber	^{−h} po ¢e	^{−h} por ¢ ^h er
earrings	Ίõ t ^h u	Ίõ tʰuʔ
necklace	⁻ʰke ʰʈi	^{−h} ke ^h ti
ring	⁻ʔa lo / ´lɑ tʰɯ	⁻?a lo
bracelet	Ία ^h ţi	1a? hti

Housing

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
pillow	−q ^{hw} a' so	`ŋo ŋiː
cushion	′kε sa / ^{-fi} de ^{fi} dzə	` ^h teː
house	-ze	`kʰɔ̃ ba
roof	⁻?ə' ¹de	$\mathrm{i} \mathrm{t}^{\mathrm{d}} \mathrm{c}^{\mathrm{d}} \mathrm{p}^{\prime}$
inn	ra wa	−cu za
cowshed	´zo zi	´zoː ra
pigsty	've "tsho	
stable	^v re q ^h a t ^h a	
sheep pen	'lu q ^h a t ^h a	

A kind of steamed bun.Roasted highland barley flour.

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
wall	^{-h} tsi pa	^{-h} tsi? pa
log	-se	$^{-}$ $arepsilon^{\mathrm{h}}\mathrm{i}$
plank	⁻ç ẽ d ẓɑ	−ç ^h ẽ dẓα?
pillar	⁻ⁿ dze	-qa:
door	_ra	` ^{fi} gu
front gate	_ra _{`ų} gε bn	^{−ĥ} dẓa ^ĥ gu / `ʰta ^ĥ gu
window	´tʰa lu	îkã k ^h o
stairs	[–] li' ki	`hkeː
tent	ra ko	ku:
yak hair tent	$^{-6}$ wa	` ^ĥ ba
twig fence	^{^fi} gu ra	^{^6} gu ra
toilets	-tcho kh3	$^{-}$ tcho? kh $\tilde{\rm o}$

Instrumentals

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
thing	⁻ t¢a ka	⁻ tça ka
table	⁻ tco ^y tse	`tço? tse / ^ho pɛ:
stool	⁻tsu' tʰa	−pã dẽ
bed	⁻za' tʰɑ	ne: sha
box	$^-$ ņe $^{ m fi}$ g $ ilde{lpha}$	−ņe ^{fi} gã
glass	-ce	-çheː
mirror	⁻çə ^{fi} gu	⁻çʰi ʿfgu
broom	-ci tca	`çʰa? ma
incense	^{−h} pu	^{−h} puː
cooking stove	'tha khwe	ît ^h aw k ^h a
knife	⁻ tə' zi	´ts ^h ε do
spoon	⁻ta' po	⁻ k ^h eː tsə
wooden bowl	´ʒa və / [–] ʒa və	
bowl	´jĩ t ^h o	°îjî ⁿ t ^h o?
dish	${}^{\gamma}\mathrm{G}\mathrm{b}^{\mathrm{A}-}$	⁻⁶ de: ma
bottle	´jĩ t ^h o ´tᾶ ^m bi	⁻çʰeː tɑ̃
earthen jar	´tʰa xu	´tʰa xu
bucket	⁻tç⁴w zu	⁻tç⁴w zu
steelyard	^{−6} dza me	^{−6} d≱a ma
money	⁻me ẓi	
needle	$^-q^{ m h}{ m uu}$	`kʰɯʔ
lock	^{−h} t¢a lo	`htga: lo?
key	´ ^{fi} de mi	^fide mi?
saddle	⁻ʰta ʿfga	^{-h} ta ^{fi} ga

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
whip	-ge htga	`htça? htse
ring in a cow's nose	⁻ ṇi tə tçu	`na p ^h u
glasses	´mi ra	mi? ra
axe	^{−h} te ri	⁻hte ri
hammer	⁻lu ´çe ta	`t ^h o wa
saw	'so tçi	⁻ s ^h o li
handle	Ίu	⁻jɯ wa
sickle	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}$ 3 Θ	zoː ra
sheath	⁻tə' zi ′ku tʰα	´tə ç⁴u?
gun	′ţõ ⁿ da	po:
bullet	⁻ⁿ de wu	⁻nde wu
arrow	$^{-n}$ da	$^{-n}$ da

Cultural objects

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
script	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}\mathbf{g}^{\mathrm{w}}\mathbf{\partial}$	^ji ki
picture	´rə mu	rə mo
book ¹⁹	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}\mathrm{g}^{\mathrm{w}}$ ə	^{−h} pe tc ^h a
paper	´ço ku	mp e ^h ɔ´
pen	´çe pi	[–] ņ́w kw
school	$-$ çõ $^{\mathrm{n}}_{}$ t $^{\mathrm{h}}$ a	-lo? ta
speech	´tçə ʰkɑ ´∮çʷə	−hkε tgha ´ge?
name	´n,ə / ⁻ n,i	´mĩ
story	´qʰa ʰpi	⁻ k ^h a ^h pe
song	´la jo	⁻ĥlɯ ´lã
dance	^{-w} lu	´ţo ʰtɕʰã
deity	-le	-la
female deity	-le	⁻ la mo
ghost	-la ndi	$^{\prime\eta}\mathrm{d}\mathrm{e}$
demon	⁻ḷa ṇḍi	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}\mathrm{dw}$?
fortune	^{-h} lo ^h ta	at ^d icl ⁱⁿ
lama	^{-w} la me	⁻⁶ la ma
reincarnated lama	^{-h} ţu ku	^{-h} ţw ^h kw
abbot	[–] ůk ^h ã ^m bu	` ^ů k ^h ã bu
monk	⁻ ta' pe	⁻ ta pa
nun	⁻ ?a ne	^tço mo
monastery	⁻-figõ ™be	` ^{fi} gõ ba
sūtra hall	− ⁶ gõ ^m be	$^{-1}$ a $^{\mathrm{h}}$ p $^{\mathrm{h}}$
juniper incense	$^{-h}$ SO	$\ddot{ ext{6}}$ s $ ilde{ ilde{6}}$

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
stūpa	[−] n,tcha hte	`n̂tcho? hte:
mani stone pile	-1 a n ts h a	`la ⁿ ts ^h ex
statue of Buddha	` ^h sa ^h ku	[°] sε ^h kш
khatak ²⁰	⁻ k ^h a te	−kʰa tα?
sūtra	$^-$ t $arepsilon^{ m h}$ u	-tchu:
beads	'mpthe ve	^ůthe wa
power	$\zeta_{ m U} { m R}_{ m M} { m CI}$	´ ^{fi} γõ tç ^h a
thank	⁻ la' γα wo	`hka the wo
shadow	´tə nα	´tə ^h sə
dream	⁻ la ^{fi} me	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}$ mə $1 ilde{lpha}$
matter	⁻kə' lə ⁻la la	1ε ʰka
strength	´ça mu	´ç ^h i mu

Space & Time

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
east	-ca	-ç ^h aː
south	-lo	-ļo
west	´nu	'nu?
north	´çõ	ćą̃
middle	^{−h} t¢i k ^h u	` ^h t¢iː k ^h u
left	⁻jo qo ma / ⁻pə' le	` ^{fi} jõ la?
right	⁻ĥji pa / ⁻to' le	` ^{fi} jiː pa
front	^{−ĥ} g ^w a / [−] ŋ̈́u	`ŋ̊õ tçʰo?
back	´pa / ¯kʰa' nɔ	^fidza: dzo?
outside	-?a və / ´ʁa te	⁻pʰa ru çʰɔʔ
inside	′ko ŋa / −ʔu ^ĥ gu	nã na
corner	, zo ro	^zu ¹¹go
tip	−q ^h o' ʁa	`¹¹go la
surrounding	-iĵkʰwa ra ′la ∪i	^{−h} ko la ´ ^ĥ dzε
on	^{-h} te	`t ^h o? la
under	´wa	`zw? la
upwards	⁻ ?a ta	´ja la
downwards	1a zu	^ma la
upper half of the body	′kʰwa ʰta	`k ^h o? ^h to?
lower half of the body	$k^{hw}a$ $m\epsilon$, k _p o5 ŵε5

¹⁹ In Lhagang Choyu, one does not distinguish a word form for 'book' from 'script'. This lexical trait is attested in any Tibetic varieties spoken in Lhagang Town. See Suzuki & Sonam Wangmo (2015b: 267; 2016c: 114). ²⁰ A ceremonial scarf.

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
bottom	[–] ma la ^h tsə	`?a zã hpe:
time	⁻ tç ^h uı ts ^h o	`tchu tsho?
today	−pur çə	^ta rī
yesterday	´ji' çə / [–] ji' çə	^k ^h a ^h tsə
day before yesterday	^{-ŋ} g ^w a' la	Ҡ ^h a ҧiː
three days ago	^{-ŋ} g ^w a la ^ŋ g ^w a la	^kʰa ṇiː kʰa ṇiː
tomorrow	??a se / -?a se	^s ^h õ ni:
day after tommorow	qho se	'ian can'
three days later	⁻ q ^h o ti	^fizə ni:
tonight	́рш me	^ta ^{fi} goː
tomorrow night	-sa' me	rog ^a c ^a c
last night	´pui ço	?cs :ob ⁿ
daytime	'nĩ ^m be	´ņĩ ba
morning	´nı̃ ^m be / ´¹tha ra	´nı̃ ba
evening	me zi	^figõ mo
12 animal years	Ίο ^h tα	Ίο ʰtɑʔ / Ίο ʰqo
mouse ²¹	´çə wa / ⁻ h ^w ə	´çə wa
ox	^{−ĥ} lã / ´sə ⁿ tçʰe	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}$ l $ ilde{lpha}$
tiger	$^{-\mathrm{h}}\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{G}^{\mathrm{Y}}}$	`hta?
rabbit	j́ο	jor
dragon	´¹ıdu	`ndu?
snake	$^{-6}\mathrm{dm}$	` ⁶ dui
horse	^{-h} ta / ^{−v} re	`hta
sheep	Ίu	1u?
monkey	$^{-\mathrm{h}}t\mathrm{i}$	`hţi:
cock	^{′∳} ¢a	[∕] ∳ça
dog	´tç ^h ə	$-\mathrm{t} c^{\mathrm{h}} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{h}}$
pig	$^{-}p^{h}\alpha$	$-p^{h}\alpha$?
morning (before the noon)	^{'n} t ^h a ra	`na mo
afternoon	-̃çə ¹\dwa / -̃sə ¹\dwa ta sə	`¢ ^h ə ⁿ de
year	-kwa/-kwo	lo
this year	pm zi	´ta lo
last year	ji ^v zi / [–] ji ^v zi	na nĩ
year before last	tsi' zi	´ ^{fi} zi ni lo
next year	ma se	`shõ phe?
year after next	´q ^{hw} ə se	•
in the past	_¢9 ¢9	´ṇi ma `ʿina
long time ago	⁻	-na mo na mo
now	′?o ko / ′?ə ko	îta ta
spring	^{-h} çi' ta ça	` ^h çi? ka
1 0	,	,

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
summer	⁻⁶ ja ta ça	`fija: kha
autumn	^{-h} to' ta ça	` ^h tõ k ^h a
winter	^{∽ĥ} ge' ta ¢a	^ĥgů kʰa
new year	ĺo səγ	^lo sεː

Numbers and counting forms

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
one	⁻ tə' tç ^h o / ⁻ tə' ro	`htçi?
two	-'ni' tcho / -'ne' ro	`fn,iː
three	$so' tc^ho / so' ro$	$^{-\mathrm{h}}\mathrm{s}\widetilde{\mathrm{o}}$
four	~zə' tçʰo / ~fizə' ro	`fizə
five	⁻ ŋ ^w a' ro	` ^ĥ ŋa
six	´ţu	´tu?
seven	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}\mathrm{d}arepsilon$	` ^h deː
eight	^{^fi} dzɛ	^{^6} dzi?
nine	⁻⁶ gui' tç ^h o	^{−6} gw
ten	^{−h} t¢ɯ/ ^{−h} t¢ɯ' ro	$^{-\mathrm{h}}\mathrm{tcu}$
twenty	ʻni çuı	\hat{c}^h tu
one person	mu tə' ro	´mə ^fidə ^h tçi?
one bowl	′ʒa vш ⁻tə' ro	⁻ p ^h ə rə ` ^h tçi?
one bucket of water	´ʒə ´tə tu	⁻tçʰɯ ´zə ra ´kɔː
one bowl of rice	⁻¹du ´ʒa vɯ ´tə sa	
an hour	⁻ tç ^h uı ts ^h o ⁻ tə' ro	⁻ t¢ ^h w ts ^h o ` ^h t¢i?
one pair of shoes	^{−w} ẓi ´tə tç ^h e	⁻laː ⁻tɕʰa `ʰtɕi?
one day's route	´tə ´çi çi	´n,i ma `htçi?
one month	⁻tə ʰl̞i	
one year	´tə k ^w a	1o `htçi?
one life span	'mə tshe "tə' ro	^mə tshe `htçi?

Pronouns

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
I	´ŋa / ´ŋə n¸o	´ŋa
we two	⁻?a ¹dzə	^ŋa ^ƙ ṇiː
we	[−] ?a na re / ´nə ⁿ ts ^h ə	´ŋa tsʰo
you (singular)	-nə	-tcho?

²¹ Each of the following animals represents a zodiac animal of the year.

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you two	-ne ⁿ dze	`tcha fini:
you (plural)	´ne ⁿ ts ^h ə re / ´ne ⁿ ts ^h ə	⁻ t¢ ^h o t¢ ^h a
he /she / it	´tsə ^ɣ / ´ti / ´dzə	$-k^{h}o$
they two	´tsə ^{γ n} dze	`kʰo ʰn̪iː
they	´ze ʰdza / ´dzə ʰtsʰə	-kho tsho
all	re tçə tə	`ts ^h õ ma
myself	-7ə no -7ə no	c̃r` c̃r`
this	⁻ ?ə tçə / ⁻ ?ə tçi	$ ^{n}$ d
these	⁻ ?ə tçə re	
here	ítçə ke	`?ə na
like this	tçə' be tə	`?ə ⁿ da
that	´tu ku / ⁻ tʰa lu	´te
that over there	´pʰa rə / ⁻ ʔa və	^p ^h e ri
there	´tu ku	
who	´çe	$-s^h w$
what	$^{-n}$ de / $^{-n}$ də	-tç ^h ə tə
where	´la ka	^ka na
when	^{'n} de ^h ta	-nαː/-tçʰuɪ ze ˈka ʰtsε
how	'nde' pe ro	′tçʰe ʰda ʰtçiʔ
how much	'nde hta	-tçhə htse

Adjectives

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
big	´ga pu / ´qo zə	-tç ^h i bu
small	´za za	$\tilde{\mathrm{c}}^{\mathrm{d}}$ gt $\tilde{\mathrm{c}}^{\mathrm{d}}$ gt
wide (diametre)	⁻ po' po	− ^{fi} bõ bu
thin (diametre)	$^-$ ts h a y ' ts h a y	' ⁿ t ^h a ⁿ t ^h a
high	⁻ n̂tʰõ mbu / ´qo zə	$^{-\mathring{\mathrm{n}}}{}_{\mathring{\mathrm{o}}}t^{h}\bar{\mathrm{o}}$ bu
low	$^{ m h}$ m $^{ m h}$ $^{ m h}$ m $^{ m h}$ $^{ m h}$ m $^{ m h}$	$^{\mathrm{h}}$ m $^{\mathrm{h}}$ 3m $^{\mathrm{h}}$
long	$-s\varepsilon_{\lambda}, s\varepsilon_{\lambda}$	r̃e bu
short	$-ts^h c^n ts^h c^n / c^h ts^h c^n ts^h c^n$	(t ^h o t ^h o
far	´t ^h α re	´tʰα reː
near	´tʰa ṇi	´tʰα ṇi
broad	^{−6} dẓa ´qo zə	
narrow	^{−6} dẓa ´za za	
thick	⁻ le' le	⁻ⁿ 。t ^h u? pu
thin	¯le' le ¯ô∫i' ô∫i	^{'h} sə? ^h sə?
full	´tə ^p suı	'kοι
empty	⁻ʰtõ ™ba	⁻htõ ba

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
many	−qa' zi	'mã bu
little	´ni ni	-'nž 'nž
square	^vʒə tuɪ ma	^{′6} ≱ə guı ma
round	'fwə fwə	,RO RO
flat	^{'p} ţa ^p ţa	^{rp} ta ^p ta
straight	į́o mu	į̇̃õ mu
bent	gu gu	´gu? gu?
black	-ni' ni	îna? na?
white	-pthox pthox	⁻ʰka ʿ¹bu
red	-n̊e' n̊e / -n̊i' n̊i	`fima fibu
yellow	_wə, wə / _wm, wm	´s ^h eː ^{fi} bu
green	´ĥdzã khu	$^{\prime \mathrm{h}}\mathrm{dz} ilde{\mathrm{o}}\ \mathrm{k}^{\mathrm{h}}\mathrm{u}\mathrm{u}$
blue	_ņ̂ə' ŋ̂ə	-ŋ̃o bu
grey	^{-h} tça' p ^h e p ^h e	`kə p ^h a p ^h a
bright	NƏ' NƏ	^{−h} sex bu
heavy	-wlə, wlə	^{−6} dzə? pu
light	jõ wu	jõ mu
quick	$-\mathring{\mathbf{h}}\mathbf{t}\mathbf{c}^{h}\mathbf{o},\mathring{\mathbf{h}}\mathbf{t}\mathbf{c}^{h}\mathbf{o}$	'¹³dzo? pa
slow	'ta ta	'ka le 'ka le
clear	ítő mu	ítő ma
fat	-ûtµo ,R _M 9 t9 \ -ûtµo ,Ro, têi	`çʰa ̂ ´ţa mo /´jõ ki
thin	-ûtho 'ma R _m 9 tə /	, , ,
	- ntho 'ma w sw tçi	
dry	ro ro / ro' ro	$^{-h}$ k $ ilde{lpha}$ bu
wet	´tsa ^y ' tsa ^y / ⁻ tsa ^y ' tsa ^y	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}$ l $\tilde{\epsilon}$ ba
hard	⁻ q ^h ə' q ^h ə	`hsa mu
soft	_ບອ' ບອ	`ṅi mu
smooth	⁻ na' na	⁻ⁿ dzã bu
rough	ítça' tça	^{−h} tsu ^m bu
tight	ítã ^m bu	^tã bu
loose	⁻ tə' ^h la	-lo? lo?
correct	´ze tə	ne: to
incorrect	ma ze tə	ma ne:
true	−ĥde' tə	nu ma / ^fide: to
false	ma tse tə	ma fider to
new	^{−h} sa ^{fi} be	`hsa fiba
old	^{−6} nĩ ^m be	⁻ɓnĩ ba
good	-qa' tç ^h i	ja: mo
bad	$-q^h a q^h a / -h tso^{\gamma}$, $h tso^{\gamma}$	ñε ba / ´?a qa ma
expensive	'kwo 'qo zə	kõ`tç ^h ĩ bu
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cheap	´k ^w o ´ga bu	'kõ 'tç ^h õ tç ^h əz
old	[−] k ^w a ´ ^{fi} ga pu	´lo` tç⁴ĩ bu
young	⁻ k ^w a ´za za	¹c⁴ɔt c̃⁴ɔt or̀
beautiful	⁻ n,tchə' n,tchə/ qa' tchi	^{−h} ta s ^h a ´jɑː mo
ugly	^{-h} tso ^γ , ^h tso ^γ	´?a qa ma
hot	-mdza' mdza / -hlu' hlu	-tsha bu
cold	´υə tçʰə pʰi pʰi/ ¬po' po	^tõ mu
difficult	-γα' γα	^{-h} ka mu
easy	´za za	`htsa mu
fragrant	-ze' ze / -zi zi	´zĩ bu
sour	^{-p} tç ^w a' ^p tç ^w a	^{−h} t¢ʉ mu
sweet	^{−6} ŋa ⁶ bu / [−] nuı' nuı	− ⁶ ŋa ⁶ bu
bitter	-ño' ño / -no' no	⁻ q ^h a mu
hot (spicy)	^{-v} za' ^v za / [−] no ^v zo ^h tə	⁻ k ^h a ⁻ ts ^h a mu
salty	-åtç⁴i' <u>n</u> õ tə	tsha qha to
free (time)	⁻tsoÿ' tə	$k^h \tilde{\alpha}$ to
rich	tge tge	-chu? pu
poor	-tço' mə	me: pu
clean	^{−h} tsõ me	⁻ʰtsɔ̃ ma
dirty	^{-h} tso ^γ , ^h tso ^γ	`htso? pa
pitiful	´ma ro p ^h e p ^h e	`n̂i fidzi mu
happy	´sʰẽ mbe ¬qa' tɕʰi / ¬ʿʿsa	´sʰẽ ba ˆjɑː mu
peaceful	′ze	'n,e
together	caî bu caî	´ņã bu

Verbs

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
love	⁻⁶ ga	``figa
pull up	⁻ q ^h a	`htgeː
bow	⁻çe' la ^w zo	`¢ʰaʔ ´¤tsʰɛː
move (house)	´ta p ^h o	`hpoː
help	, RO	^ro? sa ´¹¹do
be full	´kə tçi nə ´ta tç ^h e /	⁻⁶ d∡a?
	[−] υu' tə [−] ?a' te te	
peel	´ta k ^w a	^{−h} qoĭ
carry on the back	´ta ku	$-k^{h}uu$
close	^{-h} po' la ´ju / ^{-h} po / ´ ⁿ dze	^{−h} tsuː
weave (a cloth)	^{-h} la ^h la	`ntha?
be sick	-'nu' tə/´no' tə	na to

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wipe	´ta çə ça	`¢ ^h e?
tread	´ta t ^h o	`fina?
hide	´ta ^{fi} ba	^{fh} ba
unseam	´ta ∫a	` ^h şaj
taste	[−] ?a ze la [−] zo	`?a zə tə `hta
fry	⁻ zo	`ŋ̊o
weigh	´?ə k ^h ə	`htca?
accomplish	k ^h ə wu	`ts ^h z s ^h ə
fill	´la ta	` ^{fi} lu ː
eat	'kə ts ^h ə	´za
smoke	[–] k ^h u ´ji t ^h e	cht, aw mt
go out	´no ŋa la ¯çə	`¢ʰə la ′∿do
wear	´ta ke / ´ta ^p ke	'tço:
blow	[–] p ^h u ta nui	⁻ p ^h u? ´ze:
twist	ʹji ^h l̞α	-htor
promise	khε ta le	-k ^h ε 1e
hit	´tε ʰtu / ´ta ʰtu	∴cb ^{il}
shoot	⁻tçʰo ʰda ´kə rə	´poː ´ ^ĥ dẓα?
fight	´tʉ tʉ la ⁻vi	^{−6} dza rez ko rə
fetch	'kə kuı	1e:
collect (woods)	-se ´ta sə	-che 'fidui
be sleepy	-mo ´la tu tə	`fini? γο to
yawn	⁻ ha' la ´tu' tə	
open (a bag)	´ka le ´ta t ^h a	`k ^h a ç ^h i
thunder	´¹¹du ´ta' tə	−ndu? (ta?
take with	⁻ ta' ^{fi} zo	`k ^h w:
knot	´¹duı pa ´kə ra	⁻ⁿ dui? pa ′ ⁶ dzε?
snore	ar ex`cx ia ⁿ	/ Spaph Scx Signature
		$\operatorname{fpb}^{\mathrm{a}}\operatorname{fcx}'$
look after	⁻ ta' ze	`t ^h i?
wear (a hat)	´ta ke / ´ta ^p ke	'tço:
wear (a ring)	´fiə qə le	`hti
arrive	´tu	^{-h} tse:
wait	⁻⁶ ҳі / ^{-h} kш' le ва	` ^{fi} gu?
(earth) quake	´ça ´mə mu	-sha -ŋgiː
lower a head	´ ^{fi} gu ^{fi} gu ´la zo	⁻ŋgo `figurː
light (a fire)	^{'m} ba	^{'m} baː
drop	⁻la' za	Şcļ´
hang	[−] ?ə t ^h ə lα / ´?ə xa la	`fiza
lose (thing)	'ma 'ta' tço	po:

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
understand	[−] ha ´ku tə / [−] ha ´ta ke	⁻ ha ′ko
read	1a n.a / ⁻ n.a	⁻ⁿ dox
(thing) snap	´ta po ´ta ^x ce	`htca?
be hungry	^vzi	`htor to
press	´ta t ^h o	`fina?
swear	⁻ⁿ tho ´ŋɯ	`fina -hge!
have a fever	´tsʰa pe ´rʷa tə	⁻tsʰa pa ´ʰdʑeː
turn over	⁻ tə ^m k ^{hw} a	⁻ ůkho la ′hdzα?
leave	´ta p ^h ə	` ^h za?
put	'kə tuu / ʻla ta	$^{-h}$ tur?
fly	⁻ ta ^{fi} de	$^{\hat{m}}p^{h}$ uu
share	´ta pʰa ʈi	^{−6} gu ç ^h a ´ ⁶ dzα?
sew	kə tu	$\mathrm{fcb}^{\mathrm{a-}}$
rot	ta' pə sə	ru:
put (soil) on	´ta p ^h o	`hkw?
work	Ίε ʰka ´vla vla / ´vla vlo	Ίε ^h ka Ίε :
catch cold	´tçʰa sə ¯qo' za sə	´tçʰa sə ´pʰoː
tell	'no	-ze:
cut (meat)	´ta q ^h o	`htge:
cut off	$^-$ ta q $^{ m h}lpha$	
mow	$^-$ ta q $^{ m h}$ $_{ m Cl}$	^{−h} tce?
give	´ta ʰta / ˈta ʰta ´və	^{−h} te:
plough	⁻ le	⁻⁶ mo
be enough	´ta tge	
close (a door)	´rə tʰa / ´rə ʰtα	⁻⁶ dzα?
kneel	[–] ņi ′kə su	
celebrate a New Year	l̄ə hsa −ga / lu se −l̄s	
cross	´kə çə / ⁻ta ^x lo	
be shy	[−] k ^w a k ^w a / [−] k ^w a ′ma ŋo nə	^ŋo tsʰa
be afraid	´və ^h tçə / ´wə ^h tçə	`hta?
drink	´fiə t ^h ə / ´ji t ^h o	$\overset{-n}{\circ}t^h \tilde{0}$
draw (a picture)	kə 3ə	
exchange	´ku hu	´ ^{fi} dze
return (home)	⁻?ə ŋgu ⁻ço' tsə	
know (how to do)	´?a ŋu / ⁻ ?a ŋi	
squeeze	îla ʰtsə / ´tsã	^{r6} Z0
remember	$^{-h}$ sã' be $^{\prime a}$ s cs $^{\prime a}$ te $^{\prime a}$	
fasten	[°] kə ^h tçə	` ^h tçĩ
pick up	´ta ⁿ tʰw ´la ʰde	
narrate	1̂ә Ф̂се	

Item	Lhagang Choyu	Thamkhas Khams
teach	kə ze	
(dog) bark	⁻ tʃʰɯ ´rə ʰtɯ	
uncover	´ĥə tç⁴u	$-c^{h}e$
borrow	´ta ἦe / ´ta xε	− ⁶ ja ː
raise	´fiə ts ^h e / ´kə ts ^h ə	^{−h} t¢α?
cut with a saw	´so tge ´ta ge	´s ^h o le
open (a door)	´fiə tç ^h ə / ´kə ^p tç ^h ə	$-c^{h}e$
be boiled	[−] t∫ʰα ´fia tʰo / ´kə t∫ʰα	$^{-\mathring{\eta}}k^{\mathrm{h}}$ u:
bloom	⁻ ta pe	ker
look	[−] kə sə re / [−] kə sə ro	^{-h} ta
show	−kə sə re	$^{-h}$ ta
see	⁻ ru	`ri?
warm oneself	k̄ə ro ^γ	`hso
do prostration	1a ^w zo	`¢ ^h a? ["] ts ^h &:
cough	⁻ ts ^h a jo t ^h ə	Ίш
be thirsty	⁻ ∳ce tə	`kʰa ʰkõ
weep	´t ^w α jo tə	´ŋuı
be sleepy	qo mə sə	`fini? tu
pull	´ta ⁿ t ^h uı ⁿ t ^h o	$^n_{\sigma}t^h\tilde{e}$
shit	eľ ^x ep` oj ^{a–}	^{−h} t¢α? pa `ʰtõ
be hot (taste)	-nə ^{fi} zo tə	-kha tsha
come	−Ŷə lo / ´ji tʉ tə	-cho?
get old	kə t ^h a sə	
be tired	Ία γα	^{-h} ka
dry	⁻la pʰo	$^{-h}k ilde{lpha}$
be deaf	[–] ni puɪ to ji [–] ma ^m nə tə	⁻ĥna ′ĥõ
buy	´ku ku	'no
sell	⁻ ta ^h tçi / ⁻ ta ^p tçi nə	$^{-h}$ ts $\tilde{\mathrm{o}}$
do not have	´ma tçe tu / ´ma tçe tə	me?
know	[–] ha ´la ku / [–] ha ´ta ku	⁻ha ′ko
touch	[−] kə ⁿ dze la ⁿ dzi	
hold	⁻ ?a ⁿ ,t ^h e / ⁻ wo ´ta ^h ko	1̃e
vomit	$^{-m}p^{ m h}$ ɔ la tu / $^{-m}p^{ m h}$ ã	`htcu?
climb (a mountain)	тэ ко Дэ сэ	´rə ηgo ´ηdo
run	[–] tə jə	` ^{fi} dzu?
be broken	íta çe	-tcha?
break	íta çe	`htça?
ride	´ta ^h tça pe / ´ta ^h tço	$^{-h}$ tça
get up	[−] ?ə sə ^y / [−] ?ə k ^h o	ĵa lã
knock	´ta ^h tu	`fidõ

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cut up	la t∫ ^h ə	
go	-co tsə / 1a cə / 1a c ^w ə	ndo
heat up	-ko ^x lo / -wu ^x lu	$-ts^ha$
melt	⁻la ^v ʒʉ	-zw
sweep	⁻?ə ŋgu lə ´kʰa le	`cha?
kill	´tə sa	
go upstairs	⁻ ?ə ^h ta la ´?ə çə	ja la ´¹¹do
give birth	^{-h} ta	$^{-h}$ tce
(sun) rise	kə tsi	`cha:
be (copulative)	´ts ^h ə / ´tsə	re?
comb	⁻ la t ^h a	`che?
be cooked	´ji t ^h o	
be ripe	me ´ji tho	
sleep	ke ze / ke zε̃	'nei
fall asleep	mə 1a tu	
talk	⁻ k ^h a ^b da ´la bi	
tear up	´ta şa	`hter
die	tə si	$-c^{h}\Theta$
lock	[–] q ^h o ´kə ru	`htca? -fidza?
have a headache	-qho no	
day breaks	-mu -?ə so	'nã ʰsɛː
lick	⁻ta ʿabə dzi / ´pə ʿadzi	`fda?
dance	-wlu "thə/-wlu wlu/	^to $^{\mathring{n}}$ t \wp^{h} $ ilde{lpha}$
	^{-w} lo ⁿ t ^h ẽ	-6.
paste	¯k ^w a ^y wa ¯qo lo/¯kə ʒə la	^{−6} dzar
listen	^m ne	_h:
steal	'ta ku k ^w a	^{−h} kш
spit	$\tilde{u}^n t^h a \operatorname{1a} ts -\tilde{u}^n t^h a \operatorname{1a} \tilde{u}^n t^h \tilde{u}$	^{-m} _∘ p ^h ẽ
push	'ta tchu	$-m p^h u$?
excuse	'ta ⁿ dzo	`ni?
dig	Ίa ^h qα	^{-h} ko
be over	wu / 1a wu	-tsha
play	⁻ tçi tçi ¹ la ^{fi} zo / ⁻ tçi tçi ¹ la ji	^{−h} tsə mo ^{−h} tse
forget	´ta ^w nə	⁻⁶ d≱e?
suckle	'nuı nuı 'nthe	
smell	'ta wnu / -ka' wna -lo wno	-ņũ
ask	´the ka kə ´la ´nə no	
wash	1a ^h tçuı	$^{-h}$ t \mathbf{m}
rain	⁻ h ^w i ´la tu tə	⁻tçʰa pa ´pα?
think	-tse' tə	

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resemble	^nda nda	'nda nda
laugh	´ ^y ru ^y ra tu tə/´ ^{fi} ga' tə	^{fi} ga:
write	kə rə	´ ţi
wake up	[−] ?ə tç ^h u sə	`fai?`s ^h e?
learn	kə ze	^{−6} dzõ
raise (a pig)	kə zu	^{−h} SO
shake	´ta hu / ´hu hu	` ⁶ ju?
chew	´ta ^x ŋ̊o	-sho −hdzα?
scoop	-7 ə $^{\mathfrak{n}}$ t $^{\mathfrak{h}}$ e	^{-h}t çıu
need	´zi tə	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}\mathrm{go}$
have / exist	ítgo / ítgi	jo?
(a person) exist	´tçe	jo?
(a thing) exist	γo tə	
stand up	⁻?ə kʰo	
extend	Άγα	
steam	$\mathbf{\hat{q}}^{h} \mathbf{e} \mathbf{q}^{h} \mathbf{a}$	
plot	kə ta nə	
grasp	$\mathrm{mz}\mathrm{d}^{\mathrm{m}}\mathrm{ep}^{-}$	`fizõ
turn over	´kə ^{ıj} k ^{hw} ə ´jə ^{ıj} k ^{hw} ə	`kʰa ʰßkʰoː
be drunk	$^-$ wo y ´tə zə sə / $^-$ wə y ´ta zə	$^{-\mathrm{fi}}$ Z \ominus
sit	íta ^h tu / íla' ^h tso	^{−6} do?
do	´la la	1e:
dream	1a ^{fi} me sə / ^{-fi} me ^{fi} de	$\mathrm{em^{a-}} \mathrm{\tilde{n}l} \mathrm{em^{a-}}$