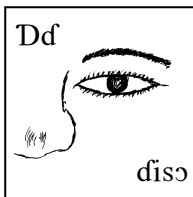


## Lesson 6 The Letter D / d

The letter <d> is a special Oroko symbol representing the sounds /d/, /l/, and /r/. The symbol <d> now represents all three letters when writing. But you could pronounce a word with this letter <d> as /d/, /l/, or /r/, depending on the dialect and where the sound is found in the word. For example, practise reading the following words:



diso	‘eye’	dibe	‘liver’
dito	‘ear’	idiba	‘stream’
disua	‘sweet yam’	bodi	‘riches’
do(d)	‘a laugh’	madiba	‘water’
disumee	‘to stake’	bodo	‘hunting’

**Exercise 1** Practice writing the new letter <d> in the space below several times.

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**Exercise 2** Write the Oroko word for these English words.

‘knife’ _____	‘to build’ _____
‘room’ _____	‘roasted plantain’ _____
‘food’ _____	‘ten’ _____
‘pumpkin’ _____	‘kola nut’ _____

**Exercise 3** Fill in the missing letters in the spaces provided in the following words:

__i__a	‘to eat’	mo__ima	‘grave’
bi__a	‘war’	dik__k__	‘garden’
di__a__a	‘cheek’	di__o__a	‘to send’

**Exercise 4** Fill in the blank spaces with a suitable word from the following list: (diboke, diso, dumbu, madiba, mbodo)

1. Inyea mba \_\_\_\_\_. ‘Give me a banana.’
2. Sese ake o \_\_\_\_\_. ‘Father has gone to the stream.’
3. S’enenek na \_\_\_\_\_. ‘We shall see with the eye.’
4. Ndingi dida \_\_\_\_\_. ‘I like to eat pumpkin.’
5. Ino idongaka \_\_\_\_\_. ‘A bird is building a nest.’

**Exercise 5** Practice reading the paragraph below.

Dikote am’aka o bodo, aatomba idiba ya imofua madiba.  
 E’ene ditori da nyama na diso oti besumbu. A’angoa nyama, jawa.  
 O’oyo do, aasuma mode. O’omo ama, “Mba modi!”