



## Fante Handbook for Beginners

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### Lesson 4: Vocabulary

This section covers the vocabulary of animals and foods. It will be on the short side to give you the opportunity to commit everything you have learned (which is a lot!) to memory without overloading your brain.

First, let us learn the Fante names for common animals:

| English      | Fante              |
|--------------|--------------------|
| cat          | <i>egyinambowa</i> |
| chicken      | <i>akokɔ</i>       |
| cow          | <i>nantwi</i>      |
| dog          | <i>bɔdɔm</i>       |
| duck         | <i>dɔkɔdɔkɔ</i>    |
| fish         | <i>nam</i>         |
| goat         | <i>aponkye</i>     |
| guinea fowl* | <i>akɔnfɛm</i>     |
| horse        | <i>pɔnkɔ</i>       |
| pig          | <i>preko</i>       |
| sheep        | <i>oguan</i>       |
| turkey       | <i>krokrokoko</i>  |

*\*Guinea fowl is similar to chicken, more prevalent in northern Ghana.*



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And now we will learn some foods:

| English    | Fante                    | English      | Fante              |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| apple      | <i>apor</i>              | ginger       | <i>tsintsinbir</i> |
| banana     | <i>mpuwa</i>             | onion        | <i>anwion</i>      |
| coconut    | <i>kube</i>              | pepper       | <i>muoko</i>       |
| mango      | <i>mango</i>             | potato       | <i>potɛtɛ</i>      |
| orange     | <i>ekutu</i>             | sweet potato | <i>santom</i>      |
| papaya     | <i>pawpaw / burosuow</i> | tomato       | <i>tomatese</i>    |
| pineapple  | <i>aborobe</i>           | yam          | <i>edwow</i>       |
| plantain   | <i>borɛdze</i>           | bread        | <i>paanoo</i>      |
| watermelon | <i>anomona</i>           | rice         | <i>emo</i>         |
| cassava    | <i>bankye</i>            | stew         | <i>forowee</i>     |

Notes:

