# Wolof (Atlantic, spoken in Senegal)

|  [+ATR] |  |  [-ATR] |  |
|---|---|---|---|
| i | u |  | → no /ɪ ʊ/ |
| e | o | ɛ ɔ |  |
| ə |  | a |  |

| [+ATR] |  | [-ATR] |  |
|---|---|---|---|
| bereb | place | dɔɔlɛ | strength |
| getɜn | to bother | cɛrɛ | couscous |
| jeego | to step | lɛmpɔ | tax |
| gəleem | camel | xandɔɔr | to snore |
| xooyəl | to dilute | nɛlaw | to sleep |

*instrumental/locative*

| door-e | to hit with | xɔɔl-ɛ | to look with |
|---|---|---|---|
| reer-e | to be lost in | dɛm-ɛ | to go with |
| gə-ne | to be better in | xam-ɛ | to know in |

*causative*

| yəg-le | to announce | takk-lɛ | to help tie' |
|---|---|---|---|

*imperative pl*

| now-leen | come! | tɔgg-lɛɛn | |
|---|---|---|---|

*past tense*

| reer-oon | was lost | rɛɛr-ɔɔn | had dinner |
|---|---|---|---|
| ɲow-oon | came | jɔx-ɔɔn | gave |
| bəgg-oon | wanted | takk-ɔɔn | tied |

*comitative*

| genn-əndoo | to go out together | dɛnd-andɔɔ | to be neighbors |
|---|---|---|---|
| tox-əndoo | to smoke together | tɔp-andɔɔ | to imitate |
| deck-əndoo | to live together | wax-andɔɔ | to say together |

*possessive*

| sofoor-əm | his driver | nɛlaw-am | his sleep |
|---|---|---|---|

*applicative*

| foot-əl | to launder for | wɔɔr-al | to fast for |
|---|---|---|---|
| jənd-əl | to buy for | wax-al | to speak for |
| leeb-əl | to tell stories for | bɛj-al | to cultivate for |

**High vowels**

*A.     High vowels in initial syllable*
dibeer          Sunday
gumbə          be blind
guro            cola nut
gune            infant

*causative*      sumb-le       help start
*imperative*     gis-leen      look!
*past tense*     tit-oon       was afraid
*possessive*     dugub-əm      his millet
*applicative*    suul-əl       bury for


**1.     What do you notice about the suffixes in the forms in A?**


*B.     High vowels in final syllables*

| [+ATR] root | | [-ATR] root | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *-si - motion toward* | | | |
| dəkk-si | come and live | wax-si | come and say |
| | | | |
| *-it - residual* | | | |
| ɲoox-it | residue | dɔg-it | bit |
| | | | |
| *-u – reflexive, passive* | | | |
| səlm-u | wash face | wat-u | have haircut |
| lett-u | braid hair | sɛɛt-u | look in mirror |

**2.     What do you notice about the suffixes in the forms in B?**

C.    *High vowels in medial syllables*

barigɔ          barrel
kabinɛ           toilet
ʔaddina         world

*imperative (pl)*

lettu-leen              braid hair!              tɛkki-lɛɛn              untie!
soobu-leen             plunge!                 mɔjtu-lɛɛn              avoid!
gəstu-leen             research!               watu-lɛɛn              have haircut!
ʔubbi-leen             open!
gimmi-leen             open eyes!

*negative 2pl*

sett-u-leen             you did not look at      bɔkk-u-lɛɛn             you are not part of

**3.      What pattern of [ATR] do the forms in C show?**