

# LET'S SPEAK AKAN

Akan (ah-KAHN) is the language of the Ashanti people of central Ghana. Vowels are pronounced as follows: *a* as in cat; *ay* as in say; *ih* as in fit; *eh* as in bed; *ee* as in bee; *oh* as in oh; *u* as in foot; *aw* as in hot; *oo* as in boot.

## Phrase

Happy Sabbath

Welcome

Please

Thank you

Yes

No

Goodbye

## Pronounce it

hoh-MIH-dah pah

ahk-WAH-ah-ba

mih-pah wu-choh

mih-dah wu ah-SEE

Aa-nee

DA-bee

bai-bai (same as bye-bye)

# LET'S COUNT IN AKAN

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## Numbers

one

two

three

four

five

six

seven

eight

nine

ten

## Say it

ba'uh-KOH

mee-ehn-OO

mee-ehn-SAH

nahn

noom

n'SEE-ah

n'SOHN

n'waw-CHIH

n'KROHN

doo