

Kongo Obstruents

Below are some words from Southern Kongo.

Compare the sounds [t s z] and [tʃʃ z]:

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| 1. | tobola | ‘to bore a hole’ |
| 2. | tʃina | ‘to cut’ |
| 3. | kesoka | ‘to be cut’ |
| 4. | nkoʃi | ‘lion’ |
| 5. | zenga | ‘to cut’ |
| 6. | zima | ‘to stretch’ |
| 7. | kasu | ‘emaciation’ |
| 8. | tʃiba | ‘banana’ |
| 9. | nselele | ‘termite’ |
| 10. | lolonzi | ‘to wash’ |
| 11. | zevo | ‘then’ |
| 12. | azimola | ‘alms’ |
| 13. | nzwetu | ‘our house’ |
| 14. | kunezulu | ‘to heaven’ |
| 15. | tanu | ‘five’ |