

Genetic classification of African languages

1. Macro-families (or phyla)

1.1. Afroasiatic

Semitic
Berber
Egyptian
Cushitic
Omotic
Chadic

1.2. (Reduced) Niger-Congo

Benue-Congo
Kwa
Adamawa
Gur
Ijo
Dogon
Kru
Atlantic
Kordofanian

1.3. (Reduced) Nilo-Saharan

Eastern Sudanic
Central Sudanic
Maban
Fur

Berta
Kunama
Saharan
Kuliak

2. Isolated families

Northern Khoisan
Central Khoisan (+ Sandawe & Kwadi)
Southern Khoisan
Songhay
Kadu
Coman (+ Gumuz)
Ubangian
Mande

3. Isolated languages

Hadza
Bangi Me
Pre
Domp
Mpra
Jalaa
Laal
Ongota
Shabo
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