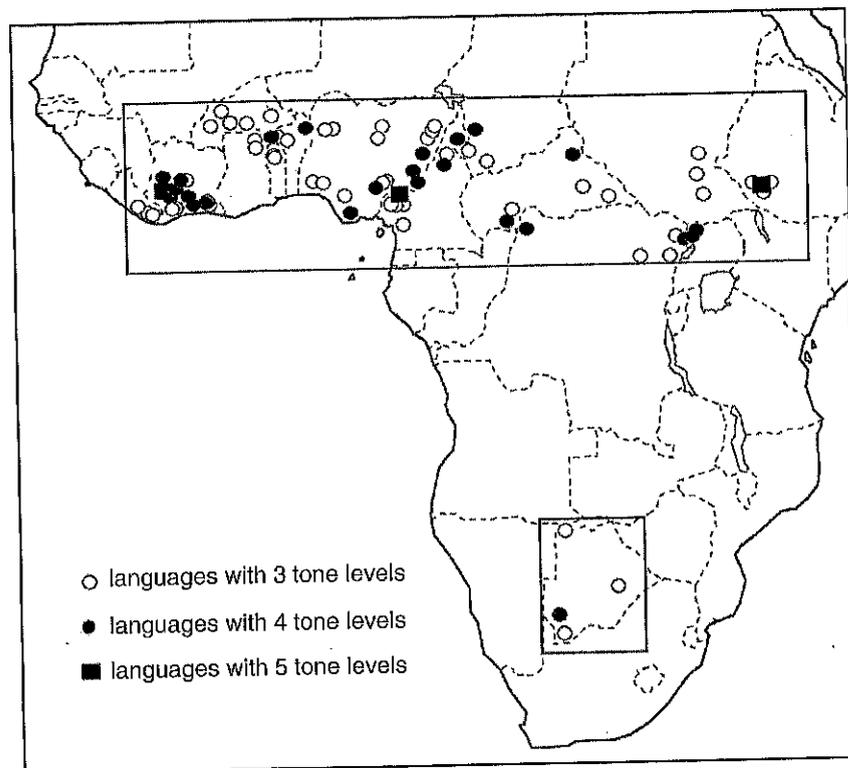


The languages with three of more tone levels in Africa, according to Clements, G. N. & A. Riailand, 2008, 'Africa as a phonological area', in Heine, B. & D. Nurse (eds.), *A linguistic geography of Africa*, pp. 36-85, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.



Map 3.6 Distribution of 76 African languages with three or more distinctive tone levels. The two major concentrations are enclosed in rectangles. Languages with three, four, and five tone levels are indicated by white circles, black circles, and black squares, respectively