

Notes to the Afroasiatic wordlists

The Afroasiatic materials presented here consist of 90-meaning basic vocabularies from 188 Afroasiatic languages. For the great majority of the languages every one of the 90 items has been recorded. In a number of languages, though, the words for some of the meanings are missing in the available lexicons (a very few cases, notably the Omotic language Ganza, had more significant gaps). But all together these instances amount to only about 480 missing words out of the potential total corpus of nearly 17,000 words.

In general in the wordlists, the words marked in red typeface are identifiable loanwords. In the case of the languages of the Chadic sub-branch of the family, a further distinction is made: words in red typeface are loans from a language belonging to the Niger-Congo language family; words in blue typeface are loans from languages of the Nilo-Saharan family.