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SCIENCE GLOSSARY - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL

ENGLISH	TWI
A	
Absorb	Twe kɔ mu
Acceleration	Ade mmirika
acid rain	soro nsu a aduru wom
Adapt	Ɛne tebea gye
Adaptation	Senea biribi ne tebea foforo gye
Adjust	Nsakrae
Air	Mframa
air pressure	mframa tumi
air resistance	mframa kwansiw
Alto	Nne a ɛwɔ soro
Amount	Dodow
Amphibian	Aboa a ɔte asase so san tena nsu mu
Analyze	Susuw ho
Anemometer	Mframa mmirika susude
Animal	Aboa
Apply	Fa di dwuma
Around	Wɔ nkyɛn
Arrange	Hyeɛhye
Artery	Ntini a ɛde mogya fi komam
Arthropod	Aboa a onni nkaseɛ
Asteroid	Wim mu abo
Atmosphere	Mframa mu (Wim)
Atom	Atɔm
Axis	Sibea/Akontaabu pon
B	
Balance	Ade mu duru susude
balanced forces	Tumi ahorow a wɔn ahɔɔden ye pe
bar graph	dodow susudua mfonin
Barometer	Wim mframa susude
Battery	Batre
Behavior	Suban
Beneficial	Mfaso wɔ so
Best	Nea esen biara
Bird	Anomaa
Blink	Anibɔ
Block	Blɔk
blood tissue	mogya mu akwaa
blood vessel	ntini a mogya fam
body heat	nipaduam ɔhyew
Bone	Dompe
bone tissue	dompe mu akwaa

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ENGLISH	TWI
Brain	Amemene
Breathe	Home mframa
Bronchi	Bronkus (duruben a ɔhome fam)
buoyant force	Tumi a etumi sensen ho
C	
Calculator	Akontaabu afiri
Camera	Mfonintwa afiri
Camouflage	Nkatade
Capillary	Nipaduam duruben nketewa
Carnivore	Aboa a ɔwe nam nkutoo
Caterpillar	Nwewee
cause-and-effect	fibea ne nsunsuanso
Cell	Nkwammoa
cell membrane	nkwammoa nkatamu
cell wall	nkwammoa nkataho
Celsius (C°)	Selsius (C°)
centimeter (cm)	sentimita (cm)
central nervous system	adwene ne akyi dompe
Change	Sesa/nsakrae
change of direction	baabi a ereko a wɔsesa
change of motion	sɛnea ereko a wɔsesa
change of speed	mmirikatu a wɔsesa
Characteristic	Su/yɛbea
Chemical	kɛmikal(aduru)
chemical change	aduru mu nsakrae
chemical property	aduru fam yɛbea
chemical weathering	aduru rebubu
Chlorophyll	Klorofil (ahabammono aduru)
Chloroplast	Kloroplast
Choose	Paw
cinder cone volcano	sinda kon bepɔw ano tokuru
Circuit	Anyinam afiri
circulatory system	akwaa ahorow a ɛma mogya di aforosian
cirro-	siro-
cirrus cloud	mununkum fitaa
Classification	Kuwakuw mu hyehye
Classify	Hyehye
Claws	Awerɛw
Climate	Wim tebea
Cloud	Mununkum
Collect	Boaboa
Color	Ahosu/kɔla

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ENGLISH	TWI
Column	Duruben ketewa
Comet	KyinnSORoma ketewa/kɔmɛt
Common	Ɛtae si (Ɛnye na)
Community	Mpɔtam
Compare	Fa toto
Compass	Kɔmpase
Competition	Akansi
composite volcano	bepɔw ano ntokuru ahorow
compost pile	mporɔwde a aboa ano
Compound	Nhomasua mu aduru
compound microscope	afiri a ɛwɔ afa abien na wɔde hwɛ nneɛma nketenkete
Computer	Kɔmputa
Conclusion	Awiei aɛɛm
Condensation	Suwisiw redan nsu
Condition	Tebea
Conduction	Kɔ a wɔde anyinam anaa nea ɛte saa fa biribi mu
Conductivity	Senea wotumi de anyinam anaa nea ɛte saa fa ade mu
Conductors	Nea ade tumi fa mu
Conservation	Adekora
Consumer	Ɔtɔfo/odifo
Contain	Ade wom
Container	Nea ade tumi hyem
Content	Nea ɛwom
Convection	Ɔhyew nam nsu anaa mframa mu
Crest	Atifi
Crust	Ɛho
Crystal	Bo hyɛnhyɛn
cubic centimeter	kiubik sentimita
Cycle	Kyinhya
Cytoplasm	Nkwammoa mu nsu
D	
Dam	Nsutaw
Data	Nɛɛm Amaneɛbɔ
data table	nɛɛm amaneebɔ a wɔahyehye
Decomposer	Aboa a odi mporɔwde
Decrease	Ba fam
Define	Kyerɛ
Definite	Pɔtee
Density	Pɛnpɛnso a aka abom
Deposition	De ade to
Derived	Nya fi
Describe	Kyerɛkyerɛ

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ENGLISH	TWI
Design	Nabɔsuo
Development	Nkɔsot
Diagram	Mfonin
Die	Dai
Difference	Nsonsonoe
digestive system	akwaa ahorow a ɛɛ aduan ho adwuma
Direction	Kwan
Directly	Pɔtee
Discuss	Bɔ ho nkɔmmɔ
Disperse	Pete
Distance	Kwan tenten
Distribute	Kyekyɛ
Draw	Yɛ mfonin
E	
Earth	Asase
Earthquake	Asasewosow
Earthworm	Nsonsono
Eat	Di/didi
Echo	Nnyigyeyi
Ecosystem	Mmoa ne wɔn tenabea
Effect	Nsunsuanso
Efficient	Yɛ adwuma yiye
Egg	Nkesua
Electric	Ɛde anyinam kanea di dwuma
electric current	anyinam
electrical energy	anyinam ahɔden
Electromagnet	Ɛlektromagnɛti
electromagnetism	elektromagnɛti dwumadi
Electron	Ɛlektrɔn
Elements	Nhomasua ade nketenkente
Elevation	Soro gyinabea
Eliminate	Yi fi
Emit	Fi mu ba
Energy	Ahɔden
energy resources	nneema a ɛma ahɔden
Environment	Mpɔtam tebea
Equal	Pɛ
Erosion	Susuan
Error	Mfomsoɔ
Eruption	Emu fi
Esophagus	Menemu (nea aduan fa kɔ yafunu)
Establish	Fa si

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ENGLISH	TWI
Estimate	Fa ani bu
Estimation	Nsuwsuwso a ensi pi
Evaluate	Mudi mu nhwehwemu
Evaporate	Dan suwusiw
Evaporation	Suwusiw dan
Evidence	Adanse
Example	Nhweso
Exercise	Apɔwmutɛɛɛ
Exoskeleton	Honam ani nkaseɛ
Experiment	Nhwehwemu
Explain	Kyerɛkyerɛ mu
External	Abɔnten de
Eyes	Ani
F	
Fact	Nokwasɛm
Factor	Nea enti
Fahrenheit (°F)	Fahrenheit (°F)
Fault	Sinto
Feather	Ntakra
Feature	Su
Features	Su ahorow
Fins	Apataa kaseɛ
Fish	Apataa
fixed pulley	ntwaho afiri a esi ho
Float	Tɛ nsu ani
Flood	Nsuyiri
Flowers	Nhwiren
food chain	mmoakuw a obiako di ɔfoforo
food web	mmoakuw a wɔn mu bi di ɔfoforo
Force	Tumi
Form	Yɛbea
Former	Kan
Formula	Nea wɔde nya mmuae
Fossil	Aboa anaa mfude mporɔwee
fossil fuel	aboa anaa mfude mporɔwee a wɔde sɔ gya
Frequency	Pɛn dodow
Friction	Tumi a ɛmma ade nkɔ yɔɔ
Fruit	Aduaba
Fulcrum	Afiri bi adantam
Function	Dwumadi
Fur	Aboa nhwi

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ENGLISH	TWI
G	
Galaxy	Nsorommakuw
Gas	Mframa
Generation	Biribi a wɔye
Generator	Anyinam kanea afiri
Germinate	Fifi
Germination	Ade refifi
Glacier	Nsubo
graduated cylinder	duruben ketewa a wɔakyekyem
gram (g)	gram (g)
Graph	Amanεbɔ mfonin
Graphic	Nea wɔayε no mfonin
Gravity	Tumi a εtwe ade ba fam
Greatest	Sen biara
green plant	afude a εye ahabammono
Ground	Fam
Groundwater	Fam nsu
Grow	Nyin
Growth	Onyin
H	
Habitat	Tenabea
Hail	Asukɔkyea
Hair	Nhwi
hand lens	afiri a wokura de hwε nneεma nketenkete
Hardness	Ne den
Harmful	Tumi pira
Health	Akwanhosan
healthy habit	Su a εma akwanhosan pa
Hearth	Dan mu beae a εma ɔhyew
hearth muscle	nipadua no hyew akwaa
heat	ɔhyew
heat energy	ɔhyew tumi
Herbivore	Aboa a ɔwe nwura nkutoo
Hibernation	ɔhome bere
Host	Hɔhogyefo
Human	Nnipa
Humidity	Suwusiw dodow a εwɔ wim
Hurricane	Mframa gyampantrudu
Hygrometer	Wim suwusiw susufiri
Hypothesis	Nimdifo bɔtirimka

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ENGLISH	TWI
I	
Identify	Hye nsow
Identical	Di nse
igneous rock	ignɔs botan
Illuminate	Ma kanea
Illustrate	Ye nhweso
inclined plane	afiri a wɔde ma ade so
Increase	Redɔɔso
Independent variable	Nea etumi sesa a ede ne ho
Indicate	Kyerɛ sɛ
Inference	Ntease a efi mu
Information	Amaneeɔ
Inherit	Di ade
inherited adaption	nsakraeye ho su a wɔanya
inherited trait	su a wɔanya
Inquiry	Nhwehwɛmu
Insect	Atuboa
Insulator	Nea anyinam ntumi mfa mu
Interact	Di nsawɔsɔ
Internal	Ɛwom
Interpret	Kyerɛ ase
Interval	Kwan a eda ntam
Invertebrate	Aboa a enni akwi dompe
Investigate	Hwehwɛ mu
J	
Jaw	Abɔgye
Jellyfish	Jɛli apataa
Joint	Nnompe nsiani
Journal	Nsemma nhoma
K	
kilogram (kg)	Kilogram (kg)
kiloliter (kl)	Kilolita (kl)
kilometer (km)	Kilomita (km)
kinetic energy	Tumi a ade a ɛrekɔ wɔ
Kingdom	Ahenni
Kitten	Ɔkra mma
Knowledge	Nimdeɛ

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ENGLISH	TWI
L	
Label	Ahyensode
Land	Asase
Landslide	Dɔte a abunkam baabi
large intestine	Nsono akese
Larva	Aboawa a otumi sesa
Latitude	Tetrete
Lava	Botan a anane
Leaf	Ahaban
Learned	Suae
learned adaptation	Senea biribi ne tebea foforo gye a osuae
Least	Ketewa koraa
Leaves	Nhaban
Leg	Nan
Length	Tenten
Levee	Nea wɔayɛ agye nsu ho
Lever	Daban
life cycle	Nkwa kyinhyia
life span	Nkwa tenten
Light	Kanea
Lighting	Kanea hyerɛn
line graph	Dodow susuhama ho mfonin
lines of force	Tumi kwan
Liquid	Nsu
List	Nkyerɛw nnidisonnidiso
liter (L)	Lita (L)
Live	Te nkwa mu
Living	Te nkwa mu
living thing	Abɔde a ete nkwa mu
Location	Beae
lunar eclipse	Esum bere a asase da owia ne ɔsram ntam
Lungs	Ahurututu
Luster	Senea ade hyerɛn
M	
Magma	Botan a anane
Magnet	Twebo
magnetic field	twebo tumibea
magnetic force	twebo tumi
Magnetism	Twebo adetwe
Magnifier	Nea ɛma wohu ade ketewa yiye
Maintain	Kora senea ete
Major	Titiriw

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ENGLISH	TWI
Mammal	Aboa
Mass	Emu duru
Mates	Mfɛfo
Matter	Abɔde
Measure	Susuw
Mechanical	Afiri adwumaye
mechanical energy	tumi a ade a ɛrekɔ wɔ
metamorphic rock	metamɔfik botan
Metamorphosis	Abosuo mu nsesa
meter (m)	mita (m)
meter stick	mita susudua
Method	Ɔkwan
metric ruler	susudua
Microscope	Afiri a wɔde hwɛ nneɛma nketenkete
Migration	Atukɔ
milligram (mg)	milligram (mg)
millimeter (mm)	milimita (mm)
Mineral	Fam agude
Mitochondria	Maitokɔndria
Mixture	Nea adi afra
Models	Nseso ahorow
Moisture	Ade mu nsu
Molecule	Abɔde mu ade ketewa
Mollusk	Aboa a ɛhyɛ n'ade mu
Motion	Senea ade rekɔ
Motor	Nea ɛma ade kɔ
Mouth	Ano
movable pulley	ntwaho afiri a ensi faako
muscle tissue	ntini
muscular system	akwaa ahorow a ntini wom
N	
Nail	Awerɛw
natural events	abɔde mu nneɛma a esisi
Negative	Nea enni
nervous system	akwaa ahorow a ɛma nkanyan
Neuron	Nkanyan nkwammoa
Niche	Gyinabea
Nimbus	Mununkum
nonliving thing	abɔde a enni nkwa
Nonrenewable	Nea wɔrentumi nsi ananmu
nonrenewable energy resource	nneɛma a ɛma ahɔden a wɔrentumi nnsi ananmu
Nose	Hwene

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ENGLISH	TWI
Nucleus	Nuklɔs
Number	Nɔma
Nutrient	Aduannuru
O	
Object	Ade
objective lens	Lens a ɛben nea wɔrehwɛ no paa
observable	wotumi hu
Observation	Nea wɔahu
Observe	Hwɛ
Obtained	Wɔanya
Occur	Esi
Odor	Nka
Offspring	Ba/aseni
Omnivore	Aboa a ɔwe wura ne nam nyinaa
Opinion	Adwenkyere
Orbit	Kyinsoromma kwan
Order	Nhyehyɛ
Organ	Akwaa
organ system	akwaa ahorow
Organism	Aboa
Organize	Yɛ nhyehyɛ
Original	Biribi ankasa
Ovary	Akwaa a ekura nkesua
Overabundance	Aboro so
Ozone	ɔson mframa
P	
parallel circuit	anyinam afiri a anyinam no kyekyem san behyia
Parasite	Aboawa a ɔte aboa foforo mu
Path	ɔkwan
Pattern	Nea wɔahyɛ nsow
percent, percentage	ɔha mu nkyekyem
Period	Bere
permanent magnet	twebo a n'ahɔɔden nyera
Phases	Afa ahorow
Phenomena	Nneɛma ahorow a esisi
Photosynthesis	Fotosintesis
Physical	Nea wohu
physical change	nsakrae a wohu
physical environment	mpɔtam tebea a wohu
physical property	yɛbea a wohu
physical weathering	abubu a wohu
pie graph	pai mfonin

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ENGLISH	TWI
Pistil	Nhwiren fa a εde wo foforo
Pitch	Nne sorokɔ
Planet	KyinnSOROMMA
Plant	Afude
Polar	Nea esi afa abien mu biako
Pollen	Pɔlin
Pollinate	Pɔlin dwumadi
Pollution	Fi a wɔde fra ade koronyenn
Position	Gyinabea
Positive	Pɔsitif
potential energy	ahɔɔden/tumi a biribi wɔ
Precipitation	Osutɔ
Predator	Nea ɔpe aboa foforo akye
Predict	Ka sie
Prediction	Nkɔmhye
Presence	Wɔ a biribi wɔ hɔ
Previous	Kan
Prey	Nea aboa foforo repɛ no akye
Primary	Nea edi kan/titiriw
Probable	Betumi asi
Procedure	Kwan a wɔfa so ye
Process	Kwan a wɔfa so
Produce	Ye (Ade a wɔayɛ)
Producer	Nea ɔye/ɔyɛɛ
Properties	Su/yɛbea ahorow
Protect	Bɔ ho ban
Proton	Protɔn
Provide	De ba
Pull	Twe
Pulley	Adetwe afiri
Pupa	Atuboa a onnyin nwiei
Puppies	Kraman mma
Push	Pia
R	
Rabbit	Adanko
Radiation	Radiehyen
Rain	Soro nsu
Rearrange	San hyehye
Reason	Nea enti
Receive	Nsa ka
Record	Kyerɛwtohɔ
Rectum	Akwaa a agyanan kogu mu

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ENGLISH	TWI
Recycle	Ade a wɔdan
Reduce	Te so
Refer	Hwɛ/kyerɛ kwan
Reflect	Twa nseso
Refract	Kyia
Relationship	Abusuabɔ
relative humidity	suwusiw dodow a ɛwɔ wim
Relevant	ɛfa ho
remain the same	te sɛnea ɛte ara
Renewable	Tumi si ananmu
renewable energy resource	nneema a ɛma ahɔden a wotumi si ananmu
Repair	Siesie
Repel	Po
Represent	Gyina hɔ ma
Reproduce	Yɛ nseso/wo ba
Reproduction	Abawo
Reptile	Rɛptaili aboa
Required	Wɔhwehwɛ
respiratory system	ɔhome ho akwaa ahorow
Respond	Bua
Response	Mmue
Responsible	Yɛ aseɣede
Result	Nea efi mu aba
Rest	Home
Reuse	Fa di dwuma bio
Revolution	Kyinhya
Revolve	Di kyinhya
riding a bicycle	reka sakre
Rock	Botan
rock cycle	nea botan fa mu
Role	Dwumadi
Root	Ntini
Rotate	Twa ho
Rotation	Ntwaho
Rubbing	Ade twitwi
ruler (metric)	susudua
Runoff	Nea ebu afa so
S	
Saliva	Ntasu
Salivate	Twa ntasu
Scale	Susude
scientific inquiry	abɔde mu nhwehwɛmu

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ENGLISH	TWI
scientific investigation	abɔde mu nhwehwɛmu
scientific thinking	abɔde mu nsusuwii
Screw	Tokurubɔde
Seasonal	Ne bere mu
Seasonally	Wɔ ne bere mu
Seasons	Wim tebea mmere
Secondary	Nea edi hɔ
Sediment	Nea ada fam
sedimentary rock	sɛdimentri botan
Seed	Aba
Seedling	Afude ketewa
Select	Paw
Senses	Nkate ahorow
sense organ	nkate akwaa
Sequences	Nnidisonnidiso
series circuit	anyinam afiri a n'afa ahorow toatoa so
Sewage	Agyanan ne dwensɔ
Shadows	Sunsuma
Shape	Yɛbea
Shells	Aboa ho dennen
Shelter	Ofie
shield volcano	bepɔw ano ntokuru a epue
Shiver	Ahopopo
Significant	Titiriw
Similarity	Nsɛdi
simple machine	afiri
Sink	Mem
Situation	Tebea
Size	Ne kɛse
skeletal muscle	nnompe ntam akwaa
skeletal system	nipadua no nnompe ahorow
Skin	Honam
Sky	Wim
Sleet	Nsu ne sukyerɛma
small intestine	nsono nketewa
smooth muscle	akwaa mu ntini
Snow	Sukyerɛma
Soil	Dɔte
soil texture	dɔte yɛbea
solar cell	nkwammoa a ɛdan owia ahɔden anyinam
solar system	owia ne kyinnsoromma ahorow no
Solid	Ade a ɛyɛ den
Solidification	Denyɛ

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ENGLISH	TWI
Solubility	Senea ade tumi nan wɔ nsu mu
Solute	Nea enan gu nsu mu
Solution	Nsu a ade anan agu mu
Sound	Nnyigyei
sound recorder	afiri a etwe nnyigyei gu hɔ
Source	Fibea
Space	Ahun mu
Species	Mmoa kuw ketewa
Specific	Pɔtee
Speed	Mmirika
Spine	Akyi dompe
spinal cord	akyi dompe
Sponge	Sapɔw
Spore	Afude nkwammoa
spring scale	ade mu duru susude a etwe ba fam
Sprout	Fifi
Stages	Pɛnpenso ahorow
Stamen	Nhwiren barima akwaa
Stalks	Dutan nhweahweaa
Star	Nsoromma
State	Tebea
static charge	faako ahɔden nya
static electricity	faako anyinam
Stem	Dutan
Stigma	Nhwiren fa a nkwammoa gu
Stimulus	Nkanyande
Stomach	Yafunu
Storms	Ahum ahorow
Stopwatch	Firi a wɔde kan bere
Strategy	ɔkwan a wɔde beye biribi
Strato	Strato
stratus cloud	munumkum a ewɔ fam paa
Streak	Nea asisi ntoatoaso
structural adaptation	yɛbea nsakrae
Structure	Senea ade te
Subsoil	Asase ase dɔte
Substance	Biribi mu ade
Summarize	Bɔ mua
Sun	Owia
Sunny	Owia bɔ
Support	Mmoa
Surface	Ade ho/anim
survive, survival	tena ase

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ENGLISH	TWI
Surviving	Nkwa nya
Sweat	Fifiri
Switch	Dan ani
System	Nneema ahorow nkabom
T	
Tadpole	Apɔtrɔ ba
tape measure	susuhama
Teeth	Ɛse
Temperate	Hɔ ne hɔ wim tebea
Temperature	Ɔhyew/onwini penpenso
temporary magnet	magnet a n'ahodden yera
Theory	Bɔtirimka
Thermometer	Ɔhyew susude
Thrive	Nya nkɔanim
Thunderstorm	Osutɔ ne mframa dennen
Tissue	Ntini
Tongue	Tɛkrɛma
Tool	Adwinnade
Topsoil	Asase ani dɔte
Tornado	Mframa dennen a ɛdanna
Trachea	Ɔhome duruben
Trait	Su
Transfer	De kɔ baabi foforo
Transport	De kɔ baabi foforo
Trial	Sɔhwe
Tropical	Ɔhyew tebea mu
Troposphere	Wim fa a ɛba fam sen biara
Trough	Kyense tenten a wodidi mu
Trunks	Nnutan
Turbine	Ntwaho afiri
Type	Biribi ko
U	
unbalanced forces	tumi ahorow a wɔn ahodden nnyɛ pɛ
Unequal	Nnyɛ pɛ
Under	Ase
Universe	Amansan

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ENGLISH	TWI
V	
Vacuole	Nkwammoa mu tokuru
Variable	Nea etumi sesa
Vegetable	Afifide ahorow
Vein	Mogya duruben nketewa
Vertebrate	Aboa a ɔwɔ nnompe
Visible	Wotumi hu
Volcano	Bepɔw ano tokuru
Voltmeter	Anyinam susufiri
Volume	Keseɛ
W	
Waste	Sumina so ade
Water	Nsu
water cycle	kyinhyia a nsu di
water vapor	Suwusiw
Wavelength	Nsesade mu kwan/tenten
Weather	Wim tebea
Weathering	Abubu
Wedge	Nea wɔde fa nneɛma abien ntam
Week	Nnawɔtwe
Weight	Mu duru
wheel and axle	ntwaho ne ahoma afiri
Width	Tɛtrɛɛ
Wind	Mframa
wind vane	afiri a wɔde susu faako a mframa de n'ani akyerɛ
Wings	Ntaban