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## Team Contest Problem

You are provided with 114 audio files. Each file contains a recording of a Taa word, pronounced twice. Below is the list of these words in transcription. Both audio files and written words are in arbitrary order.

1. ǀnú'úi	24. ǀ'â:	47. ǁáá	70. ǀ'āa	93. ǀqoú
2. d̥əm	25. ngâa	48. gǀxána	71. gǀhalē	94. ǀnáã
3. ǀq'ama	26. ǀxóõ	49. nǁgàa	72. d̥ts'qàa	95. ǀgà:
4. gǁhàã	27. ǀxâã	50. t'qàa	73. ǀqâ:	96. ǀqàa
5. ǁhaā	28. gǀxàn	51. khàla	74. dtsháã	97. gǀxá'ã:
6. qáã	29. gǁk'qã:	52. ǀk'qóm	75. dthàã	98. gǀhàã
7. lhāã	30. gǁk'qáã	53. d̥ts'áã	76. d̥ts'qala	99. ǀnà:
8. gǀhâ:	31. gǀhòõ	54. bà	77. ǀháa	100. ǀq'um
9. ǀxâ:	32. gǁk'qã:	55. ǁq'ũna	78. hâa	101. ǀk'qâũ
10. ǀqhòõ	33. ǀâ:	56. tháa	79. ǁǀâ'am	102. ǀqáheh
11. ǁgâã	34. ǀnâ:	57. ǀnóõ	80. dt'qáa	103. ǀnâ:
12. ǀ'óò	35. ǀmala	58. tshála	81. ǀnahn	104. ǀnâhã
13. ǀxáã	36. dzàni	59. xáã	82. káa	105. ǀnũ'ũã
14. tâa	37. nǀqhāna	60. ǀ'áá	83. tsàhãh	106. ǀgòõ
15. kx'qâ:	38. ǀhâã:	61. gǀk'qóõ	84. nǀgáa	107. ǀ'áa
16. ǀk'gâ:	39. ǀâ:	62. hôo	85. ǀhòõ	108. ǀaje
17. ǁhàã	40. nǀgâ:	63. ǀǀâ'am	86. ǀgâ:	109. nǀgâ:
18. ǀqhâ:	41. ǀhâũ	64. ǁxàa	87. ǁ'âa	110. ǁnáã
19. ǀgâ:	42. ǁqáã	65. txâli	88. ǀs'ãa	111. gâõ
20. n̄nâ	43. nǀgòo	66. ǀqhâ:	89. gǁxa'án	112. ǀǀâ'ã:
21. ǁk'qâà	44. gǀk'qâ:	67. ǀôõ	90. gkx'qâ:la	113. ǀâ:
22. sâa	45. ǀk'qâ:	68. dtshxâ'â:	91. ǀǀnaje	114. ǀq'ún
23. ǀqhâ:	46. gǀhâ:	69. ǀq'ân	92. dtxàa	

(a) (114 points) Match the audio files with the written words.

(b) (6 points) Briefly describe all of your observations on the Taa language and its transcription.

△ Taa belongs to the Tuu family. It is spoken by approx. 2,600 people in Botswana and Namibia. —*Danylo Mysak*

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Good luck!