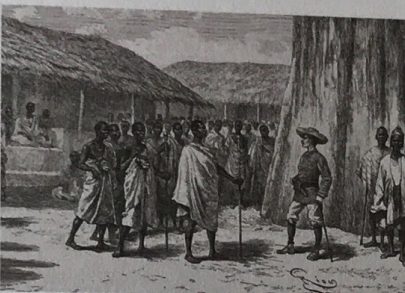


The pre-colonial era

ancestor	Vorfahr, Ahne	Your ancestors are the people from whom you descended.
tribe	(Volks-)Stamm, Sippe	homogenous ethnic group of people, in Nigeria e.g. the Hausa and Yoruba.
to be incorporated into	eingegliedert sein in	<i>corpus</i> = Latin: body → become part of the same body
monarchical [mɒ'nɑ:kɪkəl]	Königlich	adjective of monarch
warrior	Krieger(in)	root: war; synonym: fighter
clash	Auseinandersetzung, Zusammenstoß	There was a clash of Nigerian and British cultures.
turmoil [tɜ:mɔɪl]	Tumult, Aufruhr	The Nigerian economy is in tatters after years of political turmoil.
crops	Feldfrüchte, Ernte	Yam farmers plant and harvest their crops by hand.
herdsman	Hirte	A man who looks after a herd of goats, sheep or cattle.



Colonial Nigeria

empire	Weltreich, Imperium	The British Empire once covered a quarter of the world.
colonisation	Kolonialisierung	noun of "to colonise" (to found a colony)
acculturation	Akkulturation	the process by which an individual learns the traditional content of a culture and assimilates its practices and values
jingoism	extremer Patriotismus, (Hurra-Patriotismus)	strong and unreasonable belief in the superiority of your own country
annexation	Annektierung, Annktion	the (often forceful) addition of an area or region to a country, state
territory	Territorium, Staatsgebiet	area controlled by a particular country and/or ruler
ethnic	ethnisch, Volks-	The ethnic minorities were discriminated against by the British colonists.
tribal	Stammes-	adj. of tribe; Tribal rites are of utmost importance.
to consolidate one's power	seine Macht festigen	Extreme governments often consolidate power by dissolving legislative, judicial and executive authorities.
chief	(Stammes-)häuptling	! false friend: chef (cook in a restaurant) and boss (e.g. in a company); also a rank in the police force; In Nigeria the chief justice presides over the supreme court
tribal structures	Stammesstrukturen	The structures in the more than 300 Nigerian tribes are diverse.
self-governance	Selbstverwaltung	The devolution process in Nigeria involves more self-governance for the regions.
indigenous [ɪn'dɪdʒɪnəs]	(ein-)heimisch	Nigeria's indigenous population wanted independence from the British.
unification	Vereinigung	When two groups or countries become one, they may celebrate their unification.
chauvinism	Chauvinismus	very strong conviction that your country/gender/etc. is more relevant than and morally superior to others
to grant independence	Unabhängigkeit gewähren	The British granted the Nigerians independence in 1960.

Vocabulary

parliamentary	parlamentarisch	everything that has to do with parliament, e.g. parliamentary democracy or candidates
civil war	Bürgerkrieg	The Biafra War was a civil war in Nigeria that cost many lives.
to secede from [sɪ'si:d]	abspalten, lossagen von	If an area no longer wants to be a part of a state, then it may secede from it.
political unrest	politische Unruhen	The sudden postponement of the general elections led to some political unrest.
military coup	Militärputsch	The first military coup (d'état) in Nigeria took place in 1960.
autocrat	Autokrat(in), Alleinherrscher(in)	a person in authority who has absolute power
displaced people	Vertriebene	persons who have been forced to leave their homeland, especially because of a war
to surrender	sich ergeben	The Biafran soldiers saw no more chance to win the war, so they surrendered.
the lion's share	der Löwenanteil, Allermeiste	Nigeria's education program and volunteer instructors deserve a lion's share of the credit.
oppressor	Unterdrücker(in)	a person or group of people that treats another person or group of people cruelly or unfairly



Social life

to be self-assured	selbstbewusst sein	to be self-confident
to grapple with sth	sich mit etwas auseinander setzten	to try hard to understand a difficult idea or to solve a difficult problem
unbending	unbeugsam	stubborn, intolerant
unambiguous	eindeutig	not open to discussion
constituency [kən'stitjʊənsi]	Zugehörigkeit	to belong to someone or sth
niche [ni:ʃ]	Plätzchen	a position particularly suited to the person occupying it
fetish	Fetisch	sth that someone enjoys a lot in a way that is unusual or unreasonable
reluctant	widerwillig	conflicting
credentials	Eigenschaften, Referenzen	the abilities and experience that make someone suitable for a particular job or activity, or proof of someone's abilities and experience
resentment	Ärger, Missgunst	a feeling of anger because you have been forced to accept something that you do not like
to advocate for	Etwas befürworten, zustimmen	to support sth, to agree with sth
to fuse	vereinigen, verschmelzen	to combine different things
obedience	Gehorsamkeit	submission
maltreatment	Misshandlung	to treat sb badly
polygamy	Polygamie, Vielehe	marriage with more than one mate
to strive	sich bemühen, streben	The Nigerians strive for equal opportunities.
strata of society	Gesellschaftsschichten	pl of stratum: synonym of layer; Victims come from all strata of society.
to be paramount to	von höchstem Rang	Education is paramount to ensure the success of the reforms.