The glossary is set up as follows. Words are listed with aspirated and breathy phonemes following the voiceless and voiced counterparts respectively. Long vowels, nasal vowels and those ending in a glottal stop come after the simple vowels. Alternate pronunciations follow the symbol ~. The bulk of non-native words in Dhimal are loans from non-literary varieties of Indo-Aryan languages, primarily Bengali and Maithili, but also Nepali. Due to the complex historical circumstances of the movement of peoples throughout this area, which is a topic of separate study, borrowings from these languages will be identified simply as deriving from Indo-Aryan. Multiple uses are listed numerically with the most basic sense listed first. Finally, semantically related lexemes and Nepali equivalents of cultural objects or native flora and fauna are provided at the end of some entries. The alphabetical order of the glossary is as follows:

α e k p w
a ë kh ph wh
ā eː l r y
aː eʔ lh rh yh
aʔ g m s
b g h mh t
bh h n th
ch i nh ŭ
d iː o u
dh iʔ ŭ ŭ
d j oː u:
ḍh jh oʔ uʔ

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acbama n., [< Indo-Aryan] surprise, wonder.
Ωθαρα num., [< Indo-Aryan] eighteen.

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a voc., o, hey; a baigelai. Hey, older sisters.
aba n., father.
aba-amai n., father and mother, parents.
a’be part., pause particle.
abeli vt., to do (something unknown). tutugre m abekhe. Mole crickets do something to the paddy. abedhaj ... I would, um... abedhana... Would you’ um...
khalko abhana wa ta?hi. She vowed that she would bring it back to her home.
a’ce inter., interjection conveying a sense of surprise.
a’damka adj., partially ripe.
a’damli vi., to be partially ripe. torse adamka hihi. The mango is partially ripe.
ader-maderka adj., any old kind, average. isika kam bho:kana?
adermaderka bho:kanjka. What sort of work will you’ seek? I’ll look for any old kind.
adili paisa n., [< Indo-Aryan] monetary unit, fifty paisa or half a rupee.
adipa adv., very.
adha adj., [< Indo-Aryan] half.
adhimi pron., half the people, half of them.
agabhari postp., [< Indo-Aryan] to the front, on the front side.
a’gadi postp., [< Indo-Aryan] in front of, before.
agata postp., [< Indo-Aryan + ta locative postposition] in front, before.
ahar n., [< Indo-Aryan] pigslop, animal food.
a’hâ? inter., negative interjection, no.
a’huli vi., to howl.
aika adj., rotten, spoilt. səpənata aika dyəŋ təngi. He dreamt about a rotten corpse.
aili vi., to rot.
ailhe n., basil.
aithi adj., ritually polluted. aithi khurhoi with ritually polluted hands.
ai’yau inter., ouch.
aiaj n., grandmother.
aju n., grandfather. na aju! Your grandfather! (term of abuse among children).