

## Peaceful Places with Cats Purring in Tall Grass

Good places Peaceful places and well-made things are found between a whisper and an effort we can find the best parts of the Agusans' world "peace" or "hagsay" found after "excitement" or in the local dialect "hagam" and a whisper "ha'gas" in the Agusan Manobo-English dictionary

Next comes "'hagbay" "long ago" and "'hagdan" "a ladder or stairs" climbing towards peace there are trees and vines creeping across the entries

"Ha'gimit" or "a kind of medium sized softwood tree that grows on flat ground and bears large bunches of edible fruit" and "hag'naja" "a kind of strong vine that grows well in moist places" the tops of which are eaten as a vegetable near the water "'hag-om" means to soak in water and also refers to a kind of water snake

Following the trees, vines and snakes is "'hagong" to snore or the purring of a cat on the "'hagpa" a noun that means low flat ground characterized by tall grass and low trees

And there near the tall grass we come to peaceful "'hagsay" means good, peaceful, well-made it is said of places and things in hot countries where cold is a pleasant experience

Good peace is followed by "'hagsiy" "cold" and "'hagtong" "quiet" the respite before the "effort" or as it is called in Agusan Manobo "'hagu"

Then crashing through the words "ha'gudhud" for "people or animals to stampede" are more flowers and plants "ha'gunuy" a kind of vine bearing yellow bell-shaped flowers and "'hagupit" a plant with sandpaper-like leaves

Another snake "hag'wason" a large venomous cobra with a yellow belly and black back

Before ending the "hag" words with "'hagyung" "roomy, to have plenty of room or fit loosely" making me marvel at this roomy landscape filled with trees, vines, people and snakes where good things and those well made are equated with peace as the land stirs with the sound of purring cats in the tall grasslands of the Philippines' Agusan River Valley

## Romani Peace Homonyms

In Romani a language of the travelling people "miro" similar to the Russian or Slovenian "mir" is peace

"patcha" similar to the Italian "pace" is peace

"spokojstvo" similar to Polish "pokój" or

Serbian "spokoj" is peace

and "kotor" is piece, patch or part

## Emotional Shades of Kete

"Kete" is liver in Mbula

an Austronesian language of Papua New Guinea

"Kete-iluumu" (at peace)

literally liver cool

"Kete-imalmal" (angry)

literally liver fight

"Kete-ibayou" (very angry)

literally liver hot

"Kete-ibelev" (uncontrollably angry)

literally liver swirl

"Kete-pitpit" (get excited too quickly)

literally liver jumps

"Kete-ikam ke" (startled)

literally liver does snapping

"Kete-kutkut" (anxious)

literally liver beats

"Kete-paana" (calm, unmoved, long-suffering)

literally liver is rock-like

## Reidh Peace Synonyms

Peace juxtaposed against level

"reidh" is peace in Gaelic

as well as smooth, polished, straight, uninterrupted, free, exempt, reconciled, at peace, safe, not dangerous

ready, prepared, disentangled, not raveled

harmonious, clear, melodious, ordered

arranged, disposed, all meanings of "reidh"

how can five letters hold so much

