DICTIONARY

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In using the dictionary it will be noted that the plural prefixes of nouns and the past suffixes of verbs are not given in the English - Kirundi section. For these, it will be necessary to turn to the Kirundi - English section.

Kirundi words are alphabetized according to the stem. For exemple, "kurwara" will be found in te R's (ku-rwara). The prefixes of nouns and infinitives will therefore be separated by a hyphen.

In finding words it will be necessary to remember the rules of consonant changes which take place. For example "kurwara" will be found in the R's but "indwara", though of the same stem, in the D's; many words with stems starting with H will be found under P; words with a vowel beginning and having the INprefix may have a Y or Z, and will be found under these letters.

N. B. *vi* Verb Intransitive *vt* Verb Transitive

verb fransi

Fr. French

Rw. Kinyarwanda / Kirundi of Northern Burundi

Sw. Kiswahili Bar over Long sound

vowel (\bar{o})

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ORTHOGRAPHY RULES

(These rules were drawn up by an orthography committee of the Alliance.)

1. Apostrophes should be used in these words when they are followed by a vowel:

a) na, ni, si, -ri, -ti, yamara, ingene, ariko, kubwa, maze, mbega, nka, canke, none, kandi, rero, mbere, erega, ehe, buno, asangwa, namba, naho, iyo (as conjunction), muri, kuri, hako.

Examples: N'abandi. N'umwigisha. S'umuhungu. Ar' i muhira. At' Uzoza ryari? Yamar' abana... Ingen' abikoze. Arik' umuntu wese. Kubw' ivyo. Maz' aragenda. Mbeg' uzoza? Nk'abana. Cank' ibiti. Non' ubu. Kand' abantu... Rer' umuntu wese. Mber' aragiye. Ereg' ivyiwe vyaheze. Eh' ari hano. Bun' aragenda. Kuk' utabigomba. Yuk' uwagiye... K'ubivuze. Nuk' umuntu wese... Ng' ubibone. Uk' ugomba. Nah' ukora iki. Iy' agenda... Mur' iyo nzu. Kur' uyo. Namb' abikora. Asangw' ugomba... Hak' ubiheba.

Note the spacing as well: na, ni, si, nka do not leave a space.

- b) Kuko, ko, yuko, nuko, ngo, uko: the o changes to w before a, e, i. It is replaced by an apostrophe before u. Examples: Kukw afise. Yukw iri hano. Kuk' uzogenda.
- c) N'ingoga has an apostrophe (not ningoga). Bikore n'ingoga.
- d) N'iki has an apostrophe in expressions like: N'iki gituma (as everywhere).
- e) Ahi, ivo: the o is replaced by an apostrophe before all vowels:

Ah' uzozira. Ah' ashaka. Iy' ataje.

- f) Uz' ugende. Az' abimenye. (This is a future imperative or subjunctive, with -za used as an auxiliary verb.)
- g) The possessive particle elides.

2. Apostrophes in pronouns:

a) An apostrophe is not used in personal, demonstrative, numeral, quantitative, interrogative pronouns. Examples: Ni we azogenda (not, Ni w'azogenda). Uyo arakora (not, Uy' arakora). Nta co ukoze (not, Nta c' ukoze). Iyi irarwaye (not, Iy' irarwaye). Har' ico ubona? (nor, har' ic' ubona?). N'ico uyu akoze kizovuga (not, N'ic' uy' akoze...). Batangazwa n'ivyo abishura (not, Ivy' abishura). Ni nde azogenda? (not, Ni nd' azogenda?).

- b) Pronouns that may have an apostrophe before a vowel:
- 1. The possessive pronoun: ivy' abantu (for ivya abantu), iz' abakuru, ab' iki gihe.
- 2. The demonstrative pronoun will have an apostrophe in these expressions: ic' ari co, uw' ari we, ivy' ari vyo.

3. Words that must not have an apostrophe:

- a) All nouns, verbs (except those indicated in 1 a) and f), adjectives, adverbs, such as cane, ubu, nyene (except adverbs listed in no. 1 above).
- b) Nguyo. e.g. Nguyo Umwagazi w'intama. Ngiki igitabo. (Note that there is no apostrophe in the middle or the end of the word, and that the initial vowel of the word following is not removed.)
- c) Kurubu (when it means perhaps) e.g. Kurubu yaje, simbizi. (But if ubu is a separate word referring to time, the apostrophe is used: kur' ubu.)
- d) Before proper nouns none of these words elides, except words like: Imana, Abarundi, Abanyarwanda, etc. The reason for this exception is that Africans do not think of these words as proper nouns.

4. Nuko and n'uko:

- a) When it stands for *ni uko*, it is written n'uko: Igituma atabikoze n'ukw atabimenye the reason he didn't do it *is that* he didn't know.
- b) When it stands for *na uko*, it is written n'uko: Vyatewe n'uko ntariho It was caused *by* (the fact) *that* I wasn't here.
- c) Nuko meaning thus, so, therefore, does not have an apostrophe. e.g. Nuko rer' umuntu wese iy' ari muri Kristo... Therefore every one who is in Christ...

5. Suffixes: -ho, -ko, -yo, -mwo, -na:

- a) -ko. Before a and i it changes to kw: Yashizekw inkwi. Before u it changes to k': Yashizek' umunyu.
- b) -ho. It changes to h': Harih' ibitabo. Harih' abantu. harih' umunyu. (In some areas, people make the o a w before a and i, but we do not write it that way.)
- c) -yo. It changes to y': Yashubijey' ibintu.
- d) -mwo. It changes to mw': Yashizemw' ibintu.
- e) –na. An apostrophe is never used in this suffix. Baravugana ibikorwa.

6. Note the orthography of the following words:

- a) nta bwo, nta ho. These are written as two words (not, ntabwo), and do not take an apostrophe.
- b) ba se, ba nyina, ba Bwana, ba naka, ba nde, etc. (Two words in each case.)

- c) bene Data (two words, with a capital letter only on Data).
- d) Ntibaribwashike (this is the never-yet tense, and it is written as one word).
- e) amafaranga (not, amafranga), Afirika (not, Afrika), Igifaransa (not, Igifransa).
- f) These words have *pf*: gupfa, gupfungana, urupfunguzo, impfunguzo, gupfunga, umupfuko, impfizi, gupfuka, gupfuma, ipfa, ipfupfu, amapfa, gupfinda.
- g) These words have only f: kwifuza, ifuku, ifuhe, gufukira (i.e. guhambagira), gufudika.

7. Use of capital letters:

- a) Words referring to God are not capitalized, as: yo, yera, etc., except actual names of God: Imana, Rurema, Indavvi.
- b) Names referring to people in a general sense are not capitalized: abera, abazungu, abirabura. But names of tribes or races are capitalized: Abarundi, Ababiligi, Abanyafirika
- c) Igitabo c'Imana. This is capitalized since it refers to the Bible.
- 8. You know that mu and ku change to muri and kuri before proper names. When these names begin with a vowel muri and kuri do *not* elide: muri Amerika, muri Afirika, muri Efeso, muri Egiputa.

9. Quotation marks:

Ordinarily, since –ti serves almost as quotation marks, the latter are not necessary when –ti is present (or, ngo). However, if there is ambiguity as to where the quotation ends, quotation marks may be used as well as –ti. e.g. Bat "Abantu baje," baraheza baragenda – They said, "The people have come", then they went away.

- 10. Words like the following have a y between the i and a: Mariya, Nehemiya, Eliya, etc.
- 11. These French words are Kirundi-ized as follows:

commune – ikominel'etat – Letamillion – imiliyonistation – istasiyonilitre – ilitirimission – imisiyoni

litre – ilitiri mission – imisiyoni kilometre – ikilometero (pl. ibi-) missionnaire – umumisiyoneri gramme – igarame (pl. ama-)
Angleterre – Ubwongereza Protestants – Abaprotestanti (the English) – Abongereza Premier ministre – Ministre mukuru

(the English) – Adongereza Premier ministre – Ministre (English language) – Icongereza

Kirundi - English

A

kw-ābīra (-riye) 1. to wed, to marry, 2. to receive, 3. to reach out for

kw-ābīrana (-nye) 1. to wed each other, to marry each other, 2. to receive each other, 3. to reach out for each other

kw-ābīrwa (-we) to get married (passive)

ic-ābona (ivy-) witness

--ācu (adj.) our, ours

ikw-adarato (ivy-) square (*from Fr.*)

ic-aduka (ivy-) accident

kw-āduka (-tse) 1. to appear suddenly, 2. to be introduced, 3. to be new

kw-āga (-ze) 1. to scratch with fingernail, to scratch lightly, 2. to be narrow

umw-āga harshness

kw-āga hasi to humiliate oneself

am-āgage 1. uvula, palate (*soft*), 2. tonsils

umw-āgazi (imy-) kid, young goat

umw-āgazi w'intama (imy-) lamb

ic-āgezwe (ivy-) commandment

ic-āgiriza (ivy-) proof

kw-āgiriza (-je) 1. to witness, to certify, to prove, 2. to accuse

agisida accident (from Fr. accident)

ic-āgo (ivy-) 1. trouble, 2. misfortune, 3. bad luck, 4. accident, 5. risk

kw-āguka (-tse) 1. to be stretched, 2. to be widened, 3. to be enlarged,

4. to have a large capacity (from kwāgura)

ubw-aguke width

kw-āgura (-ye) 1. to stretch, 2. to widen, make wider, 3. to enlarge, to extend

ic-āha (ivy-) 1. sin, fault, 2. crime

kw-āha (-she) to gather (*from garden*)

ukw-āha (am-) armpit, armhole, axilia

ak-āhebwe (utw-) 1. something forsaken, 2. worn out thing

ak-āheze person or thing completely at end of usefulness (*from guhera*)

ic-ahinguwe (ivy-) product, article, manufactured item, something fabricated

kw-āhira (-ye) (from kwāha) to cut grass (to use it for something)

kw-āhirika (-tse) to be easy to cut or pull (*grass*), (*from kwāha*)

kw-āhirira (-ye) to cut grass at, for

kw-āhiza (-je) 1. to cut grass with, 2. to help to cut

aho there, when, where (not in questions), good!

aho rēro that's it, at last

ahubwo (*adv.*) instead, rather, alternatively, nay

kw-āhuka (-tse) 1. to pasture, 2. to begin a task

kw-āhukāna (-nye) 1. to seperate, to divorce (*vi*), 2. to finish (*vi*)

kw-āhukānya (**-**nije) 1. to seperate, divorce, 2. to finish (*vt*)

kw-āhura (-ye) 1. to pasture animals in good place, 2. to put to work

kw-āka (-tse) 1. to take away from, 2. to demand from, to reclaim, 3. to shine, to burn

ukw-aka combustion

umw-āka (imy-) year

umw-āka w'ishule grade level

umw-akāka (imy-) brass (as used in bracelets)

iny-akamwe person living alone, one by himself

ubw-ākara (am-) leafy vegetable (of certain sort)

kw-ākīra (-riye) 1. to receive, take from another, 2. to take another's place or burden, 3. to accept

kw-ākīrana (-nye) 1. to take turns, 2. to shine, 3. to be cheerful

kw-ākīranwa (-nywe) to take turns

kw-ākīrwa (-we) 1. to be received, to be taken, 3. to be helped with burden

ubw-aku mouth odor

kw-ākura (-ye) to signal to come

iny-āma (iny-) 1. meat, 2. flesh

kw-āma (-mye) 1. to always or continually do a thing, 2. to bear fruit

ukw-āma wihebuye pessimism (*from kwāma*)

kw-āmaho (-myeho) to be eternal (*from kwama*)

kw-āmāmara (-ye) 1. to become known, 2. to spread everywhere (*vi*)

kw-āmāmaza (-je) to make known everywhere

kw-āmana (-nye) 1. to live together, 2. to be together always (*from kwama*)

ubw-āmāso (no pl.) seeing face to face

iny-amāswa (iny-) wild animal, beast

ic-āmba (ivy-) bait

kw-āmbara (-ye) to wear, to put on *(clothes)*, to dress oneself

iny-ambarabāmi (iny-) king's clothing, esp. animal skins worn by kings or great chiefs, or jewels

umw-āmbaro (imy-) garment, clothing

ic-āmbarwa (ivy-) clothing

kw-āmbarwa (-we) to be worn

ambasade embassy

kw-āmbaza (-je) to call for help

 $\textbf{ic-\bar{a}mbazo} \ (ivy\text{--}) \ clothing \ for \ work$

--ambere (adj.) first (preceded by class prefix)

ic-ambere (adj.) priority, a first

kw-āmbika (-tse) to clothe (*vt*)

kw-āmbika ibara to spoil another's reputation

kw-āmbikwa (-tswe) to be clothed

kw-āmbira (-ye) to leaven, to ferment

umw-āmbiro (imy-) leaven, fermenting agent

ic-āmbu (ivy-) ford (in river)

in-āmbu (in-) appetite, desire for a certain food

kw-āmbuka (-tse) 1. to cross (*road*, *river*), 2. to travel, 3. go far away, 4. to leave the country

kw-āmbukana (-nye) 1. to take far away, 2. to go with

iny-āmbukīra (iny-) traveller, wanderer

umw-āmbukīra (ab-) traveller, wanderer

kw-āmbura (-ye) 1. to undress, to remove clothing, 2. to steal (*from kwambara*)

ubw-āmbure nakedness

umw-āmbure (ab-) naked person

kw-āmbutsa (-kije) 1. to exile, 2. chase far away

kw-āmbutswa (-kijwe) to be exiled

ubw-āmbuzi (no pl.) thievery, theft

umw-āmbuzi (ab-) thief

amēnya (adj.) naked

Amerika America

urw-āmfu (inz-) weeds (of a certain sort, used in basketry)

ibw-āmi at the king's court, royal court

ubw-āmi kingdom

umw-āmi (ab-) king, lord

umw-āmikazi (ab-) 1. queen, 2. wife of great chief or of king

kw-āmira (-ye) 1. to forbid, 2. chase away with shouts

kw-āmīsha (-shije) to cause to bear fruit

ak-āmo (no pl.) loud voice

am-āmo (no pl.) birthplace

iny-āmo (iny-) 1. race, 2. ancestry, 3. origin

urw-āmo (inz-) clamor, noise, racket

umw-āmpi (imy-) arrow

umw-āmpi y'ikiribiti match

kw-āmūka (-tse) to be born of, to originate

kw-āmūra (-ye) 1. to gather fruit, to harvest (*esp. from perennial plants*), 2. to bring things in from sun (*from kwanikira*)

kw-āmūrura (-ye) to cease to bear fruit

ic-āmwa (ivy-) fruit, piece of fruit

ak-āna (ut-) little child (*from umwāna*)

ic-āna (ivy-) 1. colt, 2. young of some large animals

iny-āna (iny-) calf

kw-āna (-nye) to weep (baby)

rw-āna (adv.) childishly

ubw-āna (no pl.) childhood

umw-āna (ab-) 1. child, baby, 2. young of animal

umw-āna yonka breastfeeding (from kwōnka)

kw-ānāna (-nye) 1. to cry (of young about to die), 2. to be about to die for lack of moisture (seeds)

umw-ānda (imy-) 1. dirtiness, dirt, filth, 2. pollution

kw-āndagara (-ye) to be made known, come from dark into light

kw-āndagaza (**-**je) to spread abroad, make known

kw-āndāra (-ye) 1. to go slowly (of convalescent), 2. to convalesce, 3. to make an effort

kw-āndārika (-tse) to be careless (*with things*)

kw-āndāza (-je) to help a sick person walk

kw-āndika (-tse) to write

urw-āndika writing

kw-āndikira (-ye) to write to, for

kw-andikirwa (-we) 1. to be written for, to, 2. to be written on

ukw-andikirwa something written for, to

kw-āndikisha (-shije) 1. to write with, cause to write, 2. to enroll, 3. to register

kw-āndikishwa (-shijwe) 1. to be registered, 2. to be enrolled, 3. to be listed, 4. to be checked in

ic-āndiko (ivy-) writing kw-ānikira (-ye) to put out in sun **ak-anya** (utw-) 1. a small space, 2. a short time, a brief moment urw-āndiko (inz-) writing ukw-ānikira drying ic-ānya (ivy-) place surrounding kw-āndikwa (-tswe) to be written ak-ānīra (no pl.) pertussis, great chief's kraal, good pastures whooping cough, whoop umw-āndu (imy-) inheritance iny-anya (iny-) tomato kw-ānīra (-riye) to weep kw-āndukira (-ye) to be contagious umw-ānya (imy-) 1. time, duration, **kw-ānjānjwa** (-jwe) 1. to hold moment, 2. space, 3. distance, 4. ukw-āndukira contagion, infection lightly, 2. be careless with, 3. to seat neglect kw-āndukirwa (-we) to contract a umw-ānya kanaka a certain time contagious disease kw-ānka (-nse) 1. to refuse, 2. to hate, to detest, 3. to resist, to im-ānza (sg. urubānza) 1. trial, 2. kw-āndukiza (-je) to transmit a oppose affair, 3. judgment, condemnation contagious disease iny-ankamugayo (no pl.) 1. umw-anza (imy-) track of animal ukw-āndukiza contamination, honesty, 2. righteousness, 3. transmission of a contagious kw-ānzika (-tse) to start blamelessness, 4. integrity disease ic-ānzo (ivy-) small opening in kw-ānkana (-nye) to hate each kw-āndura (-ye) 1. to contract a backyard enclosure for emergency other disease from another, 2. to get dirty exits or used by women and umw-ankanvu (ab-) child starting children **kw-āndūra** (-ye) to take to put to know a little away, to gather up urw-āra (inz-) 1. fingernail, 2. kw-ānkanya (-nije) to thin out toenail, 3. claw, 4. hoof kw-ānduruka (-tse) to originate, to plants come from Umw-arabu (Ab-) Arab person ubw-ānkanyi (no pl.) hatred iny-ānduruko (iny-) 1. reason, 2. **ak-ārānda** (no pl.) ancient customs origin, 3. cause umw-ankavu (ab-) young child, ubw-ārāra (no pl.) contagious starting to know a little kw-āndurutsa (-kije) 1. to provoke, disease (term of scorn: uri 2. to start a quarrel kw-ānkika (-tse) to try repeatedly n'ubwarara) unsuccessfully kw-āndurwa (-we) to be contracted ic-āri (ivy-) nest (disease) kw-ānkira (-ye) 1. to refuse to, 2. to kw-ārika (-tse) to make a nest be impossible for, 3. to be willful, ic-ānga (ivy-) taste, flavor 4. to be disobedient (very strongly) ariko (conj.) but, however umw-āngange (imy-) big round kw-ānkīsha (-shije) to cause to umw-ārimu (ab-) teacher (Sw.) red lily (wild) in-anganyabwonko keyboard ic-ārimwe (no pl.) all together, in urw-ānko (no pl.) hatred, antipathy unison kw-āngāra (-ye) to wander about urw-ānkūnzi (no pl.) favoritism, from place to place ak-ārōnda (no pl.) 1. inherited partiality (sometimes as result of property or position, 2. origin urw-āngāra (no pl.) carelessness, bribe) arondisema borough, district, negligence kw-ānkwa (-nswe) to be hated precinct am-āngati belching ic-ansi (ivy-) milk cup **kw-āruka** (-tse) 1. reach the age of kw-āngāza (-je) to spread abroad, accountability, 2. to grow up ubw-ānsi (no pl.) enmity make known (from kwangara) urw-aruka (no pl.) youth, group of umw-ānsi (ab-) enemy umw-āngāzi (ab-) vagabond teenagers

kw-ārura (-ye) to dish up food

kw-ārūza (-je) to tear down nest

antene antenna, aerial

ubw-ānwa (no pl.) beard

--angu (adj.) diluted (esp. milk or

kw-ānguha (-she) to lie

beer)

urw-ārwa (inz-) banana beer (also urwāgwa, urwāwa, the plural is only used when the beer is criticized)

urw-asakusaku (in-) chin

kw-āsama (-mye) to open the mouth, to be open (*mouth*)

kw-āsamika (-tse) to cause to open the mouth

kw-āsamira (-ye) to open the mouth for

kw-āsamura (-ye) to sneeze

kw-āsamuza (-je) to cause to sneeze

kw-āsana (-nye) 1. to clash together, 2. to shatter, 3. to make big noise

asāngwa if

umw-ashi (imy-) 1. rafter, 2. tripod

aside acid

asima asthma

kw-ātagura (-ye) to tell the whole truth without hiding a thing

atāri except

kw-ātira (-ye) 1. to choose leader, 2. to put bees in new hive, 3. to dedicate, 4. to ordain

kw-ātīra (-riye) 1. to go down the middle (*e.g. of path or country*), 2. to crack (*vi*, *vt*)

kw-ātīra (-ye) to gulp down water, to gorge oneself

ukw-ātira 1. traditional initiation ceremony, 2. dedication, ordination, initiation

kw-ātirwa to gain (position)

ubw-āto (am-) 1. boat, 2. traditional dugout canoe (plural only used for indefinite numbers)

amāto menshi = many boats, but
ubwāto bubiri = two boats

urw-āto (inz-) cup

kw-ātsa (-kije) (*from kwaka*) 1. to blow the fire, 2. to light a fire

ic-ātsi (ivy-) grass of any kind (sing. rarely used)

ivy-ātsi grass of any kind (*sing.* rarely used)

ubw-ātsi (no pl.) 1. grass, straw (esp. for building), 2. field

ak-ātsi gatoto green

kw-ātura (-ye) 1. to make known, 2. bring into open from hidden place, 3. to confess, 4. to pronounce clearly, to articulate, 5. to open *(flower)*

kw-āturuka (-tse) to crack, to open (*vi*)

kw-āturura (-ye) tu burst open (vt)

umw-āvu (imy-) discarded things, trash, garbage

kw-āvura (-ye) to crawl, to creep (on hands and knees)

urw-āvya (inz-) small pot (for butter)

kw-āya (-ye) 1. to waste, 2. to consume uselessly

ak-āyi little tea, breakfast tea (*diminutive of icāyi*)

ic-āyi (ivy-) tea (pl. used for different kinds of tea)

ubw-ayi alcohol for med. purpose

kw-āyura (-ye) to yawn

kw-āza (-gije) to make narrow

kw-āzwa (**-**gijwe) to be made narrow

B

ku-ba (-baye) 1. to be, 2. to become, 3. to live **habaye iki?** what happened? **uzoba ukoze** thanks in advance

ku-ba agahore to be perfect

ku-ba bibi to be worse, to be horrible

ku-ba hano to be present

u-ba hehe where are you?

ku-ba maso 1. to watch, 2. to be alert, to be on guard

ku-ba mu maraso to menstruate

i-baba (ama-) wing

n'aka-bāba goodbye

ku-babara (-ye) 1. to suffer, hurt, 2. to be sad (*vi*), 3. to care about, 4. to feel, experience (*negative emotion*)

uku-babara irritation (med.)

ubu-babare pain, suffering (*from kubabara*)

ubu-babare bwo mu mitsi neuralgia

ku-babarira (-ye) 1. to forgive, 2. to excuse, 3. to sympathize

m-babarira Sorry!

ku-babarirwa (-we) to be forgiven

aka-babaro (utu-) grief, sorrow

umu-babaro (imi-) 1. grief, sorrow, 2. pain

ku-babaza (-je) 1. tu hurt, injure (*vt*), cause to suffer (*from kubabara*), 2. to bother

im-babazi (im-) mercy

ku-babazwa (-we) te be caused to suffer

i-babi (ama-) leaf

iki-babi (ibi-) leaf

ku-babuka (-tse) to be singed, scorched

ku-babura (-ye) to singe, scorch, burn quickly (*vt*)

ku-baburisha (-shije) to cause to burn, burn with

uku-baburwa burn, scorch (from kubabura)

ubu-babwe smell

umu-babwe (imi-) odor (of scorched flesh or hair)

bācō that's so!

ku-badika (-tse) to transplant

ku-baduka (-tse) 1. to get up quickly, 2. to grow well

ku-bāga (-ze) 1. tu butcher, to slaughter, dress an animal, 2. to operate

ku-bagabaga (-ze) to stroll about as if one had nothing else to do

ku-bagara (-ye) to weed by hand

ku-bagarira (-ye) to weed for, at

ku-bagarwa (-we) to be weeded

ku-bagaza (-je) to cause to weed

ku-bāgira (-ye) to butcher at, for

i-bāgiro (ama-) slaughtering place, slaughterhouse

ku-bāgīsha (-shije) to cause to butcher, butcher with

im-bāgwa (im-) victim

ku-bāgwa (-zwe) to be butchered, to be slaughtered

iki-baho (ibi-) 1. wooden board, 2. blackboard, chalkboard

ku-baho (-bayeho) to be alive

uku-baho (no pl.) existence (from kuba)

uru-bāho (im-) board, slate

umu-bāji (aba-) carpenter

i-bakure (ama-) (Sw.) bowl

i-bāmba (ama-) anything bitter, cross person

ku-bāmba (-mvye) 1. to stretch out skin to dry by putting sharpened pegs around edges, 2. to crucify

umu-bambāngwe (imi-) thorn tree

iki-bambāzi (ibi-) wall, partition

bambe 1. excuse me (e.g. I said a wrong word, misspoke myself), 2. but rather (when correcting oneself)

ku-bāmbīsha (-shije) to cause to crucify, to nail with

ku-bāmbura (-ye) 1. to remove from cross, 2. to remove skin from drying

ku-bāmbūrwa (-we) to be removed from cross or pegs

i-bāmfu left hand, left side, left

ibu-bāmfu left hand, left side, left

ubu-bāmfu left hand, left side, left

uku-bāmfu left hand, left side, left

ku-bamwo (-yemwo) to be inside

ku-bāna (-nye) to live together

ku-bānda (-nze) 1. to press, 2. to crowd

kwi-bānda (-nze) to compress, concentrate, condense

ku-bāndana (**-**nye) to press, crowd together

ku-bāndānya (-nije) 1. to continue to go, to go further, 2. to continue (*vt*)

aka-bānde (utu-) valley with no water

iki-bāndo (ibi-) 1. piece of wood for beating beans or grain, or for closing a door, 2. crutch

ku-banduka (-tse) separate from (vi)

ku-bāndūka (-tse) to rise (of sun) (e.g. umutwēnzi urabandutse)

ku-bāndūra (-ye) 1. to pry up, 2. push out (e.g. wind bulges out cloth), 3. to appear suddenly (as sun at dawn)

im-bāndwa (im-) nature spirit

ku-bāndwa (-nzwe) 1. to dance in honor of Kiranga, 2. to be devoted to his service

i-bānga (ama-) secret, mystery

ku-bānga (-nze) to be parallel

umu-bangabanga (imi-) lower jaw

uru-bangāngwe (im-) wheel (made of wood or reeds long ago, now bicycle wheel)

ku-bāngikana (-nye) 1. to be near, adjacent, beside, 2. to be parallel

ku-bāngikanya (-nije) 1. to start a job before finishing the previous one, 2. do two things at once, 3. to place two things parallel, or side by side

ku-bangira (-ye) 1. to hold out, 2. to offer

ku-bāngiriza (**-**je) to take firm hold of

aka-bāngo (utu-) little sliver

i-bāngo (ama-) 1. hole as for planting beans in, 2. mark made by hoe or axe, 3. chips, 4. assigned task

uru-bāngo (im-) spear or stick stuck in person or in ground, wire

ku-banguka (-tse) 1. to be easily done, to be quickly done, 2. to do in a hurry, 3. to be active, 4. to be direct, 5. to be skillful

ku-bangura (-ye) 1. to grasp in peparation to strike, 2. to prepare oneself to strike

ku-bangūra (-ye) 1. to diminish, 2. to relax, 3. to take another's place in watching

ku-bangūranya (-nije) 1. to make peace, 2. to separate fighters

ku-bangurira (-ye) to raise one's arm to strike or to pull a bow

ubu-bangutsi ardour, fervour

i-banki (ama-) Bank

umu-barīro (imi-) seam, hem, umu-bāno (imi-) 1. living together, i-bavu (ama-) callus, blister 2. cooperation, 3. neighborhood sewing umu-bavu (imi-) (sg. rare) bark of umu-bānyi (aba-) neighbor ku-barirwa (-we) to be told tree used for perfume iki-bānza (ibi-) place, room ku-barīrwa (-we) to be sewn **uru-bavu** (im-) side (of person) (space), building site **ku-bariza** (-je) 1. to ask of, 2. **bira-bāye** it's enough! (from kuba) ku-bānza (-nje) to begin by, to do question for ha-baye iki what happened? (from i-barizo (ama-) 1. carpenter shop, kuba) uru-bānza (pl. imanza) 1. trial, 2. 2. address **ka-baza** interrogative (grammar) affair, 3. judgment, 4. aka-barore (utu-) evil example, condemnation ku-baza (-jije) 1. to ask question, to notorious character question, 2. to interrogate (from ku-banziriza (-je) to precede, begin ku-baruruka (-tse) 1. to come kubara), 3. to request by unsewn, 2. to rip (vi), 3. to abandon ku-bāza (-je) to plane, work with **i-bara** (ama-) 1. spot, 2. woe, 3. **ku-barurura** (-ye) 1. to unsew, 2. to suffering, 4. dishonor rip(vt)ku-bazagiza (-je) to ask many ku-bara (-ze) to say, tell i-baruwa (ama-) letter questions i-barabara (ama-) (Sw.) road (correspondence, from Sw. barua) ku-bazānya (-nije) to ask each im-baraga (im-) 1. strength, power, i-base (ama-) basin (Fr. bassin) other 2. authority, 3. potency ku-bāsha (-shije) to be able to im-bazi (im-) leaves used for im-baragasa (im-) flea (physically) perfume iki-barara (ibi-) 1. eggshell, 2. ubu-bāsha (no pl.) 1. power, 2. ku-bāzira (-ye) to plane at, for broken gourd, 3. fragment ability i-bāziro (ama-) carpenter shop uru-baraza (im-) (Sw.) porch, basi enough!, it is enough, that's iki-bazo (ibi-) 1. question, 2. verandah fine problem, challenge, 3. issue, uru-bari (im-) 1. screen, 2. wire im-bata (im-) duck (Sw. bata) matter, 4. test, exam imi-baribari grass growing beside ku-bāta (-se) to be flat, flatten out **ntaki-bazo** no problem (from garden, thus luxuriant (vi) ikibazo) ku-bazwa (-jwe) 1. to be asked, 2. **ku-barira** (-ye) 1. to tell, 2. to i-bateri (ama-) battery inform, 3. to talk (from kubara) be examined aka-bāti (utu-) cupboard ku-barīra (-riye) to sew, to stitch ku-bāzwa (-jwe) to be planed **i-bāti** (ama-) sheet of metal (for up im-beba (im-) mouse, rat roof) ku-barirana (-nye) to tell each im-bāti (im-) duck **ku-beba** (-vye) to stoke (fire) other **ku-batirīsha** (-shije) to baptize im-beba y'ikizungu (im) guinea ku-baririkiza (-je) to ask over and with pig over again **ku-batīsha** (-shije) to flatten (vt) **i-bega** (ama-) stoop shouldered ku-barīrira (-ye) to sew for guheta amabega to be hunch ku-batīshwa (-shijwe) to be ku-bariritsa (-kije) to seek shouldered flattened information about someone ku-bega (-ze) to break off a piece **ku-batīza** (-jije) to baptize ku-barīriza (-je) to have one sew (e.g. bread) for you ku-batīzwa (-jijwe) to be baptized iki-bege (ibi-) piece or slice iki-bariro (ibi-) 1. time, moment, 2. (bread) iki-batsi (ibi-) reflection of light destiny, deadline iki-bēhe (ibi-) basin ku-bātura (-ye) to transplant

umu-bēhe (imi-) basin ku-bēshabesha (-she) to tell little ku-bigira ku mpaka to do it on lies, to fool purpose (see impaka) im-beho (im-) 1. cold (weather), 2. winter ku-bēshaho (-shejeho) to cause to i-bigirānkana willfully, live, give life to (from kuba) intentionally, on purpose, willingly imi-bēmbe leprosy umunyamibēmbe leper ku-bēshana (-nye) to lie about ku-bīha (-she) 1. to be sour, 2. to each other be bitter umu-bēmbe (aba-) leper **ku-bika** (-tse) 1. to announce the ku-bēshera (-ye) to lie about ku-bembeteranya (-nije) to try to death of someone, 2, to crow persuade someone in an ku-bēsherwa (-we) to be lied about underhanded way ku-bīka (-tse) to put away, to store, ubu-bēshi (no pl.) lying ku-bembetereza (-je) to tell umu-bēshi (aba-) liar someone something indirectly in ku-bikira (-ye) to announce to order not to hurt him someone about a death ku-betera (-ye) to put yeast in beer i-bendera (ama-) flag, banner ku-bīkira (-ye) to put away for **i-beto** concrete (Fr.) bēne (adj.) like **ku-bīkīra** (-ye) 1. to book (a room, uru-beya (im-) flame hotel) 2. to fix place for new baby, i-bēnga (ama-) gulf iki-bēzi (ibi-) axe 3. to wrap up baby ku-bēnga (-nze) to refuse (esp. girl **--bi** (adj.) 1. bad, 2. dirty, 3. ugly ku-bīkīsha (-shije) to help to put to refuse to marry a certain man) away, cause to put away iki-bi (ibi-) that which is bad, evil iki-bēngebēnge (ibi-) ray of ubu-bīko (ama-) 1. cupboard, 2. **n'ama-bi** I'm not fine (from -bi) sunshine, heat bank account ku-bēnguka (-tse) 1. to fall in love, ubu-bi (no pl.) 1. evil, 2. ugliness umu-biko (imi-) comb of chicken 2. to choose a spouse umu-bi (aba-) bad person uku-bikūra withdrawal (econ.) ku-bēngūka (-tse) 1. to change (from gukūra) **i-biba** (no pl.) time for planting (esp. color), 2. to fade small grains ku-bīkwa (-tswe) to be put away ku-bēnja (-nje) 1. to ripen, 2. **ku-biba** (-vye) to plant (small become yellow or reddish umu-biligi (Aba-) Belgian person seeds), to sow ku-bēnjūka (-tse) 1. to fade, 2. ku-bīmba (-mvye) to froth uru-bibe (im-) 1. limit, 2. boundary become pale, yellowish green, 3. to umu-bīmba (imi-) green bean change color iki-bibi (ibi-) birthmark ku-bīmba ifuro to froth at the **ku-bera** (-reye) 1. to be unjust, 2. bibiliya Bible mouth to favor unjustly ku-bibira (-ye) to plant at, for iki-bīndi (ibi-) water pot (of clay) ku-bēra (-bereve) to be suitable, bibiriyoteke library apt (prepositional form of kuba) umu-bīndi (imi-) tall clay pot for carrying water ku-bibīsha (-shije) to cause to **ku-beragura** (-ye) to hatch (vt) plant aka-bindo (utu-) napkin, sanitary --bere (adv.) ahead umu-bidadi (aba-) homosexual i-bēre (ama-) breast person, gay i-bīngira (ama-) wolf-like dog ama-bērebēre breast milk (wild) i-bido (ama-) can, canister (from Fr. bidon) iki-bīngo (ibi-) reed iki-bero (ibi-) upper thigh, lap

im-biga (im-) edge, brim (of dish,

uru-biga (im-) edge, brim (of dish,

container)

container)

iki-bīngo-bīngo (ibi-) reed

umu-bīngo-bīngo (imi-) reed

ku-bērwa (-we) 1. to be dressed

ku-bēsha (-she) to lie

to merit

becomingly, 2. to be worthy of, 3.

ku-bīngūra (-ye) 1. to slap in the iki-bītsanyo (ibi-) a thing entrusted **ku-boheka** (-tse) to be easily tied face, 2. to sideswipe to another ku-bohera (-ye) to tie at, for iki-bitswe (ibi-) stock (from iki-bira (ibi-) forest i-bohero (ama-) prison kubīkwa) **ku-bira** (-ze) 1. to boil (*vi*), 2. to ku-boherwa (-we) to be tied at, ferment umu-bivyi (aba-) sower, planter because of umu-bira (imi-) fresh beer (with **ku-biza** (-jije) to boil (vt) ku-bohēsha (-sheje) to tie with, *froth*) im-bizi (im-) 1. tiny stream of cause to tie ku-bira icuya to perspire, to sweat water, 2. spring, source ku-bohēshwa (-shejwe) to be tied birariziyoze billharcia **--bo** (*adj*.) them with, caused to be tied umu-bo (aba-) person of a **ubu-bire** (no pl.) boiling uru-boho (im-) package, packet particular region of Burundi --biri (adj.) two ku-bohōka (-tse) to come untied uru-bobi (im-) scum ku-bohōra (-ye) to untie (from ka-biri (adj.) twice i-bōbo (ama-) beseeching kuboha) umu-biri (imi-) 1. body, 2. flesh gukoma ibōbo to beg earnestly ku-bohwa (-shwe) to be tied umu-birigi (Aba-) Belgian person ku-bobōka (-tse) 1. to be full of air uku-boke (ama-) arm (as ball), 2. to be full (having im-birika (im-) teakettle eaten) uku-boko (ama-) arm ku-birika (-tse) to throw stick on ku-bobōta (-se) to plead earnestly ground which tumbles end over end **i-boma** (Sw.) judgment hall, for something government offices umu-birikira (imi-) funnel ku-bobōtereza (-je) 1. to ask for ku-bōmba (-mvye) to imbibe, iki-birīti (ibi-) box of matches daily, secretly, 2. to tell something drink in in a kind, easy way i-biro 1. office, 2. desk im-bōmbāne (im-) tight place, very ku-bobōteza (-je) to speak very narrow place i-biro bikukira ibindi agency beseechingly (branch of a bank) ku-bōmbeka (-tse) to be in water, im-boga (im-) leafy vegetable to absorb ku-bisa (-shije) to make place, allow to pass ku-bōga (-ze) 1. to spit up milk (of ku-bōmboka (-tse) 1. to swell up, baby), 2. to be full, 3. to be 2. get big (e.g. skin in water), 3. get ku-bīsha (-hije) to make bitter, overflowing soft in water (from kubomba) sour uru-boga (no pl.) one vegetable ku-bomborana (-nye) 1. to make a **--bisi** (*adj.*) 1. raw, uncooked, 2. (single plant) great noise, 2. strike together (vi) fresh, 3. cold, cool, 4. wet ibi-bōgabōga (no sing.) overflow **ku-bomboranya** (-nije) 1. to clash i-bisi (ama-) bus, coach together, 2. to strike (vt) ku-bōgabōga (-ze) to overflow, be **ku-bisīkanya** (-nije) 1. to cross, 2. full to overflowing im-bombovu (im-) furniture, make place for one another to pass possessions ku-bogeka (-tse) to start to head up ku-bisiriza (-je) to stand in a (of grains) ku-bona (-nye) to see certain place to allow another to im-bogo (im-) buffalo uru-bona (im-) transparent, shiny thing bitāyeko (conj.) in order that, ku-bogora (-ye) to read aloud moreover, furthermore iki-bonamaso (ibi-) reward for

ku-boha (-she) to tie, to bind

im-bohe (im-) prisoner

ku-bohana (-nye) to tie each other

ku-bītsa (-kije) to entrust, leave

something with someone (from

kubika)

finding something

tuzo-bonana see you!

ku-bonana (-nye) to see each other

im-bonankubone (im-) face to face, vision iki-bondo (ibi-) small child ku-bondōka (-tse) 1. to be stretched out, 2. to be bloated ku-boneka (-tse) 1. to appear, be visible, to seem, 2. to be accessible, available, obtainable **ubu-boneke** (*no pl.*) appearance ku-bonekera (-ye) to appear to ku-bonekēsha (-sheje) to place in sight ku-bonera (-ye) to see for, find at, see by ku-bonerana (-nye) to be transparent, clear im-bonero (im-) pupil of eye ku-bonesha (-sheje) to cause to see, to show

im-boneshakure (im-) television, found

aka-bōnge (no pl.) 1. sadness, sorrow, 2. vacation, 3. depression im-boni (im-) pupil of eye iki-bonobono (ibi-) castor bean ku-bonwa (-nywe) to be seen, **ku-bora** (-ze) to rot, spoil (vi) uku-bora 1. decay, 2. something rotten (from kubora) ku-borera (-ye) to spoil at ku-borēra (-ye) to make drunk i-borēro (ama-) place of rotted things im-borērwa (im-) drunken person, drunkard **ku-borērwa** (-we) to be drunk ku-borēza (-je) to make drunk **im-boro** (im-) penis (Sw.)

ku-borōga (-ze) 1. to wail, 2. cry out for help, 3. to moan, 4. rumble in stomach **ku-borōgera** (-ye) to cry to for help aka-borōgo 1. cry, 2. moaning (from kuborōga) ama-borōgo wailing, mourning (from kuborōga) umu-boyi (aba-) house worker (rude, derogative), house boy

uru-bōyi (im-) bee sting

ku-boza (-jeje) to rot, spoil (vt)

ku-bozwa (-jejwe) to be caused to spoil

umu-bu (imi-) mosquito

uru-bu (im-) 1. turn, 2. yogurt, sour milk (clabbered, unskimmed), 3. sour taste

umu-buba (imi-) brass bracelet

ku-būbika (-tse) to blister (vi)

uru-bubi (im-) scum

iki-buga (ibi-) 1. courtyard, 2. playground, 3. grounds

im-buga (im-) place for spreading out grain

uru-buga (im-) 1. web, 2. website

iki-buga ca basket basketball field

iki-buga c'indege airport

iki-buga c'umupira w'amaguru football field

ku-bugiriza (-je) to make a big noise to hinder others from hearing

im-bugita (im-) knife

iki-bugu (ibi-) big fly (like horsefly), tsetse

im-bugu (im-) vaccination

ku-bugura (-ye) to pay a fee

iki-buquro (ibi-) fee, bribe

ku-buguza (-je) to collect fees

buhoro (adv.) 1. slowly, 2. slightly, lightly

buhoro-buhoro (adv.) 1. very slowly, 2. little by little, 3. gently, 4. carefully, 5. softly, lightly, slightly

buja 1. master, 2. Bujumbura (short form or slang)

databuja my master mabuja my mistress

i-buji (ama-) candle (from Fr. bougie)

ku-bukabuka (-tse) 1. to be very kind to, 2. to take very good care of

bukebuke (adv.) slowly, little by little, step by step (from -ke)

bukumbi suddenly (as death or accident)

bulamatāri (Sw.) government official

i-būmba (ama-) clay

ku-būmba (-mvye) 1. to mold, work with clay (bricks, pottery), 2. to satisfy, 3. be sufficient for

ku-būmbabūmba (-mvye) to make round (as ball)

ku-būmbira (-ye) to mold at, for

ku-būmbīsha (-shije) to cause to mold, mold with

ku-būmbūra (-ye) to open (mouth or book)

ku-būmbwa (-bwe) to be molded

umu-būmvyi (aba-) potter, brickmaker

iki-būnda (ibi-) pup, puppy, young of small animal

im-būnda (im-) puppy, young of small animal

ku-būndabūnda (-nze) 1. to hide oneself, 2. sneak along, 3. to go along stooped over

ku-bundikīra (-ye) 1. to hatch (vt), 2. to brood, 3. to incubate

iki-bundugura (ibi-) healthy child

iki-bunduguru (ibi-) healthy child of about 4 months old

i-bundūki (ama-) gun (from Sw. bunduki)

ku-būnga (-nze) 1. to be often sick (*indwara irambungamwo*) 2. to search for a buyer, 3. to aggravate a fight

ku-būngabūnga (-nze) to watch over, protect, take care of

ku-būngira (-ye) 1. to search for a buyer for, at, 2. to move to a new chieftanchip in order to be with a certain person

ku-būngirana (-nye) 1. to share, have things in common, 2. to visit a friend

ku-būngwa (-nzwe) 1. to be wormy, 2. to have weevils

uku-bungwa 1. caries, 2. decay (of teeth) (from kubungwa)

buno (conj.) then

iki-buno (ibi-) bottom, bum

buntu (adj.) human

ku-bura (-ze) 1. to lack, 2. fail to find, 3. to miss, 4. to lose control over

ku-būra (-ze) 1. to warn of danger, 2. to announce something

uku-bura lacking, absence

uru-bura (no pl.) hail

uku-bura amaraso anemia

ku-bura Shinge na Rugero to lose control, to fail badly (Shinge and Rugero are two strategic hills that Rwanda lost to Burundi in a famous historic battle between the two kingdoms)

im-burabwenge (im-) senseless one

im-burakimazi (im-) worthless thing or person

buramatāri (Sw.) government official

i-būrana (ama-) case, trial

ku-būrana (-nye) to plead a cause

ku-būranira (-ye) to plead the case of, at, in place of, to intercede for

ku-buranirwa (-niwe) to be hungry after hunting for food in various places

ku-būranīsha (-shije) to hear the case

im-būrano (im-) conversation, discussion

umu-būrano (imi-) conversation, discussion

ku-būranya (-nije) to defend oneself, take case to chief

ku-būranya (-nye) 1. to defend oneself when accused, 2. to take case to chief or court

aka-burarugero (no pl.) limitless, measureless

i-burasirazūba east, to the east, eastwards

i-burēngerazūba west, westwards

i-buri (ama-) hill of earth to plant something in

ku-būrira (-ye) 1. to tell what's going to happen, 2. to announce, notify, inform, 3. to warn of danger

buroca goodbye

aka-burūngu (utu-) 1. period, full stop, (punctuation), 2. little dot

im-burūngu (im-) 1. round thing, circle, 2. nothing

ku-burungushura (-ye) to be round, to make round

i-bushi very, very far away

i-butike (ama-) boutique, shop, kiosk

im-buto (im-) 1. seed, 2. plant, 3. fruit

umu-buto (imi-) sweet potato vines

i-butura (ama-) (Sw.) shorts

aka-buyē (utu-) pebble, little stone

i-buye (ama-) stone

iki-buye (ibi-) rock

aka-buyēnge (utu-) small round stone

ku-buza (-jije) 1. to hinder, prevent, suppress, 2. to forbid, to prohibit

ku-buzwa (-jijwe) to be hindered, prevented

im-bwa (im-) dog imbwakazi female dog

ubu-bwa (*no pl.*) bringing reproach on others

ku-bwagura (-ye) to give birth to, to litter (as dog, etc.)

im-bwakazi (im-) female dog, bitch

Bwāna (Sw.) Mr., Sir, master

iki-bwāna (ibi-) puppy

im-bwēbwe (im-) jackal, fox

i-bwēna (ama-) cuspid tooth

im-bwīja (im-) leafy vegetable of a certain sort

ku-bwīra (-ye) to tell

ku-bwīrana (-nye) to tell each other

ku-bwīririkanya (-nije) to be in agreement

ku-bwīririza (-je) to command for, on the part of

ku-bwīriza (-je) to command (*from kubwira*)

ubu-bwīriza (*no pl.*) office, authority

i-bwīrizwa (ama-) command, law

ku-bwīrizwa (-jwe) to be commanded

ku-bwīrwa (-we) to be told

bwīte (adv.) indeed, truly, in fact

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gu-ca (-ciye) 1. to cut, to sever, 2. to rip off, 3. to break, 4. to reach menopause, 5. to pass through (used in many idioms)

gu-ca (-keye) 1. to be day, to dawn,2. to be clean, purebwakeye good morning

ubu-ca dawn

gu-ca i musozi to go by land rather than cross stream or lake

gu-ca inoni to finger snap

gu-ca itēka 1. to correct, 2. to judge

ugu-ca kubiri n'amategeko 1. disloyalty, 2. infidelity

gu-ca umuzingi to circle, to make a circle

gu-ca urubānza to judge

gu-ca ururāsago making incisions, cuts to treat sick person (*trad. med.*)

in-cābiti (in-) axe

ama-cāca dawn

ga-caca traditional trial headed by local elders

gu-caca (-ce) 1. to question, 2. to examine, 3. to ask another to repeat to check his veracity

gu-cacūra (-ye) 1. to cut in even lengths, 2. to sort good grain from bad

ubu-cafu dirtiness

umu-cafu (imi-) rubbish, garbage

gu-cafura (-ye) to be dirty

gu-cagagura (-ye) to break to bits, chop up in pieces

gu-cagatira (-ye) to be almost full (*e.g. waterpot*)

gu-cāguka (-tse) 1. to be left over, 2. to be more than enough

gu-cakīra (-ye) 1. to seize, 2. to take, 3. to grab, 4. to catch, to capture

ama-cakubiri separation, division

umu-camānza (aba-) judge

umu-camatēka (aba-) judge

gu-cambagirana (-nye) 1. to stir around, 2. to struggle, 3. to not stay in place

ama-cāmbwa middle of many things, in the midst of

umu-cāmo (imi-) foot of mountain

igi-camunsi (ibi-) afternoon

gu-cāna (-nye) 1. to make a fire, to kindle, 2. to turn against one you've loved

ugu-cāna ignition

umu-cance (aba-) husband, married man (from ince =hymen, lit. one who broke the hymen)

ugu-candaga vaccination

cane (*adv.*) 1. much, 2. very, rather, 3. exceedingly, 4. really, 5. too, 6. a lot

cane cane 1. very much, 2. especially

umu-cāngero (aba-) paid worker

gu-cānira (-ye) 1. to keep a fire going, 2. to make fire for (for someone or cows etc.)

igi-caniro (ibi-) 1. altar, 2. fire made in enclosure for animals

gu-cānīrwa (-we) to be hot

umu-cānka (imi-) (Sw.) gravel

cānke or

umu-cāno (imi-) division, hatred where there has been love

gu-cānwa (-nywe) to be lighted, burned

umu-cānwa (imi-) a little fire, spark, fever

igi-capo (ibi-) (*Sw.*) 1. picture, 2. design

igi-capu (ibi-) (*Sw.*) 1. picture, 2. design

gu-capura (-ye) (Sw.) 1. to take a picture, 2. draw a picture

igi-ce (ibi-) 1. half, 2. part, fraction, division, 3. piece, slice, 4. chapter

umu-ce (imi-) division, section, group

uru-cekeri (in-) career

gu-cēkūka (-tse) to be pale, pallid

imi-cekwa things of no value sorted out from good things

aga-cerere (no pl.) silence

gu-cerērwa (-we) to be late

gu-cereza (-je) 1. to be silent, 2. to silence

igi-ceri (ibi-) coin (Sw.)

umu-ceri (imi-) rice

i-ci (*no pl.*) 1. dry season, 2. summer

gu-cībwa (-bwe) to be cut, to be amputated

gu-cibwamwo (-wemwo) to have diarrhea

ugu-cibwamwo diarrhea

gu-cīka (-tse) 1. to break (vi), 2. to tear (vi), 3. to melt (vi), 4. to become, 5. to escape

gu-cīka ivutu 1. to lose one's head, 2. to be terrified

gu-cīkāna (-nye) 1. to die, 2. to agonize

gu-cikira (-ye) to move to another chieftanship, to move away or escape (because of famine for example)

gu-cīkira (-ye) 1. to bend over, bend the foot, 2. to elope, go to

husband without being properly married

in-cīkire (in-) newcomer

umu-cīkire (aba-) newcomer

gu-cikiriza (-je) to drop out (of school)

gu-cīkiza (-je) 1. to talk with someone to try to persuade her to elope, 2. to take wife without marrying her properly

gu-cimbataza (-je) 1. to cause to arrive, 2. to bring to pass, 3. to multiply

gu-cīra (-riye) 1. to determine, 2. to think, 3. to spit, expectorate

gu-cīra amate to spit

gu-cīra inyeri to show contempt by spitting out

gu-ciririka (-tse) to be energetic, agile

aga-cīro (udu-) something precious, valuable

igi-cīro (ibi-) 1. price, rate, 2. cost, 3. value

qu-cirwakw itēka to be condemned

ru-citeme traditional sacred drum "for whom one clears brush", kept at Gishora

i-co (no pl.) dirt

igi-co (ibi-) division, section, segment, group, troop

imi-co (no pl.) 1. character, 2. habits, 3. mood

umu-co (imi-) 1. light, daylight (*sunny*), 2. division, section, group, troop

gu-cobogora (-ye) 1. to become poor after wealth, 2. to be tired and discouraged

gu-cobogoza (-je) 1. to wear out (vt), 2. to exhaust, 3. to exaggerate, 4. to speak hatefully to another, 5. to tarnish, besmirch, smirch

gu-cokera (-ye) to be immersed, plunge

gu-cokeza (-je) to immerse, plunge in (*vt*)

gu-cōkōra (-ye) 1. to despise, 2. to slander

umu-cōkōranyi (aba-) slanderer, one who scorns others

in-conco (in-) iconco small horn used for tobacco

in-coreke (in-) girl servant

--cu (adj.) us

aga-cu (udu-) small cloud

igi-cu (ibi-) cloud

ibi-cuba pastoral singing, traditional sung poetry in honor of cattle

gu-cūcagira (-ye) to sprinkle (vt)

gu-cūcagiza (-je) to sprinkle with, help to sprinkle

gu-cucuma (-mye) to stir, mix thoroughly

igi-cucume (ibi-) puree

gu-cudika (-tse) 1. to be reconciled, 2. to have fellowship or friendship with

igi-cugu (ibi-) midnight

gu-cūka (-tse) 1. to dry up (*breasts*), 2. to be weaned (*baby*)

i-cukiro (ama-) manure heap

umu-cūko (aba-) weaned child

aga-cūku (*no pl.*) something that stinks

gu-cukūmbura (-ye) 1. to explore, 2. to navigate the internet

gu-cūmba (-mvye) 1. to make bread, 2. to mix (dough), 2. to knead

gu-cumbagira (-ye) 1. to limp, 2. to be lame

i-cumbi (ama-) 1. dormitory, 2. guest room

gu-cūmbika (-tse) 1. to camp, 2. to stay temporarily

gu-cūmbira (-ye) to make bread at, for

gu-cūmbīsha (-shije) to cause to knead, knead with

umu-cumbisho (imi-) large wooden spoon

gu-cūmbwa (-mbwe) to be kneaded

cumi (adj.) ten

i-cumi (adj.) ten, ten times

gu-cumita (-se) to pierce

gu-cumitana (-nye) to pierce each other

gu-cumitira (-ye) to pierce at, for another

gu-cumitīsha (-shije) to cause to pierce, pierce with

gu-cumitwa (-swe) to be pierced

i-cumu (ama-) spear

gu-cumukura (-ye) 1. to suffer, to have pain, 2. to fail, 3. to be in distress, 4. to work hard

 ${\bf ubu\text{-}cumukure}\ to il,\ labor,\ distress$

gu-cumura (-ye) 1. to sin, 2. to commit a crime

igi-cumuro (ibi-) 1. sin, 2. crime

gu-cuna (-nnye) to ask persistently, although refused

gu-cuna (-nye) 1. to be fortunate, lucky, free from trouble when others are having it, 2. to be carefree.

gu-cunaguriza (-je) 1. to persist, 2. question carefully

gu-cunaguza (-je) 1. to persist, 2. to question carefully

gu-cuncubura (-ye) 1. to dump all out at once, 2. to spill

ibi-cunduguta mood, temper

i-cunga (ama-) orange (fruit)

in-cūngu (in-) ransom

gu-cungūra (-ye) to leave an intention or place

gu-cūngura (-ye) to redeem, to ransom, to save

gu-cūngurira (-ye) to redeem at, for

gu-cūngurwa (-we) to be redeemed

gu-cūnguza (-je) to redeem with

umu-cūnguzi (aba-) redeemer

umu-cūngwa (imi-) orange (fruit)

umu-cūngwe (imi-) orange (fruit)

aga-cupa (udu-) little jar, small bottle

i-cupa (ama-) (Sw.) bottle

gu-cura (-ze) to forge metal

gu-cūra (-ye) 1. to marry a widow and go to her kraal, 2. to bring a wife back that's gone home, 3. to lead or send back (esp. cows), 4. to address the people (used only of king or other authority)

gu-cūra umwiza to be dark

gu-curagiza (-je) to trade

gu-curama (-mye) 1. to bow down, 2. to lie on one's side, 3. to be placed wrong end to

gu-curamika (-tse) to turn upside down

igi-curane (ibi-) 1. influenza, flu, 2. common cold (usually used in pl.: ibicurane)

gu-curanguza (-je) to boss around

gu-curarānga (-nze) to play a musical instrument

umu-curarānzi (aba-) harper, one who plays instrument

igi-curi (ibi-) part, half, premature arrival

gu-curika (-tse) to turn upside down or wrong end to, to be upside down or wrong end to

gu-curikanya (-nye) to speak evil of one another

gu-curikiranya (-nije) to place objects together in irregular fashion – end for end

gu-curira (-ye) to forge at, for

gu-curīra (-riye) 1. to call to someone that cannot answer, 2. to make fun of someone by recalling the good he has lost

gu-cūrira (-ye) to send woman back to her husband when she's gone home

gu-curīra intimba to sing or play a sad song

gu-curīsha (-shije) to cause to forge, forge with

gu-curūra (-ye) to turn right side up

gu-cururīsha (-shije) to use something to make profit

gu-curuza (-je) to trade

umu-curuzi (aba-) trader, businessman

iki-curuzwa (ibi-) goods, trading goods, merchandise, product to sell

gu-curwa (-zwe) to be forged

in-cuti (in-) 1. relative, 2. close friend *(old)*

gu-cūtsa (-kije) to wean

gu-cūza (-jije) to remind (maliciously) of one who is dead, or something forgotten

umu-cuzi (aba-) metal worker, blacksmith

cyangwa or (Kinyarwanda, used in northern Burundi)

D

da (my) father (short form of dawe)

in-da (in-) 1. stomach, 2. pregnancy, 3. louse

in-dabe (in-) barkcloth with painted spots, used as a thing of worship

ku-dadarara (-ye) 1. to be rigid, straight, hard, 2. to refuse to acknowledge one's wrong

uru-dadi (in-) syllable

ku-dadika (-tse) 1. to not accept judgment rendered, 2. to be contrary

ku-dadira (-ye) 1. to lock one up, 2. to tie firmly

ku-dadura (-ye) to untie, set free

ku-daga (-ze) to tie securely

ku-dāga (-ze) 1. to be amused (*child*), 2. to enjoy oneself

in-dagala (in-) little fish

in-dagano (in-) pledge, promise

in-dagara (in-) small fish

iki-dage German language (used in northern region of Burundi)

umu-dage (aba-) German (person)
(used in northern region of
Burundi)

iki-dagi German language

Ubu-dagi Germany

umu-dagi (aba-) German (person) (referring to the German greeting 'Guten Tag')

in-dagu (in-) divination

umu-dagu (imi-) oracle

ku-dāguza (-je) 1. to go uncertainly, 2. to stumble

in-daha (in-) big bag

ku-daha (-she) 1. to draw or dip water, 2. cause to vomit

ku-dahira (-ye) to bring water

in-dahiro (in-) oath, pledge, sworn statement

ku-dahīsha (-shije) to dip water with

ku-dahwa (-shwe) to vomit

uku-dahwa vomitting

i-dāmba (*no pl.*) in the middle (*lake*, *river*)

iki-dāmbidāmbi (ibi-) one who deliberately misunderstands

in-damukanyo (in-) greeting

ku-dandahirwa (-we) to be drunk enough to feel superior

ubu-dandaji trade, business

umu-dandaji (aba-) trader, businessman

ku-dāndaza (-je) 1. to sell, 2. to trade, buy and resell

umu-dāndaza (aba-) trader, businessman

uru-dāndaza trade, business

umu-dāndazi (aba-) trader, businessman

iki-dandazwa (ibi-) merchandise, product to sell

ku-dandikanya (-nije) to twist fibers in making thread or rope

i-dāri (ama-) 1. ceiling, 2. attic

umu-dari (imi-) medal (sports)

in-dāro (in-) inn, lodging, accommodation

in-dāsago (in-) 1. vaccination, 2. incision, 3. scar (*from cuts made in treating sick person*)

ku-dashoboka (-tse) to be impossible

ubu-dasība ceaselessly

dāta (ba-) my, our father

dāta wacu (ba) my/our paternal oncle

dātabuja (ba-) my/our master, my/our employer

in-dāva (in-) 1. footstool, 2. very nice mat (used by king or chief)

in-dāvyi (In-) God (who is all-seeing)

dāwe (ba-) my, our father

ku-dayadaya (-ye) 1. to be very happy, 2. to be untroubled, 3. go gaily

ku-dayāngwa (-nzwe) 1. to act foolish, 2. to tease

i-dayimoni (i-) demon

ku-debagura (-ye) 1. to speak foolishly, 2. to be unintelligent, 3. to be ignorant (used in NT for barbarous)

i-dēbe (ama-) (*Sw.*) square tin container

in-debuye (in-) long narrow sack for food

dede (adv.) absolutely, certainly

aka-dede (utu-) small beads, pearls

ubu-dede (no pl.) beads, big perls

ku-dedēmba (-mvye) 1. to be delirious, 2. to rave

ku-dedēmvya (-mvye) 1. to make delirious, 2. to ask stupid or indiscreet questions

uru-dedemvya (in-) medicine to make one talk freely, release inhibitions

in-dēge (in-) (Sw.) airplane

aka-degedege (utu-) child learning to walk, toddler, kid

iki-degedege (ibi-) child learning to walk, toddler, kid

ku-dēgedwa (-zwe) to shiver, shake, tremble in fear

ku-degemwa (-mwe) to shiver, shake, tremble in fear

ku-deha (-she) 1. to be lazy, 2. to refuse to give the name of a dead person

ku-dehūra (-ye) 1. to lose one's zeal or enthusiasm, 2. to fail to do what you intended

in-demano (in-) 1. created thing, 2. barkcloth garment, 3. nicely made basket, 4. news

ku-demwademwa (-mwe) to be soft and springy (as earth in swamp)

ku-dēnda (-nze) to be too big for (*e.g. garment*)

umu-dende (imi-) small cylindrical bell

uru-dēnde (*no pl.*) 1. one solitary thing, 2. singular (*gram.*)

ku-dendebukirwa (-we) 1. to be weak, 2. to be tired without reason, 3. to be faint

ku-dendekanya (-nye) to make excuses

ku-dendekeranya (-nije) 1. to make excuses, to exonerate oneself, 2. to lie, 3. to deceive

ku-dendereza (-je) 1. to persecute, 2. accuse falsely

aka-denderezo (no pl.) persecution

uru-dēndevu (in-) weak, faltering person, anything very soft (*lacking stiffness*)

ku-dēndūka (-tse) 1. to die, perish (esp. of one who has been ill for a long time), 2. to break completely (bone) (vi)

iki-dēngēri (ibi-) pool, place where water has overflowed its banks, floods

i-deni (ama-) debt

derere (adj.) very white

in-deretsi (in-) 1. supervisor, 2. spy

umu-dereva (aba-) driver, chauffeur

i-dēri (ama-) pretty girl

umu-deri (aba-) 1. designer, 2. fashion designer, 3. stylist

in-dero (in-) 1. education, teaching, instruction, training, 2. rearing of children, 3. discipline

in-deruzo (in-) stretcher

ku-desa (-she) embroider

ku-dibama (-ye) to have abundance

ku-dibuka (-ye) to fall (into water or food)

ku-didagira (-ye) to have palpitations (*med.*), to have heart racing

ku-didagizwa (-jwe) to pound (*heart*)

ku-dīgadīga (-ze) to tickle

iki-digi (ibi-) swamp, marsh

ubu-dīgidīgi (no pl.) tickling sensation

ku-digiriza (-je) 1. to threaten, 2. to frighten, 3. to boast over another

in-digiti traditional monochord fiddle

in-dihaguzi (in-) heartbeat, pulse

in-dimanya (in-) one who goes about lying and deceiving

in-dimiro (in-) field

in-dimisho (in-) hoe

in-dimu (in-) (Sw.) lemon

in-dimwe (in-) family
abavandimwe family members

i-dīni (ama-) religion

ku-diridimba (-mvye) to run like a little child

ku-dirigiza (-je) to hurry (of child only)

in-dirīmbo (in-) 1. song, hymn, 2. singing

ku-diririmba (-vye) to run like a little child

i-dirisha (ama-) (Sw.) window

i-diva (ama-) couch, divan

i-diyama (i-) diamond

in-dobeke (in-) anything that is different from others in group

ku-dobera (-ye) to sink (as in water)

ku-dōbēra (-ye) to walk about in house without permission

ku-dobeza (-je) to drown (vt)

in-dobo (in-) bucket, pail

ku-doda (-ze) to tap, strike, rap, strike one article against another

iki-dode (ibi-) fine copper wire

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ku-dodomwa (-mwe) to have diarrhea

dogiteri doctor

in-dogoba (in-) donkey

in-dogobwe (in-) donkey

ku-doha (-she) to be fat, to become fat

ku-dohesha (-sheje) to make fat

ku-dohōka (-tse) 1. to come apart (*e.g. chains*), 2. to escape, 3. to get thin

ku-doma (-mye) to mark, print, stamp, put spots on something

ku-domagiza (-je) to put dots on

ku-domagura (-ye) to put many dots on

ku-domagurwa (-we) to be marked, dotted

ku-dōmbagiza (-je) to choose things or people from group not in consecutive order in-dome (in-) 1. dot, spot, 2. letter, 3. spotted barkcloth used as a thing of worship

ku-domeka (-tse) to light, to kindle (*fire*, *lamp*)

iki-domēsho (ibi-) article used to stamp spot

ku-dōnda (-nze) 1. to narrate, 2. tell events one after another, 3. to relate

in-dondahwaniro (in-) preposition (*gram.*)

ku-dondōra (-ye) to describe

ku-dondōza (-je) to ask for particulars or a description

in-dongōramvugo (in-) grammar

in-döngözi (in-) leader

i-dono (i-) large bow like monochord instrument with calabashes as resonance body

in-dono (in-) large bow like monochord instrument with calabashes as resonance body

aka-donongo (utu-) traditional small fiddle, small monochord instrument

in-donongo (ama-) rare monochord fiddle, played against the collarbone, the open mouth serving as a second sounding board

i-donzi (ama-) deep jungle

i-dorari (ama-) dollar

in-dorerezi (in-) extra finger or toe, or teat on cow

in-dōto (in-) dream

uru-dubi (in-) that which a person says or does for which he may be convicted, result of failure to keep promise, dilemma, difficulty

i-dubu bear

ku-dudubiza (-je) to pour forth water (as a spring)

ku-dūga (-ze) 1. to go up (as a hill), to ascend, 2. to rise (as bread, or anything containing leaven), 3. to increase

umu-duga (imi-) automobile, vehicle

umu-dūgo (imi-) hill, ascent

ku-dugudwa (-zwe) 1. to tremble of fear, 2. to be a coward

in-dugūmba (in-) heat

i-duka (ama-) little shop (Sw.)

iki-dukikije (ibi-) 1. nature, natural world, 2. environment, surrounding (usually used in pl., from gukīkiza)

ku-duma (-mye) to buzz

ku-dūmba (-mvye) to dunk, do dip in salt

ku-dūndēga (-ze) 1. to be still alive, 2. to be well (often used of old people)

ku-dunduhirwa (-we) 1. to be 'fed up' with something, 2. to be disgusted with something because of its frequency

ku-dundumirwa (-we) 1. to be at the end of one's patience, 2. to be discouraged, 3. to complain in heart at not having gotten what one wanted

ku-dundūra (-ye) to bulge, to stick out (as garment with something under it)

umu-duri (imi-) monochord instrument

in-dūru (in-) shout of alarm, wail
gukoma induru to wail, give cry
of alarm

in-durwe (in-) gall, bile

i-dūshi (ama-) slate pencil

in-dushi (in-) weary, unfortunate person

in-dwāno (in-) fight, battle

in-dwāra (in-) illness, disease

in-dwāra y'agahehera bronchitis

in-dwāra y'ibitēga person is bewitched and acts like a crazy person

in-dwāra y'igisukari diabetes

in-dwāra yo mu mahaha bronchitis

in-dwāra y'umutima heart problems

in-dya (in-) food

in-dyārya (in-) flattery, hypocrisy

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ak-ēbo (utw-) 1. little basket, 2. basketry, wickerwork

urw-edengwe women's dance, characterized by movement of the shoulders, Ngozi and Buyenzi regions

kw-egamika (-tse) to lean against (*vt*)

kw-egamira (-ye) to lean against (*vi*)

ic-ēgamo (ivy-) back of chair, chair with back

iny-ēgamo (iny-) 1. chair with back, 2. back of chair

kw-egeka (-tse) 1. to lean against (*vt*), 2. to prop up, 3. to put up a bee hive

ic-egera (ivy-) lieutenant

kw-ēgera (-reye) 1. to approach, to draw near, 2. to draw close

kw-ēgera inkengera z'uruzi to dock a boat

kw-egerana (-nye) to get close together, crowd together (*vi*)

kw-egeraniriza (-je) to put together

kw-egeranya (-nije) to put things (or people) close together

kw-egereza (-je) 1. to cause to approach, 2. put within reach

Egiputa Egypt (Fr.)

ēgo yes

urw-ēgo (inz-) 1. prop, 2. aim, purpose

ēgo gwose (emphatically) yes!

ēgo me (emphatically) yes!

ēgome (emphatically) yes!

kw-eguka (-tse) 1. to fall down from above, 2. to die suddenly, 3. to stretch (*vi*)

kw-egukira (-ye) 1. to possess, be sole owner, 2. to be one's task (*e.g. negukiye kwīgīsha*)

kw-egura (-ye) 1. to give over a possession, 2. bring down a bee hive, 3. throw on ground

ehe behold

ak-ēhe (no pl.) tracks of person, anything that indicates path a person has taken

ic-ehere (ivy-) hole in clothes

ejo (*adv.*) 1. yesterday, 2. tomorrow (*lit. the other day*)

eka no! (emphatic)

ekāye no! (emphatic)

elayo olive

ic-ēma (ivy-) peanut, groundnut

kw-ēma (-mye) to stand erect, remain standing

kw-emanga (-nze) 1. to witness fearlessly on behalf of another, 2. to help one in trouble

kw-emarara (-ye) to stand erect

umw-ēmbe (imy-) mango

urw-embe (inz-) (Sw.) razor blade

kw-emera (-ye) 1. to be willing, to agree to, 3. to admit, to acknowledge, to confess, concur, 4.

to accept, 5. to approve, 6. to believe, to believe in

kw-emeza (-je) 1. to convince, 2. to prove, 3. to confirm, 4. to cause to admit or accept

ic-emezo (ivy-) prove

ic-emezo c'ubwishu receipt, prove of payment

emwe you there!

emwe gaye you there!
(exclamation of astonishment)

ic-ēnda (adj.) nine, nine times

kw-enda (-nze) to barely escape (e.g. **yenze gupfa** he nearly died)

kw-ēnda (-nze) 1. to receive (from someone's hands), 2. to have sex, to make love, to have intercourse, 3. to fornicate (rude)

umw-ēnda (imy-) debt

ende 1. allow me, permit (*invariable*), 2. here take this

kw-ēndwa (-nzwe) to be received, to be married

mw-ēne (b-) child of, son of

mw-ēne data (b) my sibling (a brother or a sister)

bene data my siblings (my brothers and sisters)

mw-ēne dāta wācu (b) my paternal cousin (boy or girl)

bene dāta wācu my paternal cousins (boys and girls)

mw-ēne nyina (b-) 1. brother, 2. sister (lit. child of his/her/their mother)

mw-ēne se (b-) 1. his, her, their brother, 2. his, her, their sister (*lit. child of his/her/their father*)

mw-ēne so (b-) 1. your brother, 2. your sister (*lit. child of your father*)

mw-ēne wācu (b) 1. my sibling of the same sex, 2. my cousin (paternal) **umw-enegihugu** (ab-) citizen, native, national

kw-enēna (-nnye) 1. to be suspended in air, 2. to swing

ak-ēnese 1. hatred or jealousy among members of a polygamous family, 2. projection of any kind of building (such as church tower, comb on house, etc.)

umw-engano (imy-) porridge

ak-ēnge cunning

in-enge secretly
kugenda ku nenge (in reference
to eating)

ubw-ēnge (*no pl.*) 1. wisdom, 2. knowledge, knowhow, 3. sense, 4. intelligence, 5. intellect, 6. consciousness

umw-ēnge (imy-) 1. thing with holes in it, 2. hole

ak-ēnge kagarutse he came to himself

kw-engēnga (-nze) 1. to rule kindly, 2. deal kindly with, 3. to carry very carefully lest it break or spill, 4. to be gentle

ennye four

k-ēnshi (adv.) often, many times

kw-enyegeza (-je) to stoke (fire)

am-ēnyo teeth (sg. iryīnyo)

iny-ēnzi (iny-) cockroach

kw-ēnzūra (-ye) 1. to sweep, clean up, 2. to burst into light (*dawn*), 3. to have guest arrive just as food is all consumed

epfo (adv.) down, below

umw-episkopi (ab-) bishop

umw-episkopi mukuru archbishop

kw-ēra (-ze) 1. to be white, 2. to be pure, 3. to be innocent, 4. to ripen, 5. to get the first teeth

umw-era (ab-) white person

kw-eraguza (-je) to look around on all sides

--erānda (*adj.*) 1. just, 2. righteous, 3. good, 4. holy

umw-erānda (ab-) 1. just person, 2. righteous person, 3. good person, 4. holy person

erega look! see here! say! on the contrary

kw-ereka (-tse) 1. to show, 2. to point to

kw-erekana (-nye) 1. to show, reveal, 2. to prove, 3. to show each other

iy-erekanwa poster, notice

kw-erekera (-ye) 1. to look towards, 2. to go towards

kw-erekeza (-je) 1. to go towards, 2. to direct towards

kw-erekwa (-tswe) to be shown, seen

kw-erēra (-reye) to be about to deliver (of cow only)

umw-erēra (imy-) milk or beer given to sick person

iny-eri (in-) 1. spit, spurted from between teeth as indication of scorn, 2. contempt, scorn

umw-ero (imy-) harvest time

umw-ēru (imy-) brilliance, something spotlessly white

kw-erura (-ye) 1. to tell publicly, make known, 2. to be unashamed, shameless, 3. to be bold (*esp. of young girl*), 4. to be rude, vulgar, obtrusive, coarse

ubw-eruzi (no pl.) evil language (esp. of young girl)

umw-eruzi (ab-) impertinent person

eshanu five (Rw.)

esheshatu three (Rw.)

ic-ēte (ivy-) letter

umw-ēte (*no pl.*) 1. zeal, earnestness, enthusiasm, 2. activity, 3. application

umw-ēte mu bikorwa regularity

evyiri (adj.) two (Rw.)

kw-ēyēra (-ye) to sweep, to dust

kw-ēyērera (-reye) to sweep at, for

kw-ēyēreza (-je) to cause to sweep, sweep with

kw-ēyērwa (-rewe) to be swept, cleaned

ic-ēyi (ivy-) 1. spot (in sense of dirt), 2. disgrace

ak-ēza beauty, pretty thing

kw-ēza (-jeje) 1. to purify, to cleanse, 2. to make white (*from kwera*)

n'am-eza I'm fine ($from - \bar{\imath}za$)

umw-eza (imy-) stamen of flower

ukw-ēzi (am-) 1. moon, 2. month, 3. cycle

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ubu-fafara (no pl.) poverty (absolute)

umu-fafara (aba-) poor person, poverty-stricken

ubu-fafare (*no pl.*) poverty (*absolute*)

umu-fafare (aba-) poor person, poverty-stricken

i-fagitire (ama-) bill, invoice

i-fanta (ama-) Fanta, soft drink

i-farānga (ama-) franc, money

igi-faransa French language

Ubu-faransa France

umu-faransa (aba-) French (person)

i-farāshi (ama-) (Sw.) horse (also ifarasi)

umu-farisayo (aba-) pharisee

umu-fariso (imi-) mattress

i-farmasi (i-) pharmacy, drugstore, chemist's

gu-fasha (-shije) to help, to aid, to assist, to support

umu-fasha (aba-) helper

gu-fashana (-nye) to help each other

ugu-fashanya collaboration, cooperation

ubu-fashanyigisho facilitation

umu-fashanyigisho (aba-) facilitator

im-fashanyo (im-) aid, assistance, income

gu-fashiriza (-je) to help at, for

gu-fashīsha (-shije) to help by means of

gu-fashwa (-shijwe) to be helped

gu-fata (-she) 1. to take hold of, 2. to catch, to capture, 3. to hold

ugu-fata conquest

gu-fata akāyi to take or have a breakfast tea

gu-fata kunguvu to rape, to abuse sexually, to take by force

gu-fata mpiri to be taken by surprise

gu-fata neza to manage well, to be responsible

gu-fatana (-nye) 1. to stick together, 2. coagulate, thicken (*vi*)

gu-fatana urunana to form a circle by holding hands

i-fatanirizo (ama-) 1. bond, 2. knot

gu-fatanya (-nije) 1. to have fellowship, 2. to connect with one another, 3. to stick together (*vt*)

igi-fatanzoka (ibi-) baby (not old enough to know fear)

gu-fatira (-ye) take hold of something (and for something)

uru-fatiro (im-) 1. foundation, 2. principle

umu-ferege (imi-) gutter

i-fero iron (for ironing cloths), (Fr.)

i-fēza (ama-) silver

i-fi (ama-) fish (plural sometimes also i-)

uru-fi big fish

aga-findofindo quinzy, 'thrush'

i-fīra (no pl.) mold

firigo (ama-) 1. refrigerator, fridge, 2. freezer (also frigo)

i-firiti (i-) french fries, potota chips, pommes frites

--fise to have (verb without infinitive or past)

m-fise I have

--fitiye to have for (verb without infinitive or past)

im-fizi (im-) 1. bull, 2. male animal

gu-fobeka (-tse) 1. to hide, 2. speak in a mysterious language, 3. explain poorly

gu-fobōra (-ye) 1. to reveal, 2. explain, 3. speak clearly

gu-foborera (-ye) to reveal to

gu-fobōrwa (-we) 1. to be revealed, 2. to be explained

gu-fōra (-ye) to stretch a bow

umu-foroma (aba-) medical nurse *(male)*

umu-foromakazi (aba-) medical nurse (*female*)

gu-fōrwa (-we) to be stretched (bow)

i-foto (ama-) photograph, photo

umu-frēre (aba-) religious brother, monk

frigo (ama-) 1. refrigerator, fridge, 2. freezer (also firigo)

i-fu (ama-) flour (pl. used for speaking of different kinds)

ubu-fu flour

i-fu y'amasaka sorghum flour

i-fu y'ibigori maize flour

i-fu y'ingano wheat flour

gu-fuba (-vye) 1. to wear, 2. to hide (*vi*)

gu-fudika (-tse) 1. to reverse syllables in word, 2. to speak carelessly, 3. to be careless

gu-fufahaza (-je) to treat patient but he doesn't recover

gu-fūha (-she) 1. to breathe heavily and noisily, 2. to yearn over, 3. want one thing and that alone, 4. to purpose to revenge

gu-fuhagira (-ye) 1. to snort with rage, 2. to snore

i-fuhe (*no pl.*) earnestness to accomplish

gu-fuhira (-ye) to be zealous to accomplish

gu-fuka (-tse) 1. to be cool, to be shady, to be fresh, 2. to wrap up, 3. to cover

igi-fuka (ibi-) pleurisy

i-fuku (ama-) mole (animal)

gu-fukura (-ye) to have sloping sides (*like soup dish*)

gu-fūmba (-mvye) to smoke

gu-fumbata (-se) 1. to close hands together, 2. to head up (*e.g. cabbage*)

umu-fumbēre (imi-) tan hair (e.g. of goats)

i-funderi (ama-) carpenter bee

i-fundi (ama-) small sparrow (red or blue)

umu-fūndi (aba-) (*Sw.*) skilled workman

umu-fundikizo (imi-) cover, lid, stopper

umu-funegi (imi-) ditch, trench

gu-funereza (-je) to be too full (as with food or as bag)

gu-funga (-nze) (Sw.) to close, to shut

igi-fūngo (ibi-) (Sw.) button

umu-fungo (imi-) heap (usually
small heap of products on markets)

gu-fungura (-ye) 1. to dine, to eat (*used of people*), 2. serve food, 3. to dilute

gu-fungūra (-ye) (Sw.) to open

gu-fungurira (-ye) to offer to eat

igi-fungurwa (ibi-) food

im-fungurwa (im-) 1. food, 2. meal

gu-funguza (-je) 1. to ask for food or drink, 2. to dilute with

i-funi (ama-) worn out hoe

im-funya (im-) child that doesn't grow properly

igi-funyiko (ibi-) 1. cover, lid, 2. stopper

umu-funyiko (imi-) 1. cover, lid, 2. stopper

uru-fūnzo (im-) papyrus reed, swamp

im-fura (im-) first-born child

gu-furama (-mye) 1. to go naked, 2. to be overcome with sleep and fall over – sleeping right there

gu-furāngana (-nye) to turn bad suddenly (weather, attitude, etc.)

umu-furegi (imi-) (Sw.) ditch

gu-fūrēka (-tse) 1. to smoke (*e.g.* green wood), 2. to breathe with difficulty (*child*)

uru-fūri bad weather (cloudy but
not rainy)

i-furo (ama-) 1. froth, foam, 2. stove, oven, fireplace **kubīmba ifuro** to froth at the mouth

i-furshet fork (Fr.)

gu-furuguta (-se) 1. to be in a hurry, 2. to work rapidly

im-furuka (im-) corner, angle

gu-furungana (-nye) to turn bad suddenly (*weather*, *person's attitude*, *etc.*)

gu-furūra (-ye) to reveal, show, bring out of hiding

gu-futa (-se) 1. to erase, 2. to get over diarrhea

gu-fūtāna (-nye) 1. to be wicked, 2. to have bad habits (after having been good), 3. deteriorate, 4. to go backwards in possessions or habits

gu-fūtānuka (-tse) to become good again (having been bad)

gu-futānya (-nije) 1. to grow thinner, 2. go backwards inadvertently

i-futi (ama-) mistake, error

gu-futīsha (-shije) to stop diarrhea

umu-futisho (imi-) medicine for diarrhea

im-fūvyi (im-) orphan

igi-fwera (ibi-) snail

gu-fyāta (-se) 1. to be flat (*esp. of nose*), 2. to flatten out (*vt*), 3. to tramp on something unintentionally

gu-fyātura (-ye) 1. to mould, to form, 2. to make bricks

gu-fyefyeta (-se) to lick food off spoon or dish

gu-fyidikīra (-ye) to do the impossible

i-fyigo (ama-) kidney, hips

gu-fyikinyura (-ye) to scrub, scour

gu-fyina (-nye) 1. to tease, 2. to joke, 3. to play

gu-fyina ku kazi to not work seriously

gu-fyinata (-se) 1. to tease, 2. to joke, 3. to play

umu-fyīra (imi-) mold (on food)

aga-fyīri (udu-) black

umu-fyīri (imi-) black

im-fyisi (im-) hyena

gu-fyīta (-se) 1. to make blunt, 2. soften another's anger

gu-fyonyoka (-tse) 1. to break completely (*vi*), 2. to mash (*vi*), 3. to be thoroughly cooked, 4. to be completely mashed from being stepped upon

gu-fyonyora (-ye) to crush, smash

gu-fyura (-ye) to squeeze out seed of fruit

gu-fyura amaso to stare at

umu-fyure staring (in evil manner)

G

ga you, thou (mainly in greetings or questions)

aka-ga 1. danger, 2. trouble, 3. misfortune

umu-ga (imi-) crack

iki-gāba (ibi-) headstrong person

ku-gaba (-vye) 1. to rule over, dominate, be master, 2. to be on guard, prepared for, 3. to pass out gifts

ku-gāba (-vye) 1. to be rebellious, 2. be disobedient

ku-gābagāba (-vye) to be rebellious

ku-gābagābira (-ye) 1. to be rebellious against, 2. disobedient to

ku-gabana (-nye) 1. to share, 2. to command each other

iki-gabane (ibi-) part, portion

umu-gabane (imi-) part, portion

ku-gabāngānya (-nije) 1. to put in different places, 2. divide up (*loads*) among several

in-gabano (in-) division

ku-gabanuka (-tse) 1. to diminish, to reduce, 2. to be weak, 3. to separate oneself

ku-gabanya (-nije) 1. to reduce, to diminish, 2. to divide, 3. to limit

ku-gabanywa (-nijwe) to be divided, diminished

ubu-gabe (no pl.) authority

umu-gabekazi (aba-) ruling queen, mother of king

ku-gabira (-ye) 1. to determine, 2. to give a present

in-gabire (in-) gift

ku-gabiriza (-je) to be prepared to do or run quickly

ku-gabirwa (-we) to receive a gift

umu-gabīsha (aba-) leader, ruler, captain

ku-gabitanya (-nye) 1. to be very wicked, 2. to sin

iki-gabitānyo (ibi-) wickedness, sin

--gabo male of... (suffix of something masculin)

aka-gabo (utu-) 1. thumb, 2. little man

imi-gabo 1. preparation, 2. plan, planning, strategy, 3. foresight, 4. intentions

in-gabo (in-) 1. soldier, 2. army

ru-gabo (*adv.*) 1. bravely, 2. forcefully

ubu-gabo 1. authority, 2. bossiness, 3. manhood, penis

umu-gabo (aba-) man (married), husband

in-gabura (ye) divisor (school term)

ku-gabura (-ye) 1. to divide, 2. to distribute, 3. to share

ku-gaburira (-ye) 1. to feed, 2. divide, 3. distribute, 4. to provide

ku-gaburirwa (-we) 1. to be fed, 2. be given a portion

in-gaburo (in-) part, portion

ku-gaburura (-ye) to fail to do what you started

in-gaburwa (in-) dividend (school term)

umu-gabuzi (aba-) servant (esp. at table), waiter

ka-gabwa subjunctive (gram.)

ku-gabwa (-bwe) to be ruled, commanded

i-gaduka aridness (of land), barrenness, drought

ku-gaduka (-tse) 1. to be dry, to dry up, 2. to die suddenly

uku-gaduka aridness (of land), barrenness, drought

in-gafe (in-) oar

iki-gaga (ibi-) 1. populous tribe or family, 2. deformity (*from birth*), 3. corpse

iki-gāga (ibi-) crack in earth

umu-gāga (imi-) crack

ru-qaqamisha microscope

iki-gagara (ibi-) 1. deep, uncovered basket, 2. bundle (esp. dead person wrapped for carrying), 3. corpse, 4. stretcher to carry a corpse

uku-gagarara aridness (of land), barrenness, drought

in-gāge (in-) short stick, club

ku-gāguka (-tse) to be split open (*flesh*, *when wounded*)

aka-gājo light brown

ubu-gali thick bread-like porridge (*Sw.*)

in-gāma (in-) tall, straight thing (esp. person) (e.g. umuntu w'ingama)

in-gāmba (in-) young bean leaves (when only the first two leaves are there)

ku-gamba (-mvye) 1. to talk, 2. give a discourse

umu-gāmba (imi-) high plateau

uru-gāmba (in-) 1. small plant, 2. field of battle, 3. crowd

ku-gāmbāna (-nye) to hate one's master

ku-gambanira (-ye) to betray

ubu-gambanyi betrayal, treason (from kugambanira)

ku-gambarara (-ye) 1. to complain, 2. be disobedient, 3. obey unwillingly

iki-gambati (ibi-) giant, any huge thing

umu-gambi (imi-) 1. plan, 2. purpose, intent, 3. project

ama-gambo 1. words, 2. terms, 3. vocabulary (*sg. ijambo*)

ku-gamburuka (-tse) to obey

ku-gamburukira (-ye) to be obedient to

umu-gāmbwe (imi-) political party

in-gameya (in-) camel

in-gamia (in-) camel

in-gamiya (in-) camel

ku-gana (-nnye) to squeeze juice from bananas

ku-gana (-nye) to tell stories of long ago

iki-gānda (ibi-) disobedient person

umu-ganda (aba-) Ugandan (person)

umu-gānda (imi-) bundle (of sticks, rope, etc.) wood of the hut

uru-gānda (in-) factory, workshop, smelting place

ku-gandūka (-tse) to be obedient, submissive

ku-gandūkira (-ye) to be obedient to

ku-gandūra (-ye) 1. to subjugate, subdue a revolt, 2. to force to obey, 3. to tame

ama-gānga urine of animals

ku-gānga (-nze) to urinate (cows)

umu-gānga (aba-) medical doctor

ku-gangabuka (-tse) 1. to suddenly get angry when you've been talking nicely, 2. to be startled out of sleep

ku-gangara (-ye) to dry up

ku-gangāra (-ye) to growl, grunt (dog)

ku-gangarara (-ye) to lie about waiting on someone

umu-gani (imi-) proverb, parable, fable, tale (*from kuganira*)

ku-gānīra (-riye) to converse

ku-gānīrira (-ye) to converse with

ku-gānīriza (-je) to cause to converse

iki-gānīro (ibi-) 1. conversation, discussion, 2. dialogue, exchange, 3. interview, 4. program (entertainment, TV)

in-gānji (in-) power, authority

in-gano (in-) wheat

umu-gano (imi-) hollow bamboo, pipe, tube

ku-ganūka (-tse) 1. to send greetings, 2. to go home (often used in farewell to one's superior: ndaganutse)

i-ganūke (ama-) gift given on return from journey

ku-ganūtsa (-kije) to send greetings

umu-ganwa (aba-) chief, great chief, blood prince

i-ganya (ama-) 1. trouble, 2. anxiety, 3. grief

ku-ganya (-nye) 1. to be anxious, 2. to be troubled, 3. be in grief, to mourn

ku-ganyira (-ye) 1. to be anxious, 2. troubled, 3. be in grief. 4. to moan, 5. to complain

ku-ganyīsha (-shije) to cause to be anxious, troubled

iki-gānza (ibi-) 1. palm of hand, 2. hand

ku-gānza (-nje) to rule over, govern (past also njije) **ganza**, **sabwe!** long live the king! (greeting to superior)

ku-gānzwa (-njwe) to be governed

ama-gara 1. health, 2. physical strength

iki-gāra (ibi-) mat made of split papyrus

umu-gāra (imi-) crown woven of long hair and worn by dancers

ama-gara yandyarutse my strength has left me (*from kuryārukana*)

iki-garagamba (ibi-) carapace, shell

i-garagara nothing

ku-garagara (-je) 1. to make empty, 2. to reveal

ku-garagara (-ye) 1. to be empty, 2. open to view, 3. to be evident, apparent, to be obvious

uru-garagara (in-) crest of bird, comb of chicken

ku-garagaza (-je) 1. to empty, make empty, 2. to reveal, 3. to display

umu-garagu (aba-) male servant

ku-garagura (-ye) 1. to look things over in prospect of buying, 2. to turn over and over (*vt*), 3. to palpate, to examine

ku-garagurika (-tse) 1. to writhe, 2. toss about on ground, 3. change opinion often

ku-garagurwa (-we) to be turned over and over

ubu-garagwa (no pl.) desert

ku-garama (-mye) 1. to be flat (as plate), 2. to lie on back

ku-garamanga (-nye) to be idle

ku-garamāngira (-ye) 1. to be a tramp, wander about, 2. fail to give what one promised

i-garame (ama-) gram

ku-garanya (**-**nije) to refuse to obey

ku-garānzura (-ye) 1. to serve king, 2. to open, 3. to unfold

ku-garānzurira (-ye) to unfold at, for

ku-garanzurwa (-we) to be unfolded, spread out

ku-garānzuza (-je) to unfold with, cause to unfold

ubu-garariji (no pl.) wickedness, rebellion

umu-garariji (aba-) 1. criminal, 2. insurgent

ku-gararisha (-shije) to stir up revolt

ku-garariza (-je) 1. to rebel, revolt, 2. refuse to listen to authority

umu-gararizo (imi-) revolt

i-garase ice

i-gāre (ama-) 1. bicycle, bike, 2. wagon, carriage

in-gāre (in-) one who gets cross easily but who gets over it quickly, one who talks a lot (esp. to tell others what to do)

--gari (*adj.*) 1. wide, broad, 2. spacious

i-gāri (ama-) 1. bicycle, bike, 2. wagon, carriage, fiacre

ubu-gari thick bread-like porridge (from Sw. ugali)

ubu-gāri (no pl.) width

i-gari ya mōshi (Sw.) train

aka-garuka a returning

in-garuka 1. consequence, 2. result,3. effect, impact, 4. repercussion

ku-garuka (-tse) to return (*vi*) to place where speaker is

n'aka-garuka goodbye, see you soon

ku-garukana (**-**nye) to return (*vt*), return with

ku-garukira (-ye) 1. to return to, 2. take the side of

ku-garura (-ye) to bring back, cause to return

ku-garurwa (-we) to be brought back

ku-gasāra (-ye) to spread out great branches

ku-gāsha (-she) to spoil (*vi*) (*foods*)

ku-gāshīsha (-shije) to let spoil

umu-gāso (imi-) tiny cell for prisoner

in-gata (in-) grass ring or pad worn on head when carrying load **uru-gata** (in-) big pad for pots of beer

ha-gati (adv.) between, in the middle, in the midst of, in the center

i-gato (ama-) cake (from Fr. gateau)

mu-gaturuturu (no pl.) early morning (when the morning star is seen)

ubu-gavyi government

ku-gawa (-we) to be hated

ku-gaya (-ye) 1. to hate, despise, 2. to be dissatisfied

ku-gāyagāya (-ye) to be very happy, untroubled (having eaten or drunk a lot)

ku-gayana (-nye) 1. to hate each other, 2. to be scornful

ku-gayika (-tse) 1. to be despised, 2. be looked down upon

ku-gayīsha (-shije) to cause to hate

aka-gayo (utu-) blame, scorn, disdain

umu-gayo (imi-) blame, scorn

ku-gaywa (-ywe) to be hated

ku-gāzagāza (-je) 1. to make very happy, untroubled, 2. enjoy oneself

iki-gazi (ibi-) palm tree

in-gazi (in-) ladder, stairs

umu-gazo (imi-) canal for irrigation

iki-gega (ibi-) storage place for grain

umu-gega (imi-) clothing worn underneath, as sack dress

ku-gegena (-nye) 1. to cut up trees or sticks, 2. to whittle, to carve, 3. sharpen stick, 4. to slice crosswise

iki-gegene (ibi-) slice, piece

ku-gegenwa (-nywe) to be cut up crosswise

ku-gemānya (-nije) to put things in ku-gendera (-ye) to visit basket to take to another

in-gemu (in-) 1. remuneration, gift, 2. fee payed to shaman

ku-gemura (-je) to present a gift (with something expected in return)

ku-gemurira (-ye) to take a gift to

in-gemwe (in-) young plants to be transplanted

ku-gena (-nnye) 1. to point at, 2. to choose, 3. to determine

ku-gēnda (-giye) 1. to go, to walk, 2. to leave

nda-gēnda I am going to

ku-gēnda amēnya to go naked

ku-gēnda buje to return to parental home when angry at husband (said of wife)

ku-gēnda gusa to go naked

ku-gēnda hange to go prepared with everything planned

ku-gēnda n'ibirēnge to walk barefoot

ku-gēnda n'ubwato to go by boat (not steering it oneself)

ku-gēnda n'umuduga to go by car (not driving it oneself)

ku-gēnda umugōngo to walk backward

iki-gendabunyovu (ibi-) bustard

ku-gēndagēnda (-nze) to go for a walk, to walk

ku-gēndagēndera (-ye) 1. to visit, 2. to frequent

ku-gendana (-nye) to walk with

ku-gendanira (-ye) 1. to follow, 2. accompany, 3. obey (a chief or superior)

umu-gēndanyi (aba-) follower, companion

umu-gēnde (imi-) 1. canal, tiny stream, 2. long band of cloth

ku-gēndēsha (-sheje) to cause to

ku-gēndēsha umugōngo to (cause to) walk backward

ku-gendeza (-je) to watch over, watch carefully

uru-gēndo (in-) journey

uru-gēndo rwiza Have a good journey! Safe journey!

ku-gēndūra (-ye) to explore, to inspect

in-gene how, as (not in questions)

ubu-gene how, as (not in questions)

aka-genegene (utu-) 1. product, article, item, 2. a play (theater)

ku-genekereza (-je) 1. to point at, 2. to explain, 3. to indicate

aka-genekerezo (utu-) 1. indicator, 2. display, 3. pointer at

ku-genera (-ye) 1. to attribute to, 2. to choose for

ku-generwa (-we) to be chosen

ku-gengarara (-ye) to be almost ripe (esp. corn)

in-gengeri (in-) bell

umu-geni (aba-) bride

i-genya (ama-) harvest (esp. millet)

ku-genya (-nye) to harvest millet

ku-genyēra (-reye) to circumcise

umu-genyi (aba-) harvester (esp. millet)

ku-gēnza (-jeje) 1. to watch carefully, 2. to cause to go well, 3. to lie in wait for

ku-genzanya (-nije) 1. to look for a fault in one another, 2. to pursue one another

in-gēnzi (in-) wanderer, traveller

umu-gēnzi (aba-) companion, friend (not close)

umukozi mugenzi collegue

umu-gēnzo (imi-) custom

ku-genzūra (-ye) 1. to judge weather by sky, 2. to try to know something, 3. seek information, 4. to inspect

i-gera (ama-) fish hook

ku-gera (-ze) 1. to command, rule, 2. measure, 3. reach a certain point, 4. to arrive, 5. to act as if to beat but not do it, 6. to be ready

umu-gera (imi-) 1. sprout, 2. point, 3. nail, 4. sting (of insect)

ku-gera ikirēnge to walk in footsteps of another

ku-gerageza (-je) 1. to tempt, attempt, 2. to experiment, to try, to try out, 3. to make an effort

uku-qeraqeza 1. effort, 2. attempt, endeavor, 3. experiment

umu-geragezi (aba-) tempter

i-geragezwa (ama-) temptation

ku-geragezwa (-jwe) to be tempted

ku-gerana (-nye) to defy one another

umu-gere (imi-) 1. kick, 2. foot of animal or person gutera imigere to kick

in-geregere (in-) small antelope, gazelle

in-gereka (in-) adjective

ku-gereka (-tse) 1. to place thing above another, 2. repeat, 3. add to, 4. to crow second time in morning

ku-gerekera (-ye) to place on top at, for

ku-gerekerana (-nye) to be placed on top

ku-gerekeranya (-nije) 1. to place one thing above another, 2. repeat, add to

ku-gerekwa (-tswe) to be placed on ku-gesesha (-sheje) to cause to top

ku-gerera (-ye) 1. to measure, 2. to pay salary

ku-gerēra (-reve) 1. to go elsewhere, 2. to find new building

ku-gereraniriza (-je) 1. to give an example, to illustrate, 2. make a sign, 3. point out the way

ku-gereranya (-nije) 1. to compare, 2. estimate, 3. diminish

iki-gereranyo (ibi-) pattern, comparison, example

ku-gerereza (-je) 1. to set a fixed time, 2. to measure or await a fixed time

uru-gerēro (in-) new building site

iki-geretseko (conj.) furthermore, moreover

in-gero (in-) 1. measure, 2. pay, 3. reward

uru-gero (in-) 1. measure, 2. pay, 3. reward

ku-geruka (-tse) to get thin, diminish (vi)

ku-gerūra (-ye) to diminish, shorten (vt)

ku-gerūrira (-ye) to diminish for, in favor of

ku-gerūza (-je) to cause to diminish, diminish by

i-gesa (ama-) time of harvest (millet)

ku-gesa (-she) to harvest millet

in-gese (in-) rust

ku-gesera (-ye) 1. to harvest at, for, 2. to revolt against king

ubu-gesera (no pl.) wickedness, skillfulness

umu-gesera (aba-) wicked person, revolutionary, very skillful person

harvest, help to harvest

ku-geseza (-je) to massacre

in-geso (in-) 1. habit, 2. custom, 3.

ku-geswa (-shwe) to be harvested

umu-geyi (aba-) homosexual person, gay

ku-geza (-jeje) 1. to try, test, attempt, make an effort, 2. tempt, 3. to cause to arrive, to escort to a determined point

ku-geza aho until

i-gezi (ama-) middle of lake or sea or jungle

umu-gezi (aba-) ruler, one who makes commands

umu-gezi (imi-) 1. spring, 2. fountain, 3. stream

uru-gezo (in-) measure

ku-gezwa (-jejwe) to be tried

ki-gezweko (adj.) modern

i-qi (ama-) egg

imi-gi nits

iri-gi (ama-) egg

ubu-gi tiny egg

iki-giga (ibi-) chunk of wood

umu-giga (imi-) meningitis

uru-giga chunk of wood, log

ku-gigimiza (-je) to stutter, stammer

umu-gigimo (imi-) noise of earthquake, approaching storm

umu-gimbi (aba-) child up to 8 or 10 years

ku-qimīra (-ye) 1. to work complainingly, 2. be stubborn

umu-gina (imi-) 1. light yellow, 2. reddish, 3, white ant hill

uru-gina (in-) reddish, red

in-ginagina (in-) earth of reddish brown color (e.g. urūzi rwahindutse inginagina)

in-gīngo (in-) 1. sentence, 2. judgment, 3. advice, counsel, 4. law, arret-royal, 5. decision

ubu-gīngo (no pl.) 1. life, 2. soul

uru-gīngo (in-) joint

ku-gira (**-**gize) 1. to do, 2. to make, 3. to have, 4. to think, 5. to say

ku-gīra (-ye) to go after

ku-gira amazīnda 1. to be forgetful, 2. to be doubtful

iki-gira cumi (ibi-) tithe

ku-gira inda to be pregnant

ku-gira intege to be weak

ku-gira inyota to be thirsty

ku-gira ishari to be jealous

ku-gira ivyago to risk

ku-gira ubwenge to be clever, intelligent, smart

ku-gira ubwōba to have fear, to be scared

ku-gira umudo to stuff a mattress

ku-gira umutima mwiza to be kind, to be good-hearted

ku-gira umwizero to be hopeful, to have hope, to be optimistic

ibi-girānkana willfully, intentionally, on purpose, willingly

ku-girira (-ye) to do for

ku-gīrīra (-riye) 1. to have an uncurable disease, fatal, 2. fail to return

aka-gīrīre (utu-) incurable wound, person who goes never to return

ku-girīsha (-shije) to use, do with, make with

ku-girwa (-zwe) to be done

iki-girwamāna (ibi-) idol, object of worship

ku-gisha (-shije) 1. to take to greener pastures, 2. to increase, multiply (*because of having fed well*) (*vi*)

ku-gīsha (-shije) to seek advice

umu-gisha (imi-) blessing, prosperity

ku-gishūra (-ye) 1. to take a thing home from where you've left or put it, 2. to take cows home after being away a long time to pasture

umu-gisye (aba-) child 6 or 7 years old

mu-gitōndo (no pl.) morning

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nda-gize bwakeye Good morning (to a superior)

iki-go (ibi-) enclosed backyard (*private place*)

uru-go (in-) 1. kraal, 2. enclosure about house and yard, 3. household

ku-goba (-vye) 1. to nurse from cow, 2. to milk into the mouth

in-gōbāne (in-) tiny cell for prisoner

iki-gobe (ibi-) winding stream, bay

ku-gōbēra (-ye) 1. to force, to compel, to exert pressure, 2. plead with, 3. to insist, 4. to constrain

ku-gōberwa (-rewe) to be thin (bones show due to hunger)

ku-gōbērwa (-we) to be compelled, forced

ku-gobōdoka (-tse) to be freed from speech impediment

ku-goborora (-ye) 1. to take from pocket or other concealed place, 2. to reveal

ku-gobōtora (-ye) 1. to take one out of difficulties or hard places, 2. to take out from, 3. to free, to clear

ku-gobōtorwa (-we) to be taken from

ku-gobōtoza (-je) 1. to cause to take down, to take down with, 2. to unhook

ku-gobwa (-bewe) to have speech impediment, be tongue-tied

ku-godoka (-tse) 1. to cease work, 2. go home from work, 3. to quit work

in-gōfēro (in-) (*Sw.*) hat, cap, headgear

in-goga (in-) 1. quickness, 2. agility, 3. eagerness, 4. speed, haste

ku-gōgōra (-ye) to get very thin, lose a lot of weight

iki-gohe (ibi-) 1. eyebrow, 2. eyelid

in-gohe (in-) eyelashes

uru-gohe (in-) eyelash

iki-gohegohe (ibi-) eyebrow

ku-goherwa (-we) to be tired for no reason (*e.g.* in morning)

in-gōho (in-) gun

ku-gōka (-tse) 1. to break a taboo, 2. to do a despicable thing, 3. to bring or cause disgrace

in-goma (in-) 1. drum, 2. royalty, reign, kingship

kwima ku ngoma to come to the throne

ku-goma (-mye) to revolt

umu-goma (imi-) lump (e.g. clay, clotted blood, etc.)

aka-gomba (utu-) weasel

ku-gōmba (-mvye) 1. to want, desire, 2. to lack

ku-gombeka (-tse) to sprinkle 'medicine' in house to protect from harm

uru-gombeko (in-) 'medicine' to protect house

iki-gōmbo (ibi-) 1. handle (*e.g.* of *cup*), 2. tire

ku-gombōra (-ye) 1. to cut banana leaves, 2. to relieve another on duty (as soldier)

uru-gombōzo (in-) knife for cutting banana leaves

ubu-gome (*no pl.*) revolt, wickedness

umu-gome (aba-) revolutionary

ku-gomera (-ye) 1. to revolt against, 2. to dam stream to form watering place, to dyke up

uru-gomero (in-) watering place

ku-gomesha (-sheje) to incite a revolt

ku-gomora (-ye) to subdue a revolt

ku-gomorera (-ye) to seek assistance to overcome

ku-gomorora (-ye) to remove a dam

ku-gomoza (-je) to subdue a revolt

ku-gomwa (-mwe) 1. to covet, 2. to love, 3. to be drawn to

in-gōna (in-) crocodile

ku-gōna (**-**nnye) 1. to snore, 2. to purr

ku-gōnda (-nze) to bend (as joint)

ku-gōnda izosi to bow the neck, to be submissive

ku-gōndama (-mye) to be curved

ku-gōndamika (-tse) 1. to curve, 2. to bend

ku-gōndera (-ye) to curve at, for

umu-gōndōra (imi-) bean sprout

ku-gonga (-nze) to rumble in stomach

umu-gōngo (imi-) back (of person or animal)

iki-gōngogōngo (ibi-) central part of banana leaf

aka-gōngwe (no pl.) 1. pity, 2. compassion

iki-gongwe (ibi-) 1. mercy, 2. pardon, forgiveness, 3. pity

i-gono (ama-) grudge

iki-gonzi (ibi-) loop, curve (as of snake, river)

umu-gōnzo (imi-) salt made by saking the ashes of a certain plant in water

ku-gora (-ye) to do woman's work (housekeeping)

ku-gōra (-ye) 1. to trouble, 2. to annoy, 3. to be difficult, to be hard, 4. to irritate

ku-gorama (-mye) to be crooked

ku-goramika (-tse) to make crooked

ku-gōrana (-nye) to annoy each other

in-gorane (in-) 1. problem, difficulty, 2. trouble, hassle, 3. concern

ubu-gorane boredom

umu-gore (aba-) woman (married), wife

ku-goreka (-tse) to curve, make crooked

umu-goreko (imi-) tiny plant shoot (esp. beans)

iki-gōri (ibi-) corn, maize

uru-gori (in-) 1. wreath, 2. crown, 3. charm worn on head or on stomach

in-goro (in-) house of a king

aka-gorōba (no pl.) early evening, late afternoon

ku-gorōba (-vye) to be evening

umu-gorōba (imi-) evening, late afternoon

ku-gorōra (-ye) 1. to make straight, to straighten what is bend, 2. to iron in-goyi (in-) rope, chain, bonds

uku-gorōra ironing (*cloths*)

ku-qorōra impūzu to iron clothes

in-gororano (in-) gift to a chief (in order to get something from him)

in-gorore (in-) fee paid for permission to buy or sell, redemption price

ku-gororoka (-tse) 1. to be straight, to be right, 2. be righteous

ku-gororokera (-ye) to be submissive to

umu-gororotsi (aba-) righteous person

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ku-gorōza (-je) to make straight by means of

iki-gorozo (ibi-) ikigorozo **c'impuzu** iron (for ironing clothes)

ama-gōrwa difficulties, troubles

ku-gōrwa (-we) 1. to be troubled, to be in trouble, 2. to be annoyed

umu-gōrwa (aba-) unfortunate, miserable person

iki-goryi (ibi-) one hard to get along with

ku-gosōra (-ye) to blow out chaff

iki-goti (ibi-) cuttings for planting (esp. manioc)

iki-gotigoti (ibi-) cuttings for planting (esp. manioc)

in-govyi (in-) 1. placenta, 2. skin for carrying baby

ku-goyagoya (-ye) 1. to do something unwillingly, 2. to be weak, 3. to limp, 4. to go slowly, 5. to be about to die, 6. to flutter, 7. waver (as flame in wind)

bira-goye this is difficult (from kugōra)

iki-goyi (ibi-) famine

umu-goyigoyi (aba-) weak person (because of illness, etc.)

aka-gozi (utu-) string, rope

umu-gozi (imi-) string, rope

ku-guba (-vye) to hide and wait for hunter (animal), to lie in wait

ku-gubwa (-we) to be settled down nicely, good pleasant living (pass. of kugwa)

gucirwakw itēka to be condemned

i-qufa (ama-) bone

--gufi (adj.) 1. short, 2. low, 3. shallow

gucisha bugufi to humble

--gufīnya (adj.) 1. short, 2. low, 3. shallow

--qufīya (adj.) 1. short, 2. low, 3. shallow

umu-gufu (imi-) chain worn on neck

i-gufuri (ama-) (Sw.) padlock

in-quqe (in-) ape, primate, monkey

aka-gugu (utu-) 1. one who makes others laugh, 2. one who knows more than is expected of him

i-gugu (ama-) crowd (esp. that's running)

ku-guguna (-nye) to bite from cob or bone

ku-guguza (-je) to coo (dove only)

uru-guha (in-) cattle tick

aka-gūma (utu-) 1. joker, teaser, gossiper, 2. mild revolt

ku-guma (-mye) 1. to stay, remain, abide, 2. to dwell, 3. to be hard, 4. to be well

umu-guma (imi-) weak place, as scar, on skins or gourds

uru-guma (in-) 1. wound, 2. cut

ku-guma ugerageza to practice

i-gūmba (i-) sterile female (human or animal)

in-gūmba (in-) sterile female (human or animal)

ubu-gūmba sterility, barrenness

iki-gūmbagūmba (ibi-) joy so great it hurts

ku-gūmbaha (-she) to be sterile

ku-gūmbīra (-ye) to hug, to take in one's arm

ku-gumiriza (-je) 1. to hold fast to, 2. continue, 3. to maintain

umu-gumo (imi-) waiting outside because you have no permission to enter with others

ku-gūmūka (-tse) 1. to revolt, 2. raise a clamor, 3. stir up trouble

imi-gūmūko news (esp. of battle), outcry, clamor

ku-gumya (-mije) 1. to maintain, 2. to keep, 3. make firm, hold in place, 4. cause to stay

nda-gumye I'm well (said as answer to the question: uragumye?)

ura-gumye Are you in form?
(informal greeting)

ku-gūnda (-nze) to tame

ku-gūndana (-nye) to push each other, knock each other down

in-gūndu (in-) sprout, sucker

ku-gundwa (-nzwe) to be tamed

ku-gūnga (-nze) 1. to be dishonest, 2. to cheat, deceive, 3. refuse to give another his own

ku-gungarara (-ye) to wait long for another

ubu-gūnge (*no pl.*) 1. dishonesty, 2. deceitfulness, 3. selfishness

umu-gūnguma (imi-) thorny tree

in-gūnguru (in-) drum (gasoline)

i-gunira (ama-) (*Sw.*) burlap, sack, bag

in-gūnza (in-) wave

ku-gura (-ze) 1. to trade, to buy and sell, 2. to afford

ku-gurāna (-nye) 1. to exchange, 2. to lend, 3. borrow (money, or that for which you'll return equivalent rather than that very article), 4. to swap

ku-gurāna ivyītegererezo to brainstorm, to exchange ideas

in-gurane (in-) credit

ubu-gurano (no pl.) servitude, slavery

umu-gurano (aba-) slave

umu-guranyi (aba-) traitor, one who betrays, slave trader

ku-gurika (-tse) to sell well *(from kugura)*

aka-guriro (utu-) small marketplace

i-guriro (ama-) marketplace for a specific good or product (*cloth market*, *etc.*)

ku-gurīsha (-shije) 1. to sell, to cause to buy, 2. to peddle, to hawk

gurtya (adj.) like this (see also gurtyo, like that)

gurtyo (adj.) like that (also durtyo, murtyo, bartyo, etc.)

in-guru (in-) little stones taken from bottom of stream and offered to spirits in a little house

uku-guru (ama-) leg umupira w'amaguru football, soccer

ama-guru y'imbango bow legs

in-gurube (in-) pig

ku-gurugūmba (-mvye) 1. to pound (of heart), 2. to boil up (water), to blister, 3. grow very fast (child)

iki-guruka (ibi-) bird

ku-guruka (-tse) to fly

umu-guruka (imi-) chaff

in-gurukanabumenyi internet

ku-gurukīsha (-shije) to cause to fly

in-gurukizi (in-) grafted-in branch, a plant parasite

ku-gurwa (-zwe) 1. to be bought, 2. to be sold, 3. to be traded, 4. to cost

gusa (adv.) only, merely

iki-guti (ibi-) cuttings for planting (esp. manioc)

umu-gutu (imi-) fresh pasture (new shoots of grass)

ku-guza (-ze) to trade one article for another

iki-guzi (ibi-) 1. purchase price, 2. fare

umu-guzi (aba-) buyer, shopper, customer

in-gwa (in-) chalk, chalky rock

ku-gwa (-gūye) to fall

ku-gwa mahera to be the end

ku-gwa mu gahundwe to be dumbfounded

in-gwa yo guhoma limestone

ku-gwagura (-ye) 1. to be used but not worn out, 2. to swoop, 3. to be old but still strong (*person*, *garment*, *etc.*)

ubu-gwanēza (no pl.) meekness

umu-gwanēza (aba-) meek person

ku-gwāra (-ye) to be ill, to be sick

i-gwasakusaku (ama-) chin

iki-gwati (ibi-) kraal with many houses of members of one family

in-gwāti (in-) security, hostage, thing entrusted to another to care for

ku-gwatiriza (-je) to give as pledge or security

ku-gwatūra (-ye) to receive back security

in-gwe (in-) leopard

iki-gwīnyīra (ibi-) 1. tall, fat person, 2. giant, 3. large thing

ku-gwīra (-riye) 1. to multiply (*vi*), 2. to be abundant, (*prepositional form of kugwa*)

ku-gwīra isari to faint with hunger

ku-gwisha (-shije) to cause to fall (*from kugwa*)

in-gwīza multiplier

ku-gwīza (-je) to multiply (vt)

in-gwīzwa multiplicand

ku-gwīzwa (-jwe) to be multiplied

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a-ha (adv.) here

gu-ha (-haye) 1. to give, to give to, 2. to provide

muradu-ha called before entering kraal (knocking being impolite) (from guha)

gu-ha agacīro to treasure, to value, to cherish, hold dear, esteem,

gu-ha akarorero to give an example, to set an example, to model

gu-ha ikāze to welcome

gu-haba (-vye) 1. to go far away, 2. to leave the country

igi-hababu 1. lack of foresight, poor foresight, 2. fear of losing position

gu-hababuka (-tse) to be startled, to jump in surprise

gu-habūka (-tse) to return from far away

gu-habūra (-ye) to bring one back from far away

gu-habwa (-bwe) to be given, to receive (*from guha*)

ka-habwa attribute (gram.)

i-hadābu fine, fee (Sw.)

gu-hadikiriza (-je) 1. to conjugate, to change prefixes, 2. to force something to change, 3. to coerce

gu-hadikirizwa (-jwe) 1. to be forced, 2. to be conjugated

hāfi (adv.) near, nearby, close by, nigh, about, around, approximately, roughly, or so, around

gu-haga (-ze) 1. to begin to head up (as grain), 2. to fight one bigger than yourself, 3. to blow air into (ball)

gu-hāga (-ze) 1. to be satisfied, to be full, 2. to eat a lotsimpaze I am not satisfied

gu-haga amatama to try to give speech but feel restrained

gu-hagarara (-ze) 1. to stand, stand up straight, 2. to stop, to halt, 3. to wait

ugu-hagarara standstill, stop, stoppage, arrest, cessation

ugu-hagarara umutima congestive heart failure

igi-hagararo (ibi-) size, height

gu-hagarika (-tse) 1. to stop (vt), to cause to stand, 2. to arrest

gu-hagarika umutima 1. to be troubled, frightened, 2. nervousness, anxiety, worry

umu-hagatiro (imi-) large cloth tied on shoulder

gu-hāgīsha (-shije) to cause to be satisfied, to satisfy with

uru-hago (impago) bladder

gu-haguruka (-tse) to get up, to stand up

gu-hagurutsa (-kije) to have one stand up

i-haha (ama-) lung

gu-hahabuka (-tse) to jump in surprise

gu-hahama (-mye) 1. tu jump with fear in heart, 2. to want something, but fear you won't get it

gu-hahamira (-ye) to set one's heart on

gu-hahamuka (-tse) to jump, stir or walk in one's sleep

gu-hahaza (-jije) 1. to rule over, to dominate, 2. to mistreat, to oppress

gu-hahiriza (-je) 1. to threaten, 2. to scold severely

aga-hahirizo (udu-) threat

gu-hakana (-nye) 1. to say no, to refuse, 2. to deny

gu-hakanira (-ye) to refuse at, for

hāko (conj.) 1. rather than, 2. in place of

hākuno (*adv.*) on this side (*of river or valley*)

hākurya (adv.) on the other side (of river or valley)

gu-hakwa (-tswe) 1. to almost meet with accident but barely escape, 2. to be similar but not exactly the same

aga-hama red (like mud)

gu-hama (-mye) 1. to hate very strongly, 2. to be mean to, to mistreat, 3. to persecute

gu-hama (-mye) 1. to search for, 2. to stay in one place permanently

gu-hamagara (-ye) to call

gu-hamagarana (-nye) to call each other, to invite each other

gu-hamagarira (-ye) to call at, for

gu-hamagarirwa (-we) to be called at, for

umu-hamagaro (imi-) calling qu-hamagarwa (-we) to be called i-hamagarwa (ama-) calling gu-hamagaza (-je) to be called, to have one called umu-hamaqazi (aba-) lowest rank in traditional Burundian administration gu-hamana (-nye) to persue each other, to persecute each other gu-hamāngira (-ye) 1. to pack down, 2. to get stuck gu-hamānuka (-tse) to become clean, pure gu-hāmba (-mvye) 1. bury, 2. to dig in, dig under gu-hāmbana (-nye) to bury with (someone) gu-hāmbāra (-ye) 1. to be wicked, 2. to be harsh, 3. to be tremendous, 4. to be very great, 5. to be violent hambavu beside, next to ubu-hāmbāzi severity umu-hāmbāzi (aba-) harsh person, difficult person, wicked person *surprise*)

hambewe (exclamation of surprise)
gu-hāmbīra (-ye) to bury at, for
gu-hāmbīra (-riye) 1. to bind, to tie
up, 2. to compel
ugu-hambīra bandage
gu-hāmbīrana (-nye) to tie each
other
gu-hāmbīriza (-je) to cause to tie,
tie with

gu-hāmbīsha (-shije) to cause to bury, bury by means of gu-hāmburuka (-tse) to come untied

gu-hāmbīrwa (-riwe) to be tied

gu-hamburura (-ye) to untie

gu-hāmbururwa (-we) to be untied

gu-hāmbwa (-mbwe) to be buriedi-hambwa (i-) burial (used usually

for animals)

gu-hamiririza (-je) to dance at, for

gu-hamiriza (-je) to dance

umu-hamirizo (imi-) dance (of men)

aga-hamo (no pl.) hatred, refusal

igi-hamo (ibi-) wide path or cleared place

uru-hamo (no pl.) hatred, refusal

gu-hāmvya (-mvye) 1. to meet, 2. catch up with, 3. to board

umu-hāmvyi (aba-) one who helps to bury, pallbearer

gu-hamya (-mye) 1. to declare, assert that a thing is true, to attest 2. witness

ubu-hamya 1. testimony, 2. declaration

gu-hana (-nnye) 1. to punish, 2. rebuke, 3. scold

gu-hāna (-nye) to give to each other (*from guha*)

umu-hana (imi-) 1. village, 2. neighbourhood, 3. locality, area around village or dwelling

gu-hanagura (-ye) to wipe off

gu-hanagurira (-ye) to wipe for, at

gu-hanagurwa (-we) to be wiped

gu-hanaguza (-je) to cause to wipe, wipe with

igi-hanaguzo (ibi-) rag

gu-hanahana (**-**nye) to punish repeatedly

gu-hānahāna (-nye) to give often to each other

gu-hanama (-mye) to be above

aga-hanamo (udu-) cliff, steep slope

gu-hanantuka (-tse) to fall from high above

gu-hānayāmbu (Sw.) to shake hands

gu-hānda (-nze) 1. to prepare ground (*for amasaka*), 2. to pierce, scratch (*e.g. with nail*)

umu-hānda (imi-) road, street

iru-hānde beside, next to

uru-hānde (impānde) side (not of person)

gu-handīsha (-shije) 1. to cause to pierce, 2. cause to prepare ground

gu-hāndūra (-ye) to remove thorn or sliver

gu-hāndūza (-je) to remove thorn with

gu-hāndwa (-nzwe) to be pricked (*by thorn*)

ama-hāne 1. cheekiness, 2. argument, liking to argue, 3. quarrel

aga-hānga (udu-) 1. forehead, 2. crane, 3. severed head

gu-hānga (-nze) 1. to contemplate, 2. to invent

i-hānga (ama-) 1. nation, 2. foreign country

ubu-hanga (no pl.) intelligence

umu-hānga (aba-) 1. skilled person, 2. intelligent person, 3. eloquent person

uru-hānga 1. forehead, 2. crane, 3. severed head

gu-hānga amaso to stare at

gu-hāngama (-mye) 1. to be strong, 2. to have authority (esp. of kings or revered person), 3. pay homage to a king

gu-hangana (-nye) 1. to be facing each other, be directly in front of, 2. stare at one another

gu-hanganya (-nije) to place facing each other

gu-hangāra (-ye) 1. to be brave, fearless, 2. to be firm, 3. to confront

gu-hāngāza (-je) 1. to close entrance with branches, 2. to defend, protect *(old meaning)*, 3. to be almost time to do something

gu-hāngāza ukuboko to hold out arms to receive something

hange kugenda ~ to go prepared with everything planned

umu-hānge (imi-) water pot

umu-hāngo (imi-) promise

gu-hāngūra (-ye) to ask someone for what he's promised

gu-hanira (-ye) to punish at, for, because of

gu-hanirwa (-we) to be punished at, for, because of

gu-hanisha (-shije) to cause to punish, to punish with

gu-hānjagira (-nje) to compel someone to do something against his will

gu-hānjura (-ye) to trade, buy and sell

umu-hānjuzi (aba-) merchant

hano (adv.) here, this right here

igi-hano (ibi-) punishment

gu-hanūra (-ye) 1. to admonish, 2. to warn, 3. to advise

gu-hanurira (-ye) to admonish at, for, because of

gu-hanurwa (-we) to be admonished

i-hanurwa prediction, forecast

gu-hanuza (-je) to ask counsel

umu-hanuzi (aba-) 1. one who gives counsel, 2. prophet, seer

gu-hanwa (-nwe) to be punished

umu-hānyu (imi-) one banana, one head of grain, etc.

gu-hānyuka (-tse) 1. to sprain, strain, 2. spread legs apart

hanyuma (conj.) afterward, later, later on, and then

gu-hānyura (-ye) 1. to prune, 2. cut banana from stalk

gu-hānyurwa (-we) 1. to be pruned, 2. be cut from stalk

hānze (adv.) outside (of house)

aga-hanzi migraine

ubu-hanzi (no pl.) bald headedness

umu-hanzi (aba-) 1. singer, 2. musician, 3. performer (*Rw*.)

gu-hara (-ze) 1. to scrape, 2. damage, 3. to tan hides, 4. to yelp, 5. purr, 6. to be lacking (usually stative), to be incomplete

ibi-hara 1. chicken pox, 2. measles

uru-harabuga (imparabuga) barren place, bare place on a hill

igi-harage (ibi-) bean

gu-haragura (-ye) to scratch (as slate)

gu-harana (-nye) to scratch each other

gu-haranira (-ye) to strive for

gu-harara (-ye) 1. to start up from ground (*like locusts*), 2. to be fickle, 3. like for a short time, 4. to like novelties, 5. follow a fad

aga-hararo the end of loving another

udu-harawe small red beans

igi-hāri (ibi-) 1. argument, 2. discussion

i-harifu (ama-) alphabet

gu-harira (-ye) 1. to forgive, 2. to grant to, 3. to allow another to dominate, 4. to scrape, etc., at, for

gu-hārīra (-riye) 1. to argue, 2. to discuss, 3. to quarrel

i-hariri (ama-) silk, rayon, shiny cloth

gu-hāririza (-je) 1. to speak against, 2. to scold vehemently, 3. to cause to argue

gu-harirwa (-we) to be forgiven

gu-harisha (-shije) to scrape with

igi-haro (ibi-) lima bean

haruguru (*adv*.) toward the top, higher up, inner room

gu-harura (-ye) to scrape off

gu-harūra (-ye) to count

aga-haruramama (udu-) dropper (med.)

gu-harurana (-nye) to count each other

gu-harurira (-ye) to count at, for

igi-harūro (ibi-) number

umu-haruro (imi-) road or path into the compound (*rugo*)

gu-haruruka (-tse) 1. to let up work, 2. be bored with, 3. be displeased with, 4. to abandon

gu-harurwa (-we) to be scraped

gu-harūrwa (-we) to be counted

harya (adv.) over there (not too far away)

hārya by the way

i-hasa (ama-) twin

gu-hasha (-hije) 1. to receive something as a gift or loan but return reluctantly and late, 2. to chase out quickly, 3. to refuse to go on helping someone

hashobora maybe, perhaps

hāsi (adv.) on the ground, floor, down, below

gu-hata (-se) to tighten a loose hoe

gu-hāta (-se) to compel someone to gu-hebēsha (-sheje) to cause to do something against his will gu-hava (-uye) to do as a consequence

aga-hawa (no pl.) coffee gu-haya (-ye) to glorify, honor,

igi-haya (ibi-) white potato

gu-hayagiza (-je) to praise often

bira-haye it's enough (from guha)

ndagu-haye bwakeye Good morning (to a superior)

gu-hayira (-ye) to praise for, before

gu-haza (-jije) 1. to leave out, omit, 2. lack, 3. to tan hides

gu-hāza (-jije) 1. to satisfy, 2. to finish milking a cow

igi-haza (ibi-) pumpkin

gu-hāzāna (-nye) 1. to disagree, 2. to dispute, 3. to quarrel

nda-hāze I am full, I am satisfied

umu-hazi (aba-) tanner

gu-hāzwa (-gijwe) to be satisfied

he which?

hē where? (in questions only)

igi-he (ibi-) 1. time, 2. season, time period

igi-he c'imana God's time

igi-he c'izuba 1. summer time, 2. autumn

igi-he runaka some time

gu-heba (-vye) to leave, forsake

gu-hebana (-nye) to forsake each other

i-hebe ram, billy goat

gu-hebera (-ye) to forsake at, for, because of

forsake

gu-hebēshwa (-shejwe) to be caused to forsake

gu-hebura (-ye) to forsake completely

aga-hebūza (udu-) one who surpasses all others

gu-hebūza (-je) 1. to tell someone that his friend has died, 2. to be perfect, complete, absolutely wonderful, 3. to surpass all others either good or bad, 4. to deny emphatically, 5. to discourage

qu-hebwa (-bwe) to be forsaken

igi-hefu (ibi-) mushroom (also igihefo)

gu-heha (-she) 1. to blow along, 2. to wipe up (esp. mother wiping baby)

hēhe where? (in questions only)

aga-hehēra (no pl.) cold in chest, hard cough

ubu-hēhēsi (no pl.) lustful thinking and practices

hejuru (adv.) above, up, on top

gu-hēka (-tse) to carry on back

gu-hekenya (-nye) to chew, to nibble

gu-hekenywa (-nywe) to be chewed

gu-hēkēsha (-sheje) to carry by means of, help to carry on back

igi-hēko (ibi-) amulet, charm (article supposed to have special power to protect)

gu-hēkura (-ye) to take from back

gu-hēkwa (-tswe) to be carried on back

gu-hema (-mye) 1. to offer but take back, 2. to be insincere, 3. to make fun of, 4. to be ironic, sarcastic

gu-hēma (-mye) 1. to breathe, 2. to live

i-hēma (ama-) (Sw.) tent

ugu-hēma respiration

gu-hemana (-nye) to be insincere with each other

gu-hēmba (-mvye) to pay (esp. for work done)

i-hēmbe (ama-) 1. horn (of animal), 2. lot (in casting lots) kurwara amahembe illness resembling demon possession

udu-hembe feeler, antenna (of insect)

gu-hēmbera (-ye) to pay at, for

gu-hembesha (-sheje) to demand salary, to ask for wage

igi-hēmbo (ibi-) 1. pay, salary, wage, 2. reward, 3. prize

gu-hembūka (-tse) 1. to regain life, strength, 2. revive after fainting

gu-hembūra (-ye) to revive (vt)

gu-hembūrwa (-we) to be revived

gu-hēmbwa (-mbwe) to be paid, to receive a salary

igi-hembwe (ibi-) semester, school

gu-hemēsha (-sheje) to cause to breathe

aga-hemo (no pl.) irony

gu-hemuka (-tse) 1. to fail to keep one's word, 2. to disappoint, 3. to betray a secret

gu-hēmūka (-tse) 1. to puff with exertion, 2. to sigh, 3. to breathe hard

gu-hemukira (-ye) 1. to disappoint, to fail another, 2. to deceive

gu-hēnda (-nze) 1. to deceive, 2. to be expensive

kw-hēnda (-ze) to be wrong, to err

igi-hendabaja red sun when very low at night

gu-hēndahēnda (-nze) to deceive in a light, joking way

gu-hēndana (-nye) 1. to deceive each other, 2. to be a skillful deceiver

gu-hēndēsha (-sheje) to deceive by means of

ibi-hēndo deceitfulness

uru-hēndo deceitfulness

gu-hēnduka (-tse) to be cheap

gu-hēndwa (-nzwe) to be deceived

gu-henebēra (-ye) 1. to perish, 2. to come to an end

ama-henehene (no pl.) goat manure

igi-henēhene (ibi-) eyelid turned back

gu-hēnga (-nze) to set a time, do something at a set time

gu-hengama (-mye) 1. to tip head to one side, 2. to lean over

gu-hēngeka (-tse) 1. to lay a thing on its side, 2. to tilt, to turn, 3. to slant (*vt*)

aga-hēngekezo (*no pl.*) little place of refuge, narrow escape, remnant of clan or family

gu-hēngēra (-reye) to wait the right moment

gu-hengēshanya (-nije) to speak hesitantly (usually used with negative)

gu-henuka (-tse) to fall down (as house)

gu-henura (-ye) to tear down, cause to fall down

gu-henurwa (-we) to be torn down

hēpfo (adv.) down, below, down there

igi-hepfo (ibi-) mushroom (also igihefo)

gu-hera (-ze) 1. to finish (*vi*), come to an end, 2. to grind badly, coarsely, 3. to perish, to be dying

gu-hēra (-reye) 1. to begin from, by, 2. to recompense, 3. give to, (prepositional form of guha)

i-hera (ama-) money, currency (from German Heller)

gu-heraheza (-je) 1. to finish completely, 2. to accomplish, 3. to perfect

gu-herana (-nye) to receive a loan and then not pay back

gu-heranira (-ye) 1. to refuse to pay loan, 2. be dishonest

ama-here itch

igi-here (ibi-) bedbug

uru-here itch

gu-herekeza (-je) 1. to accompany, 2. to follow

gu-herekezwa (-jwe) 1. to be followed, 2. to be accompanied

gu-herengetera (-ye) to be coming to an end

gu-herengeteza (-je) to finish (*vt*), to consume, finish completely

ama-hereni earrings

gu-herēra (-reye) to place oneself, to be located

gu-hererana (-nye) 1. to surround (*esp. country*), 2. to be beside

gu-herereza (-je) 1. to put to one side, 2. to offer at, for, in the name of

umu-hērerezi (aba-) youngest child, favorite child

uru-hererezi (impererezi) little finger

gu-hēreza (-je) to give to

umu-hereza (aba-) waiter

umu-hereza wa vino w'umwami (aba-) the king's cup bearer

ubu-herezi (no pl.) priesthood

umu-hērezi (aba-) priest

i-herezo (ama-) end, extremity

gu-hērezwa (-jwe) to be presented

igi-heri (ibi-) bedbug

i-hero (ama-) end

umu-hero (imi-) end

gu-herūka (-tse) 1. to be last (*previous*), 2. to have done recently, 3. to have been at, 4. to come to do something

ubu-herūka (*no pl.*) 1. end, 2. the very last time, 3. finally, 4. at last

gu-hērwa (-rewe) 1. to be compensed, 2. be given

gu-hēsha (-sheje) to give, cause to receive

aga-heta (udu-) something better than others of its kind, supreme thing

gu-heta (-se) to bend, curve (vt)

gu-heta amabega to be hunch shouldered

gu-hetama (-mye) to be bent, stooped

ibi-hetangabo times (e.g. number of times)

gu-hetera inkoni to give cow (or other gift) a second time to one who has brought many gifts

gu-heterwa (-we) to receive a second time

gu-hetēsha (-sheje) to cause to bend

umu-heto (imi-) bow, arch

gu-hetūra (-ye) to go, or spread everywhere (*vi*)

gu-hetwa (-swe) to be curved, bent

gu-heza (-je) 1. to finish, to complete, to end (vt), 2. to achieve, 3. to conclude, 4. to exhaust (often used for 'then' when one action is directly followed by another, e.g. Umwigisha ahanura abana, araheza arabasezera = the teacher admonished the children, then he bid them goodbye)

gu-hēzagira (-ye) 1. to bless, 2. to consecrate

gu-hēzagirira (-ye) to bless at, for

umu-hēzagiro (imi-) blessing

gu-hēzagirwa (-we) to be blessed

gu-hēzagiza (-je) to cause to bless, bless by means of

gu-hibongoza (-je) to sing very nicely

gu-higa (-ze) 1. to race, contest, 2. try to surpass another, 3. dispute, 4. threaten

gu-hīga (-ze) to hunt (for game)

i-higanwa (ama-) competition

uru-hige (impige) grasshopper

umu-hīgi (aba-) hunter

uru-hīgi (impīgi) the hunt

gu-higima (-mye) to hesitate, to be undecided

gu-higimānga (-nze) 1. to sigh with disgust or displeasure, 2. to hesitate, 3. to complain

gu-higira (-ye) 1. to contest for, 2. to threaten to

gu-hīgira (-ye) to hunt at, for

gu-higīsha (-shije) to cause to contest

gu-hīgīsha (-shije) to cause to hunt

imi-higo threats

gu-hīgūka (-tse) to return from hunting

gu-hīgwa (-zwe) to be hunted, chased

gu-hihima (-mye) to speak where others hear voice but cannot distinguish words

gu-hīmba (-mvye) 1. to be satisfied (*rude*), 2. to have plenty, 3. eat plenty, 4. be drunk (*used always in a very negative way*)

igi-hīmba (ibi-) part, half

gu-himbagura (-ye) to cut in many pieces

gu-hīmbāra (-ye) 1. to be happy, 2. be beautiful, 3. to please, 4. to be agreeable, pleasing

aga-hīmbare (udu-) beauty

igi-hīmbāro (ibi-) pleasure

gu-hīmbārwa (-we) 1. to be pleased, 2. be happy

gu-hīmbāza (-je) 1. to praise, 2. to celebrate, 3. make beautiful

gu-hīmbāzwa (-jwe) to be praised, made happy

uru-hīmbi (impīmbi) table, shelf
(for milk containers)

gu-hīmbira (-ye) 1. to steal habitually, 2. to frequently stay away from home, 3. to have long hair

umu-himbiri (aba-) 1. urchin, child (*derogative*), 2. street child, street boy

gu-hīmbura (-ye) 1. to chop tree, 2. slice vegetables

gu-hīmburwa (-we) to be chopped

aga-hīnda (no pl.) sorrow, grief

gu-hīnda (-nze) 1. to turn away (*vt*), to chase away, 2. tu rumble (*thunder*)

igi-hīnda (ibi-) noise (as of wind, rain, running feet, etc.), by extension: great number of things

gu-hīnda agashitsi 1. to tremble, shake, shiver, shudder, quiver, 2. to have a chill

gu-hindaganywa (-nywe) to have a chill with goose pimples

gu-hindagura (-ye) to change often

gu-hindagurika (-tse) to be unstable, changeable

gu-hindānura (-ye) to draw things back together

Umu-hindi (Aba-) Indian person

gu-hindikirana (-nye) 1. to fall down together (*usually in fright*), 2. to become ill one after another

gu-hindira (-ye) to close up completely (esp. cows)

umu-hīndo (imi-) noise of rain, thunder, etc.

iki-hindu (ibi-) traditional gender-crossing priest

gu-hinduka (-tse) to change (vi)

ugu-hinduka changing, transformation (*from guhinduka*)

gu-hindukira (-ye) to turn around (vi)

n'aga-hīndukira goodbye (see you soon)

gu-hindukiriza (-je) to turn toward, turn back because of

gu-hindukiza (-je) to turn around (vt)

gu-hindura (-ye) 1. to change, to modify (*vt*), to change the mind, 2. to translate, 3. to transform, 4. to adjust

gu-hindurwa (-we) to be changed, turned

hīnga wait!

aga-hīnga (no pl.) open space, uninhabited place

gu-hīnga (-nze) to twist (as arm, rope, etc.)

ubu-hīnga (*no pl.*) skillfulness, artificial intelligence, computer science etc.

umu-hīnga (aba-) skilled person, master of an art

umu-hīngamo (imi-) afternoon, toward sundown

gu-hīngāna (-nye) to disagree

hīnge wait please! (polite)

gu-hīngītana (-nye) to hesitate

gu-hīngūra (-ye) 1. to answer (as on exam), 2. find the solution, 3. to repair or improve another's work, 4. to exercise an art, trade, 5. be skillful, to perfect, 6. to return from running away

i-hinguriro (i-) factory

ubu-hinguriro industry

gu-hīngwa (-nzwe) to be twisted

umu-hini (imi-) handle (of hoe,
etc.)

uru-hīnja (impīnja) tiny or newborn baby

hīno (adv.) on this side

gu-hinyagara (-ye) 1. to sprain, 2. dislocate a bone, 3. to twist one's foot

gu-hinyiza (-je) 1. to limp, 2. to be crippled

gu-hinyuka (-tse) to come to light, be known

gu-hinyura (-ye) 1. to know the facts of a case, to have judgment, to see through deceit, to discover the truth, 2. to turn against, 3. to scorn, disdain

gu-hinyurana (-nye) to mistrust each other

gu-hinyurwa (-we) to be confounded, exposed

aga-hinyuza (udu-) proof or witness

gu-hinyuza (-je) 1. to check over a thing, 2. to prove, give proof, 3. to convince, 4. to verify, 5. to condemn, 6. to disgrace, 7. to speak truth, 8. to divine

gu-hinyuzwa (-jwe) to be confounded, proved

gu-hīra (-riye) 1. to cook (*vi*), 2. get ripe at, on, (*prepositional form of gusha*)

i mu-hira (adv.) (no pl.) at home

mu-hira home

aga-hiri (no pl.) cold in head

ubu-hiri (ama-) stick, club

gu-hirika (-tse) 1. to slant, 2. place obliquely

gu-hirīmba (-mvye) to hunt for

umu-hiro (imi-) lines or rows on baskets or cloth (*e.g. corduroy*)

gu-hīrwa (-riwe) 1. to be fortunate, to be lucky, 2. to be blessed, 3. to be happy

ubu-hīrwe (ama-) 1. blessing, 2. chance, good fortune, 3. privilege, benefit, advantage, 4. fun

umu-hīrwe (aba-) fortunate person

hīrya beyond, on the other side (of something but still on this side of river or valley)

hīrya y'ējo 1. day before yesterday, 2. day after tomorrow

aka-hise the past, history

gu-hisha (-shije) (*vt*) to hide, to conceal

gu-hīsha (-shije) to cook (vt)

umu-hīsha (imi-) steam

gu-hishanya (-nije) to hide something from each other

gu-hishūka (-tse) to become known, be revealed

gu-hishūra (-ye) 1. to reveal, to disclose, 2. remove from hiding

gu-hishwa (-shijwe) to be hidden

gu-hīshwa (-shijwe) 1. to be cooked, 2. be burned

gu-hita (-se) 1. to pass, to pass by, 2. to give diarrhea

gu-hitamwo (-semwo) to choose (esp. an action)

gu-hitana (-nye) 1. to take, 2. bring in passing

gu-hitanira (-ye) to take for someone in passing

gu-hitaniza (-je) to give something to someone, to take in passing

umu-hiti (imi-) cucumber

gu-hitikirana (-nye) to be put away or saved up for several years (beans, etc.)

gu-hitira (-ye) 1. to be put away, saved up for a year, 2. to be of the previous year (beans, etc.)

igi-hitira (ibi-) something that's been saved up for a year (*beans*, *etc.*)

gu-hitirana (-nye) to be put away or saved up for several years (beans, etc.)

gu-hitiza (-je) to save beans, etc., for a year

gu-hitwa (-swe) to have diarrhea

ugu-hitwa diarrhea

imi-hivu long tassel, raphia

hīyo on that side

aga-hīza (no pl.) gray

uru-hīza (impīza) gray cow

ubu-hizi 1. handsomeness, 2. praiseworthiness, 3. skill, 4. courage

umu-hizi (aba-) 1. handsome or skilled person, 2. courageous person

ama-ho hi, hello (informal greeting, short form of amahoro)

gu-hobera (-ye) to embrace, to hug

ama-hodoka about :00 (when cows leave drinking place)

gu-hodoka (-tse) to quench one's thirst, to cease to drink (esp. cows)

gu-hofōra (-ye) to rub eyes in order to see (esp. one who has been sick with uburire, rheum)

hogi let's go!

aga-hogo (udu-) throat

ibi-hogo (*no pl.*) dark yellow, brown

umu-hogo (imi-) throat

uru-hogo (in-) throat

uru-hōgo (impōgo) clamor, shouting

igi-hogohogo (ibi-) esophagus

gu-hogōmboka (-tse) to speak many words (usually quite meaningless ones)

gu-hogora (-ye) 1. to shout, talk loudly, 2. sing loudly

hoji let's go!

gu-homa (-mye) 1. to plaster, whitewash, 2. stick together (*vt*)

ubu-homa (no pl.) 1. dirt (esp. on body), 2. dirtiness

gu-hōmba (-mvye) 1. to be fragile (*esp. of clay pot*), 2. to be poorly made, 3. to lose, make no profit

igi-hōmba (ibi-) lump (as in food)

igi-hōmbe (ibi-) something which appears to be strong but is weak

ubu-hōmbe (no pl.) deficit, loss

igi-hōmbo (ibi-) deficit, loss

uru-hōmbo deficit, loss

gu-hōmbōka (-tse) to profit

gu-hombōza (-je) to use up or wear out completely

uru-home (in-) wall

gu-homeka (-tse) to stick (vi)

aga-homerabunwa (no pl.) astonishing thing

ugu-homesha uburembo collage

gu-homvoka (-tse) to fall (as house, etc.)

gu-homvora (-ye) to tear down, destroy

gu-hōmvya (-beje) to cause to lose

gu-hona (-nnye) 1. to perish, 2. to be sterile

i-honda (ama-) sorghum

umu-hōndo (imi-) yellow

ama-honero (no pl.) destruction

gu-hōnga (-nze) 1. to bribe, 2. offer presents, 3. make reparations

gu-hōngera (-ye) 1. to pay homage to, 2. to bribe, 3. to make reparations

igi-hongo (ibi-) pile of rocks

igi-hōngo (ibi-) bribe

gu-hongoka (-tse) to come out (of teeth, hoe handle, etc.)

gu-hongora (-ye) 1. to pull out teeth, 2. to notch teeth

uru-hongore (impongore) 1. house for animals, 2. sheepfold

gu-hongoroka (-tse) to fall with a

gu-hongorora (-ye) to cause to fall noisily

gu-honnya (-neje) to destroy

gu-honoka (-tse) to rain heavily

gu-honōka (-tse) to bear prolificly having been barren or fruitless

gu-honōra (-ze) to cause to bear

gu-honyagura (-ye) to stamp on, trample

gu-honyānga (-nze) to trample, stamp on

gu-honyora (-ye) 1. to step on, trample on, crush with feet, 2. destroy, tear down, 3. make tracks

gu-honyorwa (-we) to be trampled on, crushed

gu-hora (-ze) 1. to cool (food or liquid) (vi), 2. to always do, continue, be eternal, 3. to be silent, become calm

gu-hōra (-ye) to avenge, to harm in order to avenge

umu-hōra (imi-) path made by cows, esp. near houses

gu-horahabona (-nye) to live near a public place (*where many pass by*)

gu-horaho (-zeho) to be eternal, forever

U-horaho the Lord (*lit. eternal one*)

gu-horana (-nye) to always have, be with

aga-hore (*no pl.*) **kuba agahore** to be perfect

gu-horereza (-je) 1. to appease, calm, 2. to silence

gu-horēsha (-sheje) to console or cool by means of

aga-hōri (udu-) grasshopper

igi-hōri (ibi-) grasshopper

uru-horihori (imporihori) fontanel

--horo (adj.) not bitter (used esp. with imyumbati)

ama-horo peace, (typical greeting: n'amahoro)

n'ama-horo 1. it it peace? is all well? (as question), 2. it is peace! it's all well! (as answer)

umu-horo (imi-) long handled curved knife

gu-horōra (-ye) to give gift to bride so she'll talk

igi-hororo (ibi-) pure white cow

gu-horōrwa (-we) to refuse to speak (*bride*) until given money

uru-horwe (*no pl.*) unmixed beer (*undiluted*)

hōse (*adv.*) 1. everywhere, 2. throughout (*from -ōse*)

hotēri (ama-) hotel

i-hoteri (ama-) hotel

gu-hotora (-ye) to twist, to wring

umu-hotora (imi-) rope made from papyrus

gu-hotoranya (-nye) to wrestle

gu-hotorera (-ye) to twist at, for

gu-hotorora (-ye) to untwist

gu-hotorwa (-we) to be twisted

gu-hōyahōya (-ye) 1. to try to hinder from doing wrong, 2. to coax, 3. to reassure

gu-hoza (-jeje) 1. to cause to cool, to calm down, 2. to appease, 3. to console, comfort, reassure

umu-hōzi (aba-) avenger

igi-hozo (ibi-) lullaby

gu-hozwa (-jejwe) 1. to be appeased, 2. be comforted, 3. be cooled

uru-hu (impu) skin

gu-huba (-vye) 1. to be lost, 2. be mistaken

i-huba (ama-) dry banana leaf

igi-hubahuba (ibi-) bark of banana tree

gu-hubana (-nye) to pass but not meet

gu-hubīsha (-shije) to cause to go astray

gu-hubūka (-tse) 1. to find one's way (after being lost), 2. to understand

gu-hubura (-ye) to dig and break through to hollow place

gu-hubūra (-ye) 1. to show the way, put on the right path, 2. to

warn, 3. advise, 4. comfort, 5. to propose, suggest

igi-hugu (ibi-) 1. country, 2. nation

aga-hugūgu (udu-) musical instrument (with string)

gu-hugūmba (-mvye) 1. to wander from place to place, to not stay at home, 2. to be fearful, uncertain, 3. to be double-minded

gu-hūha (-she) to blow, to stoke (*fire*)

iki-huha (ibi-) calling horn or trumpet, musical instrument

gu-hūhira (-ye) to blow at, for

gu-hūhīsha (-shije) to cause to blow, help to blow, blow with

igi-hūhūsi (ibi-) very strong wind

gu-hūhūta (-se) to blow hard

gu-hūhūta (-she) to blow hard (rare)

igi-hūhūta (ibi-) whirlwind, heavy wind

gu-hūhwa (-shwe) to be blown on

ubu-huku (no pl.) cave, den (of wild animals, as in rocks)

gu-huma (-mye) to be blind

gu-hūma (-mye) to howl (*like hyena or owl*)

igi-huma (ibi-) deep hole in ground in a grassy place where pregnant girls and lepers were thrown

gu-humaguza (-je) to blink a lot in trying to see

gu-humāna (-nye) to be dirty, unclean, defiled

ubu-humāne (no pl.) uncleanness

gu-humānuka (-tse) to become clean, to become pure

gu-humānura (-ye) 1. to purify, 2. make clean

gu-humānya (-nije) 1. to dishonor, 2. defile, make unclean

gu-humānywa (-nijwe) to be defiled

gu-humba (-vye) to glean

gu-hūmba (-mvye) 1. to lie, 2. deceive, 3. do shameful things

i-hūmbi (ama-) materials for building a house

igi-hūmbi (ibi-) thousand

gu-humbira (-ye) 1. to cut trees for building, 2. gather building materials

gu-humbirira (-ye) to get building materials at, for

gu-humbiza (-je) to help gather building materials

igi-hūmbu (ibi-) 1. illegitimate child, 2. dishonest person, 3. untrustworthy, unwise, 4. one who won't stay home, vagabond, gadabout

ubu-hūmbu (*no pl.*) evil deeds, wickedness

gu-humbūra (-ye) to deceive, cheat

umu-humbūzi (aba-) deceiver, thief

ibi-humbwa gleanings

igi-hūme (ibi-) spirit, superhuman thing, a one-armed and one-legged ghost with grass growing out of its ears that lives in the valley (*used as a serious insult*)

gu-humēka (-tse) 1. to breathe, breathing, 2. to gasp, 3. to sigh, 4. to breath into, inspire

gu-humiriza (-je) to close one's eyes

gu-humirwa (-we) 1. to be unfortunate, to be unlucky, luckless, hapless, 2. be in difficulty, 3. 'haven't got a chance'

gu-humīsha (-shije) to blind

gu-humūka (-tse) to see after being blind

gu-humūra (-ye) to open the eyes of another

gu-hūmura (-ye) 1. to become calm, 2. to recover from fear or anger, 3. to be old but still strong

igi-hūmura (ibi-) thing or person stricken with fear

i-hūmure comfort, peace

umu-humure (aba-) male adult

gu-hūmuriza (-je) 1. to comfort, 2. reveal what is false

aga-humuza (no pl.) goodbye

gu-humūza (-je) to cause to open eyes

ubu-hūmvyi (no pl.) deceit

umu-hūmvyi (aba-) deceiver

uru-humyi shortsightedness

gu-huna (-nnye) 1. to forget how to do something you once knew, 2. to forsake

igi-huna (ibi-) owl

gu-hūnda (-nze) 1. to wear many clothes, 2. to form grains

igi-hūnda (ibi-) dry banana leaves

umu-hūnda (imi-) stick with nail
in the end of it, metal on end of
spear (not the point)

gu-hūndagara (-ye) 1. to be struck by lightning, 2. to fall to ground

gu-hūndagaza (-je) to strike (*thunder*)

ibi-hūndahūnda dry banana leaves

i-hūndo (ama-) sorghum (sing. refers to one grain)

gu-hūndukwa (-tswe) 1. to forget for a moment, 2. be confused

gu-hūnga (-nze) to flee

gu-hūngabana (-nye) to blow (in wind) (vi)

gu-hūngabanya (-nije) to blow (vt)

gu-hūngana (-nye) to flee together

aga-hūngarēma (udu-) bat (animal)

gu-hūngira (-ye) to flee to

ubu-hūngiro (no pl.) refuge

gu-hūngīsha (-shije) to cause to flee

uru-hūngo (impūngo) flight, fleeing

umu-hūngu (aba-) boy, son

gu-hūnguka (-tse) 1. to return from fleeing, 2. to fall from stalk

igi-hungur amabebe light rain that makes these seeds fall off just before rainy season really starts

gu-hungura (-ye) 1. to rubb off dirt, 2. to shell maize

gu-hunguruka (-tse) to drop fruit (*tree*)

gu-hungurukira (-ye) to fall on

gu-hungurura (-ye) 1. to cause fruit or grain to fall, 2. to shake

umu-hūngwabo (aba-) nephew (son of brother)

umu-hūngwācu (aba-) nephew (son of brother)

umu-hūngwanyu (aba-) nephew (son of brother)

uru-huni (*no pl.*) forgetting one's skill or errand

gu-hunikira (-ye) to be sleepy

gu-hunisha (-shije) to cause another to forsake

gu-hūnja (-nje) to clear away grass or brush in order to see path or object

i-hunja spectacular women's dance, with sudden rapid movement in an arc, led by the head and shoulders, Mugamba and Kirimiro region

gu-hunyereza (-je) to squint

gu-hūnyiza (-je) to be sleepy

gu-hura (-ze) 1. to refuse to eat what you've always eaten, 2. to take objects out of flesh (as witch traditional doctor supposedly does)

gu-hūra (-ye) 1. to beat out beans, grain, to thresh, 2. to meet, to encounter, to get together with

gu-hurira (-ye) 1. to itch, 2. to have an eruption

gu-hūrira (-ye) 1. to meet at, 2. to thresh at, for

i-hūriro (ama-) 1. meeting place, 2. appointment

gu-hūrīsha (-shije) 1. to cause to meet, 2. to cause to thresh

gu-huriza (-je) to cause an eruption

aga-huru (*no pl.*) early morning just before dawn

bi-hurugūshwi kwumva bihurugushwi to be unable to hear well

gu-hurūra (-ye) to be coarse (meal)

igi-hururu (ibi-) one who can't keep a secret or says inappropriate things

umu-hururu (imi-) row, line of people, animals or objects

gu-hūrwa (-we) to be threshed

gu-husha (-shije) 1. to aim and miss, 2. fail to find

uru-husha (impusha) 1. permission, 2. rest, 3. vacation, 4. week

gu-hushagirika (-tse) to go uncertain of the way

igi-hute (ibi-) boil, abscess

Umu-hutu (aba-) Hutu (person)

gu-huvya (-bije) to lead astray

gu-hūza (-je) 1. to put together, 2. to cause to meet, 3. to connect, to couple, to associate, 4. to coordinate

gu-hūza (-jije) to cause to thresh

igi-hūza (ibi-) fool

ugu-hūza 1. connection, 2. coordination, 3. synchronisation, 4. harmonization

gu-hūza imitima to agree

gu-hūza inama to take council together

gu-huzēngwa (-nwe) 1. to shake in the wind, 2. to stagger, 3. to be floppy

gu-huzēnwa (-nywe) to shake in the wind

aga-hūzu (udu-) small cloth, loincloth

igi-hūzu (ibi-) very large cloth

uru-hūzu very large cloth

aga-hwa whistle, hiss

i-hwa (ama-) thorn

kuvuza uru-hwa to whistle

uru-hwa (no pl.) whistle, hiss

gu-hwahuka (-tse) to be light (*in weight*)

gu-hwahura (-ye) to make light (weight)

gu-hwāmika (-tse) 1. to put down, 2. prevent from speaking, 3. to calm, appease

gu-hwāna (-nye) 1. to meet, 2. to be in agreement, 3. to match, to be equal

n'aga-hwāne goodbye

gu-hwānya (-nije) to cause to meet, agree, join together

gu-hwāta (-se) to peel

gu-hwēba (-vye) to look at carefully

igi-hwēba (ibi-) one dedicated to service of Kiranga

gu-hwebutsa (-kije) 1. to watch out for danger, 2. examine carefully

aga-hwēkēre (no pl.) stillness, quiet

gu-hwēra (-reye) to die

umu-hwēre (aba-) dying person

gu-hwērera (-reye) to die at, for

gu-hwērerana (-nye) to die with, in the arms of

gu-hwēreza (-je) to cause to die

gu-hwerwa (-we) to be weaned (animal)

gu-hweza (-je) to wean (of animals)

umu-hwi (imi-) ripe banana

gu-hwibira (-riye) to be twilight time

gu-hwihwisha (-she) 1. to not be certain who a person is, 2. to go carefully because you don't know the path well

uru-hwijima (impwijima) very nice clothes (*colorful*)

gu-hwīnyiriza (-je) to squint

gu-hwirima (-mye) to speak where others hear voice but cannot distinguish words

T

i 1. at, 2. to

ic-i (no pl.) dry season, summer

kw-ība (-vye) 1. to steal, to thieve, 2. to rob

ubw-ība (*no pl.*) 1. thievery, 2. time woman spends in house between birth of child and time she goes out

kw-ībabaza (-je) to cause oneself to suffer, to agonize

kw-ībagira (-ye) to forget

kw-ībagirira (-ye) to forget at, for

kw-ībagirwa (-we) to be forgotten

kw-ībagiza (-je) to cause to forget

kw-ībana (-nye) to steal from each other

kw-ībāna (-nye) to live alone, by oneself

ic-**ībare** (ivy-) 1. corner of field belonging to each child, 2. possession (*esp. fields or lands*), 3. chosen people

kw-ībarīrira (-ye) to sew for oneself

kw-ībaza (-jije) 1. to ask oneself, 2. to wonder

kw-ībesha (-she) 1. to err, to be wrong, 2. to deceive oneself

kw-ībibira (-ye) to plant for oneself

kw-ībikira (-ye) to put away for oneself

kw-ībira (-ye) 1. to sink, plunge in, 2. to steal at, for

kw-ībirana (-nye) to plunge in with

kw-ībirira (-ye) to plunge in, at

kw-ībisha (-shije) to cause to steal

kw-ībiza (-je) to submerge, plunge (*vt*)

kw-ībizwa (-jwe) to be submerged

ic-ībo (ivy-) flat, small basket

kw-īboha (-she) to tie oneself

kw-ībona (-nye) to be proud

ubw-ībone (no pl.) pride

kw-ībonekeza (-je) to show oneself

kw-ībonesha (-sheje) to show oneself

kw-ībuka (-tse) to remember

ic-ībukiriza (ivy-) remembrance, reminder

kw-ībukīsha (-shije) to cause to remember

ak-ībuko (utw-) remembrance, reminder

umw-ībuko (imy-) remembrance, reminder kw-ībūmba (-mvye) to be round kw-ībūmbabūmba (-mvye) to be round **kw-ībūra** (-ye) 1. to reveal oneself, 2. announce oneself kw-ībūranya (-nije) to reason within oneself **kw-īburuka** (-tse) 1. to come up out of water, 2, to flow kw-īburungushura (-ye) to be round (as ball) iburyo (adv.) to the right, righthand kw-ībutsa (-kije) to remind ic-ībutso (ivy-) reminder kw-ībutswa (-kijwe) to be reminded kw-ībuza (-jije) 1. to hinder oneself, 2. deprive oneself kw-ībwa (-bwe) to be stolen kw-ībwira (-ye) to put on new bark, new growth

kw-ībwīra (-ye) 1. to tell oneself, 2. to conjecture, suppose
kw-ībwiza (-je) to cause to put on new growth
kw-īca (-she) to kill, to slay
kw-īca inyōta to quench one's thirst
kw-īcana (-nye) to kill each other
ubw-īcanyi (no pl.) murder
umw-īcanyi (ab-) murderer
kw-īcara (-ye) to sit
kw-īcarana (-nye) to sit together
ni mw-icare Please sit down
kw-īcarika (-tse) to cause to sit, to

cause to stay

sit, to be caused to stay on

kw-īcarira (-ye) to sit on
ic-īcaro (ivy-) chair, any place to
sit
kw-īcazwa (-jwe) to be invited to
sit
kw-īcira (-ye) to kill at, for
kw-īciraho (-yeho) to punish by
death on the spot
kw-īcisha (-shije) to cause to kill,
to kill with

kw-īcumba (-mvye) to be wrapped up together

kw-īcungura (-ye) to pay to make up for wrong doing

kw-īcunguza (-je) to redeem oneself

kw-īcura (-ye) to dread

kw-īcuza (-jije) to regret

kw-icwa n'inzara to starve

kw-īdegēmvya (-mvye) to have liberty, freedom

 ${\color{red} umw}$ - ${\color{red} \bar{i}deg\bar{e}mvyo}$ liberty, freedom

kw-īdodōmba (-mvye) to complain

umw-īdodōmbo (imy-) 1. complaint, 2. muttering, grumbling

kw-īdōga (-ze) 1. to fume and fret, 2. to be cross, 3. to gripe, 4. hold hard feelings

kw-īdohōra (-ye) 1. to get away secretly, 2. sneak out of an argument or obligation, 3. to slip out little by little (of nail, etc.)

kw-īfasha (-shije) to help oneself

vy-ifashe gute What's up? (greeting)

kw-ifata (-she) 1. to treat oneself, conduct oneself, have a certain bearing, 2. to control onself

umw-ifato (imy-) character, behaviour

 $\mbox{{\bf kw-\overline{\bf i} carikwa}} \ \mbox{(-tswe)} \ \mbox{to be caused to} \ \ \mbox{{\bf kw-\overline{\bf i} fuba}} \ \mbox{(-vye)} \ \mbox{to clothe oneself}$

kw-īfubika (-tse) 1. to clothe oneself, 2. to wrap

kw-īfuriza (-je) to desire for

kw-īfūtānya (-nye) 1. to revert, go backward, 2. get thinner, 3. to act foolishly, ignorantly

kw-īfūza (-je) 1. to wish, 2. to desire, 3. to covet, to envy

ic-īfuzo (ivy-) strong wish, desire, covetousness, coveting

kw-īfūzwa (**-**jwe) to be coveted, desired

kw-īfyikinyura (-ye) to wash oneself in lots of water

kw-īga (-ze) 1. to learn, to study, 2. to read

umw-īga (ab-) apprentice, learner (*from kwīga*)

kw-īgaba (-vye) 1. to rule oneself, be independent, 2. to do as one pleases

kw-īgamba (-mvye) to brag (*about oneself*)

kw-īgāna (-nye) 1. to imitate, 2. to replicate, to reproduce, to copy, 3. to study with

kw-īgānira (-ye) to tell to others what you've heard

kw-īgānwa (-nywe) to be imitated

kw-īganyira (-ye) 1. to be anxious, worried, 2. to be grieved

kw-īganza (-nje) 1. to rule oneself, 2. to be independent, 3. to be emancipated

kw-īgaragura (-ye) 1. to toss and thresh about, 2. to kill oneself

kw-īgaramangira (-ye) 1. to be idle, 2. neglect one's work

kw-īgaranzura (-ye) to depart from respected person

nd-īgaranzuye (greeting, said when taking leave from a respected person)

kw-īgarukana (-nye) to return of one's will

kw-īgarura (-ye) 1. to leave off speaking evil and speak kindly, 2. be converted

kw-īgaya (-ye) 1. to hate oneself, 2. to regret

uruy-ige (inz-) locust, grasshopper

kw-īgemagema (-mye) 1. to go to a man's house to entice him, 2. to go to a meal uninvited

umw-īgeme (ab-) young girl

kw-igemura (-ye) to elope, go to husband without being properly married (*kwigemura ku mugabo*)

kw-īgenera (-ye) 1. to do something of oneself without authority, 2. boast of what one will do, 3. to attribute to oneself

ubw-igēnge 1. freedom, 2. independence

kw-īgera (-ze) 1. to try on clothes, 2. to have done, 3. to arrive at (e.g. **har'aho wigeze kumubona?** – have you ever seen him?)

kw-īgereranya (-nye) 1. to make oneself equal to another, 2. to compare oneself with another

kw-īgereza (-je) to help oneself (even if you don't know how to do the thing)

kw-īgina (-nnye) 1. to rejoice in coming of another, 2. be very happy

kw-īginana (-nye) to rejoice together, in each other

kw-īginira (-ye) to rejoice over

kw-īgīra (-ye) 1. to go, 2. to depart, 3. make oneself to go, to depart

ukw-īgīra sindabibazwa laxity

kw-īgirira (-ye) to do to, for oneself

kw-īgīsha (-shije) to teach

umw-īgīsha (ab-) teacher

umw-īgīsha wa kaminuza professor (at university)

kw-īgīshanya (-nije) to teach each other

imy-īgīshe teaching, doctrine

kw-īgishiriza (-je) to teach at

kw-īgishirizwa (-jwe) to be taught at

iny-īgīsho (iny-) teaching

kw-īgīshwa (-shijwe) to learn

umw-īgīshwa (ab-) pupil, student

ubw-īgobeko (no pl.) depth (of heart)

kw-īgora (-ye) to make it hard for oneself

kw-igorora (-ye) to straighten oneself, to stretch oneself

kw-īgumira (-ye) 1. to persist, 2. be energetic

kw-īgūnga (-nze) 1. to be selfish, keep things for oneself, 2. to do something alone

kw-īgūngagiza (-je) to be selfish

kw-īgūngana (-nye) to be selfish

kw-īgūngirako (-yeko) to be selfish, take everything for oneself

kw-īgura (-ze) 1. to sacrifice for, 2. give up everything

ic-igwa (ivy-) lecture, course

kw-īha (-haye) 1. to give to oneself, get for oneself, 2. to steal

urw-īha (imp-) flock of little birds

kw-īhahiriza (-je) to guard oneself

kw-īhakana (-nye) to deny

kw-īhamba (-mvye) to bury oneself

kw-īhāmbīra (-ye) 1. to give oneself to, 2. to tie or attach oneself to

kw-īhamburura (-ye) to untie oneself

kw-īhana (-nnye) 1. to confess, 2. to correct oneself, to discipline oneself, be converted, 3. to repent

kw-īhanagura (-ye) to wipe oneself

kw-īhanaguza (-je) to wipe oneself with

kw-īhandūra (-ye) to take out sliver for oneself

kw-īhāngāna (-nye) 1. to endure, to be patient, 2. to wait (said when patience is needed or expected, like a consolation)

ukw-īhāngāna patience, endurance

urw-īhāngāne (no pl.) patience

kw-īhanganira (-ye) to be patient with

kw-īhanikiriza (-je) 1. to warn, 2. to threaten, 3. send in a hurry

kw-īhaniza (-je) 1. to forbid, 2. warn against

kw-īhanukīra (-ye) 1. to declare strongly, 2. to do forcefully

kw-īhariza (-je) to have a thing by oneself

kw-īharūra (-ye) to count oneself

kw-īhata (-se) to force oneself

kw-īhaya (-ye) to praise oneself

kw-īhayagiza (-je) to praise oneself often

kw-īheba (-vye) 1. to be discouraged completely, to despair, 2. to sacrifice oneself to or for

kw-īhebūra (-ye) to be discouraged

kw-īhēra (-reye) to give of one's own accord

kw-īherēra (-reye) to be alone

kw-īhererana (-nye) to be alone with

kw-īhereza (-je) 1. to offer oneself, 2. to consecrate oneself

kw-īhindukiza (-je) to turn oneself about

kw-īhindura (-ye) to change, transform oneself

kw-īhisha (-shije) to hide oneself

ubw-īhisho (no pl.) hiding place

urw-īhisho (imp-) secretly

kw-īhonda (-nze) to strike oneself (as with hammer)

kw-īhonga (-nze) to pay bribe to win one's case

kw-īhorera (-ye) to be silent

kw-īhumanya (-nije) to defile oneself

kw-īhumūra (-ye) to wash in one's eyes, rub sleepers from one's eyes

kw-īhūta (-se) to hurry, to speed, to be faster

kw-īhwēza (-je) 1. to examine, to look at carefully, intently, 2. to search, 3. to contemplate, 4. to envision, to imagine

kw-ījajara (-ye) to die, to peg out, to die a wretched death (*rude*, *used* of a person scorned by others)

kw-ījijānya (-nye) to be puzzled, not know what to do

ic-ījīji (ivy-) 1. shadow, 2. reflection, 3. specter

umw-ījima darkness, dark

kw-ījīrwa (-riwe) to be sad, utterly downcast

kw-īkakīsha (-shije) to be proud, show off, puff oneself up

kw-īkānga (-nze) to fear, to be worried

kw-īkangura (-ye) to awaken, to wake up (vi)

kw-īkanya (-nye) to go walking (esp. at night or of king)

kw-īkebana (-nye) to take someone aside

kw-īkebanura (-ye) to end a conversation

nd-ikebanuye goodbye (to a superior)

ndakw-īkebanuye goodbye (used when adressing a superior)

kw-īkebukana (-nye) to go aside with someone to talk privately

kw-īkēkako (-tseko) to think, to doubt oneself

kw-īkemūra (-ye) to have hair shaved off

kw-īkēnga (-nze) to mistrust

kw-īkenura (-ye) to relieve one's own need

iki what?

kw-īkīnga (-nze) to hide behind

kw-īkingīra (-riye) to be in one's own light

kw-īkingiriza (-je) to shelter oneself behind

kw-ikira (-ye) to intervene

kw-īkirānura (**-**ye) to defend oneself

kw-īkiza (-jije) to save oneself

umw-iko (imy-) trowel

kw-īkomeretsa (-keje) to hurt oneself

umw-īkomo (imy-) hard feelings,
crossness, discontentment

kw-īkōmvōmvora (-ye) to cleanse house ceremoniously after a death

kw-īkora (-ze) 1. to prepare to go, 2. to touch oneself

kw-īkorakora (-ye) to feel of oneself

kw-īkorera (-ye) 1. to carry (*esp. on head*), 2. to work for oneself

umw-ikorezi (ab-) porter, carrier

kw-īkoroza (-je) to make oneself cough

kw-īkubiranya (-nije) 1. to fold itself repeatedly, 2. to do the same exercise repeatedly

kw-īkubita (-se) to strike oneself

kw-īkubita hasi to fall down before

kw-īkubita imbere to fall down before

kw-īkumīra (-riye) to withdraw oneself, to separate from others

kw-īkūnda (-nze) to love oneself, be selfish, to be egoistic

kw-īkūndiriza (-je) to make others like you

ubw-īkūnzi self-respect

kw-īkūra (-ye) 1. to take oneself away, 2. to free oneself

kw-īkwega (-ze) to drag oneself along, go with difficulty

kw-īma (-mye) 1. to deny, to refuse to give, to withhold, 2. to become king, to ascend to the throne, 3. to go to male, to copulate (only of female animals)

kw-īma ku ngoma to come to the throne

kw-īmana (-nye) to be selfish, to refuse to give to another

kw-īmanika (-tse) to hang oneself

kw-imanya (-nye) to be in heat (animals)

kw-īmānya (-nye) 1. to boast, be proud, 2. to split in two (vi)

kw-īmba (-mvye) to dig

imbere before, inside, in front of

kw-īmbira (-ye) to dig at, for

kw-īmbirira (-ye) to plan secretly to do something

kw-īmbīsha (-shije) to cause to dig, dig with

umw-īmbu (imy-) 1. return of an investment, 2. produce, production, 3. harvest

kw-īmbura (-ye) 1. to harvest, 2. to put away the harvest, (*from umwīmbu*)

kw-īmburira (-ye) to harvest at, for

ivy-īmburwa harvest, crop

kw-īmburwa (-we) to be harvested

kw-īmbuza (-je) to help to harvest

umw-īmbuzi (ab-) harvester

kw-īmbwa (-mbwe) to be dug

kw-īmenya (-nye) to know oneself

kw-īmenyereza (-je) to exercise, practice

umw-īmenyereza (imy-) exercise, practice

umw-īmenyerezo (imy-) exercise, practice

kw-īmeza (-jeje) to come up of itself (*plant*)

ind-imi tongues (pl. of ururimi)

kw-īmika (-tse) to make king, place on throne, to enthrone

kw-īmikwa (-tswe) to be made king, to be enthroned

kw-īmira (-ye) to refuse for (*a certain reason*)

kw-īmīsha (-shije) to cause to refuse

kw-īmosha (-sheje) to have one's hair cut

kw-īmotereza (-je) to smell (*good odor*) (*vi*)

kw-īmuka (-tse) to move to new locality

kw-īmukana (-nye) to move with, take with

kw-īmukira (-ye) to move to, for (a reason)

kw-īmura (-ye) 1. to move (vt), 2. to copy, 3. to take grain out of water

kw-īmurwa (-we) to be moved, copied

kw-īmyīra (-riye) to blow one's nose, to wipe one's nose

i bw-īna (no pl.) depths (water)

inabukwe (ba inabukwe-) mother-in-law

inarugo (ba inarugo-) wife (as manager of the household)

inasenge sister of his, her, their father

kw-īnegura (-ye) renounce oneself

kw-īnezereza (-je) to please oneself

kw-īngīnga (-nze) to beseech, to beg

kw-īngīngira (-ye) to beseech at, for

kw-īngīngīsha (-shije) to cause to beseech

kw-īngīngwa (-nzwe) to be begged from

ingo come!

umw-īngo (imy-) goiter

kw-īniga (-ze) to strangle oneself, hang oneself

kw-īnika (-tse) 1. to put to soak (esp. grain), 2. to cause to sprout

kw-īnikira (-ye) to make sprout at, for

utw-ininga without pity, without regarding

ivy-īnjira income, revenue

kw-īnjira (-ye) to enter, to come into

kw-īnjirana (-nye) to enter with

umw-īnjiro (imy-) garment with sleeves or armholes

kw-īnjiza (-je) to cause to enter

īno (adv.) here, this side, this part

kw-īnōnōra (-ye) to exercise, to do gymnastics

ukw-īnōnōra exercise

--īnshi (*adj.*) 1. many, 2. much, 3. several

kenshi often

kw-īnukiriza (-je) to smell (bad odor) (vt)

kw-īnura to take grain out of water

kw-īnyegeza (-je) to hide oneself

iry-īnyo tooth (pl. amēnyo)

kw-īnyugunura (-ye) to brush the teeth

kw-īnyugunyura (-ye) to rinse the mouth, brush the teeth

kw-īnyuguta (-se) to wriggle and twist

kw-īnyuguza (-je) to rinse

kw-īpfuka (-tse) to cover oneself

kw-īpfukurura (-ye) to uncover oneself

kw-īpfutsa (-kije) to cool oneself

kw-īpfūza (-je) 1. to wish, 2. to desire, 3. to covet, to envy

ukw-īpfūza envy, jealousy, enviousness, covetousness

kw-īpima (-mye) to test oneself

ic-īra (no pl.) melancholy

kw-īra (-je) 1. to get dark, to be night, 2. to get late

ubw-īra (*no pl.*) 1. twilight, 2. earnestness at a task

kw-īraba (-vye) to paint oneself

kw-īrāba (-vye) to look at oneself

kw-īrabura (-ye) 1. to be black, 2. to be dark

umw-irabura (ab-) African person, black person

kw-īraburanirwa (-we) 1. to be pale, 2. to be emaciated, 3. to waste away from illness

umw-īrabure (ab-) African person, black person

kw-īrabuza (-je) to make black

kw-īrabuzwa (**-**jwe) to be made black

kw-īrahuruza (-je) 1. to fail to keep a vow, 2. to do that which you declared you wouldn't

ubw-īrakabiri (*no pl.*) eclipse, darkness in daytime

kw-īramvura (-ye) 1. to finish completely (*vt or vi*), 2. to stretch out (*vi*), 3. to devote oneself to task in order to finish it

kw-īrārīra (-riye) to be presumptious, over-confident

kw-īrasa (-she) to shoot at oneself

kw-īrasira (-ye) to be red (*esp. of sky*)

kw-īrāta (-se) to glory in, to boast, to tell how one's affairs are going

kw-īrāza (-je) to spend the night alone

kw-īrega (-ze) 1. to accuse oneself, 2. to confess

kw-īregūra (-ye) 1. to excuse oneself, 2. justify oneself, 3. to apologize

kw-īrekera (-ye) to stop of one's own accord

kw-īremēka (-tse) to carry on head

kw-īrengagiza (-je) 1. to procrastinate, 2. put off doing what one should, 3. to act indifferent, 4. to ignore someone, 5. to not give answer when asked, 6. to not show one's feelings, be reserved

kw-irēngera (-ye) 1. to carry something on head without using the hands, 2. to take responsibility for something

kw-īrimbūra (-ye) 1. to think, to consider, to weigh pros and cons, 2. to acknowledge to oneself one's guilt

kw-īrinda (-nze) 1. to be careful, 2. to protect oneself

kw-īrīra (-ye) to be overtaken by nightfall

kw-īriranwa (-nywe) to spend the day together

umw-īrīri (imy-) bridge of nose

kw-īririra (-ye) 1. to weep for oneself, 2. to be worried

kw-īrirwa (-riwe) to spend all day, to last all day

kw-īrirwako (-weko) to spend the whole day at a certain task

kw-īriza (-jije) to cause oneself to weep, weep without reason

kw-īroha (-she) 1. to go into danger without regard to oneself, 2. to put into the water (*river*)

kw-īrokora (-ye) to save oneself

umw-īrōnge (imy-) flute made of reed, whistle

kw-irora (-ye) to look at

ic-īrore (ivy-) 1. mirror, 2. (in pl.) glasses, spectacles

ic-īrori (ivy-) 1. mirror, 2. (*in pl.*) glasses, spectacles

ic-īru (ivy-) reparations, gift to make up for offending someone

kw-īruka (-tse) 1. to run, to hurry, 2. to have diarrhea

kw-irukana (-ye) 1. to fire (*from job*), 2. to throw out (*of the house*)

kw-īrukana (-nye) 1. to chase away, 2. to run together

kw-īrukānga (-nze) to run very fast

kw-īrukanwa (-nywe) to be chased away

kw-īrukira (-ye) to run at, for, to

ubw-īrukiro (no pl.) refuge

kw-īrunda (-nze) to accumulate, pile up (*vi*)

urw-īrūngo (inz-) mist, haze

urw-īrūngu haze, mist

kw-īrūra (-ye) 1. to comfort, assist one in trouble of grief, 2. to encourage oneself

kw-īrūza (-je) to encourage, strengthen

ukw-irwanira 1. fight, 2. resistance

ukw-irwanira kw'umubiri immunity (med.)

kw-īsabira (-ye) to pray for oneself

kw-īsegura (-ye) to lie on a pillow, to make a sick person lean on one

ubw-īshaza (no pl.) peas

umw-īshikira (ab-) favorite servant or friend

kw-īshima (-mye) 1. to be proud, 2. to cheer up, 3. to be happy, glad, to be excited

kw-īshimagiza (-je) to praise oneself

ubw-īshime (no pl.) pride

kw-īshimikiza (-je) to lean on (esp. in getting up)

ic-īshimikizo (ivy-) rest, something to lean on, (esp. in getting up, from kwīshimikiza)

kw-īshinyira (-ye) 1. to laugh at, 2. make fun of (esp. of someone in trouble)

umw-īshīnzi (ab-) surety, (e.g. co-signer for note)

kw-īshishītira (-riye) to strike oneself in amazement

kw-ishongora (-ye) speaking or chanting of a lyrical poem characterized by long phrases (where emphasis is on the lyrical text, not accompanied by dancing) **kw-īshōra** (-ye) to go oneself to drink

kw-īshōza (-je) 1. to quench one's thirst, 2. drink after a meal

iny-īshu (iny-) 1. answer, reply, 2. payment of debt

ubw-ishu (no pl.) payment

kw-īshura (-ye) 1. to answer, to reply, to respond, 2. to pay, 3. to pay a debt

kw-īshurana (-nye) 1. to pay debts to each other, 2. to pay with

kw-īshurira (-ye) 1. to answer, 2. to pay at, for

kw-īshuriza (-je) 1. to cause to pay, 2. to answer by

kw-īshurwa (-we) 1. to be answered, 2. to be paid

kw-īshuza (-je) 1. to ask to pay, to demand payment, 2. to cause to pay

kw-īshuzwa (-jwe) to be pressed to pay a debt

umw-īshwa (ab-) child of one's sister (*if one is a boy*) or woman's brother's son

umw-īshwa (imy-) garland, wreath (such as put around basket with gift)

mw-īshwanje (b-) my sister's son (usually used for an oath with indecent meaning)

īshwī no! not at all!

kw-īsiba (-vye) 1. to swear, 2. to vow

kw-īsīga (-ze) 1. to rub, 2. anoint oneself

Isirayeli Israel

umw-isirayeli (ab-) israelite

kw-īsogota (-se) to pierce oneself

kw-īsokoza (-je) to comb one's hair

kw-īsomōra (-ye) to dress a wound for oneself (*euphemistically used*

for to commit adultery in speaking of a married man)

kw-īsonzēsha (-sheje) to fast, to not eat

kw-īsukura (-ye) to wash, cleanse, purify oneself

kw-īsusurutsa (-kije) to warm oneself

kw-īsuzuma (-mye) to examine oneself

kw-īta (-se) to name, to call

kw-ītaba (-vye) to answer when called

kw-ītabira (-riye) to answer at, for

ic-itabirizo (ivy-) chorus of song

kw-itaho (-yeho) to interest, to be interested (*vi*, *vt*)

kw-ītako (-tayeko) to do with vigor, to devote oneself to a task

kw-ītāmba ku muvyimba 1. to make it hard for one who has lost a loved one by reproaching the dead one, 2. to make light of serious things, 3. to gloat over (reference to death) (from gutāmba)

kw-ītanga (-nze) 1. to offer oneself, 2. to consecrate oneself, to dedicate oneself, 3. to volunteer

kw-ītangira (-ye) to precede

kw-ītangira itama to put one's face in one's hands in deep thought

kw-ītara (-ye) to warm oneself by the fire (*lit.*, *roast oneself*)

kw-ītāra (-ze) 1. to be determined to get what you want, 2. to be presumptous, 3. put yourself above where you belong

kw-ītaragura (-ye) to warm oneself by the fire

kw-ītega (-ze) 1. to hope for, 2. to wait for

ic-ītegererezo (ivy-) example, model

kw-ītegereza (-je) 1. to look at intently, 2. contemplate, to reflect

kw-ītegūra (-ye) to prepare oneself

kw-ītēmbagaza (-je) 1. to fall down, 2. to roll

umw-itēro (imy-) long garment

kw-ītesha (-sheje) to abstain from, hinder oneself

kw-ītira (-ye) to name for

kw-ītiranwa (**-**nywe) to be named after another

kw-ītiranya (-nije) to get names confused

kw-ītirira (-riye) to name because of, in memory of

kw-ītirisha (-shije) to cause to name

ic-īto (ivy-) place of another

kw-ītobora (-ye) to pierce oneself

kw-ītomba (-mvye) 1. to love onself (*lit.*), 2. to have homosexual intercourse

kw-ītōnda (-nze) 1. to be careful, 2. to be calm, 3. to not be in a hurry

kw-ītōndera (-ye) 1. to obey, keep (*law*), 2. to take pains with, 3. apply oneself to, 3. to pay attention

kw-ītōnganiriza (-je) to complain

kw-ītōnganya (-nije) 1. to talk together in whispers, 2. to talk to oneself

kw-ītōraguza (-je) to be always looking for a quarrel

kw-ītorera (-ye) to choose, pick up for oneself

kw-ītosora (-ye) to take something out of one's own eye

kw-ītsa (-kije) 1. to reiterate, 2. reinforce the words of another, 3. to ask oneself

kw-ītsa umutima to have grief, be grieved

itu you don't say? is that really so?

kw-ītuna (-nnye) 1. to be wrinkled, 2. to shrink, to shrivel up

kw-ītura (-ye) to take load off one's own head

kw-ītūtānya (-nye) to act foolishly, to act ignorantly

kw-ītwa (-swe) to be named, to be called

n-ītwa my name is ..., I am called ...

w-ītwa nde what is your name?

kw-ītwāra (-ye) to go to chief or superior for something (*see ndakwītwāyeko*)

kw-itwarira (-ye) 1. to accuse, 2. to take to court

imy-itwarire (*no sg.*) character, behavior

kw-ītwaririka (-tse) 1. to be eager, earnest, zealous, persistent, 2. to take care of, be concerned about

kw-ītwaririkira (-ye) to be earnest, etc. about

umw-ītwaririko (imy-) 1. zeal, 2. persistence, 3. anxiety, 4. care

ndakw-ītwāyeko I've come to you for something (respectful way to begin a request, from kwītwāra)

urw-ītwazo (inz-) excuse, pretext
(rarely used in plural)

ic-ītwīkīro (ivy-) covering (over eyes, body etc.)

kw-īvuga (-ze) 1. to talk of oneself, 2. to be proud

ic-īvugo (ivy-) slogan

kw-īvura (-ye) to treat oneself

kw-īvuza (-je) to go for treatment

ivyabaye things that happened in the past

ubw-īvyi (*no pl.*) robbery, thieving, stealing

umw-īvyi (ab-) thief

kw-īvyura (-ye) to get oneself up

--iwe (adj.) his, her

iyaba if

kw-īyāga (-ze) to scratch oneself

kw-īyagiriza (-je) 1. to admit one's wrong to avoid being caught, 2. to hide in a corner, 3. to tell what one has done

kw-īyahura (-ye) to commit suicide

kw-iyakira (-ye) to enter without permission

kw-īyama (-mye) **kwīyama isazi** to switch off flies (*cow*)

kw-īyambagura (-ye) 1. to torment oneself with grief, 2. to try to find food for unexpected guests

kw-īyambika (-tse) to clothe oneself, put on *(clothes)*

kw-īyambura (-ye) to undress oneself, take off

kw-īyandagaza (-je) to say mean things in trying to provoke another

kw-īyandikīsha (-shije) 1. to enroll oneself, 2. to subscribe

kw-īyegeranya (-nije) to crouch, to curl up

kw-īyegereza (-je) to draw near to

kw-īyenzereza (-je) to wander about

kw-īyereka (-tse) 1. to show oneself, 2. to parade, dance as traditional warriors did displaying their weapons

umw-iyereko (imw-) dance of the Bugesera region

kw-īyerēra (-reye) to be ready for harvest

kw-īyica (-she) to kill oneself

kw-īyigīsha (-shije) to teach oneself

iyo 1. if, 2. when

kw-īyobagiza (-je) 1. to be unwilling to look one in the face, 2. hide the truth, 3. to promise and then pretend you haven't, pretend it isn't so

kw-īyoberanya (-nije) to disguise oneself

kw-īyobeza (-je) to lead oneself into error

kw-īyoga (-ze) to bathe (esp. the legs)

kw-īyombayomba (-mvye) 1. to go stealthily, 2. to sneak along

kw-īyondēsha (-sheje) to let oneself get thin

kw-īyongeranya (-nije) to repeat many times

kw-īyonjorora (-ye) to sneak out

kw-īyonona (-nye) to harm oneself

kw-īyōra (-ye) to vomit, make oneself vomit

kw-īyorobeka (-tse) 1. to be humble or good ostensibly but not in reality, 2. to be a hypocrite

ubw-īyorobetsi hypocrisy

kw-īyorohereza (-je) to divide up work or load to make it easier

kw-īyorosha (-heje) 1. to remain still, quit, 2. to be humble

kw-īyōrwa (-we) to vomit, make oneself vomit

kw-īyoza (-geje) to bath oneself

kw-īyūbahuka (-tse) to not fear to hurt oneself

kw-īyubāra (-ye) 1. to hesitate, 2. to doubt, 3. to beware

kw-īyugunyura (-ye) to rinse the mouth, brush the teeth

kw-īyuhagira (-ye) 1. to bathe oneself (formerly a ceremonial cleansing, but now bathing in general), 2. to shower

kw-īyuhagirira (-ye) to bathe at

kw-īyūhīra (-ye) to drink from the hollow of one's hand

kw-īyumānganya (-nije) 1. to be reserved, 2. be unwilling to commit oneself, 3. suffer pain without complaint, be stoical, 4. to go or do reluctantly

kw-īyumvīra (-riye) 1. to think, to consider, 2. to assess, to rate, to evaluate

ic-īyumvīro (ivy-) 1. thought, consideration, 2. idea

--īza (*adj.*) 1. good, nice, fine, better, 2. beautiful, pretty, attractive, handsome, gorgeous, sexy, lovely, 3. clean, 4. correct

ic-īza (ivy-) the good

ubw-īza (no pl.) 1. glory, 2. beauty

umw-īza (pl. rare) darkness, dark

urimw-īza you are beautiful

kw-īzera (-ye) 1. to trust, 2. to believe, 3. to hope

ukw-īzera faith, belief

umw-īzero (imy-) 1. beliefs, 2. confidence, 3. hope

kw-īzerwa (-we) to be trusted

kw-īzēza (-jeje) to cause to believe

kw-īzezwa (-jejwe) to be made to believe

kw-īzigira (-ye) 1. to believe, 2. to hope, 3. to trust in, to have confidence in, 4. to expect

ic-īzigiro (ivy-) hope, confidence

kw-īzigirwa (-we) to be trusted, to be trustworthy

umw-īzigirwa (ab-) trustworthy or faithful person

kw-īzigiza (-ījigije) to cause to hope, trust

kw-īzingīra (-riye) 1. to roll up (*vi*), 2. to curl (*vi*)

kw-īzungagiza (**-**je) to balance oneself

kw-īzūra (-ye) to resurrect oneself, to rise from the dead

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ibi-ja (no pl.) servitude, bondage

iki-ja (ibi-) thing of no value

ku-ja (-giye) to go

ubu-ja (no pl.) servitude

umu-ja (aba-) slave, servant

ku-ja imbu to take turns (*from urubu*)

ku-ja impāri to argue

ku-ja mu butinyanka to menstruate

ku-ja mu gashitsi to shiver, shudder, tremble

ama-ja n'amāza goings and comings

in-jabuka (in-) foreigner, stranger (from across the border)

ku-jabuka (-tse) 1. to cross river, valley, 2. (also used of woman who has come to the menopause), 3. to finish menstrual period

ku-jabukana (-nye) to cross with

ku-jabukira (-ye) to cross at, for

ku-jabukīsha (-shije) to help to cross

ku-jabutsa (-kije) to help to cross, to cause to cross

ku-jagata (-se) 1. to swarm, 2. abound, 3. multiply rapidly (as insects)

ku-jajura (-ye) to joke, talk lightly

ku-jakarira (-ye) to be servant to

ama-jambere progress, development

i-jāmbo (ama-) 1. word, 2. term, (pl. also amagambo), 3. good discursive condition

i-jana (ama-) hundred

ku-jāna (-nye) 1. to take with, 2. to go with, go together with, 3. to match

umu-janāma (aba-) steward, elder

ku-jāndajānda (**-**nze) 1. to joke, 2. to tease

in-jangwe (in-) cat (domesticated)

ku-jānira (-ye) to take for

ku-janirana (-nye) 1. to accept a decision in spite of oneself, 2. to lack opportunity to say what you intended

ku-janiranwa (-niwe) 1. to accept a decision in spite of oneself, 2. to lack opportunity to say what you intended

i-jānja (ama-) paw, foot of animal (also used of person carrying something in one hand when it should be two: urafashe mw ijanja)

ku-jānjagura (-ye) to break up, to beat

ku-janjagurika (-tse) to be broken to bits

ku-jānwa (**-**nywe) to be taken, conducted

ku-jarajara (-ye) 1. to search in vain, 2. to go from place to place

je I, me

nda-je I am coming

in-jebejebe (in-) wrinkle (actually, turning down of lower lip), red thing on chicken below beak (wattle)

ku-jegeza (-je) 1. to silence one's opponent by speaking the truth, 2. to astound, astonish, 3. to roll about (*vt*), 4. throw down, 5. to surprise

jēho I in contrast, concerning me

ku-jējēta (-se) 1. to drip, 2. to have running sores

ku-jema (-mye) to chop with hoe or other instrument

umu-jēnāma (aba-) steward, elder

in-jeniyeri (in-) engineer

ama-jēpfo (no pl.) depth

i-jeri (ama-) (insect) cicada

jēwe I, me jeho I (in contrast to another) nānje and I (me) nkānje like me

umu-ji (imi-) city (from Sw. mji)

umu-jiginya (imi-) bridle

ku-jiginyika (-tse) to bridle

i-jigo (ama-) back teeth (all double teeth, bicuspids, molars) gutwengera mw ijigo to be secretly amused, to laugh at secretly

iki-jigo (ibi-) corn (kind with big kernels)

ku-jiguza (-je) to surround

ku-jījūka (-tse) 1. to leave, quit altogether because a thing is too difficult (*e.g. itōngo*), 2. to know for certain

ku-jījūra (-ye) 1. to tell certainly, 2. to prove

ku-jīngitwa (-swe) to be very angry, exasperated

ku-jīnjibura (-ye) 1. to question so strongly that one dares not deny again, 2. to prove to one that he's wrong

umu-jinya (imi-) 1. grudge, 2. bad temper

ku-jīsha (-she) 1. to weave, knit, tie cow's legs while milking, 2. to make wax for honey (bees), 3. to close doors (used only in speaking of royal palace)

uku-jīsha something woven (cloth)

in-jīshi (in-) thick rope

ku-jīshira (-ye) to weave at, for

ku-jīshīsha (-shije) to cause to weave, weave with

i-jīsho eye; (pl. amaso) face mu maso hiwe in his face kuba maso to watch, to be alert, to be on guard

urw'amaso before others but not in private (e.g. being nice to someone)

i-jīsho ry'ikirēnge ankle (pl. amaso m'ikirēnge)

ku-jīshura (-ye) to untie cow's legs after milking

ku-jōba (-vye) to be soaked, dripping wet

ku-jobanya (-nije) to rain long time without stopping

ku-jōbeka (-tse) 1. to soak in water, 2. to be soaked by rain or by falling in river

iki-jogojogo (ibi-) insect similar to Katvdid

umu-jogojogo (imi-) insect similar to Katydid

ku-jōja (**-**je) to tell all about something

ku-jōjōta (-se) to drip

ku-jōndamika (-tse) 1. to stoop down, 2. to bend over

ku-jōnjōra (-ye) 1. to move to new location, 2. to leave group and go by oneself

iki-jōra (ibi-) mean and quarrelsome person

ubu-jōra (*no pl.*) meanness and quarrelsomeness

ku-jorera (-ye) to surprise, to stun, to render speechless

ku-jorerwa (-rewe) 1. to be speechless (with surprise or defeat), be dumbfounded, be

surprised, be stunned, 2. gesture of putting one's hand to his face

ku-joreza (-je) to astound, leave one speechless

i-joro (ama-) night

i-joro ryiza goodnight

ku-jugajuga (-ze) 1. to be baffled, be at a complete loss, 2. to know how to catch a culprit

in-jugujugu (in-) stick thrown to kill bird, etc.

ka-jugujugu helicopter

ku-jugumira (-ye) to tremble, to shiver

ku-jugunya (-nye) to throw out

ku-jugunyika (-tse) to throw out

iki-jūju (ibi-) fool

ku-jūjūta (-se) 1. to be foolish, 2. be abnormal, 3. to stagger around, 4. to be stupid

ku-jujutisha (-shije) to make one lose one's head

ku-jumarara (-ye) to be speechless with astonishment

iki-jūmbu (ibi-) sweet potato

umu-jūmbu (imi-) copper

Bu-jumbura largest city and former capital of Burundi, originally called Usumbura, it was renamed to Bujumbura at independence, mainly for the negative meaning of Usumbura in Swahili

iki-jūmpu (ibi-) sweet potato

umu-jūmpu (imi-) copper

i-jūnja (ama-) 1. size, height, 2. value, 3. good physical condition

i-jūnja n'ijambo physical strength and discursive force, eloquence (description of a strong and eloquent person, two characteristics allegedly rarely going together) **ku-juragira** (-ye) to be undecided, to not stay in one place, to work at several tasks at once

ku-juragirika (-tse) 1. to hesitate, 2. to feel one's way

ku-juragiza (-je) 1. to cause to work at several tasks at once, 2. to knock from place to place, 3. to jiggle

ku-jurajura (-ye) to be lost, seek one's way (*idea of emphasis, or often*)

in-jurajuzi (in-) foolish one

i-juru (ama-) 1. heaven, 2. sky

juzi day before yesterday (Sw.)

i-jwi (ama-) voice

i-jwi rirēnga (ama) loud voice

i-jwi y'amatora (ama) (electoral) vote

ku-jwigira (-ye) to be hoarse, to squeak (as rat)

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igi-ka (ibi-) paragraph

in-ka (in-) cow

mu-ka wife of

in-ka n'imirima a cow in the field (description of a calm, composed and serene person)

in-ka zishashe amahembe maze of horns (*see gusasa and ihēmbe*)

gu-kaba (-vye) to dry up, wither, wilt

gu-kāba (-vye) to trade, exchange, swap

gu-kabakaba (-vye) to feel around for, look for

gu-kabika (-tse) to cause to wilt, dry up

gu-kabirana (-nye) to wilt

kabisa (*adv.*) absolutely, totally, completely, certainly, surely (*Sw.*)

Kabozambuba April (or March)

i-kaburimbo (i-) asphalt, tarmac, tar

i-kabutura (ama-) short trousers, shorts (*not underwear*)

gu-kacagira (-ye) to walk noisily

gu-kacakaca (-ce) to walk stealthily

i-kado (i-) gift, present (*from Fr. cadeau*)

igi-kaju (ibi-) sugar cane

gu-kaka (-tse) 1. to grow, 2. enlarge, 3. develop, 4. to creak (as wall, etc.)

gu-kākagura (-ye) to tear clothes off, to strip off (vt)

gu-kakama (-mye) 1. to be exuberant, vivacious, 2. to increase, 3. to swell or rise (as beans, etc.)

gu-kakamisha (-shije) to cause to rise, swell

umu-kakampiri (imi-) red flowering vine

kakawo cocoa

gu-kākura (-ye) 1. to tear clothes (*in anger*), 2. to rip grass from house, etc.

gu-kama (-mye) 1. to milk, 2. to dry up, 3. evaporate, 4. decrease

gu-kāma (-mye) to praise the wealth of another

umu-kama (aba-) 1. lord, 2. master, 3. monarch

umu-kama (imi-) bundle of grass or grain

gu-kamagura (-ye) to drink (of king)

umu-kamakare (aba-) old woman
(respectful term)

gu-kamangana (-nye) to disappear

kamaramagāmbo 1. judge with final decision, 2. influential older man

gu-kāmba (-mvye) 1. to begin to get wrinkled (*with age*), 2. to be clouded (*eyes*)

in-kāmba (in-) dross (in metal)

gu-kāmbakāmba (-mvye) 1. to crawl, 2. feel one's way

i-kambambiri (ama-) sandal with strap between the big and other toes

ubu-kame (no pl.) sap (sweet)

gu-kamira (-ye) to milk at, for

gu-kamīsha (-shije) to cause to milk, help to milk

gu-kamuka (-tse) to dry up, to drip

gu-kamura (-ye) to let drip

gu-kamurura (-ye) to dry up a swamp

gu-kamwa (-mwe) to be milked

gu-kamya (-mije) 1. to cause to dry up, 2. empty out all of a liquid, 3. to absorb (*liquid*)

umu-kamyi (aba-) milkman

aga-kamyo (udu-) small lorry, small truck (*Fr. camion*)

i-kamyo (ama-) lorry, truck (*Fr. camion*)

gu-kana (-nnye) 1. to smooth out, stretch out (*vt*) (as skin for drum), 2. to speak evil of, 3. to threaten

gu-kanaguza (-je) 1. to stare at, 2. look at repeatedly

gu-kanda (-nze) to tell chief that someone sends greetings ('bwakeye')

i-kānda (ama-) footprint, track

ugu-kanda 1. massage, 2. pressing

umu-kānda (imi-) girdle

gu-kāndagira (-ye) 1. to trample on, 2. to stamp one's feet

umu-kandara (imi-) belt

kāndi (conj.) and, and then, also, furthermore (used for connecting clauses, not words in a series)

gu-kānga (-nze) 1. to scare, frighten, 2. to be shiny (as silk cloth)

igi-kāngaga (ibi-) worms (tenia), grass in water

uru-kāngaga (in-) rushes

gu-kāngana (-nye) to frighten each other

umu-kāngara (imi-) 1. young of animal, young bull, 2. teenager (traditionally boys only)

imikangara y'abakobwa teenage girls

gu-kāngariza (-je) to clean up field at, for

gu-kāngaza (-je) 1. to clean up a field, 2. take away grass that's been hoed out

igi-kānge (ibi-) ghost (thing which resembles person but has supernatural powers)

gu-kangīra (-riye) 1. to frighten unintentionally, 2. to threaten, scold

igi-kangīro (ibi-) threat, warning, scolding

gu-kanguka (-tse) 1. to wake up (vi), 2. to jump

gu-kangura (-ye) to wake up (vt)

gu-kangurwa (-we) to be awakened

gu-kāngwa (-nzwe) 1. to be frightened, thunderstruck, 2. to be taken sick suddenly (*supposedly from python looking at one*)

gu-kanika (-tse) 1. to repair, 2. to service

gu-kanira (-ye) to have a grudge against

gu-kanirwa (-we) to be threatened

umu-kanishi (aba-) mechanic (Fr. mécanicien)

gu-kanjagura (-ye) to mix things up and pack them down together

uru-kanka (in-) framework of
house (finished except grass)

gu-kankamira (-ye) 1. to reprimand, 2. refuse strongly

gu-kānkamwa (-mwe) 1. to be cannibalistic, 2. to desire to harm another without reason

umu-kānkamyi (aba-) cannibal

kanseri cancer (Fr.)

igi-kanu (ibi-) nape of the neck

gu-kanura (-ye) 1. to look up, 2. to open eyes

gu-kanya (-nye) 1. to be cold, 2. to be damp

gu-kānya (-nye) 1. to wring out, squeeze, 2. to twist

i-kanya (ama**-**) (*Sw*.) fork

umu-kanya (imi-) wrinkle, fold

gu-kānyira (-ye) to squeeze at, for

gu-kanyīsha (-shije) to make cold, damp

gu-kānyura (-ye) to squeeze out juice to last drop

gu-kanyuruka (-tse) to get warm, dry

i-kānzu (ama-) (*Sw.*) 1. dress, 2. robe, 3. gown

gu-kara (-ze) 1. to be savage, 2. fierce, cruel, harsh, 3. bitter

i-kara (ama-) charcoal, coals

igi-kara (ibi-) cheetah

in-kara (in-) crab

gu-karaba (-vye) to wash one's hand

karabāye enough!

gu-karabira (-ye) to wash the hands in

gu-karabīsha (-shije) 1. to cause to wash hands, wash with, 2. to offer to wash a guest's hands before a meal

aga-karabo (utu-) pot with long narrow neck

i-karabo (ama-) wash basin

ibi-karagāshi 1. scaly skin, 2. scales, 3. stuff in eyes

i-karamu (ama-) (Sw.) pencil

gu-karānga (-nze) 1. to fry, 2. to roast

gu-karāngika (-tse) to roast easily

gu-karāngira (-ye) to roast at, for

karangura complement (gram.)

gu-karāngwa (-nzwe) to be roasted, fried

umu-karani (aba-) clerical worker

i-karata (ama-) card, map

igi-karatāsi (ibi-) (Sw.) paper

uru-karatāsi (in-) (Sw.) paper, sheet of paper

igi-karatūsi (ibi-) eucalyptus tree

umu-karatūsi (imi-) eucalyptus tree

kare (adv.) early

ubu-kare (*no pl.*) sharpness (*of beer, etc.*)

igi-kāri (ibi-) 1. temporary house, 2. back yard, 3. private part of yard

in-kari (in-) 1. urine, 2. piss, pee (slang)

karibu welcome (from Sw., lit: draw near)

gu-kariha (-she) 1. to be sharp (*instrument*), 2. to be bitter

gu-karihīsha (-shije) to cause to sharpen, sharpen with

gu-karira (-ye) 1. to be sharp at, severe toward, at, for

gu-karīsha (-hije) 1. to sharpen, 2. excite, 3. stimulate

in-karīsha (in-) 1. sharp beer, 2. anything fermented

gu-karīshwa (-shijwe) to be sharpened

i-kariso (ama-) underwear, slip, boxer shorts (*from Fr. caleçon*)

i-karōti (ama-) carrot

i-karuvati (ama-) tie

karyenda traditional sacred royal drum, hidden in its sanctuary and only brought forth on very rare occasions like the umuganuro festival

gu-kāshuka (-tse) to strain or sprain slightly

gu-kāshura (-ye) 1. to strain, 2. dislocate (*vt*)

umu-kasi (imi-) scissors

i-kasikāzi (Sw.) north

gu-kata (-se) to cut, to chop, to split (*from Sw.*)

umu-kata (imi-) black, (sometimes blue)

umu-kāte (imi-) (Sw.) bread

umu-kātwa (imi-) water pot

gu-kavya (-biye) to put food in sun to dry, to dry up (*flower*, *corn silk*)

i-kawa (i-) coffee (drink)

uru-kayamba rectangular rattle, musical instrument

gu-kayangana (-nye) to be dazzling, shining, to glisten

igi-kayangana (ibi-) 1. something dazzling, shining, glistening, 2. enamel

i-kaye (ama-) notebook, exercise book (*Fr. cahier*)

umu-kazāna (aba-) daughter-inlaw

i-kazānga (ama-) small covered container

kāze welcome

guha i-kāze to welcome

i-kāze (noun, no pl.) welcome

--kazi suffix used to form the feminine (*imbwakazi* – *female dog*, *inkokokazi* – *hen*)

in-kazi (in-) sharp instrument or person

--ke (adj.) few, scanty, a little

gu-keba (-vye) 1. to cut (*meat*, finger, cloth, paper, etc.), 2. to carve, 3. to circumcise, 4. to prune

gu-kēba (-vye) 1. to be jealous (esp. between wives), 2. to mistrust

i-kēba 1. jealously (esp. between wives of same husband), 2. speaking evil of another with whom you share work

gu-kebagiza (-je) to feel the way before one with foot or spear

gu-kebagura (-ye) to cut in pieces

gu-kebaguza (-je) to look around on all sides

gu-kebana (-nye) to cut each other

gu-kēbana (-nye) to be jealous of each other

i-kebano (ama-) small pot girls put butter in

gu-kebanya (-nije) to shake down to separate from dirt (e.g. millet)

umu-kebe (imi-) small tin box

uru-kebu (im-) torticollis, stiff neck

gu-kebuka (-tse) 1. to see that someone wishes to see you alone, 2. to turn one's head, look behind

gu-kebura (-ye) to signal to someone

gu-kebwa (-bwe) 1. to be cut, 2. to be wounded

gu-kēcura (-ye) to become old (woman)

umu-kēcuru (aba-) old woman, widow (not very respectful term, can be used though by little children, or by grandchildren towards their grandmother)

gu-keka (-tse) to cut up in small pieces

gu-kēka (-tse) 1. to suppose, 2. to suspect

n-kēka perhaps

ugu-kēka suspicion

umu-keka (imi-) small rug, mat

gu-kekagura (-ye) to cut up

gu-kekana (-nye) to chop person with sword

gu-kekera (-ye) to cut at, for

gu-kēkeranya (-nye) to doubt, to hesitate

gu-kekēsha (-sheje) to cut with, help to cut

gu-kēkeza (-jeje) 1. to torment, 2. to deceive, 3. to rejoice in another's troubles

i-keki (ama-) cake (from Sw. keki)

gu-kekwa (-tswe) to be cut up

gu-kēkwa (-tswe) to be suspected

i-kēkwe (no pl.) mistrust, doubt

i-kembe (i-) lamellophone composed of a hollowed-out box on which are fixed strips of metal or bamboo of various lengths

umu-kembe (imi-) drum stick

umu-keme (aba-) child

gu-kēmūra (-ye) 1. to clean, wipe off, wash *(esp. body)*, 2. to butcher, 3. to cut wool of sheep or tail of animal, 4. to cut off top of tree

gu-kena (-nnye) 1. to need, 2. to be poor, 3. be in want

in-kēnde (in-) monkey

ubu-kene (*no pl.*) 1. need, want, 2. poverty

umu-kene (aba-) needy person

gu-kenera (-ye) to need

gu-kenēsha (-sheje) to make poor

--kenewe (adj.) necessary

ibi-kenewe 1. need, 2. necessity, essential thing

ama-kēnga 1. doubts, 2. mistrust, 3. apprehension

in-kēnga (in-) basket (tall)

gu-kēngēra (-reye) 1. to disdain, 2. to despise, 3. to hate, 4. to be insolent to

in-kengera (in-) river bank

gu-kēngereka (-tse) to be despicable, despised

gu-kēngērwa (-rewe) to be despised, hated

in-kēngērwa (in-) despised thing or person

gu-kenguruka (-tse) to thank, be submissive

gu-kengurukira (-ye) 1. to appreciate, 2. to be thankful to, for

gu-kengūza (-je) 1. to look carefully to see if anyone is there, 2. observe carefully

umu-kenke (imi-) savanna

gu-kenuka (-tse) 1. to have one's needs supplied, 2. to have an abundance

ubu-kenuke (*no pl.*) abundance, supplying of need

gu-kenura (-ye) to relieve need

in-kenuzo (in-) information, knowledge

--kenya (adj.) few, scanty, a little

gu-kena (-nnye) 1. to need, 2. to be umu-kenya (aba-) Kenyan (person)

gu-kenyera (-ye) 1. to persist patiently, 2. prepare to fight, 3. to wear belt, girdle, to tie in at waist

gu-kenyerera (-ye) to persist patiently, in or at

uru-kenyerero (in-) waist

umu-kenyero (imi-) loin cloth

gu-kenyeza (-je) 1. to encircle, to surround, 2. to girdle with, tie clothes at waist with

umu-kenyezi (aba-) woman, female (lit. someone wearing a wrap skirt)

gu-kenyuka (-tse) 1. to be fragile, 2. to die or break suddenly or unexpectedly

gu-kenyukirwa (-riwe) to be exhausted, attempt something beyond one's strength

gu-kenyurwa (-we) to be broken suddenly

kēra (adv.) 1. long ago, 2. far in the future

ama-kera (no sing.) hoe with handle

gu-kera (-reye) 1. to cut grass, tree, 2. to chop (with axe)

gu-kera (-ze) 1. to burn, 2. to be irritating to the mouth, 2. smart in mouth, 4. to slander

gu-kēra (-reye) 1. to rejoice at arrival of someone, 2. give warm welcome (one does not say it of himself)

igi-kera (ibi-) cheetah

igi-kere (ibi-) frog, toad

in-kēre (in-) 1. berries, esp. blackberry, 2. strawberry

umu-kēre (imi-) bush with thorns and edible berries

gu-kerebuka (-tse) to be intelligent, wise

in-kerebutsi (*adj.*) 1. skillful, skilled, 2. wise

ubu-kerebutsi ardour, fervour

gu-kerera (-ye) to saw, cut with sawing motion, cut neck of animal, cut grass

umu-kerere (imi-) green bean

gu-kērēreza (-je) to make late

gu-kērērezwa (-jwe) to be made late by

gu-kērērwa (**-**rewe) to be late, to be short something

uru-kerezo (in-) saw

in-kēri (in-) 1. berries, esp. blackberry, 2. strawberry

uru-kero (in-) saw

gu-kerukiriza (-je) 1. to tell to, 2. to divulge (*tell something you shouldn't*)

gu-kerutsa (-kije) to say, tell, divulge

gu-kēsha (-sheje) 1. to spend all night without sleeping, 2. to clean up a place

gu-ketagura (-ye) to cut in chunks

i-kēte (ama-) letter

umu-kevyi (aba-) butler, trusted servant, favorite

--keya (adj.) few, scanty, a little

bu-kēye the next day

bwa-kēye Good morning (from guca, greeting used almost any time of day if first meeting, also bgakēye)

hara-kēye it is day

gu-kēza (-je) (Sw.) to exercise (as in gym class)

ki what kind? what kind of

ama-ki How are you? (greeting)

n'ama-ki How are you? (greeting)

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ubū-ki (no pl.) honey

kidapfunyirana (adj.) crease resistant, unbreakable

Kigarama December

kīgēnzi infinitive

gu-kīka (-tse) 1. to slant (*vi*), 2. to be placed obliquely

gu-kīkama (-mye) 1. to slant (*vi* and *vt*), 2. to place obliquely

gu-kīkamika (-tse) to slant (vt)

gu-kīkira (-ye) 1. to pass by, go around, 2. to lay someone on his side, 3. to take in one's arms (*baby*), to hug

gu-kīkiza (-je) to surround (vt or vi)

in-kīko (in-) boundaries of country

uru-kiko (in-) court, tribunal

gu-kīkuza (-je) to go around

gu-kīmbūka (-tse) to express one's thoughts, to stick up for another

gu-kīmbūkira (-ye) to stick up for, point out truth to those arguing

i-kimputo (Sw.) tick fever, recurrent fever

kimyozi (ba-) barber, hairdresser

gu-kina (-nye) 1. to play, 2. to screen (*film*)

gu-kinagira (-ye) to jump about, go rapidly

gu-kinagiza (-je) to chase away

gu-kinanga (-nze) to waste one's time

gu-kīnga (-nze) 1. to shield something, protect, shelter, 2. stand in another's light, 3. to close, to lock

i-kinga (ama-) (Sw.) bicycle

aga-kingamuco (udu-) lampshade

igi-kīngi (ibi-) large stick stuck in ground, pillar, post, gatepost, cord of tongue

in-kīngi (in-) large stick stuck in ground, pillar, post, gatepost, cord of tongue

gu-kīngīra (-riye) to stand in another's light

ugu-kīngīra prevention

gu-kīngiriza (-je) to close, shield with

aga-kingirizo (udu-) condom (from gukīngiriza)

gu-kingīsha (-shije) to protect, cover with, close with

gu-kingitiranya (-nije) to not say directly ('go around Robin Hood's barn')

umu-kīngo (imi-) wapp, partition

in-kingu (in-) slope

gu-kīngūra (-ye) 1. to open, 2. to step aside to make light

gu-kīnguruka (-tse) to open, step aside to let light in

gu-kīngwa (-nzwe) to be closed, protected

uru-kīnja (in-) 1. council, 2. circle of people

igi-kino (ibi-) game, play

umu-kino (imi-) 1. game, play, 2. sport

uru-kino (in-) 1. game, play, 2. game field

umu-kino wa amaguru football, soccer

umu-kino wa basketi basketball

umu-kinyi (aba-) player

in-kīnzo (in-) shield

ru-kinzo traditional sacred royal drum accompanying the king wherever he went, was exchanged with every new reign

kira bless you! get well! (imperative of gukira)

gu-kira (-ze) 1. to get well, recover, heal (*vi*), 2. to be safe, 3. to be rich

uru-kiramēnde any four-sided figure (*originally*, *a place fixed for pole-vaulting*)

gu-kiranira (-ye) 1. to argue about, discuss, 2. to try to persuade

gu-kirānura (-ye) to straighten up (vt), to place in order, rearrange

ubu-kire riches, wealth

umu-kire (aba-) rich man

ubu-kirīro (no pl.) refuge

gu-kirīsha (-shije) to heal with

umu-kiriya (aba-) client, customer

gu-kiriza (-je) to lift up, put higher

igi-kiriza (ibi-) chest (of body)

gu-kirizwa (-jwe) to be lifted up

ubu-kiru (*no pl.*) place where steps are cut in hillside, rough place, bumps, hillocks

ubu-kiruruke altitude

kiryohoye (adj.) artistic

Kiyumpu June

aga-kiza (no pl.) salvation

gu-kiza (-jije) 1. to heal (vt), 2. to save, 3. to deliver

i-kīza (ama-) a calamity (such as a bad disease or plague), severe illness

umu-kiza (aba-) savior

gu-kizwa (-jijwe) to be saved, delivered

ko (conj.) 1. since (cause, not time), 2. that, 3. as

gu-koba (-vye) 1. to make a litle hole in ground for planting a tree or plant, 2. to dig up sweet potato with fingers, dig as chicken does, 3. to strip one of his clothing

gu-kōba (-vye) to draw up, roll up (vi), (e.g. a skin that's been wet)

uru-koba (in-) skin

gu-kobeza (-je) to strive, persist more strongly than before

gu-kōbwa (-kowe) to be paid for marriage

umu-kōbwa (aba-) 1. girl, 2. daughter (lit. the one to be given a dowery)

umu-kōbwabo (aba-) 1. daughter of her sister, 2. daughter of his brother

umu-kōbwācu (aba-) 1. daughter of my sister (when girl speaking), 2. daughter of my brother (when boy speaking)

umu-kōbwanyu (aba-) 1. daughter of your sister (*if the one spoken to is a girl*), 2. daughter of your brother (*if the one spoken to is a boy*)

i-kōfe (ama-) (*Sw.*) slap, punch, jab, hit, thump, thwack, slam

igi-kogoshi (ibi-) white worm found in soil, grub

umu-kogote (imi-) wagon

in-kogoto (in-) scar left by person scratching or biting another

igi-kohwa (ibi-) spur (of chicken)

umu-kokayi (aba-) person reruiting the clients for a taxi or bus

gu-kokeza (-je) singing for the hunt, rousing the hunting dog

umu-kokezi (aba-) traditional drummer, keeping the basic rhythm

koko (adv.) indeed, truly, really, in fact

aga-kōko (udu-) small animal, insect

bu-kōko (no pl.) truly animal

igi-kōko (ibi-) wild animal, insect

in-koko (in-) chicken

in-kōko (in-) flat basket with lid

ubu-kōko (*no pl.*) 1. many small insects, 2. animal

uru-koko (in-) cream, scum

gu-kōkōbereza (-je) to hurry

in-kokokazi (in-) hen (female chicken)

gu-kōkōra (-ye) to cut off branches, to strip leaves from tree or stick

in-kokora (in-) elbow

gu-kōkōrera (-ye) to strip off leaves for, because of

in-kokoro (in-) river bank

udu-kōkōrwa peelings, leaves or bark stripped from tree

umu-koloni (aba-) colonialist, colonist, colonizer (also umukoroni)

gu-koma (-mye) 1. to strike, 2. to nudge, 3. to touch a person to attract his attention

i-koma (ama-) framework of branches on which smaller ones are interlaced in building a house

igi-koma (ibi-) porridge

gu-koma amashi to applaud, to clap hands

gu-koma ibōbo to beg earnestly

gu-koma indūru to wail, give cry of alarm

gu-komānga (-nze) to knock (originally, to strike earth to make ants come out)

gu-komāngira (-ye) to strike, knock for

gi-komāngīsha (*shije*) to knock with

gu-komāntara (-ye) to be hard-hearted, to be beaten down (as path)

gu-komāntaza (-je) to make hard

gu-komānya (-nije) 1. to strike one against the other (as knees, etc., in fear or cold), 2. to grit teeth, 3. to put wood on fire

in-komānzi (in-) 1. upset plans, rapping, tapping, 2. reason, cause

gu-komba (-mvye) to curve finger (as in scraping food from dish)

gu-kōmba (-mvye) 1. to use up, finish food (*vt*), 2. to clean up one's plate completely

i-kōmbe (ama-) in center of the council

igi-kombe (ibi-) brow of hill, slopes between two hills

igi-kōmbe (ibi-) (*Sw.*) 1. cup, mug, 2. small tin container

in-kōmbe (in-) shore, lakeshore, riverbank, coast

gu-kōmbōra (-ye) to destroy, to take away completely, remove chief

gu-komera (-ye) 1. to be well, to be strong, to be in good health, 2. to be difficult, to be hard, to be tough, robust, 3. to strike at, for

igi-komere (ibi-) 1. ulcer, 2. wound, sore

gu-komereka (-tse) to be wounded, injured

gu-komeretsa (-keje) to wound

gu-komeretswa (-kejwe) to be wounded

gu-komereza (-je) to make strong at, for

nda-komeye I am fine (said as answer to the question: urakomeye?)

ura-komeye are you well? how are
you? (from gukomera) (replied by
ndakomeye!)

gu-komeza (-je) 1. to continue, 2. make strong, 3. to persevere, to sustain, 4. to confirm

in-komezi (in-) strength

ubu-komezi 1. consistency, 2. strength

gu-komezwa (**-**jwe) to be made strong

in-komi (in-) walking stick

i-komine (ama-) town, commune (*Fr*.)

komite committee (from Fr.)

gu-komoka (-tse) to be born of a certain family, to come from

in-komoka (in-) beginning, origin

aga-komokomo (udu-) base of brain, occiput (also inkomokomo)

gu-komora (-ye) to bite (serpent)

gu-komorwa (-we) to be bitten (*by snake*)

i-kompanyi (i-) company (business)

gu-kōmvōmvoka (-tse) to finish completely (*vi*)

gu-kōmvōmvora (-ye) to finish completely (*vt*), consume, destroy completely

gu-komvora (-ye) to be destroyed suddenly

gu-komwa (-mwe) 1. to be struck, 2. be displaced

gu-kona (-nnye) 1. to cut off, 2. to prune, 3. to castrate, to make sterile

igi-kōna (ibi-) crow

in-kondo (in-) handle (e.g. of spoon)

mama w'umu-kōndo beloved mother

umu-kōndo (imi-) 1. navel, 2. spot opposite door or house, 3. end of boat

gu-kōndōka (-tse) 1. to separate (*vi*), 2. to stop a thing because someone has repeatedly warned or advised you

gu-kōndōra (-ye) 1. to succeed in persuading someone to leave his evil ways, 2. to pick squash or corn from stalk

gu-kōndōrera (-ye) 1. to go together to see something (of many people), 2. to help another to overcome an enemy

in-kone (in-) eunuch, castrated male

i-konfitire jam

gu-kongereza (-je) to make a fire

umu-kongomani (Aba-) Congolese person

igi-kōni (ibi-) (Sw.) kitchen

in-koni (in-) walking stick

gu-kōnja (-nje) to be cold, to chill

i-konje (ama-) vacation, holidays (from Fr. congé)

ubu-konje coldness, cold

gu-kōnjēsha (-sheje) to cause to be cold, to freeze (vt)

igi-kōnjo (ibi-) 1. wrist, 2. back of hand

in-kono (in-) clay cooking pot

umu-kono (imi-) handle of bucket

umu-konotsi (aba-) 1. strong virile person, 2. homosexual person, gay

konvuwayeri (ba-) conductor (in taxi or bus, from Fr. convoyeur)

gu-konya (-nye) to bend joint

gushira igi-konyo to work with zeal, earnestness

igi-konyo (ibi-) indifference

umu-konyogo (imi-) string bean (*green*)

igi-konyozi (ibi-) frost, severe cold

i-koperative (ama-) cooperative

igi-kopo (ibi-) (Sw.) tin can

gu-kora (-ze) 1. to work, 2. to do, 3. to touch, 4. to make cough (*spit*), 5. to be fatal, 6. it's enough (*salt*, *medicine*, *etc.*) in something else, 7. to produce

urakoze (*or*, *wakoze*) thank you **uzoba ukoze** thanks in advance

gu-kōra (-ye) 1. to eat what's left on peeling of roasted banana, etc. (gukōra ibishishwa), 2. to continually beg

gu-kora umudo to stuff a mattress

gu-koragura (-ye) to cause to fall in abundance

gu-koragurika (-tse) 1. to fall down continually, in abundance (as branches blown down), 2. to run downhill

gu-koragurikira (-ye) to fall continually at

gu-korako (-zeko) to touch

gu-korakora (-ye) to touch, feel of, to be lightfingered

gu-korakorwa (-we) to be felt of

gu-korana (-nye) 1. to work together, 2. to touch each other, 3. to meet together

gu-korana mu minwe na to shake hands with

gu-korana mu minwe na to shake hands with

igi-korane (ibi-) meeting

gu-koraniriza (-je) to assemble together (*vt*)

i-koraniro (ama-) 1. meeting, 2. event

gu-koranya (-nije) to bring together, to cause to meet together, to assemble

gu-korera (-ye) to work at, to work for (*someone*)

gu-korerwa (-we) to be served, worked for

gu-korēsha (-sheje) 1. to use, 2. to employ, 3. to cause to work, 4. to keep (*someone*) busy

umu-koresha (aba-) chef, boss, employer

igi-korēsho (ibi-) instrument, tool ibikorēsho vyo mu inzu household (goods) ibikoresho vyo ku meza tableware

i-kōri (ama-) taxes

umu-korobe (imi-) microbe, germ

in-korofani (in-) wheelbarrow (*from Sw.*)

gu-korogoshora (-ye) 1. to chip stone, 2. make holes in stone, 3. to hollow out

uru-korogoto (in-) papyrus reeds (*dry*)

gu-koroka (-tse) to fall from above

gu-korokana to fall with

gu-korokera (-ye) to fall at, for, on

udu-korokera crumbs

i-koroketi croquette

uru-korōnko (in-) charm or horn used by witch doctor

gu-koropa (-fye) to mop, wipe, swab

gu-korora (-ye) 1. to throw down from above, cause to fall down from above, 2. to cough

in-korora (in-) cough, cold

in-korora y'akānīra pertussis, whooping cough, whoop

gu-kororera (-ye) to cough at

igi-kororgwa (ibi-) phlegm

umu-kororōmvyi (imi-) 1. streak (caused by water, sweat, etc.), 2. rainbow

igi-kororwa (ibi-) phlegm, spittle, spit, sputum

gu-korōza (-je) to cause to cough

gu-korwa (-zwe) 1. to be touched, 2. be worked on

igi-korwa (ibi-) 1. work, task, deed, 2. action, 3. service

i-kosa (ama-) (Sw.) mistake

gu-kosha (-sheje) (Sw.) to make a mistake

gu-kōsha (-sheje) to cause to pay dowry, ask for dowry

i-kosha (ama-) (Sw.) mistake

gu-koshōra (-ye) (*Sw.*) 1. to correct, to rectify, 2. to amend

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in-kōta (in-) sword, long knife

i-koti (ama-) coat, jacket

igi-koti (ibi-) cuttings for planting (esp. manioc)

in-kovu (in-) scar

gu-kovya (-beje) to hurry, persist, be energetic, strive after

ubu-koyo (no pl.) stoopshouldered-ness (as result of illness or hunger) (term of scorn)

gu-koza (-jeje) 1. to dip in sauce, to dunk, 2. to eat two kinds of food together

gu-kōza (-jeje) to continually beg

mura-koze Thank you! (pl., polite) (lit.: you worked!)

ura-koze Thank you! (sg.) (lit.: you worked)

umu-kozi (aba-) 1. worker, workman, employee, laborer, 2. staff, workforce, personnel, crew (*pl.*)

umu-kozi dukorana (aba) collegue (from gukorana)

umu-kozi mugenzi (aba) collegue

umu-kozi wo mu rugo (aba) house worker *(male or female)*

Kristo Christ

ubu-kristo (*no pl.*) Christianity

umu-kristo (aba-) Christian

ku 1. on, upon, 2. at, 3. to (the outside of a thing), 4. from (outside of a thing), 5. over

ubu-ku (*no pl.*) sudden startled cry or scream (*gutura ubuku*)

ku mamina ngohe noon (when one has to tip head back to see the sun)

ku musase morning between 9 and 10 o'clock

gu-kuba (-vye) 1. to fold, roll up, 2. to threaten to rain, 3. turn back, to have to return home because of bad news

gu-kūba (-vye) 1. to toss garment over shoulder, 2. to drag on the ground, 3. to scratch

in-kuba (in-) thunder (actually, the imaginary animal that makes the thunder)

ubu-kuba (*no pl.*) 1. quickness, 2. agility

umu-kuba (imi-) current of stream, wave

gu-kubagura (-ye) 1. to box, 2. fight in fun, 3. to shave off fibers for thread

gu-kūbēba (-vye) to drag along quickly (as wind or river) (vt)

gu-kūbēbera (-ye) to carry away (as water does)

 $\mbox{{\bf gu-k\bar{u}b\bar{e}bwa}}$ (-bwe) to be dragged along

kubera (conj.) because
kuber'iki because of what?, why?

kubera iki why?, because of what?

kuber'iki why?, because of what?

in-kūbi (in-) storm (wind and rain)

umu-kubi (imi-) bean leaves

gu-kubira (-ye) 1. to fold on, around, 2. threaten to rain at

gu-kubirana (-nye) to retrace one's step

gu-kubiranya (-nije) 1. to fold repeatedly, 2. to cause to return

gu-kubita (-se) 1. to beat, hit, 2. to whip

gu-kubita akamāri to gamble

gu-kubitana (-nye) to hit each other

gu-kubitira (-ye) to beat at, for, because of

gu-kubitirwa (-we) to be beaten for

gu-kubitīsha (-shije) to cause to beat

gu-kubitwa (-swe) to be beaten

gu-kubūra (-ye) to sweep, clean with brush

gu-kubūrira (-ye) to sweep at, for

gu-kubūrwa (-we) to be swept

gu-kubūza (-je) to sweep with, help to sweep, cause to sweep

umu-kubūzo (imi-) broom, brush

kubwa 1. according to, 2. on account of, 3. because of, 4. for the sake of

gu-kūbwa (-bwe) 1. to be scratched, 2. dragged on ground

gu-kuga (-ze) to bark (dog)

i-kuga (ama-) barking

kugira ngo (conj.) in order that

gu-kugīsha (-shije) to cause to bark

gu-kugunya (-ye) to throw out, to throw away

kuka impossible!

gu-kuka (-tse) to rise, to swell (of anything containing leaven)

in-kūka (in-) 1. slope of hill, 2. beach, shore, strand, coast, 3. ransom, redemption price

umu-kuka (imi-) cliff

kuki (adv.) why?

gu-kūkira (-ye) 1. to pertain to, 2. to be a part of, 3. to be subject to, to depend on

kuko (conj.) because

umu-kuku (imi-) 1. ditch, trench, ravine, 2. line, row (of people or animals), 3. herd of animals (tame or wild)

in-kukuma (in-) eagle

in-kukūra (in-) very heavy rain (sweeps away crops or hillsides)

gu-kumakuma (-mye) to pile together (*vt*)

n-kumbaruboko index finger

igi-kūmbi (ibi-) 1. debris, 2. grain and chaff mixed

ubu-kūmbi (*no pl.*) pile of mixed grain and chaff

in-kūmbu (in-) lonesomeness

gu-kūmbura (-ye) to be lonesome for, to long for, to miss

kūmbure perhaps, maybe, probably

gu-kūmbuza (-je) to make lonesome for

uru-kumbuzi (in-) nostalgia, homesickness

in-kumi (in-) 1. girl of marriageable age, 2. teenage girl

ubu-kumi (*no pl.*) marriageable (*trad.*) age of young girl

gu-kumīra (-riye) to separate, throw apart, to send from room

umu-kumirizi (aba-) one who keeps the crowd back

gu-kumīrwa (-we) to be separated, sent from room

igi-kumu (ibi-) 1. thumbprint, 2. agreement (*gutera igikumu*)

uru-kumu (in-) thumb

kumwe (*adv*.) together with, together as one

gu-kūnda (-nze) 1. to like, 2. to love, 3. to be in agreement, 4. to be easy

ndagu-kūnda I love you, I like you (from gukūnda)

kundāba look at me! (from kurāba)

gu-kūndana (-nye) 1. to love each other, 2. to be romantic, 3. to be dating, to date

gu-kūndanīsha (-shije) to reconcile, cause to love each other

ubu-kūndanyi (*no pl.*) kindness, graciousness

umu-kūndanyi (aba-) charitable, kind person

gu-kūndira (-ye) 1. to allow, 2. to love one for something

igi-kūndiro (ibi-) 1. permission, 2. affection, sympathy

gu-kūndīsha (-shije) to cause to love

uru-kūndo 1. love, 2. deep affection, 3. romance

gu-kūndwa (-nzwe) to be loved

mu-kūndwa (ba-) dear, beloved (person)

in-kūndwākazi (in-) favorite wife

igi-kunga (ibi-) squash, gourd

umu-kunga (imi-) squash, gourd

gu-kungagura (-ye) to cause to fall, to push down

gu-kungagurika (-tse) to fall and skin yourself

gu-kungēra (-reye) to come together (as crowd of people)

ama-kūngu mixed crowd of people

ubu-kūngu group of attendants or helpers to elders

umu-kungugu (imi-) dust

gu-kunguka (-tse) to be skinned **--kuru** (adj.) 1. important, 2. senior, kuwa gatatu Wednesday (by falling) 3. great (not size), 4. ancient kuwa kabiri Tuesday gu-kungura (-ye) to skin (vt), to **ama-kuru** (greeting) What's new? kuwa kane Thursday throw on ground in-kuru (ama-) 1. news, 2. story, 3. kuwa mbere Monday umu-kūnjo (imi-) hem fame (usually in pl.) kuwa Mungu Sunday **gu-kunkumura** (-ye) to shake (vt) mu-kuru (ba-) 1. older brother of a boy, 2. older sister of a girl gu-kuyakuya (-ye) to caress, to **ubu-kūnzi** (no pl.) affection, fondle, to cuddle charity **ubu-kuru** (no pl.) old age, seniority, importance ama-kuyano buttermilk umu-kūnzi (aba-) 1. intimate friend, 2. one who loves, lover, 3. umu-kuru (aba-) 1. elder, **gu-kuyēngeza** (-je) 1. to polish, 2. fiance, 4. sweetheart, darling important person, 2. male adult to smooth out aga-kūra (no pl.) one who in-kuru nshasha news (as in TV, **gu-kuza** (-jije) 1. to cause to grow, surpasses all others radio etc.) to enlarge, 2. to bring up (child) gu-kura (-ze) to grow, to mature **kur'ubu** (conj.) perhaps umu-kuza (imi-) long gourd, sack made of skin gu-kūra (-ye) 1. to take away, take kur'ūbu perhaps out of, subtract, 2. to abduct 3. to igi-kuze (ibi-) adult, grown-up gu-kurugutura (-ye) to clean out make for (from gukura) ear wax, to cause to understand in-kura rhinoceros **i-kuzimu** hole in ground, interior of gu-kurugutuza (-je) to clean ears earth gu-kurana (-nye) to grow together **gu-kuzwa** (-jijwe) to be caused to gu-kūranwa (-nywe) to take turns ibi-kurugūtwi deafness grow, to be brought up (child) **kure** (adv.) 1. far, 2. far away ubu-kurugutwi (no pl.) ear wax **kw** 1. on, 2. at, 3. to (the outside of **kuri** 1. to, 2. at, 3. on, upon i-kurujeti courgette, zucchini (Fr.) a thing), 4. from (outside of a thing), (form of ku before fifth class igi-kuri (ibi-) dwarf, midget uru-kurukuru (in-) blackmail nouns in singular, e.g. kw ibuye on a rock) gu-kurikira (-ye) to follow in-kūrūma (in-) windstorm **kwa** 1. at. 2. at the home of. 3. to gu-kurikirana (-nye) 1. to follow gu-kurūngira (-ye) to polish, make one after the other, 2. to pursue, 3. smooth gu-kwa (-koye) to pay dowry to monitor gu-kurura (-ye) to drag along a ga-kwābu comma **uru-kurikirane** list, list of things very heavy thing umu-kwābu (imi-) scratch gu-kurikiza (-je) to cause to follow umu-kuruwigihugu (aba-) president gu-kwākwānya (-nije) to do gu-kurira (-ye) 1. to pull grass quickly, to hurry away from base of plant, 2. to grow gu-kūrwa (-we) to be taken away at, for in-kwāno (in-) dowry price **gu-kūrwakw ijambo** 1. to be gu-kūrira (-ye) to take away at, for teachable, 2. willing to be in-kwāre (in-) partridge admonished umu-kurira (aba-) a weaned child igi-kwāshu (ibi-) safety pin mu-kurwanje (ba-) 1. older brother gu-kuririrwa (-we) to be followed, uru-kwāvu (in-) rabbit, hare of a boy, 2. older sister of a girl to have younger brothers or sisters ubu-kwe wedding i-kusi (no pl.) (Sw.) south **gu-kurirwa** (-riwe) to be about to umu-kwe (aba-) bridegroom, give birth, to expect (a child) i-kuta (ama-) ten centime piece

gu-kwēga (-ze) 1. to draw, to pull,

to drag, 2. to attract

kuwa gatandatu Saturday

kuwa gatanu Friday

gu-kūrīsha (-shije) to take away by

means of

aga-kwegamajwi antenna, aerial

gu-kwēgana (-nye) to pull each other

gu-kwēgera (-ye) 1. to pull at, 2. to pull towards

gu-kwēgēsha (-sheje) to cause to pull, help to pull, pull with

aga-kwēgo (udu-) dash, hyphen, line

umu-kwēgo (imi-) dash, hyphen, line

gu-kwēgwa (-zwe) to be pulled

gu-kwema (-mye) to grind

gu-kwemagura (-ye) to grind quickly

igi-kweme (ibi-) ground corn that has first been roasted

igi-kwēmu (ibi-) garment that isn't very long

gu-kwēra (-reye) to pay dowry at, to

igi-kwerere (ibi-) 1. bachelor, 2. middle aged man

gu-kwērwa (-rewe) to receive the dowry

in-kwēto (in-) sandal

in-kwi (in-) firewood

uru-kwi (in-) firewood

u-kwiga learning, education

gu-kwikira (-ye) to put handle on

gu-kwikirira (-ye) to put handle on at, for

gu-kwikirīsha (-shije) to cause to put handle on, put on with

nda-kwinginze please (greeting, reply)

gu-kwīra (-ye) 1. to be necessary, 2. be enough, to suffice, 3. to ought, 4. to be worthy, 5. to suit, 6. to be correct, 7. to become known everywhere, spread abroad (*vi*)

gu-kwīragira (-ye) to spread everywhere (*vi*)

gu-kwīragirana (**-**nye) to go everywhere

gu-kwīragiza (-je) 1. to scatter, place here and there, 2. announce everywhere

gu-kwīrana (-nye) 1. to be worthy of each other, 2. to be enough for

gu-kwīranya (-nije) to make suitable for

gu-kwirikira (-ye) to follow

ibi-kwirikira to following, the next

gu-kwīrwa (-we) to have enough

gu-kwīza (-jije) 1. to spread abroad, 2. announce everywhere, 3. make known

gu-kwīzwa (-jijwe) to be spread everywhere

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leta the state, government (also reta), (from Fr. l'état)

umu-leti (imi-) omelette

i-litero (ama-) liter

iki-lito (ibi-) 1. singing, 2. sentimental evening song

umu-liyoni (imi-) million

iki-lometero (ibi-) kilometre, kilometer

M

ma (*my*) mother (*short form of mawe*)

i-ma (ama-) drop of liquid

mābuja my mistress

Madamu Madame (Fr.)

ku-madika (-tse) 1. to plate as with silver, 2. to weld, 3. to graft tree, 4. to trade butter for other things

ubu-mago (no pl.) magic

umu-mago (aba-) magician, certain kind of witch doctor

iki-māka (ibi-) person who frequently divorces

ubu-māka (*no pl.*) changing wife or husband frequently

umu-malayika (aba-) (Sw.) angel

mama (ba-) my, our mother

ku-mama (-mye) to silence by motion of the hand

mama wacu (ba-) my, our maternal aunt

mama wanje (ba-) my mother

mama w'umukōndo beloved mother

uru-māmbo (i-) nail, peg

māmbu 'it just doesn't exist' (said when you've looked for something and can't find it)

i-mamfu (i-) large monkey

I-māna (i-) God

ku-mana (-nye) 1. to be together, 2. to be neighbor, 3. to be a pair, to be a couple

ubu-māna (no pl.) godliness

I-māna ibahezagire God bless you! (from guhēzagira)

umu-mānda (imi-) tree of which bark was used for clothing

mandarine tangerine, mandarine

umu-maneke (aba-) model (fashion, photo etc.), mannequin

i-mānga (ama-) cliff, ravine

iki-mānga (ibi-) cliff, ravine

i-mangazine (ama-) store

aka-mango (no pl.) cold in head

aka-mangu (no pl.) cold in head **ku-mara** (-ze) 1. to finish (vt), 2. to ku-marwa (-zwe) to be finished, spend time, 3. to last, 4. to destroy destroyed ku-manika (-tse) 1. to hang up, to suspend, 2. to raise up ubu-mara (no pl.) poison iki-masa (ibi-) male calf aka-manikampuzu (utu-) i-marabiti (ama-) axe **i-mashīni** (i-) machine (*Fr.*) coathanger, coat stand marakuja passion fruit i-mashīni ikanyisha freezer iki-manikampuzu (ibi-) ku-maramara (-ze) to finish aka-mashu (utu-) trap, snare coathanger, coat stand completely (vt) ku-mata (-se) 1. to stick together ku-manikira (-ye) to hang up for ku-māramāra (-ye) 1. to be (vi), 2. to adhere, to become ku-manikīsha (-shije) to cause to ashamed, 2. to be confused, to be attached, 3. cleave to hang up, help to hang up, hang up dismayed ku-matana (-nye) to stick together with aka-maramasenge (utu-) lady-(vi) ku-manikwa (-tswe) to be hung up finger bananas ku-matanya (-nije) to stick iki-mano (ibi-) tongs used in aka-māramāza (-je) together (vt) embarrassment, shame, humiliation forging metals i-matera mattress ku-māramāza (-je) to make ku-manuka (-tse) to descend ku-matūra (-ye) to take apart what ashamed, humiliate aka-manuko (utu-) descent, slope has been stuck together of hill (pl. rare) ku-marana (-nye) 1. to spend time **māwe** my (our) mother together, 2. to finish each other off ubu-manuko South, to the south, mayoneze mayonnaise (Fr. southwards **ku-maranira** (-ye) 1. to fight for, 2. mayonnaise) to race umu-manuko (imi-) descent, slope maze (conj.) and then, therefore of hill marariya malaria (also malariya) iki-maze (ibi-) traditional genderku-manura (-ye) to lower, cause to marāya harlot, whore, hooker, crossing priest descend, bring down, take down, prostitute (Sw. malaya) drop down iki-mazi (ibi-) 1. sacrifice, 2. profit umu-marayika (aba-) (Sw.) angel (not financial), benefit, 3. value ku-manurwa (-we) to be brought marere fourth finger down, taken down **mbe** (question word, introduces a question, comparable with 'hey' in aka-māri (utu-) dice ku-manuza (-je) 1. to come down, English) 2. to depend on help of gukubita aka-māri to gamble mbēga (question word, introduces utu-mānyagu (pl.) bits i-māri (ama-) (Sw.) gain, profit, a question) riches ku-mānyagura (-ye) to break to mbere 1. in fact, 2. before, **ku-marira** (-ye) to profit (vt) formerly ku-mānyagurika (-tse) to break up ku-marīra (-riye) to finish uru-mbēte (i-) trumpet (vi) completely (vt), to end at, finish for mbēye (question word, introduces iki-mānyu (ibi-) 1. piece, 2. ku-marīsha (-shije) to use up a question) fraction, 3. slice aka-maro (utu-) 1. profit, benefit, i-mburugu gonorrhea ku-mānyuka (-tse) to tear a big usefulness, value, 2. objective, hole (vi), to break up goal, 3. use, usage **me** yes, absolutely, certainly

ama-maro (no pl.) profit, benefit

mārume (ba-) brother of my

mother

i-me yes

iki-me (no pl.) dew

uru-me (no pl.) dew

ku-mānyuruka (-tse) to tear (vi),

ku-mānyurwa (-we) to be broken,

break

torn

aka-meka (utu-) bucket (without a lid)

ku-memēra (-reye) to sprinkle as with powder, salt

ku-mena (-nnye) to break (vt) (esp. object with rather flat surface)

ku-menagura (-ye) to break to bits (*vt*)

ku-menagurika (-tse) to break to bits (*vi*)

ku-meneka (-tse) to break (vi)

ku-meneka umutwe to have a headache

ku-menera (-ye) to break at, for

ku-menēsha (-sheje) to break with

ku-mēnja (-nje) to rebel against authority, to fight for independance

umu-mēnja (aba-) enemy

ku-menwa (-nywe) to be broken

a-menya (adj.) naked

ku-menya (-nye) 1. to know, 2. to be acquainted, 3. to recognize, identify, realize, register, perceive, grasp, understand, discern, apprehend, notice

iki-menyamenya (ibi-) sign, symbol

ku-menyēkana (-nye) to be well known

ku-menyēra (-reye) 1. to be accustomed to, to be adapted to, 2. to do a thing habitually, 3. to adapt

uku-menyēra 1. experience, 2. knowledge, 3. skill

ku-menyerana (-nye) to get acquainted with each other, to get accustomed to each other

ku-menyēreza (-je) 1. to habituate, make accustomed to, get used to, 2. to tame

aka-menyēro (utu-) habit

ku-menyēsha (-sheje) 1. to inform, 2. to educate, 3. cause to know, to make known, 4. to publish, to issue

ku-menyēshwa (-shejwe) to be informed

iki-menyetso (ibi-) sign

ubu-menyi 1. science, knowledge, 2. acquaintance, 3. education

umu-menyi (aba-) 1. scholar, scientist, knowledgable person, 2. prophet

ku-menywa (-nywe) to be known

iki-mera (ibi-) plant

ku-mera (-ze) 1. to be such as, 2. to be found so, 3. to become, 4. to be in a certain state, 5. to germinate, to sprout

aka-mere (utu-) nature (of person or thing)

ubu-mere condition, state, status

aka-meremere (utu-) nature (of person or thing)

ku-mererwa (-we) to be in such a state

uku-mererwa state, condition, shape

ku-merēsha (-sheje) to cause to sprout by

ama-mesa (Sw.) palm oil

ku-mesa (-she) to wash clothes, to dye barkcloth

uku-mesa washing powder

ku-mesera (-ye) to wash clothes at, for

ku-mesēsha (-sheje) to wash with, help to wash

umu-meshi (aba-) launderer

ku-mesūra (-ye) to wash clothes, to launder

ku-mesūrwa (-we) to be washed

ku-mesūza (-je) to wash with, help to wash

umu-mesūzi (aba-) launderer

ku-meswa (-shwe) to be washed

i-metero metre

i-meya (ama-) -centime piece

a-meza (no pl.) (Sw.) table

aka-meza (utu-) small table

i-meza (no pl.) (Sw.) table

ku-meza (-jeje) to cause to sprout

umu-mezo (imi-) hoe handle

ku-mīja (-je) to sprinkle, throw water

ku-mījagira (-riye) to sprinkle (vt)

ku-mījīra (-riye) to sprinkle, splash (*vi*), to plant broadcast

ku-mījīrana (-nye) to sprinkle each other

ku-mījīrīsha (-shije) to cause to sprinkle, help to sprinkle, sprinkle with

ku-mījīrwa (-we) to be sprinkled on

ku-mimina (-nye) to strain (as water)

ku-miminira (-ye) to strain at, for

ku-miminīsha (-shije) to cause to strain, strain with, help to strain

ku-miminuka (-tse) to strain itself

ku-miminwa (-nwe) to be strained

aka-minūza (utu-) something that surpasses anything of its kind

ka-minūza university

ku-mira (-ze) to swallow

ku-miragura (-ye) to swallow gluttonously

ku-mirira (-ye) to swallow at, for

ku-mirīsha (-shije) to cause to swallow, help to swallow

mirongumunāni (adj.) eighty

mirongurwēnda (adj.) ninety

mirongwibiri (adj.) twenty
mirongwicēnda (adj.) ninety
mirongwināni (adj.) eighty
mirongwindwi (adj.) seventy
mirongwine (adj.) forty
mirongwirindwi (adj.) seventy
mirongwitandatu (adj.) sixty
mirongwitānu (adj.) fifty
mirongwitātu (adj.) thirty
ku-mirwa (-zwe) to be swallowed
i-misa mass (catholic)

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umu-misiyoneri (aba-) missionary

i-misiyoni (i-) mission (station)

ku-mōbwa (-bewe) to be shaved, have hair cut

i-modoka (ama-) car, automobile

uru-mogi (i-) hemp

ku-mogorera (-ye) to be accustomed to

ku-moka (-tse) to call out across the hills (*implies scorn of one doing it*)

ku-mokera (-ye) to shout at, for

ku-mokēsha (-sheje) to cause to shout

ku-mokēshwa (-shejwe) to be caused to shout

i-moketi fitted carpet, wall-to-wall carpet

iki-mōko (ibi-) (Sw.) whip, lash

ku-momoka (-tse) to be easy to pull out

ku-momora (-ye) to pull out by the roots

ku-momoza (-je) to cause, help to pull, pull with

ku-mōngōra (-ye) to pick a chicken

ubu-moso left hand or side

umu-moso (aba-) person of a particular region of Burundi

ku-mōta (-se) to smell good, cause to smell good

ubu-mōte (no pl.) fragrance

i-moteri (ama-) engine, motor

aka-moteshandya spice

aka-moto (utu-) fragrance

ku-motsa (-keje) to cause to shout

--mpi (adj.) both (bōmpi, twēmpi, mwēmpi, etc.)

mpore 1. sorry! 2. be careful! (from Sw. pole)

iki-mpwiri (ibi-) song for two alternating choirs

mu 1. in, into, 2. during, 3. out of (the inside of a thing, e.g. kuva mu muriro – to come out of the fire)

mu maso hiwe in his face

iki-muga (ibi-) cripple, handicapped person

ubu-muga paralysis, diability, handicap, weakness, lameness

mugabo (*conj.*) 1. but, 2. however, 3. nevertheless

ku-mugara (-ye) 1. to be or become weak, 2. to be impotent, 3. to be paralyzed

ku-mugaza (-je) to make crippled

i-muhira (adv.) (no pl.) at home

muka wife of

Mukakaro July

ku-mūkishirīza (-je) to dry in sun or near fire

mūnsi (adv.) under

Munyonyo November

muramukazanje (ba-) my sister-inlaw

muri in, into, within, among

uru-muri (i-) light (not day light), torch

ku-murika (-tse) to shine, light the path (esp. with torch)

ku-murikira (-ye) to shine at, for

ku-murikīsha (-shije) to light with, help to light

ku-murikwa (-tswe) to be lighted by

mūsi (*adv*.) under, beneath, underneath

ku-mutaga midday (*from German: Tag*)

mw 1. in, into, 2. during, 3. out of the inside, (form of mu before fifth class nouns in singular, e.g. mw ishuli - in school)

ku-mwa (-mōye) to cut hair, shave

ku-mwāga (-ze) to tear clothes (in anger)

ku-mwāna (-nye) to cut each other's hair

ku-mwanyuruka (-tse) to tear a big rip (vi)

--mwe (adj.) 1. one, single, 2. some (with pl. prefix), 3. same, (see hamwe, kumwe, kimwe, rimwe, rimwe na rimwe)

ha-mwe (adv.) 1. together, here together, 2. equally, even, same

ki-mwe (*adv.*) similarly, likewise, comparably, correspondingly (*from* -*mwe*)

ri-mwe (adv.) once

turiku-mwe we are together, we'll stay in touch, we'll see us (*greeting when parting from friends*)

ubu-mwe unity

--mwe na same as

ri-mwe na rimwe sometimes

mwēhwe you (pl.) **mwēho** you, in contrast to others nāmwe and younkāmwe like you

ku-mwemwamwemwa (-mwe) to smile (manifest pleasure, but not necessarily show teeth)

aka-mwemwe (utu-) smile

ku-mwenyagura (-ye) to smile often

ku-mwēnyura (-ye) to smile

ku-mwēra (-reye) to shave for

ku-mwēsha (-sheje) to help to shave, shave with

mwīriwe 1. good afternoon, good evening, 2. hello (in afternoon/evening, greeting used when meeting for second time same day)

mwiyumve neza Feel at home!

Myandagaro August

ku-myīra (-riye) to wipe child's nose

ku-myōka (-tse) to be peeled

ku-myōra (-ye) to gather, harvest (esp. corn), to peel, skin

umu-myōre (imi-) stripe from beating

ku-myōza (-je) to pluck from stalk

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na 1. and (for words in a series or phrases, but not clauses), 2. by, 3. with, 4. even

na mba not at all, not in the least

na ntāryo ever, always

nābi (adv.) badly, poorly

i-nābi (no pl.) evil (noun)

i-nabuderi (i-) kind of sweet potato

i-naga (i-) cooking pot

ku-naga (-ze) to sprout after cutting

umu-nago (imi-) shoot, bud, sprout

n'ah ejo See you tomorrow

naho (*conj.*) 1. although, 2. but, 3. whereas, 4. even if

nāka (ba-) so-and-so, what's his name (male)

banaka those ones (unnamed people)

i-nakigabiro traditional sacred drum "lady of the land"

i-nakwezi (i-) kind of sweet potato

i-nāma (i-) 1. meeting, council, conference, 2. advice, consultation, counsel, 3. agreement, 4. suggestion

n'amabi I'm not fine (from -bi)

n'amaki How are you? (greeting)

nāmba if

ku-namba (-mvye) 1. to struggle, have a difficult life, 2. to lose weight

i-nāmbu (i-) appetite, desire for a certain food

ku-nāna (-nnye) to resist, refuse somewhat, be refractory

uru-nana (i-) 1. small ornamental axe, 2. bracelet worn on hand for special occasion

uru-nāna (i-) rolling stone

i-nanasi (i-) pineapple

umu-nanasi pineapple spirit

i-nānga (i-) burundian zither, harp, musical instrument

i-nangoma (i-) kind of sweet potato

umu-nāni (adj.) eight, eight times

uru-nani (i-) holding hands to form circle or line (*gufatana urunani*)

ku-nanira (-ye) to tire out, be too difficult for

ku-nanirana (-nye) to be absolutely too difficult

ku-nanirwa (-we) 1. to be tired, 2. to be overcome by something difficult

ku-naniza (-je) 1. to tire out, 2. to overcome (vt)

nānje and I, and me, me too

i-nanyaru (i-) kind of sweet potato

umu-nara (imi-) tower

uru-nāri (i-) wire (not real coarse or real fine)

ku-narirwa (-riwe) to be tired

i-narume (ba-) uncle (brother of his, her, theilr mother)

nāwe and you

i-nce (i-) hymen

ndabaramukije I greet you (pl.)

ndagukūmbuye I miss you (from gukūmbura)

Ndamukiza April

iri-ndazi (ama-) donut like snack food, served with tea

nde (adj.) who? (in questions and with 1. class sg. only) (who is it?) ninde

ba-nde (adj.) who? (in questions and with 1. class pl. only)

i-ndengo (i-) milling song

ndetse (conj.) 1. except, 2. moreover

--ndi (adj.) other, another, more (uwūndi, abāndi etc., see also ukundi, ahandi)

aha-ndi (*adv*.) elsewhere, somewhere else

ubu-ndi (adv.) another time

uku-ndi (*adj.*) 1. again, 2. otherwise, 3. anymore

aha-ndiho (adv.) otherwise

i-ndoromyi (i-) calling horn or trumpet, musical instrument

i-ndwi 1. seven, seven times, 2. week

i-ndwi iheze last week

i-ndwi iza next week

--ne (adj.) four

ka-ne four times (from -ne)

ku-nēbagura (-ye) to find fault with everything, to hate everything, to criticize

ku-nebwa (-bwe) to be lazy

iki-nebwe (ibi-) very lazy person (*rude*, *derogative*)

ubu-nebwe (no pl.) laziness

umu-nebwe (aba-) lazy person

ku-nebwēsha (-sheje) to make lazy, cause to waste time

ku-nega (-ze) to spurt out

ku-neganega (-ze) to come to greet often (when one is in disfavor in hopes of gaining favor)

iki-nege (ibi-) only child

ku-negura (-ye) 1. to denounce, 2. to blame, 3. speak evil of, 4. to make fun of, 5. to criticize,

ku-negurwa (-we) to be criticized, mocked

umu-neke (imi-) ripe banana

ku-nēna (-nnye) 1. to refuse to eat and drink with, 2. to scorn

ku-nēnana (-nye) to scorn each other

ku-nēnera (-ye) to scorn at, for, because of

ku-nengesēra (-reye) to fill to the brim, to surpass others altogether, to be perfect

ku-nengesēreza (-je) to fill to brim, give good measure

umu-nēngo (imi-) pincer used by snuff smokers, clothespin

ku-nēsha (-sheje) 1. to conquer, win, be victor, 2. defeat, 3. to triumph over

ku-neshereza (**-**je) to enable to conquer

ku-nēshwa (-shejwe) to be defeated

nēza (adv.) nicely, well, fine

aka-nēza joy

i-nēza (noun) good

nēza cane fabulous, great

ku-nēzēra (-reye) 1. to make happy, 2. to give pleasure

ku-nēzereza (-je) to please, to make glad

iki-nēzēro (ibi-) joy, happiness

umu-nēzēro (imi-) joy, happiness

ku-nēzērwa (-rewe) 1. to be happy, 2. to be pleased

ngāha (adv.) here

ngāhe (adj.) how many? **-ngaho** so many

ka-ngāhe how many times?

ngāho there

ku-ngana (-nye) 1. to be equal, 2. to be the same, 3. to be so many

ku-nganya (-nije) to make equal

ama-ngetengete magic

ngo come!

ngo in order that, that

ama-ngo (no sing.) time, moment

i-ngoga (i-) 1. quickness, 2. agility, 3. eagerness, 4. speed, haste

ngombwa (adj.) important

iki-ngōrongōro (ibi-) 5 franc piece

Mu-ngu God (from Sw., term introduced by missionaries in contrast to the traditional Kirundi term Imāna)

ngwīno come here!

ni 1. it is, he is, she is, there is, (negative si), 2. if, when

ni ko (*conj.*) 1. all right, 2. that's so, 3. thus

ni mwicare Please sit down

ni neza it's fine, it's good

ni nēza it's fine, it's good

ni sawa it's ok, it's alright (Sw.)

ni vyiza that's good, fine

ni vyiza kubonana nāwe nice to meet you, nice to see you

ku-nibaniba (-vye) to strut about in fine clothes

ku-niga (-ze) 1. to strangle, 2. to choke, suffocate, stifle, 3. to grab by neck, 4. to tie neck of a sack

ku-nigana (-nye) 1. to fight, 2. to strangle each other

uru-nigi necklace

ku-nigira (-ye) to strangle at, for

nigiria ikigongwe excuse me

ku-nigīsha (-shije) to cause to strangle, strangle with

ku-nigwa (-zwe) to be strangled

uku-nigwa strangling, strangulation

ku-niha (-she) 1. to groan, to wail, 2. to sigh, 3. to complain

ku-nihira (-ye) to groan at, for

ku-nihīsha (-shije) to cause to groan

niho (emphatic particle placing emphasis on the preceding constituent)

umwana niho the/ this/ that child (*emphasizing the child*)

umu-niho (imi-) groan, moaning

niko (conj.) all right, that's so, thus

nimero number

n'imitende he's better, I'm better **ku-nobana** (-nye) to peck together, **ku-nōnōra** (-ye) to make supple, each other flexible ku-ninahaza (-je) to praise highly, ku-nōnōsora (-ye) to finish to exalt iki-nobano (ibi-) something you completely (vt) ku-ninahazwa (-jwe) to be praised, i-nota (ama-) score, mark, school ku-nogera (-ye) to eat grade, point (on grading scale) umu-ninahazwa (aba-) honored ku-nogēra (-ye) 1. to love deeply and obey, 2. to persist umu-nota (imi-) minute person ninde who? who is it? ku-nogerana (-nye) to love each i-noti (i-) banknote (Fr.) other n'ingoga (adv.) quickly aka-novera (no pl.) taste, flavor iki-nogo (ibi-) hole in ground --nini (adj.) 1. large, 2. big, 3. thick **--novu** (*adj.*) 1. delicious, 2. pure, undiluted (esp. beer), 3. dense ku-nogora (-ye) to cut eyes out iki-nini (ibi-) 1. cinchona tree, 2. tablet, pill (from Fr. quinine) Noheli Christmas (Fr. noel) **ku-noza** (-je) 1. to eat, 2. to chew, grind umu-noho (aba-) glutton ubu-nini 1. largeness, 2. size, 3. width umu-nsi (imi-) day ku-nohoka (-tse) to get thin uyumunsi today i-nivo (i-) niveau, level (from Fr.) **uyumunsi** this very day ku-nohorwa (-we) to be greedy for umunsi ur'izina on a certain day **nivyo** is it like this? isn't it? a certain food and want only that, to (answered by **nivyo** or **sivyo**) become thin from worry or work nsumbazose middle finger iki-njāna century i-nombe (no pl.) soil with much **nta** (with high tone) 1. no, 2. none, clay in it 3. there is no iki-njanja (ibi-) piece of metal placed on stones over fire to set pot uru-nombe (no pl.) soil with much nta ho (adv.) never on clay in it nta ho never iki-nōmo (ibi-) hoof **--nje** (*adj.*) my nta muntu no person, nobody **nka** (adv.) (prep.) like, about **nōn'aha** (adv.) right now, here and (approximately) now nta muntu no person, nobody nkāwe like you **nōnaha** (adv.) right now, here and nta na kimwe neither, none ku-nkīranya (-nije) to assault, to nta ngorane no problem attack (esp. young man assaulting **nōne** (adv.) now, now then nta n'umwe nobody, no one girl) noneho (conj.) then, so nta umwanya no time, there is no nkombarukoko index finger noneho tugende then let's go! time **nk'ūko** as, like (introducing clause) nta wundi no other ku-nonera (-ye) to skip along iki-nkumu (ibi-) thumb print, **ntabwo** (adv.) never, not, will not, i-noni (i-) finger snap fingerprint won't umu-noni (imi-) grass bracelet no (conj.) and (between infinitives ntaco 1. I don't mind, 2. never or preceding mu or ku) iki-nonko (ibi-) lump (as in food) mind, 3. no problem kurima no gusatura biraruhisha iki-nōno (ibi-) hoof Hoeing and splitting wood is tiring **ntamwanya** no time, there is no time **ku-nōnōka** (-tse) 1. to be healthy,

have vitality, 2. to be supple, strong

(as rope), 3. to be flexible, 4. to be comfortable, 5. to have virility, to

be manly, to be homosexual (gay)

ntanakimwe (adj.) nothing

ntanumwe nobody, no one

ahā-ntu (no pl.) place

i-no (ama-) toe

as birds do)

ku-noba (-vye) to peck, pick up

ku-nobagura (-ye) to pick up (esp.

aka-ntu (utu-) little thing (*from ikintu*)

iki-ntu (ibi-) 1. thing, item, 2. something

ubu-ntu 1. grace, generosity, 2. free (*yampaye ku buntu*)

ukū-ntu how (not in question)

umu-ntu (aba-) person, human being

umu-ntu ahishirigwa (aba) overseer, supervisor, superintendent

iki-ntu kanaka (ibi) a certain thing

umu-ntu kanaka (aba) 1. a certain person, 2. someone, somebody

umu-ntu w'inkuba (aba) skillful person

ntūze so-and-so, what's-his-name

Ntwarante March

iki-nūbwe (*no pl.*) hard feelings, grudgingly

nubwo despite, in spite of, notwithstanding, regardless of, although

ku-nūka (-tse) to smell bad, stink

uru-nūka (i-) any horrid, hateful
thing

ku-nūkiriza (-je) to cause to smell bad odor

n'ūko (*conj.*) therefore, so, it is thus, that's right, then

nuko (*conj.*) therefore, so, it is thus, that's right, then

i-numa (i-) dove, pigeon

ku-numa (-mye) to be quiet, silent, say nothing

umu-nūni (imi-) bird that sucks honey (some black with red throat, others metallic green)

ku-nunūra (-ye) to buy or sell

ku-nūnuza (-je) to suck (esp. suck juice out of fruit), to absorb (water)

uku-nunuza absorption

ku-nura (-ze) to be fat (of meat)

ku-nūranura (-ye) to pick up bits of food here and there (esp. dog)

iki-nure (ibi-) fat meat (usually used in pl.)

i-nusu (ama-) half (Sw.)

ku-nūtsa (-kije) to fight and defeat completely

aka-nwa (utu-) mouth

ama-nwa big mouth, many mouths

umu-nwa (imi-) lip

tega imi-nwe hold out your hands

umu-nwe (imi-) hand (esp. palm)

ku-nwengurana (-nye) to talk together in whispers

nya (invariable demonstrative) that

ku-nya (-neye) to defecate, to do a pooh, to excrete, to have a bowel movement

umu-nya (imi-) wrinkle (as in face), excessive thinness

nyabugoro little house built for spirit of one who has died

aka-nyabugoro (utu-) metal bracelet

nyabuhoro traditional sacred "dispenser of peace" drum

nyabuna (an exclamation of affirmation)

umu-nyabutike (aba-) shopkeeper

iki-nyabuzima (ibi-) 1. living being, living thing, 2. (*pl.*) biology

umu-nyabwēnge (aba-) wise person

umu-nyabwīra (aba-) industrious person

umu-nyabwōba (aba-) coward

iki-nyabwōya (ibi-) caterpillar

nyāco (adj.) good, nice

umu-nyafirika (aba-) African person

ku-nyaga (-ze) 1. to take away from, to take by force, 2. to steal, 3. to pillage

umu-nyagahwāyi (aba-) 1. deceitful person, 2. flatterer, 3. braggart

umu-nyagikūndiro (aba-) person worthy of praise or love

ku-nyāgira (-ye) to drench, wet *(rain)*

ku-nyāgirwa (-we) to get wet in the rain

umu-nyagisagara (aba-) city dweller

ku-nyāgiza (-je) to cause to get wet, expose to rain

imi-nyago 1. captive, 2. booty, spoils, 3. pillage

uru-nyago (in-) 1. captive, 2. booty, spoils, 3. pillage

iki-nyakabaka (ibi-) eagle, kite (bird)

i-nyakamwe (i-) person living alone, one by himself

Nyakanga September (or August)

umu-nyakazi (aba-) (Sw.) workman

umu-nyakisaka (aba-) member of the Abanyakisaka lineage of drummers

ku-nyakura (-ye) to grab quickly

nyakuri (*adj.*) 1. true, truthful, 2. real, genuine, authentic, 3. actual

iki-nyakuri (ibi-) fact, reality (usually used in pl.)

umu-nyakuri (aba-) thruthful person

ama-nyama 1. cheekiness, sassiness, 2. cantankerousness, 3. pride, arrogance, 4. disobedience, 5. ambition

i-nyāma (i-) 1. meat, 2. flesh, 3. muscle
i-nyāma y'akibitsi meat of leg
i-nyāma y'inka beef meat
i-nyāma z'ihene goat meat
Nyamagoma February

umu-nyamahānga (aba-) foreigner, stranger

iki-nyāmbuga (ibi-) mat of split papyrus

umu-nyamerika (aba-) American (person)

umu-nyamibēmbe (aba-) leper

umu-nyamugamba (aba-) person of a particular region of Burundi

aka-nyamunēza (no pl.) great joy

iki-nyamunya (ibi-) kind of banana

iki-nyamurobo (ibi-) tadpole

nyamwero (ba-) albino

umu-nyamwuga (aba-) craftsman, artisan

ku-nyananyana (-nye) to have absolutely all one wants (no need of any kind) and to be a bit showy about it

ku-nyananyaya (-ye) to have absolutely all one wants, and to be a bit showy about it

umu-nyankīko (aba-) stranger, foreigner, person from far away (who lives near border)

i-nyānya (i-) tomato

ku-nyanyāga (-ze) to fall softly *(rain)*, to mist

uru-nyanyaga (i-) light, fine rain

ku-nyānyasa (-shije) to hurry

umu-nyanyonzo (aba-) hunchback

umu-nyapolitiki (aba-) politician

ku-nyara (-ye) to urinate, to pee, to piss

ku-nyaragasa (-shije) to hurry

ku-nyaragura (-ye) to have polyuria (*from kunyara*)

aka-nyarira jisho (utu-) tiny insect in eye

uru-nyariro (no pl.) backyard, behind the backyard (where one went to urinate, from kunyara)

nyarucari (*no pl.*) poor man, poverty-stricken person

ku-nyaruka (-tse) to hurry

ku-nyarutsa (-tse) to accelerate

Ki-nyarwanda Rwandan language

Umu-nyarwanda (Aba-) Rwandan person, Rwandese

umu-nyarwāngara (aba-) careless one

ibi-nyavu (no sing.) mineral matter (inanimate things)

umu-nyavyāha (aba-) sinner

nyāwo (adj.) good, nice

nyāyo (*adj.*) 1. good, nice (*impuzu nyayo*), 2. real

umu-nyazi (aba-) thief

umu-nyebahasha (aba-) merchant

i-nyēgamo (i-) 1. chair with back, 2. back of chair

iki-nyege (ibi-) gourd rattle with several acoustic elements

ku-nyegera (-ye) to hide (*vi*), penetrate into

ubu-nyegeri tiny ants

uru-nyegeri tiny ants

ku-nyegētera (-ye) to go through a narrow pass, to creep along, to sneak in

ku-nyegeza (-je) to hide (*vt*), conceal

ku-nyegezwa (-jwe) to be hidden, concealed

ku-nyeguruka (-tse) to reappear, come out of hiding

ku-nyegurura (-ye) to reveal, disclose, bring from hiding

umu-nyekōmbe (aba-) member of chief's council who listens to trials

umu-nyekongo (Aba-) Congolese person

umu-nyembabazi (aba-) merciful person

--nyene (adv.) 1. only, 2. the very one, 3. -self, (with pronoun prefix: myself, yourself, himself, herself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves) 4. exactly

nyene master, owner of

ku-nyengetēra (-ye) to make holes in

ku-nyengetērwa (-rewe) to have holes in from insects, rust, etc.

umu-nyenkomezi (aba-) strong person

uru-nyenyēri (i-) star

ku-nyerera (-ye) to be slippery, to slip

uru-nyerere (i-) fine metal bracelet

ku-nyereza (-je) to cause to slip, make slippery

umu-nyeshure (aba-) pupil, student (*Rw*.)

umu-nyezamo (aba-) guard, watchman (Sw.)

ku-nyiganyiga (-ze) to tremble *(earth)*, shake

ku-nyiganyiza (-je) to cause to tremble, to shake (*vt*)

ku-nyīgīra (-ye) to not grow (*plant*, *child*)

iki-nyigishi (ibi-) gum

ku-nyika (-tse) 1. to slide (*landslide*), 2. to pack down (*vi*), 3. to come to an end, be completely destroyed (*while you are watching*,

to suddenly disappear as you watch)

umu-nyika (imi-) deep pool

ku-nyikiza (-je) to pack down (vt)

nyina (ba-) his, her, their mother (*rude*)

banyina their mothers (rude)

nyinābo (ba-) his, her, their maternal aunt

ku-nyīngisha (-shije) to shake down (as when measuring), to rub a bump so it doesn't swell or hurt

ku-nyinkira (-ye) to work or do unwillingly, complainingly

umu-nyinya (imi-) acacia, thorn tree

ku-nyinyirwa (-riwe) to make face over something that tastes bad, to frown

nyirababiri (ba-) mother of twins (rarely used)

nyiramwiza (ba-) beautiful woman, beautiful girl, a beauty

in-nyo (in-) anus

ku-nyobanyoba (-vye) to go stealthily

nyōbuja your mistress

aka-nyōbwa (utu-) a drink

iki-nyōbwa (ibi-) drink, something to be drunk

ku-nyōbwa (-bwe) to be drunk (*passive*)

ku-nyoganyoga (-ze) 1. to shake, to wobble, to waddle, 2. to be flexible

nyogokuru (ba-) grandmother

ku-nyogōmba (-mvye) 1. to drag along, 2. to crawl, 3. to feel cast down

nyogosēnge (ba-) sister of your father, your paternal aunt

ku-nyoha (-she) to choke (vt)

nyoko (ba-) your (sing. or pl.) mother (sometimes with negative implication, rude derogative)

nyōkobuja your mistress, employer

nyōkobukwe your mother-in-law

nyokorome (ba-) (your) maternal

nyokorume (ba-) (your) maternal uncle

nyōkuru (ba-) grandmother

nyōkwanyu your maternal aunt

iki-nyoma (ibi-) lie

iki-nyomoro (ibi-) tree tomato, tamarillo, prune de Japon

ku-nyonyera (-ye) to mince along or take little steps

ibi-nyoro yaws

umu-nyororo (aba-) prisoner

umu-nyororo (imi-) 1. chain (by extension, prison), 2. jail

i-nyōta (i-) thirst

iki-nyōta (ibi-) damp place (not really swamp)

umu-nyota (imi-) ashes

ku-nyotera (-ye) to make thirsty

ku-nyoterwa (-we) to be thirsty

ubu-nyovu uncultivated land

--nyu (*adj*.) your (*pl*.)

aku-nyu little salt (from umunyu)

umu-nyu (imi-) salt

umu-nyubarabara (aba-) roadman

iki-nyugunyugu (ibi-) 1. butterfly, 2. moth

umu-nyuka (aba-) member of the Abanyuka lineage of drummers

ku-nyukura (-ye) to scrub clothes, to beat, to rub

--nyuma (adv.) last, final

ha-nyuma (conj.) afterward, later, later on, and then

i-nyuma (*adv.*) 1. behind, 2. outside, 3. at the back, 4. after

iki-nyungunyungu (ibi-) 1. butterfly, 2. moth

ndakwi-nyungushuye goodbye

ku-nyūnyūka (-tse) to be withered, shriveled (*of flesh*)

ku-nyura (-ze) 1. to go back and forth, 2. to come across, 3. to pass between, 4. travel through a country, 5. to undergo, go through

ku-nyuragiza (-je) to go from place to place

ku-nyuramwo (-yemwo) to cut wood in short bits

ku-nyurana (-nye) 1. to alternate, to diverge 2. follow after, 3. be opposite, 4. to cross on path

ku-nyurānura (-ye) to exchange clothes or other articles for a time

ku-nyuranwa (**-**niwe) to miss each other on path

ku-nyuranya (-nije) to interchange, make opposite

ku-nyuruza (-je) to secretly help someone to escape by taking his things for him (e.g. one who plans to leave steals bit by bit things to take)

umu-nyushure (aba-) pupil, student

uru-nyuzi (i-) (Sw.) thread

ku-nywa (-nyōye) to drink

uku-nywa absorption

ku-nywa itabi to smoke (tobacco)

iki-nywabūki (ibi-) sugar ant

ku-nywāguka (-tse) to fall and hurt oneself, to be sore in one's muscles

ku-nywako (-nyōyeko) to drink a little, to taste a sip

umu-nywāmazi (imi-) rainbow

ku-nywāna (-nye) to drink together

umu-nywanyi (aba-) member

ku-nywēra (-reye) to drink at, in, for

umu-nywera (aba-) person who gets thin gradually, person sick with wasting away disease

ku-nywēsha (-sheje) to drink from, cause to drink

umu-nywi (aba-) drinker

umu-nzāne (imi-) scales, balance

Nzero January, name of moon

--nzīnya (adj.) tiny, minute (used only with th class)

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bitēye ubw-ōba horrible

ubw-ōba (*no pl.*) 1. fear, phobia, angst, 2. cowardice, 3. horror

ic-ōbo (ivy-) 1. hole in ground, 2. grave

umw-ōbo (imy-) hole (esp. small
one like rat hole)

inz-ōga (inz-) beer

kw-ōga (-ze) 1. to swim, go in water, 2. to wash oneself, 3. to shower, to bath

kw-ōgera (-ye) to swim at, for

ubw-ogero bathroom

kw-ōgēsha (-sheje) to wash with, help to wash

ic-ōgo (ivy-) large deep place of water, stream

umw-ōgo (imy-) long tie worn at shoulder at certain dances

kw-ōgorora (-ye) 1. to cross a river (by bridge), 2. to come out of water

inz-ōka (inz-) snake, worm

--okeje (*adj*.) grilled, roasted (*from kwōtsa*)

ibitoke vyokeje roasted bananas

kw-ōkereza (-je) to cause to roast for

kw-ōkēsha (-sheje) to roast with, help to roast

ubw-ōko (am-) 1. race, 2. nation, 3. tribe, 4. kind, species, breed

kw-ōkōka (-tse) 1. to be left alive after a plague, 2. to survive, 3. to regain health or possessions

kw-ōkōra (-reye) to give back calf to one from whom one received a cow

kw-ōkōra (-ye) to remove from fire or oven

kw-ōkōrera (-ye) to take from fire for

kw-ōkōza (-je) 1. to cause to take from fire, 2. ask cow from one who has received one

ivy-okurya meal, food, dish

kw-ōma (-mye) 1. to adhere to, 2. to follow closely

kw-ōmānza (-nje) 1. to split up, cut lengthwise, 2. to play on instrument vigorously

ic-ōmba (ivy-) big boat, ship

kw-ōmba (-mvye) to act or go secretly because of fear

ic-ōmbo (ivy-) cooking utensil

kw-ōmboka (-tse) to walk stealthily

kw-ōmeka (-tse) 1. to stick or sew together, 2. to apply on

kw-ōmekera (-reye) 1. to apply, 2. to impute to

ic-ōmore (ivy-) tree of which bark is used

iny-ōmvyi (iny-) African robin (*bird*)

kw-ōna (-nnye) 1. to eat garden plants, 2. destroy garden (of goats, etc.)

kw-ōnda (-nze) to get thin

kw-ōndera (-ye) 1. to be hungry for, 2. have need of

kw-ōndēsha (-sheje) to make thin

kw-ōndēshwa (-shejwe) to be made thin by

ivy-ōndo mud

urw-ōndo mud

iny-ōndwe (iny-) tick (insect)

iny-ōndwi (iny-) tick (insect)

kw-ōnesha (-sheje) to allow or cause goat to destroy garden

iny-onga (iny-) presence of great
person, at his feet

umw-ōnga (imy-) valley

iny-ongera additional, supplementary, extra

kw-ongera (-ye) 1. to repeat, do again, 2. to give more, 3. to augment, to increase (*vt*), 4. to accelerate

kw-ongera umushahara to increase the salary

kw-ongeranya (-nije) to break or kill completely

ic-ongereza English language

Ubw-ongereza England

umw-ongereza (ab-) English person

kw-ongerwa (-we) to be given more

kw-ongeza (-je) 1. to give, 2. to demand more

kw-ōngorera (-ye) to whisper

kw-ōngorerana (-nye) to whisper to each other

ivy-ongoreranyo whispers, gossip
(what's said in whispers)

ivy-ōngoshwe whispers (sound of)

utw-ōngoshwe whispers (sound of)

iny-oni (iny-) bird (small one)

kw-ōnjorora (-ye) 1. to leave abruptly, 2. stop talking abruptly though others continue, 3. to drop out of something because you know you're in the wrong

kw-ōnka (-nse) to nurse (vi)

iny-ōnko (iny-) 1. fever, 2. malaria

ubw-ōnko (no pl.) brains

kw-ōnōna (-nnye) to destroy, damage, spoil

kw-ōnōnekara (-ye) to be spoiled, to deteriorate

kw-ōnōnera (-ye) to damage at, for

kw-ōnōnēsha (-sheje) to damage with, help to damage

kw-ōnōnwa (-nwe) to be damaged

ubw-ōnōnyi (*no pl.*) destruction, damage

umw-ōnōnyi (ab-) spoiler, someone destroying things

kw-ōnsa (-nkeje) to nurse a baby, to breastfeed

kw-ōnswa (-nkejwe) to be put to breast, to be nursed, to be breastfed

iny-ōnzo (iny-) hunch on back, lump, hunchback

kw-ōrekēra (-reye) 1. to try to make someone like what he has refused, 2. to entice, 3. to seduce

kw-ōrekērwa (-rewe) to be enticed, to be seduced

ubw-ōro (no pl.) poverty

umw-ōro (ab-) poor person

kw-ōroha (-she) 1. to be easy, to be simple, 2. to be soft, 3. to be light (*in weight*)

kw-ōrohereza (-je) 1. to fertilize, 2. soften up soil

kw-ōroherwa (-we) 1. to get relief from pain, 2. to improve (*physically or otherwise*)

kw-ōrokēra (-reye) to put skin of dead calf before cow to make her give milk

kw-ōrokereza (-je) 1. to get medicine to make cow like her calf, 2. to stand up for someone you trust

ubw-orozi (*no pl.*) livestock farming, animal husbandry

kw-ōsa (-sheje) to put on, or to burn nice-smelling stuff

--ōse (*adv.*) 1. all, every, each, 2. whole, entire, entirely **bōse**, **gōse**, etc.

rw-ōse (*adv.*) 1. absolutely, 2. completely, entirely, 3. very much (*from -ōse*)

am-ōsha temptations

iny-ōsha (iny-) temptation

kw-ōsha (-heje) 1. to lead, 2. to urge, 3. to influence, 4. to tempt

iny-ōshwa (iny-) leading, persuasion

am-ōsozi tears

iny-ōta (iny-) thirst

kw-ōta (-se) to warm oneself by fire

ic-ōtero (ivy-) altar, fire built for cows

kw-ōtesha (-sheje) to invite to or allow to warm oneself

kw-ōteshwa (-shejwe) to be invited to warm oneself

kw-ōtsa (-keje) 1. to roast in coals, to grill, broil, 2. to bake

kw-ōtsako (-kejeko) to roast a little of

umw-ōtsi (imy-) smoke

umw-ōtso (imy-) awl (instrument
used for branding)

oya no

(emphatic) oyāye

iry-ōya (am-) feather

ubw-ōya (no pl.) 1. body hair (not on human head), 2. fur

uruy-ōya (inz-) infant, baby (up to 3 months)

urw-ōya (am-) a hair

oyāye no! absolutely not

--ōye 1. don't (*strong negative*), 2. lest, (*verb without infinitive*)

n-ōye gutīnya don't be afraid

kw-ōza (-geje) to wash (not body), to clean (vt)

kw-ōzwa (-gejwe) to be washed

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m-pa give me... (imperative of guha)

igi-paca (ibi-) a kind of banana for brewing beer

umu-padiri (aba-) priest (catholic)

ubu-pagani (no pl.) heathenism

umu-pagani (aba-) heathen, pagan

igi-pahu (ibi-) shovel

im-paka (im-) 1. discussion,dispute, 2. questioningkubigira ku mpaka to do it on purpose

umu-paka (imi-) border, boundary

i-paki (ama-) pack (of goods at market etc.)

gu-pakira (-ye) to load, to pack

im-pāmba (im-) food for a journey

im-pamo (im-) 1. truth, 2. reality

i-pāmpa (i-) cotton

im-pāmvu (im-) 1. reason, 2. cause

niyo m-pamvu because of that

igi-pānde (ibi-) (Sw.) card, ticket gu-pānga (-nze) (Sw.) 1. to prepare, 2. to wipe off, 3. to pitch (tent), 4. to spread out, 5. to set (the table) umu-pānga (imi-) (Sw.) machete, grass knife, long bread knife

gu-pānga ameza to set the table

im-pānge (im-) cooking pot

igi-pangu (ibi-) 1. compound, 2. wall or fence around compound

gu-pāngūra (-ye) (Sw.) to clear off (as table, etc.), to take down (tent)

gu-pāngūsha (-shije) (Sw.) to dust off

im-pāno (im-) gift (nothing
expected in return)

i-pansiyo (i-) pension

i-pantaro (ama-) trouser (also ipantalo, Fr.)

i-panu (ama-) frying pan

i-papāyi (i-) papaya

igi-papuro (ibi-) large sheet of paper

uru-papuro (im-) paper, page, sheet of paper

im-parage (im-) zebra

im-pāri (im-) 1. argument, 2. discussion

kuja im-pāri to argue

i-pāsi (ama-) (Sw.) iron (for ironing clothes)

Pasika Easter

umu-pasitori (aba-) pastor

i-paswari sieve

i-pata (ama-) hinge

im-patane (im-) 1. stocks (for prisoner), 2. trees grown very close together, 3. teeth very close together

igi-pawa (ibi-) spade, shovel

pē (*adv*.) absolutely! extremely! think of that!

umu-pede (aba-) homosexual person, gay (*rude*, *derogative*)

im-pehemyi (im-) place around trees where nothing else grows

im-peke (im-) grain

im-pēmbo (im-) 1. pay, salary, wage, 2. tip, 3. reward

im-pene (im-) goat

i-pera (ama-) guave

im-pera (im-) end

im-pēra (im-) reward

i-peremi permit, licence

im-perēra (im-) last one of anything

perezida (aba-) president

umu-perezida (aba-) president

im-perēzwa (im-) offering, sacrifice

im-peruka (im-) end, last

im-pēshi (im-) 1. beginning of dry season (*about June*), 2. spring, early summer

igi-pesi (ibi-) button on clothing

im-peta (im-) ring

im-pete (im-) partition of reeds

ama-pfa famine

gu-pfa (**-**pfūye) 1. to die, 2. to do anyhow, 3. to be in disagreement

i-pfa (no pl.) greed

ugu-pfa disagreement, conflict

im-pfāgusa (no pl.) worthlessness

gu-pfākara (-ye) to lose one's husband or wife by death

umu-pfākazi (aba-) widow

igi-pfāmatwi (ibi-) deaf person

pfampfe most intimate friend, (*lit*. "you die - I die", from gupfa)

gu-pfāna (-nye) 1. to die with, 2. to be a relative, 3. to lay blame on

gu-pfāpfāna (-nye) to deteriorate

ubu-pfāsoni (no pl.) nobility

umu-pfāsoni (aba-) 1. lady, noble woman, woman of high rank, 2. woman of noble character, 3. married woman (polite), (from isoni = timidity)

gu-pfinda (-nze) 1. to cast lots, 2. to ask riddles

gu-pfindana (-nye) to draw lots, divide by lot, to ask a riddle

ubu-pfīndo (no pl.) lot (as in drowing lots)

gu-pfīndūra (-ye) 1. to guess, 2. to divine, 3. to solve riddle

gu-pfīra (-riye) to die for, at, in the place of

im-pfīro (im-) death, point of death

gu-pfīsha (-shije) to lose (by death), cause to die

im-pfīzi (im-) male animal (*esp. goat*)

igi-pfu (ibi-) foolish person

ubu-pfu (*no pl.*) 1. folly, 2. ignorance

umu-pfu (aba-) dead person

umu-pfu (imi-) fresh corpse

uru-pfu (im-) death

gu-pfūha (-she) 1. to be dull (*instrument*), 2. to be angry, 3. to breathe heavily (*cow*)

gu-pfūhagira (-ye) to snuff, snort, snort with anger (*esp. of bull*)

i-pfūhe (no pl.) anger (rarely used)

gu-pfuka (-tse) 1. to be cool, to be shady, to be fresh, 2. to wrap up, 3. to cover

gu-pfukama (-mye) to kneel

gu-pfukamika (-tse) to invite to i-pfūndo (ama-) 1. knot, 2. outer gu-pfuvya (-bije) to put something kneel garment cool on a burn gu-pfukamikwa (-tswe) to be asked gu-pfunduka (-tse) to open, gu-pfyina (-nye) to tease, act to kneel become untied foolish (in fun) gu-pfukamira (-ye) to kneel before gu-pfūnduka (-tse) to go up in i-pikipiki (ama-) motorcycle, motorbike smoke gu-pfukamīsha (-shije) to ask to gu-pfunduruka (-tse) to come kneel **i-pilipili** (i**-**) (Sw.) pepper uncovered aga-pfukarutoke (udu-) thimble gu-pima (-nye) (Sw.) 1. to measure, gu-pfundurura (-ye) to loosen, 2. to examine, to assess, 3. to gu-pfukīsha (-shije) to cover with open, untie weigh, 4. to rate, to evaluate umu-pfuko (imi-) 1. pocket, 2. gu-pfunereza (-je) to cause to eat a igi-pimo (ibi-) (Sw.) measure sack, 3. bag, 4. purse (also lot, to blow up (vt), or fill up (vt)umufuko) **i-pine** (ama-) tire (Fr. pneu) gu-pfungānya (-nye) to be narrow im-pīnga (im-) top of mountain or gu-pfukūra (-ye) to uncover igi-pfūngo (ibi-) (Sw.) button hill qu-pfukwa (-tswe) to be covered igi-pfūngu (ibi-) fog, mist im-pīngūro (im-) answers (as on gu-pfuma (-mye) to prefer (as the an exam), redoing an unsatisfactory lesser of two evils), would rather **uru-pfunguruzo** (im-) 1. key job (Sw.), 2. bottle opener umu-pfumu (aba-) witch doctor im-pingwe (im-) bumblebee uru-pfungūzo (im-) (Sw.) key gu-pfunagira (-ye) to sob silently i-pinjama (ama-) pajamas umu-pfuniko (imi-) cover of a gu-pfūnda (-nze) to cover mouth **umu-pira** (imi-) (Sw.) 1. ball, 2. of another with hand to keep him sweater, pullover, 3. eraser, rubber from making a sound igi-pfūnsi (ibi-) fist umu-pira wa basket (imi-) umu-pfūnda (imi-) wave, rapid gu-pfunya (-nye) to bend joint, basketball flowing of water, blood, etc. fold umu-pira wa volley (imi-) gu-pfundika (-tse) 1. to weave, 2. ubu-pfunya (no pl.) failure to grow volleyball to knot properly umu-pira w'amaboko (imi-) 1. gu-pfundikanya (-nije) to tie gu-pfunya ijambo to be concise basketball, 2. volleyball together gu-pfunyirana (-nye) to be folded, umu-pira w'amaguru (imi-) gu-pfundikira (-ye) to cover (as wrinkled football, soccer dish, etc.) gu-pfunyiranya (-nije) to wrinkle i-pirimu (ama-) pen gu-pfundikirwa (-we) to be (vt)covered i-piripiri (i-) (Sw.) pepper umu-pfunyu (imi-) wrinkle (as in gu-pfundikīsha (-shije) to cause to cloth), fold i-pirire pill tie, tie with gu-pfunyuka (-tse) to become im-pisho (no pl.) secretly, in hiding gu-pfundikiza (-je) to cover with, unwrinkled uru-piya (im-) coin cause to cover gu-pfunyura (-ye) to unfold, press, m-pole 1. sorry! 2. watch out! igi-pfundikizo (ibi-) 1. cover, lid, smooth (from Sw. pole) 2. stopper gu-pfunywa (-nywe) to be umu-polisi (aba-) police, police umu-pfundikizo (imi-) cover, lid, wrinkled officer stopper gu-pfūsha (-shije) to lose one's politiki politics (also poritiki) gu-pfundikwa (-tswe) to be tied, child (by death)

pome apple

woven

im-pongano (im-) 1. bribe, 2. one who takes place of guilty man

im-pōngo (im-) deer, antelope

im-ponnyi (im-) last one of family who has no children – thus no heir

gu-poperaniriza (-je) to unite in

gu-poperanya (-nije) to unite (to put things of different types together)

im-pore (im-) peace

umu-porisi (aba-) police, police officer

i-poshoro (ama-) (Sw.) shovel

i-posita (i-) post office

i-posta (i-) post office

umu-profeseri (aba-) professor, teacher

umu-protestanti (aba-) Protestant

i-puderi (ama-) powder

im-pūha (im-) news

im-puhwe (im-) mercy (actually the fear to hurt another because you love or pity him)

im-pumyi (im-) blind person

im-pūndu (im-) 1. cry of joy, cry of acclamation, 2. chimpanzee

im-pungenge (im-) lack of equilibrium, vertigo

im-pūngu (im-) eagle

im-pururu (im-) 1. loop of rope, 2. lasso, 3. slip knot

i-purusa interest (econom., from kuruta)

im-pūzu (im-) clothing

im-pwēmu (im-) breath, spirit, air

M-pwēmu Mweranda Holy Spirit

ubu-ra (ama-) 1. of same blood, 2. intestines (used in pl.)

ku-raba (-vye) 1. to dye, color, paint, 2. to faint, wilt

ku-rāba (-vye) 1. to look at, 2. to examine, to monitor, 3. to visit

uku-raba 1. blackout, 2. fainting fit

ku-rāba igitsure 1. to frown at, 2. to look at another in disapproval

ku-rabagirana (-nye) to flash (as lightning)

ku-rabagiza (-je) to illuminate

i-rabagu (ama-) spot, stain

iki-rabagu (ibi-) spot, stain

ku-rabana (-nye) to put color on each other

ku-rābana (-nye) to look at each other

ku-rābarāba (-vye) to look at one thing after another (*many things*)

ku-rabika (-tse) 1. to wilt, to cause to faint, 2. to be colored, 3. to strike down and almost kill (*either person or tree*)

ku-rābika (-tse) to be good to look at

uku-rabikwa wilting, fainting (from kurabika)

ku-rabira (-ye) to color at, for

ku-rābira (-ye) 1. to moo, to baa, 2. to look at, for, by

ku-rābirana (-nye) to look at something together

ku-rabiriza (-je) to flash (as lightning)

ku-rabīsha (-shije) to cause, help to look, to look at with

ku-rabuka (-tse) 1. to be cooked after stirring up the fire a second time, 2. to perceive, to understand, 3. to come when called, to flash by

ku-rabūka (-tse) 1. to regain consciousness, 2. to revive after being wilted, (*vi*) fainted

ku-rabukirwa (-we) to be cooked, to be scorched

ku-rabukwa (-tswe) to see with comprehension, to behold, to notice

ku-rabura (-ye) to help regain consciousness, to revive (*vt*)

ku-rabwa (-bwe) to be colored, marked

ku-rābwa (-bwe) to be looked at, have visitors

i-radiyo (i-) radio (plural also amaradiyo)

ku-raga (-ze) to leave as inheritance

iki-ragamo (ibi-) dwelling place, housing

ubu-ragamo (*no pl.*) dwelling place

ku-ragana (-nye) 1. to take marriage vows, promise each other, 2. to commit oneself

ku-raganira (-ye) to promise

ubu-rage (*no pl.*) inheritance, legacy

umu-rage (*no pl.*) inheritance, legacy

i-ragi (ama-) 1. promise, 2. heritage

iki-ragi (ibi-) 1. deaf and dumb person (*esp. dumb*), 2. mute person

ubu-ragi (no pl.) dumbness (of speech)

ku-ragira (-ye) to pasture (*vt*), to watch flock, to shepherd

ku-ragirana (-nye) to pasture together

ku-ragirwa (-we) to be watched (*flock*)

ku-ragiza (-je) to entrust flock to another to pasture, to help pasture

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iki-rago (ibi-) mat (kind used for sleeping)

umu-rago (imi-) swamp

ku-ragura (-ye) 1. to divine, 2. bewitch, 3. seek to know doer of evil (as witch doctor does), 4. to be a mind reader

ku-ragurira (-ye) to divine at, for

ku-raguza (-je) to have witch doctor bewitch another, to have witch doctor to divine, find who did evil

umu-raguzi (aba-) one who bewitches or divines

ku-ragwa (-zwe) to inherit

umu-ragwa (aba-) heir

ku-raha (-she) to grab, to do quickly and carelessly

umu-raha pineapple spirit

ku-rahana (-nye) to grab each other

ku-rahīra (-ye) to vow, swear, take oath

iki-rahure (ibi-) (Sw.) glass

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ku-rahurura (-ye) to go back on oath

ku-rahuruza (-je) 1. to make one tell the truth, 2. to make one go back on what he said

iki-raka (ibi-) a job, small contracted work

ku-raka (-tse) to be angry, to get angry, annoyed

ku-rakara (-ye) to be upset, to be angry

ubu-rakari (no pl.) anger

i-rake (i-) one hundred thousand

ubu-rake (no pl.) anger

i-raki (i-) one hundred thousand

ku-rakira (-ye) to be angry at, because of

ku-rakirana (-nye) to be angry at each other

ku-rakirwa (-we) to be subjected to another's anger

ku-rakīsha (-shije) to cause to be angry

ku-rama (-mye) to be strong, durable, long-lived (*things*, *not people*)

ku-ramagiza (-je) to give too much to swallow at a time

ku-ramagura (-ye) to beat (raising welts)

aka-ramata (*no pl.*) 1. sticking together, 2. strong ever-lasting love, 3. forever

iki-ramata (ibi-) burr (of bush)

ku-ramata (-se) to seige, attach oneself to

ku-rāmba (-mvye) 1. to live long, to last long, 2. to be old

ku-rambarara (-ye) to stretch oneself out on ground

umu-rambararo (imi-) length, anything in prone position

ku-rambika (-tse) to lay on the ground (*vt*)

ku-rambikakw ibiganza to lay hands on, to dedicate

ku-rambira (-ye) to weary by a long speech or delay

ku-rambirwa (-we) 1. to be wearied by long speech or delay, 2. to become impatient, 3. to be bored

imi-rāmbizo (*no sing*.) foot of the bed

ku-ramira (-ye) to catch one who starts to fall, to grab

ku-ramiriza (-je) to persist, work hard at, to go steadily forward

ku-ramīsha (-shije) to make things (esp. pots) strong

ku-ramiza (**-**je) to pour milk down another's throat

umu-ramu (imi-) mark of a blow, welt

ku-ramuka (-tse) 1. to be, to start the day

aramutse agenda and then he went

2. to be skinned by a blow

ku-ramukana (-nye) to get up in such and such a condition

ku-ramukānya (-nije) 1. to greet one another, to exchange greetings, 2. to visit

ku-ramukira (-ye) to get up, for, to greet authorities

ku-ramukirwa (-we) to have one's

ku-ramukwa (-tswe) to come to day to give birth

ku-ramura (-ye) 1. to swell up in welts (*when beaten or burned*), 2. to strike another and peel the skin off, 3. to put temper in metal, 4. to wean

ku-ramutsa (-kije) 1. to greet (*oneself, not sent by another*), 2. to greet in letter, 3. to visit, 4. to stand at door and cough or call 'muraduha'

mwa-ramutse good morning (from kuramuka)

ku-ramutswa (-kijwe) to be greeted, to be visited

mu-ramuwe (ba-) brother-in-law (his, her)

murumwanje my brother-in-law

iki-ramvu (ibi-) thing spread out flat, bow without cord

ku-rāmvura (-ye) to stretch out arm, to continue one's journey

aka-randa (*no pl.*) person who is great, severe, wise

aka-rānda (no pl.) smallpox

ku-rānda (-nze) to creep (as vine)

ku-randagura (-ye) to resist or fight, to eat, bite (as animal, pain), to weed out grass quickly

ku-randagurana (-nye) 1. to talk unkindly to each other, 2. to quarrel

ku-randamuka (-tse) 1. to speak thoughtlessly, loudly, 2. to walk in one's sleep, to start up in one's sleep, 3. to come all together at call of trouble

iki-randamuke (ibi-) one who always disagrees in an 'inama', who says things he shouldn't when with others

ku-randamukira (-ye) to speak loudly to

umu-rāndarānda (imi-) vine of a certain sort

ku-randuka (-tse) 1. to die, perish, 2. to become uprooted

ku-randuka umutima to be startled, dismayed

ku-randura (-ye) to pull out by the roots

uku-randura uprooting

ku-randurira (-ye) to pull out at, for, because of

ku-randurwa (-we) to be pulled out

ku-randuza (-je) to help pull out, pull out with

umu-randuzi (aba-) destroyer

aka-rānga (*no pl.*) 1. culture, norm, 2. appearance

iki-rānga (ibi-) (*pl.*) characteristics, feature, attribute, trait

Ki-ranga (high priest of the Burundian traditional supreme god, mediator between the traditional god and man, today associated by Christians with the devil)

ubuzimuzimu fetishes

igihwēba, igishegu one dedicated to service of ~

kuvōvōta to give oneself to ~kubāndwa to dance in honor of kubāndwa to be devoted to his service

guterekēra to worship ~

ku-rānga (-nze) 1. to indicate, 2. to inform, make known, announce, 3. to tell, say

ku-rangaguza (-je) to look at hastily

ku-rāngamira (-ye) to look up

iki-rāngamisi (ibi-) calendar

ku-rangamiza (-je) to raise the head, look up

aka-rāngamuntu identity card, ID

ku-rāngāra (-ye) to be empty, be wide open, to get left behind as you stare at something

ku-rāngārira (-ye) to be distracted by, marvel over

ku-rāngāza (-je) to leave open

i-rāngi (ama-) color, ink, paint

ku-rangira (-ye) to be finished, to be exhausted, to finish (*vi*)

ku-rangīra (-ye) 1. to inform, give information, 2. to show the way, to lead

iki-rangiranwa (no pl.) well known person or thing

 ${\it ku-rangiranwa}$ (-niwe) to be well known

uru-rangiranwa (no pl.) well known person or thing

iki-rangiranwe (ibi-) 1. something well known, 2. person well known

uru-rangiranwe (in-) 1. something well known, 2. person well known

ku-rangirīsha (-shije) to show the way by means of

i-rangiro address

ku-rangīrwa (-we) to be shown the way, be informed

ku-rangiza (-je) 1. to finish (*vt*), 2. to graduate

i-rāngo (ama-) 1. path, road, street, 2. whistle

umu-rāngo (imi-) daytime

ku-rangūka (-tse) to be accomplished, be understood

ku-rangura (-ye) to buy a lot

ku-rangūra (-ye) to explain fully till all understand

ku-rangūrira (-ye) to explain to, for

ku-rangurura (-ye) to speak loudly, to raise the voice

umu-ranguzi (aba-) buyer, shopper

ku-rāngwa (-nzwe) 1. to be published, 2. to be admirable

umu-rānzi (aba-) one who tells others of good things, tells them where to go to find something good

umu-rānzi (imi-) dried meat

ku-rara (-ze) to split, crack (vi)

ku-rāra (-ye) 1. to spend the night, to pass the night, 2. to lodge

ku-raraguza (-je) 1. to look all about, 2. to be saucy

ku-rarama (-mye) 1. to look straight up, to raise eyes, 2. tip head back

ku-raramanga (-nze) 1. to go strolling about when one should be working, 2. to be dissipated

aka-raramango (no pl.) idleness

ku-raramika (-tse) to raise the head

ku-raramira (-ye) to look up for

ku-raramuka (-tse) to lift up the head

ku-raramura (-ye) to look up

iki-rarashamba (ibi-) one that likes to go by himself rather than with others

ku-rārāta (-se) to hurry along (as cows to better pasture, or child stumbling after something he wants), to be unstable, to go from one thing to another

ibi-rare 1. effect of sleeping badly, 2. 'morning after' headache

ibi-rāre an overdue payment or tax

iki-rare (ibi-) forsaken field

ku-rārika (-tse) to hire workers, to line up workers

ku-rārikwa (-tswe) to be hired, lined up

ku-rārīra (-riye) to watch (as night watchman)

ku-rārīra (-ye) to spend the night at

i-rarīrari (*no pl.*) without pity, without regarding

umu-rāririzi (aba-) night watchman

ku-rārīrwa (-we) to keep someone for the night

i-rāro (ama-) 1. dormitory, 2. accommodation, 3. shelter for cows

iki-raro (ibi-) bridge

ubu-raruko north

ku-rārūra (-ye) to lift up from ground, to raise higher, to take (*cows*) up hill

imi-rarwe (*no sing.*) 1. sassiness, 2. impoliteness

ku-rasa (-she) 1. to shoot (*arrow*), 2. to make a curve, 3. to rise (*of sun*)

uru-rāsago 1. vaccination, 2. incision, 3. scar (from cuts made in treating sick person)

ku-rasana (-nye) to shoot at each other

ibi-rashi (*no sing*.) stuff in eyes when one wakes up, 'sand'

ku-rasira (-ye) to shoot at, for, to shine on

i-rasiyo ration (from Fr.)

ama-raso (no sing.) blood

ku-raswa (-shwe) to be pierced by an arrow

iki-rāto (ibi-) shoe ibirato vyo munzu slippers

ku-ratsa (-kije) 1. to cause to be angry, 2. to irritate

ku-ratswa (-kijwe) to be made angry by

ku-ravya (-bije) to flash (lightning)

umu-ravyo (imi-) lightning

Bu-raya Europe (Sw. Ulaya)

iki-raya (ibi-) white potato

Ubu-raya Europe (Sw. Ulaya)

ubu-rāya prostitution (from Sw.)

iki-rāyi (ibi-) brownish black cow

umu-rāyi (imi-) chaff, pollen

ku-rāza (-je) to keep for the night, to keep overnight, give lodging

ku-rāzirana (-nye) to talk in one's sleep

ku-rāzwa (-jwe) to be kept for the night

--rē-re (*adj.*) 1. tall, 2. high, 3. deep (*murēmure*, *etc.*)

ama-rēba (no sing.) magic, miraculous things (not by God's power)

umu-reberebe (imi-) leech

ubu-rēbure (*no pl.*) height, length, depth (*dimension and time*)

ku-rēga (-ze) to accuse

ku-rēgana (-nye) to accuse each other

ku-regarega (-ze) 1. to be weak and floppy, 2. to work carelessly wanting to quit, 3. to work lazily **ku-rēgera** (-ye) to accuse of, before, because of

ku-rēgēsha (-sheje) to cause to accuse

ku-regeteranya (-nije) to gossip, to tattle-tale

ku-regetereza (-je) 1. to talk a lot, 2. to gossip

ku-regeteza (-je) to talk a lot, to gossip

iki-rēgo (ibi-) 1. accusation, 2. complaint

ku-regūra (-ye) to excuse, acquit, exhonerate

ku-rēgwa (-zwe) to be accused

ku-rēha (-she) to be of equal length or height

ku-rehereza (**-**je) to act as gobetween for

ku-rehēsha (-sheje) to make equal

ku-reka (-tse) 1. to let, allow, permit, 2. to end, stop, cancel

ku-rekera (-ye) to leave at, for

ku-rekēsha (-sheje) to cause to leave, stop

ku-rekura (-ye) 1. to release, to allow to go, 3. to send back

ku-rekurana (-nye) to let go of each other

ku-rekurira (-ye) to release, to pardon

ku-rekuriranira (-ye) to pardon each other

ku-rekurirwa (-we) to be pardoned, to be forgiven

ku-rekurwa (-we) to be released, pardoned

ku-rekwa (-tswe) to be left

iki-rema (ibi-) person born crippled

ku-rema (-mye) 1. to create, make, 2. to lie, deceive, 3. to be brave, quiet, confident, strong

ama-remano (no pl.) deceit

ku-remara (-ye) 1. to be crooked (e.g. broken bone which has healed wrongly), 2. to be paralyzed

ku-rēmba (-vye) 1. to be smooth, silky soft, 2. to put forth new leaves, 3. to be fresh, attractive (*person*), 4. to get well after serious illness

ama-rembe 1. peace, 2. tranquility (*greeting: n'amarembe*)

n'ama-rembe it is peace! it's all well! (as answer to question n'amahoro)

ku-rēmbeka (-tse) to put 'medicine' about kraal to keep away thieves and evil spirits

uru-rēmbēko (in-) 'medicine' smeared about kraal to keep away thieves and evil spirits

ku-rēmbekurura (-ye) to counteract evil medicine

umu-rēmberezi (aba-) one who keeps police occupied while one sought escapes

i-rēmbo (ama-) gate, entrance

ku-rēmburura (-ye) to counteract the effects of evil 'medicine'

ku-remēka (-tse) to give someone a heavy load

ku-remēkwa (-tswe) to be given a heavy load

ku-rementaniriza (-je) 1. to lie about, 2. to deceive

ku-rementanya (-nije) 1. to put things together, 2. to lie, 3. to evade

ku-remera (-ye) to lie, create at, for

ku-remēra (-reye) to be heavy, to weigh down

ku-remereza (-je) to make heavy

ku-remērwa (-rewe) 1. to be weighed down, heavy-laden, 2. to be pregnant

ku-remēsha (-sheje) 1. to encourage, to strengthen, 2. to create with

ku-remēshwa (-shejwe) to be encouraged, strengthened

i-remezo (*no pl.*) 1. leader, one to be imitated, 2. beginning, foundation, 3. principle

iki-remo (ibi-) patch

ku-remura (-ye) to patch, to repair, to mend

uku-remura patching, mending, repairing

ku-remurukwa (-tswe) to be relieved of load

ku-remurura (-ye) to lighten a load

iki-remve (ibi-) blood of cow (drawn out to drink)

iki-remwa (ibi-) 1. creation, 2. creature, 3. created thing

ku-remwa (-mwe) to be created

umu-remyi (aba-) creator

iki-rende (ibi-) 1. gourd (*long*), 2. person or animal of very nice disposition, no malice

i-rendevu rendezvous (from Fr.)

i-rēnga (ama-) reed

ku-rēnga (-nze) 1. to surpass, go beyond, 2. to break (*the law*), 3. to disappear, to set (*of sun*), 4. to be more

urēnge i Gitega! pass by Gitega! go beyond Gitega!

ku-rēngagiza (-je) to wait, delay to answer, to do a sloppy job

ku-rēngāna (-nye) to pass over, pass aside

ku-rēngānya (**-**nije) to skip over, pass by

aka-renganyo (utu-) injustice, unjustness, inequity, unfairness

ku-rēngāra (-ze) to get left behind (as you stare at something)

i-rengarenga (i-) a green leafy vegetable

iki-rēngazūba (no pl.) evening (when sun is very low but still visible)

iki-rēnge (ibi-) foot

kugera ikirēnge walk in footsteps of another

kugēnda n'ibirēnge to walk barefoot

ku-rēngera (-ye) to take authority on oneself, to try to rule or act in another's place

ku-rēngēra (-ye) 1. to arrive at the top, 2. to pass out of sight, 3. to be very loud

umu-rēngera (imi-) person with many children, great riches, possessions, countless things

ku-rēngerana (-nye) 1. to be overripe (*bananas*), 2. to have too much to do

ubu-rēngero west, westwards

ku-rengerwa (-we) to sink, to be covered with water

ku-rēnguka (-tse) 1. to approach, come into sight, 2. to introduce oneself, 3. to answer to a superior when called, to come running

ku-rengwa (-nzwe) 1. to slander a superior (not intentionally but he interprets it that way), 2. to break taboo

ku-rēngwa (-nzwe) to be surpassed

ku-rēnza (-nje) 1. to cause to surpass, 2. to flee

aka-rēnzo (utu-) something that surpasses anything else of its kind

ku-rera (-ze) 1. to rear a child, 2. to adopt, 3. to tutor, 4. to educate, 5. to take a child in arms

ku-rera umwana to babysit

aka-rēre 1. desert, 2. wilderness

iki-rere (ibi-) banana leaves

iki-rēre (ibi-) 1. sky, 2. air, weather, atmosphere

ku-rereka (-tse) to look at, watch (e.g. workers), to look for

ku-rerekēsha (-sheje) to cause to watch, watch by means of

ku-rerekwa (-tswe) to be watched

ku-reremba (-mvye) to float

ku-rerembuza (-je) to glance at, to speak without arriving at the point

ku-rerēsha (-sheje) to rear a child by means of

ku-rērēta (-se) to go here and there *(child)*

rero (conj.) 1. therefore, 2. thus, 3. then, 4. so

ku-rerura (-ye) to carry in tipoy (not sick person)

ku-rerurwa (-we) to be carried in tipoy

ku-reruza (-je) to cause to carry in tipoy

ku-rerwa (-zwe) to be held on lap, be reared

umu-rerwa (aba-) child

ku-resha (-heje) 1. to act as gobetween for a marriage, 2. to negotiate

ku-rēsha (-heje) to make of equal length or height

umu-reshi (aba-) go-between in arranging a marriage

i-resho (ama-) portable stove

ku-rēshwa (-hejwe) to be asked for in marriage

restora restaurant

iki-reta (ibi-) bedspread

umu-rete (imi-) omelette

ubu-reve lisping, speech defect (esp. for s, sh, c)

iki-rezi (ibi-) necklace

ubu-rezi (no pl.) 1. accusation (old), 2. education

umu-rezi (aba-) accuser

umu-rēzi (aba-) 1. one who rears child, 2. tutor, 3. adopted father

umu-rēzi w'abana children's nurse

--ri is, are (verb without infinitive or past)

-rimwo contains irahari available

ha-ri there is, there are (from -ri)

kuvyuku-ri (adv.) really, in reality

uku-ri 1. truth, 2. (adv.) truly, really

u-ri hehe where are you?

i-riba (ama-) well, valley with water

ku-riba (-vye) to weigh (*vi*), be heavy

ubu-riba weight

uru-riba (ind-) hidden trap

iki-ribwa (ibi-) edible things, something to eat

ku-rībwa (-bwe) to have severe pain, to be eaten

uku-ribwa severe itching, pain

uku-ribwaribwa severe itching, pain

i-rido (ama-) curtain (Fr.)

ku-rīgānirwa (-we) to not know what to do

ku-rigata (-se) to lick

ku-rigatira (-ye) to lick at, for

ku-rigatīsha (-shije) to cause to lick, give to lick

ku-rigatwa (-swe) to be licked

ku-riha (-she) to pay, to make amends, to repay, make restitution

ku-rihana (**-**nye) to repay each other

ku-rihira (-ye) to pay at, for

ku-rihirira (-ye) to pay in the place of

ku-rihīsha (-shije) 1. to cause to repay, 2. to demand payment, 3. to bill

ku-rihīshwa (-shijwe) to be asked to pay

ku-rihwa (-shwe) to receive payment of obligation

i-rima (no pl.) agriculture

ku-rima (-mye) 1. to cultivate, 2. to hoe, 3. to dig

ubu-rima (no sing.) soldier ants

umu-rima (imi-) 1. garden, 2. field, 3. land (*piece of*)

ku-rimagura (-ye) to hoe hard and fast

ku-rimagurwa (-we) to be hoed quickly

ku-rimana (-nye) to hoe together

ku-rimānganya (-nije) to deceive another in order to make him give you money

iki-rīmba (ibi-) entrance to king's kraal

aka-rīmbi (utu-) fence, boundary

iki-rīmbi (ibi-) fence, boundary

ku-rimbūra (-ye) 1. to think over whether a thing is right, count the cost, 2. to joke (*with lots of words*), to be talkative, garrulous

uru-rimi (ind-) 1. tongue, 2. language (*pl. indimi*)

ku-rimira (-ye) to hoe at, for

mu-rimirwa traditional sacred drum "for whom one ploughs", kept at Gishora

ku-rimīsha (-shije) to cultivate with, to hoe with, to cause to cultivate

umu-rimo (imi-) 1. task, 2. occupation, employment, 3. duty ibi-rimwa produce, harvest ku-rimwa (-mwe) to be hoed --rimwo to contain, to include, including (verb without infinitive, from -ri) ubu-rimyi (no pl.) agriculture umu-rimyi (aba-) farmer, cultivator, gardener aka-rīnda (utu-) weasel ku-rīnda (-nze) 1. to watch, be careful, 2. to have to, 3. to guard, to protect **ku-rīndana** (-nye) to watch each other, fight with equal force i-rīnde (no pl.) danger ku-rindīra (-riye) to wait for, to expect ku-rīndīsha (-shije) to entrust to someone to guard, encourage ku-rīndūka (-tse) to be fearless, to dare

ku-rīndwa (-nzwe) to be watched umu-ringa (imi-) metal bracelet (esp. of brass or copper) uru-ringa (ind-) fine copper bracelet ku-ringanira (-ye) to be equal, the same size ubu-ringanire equality, equitability ku-ringaniza (-je) to make equal, place in order iki-ringiti (ibi-) bedspread (Rw.) iki-rīngo (ibi-) time, moment (of finishing or attaining a thing) umu-rīnzi (aba-) guard, watchman umu-rīnzi (imi-) thorn tree ama-rira (no sing.) weeping ku-rira (-ze) to cry, weep

ku-rīra (-riye) to eat at, in, because of

ubu-rire rheum (certain kind of illness of eyes)

uru-rire conjunctivitis, rheum (eye disease)

ubu-riri (ama-) bed (plural used only for an indefinite number)

ubu-riri (ama-) bed (plural used only for an indefinite number) amariri menshi many beds uburiri bubiri two beds ku-rirīmba (-mvye) to sing

ku-rirīmbana (-nye) to sing with (as, with joy, not people)

ku-rirīmbira (-ye) to sing at, for

ku-rirīmbīsha (-shije) to cause to sing, lead in singing

uru-ririmbo singing, (pl. indirīmbo)

ku-rirīmbwa (-bwe) to be sung

ku-ririra (-ye) to weep over

ku-rīrīra (-riye) to be in debt to but refuse to pay

ku-ririrwa (-we) to be wept over

i-rīro (ama-) 1. dining room, 2. eating place

umu-riro (imi-) fire, fever, electr. current, fire (*shooting*)

ku-rīsha (-shije) to eat with (*instrument*), to pasture, to cause to eat

umu-risho (imi-) stick for beating drum

ku-rīshwa (-shijwe) to be caused to eat, be pastured

--rīya (adv.) that over there (e.g. zirīya, kirīya, barīya etc.)

ha-rīya (adv.) way over there

ku-riza (-jije) to cause to weep

ubu-riza (no pl.) first-born

umu-rīzi (aba-) guard, watchman

umu-rīzo (imi-) tail

ku-rizwa (-jijwe) to be caused to weep

iki-ro (ibi-) kilo, kilogram

ubu-ro (no pl.) millet

uru-ro (no pl.) one head of millet

ku-roba (-vye) to fish

ku-robānura (-ye) to choose, select

i-robe (ama-) loaf of bread, big portion of food

ku-robera (-ye) to fish at, for

ku-robēsha (-sheje) to cause to fish, to fish with

ku-robeza (-je) to put into water, to be caught and unable to extricate oneself

robine tap, faucet (from Fr.)

i-robo (ama-) a quarter (Sw.)

ku-robwa (-bwe) to be caught (*fish*)

ku-rofokwa (-kwe) to speak unwisely or rudely

ku-roga (-ze) 1. to bewitch, 2. to poison (*by bewitchment*)

ku-rogana (-nye) to bewitch each other

ku-rogera (-ye) to bewitch at, for

ku-rogēsha (-sheje) to cause to bewitch

ku-rogōra (-ye) 1. to overcome or remove enchantment, 2. to taste to prove that it's safe for others

ibi-rogorogo one who speaks with senseless repetition of words

iki-rogorogo (ibi-) someone speaking with senseless repetition of words

ku-rogota (-se) 1. to speak evil of the king, 2. to blaspheme

ama-rogotano (no pl.) blasphemy

iki-rogotano (ibi-) blasphemy

ku-rogoza (-je) 1. to ask for medicine to counteract bewitchment, 2. take a drink proving it is not poisoned

ku-rogwa (-zwe) to be bewitched

aka-rohe (utu-) imperfect thing, diseased body

iki-rohe (ibi-) dirt in water, anything that falls in water

roho 1. spirit, 2. soul (from Sw. roho)

ku-roka (-tse) to sink

ku-rokoka (-tse) 1. to get well, 2. to be saved

ku-rokora (-ye) to save, rescue, heal

ku-rokorana (-nye) to save each other

umu-rokore (aba-) saved person

ku-rokorwa (-we) to be saved, healed

ku-rokoza (-je) to get well when others around are dying, to save by means of

umu-rokozi (aba-) deliverer, rescuer, savior

aka-rōnda (utu-) little sore

ku-rondera (-reye) 1. to search for, 2. to look for, 3. to reach for, 4. to browse, surfe, navigate (*internet*)

ku-rondereka (-tse) to be able to be found when looked for

ku-ronderera (-ye) to look for at, for, because of

ku-ronderwa (-we) to be looked for

ku-rondeza (-je) to help to look for

ku-rōndōka (-tse) to be prolific, to multiply rapidly

ku-rondōra (-ye) to bring new kinds of seeds or cattle into the country, to multiply **ku-rondōza** (-je) to cause to multiply

ku-rōnga (-nze) to wash vegetable

iki-rōnge (ibi-) sprout of sorghum

ku-rōngera (-ye) to wash vegetables at, for

ubu-rongo (no pl.) mud, clay

umu-rōngo (imi-) 1. row, 2. line, 3. alignment, 4. verse, 5. (pl.) mirongo multiples of ten mirongwibiri, -tatu, etc. 20, 30, etc.

ku-rongora (-ye) 1. to marry (of groom), 2. to have sex (only used of men)

ku-rōngōra (-ye) 1. to lead, precede, 2. to govern

ku-rongorana (-nye) to have sex (without being married) (lit. to marry each other)

ku-rongorora (-ye) to rinse clothes, grain or dishes, to take them from water

ku-rongorwa (-we) 1. to be married (*of bride*), 2. to have sex (*only of women*)

ku-rōngōrwa (-we) 1. to be led, 2. to be preceded

umu-rōngōzi (aba-) guide, leader, chief's assistant (esp. in law enforcement)

ku-rōngwa (-nzwe) to be washed (*vegetables*)

ku-rōnka (-nse) 1. to receive, to get, 2. to find, 3. to obtain, acquire

ku-rōnkera (-ye) to receive at, for

ama-rōnko acquisitions, possessions

ku-rōnkwa (-nswe) to be received

ku-rōnsa (-keje) to give to, give in to

ku-rora (-ye) 1. to look at, 2. to go toward

ku-rorana (-nye) to look at each other

ku-roraniriza (-je) to prepare, make perfect

ku-roranirwa (-niwe) 1. to be fortunate, be lucky, 2. to have a lot *(may be even a lot of debts or trouble)*

ku-rorānya (-nije) to make straight, put in order, to arrange properly, to place facing each other

i-rore (ama-) 1. mirror, 2. (*in pl.*) glasses, spectacles

ku-roreka (-tse) to be nice to look at

ku-rorera (-ye) to look at by, for, by means of

ku-rorēra (-reye) to wait for a short moment

ku-rorērana (-nye) to wait for each other

ku-rorērera (-ye) to await at, for

ku-rorēreza (-je) to cause to wait

aka-rorero (utu-) example, illustration, model

ibi-rorero glasses, spectacles

ibi-rorēro dances, exercises (as at feast)

ku-rorerwa (-we) to be seen by means of

ku-rorērwa (-rewe) to be waited for

iki-rori (ibi-) 1. festival day, 2. event, 3. celebration

ku-rorwa (-we) to be looked at

ku-rōta (-se) to dream, daydream

ku-rōtōra (-ye) to tell, explain a dream

ku-rotsa (-keje) 1. to gulp down, 2. to dump into something, 3. submerge in water

umu-rovyi (aba-) fisherman

i-rozari (ama-) rosary

i-rozi (ama-) (used in pl.) spell, charm, hex, magic formula, conjuration
ubu-rozi (no pl.) 1. witchcraft, 2. poison, 3. acid
umu-rozi (aba-) one who

bewitches, witch
--rtya (adj.) like this (see also -rtyo,

i-rtyazo (ama-) grinding stone

ku-rtyekeza (-je) to speak sarcastically, ironically

like that)

--rtyo (adj.) like that (gurtyo, durtyo, murtyo, bartyo, etc.)

i-rugu (ama-) nape of neck

ha-ruguru (adv.) toward the top, higher up, inner room

ku-ruha (-she) to be tired, weary

ubu-ruhe (*no pl.*) weariness, fatigue

ku-ruhira (-ye) 1. to do the work of another without approval, 2. to get weary at, for

ku-ruhira ubusa to give birth to a child who dies at once

ku-ruhīsha (-shije) to make weary

Ruhuhuma February

ku-ruhūka (-tse) to rest (vi)

ubu-ruhūkiro (*no pl.*) 1. resting place, 2. refuge, 3. stopping place

iki-ruhūko (ibi-) 1. vacation, 2. rest, break, respite, 3. holidays

ku-ruhūra (-ye) to rest (vt)

ku-ruhūrira (-ye) to help to rest by taking the load, etc.

ku-ruka (-tse) 1. to vomit, 2. spit up phlegm

umu-ruka (imi-) carapace, shell

ku-rukīsha (-shije) to cause to vomit

ku-rumanya (-nije) to seal

ku-rūmba (-mvye) to be fruitless (*plants only*)

iki-rūmbirane (ibi-) 1. fruitless thing, corn, etc., 2. stunted plant

mu-rumuna (ba-) younger brother of boy, younger sister of girl

ku-rumūra (-ye) to open, take off lid (of basket)

ku-rumya (-mye) to close, cover (as basket)

ku-rūnda (-nze) 1. to pile up, make a heap, 2. to accumulate

ku-rūndāna (-nye) 1. to crowd together (*vi*), 2. to be many

ku-rūndarūnda (-nze) to pile up, amass a lot

Bu-rundi Urundi, Burundi, (litt. 'the other one', in reference to Rwanda)

iki-rundi Burundian language, Kirundi

Umu-rundi (Aba-) Burundian, inhabitant of Burundi

umu-rundi (imi-) shin

iki-rūndo (ibi-) heap, pile

iki-runga (ibi-) volcano

ku-runga (-nze) to put butter in food

ku-rūngika (-tse) 1. to send (esp. person rather than message), 2. to address

ku-rūngikana (-nye) to send with

ku-rūngikira (-ye) to send to, for

ku-rūngikīsha (-shije) to cause to send

i-rungu (ama-) loneliness, solitude

iki-rungu (ibi-) bulb (as of flower)

iki-rungurira (ibi-) nausea

ku-rungurirwa (-we) to be dizzy, to feel nausea

ku-runguriza (-je) to ripen (of fruits)

ku-runguruka (-tse) to look from side to side trying to see everything

ku-rura (-ze) to be bitter, sour

u-rura rw'amase bowel

rurabwe seeing one indistinctly because he went too fast

umu-rurazi (imi-) bitterness

Rurema Creator

ku-rurirwa (-we) to find it sour, bitter

ku-rurīsha (-shije) to make bitter

ama-rūru wailings

ubu-ruru blue

ku-rurūmba (-mvye) 1. to be hot (*esp. fever*), to be feverish, 2. to be in flames

umu-rurūmbo (imi-) fever, heat

Rusama May

ku-rusha (-shije) 1. to surpass, to be better, 2. to make tired

ku-rushanya (-nije) to race, contest

nda-rushe I am tired

ku-rushiriza (-je) to surpass, receive more, to do even more

aka-rusho (utu-) advantage

ama-rushwa (*no sing.*) troubles, disturbance

umu-rushwa (aba-) unfortunate person

ku-ruta (-she) to surpass, to be better (also used to make comparative)

ku-rutanya (-nije) to race, to contest

ku-rutīsha (-shije) to cause to surpass

ba-rutungaboro 1. elders and rulers (esp. in regard to their

function of helping the poor), 2. (in sing.) one who helps the poor

ku-rutwa (-swe) to be surpassed

umu-rwa (imi-) slope of hill, royal place

ku-rwāna (-nye) to fight (vi)

ku-rwānira (-ye) 1. to fight at, for, 2. to resist

ku-rwānīsha (-shije) to fight with, by means of

umu-rwānizi (aba-) tempter, enemy

ku-rwānya (-nije) to fight with, to cope with (*vt*)

ku-rwāra (-ye) to be ill, to be sick

ku-rwāra amahēmbe illness resembling demon possession

ku-rwāragurika (-tse) to be often ill

ku-rwārira (-ye) to be sick at

nda-rwāye I am sick

umu-rwāyi (aba-) sick person

ku-rwāza (-je) 1. to nurse an invalid, 2. to make sick, to become ill

umu-rwāza (aba-) helper of the

ku-rwāzwa (-je) to be nursed, to be sick because of

aka-rwi (utu-) group of people, pile of wood

ama-rwi 1. front teeth, 2. swarm (*bees, etc.*), 3. piles of grain

umu-rwi (imi-) group, team

Rwirabura June

--rya that over there

ku-rya (-rīye) to eat (used for people and animals) (more polite, for people only) gufungura

umu-rya (imi-) tendon

iki-rya ikindi consumer

ku-rya umwana 1. to have intercourse, 2. to fornicate

ku-ryāgūmba (-mvye) to answer back lots of words to one who reproves you

ku-ryako (**-**rīyeko) to eat a little, to taste just a bite

ama-ryāma time to go to bed

ku-ryāma (-mye) 1. to go to bed, 2. to lie down, 3. to go to sleep

ku-ryāmana (-nye) 1. to lie down with, to lie down together, 2. to have sex

ku-ryāmika (-tse) 1. to put to bed, 2. to lay down

ku-ryāmikwa (-tswe) to be put to bed

ku-ryāmira (-ye) to lie in wait for, await opportunity to harm, to lie on

ubu-ryamo sleeping (*from kuryāma*)

ku-ryana (-nye) to eat each other, to eat together (*from kurya*)

ku-ryāna (-nye) to bite (of animals, insects)

ku-ryana akameka to eat together from the bucket (*lit.*), to have homosexual intercourse (*euphem*. *from prison language*)

ku-ryana inyuma (Sw.) to have anal intercourse

umu-ryāngo (imi-) 1. door, 2. family, 3. clan, kinship

Ryangombe other name for Kiranga

ryari when? (in questions only)

ku-ryārukana (-nye) to abuse one you formerly loved (*amagara yandyarutse* – *my strength has left me*)

ubu-ryarya (*no pl.*) itching, making others think you've done a miracle when it's only a deception

ubu-ryo (*no pl.*) right hand or side, opportunity, occasion, manner

uku-ryo right hand or side, opportunity, occasion, manner

ku-ryōha (-she) to be delicious, excellent, to be tasteful

ubu-ryōhe (*no pl.*) flavor, deliciousness

ku-ryōhera (-ye) to please to, taste good to

ku-ryōherereza (-je) to enforce what one has said, drive it home

ku-ryōherwa (-we) 1. to find it good, 2. to find pleasure, 3. to feel, experience (positive emotion)

ku-ryōsha (-heje) 1. to make good, delicious, 2. to interest

bira-ryoshe it's delicious (*from kuryōha*)

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--sa (adj.) alone, merely, only

gu-sa (-sa) to resemble, to be like, to be similar

sa nkoko hop!

gu-saba (-vye) 1. to pray, beg, ask for, 2. to order

gu-sāba (-vye) 1. to scatter, burst, disperse (*vi*), 2. crack, break in two (all of these because container is too full), 3. to be exhausted

gu-sabagira (-ye) to lap (as dog)

gu-sābagira (-ye) to scatter everywhere (*vi*)

gu-sābagiza (-je) to scatter everywhere (*vt*)

gu-sabana (-nye) to beg each other

i-sābato (ama-) Sabbath

imi-sabiko herbal tea

gu-sabira (-ye) to pray for

gu-sābira (-ye) to scatter at, to

gu-sabirana (-nye) to pray for each other

gu-sabiriza (-je) 1. to pray, 2. to beg, 3. to ask frequently

gu-sabirwa (-we) to be prayed for

umu-sabisabi (aba-) beggar, one who is always asking for things

umu-sābisābi (aba-) one who keeps dropping things here and there

gu-sabīsha (-shije) to cause to pray, pray by means of

igi-sabīsho (ibi-) prayer

i-sabuni (ama-) (Sw.) soap

gu-sabwa (-bwe) to be prayed to, asked for something

sabwe present! here! (exclamation to a superior, lit. let it be asked)

gu-saduka (-tse) to crack (vi)

igi-safu (ibi-) wild goose

i-safuria (ama-) saucepan, cooking pot, kettle

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gu-sāga (-ze) 1. to be more, to be abundant, 2. to be more than

igi-sāga (ibi-) 1. things over above 10, 2. excess, surplus, 3. garment that is too big

n'aga-sāga goodbye

gu-sagaba (-vye) 1. to have abundant leaves and branches, 2. to crawl along ground (of vines)

gu-sagāra (-ye) 1. to multiply (vi), be many (esp. of cows, also of trees), 2. to get in nose and cause to sneeze (as pepper)

igi-sagara (ibi-) big city, capital

gu-sagarara (-ye) to put out great branches

gu-sagaza (-je) 1. to surround, 2. to be in large group (esp. cows, or people sitting)

i-sage (ama-) pistil of flower

ubu-sage (no pl.) 1. fringe, 2. long hair (with butter and mud in it), 3. lock of hair, 4. corn silk

uru-sāgo (in-) temporary house

gu-sāguka (-tse) 1. to be more, above, abundant, 2. to be too big

ubu-sagwe (ama-) poison of snake or other animal (*in mouth*)

i-saha (ama-) hour, clock

gu-sahagura (-ye) to be greedy

i-sahāne (ama-) plate, dish (Sw.)

i-sahāni (ama-) 1. plate, dish, 2. container (*Sw.*)

gu-sahiriza (-je) to cooperate in getting a job done quickly, to give someone a hand

aga-saho (udu-) 1. backpack, 2. traditional shoulder bag

i-saho (ama-) sack, bag

aga-saho k'umutima heart cavity

i-sahu (ama-) spoil, plunder

gu-sahura (-ye) 1. to steal, 2. to pillage, 3. to remove everything from burning house

ubu-sahuzi 1. pillage, 2. thievery, 3. plundering

umu-sahuzi (aba-) pillager, looter, plunderer

sahwānya conjunction (gram.)

ama-sāka sorghum, sorgho

igi-saka (ibi-) bush, shrub

umu-saka (imi-) house in ruins

uru-sakanwa (in-) chin

umu-sakanyika (imi-) skunk

gu-sakāra (-ye) to put on a roof

gu-sakārira (-ye) to put on roof for

gu-sakārwa (-we) to be roofed

gu-sakāza (-je) to roof with

i-sāke (ama-) rooster

uru-sako (in-) 1. gossip, 2. curiosity

uru-saku (in-) 1. gossip, 2. curiosity

uru-sakusaku (in-) chin

gu-sakuza (-je) to gossip, talk, chatter

igi-sakuzo (ibi-) riddle

aga-sāma (*no pl.*) 1. chicken pox, 2. measles

gu-sama (-mye) 1. to hold from falling, 2. to catch something thrown (as ball)

gu-sāma (-mye) 1. to make a big noise, 2. to resound, make an echo, 3. make a bubbling sound

gu-sama inda to conceive

gu-samagira (-ye) to memorize

gu-samāra (-ye) 1. to look at in wonder, to be fascinated, 2. to look at without paying attention, to be inattentive, not pay attention

gu-samāza (-je) 1. to wait or long for, 2. to expect, 3. to do something that causes pleasure or amazement, 4. to distract

gu-sāmba (-mvye) 1. to be in agony, to writhe, 2. to have spasms, 3. to declare one's case at a trial

igi-sāmba (ibi-) deep, uncovered basket

ama-sambambwika mumps

gu-sāmbana (-nye) to commit adultery, to fornicate

ubu-sāmbanyi (no pl.) adultery

umu-sāmbanyi (aba-) adulterer

imi-sambi women's dance, imitating the movements of the crowned crane, Kirimiro region **umu-sāmbi** (imi-) 1. goldencrested crane, 2. worn-out mat

ubu-sambiri a non-traditional dance of the youth, influenced by neighboring Tanzania, Buragane region

gu-sambūka (-tse) 1. to fall down (house, etc.), 2. to come to pieces

gu-sambūra (-ye) to tear down, destroy, demolish, undo

gu-sambūrwa (-we) 1. to be torn down, 2. to be undone

i-sambusa (ama-) samosa (fried pastry of Indian origin)

gu-sambūza (-je) to cause to tear down

i-sambwe (ama-) mongoose

igi-samunyu (ibi-) kind of bananas (for cooking)

samuragwa (ba-) heir

gu-sana (-nye) to repair (any woven thing)

gu-sāna (-nye) te be related

ugu-sana repairing, mending

gu-sanasana (-nye) to repair (something absolutely worn out) repeatedly

igi-sānda-sānda (ibi-) small trees with fronds resembling palms

i-sandugu (ama-) box, chest

gu-sānga (-nze) 1. to find, 2. to watch (house)

gu-sangangura (-ye) to tear down, wipe out, destroy completely

gu-sanganira (-ye) 1. to go to meet, 2. to greet, 3. to welcome

gu-sanganirwa (-we) to be met

gu-sanganwa (-nywe) to be found in possession of

igi-sāngāza (ibi-) deep, uncovered basket

gu-sangira (-ye) 1. to eat together, 2. to share, 3. to compete

gu-sangīsha (-shije) to cause to watch

gu-sangiza (-je) to give to another to share

uru-sāngo (in-) 'medicine' people rub on to make others like them

gu-sangwa (-nzwe) 1. to be watched, 2. to be found, 3. to be common

gu-sanīsha (-shije) to cause to repair, repair with

i-sano 1. resemblance, similarity, 2. relationship

gu-sanura (-ye) to repair a house

gu-sanza (-shanje) 1. to scatter (*vt*), 2. spread out on something (*vt*)

gu-sānza (-nje) to take to someone where he is

gu-sanzāra (-ye) to scatter (vi), spill (anything not liquid)

gu-sanzāza (-je) to disperse, to scatter (vt)

gu-sanzāzwa (-jwe) to be scattered

muri-sānze be yourself, make yourself comfortable (*said to a visitor*)

umu-sānzi (aba-) watchman, guard (esp. in daytime)

gu-sanzwa (-njwe) to be scattered

gu-sara (-ze) to become crazy, foolish, to lose reason

umu-saraba (imi-) (Sw.) cross

i-saradi (i-) salad

gu-saragurika (-tse) 1. to talk or act foolishly, as a crazy person, 2. to ferment quickly, 3. to reject counsel, 4. to be marked, scratched (as cooking pot with design), 5. to burst open in garden (as overripe beans)

i-saramara (ama-) (*Sw.*) carpenter shop

umu-sarani (imi-) 1. toilet, 2. human dung, excrement, feces

gu-sarara (-ye) 1. to sob, 2. to get hoarse

umu-sarara (imi-) clear (e.g. water)

gu-saraza (-je) to make hoarse

gu-sarazwa (-jwe) to be made hoarse

i-sari (*rare in pl.*) extreme hunger or thirst, starvation

ubu-saro (no pl.) beads (esp. big ones)

gu-sarura (-ye) to put design on pot, basket

gu-sasa (-shashe) to stay at the king's or a chief's court for a time **inka zishashe amahembe** maze of horns

i-sasa (ama-) floor tile

gu-sasa akarimi to flatter

gu-sasa amahembe to be many together (of cows)

gu-sasa ibwami 1. to go to work for chief or king, 2. to spread grass, 3. to make a bed

gu-sasagara (-ye) to have many children when one is the last of the family

sasarugari kind of sweet potato

gu-sasāta (-se) to cause itching

ubu-sasāte (no pl.) itching

gu-sasātwa (-swe) to itch

ugu-sasātwa itching

i-sase (ama-) spark

umu-sase midmorning

umu-saseredoti (aba-) catholic priest

gu-sasira (-ye) 1. to spread grass around something (e.g. around coffee trees), 2. to make bed for

gu-sāsira (-riye) to praise highly one of whom you've heard

gu-sāsīra (-ye) 1. to beat drum continuously, thus setting time for others beating, 2. to go to help another in his work

gu-sāsīrira (-ye) to rejoice in the coming of another

sāsita noon, lunch (time) (from Sw. isaha sita)

i-saso (ama-) 1. grass mattress, 2. tiling (of floor)

gu-sasūra (-ye) 1. to gather up grass that has been spread out, 2. to unmake a bed

gu-sāswa (-shashwe) 1. to be spread out (*grass*), 2. to be made (*bed*)

igi-saswa (ibi-) duvet cover

i-sata (ama-) ~ burēnge word that remains in heart causing sorrow or anger, lasting grudge

igi-sata (ibi-) thorn, sliver, thorny bush

gu-satagura (-ye) to break to bits (*vi*)

gu-satagurika (-tse) to break to bits (*vi*)

gu-satagurwa (-we) to be broken to bits

igi-sate (ibi-) piece of something that has been cut, slate

i-sato (ama-) python

uru-sāto (in-) skin, hide

gu-satura (-ye) to split wood, to cut lengthwise

gu-saturira (-ye) to split wood at, for

gu-saturwa (-we) to be split

gu-satuza (-je) to cause to split, split with

gu-sāvya (-bije) to break and scatter (*vt*)

ndabigu-savye Please! (from gusaba)

sawa (adj.) okay, OK, right, correct (Sw.)

umu-saya (imi-) 1. temple (of head), 2. cheek

sayiri barley

gu-sāza (-shaje) to get old, worn out

mu-sāza (ba-) brother (of girl) musazanje my brother (girl speaking)

musaza wiwe her brother musazacu our brother (girls speaking)

musaza wanyu your brother (spoken to girls)

umu-sāza (aba-) old man

i-sāzi (ama-) fly (insect)

ibi-sazi craziness

ubu-sazi (*no pl.*) folly, willful stirring up of trouble

umu-sazi (aba-) crazy person

gu-sazisha (-shajishije) to make old

se (ba-) his, her, their father **base babo** their fathers

ama-se manure

ibi-se 1. childbirth, travail, 2. giving up after trying several times

ibī-se a lot of manure

igi-se (ibi-) ardour, fervour

aga-seba (udu-) 1. bubbling of water in spring, or boiling, 2. sifter to sift out chaff

gu-seba (-vye) to become barren (from lack of fertilizer)

sēbabiri (ba-) father of twins (also used for the mother)

gu-sebana (-nye) 1. to tattle (in order to advance oneself), 2. to gossip

igi-sebe (ibi-) bad ulcer

sebukwe (ba-) father-in-law (of someone else)

gu-sebura (-ye) to bubble (water)

igi-sebuzi (ibi-) splashing of water in river or lake on rocks

gu-sēbwa (-sewe) to be ground

i-sederi cedar

gu-sefagura (-ye) to have hiccoughs repeatedly

i-sefu (ama-) hiccough

gu-sefura (-ye) to hiccough

gu-sega (-ze) to climb (tree)

gu-sēga (-ze) to beg

i-sega (ama-) early corn

gu-segenya (-nye) to crowd up together (people sitting on floor)

i-segenya (ama-) very heavy rain

gu-segenyesha (-sheje) to cause to move, to roll along

gu-segenyeza (-je) 1. to roll along, 2. to carry and put down frequently, 3. to crowd up together (*people sitting*)

gu-segerereza (-je) to beg habitually

umu-segetera (imi-) mosquito net

umu-sego (imi-) cushion, pillow

gu-segura (-ye) to put head on pillow

gu-seka (-tse) 1. to ram into as a sheep does, 2. to butt, to bump into

gu-sēka (-tse) to be powdered

gu-sekana (-nye) to collide

ugu-sekana shock, collision

gu-sekaseka (-tse) to laugh i-sēnge (ama-) 1. ivory, 2. five gu-sēnyūra (-ye) to cause to fall centime piece down (house) igi-seke (ibi-) tall, pointed basket igi-sēnge (ibi-) roof gu-sēnywa (-nywe) to be gathered umu-seke (imi-) dawn (very early) (wood) mā-sēnge (ba-) my, our paternal gu-sekura (-ye) 1. to shell or grind uru-sepfu (in-) hiccough in wooden mortar, 2. to push nyogosēnge your paternal aunt forward, 3. to put down roughly, 4. gu-sepfura (-ye) to hiccough to drop udu-senge splint gu-sēra (-reye) to grind at, for gu-sekurira (-ye) to grind at, for i-sēnge ry'inzovu (ama-) elephant umu-serebanyi (imi-) lizard tusk sēkuru (ba-) grandfather (his, i-sereri (i-) celery their) gu-sengera (-ye) to pray for, at gu-seruka (-tse) to appear i-sengero (ama-) 1. crowd, 2. i-sekuru (ama-) mortar for grinding (also **isekuro**) church congregation (people) gu-sērūka (-tse) 1. to degrade, deteriorate, 2. to fade uru-sengero (in-) church sēkuruza (ba-) ancestor (his, their) (building) ubu-seruko east, eastwards **ibi-sēkuruza** generation (use in pl.) **gu-sengerwa** (-we) to be prayed **i-serumu** serum (*med*.) gu-sekurwa (-we) to be ground in mortar gu-serura (-ye) 1. to disclose, 2. to umu-sēngesēnge (imi-) sparks or show, cause to appear, 3. make umu-sekuzo (imi-) pestle for coals that go up with the smoke, known grinding in mortar gu-sērūra (-ye) 1. to cause to fade, gu-sēmbēra (-reye) to sojourn gu-sengēsha (-sheje) to cause to 2. to cause to deteriorate (esp. in search for place to build) pray gu-serurwa (-we) to be disclosed gu-sēmbereza (-je) to give lodging i-sengēsho (ama-) 1. prayer, 2. to stranger (for several days) gu-sesa (-sheshe) to look through, worship, 3. church service to search aga-sembwa (udu-) spot umu-sēngezana (aba-) child of one's brother (if one is a girl) gu-sēsa (-sheshe) 1. to empty out, gu-semerera (-ye) to shout, call 2. to spill, 3. to sprout (millet) from hill to hill gu-sengwa (-nzwe) to be gu-sēseka (-tse) to spill (vi) worshipped gu-sēna (-nnye) 1. to make smooth or level, 2. to polish gu-sēsekara (-ye) to run over, spill igi-sengwa (ibi-) image, idol over, overflow sēnaka (ba-) head of the kraal gu-sēnya (-shenye) to gather umu-sēsekara (imi-) surplus, firewood gu-sēnda (-nze) to chase away, to overflow drive out (esp. evil spirits) gu-sēnyana (-nye) to gather wood gu-sesema (-mye) to cause nausea together uru-senda (in-) pepper gu-sēnyera (-ye) to gather wood igi-sesema (ibi-) nausea aga-sendabageni (udu-) just at, for below eye, cheekbone i-seseme nausea i-sēnyerana (ama-) crash of i-senema (i-) cinema, movie gu-sesemwa (-mwe) to be something falling theater nauseated umu-senyeri (aba-) bishop gu-senga (-nze) 1. to worship, to gu-sesēra (-reye) to penetrate the (catholic) adore, 2. pray skin (as thorn) umu-sēnyi (imi-) sand i-senga (ama-) 1. cave, 2. perfume, gu-sēsera (-ye) to pour out at, for

qu-sēnyūka (-tse) to fall down

(esp. house)

gu-sesereza (-sheshereje) 1. to

penetrate the skin (esp. under

nice-smelling oil

uru-sēnga (in-) net for fishing

fingernail), 2. to hurt another's feelings

i-sēsero (ama-) place where water has flooded

gu-sesērwa (-we) 1. to have something penetrate the skin, 2. to be hurt by what someone says, 3. to be hurt (as injury)

gu-sēsēsha (-sheje) to cause to pour out

gu-seswa (-sheshwe) to be searched through

gu-sēswa (-sheshwe) to be poured out

gu-setsa (-keje) 1. to entertain, 2. to make laugh, to be funny

i-sevu (ama-) hiccough, hiccup

sēwabo (ba-) his, her, their paternal aunt

gu-sēzera (-ye) 1. to bid goodbye, to dismiss, 2. to fix up nice place to sit (old use)

gu-sēzera ku akazi to quit a job

gu-sezerana (-nije) 1. to promise (each other), 2. to engage, 3. to bid each other goodbye, 4. to make a contract

i-sezerano (ama-) 1. promise, 2. testament, 3. contract, agreement, 4. alliance

ama-sezerano y'akazi work contract

gu-sēzerera (-ye) 1. to say goodbye at, for, 2. to say goodbye, giving the permission to leave, 3. to prepare a place to sit for *(old use)*

umu-sēzero (imi-) place to sit, grass mat to sit on

umu-sezi (aba-) beggar

--sha (adj.) new

sha familiar term for addressing another (used mostly by men and boys)

gu-sha (-hīye) 1. to cook (*vi*), to burn (*vi*), 2. to ripen (*for certain fruits, esp. bananas*)

ugu-sha combustion

umu-shaba (imi-) heart, spirit of person

umu-shaha (imi-) spirit of a person

umu-shahara (imi-) salary, wages

umu-shahara ubaye baye normal, appropriate or average salary

shahu familiar term for addressing another (used mostly by men and boys)

gu-shāhura (-ye) to castrate, make sterile

gu-shāka (-tse) 1. to want, 2. to like, 3. to search

i-shāka (ama-) 1. desire, 2. zeal

gu-shākana (-nye) to lust for each other, to marry

ubu-shākanyi (no pl.) lust

gu-shākashaka (-tse) to research, to enquire

igi-shakashaka (ibi-) big strong reed, stalk of sorghum

gu-shakisha (-shije) 1. to make look for, let search for, 2. to browse, to surfe (*internet*)

umu-shakisha (aba-) explorer

mu-shakisharubuga (imi-) internet browser, internet navigator, explorer

aga-shakoshi (udu-) 1. small sports bag, 2. hand bag, 3. ladies purse

i-shakoshi (ama-) sports bag

aga-shakoshi ka computer laptop bag

i-shāmba (ama-) brush, jungle, rain forest

aga-shāmbara (udu-) rags, worn out clothes

umu-shāmbara (imi-) rags, worn out clothes

i-shamburiyeri inner tube

i-shami (ama-) branch

udu-shami branches

gu-shamika (-tse) to put forth branches

gu-shāmira (-ye) to determine

i-shāmvu (ama-) inherited property, piece of land

gu-shāna (-nnye) to fall continuously (*rain*)

uru-shāna (*no pl.*) principal rainy season (*April*)

i-shānga (see ihānga)

uru-shānga (in-) dye, black mud

aga-shāngāra (no pl.) syphilis

gu-shangashirwa (-we) to be sorrowful, angry, exasperated

i-shano (ama-) poison

gu-shanyuka (-tse) to be happy

gu-shānyūka (-tse) to deteriorate, come apart, to get rutted or pitted from rain

i-shārara (no pl.) excessive thirst

i-shari jealousy

gu-sharika (-tse) to be jealous

gu-sharikana (-nye) to be jealous of each other

gu-sharira (-ye) 1. to calculate, 2. to learn

gu-shariza (-je) to adorn, decorate

umu-sharuro (imi-) beer or milk with water mixed in

--shasha (adj.) new

i-shashara (ama-) wax (esp. bees)

umu-shashara (imi-) wax (esp. bees)

i-shāshi (ama-) male animal

i-shati (ama-) shirt (Sw. shati)

igi-shato c'ugutwi earlobe

umu-shatsi (imi-) hair (of human head)

i-shavu (ama-) grudge, crossness, anger, sorrow

gu-shavura (-ye) to be cross, sad

gu-shavurira (-ye) to be cross at, because of

gu-shavuza (-je) to make cross, sad

gu-shavuzwa (-jwe) to be made cross, mad

gu-shāya (-ye) to be muddy, be stuck in mud

i-shāyo (no pl.) muddy place (deep mud)

gu-shāyūka (-tse) to get out of mud

gu-shāyūra (-ye) to pull out of mud

gu-shaza (-jije) 1. to try to get out of work, appear as working but really doing nothing, 2. to adorn, decorate, dress up

ubu-shaza $(no \ pl.)$ peas

gu-shazīsha (-shije) to decorate, adorn

ubu-she (no pl.) burn

shēbuja (ba-) his, her, their master, employer

i-sheferi (ama-) administrative region, area (*Fr. chefferi*)

igi-shegu (ibi-) person consecrated to Kiranga

i-sheki (ama-) cheque, check

i-sheki idakwije amahera bad cheque

gu-shemagiza (-je) to praise

gu-shemeza (-je) to praise for something received

gu-shemezwa (-jwe) to be praised

gu-shengera (-ye) 1. to go to chief with trouble, complaint, 2. to visit someone important, 3. to pay homage to

gu-shengerea (-ye) 1. to go to chief with trouble, complaint, 2. to visit someone important, 3. to pay homage to

i-shengero (ama-) 1. crowd, 2. church congregation (*people*)

gu-shengeza (-je) to take someone to chief *(or other)*, esp. for trial or accusation

gu-shenguruka (-tse) to return from visiting chief

umu-shēnzi (aba-) heathen person, uncivilized person

i-shesheti (ama-) sock

i-shetani (ama-) 1. devil, satan, 2. demon

in-shi (in-) slap on the face

uru-shi (ama-) palm of hand

gu-shibama (-mye) to stand erect for a long time

umu-shibamyi (aba-) one who stands erect, on guard

gu-shibuka (-tse) to hurry, depart quickly

gu-shibura (-ye) to hurl, repulse violently, to throw with force, reject

gu-shidīkanya (-nije) to doubt

i-shiga (ama-) (usually used in pl., amashiga) three stones of traditional fireplace

gu-shigikira (-ye) to hold up, prop (something on ground, not high up)

gu-shigikiza (-je) to cause or enable to hold up, support

gu-shigirika (-tse) to hold up

ama-shigisha corn of a certain kind (*yellow*)

gu-shigisha (-she) to stir porridge

i-shiqisha (ama-) red beans

gu-shika (-tse) 1. to arrive, 2. to reach, 3. to happen, take place

igi-shika (ibi-) thing which one longs for, strong desire

mu-shikabo (ba-) their sister (of boys)

umu-shikaki (imi-) pike

gu-shikama (-mye) to make very strong, to be very strong, remain strong

gu-shikamizwa (**-**jwe) to be made strong

gu-shikana (-nye) to give, offer, make sacrifice, to arrive with

gu-shikanira (-ye) to offer to

mu-shikanje (ba-) my brother (*boy speaking*)

i-shikanwa (ama-) offering, gift

i-shike (ama-) yellow daisy

nimu-shike Come on in!

umu-shike (imi-) fallow land, needing work before planting

mu-shiki (ba-) sister (of boy) mushiki wiwe his sister mushiki wanyu your sister (spoken to boys) (see also mushikanje, mushikabo)

gu-shikira (-ye) to arrive at, to attain, to achieve

umu-shikiranganji (aba-) cabinet minister (lit. someone who has attained authority)

gu-shikiriza (-je) to place on, give to, return to

gu-shikirwa (-we) to receive presents

umu-shikirwa (aba-) superintendent

gu-shikiza (-je) to slap (gushikiza inshi)

gu-shikuka (-tse) to pull out easily (*vi*)

gu-shikura (-ye) to extract, pull, tear away, bite, grab

gu-shikurwa (-riwe) 1. to jump when stung or bit, 2. to be pulled out

gu-shikuza (-je) to help pull out, pull out with

gu-shīma (-mye) 1. to praise, 2. to be satisfied with, 3. to appreciate, to admire, 4. to congratulate

ugu-shīma acknowledgment

gu-shīmagiza (-je) to glorify, honor before others

igi-shimaryango (ibi-) doorpost

gu-shimika (-tse) 1. to do one's duty, 2. to persist, to persevere, 3. to hold strongly

gu-shimikira (-ye) to lean on

i-shimikiro (ama-) support (*from gushimikira*)

gu-shīmira (-ye) to praise for

gu-shīmīsha (-shije) to please, to cause praise to

umu-shimisite (aba-) chemist

i-shimīzi (ama-) shirt (Fr. chemise)

igi-shīmo (ibi-) gift of appreciation

igi-shimu (ibi-) hole in ground

gu-shīmwa (-mwe) to be praised

i-shīmwe (i-) 1. praise, 2. gift of thanks, 3. compliment

gu-shīnga (-nze) 1. to agree to, 2. to favor, 3. to decide, 4. to make a vow (old custom of putting stick in ground as sign of agreement), 5. to put stick in ground

i-shinga continent

gu-shīnga amano 1. to run very fast, 2. to stand on tiptoe

gu-shīnga intahe to witness

umu-shingamateka (aba-) legislator

umu-shīngantāhe (aba-) 1. witness, 2. elder, man of influence, 3. Mr., 4. Sir

uru-shinge (in-) (Sw.) needle

gu-shīngira (-ye) to be a wedding attendant

gu-shīngirwa (-we) to be accompanied to wedding (as bride is)

igi-shīngo (ibi-) place of another

gu-shingūka (-tse) to leave a place, to come out (*stake*)

gu-shingūra (-ye) 1. to put away, take away, 2. pull up stake, to pull out, 3. to archive

aga-shinguramunyu (udu-) saltshaker, saltcellar

aga-shingurasukari (udu**-**) sugor bowl

ubu-shinguro (fixed) board

iki-shingūwe (ibi-) stock (*from gushingūra*)

gu-shīngwa (-nzwe) to be agreed upon, to be driven in ground (*stake*)

igi-shinwa Chinese language (from Fr. chinois)

umu-shinwa (aba-) Chinese person (from Fr. chinois)

gu-shinyagura (-ye) to treat with anger, to laugh for nothing

gu-shinyagurira (-ye) 1. to abuse (*verbally*), 2. to disgrace

aga-shinyaguro 1. disgrace, 2. torture

gu-shinyanga (-nze) to grit one's teeth to avoid showing pain

gu-shinyira (-ye) to laugh at, to mock

gu-shinyiriza (-je) 1. to endure, 2. to grit one's teeth to avoid crying out in pain

ama-shira pus

gu-shira (-ze) 1. to put, to place, 2. to wear out, to finish (vi)

gu-shīra (-riye) to take to someone

gu-shīra (verb without past) to be almost over (night)

ijoro rishīra ubuca night is almost over, about to dawn

gu-shira amanga 1. to be brave, fearless, 2. to be determined

gu-shira amazīnda to have a good memory

gu-shira igikonyo to work with zeal, earnestness

gu-shira impungenge to have good equilibrium (see impungenge)

i-shirahamwe (ama-) association, NGO, organisation

i-shirahamwe mpuzamakungu international organisation

gu-shiraho (-zeho) 1. to put somewhere, to place somewhere, 2. to establish

gu-shiramo to accelerate

umu-shiranzigo (aba-) kind person

umu-shire (imi-) worn out thing

gu-shiringitira (-ye) 1. to rub to keep from swelling, 2. to be consumed (*e.g. candle*)

gu-shirira (-ye) to put down for

gu-shīrīra (-ye) to run out bit by bit till all gone

ubu-shiriro (no pl.) place of destruction

gu-shirīsha (-shije) to use up, finish, cause to put

gu-shiruka (-tse) ~ **ubute** to be zealous, energetic, active, diligent

gu-shiruka amazinda to not have doubt, be sure of oneself

gu-shiruka impungenge to have vertigo, to feel dizzy

gu-shiruka umwete to be zealous or energetic

aga-shirukabute (udu-) 1. tip, 2. bonus, 3. fee, 4. allowance

gu-shirukanya (-nye) to be shameless, unafraid, bold

ubu-shirukanyi (no pl.) audacity

gu-shirwa (-zwe) 1. to not quit without accomplishing a certain thing, 2. to be convinced after proof or persuasion, to be satisfied, 3. to be astonished, 4. to be put

gu-shisha (-she) 1. to be big, fat, chubby 2. to be flourishing (of growing things, child), 3. to be very dirty, unpleasant, repulsive, 4. to tie beans to hedge to dry

umu-shishagu (imi-) welt

gu-shishagura (-ye) to beat, to shell (as beans)

gu-shīshikara (-ye) 1. to strive, 2. persist, persevere

gu-shīshikaza (-je) to encourage, to exhort

gu-shīshītira (-ye) to pat (child)

umu-shīshīto (imi-) stomach

gu-shīshōza (-je) to verify what one has heard by asking many

gu-shishwa (-shwe) to be nauseated by repulsive thing

igi-shishwa (ibi-) peeling, bark

shiti except, unless

gu-shitsa (-kije) to cause to arrive

aga-shitsi (*no pl.*) 1. chill, 2. trembling

guhīnda agashitsi to tremble, shake, shiver, to have a chill

igi-shitsi (ibi-) stump, root

igi-shītsi (ibi-) 1. big earthquake, 2. shaking, trembling

umu-shitsi (aba-) 1. guest, visitor, 2. stranger

umu-shītsi (imi-) 1. big earthquake, 2. shaking, trembling

ubu-shizi bw'amanga fearlessness (because one knows he is right)

i-sho (ama-) flock, herd

ubu-sho (ama-) flock, herd

gu-shoboka (-tse) 1. to be possible, to be feasible, 2. to be probable

gu-shobokera (-ye) to be possible for

gu-shobora (-ye) 1. to be able, to can, 2. to manage, to succeed

gu-shoboza (-je) to enable

ubu-shobozi (*no pl.*) power, ability, strength

shōbuja (ba-) your master, employer, boss

umu-shoferi (aba-) driver, chauffeur

gu-shohora (-ye) 1. to unstitch, 2. to penetrate, 3. to arrive

ama-shōka middle of day

gu-shōka (-tse) 1. to do quickly (esp. used by Batwa), 2. to go to drink (animals), 3. to slip down on spear (of meat they've put on tip – if it falls it's supposed to be diseased), 4. to fall accidentally on spear and be injured

umu-shombo (imi-) defeat, overthrow

gu-shōnga (-nze) 1. to melt, 2. to dissolve

umu-shonge (imi-) house with
high pointed roof

nda-shonje I'm hungry

gu-shōra (-ye) 1. to sell, 2. to lead animals to drink

igi-shōrano (ibi-) merchandise

gu-shorera (-ye) 1. to touch, 2. to lead the cows

gushorerakw amaboko to take hold of person

gu-shorerakw amaboko to take hold of person

igi-shōro (ibi-) tender new corn

i-shu (ama-) cabbage (Fr. chou)

ama-shūha hot spring, thermal source

gu-shūha (-she) to be hot

aga-shūhe (udu-) heat with high humidity

ubu-shūhe (no pl.) 1. heat, 2. fever

gu-shūhiriza (-je) to heat at, for

i-shuka (ama-) bedsheet, sheet, blanket

gu-shukwa (-kiwe) 1. to be aroused, 2. to have an erection

i-shūle (ama-) school (from German, Schule)

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gu-shūmba (-mvye) to serve (as a servant)

umu-shūmba (aba-) servant

gu-shūmbira (-ye) to be servant to

gu-shūmbūsha (-shije) to compensate

in-shūmbūshanyo (in-) compensation, that which replaces what one has lost

umu-shumi (imi-) leash

aga-shūngēre (utu-) house with high pointed roof, steeple

gu-shungumirwa (-we) to be angry because of accusation

gu-shunguruka (-tse) to fall or jump from above, to tumble down, fall in cascade

gu-shungurura (-ye) to throw down from above

i-shūre (ama-) school

i-shūre nkuru college

i-shūri (ama-) school (from German, Schule)

i-shūri (ama-) young bull

gu-shūrika (-tse) to bud, produce blossoms

gu-shūriza (-tse) to blossom, to begin

aga-shūrurwe (no pl.) whirlwind

gu-shuruza (-je) to have diarrhea

i-shūrwe (ama-) flower

gu-shusha (-she) to look like

gu-shūsha (-hije) to heat

gu-shushānya (-nije) 1. to draw, 2. to picture, 3. to compare

igi-shushānyo (ibi-) image, idol, picture

aga-shusho (udu-) guy, fellow

i-shusho (ama-) image, likeness, form

igi-shusho (ibi-) picture

 ${\it gu-sh\bar{u}shwa}$ (-hijwe) to be heated

gu-shūza (-rije) to begin, to do first, to plant first

umu-shūzo (imi-) first fruits

gu-shwabāduka (-tse) to run out to see something (usually of a crowd), run from all sides

gu-shwābūra (-ye) to harvest crop

i-shwābūra (ama-) harvest

i-shwagara (i-) lime

i-shwāro (ama-) watering can

gu-shwāshwānuka (-tse) to be happy, in a good humor

gu-shwiragira (-ye) to scatter (vi) (seeds from tree)

gu-shwiragiza (-je) to scatter (vt), (esp. as seeds from tree)

si 1. it is not, 2. he, she is not, 3. there is not

i-si (ama-) 1. earth, ground, 2. world

umu-si (imi-) day

uyumusi today uyumusi uyumusi this very day

umu-si ur'izina on a certain day

umu-si w'Imāna Sunday

imi-si yose allways, alldays

gu-siba (-vye) 1. to lie fallow, to cease to be used (*path*), 2. to slander

gu-sība (-vye) 1. to be absent, 2. to miss, to be short (*lacking*), 3. to abstain

umu-siba (imi-) earthworm

gu-sibana (-nye) to slander each other

gu-sibanganiza (-je) to blot out

gu-sibanganya (-nije) 1. to blot out, dig up, plough badly, 2. to fail to do one's task, 3. to neglect one's work

gu-sībira (-ye) to stay for a time, to stay at

gu-sībīsha (-shije) 1. to retain, 2. to cause to be absent

gu-sibūra (-ye) 1. to write over, erase, 2. to clean out path

sida AIDS

gu-siduka (-tse) to slide (earth), to collapse

gu-siga (-ze) to leave behind

gu-sīga (-ze) 1. to anoint, 2. to rub (*ointment*), 3. to massage

igi-sīga (ibi-) 1. hawk, 2. falcon, 3. raptor, bird of prey

gu-sigaho (-zeho) to stop

gu-sigana (-nye) to leave each other

gu-siganwa (-nwe) to race

gu-sigara (-ye) to be left over

i-sigara (ama-) cigar

gu-sigarana (-nye) to entrust to, leave with

i-sigareti (ama-) cigarette

ama-sigarira things left behind *(not food)*

gu-sigarira (-ye) 1. to remain in the place of, 2. to replace

gu-sigariza (-je) to leave for

gu-sigaza (-je) to leave over, to leave a part of something, to cause to be left

gu-sigazwa (-jwe) to be kept over, left over

imi-sigazwa left overs

gu-sigira (-ye) to leave at, for

gu-sīgira (-ye) to rub at, for

gu-sigīsha (-shije) to cause to leave

igi-sigo (ibi-) pain, constipation

gu-sigūra (-ye) 1. to explain, 2. to preach

in-siguro (in-) 1. meaning, 2. definition, 3. explanation (*from gusigūra*)

gu-sigūza (-je) to demand explanation

gu-sigūzanya (-nije) to ask each other to explain

umu-sigūzi (aba-) exhorter, preacher, one who explains

gu-sigwa (-zwe) to be left

gu-sīgwa (-zwe) to be rubbed, anointed

i-siha (i-) cane rat

igi-sīka (ibi-) 1. partition, 2. wall, 3. room in house

uru-sīka (in-) partition, wall, room in house

igi-sikafu (ibi-) scarf

sīko isn't it? isn't that so?

i-sima (i-) cement (Fr. ciment)

uru-sīma illness where abdomen swells and fills with fluid

aga-sīmba (udu-) bug

gu-sīmba (-mvye) to jump, to leap

igi-simba (ibi-) ferocious animal

gu-simbagurika (-tse) 1. to jump, leap, 2. to do or answer quickly without thinking, 3. to pound (heart)

gu-simbaguritsa (-kije) to cause to jump, etc.

aga-simbo energetic men's dance of the Buragane region

igi-sīmbo (ibi-) basket with tall pointed top

uru-sīna illness where abdomen swells and fills with fluid

i-sinagogi (ama-) synagogue

gu-sīnda (-nze) 1. to bully, 2. to mistreat, 3. to vex, to annoy

ama-sinde ground dug up but not planted

gu-sīndira (-ye) 1. to scold, 2. to insult, 3. to mistreat

gu-sīndirwa (-we) to be insulted, provoked

i-sinema (i-) cinema, movie theater

ibi-singosingo frown, showing disapproval on one's face

i-sīnzi (ama-) a great number (about ten thousand and above)

umu-sīnzi (aba-) 1. bully, 2. fighter

gu-sinzikara (-ye) to suffer much

gu-sinzikaza (-je) to cause to suffer

gu-sinzikazwa (-jwe) to be made to suffer by

gu-sinzīra (-riye) to fall asleep

gu-sinziriza (-je) to put to sleep, cause to sleep

umu-sipi (imi-) (Sw.) belt

gu-siribānga (-nze) 1. to trample, stamp on, 2. to completely destroy

gu-siribāngwa (-nzwe) 1. to be destroyed, 2. to be trampled on

umu-sirigana (aba-) soldier

umu-sirikāre (aba-) soldier, government official

gu-sita (-se) to strike against in order to knock down (e.g. shake dead tree in hole to break it loose)

i-sitimu (ama-) torch, flashlight (*from Sw.*)

gu-situka (-tse) to fall down, collapse (*vi*)

gu-situkana (-nye) to collapse with

gu-situkira (-ye) to collapse on

gu-situra (-ye) to cause to fall in, collapse, to pull out by roots

gu-siturwa (-we) 1. to cause to be absent, 2. to make late, 3. to postpone, 4. to destroy the work of another

gu-sīvya (-bije) 1. to postpone, 2. to cause to be late, 3. to cause to be absent, 4. to destroy the work of another

sivyo isn't it? (answered by **nivyo**)

gu-sīza (-je) to prepare a place

sō (ba-) father (of person spoken

so wawe your father
so wanyu your paternal uncle

ama-so 1. face, 2. eyes, (sg. ijisho) eye.

urw'ama-so before others but not in private (e.g. being nice to someone)

mu ma-so hiwe in his face

ama-so y'inyana eyes of a calf (compliment describing the beauty of a girl or woman)

ama-sōba urine (of humans)

gu-sōba (-vye) to urinate

gu-sobaganya (-nije) 1. to do quickly, 2. to cook quickly (*vt*)

gu-sobana (-nye) to interlace, intermingle, intertwine, entwine

gu-sobanganya (-nije) to thoroughly mix up, interweave

gu-sobanuka (-tse) 1. to be explained, 2. to be explicable, 3. to be comprehensible, 4. to be sorted out

gu-sobanura (-ye) 1. to explain, interpret, 2. to sort out, to separate, to disentangle

gu-sobanurira (-ye) 1. to explain to somebody, 2. to interpret for somebody

in-sobanuro (in-) 1. explanation, 2. definition, 3. meaning

gu-sobanya (-nije) to interlace, weave

gu-sobanywa (-nijwe) to be interwoven

gu-sōbōka (-tse) to go on tiptoe (*very softly*)

umu-soda (aba-) soldier

i-sōgi (ama-) edible weed (for greens)

i-sogisi (ama-) sock

uru-sōgo (in-) edible weed (for greens)

sōgokuru (ba-) my, your, our grandfather

sōgokuruza (ba-) my, your, our, ancestor

gu-sogōta (-se) to pierce (in order to kill)

gu-sogōtwa (-swe) to be pierced

gu-sohoka (-tse) to go outside, to exit

ibi-sohoka expense, expenditure

gu-sohokera (-ye) to go outside for

gu-sohora (-ye) 1. to take or put outside, 2. to ejaculate, to cum

ugu-sohora 1. expulsion, throwing out, 2. traditional ceremony on the sixth day after a child's birth where the baby is presented

gu-sohorwa (-we) to be put outside, to be thrown out, to be dismissed, to be fired

i-soko (ama-) market, general marketplace

i-sōko (ama-) fountain, spring, source

umu-soko (imi-) long thing (esp. stalk of bananas, etc.)

umu-sokōni (imi-) fig tree

gu-sokōra (-ye) to raise, draw, take out

gu-sōkōrānya (-nye) to ask each other riddles

igi-sokoro (ibi-) 1. gonorrhea, 2. information gained by eavesdropping, 3. eavesdropper

umu-sokoro (imi-) spears on big reeds and grasses

umu-sokōro (imi-) marrow in bone

uru-sokoro (in-) tiny bean pods

gu-sokoroka (-tse) to go out to a certain place, to come out of

gu-sokorora (-ye) to take something out to an appointed place, to take out of, reveal

gu-sokorwa (-we) to be taken out, raised

gu-sokoza (-je) to comb

gu-sōkōza (-je) to ask riddle

igi-sōkōzanyo (ibi-) story, riddle

igi-sokozo (ibi-) comb

igi-sōkōzo (ibi-) traditional riddle loved by children

uru-sokozo (in-) traditional large comb

sōkuru my, your, our grandfather

sōkuruza my, your, our ancestor

gu-soma (-mye) to read

gu-sōma (-mye) 1. to kiss, 2. to sip, or drink from a reed

umu-soma (imi-) pumpkin leaves

gu-sōma nturi to drown

gu-sōmagura (-ye) to kiss repeatedly, passionately

somambike intimate friend, one who shares his secrets or last food with you

gu-sōmana (-nye) to kiss each other

gu-sōmborotsa (-keje) 1. to attack, 2. to provoke to fight

gu-somboroza (-je) 1. to provoke, 2. to attack

i-somero (ama-) library

gu-somōra (-ye) to dress a wound

gu-sōmwa (-mwe) 1. to be kissed, 2. to be drunk (*passive*)

i-somwa (ama-) reading

igi-sōmwa (ibi-) text

in-somwa (in-) letter (of alphabet)

gu-sona (-nnye) to respect, revere

gu-sona (-nye) to sew (Sw.)

gu-sonera (-ye) to honor, respect

gu-sonerwa (-we) to be honored, respected

i-sōnga (ama-) tip, point

igi-sōnga (ibi-) tip, point

umu-sōnga (imi-) point, sharp pain, pneumonia, pleurisy **gu-songora** (-ye) to sharpen to a point, to be pointed

i-soni (i-) 1. shame, 2. respect, 3. timidity, 4. bashfulness

gu-sonoroka (-tse) (*Sw.*) 1. to rip (*vi*), 2. to come unsewed

gu-sōnza (-shonje) to be hungry

gu-sonzēsha (-sheje) to cause to go hungry

imi-sore (no sg.) youth (with negative connotation), youth mob

ubu-sore (no pl.) youth

umu-sore (aba-) 1. adolescent, 2. bachelor, unmarried young man, (pl. also imisore, then with negative connotation: youth mob)

imi-soresore (no sg.) youth (with negative connotation), youth gang, youth mob

in-soresore (no sg.) youth (with very negative connotation)

igi-soro (ibi-) traditional board game for 2 players ('African chess')

uru-soro (in-) shell (of gun)

gu-soroma (-mye) to gather food from garden

gu-soromera (-ye) to gather food at, for

gu-soromēsha (-sheje) to cause to gather food, to help to gather food, to gather by means of

gu-sorora (-ye) to come up thickly and thus not do well (of plants)

gu-sorōra (-ye) 1. to buy a thing together and then divide it, 2. to add to what one has

gu-sorōranya (-nije) 1. to gather up, 2. to bring things and put them together to give to someone

i-sorōsoro (ama-) one by one

gu-sōsa (-se) 1. to taste good, have good flavor, 2. to be sweet

igi-sōsa (ibi-) thing that tastes good

ubu-sōsa delicious taste

ubu-sōse (no pl.) flavor, good taste

gu-sōsera (-ye) to be of the flavor of

gu-sōserwa (-we) to find good, appetizing

i-sosi (ama-) sauce

i-sosiyete (i-) society, company

ama-soso hair line (receding part)

umu-soso (imi-) muscle

gu-sōtōra (-ye) 1. to tease, 2. to pick a fight

gu-sōtōrana (-nnye) to tease each other

i-soya soy

gu-sōza (-shoje) 1. to finish weaving an article, 2. to row, to paddle (*boat*)

umu-sōza (aba-) rower, oarsman

gu-sōzēra (-reye) to finish, to complete

i-sozi (ama-) neck

igi-sozi (ibi-) very big hill, large mountain

imi-sozi elephantiasis

umu-sozi (imi-) hill, mountain

igi-sozo (ibi-) blunder

umu-sōzo (imi-) hem, binding, border (of basket)

i-stasiyoni (ama-) station

gu-subira (-ye) to return, to go back (other than where the speaker is)

gu-subīra (-riye) to repeat, to do again

tura-subira See you next time (soon)

igi-subiramuhira (ibi-) woman who has left many husbands and gone home and finally builds at parent's home (same for a man)

gu-subiramwo (-emwo) to repeat **Mushobora gusubiramwo?**

Could you please repeat (this)?

ama-subirayo y'inyana about:00

gu-subīza (-shubije) 1. to give back, cause to return, 2. to put back, 3. to result

igi-subizo (ibi-) 1. response, reply, answer, 2. outcome, result

gu-sūgereza (-je) to surround, beseige (as in hunt or battle)

gu-sugerezwa (-shugerejwe) to be beseiged

gu-sugurirwa (-we) 1. to be cross, 2. to be offended, 3. to fight (*after afterthought*)

ubu-sugurirwe (no pl.) anger (note above)

i-suguru (ama-) ram

aga-sugurume (udu-) young male goat

gu-suhūka (-tse) to emigrate, leave one's country because of famine

gu-suhukira (-ye) to emigrate to

imi-suhūko feeling better

n'imi-suhūko I'm better, he's better

gu-suhūkuruka (-tse) to return to one's country after famine is over

gu-suhūza (-je) 1. to visit the sick, to visit the family of a deceased person, etc. 2. to go to give things to one whose house has burned

gu-suka (-tse) 1. to pour into, 2. to deceive, tempt one into something and then leave him

i-suka (ama-) hoe

umu-sukanyi (aba-) liar, deceiver

i-sukari (no pl.) sugar

igi-sukari (ibi-) red banana

gu-sukasuka (-tse) to deceive habitually

gu-sukira (-ye) to pour at, for

gu-sukiranya (-nije) to add, to mix together

gu-sukīsha (-shijwe) to cause to pour, pour by means of

in-sukōni (in-) fig

umu-sukōni (imi-) fig tree

ga-suku (du-) parrot

i-suku (ama-) 1. hygiene, 2. cleanliness, 3. care of something (body, house, etc.)

umu-suku (aba-) 1. servant (male or female), 2. minister

gu-sukura (-ye) to clean

gu-sukūrira (-ye) to be servant to, serve

gu-sukwa (-tswe) 1. to be tempted, 2. to be poured

gu-suma (-mye) to go to find food

gu-sūma (-mye) to fall in cascade (as waterfall)

igi-suma (ibi-) thief

umu-suma (aba-) 1. thief, 2. robber, 3. burglar

i-sumaku (i-) magnet

ugu-sumakura attraction (magnetic)

in-sumano (in-) groceries

uru-sumanyenzi (in-) 1. cliff from which unmarried pregnant girls are thrown, 2. pit, abyss

umu-sumāri (imi-) (Sw.) nail, pin

gu-sūmba (-mvye) to exceed, be taller than

gu-sūmbana (-nye) to not be equal in height or ability

gu-sūmbanya (-nije) to arrange according to height or length

umu-sumbarembe (imi-) giraffe

ubu-sumbasumbane 1. inequality, 2. surface

i-sūmbazose (no pl.) middle finger

gu-sumburuka (-tse) to stand on tiptoe

gu-sumburukwa (-tswe) to stand on tiptoe to get something

gu-sūmbwa (-mbwe) to be surpassed

umu-sumēno (imi-) saw

gu-sūmira (-ye) to take hold of (*culprit*), to seize, to catch

gu-sūmirwa (-we) to be caught stealing

ama-sumo place where food is plentiful

i-sūmo (ama-) waterfall

ubu-sumo place where food is plentiful

i-sumu acid

gu-sūmvya (-bije) to cause to exceed, surpass

igi-sundi (ibi-) vagina

umu-sundi (imi-) vagina

gu-sunika (-tse) to push

gu-sunikana (-nye) to push each other

gu-sunikīsha (-shije) to cause or help to push, push by means of

gu-sunira (-ye) to push at, for

i-sunūnu (ama-) wart, mole

gu-sunura (-ye) to push violently

gu-sunurana (-nye) to push each other violently

gu-sunūrwa (-we) to be pushed violently

gu-sunūza (-je) to help to push, to overturn

i-sūnzu (ama-) 1. topknot, bit of hair on top of head, hair tuft, 2. bunch of grass at top of hut, 3. crest of birds

i-suparadra (ama-) adhesive tape, sticking plaster

i-supu (i-) soup

i-supu y'imboga vegetable soup

gu-sura (-ze) to pass gas, to fart

gu-sūra (-ye) 1. to search carefully, 2. to spy on, 3. to watch for, 4. to scatter seeds or dirt by scratching as chicken does

gu-surira (-ye) 1. to pass gas, to fart, 2. to sting or bite (*insect*), 3. to cause to feel badly

gu-sūrira (-ye) to search at, for

gu-sūriranya (-nije) to splash and tumble (water in river), to tear along (as rain sweeps away everything), to dig out grass rapidly, to do quickly

igi-suru (ibi-) 1. kind of bush (leaves eaten during famine), 2. women's dance celebrating the birth of twins

gu-surura (-ye) to be in need (having lost one's possessions)

umu-sururu (imi-) porridge

uru-surusuru (in-) thread

gu-susumira (-ye) to tremble (as hands in grasping or result of sickness)

gu-susuruka (-tse) to be moderately hot

gu-susurutsa (-kije) to make hot

imi-suzi gas passed from body

umu-suzi (imi-) fart (rude)

gu-sūzugura (-ye) to find fault with, despise, criticize

aga-sūzuguro (udu-) criticism, blame, fault, scorn

gu-sūzuguza (-je) to criticize, find fault with

gu-sūzuma (-mye) 1. to examine, 2. auscultate

ugu-sūzuma examination, inspection

gu-sūzumīsha (-shije) to cause to examine

gu-sūzumwa (-mwe) to be examined

i-swa (*no pl.*) flying ants (*edible*)

umu-swa (imi-) 1. white ant, 2. termite

gu-swāganya (-nye) to joke, say things to make others laugh, to be kidding

igi-swahiri Swahili language, Kiswahili

gu-swera (-ye) to have sex, to have intercourse, to fuck (only used of men, rude)

gu-swerana (-nye) 1. to have sex with each other, to fuck each other (*rude*), 2. to have homosexual intercourse (*rude*)

gu-swerana nk'imbwa to make love like dogs, to have homosexual intercourse (derogative)

gu-swerwa (-we) to have sex, to have intercourse, to be fucked (only used of women, rude)

umu-swezi (aba-) 1. sexually very active person, 2. homosexual person, gay person (*from guswera*)

ubu-swi (*no pl.*) very tiny baby chicks

umu-swi (imi-) baby chick

gu-swingarara (-ye) feeling tipsy

i-swingi tipsyness (see kwumva iswingi)

gu-sya (-seye) to grind

in-sya (in-) grinding

in-sya z'amēnyo grinding teeth

aga-syanyama (udu-) grinder, mincer

gu-syēgenya (-nye) 1. to scrape feet on floor (esp. because of itching), 2. to kick violently (child)

gu-syēsha (-sheje) to cause to grind

uru-syo (in-) grinding stone

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ama-ta milk

gu-ta (-tāye) 1. to throw away, to throw, to discard, 2. to lose

udu-ta little milk (from amata)

gu-ta agati to refuse absolutely, categorically

gu-ta amagi to lay eggs

gu-taba (-vye) 1. to dig up the earth, 2. to prepare a place for building, 3. to level

gu-tabagura (-ye) 1. to rend, 2. to devour, 3. tear in pieces

gu-tabāra (-ye) 1. to help without expectation of reward, willingly, 2. to help in battle

n-tabāra 1. help!, 2. please! (from gutabāra)

ugu-tabāra first aid

gu-tabarara (-ye) to be wide, to take up space, to put out big spreading branches

in-tabarirwa (in-) 1. one who doesn't do as he hears he should, 2. disobedient child

gu-tabāruka (-tse) to return from war, from giving aid, to be at rest

gu-tabāza (-je) to call for help

umu-tabāzi (aba-) helper, defender

i-tābi (ama-) 1. tobacco, 2. cigarette

gu-tabira (-ye) to fertilize

in-tabire (in-) fertilizer

aga-tabo (idu-) small book, booklet

igi-tabo (ibi-) 1. book, 2. altar, place to offer to the gods

aga-tabo k'amasheki cheque book (see isheki)

uru-tabonwa (in-) jewel, gem

ibi-tabu bits of pieces of paper or cloth

igi-tabu (ibi-) book (Sw. kitabu)

gu-tabuka (-tse) to tear (vi)

i-tabuliyeri apron (Fr. tablier)

gu-tabura (-ye) to tear (vt)

gu-tabwa (-bwe) to be prepared for building

gu-tābwa (-we) to be thrown away

in-tābwa (in-) 1. orphan, 2. unwanted child, 3. abandoned wife

in-tābwīrwa (in-) 1. disobedient person, 2. headstrong, stubborn person

i-tafāri (ama-) brick

umu-tāga (imi-) daytime, esp. near moon (*from German: Tag*)

gu-tagara (-ye) 1. to not accept judgment rendered, 2. to not accept helpful suggestions

umu-tagare (imi-) big spreading
tree (certain kind)

ku-tagira isoni 1. to be shameless, unashamed, 2. to be rude, vulgar, obtrusive, coarse

tagisi taxicab

gu-tāha (-she) to go home, to leave **uk'umwaka utashe** at the end of every year

gu-tāha ubukwe to go to wedding feast

gu-tāhana (-nye) to go home together, to take home

in-tahava (in-) permanent thing (*stays in family*)

in-tāhe (in-) witness, judgment, oath

uru-tāhe (in-) wire (coarse)

i-tahīriro (ama-) end, finality, residence

gu-tahiriza (-je) to greet for

gu-tāhūka (-tse) to be understandable

gu-tāhūra (-ye) to understand

ndabi-tāhūra I don't understand

gu-tāhūrwa (-we) to be understood

gu-tāhūza (-je) to cause to understand

aga-taka (no pl.) soil, earth

gu-taka (-tse) to call for help

gu-takāmba (-mvye) to call loudly for help

gu-takāmbira (-ye) to call loudly for help

gu-takara (-ye) to be lost

gu-takaza (-je) to lose, cause to be lost

gu-takira (-ye) to cry out

gu-takīsha (-shije) to cause to cry for help

i-tako (ama-) buttocks, thighs

in-takonywa (in-) 1. stubborn person (*lit. 'who will not be bent'*, from kugōnda), 2. extremist

gu-tama (-mye) 1. to be utterly worn out, to be exhausted, 2. to labor hard, to overwork

gu-tāma (-mye) to grow old

i-tama (ama-) cheek kwitangira itama put one's face in one's hands in deep thought in-tāma (in-) sheep

umu-tāma (aba-) old man

umu-tāmakazi (aba-) old woman

umu-tamana (imi-) outer garment

gu-tamānzuka (-tse) to become light suddenly (early morning just as darkness ends, or after eclipse)

gu-tamānzura (-ye) to become light suddenly (early morning just as darkness ends, or after eclipse)

gu-tāmba (-mvye) to dance (see also kwītāmba)

igi-tambamboga (ibi-) child (before he begins to know anything)

gu-tāmbana (-nye) to dance together

igi-tāmbara (ibi-) 1. cloth (over shoulder), 2. shawl

in-tāmbara (in-) 1. battle, strife, 2. war, armed conflict

igi-tāmbara c'ikigoma (ibi-) plaid

aga-tambaro (udu-) (small or piece of) cloth

gu-tambika (-tse) to dawn

gu-tāmbira (-ye) to dance in honor of

gu-tāmbīsha (-shije) to cause to dance

in-tāmbo (in-) dance

gu-tambuka (-tse) 1. to advance, 2. to step, stride over

gu-tambukana (-nye) to walk together

gu-tambukira (-ye) to stride over

in-tambuko (in-) step

gu-tāmbūra (-ye) to be near death

gu-tambutsa (-kije) to cause to step, stride

i-tāmbwe (ama-) measure (by hand or by steps)

in-tāmbwe (in-) lion

ubu-tame (no pl.) weariness

uku-tamera aridness (of land), barrenness, drought

vyan-tamije I can't do it! (*from gutamya*)

gu-tamika (-tse) to put in the mouth of

gu-tamira (-ye) 1. to swallow, 2. to take a mouthful

gu-tāmirana (-nye) to smell nice

gu-tamirwa (-we) to be swallowed, put in mouth

gu-tamiza (-je) to tire out, wear out (*vt*)

gu-tamya (-mije) 1. to exhaust, 2. to weary, 3. to be beyond what one can do

gu-tāna (-nye) 1. to go separate ways, 2. to bring loss or failure, 3. to be unsuccessful, 4. to be unable to do what one attempts, 5. to lose one another

gu-tanaga (-ze) to feather an arrow

gu-tanakw ibirake to accuse each other of spoiling a plan

igi-tanda (ibi-) (Sw.) bed

igi-tāndara (ibi-) big stone

in-tandara (in-) epilepsy

uru-tāndara (in-) big stone

--tandatu (adj.) six

ga-tandatu (adj.) six times

gu-tandukāna (-nye) 1. to separate (*vi*), 2. to cut off, chop off, sever, slice off, amputate, hack off, 3. to disconnect, 4. to part with, 5. to be different, be distinct

i-tandukāniro (ama-) separating thing, distinction, difference

gu-tandukānya (-nije) 1. to separate (*vt*), 2. to distinguish

gu-tānga (-nze) 1. to offer, pay, give, submit, offer, proffer, hand in, send in, put forward, 2. precede, be ahead of, to arrive before, 3. to die (of king)

igi-tanga (ibi-) tick that causes recurrent fever

in-tānga (in-) semen, sperm

umu-tānga (imi-) 1. middle of lake or river, 2. kind of gourd

bi-tangāje fantastic, astounding, amazing, astonishing, bewildering, stunning, breathtaking, sensational, remarkable, spectacular, extraordinary, wonderful, marvelous (from gutangāza)

in-tangamarāra (in-) first of anything

i-tanganyika (ama-) lake

gu-tangāra (-ye) to marvel, to be astonished, to be amazed, to be astounded

gu-tangārira (-ye) 1. to admire, 2. to marvel at

in-tangāro (in-) within the kraal, courtyard

gu-tangāza (-je) 1. to amaze, astound, astonish, 2. to surprise, 3. to impress

igi-tangāza (ibi-) miracle, astonishing thing, marvel

gu-tangāzwa (-jwe) to be amazed, astounded

i-tangi (i-) tank (water)

gu-tangīra (-riye) 1. to hinder, 2. to close or block path, 3. to dam up

gu-tangīra (-ye) 1. to precede, 2. to begin, to start

gu-tangīrana (-nye) to bar the path for each other

gu-tangīrira (-ye) to bar passage at, for

gu-tāngirira (-ye) to give for

gu-tangīriza (-je) to cause to bar passage, to bar passage with

gu-tangīrwa (-riwe) to be hindered, have passage barred

gu-tāngīsha (-shije) to cause to give

gu-tangīza (-je) 1. to initiate, 2. to inaugurate, 3. to cause to begin, 4. to start something

in-tango (in-) beginning

in-tāngo (in-) very large pot

igi-tangu (ibi-) tick that causes fever

gu-tangura (-ye) 1. to begin to, to start to, 2. to approach (*a lesson*)

gu-tangura ishule to start school (*1.grade*)

gu-tangurana (-nye) to begin together

gu-tanguranwa (-nwe) to race

gu-tangurira (-ye) to begin at, for

i-tanguriro (ama-) beginning, foundation

igi-tangurirwa (ibi-) 1. spider, 2. spider web

in-tanguro (in-) beginning

gu-tāngwa (-nzwe) to be given, paid

gu-tantamuka (-tse) to tear, rip up (vi)

gu-tantamura (-ye) to tear, rip up (*vt*)

--tānu (adj.) five gatanu five times

ga-tānu (adj.) five times

i-tanure (ama-) furnace, kiln

gu-tānya (-nije) 1. to separate, to detach, 2. to divide, 3. to isolate, 4. send workers some to one place and some to another, to cut or split

gu-tapfuna (-nnye) to chew

gu-tara (-ze) 1. to be late (of rains), to not fall, 2. to put near fire to dry, scorch or roast, 3. to put beer in a warm place, 4. to argue and swear that you're right, 5. to take one's case to chief knowing you're right

gu-tāra (-ye) to get food for oneself

i-tara (ama-) 1. lamp, lantern, 2. light (not natural daylight)

in-tāra (in-) country, region, province

umu-tāra (imi-) 1. umbrella, 2. crude rain shelter

uru-tara (in-) under a bed

gu-taragurika (-tse) to refuse to listen (almost like a crazy person)

gu-taramuka (-tse) 1. to withdraw from room, 2. be raised

gu-taramura (-ye) 1. to send one out of the room, 2. to reach up

gu-tarataza (-je) to try over and over in several places and ways

igi-tare (ibi-) any white thing, whiteness

in-tare (in-) lion

ubu-tare (no pl.) metal ore

uru-tare (in-) hard packed earth, rock

umu-tāri (imi-) dazzling brightness (sun, moon)

gu-tarika (-tse) 1. to put up (*e.g. arms*), 2. to suspend

i-tariki (ama-) date (of month)

igi-tarikwa (ibi-) 1. bridge, 2. scaffolding

ibi-tāro dispensary, hospital

uru-taro (in-) fan (to blow out chaff)

gu-tarwa (-zwe) to be roasted

gu-tāsha (-hije) to greet (for another)

in-tashīma (in-) ungrateful person

aga-tāsi (*no pl.*) season of early rains

umu-tasi (aba-) spy

umu-tāsi (aba-) 1. complainer, grumbler, 2. troublemaker

gu-tāsura (-ye) to begin to rain (after dry season)

gu-tata (-se) to spy

gu-tāta (-se) 1. to complain, 2. to scold, 3. to discuss, 4. to disagree, 5. to conflict

gu-tātira (-ye) to complain to

gu-tātirwa (-we) to be scolded, reproached

--tatu (adj.) three gatatu three times

ga-tatu (adj.) three times

gu-tātūka (-tse) 1. to separate from fighting (*vi*), 2. to be in agreement

gu-tātūra (-ye) to separate fighters

in-tavyi (in-) child beginning to walk

gu-tāzīra (-ye) 1. to praise, 2. to thank

ama-tāzīrano praises

--te (adv.) how?

te how? (in questions only)

ama-te saliva

bi-te 1. how are things? how is it going? 2. hello, hi (informal greeting)

gu-te What's up? How is it?
(informal greeting among friends)

ubu-te (*no pl.*) indifference, negligence, laziness

gu-te none What's up? How is it? (informal greeting among friends)

gu-teba (-vye) 1. to be late, 2. to stay long, 3. to delay, 4. to lack

gu-tebagana (-nye) to be late (*slightly*)

gu-tebana (-nye) to keep too long

in-tebe (in-) chair, stool

gu-tebera (-ye) to be late at, for

igi-tēbo (ibi-) huge basket, woven stretcher, raft

gu-tebūka (-tse) to hurry (to go and return)

gu-tebūkana (**-**nye) to bring or take quickly

gu-tebūtsa (-kije) to do quickly

gu-tega (-ze) 1. to hinder, to hamper, to impede, to obstruct, to prevent, 2. to trap, 3. to bet, 4. to be flat, level

gu-tēga (-ze) to receive (physically)

ibi-tēga something supposed to be in a person making him sick indwara y'ibitega person is bewitched and acts like a crazy person

igi-tega (ibi-) plain, flat area

tega iminwe hold out your hands

in-tegakiba (in-) something put away for future use

gu-teganya (-nyije) 1. to anticipate, 2. to prepare, 3. to plan

in-tege (in-) 1. calf of leg, back of knee 2. strength

in-tege nke weakness

gu-tegeka (-tse) 1. to command, 2. to enforce the law

gu-tegekanishwa (-shijwe) to be obliged to adopt the less desirable of two plans

gu-tēgekanya (-nije) 1. to hesitate between two actions, 2. to have several plans of what to do so that at least one will please the other people, 3. to have two methods of defending yourself, but use the one you hadn't planned on

i-tegeko (ama-) 1. command, 2. law, 3. rule

gu-tegēra (-reye) 1. to think over, to understand, 2. to go to meet, to wait for

gu-tegēranya (-nije) 1. to talk over, 2. to come to an agreement

gu-tegereza (-je) 1. to understand after thinking over, 2. to cause to understand, 3. to wait for someone expected

gu-tegerezwa (-jwe) to be required, to be obliged

ubu-tegetsi power

umu-tegetsi (aba-) 1. administrator, 2. commander, 3. ruler, 4. dictator, 5. head, leader (from gutegeka)

umu-tego (imi-) trap, snare

gu-tegūra (-ye) 1. to prepare, 2. to organize, 3. to plan

i-tegūra (ama-) tile

gu-tegurika (-tse) to be prepared

in-teguro (in-) 1. preparation, plan, 2. ornament

gu-tegūrwa (-we) to be prepared

gu-tegūza (-je) to cause to prepare

in-tegūza (in-) one who prepares for another

gu-tēka (-tse) to cook (vt) in water

i-tēka (ama-) 1. law, decree, order, 2. judgment, justice, 3. (pl.) amateka word (or commands) sent out by king and spread by chiefs, subchiefs, etc., 4. prescription

umu-tēkano (no pl.) security

ubu-tēkānyi (*no pl.*) peace, calm, quiet

i-teke (ama-) small edible root similar to yams

gu-tēkera (-ye) 1. to tie up a bundle, 2. to prepare things for a trip

gu-tēkerera (-ye) 1. to tie up for, 2. prepare things for trip

gu-tēkereza (-je) to be meek, mild, well-behaved

gu-tēkerwa (-we) to be tied, wrapped up

gu-tēkēsha (-sheje) to cause to cook, cook with

in-tēko (in-) group (esp. of people), multitude

gu-tēkwa (-tswe) to be cooked

igi-tekwa (ibi-) any food that needs to be cooked

i-telefone (i-) telephone

gu-tema (-mye) to cut grass, tree

igi-tema (ibi-) the pain from tropical ulcer (one that develops rapidly)

gu-temagura (-ye) to cut up small as reeds, boards, etc.

gu-tēmba (-vye) 1. to fall, flow, run (as water), 2. to be sloping

gu-tembagara (-ye) to roll (vi)

gu-tembagaza (-je) to knock over, to roll over (*vt*)

gu-tembagazwa (-jwe) to be rolled, knocked over

gu-tēmbera (-ye) to flow into

gu-tēmbēra (-reye) 1. to move about, to travel around, to go for a walk (*Sw.*), 2. to visit

ugu-tēmbēra circulation, going around

gu-tēmbēreza (-je) to cause to go around

aga-tēmbwe (*no pl.*) cliff, steep place

umu-temere (imi-) cover, lid (*esp. of basket*)

gu-temēsha (-sheje) to cut with, cause to cut

gu-temuka (-tse) 1. to cut easily (*vi*), 2. to burn easily, quickly, 3. to

burn and break off (as tree), log (vi), 4. to slide (earth)

gu-temura (-ye) to cut with one blow

gu-tēmvya (-beje) to cause to fall

gu-temwa (-mwe) to be cut (*grass*, *etc.*)

in-tendēri (in-) gourd (used as object of worship)

igi-tenge (ibi-) wrap skirt

gu-tēngengera (-ye) to produce heavily or abundantly

gu-tēngerera (-ye) to be loaded with fruit or grain (*tree*, *stalk*)

aga-tēngo (no pl.) trembling (because of fear), great fear

gu-tengūrira (-ye) to prepare at, for

gu-tenyēnya (-nye) to investigate carefully a wrong

gu-tenzēkanya (-nye) 1. to lose interest, 2. to not keep at the job faithfully

gu-tenzukirwa (-we) to begin to feel better after being ill

gu-tenzūra (-ye) to be negligent, slacken, release partially

gu-tēra (-ye) 1. to throw, to cast, to fling, 2. to plant, 3. to cause, prompt, trigger, bring on, lead to

gu-tēra igise to make an effort (at childbirth)

gu-tēra imbere to go forward, to make progress (*see imbere*)

gu-tēra ipasi to iron (clothes)

gu-tēra ubwōba to make afraid, to frighten, to scare

gu-tēra umugere to kick (see umugere)

gu-terabiri (yateyabiri) to chat, visit

gu-tēragira (-ye) to help plant (throw in the beans as other lifts soil)

gu-tēragiza (-je) to cause to or help to plant

gu-terama (-mye) to watch

gu-teramika (-tse) to cause to watch

gu-teramira (-ye) to watch over

bwa-teramye after dark (*from guterama*)

umu-teramyi (aba-) watchman

gu-tērana (-nye) to meet together, mix (*vi*)

i-tēraniro (ama-) joint, meeting

gu-teranūka (-tse) to separate (vi)

gu-tēranura (-ye) to separate (vt)

gu-tēranura umunwa to open the mouth

gu-teranūrwa (-we) to be separated

gu-tēranya (-nije) 1. to bring together, 2. to throw at each other, 3. to add, 4. to join

gu-tēraterana (-nye) to come one by one till there are many

in-tere 1. unconsciousness, 2. half-dead

i-terefone (i-) telephone

gu-tereka (-tse) 1. to put a thing in its certain place, to put on the ground, 2. to deposit, 3. to offer gift, 4. to move something to another place

gu-terekana (-nye) to put down together

gu-terekēra (-ye) 1. to offer to spirits, 2. to worship spirits or Kiranga

igi-tereko (ibi-) 1. place prepared to put anything, 2. lamp stand

gu-terera (-ye) 1. to churn, 2. to make butter, 3. to throw at

gu-tērēra (-ye) 1. to put together to produce food for guests, 2. to help one another in loaning what is needed

ama-terere buttermilk

ama-tererwa skimmed milk

umu-teretsi (aba-) one in charge of food at a feast

ubu-tēri uninhabited place

ubu-tēritēri uninhabited place

igi-tēro (ibi-) 1. legion, division, 2. assault

gu-terura (-ye) 1. to lift up, 2. to carry, 3. to rape

gu-terūrira (-ye) to lift up at, for, because of

gu-terūrwa (-we) to be lifted up

gu-terūza (-je) to cause to lift up, lift up by means of

gu-tērwa (-we) 1. to be thrown, 2. to be planted, 3. to be caused, 4. to receive (passive form of gutera)

igi-tērwa (ibi-) plant (*lit. something planted*)

gu-tēsha (-sheje) 1. to hinder, 2. to cause to lose, 3. to deprive, 4. to inconvenience, to embarrass

gu-tēshwa (-shejwe) to be hindered

aga-tete (udu-) a single grain

aga-tēte (udu-) 1. pieces of a certain kind of grass used for weaving, 2. bits of things used by witch doctor to divine

in-tete (in-) grain, seed

n'in-tete not a bit

uru-tete (in-) grain, seed

gu-tēteka (-tse) to make another feel badly over something he's done, to be easily deceived or mocked gu-tetemera (-ye) to tremble (of hands, from cold or fever, fear)

gu-tetemēsha (-sheje) to cause to tremble

gu-tetemēshwa (-shejwe) to be caused to tremble

gu-tetera (-ye) 1. to be thoroughly drenched and cold, 2. to be drawn up from cold or being burnt, 3. to dry up and be stiff (food, clothes), 4. to be burnt (of food forgotten), 5. to be very healthy or strong, 6. to be solid, 7. to be dry

gu-tētera (-ye) to be absolutely full

gu-tētera (-ye) to bleed to death

qu-tetereza (-je) to humiliate

gu-tētērwa (-rewe) 1. to be made fun of, 2. to be humiliated, 3. to be speechless with shame or fear, 4. to be disconcerted

gu-teteza (-je) to dry (esp. with fire, as corn or grain)

umu-tetsi (aba-) cook

gu-tēturura (-ye) to speak in someone's favor, to defend

gu-tevya (-beje) to cause to be late

bi-tēye ubwōba horrible

gu-tēza (-je) to help to plant, to throw or cause by means of

igi-tēza (ibi-) creeping vine (almost *impossible to kill)*

gu-tezēkanya (-nye) 1. to lose interest, 2. to not keep at the job faithfully

gu-tēzūra (-ye) to fail to keep one's promise, to let go of what you've started to take or do, to lose interest

--ti says (verb without infinitive) ati he, she says avug'ati he, she says that

a-ti he, she says (from -ti)

aga-ti (udu-) twig, little stick

igi-ti (ibi-) 1. tree, 2. strong stick, 3. umu-timbo (aba-) traditional rank, position

umu-ti (imi-) 1. medicine, medical drug, medication, 2. cure

uru-ti (in-) 1. column, pillar 2. shaft (of a spear)

aga-ti bashirako igera fishing rod

uru-ti rw'umuqonqo backbone

igi-tiba (ibi-) bee hive

gu-tibuka (-tse) to fall from above

tifusi typhus

igi-tigiri (ibi-) number (of things)

umu-tigiri (imi-) class of objects, class of nouns

gu-tigita (-se) to shake, to tremble (vi) (as earth)

gu-tigitīsha (-shije) to cause to shake

igi-tigu (ibi-) liver

gu-tika (-tse) to tell fairy tales (stories passed down from long ago)

i-tike (ama-) ticket

gu-tikira (-ye) to perish, be destroyed

gu-tikiza (-je) to destroy, exterminate

igi-tiko (ibi-) fairy story

umu-tima (imi-) heart

umu-tima ukeye pure, kind heart

gu-timba (-mvye) 1. to not feel anything, to be numb, 2. pay no attention to anything

gu-tīmba (-mvye) to be damp, cold, chilled

in-timba (in-) 1. sadness, 2. sorrow, 3. grief

gucurira intimba to sing (or play) sad song

in-tīmbatīmba (in-) thickness, diameter

drummer "one who hits hard"

gu-timvya (-bije) to benumb, make numb

gu-tinda (-nze) to be late, to finish by...

umu-tīndi (aba-) unfortunate person

gu-tingana (-nze) to act homosexually, to perform homosexual acts

umu-tinganyi (aba-) homosexual person, gay

gu-tīnya (-nye) 1. to fear, 2. to be

gu-tīnyana (-nye) to fear each other

ubu-tīnyānka (no pl.) menstruation, illness of women (hemorrhage)

umu-tinyi (aba-) coward

igi-tīnyiro (ibi-) that which is feared or respected

gu-tīnyīsha (-shije) to frighten

gu-tīnyūka (-tse) to dare, be fearless

gu-tīnywa (-nywe) to be feared

gu-tīra (-ze) to borrow (money or a thing which will itself be returned)

gu-tirigana (-nye) to dislocate (either parts of body, or other things) (vi)

gu-tiriganya (-nije) to dislocate (vt)

aga-tirigongo (udu-) backbone, vertebral column

uru-tirigongo (in-) backbone, vertebral column (from uruti rw'umugōngo)

gu-tīrira (-ye) to borrow for, because of

igi-tiritiri (ibi-) corn cob

gu-tīriza (-je) to lend for, in the place of

i-tiro (no pl.) sleep, sleepiness

in-tirobwa (in-) zucchini, courgette

igi-tito (ibi-) singing, sung legend or story

gu-tītūka (-tse) to be despised, despicable, to be worn out (of soil), no longer produce

gu-tītūra (-ye) 1. to hate, despise, 2. to disillusion, 3. to cause people to hate that which they had liked, 4. to lose original force, to weaken

gu-tītūza (-je) to cause to lose original force, to cause to disillusion

gu-tīza (-je) to lend, loan (that which will itself be returned)

gu-tīzwa (-jijwe) to be loaned

--to (*adj.*) 1. small, little, 2. young, 3. thin

igi-to concrete

ubu-to (no pl.) childhood

--tō-to (*adj.*) 1. small, little, 2. young, 3. thin

umu-tobe (imi-) juice

umu-tobe w'ibitoki banana juice

umu-tobe w'icamwa fruit juice

gu-tobeka (-tse) to have dirt in (as water or milk)

gu-tobekeranīsha (-shije) to pierce with

gu-tobekeranya (-nije) to pierce through, to speak clearly, distinctly, understandably

gu-toboka (-tse) to get a hole in

gu-tobora (-ye) 1. to pierce, make a hole, 2. to speak distinctly, 3. to be straight-forward, to have nothing to hide, 4. to hear well, 5. to complete a thing

gu-tōbōra (-ye) to pick (*peas*, *beans*, *berries*) but not pull up vines

gu-toborera (-ye) to pierce at, for

gu-tōbōrera (-ye) to pick (*peas*, *beans*, *etc.*) for, at

in-toboro (in-) hole (in paper, cloth, container)

gu-toborwa (-we) to be pierced

umu-tobotobo (imi-) thorn tree with yellow balls

gu-toboza (-je) to cause to pierce, pierce with

gu-tōbōza (-je) to cause to pick, pick with

i-toci (ama-) torch, flashlight (from Fr. torche)

in-tofanyi (in-) white potato (*from German Kartoffel*)

gu-togotesha (-sheje) to simmer

gu-tōha (-she) to send forth shoots, to become green (as grass when rain begins)

gu-tōhera (-ye) see gutōha

igi-tōke (ibi-) banana tree, banana, plantain

uru-toke (in-) finger

uru-tōke (in-) banana plantation, banana farm

ibi-tōke vyokeje roasted bananas (*see also -okeje*)

igi-tōki (ibi-) banana tree, banana

i-tomati tomato

gu-tona (-nnye) to be favourite

gu-tonagura (-ye) to beat

gu-tōnda (-nze) to stand in line, to line up (vi)

i-tonde (ama-) nostril, nose

uru-tonde (in-) list, queue

gu-tōndeka (-tse) to list, enumerate

gu-tondekana (-nye) to march in a line

gu-tōndekanya (-nije) to line up (*vt*)

gu-tōndēsha (-sheje) 1. to line up, 2. to list, (*vt*)

aga-tōndo (idu-) early morning

igi-tōndo (ibi-) morning

gu-toneka (-tse) to hit a sore place

gu-tonekara (-ye) 1. to be sore (*from wound*), 2. to hurt (*vi*)

in-tonga (in-) big basket

gu-tongana (-nye) to quarrel

in-tongāngira (in-) wart

gu-tonganira (-ye) to quarrel about

imi-tongano quarrels

gu-tonganya (-nije) 1. to dispute, 2. to quarrel, 3. to chide, to scold

in-tonganya (in-) quarrel

i-tōngo (ama-) 1. cultivated field, 2. property, 3. real estate

i-tōngo ry'abapfu cemetery, graveyard

gu-tōngōka (-tse) 1. to perish, 2. to be consumed

gu-tōngōra (-ye) 1. to consume (*fire*), 2. to take away completely, 3. to cut down trees left after fire has passed over

gu-tongoza (-je) 1. to leave grass and stuff growing in rugo, 2. to let hair grow long, 3. to lend something and not get it back soon, 4. to entrust something to another and it increases while there

ubu-toni (no pl.) favor, favoritism

umu-toni (aba-) favorite (*from gutona*)

gu-tonora (-ye) to shell, to husk (peas, beans, peanuts, etc.)

gu-tonorera (-ye) to shell at, for

gu-tonorwa (-we) to be shelled

gu-tonoza (-je) to cause to shell

--tonya (adj.) small, little, young

gu-tōnyānga (-nze) to drip, to trickle

i-tōnyānga drop

igi-tōnyānga (ibi-) drop of liquid (pl. also amatōnyānga)

ama-tōnyānga y'imvura raindrops

gu-tōnyāngiriza (-je) to let fall drop by drop

gu-tonyanza (-ngije) to cause to fall drop by drop

udu-tonzi feeler, antenna (of insect)

gu-tōra (-ye) 1. to choose, to elect, to vote, 2. to invite, 3. to pick up, to pick, 4. to adopt (habit)

i-tora (ama-) vote, (pl.) elections

gu-tōragura (-ye) to pick up here and there

gu-tōragurwa (-we) to be picked up (wood)

in-toraguzo (in-) axe

gu-tōrana (-nye) to choose each other

gu-tōranya (-nije) 1. to choose, 2. to appoint to a task

in-tore (in-) 1. plant with fruit like eggplant, aubergine, 2. lump of bread

in-tōre (in-) 1. dancer, 2. youth, 3. traditional young warrior, 2. handsomeness and good character

uru-tore eggplant, aubergine

gu-tōrera (-ye) to choose, pick up at, for

aga-tōrero (udu-) chicken's crop

i-torero (ama-) list of chosen ones, church roll

gu-toreza (-je) to collect (taxes)

igi-toro (ibi-) 1. fuel, petrol, petroleum, 2. cartridge, cartridge

igi-toro ca essence petrol, benzin

igi-toro c'amazutu diesel

in-torobwa (in-) ovary of flower

gu-toroka (-tse) to escape (e.g. as prisoner)

gu-torora (-ye) to gather up little sticks, to glean

gu-tororokanya (-nije) 1. to come one by one, to add to little by little, 2. put together, gather up, collect

ugu-tororokanya collection, putting together, adding together

i-toroshi (ama-) torch, flashlight (from Fr. torche)

gu-tōrwa (-we) to be chosen, picked up

gu-tosekara (-ye) to get something in eye

gu-tosekaza (-je) to fall in eye, hurt eye

gu-tosōra (-ye) to remove a foreign article from eye (*or*, *from water*, *milk*)

gu-tosōrwa (-we) to have article taken from eye

gu-tota (-se) 1. to sprinkle 'medicine' around to protect from evil, 2. to be saturated

gu-tōta (-se) 1. to go along right in path (of animals), 2. to not be side-tracked

gu-totahara (-ye) to be lush and green

gu-totera (-ye) to put ground peanuts in food

gu-totēsha (-sheje) to saturate with

--tōto (*adj.*) unripe, green (*of certain fruits*)

i-tōto (adj.) 1. fat, 2. healthy (plant or person)

umu-toto (imi-) banana leaf (when green)

igi-totsi (ibi-) foreign article (in eye, milk, water)

igi-tovu (ibi-) thistle

--toya (adj.) small, little, young

mu-toyi (ba-) younger brother of boy, younger sister of girl

gu-tōza (-je) to select a person to sell a thing or to bring tax

gu-tōza (-jeje) to finish (vt)

umu-tōza (aba-) 1. headman, 2. coach, trainer, 3. tax collector (old)

umu-tōzakōri (aba-) tax collector, tax official

in-tozi (in-) pincher ant

uru-tozi pincher ant

in-tozo (in-) hunting dog

umu-tsi (imi-) 1. blood vessel, 2. nerve, 3. muscle, 4. tendon

gu-tsiba (-vye) to weave, plait

igi-tsibo (ibi-) crown (woven or plaited), rope

ama-tsiko curiosity, interest

umu-tsima (imi-) local kind of bread, made of corn or manioc

umu-tsima w'ivyamwa jam, jelly, marmalade

i-tsina (ama-) (*gram.*) root or stem of word

igi-tsina (ibi-) 1. base of tree, 2. sex, gender

gu-tsīnda (-nze) 1. to defeat, win a case, 2. be victorious, to win, 3. to succeed

umu-tsīnda (imi-) young banana shoot

gu-tsindagira (-ye) to crush down, press down

gu-tsindagirira (-ye) to press down at, for

gu-tsindagiza (-je) to press down with

gu-tsīndanīsha (-shije) to condemn

gu-tsīndanīshiriza (-je) to justify

gu-tsīndāza (-je) 1. to stay in one place permanently, 2. to fill up

ibi-tsingotsingo frown, showing disapproval on one's face

igi-tsīntsīri (ibi-) heel

in-tsīnzi (in-) victory, triumph

gu-tsirita (-se) 1. to rub, 2. to polish

ugu-tsirita rubdown, massage

gu-tsītāra (-ye) to stumble, stub one's toe

gu-tsītāza (-je) to cause to stumble

gu-tsītāzwa (-jwe) to be made to stumble by

mu-tsitsa (mi-) wisdom tooth

gu-tsontsomera (-ye) to bite (of person)

igi-tsūre (ibi-) evil look

i-tu (ama-) small package

gu-tūba (-vye) to grow smaller (sometimes used of moon)

igi-tuba (ibi-) vagina, vulva

gu-tubika (-tse) 1. to tie together, to tie up hole in sack, 2. to put on tourniquet

gu-tūbūka (-tse) to grow larger (sometimes used of moon)

igi-tugu (ibi-) shoulder

uru-tugu (in-) shoulder

--tugutu (*adj.*) 1. yellow, 2. orange (*color*), 3. purple, reddish

umu-tugutu (imi-) 1. yellow, 2. orange (*color*), 3. purple, 4. yellow of eggs (*yolk*)

gu-tuka (-tse) 1. to slander, 2. to swear at, 3. to insult

gu-tukana (-nye) to slander each other, to yell at each other hateful things

aga-tūku (udu-) gnat, tiny fly

ru-tuku prohibited locally brewed spirit made of manioc

ubu-tūku gnat, tiny fly

gu-tukura (-ye) to be red, to blush

gu-tukuza (-je) to make red

gu-tukwa (-tswe) to be insulted, slandered

gu-tuma (-mye) 1. to send (*person*, *or message*), 2. to cause, prompt, be reason for, bring about, bring on, trigger, induce, lead to, result in

igi-tuma (ibi-) 1. reason, 2. cause, 3. purpose

gu-tumagura (-ye) to hit repeatedly but gently with fist (mother sometimes does it to child)

gu-tumba (-mvye) to swell

i-tumba (i-) rain season (about February to May)

ubu-tumba (no pl.) little hills, knolls

umu-tūmba (imi-) 1. stem, trunk of tree, 2. torso of person or animal

gu-tumbagana (-nye) to be swollen, to swell (esp. of dead animals, also of beans, etc.)

gu-tumbagura (-ye) to stare without seeing

in-tumbaswa (in-) physalis, kind of gooseberry

igi-tumbatumba (ibi-) trunk of banana tree after banana is cut

gu-tūmbēra (-reye) 1. to aim at, 2. to plan for, 3. to focus, to concentrate on, 4. to be directly in front of, looking toward

gu-tūmbereza (-je) 1. to make straight for, to arrange, 2. to aim for

ubu-tumbi (med.) swelling

gu-tumbūra (-ye) 1. to explain thoroughly, speak distinctly, 2. to tell what one has heard while eavesdropping, 2. to stoop

gu-tūmbūra (-ye) 1. to cut down banana stalk, 2. to be a widow (of chief, etc.)

igi-tumbura (ibi-) doughnut, donut, fritter, sinker

gu-tumira (-ye) to send to for, to invite

ubu-tumire (no pl.) invitation

gu-tumiza (-je) to order

gu-tumwa (-mwe) to be sent

in-tumwa (in-) messenger, apostle, envoy

ubu-tumwa (*no pl.*) 1. message, 2. text

umu-tumwa (aba-) messenger, apostle, envoy

ubu-tumwa bwiza gospel, good news

gu-tuna (-nnye) 1. to pucker, shrink (*vi*), 2. to lean forward preparing to run

gu-tūnda (-nze) 1. to get mildewed, musty, 2. to move things to another place, to unload

i-tunda (ama-) 1. passion fruit, 2. tree tomato

umu-tundiro (imi-) stones, nails, etc., which witch doctor pretends to take from swollen place on body

gu-tūnga (-nze) 1. to be rich, 2. to own, possess, 3. protect, 4. to raise (animals), 5. to excuse

i-tūnga (ama-) possessions, riches

uran-tūnga Sorry!

gu-tūnga urutoke to point at

gu-tūngāna (-nye) to be very straight, perfect

igi-tungano (ibi-) domestic animal

gu-tūngānya (-nije) 1. to make perfect, 2. to put right, 3. to tidy, 4. to organise

ugu-tunganya the cleaning-up, the organising of

un-tūnge excuse me (when
interrupting)

gu-tūngīsha (-shije) to make rich

ubu-tūngu (no pl.) ignorance

umu-tūngu (aba-) ignorant person, fool

igi-tunguru (ibi-) onion

in-tunguru (in-) turtle dove

gu-tūngwa (-nzwe) to be owned, protected, etc.

igi-tūngwa (ibi-) 1. livestock (*sheep and goats*), 2. pet

in-tūngwa (in-) sheep and goats

umu-tūngwa (aba-) honored person, owner of kraal

aga-tūntu (udu-) 1. chest, 2. tuberculosis

i-tūntu (ama-) 1. one who rules others, 2. cheekiness, 3. unwillingness to be told, 4. meanness

igi-tūntu (ibi-) 1. chest, 2. tuberculosis

in-tūntu (in-) sorrow, regret, anxiety

gu-tuntura (-ye) to grieve (*vi*), be sad

gu-tunturirwa (-we) to grieve over, feel sad

ubu-tūnzi (*no pl.*) 1. wealth, possessions, riches, 2. economy, 3. treasure

umu-tūnzi (aba-) rich man

i-tupa (no pl.) file (tool)

gu-tura (-ye) to live at, to dwell, to inhabite, to reside

gu-tūra (-ye) 1. to remove load from head, 2. to lay down a burden, 3. to unload, to put down 4. to offer a gift

gu-tura amāngati to belch

gu-tūra hasi to knock down (*esp. in a fight*)

gu-tura ubuku to shout in sudden fear, to give a startled cry, to scream

gu-turagara (-ye) 1. to thunder, 2. to make a loud frightening noise

umu-turagaro (imi-) thunder, loud frightening noise

umu-turanyi (aba-) neighbour

gu-turika (-tse) 1. to burst, 2. to break out (*as with rash*), to erupt, 3. to explode, detonate, blow up

gu-tūrika (-tse) to sit together talking for a long time

turikumwe we are together, we'll stay in touch, we'll see us (*greeting when parting from friends*)

gu-tūringiga (-ze) to sleep sitting up, to nod in sleep

gu-turira (-ye) to set fire to, to burn up (vt)

igi-turire (ibi-) 1. food and drink of rich man (*ruler*), (*esp. honey*), 2. corruption

gu-turirwa (-we) to be burned up

gu-turitsa (-kije) to burst (vt)

i-tūro (ama-) offering, gift, present

gu-turuka (-tse) to come from, to appear

gi-turūmbuka (adv.) suddenly

gu-turūmbuka (-tse) to come suddenly, appear suddenly

igi-turūmbuka (ibi-) sudden happening

gu-turumbura (-ye) 1. to stare at without seeing, 2. to chase others out of home

gu-tururuza (-je) 1. to push a person down where he belongs, 2. to squelch, 3. to prevent, to stop, 4. to convince, 5. to catch swarming bees

gu-turutsa (-kije) to lead (*e.g.* cows out to pasture)

aga-turuturu (no pl.) morning star

gu-tūrwa (-we) to be put down (load)

gu-tūta (-se) to be hard, impossible to dig even though water is on top

igi-tutsi (ibi-) slander

igi-tūtsi (ibi-) language of Batutsi

Umu-tūtsi (aba-) Tutsi (person)

igi-tūtu (ibi-) shade, shadow

gu-tutūmba (-mvye) to ferment, to swell (*as bread, beans, etc.*)

gu-tūtūra (-ye) 1. to prune, 2. to take dry leaves out of banana trees

gu-tutuza (-je) to appear out of ground

gu-tūvya (-bije) to make smaller, diminish (*vt*)

gu-tuza (-jije) to chase away (because of hatred)

gu-tūza (-jije) to drop voice at end of sentence or expression

Umu-twa (aba-) Twa (person), pygmy

gu-twara (-ye) 1. to drive (*car*), 2. to ride (*bike*), 3. to fly (*airplane*), 4. to lead

gu-twāra (-ye) 1. to carry, to transport, 2. to take away, 3. to govern (*a country*), 4. to manage, control

umu-twara (aba-) 1. leader, boss, 2. driver, pilot (*from gutwara*)

gu-twara ikinga to ride a bicycle

gu-twara imodoka to drive a car

gu-twāra inda to be pregnant

gu-twāra inda y'indāro to be pregnant through adultery

gu-twāra inda y'ishushu to be pregnant through adultery

gu-twara indege to fly an airplane

gu-twara ipikipiki to ride a motorbike

ubu-twāre (*no pl.*) chieftanship, authority

umu-twāre (aba-) sub-chief, commander

in-twāri (in-) one who has power, goodness, courage

gu-twārira (-ye) 1. to carry to, for, 2. to govern in name of

in-twāro (in-) weapon

umu-twāro (imi-) burden, load

gu-twārwa (-we) to be carried away, governed

gu-twāza (-je) to help to carry, carry for

twe we

aga-twe (no pl.) roof top

umu-twe (imi-) 1. head, 2. mind

twēbwe we, us
tweho we (in contrast to others)
nātwe and we, us
nkātwe like us
twempi both of us
twese all of us

gu-twēnga (-nze) to laugh, to laugh at

gu-twēngera (-ye) to laugh at

gu-twēngera mw ijigo to be secretly amused, to laugh at secretly

igi-twengerabarozi (ibi-) child (before he begins to know anything)

gu-twēngēsha (-sheje) to cause to laugh, to be kidding

ibi-twēngo laughter

gu-twēngwa (-nzwe) to be laughed at, mocked

gu-twēnza (**-**geje) to cause to laugh, to be kidding

umu-twēnzi (imi-) dawn

umu-twēnzi ukitse when dawn broke (*from gukīka*)

ugu-twi (ama-) ear

gu-twīkīra (-riye) to cover well, to veil, to disguise

igi-twikirizo (ibi-) veil, head covering worn over face

gu-twikurura (-ye) to uncover

gu-twikururwa (-we) to be uncovered

gu-tyara (-ye) to be sharp

gu-tyaza (-je) to sharpen, to whet

ugu-tyoza abandi denigration, disparagement

U

kw-ūbaha (-she) 1. to respect, 2. to reverence, honor

kw-ūbahira (-ye) to respect for

ic-ūbahiro (ivy-) 1. respect, 2. reverence, 3. honor, dignity

kw-ūbahuka (-tse) 1. to lack respect, be disrespectful, 2. to be insolent, 3. to dare, to be bold, 4. to speak fearlessly

kw-ūbahwa (-we) to be respected

umw-ūbahwa (ab-) respected person

kw-ūbaka (-tse) 1. to build, to construct, 2. to be married (euphemism, to build own house is seen as prerequisite of mariage)
Ndubatse, I have built (I am

married)

Sindubaka, I have not built yet (*I am not yet married*)

sind-ūbaka I have not built yet (*I* am not yet married)

kw-ūbakana (**-**nye) to build together

kw-ūbakira (-ye) to build at, for

kw-ūbakīsha (-shije) to cause to build, build with

iny-ūbako (iny-) building

iny-ūbakwa (iny-) building

kw-ūbakwa (-tswe) to be built

kw-ūbama (-mye) to stoop down, bend over

urw-ūbati (inz-) sheath, case

nd-ūbatse I have built (*I am married*)

umw-ūbatsi (ab-) builder

ic-ūbi (ivy-) wing (of chicken)

kw-ūbika (-tse) to turn upside down, to be upside down (*esp. of basket*)

kw-ūbika inda to lie on one's face, to lie face down, to be in prone position

kw-ūbikiza (-je) to become dark in daytime (*from fog, etc.*)

kw-ūbikwa (-tswe) to be turned upside down

kw-ūbīra (-riye) 1. to come unexpectedly finding one unprepared, 2. to happen suddenly

kw-ūbiriza (-je) to attack unexpectedly

ic-ūbirizi (ivy-) unexpected thing, anything hidden or unseen that comes to light suddenly

ubu (adv.) now, currentlyubu nyene right now, immediatelykur'ubu perhaps

ubu nyene (*adv.*) right now, immediately

ubuho (adv.) now (emphatic)

kw-ūbuka (-tse) 1. to discover, 2. to come upon suddenly, 3. to jump up and run quickly

kw-ūburuka (-tse) 1. to peel (*vi*) (*skin after a burn*), 2. to become right side up

kw-ūburura (-ye) to turn right side up

kw-ūburūrwa (-we) to be turned right side up

ubusa (adv.) 1. nothing, 2. in vain

ubwo 1. perhaps, 2. now that, 3. since, 4. seeing that, 5. moreover

umw-ūga (imy-) 1. craft, art, special skill, 2. occupation, profession

kw-ūgama (-mye) to take cover in rain, go for shelter

kw-ūgamisha (-shije) to give shelter

kw-ūgara (-ye) to close, shut

kw-ūgarana (-nye) to shut up with

kw-ūgarira (-ye) to close the entrance of the kraal

kw-ūgariza (-je) to cause to close

kw-ūgarwa (-we) to be closed

ub-ūgi (*no pl.*) edge of sword, knife, etc.

ur-ūgi (inz-) door

ic-ugumbiro (iv-) lullaby

kw-ūgunyuza (-je) 1. to scour at pot, 2. to rinse out dirt, 3. to drink all there is in a container

kw-ūgurura (-ye) to open

kw-ūgurūrira (-ye) to open for

kw-ūgurūrwa (-we) to be opened

kw-ūgurūza (-je) to cause to open

iny-uguti (iny-) letter (of alphabet)

kw-ūhagira (-ye) to bathe (vt) (originally associated with

ceremonial cleansing at time of a death in family)

kw-ūhagirana (-nye) to bathe each other

kw-ūhagirira (-ye) to bathe for, because of

umw-ūhagiro (imy-) cleansing, bathing

kw-ūhagirwa (-we) to be bathed

kw-ūhagiza (-je) to bathe with

kw-ūhīra (-ye) 1. to pour water on another's hands, 2. to give salt to domestic animals (usually in other food)

kw-ūhirwa (-we) to be given salt (cows)

kw-ūhiza (-je) to cause to give salt to cows

umw-ūka (imy-) steam

ub-ūki (no pl.) honey

uruy-ūki (inz-) bee

uko (conj.) as, how

ic-ūma (ivy-) 1. knife, 2. metal, iron, 3. tool

in-uma (in-) dove, pigeon

kw-ūma (-mye) to be dry(vi)

ic-ūma kitagwa ingese steel

ic-ūmba (ivy-) room (in house)

ic-ūmba c'abana children's room

ic-ūmba c'abavyeyi parents room

ic-ūmba co kuryamamo sleeping room

ic-ūmba c'uruganiriro sitting room, living room

umw-ūmbati (imy-) manioc, cassava

umēnga I think, it seems, one might say, probably

umēngo I think, it seems, one might say, probably

umeze gute What's up? How is it? (informal greeting, from kumera)

kw-ūmira (-ye) to hold to

kw-ūmirwa (-riwe) to be speechless in defeat, or surprise, or misfortune

kw-ūmīsha (-shije) to cause to dry, to make dry

ak-ūmiza (*no pl.*) astonishment, astounding thing, miracle

kw-ūmiza (-je) to astonish, render speechless

kw-ūmūka (-tse) to become dry

kw-ūmūtsa (-kije) to dry (vt)

umu-umutsibo women's dance, characterized by movement of the legs and pelvis but without eroticism, celebrating the birth of a child, Buyogoma region

kw-ūmva (-mvise) 1. to hear, 2. to understand, 3. to feel, 4. to smell, 5. to taste

ukw-ūmva audition

kw-umva bihurugūshwi to be unable to hear well

sin-ūmva ikirundi I don't understand Kirundi

kw-umva iswingi to feel tipsy

kw-ūmvana (-nye) to understand each other well

mwiy-umve neza Feel at home!

kw-ūmvīkana (-nye) 1. to understand one another, 2. to sound well, 3. to be heard plainly, 4. to be clear (*understandable*), 5. to come to a compromise

kw-ūmvīra (-ye) to obey

kw-ūmviririza (-je) 1. to listen to, at, 2. to taste at, 3. to smell at

kw-ūmviriza (-je) 1. to listen to, 2. to taste, 3. to smell

kw-ūmvīsha (-shije) 1. to cause to hear, 2. to cause to understand

umw-ūmwa (ab-) person whose mouth is very dry

ic-ūmwēru (ivy-) 1. Sunday, 2. week (*Rw*)

kw-ūmya (-mije) to dry (vt)

umw-ūna (imy-) nose bleed, epistaxis

kw-ūnama (-mye) to stoop over, bend down, to bow one's head

kw-ūnamika (-tse) to make another to look down, close his eyes, stoop

kw-ūnamīsha (-shije) see kwunamika

kw-ūnamuka (-tse) to raise one's head, to raise up (*vt*)

iny-ūndo (iny-) (Sw.) hammer

kw-ūnga (-nze) 1. to stop a quarrel and make them like each other, 2. to join together broken thing

umw-ūngere (ab-) shepherd, herdsman

iny-ungu (iny-) profit, gain

umw-ūngu (ab-) pumpkin, squash

kw-ūnguka (-tse) 1. to gain, to earn, 2. make profit, 3. to increase (*vi*)

kw-ūngura (-ye) 1. to multiply (*vt*), 2. to increase (*vt*), 3. to cause to make profit

kw-ūngurira (-ye) to increase at, for

kw-ūngururuza (-je) 1. to go forward little by little, 2. to prolong

kw-ūnguruza (-je) 1. to go a little ahead, 2. to give a lift

kw-ūngurwa (-we) to be increased

kw-ūnguza (-je) to cause to increase

ic-uniro (ivy-) slaughterhouse

uk-ūntu how (not in question)

kw-ūnyuguriza (-je) to rinse for

kw-ūnyuguza (-je) to rinse

kw-ūnyuguzwa (-jwe) to be rinsed

ivy-unyunyu carbonate

uretse (*conj.*) excluding, except, save for, other than

urw-ūri (inz-) herd of sheep, flock

kw-ūrira (-ye) 1. to climb (as tree), 2. to board (a bus, train)

kw-ūrirana (-nye) to climb together

kw-ūririra (-ye) to climb on, by, for

ic- $\bar{u}ririzo$ (ivy-) ladder

kw-ūriza (-je) to cause to climb

kw-ūrizwa (**-**jwe) to be caused to climb

urura rw'amase bowel

kw-ūruruka (-tse) to climb down, descend (as tree)

kw-ūrurutsa (-kije) to cause to climb down

kw-ūrurutswa (-kijwe) to be caused to climb down

Usumbura (*Sw.*) former name of Bujumbura before independence, changed to Bujumbura because of its negative meaning in Swahili

uteko (conj.) moreover

ic-ūya (ivy-) 1. civet cat, 2. perspiration, sweat

kubira icuya to perspire

urw-ūya (no pl.) perspiration

uyu this (demonstrative, with class agreements)

uyumunsi (*adv.*) today, this day (*from uyu munsi*)

uyumusi (adv.) today, this day (from uyu musi)

utw-uzango (no sing.) appetizer

ur-ūzi (inz-) river, stream

umw-uzukuru (ab-) grandchild

umw-uzukuruza (ab-) descendant

kw-ūzura (-ye) 1. to be full, 2. be be perfect, 3. to be complete, 4. to be reconciled

umw-ūzure (imy-) flood

kw-ūzuriza (-je) 1. to fill, 2. to reconcile

kw-ūzuza (-juje) 1. to fill, 2. make perfect, 3. to reconcile

umw-ūzuzo (imy-) reconciliation

kw-ūzūzwa (-jwe) 1. to be filled, 2. reconciled

V

im-va (im-) 1. grave, tomb, 2. funeral mound

ku-va (-vuye) 1. to come from, 2. to shed, 3. to leak, 4. to let flow from

kuva mu modoka to get out of the car

have get out of my way, get out of there

vaho (same as have)

uku-va 1. leaking, 2. bleeding

ku-va amaraso to bleed

uku-va amaraso bleeding

ku-va hasi to stand up

vaho get out of the way, out of there (*from kuva*)

im-vaho (im-) one who's been there, eyewitness (*inkuru z'imvaho*)

ku-vaho (-vuyeho) to leave, to go away

ku-vāna (-nye) to take away with, to separate (*vi*)

im-vanda (im-) baby's hair

umu-vandimwe (aba-) family member

ku-vānga (-nze) 1. to stir, 2. to mix, blend

ku-vāngana (-nye) to mix together (*vi*)

ku-vānganya (-nije) to mix with (*vt*)

ku-vāngavanga (-nze) to stir, mix

iki-vānge (ibi-) mixture

uru-vānge mixture

ku-vāngūka (-tse) to separate one from another (vi)

ku-vāngūra (-ye) 1. to separate (*vt*), 2. to sort out, clear up

aka-vāntāra (utu-) foreigner

i-varise (ama-) suitcase (*from Fr. valise*)

i-vatiri (i-) car, automobile (*from Fr. voiture*)

ku-vāvānura (-ye) 1. to separate (*vi*), 2. to forsake one another

ha-ve get out of the way, out of there (*from kuva*)

i-vi (ama-) knee

iki-vi (ibi-) 1. piece of land, 2. certain measure of time or place (e.g. that a person is to work, so long, or so big a place), 3. moment

im-vi (im-) white hair (from old age)

uru-vi (im-) white hair (*from old age*)

umu-vinyo (imi-) wine

umu-vinyu (imi-) wine

ku-vīra (-riye) 1. to flow out, 2. to be spilled, 3. to shed, 4. to leave from

ku-vīrwa (-riwe) to be soaked, flooded in house

ku-vīsha (-shije) to allow, cause to flow, to be shed

i-vitamini (i-) vitamin

--vivi (adj.) gray

uru-vivi (im-) gray hair (from old age)

im-vo (im-) cause, reason

umu-vo (imi-) ditch, path of water in heavy rain

ku-vōgera (-ye) to walk in water, to go all through one's house, to know one's thoughts completely

i-voka (ama-) avocado

ku-vōma (-mye) to draw water, to go for water, to bring water

ku-vōmera (-ye) to water (*plants*)

uku-vōmera watering (*plants*)

ku-vōmerwa (-we) to be watered

ku-vōmēsha (-sheje) to draw water with

iki-vōmesho (ibi-) thing for drawing water

umu-vōmezi (aba-) one who waters plants

ku-vōmwa (-mwe) to be brought (water)

umu-vōmyi (aba-) one who carries water

ku-vōvōta (-se) 1. to talk nonsense when drunk, to say a lot of slanderous talk, 2. to speak incoherently, 3. to rain early in morning or for a long time, 4. to give oneself to the service of Kiranga (also kubāndwa), 5. to divine

umu-vovoto (imi-) pastoral singing, pastoral eulogy (*from kuvōvōta*)

i-vu (no pl.) soil, earth

uru-vu (im-) chameleon

vuba (adv.) 1. soon, 2. recently

ku-vuba (-vye) to cause to rain (*sorcerer*), to pour water on hair before cutting

umu-vuba (imi-) bellows

vuba vuba (adv.) fast, quickly

vubaha (adv.) lately

i-vūbi (ama-) wasp

ku-vubika (-tse) to pour water on hair before cutting it

ku-vubira (-ye) to rain on (*vt*), to bring rain for

ku-vubīsha (-shije) to cause to rain by means of

im-vubu (im-) hippopotamus

ku-vubwa (-biwe) (passive of **kuva**) to be bereaved

ku-vuduka (-tse) to come from

iri-vuga (ama-) verb

ku-vuga (-ze) 1. to speak, to say, 2. to discuss, 3. to claim

ku-vuga ubureve to speak with a speech defect

uku-vuga nabi abandi gossiping, backbiting

ku-vugako (-zeko) to talk a little of something

im-vugakuri (im-) someone speaking the truth, an honest person

ku-vugana (-nye) to talk together

im-vugarimwe (im-) all speaking together

ku-vugira (-ye) to talk at, for, in favor of

umu-vugire (imi-) mood (gram.)

ku-vugīsha (-shije) to cause to speak

ku-vugīsha ukuri to be honest, to cause to speak the truth

im-vugo (im-) 1. speech, 2. rhetoric

ku-vugumuka (-tse) to grow rapidly in spurts

ku-vuguruza (-je) to contradict, to disagree

ku-vuguta (-se) 1. to blow with bellows, 2. to stoke (*fire*), 3. to squeeze out banana juice

ku-vugutirwa (-we) to be tempered (as metal)

umu-vuguvugu (imi-) sound of
stick or string whipped through air,
sound of things blown by wind,
whir

ku-vugwa (-zwe) to be said, spoken

umu-vugwa (imi-) person of verb
(gram.)

ama-vūka years of one's life

i-vuka birth, delivery

ku-vūka (-tse) to be born

aba-vūkana brothers (*from kuvūkana*)

ku-vūkana (-nye) to be brothers and sisters

umu-vukanyi (aba-) sibling, friend

im-vūkira native, indigenous

ku-vūkira (-ye) to be born at

iki-vuko (ibi-) port

ku-vuma (-mye) to curse

ku-vuma amate to spit on

ku-vumana (**-**nye) to curse each other

ku-vūmba (-mvye) to go where folks are drinking in hopes of getting some, to beg (for beer)

iki-vumbiko (ibi-) wood that holds fire as ashes are put over it for the night

ku-vūmbura (-ye) 1. to have natural intelligence (*yavumbuye ubwenge*), 2. to pick up droppings of animals and put them in garden

iki-vume (ibi-) cursed thing

ku-vumereza (-je) to call continuously and persistently

ku-vumira (-ye) to curse for

ubu-vumo (no pl.) cave, den (as of wild animal, in rocks)

umu-vumo (imi-) curse

iki-vumu (ibi-) tree of which bark is used for clothing

umu-vumu (imi-) tree of which bark is used for clothing

im-vūmūre (im-) one who has lost everything in trial, one who begs earnestly but doesn't get it

iki-vūmvu (ibi-) shallow basket

umu-vūmvu (imi-) kind of tree (fiber used for rope)

ku-vumwa (-mwe) to be cursed

ku-vuna (-nnye) 1. to break (*vt*) (*bone*, *or any slender thing*), 2. to defend, help, assist, 3. to forbid

ku-vunagura (-ye) to break to bits

ku-vunagurika (-tse) to be easily broken

ku-vunaguza (-je) to cause to break to bits, break with

aka-vunamusase breakfast

ku-vūnda (-nze) 1. to lie around ill long time, 2. to be sedentary, 3. to get moldy (*esp. manioc or grass*)

im-vūndēri (im-) carpenter bee

im-vune (im-) 1. long garment (trails on ground), 2. break (as bone), fracture

ku-vūnga (-nze) to crush with hands

ku-vūngagura (-ye) to crush grain

ku-vūngagurika (-tse) to become crumbs

ku-vūngīsha (-shije) to cause to crush grain, crush with

aka-vunguka (utu-) crumb

ku-vūnguka (-tse) 1. to crush, 2. to crumb easily, to crumble

ubu-vunguka (no pl.) crumbs, chips of wood

ku-vūngura (-ye) 1. to crush, 2. to rub grain, 3. to take off chaff

ku-vūngurīsha (-shije) to smash (as grain before grinding), to shell corn

ku-vunika (-tse) to break (*vi*) any slender thing, as bone

ku-vunika umugongo to have back pain

ku-vunira (-ye) to break at, for

ku-vunira akagohe to wink at

i-vūnja (ama-) jigger, chigoe flea, sand flea

im-vūnja (im-) jigger, chigoe flea, sand flea

ku-vūnja (-nje) to change money

ku-vunjira (-ye) to change money at, for

vunumuhini kind of sweet potato

ku-vunwa (**-**nywe) to be broken (*bone*, *etc*.)

umu-vunyi (aba-) advocate, lawyer, defender (from kuvuna)

iki-vura (ibi-) storm, thunderstorm

im-vura (im-) rain

ku-vura (-ze) 1. to sour (*milk*), 2. to thicken (*vi*), 3. to coagulate

ku-vūra (-ye) to heal (vt), to treat

uku-vūra treatment (med.)

ku-vūrana (-nye) to treat each other

umu-vurati (aba-) rain maker

im-vure (im-) cow without horns

im-vuridahita (im-) temple (*of head*)

ku-vūrira (-ye) to treat at, for

i-vūriro (ama-) dispensary, clinic, small hospital, health center

ku-vurisha (-shije) to cause to thicken, sour by

ku-vūrīsha (-shije) to cause to treat, treat with

im-vuru (im-) huge fish

ku-vurūnga (-nze) to make a little dough, to stir, mix, to roll about on ground (*vi*)

ku-vurungana (-nye) to make a lot of noise, to strive and crowd together

umu-vurungano (imi-) noise (*esp.* of battle or strife), confusion, clamor

ku-vurungisha (-shije) to make dough with

uru-vuruvu (im-) chameleon

ku-vūrwa (-we) to be treated

ama-vuta butter, oil

ku-vutagura (-ye) to break in two (as rope or chain)

im-vuto (im-) ropes or whatever is used to bind a thief or criminal

uru-vuto (im-) string of bow

aka-vutu (utu-) group of people going along

i-vutu (no pl.) 1. terror, 2. horror gucika ivutu 1. to lose one's head, 2. to be terrified

iki-vutu (ibi-) crack in foot

aka-vuvu group of people moving along

ku-vuza (-gije) 1. to cause to speak, 2. to play instrument, 3. to beat drum

ku-vūza (-je) to cause to treat the sick

ku-vuza uruhwa to whistle

umu-vuzamurisho (aba-) traditional drummer, following the movement of the dancer

im-vuzi (im-) spokesman

ubu-vuzi 1. medicine (*practice of*), healthcare, 2. healing

umu-vūzi (aba-) doctor, one who treats illness

aka-vūzo (no pl.) gray

uru-vūzo (no pl.) gray

i-vya (ama-) testicle

ku-vyāgira (-ye) 1. to sit (of kings or rulers), 2. to be at rest (cows)

i-vyāra delivery (of a child), birth

ku-vyāra (-ye) to give birth, to beget, to deliver (*a child*)

umu-vyara (aba-) maternal cousin

ba-vyāra bācu maternal cousins

ku-vyarira (-ye) to give birth at (*time*, *place*)

umu-vyāro (imi-) little plant for transplanting, small trees that start up around big one

uru-vyāro (im-) offspring, descendant

iki-vyārwa (ibi-) illegitimate child, child of mixed marriage

ku-vyarwa (-we) to be born

ku-vyāza (-jije) to deliver, to aid woman in delivering

umu-vyēyi (aba-) parent

ama-vyi excrement, dung

ku-vyibuha (-she) to be fat, to be obese, get fat

ku-vyibuhīsha (-shije) to make fat

ku-vyibuhīshwa (-shijwe) to be made fat

ku-vyigiriza (-je) 1. to frighten, 2. to threaten

iki-vyīmba (ibi-) 1. tumor, 2. swelling (*from kuvyīmba*)

ku-vyīmba (-mvye) to swell up

umu-vyīmba (imi-) corpse

ubu-vyimbe swelling

ku-vyimbīsha (-shije) to cause to swell

ku-vyimbīshwa (-shijwe) to be caused to swell

ku-vyīmbūka (-tse) to reduce swelling (*vi*)

ku-vyīmbūra (-ye) to reduce swelling (*vt*)

ku-vyina (-nye) to dance (esp. to music)

ku-vyinira (-ye) to dance in honor of

ku-vyinīsha (-shije) to cause to dance

uru-vyino (im-) dancing with singing

im-vyiro (im-) dirt (on body)

umu-vyiro (imi-) very black, soot

ku-vyūka (-tse) to arise, get up

umu-vyūka (imi-) sweet potato vines, pumpkin vines

ku-vyūkana (-nye) to get up together, at same time

ku-vyūra (-ye) to help another get up

ku-vyūtsa (-kije) to lift up one who is lying down

W

aka-wa (no pl.) coffee (grain or tree)

i-wabo at their home, their home

i-wācu at our place, our home

i-wanyu at your home, your home

wapi (adv.) (from Sw. 'where') no, no way!, never

--we (adj.) your (sg.)

we you (sing.)
weho you, etc. (in contrast to another)
nāwe and you
nkāwe like you
yewe! you there! (sing.),
(exclamation of surprise)
yemwe! you there!

yemwe gaye! (exclamation of astonishment)

wē he, she, him, her na wē and he, and she nka wē like him, like her

wewe you (sing.)

wēwe he, she

\mathbf{Y}

aka-yābo (utu-) (or ubu-) cat

aka-yābu (utu-) (or ubu-) cat

in-yabwonko computer

iki-yaga (ibi-) lake, ocean

ku-yaga (-ze) to melt (*vi*) (*e.g. butter*)

ku-yāga (-ze) 1. to talk, chatter, animate a conversation, 2. visit

umu-yaga (imi-) wind

umu-yaga nkuba electricity, electrical power

umu-yagankuba electricity, electrical power

in-yagano (in-) plunder, a thing taken unlawfully but not secretly

ku-yāgira (-ye) to visit at, for

ku-yagiriza (-je) to cause to melt, to shine brilliantly

ku-yagīsha (-shije) to cause to melt

ku-yāgīsha (-shije) to cause to visit

iki-yāgo (ibi-) conversation (*often used in pl.*)

ku-yāgwa (-zwe) to be visited about

i-yakīriro (ama-) place to receive money, or other things

in-yamanza (in-) wagtail (bird)

yamara (conj.) but, however

yambewe (an exclamation of surprise) yambi hello (greeting to small children or of women among each other)

yambiiii (emphatic greeting to small children or among women)

yambu hello, hi (informal, from Sw. jambo)

ku-yāmīra (-riye) to feel faint, gradually drift off to sleep while thinking

in-yāna (in-) calf

umu-yangayanga (aba-) butcher

umu-yānge (imi-) plant of sorghum or millet

ku-yāngika (-tse) to head up (of grains)

iki-yāra (ibi-) white potato

ama-yaya post-drinking song, region de Kirimiro

iki-yāya (ibi-) plain, large flat area

umu-yaya (aba-) babysitter, housemaid

iki-yayuramutwe (ibi-) drug addiction

ku-yaza (-gije) to cause to melt

i-yebe (ama-) rattle, musical instrument

umu-yebe miming dance of men wearing birds feathers, Imbo region

yegeriyegeri unrest, riot za yegeriyegeri riots (pl.)

yēgo yes (esp. in Rw.)

yemwe you there!

yemwe gaye you there!
(exclamation of astonishment)

ku-yēnga (-nze) 1. to burn (*food*) slightly (*vi*), 2. to get too dry in cooking

ku-yēngēsha (-sheje) to allow to burn

ku-yēnzēra (-reye) to wander about

in-yēnzi (in-) cockroach

umu-yēnzi (imi-) light brown

--yera (*adj.*) 1. white, 2. pure, 3. holy

i-yera (no pl.) harvest time

ku-yerēra (-reye) to wander about

in-yerere (in-) wire bracelet

in-yererezi (in-) wanderer

Yesu Jesus

yewe you there! (sing.), (exclamation of surprise)

umu-yibigi (aba-) child (boy)

uru-yige (inzige) locust, grasshopper

ku-yigiza (**-**je) to burn up (*vt*), destroy by fire, to destroy

iki-yīko (ibi-) (Sw.) spoon

i-yimbura (no pl.) harvest time

i-yīnga (ama-) week, Sunday

ku-yīnga (-nze) to hum

ama-yirabiri 1. street, 2. crossroads

in-yiyerekano (in-) Demonstration

in-yizamvugo (in-) dictionary

in-yo (in-) maggot

uru-yo maggot

iki-yōba (ibi-) peanut, groundnut

ku-yoba (-vye) 1. to get lost, 2. to err in counting or in speaking, 3. to make a mistake, 4. to speak evil of ruler, 5. to break the law

iki-yobe light brown (used of a person who is not very dark)

ubu-yobe (no pl.) wickedness

umu-yobe (aba-) wicked one, condemned one

ku-yobera (-ye) 1. to not know, 2. to be unknown

ku-yoberana (-nye) to be unknown

ku-yoberanya (-nije) to make unrecognizable

in-yoberwa (in-) ignorant person

ku-yoberwa (-we) to be mistaken, to not know

ku-yobeza (-je) to cause to be mistaken, mislead

iki-yobezabwenge (ibi-) narcotic drug

ku-yobezwa (-jwe) to be led into error

ku-yoboka (-tse) to be faithful, obedient

ku-yobokera (-ye) to be faithful to

ku-yobora (-ye) 1. to lead, drive (esp. cows), 2. to show the way

ku-yoborora (-ye) to lead for, toward

ku-yoborwa (-we) to be led

umu-yoborwa (aba-) employee, someone instructed to work, someone overseen at work

ku-yoboza (-je) 1. to cause to lead, to lead for another, 2. to make progress

ubu-yobozi leadership, administration, management

umu-yobozi (aba-) boss, chef, director

ku-yogera (-ye) to perish, to be killed unjustly

ku-yogora (-ye) 1. to make a lot of noise, cry out, to bawl, 2. to talk when you shouldn't

uru-yogoyogo (in-) shouting, clamor

iki-yoka (ibi-) big snake

ku-yōka (-tse) to diminish (*vi*), to get thin, to not be well

yomba (conj.) maybe, perhaps

ku-yombayomba (-mvye) to go stealthily

ku-yōmbekēra (-ye) to flow softly, quietly (of water)

aka-yōmbekēre (*no pl.*) gradual drifting

aka-yōmbēro (*no pl.*) gentle flowing of river

ku-yōmbōka (-tse) 1. to go softly, quietly, 2. to go on tiptoe

in-yōmvyi (in-) African robin (*bird*)

in-yōnga (in-) presence of great person, at his feet

ku-yōnga (-nze) 1. to melt (*e.g.* sugar, salt), 2. to disappear, 3. to be absorbed

ubu-yōnga (no pl.) fringe

umu-yōnga (imi-) burned-over place

ku-yōngayōnga (-nze) to melt away, disappear

ku-yongobeza (-je) to eat by sucking only (as candy)

in-yōngōri (in-) small centipede

in-yoni (in-) bird (small one)

in-yōnko (in-) 1. fever, 2. malaria

ku-yōra (-ye) 1. to pick up, 2. to clear off, remove things

ku-yōra amazi 1. water purification, 2. to filter water

ku-yōrēsha (-sheje) to cause to pick up

ku-yōrwa (-we) to vomit

uku-yōrwa vomitting

in-yōsha (in-) temptation

in-yōta (in-) thirst

uru-yoya (inzoya) infant, baby (*up* to 3 months)

ku-yōza (-jeje) to gather up by means of

umu-yuda (Aba-) Jew (person)

ku-yugayuga (-ze) to go from place to place to sit (*because of fear, or because others speak evil of you*), sit fidgeting

i-yugi (ama-) 1. copper or leather shells at the ankles of intōre dancers, 2. white shell charm worn around the neck by eight-born child (called Mayugi)

in-yuguti (in-) letter (of alphabet)

uru-yūki (inzūki) bee

yūko that (esp. to introduce indirect quotation or other dependent clause)

in-yundo (in-) in the presence of (*lit. knees*) (some great person)

in-yūndo (in-) (Sw.) hammer

aka-yungiro (utu-) 1. filter, 2. grill, broiler, 3. gridiron

aka-yungirrizo (utu-) sieve, grid

ku-yungubiza (-je) to eat by sucking only (as candy)

iki-yunguyungu (ibi-) small of the

uru-yūzi (inzūzi) pumpkin seed or plant

Z

iki-za (ibi-) disaster, famine, epidemic

kū-za (-je) to come

nzo-za I will come

umu-za (imi-) line of cream left on sides of container

umu-zabibu (imi-) vine grapes

uru-zabibu (in-) vineyard, grape

zābukuru (no pl.) old age

i-zāhabu (ama-) gold

ku-zāma (-mye) to waver, flutter (not person)

aka-zāmba (utu-) trumpet

in-zāmba (in-) trumpet, calling horn

umu-zamu (aba-) guard, watchman (Sw.)

ku-zana (-nye) to bring, to fetch

umu-zana (imi-) rope (of any kind)

ku-zanana (-nye) to come together, bring with one

ku-zāngazānga (-nze) 1. to dawdle, 2. to make excuses

ku-zanira (-ye) to bring to, for

ku-zanīsha (-shije) to help to bring, bring by means of

ku-zanwa (-nywe) to be brought

in-zanyi (in-) penis

ku-zanzamuka (-tse) to jump in surprise or when awakened

in-zara (in-) 1. hunger, 2. famine

in-zāra (in-) fingernail

aka-zatsa (utu-) very tiny thing

ku-zāzānira (-ye) to puzzle

ku-zazanirwa (-niwe) to be puzzled, uncertain what to do

in-zeduka (in-) accident

ici-zere (-shije) (no pl.) trust, confidence

ku-zerēra (-ye) 1. to be homeless, 2. to wander about, 3. to make dizzy

in-zererezi (in-) homeless wanderer

ku-zērērwa (-we) to be dizzy

zero (adj.) zero

ku-zēza (-jeje) to entrust

i-zeze (ama-) traditional fiddle, small monochord instrument played with a bow

iki-zeze (ibi-) big fat stomach

iki-zēze (ibi-) idiot, imbecile

ku-zēzwa (-jejwe) to be entrusted with

umu-zēzwa (aba-) 1. girl reaching age of puberty, 2. unmarried young woman

--zi to know (*verb without infinitive or past*)

aka-zi (utu-) 1. work, job, 2. task (from Sw. kazi)

amā-zi water

nda-zi I know

ntavyon-zi I don't know (from -zi)

sin-zi I don't know (from -zi)

sindabi-zi I don't know

umu-zi (imi-) root

utu-zi little water (from amāzi)

ku-zibiranya (-nije) to silence, to fall heavily (*rain*)

ku-zibiza (-je) to silence, to stop up

ku-zibūka (-tse) to open (*vi*), clear (*vi*), to hear well suddenly (*vi*)

ku-zibukīra (-riye) to avoid, to duck to keep from being struck, escape

ku-zibūra (-ye) 1. to open, 2. to clear, 3. unstop, unblock, 4. to pierce (*vt*)

iki-ziga (ibi-) corpse

ku-ziga (-ze) 1. to dye, 2. to think about, 3. to expect to get something, 4. to suppose

ku-zigama (-mye) to protect, guard, watch over

ku-zigamira (-ye) to protect at, for, in the place of

ku-zigamīsha (-shije) to cause to protect, entrust to the care of

ku-zigamwa (-mwe) to be protected

ku-ziganya (-nye) to provide for, care for, to be economical

uku-ziganya saving (econ.)

iki-zigira (ibi-) upper arm, humerus

ku-zigira (-ye) to burn (food) (vi), to make black for

ku-zigiriza (-je) to earnestly persist in asking for something, to surround animals or person hunted

ku-zigirizwa (-jwe) to be surrouned, to be at end of one's resources, to be absolutely discouraged in difficulty

ku-zigīsha (-shije) to cause to dye black

ku-zigiza (-je) to cause to dye black, to let burn

in-zigo (in-) grudge

umu-zigo (imi-) 1. bundle, package, packet, luggage, 2. load, burden

ku-ziguza (-je) to encircle, surround, form a circle

aka-zīka (*no pl.*) grudge that never ends

in-zika (in-) resentment, grudge, bitterness

ku-zika (-tse) 1. to dig under crop or grass, 2. to bury (a person)

umu-ziki (imi-) music

i-ziko (ama-) burial, funeral

i-zīko (ama-) 1. traditional fireplace, consisting of three stones (*see amashiga*), 2. stove, cooker

ku-zīkuruka (-tse) to bubble up

ku-zīkurura (-ye) to mix up, to put what's on the bottom on top, to take out of a hole in the ground what one has put there

--zima (*adj.*) 1. alive, 2. whole, unbroken

ku-zima (-mye) to go out (*fire*, *light*)

ubu-zima 1. life, 2. health, 3. wholeness

ubu-zima bwiza fitness

ku-zimagirika (-tse) 1. to get really lost and wander about, to err, 2. to lose one's head

umu-zimagiza (imi-) great darkness

ku-zimāna (-nye) to give at feast to, serve a meal to

ku-zimangana (-nye) to be obscured, be blurred, disappear

ku-zimanganya (-nije) to erase, hide, conceal

in-zimāno (ama-) feast, dinner (mostly used in pl.)

ku-zimanwa (-nywe) to be offered (*or served*) a meal

ku-zīmba (-mvye) 1. to fraud, to swindle, 2. make the price very high, to overcharge, 3. to be expensive

ku-zimbana (-nye) to defraud each other

ku-zīmbuka (-tse) to become cheap

umu-zimbura (aba-) member of the Abazimbura lineage of drummers

ku-zimbwa (-mbwe) to be cheated by the seller

ku-zimira (-ye) to go astray, to get lost (of persons)

ubu-zimire (*no pl.*) ignorance, being lost

ku-zimiza (-jimije) to lead astray

ku-zimizwa (-jwe) to be led astray

umu-zimu (imi-) spirit, ghost

ku-zimuruka (-tse) to find one's way

ku-zimurura (-ye) to show the way to one who is lost

ubu-zimuzimu 1. things used in worship of Kiranga, thought to

have special powers, 2. spirit worship, 3. superstitions

ku-zimya (-mije) to put out fire or light

i-zina (ama-) name

umunsi ur'izina on a certain day amazina y'inka poetry praising cattle

amazina y'ubuhizi poetry praising courageousness

amazina y'urugamba war poetry

ku-zina (-nye) to hinder one from harming another

i-zina ryanje ni my name is ...

i-zinamuhūngu (no pl.) male

ama-zīnda (no sing.) 1. forgetfulness, 2. doubt

kugira amazīnda to be forgetful, doubtful

gushira amazīnda to have a good memory

ku-zīnda (-nze) 1. to be difficult to say or know, 2. to cause to forget, 3. to escape the memory

ku-zinduka (-tse) to start early in the morning, to get up early

ku-zīndūka (-tse) to be easy to remember

ku-zindukana (-nye) to go early together

ubu-zīndūtsi memory (from kuzīndūka)

ku-zīndwa (-nzwe) to forget

i-zīnga (ama-) island

ku-zinga (-nze) to be more skillful than others in play or work (*yabazinze*)

ku-zīnga (-nze) 1. to fold, roll up, 2. to chase flies off cows, 3. to not grow (*because of too many seeds*)

ku-zīngana (-nye) to roll up with

ku-zingazinga (-nze) to roll up several times

umu-zingi (imi-) circle

ku-zīngira (-ye) to fold for, at

ku-zīngīra (-riye) to wind around, as string

ku-zingirikira (-ye) to force, to command a person to do what he doesn't want to, use violence, to make another lose his case

ku-zīngīsha (-shije) to cause to roll up

umu-zīngo (imi-) hem, fold, roll

uru-zingo (in-) sickly child

ku-zīngūka (-tse) to go around, surround

ku-zīngurura (-ye) to unfold, unroll

ku-zīngurūrira (-ye) to unroll at, for

ku-zīngurūrwa (-we) to be unrolled

ku-zīngwa (-nzwe) to be rolled, folded

iki-zira (ibi-) forbidden thing, taboo

in-zira (in-) 1. path, way, 2. direction, 3. process

ku-zira (-ze) 1. to be forbidden, taboo, to refuse to eat, to despise, 2. to be punished for someone else's wrong doing, to suffer or be punished because of a certain thing, 3. to avenge wrong done to one's family

ku-zīra (-ze) to come at (time, prepositional form of $k\bar{u}za$)

uku-ziranirwa infection

iki-zirazira (ibi-) shield of variegated colours

ku-zirika (-tse) to tie with rope (as goat out to pasture)

ku-zirikana (-nye) 1. to know, 2. to think over, 3. to meditate

iki-ziriko (ibi-) rope (as for tying animals)

in-zirikwa (in-) flock of sheep or goats

ku-zirikwa (-tswe) to be tied (*goats*, *etc.*)

ku-ziririza (-je) 1. to absolutely refuse, 2. to superstitiously observe certain days, 3. to observe a taboo

umu-ziro (imi-) 1. prohibition, 2. wrong done deserving punishment

ku-zīrōra (-ye) to persist in old customs, to observe class distinctions

ku-zirukaniriza (-je) to give penuriously to

ku-zirukanya (-nije) 1. to give penuriously, put in only a little (*e.g. salt*), 2. to infringe, violate, contravene

aka-zirukanyo (utu-) tiny thing of no value

ku-zirūra (-ye) to remove a taboo, break taboo

ku-zirwa (-zwe) to be refused, made a taboo

umu-zitanya (imi-) great darkness

ku-zitira (-ye) to make a hedge, surrounding wall, boundary

uru-zitiro (in-) hedge, fence, surrounding wall (from kuzitira)

ku-zitiza (-je) to have a hedge made

mu-zitsa (no pl.) wisdom tooth

ku-zitura (-ye) to untie

ku-zitūrwa (-we) to be untied

ku-ziza (-ze) to forbid (*because you don't want him to get along well*), to harm or kill because of revenge

ku-zizwa (-jijwe) to be mistreated because of

in-zobe (in-) light colored African

in-zōga (in-) beer

in-zogera (in-) 1. bells used as musical instrument, strapped to feet or arms, 2. bells bound to hunting dog to raise the game uru-zogi (in-) umbilical cord

in-zōka (in-) snake, worm

i-zosi (ama-) neck

kugōnda izosi to bow the neck, to be submissive

in-zovu (in-) elephant

ka-zoza future

in-zozi (in-) dream

in-zu (in-) house, building (plural sometimes also amazu)

i-zūba (ama-) sun

i-zūka (no pl.) resurrection (from kuzūka)

ku-zūka (-tse) to arise from dead, to be resurrected

ama-zūku brimstone, sulphur

ku-zūnga (-nze) to blow in the wind, to be unsteady

ku-zungagiza (-je) 1. to turn around several times, 2. to rock a baby, 3. to agitate, 4. to wag tail

ku-zungagizwa (-jwe) to be tossed about

ku-zūngazūnga (-nze) to blow in the wind, to be unsteady

iki-zungu (ibi-) anything of European or westerners culture

umu-zūngu (aba-) white person (lit. 'someone going around', referring to the first European explorers, from kuzunguruka)

umu-zūngukazi (aba-) white person (*female*)

ku-zungurirwa (-we) to be dizzy

ku-zūnguriza (-je) to turn about (*vt*), to surround, to enclose

ku-zūnguruka (-tse) to go around, to cycle (the stem 'zungu' is also the origin of umuzungu, which does not mean 'white person' but rather 'someone going around', describing the first European explorers) **ku-zūnguza** (-je) to turn about (vt)

ku-zūnguza umutwe to shake one's head in anger or disgust

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iki-zunguzungu (ibi-) dizziness

ku-zūra (-ye) 1. to raise from dead, resurrect, 2. to exhume

i-zūru (ama-) nose

ku-zūrwa (-we) to be resurrected

ku-zuyāza (-je) to be lukewarm

aka-zuyāzi (in-) anything lukewarm

in-zūzi (in-) grass poisonous to cows

in-zya (in-) pubic hair

ku-zyātira (-ye) to have lived or to have worked in one place many years, be experienced

ku-zyēgenya (-nye) to grit teeth

English - Kirundi

A

a lot cane

abandon guharuruka

abandoned (*field*) ikirare (*wife*) intābwa

abdomen inda

abduct gukūra

abide kuguma

igihūmbu

(at king's court) gusasa (away frequently from home) guhīmbira (for a time) gusībira (in one place permanently) guhama, gutsīndāza (to cause to) kugumya (to not ~ at home) guhugūmba (to not ~ in place) kujuragira, gucambagirana (one who does not ~ home)

ability ububāsha, ubushobozi (to not be equal in) gusūmbana

able (to be) gushobora, kubāsha

abnormal (to be) kujūjūta

abolish (to) gukūra, gukūraho

abortion ukuramburura *(med)* ugukorora inda

abound (esp. insects) kujagata

about (prep.) hāfi

about (to look all ~) kuraraguza (to turn) kuzūnguza (to turn) kuzūnguriza

above hejuru

(to be) guhanama (to be in excess) gusāguka

abrasion (to strike another and peel off the skin) kuramura

abscess igihute

absent (to be) gusība (to cause to be) gusībīsha, gusīvya **absolutely** de, dede, me, pē, rwose, kabisa (*Sw.*)

absorb kubōmbeka, gukamya (to be absorbed) kuyōnga (~ water, as roots) kununuza

absorbent cotton ipāmpa

absorption ukunywa, ukununuza

abstain (to) gusība (to ~ from) kwītesha

abundance ubukenuke *(to have)* kudibama, guhīmba, gukenuka

abundant (to be) kugwīra, gusāga, gusāguka (to have abundant leaves and branches) gusagaba

abuse (to ~ verbally) gushinyagurira (one formerly loved) kuryārukana

abyss urusumanyenzi

acacia umunyinya

accelerate kunyarutsa, gushiramo (a car) kwongera umuriro

accept kwemera

(to cause to) kwemeza
(a decision in spite of oneself)
kujanirana, kujaniranwa
(not accept helpful suggestions)
gutagara
(not accept judgement rendered)

(not accept judgement rendered) kudadika, gutagara

accessible (to be) kuboneka

accident agisida, inzeduka, icāgo, icaduka (to barely escape) guhakwa (to fall on spear) gushōka

acclamation (cry of ~) impūndu

accommodation indāro, irāro, icumbi

accompany kwāmbukana, kugendanira, guherekeza

(to be accompanied to wedding, as bride is) gushīngirwa

accomplice (one who keeps police accupied while one sought escapes) umurēmberezi

accomplish (be zealous to)
gufūhira
(earnestness) ifūhe
(to finish) guheraheza
(not quit without accomplishing a
certain thing) gushirwa
(to be accomplished) kurangūka

according (~ to) kubwa

accordion kinanda

account (on account of) kubwa (bank) ikonte, ububīko

accountability (to reach age of) kwāruka

accumulate kurūnda (to add to what one has) gusorōra

accusation ikirēgo, uburēzi

accuse kwāgiriza, kurēga, kwitwarira (falsely) kudendereza (each other of spoiling a plan) gutanakw ibirake

accuser umurezi

accustomed (to be) kumenyēra, kumogorera (to get ~ to each other) kumenyerana

achieve guheza (goal) gushika kw'ihangiro

acid aside, isumu, uburozi

acknowledge kwemera
(refuse to ~ one's wrong)
kudadarara
(to oneself one's guilt) kwīrimbūra

acquaintance ubumenyi

acquainted (to be ~) kumenya (to be ~ with) kumenyera

(to be ~ with each other) kumenyerana

acquire kuronka

acquisitions amaronko

acquit kuregūra

act (to ~ as go-between) kurehereza (~ as if to beat, but not do it) kugera (~ foolishly) kwītūtānya, gusaragurika, kudāyāngwa (~ foolishly in fun) gupfyina (~ homosexually) gutingana (~ ignorantly) kwītūtānya (~ indifferent) kwīrengagiza (to ~ or go secretly because of fear) kwōmba

action igikorwa

active (*to be*) kubanguka, gushiruka ubute

activity umwēte

actual nyakuri, nyāyo

adapt (to) kumenyēra

adapted (to be) kumenyēra, kumogorera (to get ~ to each other) kumenyerana

add kugereka, kugerekeranya, gusukiranya, gutēranya (*little by little*) gutororokanya (*to what one has*) gusorōra

additional inyongera

address (to ~) kurūngika (of letter) irangiro, ideresi, ibarizo (to ~ the people, as king or other authority) gucūra

adhere kumata (to) kwōma

adhesive tape (plaster) isuparadra

adjacent (to be) kubāngikana

adjective ingereka

adjust (to) guhindura

administration intwaro, ubuyobozi

administrative subdivision

(arrondissement) arondisema, igice gikuru c'intara

administrator umutegetsi

admirable (to be) kurāngwa

admire gutangārira, gushīma

admit kwemera

(to cause to) kwemeza (one's wrong to avoid being caught) kwīyagiriza

admonish (to) guhanūra (be willing to be admonished) gukūrwakw ijambo

adolescent (young man) umusore

adopt (*a child*) kurera (*a habit*) gutōra

adopted father umurēzi

adorable -īza

adoration amasengēsho
(catholic) imisa
(gourd used as object of) indendēri
(objects used in ~ of Kiranga)
ubuzimuzimu
(object of) ikigirwamāna

adore gusenga

adorn gushariza, gushaza, gushazīsha

adroit (to be more adroit than others) kuzīnga

adult igikuze (male) umuhumure, umukuru

adulterer umusāmbanyi

adultery ubusāmbanyi
(to commit) gusāmbana
(euphemistically, of man)
kwīsomōra
(to be pregnant through) gutwāra
inda y'ishushu, gutwāra inda
y'indāro

advance gutambuka

advantage akarusho, ubuhīrwe

advice ināma, ingīngo (to seek) kugīsha

advise guhanūra, guhubūra, kugira ināma

adviser umuhanuzi, konseye, umukonseye

advocate umuvunyi

aerial (*radio*) agakwegamajwi, antene y'iradiyo

aesthetic kiryoheye ijisho

affair urubānza

affection igikūndiro, ubukūnzi, urukundo

affirm guhamya

afford (to) kugura

afraid (to be) gutīnya, kwīkānga (to make) gutēra ubwōba

African (*person*) umwirabura, umunyafirika

after inyuma, hanyuma

afternoon inyuma ya sasita, ku muhīngamo, umuhīngamo (late, early evening) umugorōba, akagorōba (good afternoon!) mwīriwe

afterward hanyuma

again ukundi (do again) kwongera, gusubīra

against (to return) guhinyura

age (to reach age of accountability) kwāruka (to begin to get wrinkled with age) gukāmba (old age) ubukuru, zabukuru

agency (*branch of a bank*) ibiro bikukira ibindi

agile (to be) guciririka

agility ingoga, ubukuba

aqitate (to) kuzungagiza

agitator umutāsi

ago (long ~) kēra

agonize gucīkāna, kwībabaza

agony (to be in) gusāmba

agree guhūza imitima, guhwānya (~ *to*) kwemera, gushīnga

agreeable (to be) guhīmbāra

agreement igikumu, ināma (contract) isezerano (gutēra igikumu) (to be in) kubwiririkanya, guhwāna, gutātūka (to reach an) gutegēranya

agriculture uburimyi, irima

ahead (to go ~ a little) kwūnguruza (to be ~ of) gutānga

aid imfashanyo (to ~) gufasha (to go to give things to one whose house has burned) gusuhūza (first ~) ugutabāra

AIDS sida

ailment ugufatwa n'indwara

aim (to ~ at) gutūmbēra (to ~ for) gutūmbereza (to ~ and miss) guhusha

aim urwēgo

air impwēmu, impemu, ikirēre (to air) kwānikira

airplane indēge (Sw.)

airport ikibuga c'indege

albino nyamwero

alcohol (to drink) inzoga zikaze (med) arukoro, ubwayi

alert (to be) kuba māso

alignment umurongo

alive –zima (to be still alive, of old people) kudūndēga

all –ōse
(all right) niko, ni ko
(together) icārimwe

alldays na ntāryo, imisi yose (~ do) kwāma, guhora (~ have) guhorana alliance isezerano

(to help another overcome an enemy) gukōndōrera

allow gukūndira, kureka
(to go) kurekura
(to pass) kubisa
(another to dominate) guharira
(another to pass) kubisiriza
(allow me) enda

allowance agashirukabute

alone -sa

(to be) kwīherēra (to do) kwīgūnga (to spend the night ~) kwīrāza (I am lonely) mfise irungu

alphabet iharifu

also kāndi

altar igitabo, igicaniro, icōtero

alternate kunyurana

alternation (of day and night) ikurikirana ry'imitaga n'amajoro

alternatively ahubwo

although naho, nubwo

altitude ubukiruruke

altruism akagōngwe, ubukūndanyi, ubuntu

aluminium aruminiyumu

always na ntāryo, imisi yose (~ *do*) kwāma, guhora (~ *have*) guhorana

amass (a lot) kurūndarūnda

amaze gutangāza

amazed (to be) gushirwa, gutangāra

amazement (to do something that causes pleasure or amazement) gusamāza

amazing bitangāje (from gutangāza)

ambition amanyama

amends (to make) kuriha, kwīcungura America Amerika

American (person) umunyamerika

among mu, muri

amount (of assigned work) ikivi

amplify (*sound*) kwongeza ijwi, kwungura ijwi

amputate (to) gutandukāna (to be amputated) gucībwa

amulet (heathen) igihēko (heathen, worn on head) urugori (used by witch doctor) urukorōnko, inkorōnko

('medicine' smeared about kraal to keep away thieves and evil spirits) ururēmbeko

(spell, hex) amarozi (white shell worn by children) iyugi

amused (to be, child) kudāga (to be secretly) gutwēngera mw ijigo

anal mu nyo
(to have anal intercourse)
kuryana inyuma (Sw.)

analogy isano

anatomy ubumenyi bw'ibihimba vy'umubiri

ancestor (my, your, our) sōgokuruza, sōkuruza (his, their) sēkuruza

ancestry inyāmo

ancient -kuru

and (for connecting clauses) kandi, uteko

(for connecting words in series) na (between infinitives or preceding mu or ku) no (and then) maze

anemia ukubura amaraso, indwara yo gukama amaraso

angel umumarayika, umumalayika (Sw.)

anger uburake, uburakari, ishavu, ubusugurirwe, (*rare*) ipfūhe, ifūhe

(to soften another's) gufyīta (to tear clothes in) kumwāga (to treat with) gushinyagura (word that remains in heart and causes anger) isata burēnge

angle imfuruka

angry (to be) kuraka, kurakara, gupfūhagushangashirwa (to be very) kujīngitwa (because of accusation) gushungumirwa (to suddenly get ~, when one has been talking nicely) kugangabuka

angst ubwoba

anguish amaganya, umwītwaririko, intūntu, guhagarika umutima

animal (domestic) igitungano (wild) igikoko, inyamāswa (male in heat) ishāshi (of nice disposition) ikirende (track of) umwānza (truly animal) bukōko (young of) umukāngara (young of small) imbūnda (antelope) impōngo (small antelope) ingeregere (bat) agahūngarēma (bear) idubu (buffalo) imbogo (young bull) ishūri (male calf) ikimasa (camel) ingamiya, ingameya (cat) akayabo, akayabu (chameleon) uruvo, uruvuruvu (cheetah) igikara (civit cat) icūya (crocodile) ingōna (deer) impōngo (dog) imbwa, (female) imbwakazi, (wolf-like wild) ibīngira (donkey) indogoba, indogobwe (elephant) inzovu (ferocious) igisimba (fox) imbwēbwe (frog) igikere (gazelle) ingeregere (giraffe) umusumbarembe (goat) impene, (male) impfīzi, (young male goat) agasugurume

(goats) intūngwa, igitūngwa

(hare) urukwāvu (hippopotamus) imvubu (hyena) imfyisi (jackal) imbwēbwe (kid, lamb) umwāgazi (lion) intāmbwe, intare (lizard) umuserebanyi (mongoose) isambwe (monkey) inkēnde, imamfu (puppy) ikibwāna, imbūnda (python) isato (rabbit) urukwāvu (ram) isuguru (rat, mouse) imbeba (rat, cane) isiha (sheep) intāma, intūngwa, igitūngwa (toad) igikere (weasel) akarīnda, akagomba (zebra) imparage (to give salt to domestic ~) kwūhīra (to lead to drink) gushōra (to stake out to pasture) kuzirika

ankle ijīsho ry'ikirēnge

anniversary (*birthday*) umusi w'icibukiro ushika rimwe mu mwaka

announce kubūrira, kubūra, kurānga (oneself) kwībūra (to stand at door and call greeting) kuramutsa (the death of someone) kubika, kubikira (everywhere) gukwīragiza, gukwīza

annoy kugōra, gusīnda

annoyed (to be) kugōrwa (to get) kuraka

anoint gusīga

anorexia ukubura akayabagu

another –ndi (~ *time*) ubundi

answer (to ~) kwīshura (to ~ on exam) guhīngūra (~ back lots of words to one who reproves) kuryāgūmba (delay to) kurēngagiza (to not give when asked) kwīrengagiza
(quickly without thinking)
gusimbagurika
(to superior when called)
kurēnguka
(when called) kwītaba

answer inyīshu, igisubizo (as on examination) impīngūro

ant (flying, edible) iswa (pincher) intozi, urutozi (soldier) uburima (sugar) ikinywabūki (tiny) ubunyegeri, urunyegeri (white) umuswa (white ~ hill) umugina

antelope impongo, ingeregere

antenna (radio) agakwegamajwi, antene y'iradiyo (feeler of insect) uduhembe, udutonzi

antibiotic umuti wica imikorobi

antibody abasoda b'umubiri

anticipate guteganya

antipathy urwanko

antirust umuti ukura ingese

antiseptic akaziraruguma, umuti ubuza uruguma gusebura

anus innyo

anxiety amaganya, umwītwaririko, intūntu, guhagarika umutima

anxious (to be) kuganya, kuganyira, kwīganyira

anybody umuntu uwo ari we wese, uwariwe wese

anyhow (to do in spite of) gupfa

anymore ukundi

anyone umuntu uwo ari we wese, uwariwe wese

anything ikintu ico ari co cose, icarico cose

anytime umwānya uwari wo wose, uwariwo wose, igihe ico ari co cose, icarico cose **anyway** mugabo, yamara, ariko, nubwo

apart (to come) gushānyūka

ape (monkey) inguge

apologize (to) kwīregūra

apostle intumwa, umutumwa

apparatus (*instrument*, *machine*) igikoresho

apparent (to be) kugaragara

appealing -īza

appear kuboneka, guseruka, guturuka

(out of ground) gututuza (suddenly) kwāduka, guturūmbuka (suddenly, as sun) kubāndūra

appearance ububoneke, akarānga

appease guhoza, guhwāmika

appetite ināmbu, akayabagu

appetizer utwuzango

applaud (to ~) gukoma amashi

apple pome (*Fr.*)

application umwēte, impera y'icigwa

apply (oneself to) kwītōndera (on) kwōmeka, kwōmekara

appoint (to a task) gutōranya

appointment ihūriro, irendevu

appreciate (to) gukengurukira (to ~ work) gushima

appreciation (gift of) igishīmo

apprehend (a culprit) gusūmira (understand) kumenya

apprehension amakēnga, amazīnda (to not have) gushiruka amazīnda

apprentice umwīga

approach kwēgera, kurēnguka (*a lesson*) gutangura

approve kwemera

approximately (prep.) hāfi

April ukwēzi kwa kane, Ndamukiza, Kabozambuba

apron itabuliyeri (Fr.)

apt (to be) kubēra

aquarium iyororero ry'amafi, inyanza

aquire kurōnka

Arab (person) Umwarabu

arch umuheto (see bow)

archbishop umwepiskopi mukuru

archive gushingura

ardor ububangutsi, ubukerebutsi, igise

ardour ububangutsi, ubukerebutsi, igise

are -ri, ni

argil ibūmba, uburongo

argue (the liking to ~) amahāne (to ~) guhārīra, kuja impāri (to ~ about) gukiranira (to ~ and swear that you're right) gutara

argument amahāne, igihāri, impāri (to give) gutanga iciyumviro

aridness (of land) ukutamera, igaduka, ukugaduka, ukugagarara

arise kuvyūka (from dead) kuzūka

arm ukuboko, ukuboke
(upper) ikizigira
(left ~) ukuboko kw'ibubamfu,
ukubamfu
(right ~) ukuboko kw'iburyo,
ukuryo
(to raise one's ~, to strike, to pull a
bow) kubangurira
(to stretch out) kurāmvura
(to take a child in ~) kurera,
gukīkira

armchair intebe, icīcaro (with back) icēgamo, inyēgamo

armhole ukwāha kw'impuzu

armpit ukwāha

armrest icīshimikizo c'inkokora

army ingabo, igisata

around (to go) kuzunguruka, gukīkira, gukīkuza, kuzīngūka (to turn ~, several times) kuzungagiza (prep., nearly) hāfi

aroused (to be ~) gushukwa

arrange gutümbereza
(according to length, height)
gusümbanya
(properly) kurorānya
(place in order) kuringaniza

arrest uguhagarara

arret-royal ingingo

arrival (premature) igicuri (to rejoice at ~, of one) gukēra

arrive kugera, gushika
(~ at) kwīgera
(at the top) kurēngēra
(cause to ~) gucimbataza

arrogance amanyama

arrow umwampi
(to feather an ~) gutanaga
(to shoot an ~) kurasa

art (skill) umwūga

artery umutsi mvomezi (pulmonary) umutsi ujana amaraso mu mahaha

article (news) ingingo z'ikinyamakuru (product, item) icahinguwe, akagenegene

articulate kwātura

artisan umunyamwuga

artist umunyamwuga

artistic kiryohoye

as ku, uko, ingene, ubugene (introducing clauses) nk'uko

ascend kudūga

ascent umudūgo

ascertain (to) kumenya

ash umunyota, amanyota

ashamed (to be) kumāramāra, kugira isoni, gutēra isoni (to make) kumāramāza

ashes umunyota, amanyota

aside (to go aside with someone to talk privately) kwīkebukana (to take someone ~) kwīkebana

ask (another to repeat to check his veracity) gucaca (each other) kubazānya (each other to explain) gusiguzānya (each other riddles) gusōkōrānya (for) gusaba (for daily) kubōbōtereza (frequently) gusabiriza (many in order to verify) gushīshōza (many questions) kubazagiza (of someone that which he has promised) guhāngūra (oneself) kwībaza, kwītsa (over and over again) kubaririkiza (persistently, though refused) gucuna (question) kubaza (a riddle) gusōkōza

asking (earnestly persist in ~ for something) kuzigiriza (one who is always ~ for things) umusabisabi

(stupid questions) kudedēmvya

asphalt ikaburimbo

asphyxiation ukubura impwemu, ugupfundwa, ukunigwa n'ukubura impwemu

assassination ubwīcanyi, ubwīcanyi

assault igitēro (esp. young man ~ girl) kunkīranya

assemble kurementanya (people) gukoranya (things to give to someone) gusorōranya

assert (that a thing is true) guhamya

assess (to) gupima, kwīyumvīra

assignment (measure of work) ikivi

assimilate kwumva, gutahura, gutegera, kunyurwa

assimilation (food) uguhinduka kw'ibiribwa mu mubiri

assist gufasha

(one in trouble of grief) kwīrūra (a sick person in walking) kwāndāza

assistance imfashanyo (to seek ~ to overcome) kugomorera

assistant (to chief, esp. in law enforcement) umurōngōzi

associate (to) guhūza

association ishirahamwe

assorted (raw vegetables) imboga ziribwa mbisi

assume (authority on oneself) kurēngera

assure (that a thing is true) guhamya

asthma asima

astonish kujegeza, gutāngaza, kwūmiza

astonished (to be) gushirwa, gutangāra

astonishing (thing) agahomerabunwa, igitāngaza, akūmiza

astonishment akūmiza

astound kujoreza, kujegezagutangāza, kwūmiza

astounded (*to be*) gushirwa, gutangāra

astounding (thing) akūmiza

astray (to go) kuzimira (to lead) guhuvya, kuzimiza

at i, ku, kuri, kwa

at last ubuherūka, aho rēro

atelier uruganda

atmosphere ijuru, ikirēre

attach (oneself to) kwīhāmbira, kuramata

attached kumata

(to) kwōma

attack gusōmborotsa, gusōmboroza (esp. young man ~ girl) kunkīranya (lead troops to ~) kugomora (unexpectedly) kwūbiriza

attain gushikīra

attempt kugerageza, kugeza (something beyond one's strength) gukenyukirwa

attendant (to be a wedding ~) gushīngira

attendants (group of helpers to elders) ubukūngu

attention (to pay ~) kwītōndera (to look at without paying ~) gusamāra (to pay no ~) gusamāra, gutimba

attest guhamya

attic idāri

attitude ukugira iciyumviro (to turn bad suddenly) gufurungana

attract gukwēga

attraction (magnetic) ugusumakura

attractive -īza (to be) kurēmba, kuroreka

attribute (to) kugenera (gram.) kahabwa

attune (to ~) guhūza

aubergine intore

audacity ubushirukanyi

audition ukwumva

augment (vi) kugisha, gukakama, gutūbūka, kwūnguka (vt) kwongera, kwūngura

August ukwēzi kwa munani, Myandagaro aunt (maternal, my) māma wācu (maternal, your) nyokwānyu (maternal, his, her, their) nyinābo (paternal, my) māsenge (paternal, your) nyogosenge (paternal, his, her, their) inasenge

auscultate gusūzuma

authentic nyakuri, nyayo

authority ububwīriza, ubugabe, ubugabo, ingānji, ubutwāre (to have, esp. kings or revered person) guhāngama (to rebel against) kumēnja (to take on oneself) kurēngera

automaton uwutiyumvira

automobile umuduga, imodoka, ivatiri

available irahari

avenge guhōra (wrong done to one's family) kuzira

avenger umuhōzi

avocado ivoka

avoid kuzibukīra (saying something directly) gukingitiranya

avowal indahiro

await (a fixed time) kugerereza (opportunity to harm) kuryāmira

awaken (vi) kwīkangura, gukanguka (vt) gukangura

away (to put ~) kubika (far ~) kure

awl (branding) umwōtso

axe ikibēzi, incābiti, imarabiti, intoraguzo (*small ornamental*) urunana

axilia ukwāha

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baa kurābira

babble (*to*) guterabiri, kuyāga, kuganira

baby umwāna, uruhīnja, uruyōya (not old enough to know fear) igifatanzoka (tiny ~) uruhīnja (~ clothes) icahi (~ food) umusururu

babysit (to) kurera umwana

bachelor (unmarried young man) umusore (middle aged) igikwerere

back (at the back) inyuma (of chair) icēgamo (of person or animal) umugōngo (small of) ikiyunguyungu

back pain kuvunika umugōngo

backbiting ukuvuga nabi abandi

backbone urutirigōngo, uruti rw'umugōngo, agatirigōngo

backwards (to go) kwīfūtānya (inadvertently) gufutānya (walk) kugēndēsha umugōngo, kugēnda umugōngo

backyard ikigo, igikāri

bacterium ubwoko bw'umukorobi

bad (adj.) -bi (~ person) umubi (~ luck) icāgo, akaga (that which is ~) ikibi

badly nābi

baffled (to be) kujugajuga

bag isaho
(backpack, shoulder bag) agasaho
(big) indaha
(sack) igunira, umupfuko
(sports bag) ishakoshi
(small sports bag, ladies purse)
agashakoshi
(suitcase) ivarise

baggage umuzigo (*suitcase*) ivarise

bait icamba

bake kwōtsa

baker's (*shop*) icumbiro ry'imikate

bakery icumbiro ry'imikate, boulangerie, patisserie

balance (weighing) umunzāne (of budget) uburinganire bw'ibisohoka n'ivyīnjira

bald-headedness ubuhanzi

baldness ubuhanzi

ball umupīra (*Sw.*), umubumbe (*small*) akabumbe

bamboo umugano

banana igitōke, igitōki, umuneke (plantation) urutoke (one or one hand of) umuhānyu (ripe) umuhwi, umuneke (kinds of) ikinyamunyu, igisamunyu (beer banana) igipaca (lady-finger) akamaramasenge (red banana) igisukari (bark of tree) igihubahuba (beer) urwārwa (sweet drink) umutobe (leaf, green) umutōto (leaf) ikirere (leaf, dry) ihuba (leaves, dry) igihūnda, ibihūndahūnda (center of leaf) ikigongo-gongo (leaves, knife for cutting) urugombōzo (young shoot) umutsīnda (trunk after stalk is cut) igitumbatumba (to cut leaves) kugombōra (to cut from stalk) guhānyura (to cut stalk) gutūmbūra (to remove dry leaves) gutūtūra (to squeeze juice from) kugana, kuvuguta

band (of cloth, long) umugēnde

bandage ugutenga, uguhambira, ugutenga ahababara

bandit umusahuzi

bank (bankhouse) ibanki (~ account) ikonte, ububīko

bank (of river) inkokoro (of river, lake) inkōmbe, inkengera

banknote inoti

banner ibendera

baptize kubatīza

bar (iron) igihimba c'icuma

barbarous (to be) kudebagura

barber kimyozi

bare (place on hill) uruharabuga

barefoot (to walk) kugēnda n'ibirēnge

bark (to ~, as dog) gukuga

bark igishishwa

(of banana tree) igihubahuba (cloth garment) indemano (cloth with painted spots, used as thing of worship) indabe, indome (~ stripped from tree) udukōkōrwa (used for perfume) imibavu (put on new ~) kwībwira

barking (of dog) ikuga

barley sayiri

barnyard igituru, ikirutu, idundu, idunda

barren (to be, person) kugūmbaha (plants) kurūmba (place) uruharabuga (thing, corn, etc.) ikirūmbirane (to become from lack of fertilizer) guseba

barrenness (of person) ubugūmba (of land) ukutamera, igaduka, ukugaduka, ukugagarara

barrier (to close path) gutangīra

barter kuguza

(butter or other things) kumadika

base (of brain) agakomokomo (of tree) itsina, igitsina (of bed) isaso y'uburiri

bashfulness isoni

basin umubēhe, ikibēhe, ibase (wash basin) ikarabo

basket (*big*) intonga, igitēbō (*deep, uncovered*) ikigagara, igisāmba, igisāngāza

(flat, small) icibo
(flat with lid) inkōko
(little) akēbo
(shallow) ikivūmvu
(tall) inkēnga
(tall, pointed) igiseke, igisīmbo
(border of) umusōzo
(lid, cover) umutemere
(nicely made) indemano
(to cover) kurumya
(to remove lid) kurumūra
(to be upside down) kwūbika

basketball (ball) umupira wa basketi (game) umukino wa basketi, umukino w'amaboko

basketry akēbo

bat (animal) agahūngarēma

bath (bath tub) ubwato bwo kwiyogeramwo

bathe (vt) kwūhagira (esp. legs) kwiyoga (oneself) kwīyuhagira, kwīyoza, kwōga

bathing umwūhagiro

bathroom ubwogero

battery ibateri, agatu gatekeye umuyagankuba

battle indwāno, intāmbara (to help in) gutabāra

battlefield urugāmba

bawl kuyogora

bay ikigobe
('bay window') ikizeze

be kuba, -ri, kumera, kuramuka (at, to have been at) guherūka (beside) kubāngikana, guhererana (in water) kubōmbeka (with always) guhorana

be afraid (*to* ~) kwīkanga, gutīnya, kugira ubwōba

be equal (to ~) guhwāna, kujāna

beach inkombe, inkūka

beads ubudede, akadede (esp. big ones) ubusaro

bean igiharage (green) umubīmba, umukerere, umukonyogo (lima) igiharo (red) ishigisha (small red) uduharawe (leaves) umukubi (leaves, first two) ingāmba (pod) urusokoro (sprout) umugōndōra (that have been put away for a year) igihitira (to put ~ away for a year) guhitiza (to put away ~ for several years) guhitikirana, guhitirana (to tie ~ on hedge to dry) gushisha

bear (animal) idubu

bear (children prolificly having been barren) guhonōka (fruit) kwāma (fruit abundantly) gutēngerera (greetings) gutāsha (to cause to ~) guhonōra (cease to ~) kwāmurura

bear witness (to ~) gushīnga intahe, guhamya, kwāgiriza (fearlessly in behalf of another) kwemānga

beard ubwānwa, ubgānwa

beast inyamāswa

beat gukubita, kujānjagura, gushinyagurira, gushishagura, gutonagura (act as if to ~, but not do so) kugera (~ around the bush) gukingitiranya (clothes) kunyukura (heart) gutera indihaguzi (drum) kuvuza (raising welts) kuramagura

beautified kiryoheye ijisho

beautiful -īza (to be ~) guhīmbāra (to make ~) guhīmbāza (~ woman, girl) nyiramwiza

beautify guhīmbāza

beauty ubwīza, agahīmbare (pretty thing) akeza

(beautiful woman or girl) nyiramwiza

because kuko (~ of) kubwa, kubera (~ of that) niyo mpamvu

beckon kwākura

become kuba, gucīka, kumēra (good again, having been bad) gufutānuka (known) kwāmāmara, guhishūka (thin) kudohōka, kugeruka, kwōnda, kwīfūtānya, kuyōka (thinner) gufūtānya (very thin) kugōgōra, kunohorwa

becomingly (to be dressed) kubērwa

bed igitanda, uburiri (foot of) imirāmbizo (under a ~) urutara (to go to) kuryāma (to make) gusāsa (to put to) kuryāmika (to unmake) gusasūra (time to go to) amaryāma

bedbug igihere, igiheri

bedchamber icūmba c'uburyamo

bedroom icūmba c'uburyamo

bedsheet ishuka

bedside (*table*) akameza ko mu buryamo, akameza k'igitanda

bedspread ikireta, ikiringiti

bedtime amaryāma

bee uruyūki
(carpenter) imvūndēri
(to catch swarming bees)
gutururuza
(to put in new hive) kwātira
(~ sting) urubōyi
(~ hive) igitiba
(bring down ~ hive) kwegura
(to put up ~ hive) kwegeka

beef inyāma y'inka

been (to have ~ at) guherūka

beer inzōga (fresh, with froth) umubira

(banana) urwārwa, urwāgwa (sorghum) impeke, indimwa (given to sick person) umwerēra (sharp, anything fermented) inkarisha (undiluted) uruhorwe (mixed with water) umusharuro (to beg for) kuvūmba

beeswax ishashara, umushashara

(to put in a warm place) gutara

before imbere, mbere

beg kwīngīnga, gusaba, gusēga (continually) gukōra, gukōza, gusabiriza (earnestly) gukomba ibōbo (for beer) kuvūmba (habitually) gusegerereza

beget kuvyāra

beggar umusēzi, umusabisabi (one who begs earnestly but doesn't get it) imvūmūre

begin (*by* ~) kubānza, kubanziriza, guhēra (*to* ~) gutangura, kwānzika, gushūriza, gushūza

(to cause to ~) gutangīza (~ from) guhēra (~ a task) kwāhuka (~ to get wrinkled from age) gukāmba

(~ to head up, as grain) guhaga

beginning inkomoka, iremezo, intango, itanguriro, intanguro (of dry season, about June) impēshi

behavior (*behaviour*) imyitwarire, umwifato, imico

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behind inyuma
(get left ~ as you stare at
something) kurāngāra
(to hide ~) kwīkīnga
(to leave) gusiga

behold (to) kurabukwa (imperative) ehe!

(to look) gukebuka

belch amāngati (to) gutūra amāngati

belching amangati

Belgian (person) umubirigi, umubiligi

belie (deception) ikinyoma (to ~) kubēsha, kurema, kurementanya (a little) kubēshabesha (about) kurementaniriza, kwānguha, kudendekeranya, guhūmba

belief ukwīzera

beliefs umwīzero

believe kwīzēra, kwīzigira, kwemera (cause to) kwīzēza

believe in kwīzēra, kwīzigira, kwemera (cause to) kwīzēza

bell ingengeri, inzogera (*smal cylindrical*) umudende

bell tower umunara

bellows umuvuba (to blow with) kuvuguta

beloved (person) mukūndwa

below hepfo

belt umukandara, umusipi (Sw.) (to wear a ~) gukenyera

bench intebe ndende

bend (vt) guheta
(as joint) kugōnda
(curve) kugoreka
(down) kwūnana
(joint) gukonya, gupfunya
(over) kujōndamika, kwūbama

beneath mūsi, mūsi ya (~ *a bed*) urutara

benefit akamaro, ikimazi, ubuhīrwe (*economy*) inyungu

bent (to be) guhetama

benzin igitoro ca essence

berate (to) guhanūra (be willing to be admonished) gukūrwakw ijambo

bereaved (to be) kuvubwa

berries inkēri, inkēre

berry inkēri, inkēre icamwa kitagira utubuto

beseech kwinginga, kuboboteza

beseeching ibōbo

beseechingly (to speak very) kubobōteza

beside iruhānde, hambavu (to be) guhererana, kubāngikana

besides bitayeko, uteko, ikigeretseko, ubwo, nubwo

besiege (as in hunt or battle) gusūgereza

besmirch (to) gucobogoza

bet (to) gutega

betray kugambanira (a secret) guhemuka (one who) umuguranyi

betrayal ubugambanyi

better (be ~ than) kurusha (something ~ than others of its kind) agaheta (he's ~, I'm ~) n'imitende, n'imisuhūko

beware of kwīyubāra

bewildering bitangāje (from gutangāza)

bewitch kuragura, kuroga, kuvōvōta (to have witchdoctor ~ another) kuraguza (one who bewitches) umuraguzi, umurozi

bewitched (illness of one who acts like crazy) indwāra y'ibitēga

beyond (be ~ what one can do) gutamya (go ~) kurēnga (on other side) hīrya **beyond doubt** (to be ~) kugaragara

bible bibiliya

biceps inyāma y'ikibeba

bicycle ikinga (*from Sw.*), igāri, igāre (*Rw.*) (*wheel*) urubangāngwe

bid (goodbye) gusēzera

bidet akabesani nyamabanga

bifurcate kunyurana

big -nini

(to be too) gusāguka, kudēnda (to be, of growing things, esp. child) gushisha

bike ikinga (*from Sw.*), igāri, igāre (*Rw.*) (*wheel*) urubangāngwe

bile indurwe

bill (to) kurihīsha

bill ifagitire

billharcia birariziyoze

billy goat isuguru, ihebe

bind guhāmbīra, kuboha (ropes or whatever is used to bind a criminal) imvuto

binding umusōzo

biology ibinyabuzima, ubumenyi bw'ibintu bifise ubuzima

bird ikiguruka (little ones) inyoni (crane, golden-crested) umusāmbi (crow) igikōna (dove) intunguru, inuma (duck) imbati (eagle) inkona, inkukuma, ikinyakabaka, impūngu (goose, wild) igisafu (hawk) igisiga (kite) ikinyakabaka (parrot) gasuku (partridge) inkwāre (robin, African) inyōmvyi (that sucks honey, black with red throat, or metallic green) umunūni (wagtail) inyamanza

bird of prey igisīga

birth ivuka

(to give ~) kuvyāra
(to be about to give ~) gukurirwa
(to be about to give ~, of cow)
kudigiriza
(to give ~, to litter, esp. dog)
kubwāgura
(to come to day to give ~)
kuramukwa
(to give ~, to child who dies at
once) kuruhira ubusa
(to aid woman in childbirth)
kuvyāza

birthday umusi w'icibukiro ushika rimwe mu mwaka

birthmark ikibibi

birthplace amāmo

bisect kunyurana

bishop umwepiskopi, umusenyeri (catholic)

bit (not a ~) n'intete (to run out ~ by ~ till all is gone) gushīrīra

bitch (female dog) imbwakazi

bite gushikura

(as animal, or pain) kurandagura (of animal, insect) kuryāna (insect) gusurira (of person only) kuguguna, gutsontsomera (serpent) gukomora

bits utumānyagu

(of paper, cloth) ibitabu (break into, vt) kumenagura, kumānyagura, gusatagura, kuvunagura, kuvunaguza, gucagagura (break into, vi) kumenagurika, gusatagurika

bitten (to jump when ~) gushikurwa

bitter (to be) kubīha, gukara, gukariha, kurura (~ flavour, to taste) kururirwa (anything ~) ibāmba (not ~, esp. of manioc) -horo bitterness umururazi, inzika

black (colour) umufyīri, agafyīri (very black) umuvyiro (to be black) kwīrabura

black (person) umwirabura

black man (person) umwirabura

blackberry inkēri, inkēre

blackboard ikibaho

blackmail urukurukuru

blackness umwījima, umwīza (*great*) umuzimagiza, umuzitanya (*in daytime*) ubwīrakabiri

blackout ukuraba

blacksmith umucuzi

bladder uruhago

blade akatsi

blame (to ~) kunegura, gupfāna

blame umugayo, akagayo, agasūzuguro

blamelessness inyankamugayo

blanket ishuka

blaspheme (to) kurogota

blasphemy amarogotano, ikirogotano

bleed kuva amaraso (to death) gutetera

bleeding ukuva amaraso

blend (vt) gutēranya, kuvānga, kuvāngavānga, kuvurūnga (dough) gucūmba (things up and pack them down together) gukanjagura (thoroughly) gucucuma (together) gusukiranya (up) kuzīkuruka (up thoroughly) gusobanganya

bless guhēzagira

blessed (to be) guhīrwa

blessing umugisha, umuhēzagiro, ubuhīrwe

blind (to be) guhuma (person) impumyi

blindfold agatambaro ko gupfuka amaso

blink (to ~ often to try to see) guhumaguza (with eyes) gukubita ingohe

blister ibavu

(from burns) ubutute bw'ubushe (to ~) kubūbika, kugurugūmba

bloated (to be) kubondōka

block (path) gutangīra

blocs (buildings) ibigabane vy'inyubakwa

bloke agashusho, agacapo k'umuntu

blood amaraso
(clot) umugoma
(of same blood) ubura
(of cow, drawn out to drink)
ikiremve

(spurting of) umupfūnda (~ circulation) itembera ry'amaraso

(~ transfusion) ugutera amaraso

(~ vessel) umutsi

blossom kwātura, gushūriza *(to produce)* gushūrika

blot out gusibānganiza, gusibānganya

blouse igice c'impuzu hejuru

blow (vt) guhūha, guhūngabanya (vi) guhūngabana (air into ball) guhaga (along) guheha (be blown up) kuboboka (hard) guhūhūta (in wind) kuzūnga, kuzūngazūnga (one's nose) kwīmyīra (out chaff) kugosōra (the fire) kwātsa (up) gupfunereza (with bellows) kuvuguta

blow up (to) guturika, gusāba

blue (*colour*) ubururu (*Sw.*) (*old*) umufyīri, agafyīri, umukata

blunder igisozo, ifuti

blunt (to make) gufyīta

blur (seeing one indistinctly because he went too fast) rurabwe

blurred (to be) kuzimangana

blush gutukura

board (of people) abantu bari kuri komite

board (to) kwūrira

board urubāho, ikibaho, ubushinguro (~ *game*) igisoro

boast kwīmānya, kwīrāta (of what one will do) kwigenera (over another) kudigiriza

boat ubwato, imasuwa, imeri (*big*) icōmba (*stern*) umukōndo (*to row a* ~) gusōza

body umubiri

boil (vi) kubira (vt) kubiza (up water) kugurugūmba (medical, noun) igihute

boiled egg uburyo bwo guteka irigi mu mazi ntirishe nēza

boiling ububire

(of water in sense of bubbling) agaseba

bold (to be) gushirukanya, kwūbahuka (esp. young girl) kwerura

bolt iburo

bombing gutikiza, n'amabombe

bond ifatanirizo

bondage ibija

bonds (criminal) imvuto

bone igufa

(to break, vt) kuvuna (to break, vi) kuvunika

bone marrow umusokōro

boner (to have an ~) gushukwa

bonus agashimwe, agashirukabute

book (to ~, as hotel room) kubīkīra

book igitabo, igitabu

boost (another's work) guhingūra (physically or otherwise) kwōroherwa (to begin to feel better after being ill) gutenzukirwa (soil) gutabira (taste of food) kuryosha (a technique) guteza imbere (ubuhinga)

booty iminyago, urunyago

border (boundery) umupaka (of basket) umusōzo

bored (to be ~, by long speech or delay) kurambirwa

bored with (to be) guharuruka

boredom ubugorane

boring (to be bored) kurambirwa (to be bored with) guharuruka

born (to be) kuvūka (of) kwāmuka (of a certain family) gukomoka

borough arondisema (Fr. arondissement)

borrow (money, or that for which you'll return equivalent rather than that very thing) kugurāna (a thing to be returned) gutīra

bosom friend (friend) umukūnzi, somambike, pfampfe

boss (to ~) gucuranguza

boss umuyobozi

boss around (to ~) gucuranguza

bossiness ubugabo

botany ubumenyi bw'ibimera

both -mpi

bother (to) kubabaza

bottle icupa (Sw.) (small) agacupa (~ opener) urupfunguruzo

bottom ikibuno

boundary urubibe, akarīmbi, ikirīmbi (of country) inkīko (to make a) kuzitira

boundery umupaka

boutique ibutike

bow (arch) umuheto (without cord) ikiramvu (to stretch, to draw) gufora (to raise one's arm to pull) kubangurira

bow (to ~ down) gucurama, kwūnama (to ~ the head) kwūnama (to ~ the neck) kugōnda izosi

bow legs amaguru y'imbango

bow-string uruvuto

bowel urura rw'amase

bowl ibakure (Sw.), akabakure (salad ~) igikoresho cumisha imboga (sugar ~) agashingurasukari

bowlegs amaguru y'imbango

box isandugu (*small tin*) umukebe (of matches) ikibiriti (Sw.) (to ~) gukubagura

boy umuhūngu

bracelet agakomo (brass) umububa, umwākaka (of copper wire) ikidodi, ikidode (of grass) umunoni (of metal) akanyabugoro, umurīnga (of wire) inverere

(worn at dances) urunana

brag (to) kwīgamba

braggart umunyagahwāyi

braid (to) gutsiba

brain ubwonko, ubgonko (base of ~) agakomokomo

brainstorm (to) kugurāna ivyītegererezo **braise** (to ~) guteka mu tuvuta dukeyi

brake (reduce speed) kugabanya vitesse

branch ishami

(serving to close entrance) imyugariro, imihogero, imihangazo (to cut off) gukōkōra (to put forth) gushamika (to put out great) gusagarara, gutabarara

branch off kunyurana

branches udushami

branding awl umwotso

brass umwākaka (bracelet) umububa

brave (to be) guhangāra, kurema, gushira amanga

bravely rugabo

bread (european) umukate (Sw.) (african) umutsima (loaf of) irobe (lump of) intore (soft part of) akavunji k'umukate (to make) gucūmba (to put ground-, peanuts, etc. in ~) gutotera

break (vi) gucīka, kumeneka,

kumānyuruka (vt) guca (and scatter, vt) gusāvya (any slender thing, vi) kuvunika (any slender thing, vt) kuvuna (completely, vi) kudēndūka, gufyonyoka, kuvunagura (in two) gusāba (the law) kurēnga, kuyoba (object with flat surface, vt) kumena (off by burning, tree, etc.) gutemuka (off a piece, bread) kubega (out, as rash) guhurira, guturika (rope, chain) kuvutagura

(suddenly, unexpectedly) gukenyuka (a taboo) kurēngwa, kuzirūra,

kugōka

(to bits, vi) kumenagurika,

gusatagurika, kuvunagura, kumānyagura (to bits, vt) gucagagura, kumenagura, gusatagura, kuvunaguza (up, vi) kumānyagurika, kumānyuka (up, vt) kujānjagura (a break, as bone) imvune

breakfast akavunamusase (~ tea) akāyi (to have a ~ tea) gufata akāyi

breast ibere, ibisusu (to dry up) gucūka (milk) amabērebēre

breast-feed (vi) kwōnka (vt) kwōnsa (to ~ an invalid) kurwāza (to ~ from a cow) kugoba

breastfeed (to) kwonsa

breastfeeding umwāna yonka

breath impwēmu

breathe guhēma, guhumēka, gukwega impwemu (hard) guhēmūka (heavily and noisily) gufūha, gupfūha (with difficulty, child) gufūrēka

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(~ in) ukwinjiza impwemu

breathtaking bitangāje (*from gutangāza*)

breed ubwōko

bribe ikibuguro, igihōngo, impongano (to ~) guhōnga, guhōngera (to pay ~ to win one's case) kwīhōnga

brick itafāri (to make bricks) kubūmba, gufyātura

brickmaker umubūmvyi

bride umugeni (to give gift to ~, so she will talk) guhorōra (to refuse to speak till given gift, ~) guhorōrwa

bride-groom umukwe

bridegroom umukwe

bridge ikiraro, igitarikwa, igitarurwa (of nose) umwīrīri

bridle umujiginya (to ~) kijiginyika

brigand umusahuzi

brightness (dazzling, as sun) umutāri

brilliance (of something spotlessly white) umwēru

brim (of dish, container) imbiga (to fill to) kunengesēra (to be full to) gutētera

brimstone amazūku

bring (to ~) kuzana (back) kugarura (back from far away) guhabūra (back wife after she's gone home) gucūra (down) kumanura (down bee hive) kwegura (from dark into light) kwāndagaza (from hiding) kunyegurura (greeting) gutāsha (in passing) guhitana (into open from hidden place) kwātura (loss or failure) gutāna (new kind of seeds or cattle into country) kurondōra (out of hiding) gufurūra

(new kind of seeds or cattle into country) kurondōra
(out of hiding) gufurūra
(quickly) gutebūkana
(things in from sun) kwāmura
(things and put them together to give to someone) gusorōranya
(to pass) gucimbataza
(together) gukoranya, gutēranya
(up child) gukuza, kurera
(water) kudahira, kuvōma
(with one) kuzanana

bring about (to ~) gutuma, gutēra

bring on (to ~) gutuma, gutēra

broad -gari (to be) kwāguka, gutabarara

broil kwōtsa

broiled meat uburyo bwo kwotsa

broiler akayungiro botsako

broken (to be easily) kuvunagurika (to be suddenly) gukenyurwa (to bits) kujānjagurika

bronchial tube agahogohogo kaja mu mahaha, akaringoti kaja mu mahaha

bronchitis indwāra yo mu mahaha, indwāra y'agahehera, umurura utera agahehera

brood kubundikīra

broom umukubūzo

brother (my) mwēne data

(your) mwēne so
(his, her, their) mwēne se
(older ~ of boy) mukuru,
mukurwanje
(younger ~ of boy) mutoyi,
murumuna
(of girl) musāza
(of my mother) mārume
(of your mother) nyokorume
(of his, her, their mother) inarume
(of father, uncle) dāta wacu, dāta
wanyu, dāta wabo
(to be ~ and sister, or to be ~s)
kuvūkana
(religious, monk) umufrere

brother-in-law (his, their) muramuwe

brothers abavūkana (*from kuvūkana*)

brow (of hill) igikombe

brown (to ~ food) guhindukiza mu mavuta (colour) c'inzobe, c'umugina, c'akaga, ibihogo (light ~) akagājo, umuyēnzi

browse (*to* ~ *the internet*) kurondera, gushakisha (*Rw.*)

browser (internet ~) mushakisharubuga

bruise (*vi*) kubabara, gutonekara (*vt*) kubabaza (*another's feelings*) gusesereza (*to be* ~ *by what one says, or in injury*) gusesērwa

brush ishāmba, umukubūzo, uburoso (the teeth) kwīnyugunura, kwīyugunyura

bubble (*water*) gusebura, kuzīkuruka

bubbling (of water in spring) agaseba (to make sound of) gusāma

bucket indobo, akameka (handle of) umukono

bud umunago, umuribo, amaso y'ibiterwa (to ~) gushūrika

buddy umugēnzi
(close ~) umukūnzi
(intimate ~, the one you share your
last hidden food with) somambike
(most intimate ~, "you die - I die")
pfampfe
(to visit a ~) kubūngirana

budget itunga (balance of) uburinganire bw'ibisohoka n'ivyīnjira

buffalo imbogo

bug agasīmba

build kwūbaka (a fire) gucāna

builder umwūbatsi

building inyūbako, inyūbakwa (public) inyūbakwa za leta (to find new ~ site) kugerēra (to prepare a place for ~) gutaba (~ site) urugerēro, ikibānza, ishantiye

bulb iteke
(as of flower) ikirungu
(light) ampuru, irampuru

bulge (as garment with something under it) kudundūra

bulging kidunduye

bull (young) ishūri, imfīzi, impfīzi

bully umusīnzi (to ~) gusīnda

bum ikibuno

bumblebee impingwe

bump ubukiru (to ~ into) guseka

bunch (of flowers) umukama w'amashurwe (plants) umukama, umuganda, umupfungo, agatekero (of grass at top of hut) isūnzu

bundle umuzigo
(esp. dead person wrapped for
carrying) ikigagara
(of grass or grain) umukama
(of sticks, rope) umugānda
(to tie up a ~) gutēkera
(clothes) ibaro

bunk (to) gucūmbika

burden umutwāro, umuzigo (to lay down ~) gutūra

burglar umusuma

burial iziko (of animals) ihambwa

burlap sack igunira (Sw.)

burn (vi) gusha
(and break off, tree, etc.) gutemuka
(easily, quickly, vi) gutemuka
(food, vi) kuzigira
(food slightly, vi) kuyēnga
(incense, nice smelling bark)
kwōsa
(in the mouth) gukera
(let burn) kuzigiza
(quickly, vt) kubabura
(up, vt) guturira, kuyigiza
(to peel after a burn) kwūburuka
(to put something cool on a burn)
gupfuvya

burn ubushe

burned (food forgotten) gutetera (~ over place) umuyōnga

burr (of bush) ikiramata

burst (vi) gusāba, guturika (vt) guturitsa (into light, dawn) kwēnzūra (open, vt) kwāturura (open in garden, overripe) gusaragurika

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bury guhāmba
(a person) kuzika
(one's face in one's hans in deep
thought) kwītangira itama

bus ibisi

bush igisaka
(kind of) igisuru
(kind with thorns and edible
berries) umukēre
(the) igisanze

business urudāndaza, ubudandaji

businessman umucuruzi, umudāndazi, umudandaji, umudāndaza

bustard ikigendabunyovu

but ariko, mugabo, yamara

butcher (*to* ~) kubāga, gukēmūra (*the* ~) umuyangayanga (~ *shop*) ibāgiro

butchering place ibagiro

butchery idandarizo ry'inyāma

butler umukevyi

butt guseka

butter amavuta
(to barter) kumadika
(to make) guterera
(to melt, vi) kuyaga
(to put in food) kurunga

butterfly ikinyugunyugu, ikinyungunyungu

buttermilk amakuyano, amaterere

buttocks itako

button igipfūngo (Sw.), igifūngo, igipesi

buttonhole intoboro y'igipfūngo

buy (to) kugura, kununūra (to ~ and sell) kudāndaza, guhānjura (to ~ a thing together and then divide it) gusorōra (look things over in prospect of buying) kugaragura (to ~ very much) kurangura

buyer umuguzi, umuranguzi, umukiriya (to search for) kubūnga

buzz kuduma

by na

C

cab tagisi

cabbage ishu

cactus ubwoko bw'igihane

cake igato, ikeki

cake shop icumbiro n'iriro ry'imikate

cake tin iforoma y'igato

calamity (such as a disease or plague) ikīza

calcium ikarisiyumu

calculate gusharira

calendar ibihe vy'umwaka, ikirangamisi

calf inyana (*male*) ikimasa (*of leg*) intege, inyāma y'akibitsi

call (to ~) guhamagara
(in sense of name) kwīta
(continuously and persistently)
kuvumereza
(for help) kwāmbaza, gutābaza,
gutaka, gutakāmba
(from hill to hill) gusemerera
(loudly for help) gutakāmba
(across the hills, implies scorn of
one doing it) kumoka
(to one who cannot answer)
gucurīra

called (to have one called, to be called) guhamagaza

calling umuhamagaro, ihamagarwa

callus ibavu

calm ubutēkānyi

(to ~) guhorereza, guhoza,
guhwāmika

(to be) kwītōnda

(to become) guhora, guhūmura

calorie inguvu

camel ingamiya, ingamia, ingameya

camera icuma co gufotora, ifoto

camp (to) gucūmbika

can (be able) gushobora, kubāsha

can (tin) igikopo (canister) ibido (garbage ~) ico batamwo umwavu (watering) ishwāro

canal umugēnde (for irrigation) umugazo, umugende uvomera

canalization uguca imigende

canape (for apēritif) igicucume c'ivyamwa bidatetse

cancel (to) kureka

cancer kanseri, ikivyīmba

candle agatara k'amashashara, ibuji

cane ikibāndo, inkoni yo gushaza (sugar ~, ready to eat) umusigati, umusumba (sugar ~, plant) igikaju

canine ibwēna

cannibal umukānkāmyi

cannibalistic (to be) gukānkāmwa

canoe ubwāto

cantankerousness amanyama

cap (of pen) agapfundikizo, akarumyo k'ikaramu (headgear) ingofero

capacity (to have large) kwāguka

capillary uturandaranda tw'imitsi

capital (*money*) umutahe (*city*) umurwa mukuru

capsule ikinini kirumije, umurumyo w'icupa

captain umugabīsha

captive iminyago

capture gufata, gucakīra

car imodoka, umuduga, ivatiri

caramelization ugushongesha isukari igahindura ibara

carapace ikigaragamba, umuruka

caravan (of carriers) umurongo w'abikorezi

carbon amakara

carbonate ivyunyunyu

carbuncle (to have) guturika

card igipande (Sw.), ikarata

cardboard ikarato

cardinal (point) amerekero

care (anxiety) umwītwaririko (of body, house, etc.) isuku (to care about) kubabara (for) kuziganya (to take ~ of) kubungabunga, kwītwaririka, gutūnga (to take very good ~ of) kubukabuka

career urucekeri

carefree (to be free from trouble when others have it) gucuna

careful (to be) kwīrīnda, kwītōnda, kurīnda (be ~!) mpore!

careless (one) umunyarwāngara (to be) gufudika (to be ~ with) kwānjānjwa, kwāndārika (to do quickly and carelessly) kuraha

carelessness urwāngara

caress (to) gukuyakuya

caries ukubungwa, ukubora kw'amenyo

carnivorous gitunzwe n'inyāma cane cane

carol (to) guhīmbāza

carpenter umubāji, umunyamatanga, umufundi amanika inzu (to do carpentry) kubāza (~ bee) ifundēri (~ shoo) ibarizo, isaramara

carpet itapi

(fitted ~) imoketi, indava

carriage igāri, igāre (Rw.)

carrier (porter) umwikorezi (of water) umuvōmyi

carrot ikaroti

carry guterura, gutwāra
(away, as water does) gukubebera
(carefully, lest it break or spill)
kwengēnga
(for) gutwāza
(in basket, person not sick)
kurerura
(on back) guheka
(on head) kwīkorera, kwīremeka
(on head, without using hands)
kwirēngera
(and put down frequently)
gusengenyeza
(water) kuvōma

cartridge igitoro

carve (to) gukeba, kugegena

cascade gushunguruka, gusūma

case (container) urwūbati
(law) ibūrana
(to declare one's case at a trial)
gusāmba
(to know the facts of) guhinyura
(to make another lose his)
kuzingirikira
(to take ~ to chief) kubūranya
(to take ~ to chief, knowing one is
right) gutara
(to win ~) gutsīnda

cassava umwūmbati

cast (to throw) gutēra (~ lots) gupfīnda

cast down (to feel) kunyogōmba

castor bean ikibonobono

castrate (to) gukona, gushāhura (castrated male) inkone

cat injangwe, akayabo, akayabu

catch gufata, gucakīra
(ball, anything thrown) gusama
(a disease from another) kwāndura
(from falling) gusama
(one who starts to fall) kuramira
(swarming bees) gutururuza
(up with) guhāmvya

caterpillar ikinyabwōya

cattle tick uruguha

caught (to be ~ and unable to extricate oneself) kurobeza (to be ~ stealing) gusūmirwa

cause (to ~) gutuma, gutēra

cause inyānduruko, inkomānzi, impāmvu, igituma, imvo (to plead a ~) kubūrana

caution (to) guhanūra (be willing to be admonished) gukūrwakw ijambo

cave isenga, ubuhūku (of wild animals) ubuvumo

cavity (heart) agasaho, agasaho k'umutima

cease kureka (to bear fruit) kwāmurūra (work) kugodoka

ceaselessly ubudasība

cedar isederi

ceiling idari

celebrate (to) guhīmbāza

celebration ikirori

celery isereri

cell (tiny for prisoner) umugāso, ingōbāne

cellulose imfungurwa ziva mu biterwa, zifasha amara gukora neza, ubugwegwe bashobora guhinguramwo impuzu

cement isima

cemetery itongo ry'abapfu

center (in the ~) hagati

center on (to) gutūmbēra

centime (5 piece) isēnge (10 piece) ikuta (50 piece) imeya

centipede (small) inyōngōri

century ikinjāna

ceramic ubuhinga bwo kubumba

cereal igiterwa c'intete, igiterwa c'intete kivamwo ifu

certain (a ~ day) umusi ur'izina (a ~ person) umuntu kanaka (a ~ thing) ikintu kanaka (a ~ time) umwānya kanaka, igihe runaka

certainly de, dede, me, pē, rwose, kabisa (*Sw.*)

certify kwāgiriza

cessation uguhagarara

chaff umuguruka, umurāyi
(fan to blow off) urutaro
(mixed with grain) ibikūmbi
(pile of chaff and grain) ubukūmbi
(to blow out) kugosōra
(to rub grain to take off)
kuvūngura

chain ingoyi, umunyororo (*small*, *worn on neck*) umugufu

chair intebe, icīcaro (with back) icēgamo, inyēgamo

chalk ingwa

chalkboard ikibaho

challenge ikibazo

chameleon uruvu, uruvuruvu

chance amahīrwe (to not have a) guhumirwa

change (vi) guhinduka
(vt) guhindura
(esp. colour) kubēngūka,
kubēnjūka
(mind) guhindura
(money) kuvūnja
(often) guhindagura
(opinion often) kugaragurika

changeable (to be) guhindagurika

channel (of water in heavy rain) umuvo

(for irrigation) umugende uvomera

chapter igice

character (*behaviour*) imyitwarire, umwifato, imico

characteristics ibiranga

charcoal amakara

charity ubukūnzi

charm (heathen) igihēko (heathen, worn on head) urugori (used by witch doctor) urukorōnko, inkorōnko

('medicine' smeared about kraal to keep away thieves and evil spirits) ururēmbeko

(spell, hex) amarozi (white shell worn by children) iyugi

chase (away with shouts) kwāmira (away) guhīnda, kwīrukana, gukinagiza, kwāmbutsa (away because of hatred) gutuza (away evil spirits) gusēnda (flies off cows) kuzīnga (hunt) guhīga (others out of house) guturumbura (out quickly) guhasha

chat (to) guterabiri, kuyāga, kuganira

chatter gusakuza, kuyāga

chauffeur umushoferi

cheap (to be) guhēnduka (to become) kuzīmbuka

cheat (to) kugūnga, guhumbūra

check (to ~ over a thing)
guhinyuza

(cheque) isheki (bad ~) isheki idakwije amahera (checkbook) agatabo k'amasheki

check in (to) kwāndikīsha (oneself) kwīyandikīsha

cheek umusaya, itama

cheekbone agasendabageni

cheekiness amahāne, amanyama, itūntu

cheer (to ~) kwīshima

cheer up (to ~) kwīshima

cheetah igikera

chef umukoresha, umuyobozi

chemist umushimisite

chemist's (shop) ifarmasi

cheque isheki

(~ book) agatabo k'amasheki (bad ~) isheki idakwije amahera

cherish (to ~) guha agacīro

chest (box) isandugu

chest (of body) igikiriza, igitūntu, agatūntu

chew (to) guhekenya, kunoza, gutapfuna

chick (baby) umuswi (very tiny) ubuswi

chicken inkoko

(hen) inkokokazi (rooster) isāke (wing of) icūbi

chicken pox ibihara, agasāma

chide (to) gutonganya

chief (great) umuganwa (sub) umutwāre (to go to with trouble, complaint) gushengera, gushengerera (to remove) gukōmbōra (to take someone to for trial or accusation) gushengeza

chief's assistant (esp. in law enforcement) umurōngōzi

chieftanship ubutwāre

chigoe flea imvūnja, ivūnja

child umwāna, umugisye, umukeme, umurerwa (before he begins to know anything) igitambamboga, igitwengerabarozi (disobedient) intabarirwa (first-born) imfura (healthy, about 4 months) ikibunduguru

(illegitimate) igihūmbu, ikivyārwa (learning to walk) ikidegedege, intavyi

(male) umuyibigi (of) mwene

(of mixed marriage) ikivyārwa (only) ikinege, umwāna w'ikinege (derogative) umuhimbiri (small) ikibondo (starting to know a little)

umwankavu (that doesn't grow properly) imfunya

(unwanted or orphan) intābwa (up to 8 or 10 years) umugimbi (weaned) umucūko, umukurira (youngest or favourite) umuhererezi

(~ care) ubuhinga bwo kurera abana (~ benefit) imfashanyo

childbirth ibise, ivyāra (to aid woman in) kuvyāza

childhood ubwāna, ubuto

childishly rwāna

y'umuryango

chill agashitsi
(to ~) gukōnja
(to have) guhīnda agashitsi,
guhīndaganywa

chilled (to be) gutetera, gutīmba

chimp impūndu

chimpanzee impūndu

chin urwasakusaku, urusakanwa, igwasakusaku

china (porcelain) ibumba ryera

Chinese (*person*) umushinwa, (*language*) igishinwa

chip ibāngo

(of wood) ubuvunguka, utuvunguka

(to ~ stone) gukorogoshora

chips (french fries) ifiriti

chisel (to) gukeba, kugegena

choke kuniga, kunyoha

cholera korera

choose kugena, kurobānura, gutōra, gutōranya
(esp. in action) guhitamwo
(at random from group)
kudōmbagiza
(leaders) kwātira
(one to sell a thing) gutōza

chop (trees) guhīmbura
 (with axe) gukera
 (with hoe or other instrument)
kujema
 (with sword) gukekana
 (up in pieces) gucagagura
 (off) gutandukāna

chorus (of song) icītabirizo

chosen ones (*list of*) itōrero (*people*) icībare

Christ Kristo

christian umukristo

christianity ubukristo

Christmas Noheli

chronology urukurikirane rw'ivyabaye

chubby (to be) gushisha

chunk (of wood) ikigiga, urugiga

church (building) urusengero (people) ishengero, isengero (roll) itōrero

churn guterera

cicada ijeri

cig isigareti, itābi

cigar isigara

cigarette isigareti, itābi

cinema isinema, isenema

circa (prep.) hāfi

circle imburūngu, umuzingi
(of people) urukīnja
(to) guca umuzingi
(to form ~) kuziguza
(to form ~ by holding hands)
gufatana urunana

circuit (*electric*) inzira y'umuyagankuba

circulation ugutembera

circumcise kugenyēra, gukeba

circumference inkikuro

cirrhosis (of the liver) urusina

citizen umwenegihugu

citrus fruit ivyamwa vyo mu bwoko bw'imicungwe, indimu

city umuji (Sw.) (large) igisagara (~ dweller) umunyagisagara

civet cat icūya

clamor urwāmo, imigūmūko, uruhōgo, umuvurungano, uruyogoyogo (to raise) kugūmūka

clan umuryāngo (populous) igisata

clap (to ~) gukoma amashi

clap hands (to ~) gukoma amashi

clash (together) kwāsana, kubomborana (vt) kubomboranya

class (of nouns or objects) umutigiri (to observe ~ distinctions) kuzīrōra

classroom icūmba c'ishūri

clatter (to fall with a din) guhongoroka

claw urwāra

clay ibūmba, uburongo

clean -īza
(to be) guca
(to become) guhumānuka

(to make) gusukura, guhumānura (out ear wax) gukurugutura (out path) gusibūra (sweep) gukubūra (up) kwēnzūra (up a field) gukāngaza (up a place) gukēsha (up one's plate completely) gukōmba inkono

cleaning-up ugutunganya

cleanliness isuku

cleanse kwēza, gukēmūra (~ house ceremoniously after death) kwīkōmvōmvora (oneself) kwīsukura

cleansing umwūhagiro

clear (as water) umusarara
(to be ~, transparent) kubonerana
(to be ~, understandable)
kwūmvīkana
(to ~, vt) kuzibūra
(to ~ suddenly, vi) kuzibūka
(off) kuyōra
(off, as table) gupāngūra (Sw.)
(up) kuvāngūra

cleared (place) igihamo

clearing igihamo

cleave (to) kumata

clever (to be) kugira ubwēnge

cliff agahanamo, umukuka, imānga, ikimānga, agatēmbwe (from which unmarried pregnant girls are thrown) urusumanyenzi

climate imimerere y'intara (cold ~) imimerere yo mu bihugu bikanye (hot ~) imimerere yo mu bihugu bishushe

climb (hill) kudūga (as tree) kwūrira, gusega (down) kwūruruka

cling to kugumiriza

clinic ivūriro, ibitāro

clock isaha

close (to) gufunga (Sw.), gukīnga, gukīngiriza, kurumya, kwūgara (doors of royal place) kujīsha (entrance with branches) guhāngāza (hands together) gufumbata (one's eyes) guhumiriza (path) gutangīra (to make another to ~ his eyes) kwūnamika (up completely) guhindira (to get close together) kwegerana (to put things or people ~ together) kwegeranya

close by hāfi, hāfi ya (followed by 'ya' if there is an object)
(to be) kubāngikana
(to draw ~) kwegēra, kwīyegereza

closet akabati

closing uruzitiro

clot (to) gufatana, kuvura

cloth igitāmbara
(large, tied on shoulder)
umuhagatiro
(long band of) umugēnde
(made of bark) indemano
(plaid) igitāmbara c'ikigoma
(shiny, silk, rayon) ihariri
(very large) igihūzu, uruhūzu

clothe kwāmbika (*oneself*) kwāmbara, kwīfubika, kwīyambika

clothes impūzu, umwāmbaro, icāmbarwa, inyāmbaro (very nice, colorful) uruhwijima (worn out) agashāmbara, umushāmbara (to put on, wear) kwāmbara (to put on) kwīyambika (to rinse) kurongorora (to scrub, to beat, to rub) kunyukura (to take off) kwīyambura (to tear) gukākagura (to tear in anger) gukākura, kumwāga

clothespin umunēngo

clothing umwāmbaro, impūzu, icāmbarwa (for work) icāmbazo

(of king, esp. animal skins or jewels) inyambarabāmi (worn underneath outer garments) umugega (to remove) kwāmbura (to strip one of his) gukoba

cloud igicu (small) agacu

clouded (to be, eyes) gukāmba

clown akagūgu

club (*stick*) ubuhiri (*short stick*) ingāge

coach (bus) ibisi

coach (sport) umutōza

coagulate (to) gufatana, kuvura

coals ikara

coarse (to be, as meal) guhurūra

coast inkombe, inkūka

coat ikoti

coat stand akamanikampuzu, ikimanikampuzu

coathanger akamanikampuzu, ikimanikampuzu

coax (to) guhōyahōya

cob (corn) igitiritiri

cock inzanyi, imboro (*Sw.*), ubugabo

cock isāke

cockroach inyēnzi

cocoa kakawo

cocoon akazu k'ikinyugunyugu

coerce (to) kugōbēra, guhadikiriza, kuzingirikira (someone to do something against his will) guhāta (to obey) kugandūra (to lose original ~) gutītūra

coffee (grain or tree) akawa, agahawa (as drink) ikawa (~ pot) ibirika y'ikawa coin urupiya, igiceri

cojones ivya

cold -bisi

(in chest) agaherēra (in head) agahiri, akamango, akamangu, (cough) inkorora (common cold, flu) ibicurane (weather) imbeho, ubukonje (weather, severe) igikonyozi (to be) gukōnja, gukanya, gutīmba (to be drawn up from ~) gutetera

coldness ubukonje

collaboration ugufashanya

collage uguhomesha uburembo

collapse (*vi*) guhenuka, guhomvoka, gusambūka, gusēnyuka, gusiduka, gusituka (*vt*) gusitura

collar ikoro y'impuzu

collect gutororokanya (fees) kubuguza (taxes) gutōreza, gutōza (wood) gusenya inkwi

collection ugutororokanya ibintu

collector (of taxes) umutoza, umutozakori

college ishūre nkuru

collegue umukozi mugenzi, umukozi dukorana

collide gusekana

colonialist umukoloni, umukoroni

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colonization intwaro y'abanyamahanga

colonizer umukoloni, umukoroni

colony igihugu c'umuheto

color irāngi
(black) umukata, umufyiri,
agafyīri,
(very) umuvyiro
(black mud) urushānga
(blue) ubururu
(brown) ibihogo

(brown, light) akagājo, umuyēnzi (brownish black cow) ikirāyi (gray) -vivi, agahīza, akavūzo, uruvūzo (green) akātsi gatoto (orange) umutugutu (red, like mud) agahama (tan hair, of goats) umufumbere (very white) derere (yellow) umuhōndo, umutugutu (yellow, dark) ibihogo (yellow, light, reddish) umugina (to be black) kwīrabura (to be white) kwēra (to become yellow or reddish, in ripening) kubēnja (to colour) kuraba (to ~ in) gusiga amabara (to change ~, fade) kubēnjūka, kubēngūka

colorant gitanga, guhindura ibara

colored (to be) kurabika

coloring gitanga, gihindura ibara

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(to ~ in) gusiga amabara

(to change ~, fade) kubēnjūka,

kubēngūka

colt (animal) icāna

comb igisokozo

(old traditional comb) urusokozo (of chicken) umubiko, urugaragara (to comb) gusokoza

combustible cokwaka, gishobora kwaka, icaka

combustion ukwaka, ugusha

come kūza

kunyika

(all together suddenly) kurandamuka

(apart) gushānyūka, kudohōka (to come at) (time) kuzīra (to do something) guherūka (to an end) guhenebēra, guhera,

(be coming to an end) guherengetera

(down) kumanuka, kumanuza, kwūruruka

(from) kwāduka, kwānduruka, gukomoka, guturuka, kuva, kuvuduka

(to greet often when one is in disfavour in hopes of gaining favour) kuneganega

(~ here) ingo, ngo, ngwino (into sight) kurënguka (to light) guhinyuka, kwāndagara (one by one) gutororokanya, gutēraterana

(out, teeth, hoe handle, etc.) guhongoka

(out, stake) gushingūka
(out of water) kwōgorora
(suddenly) guturūmbuka
(to, after fainting) guhembūka
(to pieces) gusambūka
(to the throne) kwīma ku ngoma
(together, crowd) gukungēra
(unexpectedly) kwubīra
(unsewn) gusonoroka (Sw.)
(untied) kubohōka, gupfunduka
(up of itself) kwimeza
(up out of water) kwiburuka
(up thickly, thus not do well)
gusorora

(upon suddenly) kwūbuka (when called) kurabuka (with) kuzanana

come back (to where speaker is) kugaruka

(other than where speaker is) gusubira

(vt) kugarukana, gusubiza (from far away) guhabūka (from hunting) guhīgūka (from running away) guhīngūra (from war) gutabāruka (home, of wife when angry at husband) kugēnda buje (to) gushikiriza (to cause to) kugarura, gukubiranya, gusubiza (to fail to) kugīrīra (to have to ~ home because of bad news) gukuba (to one's country after famine is over) gusuhūkuruka (with) kugarukana (person who goes never to return) akagīrīre

comfort ihūmure, ukumererwa nēza, ukwikwiza (to comfort) guhoza, guhubūra, guhūmuriza, kwīrura

(an investment ~) umwimbu

comfortable (to be) kunōnōka (make yourself ~!) murisānze

coming (I am ~) ndaje

comma gakwābu

command ibwīrizwa, itegeko, itegekoicāgezwe, amatēka (one who gives commands) umugezi (to ~) kubwīriza, kugera, gutegeka (a person to do what he doesn't

commander umutwāre, umutegetsi

commandment icāgezwe, ibwīrizwa

want to) kuzingirikira

commence (by ~) kubānza, kubanziriza, guhēra (to ~) gutangura, kwānzika, gushūriza, gushūza (to cause to ~) gutangīza (~ from) guhēra (~ a task) kwāhuka (~ to get wrinkled from age) gukāmba (~ to head up, as grain) guhaga

comment (of master, teacher) ugushīma kw'umwigisha commit (adultery) gusāmbana (a crime) gucumura (be unwilling to ~ oneself) kwīyumānganya (oneself) kuragana (suicide) kwīgaragura, kwīyahura, kwīyica

common (to be) gusangwa (to have things in) kubūngirana

compact (to) kwibānda

companion umugendanyi, umugēnzi

company (business) ikompanyi, isosiyete (friends, visitors) abashitsi

comparably kimwe

compare kugereranya, gushushānya (oneself with another) kwīgereranya

comparison ikigereranyo

compass akagenekerezo ndangaburaruko

compassion akagongwe

compatible (*to be*) kuba ikirende (*person of very nice disposition*) ikirende

compel (to) kugōbēra, guhāmbīra, guhāta (someone against his will)

compensate gushūmbūsha

guhānjagira

compensation inshūmbūshanyo

compete (to) gusangira

competition ihiganwa

complain kugambarara, guhigimānga, kwīdodōmba, kwītōnganiriza, kuniha, gutāta (continually) kuganyira (in heart at not having gotten what one wanted) kudundumirwa

complainer umutāsi

complainingly (to work) kugimīra

complaint umwīdodōmbo, ikirēgo (to go to chief with) gushengera, gushengerera

complement (gram) karangura

complete (to) gusōzēra, guheza (see 'to finish') (~ a thing) gutobora (to be ~) guhebūza, kwūzura

completely rwose

compliment ishīmwe

composed ubutēkānyi (to ~) guhorereza, guhoza, guhwāmika (to be) kwītōnda (to become) guhora, guhūmura

compote (*fruit* ~) ivyāmwa bitekanye isukari

compound igipangu

comprehend gutahura (involves act of seeing) kurabukwa (after thinking over) gutegereza

comprehensible (to be) gusobanuka

compress (to) kwibānda

compromise (to come to a ~) kwūmvīkana

computer inyabwonko

conceal guhisha, kunyegeza, kuzimanganya

conceive gusama inda

concentrate (to) gutūmbēra

concentrate (to) kwibānda

concern ingorane, ikibazo (no problem) ntakibazo

concerned about (to be) kwītwaririka

concerning (~ me) jēho (~ him, her) weho (~ us) tweho (~ you, pl.) mwēho

concise (to be) gupfunya ijambo

conclude (to) guheza

concrete ibeto, igito (reinforced) igito kirimwo ivyuma

concur kwemera
(to cause to) kwemeza
(one's wrong to avoid being
caught) kwīyagiriza

condemn guhinyuza, gutsīndanīsha

condemnation urubānza

condemned (to be) gucirwakw itēka (person) umuyobe

condensation umuhisha

condense (to) kwibānda

condition (state, shape) ukumererwa, ubumere (good discursive ~) ijāmbo (good physical ~) ijūnja

condom agakingirizo

conduct (oneself) kwīfata

conductor konvuwayeri

confer (to) gutanga

conference ināma

confess kwātura, kwīhana, kwīrega, kwemerana (one is wrong to avoid being caught) kwīyagiriza

confidence icīzigiro (fearlessness because one knows he is right) ubushizi bw'amanga (to have ~ in) kwīzigira

confident (to be) kurema, gushiruka amazinda (over) kwīrārīra

confinement (time woman spends in house between birth of child and time she goes out) ubwība

confirm (to) gukomeza (by asking many) gushīshōza

conflict ugupfa ubutegetsi (to be in ~) gutāta (armed conflict) intambara

confluence ihwaniro ry'inzuzi

confront (to) guhangāra

confused (*to be*) guhūndukwa, kumāramāra

confusion umuvurungano

congeal (to) gufatana, kuvura

congenial (to be) kuba ikirende (person of very nice disposition) ikirende

congenital ico umuntu yavukanye (deformity) ikigaga (malformed person) ikirema

Congolese (*person*) umunyekongo, umukongomani

congratulate (to) gushīma

conjecture kwībwīra

conjugate guhadikiriza

conjunction (gram) sahwānya

conjunctivitis ubwoko bw'indwara y'amaso yandukira (*certain kind*) uburire

conjuration amarozi

connect guhūza (to ~ with one another) gufatanya

connection uguhūza

conquer kunēsha, gufata ikibanza (enable to) kuneshereza

conquest ugufata (~ of a country) ukwigarurira igihugu

consciousness ubwēnge (to regain ~) kurabūka

consecrate guhēzagira

consequence inkurikizi, ingaruka (to do as a) guhava

consequently maze, nuko

consider (to) kwīyumvīra (to think over whether a thing is right) kurimbūra, kwīrimbūra

consideration icīyumvīro

consistency ubukomezi

console (to) guhoza

consort umugabo, umugēnzi umucance (*lit. one who broke the hymen*) (*to lose one's* ~ *by death*) gupfākara

constipation igisigo, ukugumbiza, ukugumirwa

constract (to) kwūbaka

constrain kugōbēra

construction (~ material) ihūmbi

consultant umuhanuzi, konseye, umukonseye

consume (completely) gukōmvōmvora (fire) gutōngōra (to ~) guherengeteza (uselessly) kwāya

consumed (to be) gutōngōka (e.g. candle) gushiringitira

consumer ikirya ikindi

contagion ukwandukira, iyandukira

contagious candukiza
(to be) kwāndukira
(to catch ~ disease) kwāndura,
kwāndukirwa
(to transmit a disease) kwāndukiza
(~ disease, term of scorn)
ubwārāra

contain –rimwo (verb without infinitive)

container (*small covered*) ikazānga (*small tin*) igikōmbe (*square tin*) idebe (*Sw.*)

contaminated (to have dirt in, milk, water) gutobeka

contamination ukwāndukiza

contemplate guhānga, kwīhweza, kwītegereza

contempt umugayo, akagayo, agasūzuguro (one who scorns others) umucōkōranyi (spit spurted from between teeth as indication of) inyeri

(to ~) guhinyura, kunēma, kugaya, gukēngēra (to show ~ by spitting out) gucīra inyeri

contend for kumaranira

contest guhiga, kurutanya

continent ishinga

continually (to do) kwāma, guhora

continue kugumiriza, guhora, gukomeza, kubāndānya (vt) (to ~ to go) kubāndānya (one's journey) kurāmvura

contract (agreement) isezerano (work contract) amasezerano y'akazi

contract (to ~ a contagious disease) kwāndura, kwāndukirwa

contradict (to) kuvuguruza

contrary (to be) kudadika (on the) erega

contravene (to) kuzirukanya

control (to ~) gutwāra (to ~ onself) kwīfata (to lose ~ over) kubura

convalesce kwāndāra

convalescence ugukiruka, ukurwaruka

conversation imbūrano, umubūrano, ikigānīro, ibiyāgo (to end) kwīkebanura

converse kugānīra, kuyāga

converted (to be) kwigarura, kwīhana, gukizwa

convicted (to be, acknowledge to oneself one's guilt) kwīrimbūra

convince kwemeza, gutururuza, guhinyuza (to be convinced, after proof or persuasion) gushirwa

convoke guhūza

convulsion ukudadarara kw'imitsi

coo (dove) kuguguza

cook (the cook) umutetsi

cook (vt) guhīsha (vi) gusha (in water) gutēka (quickly) gusobaganya

cooked (to be) kurabukirwa (to be thoroughly) gufyonyoka

cooker amashiga y'ikizungu (traditional cooking place) iziko

cool -bisi(to) guhora(to be, weather) gupfuka(to cause to) guhoza

coon cat icūya

cooperate (in getting job done quickly) gusahiriza

cooperation umubano, ugufashanya

cooperative ikoperative

coordinate (to ~) guhūza

coordination uguhūza

cope (to ~ with) kurwānya

copper umujūmbu, umujūmpu, umuringa (*fine wire*) ikidodi

copulate (to ~, of female animals only) kwīma

copy kwīmura, kwīgāna

cord umugozi (of tongue) inkīngi

cork (*stopper*) igipfūndikizo, umupfūndikizo, umufundikizo

corkscrew urupfunguruzo rw'amacupa y'imivinyu

corn ikigōri
(cob) igitiritiri
(early kind) isega
(kind with big kernel) ikijigo
(ground corn that has first been
roasted) igikweme
(silk) ubusage
(tender new) igishōro
(yellow kind) amashigisha

(to shell) guhungura, kuvūngurīsha (wheat) ingano

corner imfuruka

corpse ikigaga, ikigagara, umuvyīmba, ikiziga (fresh) umupfu

correct (to) guca itēka (to be ~) ikwiye, nzīza (to ~ mistake) gukosōra, gukoshōra (Sw.) (to ~ oneself) kwīhana

corroborate (to verify what one has heard by asking many) gushīshōza

corruption igiturire

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cost (to ~, be sold for, bought for) kugurwa

cotton ipāmpa

cotton wool ipāmpa

couch idiva (~ grass) urwiri

cough inkorora (hard ~) agahehēra (to ~) gukorora (to make) gukora

council ināma, urukīnja (in center of) ikōmbe

councilor (of chief's council) umunyekōmbe

counsel ināma, ingīngo (one who gives) umuhanūzi (to reject) gusaragurika (to take) guhūza ināma

count (to) guharūra (count the cost) kurimbūra (to err in counting) kuyoba

counteract (effects of evil 'medicine') kurēmburura (to poison, to ask for 'medicine' to ~) kurogōza (overcome or remove an enchantment) kurogōra

countless things umurēngera

country igihugu, intāra
(foreign) ihānga
(to leave one's ~ because of
famine) gusuhūka
(to return after famine)
gusuhūkuruka

couple (to ~) guhūza (to be a ~) kumana

courage ubuhizi

courageous person umuhizi, intwāri

courgette intirobwa, ikurujeti

course icigwa

court urukiko (royal) ibwāmi

court house (judgement hall) iboma

courtyard ikibuga, intangāro

cousin (paternal) mwēne dāta wācu, mwēne wācu (maternal) umuvyara, bavyāra bācu

cover (to ~) gupfuka, gufuka (to ~ oneself) kwīpfuka (to ~ dish, etc.) gupfūndikira (to ~ a basket) kurumya (mouth of another with hand to keep him from making a sound) gupfūnda (well) gutwikīra (to take ~ from rain) kwūgama

cover igipfūndikizo, umupfūndikizo, umufundikizo, umufunyiko, igifunyiko (duvet cover) igisaswa (of basket) umutemere (of kettle) umupfuniko

covered (to be ~ with water) kurengerwa

covering (over eyes, body, etc.)
icītwikīro
 (head ~ worn over face)
igitwikirizo

covet (to envy) kugomwa, kwīfūza, kwīpfūza

coveting icīfuzo

covetousness icīfuzo, ukwīpfūza

cow inka

(brownish black) ikirāyi
(gray) uruhīza
(white) igihororo
(~ without horns) imvure
(blood of, to drink) ikiremve
(~ path) umuhōra
(to be at rest) kuvyāgira
(to be many) gusagara
(to be many together) gusasa
amahembe
(to ask ~ from one to whom ~ was

given) kwōkōza
(to chase flies off) kuzīnga
(to entrust ~s to another and they
increase while there) gutongoza
(to get medicine to make ~ like her
calf) kwōrokereza
(to lead) kuyobora, gushorera

(to lead to pasture) guturutsa (to put skin of dead calf before ~ to make her to give milk) kwōrokēra (to return ~ or calf to one from whom one received a ~) kwōkōra (to take up hill) kurārūra

coward umunyabwōba, umutinyi (to be) kudugudwa

(to tie legs while milking) kujīsha

cowardice ubwoba

crab inkara

crack (to ~, vi) kwātīra (also vt), kwāturuka, kurara, gusāba, gusaduka

crack umuga, umugāga
 (med) umusaru
 (in earth) ikigāga
 (in foot) ikivutu

crackle (to ~, vi) kwātīra (also vt), kwāturuka, kurara, gusāba, gusaduka

cradle (*a skin*) impetso, ingovyi, insimbizo, ingerano

craft umwūga

craft industry uguhingura utugenegene, ubuhinguzi, iyigiro ry'imyuga

craftsman umunyamwuga

cramp ukudadara kw'umutsi

crane (golden-crested) umusāmbi

crash (of something falling) isēnyerana

crate (box) isandugu

crave (to ~) gushākana

craving ubushākanyi

crawl kwavūra, gukāmbakāmba, kunyogōmba (along ground, vines) gusagaba

craziness ibisazi

crazy (person) umusazi
 (to be) gusara
 (to talk or act like a ~ person)
gusaragurika

creak gukaka

cream urubu, urukoko (*line left by ~ on container*) umūza

crease (as in cloth) umupfunyu

crease resistant kidapfunyirana

crease-resistant kidapfunyirana

create kurema

created (thing) indemano, ikiremwa

creation ikiremwa, indemano

creator Umuremyi, Rurema

creature ikiremwa

credit ingurane

creep (along) kunyegētera (on hands and knees) kwavūra, gukāmbakāmba, kunyogōmba (as vine) kurānda, gusagaba

crest (of bird) urugaragara, isūnzu

crew abakozi

crime igicumuro (to commit) gucumura

criminal (*person*) umugarariji (~ *bonds*) imvuto

cripple ikimuga (person born crippled) ikirema

crippled (*to be*) guhinyiza, kumugara

criticism agasūzuguro

criticize kunēbagura, kunegura, gusūzugura, gusūzuguza

croc ingona

crocodile ingona

crooked (to be) kugorama (malunion of bone) kuremara (to make) kugoreka

crop ivyīmburwa (of chicken) agatōrero

croquette ikoroketi

cross (to ~ on path) kubisīkanya, kunyurana (to be) kwīdōga, gushavura, gusugurirwa (to make ~) gushavuza (to ~ river or valley) kujabuka (to ~ river or bridge) kwōgorora (to ~ road) kwambuka

cross umusaraba (Sw.)

crossness umwīkomo, ishavu

crossroads amayirabiri

crouch kwīyegeranya

crow (bird) igikona

crow (to ~ as rooster) kubika (to ~ second time in morning) kugereka

crowd urugāmba, ishengero
(esp. people running) igugu
(mixed ~ of people) amakūngu
(one who keeps ~ back)
umukumirizi
(to ~) kubānda, kubāndana
(to go together to see something)
gushwabāduka
(out: to not grow because of too
many seeds) kuzīnga
(together) kurūndāna, kwegerana,
kuvurungana
(together, people sitting)
gusegenya, gusegenyeza

crown urugori

(worn by dancers) umugāra (woven or plaited) igitsibo

crucify kubāmba

cruel (to be) gukara

crumb akavunguka

crumble (to) kuvūnguka

crumbs udukorokera, ubuvunguka, utuvunguka

(to become ~) kuvūngagurika (to ~ easily) kuvūnguka

crush gufyonyora, gufyonyoka, kuvūngura
(easily) kuvūnguka
(grain, before grinding)
kuvūngagura, kuvūngurīsha
(with hands) kuvūnga
(down) gutsindagira

crutch ikibāndo

cry (to ~, weep) kurira, kwāna, kwānira

(to give ~ of alarm) gukoma induru (to give startled ~) gutura ubuku (to sob silently) gupfunagira (out) kuyogora (out for help) kuborōga (to ~, young about to die) kwānāna

cry akaborōgo (of joy) impūndu (sudden startled) ubuku

cucumber umuhiti

cuddle (to) gukuyakuya

cultivate kurima

(soil, soften up) kwōrohereza

cultivated (field) itongo

cultivator umurimyi

culture akaranga (*biol.*) ubuhinga bwo kwiga imikorobi

cum (to) gusohora

cunning akenge

cup urwāto, igikōmbe

cupboard akabāti, ububīko

curdle (milk) kuvura

cure (medical) umuti

curiosity amatsiko

curl (vi) kwīzingīra, kwīyegeranya

currency (from German Heller) amahera

 $(from\ French\ Franc)$ ifarānga, amafaranga

(to change ~) kuvūnja (to lend ~) kugurana, gukopesha amahera

current (of stream) umukuba

currently none, ubu, ubuho (*right now*) ubu nyene, non'aha (*now then*) none

curse umuvumo

(to ~) kuvuma (to ~ each other) kuvumana

cursed (thing) ikivume

curtain irido

(net ~) ugushira iharire mu mpuzu ibonerana

curve (as in river) ikigonzi (to ~) kugoreka, guheta, kugonda (to ~ finger, as in scraping dish) gukomba (to make ~) kurasa

cushion umusego

custom umugēnzo, ingeso (ancient) akārānda (to persist in old) kuzīrōra

customer umuguzi, umukiriya

cut (to ~) guca, gutānya, gukata (Sw.)

(to be ~) gucībwa (banana leaves) kugombōra (banana stalk) gutūmbūra, guhānyura

guhānyura
(chop with hoe or other
instrument) kujema
(crosswise) kugegena
(down trees left after fire has
passed over) gutōngōra
(easily) gutemuka
(easily, grass) kwāhirika
(eyes out) kunogora

(grass for use) kwāhira (grass or brush in order to see path or object) guhūnja (hair) kumwa (in big chunks) guketagura (in even lengths) gucacūra (in many pieces) guhimbagura (in pieces) gukebagura (lengthwise) kwōmānza, gusatura (meat, finger, etc.) gukeba (neck of animal) gukerera (off) gukona (off branches) gukōkōra (off tail of animal) gukēmūra (off top of tree) gukēmūra (tree) gukera, gutema, guca (trees for building) guhimbura (up) gukekagura (up into small pieces) gukeka (up small as reeds, boards) gutemagura (trees or sticks) kugegena (with one blow) gutemura (with sawing motion) gukerera

cut (wound) uruguma

(wool of sheep) gukēmūra

cutting (for planting) ikiguti, igikoti, akagegene k'igiti (of manioc) ikigoti, ikigotigoti, ikiguti (of sweet potatoes) umubuto, umujishi, umuvyaro

(wood in short bits) kunyuramwo

cycle ukwēzi

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dad (my, our) dāta, dāwe, papa, da (your) so (his, her, their) se (~-in-law) sebukwe (~ of twins) sebabiri

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daily buri munsi, burimunsi

daisy (yellow) ishike

(grass) gutema, gukera, gukerera

dam (to dam a stream) kugomera, gutangīra

damage ubwōnōnyi (to ~) kwōnōna, guhara

damp (place ~, but not swamp)
ikinyōta
 (to be) gukanya, gutīmba

dampen (hair before cutting) kuvubika

dance (to ~) gutāmba, guhamiriza (parade dancing as traditional warriors) kwīyereka (~ to music) kuvyina (to cause to ~) kuvyinisha (to ~ in honor of) kuvyinira, gutambira (to ~ together) gutambana (in honor of Kiranga) kubāndwa

dance intambo

(of men) umuhamirizo, ibirorēro, agasimbo, umuyebe
(of women) ihunja, imisambi
(of women, celebrating a child's birth) umutsibo
(of women celebrating the birth of twins) igisuru
(non-traditional, of youth)
ubusambiri

dancer intore

dancing (with singing) uruvyino

danger akāga, irīnde (to go into without regard to oneself) kwīroha (to warn of) kubūrira (to watch out for) guhwebutsa

dare kurīndūka, gutīnyūka, kwūbahuka

dark (darkness) umwījima, umwīza (after dark) bwateranye (to be) kwīrabura, gucūra umwiza (to become) kwīra (to become in daytime, fog, etc.) kwūbikiza (to come from ~ into light) kwāndagara

darkness umwījima, umwīza (great) umuzimagiza, umuzitanya (in daytime) ubwīrakabiri

darling (person) mukūndwa

darling umukūnzi

dash (punctuation) umukwēgo, agakwego

date (of month) itariki

date (to ~) gukūndana

dating (to ~) gukūndana

daughter umukōbwa

(of my, your, his sister if one is girlof my, your, his brother if one is boy) umukōbwācu, umukōbwānyu, umukōbwābo

daughter-in-law umukazāna

dawdle kuzāngazānga

dawn amacāca, umutwēnzi, umuseke, ubuca (night is almost over, about to dawn) ijoro rishira ubuca (when ~ broke) umutwēnzi ukitse (to ~) guca, gutambika (to become light, very early just as darkness ends) gutamānzuka, gutamānzura

day umusi, umunsi (~ before yesterday, ~ after tomorrow) hirya y'ejo (it is ~) harakeye (on a certain ~) umusi ur'izina, umunsi ur'izina (the next ~) bukeye (today) uyumusi, uyumunsi (time of day): (9 to 10 a.m.) kumusase (noon) umutāga, ku mamima ngohe (middle of day) amashōka (about 3 p.m.) amasubirayo y'inyana (after dark) bwateranye (to be ~) guca (to spend all ~) kwīrirwa

daydream indōto, inzozi (to ~) kurōta (to tell or explain ~) kurōtōra

(to start the ~) kuramuka

daytime umurāngo, umutāga

dazzling (to be) gukayangana

dazzling brightness (sun, moon) umutāri (to be) gukayāngana

dead (to raise from) kuzūra (to arise from) kuzūka

deadline ikibariro

deaf (~ person) igipfāmatwi (~ and dumb person) ikiragi

deafness ibihurugūtwi

deal (kindly with) kwēngēnga

dear (person) mukūndwa

death urupfu, impfiro (point of) impfiro (to announce ~ of someone) kubika (to be near ~) gutāmbūra (to bleed to ~) gutetera

debit umwēnda

debris ibikūmbi

debt umwēnda, ideni (payment of) inyīshu (to be in ~, but refuse to pay) guherana, kurīrīra (to pay a ~) kwīshura

decayed (place of ~ things) iborēro

deceit ubuhūmvyi, amaremano

deceitful (person) umunyagahwāyi

deceitfulness ubugūnge, ibihēndo, uruhēndo

deceive kudendekeranya, kugūnga, guhēnda, guhūmba, guhumbūra, gukēkeza, kurema, kurementaniriza, guhemukira, gusuka (another to make him give money) kurimānganya (be skillful at ~) guhēndana (habitually) gusukasuka (in light joking way) guhēndahēnda (making others think you've done a miracle when it's only a deception) uburyi

deceived (to be easily) gutēteka

deceiver umuhumbūzi, umuhūmvyi, umusukanyi (one who goes about lying) indimanya (to be a skillful) guhēndana

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decide (to) gushīnga ingingo

decision (final) ingīngo (to accept a decision in spite of oneself) kujanirana, kujaniranwa

declare guhamya (one's case at a trial) gusāmba (strongly) kwihanukira

decorate gushariza, gushaza, gushazīsha

decorticate (to ~) gutonora

decrease (*vi*) gukama, kugabanuka, kugeruka

decree itēka

dedicate kwātira, guhezagiza, (to ~ oneself) kwītanga (to lay hands on) kurambikakw ibigānza

dedication ukwātira

deed igikorwa

deep -rēre

deer impongo

defeat umushombo (to ~) kunēsha, gutsīnda

defecate kunya

defect (speech defect, esp. s, sh, c) ubureve, kuvuga ubureve

defend guhāngāza, gutēturura, kuvuna (another) gukīmbūka (oneself, take case to chief) kubūranya, kwīkirānura (to have 2 methods of defending oeself but use one you hadn't planned on) gutēgekanya

defender umutabāzi, umuvunyi

defense (to make one's ~ at a trial) gusāmba

deficit uruhōmbo, igihōmbo, ubuhōmbe

defile (to ~) guhumānya (to ~ oneself) kwīhumanya

defiled (to be) guhumāna

definition insobanuro, insiguro

deformity (from birth) ikigaga

defraud (to) kuzīmba

defy (one another) kugerana

degrade (to) gusērūka

delay (to) guteba (to answer) kurēngagiza

delicate (to be) kwōroha

delicious (in sense of undiluted) novu (to be) kuryōha (to make) kuryōsha

deliciousness uburyōhe

delirious (to be) kudedēmba

deliver (sense of save) gukiza (child) kuvyāra (to be about to, cow only) kwerēra, kudigiriza (help to) kuvyāza (to take something out to an appointed place) gusokorora

delivered (to be) gukizwa

deliverer umurokozi

delivery (birth) ivyāra

delta isēsero

delude (to) kugūnga, guhumbūra

demand (*explanation*) gusigūza (*from*) kwāka (*more*) kwongeza

demolish guhomvora, guhonnya, guhonyora, gukōmbōra, kwōnōna, gusambūra, gutikiza, kuyigiza, kumara

(completely) gukomvōmvora, gusangangura, gusiribānga (by fire) kuyigiza (garden, of goats etc.) kwōna (the work of another) gusīvya

demon ishetani, idayimoni

demonstration inviverekano

demote (to push a person down) gutururuza

den (of wild animals) ubuhūku, ubuvumo

denigration ugutyoza abandi

denounce kunegura

dense -novu

deny guhakana, kwīma (*emphatically*) guhebūza, kwīhakana

depart kwīgīra, kugēnda (quickly) gushibuka (from respected person) kugaranzura

depend (to ~ on) gukūkira (to ~ on help of) kumanuza

deposit (to) gutereka

depression akabonge

deprive gutēsha

depth amajēpfo, uburēbure (of heart) ubwīgobeko (of water) i bwīna

dermatology ubuvuzi bw'indwara zo ku rukoba

descend kumanuka
(as tree) kwūruruka
(to cause to) mumanura

descendant umwuzukuruza (far-off) umwuzukuruza-kuruza (descendants) uruvyāro

descent umumanuko, akamanuko

describe kudondōra (ask another to) kudondōza

desert ubugaragwa, akarēre

design igicapu, igicapo, igishushānyo, ishusho, igishusho (to ~) gushushānya (to take, draw) gucapura

designer umuderi

desire ishāka (for certain food) ināmbu

(strong) igishika, icīfuzo (to ~) kugōmba, gushāka, kwīfūza (to ~ for) kwīfūriza

desk ibiro, imeza

despair (to) kwīheba

despicable $(to\ be)$ gukengerēka, gutītūka

(to do a ~ thing) kugōka

despise (to) gucōkōra, kugaya, gukēngēra, gusuzugura, gutītūra, kuzira, kwānka

despised (thing, person) inkēngērwa (to be) kugayika, gukengerēka, gutītūka

despite nubwo

dessert imfungurwa zisosa baherezako

destiny ikibariro

destroy guhomvora, guhonnya, guhonyora, gukōmbōra, kwōnōna, gusambūra, gutikiza, kuyigiza, kumara

(completely) gukomvōmvora, gusangangura, gusiribānga (by fire) kuyigiza (garden, of goats etc.) kwōna (the work of another) gusīvya

destroyed (to be) gusiribāngwa, gutikira (completely while you are watching) kunyika

destroyer umuranduzi, umwononyi

destruction amahonero, ubwōnōnyi (place of) ubushiriro

detach (to) gutānya

detergent isabuni y'ifu, ubwoko bw'ifu

deteriorate gufūtāna, gusērūka, kwōnōnekara, gushānyūka, gupfāpfāna, kubora (to cause to) gusērūra

determine gucīra, kugabira, gushāmira, kugena

determined (to be) gushira amanga (to get what you want) kwītāra

detest (to) gucōkōra, kugaya, gukēngēra, gusuzugura, gutītūra, kuzira, kwānka

detonate (to) guturika, gusāba

develop gukaka

development amajambere

devil ishetani, satani

devote (oneself to task) kwītako (oneself to task in order to finish it) kwirāmyura

devoted (to Kiranga) kubāndwa

devour gutabagura

dew urume, ikime

diabetes indwāra y'igisukari

diagnosis ugusuzuma indwara

dialog ikigānīro

dialogue ikigānīro

diameter intīmbatīmba

diamond idiyama

diarrhea ugucibwamwo, uguhitwa, ugucisha epfo, ako mu nda (to give) guhita (to have) gucībwamwo, guhitwa, kudodomwa, kwīruka, gushuruza (to stop) gufutīsha (to recover from) gufuta

dice akamāri

dick inzanyi, imboro (Sw.), ubugabo

dictator umutegetsi

dictionary invizamvugo

die (to) gupfa, gucīkāna, guhwēra, kuranduka (of king) gutānga (esp. of one who has been ill for a long time) kudēndūka (to be about to) kugoyagoya (suddenly) kweguka, kugaduka

(suddenly and unexpectedly)

gukenyuka

(used of person scorned by others) kwijajara

diesel igitoro c'amazutu

diet ingaburo

difference (distinction) itandukāniro

different (to be) gutandukāna (anything that is ~ from others in group) indobeke

difficult (person) umuhāmbāzi (this is ~!) biragōye (to be) kugōra, gukomera (to be absolutely too ~ for) kunanirana (to be ~ to say or know) kuzīnda (to be too ~ for) kunanira

difficulty urudubi (difficulties) amagōrwa (to be in ~) guhumirwa (to extricate one from ~)

kugobōtora

dig kwīmba, kurima
(and break through to hollow
place) guhubura
(as chicken does) gukoba
(out grass rapidly) gusūriranya
(under crop, grass) kuzika
(up) gusibanganya
(up the earth) gutaba
(up sweet potatoes with fingers, or,
to make hole for setting out tree)
gukoba
(to be impossible to dig even
though water is on top) gutūta

digestive system ibihimba vy'ihokwa (-ka), inzira y'ibiribwa, ibihimba vy'umubiri vyo guhokwa

dignity icūbahiro

dike $(to \sim up)$ kugomera

dilemma urudubi

diligent (to be) gushiruka ubute

dilute gufungura

diluted (esp. milk or beer) -angu

diminish (*vt*) kugabanya, kugerura, kugereranya, gutūvya

(vi) kubangūra, kugabanuka, kugeruka, gutūba, kuyōka

din (to fall with) guhongoroka

dine (eat) gufungura

dining room irīro

dinner amazimāno, inzimāno

dip (in salt) kudūmba (in sauce) gukoza (water) kudaha

direct (to be) kubanguka (to ~ towards) kwerekeza (to make straight for) gutūmbereza (to show the way, put on right path) guhubūra, kuzimurura

directly (to be in front) guhangana

director umuyobozi (cooperatives director) umuyobozi w'ikoperative, w'ishirahamwe (principal) umuyobozi w'ishule

dirt umwānda, ico, ubucafu
(esp. on body) ubuhoma, imvyiro
(in water) ikirohe
(in water, milk) igitotsi
(to have dirt in water, milk)
gutobeka
(to rubb off) guhungura

dirtiness umwānda, ico, ubucafu (esp. on body) ubuhoma, imvyiro (in water) ikirohe (in water, milk) igitotsi (to have dirt in water, milk) gutobeka (to rubb off) guhungura

dirty -bi

(to be) guhumāna, gucafura (to be very) gushisha (to become, get) kwāndura (~ oil) amavuta mabi ava mu mashini

disability ubumuga

disagree (to) guhāzāna, kuvuguruza, guhīngāna, gutāta (one who always disagrees in a council meeting) ikirandamuke

disagreement (to be in) gupfa

disappear gukamangana, kuyōnga, kuyōngayōnga, kuzimangana, kurēnga

(suddenly as you watch) kunyika

disappoint guhemuka, guhemukira

disapprove (to look at another with disapproval) kurāba igitsūre (showing disapproval on one's face) ibitsongotsingo, or, ibisingosingo

disaster ikiza

discard (to) guta

discarded (things) umwāvu

discern (to) kumenya

discipline indero (to ~ oneself) kwīhana

disclose guhishura, guserura, kunyegurura

disconcerted (to be) gutētērwa

disconnect (to) gutandukāna

discontentment umururazi, inzika

discontentment umwīkomo, ishavu

discourage guhebūza

discouraged (to be) kwīhebūra, kudundumirwa (to be absolutely, in difficulty) kuzigirizwa (to be completely) kwīheba (to be tired and ~) gucobogora

discourse (to give a) kugamba

discover kwūbuka (~ *the truth*) guhinyura

discuss (to) guhārīra, gukiranira, gutāta, kuvuga

discussion imbūrano, umubūrano, igihāri, impaka, impāri (to lead ~) kuremesha ikiganiro

disdain (to) guhinyura, gukēngēra

disease indwāra
(AIDS) sida
(billharcia) birariziyoze
(boil, abscess) igihute

(burn) ubushe (bronchitis) indwara yo mu mahaha (chicken pox) ibihara, agasāma (diarrhea) ugucibwamwo, uguhitwa, ugucisha epfo (elephantiasis) imisozi (epilepsy) intandara (eyes: certain kind of conjunctivitis) uburire (fever) inyonko (goiter) umwīngo (gonorrhea) igisokoro (leprosy) imibēmbe (malaria) marariya, inyonko (meningitis) umugiga (mole) isunūnu (mumps) amasambambwika (pleurisy) umusonga (pneumonia) umusōnga (recurrent fever) kimputo (Sw.) (rheum, disease of eyes) ururire (rheumatism) amakonyera, imisozi, imikuku (smallpox) akarānda (sore, little) akarōnda (syphilis) agashāngāra (tick fever) kimputo (Sw.) (typhus) tifusi (tuberculosis) igitūntu, agatūntu (ulcer) igikomere (ulcer, bad) igisebe (ulcer, pain from tropical) igitema (wart) isunūnu, intongāngira (whooping cough) akānira, inkorora y'akanira (yaws) ibinyoro (cause of ~ something supposed to be in person making him sick) ibitēga (person sick with wasting ~) umunywera

(to be a contagious ~) kwāndukira (to catch contagious ~) kwāndura, kwāndukirwa

(to transmit) kwāndukiza (to have an incurable ~) kugīrīra (to improve, begin to feel better) gutenzukirwa

diseased (body) akarohe

disembark (to ~, as airplane) kugwa

disentangle (to) gusobanura

disgrace (to ~) guhinyuza

disgrace agashinyaguro, icēyi *(to bring)* kugōka

disgruntlement umururazi, inzika

disguise gutwikīra (oneself) kwīyoberanya

disgusted (to be, because of frequency) kudunduhirwa

dish isahāne, isahāni (meal) ivyokurya (pyrex) ikirahuri gikomeye bakoramwo ibikoresho vyo mu gikōni (to ~ up food) kwārura

dishcloth agahanaguzo k'imeza

(to do the ~es) kwoza ivyombo

dishonest (to be) kugūnga, guheranira (person) igihūmbu

dishonesty ubugūnge

dishonor ibara (to ~) guhumānya

dishonour (to ~) guhinyuza

dishonour ibara (to ~) guhumānya

disillusion gutītūra

dislocate (a bone) guhinyagara (part of body, or things, vi) gutirigana (vt) gutiriganya

disloyalty

uguca kubiri n'amategeko

dismayed (to be) kuranduka umutima, kumāramāra

dismiss gusēzera, kwirukana

disobedience amanyama

disobedient (person) ikigānda, intābwirwa, intabarirwa (to be) kugambarara, kugāba, kwānkika

disobey kugambarara, kugāba, kwānkika

disparagement ugutyoza abandi

dispensary ivūriro

disperse gusāba, gusanzāza

display (to ~) kugaragaza

displeased (to be ~ with) guharuruka

disposition (person or animal of very nice ~) ikirende

dispute (to) guhiga, gutonganya

dispute impaka

disregard (to) gucōkōra, kugaya, gukēngēra, gusuzugura, gutītūra, kuzira, kwānka

disregard umugayo, akagayo, agasūzuguro
(one who scorns others)
umucōkōranyi
(spit spurted from between teeth as indication of) inyeri
(to ~) guhinyura, kunēma, kugaya, gukēngēra
(to show ~ by spitting out)
gucīra inyeri

disrespectful (to be) kwūbahuka

dissatisfied (to be) kugaya

dissipated (to be) kuraramanga

dissolve (to) gushonga

distance umwānya

distended (to be) kubondōka

distinct (to be) gutandukāna (anything that is ~ from others in group) indobeke

distinction itandukāniro (to observe class ~) kuzīrōra

distinguish (to) gutandukānya

distract gusamāza

distracted by (to be) kurangarira

distress ubucumukure (to be in) gucumukura

distribute kugabura, kugaburira (*gifts*) kugaba

disturbance amarushwa

disturber umutāsi

ditch umufunegi, umufuregi, umukuku, umuvo

divan idiva

dive (~ *in*, *vi*) gucokera, kwībira (*vt*) gucokeza

diverge kunyurana

divide kugabanya, kugabura, kugaburira, gutānya (by lot) gupfīndana (up loads among several) kugabāngānya (up work or load to make it easier) kwīyorohereza (to buy a thing together and then ~ it) gusorōra

dividend (math.) ingaburwa

divine guhinyuza, gupfīndūra, kuragura, kuvōvōta (to have a witch doctor divine) kuraguza (one who divines) umuraguzi

division amacakubiri, umuce, urugabano, igice, igitēro (where there has been agreement) umucāno

divisor (math.) ingabura

divorce (vi) kwāhukāna, (vt) kwāhukānya (changing wife or husband frequently) ubumāka (one who frequently ~) ikimāka

divulge gukerukiriza, gukerutsa

dizziness ikizunguzungu (to experience ~) kuzērērwa

dizzy (to be) kuzērērwa, kuzungurirwa, kurungurirwa (to make) kuzērēra

do (to) kugira, gukora
(again) kwongera
(always) kwāma, guhora
(anyhow, in spite of) gupfa
(continually) kwāma, guhora
(the dishes) kwoza ivyombo
(even more) kurushiriza
(first) kubānza, gushūza
(forcefully) kwīhanukīra

(habitually) kumēnyera
(have too much to ~) kurēngerana
(the impossible) gufyidikīra
(~-it-yourself) ukugira
utugenegene
(housework) kugora
(one's duty) gushimika
(quickly) gukwākwānya, gushōka,
gusobaganya, gusūriranya,
gutebūtsa
(quickly and carelessly) kuraha

(quickly and carelessly) kuraha (quickly without thinking) gusimbagurika

(~ not) -ōye (verb without infinitive)

(reluctantly) kwīyumānganya (a sloppy job) kurēngagiza (something alone) kwīgūnga (something by oneself without authority) kwigenera (something that causes pleasure or amazement) gusamāza (that which you declared you would not ~) kwīrahuruza (two things at once) kubāngikanya (unwillingly) kugoyagoya

(the washing up) kwoza ivyombo

(unwillingly and complainingly)

docile (person or animal) ikirende

dock (to ~ a boat) kwēgera inkengera z'uruzi

doctor umugānga, umuvūzi, dogiteri

doctrine imyīgishe

kunyinkira

dog imbwa, imbga, intozo, indura, intoberwa (female) imbwakazi (wild, wolf-like) ibīngira

dollar idorari

domestic animal igitungano

dominate kugaba, guhahaza (allow another to ~) guharira

don't (*strong negative*) -ōye (*verb without infinitive*)

done (to be easily or quickly) kubanguka (to have ~) kwīgera (to have ~ recently) guherūka donkey indogoba, indogobwe

donut irindazi, igitumbura

door urūgi, umuryāngo, umwāngo (piece of wood for closing) ikibāndo

doorpost igishimaryango

doorway umuryāngo (to close ~ with branches) guhāngāza

dormitory indāro, irāro, icumbi

dot indome

(to put ~ on) kudomagiza (to put many ~ on) kudomagura

double-minded (to be) guhugūmba

doubt (to ~) kwīyubāra, gukekeranya, gushidikanya (oneself) kwīkēkako

doubt ikēkwe

doubts amakēnga, amazīnda (to not have) gushiruka amazīnda

dough (to mix) gucūmba (to make a little) kuvurūnga

doughnut irindazi, igitumbura

dounbfounded (to be, in defeat, surprise, misfortune) kwūmirwa (to be with shame or fear) gutētērwa (to be with surprise or defeat) kujorerwa, kujumarara (to leave one ~, astound) kujoreza (to render) kwūmiza

dove inuma (turtle-dove) intunguru

down epfo, hepfo (down there) hepfo (to be, to turn upside ~) kwūbika (to put ~) guhwāmika

downcast (to be utterly) kwījīrwa

dowry (price) inkwāno (to have dowry paid for) gukōbwa (to pay) gukwa (to receive) gukwērwa

draft igicapu, igicapo, igishushanyo, ishusho, igishusho

(to ~) gushushānya (to take, draw) gucapura

drag (to) gukwēga (along) kunyogōmba (along quickly) gukūbēba (along a very heavy thing) gukurura (on ground) gukūba

draw gukwēga, gusokōra
(lots) gupfīndana
(near) kwegēra
(pictures) gushushanya
(things back together) guhindānura
(up) gukōba
(water) kudaha, kuvōma

drawn (to be ~ to) kugomwa (up, from cold or being burned) gutetera

dread (to) kwīcura

dream indōto, inzozi (to ~) kurōta (to tell or explain ~) kurōtōra

drench kunyāgira

drenched (to be) kunyāgirwa (to be thoroughly ~ and cold) gutetera

dress (an animal) kubāga

dress (wound) gusomōra

dress ikānzu (Sw.)
(to ~) kwāmbara
(oneself) kwīyambika, kwāmbara
(up) gushaza
(to be dressed becomingly)
kubērwa

dressing ipansuma

dried meat umurānzi

drift (gradual drifting) akayōmbekēre (to gradually drift off to sleep while thinking) kuyāmīra

drink (anything to be drunk)
ikinyōbwa
(sweet banana) umutobe
(soft ~) ifanta
(to ~) kunywa
(to ~, of king) gukamagura
(animals, go to ~) gushōka

(after a meal) kwīshōza
(all there is in a container)
kwūgunyuza
(to cease to ~) guhodoka
(from a reed) gusōma
(from hollow of one's hand)
kwīyūhīra
(in) kubōmba
(to lead animals to ~) gushōra
(to make one ~, pour milk down
throat) kuramiza
(to refuse to eat and ~ with)
kunēna

drinker umunywi

drip kujējēta, kujōjōta, gutōnyānga *(med)* ugutera iserumu

(to go where others are drinking in

hopes of getting some) kuvūmba

drive (a car) gutwara, gutwara imodoka (~ cows) kuyobora (it home, enforce what one has said) kuryōherereza (out, esp. evil spirits) guhasha, gusēnda (stake in ground) gushīnga

driver umushoferi, umudereva

drizzle (*light*, *fine rain*) urunyanyaga

drop (of liquid) ima, itōnyānga, igitōnyānga (to ~) gusekura (to ~ fruit, tree) guhunguruka (in water or food, vi) kudibuka (to let fall ~ by ~) gutōnyāngiriza (to let go of what you've started to take or do) gutēzūra, gutēnzūra (~ out of something because you know you're in the wrong) kwōnjorora (one who keeps dropping things here and there) umusābisābi

drop out (of school) gucikiriza

dropper (med) agaharuramama

droppings (goat) amahenehene

dross (in metal) inkāmba

drought (of land) ukutamera, igaduka, ukugaduka, ukugagarara

drown (*vt*) kudobeza (*vi*) kudobera, gusōma nturi

drowsiness uruhuni

drug (*medical*) umuti (*narcotic*) ikiyobezabwenge

drug addiction ikiyayuramutwe

drugstore ifarmasi

drum ingoma
(sacred royal ~) karyenda
(sacred ~ "for whom one
ploughs") murimirwa
(sacred ~ "for whom one clears
brush") ruciteme
(sacred ~ accompanying the king)
rukinzo

(sacred ~ "dispenser of peace") nyabuhoro

(sacred ~ "lady of the land") inakigabiro

(to beat ~) kuvuza (to beat continuously, thus setting time for others beating) gusāsīra (stick for beating ~) umurisho, umukembe

drum stick umukembe, umurisho

drummer (~ following the movement of the dancer)
umuvuzamurishyo
(~ keeping the basic rhythm)
umukokezi
(traditional ~, "one who hits hard") umutimbo
(members of drummer lineages)
abazimbura, abanyuka,
abanyakisaka

drunk (person) imborērwa
 (to be) kuborērwa, guhīmba
 (to be ~ enough to feel important)
kudandahirwa
 (to make ~) kuborēra

drunkard imborērwa

dry (vi) kwūma, (vt) kwūmūtsa, kwūmya (in sun or near fire) kumūkishirīza (to be) kugaduka (to become) gukanyuruka, kwūmūka (to become too ~ while cooking) kuyēnga (to put food in sun to ~) gukavya (to put near fire to ~) gutara (up) kugaduka, kugangara, gukaba, gukama, gukamya (up and be stiff, clothes or food) gutetera (up, breasts) gucūka

dry season ici (beginning of, about June) impēshi

drying ukwanikira

duck (to ~ to keep from being struck) kuzibukīra

duck imbāti, imbata, igisapfu

duct (of water in heavy rain)
umuvo
(for irrigation) umugende uvomera

dude agashusho, agacapo k'umuntu

dugout ubwāto

dull (to be, instrument) gupfūha

dumb (deaf and dumb person) ikiragi

dumbfounded (*to be*) kujorerwa, gufata mpiri, kugwa mu gahundwe

dumbness (of speech) uburagi

dump (all out at once)
gucuncubura
 (into something) kurotsa

dung amavyi, amase (human) umusarani

dunk kudūmba, gukoza

durable (to be) kurama

duration umwānya

during mu

dust umukungugu (to ~ off) gupāngūsha (Sw.), kwēyēra

dustbin ico batamwo umwavu

duty umurimo (to do one's) gushimika

duvet (cover) igisaswa

dwarf igikuri

dwell kuba, kuguma, gutura

dwelling place uburagamo, ikiragamo

dye urushānga (to ~) kuraba, kuziga (barkcloth) kumesa

dyeing irangi

dying (person) umuhwēre

dyke (to ~ up) kugomera

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each -ōse

eager (to be) kwītwaririka

eagerness ingoga

eagle inkona, impūngu, inkukuma, ikinyakabaka

ear ugutwi (to ~, grain) kubogeka

ear wax ubukurugutwi
 (to clean out) gukurugutura

earlobe igishato c'ugutwi

early kare

(early morning) agahuru (to start ~ in the morning) kuzinduka

earn (to) kwūnguka

earnest (to be) kwītwaririka

earnestness umwēte, ifūhe (at a task) ubwīra (to work with) gushira igikonyo

earrings amahereni

earth (world) isi
(soil) agataka, ivu
(hard-packed) urutare
(interior of) ikuzimu, i kuzimu
(of reddish brown color)
inginagina
(to shake, vi) gutigita
(to slide) gutemuka, kunyika,
gusiduka

earthenware inkono y'ibumba ikayangana

earthquake umushītsi, igishītsi (rumble of) umugigimo (to quake) kunyiganyiga, gutigita

earthworm umusiba

easily (to be done) kubanguka

east iburasirazūba, ubuseruko

Easter Pasika

eastwards iburasirazūba, ubuseruko

easy (to be) kwōroha, gukūnda (~ to cut or pull, grass) kwāhirika

eat kurya, gufungura, kunogera, kunoza, kurandagura
(a lot) guhāga, guhīmba
(cause to ~ a lot) gupfunereza
(by sucking only, as candy)
kuyongobeza, kuyungubiza
(garden plants, of goats) kwōna
(to refuse to) kuzira
(to refuse to ~ or drink with)
kunēna

(together) gusangira (to ~ what's left on peeling of roasted banana, etc.) gukōra (two kinds of food together) gukoza (with instrument) kurīsha

eaten (to be) kurībwa (also used meaning to have severe pain)

eating (place) irīro

eavesdropper igisokoro

eavesdropping (information gained by) igisokoro (to tell what one has heard while ~) gutumbūra

echo (to make an) gusāma

eclipse (of sun) ubwīrakabiri

economical (to be) kuziganya

economy ubutunzi

edge imbiga, urubiga, inkombe (of sword, knife) ubūgi (of cloth) umusozo w'impuzu

edginess amaganya, umwītwaririko, intūntu, guhagarika umutima

edible (things) ibiribwa

educate (to) kumenyēsha, kurera

education indero, uburezi, ubumenyi, ukwiga

effect ingaruka, igisubizo

effeminate (traditional gender-crossing priest) ikihindu, ikimaze

effort ukugerageza (to make an ~) kwāndāra, kugeza, kugerageza

egg irigi, igi
(boiled) uburyo bwo guteka irigi
mu mazi ntirishe nēza
(fried) ijisho ry'irigi
(hard-boiled) irigi ritetse mu mazi
(shell) ikibarara
(tiny) ubugi
(to lay ~) guta amagi

egg yolk umutugutu

eggplant intore, urutore

eggshell ikibarara

egoistic (*to be*) kwīgūnga, kwīmana, kwīgūngirako, kwīgūngagiza, kwīkūnda

Egypt Egiputa

eight umunāni (eight times) umunāni

eighty mirongumunāni, mirongwināni

ejaculate (to) gusohora

elbow inkokora

elder umujēnāma, umukuru, umushīngantahe, umujanāma (elders and rulers, esp. in regard to their function of helping the poor) barutungabōro

elderly (person) umusāza

elect gutora

elections amatora (organize ~) gutegura amatora

(to win ~) gutsinda amatora (to lose ~) gutindwa amatora

electrical power umuyagankuba, umuyaga nkuba

electricity umuyagankuba, umuyaga nkuba

elephant inzovu

elephantiasis imisozi, amafuni

eleven icumi n'umwe

elope (go to husband without being properly married) gucīkira, kwigemura (to try to persuade to elope) gucīkiza

eloquence imvugo

(paired with physical strength, seen as rare characteristic) ijūnja n'ijambo

eloquent (~ person) umuhānga

elsewhere ahandi

emaciated (*to be*) kwīraburanirwa, kunyūnyūka

emancipated (to be) kwīganza

embark (to) kwūrira

embarrass gutēsha

embarrassment akamāramāza

embassy ambasade

embers ikara

embrace (to) guhobera

embroider kudesa

embroidery ubuhinga bwo kudesa

emigrate gusuhūka

empire ubwāmi

(at the king's court) ibwāmi, i bwāmi

employee (paid worker) umucāngero (workman) umukozi (someone instructed to work or overseen at work) umuyoborwa employer umukoresha (my, our) dātabuja (your) shōbuja

(his their) shēbuja

employment umurimo

empoison (*to* ~ *by bewitchment*) kuroga

(to take a drink to prove it is not poisoned) kurogoza

empty (to be) kugaragara, kurāngāra

(to make) kugaragara, kugaragaza (to ~ out) gusēsa

enable gushoboza (~ to conquer) kunēshereza

enamel igikayangana

encamp (to) gucūmbika

enchantment (to overcome or remove) kurogōra

encircle gukenyeza, kuziguza

enclose kuzūnguriza

enclosure urugo, igipangu (about house and yard)

encounter guhūra (suddenly) kwūbuka

encourage (to) kwīrūza, kuremēsha, kurindīsha (oneself) kwīrūra (to ~ to make an effort) gushīshikaza

end iherezo, umuhero, ihero, ubuherūka, impera, imperuka, itahīriro

(~ of boat) umukōndo (at the ~ of every year) uk'umwāka utāshe

(to be the ~) kugwa mahera (to be at an ~ of one's resources) kuzigirizwa

(to be at an ~ of one's patience) kudundumirwa

(to be coming to an ~) guherengetera

(to come to an ~) guhenebēra, guhera, kunyika

(to ~ a conversation) kwīkebanura (to finish) guheza endeavor ukugerageza (to make an ~) kwāndāra, kugeza, kugerageza

endure kwīhāngāna, gushinyiriza

enegetic (*to be*) guciririka, gukovya, kwigumira, gushiruka ubute, gushiruka umwēte

enemy umwānsi, umumēnja,
umurwānizi
(to help another overcome an ~)
gukōndōrera

energetic (to be) gushiruka ubute

enforce (what one has said) kuryōherereza (the law) gutegeka

engage (to ~) gusezerana

engine imoteri

engineer injeniyeri

England Ubwongereza

English (*person*) umwongereza (*language*) icongereza

engulf (down) kurotsa (down water) kwātīra

enjoy (oneself) kugāzagāza, kudāga (child)

enlarge gukaka, kwāgura, gukuza (to be enlarged) kwāguka

enmity ubwānsi

enough (to be) gukwīra (to be more than ~) gucāguka (to be ~ for) gukwīrana (to have) gukwīrwa (it's ~) birabāye, karabāye, birakwīye (it's ~, as salt or medicine in something else) gukora (that's enough, it's fine) basi!

enquire (to) gushākashaka

enroll (to) kwāndikīsha (oneself) kwīyandikīsha

ensnare akamashu, umutego, ururiba (to ~) gutega

enter kwīnjira

entertain (to) gusetsa

enthrone kwīmika

enthusiasm umwēte (to lose one's) kudehūra, gutenzekanya, gutēzūra

entice kwōrekēra (to go to man's house to entice) kwigemagema

entire -ōse, rwōse

entirely -ose, rwose

entrance irēmbo (to king's kraal) ikirīmba

entrant umucīkire, incīkire

entrust kubītsa, kuzēza (~ to) kurindīsha, gusigarana (~ flock to another to pasture) kuragiza

(~ something to another and it increases while there) gutongoza

entrusted (*thing* ~ *to another*) ikibītsanyo, ingwāti

entwine (vi) gusobana
 (vt) gusobanya

enumerate urutonde (of chosen ones) itorero (to ~) gutōndeka, gutōndēsha

enviousness ukwīpfūza

environment ibidukikije

envision (to) kwīhwēza

envoy intumwa, umutumwa

envy ukwīpfūza

epidemic ikiza

epilepsy intandara

epistaxis umwuna

equal (to be) kungana, kuringanira (in length, height) kurēha (to make ~) kuringaniza, kunganya, kurēhēsha (to not be ~ in length, height or ability) gusūmbana (to make ~ in length, height) kurēsha (to make oneself ~ to another) kwīgereranya

equality uburinganire

equally hamwe

equilibrium (lack of) impungenge (to have good) gushira impungenge

equitability uburinganire

erase gufuta, gusibūra, kuzimanganya

eraser umupīra (Sw.)

erect (to stand) kwēma, kwemarara
(for a long time) gushibama
(one who stands ~) umushibamyi

erection (to have an ~) gushukwa

err (to be wrong, to err) kwihenda, kwibesha

(to err in counting or speaking) kuyoba (to err, be on wrong path)

kuzimagirika

error ifuti, ikosa, ikosha

erupt (to) guturika, gusāba

eruption (to break out with a rash) guturika (to have an) guhurira

escape (narrow) agahēngekezo (to ~) kudohōka, gucīka, gutoroka, kuzibukīra

(to barely ~ an accident) guhakwa, kwēnda

(the memory) kuzīnda (to secretly help someone to ~ by taking his things for him) kunyuruza

escort (to ~ to a determined point) kugeza

esophagus igihogohogo

especially cane cane

establish (to) gushiraho

esteem (to ~) guha agacīro

esthetic kiryoheye ijisho

estimate (to) kugereranya

eternal (*to be*) kwāmaho, guhora, guhoraho

eucalyptus tree umukaratūsi, igikaratūsi

eunuch inkone

Europe Uburaya, Buraya

evade kurementanya

evaluate (to) gupima, kwīyumvīra

evaporate gukama

even na, hamwe

even if naho

even though naho

evening (later afternoon)
umugorōba
(early) akagorōba
(when sun is very low but still
visible) ikirēngazūba
(to be or become ~) kugorōba

event (*meeting*) ikoraniro (*festival day*) ibirori

ever na ntāryo

everlasting (to be ~) guhoraho (~ love) akaramata

 $\textbf{every} - \bar{o}se$

every day buri munsi, burimunsi

everyday buri munsi, burimunsi

everywhere hose

(to spread ~) (see 'spread')

evidence icāgiriza

evident (to be) kugaragara

evil ikibi, ububi, inābi (adj.) –bi

(to speak ~ of) gukana, kunegura (to speak ~ of one another)

gucurikanya

(to speak ~ of a ruler) kuyoba (to seek out ~ doer, witch doctor) kuragura

(to have witch doctor seek out ~ doer) kuraguza

(to sprinkle 'medicine' around house to protect it from ~) kurēmbeka, gutota (to chase away ~ spirits) gusēnda (to succeed in persuading someone to leave his ~ ways) gukōndōra (speaking ~ of another with whom you work) ikēba (~ deed) ubuhūmbu (example) akābarore (~ language, esp. young girl's) ubweruzi (~ look) igitsūre

exaggerate (to) gucobogoza

exalt guhaya, kuninahaza

exam ikibazo

examination ugusūzuma

examine gucaca, gucunaguza, gucunaguriza, gupīma, gusūzuma, guhwebutsa, kurāba (to look intently at) kwihweza (in prospect of bying) kugaragura

example icītegererezo, akarorero, ikigereranyo (evil ~) akābarore (person to be imitated) iremezo (to give an) kugereraniriza, guha akarorero

exasperated (to be) kujīngitwa, gushangashirwa

exceed kurēnga, gusūmba (to cause to) gusūmvya

exceedingly cane

except shiti, atari, ndetse, uretse

excess igisāga (to be in, left over) gusigara

exchange gukāba, kugurāna (clothes or other article for a time) kunyurānyura (greetings) kuramukānya

excite gukarisha

excited (to be) kwīshima

exclamation (of astonishment)
yemwe gaye!
 (watch out!) mpore!

excluding uretse

excrement amavyi
 (human ~) umusarani

excrete kunya

excuse (to) kubabarira, kuregūra, gutūnga (oneself) kwīregūra

excuse urwītwazo

spoken) bambe

(excuse me!, when interrupting) untunge (excuse me!, when wrong word is

excuses (to make) kuzāngazānga, kudendekanya, kudendekeranya

exercise (in school)
umwīmenyerezo
(in sports) ukwīnōnōra
(to ~) kwīmenyereza
(to ~ in gym class) gukeza,
kwīnōnōra
(to ~ an art, trade) guhīngūra
(~ book) ikaye

exercises (as at a celebration) ibirorēro

exhaust gutamya, guheza

exhausted (to be) gucobogora, gukenyukirwa, gusāba, kurangira (utterly worn out by hard work) gutama

exhort (to) kwīrūza, kuremēsha, kurindīsha (oneself) kwīrūra (to ~ to make an effort) gushīshikaza

exhorter umusigūzi

exhume (to) kuzūra

exile (to) kwāmbutsa

existence ukubaho

exit (to) gusohoka

exonerate (to) kuregūra (oneself) kudendekeranya

exorbitant (to be) kuzīmba

(to ~ a child) gukurirwa

expect (to) gusamāza, kwīzigira, kurindīra (to get a certain thing) kuziga

expectorate amate, igikororwa (spurted from between teeth as

indication of scorn) inyeri (to ~) gucīra amate (to ~ on) kuvuma amate (~ up milk, baby) kubōga (~ up phlegm) kuruka

expedite (to cooperate in getting a job done quickly) gusahiriza

expenditure ibisohoka

expense ibisohoka

expensive (to be) kuzīmba, guhēnda

experience (knowledge) ukumenyēra

experienced (to be) kuzyātira

experiment ukugerageza (to) kugerageza

expertise (knowledge) ukumenyēra

explain gufobōra, kugenekereza, gusigūra, gusobanura (fully till all understand) kurangūra (poorly) gufobeka (thoroughly) gutumbūra (a dream) kurōtōra (one who ~) umusigūzi

explanation insobanuro, insiguro (to demand ~) gusigūza

explicable (to be) gusobanuka

explode (to) guturika, gusāba

explore (*to* ~) kurondera, kugendura, gucukūmbura

explorer umushakisha (internet ~) mushakisharubuga

export (to ~) gushora hanze

express (one's thoughts) gukīmbūka

exquisite -īza

extend (to) kwāgura

exterminate gutikiza

extinguish (fire or light) kuzimya

extra (additional) inyongera (to be left over) gusigara (~ digit, toe, teat) indorerezi extract gushikura

extraordinary bitangāje (*from gutangāza*)

extremist intakonywa (*from kugōnda*)

extremity iherezo

extricate (from difficulties) kugobōtora

exuberant (to be) gukakama

eve ijīsho

gutosōra

(to cut ~ out) kunogora (to fall into, or hurt) gutosekaza (to get something in) gutosekara (to make another close his) kwūnamika (top open) gukanura (to open ~ of another) guhumūra (to remove foreign body from ~)

(to close one's eyes) guhumiriza

(to wash in one's ~) kwīhumūra (foreign body in) igitotsi (matter in) ibikaragāshi ('sand', esp. a certain type of conjunctivitis) uburire ('sand' on awakening) ibirashi (tiny insect in) akanyarira jisho

eye pupil imbonero, imboni
eyebrow ikigohe, ikigohegohe
eyelash ingohe, urugohe, ikigohe
eyelid (turned back) igihenēhene
eyes amaso

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fable umugani

fabulous nēza cane

face amaso, mu maso
(in his face) mu maso hiwe
(to be facing each other)
guhangana
(to make a ~ over something that
tastes bad) kunyinyirwa
(to put one's ~ in one's hands in
deep thought) kwitangira itama
(~ to ~) ubwāmāso,

imbonankubone (showing disapproval on one's ~) ibitsingotsingo

facecloth agafuko biyogesha, ikinyuko, igikunyuzo

facilitation ubufashanyigisho

facilitator umufashanyigisho

fact impamo, ibinyakuri
(in ~) mbere
(to know the ~ of a case) guhinyura

factory ihinguriro, uruganda

fad (to follow a) guharara

fade kubēngūka, kubēnjūka, gusērūka (to cause to ~) gusērūra

fade away (to ~ from illness) kwīraburanirwa

fail gucumukura
(another) guhemukira
(to accomplish what one started)
kugaburura
(to do what one intended)
kudehūra
(to find) kubura, guhusha
(to give what one promised)
kugaramāngira
(to keep one's word) guhemuka,
kwīrahuruza, gutēzūra
(to return) kugīrīra
(in on'e task) gusibanganya
(to be unable to do what one

failure (result of ~ to keep promise) urudubi (to bring ~) gutāna

faint kurāba (to be) kudendebukirwa (to feel) kuyāmīra (from hunger) kugwīra isari

fainting (to come to after) guhembūka (to revive after) kurabūka

fainting fit ukuraba

attempts) gutāna

faith ukwīzera

faithful (to be) kuyoboka (~ person) umwīzigirwa falcon igisīga

fall kugwa, gutēmba (accidentally on spear and be injured) gushōka (and hurt oneself) kunywāguka (and skin oneself) gukungagurika (before) kwikubita imbere (down) kwikubita hasi, kwītēmbagaza (down, as branches blown down) gukoragurika (down, as house) guhenuka, guhomyoka, gusambūka, gusēnyuka, gusituka (down continually or in abundance) gukoragurika (down together, usually in fright) guhindikirana (down from above) kweguka, gukoroka, gushunguruka, gutibuka (from high above) guhanantuka (from stalk) guhūnguka (heavily, rain) kuzibiranya (in cascade) gushunguruka, gusūma (in, cause to) gusitura (in love) kubēnguka (into water or food) kudibuka (not fall, rain) gutara (to the ground) guhūndagara (with) gukorokana (with a din) guhongoroka (to cause to fall) kugwisha,

fall down (vi) guhenuka, guhomvoka, gusambūka, gusēnyuka, gusiduka, gusituka (vt) gusitura

(to cause to fall down) guhenura,

gukungagura, gutēmvya

gusēnyura, gukorora

gutōnyāngiriza

(let fall drop by drop)

fallow (to lie) gusiba

false (to reveal what is) guhūmuriza

faltering person urudēndevu

fame inkuru, amakuru

family indimwe, umuryāngo (last one of family who has no children) imponnyi (members of) abavandimwe

famine ikigoyi, amapfa, ikiza, inzara

(to leave one's country because of) gusuhūka

(to return after) gusuhūruka

famish (to) kwicwa n'inzara

fan (to blow off chaff) urutaro

fantastic bitangāje (from gutangāza)

far (away) kure (very far away) ibushi (in the future) kēra

fare (price) ikiguzi

farewell (goodbye) gusēzera

farmer umurimyi

farmyard igituru, ikirutu, idundu, idunda

fart (to ~, to pass gas) gusura, gusurira

fart umusuzi

fascinated (to be) gusamāra

fashion designer umuderi

fast (quickly) n'ingoga, vuba vuba

fast (to not eat) kwīsonzēsha

fasten (to ~) kuboha, guhāmbīra (beans on hedge to dry) gushisha (clothes at waist) gukenyeza (cow's legs while milking) kujīsha (firmly) kudādira (neck of sack) kuniga (oneself to) kwīhābīra (rope) kudādira (securely) kudaga (together) gutubika, gupfundikanya (up a bundle) gutēkera (with knot) gupfundika (as goat in pasture) kuzirika

fat itōto

(meat) ibinure (to be) kudoha, kuvyibuha (to be, child) gushisha (to be, meat) kunura (to become) kudoha, kuvyibuha

fatal (to be) kugīrīra, gukora

father (*my*, *our*) dāta, dāwe, papa, da

(your) so (his, her, their) se (~-in-law) sebukwe (~ of twins) sebabiri

fatigue uburuhe, ubutame

faucet robine

fault agasūzuguro
(to find ~ with) gusūzugura,
gusūzuguza
(to look for a ~ in one another)
kugenzanya

favor ubutoni (to ~) gushīnga

(to ~ unjustly) kubera

favorite (person) umutoni (~ child) umuhērerezi (~ servant or friend) umwīshikira (to be) gutona

favoritism urwānkūnzi, ubutoni

favour ubutoni

(to ~) gushīnga (to ~ unjustly) kubera

favourite (person) umutoni (~ child) umuhērerezi (~ servant or friend) umwīshikira (to be) gutona

fear (to ~) kwīkanga, gutīnya, kugira ubwōba

fear ubwoba

(great) agatēngo
(of losing position) igihababu
(~ to hurt another because you
love him) impuhwe
(thing or person stricken with ~)
igihūmura
(to act or go secretly because of ~)
kwōmba
(to jump with ~, in heart)
guhahama
(to shout in sudden ~)
gutura ubuku

feared (that which is) igitīnyiro

fearful (to be) guhugūmba

fearless (to be) guhangāra, kurīndūka, gushirukanya, gushira amanga, gutīnyūka

fearlessness (because one knows he is right) ubushizi bw'amanga

feasible (to be) gushoboka

feast amazimāno, inzimāno (to give a ~ to) kuzimāna (one who is in charge of food at) umuteretsi

feather iryōya (to ~ an arrow) gutanaga

feature ibiranga

febrile (to be) kururūmba

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feces (human) umusarani

fed (to be '~ up' with something) kudunduhirwa

fee ikibuguro, ihadabu (Sw.)
(paid for permission to buy or sell)
ingorore
(payed to shaman) ingemu
(to collect) kubuguza
(to pay) kubugura

feed kugaburira

(around for) gukabakaba

feel kwūmva

(to begin to ~ better after being ill) gutenzukirwa (to cause to ~ badly) gusurira (faint) kuyāmīra (joy, positive emotions) kuryōherwa (to make another ~ badly over what he's done) gutēteka (to not ~ anything) gutimba (of) gukorakora (pain) kubabara (sad) gutunturirwa (the way) guhwihwisha, kujuragirika, gukāmbakāmba (the way before one with foot or spear) gukebagiza

feeler (of insect) uduhembe, udutonzi

feeling (better) imisuhūko (I'm better, he's better) n'imisuhūko, n'imitende

feelings (hard) umwīkomo,

ikinūbwe (to hold hard ~) kwīdōga (to hurt another's ~) gusesereza (to not show one's ~) kwīrengagiza

feet (see foot) (at ~ of great person, i.e. in his presence) inyōnga, inyundo (to scrap ~ on floor, esp. because of itching) gusyēgenya

feign (to ~ beating) kugera (to ~ working) gushaza

feline injangwe, akayabo, akayabu

fellow agashusho, agacapo k'umuntu

fellowship (to have) gufatanya, gucudika

female (*suffix attached to moun*) - kazi, e.g. imbwakazi

fence akarīmbi, ikirīmbi, uruzitiro

ferment (*vt*) kwāmbira (*vi*) kubira, gututūmba (*quickly*) gusaragurika

fermented (anything, beer) inkarisha

fermenting agent umwāmbiro

fertilize kwōrohereza, gutabira

fertilizer intabire

fervor ububangutsi, ubukerebutsi

fervour ububangutsi, ubukerebutsi

festival (day) ikirori

fetch (to) kuzana

fetish (bark cloth used as a thing of worship) indabe
(gourd used) intendēri
(heathen charm on head) urugori
(spotted barkcloth) indome
(things used in worship of
Kiranga, thought to have special
powers) ubuzimuzimu
(charm) igiheko

fever (illness) inyōnko, umururūmbo (temperature) umuriro, umucānwa, ubushūhe (to have high fever) umucānwa ururumba (from kururūmba)

feverish (to be) kururūmba

few -ke, -keya, -kenya

fiacre igāri, igāre (Rw.), umukogote

fiance umukūnzi

fibers (to shave off ~ for thread) gukubagura

fibre ubugwegwe

fickle (to be) guharara, kurārāta

fiddle (monochord traditional instrument) indigiti, indonongo, akadonongo, izeze

fidgeting (to sit) kuyugayuga

field ubwātsi, indimiro
(battle) urugāmba
(corner belonging to each child)
icībare
(forsaken, abandonded) ikirare
(cultivated) itōngo
(to clean up) gukāngaza
(playground) ikibuga
(airfield) ikibuga c'indege

fifty mirongwitānu

fig (*fruit*) insukoni (*fig tree*) umusukōni

fight (to ~) kurwāna, kunigana, kurandagura, gusugurirwa, (vt) kurwānya (~ and defete completely) kunūtsa (aggrevate a ~) kubūnga (for) kumaranira (for independance) kumēnja (in fun) gukubagura (one bigger than oneself) guhaga (to pick a ~) gusōtōra (to provoke a ~) gusōtora (to stop fighting) gutātūka (with equal force) kurindana

fight indwāno

fighter umusīnzi (to seperate ~s) kubangūranya, gutatūra

figure (number) igiharuro

file (tool) itupa

fill (to) kwūzuza, kwūzuriza (to the brim) kunengesēra, kunengeserēza (up) gupfunereza, gutsīndāza (to ~ the gap, blank) gusubiramwo ibitategerewe

filter (to ~ water) kumimina, kuyōra amazi

filter akayungiro

filth umwanda

final (adv.) -nyuma

finality itahīriro

finally ubuherūka, aho rēro

find kurōnka, gusānga
(fault with everything) kunēbagura
(new building site) kugerēra
(one's way after being lost)
guhubūka, kuzimuruka
(to be able to be found when
looked for) kurondereka
(to fail to ~) kubura, guhusha
(something you ~) ikinobano

find excuse (to) kwīregūra

fine (fee) ihadābu, indishi

fine sawa, nēza (it's ~) ni sawa, ni nēza

finger urutoke
(thumb) urukumu
(index) nkumbaruboko
(middle) nsūmbazōse
(fourth) marere
(little) uruhererezi
(extra) indorerezi

finger snap inoni (to) guca inoni

fingernail urwāra, inzāra (to go under) gusesereza (to scratch with) kwāga

fingerprint (thumb) igikumu, ikinkumu

finish (vt) guheza, kwāhukānya, kumara, kurangiza, gusōzēra, gutōza, gushirīsha (vi) guhera, kwāhukāna, kurangira, gushira (completely, vi) kwīramvura, gukōmvōmvoka (vt) gukōmvōmvora, kumarīra, kumaramara, kunonosora, guherengeteza, guheraheza (each other off) kumarana (food) gukōmba (weaving an article) gusōza

finished (to be) kurangira, guhera

fire umuriro

(bit of) umucānwa (built for cows) icōtero (made in enclosure for animals) igicāniro (to blow the) kwātsa (to destroy by) kuyigiza (to extinguish) kuzimya (to go out) kuzima (to keep ~ going) gucānira (to light) kudomeka (to make, start, build) gucāna, gukongereza (to put out) kuzimya (to put wood on ~) gukomānya (to set ~ to) guturira (to fire from job, dismiss, throw out of house) kwirukana (altar fire) igicāniro

fire bank (wood that hold fire through night) ikivumbiko

fireplace izīko (actually three stones placed for ~), ifuro

firewood urukwi, inkwi (to gather ~) gusēnya

firm (to be) guhangāra (to make) kugumya

first -ambere (preceded by class prefix) (~ of anything) intangamarāra (to do ~) kubānza, gushūza

first aid ugutabāra

first fruits umushūzo

(to plant ~) gushūza

first-born uburiza (child) imfura

firstborn uburiza (child) imfura

fish (to ~) kuroba

fish ifi

(a big) urufi (huge variety) imvuru (small kind of) indagara

fish hook igera

fish-hook igera

fisherman umurovyi

fishing net urusēnga

fishing rod agati bashirako igera

fist igipfūnsi

(to hit with ~ repeatedly but gently, mother with child) gutumagura

fitness ubuzima bwiza

fitted (~ carpet) imoketi, indava

five -tānu, eshānu (five times) gatānu

fix (up nice place to sit) gusēzera

fixed (time, to set or await $a \sim$) kugerereza

flag ibendera

flail ikibāndo (to ~, beans, grain) guhūra

flame urubeya

flannel ikigoma

flash (to ~, as lightning) kurabagirana, kurabiriza, kuravya

flashlight isitimu, itoroshi, itoci

flat (area) igitega, ikiyāya (thing spread out ~) ikiramvu (to be ~) kubāta, gutega (to be ~, as plate) kugarama (esp. of nose) gufyāta

flatten-out (vi) kubāta (tr). gufyāta

flattened out (to be) kubāta

flatter (to) gusasa akarimi

flatterer umunyagahwāyi

flattery indyārya, uburyārya

flatulence imisuzi

flatus (to pass) gusurira

flavor icānga, uburyōhe, ubusōse, akanovera (thing with good ~) igisōsa (to be of the ~ of) gusōsera (to have good ~) gusōsa

flax igiterwa kivamwo inyuzi

flea imbaragasa

flee guhūnga, kurēnza

flesh inyāma, umubiri

flex (joint) kugōnda, gukonya

flexible (to be) kunonoka, kunyoganyoga

flies (to shoo off from cows) kuzīnga

flight uruhūngo

fling (to) guta, gutēra (apart) gukumira (at each other) gutēranya (away) guta (down) kujegeza (down from above) gukorora (forcefully) gushibura (on ground) kwegura, gukungura (out) gukugunya, kujugunyika (stick on ground which tumbles end over end) kubirika (water) kumīja

float kureremba

flock isho, ubusho, urwūri (of little birds) urwīha (of sheep or goats) inzirikwa (to entrust ~ to another to pasture) kuragiza (to watch flock) kuragira

flood ikidēngēri, umwūzure (place where water has flooded) isēsero

(to be flooded in house) kuvīrwa

floor hāsi
(on the) hāsi

floppy (to be) guhuzēngwa

flounce (of clothes) agatambaro batera hasi ku mpuzu

flour ifu, ubufu

flourishing (to be, of growing things) gushisha

flow kwiburuka, gutēmba (into) gutēmbera (out) kuvīra (softly, quietly, water) kuyōmbekēra (let ~ from) kuva

flower ishurwe
(calix) ingovyi
(stamen) umweza
(pistil) isage
(pollen) umurāyi
(ovary) intorobwa

flowing (gentle, of river) akayōmbēro

flu ibicurane

flute (made of reed) umwīrōnge

flutter kugoyagoya, kuzāma

fly (to ~) kuguruka (to ~ an airplane, as pilot) gutwara indege

fly isāzi
(big, tsetse) ikibugu
(tiny) agatūku, ubutūku

foam ifuro

focus (to) gutūmbēra

foe umwānsi, umumēnja, umurwānizi (to help another overcome an ~) gukōndōrera

fog igipfüngu

fold umupfunyu, umuzīngo (for sheep) uruhongere (to ~) gukuba, gukubiranya, gupfunya, kuzīnga (~ hands together) gufumbata **foliage** (to have abundant leaves and branches) gusagaba

follow kugendanira, guherekeza, gukurikira, gukwirikira (after) kunyurana (closely) kwōma (a fad) guharara (old customs) kuzīrōra (one after the other) gukurikirana

follower umugendanyi

following (the ~) ibikwirikira (beside) iruhānde, hambavu (~ day) bukēye (~ week) indwi iza

folly ubupfu, ubusazi

fondle (to) gukuyakuya

fontanel uruhorihori

food indya, ibifungurwa, imfungurwa (food that needs to be cooked) igitekwa (baby ~) umusururu (big portion of) irobe (and drink of rich man, ruler) igiturire (for a journey) impāmba (without salt) ibise (one in charge of ~ at a feast) umuteretsi (place where ~ is plentiful) amasumo, ubusumo (to be burned slightly) kuyēnga (to become too dry in cooking) kuyēnga (to burn, vi) kuzigira (to dish up) kwārura

guests) kwīyambagura

(to serve) gufungura

fool (to) kubēshabesha

guests) gutērēra

(to eat, to serve) gufungura

(to get ~ for oneself) gutāra (to go to find ~) gusuma

(to go together to produce ~ for

(to quickly make ~ for one) kuzina

(to try to find ~ for unexpected

fool igihūza, ikijūju, umutūngu

foolish (*to be*) kujūjūta, gusara (*person*) injurajuzi, igipfu

foolishly (to act) kwīfūtanya, gusaragurika (to act ~ in fun) kudāyāngwa, gupfyina (to speak ~) kudebagura, gusaragurika

foot ikirënge
(of animal) ijānja
(of animal or person) umugere
(of bed) imirāmbizo
(of mountain) umucāmo

football (ball) umupira w'amaguru (game) umukino w'amaguru

footprint ikānda, umwānza, akēhe

footstep (to walk in ~ of another) kugera ikirēnge

footstool (used by king or chief) indāva

forbid (to) kwāmira, kwīhaniza, kuziza, kuvuna, kubuza

forbidden (to be) kuzira (thing) ikizira

force (to) kugōbēra, guhadikiriza, kuzingirikira (someone to do something against his will) guhāta (to obey) kugandūra (to lose original ~) gutītūra

forcefully rugabo

ford (in river) icāmbu

forearm ikizigira

forecast (to ~ weather by sky) kugenzūra

forecast ihanurwa

forehead agahānga, uruhānga

foreign body (in eye, milk, water) igitotsi

foreign country ihanga

foreigner umunyamahānga, umunyankīko, akavāntāra (from across border) injabuka

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foresight imigabo (*lack of*) igihababu

forest ikibira

foretell kubūrira

forever (to be ~) guhoraho (~ love) akaramata

forewarn (to) guhanūra (be willing to be admonished) gukūrwakw ijambo

forge (metal) gucura

forget kwibagira, kuzīndwa (to cause to) kwibagiza, kuzīnda (for a moment) guhūndukwa (how to do something once known) guhuna

forgetful (to be) kugira amazīnda

forgetting (one's skill) uruhuni

forgive kubabarira, guharira, kurekurira

forgiven (*to be* ~) kurekurirwa, guharirwa, kubabarirwa

forgiveness ikigōngwe (to ~) kubabarira, kurekurira, guharira

fork ikanya, ifurshet

form (design) ishusho

form (to ~, as mould) kubūmba, gufyātura (to ~ grains) guhūnda

formerly mbere

fornicate (*to*) gusāmbana, kwenda, kurya umwana

forsake guheba, guhuma (one another) kuvāvānura (to succeed in persuading someone to ~ his evil ways) gukōndōra

forsaken (*field*) ikirare (*thing*) akāhebwe

fortunate (person) umuhīrwe (to be) gucuna, guhīrwa, kuroranirwa

fortune (good) ihīrwe, ubuhīrwe

forty mirongwine

forward (to go) gutēra imbere (to go ~ little by little) kwūngururuza (to go steadily) kuramiriza

found (to be ~ so) kumera

foundation urufatiro, iremezo, itanguriro

fount umugezi, isōko, imbizi (thermal ~) amashūha

fountain umugezi, isōko

four -ne, ennye (four times) kane

four-sided (figure) urukiramēnde

fowl inkoko (hen) inkokokazi (rooster) isāke (wing of) icūbi

fowl isāke, inkoko

fox imbwebwe

fraction igice, ikimānyu

fracture (bone) imvune

fragile (to be, esp. clay pots) guhōmba, gukenyuka

fragment ikibarara

fragrance ubumōte, akamōto

fragrant (to be) gutāmirana (oil) isenga

framework (of house) urukānka (of branches on which smaller ones are interlaced) ikoma

franc ifaranga (5 franc piece) ikingōrongōro

France Ubufaransa

fraud (to) kuzīmba

fray (to ~) gusohoka kw'impuzu

free ku buntu

(e.g. yampaye ku buntu) (to ~, to clear) kugobōtora

freed (to be ~ from speech defect) kugobōdoka

freedom umwīdegēmvyo, ubwigēnge (to have) kwīdegēmvya

freezer imashīni ikanyisha

French (person) umufaransa (language) igifaransa (french fries) ifiriti

frequent (to) kugēndagēndera

fresh –bisi (to be) kurēmba

fret (tu fume and ~) kwīdōga

Friday kuwa gatanu

fridge frigo, firigo (freezer) imashīni ikanyisha

fried egg ijisho ry'irigi

friend umugēnzi
(close ~) umukūnzi
(intimate ~, the one you share your
last hidden food with) somambike
(most intimate ~, "you die - I die")
pfampfe
(to visit a ~) kubūngirana

friendship (to have ~ with) gucudika

fries (french) ifiriti

fright (to fall down together in) guhindikirana

frighten kudigiriza, gukānga, gutīnyīsha, gutēra ubwōba, kuvyigiriza (away with shouting) kwāmira (unintentionally) gukangīra (to make a loud frightening noise) guturagara

frightened (to be) guhagarika umutima, gucīka ivutu

fringe ubusage, ubuyonga

fritter irindazi, igitumbura

frog igikere

front (*in* ~ *of*) imbere (*to be directly in*) guhangana, gutūmbēra

frost igikonyozi

froth ifuro

(to ~) kubīmba ifuro

frown ibitsingotsingo, ibisingosingo (to ~ at) kunyinyirwa, kurāba igitsūre

fruit icāmwa, imbuto
(to bear) kwāma
(to cease to bear) kwāmurura
(to drop, tree) guhunguruka
(to gather) kwāmūra
(stewed ~, ~ compote) ivyāmwa
bitekanye isukari

fruit tree igiti c'ivyamwa

fruitless (thing, plant) ikirūmbirane (to be, plants) kurūmba

fruitlessly (in ~) ubusa

fry gukarānga

frying fat amavuta acemutse batekamwo ifiriti

frying pan ipanu

fuck (to ~, only used of men, rude)
guswera
(to ~, only used of women, rude)
guswerwa
(to ~, to fornicate) kwenda,
kurya umwana

fucker umuswezi

fuel igitoro

full (to be) kwūzura
(to be absolutely ~ to brim)
gutētera
(to be almost, waterpot) gucagatira
(to overflowing) kubōga,
kubōgabōga
(too full) gufunereza
(having eaten, or full of air)
kubobōka

full stop (punctuation) kaburūngu

full-cheeked (to be) gushisha

fume (and fret) kwīdōga

fun ubuhīrwe

funeral iziko (of animals) ihambwa

funnel umubirikira

funny (to be) gusetsa

fur ubwōya

furnace itanure

furniture imbombovu

furthermore ikigeretseko, bitayeko, kāndi

fuse urutsinga ruba mu matara y'umuyangankuba

future kazoza (far in the ~) kēra

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gadabout (one who doesn't stay home) igihūmbu

gaily (to go) kudayadaya

gain (to gain) kwūnguka, kurōnka (to ~ position) kwātirwa

gain inyungu, imāri (Sw.)

gall indurwe

gamble gukubita akamāri

game (play) igikino, urukino, umukino (game field) urukino (traditional board ~) igisoro, urubugu

gangrene ukubora kw'igikomere

gaol ibohero, umunyororo

garbage umwāvu, umucafu (~ *can*) ico batamwo umwavu

garden umurima (to gather from) kwāha, gusoroma

garden shears umukasi w'amababi, umukasi minini

qardener umurimyi

garland umwīshwa

garment umwāmbaro, impūzu (for work) icāmbazo (long) umwitēro (long, trails on ground) imvune

(of barkcloth, nicely sewn)
indemano
(outer) ipfūndo, umutamana
(that is too big) igisāga
(that isn't very long) igikwēmu
(with sleeves or armholes)
umwīnjiro

garrulous (to be) kurimbūra

gasoline ibitoro, igitoro ca essence

gasoline drum ingūnguru

gasp guhumēka

gate irēmbo

gatepost inkīngi, igikīngi

gather kumyōra
(building materials) guhumbira
(firewood) gusēnya
(food from garden) gusoroma,
kwāha
(fruit) kwāmūra
(in loose garment at waist and tie)
gukenyera
(little sticks) gutōrōra
(manure for garden) kuvūmbura
(up) kwāndura, gusorōranya,
gutororokanya
(pollen and nectar) kudaha
(up grass that has been spread out)
gusasūra

gay (homosexual person) umutinganyi, umukonotsi, umuswezi, umubidadi, umugeyi

gay (to be happy) kunēzērwa (to be homosexual) kunōnōka

gazelle ingeregere

geld (to) gukona, gushāhura (castrated male) inkone

gem (jewel) urutabonwa

gender igitsina

generosity ubuntu

genial (to be) kuba ikirende (person of very nice disposition) ikirende

gentle (to be) kwengenga

gentleman umuninahazwa, umutūngwa, umwūbahwa,

nyakubahwa (in adressing him), umupfāsoni

gently buhoro, buhoro-buhoro

genuine nyakuri, nyāyo

germ umukorobe

German (person) umudagi (language) ikidagi

Germany Ubudagi

germe (sprout) umunago (tiny, of bean or other plant) umugoreko (new shoots of grass, fresh pasture) umugutu (to send forth shoots) gutōha

germinate (to) kumera

gesture (to put one's hand to his face in surprise) kujorerwa

get kuronka, guhabwa (angry, suddenly when one has been talking nicely) kugangabuka (big, skin in water) kubomboka (close together) kwegerana (dark, late) kwīra (dirty) kwāndura (food for oneself) gutāra (~ out of the car) kuva mu modoka, gusohoka mu modoka (~ out of my way!) have! vaho! (~ out of there) have, vaho (left behind as you stare at something) kurēngāra (something in eye) gutosekara (thin) kugeruka (thin, very) kugōgōra (up) guhaguruka, kuvyūka (up, quickly) kubaduka (up, to help another ~) kuvyūra

get on (to) kwūrira

ghost umuzimu, igikānge

giant ikigambati

giddiness ikizunguzungu (to experience ~) kuzērērwa

gift ingabano, ingabire, ishikanwa, itūro, ingemu, ikado (of appreciation or thanks) ishīmwe, igishīmo (given on return from journey)

iganūke

(nothing expected in return) impāno

(to chief to get something from him) ingororano (to make up for offending someone) icīru

(to offer ~) gutereka, gutūra (to pass out ~, distribute) kugaba (to present, with something expected in return) kugemura

giraffe umusumbarembe

girdle umukānda (to wear a) gukenyera (with) gukenyeza

girl umukōbwa, umwīgeme (~ reaching age of puberty) umuzēzwa (teenage ~) inkumi (beautiful ~) nyiramwiza

give guha, guhēsha, gutānga (back) gusubīza (back cow, calf to one from whom one received a cow) kwōkōra (birth) kuvyāra (birth, cow about to ~) kudigiriza (cow a second time to one who has brought many gifts) guhetera inkoni (example) kugereraniriza, guha akarorero (gift to bride so she will talk) guhorōra (give me...) mpa (good measure) kunengesēreza (in to) kurōnsa (information) kurangīra (life to) kubēshaho (more) kwongera, kwongeza (oneself to) kwīhāmbīra (oneself to service of Kiranga) kubāndwa, kuvovota (over a possession) kwegura (penuriously) kuzirukanya (pledge or security) kugwatiriza (present) kugabira (refuse to) kwīma (refuse to ~ another his own) kugūnga, kwīmana

(to each other) guhāna (to each other often) guhānahāna (to one whose house has burned) gusuhūza (talk) kugamba (up everything) kwīgura (warm welcome, one does not say it of himself) gukēra

give evidence (to ~) gushīnga intahe, guhamya, kwāgiriza (fearlessly in behalf of another) kwemānga

give example icītegererezo, akarorero (to ~) guha akarorero

giving up (after trying several times) ibise, (rare word)

glad (to be) kunēzērwa, guhīmbārwa (to make) kunēzēra, guhīmbara, kunēzereza

glance (at) kurerembuza

glanders ibiseru vyo mu zūru

glass ikirahure, ikirahuri (Sw.)

glasses (*spectacles*) ivyīrori, ibirorero, irori

glean guhumba, gutōrōra

gleanings ibihumbwa

glisten gukayāngana

glistening (to be) gukayangana

gloat (over) kwītāmba ku muvyimba

glorify guhaya, guhayagiza, gushimagiza

glory ubwīza (~ *in*) kwīrāta

glossy (to be) gukayangana

glutton umunoho

gnat agatūku, ubutūku

go kugenda, kwigira, kuja (after) kugīra (ahead a little) kwūnguruza (all through a house) kuvōgera

(someone a heavy load) kuremēka

(sacrifice) gushikana

kurōnsa, gushikiriza

(someone a hand) gusahiriza

(to) guha, guhēra, guhēreza,

(around) kuzunguruka, gukīkira, gukīkuza, kuzīngūka (around difficulty) kuzunguruka umutego, gukikuza umutego (around 'Robinhood's barn') gukingitiranya (aside with someone to talk privately) kwīkebukana (astray) kuzimira (away secretly) kwīdohōra (back and forth) kunyura (back on what he said, make one) kurahuruza (backward) kwītūtānya, kugēnda umugōngo (backward inadvertently) gufūtānya (beyond) kurēnga (by car) kugēnda n'umuduga (by boat) kugēnda n'ubwato (by land rather than cross river or lake) guca i musozi (carefully not knowing path) kwātīra (elsewhere) kugerēra (everywhere) gukwiragirana, guhetūra (far away) kwāmbuka, guhaba (for food) gusuma (forward) gutēra imbere (forward little by little) kwūngururuza, kwūnguruza (forward steadily) kuramiriza (for a walk) kugēndagēnda (from one thing to another) kurārāta (from place to place) kunyuragiza, kuyugayuga (gaily) kudayadaya (here and there, child) kurērēta (home) gutāha, kuganūka (home from work) kugodoka (home, of wife when angry) kugēnda buje (into danger without regard to oneself) kwīroha (let's go!) hoji, hogi, tugende (naked) gufurama, kugēnda amēnya, kugēnda gusa (on tiptoe) kuyōmbōka (out, fire, light) kuzima (out to a certain place) gusokoroka (outside) gusohoka (to prepare to go) kwīkora (quietly) kuyōmbōka (rapidly) gukinagira

(reluctantly) kwīyumānganya (right in path, animal) gutōta (round) gukikuza (secretly because of fear) kwomba (seperate ways) gutāna (slowly) kugoyagoya (slowly, of convalescent) kwāndāra (softly) kuyōmbōka (steadily forward) kuramiriza (stealthily) kunyobanyoba, kwiyombayomba, kuyombayomba (straight forward) gutūmbereza (through a narrow pass) kunyegētera (to bed) kuryāma (to chief or superior for something) kwītwāra, gushengera, gushengerera (to find food) gusuma (to help another in his work) gusāsīra (to meal uninvited) kwigemagema (to meet) gusanganira, gutegēra (together to produce food for guests) gutērēra (together to see, crowd) gukōndōrera (toward) kurora, kwerekera, kwerekeza (uncertain of the way) guhushagirika (uncertainly) kudāguza (up, as hill) kudūga (up in smoke) gupfunduka (walking, esp. at night) kwīkanya (to wedding) gutāha ubukwe (well, to cause to ~) kugēnza (with) kwāmbukana, kujāna

go phut (to ~, to pass gas) gusura, gusurira

go-between (in a marriage) umureshi (to act as) kurehereza, kuresha

goal akamaro

(to reach, achieve a ~) gushika kw'ihangiro

goat impene, intūngwa, igitūngwa (heard of) inzirikwa (male) impfizi (young male) agasugurume (skin for carrying baby) ingovyi (billy ~) isuguru, ihebe

gobble (down) kurotsa (down water) kwātīra

God Imāna, Mungu (Sw.) (who is all seeing) Indāvyi (the Creator) Rurema (the Lord, Eternal One) ūhoraho

God bless you Imāna ibahezagire!

God's time igihe c'imana

godliness ubumāna

goings and comings amaja n'amaza

goiter umwingo

gold izahabu

qonad ivya

gonorrhea igisokoro, imburugu

good (the good) icīza
(adj.) -īza, nyāwo, nyāyo, nyāco
etc.
(noun) inēza
(economy) icemezo co gufata
ibintu
(to be good ostensibly but not
really) kwīyorobeka
(to become good after being bad)
gufūtānuka
(to make good) kuryōsha

good afternoon mwīriwe (used any time during the day or evening when greeting one after first time)

good citizenship urukundo rw'igihugu c'amavukiro

good evening mwīriwe (used any time during the day or evening when greeting one after first time)

good hearted (to be) kugira umutima mwiza (to be very ~ to) kubukabuka (~ person) umushiranzigo, umwēranda

good looking (to be) kurābika

good morning (greeting) bwakeye, mwaramutse (to tell chief or superior that someone sends in 'bwakeye') gukānda good-bye n'agasaga, n'akagaruka, n'agahindukira, n'agahumuza, n'agahwane, n'akababa, n'akaza, n'akabandanya, n'akazoza, buroca, turabonanye, ku Mana, ndakwinyungushuye (to superior) ndakwikebanuye, ndikebanuye, ndigaranzuye (to bid) gusēzera

good-hearted (to be) kugira umutima mwiza (to be very ~ to) kubukabuka (~ person) umushiranzigo, umwēranda

good-looking -īza

good-night ijoro ryiza

goodbye n'agasaga, n'akagaruka, n'agahindukira, n'agahumuza, n'agahwane, n'akababa, n'akaza, n'akabandanya, n'akazoza, buroca, turabonanye, ku Mana, ndakwinyungushuye (to superior) ndakwikebanuye, ndikebanuye, ndigaranzuye (to bid) gusēzera

goodness (one who has) intwāri

goodnight ijoro ryiza

goods (merchandise) ibicuruzwa

goose (wild) igisafu

gooseberry intumbaswa

gorge (down) kurotsa (down water) kwātīra

gorgeous -īza

gospel (good news) ubutumwa bwīza

gossip urusaku

(in whispers) ivyōngoreranyo (to ~) kuregeteranya, gusakuza, kuregeteza, kuregetereza

gossiper akagūma

gossiping ukuvuga nabi abandi

gourd igikunga, ikirende, umutānga (long) umukuza (broken) ibibarara (as object of worship) intendēri

govern (to) kugānza, kurōngōra (a country) gutwāra (in name of) gutwārira

government ubugavyi (state) leta

government offices iboma

government official bulamatāri (Sw.), umusirikāre

gown ikānzu (Sw.)

grab gucakīra, kuraha, kuramira, gushikura (by neck) kuniga (quickly) kunyakura

grace ubuntu

graciousness ubukūndanyi

grade (school ~) inota

grade level umwaka w'ishule

graduate (to) kurangiza

graft (tree) kumadika

grafted-in (branch) ingurukizi

grain impeke, intete, urutete
(a single) agatete
(place for spreading out) imbuga
(storage place) ikigega
(to crush before grinding)
kuvūngurīsha
(to form) guhūnda
(to rub to take off chaff) kuvūngura

gram igarame

grammar indongōramvugo

grand-child umwūzukuru

grand-father (my, your, our) sōgokuru, sōkuru (his, their) sēkuru

grand-mother nyogokuru, nyōkuru

grandchild umwūzukuru

grandfather (my, your, our) sōgokuru, sōkuru (his, their) sēkuru

grandmother nyogokuru, nyōkuru

grant to guharira

grape uruzabibu
(grapevine) umuzabibu

grasp (to take hold of person) gushorerakw amaboko (in preparation to strike) kubangura

grass ivyātsi, ubwātsi
(kind poisonous to cows) inzūzi
(pieces of a certain kind used for
weaving) agatēte
(tall) ubwātsi
(in water) igikāngaga
(~ knife) umupānga
(to cut) gukera, gukerera, gutema
(to cut for use) kwāhira
(to dig out rapidly) gusūriranya
(to gather up that which has been
spread out) gusasūra
(to leave grass growing in kraal)
gutongoza

(to spread) gusasa (to spread around something, as coffee) gusasira

(to weed out quickly) kurandagura

grasshopper agahōri, igihōri, uruyige

grated (cheese, vegetable) agahuruzo

grave imva, icōbo

grave-digger (one who helps bury) umuhāmvyi

gravel umucānka

graveyard itongo ry'abapfu

gray -vivi, agahīza, uruhīza, akavūzo, uruvūzo
(~ hair) uruvi, uruvivi

graze (to ~) kurisha

grazing (belonging to great chief)
icānya
(fresh, new shoots of grass)
umugutu
(to ~, vi) kwāhuka
(to ~, vt) kuragira, kurīsha

(animals in good place) kwāhura (in greener pastures, vt) kugisha (to lead cows to) guturutsa **great** (*important*) –kuru (*to be very*) guhāmbāra (*person who is great, severe, wise*) akaranda

greed ipfa

greedy (to be) gusahagura (for a certain food and want that only) kunohorwa

green akaātsi gatoto (unripe, of certain fruits) –toto (to become green, as grass when rains begin) gutōha, gutotahara

green bean umubimba, umukonyogo, umukerere

greens inyabutongo, ubwākara, imbwija, imboga

greet gusanganira
(by oneself in person or in letter)
kuramutsa
(for) gutahiriza
(for another) gutāsha
(one another) kuramūkanya

greeting indamukanyo

greetings (to bring, bear ~) gutāsha (to send ~) kuganūka, kuganūtsa

grey -vivi, agahīza, uruhīza, akavūzo, uruvūzo (~ *hair*) uruvi, uruvivi

gridiron akayungiro

grief umubabaro, amaganya, agahīnda (to be in) kuganya, kuganyira (to torment oneself with) kwīyambagura

grieve (vi) gutuntura (over) gutunturirwa

grieved (to be) kwiganyira, kwītsa umutima

grill akayungiro botsako

grilled meat uburyo bwo kwotsa

grimace kunyinyirwa

grind gusya, gukwema, kunoza, kumenagura, gusyokora (*in wooden mortar*) gusekura (poorly, coarsely) guhera (quickly) gukwemagura (to crush grain before grinding) kuvūngurīsha

grinder agasyanyama

grinding insya (stone) urusyo, irtyazo (of teeth) insya z'amēnyo

gripe kwīdōga

grit (teeth) gukōmanya, kuzyēgenya (to avoid showing pain) gushinyanga, gushinyiriza

groan umuniho, akaborōgo (to ~) kuniha

groceries insumano

grocery insumano

groom umukwe

ground (earth) isi (on the) hasi (dug up but not planted) amasinde (to put on) gutereka (to throw stick on ~ and it tumbles end over end) kubirika

ground (to be ~) gusēbwa

groundnut icēma, ikiyōba (to put ~ in food) gutotera

group umuce, umuco, igico
(of people) umurwi, intēko
(of people, moving along) akavuvu
(standing or sitting) akarwi
(to be in large ~, cows or people
standing) gusagaza

grow gukura, kwāruka, gukaka
(after cutting) kunaga
(larger, esp. moon) gutūbūka
(let hair ~ long) gutongoza
(old) gutāma
(rapidly in spurts) kuvugumuka
(smaller, sometimes used of moon)
gutūba
(to gauge to grow) gukuza

(to cause to grow) gukuza (to not ~, plant) kunyigīra (to not ~, because of too many seeds) kuzīnga (very fast, child) kugurugūmba (well) kubaduka (child that doesn't ~ properly) imfunnya

growl (dog) kugangāra

grub igikogoshi

grudge umujinya, ishavu, inzika, inzigo, igono (lasting) isata burēnge (that never ends) akazika (to have ~ against) gukanira

grudgingly ikinūbwe

grumbler umutāsi

grumbling umwīdodōmbo

grunt (dog) kugangāra

guard umurīzi, umurīnzi, umunyezamo, umuzamu (Sw.) (esp. daytime) umusānzi (one who stands on ~) umushibamyi (to ~) kuzigama, kurinda (to be on ~) kuba māso, kugaba (oneself) kwihahiriza (watch over carefully) kugendeza

guardian (one who rears child) umurēzi

guave ipera, ipera y'ikizungu

guess gupfindūra

guest umushitsi
(to go together to produce food
for) gutērēra
(to have a ~ arrive just as food is
all consumed) kwēnzūra

guest room icumbi

guide umurōngōzi

guilt (to acknowledge to oneself one's ~) kwīrimbūra

guinea pig imbeba y'ikizungu

gulf ibēnga

gulp (down) kurotsa (down water) kwātīra

gums ibinyigishi

gun ibundūki, ingōho

gush (of water, blood) umupfunda

gutter umufurege, umuserege, ikanivo

guy agashusho, agacapo k'umuntu

gynaecology ubuvuzi bw'indwara z'abakenyezi

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habit ingeso, akamenyēro

habits imico (to have a bad habit, having been good) gufūtāna

habitually (to do) kumenyēra

hack (trees) guhīmbura (with axe) gukera (with hoe or other instrument) kujema (with sword) gukekana (up in pieces) gucagagura (off) gutandukāna

haemorrhage ukuvirirana

hail urubura

hair (of baby) imvanda (bit on top of head) isūnzu (of human head) umushatsi (except of human head) ubwōya (one) urwōya (pubic) inzya (hair line) amasoso (long with mud in it) ubusage (tan in color, goats) umufumbēre (white from old age) imvi, uruvi (to cut) kumwa (to dampen before cutting) kuvubika (to have long) guhīmbira (to have shaved off) kwīkemūra (to let grow long) gutongoza

hair tuft isūnzu

hairdresser kimyozi

half igice, igicuri, igihīmba, inusu (Sw.)

half-mast (at ~) bwa kinanda

halt guhagarara

hammer inyūndo (Sw.)

hamper (to) gutega

hand ikiganza (back of) igikōnjo (palm of) umunwe, urushi, ikiganza

hand in (to) gutānga

handbag umupfuko, umufuko (ladies ~) agashakoshi

handicap ubumuga

handicapped person ikimuga

handle (of hoe) umuhini, umumezo (of spoon, etc.) inkondo (of cup) ikigōmbo (of bucket) umukono (to put on, esp. hoe) gukwikira

hands (to close together)
gufumbata
(to pour water on another's)
kwūhīra
(imperatif: "hold out your ~!")
tega iminwe
(to lay ~ on) kurambikakw
ibigānza

handsome -īza (person) umuhizi

handsomeness ubuhizi (with good character) intore

hang gutarika (to hang) kumanika

hang up kumanika

hapless (person) indushi, umugōrwa, umurushwa, umutīndi (to be) guhumirwa

happen (to) gushika (what happened?) habāye iki? (to cause to) gucimbataza (unexpectedly, suddenly) kwūbīra

happening (sudden) igiturūmbuka

happiness umunēzēro, ikinēzēro (joy so great it hurts) ikigūmbagūmba

happy (to be) kunēzērwa, guhīmbāra, guhīrwa, gushanyuka, guhīmbārwa, gushwāshwānuka (very) kudayadaya, kugāyagāya, kwigina (to make) kunēzēra, kunēzereza, kugāzagāza

hard (to be) kuguma, guhāmbāra, gukara, gukomera, kudadarara, gukomāntara
(to be, earth) gutūta
(to be difficult) kugōra, gukomera
(to have a ~ life) kunamba
(to make ~ for one who has lost a
loved one by reproaching the dead)
kwītāmba ku muvyimba
(to make ~, hearted) gukomāntaza
(to take out of ~ places)
kugobōtora

hard feelings umwīkomo, ikinūbwe (to hold) kwīdōga, kugira umwīkomo

hard hearted (to be) gukomāntara (to make) gukomāntaza

hard person umuhāmbāzi

hard-boiled egg irigi ritetse mu mazi

hard-packed earth urutare

hare (animal) urukwāvu

harlot maraya (Sw.)

harm (because of revenge) kuziza (in order to avenge) guhōra (to desire to ~ another without reason) gukānkamwa (to prevent one from harming another) kuzina

harmonization uguhūza

harmonize (to ~) guhūza

harp inānga

harper umucurarānzi

harsh (person) umuhāmbāzi (to be) guhāmbāra

harshness umwāga

harvest ishwābūra, ivyīmburwa, ibirimwa, umwīmbu (esp. millet) igenya, igesa (to ~) kwīmbura, gushwābūra (corn) kumyōra

(millet) kugenya, kugesa (esp. perennial plants, fruit) kwāmūra (to be ready for) kwīyerēra

(to be ready for) kwiyerera (to put away the) kwimbura

harvest time umwēro, iyēra, iyīmbura (millet) igesa

harvester umwīmbuzi *(millet)* umugenyi

hash (trees) guhīmbura (with axe) gukera (with hoe or other instrument) kujema (with sword) gukekana (up in pieces) gucagagura (off) gutandukāna

hassle ingorane, ikibazo (no problem) ntakibazo

hassle intonganya, imitongano, amahāne

(to ~) gutongana, gutonganya, kurandagurana, guhārīra, guhāzāna (to be always looking for) kwītōraguza (to start a) kwāndurutsa (to stop ~ and make them like each other) kwūnga

haste ingoga

hasten (to go) kubāndānya

hastily (to look at) kurangaguza

hat ingōfēro (Sw.)

hatch kuberagura (vt) kubundikīra

hate kwānka, kugaya, gukēngēra, gutītūra, guhama (cause people to hate that which they had liked) gutītūra (everything) kunebagura (one's master) kugāmbāna

hateful (any horrid hateful thing) urunūka

hatred ubwānkanyi, urwānko, agahamo, uruhamo (where there has been love) umucāno (among members of polygamous family) akēnese

have -fise, kugira, gutūnga (absolutely all one wants, and to be a bit showy about it) kunyananyaya (abundance) kudibama, guhīmba (always) guhorana (bad habits, having had good) gufūtāna (diarrhea) gucībwamwo, guhitwa, kudodomwa, kwīruka, gushuruza (done recently) guherūka (fellowship) gufatanya (fellowship with) gucudika (fever) kurwara inyonko (for) –fitiye (friendhsip with) gucudika (holes from rust) kunyengetērwa (much, may be even lots of debts or trouble) kuroranirwa (pain) kubabara (sex) kuryamana, kwenda, kurongorana, kurya umwana (sloping sides, like soup dish) gufukūra (speech impediment) kugobwa (things in common) kubūngirana

hawk (to) kugurīsha

(to ~ to) kurīnda, –kwīye

hawk igisīga

haze urwīrūngu

he wē, wēwe (in contrast to another) weho (he says) ngo, ati

head umutwe

(cold in) agahiri, akamango (of grain) umuhānyu (pad, when carrying load) ingata, urugata (to head up, grain) kubogeka, guhaga, kuyāngika (to head up, cabbage) gufumbata (to bow one's) kwūnama (to carry on) kwīremēka, kwīkorera (to lift up) kuraramuka (to lose one's) gucika ivutu, kuzimagirika (to raise one's) kwūnamūka, kwūnamūra, kurāngamīza (to remove load from) gutūra

(to shake one's ~ in anger or disgust) kuzūnguza umutwe (to tip back) kurarama (to tip to one side) guhengama (to turn one's) gukebuka

head-dress (woven of long hair and worn by dancers) umugāra

headache (to have a ~) kumeneka umutwe (morning after) ibirare

headgear ingōfēro (Sw.)

headman umutōza

headstrong (person) ikigāba, intābwīrwa

heal (to ~, vi) gukira (to ~, vt) gukiza, kurokora, kuvūra

health amagara, ubuzima

healthy (child, about 4 months) ikibunduguru (plant, person) itōto (to be) kunōnōka, gukira (to be very, strong) gutetera

heap ikirūndo

(small heap of products on market) umufungo (to make a) kurūnda

heap up (to ~ together) gukumakuma (to ~ up) kurūnda, kurūndarūnda

hear kwūmva

(to be unable to ~ well) kwūmva bihurugūshwi (well) gutobora (well, suddenly) kuzibuka

heard (to be ~ plainly) kwūmvīkana (to speak so that one is heard but not understood, because of distance) guhwirima, guhihima

heart umutima, umushaha (pure, kind) umutima ukeye (to jump with fear) guhahama (to pound) kugurugūmba, gusimbagurika, kudidagizwa (to set one's ~ on) guhahamira (to beat) gutera indihaguzi

heart failure (congestive) uguhagarara umutima

heart flutter (to have) kudidagira

heart problems indwāra y'umutima

heartbeat indihaguzi

heat (to heat up) gushūsha, gususurutsa

heat ubushūhe, indugūmba, umururūmbo, ikibēngebēnge (with high humidity) agashūhe (male animal in) ishāshi (to be in, animals) kwimanya

heathen umupagani, umushēnzi

heathenism ubupagani

heaven ijuru

heavy (to be) kuremēra, kuriba (to make) kuremereza

heavy-laden (to be) kuremērwa

hedge uruzitiro (about) kuzitira

heel igitsīntsīri

height igihagararo, ijūnja, uburēbure (to be of equal ~ or length) kurēha (to make equal ~) kurēsha

heir samuragwa, umuragwa

heirloom intahava

hello (morning) bwakeye (afternoon) mwīriwe (informal) yambu, bite, amaho, gute, gute none, vyifashe gute

help gufasha

(another get up) kuvyūra
(exclamation: help please!) ntabāra
(in battle) gutabāra
(in trouble or grief) kwīrūra
(one another) gufatanya
(one another in loaning what is
needed) gutērēra
(one in trouble) kwēmanga
(oneself even if you do not know
how to do the thing) kwīgereza
(oneself, relieve one's own need)
kwīkenūra

(overcome an enemy) gukōndōrera (secretly someone to escape by taking his things for him) kunyuruza (sick person walk) kwāndāza (to call for ~) kwāmbaza, gutabāza (~ to carry) gutwāza (to cry out for) kuborōga (to go to ~ another in his work)

gusāsira (without expectation of reward) gutabāra

helper umutabāzi, umufasha (of the sick) umurwāza (group of attendants or helpers to elders) ubukūngu

hem umubarīro, umusōzo, umukūnjo, umuzīngo

hemorrhage kuva amaraso (from nose) umwūna (of woman) ubutīnyānka

hemp urumogi, ubwoko bw'igiterwa kivamwo urunyuzi

hen inkoko (hen) inkokokazi (rooster) isāke (wing of) icūbi

her we, -iwe

herb tea imisabiko

herbe (spice) akamoteshandya

herd isho, ubusho (of animals) umukuku (of sheep) urwūri

herdsman umwüngere

here aha, hano, ino, ngaha (exclamation to superior: here!) sabwe

heritage iragi

hesitate guhigima, guhīngītana, kwīyubāra, guhigimānga, gukēkeranya, kujuragirika (between two actions) gutēgekanya

hex amarozi

hex umurozi

hi (morning) bwakeye (afternoon) mwīriwe (informal) yambu, bite, amaho, gute, gute none, vyifashe gute

hiccough isevu, isefu, urusepfu (to ~) gusefura, gusepfura

hiccup isevu, isefu, urusepfu (to ~) gusefura, gusepfura

hidden (thing that comes to light suddenly) icūbirizi

hide (skin) urusato

hide (vi) gufuba, kwinyegeza, kwīhisha, kunyegera (vt) guhisha, kunyegeza, kuzimanganya (and wait for hunter, of animal) kuguba (behind) kwīkīnga (in a corner) kwīyagiriza (oneself) kubūndabūnda (one's thoughts) gufobeka (the truth) kwiyobagiza (to have nothing to ~) gutobora

hiding (in ~) impisho (hiding place) ubwīhisho (to bring from) kunyegurura, gufurūra, guhishūra

high –rēre

higher (to put) gukiriza (up) haruguru

hill umusozi, umudūgo, umutumba (brow of) igikombe (of earth, to plant in) iburi (slope of) inkūka, akamanuko, umurwa (top of) impīnga (little hills) ubutumba (very big ~) igisozi (white ant hill) umugina

hillocks ubukiru

him we

hinder kubuza, gutangīra, guteba, gutēsha (from harming another) kuzina (from hearing) kubugiriza (to try to ~ from doing wrong) guhōyahōya hinge ipata

hip ifyigo

hippo imvubu

hippopotamus imvubu

hire (workers) kurārika

his -iwe

hiss uruhwa, agahwa (to ~) kuvuza uruhwa

history akahise

hit (to) gukubita (repeatedly but gently with fist, mother with child) gutumagura (a sore place) gutoneka

hive (bee) igitiba (to put bees in new) kwātira

hoarse (to be) kujwigira (to become) gusarara

hoe isuka, indimīsho (without handle) amakera (worn out) ifuni (to ~) kurima (hard and fast) kurimagura (to tighten loose hoe) guhata

hoe handle umumezo, umuhini

hog ingurube (guinea pig) imbeba y'ikizungu

hold gufata
(fast to) kugumiriza
(from falling) gusama
(hard feelings) kwīdōga
(in place) kugumya
(lightly) kwānjānjwa
(out) kubangira
(out arms to receive) guhāngāza
ukuboko
(of rope, vi) kudādira
(strongly) gushimika
(take hold of persons) gushorerakw
amaboko
(to) kwūmira
(up) gushigirika

hold dear (to ~) guha agacīro

holding (hands to form circle or line) gufatana urunana

hole (deep ~ in ground in grassy place) igihuma (for planting beans) ibango (in paper, cloth, container) intoboro, icehere (in ground) ikuzimu, i kuzimu, ikinogo, icōbo, urwōbo, igishimu (small ones like rats make) umwōbo, umwēnge (to get $a \sim in$) gutoboka (to ahve ~ from insects) kunyengetērwa (to make ~) kunyengetēra (to make ~ in stone) gukorogoshora (to make a small ~ for setting out tree or plant) gukoba (to tear a big ~, vi) kumānyuka (to tie up ~ in sack) gutubika (to pierce a ~) gutobora (thing with ~ in it) umwenge

holiday ikiruhūko, inkonje

hollow (to be) gufukūra

hollow (to ~ out) gukorogoshora

holy -eranda, -yēra

Holy Spirit Mpwemu Mweranda, Mpwemu Yēra

homage (to pay to) guhōngera, guhāngama, gushengera, gushengerera

home (at ~) i muhira, imuhira (at the ~ of) kwa (at our ~) i wācu, iwācu (at my ~) i wanyu, iwanyu (at their ~) i wabo, iwabo (to go ~) gutāha, kuganūka (to go ~ from work) kugodoka (to not stay at) guhugūmba (to return to parent's ~ when angry at husband) kugēnda buje (to take ~ objects, cows, after being away long time) kugishūra

homeless (to be) kuzerēra (wanderer) inzererezi

homesickness urukumbuzi

homosexual (person) umutinganyi, umukonotsi, umuswezi, umubidadi, umugeyi (to be gay) kunōnōka (to have ~ intercourse) kwitomba, guswerana, kuryana akameka (to act as ~, commit ~ acts) gutingana (to have ~ intercourse, rude) guswerana nk'imbwa (effeminate traditional priest) ikihindu, ikimaze

honest (to be) kuvugīsha ukuri (~ person) imvugakuri

honesty inyankamugayo

honey ubūki

honor (to ~) kwūbaha, guhaya, gusonera (before others) gushīmagiza

honor icūbahiro

honored person umuninahazwa, umutūngwa, umwūbahwa, nyakubahwa (in adressing him), umupfāsoni

hoodwink (to) kuzīmba

hoof ikinōmo, urwāra

hook (fish ~) igera

hooker maraya (Sw.)

hoop uruzego, urubangangwe, urujagwe

hop sa nkoko (to ~ about) gusimbagurika

hope (to ~) kwīzigira, kwīzera (for) kwītega

hope icīzigiro, ivyīzigiro, umwīzero

hopeful (to be) kugira umwizero

horn (musical) inzamba (of animal) ihēmbe (small, used for tobacco) inconco, iconco (used by witch doctor) urukorōnko, inkorōnko (maze of horns) inka zishashe amahēmbe

horrible bitēye ubwōba

horrid (any horrid hateful thing) urunūka

horror ivutu, ubwōba, agatēngo

hors d'oeuvre imfungurwa nyitangizo

horse ifarāshi, ifarāsi

hospital ibitāro, ivūriro

hostage ingwāti

hot (to be) gushūha, gucānīrwa (esp. fever) kururūmba (moderately) gususuruka (to make hot) gususurutsa

hotel hotēri, ihoteri

hour isaha (for various hours of day, see under 'day')

house inzu

(in ruins) umusaka (little ~, built for spirit of one who has died) nyabugoro (of king) ingoro (temporary) urusāgo, igikāri (with high pointed roof) umushonge, agashūngēre (place opposite door of ~) umukōndo (to cause to fall down) gusambūra, gusēnyura, guhenūra (to chase others out of ~) guturumbura (to fall down) gusāmbuka, gusēnyuka, guhenuka (to put roof on) gusakāra (to repair a) gusanura

household urugo

how (adv., not in questions) ukuntu, ingene, ubugene (conj.) uko (in questions only) -te, gute?

how are you urakomeye? amakuru?

(informal greeting) bite? amaki? n'amaki? amaho? umeze gute? gute none? gute? vyifashe gute?

how many –ngāhe? (~ times) kangāhe?

howdy (morning) bwakeye (afternoon) mwīriwe (informal) yambu, bite, amaho, gute, gute none, vyifashe gute **however** mugabo, yamara, ariko, nubwo

howl (to howl like hyena or owl) guhūma

hug (to) guhobera, kugūmbīra, gukīkira

huge (any huge thing) ikigambati

hull (rice) gutonora

hum kuyinga

human buntu

(human being) umuntu

humble gucisha bugufi (to be) kwicisha bugufi, kwīyorosha (to be ~ ostensibly, but not in reality) kwīyorobeka

humerus ikizigira

humidity (heat with ~) agashuhe

humilated (to be) gutētērwa

humiliate kumāramāza, gutetereza (to ~ oneself) kwāga hasi

humiliation akamāramāza

humor (to be in good) gushwāshwānuka

hunch-shouldered (to be) guheta amabega

hunchback inyōnzo (also refers to the hump itself) (to be) kurwāra inyōnzo

hundred ijana

hunger inzara

(extreme) isari (for certain food, appetite) ināmbu (to faint from) kugwīra isari

hungry (to be) gusōnza (to be ~ for) kwōndera (after hunting for food in various places) kuburanirwa

hunt (~ for) guhirīmba, kurondera (for game) guhīga

hunt uruhīgi

hunter umuhīgi

hunting (to return from) guhīgūka

hurl gushibura

hurry kwīhūta, kwīruka, gukovya, gukōkōbereza, gukwākwānya, kunyānyasa, kunyaragasa, kunyaruka, gushibuka (of child only) kudirigiza (to go) kubāndānya (to go and return) gutebūka (along, as cows to better pasture, or child stumbling after something he wants) kurārāta (to be in a ~) gufuruguta (to do in a ~) kubanguka (to not be in a ~) kwītōnda

hurt (vi) kubabara, gutonekara (vt) kubabaza (another's feelings) gusesereza (to be ~ by what one says, or in injury) gusesērwa

husband umugabo, umugēnzi umucance (lit. one who broke the hymen) (to lose one's ~ by death) gupfākara

husbandry (animal husbandry) ubworozi

husk (to ~) gutonora

hut (bunch of grass at top) isūnzu (wood of) umugānda

hutch (of rabbit) akazu k'inkwavu

hyena imfyisi

hygiene isuku

hymen ince

hymn indirīmbo

hyphen umukwēgo, agakwego

hypocrisy ubwīyorobetsi, uburyārya, indyārya

hypocrite (to be) kwīyorobeka

I

I jēwe, je (concerning me, I in contrast) jeho (and I) nānje

I don't know ntavyonzi, sinzi

I love you ndagukūnda

I'm here (exclamation to a superior) sabwe!

ice igarase

idea icīyumvīro

identify (to) kumenya

identity (card) akarangamuntu

idiot ikizēze, ikijūju

idle (to be) kugaramanga, kwīgaramangira

idleness akararamango

idol ikigirwamāna, igisengwa, igishushānyo

if asangwa, iyo, namba, ni, iyaba

ignition ugucana, ukudomeka, ugufatisha

ignorance ubupfu, ubutūngu, ubuzimire

ignorant (person) umutūngu, inyoberwa (to be) kudebagura

ignorantly (to act) kwīfūtānya

ignore kwīrengagiza, gutimba

iII (to be) kurwāra, kuyōka
 (often) kurwāragurika, kubūnga
 (to become ~ one after another)
guhindikirana
 (to lie around ~ long time)
kuvūnda
 (see also under 'sick')

illegitimate (*child*) igihūmbu, ikivyārwa

illness indwāra (severe) ikīza

illuminate (to) kurabagiza

illustrate kugereraniriza

illustration akarorero

image igisengwa, ishusho, igishushānyo

imagine (to) kwīhwēza

imbecile ikizēze

imbibe kubomba

imitate (to ~) kwīgāna (one to be imitated) iremezo

immaculate (something spotlessly white) umwēru

immediately ubu nyene

immerse gucokeza

immersed (to be) gucokera

immunity (med) ukwirwanira kw'umubiri

impact ingaruka, igisubizo

impatient (to be) kurambirwa

impede (to) gutega

impediment (to have speech)
kugobwa
(to be freed from) kugobōdoka

imperfect (thing) akarohe

impertinent (person) umweruzi

impoliteness imirarwe

import (to) kurangura mu mahanga (to bring new kind of seeds or cattle into country) kurondōra

importance ubukuru

important ngombwa, –kuru *(person)* umukuru

importunity (to ask over and over again) kubaririkiza (to ask persistently, though refused) gucuna

impossible (to be) kudashoboka
 (for) kwānkira
 (to do the ~) gufyidikīra
 (explamation: impossible!) kuka!

impotent (to be) kumugara

impress (to) gutangāza

improve (another's work) guhīngūra (physically or otherwise) kwōroherwa (to begin to feel better after being ill) gutenzukirwa (soil) gutabira (taste of food) kuryosha (a technique) guteza imbere (ubuhinga)

improvement (of soil)
ukubungabunga
(isi)
(of environment) uguteza imbere
ahantu, ukubungabunga ibidukikije

impute to kwomekera

in mu, muri

in fact bwīte, koko

in lieu ahubwo

in place of hāko

in reality koko, cane, kuvyukuri, n'ukuri, y'ukuri, c'ukuri etc.

in spite of nubwo

in truth koko, cane, kuvyukuri, n'ukuri, y'ukuri, c'ukuri etc.

inanimate things ibinyavu

inattentive (to be) gusamāra

inaugurate (to) gutangīza

incense (to burn nice smelling stuff) kwōsa

incision ururāsago, indāsago (to make ~ to treat a sick person) guca ururāsago

incite (a revolt) kugomesha

include –rimwo (verb without infinitive)

including –rimwo (verb without infinitive)

incoherently (to speak ~) kuvovota

income imfashanyo, ivyīnjira (*minimal*) imfashanyo y'uwabuze

incomplete (to be) guhara

incontestable (to be ~) kugaragara

inconvenience gutēsha

increase (vi) kugisha, gukakama, gutūbūka, kwūnguka (vt) kwongera, kwūngura

incredible bitangāje (from gutangāza)

incubate kubundikīra

incurable (wound) akagīrīre (to have ~ disease) kugīrīra

indeed bwīte, koko

independence ubwigēnge (to fight for) kumēnja

independent (to be) kwīgaba, kwiganza

Indian (person) Umuhindi

indicate kurānga, kugenekereza

indicator akagenekerezo

indict (to take someone to chief for trial or accusation) gushengeza

indifference igikonyo, ubute

indigenous imvukira, umwenegihugu

indignation umujinya, ishavu, inzika, inzigo, igono (lasting) isata burēnge (that never ends) akazika (to have ~ against) gukanira

indisputable (to be ~) kugaragara

indistinctly (seeing one ~ because he went too fast) rurabwe

individual (an) inyakamwe

induce (to ~) gutuma, gutēra

industrious (person) umunyabwīra

industry ubuhinguriro

inequality ubusumbasumbane

inequity akarenganyo

infant uruyōya, uruhīnja

infection ukuziranirwa. ukwandukira

infer (to) guheza

infertile (to be) kugūmbaha, guhona

(to make) gukona, gushāhura

infertile (to be, person) kugūmbaha (plants) kurūmba (place) uruharabuga (thing, corn, etc.) ikirūmbirane (to become from lack of fertilizer) guseba

infidelity uguca kubiri n'amategeko

infinitive kīgēnzi

inflate (to blow air into, ball) guhaga

influence (man of) umushīngantāhe

influence (to ~) kwōsha

influential (older man) kamaramagambo

influenza ibicurane

inform (to) kumenyēsha, kurānga, kurangīra, kubarira, kubūrira

information inkenuzo (gained by eavesdropping) igisokoro (to give) kurangīra (to seek) kugenzūra

(to seek about someone)

kubariritsa

infra-orbital (region) agasendabageni

infringe (to) kuzirukanya

ingredient imfungurwa zikenewe mu guteka

inhabitant (of Burundi) Umurundi

inhabite kuba, kuguma, gutura

inhale gukwega impwemu

inherit kuragwa

inheritance umwāndu, uburage, umurage, iragi (inherited property) ishāmvu (inherited property or position) akārōnda

(to leave ~) kuraga

iniquity akarenganyo

initiate (to) gutangīza

initiation (~ ceremony) ukwātira

injection urushinge

(to give ~, inject) gutera urushinge (to receive ~) gutērwa urushinge

injure (vi) kubabara, gutonekara (vt) kubabaza (another's feelings) gusesereza (to be ~ by what one says, or in injury) gusesērwa

injured (to be) gukomereka, gusesērwa

injury uruguma, igikomere (incurable) akagīrīre

injustice akarenganyo

ink irāngi

inn indāro

inner room haruguru

inner tube ishamburiyeri

innocent (to be) kwēra

inquire (about someone) kubariritsa (to ask for particulars or description) kudondōza (to verify what one has heard by asking many) gushīshōza

insect igikōko, agakōko (many small) ubukōko (ant, flying, edible) iswa (ant, pincher) intozi, urutozi (ant, soldier) uburima (ant, sugar) ikinywabūki (ant, tiny) ubunyegeri (ant, white) umuswa (ant hill, white) umugina (bedbug) igiheri, igihere (bee) uruyūki (bee, carpenter) imvūndēri (bug) agasīmba (bumblebee) impingwe (butterfly) ikinyungunyungu, ikinyugunyugu (centipede, small) inyōngōri (chigoe flea) imvūnja, ivūnja (cicada) ijeri (cockroach) inyēnzi (fly, big, tsetse) ikibugu

(fly, house) isāzi (flea) imbaragasa (gnat) agatūku, ubutūku (grasshopper) uruhige, agahōri, igihōri (jigger) imvūnja, ivūnja (locust) uruyige (louse) inda (mosquito) umubu (moth) ikinyungunyungu (tick) inyōndwi, inyōndwe (tick that causes recurrent fever) igitangu (tiny ~ in eye) akanyarira jisho (wasp) ivūbi (to sting or bite) gusurira

inside imbere

(~ the kraal) intangāro (to be inside) kubamwo

insincere (to be) guhema

insincerity uburyārya, indyārya

insist kugōbēra

insolent (to be) kwūbahuka (to be to) gukēngēra

inspect (to) kugendura, kugenzūra

inspection ugusūzuma

inspire (breath into) guhumēka

instead ahubwo

instruction indero

instrument igikoresho

(musical, zither or harp) inānga (monochord instrument) umuduri, indonongo

(musical, lamellophone) ikembe (musical, with string) agahugūgu (large bow-like instrument) idono, indono

(sharp) inkazi (to play) kuvuza, gucurarānga

insult gusīndira, gutuka

insurgent (person) umugarariji
(~ bonds) imvuto

integrity inyankamugayo

intellect ubwenge

intelligence ubuhanga, ubwēnge, ubuhīnga

(to have natural ~) kuvūmbura (e.g. yavūmbuye ubwēnge)

intelligent (*to be*) gukerebuka, kugira ubwēnge

intent umugambi

intentionally ibigirānkana

intentions imigabo

intercede (to ~ for) kubūranira

interchange kunyuranya

intercourse (to have ~, to lie down together) kuryamana (to marry, to have ~, only used of men) kurongora

(to be married, to have ~, only of women) kurongorwa

(to have ~ without being married) kurongorana

(to have ~, only used of men, rude) guswera

(to have ~, only used of women, rude) guswerwa

(to have ~, to fornicate) kwenda, kurya umwana

(to have homosexual ~) kwitomba, guswerana, kuryana akameka (to have anal ~) kuryana inyuma (to make love like dogs, to have homosexual ~, derogative) guswerana nk'imbwa

interest amatsiko

(to ~) kuryōsha, kwitaho (to lose) gutenzēkanya, gutēzūra, gutezēkanya (economy) inyungu, ipurusa

interior (of earth) ikuzimu, i kuzimu

interlace (vi) gusobana
(vt) gusobanya

intermingle gusobana

internet ingurukanabumenyi (from kwīrukana and ubumenyi)

interpret (to) gusobanura

interrogate (to) kubaza

interrogative kabaza

intertwine (*vi*) gusobana (*vt*) gusobanya

intervene (to) kwikira

interview ikigānīro

interweave gusobanganya

intestines amara

intimate (*friend*) umukūnzi, somambike, pfampfe

into muri, mu

introduce (to ~ oneself) kurēnguka

invalid umurwāyi

invent (to) guhānga

investigate (carefully a wrong) gutenyēnya (try to know something, seek information) kugenzūra

invite gutora, gutumira

invoice ifagitire

iron icuma

(~ bar) igihimba c'icuma (for ironing clothes) ipāsi, ikigorōzo c'impūzu, ifero (to ~) gutēra ipāsi, kugorōra impūzu

ironic (to be ~) guhema
 (to speak ironically) kurtyekeza

ironing ukugorora

irony agahemo

irrigation (canal) umugazo

irritate kugōra, kuratsa

irritation (med.) ukubabara

is -ri, ni (negative, ~ not) si

island izīnga

isolate gutānya

Israel Isirayeli

israelite umwisirayeli

issue (to ~) kumenyēsha

issue ingorane, ikibazo (no problem) ntakibazo

itch (to ~) guhurira, gusasātwa

itch amahere, uruhere, uburyi, ukuribwa ku mubiri, ugusasatwa, ukuribwaribwa

itching uburyi, ubusasāte (to scrape feet on floor, esp. because of itching) gusyēgenya

item ikintu (article, product) icahinguwe, akagenegene

ivory isenge

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jackal imbwēbwe, imbwebwe

jacket ikoti

jail ibohero, umunyororo

jam ikonfitire, umutsima w'ivyamwa

January ukwēzi kwa mbere, Nzero

jar agacupa k'umunwa wagutse

jaw (lower) umubangabanga

jealous (to be) gusharika, kugira ishari (between wives) gukēba

jealousy ishari, ukwīpfūza (between wives, or another with whom you share work) ikēba

jelly ikonfitire, umutsima w'ivyamwa

Jesus Yesu

Jew Umuyuda

jewelry urutabonwa (worn by king or great chiefs) inyambarabāmi

jewels urutabonwa (worn by king or great chiefs) inyambarabāmi

jigger imvūnja, ivūnja

jiggle (vt) kujuragiza

job akazi

(small job) ikiraka (to do a sloppy ~) kurēngagiza

join gufatanya, kumatanya, gutēranya

(together, esp. poles at top in building house) kudōmbagiza (together a broken thing) kwūnga

joiner umubāji, umunyamatanga, umufundi amanika inzu (to do carpentry) kubāza (~ bee) ifundēri (~ shoo) ibarizo, isaramara

joint urugīngo, itēraniro, ingingo (to bend) gukonya, kugōnda

joke gufyina, kujajura, guswāganya, kujāndajānda, gufyinata (with lots of words) kurimbūra

joker akagūma

journey urugēndo (food for) impāmba (to prepare things for) gutēkera

jowl umusaya, itama

joy umunēzēro, ikinēzēro, akanēza (great) akanyamunēza (so great it hurts) ikigūmbagūmba (cry of) impūndu

judge (to ~) guca itēka, guca urubānza (~ weather by sky) kugenzūra

judge umucamānza, umucamatēka (with final decision) kamaramagāmbo

judgement urubānza, ingīngo,
intāhe, itēka
 (~ hall) iboma
 (to have ~) guhinyura
 (to not accept ~ rendered) gutagara

July ukwēzi kwa ndwi (*or*, *kw'indwi*), Mukakaro

jumble (things) gucurikiranya

jump (to) gusīmba, gusimbagurika (about) gukinagira (from above) gushunguruka

(in one's sleep) guhahamuka, kurandamuka (in surpise) guhahabuka (in surprise or when awakened) kuzanzamuka, gukanguka (up and run quickly) kwūbuka (when stung or bitten) gushikurwa (with fear, heart) guhahama

jumpiness amaganya, umwītwaririko, intūntu, guhagarika umutima

June ukwēzi kwa gatandatu, Rwirabura, Kiyumpu

jungle ishāmba, idonzi

junior umuhererezi

just person umwēranda

justice itēka

justification inyānduruko, inkomānzi, impāmvu, igituma, imvo (to plead a ~) kubūrana

justify gutsīndanīshiriza (oneself) kwīregūra

K

kayak ubwāto

keep kugumya
(a fire going) gucānira
(for the night) kurāza
(law) kwītōndera
(things for oneself) kwīgūnga
(too long) gutebana
(not ~ one's wordto do that which
one has declared he would not do)
kwīrahuruza

Kenyan (person) umukenya

kerosene ibitoro, igitoro ca essence

kettle isafuriya

key urupfungūzo, urupfunguruzo

keyboard inanganyabwonko

kick (to ~) gutēra umugere (violently, as child does) gusyēgenya

kick umugere

kid (young goat) umwāgazi

kidney ifyigo

kill (to) kwīca, kwongeranya (because of revenge) kuziza (oneself) kwīyīca, kwīgaragura, kwīyahura

killed (to be unjustly) kuyogera

killing (to) kwīca, kwongeranya (because of revenge) kuziza (oneself) kwīyīca, kwīgaragura, kwīyahura

kiln itanure

kilo ikiro

kilometer ikilometero

kind (species) ubwōko (what kind?) –ki? (what kind of) ki?

kind (to be) kugira umutima mwiza (to be very ~ to) kubukabuka (~ person) umushiranzigo, umwēranda

kindle (to) gucāna, kudomeka

kindness ubukūndanyi

king umwāmi

(entrance to king's kraal) ikirīmba (house of) ingoro (pronouncements or commands sent out to chiefs) amatēka (to become) kwīma (to die) gutānga (to make) kwīmika (to sit) kuvyāgira (to speak evil of ~) kurogota

kingdom ubwāmi

(at the king's court) ibwāmi, i bwāmi

kinship umuryāngo

kiosk ibutike

kiss gusōma (repeatedly, passionately) gusōmagura (each other) gusōmana

kitchen igikoni

kite (bird) ikinyakabaka

kitty injangwe, akayabo, akayabu

knead (~ as in bread) gucūmba

knee ivi

kneel gupfukama (to ask to) gupfukamika, gupfukamisha

knife imbugita, icūma (for cutting banana leaves) urugombōzo (long) inkōta (long, broad) umupānga (long-handled, curved) umuhoro

knife edge ubūgi

knit kujīsha

knock gukomānga
(down each other) kugundana
(down in fight) gutūra hāsi
(down, strike against to ~ down,
dead tree) gusita
(from place to place) kujuragiza
(over) gutembagaza

knolls ubutumba

knot ipfūndo, ifatanirizo, ifūndo (*slip knot*) impururu (*to* ~) gupfundika

know kumenya, -zi, kuzirikana (another's thoughts completely) kuvōgera (facts of a case) guhinyura (for certain) kujījūka (to not ~) kuyobera, kuyoberwa (to not ~ what to do) mwījījānya, kurīgānirwa (to try to ~ something) kugenzūra (one who knows more than is expected of him) akagūgu

knowhow ubwēnge, inkenuzo, ubumenyi, ukumenyēra

knowledge ubwēnge, inkenuzo, ubumenyi, ukumenyēra

known (to be) guhinyuka (to be well ~) kumenyēkana, kurangiranwa (to become) kwāmāmara, guhishūka (to be made) kwāndagara, kwāndagaza
(to make) kwērura, gukwīza,
kumenyēsha
(to make) gukwīragiza, kurānga,
guserura, kwāngaza, kwātura,
guhishūra, kwāmāmaza
(well ~ person or thing)
ururangiranwe, ikirangiranwe

kraal urugo

(entrance to king's) ikirīmba (head of) sēnaka (owner of) umutūngwa, nyene (with many houses of members of one family) ikigwati (within the kraal) intangāro

L

labor ubucumukure (childbirth) ibise (to ~) gutama, gucumukura

lack (of foresight) igihababu (to ~) kubura, kugōmba, guhaza, guteba, gukērērwa (opportunity to say what you intended) kujanirana, kujaniranwa (respect) kwūbahuka

lacking (to be) guhara, gusība

lad agashusho, agacapo k'umuntu

ladder ingazi, icūririzo

ladle icaruzo gifukuye

lady umupfasoni

lake ikiyaga, itanganyika (middle of) igezi, umutānga

lakeshore (of river) inkokoro (of river, lake) inkombe, inkengera

lamb umwāgazi w'intama

lame (to be) gucumbagira

lameness ubumuga

lament (to) kuborōga, kuganyira

lamp itara (to light) kudomeka

lampshade agakingamuco

lampstand igitereko

land (piece of) ishāmvu, ikivi (uncultivated) ubunyovu

land (to ~, as airplane) kugwa

landslide (to slide) kunyika, gusiduka

language ururimi

(evil, esp. of young girl) ubweruzi (to speak in a mysterious ~) gufobeka

lantern itara

(to light) kudomeka

lap (to ~, as dog) gusabagira

lap ikibero

large -nini

(grow larger, esp. moon) gutūbūka

largeness ubunini

lariat impururu

lash ikimōko

lasso impururu

last (adv.) -nyuma

last (to ~) kumara (to ~ long) kurāmba

last imperūka

(one of anything) imperēra (one of family who has no children) imponnyi (at ~) ubuherūka, aho rēro (to be ~, previous) guherūka

lasting (to be) kurama

late (to be) gucerērwa, guteba, gukerērwa, gutinda (slightly) gutebagana (of rains) gutara (to become, in day) kwīra (to cause to be) gutevya, gusīvya

lately vubaha

later hanyuma

laugh gutwēnga, gusekaseka (at) kwīshinyira, gushinyira, gutwēnga (at secretly) gutwēngera mwijigo (for nothing) gushinyagura (to make others ~) guswāganya, gutwēnza, gutwēngēsha

(one who makes others laugh) akagūgu

laughter ibitwēngo

launder (to) kumesura

launderer umumesūzi, umumeshi

laundering kweresha impuzu

law ibwīrizwa, ingīngo, itegeko, itēka

lawyer umuvunyi

laxity ukwīgīra sindabibazwa

lay (a thing on its side) guhēngeka (down, vt) kuryāmika (down a burden) gutūra (eggs) guta amagi (hands on, dedicate) kurambikakw ibigānza (on the ground) kurambika (someone on his side) gukīkira

lazily (to work) kuregarega

laziness ubunebwe, ubute

lazy (person) umunebwe (very lazy person, rude, derogative) ikinebwe (to be) kudeha, kunebwa

lead (to) kwōsha, kurōngōra
(a discussion) kuremesha ikiganiro
(esp. cows) gucūra, kuyobora,
gushorera
(animals to drink) gushōra
(astray) guhuvya, kuzimiza
(cows to pasture) guturutsa
(to attack) kugomora
(out, to show the way to one who is
lost) kuzimurura

lead to (to ~) gutuma, gutēra

leader indōngōzi, umugabīsha, iremezo, umurōngōzi, umutegetsi *(to choose)* kwātira

leadership ubuyobozi

leading inyōshwa

leaf ibabi, ikibabi (banana, dry) ihuba, igihūnda (banana, green) umutōto (central part of banana ~) ikigongogongo (bean) umukubi (pumpkin) umusoma (used for perfume) imbazi

leak (to ~) kuva

leaking ukuva

lean (against, vt) kwegamika, kwegeka (against, vi) kwegamira (forward, preparing to run) gutuna (on, esp. in getting up) kwīshimikiza, gushimikira (over) guhengama

leap (to) gusīmba, gusimbagurika

learn kwīga, kwīgīshwa, gusharira (by heart) gufata ku mutwe

learner umwīga

learning ukwiga

leash umushumi

leave (to) guheba, kujījūka, kureka, gusiga, kugēnda, kuvaho, gutāha (at, for) kurekera, gusigira (abruptly) kwonjorora (behind) gusiga (country) kwāmbuka, guhaba (country because of famine) gusuhūka (grass and stuff growing in kraal) gutongoza (group and go by oneself) kujōnjōra (inheritance) kuraga (intention or place) gucungūra (open) kurāngāza (out) guhaza (over) gusigaza (place) gushingūka (something with someone) kubītsa (with) gusigarana

leaven umwāmbiro (to ~) kwāmbira

leaves (young bean ~, when only the first two are there) ingāmba (stripped from tree) udukōkōrwa (used for perfume) imbazi (see also 'leaf') (to have abundant) gusagaba (to put forth new) kurēmba (to strip from tree or stick) gukōkōra lecture icigwa

leech umureberebe

leek igitunguru c'amababi

left ukubāmfu, ububāmfu, ibubāmfu, i bumoso (~ arm) ukuboko kw'ibubamfu, ukubamfu

left behind (things, not food, ~) amasigarira

(to get ~ as you stare at something) kurēngāra

(to be ~) gusigara

left hand ukubāmfu, ububāmfu, ubumoso, ibubāmfu, i bumoso

left over (things, not food, ~) amasigarira (to get ~ as you stare at something) kurēngāra (to be ~) gusigara

left side ubumoso, i bumoso

left-overs imisigazwa (to be) gucāguka, gusigara

leg ukuguru

(bowlegs) amaguru, y'imbango

legacy uburage, umurage

legend (sung legend, poetic) igitito

legion igitēro

legislator umushingamateka

lemon indimu

lemon-tree igiti c'indimu

lend (that for which equivalent will be returned) kugurāna (that which will itself be returned) gutīza

(something and not get it back soon) gutongoza

(money) kugurana, gukopesha amahera

length umurambararo, uburēbure (to be of equal ~ or height) kurēha (to arrange according to ~ or height) gusūmbanya (to make of equal ~) kurēsha (to not be of equal ~ or height) gusūmbana

lengthwise (to cut) gusatura

leopard ingwe

leper umunyamibēmbe, umubēmbe

leprosy imibēmbe

lest -ōye (verb with no infinitive)

let kureka, gukūndira (let's go) hogi, hoji, tugende (flow from) kuva (let go of what you've started to take or do) gutēzūra, gutēnzūra (up work) guharuruka

let us go hoji, hogi, tugende

let's go hoji, hogi, tugende

letter (of alphabet) insomwa, inyuguti

(*correspondence*) icēte, ikēte, ibaruwa, barua (*Sw.*)

level inivo

(to be) gutega (to make) gusēna, gutaba

liar umubēshi, umusukanyi (one who goes about lying) indimanya

liberator umucūnguzi

liberator umurokozi, umukiza

liberty umwīdegēmvyo *(to have)* kwīdegēmvya

library isomero, bibiriyoteke

licence iperemi (*driver's licence*) iperemi yo gutwara umuduga

lick kurigata
(lick food from spoon or dish)
gufyefyeta

lid igipfūndikizo, umupfūndikizo, umufundikizo, umufunyiko, igifunyiko (esp. of basket) umutemere (to take lid off basket) kurumūra

lie (deception) ikinyoma (to ~) kubēsha, kurema, kurementanya (a little) kubēshabesha (about) kurementaniriza, kwānguha, kudendekeranya, guhūmba

lie (to ~ about waiting on someone) kugangarara

(to ~ around ill long time) kuvūnda

(to ~ down) kuryāma

(to ~ down on the back) kugarama

(to ~fallow) gusiba

(to ~ in wait for) kuryāmira,

kugēnza

(to ~ on one's face) kwūbika inda (to ~ on one's side) gucurama

lie down (to ~ about waiting on someone) kugangarara

(to ~ around ill long time) kuvūnda

(to ~ down) kuryāma

(to ~ down on the back) kugarama

(to ~ fallow) gusiba

(to ~ in wait for) kuryāmira, kugēnza

(to ~ on one's face) kwūbika inda (to ~ on one's side) gucurama

lieutenant icegera

life ubugīngo, ubuzima, ukubaho (years of one's) amavūka (to give ~ to) kubēshaho (to regain) guhembūka

lift (to give a ~) kwūnguruza

lift up gukiriza, guterura (from ground) kurārūra (one who is lying down) kuvyūtsa (the head) kuraramuka

light (daylight) umuco (torch, or artifical light) urumuri, amatara

light (to ~ fire, lamp) gucāna, kudomeka, gukongereza, kwātsa (the path, esp. with torch) kumurika

(to become ~ suddenly, early in morning just as darkness ends, or after eclipse) gutamānzuka, gutamānzura

(to come to light) guhinyuka, kwāndagara (to put out) kuzimya

light bulb ampuru, irampuru

light-colored (~ African) inzobe

light-fingered (to be) gukorakora

light-weight (to be) guhwahuka, kwōroha

lighten (a load) kuremurura

lighting ugucana, ukudomeka, ugufatisha, ukubonesha

lightly buhoro

(very ~) buhoro-buhoro

lightning umuravyo

(to flash) kurabagirana, kurabiriza, kuravya

(to be struck by) guhūndagara

like (to ~) gukūnda

(to ~ for a short time) guharara (to try to make someone ~ what he has refused) kwōrekēra

like bēne, nka

(conj.) nk'uko

(like that) -rtyo

(like this) -rtya

(to be like) gusa

(to look like) gushusha

(to like) gukūnda

(for a short time) guharara

(to try to make someone ~ what he has refused) kwōrekēra

like that -rtyo

like this -rtya

like-minded (to be) kuba ikirende (person of very nice disposition) ikirende

likely (to be) gushoboka

likeness ishusho

likewise kimwe

lily (blood, wild flower) umwangange

lima (bean) igiharo

lime ishwagara

limestone ingwa yo guhoma

limit urubibe (to) kugabanya

limitless akaburarugero

limp gucumbagira, guhinyiza, *(to be)* kugoyagoya

line umurōngo

(of people, animals, etc.) umuhururu, umukuku (typographical) umukwēgo, agakwego

(to ~ up, vi) gutōnda (to ~ up, vt) gutōndēsha, gutōndekanya

(to march in a ~) gutōndekana (to ~ up workers) kurārika

lines (or rows on baskets or cloth, e.g. corduroy) umuhiro

linger kuzāngazānga

lining iharire ifatanye n'impuzu (*architecture*) imbaho z'imihage

lion intāmbwe, intare

lip umunwa

(turning down of lower ~) injebejebe

lisping ubureve

list urutonde

(of chosen ones) itorero (to ~) gutōndeka, gutōndēsha

listen (to) kwūmviriza (to refuse to ~ to authority) kugarariza

liter ilitero

little -to, -to-to, -toya, -tonya (a little) -ke, -keya, -kenya (~ by ~) buhoro, buhoro-buhoro (to add to ~ by ~) gutororokanya (to go forward ~ by ~) kwūngururuza

live kuba

(live at, to dwell) gutura
(breathe, to still live) guhēma
(to be alive) kubaho
(to cause to) kubēshaho
(long time) kurāmba
(near a public place)
guhorahabona
(together) kwāmana, kubāna,
kumana
(long live the king!) ganza, sabwa!

liver igitigu

livestock ibitungwa, igitigiri c'ibitungwa (*livestock farming*) ubworozi

living (together) umubāno

living room mu muryango, icumba c'uruganiriro

lizard umuserebanyi

load (to) gupakira

load umutwāro, umuzigo (to cause another to put down) gutūza (to give someone a heavy ~)

(to give someone a neavy ~) kuremēka

(to lighten) kuremurura (to remove ~ from head) gutūra, gutūnda

loaded (with fruit or grain, tree or stalk) gutēngerera

loaf (of bread) irobe

loan (to receive and then not pay back) guherana (to refuse to pay) guheranira

loan (to) gutīza

loathe (to) gucōkōra, kugaya, gukēngēra, gusuzugura, gutītūra, kuzira, kwānka

located (to be) guherēra

lock (of hair) ubusage

lock (to ~, to close) gukīnga (to ~ person up) kudādira

locust uruyige

lodge (vi) kurāra, gusēmbēra (vt) kurāza (give lodging for several days) gusēmbereza

lodging indāro

log (of wood) ikigiga, urugiga

loin cloth umukenyero (small ~) agahūzu

loincloth umukenyero (small ~) agahūzu

loneliness irungu, inkūmbu

lonely -sa

(to be) kwīherēra (to do) kwīgūnga (to spend the night ~) kwīrāza (I am lonely) mfise irungu

lonesome (to be ~ for) gukūmbura

lonesomeness inkūmbu, irungu

long (adj.) -rēre (~ thing, as banana stalk) umusoko (to live, last ~) kurāmba

long (to ~ for) gusamāza, gukūmbura (thing for which one longs) igishika

long ago kēra

long-lived (to bethings, not people) kurama (people) kurāmba

look (evil) igitsūre (all about) kuraraguza (around on all sides) kweraguza, gukebaguza (at) kurāba, kurereka, kurora, kwirora (at carefully) guhwēba, kwīhwēza (at hastily) kurangaguza (at in wonder) gusamāra (at intently) kwīhwēza, kwītegereza (to let look for) gushakisha (look at me!) kundāba (at one thing after another, many things) kurābarāba (at oneself) kwīrāba (at repeatedly) gukanaguza (at without paying attention) gusamāra (at with disapproval) kurāba igitsūre (behind) gukebuka (carefully to see if anyone is there) gukengūza (down, to make another)

kwūnamika, kwūnamīsha (for) kurereka, kurondera (esp. to feel around) gukabakaba (for a fault in one another) kugenzanya

(from side to side trying to see

everything) kurunguruka
(in the face, to be unwilling to)
kwīyobagiza
(like) gushusha
(over, in prospect of buying)
kugaragura
(straight up) kurarama
(through) gusesa
(towards) kwerekera, gutūmbēra
(up) gukanura, kurangamiza,
kurangamira, kuraramura

look down (to) gucōkōra, kugaya, gukēngēra, gusuzugura, gutītūra, kuzira, kwānka

looked (down upon, to be) kugayika

looking (toward, to be) gutūmbēra

loop (of rope, lasso) impururu (of snake, river) ikigonzi

loosen gupfundurura

loot (sense of plunder) isahu, iminyago, urunyago

looter umusahuzi

Lord umwāmi, umukama (the Lord, Eternal One) ūhoraho

lorry ikamyo (*small* ~) agakamyo

lose guhōmba, guta, gutakaza (by death) gupfīsha (by death, one's child) gupfusha (interest) gutenzēkanya, gutezēkanya, gutēzūra (one another) gutāna (one's head) gucika ivutu, kuzimagirika (one's husband or wife by death) gupfākara (one's zeal or enthusiasm) kudehūra (original force) gutītūra (to cause to) gutēsha (to ~ elections) gutindwa amatora (to ~ reason) gusara (to make another ~ his case) kuzingirikira (one who has lost everything in trial) imvumure (weight) kugōgōra

loss ubuhōmbe, uruhōmbo, igihōmbo (to bring) gutāna

lost (being) ubuzimire (to be) guhuba, kujurajura, gutakara, kuzimira (to become really lost and wander about) kuzimagirika

lot (in casting lots) ihēmbe, ubupfīndo (to cast) gupfīnda (to draw) gupfīndana (to have a ~, even debts or troubles) kuroranirwa

loud (to be very) kurēngēra

louse inda

lovable person umunyagikūndiro

love (to ~) gukūnda, kugomwa (to cause to ~) gukūndīsha (deeply and obey) kunogēra (~ each other) kunogerana, gukūndana (turn against one you've loved) gucāna

love urukūndo

(strong, everlasting) akaramata (end of loving another) agahararo (one who loves) umukūnzi (to fall in ~) kubēnguka

lovely -īza

lover umukūnzi

low -gufi, -gufiya, -gufinya

lower (to) kumanura

lower down (to) kumanura

luckless (*person*) indushi, umugōrwa, umurushwa, umutīndi (*to be*) guhumirwa

lucky (to be) gucuna, guhīrwa, kuroranirwa

luggage umuzigo

lukewarm (anything) akazuyāzi, inzuyāzi (to be) kuzuyāza

lullaby igihozo, icugumbiro

lump (clay, blood clot) umugoma (in food) agatiribwa, igihōmba, ikinonko (of bread) intore (on back) inyōnzo

lunch (~ time) sāsita, isaha sita

lung ihaha

lush (and green, to be) gutotahara

lust (to ~) gushākana

lust ubushākanyi

lustful (thinking and practices) ubuhehesi

lying ububēshi

(one who goes about lying) indimanya

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machete umupānga (Sw.)

Madam Madamu

made (to be ~ narrow) kwāzwa (to be ~ poorly) guhōmba

magazine (shop, boutique) ibutike, imangazine, iduka (storehouse) ikigega

maggot inyo, uruyo

magic ubumago, amangetengete, amareba

(to take out objects from body, as witch doctors supposedly do) guhura

magician umumago

magnet isumaku

magnet needle urushinge rukwega ivyuma, ruriko isumaku

maid umukōbwa, umwīgeme (~ reaching age of puberty) umuzēzwa (teenage ~) inkumi (beautiful ~) nyiramwiza

maiden umukōbwa, umwīgeme (~ reaching age of puberty) umuzēzwa

(teenage ~) inkumi (beautiful ~) nyiramwiza

main (adj.) -kuru

main road ihwaniro ry'amabarabara

maintain kugumya, kugumiriza (one's position, argue and swear that you're right) gutara

maize ikigōri
(cob) igitiritiri
(early kind) isega
(kind with big kernel) ikijigo
(ground corn that has first been
roasted) igikweme
(silk) ubusage
(tender new) igishōro
(yellow kind) amashigisha
(to shell) guhungura, kuvūngurīsha
(wheat) ingano

make kugira, kurema (afraid) gutēra ubwōba (a bed) gusāsa (blunt) gufyīta (bread) gucūmba (clean) guhumānura (clear, cause to understand) gutegereza (crooked) kugoreka (drunk) kuborēra (effort) kwāndāra (empty) kugaragaza (equal in length or height) kurēsha (excuses) kudendekanya, kudendekeranya, kuzāngazānga (face over something that tastes bad) kunyinyirwa (a fire) gucāna, gukongereza (firm) kugumya

(fun of, esp. someone in trouble) kwīshinyira

(fun of, by recalling the good he has lost) gucurīra

(good) kuryōsha (hedge) kuzitira

(fun of) kunegura

(hard for one who has lost a loved one, by reproaching the dead) kwītāmba ku muvyimba

(known) kwāndagaza, kwātura, kumenyēsha, kwāngāza, kwerura, kurānga, gukwīza, gukwīragiza,

kwāmāmaza, guhishūra, guserura (laugh, one that makes others

laugh) akagūgu (level) gusēna (narrow) kwāza (nest) kwārika (noise, big) kwāsana, gusāma, kubomborana, kubugiriza (oneself) kwīgīra (others like you) kwīkūndiriza (peace) kubangūranya (perfect) gutūngānya, kwūzuza, kuroraniriza (place) kubisa (place for one another to pass) kubisīkanya (progress) gutēra imbere, kuyoboza (reparations) guhōnga, guhōngera (restitution) kuriha (sacrifice) gushikana (sign) kugereraniriza (smooth) gusēna (straight) kugorōra, kurorānya (tired) kurusha (vow) gushīnga (watering place) kugomera (white) kwēza

make fun (to ~ of) kunegura, guhema (to ~ of by recalling good he has lost) gucurīra (to ~ of, esp. someone in trouble) kwīshinyira (to be made fun of) gutētērwa

malady indwāra (severe) ikīza

malaria marariya, malariya, inyōnko

male izinamuhūngu (animal, esp. goat) impfīzi, imfīzi

malice (person with no) ikirende

malnutrition ingaburo idakwiye

mama (dearly loved) māma w'umukōndo

(my, our) māma, māwe, ma (your) nyōko (sometimes with negative implication, rude derogative)

(his, her, their) nyina

man (married) umugabo (of influence) umushīngantāhe

(old) umutāma (young, unmarried) umusore

manage (to ~, control) gutwāra (to ~ well, be responsible) gufata neza (to ~, succeed) gushobora

management ugutunganya itunga, ubuyobozi

mango umwēmbe

manhood ubugabo

manifest (to be ~) kugaragara

manioc umwūmbati

manly (to be ~) kunōnōka

manner uburyo

manure amase (goat) amahenehene (heap) icukiro (a lot) ibīse

(to gather for garden) kuvūmbura

many –inshi

(how many?) -ngāhe? (so many) –ngāho (to be ~) kurūndāna (to be, esp. cows, trees) gusagāra (to be so) kungana

map ikarata

March ukwēzi kwa gatatu, Ntwarante

mark (made by hoe or axe) ibango (of a blow) umuramu (to ~) kudoma (to have marks, scratches, as pot) gusaragurika ('get on the mark') gutuna

market isoko

(small) akaguriro (~ for one specific product) iguriro

marketplace isoko

(small) akaguriro (~ for one specific product) iguriro

marmalade ikonfitire, umutsima w'ivyamwa

marriage (wedding) ubukwe (go-between for) umureshi (to act as a go-between) kuresha

(to be accompanied to, as bride is) gushingīrwa

(to be attendant for) gushingīra (to be paid for, for ~) gukōbwa (to go to a wedding feast) gutāha ubukwe

(to take marriage vows) kuragana

marriageable age ubukumi

married (to be, of woman) kwābīrwa, kurongorwa

marrow (in bone) umusokōro

marry (each other) kwābīrana, kuragana

(each other, rude) kurongorana

(of bride) kwābīrwa, kurongorwa (of groom) kwābīra, kwēnda (rude), kurongora (a widow and go to her kraal) gucūra (to refuse, esp. girl to refuse to marry a certain man) kubēnga (to take wife without marrying her properly) gucīkiza (to go to husband without being

marsh ikidigi, urufūnzo, umurago

marvel (to) gutangāra (to ~ over) kurangarira

marvel igitangāza

married) gucīkira

marvelous bitangāje (from gutangāza)

mash (to) gufyonyoka

mashed (to be completely from being stepped on) gufyonyoka

mason umwūbatsi, umufūndi

mass (catholic ~) imisa

massacre (to) kugeseza

massage (to ~) gusīga (to ~ a bump so it doesn't swell or hurt) kunyīngisha

massage ugukanda (rubdown) ugutsirita

master Bwana (Sw.), umukama, umushīngantāhe, nyene (my, our) dātabuja

(your) shōbuja (his, her, their) shēbuja (of an art) umuhīnga (to be) kugaba

masticate (to) guhekenya, kunoza, gutapfuna

mat (grass mat to sit on) umusēzero (made of slipt papyrus) ikigāra, ikinyāmbuga (sleeping) ikirago (small) umukeka (very nice, used by king or chief) indāva (worn-out) umusāmbi

match (to ~) guhwāna, kujāna

match imyampi, umwāmpi y'ikiribiti, utwampi tw'ikibiriti (box of) ikibiriti

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materials (for building house) ihūmbi (to cut trees for building, to gather building materials) guhūmbira

matter (in the eyes) ibikaragāshi

mattress imatera, umufariso (grass ~) isaso

May (month) ukwēzi kwa gatanu, Rusama (month of heavy rains) urushāna

maybe kūmbure, nkeka, kur'ubu, hashobora, ndibaza, yomba

mayonnaise mayoneze

maze (of horns) inka zishashe amahēmbe

me jēwe, (and me) nānje (like me) nkānje

meal imfungurwa (to have a ~) gufungura, kurya **mean** (to be ~ to) guhama (to say ~ things in trying to provoke another) kwīyandagaza

meaning insobanuro, insiguro (to ask for ~) gusigūza

meanness ubujōra (of one who rules others) itūntu

measles ibihara, agasāma

measure (to ~) gupīma, kugera, kugerera (to ~ a fixed time) kugerereza

measure ingero, urugero, urugezo (tape ~) imetero y'impuzu (by hand or by steps) itāmbwe (of work) ikivi

measureless akaburarugero

measurement ingero, urugero, urugezo (tape ~) imetero y'impuzu (by hand or by steps) itāmbwe (of work) ikivi

meat inyāma (*dried*) umurānzi

(fat) ibinure (to slip down on spear – if it slips it's supposed to be diseased) gushōka

mechanic umukanishi

medication umuti

(for diarrhea) umufutisho
(to make one to talk freely, to
release inhibitions) urudedēmvya
(to make people like one) urusango
(material smeared about kraal to
keep away thieves and evil spirits)
urugombeka, ururēmbeko
(to ask for ~ to counteract poison)

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(to put out ~ to keep away thieves and spirits) gutota, kurēmbeka, kugombeka

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meditate (to) kuzirikana

meek (person) umugwanēza (to be) gutēkereza

meekness ubugwanēza

meet guhāmvya, guhwāna, guhūra (to go to) gusanganira, gutegēra (together) gukorana, gutērana (to cause to ~ together) gukoranya, gutēranya

meeting igikorane, igikoraniro, itēraniro, ināma (~ place) ihūriro

melancholy icīra

melt gucika, gushōnga, kuyaga (away) kuyōngayōnga (to cause to) kuyagiriza (sugar, salt) kuyōnga

member (of group) umunywanyi (of chief's council who listens to trials) umunyekōmbe (of family) abavandimwe

memorize (to) gusamagira

memory ubuzīndūtsi (word that remains in heart causing sorrow or anger) isata burēnge (to escape the ~) kuzīnda

menace icago

mend (to) kuremura, kubarīra

mending ukuremura, ugusana

meningitis umugiga

menopause (to reach) guca (to have reached) kujabuka

menstrual (to have finished ~ period) kujabuka

menstruate (to) kuja mu butinyanka, kuba mu maraso

menstruating ubutinyanka

menstruation ubutinyanka

menu ikarita ivyērekana (set ~) imfungurwa zitegekanijwe ku munsi

merchandise igishōrano, ibicuruzwa, ibidandazwa

merchant umuhānjuzi, umunyebahasha, umudāndazi

merciful person umunyembabazi

mercifulness ubukūnzi

mercy imbabazi, ikigōngwe (fear to harm another because you love him) impuhwe

merely -sa, gusa

merit kubērwa, gukwīra

message ubutumwa (to send) gutuma

messenger intumwa, umutumwa

metal icūma

(foot piece on spear) umuhūnda (ore) ubutare (piece placed on stoves over fire to set pot on) ikinjanja (sheet of, for roof) ibāti

metal worker umucuzi

micro (tiny) -nzīnya (used esp. with th class)

microbe umukorobe

microscope rugagamisha

middle amacāmbwa

(in the ~) hagati (in the ~ of day) amashōka (in the ~ of lake, river) idāmba, umutānga (of lake, see, jungle) igezi (to go down the ~ of path or country) kwātīra

midget igikuri

midmorning umusase

midnight igicugu

midst (in the ~ of) hagati, amacāmbwa

migraine agahanzi

mild (to be) gutēkereza

mildew ifīra (to get) gutūnda

milk (to) gukama (to finish milking a cow) guhāza (to ~ into mouth) kugoba

milk amata

(human) amabērebēre
(buttermilk) amaterere
(skimmed) amatererwa
(given to sick) umwērēra
(sour) urubu
(containers, table or shelf for)
uruhīmbi
(cup) icānsi
(to have dirt in ~) gutobeka
(to pour ~ down another's throat)
kuramiza

(to put skin of dead calf before cow so she will give milk) kwōrokēra (to remove a foreign body from) gutosōra

(to sour, curdle) kuvura

milkman umukamyi

millepede (small) inyōngōri

millet uburo

(one head) ururo (harvest of) igenya, igesa (harvester) umugenyi (to harvest) kugenya, kugesa

million umuliyoni, umuriyoni

millstone urusyo, irtyazo

mince (along) kunyonyera

mincer agasyanyama

mind (I don't ~) ntaco

mind reader (to be) kuragura

minister (servant) umusuku (prime minister) Ministre mukuru (cabinet minsiter) umushikiranganji

minute (tiny) -nzīnya (used esp. with th class)

miracle igitangāza, akūmiza (not by God's power) amarēba

(making others think you've done a ~ when it's only a deception) uburyi

mirror icīrori, icīrore, irore

miscarriage ukuruhira ubusa

misdeed umuziro

miserable person umugōrwa

misfortune akaga, icāgo

mislead kuyobeza

miss gusība
(aim and) guhusha
(be lonesome for) gukūmbura
(each other on path) kunyuranwa

(fail to find) kubura (pass by but not meet) guhubana

missionary umumisiyoneri

misspeak (err in speaking) kuyoba ('excuse me, I said a wrong word, misspoke myself') bambe

mist urwīrungu, igipfūngu (to ~) kunyanyāga (condensation) umuhisha

mistake ikosa (Sw.), ifuti (to make $a \sim$) gukosha (to make $a \sim$ in counting or speaking) kuyoba

mistaken (to be) guhuba, kuyoberwa, gukosha (Sw.)

mister Bwana (*Sw.*), Bgana, umushīngantāhe

mistreat guhahaza, guhama, gusīnda

mistress (*my*) mābuja (*your*) nyōbuja

mistrust (to ~) kwīkēnga, gukēba (each other) guhinyurana

mistrust ikēkwe, amakēnga

misunderstands (one who deliberately) ikidāmbidāmbi

mix (vt) gutēranya, kuvānga, kuvāngavānga, kuvurūnga (dough) gucūmba (things up and pack them down together) gukanjagura (thoroughly) gucucuma (together) gusukiranya (up) kuzīkuruka (up thoroughly) gusobanganya

mixture ikivānge, uruvānge

moan (to) kuborōga, kuganyira

moaning umuniho, akaborōgo

mob (of youth) imisore

mock gushinyira

mocked (to be easily) gutēteka, gutētērwa

model (photo, fashion) umumaneke

model icītegererezo, akarorero (to ~) guha akarorero

modern kigezweko, -gezweko

modesty isoni

modify (vi) guhinduka
(vt) guhindura
(esp. colour) kubēngūka,
kubēnjūka
(mind) guhindura
(money) kuvūnja
(often) guhindagura
(opinion often) kugaragurika

moisten (to ~) kubombeka

mold ifīra (on food) umufyīra

moldy (to become, esp. manioc or grass) kuvūnda

mole (animal) ifuku (on skin) isunūnu

mollify (to) guhōyahōya

mom (dearly loved) māma w'umukōndo (my, our) māma, māwe, ma (your) nyōko (sometimes with negative implication, rude derogative) (his, her, their) nyina

moment amango, ikibariro, umwānya, ikivi (of finishing or attaining something) ikirīngo (to wait the right) guhēngēra (a short time) akanya mommy (dearly loved) māma w'umukōndo

(my, our) māma, māwe, ma (your) nyōko (sometimes with negative implication, rude derogative) (his, her, their) nyina

monarch umukama

Monday kuwa mbere

money (from German Heller) amahera (from French Franc) ifarānga, amafaranga (to change ~) kuvūnja (to lend ~) kugurana, gukopesha amahera

mongoose isambwe

monitor (to) gukurikirana, kurāba

monkey inkende, inguge (large) imamfu

month ukwēzi

(January) ukwezi kwa mbere, Nzero (February) ukwezi kwa kabiri, Nyamagoma, Ruhuhuma (March) ukwezi kwa gatatu, Ntwarante (April) ukwezi kwa kane, Ndamukiza, Kabozambuba (May) ukwezi kwa gatanu, Rusama (June) ukwezi kwa gatandatu, Rwirabura, Kiyumpu (July) ukwezi kwa ndwi, Mukakaro (August) ukwezi kwa munani,

Myandagaro (September) ukwezi kwa cenda, Nyakanga

(October) ukwezi kwa cumi, Gitugutu

(November) ukwezi kwa cumi na rimwe, Munyonyo

(December) ukwezi kwa cumi na kabiri, Kigarama

moo kurābira

mood (gram.) umuvugire (temper) ibicunduguta, imico

moon ukwēzi (name of) Nzero

(to wane) gutūba (to wax) gutūbūka

moon-faced (to be) gushisha

mop (to ~) gukoropa

more -ndi

(to be) gusāga, gusāguka (to do even) kurushiriza

more than (to be) gusāga (~ enough) gucāguka

moreover bitayeko, uteko, ikigeretseko, ubwo, nubwo

(good morning!) bwakēye

morning igitondo (early) agatondo (early, just before dawn) agahuru

mortar ikarabasasi, ubudongo bw'isima (for grinding) isekuru (or isekuro) (pestle for) umusekuzo (to grind or shell in wooden mortar) gusekura

mosquito umubu

(~ net) umusegetera

moth ikinyungunyungu

mother (dearly loved) māma w'umukōndo (my, our) māma, māwe, ma (your) nyōko (sometimes with negative implication, rude derogative) (his, her, their) nyina

mother-in-law (my) mābukwe (your) nyokobukwe (his, her, their) inabukwe

motivate (to) kwīrūza, kuremēsha, kurindīsha (oneself) kwīrūra (to ~ to make an effort) gushīshikaza

motor imoteri

motorbike ipikipiki

motorbus (bus) ibisi

motorcycle ipikipiki

mould (bricks, pottery) kubūmba, gufyātura

(mold) ifīra (on food) umufyīra

mound ikirūndo (of grain) amarwi (of grain and chaff mixed) ubukūmbi (of rocks) igihongo

(of wood) akarwi

mountain umusozi (large ~) igisozi (foot of) umucāmo (peak) impīnga

mourn (to) kuganya

mourning amaborogo

mouse imbeba

mouth akanwa (big, many) amanwa (person whose mouth is very dry) umwūnwa (to burn in, smart in) gukera

(to cover the mouth of another with hand to keep him from making a sound) gupfūnda (to open) gutēranura umunwa,

(to put in the ~ of) gutamika (to rinse the) kwīyugunyura, kwīnyugunura

mouth odor ubwaku

kwāsama

mouth ulcer ibisebe biterwa n'isuna

mouthful (to take a) gutamira

move (vi) kwīmuka (vt) kwīmura (about) gutēmbēra (Sw.) (things to another place) gutunda, gutereka (to another chieftanship) gucikira (to a new location) kujōnjōra (to cause to move) gusegenyesha

movie theater isinema, isenema

Mr Bwana (Sw.), Bgana, umushīngantāhe

much cane, -inshi (very much) rwose (to be too much) gucāguka mud ivyöndo, uburongo, urwöndo (black) urushānga (to be stuck in) gushāya (to get out of) gushāyūka (to pull out of) gushāyūra

mud-slinging ukuvuga nabi abandi

muddy (deep ~ place) ishāyo (to be) gushāya

mull over (to) guhekenya, kunoza, gutapfuna

multiplicand ingwizwa

multiplier ingwiza

multiply (vi) kugwīra, gusagāra (vt) kugwīza, gucimbataza, kwūngura (because of having fed well, cows) kugisha (rapidly, as insects) kujagata (rapidly) kurōndōka

(as seeds, cows, etc.) kurondōra

multitude intēko, ishengero

mum (dearly loved) māma w'umukōndo (my, our) māma, māwe, ma (your) nyōko (sometimes with negative implication, rude derogative) (his, her, their) nyina

mumps amasambambwika

munch (to) guhekenya, kunoza, gutapfuna

murder (to) kwīca, kwongeranya

murder ubwīcanyi

murderer umwīcanyi

muscle inyāma y'umubiri, umurya, umusoso, umutsi (to be sore in) kunywāguka

mushroom igihepfo, igihefo, igihefu, ikizinu (*little*) ubumegeri

music umuziki

musical (instrument, esp. zither) inānga (with strings) agahugūgu (large bow-like instrument) idono, indono

(to play) gucurarānga, kuvuza

musician umuhanzi

must (to have to) kurīnda, gukwīra

musty (to get) gutūnda

mute (person) ikiragi

muttering umwīdodōmbo

my -anje, -nje

my name is nītwa ..., izina ryanje ni ...

mystery ibānga

N

nail umugera, urumāmbo, umusumari (*Sw.*) (fingernail, toenail) urwāra

naked amēnya (person) umwāmbure (to go) kugēnda amēnya, kugēnda gusa, gufurama

nakedness ubwāmbure

name izina

(to name) kwīta (to be named after) kwītiranwa (to get names confused) kwītiranya

nape (of neck) igikanu, irugu

napkin agatambaro abakenyezi bakoresha iyo bari mu butīnyānka, akabindo

narrate kudonda

narrow (to be) kwāga, gupfungānya (to make) kwāza (to go through ~ pass) kunyegētera (~ escape) agahēngekezo (~ place) imbōmbāne

nasal cartilage umwīrīri

nation ihānga, ubwōko, ishānga

national (person) umwenegihugu

native imvukira, umwenegihugu

nature (of person, thing) akamere, akameremere, ubumere (spirit) imbāndwa

nature ibidukikije

nausea igisesema, iseseme, ikirungurira (to cause) gusesema (to feel) kurungurirwa

nauseated (to be) gusesemwa (by repulsive thing) gushishwa

navel umukondo

navigate (to ~ the internet) kurondera, gushakisha (Rw.)

navigate (*to* ~) kurondera, kugendura, gucukūmbura

navigator (internet ~) mushakisharubuga

nay ahubwo

near hāfi, hāfi ya (followed by 'ya' if there is an object)
(to be) kubāngikana
(to draw ~) kwegēra, kwīyegereza

nearby hāfi, hāfi ya (followed by 'ya' if there is an object) (to be) kubāngikana (to draw ~) kwegēra, kwīyegereza

nearly (prep.) hāfi

necessary (*adj.*) -kenewe, bikenewe, zikenewe etc. (*to be*) gukwīra

necessity ibikenewe

neck isozi

(to cut ~ of animal) gukerera (of clothes) izosi ry'impuzu

necklace urunigi, ikirezi

necklage (chain worn on neck) umugufu

need ubukene, ibikenewe
(to be in ~) gukena
(to ~) gukenera
(to be in, having lost one's
possessions) gusurura
(to have ~ of) kwōndera
(to help one another in loaning
what is needed) gutērēra

(to relieve) gukenura (supplying of) ubukenuke (to have one's needs supplied) gukenuka

needle urushinge

(for sowing) urushinge rwo kujisha imipira

needlessly (tu use) kwāya

needlework umubarīro

needy person umukene

neglect kwānjānjwa (one's work) kwigaramangira, gusibānganya

negligence urwāngāra, ubute

negligent (to be) gutenzūra

negotiate (to ~ a marriage) kuresha

Negro (person) umwirabura

neighbor umuturanyi, umubānyi *(to be)* kumana

neighborhood umuhana, umubāno

neighbour umuturanyi, umubānyi *(to be)* kumana

neighbourhood umuhana, umubāno

neither nta na kimwe

nephew (son of brother) umuhūngwacu, umusēngezana (nephew or niece, child of one's sister if one is a boy) umwīshwa

nerve umutsi

nervousness amaganya, umwītwaririko, intūntu, guhagarika umutima

nest icāri

(to make) kwārika

net (for fishing) urusēnga (mosquito ~) umusegetera

net curtain ugushira iharire mu mpuzu ibonerana

neuralgia ububabare bwo mu mitsi

never nta ho, ntabwo (dependant clause) ata ho

never mind (I don't ~) ntaco

nevertheless mugabo, yamara, ariko, nubwo

new -sha, -shasha (to be, as new teaching) kwāduka (to bring new seeds or cattle into country) kurondōra

newcomer umucīkire, incīkire

news inkuru, amakuru, indemano, impūha

(in TV, radio) amakuru (esp. of battle) imigūmūko

next (the ~) ibikwirikira (beside) iruhānde, hambavu (~ day) bukēye (~ week) indwi iza

nibble (to) guhekenya, kunoza, gutapfuna

nice -īza, nyawo, etc. (to be ~ to look at) kuroreka (~ to meet you) ni vyiza kubonana nawe

nicely nēza

niece (daughter of sister, if a girl; daughter of brother, if boy) umukōbwacu, umukōbwanyu, umukōbwabo (daughter of brother, if one is a girl) umusēngezana (daughter of one's sister if one is a boy) umwīshwa

nigh hāfi, hāfi ya (followed by 'ya' if there is an object)
(to be) kubāngikana
(to draw ~) kwegēra, kwīyegereza

night ijoro

(to be) kwīra (to be almost over) gushīra (e.g. ijoro rishīra ubuca) (to lodge for the) kurāza (to spend the ~) kurāra (to spend the ~ alone) kwīrāza (to spend the ~ at) kurārīra (to watch, as watchman) kurārīra **night watchman** umurāririzi, umunyezamo (*Sw.*), umuzamu (*Sw.*)

nightfall (to be overtaken by) kwīrīra

nine icēnda, cēnda (nine times) icēnda

nineteen icumi n'icenda

ninety mirongwicēnda, mirongurwēnda

nits imigi

no oya
(adj.) nta, ata
(emphatic) oyāye, ishwi, eka,
ekāye, wapi
(to say ~) guhakana
(euphemism for a polite No)
nzokubarira (lit. I will let you know)

no one nta n'umwe, ntanumwe

nobility ubupfāsoni

noble person umupfāsoni

nobleman umuninahazwa, umutūngwa, umwūbahwa, nyakubahwa (in adressing him), umupfāsoni

nobody nta n'umwe, ntanumwe

nod (in sleeping) gutūringiga

(loud, frightening) umuturagaro

noise urwamo

(esp. of battle or strife)
umuvurungano
(of earthquake, or approaching
storm) umugigimo
(of rain, thunder) umuhīndo
(of wind, rain, running feet, etc.)
igihīnda
(to make a big) kwāsana,
kubomborana, kubugiriza, gusāma
(to make a lot) kuvurungana,
kuyogora
(to make a loud frightening)
guturagara

none nta, ata (in dependent clause)

noodles ubwoko ba'amakaroni

noon isaha sita, sasita, amashōka, ku mamina ngohe

noose impururu

nope oya
(adj.) nta, ata
(emphatic) oyāye, ishwi, eka,
ekāye, wapi
(to say ~) guhakana
(euphemism for a polite No)
nzokubarira (lit. I will let you know)

north uburaruko, ikasikazi (Sw.)

nose izūru, itonde (bridge of) umwīrīri (nosebleed) umwūna (to get in and cause to sneeze) gusagāra

nostalgia urukumbuzi

nostril itonde

not nta, ata
(is not, are not) si
(not at all) na mba! īshwī!
(not a bit) n'intete

notch (teeth) guhongora

notebook ikaye

nothing $(a \sim)$ imburūngu, igaragara (adv.) ubusa (adj.) ntanakimwe $(to \ say \sim)$ kunuma

notice (poster) iyerekanwa

notice (to) kurabukwa

notify kubūrira

notorious character akābarore

notwithstanding nubwo

noun izina (class of) umutigiri

novelties (to like) guharara

November ukwēzi kwa cumi na rimwe (*or, kw'icumi na rimwe*) Munyonyo

now nōne, ubu, ubuho (right now) ubu nyene, non'aha (now then) nōne

nudge gukoma

numb (to be) gutimba (to make) gutimvya

number igiharūro, nimero (a very large, ten thousand etc.) isīnzi (of things) igitigiri

nurse (*children's*) umurēzi w'abana (*medical, male*) umuforoma (*medical, female*) umuforomakazi

nurse (vi) kwōnka (vt) kwōnsa (to ~ an invalid) kurwāza (to ~ from a cow) kugoba

nut (peanut, groundnut) icēma



oar ingafe

oarsman umusōza

oath indahiro (to take an) kurahīra (to go back on) kurahurūra

oats ingano z'ibisheshe

obedient (to be) kugandūka, kuyoboka, kwūmvira

obese (to be) kuvyibuha

obey kugamburuka, kugendanira, kwītōndera, kwūmvira, kugandūkira (unwillingly) kugambarara (to force to) kugandūra (to refuse to) kugaranya

object (of worship) ikigirwamāna

obliged (to be ~ to) kurīnda, gutegerezwa (to be ~ to adopt the less desirable of two plans) gutēgekanishwa

obliquely (to place) guhirika

obscured (to be) kuzimangana

obscurity umwījima, umwīza (*great*) umuzimagiza, umuzitanya (*in daytime*) ubwīrakabiri

observation icashitsweko

observe kwītegereza, kurāba (carefully) gukengūza, kwihwēza (class distinctions) kuzīrōra (to superstitiously ~ certain days) kuziririza (a taboo) kuziririza

obstruct (to) gutega

obtain kuronka

obtainable (to be) kuboneka

obtrusive (to be) kwerura, kutagira isoni

obvious (to be ~) kugaragara

occasion uburyo

occiput agakomokomo, inkomokomo

occupation umurimo, igikorwa

ocean ikiyaga

October ukwēzi kwa cumi (*or*, *kw'icumi*), Gitugutu

odor (of scorched flesh or hair)
umubabwe
(mouth ~) ubwaku

offended (to be) gusugurirwa

offer (to) gutānga, kubangira, gushikana
(gift) guterēka, gutūra
(presents) guhōnga
(sacrifice) gushikana
(to spirits) guterekēra
(but take back) guhema
(place to offer to the spirits)
igitabo

offering impērezwa, ishikanwa, itūro

office ububwīriza, *(room)* ibiro

offices (government) iboma

official (of government) umusirikare, bulamatari

offspring uruvyāro

often kēnshi

oil amavuta (olive) amavuta ya elayo

(dirty ~) amavuta mabi ava mu mashini

OK sawa (Sw.), ni sawa

okay sawa (Sw.), ni sawa

old (age) ubukuru, zabukuru (man) umutāma (person) umusāza (woman) umutāmakazi, umukamakare (to be) kurāmba (to be, but still strong) kugwagura, guhūmura (to become) gusāza (to become, woman) gukēcura

older (~ *brother of boy*) mukuru (~ *sister of girl*) mukuru

olive oil amavuta ya elayo

(to grow) gutāma

omelet umurete, umuleti, umureti

omit guhaza

on ku, kuri

on top hejuru

once rimwe

one -mwe, rimwe
(one solitary thing) urudēnde
(one banana, head of grain, etc.)
umuhānyu
(to come ~ by ~) gutororokanya
(~ by ~) isorōsoro

onion igitunguru

only gusa, nyene (adj.) -sa

open (vi) kwāturuka, gukīnguruka, gupfunduka (vt) gufungūra (Sw.), kugarānzura, gukīngūra, gupfundurura, kurumūra, kwūgurura, kuzibūra (the eyes) gukanura (the eyes of another) guhumūra (flower) kwātura (the mouth) gutēranura umunwa, kwāsama (mouth, or book) kubūmbūra (suddenly, vi) kuzibūka (to be ~ to view) kugaragara (to be wide ~) kurāngāra

(to leave ~) kurāngāza (space) agahīnga

opening (small, in an enclosure) icānzo

operate kubāga

ophthalmology ubuvuzi bw'amaso

opinion iciyumviro

opponent (in game) uwo muhiganwa, uwo mudasangiye umurwi, uwuhiganwa

opportunity umwānya, uburyo (to lack ~ to say what you intended) kujanirana, kujaniranwa

oppose kwānka

opposite (to be) kunyurana (to make) kunyuranya

oppress guhahaza

optimistic (to be) kugira umwizero

or cānke, cyangwa (*Kinyarwanda*, used in northern Burundi)

or so (prep.) hāfi

oral cavity akanwa

orange (fruit) icunga, umucūngwe, umucūngwa (color) umutugutu

ordain kwātira, kurambikakw ibiganza

order (decree) itēka (in ~ that) kugira ngo, ngo, bitayeko

order (to) gutumiza, gusaba (to place in) gukirānura, kuringaniza, kurorānya

ordination ukwātira

ore (metal) ubutare

origin inyānduruko, akārōnda, inkomoka, inyāmo

originate (person) kwāmūka, kwānduruka, gukomoka

ornament integuro

orphan imfūvyi, intābwa

ostensibly (to be humble or good ~ but not in reality) kwīyorobeka

other –ndi (no ~) nta wundi

other than uretse

otherwise (*conj.*) ukundi (*adv.*) ahandiho

ought gukwīra, kurīnda

our -ācu

ours -ācu

out (to go ~, as fire or light) kuzima

out hānze

out of mu

outcome ingaruka, igisubizo

outcry imigūmūko

outer (garment) umutamana

outline igicapu, igicapo, igishushānyo, ishusho, igishusho (to ~) gushushānya (to take, draw) gucapura

outside (of house) hānze, inyuma (to go ~) gusohoka (to put ~, take ~) gusohora

oven ifuro

over (prep.) ku

over (way over there) harīya (not too far away) harya (to be almost, night) gushīra, e.g. ijoro rishīra ubuca (to be left) gusigara (to leave) gusigaza (left-overs) imisigazwa

over-crowded (to come up thickly and thus not do well) gusorora

over-ripe (to be ~ by nightfall) kwīrīra

overcharge (to) kuzīmba

overcome kunēsha, gutsīnda, kunaniza (to be ~ by something difficult) kunanirwa

(to ~ an enchantment) kurogōra (seek assistance to) kugomorera (to help another ~ enemy) gukōndōrera

overflow ibibōgabōga, umusēsekara (place where river has overflowed the banks) ikidēngeri

(to ~) kubōgabōga, gusēsekara

overflowing (to be full to) kubōga, kubōgabōga

overnight (to keep) kuraza

overseer umuntu ahishirigwa

overthrow umushombo

overturn gusunūza

overwork (to) gutama

owl igihuna

own (to) gutūnga

owner (of) nyene (of kraal) umutūngwa, sēnaka (to be sole) kwegukira

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pack (to) gupakira(to ~ down, vi) guhamāngira,kunyika(vt) kunyikiza, gutsindagira

pack ipaki

package uruboho, umuzigo
 (of goods) ipaki
 (small) itu

packed (to be hard-packed, as path) gukomāntara

packet uruboho, umuzigo
 (of goods) ipaki
 (small) itu

pad (worn on head when carrying load) ingata (big one for beer pots) urugata

paddle (to ~) gusōza

padlock igufuri (Sw.)

pagan umupagani

page urupapuro

paid (to be paid for, for marriage)
gukōbwa

pail indobo

pain igisigo, umubabaro, ububabare (sharp) umusōnga (to get relief from) kwōroherwa (to grit one's teeth to avoid showing) gushinyanga, gushinyiriza (to have) kubabara (to have severe) kurībwa

(to suffer without complaint) kwīyumānganya

(to suffer) gucumukura

Kwiyumanganya

(to take pains with) kwītōndera

paint (to) kuraba
(to ~ oneself) kwīraba

paint irāngi

pair (to ~) guhūza (to be a ~) kumana

pajamas ipinjama

pal umugēnzi (close ~) umukūnzi

(intimate ~, the one you share your last hidden food with) somambike (most intimate ~, "you die - I die") pfampfe (to visit a ~) kubūngirana

palate (soft) amāgage

pale cēra

(to be) gucēkūka, kubēnjūka, kwiraburanirwa

pallbearer umuhāmvyi

pallid (to be) gucēkūka

palm (of hand) ikigānza, urushi, umunwe

palm (*tree*) ikigazi (*oil*) amamesa

palpate (to) kugaragura

palpitate (heart) kudidagizwa, kugurugūmba, gusimbagurika

palpitations (to have) kudidagira

pamper (to ~, vi) kubora, kwōnōna
(vt) kuboza
(of foods) kugāsha
(another's reputation) kwāmbika
ibara

pan (frying ~) ipanu
(saucepan) isafuria, isafuriya

pancake ikerepe

panic (to be seized with)
kudegemwa

panther ingwe

pants ipantaro, ipantalo
 (short trouser, shorts for sports)
ikabutura

papaya ipapāyi

paper igikaratasi, urukaratāsi, urupapuro (*large sheet*) igipapuro

papyrus (reed or swamp) urufūnzo (reed) urukorogota (mat made of split) ikigāra, ikinyāmbuga

parable umugani

parade kwīyereka

paragraph igika

parallel (to be) kubānga, kubāngikana (to make) kubāngikanya

paralysis ubumuga, ugukongatara

paralyzed (to be) kumugara, kuremara

pardon ikigōngwe (to ~) kubabarira, kurekurira, guharira

pardoned (to be ~) kurekurirwa, guharirwa, kubabarirwa

parent umuvyēyi

parrot (gray and red) gasuku

part (to ~ with) gutandukāna

part igice, igicuri, umugabane, ikigabane, igihīmba, ingaburo (*to be* ~ *of*) gukukira

partiality (as result of bribe) urwānkunzi

partition ikibambāzi, umukīngo, urusīka, igisīka (of reeds) impete

partridge inkware

party (political) umugambwe

pass guhita (allow to) kubisa (allow another to) kubisiriza (between) kunyura (by) guhita, gukīkira (by, but not meet) guhubana (gas) gusurira (out gifts) kugaba (out of sight) kurēngāna (over, by, aside) kurēngāna, kurēngānya (the night) kurāra (through) guca (to bring to ~) gucimbataza (to go through a narrow ~) kunyegētera

pass away (to) gupfa, gucīkāna, guhwēra, kuranduka (of king) gutānga (esp. of one who has been ill for a long time) kudēndūka (to be about to) kugoyagoya (suddenly) kweguka, kugaduka (suddenly and unexpectedly) gukenyuka (used of person scorned by others) kwijajara

(to bring in passing) guhitana

pass water (to) gusōba, kunyara (cow) kugānga

passion fruit itunda, marakuja

past akahise

pastor umupasitori

pasture (belonging to great chief)
icānya
(fresh, new shoots of grass)
umugutu
(to ~, vi) kwāhuka
(to ~, vt) kuragira, kurīsha
(animals in good place) kwāhura
(in greener pastures, vt) kugisha
(to lead cows to) guturutsa

pasture (to ~, vi) kwāhuka (to ~, vt) kuragira, kurīsha (animals in good place) kwāhura (in greener pastures, vt) kugisha (to lead cows to) guturutsa

pat (child) gushīshītira

path inzira, irāngo

patch ikiremo, ikiraka, icome
(to ~) gutera ibiremo, kuremura

(made by cows) umuhōra
(of water in heavy rain) umuvo
(wide) igihamo
(to go along right in, esp. animals)
gutōta
(to go down the middle of) kwātīra
(to light the) kumurika
(to put on the right) guhubūra
(into rugo) umuharuro,
umurombero

patience urwīhāngāne (to be at the end of one's) kudundumirwa

patient (to be) kwīhāngāna

pattern ikigereranyo, igipapuro c'umuderi

paw ijānja

pay (to ~) gutānga, guhēmba
(bribe to win one's case) kwihonga
(debt) kwīshura
(dowry) gukwa
(for work done) guhēmba
(fee) kubugura
(homage to) guhōngera,
gushengera, gushengerera
(no attention to) gusamāra,
gutimba
(salary) kugerera
(money into account) kubika
amahera
(to make up for wrong doing)
kwīcungura

pay ingero, urugero, igihēmbo, impēmbo (*salary*) umushahara

payment ubwishu
(of debt) inyīshu
(overdue) ibirāre
(to demand ~) kurihisha

pea ubushaza, ubwīshaza

peace amahoro, impore, amarembe, ihūmure, ubutekanyi (to make ~) kubangūranya

peak (of mountain) impīnga

peanut icēma, ikiyōba (to put ~ in food) gutotera

pearls ubudede, akadede (esp. big ones) ubusaro

pebble akabuye

peck kunoba

peddle (to) kugurīsha

pediatry ubuvuzi bw'indwara z'abana

pee (of humans) amasōba, inkari (of animal) amagānga

pee (to) gusōba, kunyara (cow) kugānga

peel guhwāta, kumyōra (of skin after burn) kwūburuka

peeling igishishwa, udukōkōrwa

peg urumāmbo, ijisho ry'ikirenge (to stretch out skin to dry by putting sherpened pegs around edges) kubāmba

peg out (to) kwījajara

pelvis ikiyunguyungu

pen (for writing) ipirimu

pencil ikaramu (Sw.) (for slate) idushi (~ box) agapfuko k'amakaramu

penetrate (*into*) kunyegera (*skin, esp. under fingernail*) gusesēra, gusesereza

penis inzanyi, imboro (*Sw.*), ubugabo

pension ipansiyo

penuriously (to give) kuzirukanya

people abantu (group of) akarwi (group moving along) akavuvu

pep up (to ~) kwongereza akanovera, kurunga

pepper (*Sw.*) ipiripiri, ipilipili, agapiripiri, impiripiri (*chilli*) urusenda

perceive kurabuka, kurabukwa

percussion instrument ingoma

(sacred royal ~) karyenda (sacred ~ "for whom one ploughs") murimirwa

(sacred ~ "for whom one clears brush") ruciteme

(sacred ~ accompanying the king) rukinzo

(sacred ~ "dispenser of peace")
nyabuhoro

(sacred ~ "lady of the land") inakigabiro

(to beat ~) kuvuza

(to beat continuously, thus setting time for others beating) gusāsīra (stick for beating ~) umurisho, umukembe

perfect guheraheza, guhīngūra (to be) kuba agahore, guhebūza, kunengesēra, gutūngāna, kwūzura (to make) kuroraniriza, gutūngānya, kwūzuza

perforate (to) gucumita, gutobora, kuzibūra

(in order to kill) gusogōta (through) gutobekeranya (as with a nail) guhānda

performer umuhanzi

perfume isenga

(bark used for) imibavu (leaves used for) imbazi (to put on nice smelling stuff) kwōsa

perhaps kūmbure, kur'ubu, nkēka, hashobora, yomba

peril icago

period (punctuation) kaburūngu

perish (*to*) guhenebēra, guhona, kuranduka, gutikira, gutōngōka, kuyogera, kudēndūka, guhera

permanent thing intahava

permission uruhusha, igikūndiro

permit (to) kureka, gukūndira (to ~ to go) kurekura (permit me!) enda

permit iperemi

(driver's licence) iperemi yo gutwara umuduga

persecute kudendereza, guhama (each other) guhamana

persecution akadenderezo

persevere gukomeza, gushīshikara, gushimika

persist gucunaguza, kwigumira, gukovya, kunogēra, kuramiriza, gushimika, gushīshikara (in asking questions) kuzigiriza (in old custom) kuzīrōra (more strongly than before) gukobeza (patiently) gukenyera, gukenyerera

persistence umwītwaririko

persistent (to be) kwītwaririka

persistently (to as, although refused) gucuna

person umuntu

(bad) umubi
(Black or African) umwirabura
(cross) ibāmba
(courageous) intwāri
(dedicated to Kiranga) igihwēba,
igishegu
(dishonest) igihūmbu
(elderly) umusāza

(fearful) igihumura (from far away) umunyankīko (good, kind, just, holy, righteous) umwerānda

(grammar, ~ of verb) umuvugwa (handsome) umuhizi (hard to get along with) ikigoryi (harsh) umuhāmbāzi

(honest, speaking truth) imvugakuri, umunyakuri (honorable) umupfāsoni,

umwūbahwa, nyakubahwa (intelligent, skilled, eloquent)

umuhānga

(kind and charitable) umukūndanyi

(lovable) umunyagikūndiro (malformed) ikirema

(mean and quarrelsome) ikijōra (meek) umugwanēza (merciful) umunyembabazi (miserable) umugōrwa (of high rank, noble character) umupfāsoni (of nice disposition) ikirende (one by himself) inyakamwe (sharp) inkazi (skillful) umuntu w'inkuba, umugesera (strong) umunyenkomezi (stubborn) intakonywa, intābwīrwa (tall, fat) ikigwīnyīra (weak) umugoyigoyi, urudēndevu (white) umuzungu, umwera (who is great, severe, wise)

akaranda
(with many children) umurēngera
(worthy of praise or love)
umunyagikūndiro

personnel abakozi

perspiration icūya, urwūya, icūya, ukubira icūya

perspire kubira icūya

persuade (in underhanded way)
kubembeteranya
(to succeed to ~ someone to leave

his evil ways) gukōndōra (to talk with someone to try to ~ her to elope) gucīkiza (to try to ~) gukiranira

persuasion inyōshwa

pertain (to ~ to) gukukira

pertussis akānīra, inkokora y'akānīra

pessimism ukwāma wihebuye

pestle (for grinding in mortar) umusekuzo

pet igitungwa

petrol ibitoro, igitoro ca essence

petroleum ibitoro, igitoro ca essence

phallus inzanyi, imboro (Sw.), ubugabo

pharisee umufarisayo

pharmacy ifarmasi

phlegm igikororgwa
 (to spit up) kuruka

phlegmatic ubutēkānyi (to ~) guhorereza, guhoza, guhwāmika (to be) kwītōnda (to become) guhora, guhūmura

phobia ubwoba

photo ifoto

photograph ifoto

physical (strength) amagara

pick (a chicken) kumöngöra
(a fight) gusötöra
(peas, beans, berries) gutöböra
(squash, corn) guköndöra
(up) gutöra, kuyöra
(up, as birds do) kunobagura,
kunoba
(up bits of food here and there)
kunüranura

(up here and there) gutōragura (up manure and put in garden) kuvūmbura

picture igicapu, igicapo, igishushānyo, ishusho, igishusho (to ~) gushushānya (to take, draw) gucapura

piece ikimānyu, ikigegene, igice (of bread) ikibege (of fruit) icamwa (of land) ishāmvu, ikivi (of paper or cloth) ibitabu (of something that has been cut) igisate

(to come to pieces) gusambūka (to tear in pieces) gutabagura

pierce (to) gucumita, gutobora, kuzibūra

(in order to kill) gusogōta (through) gutobekeranya (as with a nail) guhānda

pig ingurube (guinea pig) imbeba y'ikizungu

pigeon inuma

pile (to ~ together) gukumakuma (to ~ up) kurūnda, kurūndarūnda pile ikirūndo

(of grain) amarwi (of grain and chaff mixed) ubukūmbi (of rocks) igihongo

(of rocks) igihongo (of wood) akarwi

pill ipirire

pillage iminyago, ubusahuzi
(to ~) kunyaga, gusahura

pillager umusahuzi

pillar inkīngi, igikīngi

pillow umusego
 (to ~ one's head) gusegura

pimple (to have) guturika

pin umusumāri (Sw.), agapengeri (clothespin) umunēngo (safety) igikwāsho, igikwāshu

pincer (of wood used by snuff smokers) umunēngo

pineapple inanasi

pipe (as hollow bamboo) umugano

piss (of humans) amasōba, inkari (of animal) amagānga

piss (to) gusōba, kunyara (cow) kugānga

pistil (of flower) isage

pit urusumanyenzi

pitch (a tent) gupānga ihēma

pitted (to get rutted or ~ from rain) gushānyūka

pity akagōngwe, ikigōngwe (without ~) utwininga, irarīrari (to have ~ for) kubabarira

place (to) gushira

(to ~ here and there) gukwīragiza (in order) gukirānura, kuringaniza, kurorānya

(facing each other) kurorānya (objects together in irregular fashion, end for end) gucurikiranya (obliquely) guhirika, gukīkama (be placed obliquely) gukīka (on) gushikiriza (one thing above another) kugereka, kugerekeranya
(oneself) guherēra
(somewhere) gushiraho
(two things side by side, parallel)
kubāngikanya
(to be placed wrong end to)
gucurama
(to give place to each other)

(to give place to each other) kubisīkanya

(to hold in) kugumya (to leave a) gushingūka (to make) kubisa

(to make for one another to pass) kubisīkanya

(to put a thing in its certain ~) gutereka

(to remain in ~ of another) gusigarira

(to stand in a certain ~ thus making ~ for another) kubisiriza (to take the ~ of another) kwākīra (to take the ~ of another watching) kubangūra

(to go from ~ to ~) kuyugayuga

(around trees where nothing else

place ikibānza, ahantu

grows) impehemyi
(damp) ikinyōta
(for spreading out grain) imbuga
(meeting ~) ihūriro
(of another) igishīngo, icīto
(prepared to put anything)
igitereko

(smelting) urugānda (to offer to the gods) igitabo (to receive money or other things) iyakīriro

(to sit) umusēzero (uninhabited) agahīnga (very narrow, tight) imbōmbāne (where food is plentiful) ubusumo (where water has flooded) isēsero

placenta ingovyi

plaid cloth igitāmbara c'ikigoma

plain igitega, ikiyāya

plait (to) gutsiba

plan (to) gutegūra, guteganya
 (to ~ for) gutūmbēra, kugira
imigabo
 (secretly to do something)
kwimbirira
 (to be obliged to adopt the less

desirable of two plans)
gutēgekanishwa
(to have several plans of what to
do) gutēgekanya

plan imigabo, umugambi, integuro (*upset plans*) inkomānzi

plane (airplane) indēge

plane (to) kubāza

planning imigabo

plant (to ~) gutēra
(to ~ broadcast) kumījīra
(first) gushūza
(small seeds) kubiba
(to be loaded with fruits or grain)
gutēngerera
(to be lush and green) gutotahara
(to come up thickly and thus not do
well) gusorora
(to have abundant leaves and
branches) gusagaba
(to help ~, throw beans in soil as

(to put out big spreading branches) gusagarara, gutabarara (to send forth shoots) gutōha

plant imbuto, ikimera, ibitērwa (small) urugāmba
(small trees that start up around

(to put forth branches) gushamika

other hoes) gutēragira

(small) urugāmba
(small trees that start up around big one) umuvyāro
(stunted) ikirūmbirane
(young for transplanting) ingemwe

plantain igitōke

planter umubivyi

planting (time of, small grains)
ibiba

plaster (to) guhoma
 (sticking ~, med) isuparadra

plate isahāni, isahāne
 (to ~ as with silver) kumadika
 (to clean up one's ~ completely)
gukōmba

plateau (high) umugāmba

play (to) gukina, gufyina, gufyinata (musical instrument) kuvuza, gucurarānga

(musical instrument vigorously) kwōmānza

play igikino, urukino, umukino (at theater) utugenegene

player (of musical instrument) umucurarānzi (sport) umukinyi

playground ikibuga

plead (a cause) kubūrana (earnestly for something) kubobōta (with) kugōbēra

please (*interjection*) ndabigusavye (~ *help!*, *interjection*) ntabāra!

please (to) guhīmbāra, kunēzēra, kunēzereza, kuryōhera

pleased (to be) kunēzērwa

pleasing (to be) guhīmbāra

pleasure igihīmbāro (to do something that causes) gusamāza (to give) kunēzēra

pledge indagano (to give, as security) kugwatiriza (to receive back) kugwatūra

plenty (to eat) guhāga (to eat, rude) guhīmba (to have plenty) guhīmba (place where food is plentiful) ubusumo, amasumo

pleurisy umusonga, igifuka

plough (badly) gusibanganya

pluck (from stalk) kumyōza

plug (*stopper*) igipfūndikizo, umupfūndikizo, umufundikizo

plump (to be) gushisha

plunder isahu, inyagano, iminyago, urunyago

plunderer umusahuzi

plundering ubusahuzi

plunge (~ *in*, *vi*) gucokera, kwībira (*vt*) gucokeza

pneumonia umusonga

pocket umupfuko

(to take from pocket or other concealed place) kugoborora

pods (tiny bean) urusokoro

poetry (sung ~ in honor of cattle)
ibicuba
(sung legend) igitito
(to recitate lyrical ~) kwishongora

point (to) kwereka (to ~ at) kugena, kugenekereza, gutūnga urutoke (~ out the way) kugereraniriza

point umugera, isōnga, igisōnga, umusōnga (to reach a certain ~) kugera (to sharpen to a ~) gusongora

pointed (to be) gusongora

pointer (of scales) urushinge rw'umunzane

poised ubutēkānyi (to ~) guhorereza, guhoza, guhwāmika (to be) kwītōnda (to become) guhora, guhūmura

poison (to ~ by bewitchment) kuroga (to take a drink to prove it is not poisoned) kurogoza

poison ubumara, uburozi, ishano (of snake or other animal, in mouth) ubusagwe

police (officer) umupolisi

polish (to) gukurūngira, gukuyēngeza, gusēna

politician umunyapolitiki

politics politiki, poritiki

pollen umurāyi

pollution umwānda, ico, ubucafu (esp. on body) ubuhoma, imvyiro (in water) ikirohe (in water, milk) igitotsi (to have dirt in water, milk) gutobeka (to rubb off) guhungura

polyuria (to have) kunyaragura

ponder (think over whether a thing is right) kurimbūra, gutegēra, kuzirikana

pool (of water) ikidēngēri, umunyika

poor (man) nyarucari (person) umufafara, umufafare, umwōro (elders and rulers, esp. in regard to their function of helping the poor) barutungaboro (to be) gukena (to become ~ after wealth) gucobogora

poorly (to be made, esp. thing of clay) guhōmba

populous (*tribe or family*) ikigaga (*strong*) igisata

porcelain ibumba ryera

porch urubaraza (Sw.)

pork ingurube
 (guinea pig) imbeba y'ikizungu

pork butcher umuyangayanga w'ingurube

pork butcher's (*shop*) ihinguriro ry'inyāma z'ingurube

porridge umwengano, umusururu,
igikoma
 (thick bread-like) ubugari
 (to stir) gushigisha

port ikivuko

porter umwikorezi

portion umugabane, ikigabane, ingaburo (*big, of food*) irobe

position igiti (person of high ~) umupfāsoni

possess gutūnga, kwegukira

possession (esp. fields or lands) icībare

possessions umurēngera, itūnga, imbombovu, ubutunzi, amarōnko

possible (to be) gushoboka

post (column) inkīngi, igikīngi

post (office) iposta, iposita, ibiro vy'amakēte

poster iyerekanwa

postpone gusīvya

pot (clay cooking) inkono, inaga, impānge (for water) umubīndi, umuhānge, umukātwa, ikibīndi (coffee ~) ibirika y'ikawa (small for butter) urwāvya, ikebano (very large) intāngo (with long narrow neck) agakarabo

potato (sweet) ikijūmbu, ikijūmpu (sweet, vines) imibuto, imivyūka (white) ikiraya, ikiyāra, igihaya, intofanyi

(cooking pot) isafuriya, isafuria

(fried chips) ifiriti

potency imbaraga

potter umubūmvyi

pound (to ~, as heart) kudidagizwa, kugurugūmba, gusimbagurika

pour (into) gusuka
(out) gusēsa
(forth water, as spring)
kududubiza
(milk down another's throat)
kuramiza
(water on another's hands)
kwūhīra
(water on hair before cutting it)
kuvuba

poverty ubukene, ubwōro (absolute) ubufafara, ubufafare

poverty-stricken (person) umufafara, umufafare, nyarucari

powder ipuderi

power ububāsha, ingānji, ubushobozi, imbaraga, ubutegetsi (*one who has*) intwāri

practice umwīmenyereza (to ~) kwīmenyereza, kuguma ugerageza (a profession) guhīngūra praise (to) gushīma, guhīmbāza, gushemagiza, gutāzīra, guhaya, gushīmagiza (for something received) gushemeza (highly) kuninahaza (highly, one of whom you've heard) gusāsira (often) guhayagiza (oneself) kwīhaya, kwīshima (oneself often) kwīhayagiza (the wealth of another) gukāma

praise ishīmwe, amatāzīrano (person worthy of ~ or love) umunyagikūndiro

praiseworthiness ubuhizi

pray gusaba, gusenga (frequently) gusabiriza

prayer igisabīsho, isengēsho

preach gusigūra

preacher umusigūzi

precede (to) kubanziriza, kwītangīra, kurōngōra, gutānga, gutangīra

precious (something ~) agacīro

prediction ihanurwa

prefer (as lesser of two evils)
gupfuma

preference (to have) gupfuma

prefix (to change prefixes,
conjugate) guhadikiriza

pregnancy inda

pregnant (to be) gutwāra inda, kugira inda, kuremērwa (through adultery) gutwāra inda y'ishushu, gutwāra inda y'indāro

preparation imigabo, integuro

prepare (to ~) gutegūra, guteganya, kuroraniriza (food quickly for one) kuzina (ground for sorghum) guhānda (oneself to strike) kubangura (a place for building) gutaba (place for newborn baby) kubīkīra (things for a trip) gutēkera (to fight) gukenyera (to go) kwīkora (one who prepares for another) integūza

prepared (to be) gutegūrika (for, i.e. on guard) kugaba (for building) gutabwa (to do or run quickly) kugabiriza (to go with everything ~) kugēnda hange

preposition indondahwaniro

prescription itēka, ukwandikirwa imiti

presence (of great person) inyōnga, inyundo

present (exclamation to a superior) sabwe!

present (gift) ingabire, ishimwe, impano, ikado, itūro (to give) kugabira (to receive) gushikirwa (to ~ a gift with something expected in return) kugemura

present (to be) kuba hano

president perezida, umuperezida, umukuruwigihugu, umukuru w'igihugu

press kubānda, kubāndana
 (down) gutsindagira
 (in order to smooth) gupfunyūra

pressing ugukanda

presumptious (to be) kwīrārīra, kwītāra

pretend (something isn't so)
kwiyobagiza
 (to work) gushaza

pretext urwītwazo

(excuse me!, when interrupting)

untūnge

(excuse me!, when wrong word i

(excuse me!, when wrong word is spoken) bambe

pretty -īza
 (pretty thing) akeza

prevail (to) kunēsha

prevent kubuza, gutururuza (from speaking) guhwāmika (one from harming another) kuzina

prevention ugukingira

previous (to be of the ~ year) (i.e. beans) guhitira

price igicīro, ikiguzi
(purchase price) ikiguzi
(redemption ~) ingorore, inkūka
(to ask very high ~) kuzimba

prick inzanyi, imboro (Sw.), ubugabo

pricked (to be, by thorn) guhāndwa

pride ubwībone, ubwīshime, amanyama

priest umuhērezi
 (traditional gender-crossing ~)
ikihindu, ikimaze
 (catholic priest) umusaseredoti,
umupadiri

priesthood ubuhērezi

primary (adj.) -kuru

primate (monkey) inguge

prime (adj.) -kuru

prince (blood relationship)
umuganwa

principal (adj.) -kuru

principal (school director)
umuyobozi w'ishule

principle urufatiro, iremezo

print (thumb) igikumu, ikinkumu

print (to ~) kudoma

priority icambere

prison ibohero, umunyororo

prison cell (tiny) umugāso, ingōbāne

prisoner imbohe, umunyororo (*to escape*) gutoroka

privilege ubuhīrwe

prize igihembo

probable (to be) gushoboka

probably umēnga, umēngo, kūmbure

problem ingorane, ikibazo (no problem) ntakibazo

procrastinate kwīrengagiza

produce gukora
(heavily or abundantly)
gutengengera
(no longer) gutītūka

produce ibirimwa, ivyīmburwa

product icahinguwe, akagenegene, ibicuruzwa

production umwimbu

professor umuprofeseri (*university professor*) umwigisha wa kaminuza

proffer (to) gutānga

profit amamaro, inyungu, imāri
 (not financial) ikimazi
 (to ~) guhōmbōka, kumarira
 (to make) kwūnguka, kwūngura
 (to make no ~) guhōmba

program (entertainment, TV) ikigānīro

progress amajambere (to make) gutēra imbere, kuyoboza

prohibit (to) kwāmira, kwīhaniza, kuziza, kuvuna, kubuza

prohibition umuziro

project umugambi

projection (of any kind on building, as church tower, comb on house, etc.) kenese

prolific (to be) kurōndōka

prolong kwūngururuza

promenade kugēndagēnda

promise indagano, umuhāngo, iragi, isezerano (to ~) kuraganira, gusezerana, kuragana (to fail to keep) gutēzūra (to fail to give what one has

promised) kugaramāngira
(to ~ and then pretend you haven't)
kwiyobagiza

(result of failure to keep ~) urudubi

prompt (to ~) gutuma, gutēra

prone position (anything in) umurambararo (to be in) kwūbika inda

pronounce (clearly) kwātura

pronouncement (work or command sent out by king and spread by chiefs) amatēka

proof icāgiriza, agahinyuza

prop urwēgo

(for closing door) ikibāndo (something on ground, not high up) gushigikira (up) kwegeka

property itōngo (inherited) ishāmvu

prophesy (to) kubūrira

prophet umumenyi, umuhanūzi

propitiation impongano

propose guhubūra

proposition ināma

prosperity umugisha

prostitute (person) maraya (Sw.)

prostitution uburāya

protect (to) kubūngabūnga, guhāngāza, gukīnga, gutūnga, kuzigama (oneself) kwīrinda

protein indemamubiri

protestant umuprotestanti

proud (to be) kwīkakīsha, kwīmānya, kwīshīma, kwībona

prove kwāgiriza, kwerekana, guhinyuza, kujījūra (that a drink is not poisoned) kurogoza (to one that he's wrong) kujīnjibura (a prove) icemezo proverb umugani

provide (to) guha, kugaburira (for) kuziganya

province intara

provoke kwāndurutsa, gusomboroza (to fight) gusōmborotsa

prune (to ~) guhānyura, gukona, gutūtūra

pry up kubāndūra

pubic hair inzya

public (being nice to someone in ~ but not in private) urw'amaso

publicize kwāndagaza, kwāngāza

publicly (to tell) kwerura

publish (to ~) kumenyēsha

pucker gutuna

pudding imfungurwa zisosa baherezako

puff (with exertion) guhēmūka

pull gukwēga, gushikura (by roots) gusitura, kumomora, kurandura (easily) kumomoka, gushikuka (things away from plant or tree) gukurira

(~ out, ~ up stake) gushingūra (out of the mud) gushāyūra (teeth) guhongora

pullover umupira

pulp ikiribwa c'icamwa

pulse indihaguzi

pumpkin umwūngu, igihaza (leaves) umusoma (plant) uruyūzi, umuvyūka (seed) uruyūzi

punch ikōfe
 (on the face) inshi

puncture (to) gucumita, gutobora, kuzibūra (in order to kill) gusogōta (through) gutobekeranya (as with a nail) guhānda punish guhana

(by death on the spot) kwīciraho (repeatedly) guhanahana

punished (to be ~ because of a certain thing, or for someone else's wrong) kuzira

punishment igihano

pup ikibwāna, imbūnda, ikibūnda

pupa ikinyo kivamwo ikinyugunyugu

pupil (of eye) imbonero, imboni

pupil (*student*) umwīgīshwa, umunyushure, umunyeshure (*Rw*.)

pupillary (of eye) imbonero, imboni

puppy ikibwāna, imbūnda, ikibūnda

pure (esp. beer undiluted with
water) -novu
(to be) guca, kwēra
(to become) guhumānuka

puree igicucume

purification (water ~) kuyōra amazi

purify kwēza, guhumānura (oneself) kwīsukura

purple (color) -tugutu, umutugutu

purpose urwēgo, umugambi,
igituma
(on ~) ibigirānkana
(to do it on ~) kubigira ku mpaka
(or, ibigirankana)

purr kugōna, guhara

purse umupfuko, umufuko (*ladies* ~) agashakoshi

pursue (go after) kugīra, guhamana (one another) kugenzanya

pus amashira

push gusunika
 (another down) gukungagura
 (each other) kugundana,
gusunurana
 (forward) gusekura

(a person down where he belongs) gutururuza (out, e.g. wind bulging cloth) kubāndūra (violently) gusunura (to help to) gusunuza

pussy injangwe, akayabo, akayabu

pussycat injangwe, akayabo, akayabu

pustules (to have) guturika

put gushira

(away) kubīka, gushingūra (away the harvest) kwīmbura (away beans for a year) guhitiza (away for a year, to be ~) guhitira (away, for several years) guhitikirana, guhitirana (away, to take to) kwāndūra (back) gusubīza (bees in new hive) kwātira (down) guhwāmika (down roughly) gusekura (forth new leaves) kurēmba (hand to face in gesture of surprise) kujorerwa (handle on) gukwikira (higher) gukiriza (in certain place) kugabānyānya (in order) kurorānya (into water) kurobeza (near fire to dry) gutara (on clothes) kwāmbara, kwīyambika (on nice smelling stuff) kwōsa (off doing what one should) kwīrengagiza (oneself above where he belongs) kwītāra (out fire, light) kuzimya (out great branches) gusagarara (out in sun) kwānikira (outside) gusohora (right) gutūngānya (skin of dead calf before cow to make her give milk) kwōrokēra (something cool on burn) gupfuvya (somewhere) gushiraho (things together) kurementanya, gusorōranya (to bed) kuryāmika (together) kwegeraniriza, guhūza,

gutororokanya, kwegeranya

(to one side) guherereza

(to sleep) gusinziriza (to work) kwāhura (up, e.g. arms) gutarika (up bee hive) kwegeka (wood on fire) gukomānya (yeast in beer) kubetera

put forward (to) gutanga

put to death (to) kwīca, kwongeranya (because of revenge) kuziza (oneself) kwīyīca, kwīgaragura, kwīyahura

puzzle kuzāzānira

puzzled (to be) kuzāzānirwa, kwījījānya

pygmy umutwa

pyrex (dish) ikirahuri gikomeye bakoramwo ibikoresho vyo mu gikōni

python isato

quake (earth) kunyiganyiga, gutigita

quarrel intonganya, imitongano, amahāne

(to ~) gutongana, gutonganya, kurandagurana, guhārīra, guhāzāna (to be always looking for) kwītōraguza (to start a) kwāndurutsa (to stop ~ and make them like each other) kwūnga

quarrelsome (person) ikijora

quarrelsomeness ubujora

queen (wife of king, or of great chief) umwāmikazi (ruling, mother of king) umugabekazi

quell (to) kubuza, gutururuza

quench (one's thirst) guhodoka, kwīshōza, kwīca inyōta

question (to ask) kubaza (to ~ in sense of examine) gucaca

(to ~ carefully) gucunaguza, gucunaguriza (to ~ so strongly that one dares not deny again) kujīnjibura

question ikibazo

questioning impaka

queue urutonde (of chosen ones) itorero (to ~) gutōndeka, gutōndēsha

quickly n'ingoga, vuba vuba (to do) gukwākwānya, gutebūka, gutebūtsa (to do ~ and carelessly) kuraha (to do, esp. used by Batwa) gushōka

quickness ubukuba, ingoga

quiet agahwēkēre (to be) kunuma, kurema (to remain) kwīyorosha

quietly (to go) kuyōmbōka

quinzy agafindofindo

quit (altogether) kujījūka (to work carelessly wanting to ~) kuregarega (to not ~ without accomplishing a certain thing) gushirwa (to ~ a job) gusezera (ku) akazi (to ~ work for the day) kugodoka

quiver (to) kudēgedwa, kudēgemwa, kujugumira, guhīnda agashitsi, kuja mu gashitsi

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rabbit urukwāvu (~ hutch) akazu k'inkwavu

race (to ~) guhiga, kumaranira, gusiganwa, gutanguranwa, kurutanya

race inyāmo, ubwōko

racing heart (to have) kudidagira

racket urwāmo

raft igitēbo

rafter umwashi

rag igihanaguzo, igitāmbara co guhanagura

rage (to snort with) gufūhagira

rags agashāmbara, umushāmbara

railroad igāri ya moshi

railway igāri ya moshi

rain imvura

(light, fine) urunyanyāga
(main rain season) itumba
(season of early rains) agatāsi
(very heavy) isegenya
(very heavy, sweeps away crops on
hillside) inkukūra
(wind and rain, storm) inkūbi
(path of water in heavy rain)
umuvo
(to ~) kugwa
(with imvura, i.e. imvura iragwa)
(to begin to ~ after dry season)
gutāsura

(to cause to, sorcerer) kuvuba (early in morning or for a long time) kuvōvōta (heavily) guhonoka (a long time without stopping) kujobanya (on) kuvubira

(on) kuvubira
(softly) kunyanyāga
(to threaten to) gukuba
(to fall continuously) gushāna
(to fall heavily) kuzibiranya
(to go for shelter in) kwūgama
(to be soaked by downpour)
kujōbeka

rain forest ishāmba

rain maker umuvurati

rainbow umunywamazi, umukororōmvyi

raindrops amatonyanga y'imvura

rains (to be late, not fall) gutara (main rain season) itumba (season of early) agatāsi

rainy season itumba (early, Sept.-Oct.) agatāsi (principal, Feb.-May) urushāna

raise gusokōra (animals) gutūnga (arm) kurāmvura, gutarika (arm to strike, to pull a bow)
kubangurira
(clamor) kugūmūka
(eyes) kurarama
(from dead) kuzūra
(higher) kurārūra
(in sense of increase) kwongera
(head) kurāngamiza, kwūnamūka,
kwūnamūra
(up) kumanika, kwūnamūka,
kurāngamiza, kwūnamūra,
kuraramuka, kuvyūra, kuvyūtsa

raise up gukiriza, guterura (from ground) kurārūra (one who is lying down) kuvyūtsa (the head) kuraramuka

ram (to ~ into) guseka

(voice) kurangurura

ram isuguru

rancor umururazi, inzika

rank igiti

(person of high ~) umupfāsoni

ransom incūngu, inkūka (to ~) gucūngura

rap kudoda, gukomānga

rape guterura

raphia imihivu

rapidly (to work) gufuruguta

rapping inkomānzi

raptor igisīga

rash (to break out with) guturika (of spots etc.) ugusesa amahere

rat imbeba (cane ~) isiha

ratatouille uruvangi rw'imfungurwa zitetse mu tuvuta dekeyi

rate (price) igicīro

rate (to) gupima, kwīyumvīra

rather (very) cane
 (but ~) bambe
 (would ~, to prefer) gupfuma

rather than hāko

ration irasiyo

rave kudedēmba

ravine imānga, ikimānga, umukuku

raw -bisi

ray (of sunlight) ikibēngebēnge

rayon ihariri

razor urwēmbe (Sw.)

razor blade urwēmbe (Sw.)

reach (to) gushika
(a certain point) kugera
(for) kurondera
(term, pregnancy) kuramukwa
(goal) gushika kw'ihangiro
(up) gutaramura

read gusoma (~ aloud) kubogora

reading isomwa

ready (to be) kugera (to be ~ for, i.e. on guard) kugaba (be ~ for harvest) kwīyerēra (to prepare things for trip) gutēkera

real nyakuri, nyāyo

real estate itongo

reality impamo, ibinyakuri
(in ~) mbere
(to know the ~ of a case) guhinyura

realize (to) kumenya

really koko, cane, kuvyukuri, n'ukuri, y'ukuri, c'ukuri etc.

reappear kunyeguruka (at surface of water) kwīburuka

rear (a child) kurera

rearing (of children) indero

rearrange gukirānura

reason inyānduruko, inkomānzi, impāmvu, imvo, igituma
(to ~ with someone to try to
persuade her to elope) gucīkiza
(to ~ within oneself) kwībūranya
(to be tired without ~)

kudendebukirwa (to lose ~) gusara

reassure guhōyahōya, guhoza

rebel (to) kugarariza (against authority) kumēnja

rebellion ubugarariji

rebellious (to be) kugāba, kugābagāba

rebuke guhana, gukankamira

receipt icemezo cy'ubwishu

receive (to) kwābīra, kwākīra, kurōnka
(back security) kugwatūra
(from someone's hands) kwēnda
(in one's hands) kwābīra
(loan and then not pay back)
guherana
(more) kurushiriza
(physically) gutēga
(presents) gushikirwa
(something as a gift or loan and repay reluctantly and late) guhasha
(place to receive money or other

recently vuba

things) iyakīriro

reclaim (to) kwāka

recognize (to) kumenya

recollection (words that remains in heart causing sorrow or anger) isata burēnge

recompense guhēra

reconcile gukūndanīsha, kwūzuza, kwūzuriza

reconciled (to be) gucudika, kwūzura

reconciliation umwūzuzo

record (to) kwāndikīsha (oneself) kwīyandikīsha

recount kudonda

(stories of long ago) kugana (to tell others what you've heard) kwīgānira

recover (get well) gukira, kurokoka (from fear or anger) guhūmura

(sight) guhumūka (when others around are dying) kurokoza

rectangle urukiramende

recurrent fever ikimputo

red agahama, urugina (to be) gutukura (esp. sky) kwīrasira (to make) gutukuza

reddish umugina, urugina (to become, fruits) kubēnja

redeem gucūngura

redeemer umucūnguzi

redemption price ingorore, inkūka

reduce (~ swelling, vi) kuvyīmbūka (vt) kuvyīmbūra (diminish) kugabanuka (to ~ price) kugabanya

reed ikibīngo, ikibīngobīngo, irēnga, igishakshaka (papyrus) urufūnzo, urukorogoto (to drink from) gusōma

reflect (sense of think) kwītegereza

reflection icījīji (of light) ikibatsi

refractory (to be) kunana

refrigerator frigo, firigo (freezer) imashīni ikanyisha

refuge ubuhūngiro, ubwīrukiro, ubukiriro, uburuhūkiro (*little place of*) agahēngekezo

refusal agahamo, uruhamo

refuse kwānka, kugāmbāna, guhakana, kunana (absolutely) guta agati, kuziririza (esp. girl to marry a certain man) kubēnga (strongly) gukankamira (to acknowledge one's wrong) kudadarara (to eat) kuzira (to eat or drink with) kunēna

(to eat or drink with) kunēna (to eat what you've always eaten) guhura (to give) kwīma
(to give to another) kwīmana
(to give another his own) kugūnga
(to go on helping someone)
guhasha
(to listen, almost as crazy)
gutaragurika
(to listen to authority) kugarariza
(to obey) kugaranya
(to repay loan) guheranira

regain (consciousness) kurabūka (life, strength) guhembūka (health, possessions) kwōkōka

regard (without) utwininga, irarīrari (to go into danger without ~ to oneself) kwīroha

regardless of nubwo

region (*administrative*) intāra, isheferi

register (to) kumenya

register (to) kwāndikīsha (oneself) kwīyandikīsha

regret intūntu
(to ~) kwīcuza, kwīgaya

regrettable (person) indushi, umugōrwa, umurushwa, umutīndi (to be) guhumirwa

regularity (work) ubwira, umwēte mu bikorwa

regurgitate (baby) kubōga

reign ingoma (to ~) kugānza

reinforce (what one has said) kuryōherereza (the words of another) kwītsa

reiterate kwītsa

reject gushibura (council) gusaragurika (food that you've always eaten) guhura

rejoice kunēzērwa

(at arrival of someone) gukēra (in another's troubles) gukēkeza (in coming of another) kwigina, gusāsīrira relate kudonda

(stories of long ago) kugana (to tell others what you've heard) kwīgānira

related (to be) gusāna

relationship isano

relative incuti (to be) gupfāna

relax kubangūra

relay ('bwakeye' to chief) gukānda

release kurekura (partially) gutenzūra

relief (of need) ubukenuke (to get ~ from pain) kwōroherwa

relieve (need) gukenūra (another, as soldier) kugombōra (one's own need) kwīkenūra (to go to give things to one whose house has burned) gusuhūza (to be relieved of load) kuremurukwa

religion idini (Sw.)

relinquish gutēzūra, gutēnzūra

relish icānga, uburyōhe, ubusōse, akanovera (thing with good ~) igisōsa (to be of the ~ of) gusōsera

reluctantly (to go, to do) kwīyumānganya

(to have good ~) gusosa

remain kuguma

(in one place permanently) guhama (in place of another) gusigarira

remarkable bitangāje (from gutangāza)

(still, quiet) kwīyorosha

remedy (medical) umuti

remember kwībuka (to be easy to) kuzīndūka (maliciously of someone dead or something forgotten) gucūza

remembrance icībukiriza, icībuko, umwībuko, akībuko

remind kwībutsa

(of one who is dead, or of something forgotten) gucūza

reminder icībutso, icībukiriza, umwībuko, akībuko

reminisce (to remind of someone who is dead) gucūza

remnant (of clan or family) agahengekezo

remorse (to make another feel badly over something he's done) gutēteka

remove gukūra, gukūraho (chief) gukōmbōra (clothing) kwāmbūra (completely) gutōngōra (dry leaves from banana trees) gutūtūra (enchantment) kurogōra (everything from burning house) gusahura (foreign body from eye, milk or water) gutosōra (from cross) kubāmbūra (from fire or oven) kwōkōra (from hiding) guhishūra (from hole in ground, what one has put there) kuzīkuruka (grass from house) gukākura (lid of basket) kurumūra (load from head) gutūra (skin from drying) kubāmbūra

remuneration ingemu

supposedly do) guhura

(taboo) kuzirūra

(things) kuyōra

rend (tear) gutabagura

render (speechless) kwūmiza

(thorn or sliver) guhāndūra

(sliver for oneself) kwīhāndūra

(things from flesh as witch doctors

rendezvous irendevu, ihūriro

renig (to promise and then pretend you hadn't) kwīyobagiza

renounce (oneself) kwīnegura

rent amahera yo gukotesha inzu

repair guhīngūra
(car) gukanika imodoka
(house) gusanura
(something absolutely worn out,
or, ~ repeatedly) gusanasana
(woven thing) gusana

repairing ukuremura, ugusana

reparation (gift to make up for offending someone) icīru (to make) guhōnga, guhōngera, kuriha

(to pay to make up for wrong doing) kwīcungura

repay kuriha

repeat gusubīra, kwongera, kugereka, kugerekeranya (many times) kwiyongeranya (to tell what one has heard while eavesdropping) gutumbūra (to ask another to ~ in order to check his veracity) gucaca

repent kwihana

repetition (one who speaks with senseless repetition of words) ikirogorogo

replace gusigarira

replicate (to ~) kwīgāna

reply inyīshu, igisubizo (to ~) kwīshura

reprehend (to ~) kunegura, gupfāna

repress (to) kubuza, gutururuza

reprimand gukankamira

reproach (bringing ~ on others) ububwa

(~ a dead person thus making it hard for loved ones) kwītāmba ku muvyimba

reproduce (to ~) kwīgāna

reprove gukankamira

repulse (violently) gushibura

repulsive (to be) gushisha (to be nauseated by a ~ thing) gushishwa reputation (to spoil another's) kwāmbika ibara

request (to) kubaza

required (to be) gutegerezwa

requirement ibikenewe

rescue kurokora, gukiza

rescuer umurokozi, umukiza

research (to) gushākashaka

resemblance isano

resemble gusa, gushusha

resentfulness umururazi, inzika

resentment umujinya, ishavu, inzika, inzigo, igono (lasting) isata burēnge (that never ends) akazika (to have ~ against) gukanira

reserve (something put away for future use) integakiba

reserved (to be) kwīrengagiza, kwīyumānganya

reside gutura (in on place permanently) guhama

residence itahīriro

resist kwānka, kurandagura, kunana

resolve (find the solution) guhīngūra

resound gusāma

resources (money) inkomoko y'ibintu (to be at end of one's) kuzigirizwa

respect isoni, icūbahiro (that which is respected) igitīnyiro (to ~) gusona, gusonera, kwūbaha (to lack) kwūbahuka

respected (*person*) umwūbahwa (*that which is* ~) igitīnyiro

respiration uguhema

respite uruhusha, ikiruhūko (to ~, vi) kuruhūka (vt) kuruhūra

(to be at ~) gutabāruka (to be at ~, cows) kuvyāgira

respond kwīshura (when called) kwītaba (to answer to superior when called) kurēnguka

response inyīshu, igisubizo (as on examination) impīngūro

rest uruhusha, ikiruhūko (to ~, vi) kuruhūka (vt) kuruhūra (to be at ~) gutabāruka (to be at ~, cows) kuvyāgira

restaurant restora, resto

resting place uburuhūkiro

restitution (to make) kuriha

restrain (to) kubuza, gutururuza

result ingaruka, igisubizo

result in (to ~) gutuma, gutēra

resurrect (vi) kuzūka (vt) kuzūra

resurrected (to be) kuzūka, kuzūrwa

resurrection izūka

retain gusībīsha

retort (answer back lots of words to one who reproves) kuryāgūmba

retrace (one's steps) gukubirana

return (to where speaker is) kugaruka

(other than where speaker is) gusubira

(vt) kugarukana, gusubiza
(from far away) guhabūka
(from hunting) guhīgūka
(from running away) guhīngūra
(from war) gutabāruka
(home, of wife when angry at
husband) kugēnda buje
(to) gushikiriza
(to cause to) kugarura,
gukubiranya, gusubiza
(to fail to) kugīrīra
(to have to ~ home because of bad

(to one's country after famine is over) gusuhūkuruka
(with) kugarukana
(person who goes never to return)
akagīrīre
(an investment ~) umwimbu

returning (a ~) akagaruka

reveal kwāndagara, kwātura, kwerekana, gufobōra, gufurūra, kugaragara, kugaragaza, kugoborora, guhishūra, kunyegurura, gusokorora (oneself) kwibonekeza, kwībūra (what is false) guhūmuriza

revealed (to be) guhishūka

revenge (to purpose to) gufuha

revenue imfashanyo, ivyīnjira (*minimal*) imfashanyo y'uwabuze

revere gusona, gusonera, kwūbaha

reverence icūbahiro (to ~) kwūbaha

reverse (syllables in word) gufudika

revert kwīfūtānya, gufūtāna

revive (vi) guhembūka (vt) guhembūra (after being wilted, fainted) kurabūka, (vt) kurabura

revolt ubugome, umugome, umugararizo (mild in character) akagūma (to ~) kugarariza, kugoma, kugūmūka (against king) kugesera (to subdue) kugandūra, kugomora, kugomoza

revolutionary umugesera, umugome

reward ingero, urugero, impēra, igihembo

rhetoric imvugo (paired with physical strength, seen as rare characteristic) ijūnja n'ijambo

rheum (disease of eyes) ururire

news) gukuba

rheumatism amakonyera, imisozi, imikuku

rhino inkura

rhinoceros inkura

rib urubavu

rib cage (of body) igikiriza, igitūntu, agatūntu

rice umuceri

rich (to be) gutūnga, gukira

rich man umutūnzi, umukire (food and drink of) igiturire

riches itūnga, ubutūnzi, ubukire (*great*) umurēngera

riddle igisōkōzanyo, igisōkōzo, igisakuzo (to ask) gusōkōza, gupfīnda, gupfīndana (to solve) gupfīndūra

ride (*to* ~ *a bike*) gutwara, gutwara ikinga

right (hand, side) uburyo, ukuryo, iburyo
(~ arm) ukuboko kw'iburyo,
ukuboko kw'ukuryo
(all right) niko, ni ko, n'ūko, sawa
(right now) non'aha, ubu nyene
(to be) kugororoka

(to become ~ side up) kwūburuka (to turn ~ side up) kwūburura, gucurūra

(~ side of cloth) uruhande rwiza rw'impuzu (to put ~) gutūngānya

righteous person umugorotsi *(to be)* kugororoka

righteousness inyankamugayo

rigid (to be) kudadarara

ring impeta (to form a ~) gukora impeta

ringtail icūya

rinse kwīnyuguza (clothes, grain, dishes) kurongorora (out dirt) kwūgunyuza (the mouth) kwīnyugunyura, kwīyugunyura

rip gusonoroka, kubārurura (grass from house) gukākura (to tear a big ~) kumwanyuruka (up, vt) gutantamura (up, vi) gutantamuka

ripe (to be almost, esp. corn) kugengarara (to be ready for harvest) kwīyerēra

ripen kwēra

(become yellow or reddish) kubēnja (for certain fruites, esp. bananas) gusha (of fruits) kurunguriza

ripple umukanya
(as in cloth) umupfunyu
(in face) umunya, injebejebe
(to ~) gupfunya, gupfunyirana

rise (arise from lying) kuvyūka (of sun) kubāndūka, kurasa (e.g. umutwēnzi urabāndūtse) (of anything containing leaven) gukuka, gukakama, gututūmba (from the dead) kuzūka

risk (to) kugira ivyago

risk icāgo

river urūzi
(bank) inkokoro, inkengera,
inkombe
(current of) umukuba
(gentle flowing of) akayōmbi

(gentle flowing of) akayōmbēro (middle of) umutānga, idāmba (to cross over) kujabuka

road umuhanda, ibarabara, umuharuro, irāngo (main ~) ihwaniro ry'amabarabara

roadman umunyubarabara

roast gukarānga, gutara (easily) gukarāngika (in coals) kwōtsa

roast meat ubwoko bw'inyāma yoroshe

roasted vyokeje

robber umusuma

robbery ubwīvyi

robe ikānzu

robin (African) inyōmvyi

robustness imbaraga

rock (to ~ a baby) kuzungagiza

rock ibuye, ikibuye, urutare (*pile of rocks*) igihongo

roll umuzīngo
(of church members) itōrero
(to roll, vi) gutembagara
(about, vt) kujegeza
(about on ground, vi) kuvurūnga,
kwītēmbagaza
(along) gusegenyeza,
gusegenyēsha
(over) gutēmbagaza
(up) gukuba,
(vt) kuzīnga
(up several times) kuzīngazīnga
(up, vi) kwīzingīra

(up, a skin that's been wet, vi)

rolling stone urunāna

romance urukūndo

gukōba

romantic (to be) gukūndana

romper-suit akabutura k'amaburuteri

roof igisënge (house with high pointed ~) umushönge, agashūngëre (to put on a) gusakāra

roof top agatwe

room ikibānza, umwānya (in house) icūmba, urusīka, igisīka (inner) haruguru

rooster isāke, inkoko

root umuzi, igishitsi
 (of word) itsina
 (to pull out by roots) kurandura,
gusitura, kumomora

rope ingoyi, umugozi, akagozi, umuzana, ikiziriko (to bind criminal) imvuto (heavy) injīshi (loop of) impururu (made of papyrus) umuhotora (woven or plaited) igitsibo

rosary irozari, ishapule (Rw.)

rot kubora, kuboza

rotted (things, place of) iborēro

rough (place) ubukiru

roughly (prep.) hāfi

round (to be) kwībūmbabūmba, kwībūmba, kwīburūngushura (to make) kubūmbabūmba, kuburūngushura (object) imburūngu

rouse gukiriza, guterura (from ground) kurārūra (one who is lying down) kuvyūtsa (the head) kuraramuka

row (to ~) gusōza

row umuhururu, umurōngo (of people or animals) umukuku

rower umusōza

rows (on basket, cloth) umuhiro

royal place umurwa

royalty ingoma

rub gusīga
(bump so it doesn't swell)
kunyīngisha, gushiringitira
(clothes) kunyukura
(eyes in order to see, esp. one who
has conjunctivities) guhofōra
(grain to take off chaff) kuvūngura
(off dirt) guhungura

rubber umupira (Sw.), igikawucu

rubbish umucafu, umwāvu

rubdown (massage) ugutsirita

rude (to be) kwerura, kutagira isoni

rudely (to speak ~) kurofokwa

rug (small) umukeka

ruin (to ~, vi) kubora, kwōnōna (vt) kuboza (of foods) kugāsha (another's reputation) kwāmbika ibara ruins (house in) umusaka

rule (to) kugera, kugaba, kugānza, guhahaza (kindly) kwengēnga (try to in another's place) kurēngera

rule itegeko

ruler umugabīsha, umugezi, umutegetsi (to sit) kuvyāgira

rulers (and elders, esp. in function of helping the poor) barutungabōro

rumble (of earthquake, or approaching storm) umugigimo (in stomach) kuborōga, kugonga (thunder) guhīnda

run kwīruka

(as water) gutēmba (down hill) gukoragurika (to jump up and run quickly) kwūbuka

(like a little child) kudiririmba (out bit by bit till all is gone) gushīrīra

(out to see something, usually of a crowd) gushwabāduka (over) gusēsekara (very fast) kwīrukānga, gushīnga amano

(to lean forward preparing to run) gutuna

run along (*to* ~) guhiga, kumaranira, gusiganwa, gutanguranwa, kurutanya

rushes urukāngaga

rust ingese, ingutu

rutted (to become ~, or pitted from rain) gushānyūka

Rwandan (person) Umunyarwanda (language) Kinyarwanda, ikinyarwanda

Rwandese Umunyarwanda

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sabbath isabato

sack umupfuko, isaho
(burlap) igunira
(long narrow for food) indebuye
(made of skin) umukuza
(to tie neck of) kuniga
(to tie up hole in) gutubika

sacrifice ikimazi, impērezwa (to ~ for) kwīgura, kwīheba (to give, offer, make) gushikana (place to offer to the spirits) igitabo

sad (to be) kubabara, kwījīrwa, gushavura, gutuntura (to feel) gutunturirwa (to make) gushavuza

sadness akabōnge, umubabaro, intimba

safe (to be) gukira

safe for uretse

safety pin igikwāshu

sake (for the ~ of) kubwa

salad isaradi

salad bowl igikoresho cumisha imboga

salary igihēmbo, umushahara, impēmbo (to demand, to ask for) guhembesha (to pay) guhēmba, kugerera

saliva amate

salt umunyu

(native crude, made by soaking ashes of a certain plant) umugōnzo (food without) ibise (to give salt to domestic animals) kwūhīra

saltcellar agashinguramunyu

saltshaker agashinguramunyu

salvation agakiza

same (the) hamwe (to be the) kungana (to be the ~ size) kuringanira (to be ~ length, height) kurēha (to make ~ length, height) kurēsha

samosa isambusa

sample ico akarorero

sand umusēnyi

sandal inkwēto

(with strap between the big and the other toes) ikambambiri

sandpit ikinogo c'umusenyi co gushushanya mwo

sanitary towel agatambaro abakenyezi bakoresha iyo bari mu butīnyānka, akabindo

sap (sweet) ubukame

sarcastic (to be ~) guhema (to speak ironically) kurtyekeza

sarcastically (to speak) kurtyekeza

sassiness amanyama, imirarwe

satan ishetani, satani

satchel agasaho k'umunyushure

satisfied (to be) guhāga (to be, used in negative way) guhīmba (to be, with) gushīma

satisfy kubūmba, guhāza

saturate (with) gutōtēsha (to be saturated) gutota

Saturday kuwa gatandatu

sauce isosi

(tomato ~) isosi y'itomati

saucepan isafuria, isafuriya

saucy (to be) kuraraguza

saunter (to) kubagabaga

savage (to be) gukara

savanna umukenke

save gukiza, kurokora (by means of) kurokoza (beans for a year) guhitiza (to redeem) gucūngura (to store) kubīka

saved (person) umurokore (to be) gukizwa, kurokoka (to be for a year, beans) guhitira (to be for several years, beans) guhitikirana, guhitirana

(something that's been saved up for scare gukanga, gutera ubwoba a year) igihitira

saving ukuziganya

savior umurokozi, umukiza

savor icānga, uburyōhe, ubusōse, akanovera (thing with good ~) igisōsa (to be of the ~ of) gusōsera (to have good ~) gusōsa

savour icānga, uburyōhe, ubusōse, akanovera (thing with good ~) igisosa (to be of the ~ of) gusōsera (to have good ~) gusōsa

saw urukero, urukerezo, umusumēno (to ~) gukerera

say kubara, kugira, gukerutsa, kurānga, kuvuga, kubarira, -ti (no infinitive) (to say no) guhakana (he says) ngo, ati (nothing) kunuma (not ~ directly) gukingitiranya (mean things to provoke another) kwīyandagaza (things to make others laugh) guswāganya (say!) erega (you don't say!) itu (slanderous talk) kuvovota (one who says things he shouldn't when with others) ikirandamuke (one who says inappropriate things) igihururu

scabies amahere, uruhere

scaffolding igitarikwa

scales ibikaragāshi (for weighing) umunzāne

scaly skin ibikaragāshi

scanty -ke, -keya, -kenya

scar inkovu

(from medical cutting) ururāsago, indāsago (left by person scratching or biting another) inkogote (on gourd or skin) umuguma (of plant) ibango

(away with shouting) kwāmira

scared (to be) kugira ubwōba

scarf igisikafu

scatter gukwīragiza, gusāba, gusanza, (vt) gusanzāza (vi) gusanzāra (esp. seeds from tree, vi) gushwiragira (vt) gushwiragiza (everywhere, vi) gusābagīra (everywhere, vt) gusābagīza (seeds or dirt by scratching as chicken does) gusūra

school ishūri, ishūli, ishure, ishule

school grade inota

schoolbag agasaho k'umunyushure

scissors umukasi, amakasi, imikasi

scold guhana, gukangīra, gusīndira, gutāta, gukankamira, gutonganya (vehemently) guhāririza, guhahiriza

scolding igikangīro

scorch kubabura, gutara

scorched (to be) kubabuka, kurabukirwa

score inota

scorn umugayo, akagayo, agasūzuguro (one who scorns others) umucōkōranyi (spit spurted from between teeth as *indication of)* inyeri (to ~) guhinyura, kunēma, kugaya, gukēngēra (to show ~ by spitting out) gucīra inyeri

scour gufyikinyura (pot) kwūgunyuza

scourge ikimōko (to) gukubita

scrape guhara, guharura (feet on floor, esp. because of itching) gusyēgenya

scratch umukwābu

(to ~) gukūba

(as wood, slate, etc.) guharura,
guharagura

(oneself) kwīyāga

(with fingernails) kwāga

(with a nail) guhānda

scream akāmo, ubuku (to ~) gutura ubuku

screen (to ~ a film) gukina

screen urubari

screw (to ~, only used of men, rude) guswera (to ~, only used of women, rude) guswerwa (to ~, to fornicate) kwenda, kurya umwana

scrub ibisanze (to ~) gufyikinyura (~ clothes) kunyukura

sculpt (to) gukeba, kugegena

sculpture (to) gukeba, kugegena

scum urubobi, urububi, urukoko

scuttle indobo

sea ikiyaga (middle of) igezi

seal kurumanya

seam umubarīro

search kwīhwēza, gusesa
(carefully) gusūra
(for) guhama, kurondera
(for a buyer) kubūnga
(carefully to see if anyone is there)
gukengūza
(to make ~ for) gushakisha
(in vain) kujarajara

season (to ~) kwongereza akanovera, kurunga

season igihe (dry ~) ici (beginning of dry ~) impēshi (~ of early rains) agatasi

(time for planting small seeds) ibiba

seat icīcaro

(bench) intebe ndende ifise umudo

seclude (one who likes to go by himself rather than with others) ikirarashamba

secret ibānga

(to betray) kumena ibānga, guhemuka (one who can't keep) igihururu

secretly urwīhisho, impisho, inēnge (to plan to do something ~) kwīmbirira

section (of people) umuco, igico

security umutēkano, ingwāti (to give as pledge or security) kugwatiriza (to receive back) kugwatūra

sedentary (to be) kuvūnda

seduce kworekera

see kubona

(after being blind) guhumūka (see here!) erega (that someone wishes to see you alone) gukebuka (through deceit) guhinyura (with comprehension) kurabukwa

seed imbuto, urutete (to plant small) kubiba

seeing (face to face) ubwāmāso, imbonankubone (~ one indistinctly because he went to fast) rurabwe

seek kurondera

(advice) kugīsha (assistance to overcome)

kugomorera

(doer of evil, as witch doctor does)
kuragura
(food) gusuma

(food) gusuma (information) kugenzūra (information about someone) kubariritsa

(one's way) kujurajura

seem kuboneka (*it seems*) umēnga, umēngo

seer umuhanuzi

segment (of population) umuco, igico

segregate (vi) gukōndōka, kuvāna, gutandukāna, kuvāvānura, kubanduka, gutēranuka (vt) kwāhukānya, gukumīra, gusobanura, gutānya, kumatūra, gutandukānya, gutēranūra, kuvangūra (chain, vi) kudohōka (sense of divorce) kwāhukāna (fighters) kubangūranya, gutātūra (go ~ ways) gutāna (one from another) kuvāngūka (oneself) kugabanuka (shake down to ~ from dirt) gukebanya

seize gucakīra, gusūmira, kuramata

select kurobānura

(a person to sell a thing or to bring tax) gutōza

self nyene

self-respect ubwīkūnzi

selfish (*to be*) kwīgūnga, kwīmana, kwīgūngirako, kwīgūngagiza, kwīkūnda

selfishness ubugūnge

sell kugura, kudāndaza, gushōra (to buy and sell) guhānjura (well) kugurika

semen intanga

semester igihembwe

send (esp. with message) gutuma (person rather than message) kurungika (back) kurekura (back, esp. cows) gucūra (back woman to her husband when she's gone home) gucūrira (forth shoots) gutōha (from room) gukumīra, gutaramura (greetings) kuganūka, kuganūtsa (in a hurry) kwīhanikiriza

(workers, some to one place, some to another) gutānya

send in (to) gutānga

senior -kuru

seniority ubukuru

sensational bitangāje (*from gutangāza*)

sense ubwēnge (to ~) kwūmva

senseless (one) imburabwēnge (one who speaks with ~ repetition of words) ikirogorogo

sentence (*judgment*) ingīngo (*gram.*) iryūngane

separate (vi) gukōndōka, kuvāna, gutandukāna, kuvāvānura, kubanduka, gutēranuka (vt) kwāhukānya, gukumīra, gusobanura, gutānya, kumatūra, gutandukānya, gutēranūra, kuvangūra (chain, vi) kudohōka (sense of divorce) kwāhukāna (fighters) kubangūranya, gutātūra (go ~ ways) gutāna (one from another) kuvāngūka (oneself) kugabanuka (shake down to ~ from dirt) gukebanya

seperating (thing) itandukāniro

seperation amacakubiri

September ukwēzi kwa cēnda (*kw'icēnda*), Nyakanga

serene ubutēkānyi (to ~) guhorereza, guhoza, guhwāmika (to be) kwītōnda (to become) guhora, guhūmura

serum serumu, iserumu

servant umushūmba, umusuku
(girl) incokere
(esp. at table) umugabuzi
(female) umuja
(male) umugaragu
(trusted, favorite) umukevyi
(to be ~ to) kujakarira, gusukūrira

serve gusukūrira
(as a servant) kujakarira,
gushūmba
(food) gufungura

(ting) kugarānzura (meal to) kuzimāna

service (*church* ~) amasengēsho (*as work*) igikorwa

service (to repair, maintain) gukanika

servitude ubugurano, ibija, ubuja

set (of sun) kurēnga (down, to carry and ~ down frequently) gusegenyeza (example) guha akarorero (fire to) guturira (fixed time) kugerereza (free) kudādura (one's heart on) guhahamira (the table) gupānga ameza (time: to do something at a ~ time) guhēnga

set example icītegererezo, akarorero (to ~) guha akarorero

settled (down, to be nicely) kugūbwa

seven indwi (times) indwi

seventeen icumi n'indwi

seventy mirongwindwi, mirongwirindwi

sever (to) guca (with one blow) gutemura

several -īnshi

severe (person) umuhāmbāzi (one who is great, severe, wise) akaranda

severity ubuhāmbāzi

sew kubarīra, gusona (Sw.), gushona (together) kwōmeka (come unsewn) gusonoroka (~ back on) gusubira, kubarira

sewing umubarīro

sex (to have ~, to lie down together) kuryamana (to marry, to have ~, only used of men) kurongora (to be married, to have ~, only of women) kurongorwa (to have ~ without being married) kurongorana (to have ~, only used of men, rude) guswera (to have ~, only used of women, rude) guswerwa (to have ~, to fornicate) kwenda, kurya umwana (to have homosexual intercourse) kwitomba, guswerana, kuryana akameka, kuryana inyuma (to make love like dogs, to have homosexual intercourse, derogative) guswerana nk'imbwa

sex igitsina

sex worker (person) maraya (Sw.)

sexy -īza

shade igitūtu

shadow igitūtu, icījīji

shady (to be) gupfuka **shake** (vi) kudēgedwa,

kudēgemwa, guhīnda agashitsi, kunyoganyoga (vt) gukunkumura (as earth) kunyiganyiga, gutigita (down to seperate from dirt) gukebanya (down as when measuring) kunyīngisha (hands) guhānayāmbo (hands with) gukorana mu minwe na (in the wind) guhuzēnwa (one's head in anger or disgust) kuzūnguza umutwe

shaking igishītsi

shallow -gufi, -gufiya, -gufinya

shame isoni, akamāramāza

shameful (to do ~ things) guhūmba

shameless (to be) gushirukanya, kwerura

shape (*state*, *condition*) ukumererwa

share kubūngirana, kugabana, kugabura, gusangira (to buy a thing together and then divide it) gusorōra

sharp (instrument, person) inkazi (to be, instrument) gutyara, gukariha (taste) gukara

sharpen gutyaza (stick) kugegena (to a point) gusongora (instrument) gukarisha

sharpening stone irytāzo

sharpness (beer, etc.) ubukare

shatter (to) kwāsana

shave kumwa (off fibers for thread) gukubagura

shaved (to be) kumōbwa (to have hair ~ off) kwīkemūra

shawl igitāmbara

she wē, wēwe, weho

sheaf (of grain) umukama

shear (to ~, as sheep) gukēmūra

sheath urwūbati

shed kuva, kuvīra

sheep intāma, intūngwa, igitūngwa (*flock*) urwūri, inzirikwa (*sheepfold*) uruhongore

sheet (bedsheet) ishuka

sheet (of metal for roof) ibāti

sheet (paper) urupapuro, urukaratāsi

shelf ubushinguro bugerekeranye (for milk containers) uruhīmbi

shell (of gun) urusoro (peanuts, etc.) ibishishwa (egg) ikibarara (carapace) ikigaragamba, umuruka

shell (to ~, corn) guhungura, kuvūngurīsha

(to ~, peas, beans, peanuts, etc.) gutonora, gushishagura (in wooden mortar) gusekura

shelling (bombing) gutikiza, n'amabombe

shelter (from rain, crude) umutāra (for animals) uruhongore (for cows) irāro (to ~) gukīnga (to ~ oneself behind) kwīkingiriza (to take ~ in rain) kwūgama (to give ~) kwūgamīsha

shepherd umwūngere *(to)* kuragira

shield (to ~) gukīnga, gukīngiriza

shield inkīnzo (of variegated colors) ikizirazira

shin umurundi

shine kwāka, kumurika (*brilliantly*) kuyagiriza

shining (to be) gukayangana

shiny (cloth) ihariri (to be, as silk cloth) gukānga

ship icomba

shirt ishati, ishimīzi

shiver (to) kudēgedwa, kudēgemwa, kujugumira, guhīnda agashitsi, kuja mu gashitsi

shock ugusekana

shoe ikirato

shoo (flies off cows) kuzīnga

shoot (*sprout*) umunago (*tiny*, *of bean or other plant*) umugoreko (*new shoots of grass, fresh* pasture) umugutu (*to send forth shoots*) gutōha

shoot (to ~ arrow) kurasa

shop (boutique) ibutike (little shop) iduka (carpenter) ibarizo, isaramara (baker's) icumbiro ry'imikate (cake ~) icumbiro n'iriro ry'imikate (butcher's) idandarizo ry'inyāma **shopkeeper** umunyabutike

shopper (*in shop*) umuguzi, umuranguzi, umukiriya

shore inkombe, inkūka

short –gufi, –gufiya, –gufinya (to be ~ something) gusība, gukērērwa, kubura

shorten (vt) kugerūra

shorts amakabutura, ibutura

shortsightedness uruhumyi

shoulder igitugu, urutugu (to toss garment over) gukūba (shoulder bag) agashakoshi

shout (of alarm) indūru

shout (to ~) gukoma indūru, gusemerera (for help) gutakāmba, gutaka, kwāmbaza, gutabāza (in sudden fear) gutūra ubuku (to frighten away) kwāmira

shouting uruhōgo, uruyogoyogo

shovel igipahu, iposhoro (Sw.)

show kwereka, kwerekana, gufurūra, guserura, kubonēsha (contempt, by spitting) gucīra inyeri (off) kwīkakīsha (oneself) kwibonekeza, kwībūra (the way) guhubūra, kurangīra, kuyobora (the way to one who is lost) kuzimurura (to not ~ one's feelings) kwīrengagiza

show off (to) kwīgamba

shower (to) kwīyuhagira

shriek (to ~, weep) kurira, kwāna, kwānira

(to give ~ of alarm) gukoma induru (to give startled ~) gutura ubuku (to sob silently) gupfunagira (out) kuyogora (out for help) kuborōga (to ~, young about to die) kwānāna

shrink gutuna, kwītuna

shrivel kwītuna

shriveled (to be, flesh) kunyūnyūka

shrub igisaka, akagundu k'ibiti, agati

shudder (to) kudēgedwa, kudēgemwa, kujugumira, guhīnda agashitsi, kuja mu gashitsi

shuffle (to) guhindagurika

shut (to) gufunga (Sw.), gukīnga, gukīngiriza, kurumya, kwūgara (doors of royal place) kujīsha (entrance with branches) guhāngāza (hands together) gufumbata (one's eyes) guhumiriza (path) gutangīra (to make another to ~ his eyes) kwūnamika (up completely) guhindira (to get close together) kwegerana (to put things or people ~ together) kwegeranya

shut up kwūgara

shuttering (architecture) imbaho z'imihage

shyness isoni

sibling umuvukanyi (my ~ of the same sex) mwēne wācu (to be) kuvūkana

sick (person) umurwāyi
(child) uruzingo
(to be) kurwāra, kuyōka
(to be often) kurwāragurika,
kubūnga
(i.e. indwara irambūngamwo)
(to assist ~ person in walking)
kwāndāza
(to make) kurwāza
(to be taken ~ suddenly,
supposedly from python looking at
one) gukāngwa
(to visit the ~) gusuhūza
(to take care of the ~) kurwāza

sickly (child) uruzīngo

sickness indwāra (severe) ikīza

side (of person) urubavu
(not of person) urubānde
(on this ~) hīno
(on this ~ of river, valley) hākuno
(on that ~) hīyo
(on the other ~ of something but
this ~ of river or valley) hirya
(on the other ~ of river or valley)
hākurya
(on the other ~ of hasida) irubānda

(on the ~ of, beside) iruhānde (to become right ~ up) kwūburuka (to lay thing on it's ~) guhēngeka (to lay someone on his) gukīkira (to lie on one's ~) gucurama (to put to one ~) guherereza (to turn right ~ up) gucurūra, kwūburura

side-tracked (to not be) gutota

sideswipe kubīngūra

sieve ipaswari

sifter (for chaff) agaseba

sigh guhēmūka, guhumēka, kuniha (with disgust or displeasure) guhigimānga

sight (come into) kurēnguka (to pass out of) kurēngēra (to recover) guhumūka (to restore) guhumūra

sign ikimenyamenya, ikimenyetso (to make a) kugereraniriza

signal (to ~ to come) kwākura (to someone) gukebura

silence agacerere (to ~) gucereza, kuzibiza, guhoza, kuzibiranya (by motion of the hand) kumama (one's opponent by speaking the truth) kujegeza

silent (to be) gucereza, guhora, kwihorera, kunuma

silk ihariri (of corn) ubusage

silver ifēza

similar (to be, but not exactly the same) guhakwa

similarity isāno

similarly kimwe

simmer (to ~) gutogotesha

simple (to be) kwōroha

simultaneous (to do two things at once) kubāngikanya

sin (*to* ~) gucumura, kugabitānya, gukora icāha

sin icāha, igicumuro, ikigabitānyo

since (cause, not time) ko, nuko (now that, seeing that) ubwo

sing kurirīmba (loudly) guhogora (of troubles) gucurira intimba (very nicely) guhibongoza

singe kubabura

singed (to be) kubabuka

singer umuhanzi

singing ururirimbo, indirīmbo (dancing with ~) uruvyino (pastoral ~, sung poetry) ibicuba (sung legend) igitito (post-drinking song) amayaya (pastoral ~) umuvovoto (sentimental evening ~) ikilito (~ for the hunt) gukokeza (to lead in ~) kuririmbisha

single *(one)* -mwe, umwe, rumwe etc.

(one banana, head of grain, etc.) umuhānyu (single object) urudēnde

singular (*gram.*) rudēnde, urudēnde

sink (to ~) kwībira, kurengerwa, kuroka (as in water) kudobera

sink ubwogerezo bw'ivyombo

sinker irindazi, igitumbura

sinner umunyavyāha

sip gusoma

Sir Bwana (*Sw.*), umukama, umushīngantāhe, nyene (*my*, *our*) dātabuja (*your*) shōbuja

(his, her, their) shēbuja (of an art) umuhīnga (to be) kugaba

sister mwēne data, mwēne se,
mwēne nyina
(older ~ of girl) mukuru,
mukurwanje
(of boy) mushiki
(younger ~ of girl) mutoyi,
murumuna
(of my father) māsenge
(of your father) nyogosenge
(of his, her, their father) inasenge
(of man's sister or woman's
brother) mwishwa

sister-in-law (my) muramukazanje

sit kwīcara

(to ~ fidgeting, or to go from place to place to ~ because others speak evil of you) kuyugayuga (of kings or rulers) kuvyāgira (together talking for a long time) gutūrika (to fix up nice place to ~) gusēzera

site (building) urugerēro, ikibanza (to find new building ~) kugerēra

(place to ~) icīcaro, umusēzero

six -tandatu (times) gatandatu

sixty mirongwitandatu

size ijunja, ubunini *(to be the same)* kuringanira

sketch igicapu, igicapo, igishushānyo, ishusho, igishusho (to ~) gushushānya (to take, draw) gucapura

skill ubuhizi, ukumenyēra (special) umwūga

skilled inkerebutsi (person) umuhānga, umuhīnga, umuhizi, umugesera, umufūndi (Sw.), umuntu w'inkuba

skillful inkerebutsi (to be) kubanguka, guhīngūra (to be more than others) kuzīnga

skillfulness ubugesera, ubuhizi, ubuhīnga

skim (to) kuzīmba

skimmed (milk) amatererwa

skimmer icaruzo gitobaguye

skin uruhu, urukoba, urusāto (for carrying baby) ingovyi (worn by king or great chief) inyambarabāmi (scaly) ibikaragāshi (to ~) kumyōra, gukungura (to fall and ~ oneself) gukungagura, gukunguka (to remove ~ from drying) kubāmbūra

(to stretch out to dry by pegging) kubāmba

(to have something penetrate the) gusesērwa (crack in foot) ikivutu

skin eruption (to have) guturika

skinned (to be ~ by a blow) kuramuka (to be ~ by falling) gukunguka

skip (along) kunonera (over) kurēngānya

skunk umusakanyika

sky ikirēre, ijuru

slacken gutenzūra

slander igitutsi

(to ~) gucōkōra, gukera, gusiba, gutuka

(a superior unintentionally, but he believes it intentional) kurengwa (to say a lot of slanderous talk) kuvōvōta

slanderer umucōkōranyi

slant (*vi*) guhirika, gukīka (*vt*) gukīkama, guhēngeka, gukikamika

slap (*to* ~) gushikiza inshi, kubīngūra

slap ikōfe (on the face) inshi

slate urubāho, igisate, ikigura (pensil) idushi

slaughter (victim) imbāgwa (to ~) kubāga (to be slaughtered) kubāgwa

slaughterhouse icuniro, ibāgiro

slaughtering place ibagiro

slave umugurano (*slave trader*) umuguranyi

slavery ubugurano

slay (to) kwīca, kwongeranya

sleep itiro

(to sleep, to lie down and ~)
kuryama
(to fall asleep) gusinzīra
(to jump in one's ~, to walk in
one's ~) guhahamuka,
kurandamuka
(to nod in sleeping) gutūringiga
(to put to, cause to) gusinziriza
(sitting up) gutūringiga
(to talk in one's) kurāzirana
(to walk in one's) kurandamuka

sleepiness itiro

sleeping (*effects of* ~ *badly*) ibirare

sleepy (to be) guhunikira, guhūnyiza (to be so ~ one falls over and stays there) gufurama

slice (to ~ vegetables) guhīmbura (to ~ crosswise) kugegena (to ~ lengthwise) gusatura

slice ikimānyu, ikigegene, igisate, igice (of bread) ikibege

slide (*to*) kunyika, gusiduka, gutemuka

slightly buhoro (*very* ~) buhoro-buhoro

slip kunyerera

(down on spear, meat if it slips it's supposedly diseased) gushōka (out little by little, e.g. nail) kwīdohōra

slipknot impururu

slippers ibirato vyo munzu

slippery (to be) kunyerera

sliver akabāngo, igisata *(to remove)* guhāndūra

slogan icīvugo

slope inkingu (of hill) inkūka, akamanuko, umurwa (steep) agahanamo

sloping (to be) gutēmba (to have ~ sides like soup dish) gufukūra

(to sleep, to lie down and ~)

slowly buhoro (*very* ~) buhoro-buhoro

slumber itiro

kuryama
(to fall asleep) gusinzīra
(to jump in one's ~, to walk in
one's ~) guhahamuka,
kurandamuka
(to nod in sleeping) gutūringiga
(to put to, cause to) gusinziriza
(sitting up) gutūringiga
(to talk in one's) kurāzirana
(to walk in one's) kurandamuka

slump (vi) guhenuka, guhomvoka, gusambūka, gusēnyuka, gusiduka, gusituka

(vt) gusitura

smack ikōfe (on the face) inshi

small –to, –toya, –tonya, –toto (grow smaller) gutūba (to make smaller) gutūvya

smallpox akarānda

smart (in the mouth) gukera

smash (to) gufyonyora (as grain before grinding) kuvūngurīsha

smell ububabwe, ubumote
(to ~, vt) kwīnukiriza, kwūmva,
kwūmviriza, kwīmōtereza
(to smell bad, vi) kunūka
(to smell good, vi) kumōta
(smell spreading, smell filling the
air, vi) gutāmirana
(to put on nice smelling stuff)
kwōsa

smelting place urugānda

smile akamwemwe (to ~) kumwēnyura (often) kumwenyagura (manifest pleasure, but not necessarily show teeth) kumwemwamwemwa

smirch (to) gucobogoza

smith umucuzi

smoke umwōtsi (to ~) gufūmba (to ~ tobacco) kunywa itabi (e.g. green wood) gufūrēka (to go up in) gupfūnduka

smolder umwōtsi
(to ~) gufūmba
(to ~ tobacco) kunywa itabi
(e.g. green wood) gufūrēka
(to go up in) gupfūnduka

smooth (to be) kurēmba (to ~ out) gukana, gukuyēngeza (to make) gukurūngira, gusena, gupfunyūra

smother kuniga, kunyoha

smoulder (e.g. green wood) gufūrēka

snail igifwera

snake inzōka *(big)* ikiyoka

snare akamashu, umutego, imero

snatch kunyakura

sneak (along) kubūndabūnda,
kwīyombayomba
(in) kunyegētera
(out) kwīyonjorora
(out of an argument or obligation)
kwīdohōra

sneeze kwāsamura (to get in nose and cause to ~, as pepper) gusagāra

snoop umutasi, inderetsi (to ~) gutata (to ~ on) gusūra

snore gufuha, kugōna

snort (to) gupfūhagira, gufūhagira

snot ibiseru vyo mu zūru

snow (hail) urubura

snuff gupfūhagira

so rero

so many –ngaho (to be) kungana

so-and-so naka, -ntūze

soak (in water, be soaked by rain) kujōbeka (to put to ~, esp. grain) kwīnika

soaked (to be) kujōba (by downpour of rain) kujōbeka (in house) kuvīrwa

soap isabuni

soapy (water) amazi arimwo isabuni

sob gusarara (*silently*) gupfunagira

soccer (ball) umupira w'amaguru (game) umukino w'amaguru

society (business) ikompanyi, isosiyete (friends, visitors) abashitsi

sock ishesheti, isogisi

soft (anything very ~, lacking stiffness) urudēndevu (to be) kwōroha (to be silky ~) kurēmba (to get ~ in water) kubōmbōka (to make soil ~) kwōrohereza (and springy, e.g. earth in swamp) kudemwademwa

soften (another's anger) gufyīta (soil) kwōrohereza (cloth) kworosha impuzu mu kuyishira mu mazi

softly buhoro, buhoro-buhoro (to go) kuyōmbōka

soil ivu, agataka (with much clay in it) inombe (to soften up) kworohereza (to be worn out) gutītūka

sojourn (esp. in serach of place to build) gusēmbēra

solace (to) guhoza

soldier ingabo, umusirigana, umusoda, umusirikare, intōre (*ants*) uburima

solid (to be) gukomera, gutetera

solitude irungu

solution (to find the) guhingūra

solve (*riddle*) gupfīndūra, guhīngūra

somber (darkness) umwījima, umwīza (after dark) bwateranye (to be) kwīrabura, gucūra umwiza (to become) kwīra (to become in daytime, fog, etc.) kwūbikiza (to come from ~ into light) kwāndagara

some -mwe (with plural prefix) e.g. bamwebamwe, or bamwe

some time umwānya uwari wo wose, uwariwo wose, igihe ico ari co cose, icarico cose

somebody umuntu kanaka

someone umuntu kanaka

something ikintu
(~ that stinks) agacūku

sometimes rimwe na rimwe, rimwe-rimwe. hamwe-hamwe

somewhere else ahandi

son umuhūngu (of) mwene

song indirīmbo, ururirimbo (~ for two alternating choirs) ikimpwiri (milling ~) indengo (war songs) amazina y'ubuhizi, amazina y'urugamba (sing or play plaintive) gucurira intimba see also singing

soon vuba

soot umusēngesēnge, umuvyiro

soothe (to) guhōyahōya

sorceress umurozi

sore igikomere
(little) akarōnda
(to be) gutonekara
(in one's muscles) kunywāguka
(to hit a ~ place) gutoneka
(to have running sores) kujējēta

sorghum ihūndo, amasāka, amahonda (plant) umuyānge (sprout) ikirōnge (stalk) igishakashaka (to prepare ground for) guhānda

sorghum beer impeke, indimwa

sorrow umubabaro, akabōnge, agahīnda, ishavu, intūntu, intimba (words that remains in heart causing sorrow) isata burēnge

sorrowful (to be) gushangashirwa

sorry mpore! mpole!

sort (good grain from bad) gucacūra (out) gusobanura, kuvāngūra

soul roho, ubugīngo

soul mate umugēnzi (close ~) umukūnzi (intimate ~, the one you share your last hidden food with) somambike (most intimate ~, "you die - I die") pfampfe (to visit a ~) kubūngirana

sound (whirring, wind blowing through things, or stick whipped through air) umuvuguvugu (well) kwūmvīkana (to make a bubbling ~) gusāma

soup isupu

sour (*milk*, *taste*) urubu (*to* ~, *milk*) kuvura (*to be* ~) kubīha, kurura

sour milk urubu

source umugezi, isōko, imbizi (*thermal* ~) amashūha

south ikūsi (Sw.), ubumanuko

southwards ubumanuko

sow (to) kubiba

sower umubivyi

soy isoya, isoja

space umwānya, ikibānza (open) agahīnga (to take up) gutabarara (a small space) akanya

spacious -gari *(to be)* kwāguka, gutabarara

spade igipawa, iposhoro

span (measure by hand) itambwe

spare parts (*cloths*) igitambara baremuza yatabutse

spark isase, umusēngesēnge

sparrow (*smallsome blue*, *some red*) ifundi

spasm (to have) gusāmba

spatula indosho, icaruzo, ikimamiro

speak (speaking evil of another with whom you work) ikeba (one who speaks with senseless repititions of words) ikirogorogo (all speaking together) imvugarimwe (to ~) kuvuga (against) guhāririza (carelessly) gufudika (clearly) gufobōra, gutobekeranya (distinctly) gutobora (distinctly, not having been able to before) gutumbūra (evil of one another) gucurikanya (evil of) gukana, kunegura (evil of the king) kurogota (evil of a ruler) kuyoba (fearlessly) kwūbahuka (foolishly) kudebagura (hatefully) gucobogoza (hesitantlyusually used in negative) guhengēshanya (in a mysterious language) gufobeka (incoherently) kuvovota (in someone's favor) gutēturura (lightly) kujajura

(loudly) kurangurura, kurandamuka
(many words, usually quite meaningless ones) guhogōmboka
(sarcastically) kurtyekeza
(the truth) guhinyuza
(thoughtlessly) kurandamuka
(unwisely or rudely) kurofokwa
(very beseechingly) kubobōteza
(when one shouldn't) kuyogora
(where others hear voices but do not understand) guhwirima
(without arriving at point) kurerembuza

(to cause to) kuvuza (to leave off speaking evil and speak kindly) kwigarura (to prevent from speaking) guhwāmika (give gift to bride so she will ~) guhorōra

(refuse to speak till given gift, as bride does) guhorōrwa

spear icumu

(stuck in person) urubāngo (spears on big reeds and grasses) umusokoro (to fall on ~ and be injured) gushōka

species (species) ubwōko (what kind?) –ki? (what kind of) ki?

spectacles ivyīrori, ibirorero, irori

spectacular bitangāje (from gutangāza)

specter icījīji

speech imvugo
 (defect, esp. for s, ch, c) ubureve,
e.g. kuvuga ubureve
 (to be freed from ~ impediment)
kugobōdoka
 (to have ~ impediment) kugobwa

(to have ~ impediment) kugobwa
(to try to give ~ but feel restrained)
guhaga amatama

speechless (to be, in defeat, surprise, misfortune) kwūmirwa (to be with shame or fear) gutētērwa (to be with surprise or defeat) kujorerwa, kujumarara (to leave one ~, astound) kujoreza (to render) kwūmiza

speed ingoga

spell amarozi

spend (all day) kwīrirwa (all night without sleeping) gukēsha (the night) kurāra (the night alone) kwīrāza (time) kumara (time together) kumarana

sperm intanga

spice akamoteshandya, uturyohozandya tubaba

spider igitangurirwa

spill (vi) gusēseka, gusēsa (vt) gucuncubura (anything not liquid) gusanzāra (over) gusēsekara

spilled (to be) kuvīra

spinal column urutirigōngo, uruti rw'umugōngo, agatirigōngo

spine uruti rw'umugongo

spirit (*alcoholic*) rutuku, umuraha (*med*) arukoro, ubwayi

spirit igihūme, impwēmu, umuzimu (Holy Spirit) Mpwemu Mweranda, Mpwemu Yera (nature spirit) imbāndwa (of person) umushaha (to chase away or drive out evil ~) gusēnda (to offer to ~) guterekēra (~ worship) ubuzimuzimu

spit amate, igikororwa
(spurted from between teeth as
indication of scorn) inyeri
(to ~) gucīra amate
(to ~ on) kuvuma amate
(~ up milk, baby) kubōga
(~ up phlegm) kuruka

spittle amate, igikororwa

splash kumījīra (and tumble, water in river) gusūriranya

(splashing of water on rocks in river) igisebuzi

splint udusenge

split (vi) kurara
(vt) gutānya
(in two) kwīmānya
(open, as over-ripe beans)
gusaragurika
(up) kwōmānza
(wood) gusatura
(to be split open as flesh when
wounded) kugāguka

spoil (to ~, vi) kubora, kwōnōna (vt) kuboza (of foods) kugāsha (another's reputation) kwāmbika ibara

spoiled (to be) kwononekara

spoiler umwononyi

spoils (sense of plunder) isahu, iminyago, urunyago

spokesman imvuzi, umuvuzi

spoon ikiyīko (*large wooden* ~) umucumbisho

sports bag ishakoshi (*small*) agashakoshi

sports field urukino

spot ibara, indome, irabagu, ikirabagu, agasembwa (in sense of dirt) icēyi (opposite door of house) umukōndo

spots (girls put on clothing to help them get a husband) indome (to put spots on something) kudoma

spouse umugabo, umugēnzi umucance (*lit. one who broke the hymen*) (to lose one's ~ by death) gupfākara

sprain guhānyuka, guhinyagara (*slightly*) gukāshuka

spray (water) kumījīra amazi

spread (abroad, vt) kwāndagaza, kwāngāza, gukwīza, gukwīragiza (vi) kwāmāmara, gukwīra, guhetūra, gukwīragira (grass) gusasa (legs apart) guhānyuka (out) gupānga (out great branches) kugasāra (out on something) gusanza (thing spread out flat) ikiramvu

spring (about June, early summer) impēshi

spring umugezi, isōko, imbizi (thermal ~) amashūha

springy (and soft, to be as earth in swamp) kudemwademwa

sprinkle gusukira, kuvōmera (vi) kumījira (vt) gucūcagira, kumīja, kumījagira (as with powder, salt) kumemēra ('medicine' around house to protect it from evil) gutota

sprinkling ukuvomera

sprout umugera, ingūndu, umunago (bean) umugōndōra (sorghum) ikirōnge (to ~) kumera (to ~, millet) gusēsa (after cutting) kunaga

spur (chicken) igikohwa

spurt out (to) kunega

spurting (of blood) umupfūnda

spurts (to grow rapidly in) kuvugumuka

sputum igikororgwa (to spit up) kuruka

spy umutasi, inderetsi (to ~) gutata (to ~ on) gusūra

squabble intonganya, imitongano, amahāne

(to ~) gutongana, gutonganya, kurandagurana, guhārīra, guhāzāna (to be always looking for) kwītōraguza (to start a) kwāndurutsa (to stop ~ and make them like each other) kwūnga

square ikwadarato

squash (to) gufyonyoka

squash umwūngu, igikunga (*leaves*) umusoma (*seed, plant*) uruyūzi

squeak (as rat) kujwigira

squeeze gukānya
(juice from bananas) kugana,
kuvuguta
(juice to last drop) gukanyūra
(out seed of fruit) gufyura

squelch gutururuza

squint guhwīnyiriza, guhunyereza

squirt (to) kunega

stack (*to* ~ *together*) gukumakuma (*to* ~ *up*) kurūnda, kurūndarūnda

stack ikirūndo
(of grain) amarwi
(of grain and chaff mixed)
ubukūmbi
(of rocks) igihongo
(of wood) akarwi

staff abakozi

stagger (around) kujūjūta, kugoyagoya

stain irabagu, ikirabagu

staircase ingazi

stairs ingazi

stairway ingazi

stake (out goat in pasture) kuzirika (drive ~) gushīnga (to come out, ~) gushingūka (to pull out ~) gushingūra

stalk (of bananas) igitoki (of sorghum) igishakshaka (to fall from) guhūnguka (to pluck from) kumyōza

stamen (of flower) umwēza

stammer kugigimiza

stamp (article used to ~ spot)
ikidomēsho
(to ~) kudoma
(on) guhonyanga, guhonyagura,
gusiribānga
(to ~ one's feet, trample)
gukāndagira

stand guhagarara
(erect) kwēma, kwemarara
(erect for a long time) gushibama
(in a certain place) kubisiriza
(in another's light) gukīnga
(in line) gutōnda
(on tiptoe) gushīnga amano,
gusumburuka
(on tiptoe to get something)
gusumburukwa
(up) guhaguruka, kuva hasi
(to have one ~ up) guhagarika,

standstill uguhagarara

guhagurutsa

star urunyenyēri, inyenyēri (morning star) agaturuturu

starch ibifufu vyo mu mfungurwa

stare (at) gufyura amāso, guhānga amāso, gukanaguza (at one another) guhangana (at without seeing) guturumbura, gutumbagura (to get left behind as you ~ at something) kurāngāra

staring (in evil manner) umufyure

start kwānzika, gutangura
(by) kubānza
(early in the morning) kuzinduka
(fire) gucāna
(job before finishing the previous
one) kubāngikanya
(the day) kuramuka
(something) gutangīza
(up from ground, e.g.g locusts)
guharara
(up in one's sleep) kurandamuka

starter (entrēe) imfungurwa ntanga kayabagu (hors d'oeuvre) imfungurwa nyitangizo

startled (to be) guhababuka, kuranduka umutima

(out of sleep) kugangabuka (to give a ~ cry) gutūra ubuku

starvation isari

starve (to) kwicwa n'inzara

state (government) leta (condition) ukumererwa

station istasiyoni

status (*state*, *shape*) ukumererwa, ubumere (*good discursive* ~) ijāmbo (*good physical* ~) ijūnja

stay kuguma

(at king's court) gusasa
(away frequently from home)
guhīmbira
(for a time) gusībira
(in one place permanently)
guhama, gutsīndāza
(to cause to) kugumya
(to not ~ at home) guhugūmba
(to not ~ in place) kujuragira,
gucambagirana
(one who does not ~ home)
igihūmbu

steal (to) kwība, kwāmbura, kunyaga, gusahura, kwīha (from each other) kwībana (habitually) guhīmbira (to be caught stealing) gusūmirwa

stealing ubwīvyi

stealthily (to go) kwīyombayomba, kuyombayomba (to walk) gukacakaca, kwōmboka

steam umuhīsha, umwūka

steel icuma kitagwa ingese

steep (place) agatēmbwe

steeple agashūngēre

stem umutūmba (of word) itsina

step intambuko
(measure by steps) itāmbwe
(place where steps are cut in
hillside) ubukiru
(to ~) gutambuka

(aside to make light) gukīngūra, gukīnguruka

(on) guhonyora (take little steps) kunyonyera

sterile (*to be*) kugūmbaha, guhona (*to make*) gukona, gushāhura

sterility (female, human or animal) ingūmba, igūmba, ubugūmba

stern (of boat) umukondo

stethoscope icuma gipima itera ry'umutima, icuma gipima indihaguzi

steward umujēnāma, umujanāma

stewed fruit ivyāmwa bitekanye isukari

stick (to ~ out, as garment with something under it) kudundūra (to stick) guhoma, guhomesha uburembo (~ together, vi) gufatana, kumata, kwōmeka, kumatana (vt) gufatanya, guhoma, kumatanya (~ up for another) gukīmbūka

stick igiti

(for beating drum) umurisho, umukembe
(large, stuck in ground) inkīngi, igikīngi
(short, club) ingāge
(stuck in person) urubāngo
(thrown to kill bird etc.)
injugujugu
(walking) inkoni
(with nail in end) umuhūnda

(put ~ in ground) gushīnga

sticking plaster isuparadra (Fr.)

sticking together akaramata

stiff (to be from drying up, clothes, food) gutetera

stiff neck urukebu

stifle (to) kubuza, gutururuza

stifle kuniga, kunyoha

still (to remain) kwīyorosha

stillness agahwēkēre

stimulate gukarisha

sting (of bee) urubōyi, umugera (to ~ or bite, insect) gusurira (sharpness of beer, etc.) ubukare

stink kunūka

stir gucucuma, kuvānga, kuvāngavānga, kuvurūnga (around) gucambagirana (in one's sleep) guhahamuka (porridge) gushigisha (up trouble) kugūmūka

stitch umubariro wo ku ruhande (*to* ~ *up*) gusubira, kubarīra

stock ibishinguwe, ibibitswe

stockpile (beans, etc. for year) guhitiza (to ~ harvest) kwīmbura

stocks (for prisoner) impatane

stoical (to be) kwīyumānganya

stoke (*fire*) kubeba, guhuha, kwenyegeza, kuvuguta

stolid ubutēkānyi
(to ~) guhorereza, guhoza,
guhwāmika
(to be) kwītōnda
(to become) guhora, guhūmura

stomach inda, umushīshīto (*big*, *fat*) ikizeze

stomach pain (*to have*) kurībwa mu inda

stone ibuye

(big) igitāndara, urutāndara (grinding) urusyo (rolling) urunāna (sharpening) irtyāzo (small, round) akabuyēnge (three, placed for fireplace) izīko

stool amavyi

(human excrement) umusarani

stool intebe

stoop gutumbūra
(down) kujōndamika, kwūbama
(over) kwūnama
(to go along stooped over)
kubūndabūnda
(to make another ~) kwūnamika

stoop-shouldered amabega, ubukoyo (*term of scorn*)

stooped (to be) guhetama

stop (vi) guhagarara, kureka, gusigaho (vt) guhagarika, gutururuza, kubuza (diarrhea) gufutīsha (quarrel and make like each other) kwūnga

(~ talking abruptly though others continue) kwōnjorora
(a thing because someone has repeatedly warned and advised) gukōndōka
(up) kuzibiza

stoppage uguhagarara

(working) kugodoka

stopper igipfūndikizo, umupfūndikizo, umufundikizo

stopping place uburuhūkiro

storage (place for grain) ikigega

store (beans, etc. for year) guhitiza (to ~ harvest) kwīmbura

store (*shop*, *boutique*) ibutike, imangazine, iduka (*storehouse*) ikigega

stored (something put away for future use) integakiba (to be for several years) guhitikirana, guhitirana

storekeeper umunyabutike

storm (wind and rain) inkūbi (wind) inkūrūma (noise of approaching) umugigimo (thunderstorm) ikivura

story (in sense of fable) umugani (in sense of riddle) igisōkōzanyo (fairy) igitiko (news) inkuru (sung legend) igitito

stove ifuro, izīko, amashiga y'ikizungu (portable) iresho

stow (beans, etc. for year) guhitiza (to ~ harvest) kwīmbura

straight (to be) kugororoka, kudadarara (to be very) gutūngāna (to make) kugorōra, kurorānya (to make ~ for) gutūmbereza (to stand up ~) guhagarara

straight-forward (to be) gutobora

straighten up (vt) gukirānura, kugorōra

strain (*muscle*) gukāshuka, guhānyuka (*water*) kumimina

strange (thing) ikija

stranger umunyamahānga, umunyankīko (from across border) injabuka

strangle kuniga

strategy imigabo

straw ubwātsi

strawberry inkēri, inkēre

streak (caused by water, sweat) umukororōmvyi

stream icōgo, urūzi (current of) umukuba (middle of) umutānga, idāmba (tiny) umugēnde, imbizi (winding) ikigobe

street umuhanda, irāngo, amayirabiri, inzira

strength imbaraga, inkomezi, ubukomezi (muscular) intege (physical) amagara (my ~ has left me) amagara yandyarutse (to regain) guhembūka

strengthen kwīrūza, kuremēsha

stretch (vi) kwāguka, kweguka (vt) kwāgura (oneself) kwīgorōra (oneself out on ground) kurambarara (a bow) gufōra (out, vi) kwirāmvura (out, as skin for drum) gukana (out arm) kurāmvura

(out skin to dry by pegging) kubāmba

stretched out (*to be*) kubondōka, kwāguka

stretcher inderuzo, iburankara (woven) igitēbo (to carry corpse) ikigagara

stricken (to be) gukomereka, gusesērwa

stride (over) gutambuka

strife intāmbara

strike kubomboranya, gukoma, gukubita, kudoda (against in order to knock down) gusita (down and almost kill) kurabika (one against the other, knees) gukomānya (oneself) kwīkubita (oneself in amazement) kwīshishītira (sore place) gutomeka (together) kubomborana (thunder, lightning) guhūndagaza (prepare oneself to, grasp in preparation to) kubangura (to raise one's arm to) kubangurira

string umugozi, akagozi *(of bow)* uruvuto

strip (leaves from tree or stick) gukōkōra (one of his clothing) gukoba, gukākagura (cloth) igitabu c'impuzu (paper) umuzingo

stripe (*from beating*) umumyōre (*mark of a blow*) umuramu

strive gukobeza, gushīshikara, guharanira (~ *after*) gukovya (~ *and crowd together*) kuvurungana

stroke (to) gukuyakuya

stroll (about as if one had nothing else to do) kubagabaga (to ~ about when one should be working) kuraramanga

strong (person) umunyenkomezi (something which appears to be ~, but is weak) igihōmbe (to be) guhāngama, gukomera, kurema, kurama, kunōnōka (to be very) gutetera, gushikama (to make) gukomeza (to make very) gushikama (to remain) gushikama

struck (to be, by lightning) guhūndagara

struggle (to stir) gucambagirana (to have a hard life) kunamba

strut (about in fine clothes) kunibaniba

stub (*one's toe*) gutsītāra (*cause to*) gutsītāza

stubborn (person) intākonywa, intābwīrwa (to be) kugimīra

stuck (in mud) gushāya (to get) guhamāngira

student umwigishwa

studio (atelier) uruganda

study kwīga

stuff (to ~ a mattress) kugira umudo, gukora umudo

stumble (that which causes to) igitsītāza (to ~) gutsītāra, kudāguza (to cause to) gutsītāza (over words) gufudika

stump igishitsi

stun (to) kujegeza, kujorera, gutangāza (to be taken by) gufata mpiri (to jump in) guhababuka, kuzanzamuka

stung (to jump when) gushikurwa

stunned (*to be*) kujorerwa, gufata mpiri, kugwa mu gahundwe

stunned (to be, in defeat, surprise, misfortune) kwūmirwa (to be with shame or fear) gutētērwa

(to be with surprise or defeat) kujorerwa, kujumarara (to leave one ~, astound) kujoreza (to render) kwūmiza

stunning bitangāje (*from gutangāza*)

stunted (plant) ikirūmbirane

stupid (to be) kujūjūta

stutter kugigimiza

stylist umuderi

sub-chief umutware

subdue (to overcome a revolt) kugandūra, kugomora, kugomoza

subject (to be ~ to) gukukira

subjugate kugandūra

subjunctive (gram.) kagabwa

submerge (vt) kwībiza, kurotsa

submission (to bring into ~ to) kugomora (to seek help to bring into ~ to) kugomorera

submissive (*to be*) kugandūka, kugōnda izosi, gukenguruka, kugororokera

submit (to) gutānga

subscribe (to) kwīyandikīsha

substantiate (enforce what one has said, to drive it home) kuryōherereza

substitute (one who takes place of guilty man) impongano (for another) kwākīra

subtract gukūra

succeed (to) gutsīnda, gushobora (in persuading someone to leave his evil ways) gukōndōra

such (to be ~ that) kumera

suck (esp. juice out of fruit)
kunūnuza
(to eat by sucking only, as candy)
kuyongobeza, kuyungubiza

sucker (on plant) ingūndu, umuvyāro

suckle (to) kwonsa

sudden (happening) igiturūmbuka

suddenly giturūmbuka (as death or accident) bukumbi (to come) guturūmbuka (to happen) kwūbira

suffer kubabara, gucumukura (because of certain thing) kuzira (much) gusinzikara (pain without complaint) kwīyumānganya (to cause to) kubabaza, gusinzikaza

suffering umubabaro, ibara

suffice (to) gukwīra

sufficient (to be, for) kubūmba, gukwīra

suffocate kuniga, kunyoha

sugar isukari

sugar bowl agashingurasukari

sugar cane umusigati, umusumba (for eating), igikaju (plant)

suggest guhubūra

suggestion ināma

suicide (*to commit*) kwīgaragura, kwīyahura, kwīyica

suit (to) gukwira

suitable (to be) kubēra

suitcase ivarise (Fr.)

sulphur amazuku

summer ici

sun izūba

(red sun when very low at night)
igihendabaja
(to rise) kurasa
(to set) kurēnga
(to bring things in from) kwānura
(to put out in) kwānikira

sunburn ukubaburwa n'izuba

Sunday icūmwēru, umusi w'Imāna, kuw'Imāna, kuwa Mungu (*Sw.*), kw'iyīnga

sundown (toward) umuhīngamo

sunshine (ray of) ikibēngebēnge

sunstroke ukurabikwa n'izuba

superhuman (thing) igihūme

superintendent umushikirwa, umuntu ahishirigwa

supernumerary (digit, or teat of cow) indorerezi

superstition (observing certain days) kuziririza (pagan ~) ubuzimuzimu

supervisor umuntu ahishirigwa

supple (to be) kunōnōka

supplementary inyongera

supply (to have one's needs supplied) gukenuka

supplying (of need) ubukenuke

support ishimikiro (to ~) gushigikiza, gufasha

suppose gukēka, kuziga, kwībwīra

suppository ikinini bacisha mu kibuno

suppress (to) kubuza, gutururuza

supreme (something ~) agaheta

surely de, dede, me, pē, rwose, kabisa (Sw.)

surety (co-signer for note) umwīshīnzi

surf (*to* ~ *the internet*) kurondera, gushakisha (*Rw*.)

surface ubusumbasumbane

surgeon umuganga abaga abantu

surgery ubuhinga bwo kubaga abantu

surpass (one who surpasses all others) agahebūza, agakūra (thing that surpasses everything of

its kind) akaminūza, akarēnzo (to ~) kurēnga, kurusha, kurushiriza, kuruta, gusūmba (all others, good or bad) guhebūza, kunengesēra (to try to ~) guhiga

surplus umusesekara, igisāga

surprise (to) kujegeza, kujorera, gutangāza (to be taken by) gufata mpiri (to jump in) guhababuka,

kuzanzamuka

surprised (*to be*) kujorerwa, gufata mpiri, kugwa mu gahundwe

surrender (a possession) kwegura

surround kujiguza, gukīkiza, gukīkuza, gusagaza, gusugereza, kuzīngūka, kuzūnguriza, kuziguza (esp. country) guhererana (animal or person hunted) kuzigiriza (with a wall) kuzitira (wrap around) gukenyeza

surrounding ibidukikije

surrounding wall uruzitiro

survive (get well, be saved) kurokoka, kurokoza (left alive after plague) kwōkōka

suspect (to) gukeka

suspend gutarika (to hang) kumanika

suspended (to be, in air) kwenēna

suspicion ugukēka

sustain (to) gukomeza

swab (to ~) gukoropa

swaddle (a newborn) kubīkīra

swagger (to) kwīgamba

Swahili (language) igiswahiri

swallow kumira, gutamira (gluttonously) kumiragura (to give too much to ~ at one time) kuramagiza

swamp urufūnzo, umurago, ikidigi

swap (to) kugurāna, gukāba

swarm (*bees*, *etc*.) amarwi (*to* ~) kujagata

swear kwīsiba (*give oath*) kurahīra (*at*) gutuka

sweat icūya, urwūya (to ~) kubira icuya

sweater umupira (Sw.)

sweep gukubūra, kwēnzūra, kwēyēra, (away, as rain water) gusūriranya

sweet (to be tasting sweet) gusosa

sweet potato ikijūmbu, ikijūmpu (*vines*) imibuto, imivyūka

sweetheart umukūnzi

swell kuvyīmba, kubōmboka, gutumba
(as beans) gukakama
(as beans, bread) gututūmba
(bread) gukuka
(esp. dead animal, also beans)
gutumbagana
(in welts) kuramura

swelling ubuvyimbe (*med.*) ubutumbi (*to reduce*, *vi*) kuvyīmbūka (*vt*) kuvyīmbūra

swim (to) kwōga

swimming (to) kwōga

swindle (to) kuzīmba

swing kwenēna

switch (~ off flies) kwīyama isazi

swollen (to be ~) gutumbagana

swoop kugwagura

sword inkōta (edge of) ubūgi

sworn statement indahiro (to take an) kurahīra (to go back on) kurahurūra

syllable urudadi

(to reverse in a word, transpose) gufudika

symbol ikimenyamenya **sympathize** (to) kubabarira

sympathy igikūndiro, ubukūnzi, urukundo

symptom ikimenyetso

synagogue isinagogi

synchronization uguhūza

synchronize (to ~) guhūza

syphilis agashāngāra

T

table ameza (Sw.)
(bedside) akameza ko mu buryamo
(for milk containers) uruhīmbi
(to set the ~) gupānga ameza

tablecloth igitambara co ku meza

tablet (medicine) ikinini

tableware ibikoresho vyo ku meza

taboo ikizira
(to be) kuzira
(to break) kurēngwa, kuzirūra,
kugōka
(to observe) kuziririza
(to remove) kuzirūra

tadpole ikinyamurobo

tail umurīzo

(to cut off tail of animal) gukēmūra (to wag ~) kuzungagiza

take gufata, gucakīra, guhitana (another's place in watching) kubangūra (apart what has been stuck together) kumatūra (authority on oneself) kurēngera (away) gukūra, gushingūra, gutwāra (away from) kwāka, kunyaga (away completely) gukōmbōra, gutōngōra (away with) kuvāna (by force) kunyaga (care of) kubungabunga, kwītwaririka (care of, very good) kubukabuka

(case to chief or court) kubūranya (case to chief, knowing one is right) gutara (child in arms) kurera, gukīkira (council together) guhūza ināma (cows uphill) kurārūra (down) kumanura (down tent) gupāngūra (everything for oneself) kwīgūngirako (far away) kwāmbukana (firm hold of) kubāngiriza (from another) kwākīra (from pocket or other concealed place) kugoborora (here, take this) enda (hold of) gufata (hold of person) gusūmira, gushorerakw amaboko (home) gutāhāna (home object or cows after being away long time) kugishūra (in one's arms) kugūmbīra, gukīkira (mouthful) gutamira (oath) kurahīra (off clothes) kwīyambura (off lid of basket) kurumūra (out) gusokōra (out of) gukūra, gusokorora, kugobōtora (out of hole in ground what one has put there) kuzīkuruka (outside) gusohora (picture) gucapura (Sw.) (place of another) kwākīra (quickly) gutebūkana (someone aside) kwīkebana (someone to chief for trial or accusation) gushengeza (something out to an appointed place) gusokorora (to put away) kwāndūra (to someone) gushīra (to someone where he is) gusānza (turns) kwākīrana, kwākīranwa, kuja imbu, gukūranwa (up space) gutabarara (walk) kugēndagēnda (wife) kwābīra (wife, without marrying her

take place (to) gushika (what happened?) habāye iki?

properly) gucīkiza

(with) kujāna

(to cause to) gucimbataza (unexpectedly, suddenly) kwūbīra

taken (to be, by surprise) gufata mpiri

taken by surprise (to be) kujorerwa, gufata mpiri, kugwa mu gahundwe

takings (money) icinjiye

tale umugani (to tell ~s) gutika

talk kuyāga, gusakuza, kugānīra (foolishly, or act) gusaragurika (give discourse) kugamba (in one's sleep) kurāzirana (lightly) kujajura (loudly) guhogora (a lot) kuregeteza (nonsense when drunk) kuvovota (over) gutegēranya (slanderously) kuvōvōta (together in whispers) kunwengurana, kwītōnganya (to oneself) kwītonganya (unkindly to each other) kurandagurana (when one shouldn't) kuyogora (with someone to try to persuade her to elope) gucīkiza (to sit together talking for a long time) gutūrika (one who talks a lot, esp. tells others what to do) ingare

talkative (*to be*) kugira amazīnda, kurimbūra

talking (to stop abruptly though others continue) kwōnjorora (to sit together ~ for long time) gutūrika

tall –rē-re, muremure etc.
(or big thing, esp. person) ingāma
(e.g. umuntu w'ingama)
(and fat) ikigwīnyīra

taller (to be ~ than) gusūmba

tame kugandūra, kugūnda, kumenyēreza

tan (hides) guhara, guhaza (color) umuyēnzi (goats' hair) umufumbēre tangerine mandarine

tank (water ~) itangi

tanner umuhazi

tap (to) kudoda

tap robine

tape measure imetero y'impuzu

tapeworm igikāngaga

tapping inkomānzi

tar ikaburimbo

tardy (*to be*) guteba, gukērērwa, gutebagana

target urwēgo

tarmac ikaburimbo

tarnish (to) gucobogoza

task igikorwa, akazi, umurimo
(assigned) ibāngo
(to begin ~) kwāhuka
(to be one's) kwegukirae.g.
negukiye kwigisha
(to cause to work at several ~ at once) kujuragiza

tassel (long) imihivu

taste (to ~) kwūmva, kwūmviriza (to ~ good) gusōsa, kuryōha (to ~ to prove that it's safe for others) kurogōra

taste icānga, akanovera *(good)* ubusōse

tasting (good) gusosa

tattle (in order to advance oneself) gusebana, kuregetereza, kuregeteranya

tax ikōri, ibirāre
(to collect) gutōreza
(tax official, tax collector)
umutozakori
(to pay taxes) gutanga ikōri

tax collector umutōza, umutōzakōri (to appoint) gutoza

taxi tagisi

taxicab tagisi

tea icāyi, akāyi (herb ~) imisabiko (~-kettle) imbirika (~pot) ibirika y'icāyi

teach kwīgīsha

teachable (*to be*) gukūrwaka ijambo

teacher umwīgīsha, umwārimu (Sw.)
(professor) umuprofeseri,
umwīgīsha wa kaminuza
(comment of ~) ugushīma
kw'umwīgīsha

teaching indēro, imyīgīshe, inyīgīsho

team umurwi

tear (vi) gucīka, kumānyuruka, gutabuka, gutantamuka (vt) gutabura, gutantamura (along, water, rain) gusūriranya (away) gushikura (big hole, vi) kumānyuka (big rip, vi) kumwanyuruka (clothes, vt) gukākagura (clothes in anger) gukākura, kumwāga (down) guhenura, guhomvora, guhonyora, gusambūra, gusangangura (down nest) kwāruza (in pieces) gutabagura

tears amōsozi

tease kudāyāngwa, gufyina, gufyinata, gupfyina, kujandajanda, gusōtōra

teaser akagūma

teeth amēnyo (see also tooth)
(grinding of) insya z'amēnyo
(very close together) impatane
(to brush the) kwīnyugunura,
kwīyugunyura
(to get the first) kwēra
(to grit) gukomānya, kuzyēgenya
(to grit one's ~ to avoid showing
pain) gushinyanga, gushinyiriza
(to notch) guhongora
(to pull) guhongora

telephone terefone, telefone

television imboneshakure

tell (one who tells others of good

things, tells them where to go to find something good) umurānzi (one who refuses to do as told) intābarirwa (to ~) kubara, kubarira, kubwīra, gukerutsa, kurānga (all about something) kujoja (certainly) kujījūra (dream) kurōtōra (events) kudonda (fairy tales, stories passed down from long ago) gutika, kugana (how one's affaires are going) kwīrāta (make one ~ truth) kurahuruza (publicly) kwerura

(publicly) kwerura (someone that his friend has died) guhebūza

(something in a kind, easy way) kubembetereza

(to, divulge secret) gukerukiriza (to others what you've heard) kwīgānīra

(what one has done) kwīyagiriza (what one has heard while eavesdropping) gutumbūra (whole truth without hiding a thing) kwātagura

temper (put temper in metal) kuramura

temper ibicunduguta (bad ~) umujinya

temperament (*gram.*) umuvugire (*temper*) ibicunduguta, imico

tempered (to be) kuvugutirwa

temple (of head) umusaya, imvuridahita

temporary (house) urusāgo, igikāri

tempt kugerageza, kugeza, kwōsha (one into something then leave him) gusuka

temptation igeragezwa, inyōsha, amōsha

tempter umugeragezi, umurwānizi

ten icumi, cumi
(~ times) icumi
(things over and above ten) igisaga

tenacity (to not quit without accomplishing certain thing) gushirwa

tendon umutsi, umurya

tent ihema (Sw.) (to pitch) gupānga (to take down) gupāngūra

tenter inderuzo, iburankara (woven) igitēbo (to carry corpse) ikigagara

term (school ~) igihembwe

terminate (conversation) kwīkebanura

terrified (to be) gucīka ivutu

terrine umubehe, urwavya

terror ivutu

test (to test, to try) kugeza (to ~ oneself) kwīpima (exam) ikibazo

testament isezerano

testicle ivya

testify (to ~) gushīnga intahe, guhamya, kwāgiriza (fearlessly in behalf of another) kwemānga

testimony ubuhamya

text igisōmwa, ubutumwa, urukurikirane rw'amajambo

textile ubugwegwe bahinguramwo impuzu

(~ mill) uguhingura inyuzi

thank (to) gukenguruka, gutāzīra

thank you urakoze, murakoze, wakoze

thanks (*gift of*) ishīmwe (*in advance*) uzoba ukoze

that (demonstrative, with class agreements) uwo, -rya, urya, -rīya, urīya uno, wa (demonstrative, invariable) nya (conjunction) ko, ngo, yūko (in orther ~) kugira ngo

that's it aho rero! baco!

that's right n'ūko

thatch (*roof*) ubwatsi bwo gusakara, ivyatsi vyo gusakara

theft ubwāmbuzi, ubwība, ubwīvyi, ubusahuzi

their –ābo

then buno, maze, rero, kuramuka (e.g. aramutse agenda – and then he went) (and ~) kāndi (and ~ afterwards) hanyuma

there ngaho, aho
(~ is, ~ are) hari
(down there) hēpfo
(over there, fairly near) harya
(up there) haruguru
(way over there) harīya

therefore maze, nuko

therewith bitayeko, uteko, ikigeretseko, ubwo, nubwo

thermal source amashūha

thermometer igipimo c'ubushuhe

thermostat akuma kagumya ubushuhe

thick -nini

thicken kuvura, gufatana, kuvuza

thickness intīmbatīmba

thief umwāmbuzi, umuhumbūzi, umwīvyi, umunyazi, umusuma, igisuma

thieve (to) kwība, kwāmbura, kunyaga, gusahura, kwīha (from each other) kwībana (habitually) guhīmbira (to be caught stealing) gusūmirwa

thievery ubwāmbuzi, ubwība, ubwīvyi, ubusahuzi

thieves (to put 'medicine' about the kraal to keep away ~ and evil spirits) kurēmbeka

thigh (*upper*) ikibero (*thighs*, *buttock*) itako

thimble agapfukarutoke

thin -to, -tō-to, -toya, -tonya (person who gets ~ gradually) umunywera

(to be, from hunger, bones show) kugōberwa

(to become) kudohōka, kugeruka, kunohoka, kwōnda, kuyōka, kwīfūtānya

(to become from work or worry) kunohorwa, kugōgōra (to get very) kugōgōra (to ~ out plants) kwānkanya

thing ikintu

(forsaken, worn out) akāhebwe (very tiny) akazatsa (discarded things) umwāvu (of no value) ikija

think kwīyumvīra, gucīra, kugira, kwīkēkāko, kwīrimbūra (about) kuziga (over) gutegēra, kuzirikiana (over whether a thing is right) kurimbūra (to do quickly without thinking) gusimbagurika (I think, you don't think, one might think) umēnga, umēngo (think of that!) pe!

thinner (to become) gufūtānya, kwīfūtānya

thinness (excessive way loss) umunya

thirst inyōta

(excessive) ishārara, isari (to quench one's) guhodoka, kwīshōza

thirsty (*to be*) kunyoterwa, kugira inyota

thirteen icumi na batatu

thirty mirongwitātu

this (demonstrative, with class agreements) uyu

thistle igitovu

thorn ihwa, igisata (bush) igisata (tree) umubambāngwe, umugūnguma, umurīnzi, umutobotobo, umunyinya (to remove) guhāndūra

thou (mainly in greetings or questions) ga

thought icīyumvīro (to put one's face in one's hands in deep ~) kwītangira itama

thoughtlessly (to speak) kurandamuka

thoughts (to express one's) gukīmbūka

thousand igihūmbi

thread urunyuzi, urusurusuru (shave off fibers for) gukubagura (of cotton etc.) urunyuzi

threat agahahirizo, igikangīro, imihigo

threaten kudigiriza, guhahiriza, guhiga, kwīhanikirza, gukana, gukangīra, kuvyigiriza (to rain) gukuba

threats imihigo

three -tatu, esheshatu
(three times) gatatu

thresh guhūra

throat umuhogo, uruhogo, agahogo

throne intebe

(to come to) kwīma, kungoma (to place on) kwīmika

through (to pass) guca

throughout hose

(to spread ~) (see 'spread')

throw (to) guta, gutēra
(apart) gukumira
(at each other) gutēranya
(away) guta
(down) kujegeza
(down from above) gukorora
(forcefully) gushibura
(on ground) kwegura, gukungura
(out) gukugunya, kujugunyika
(stick on ground which tumbles
end over end) kubirika
(water) kumīja

thrush (*mouth disease*) agafindofindo

thumb urukumu, akagabo

thumbprint igikumu, ikinkumu *(to make)* gutēra igikumu

thunder umuturagaro, inkuba (refers to imaginary animal that makes the thunder) (to ~) guturagara (thunderstorm) ikiyura

thunderstorm ikivura

Thursday kuwa kane

thus niko, ni ko (it is thus) n'ūko

thwack ikōfe (on the face) inshi

tick inyōndwe, inyōndwi (that causes ~ fever) igitangu (cattle ~) uruguha

tick fever ikimputo

ticket igipande (Sw.), itike

tickle kudīgadīga (tickling sensation) ubudīgidīgi

tidy (up) gutunganya

tie (to ~) kuboha, guhāmbīra
(beans on hedge to dry) gushisha
(clothes at waist) gukenyeza
(cow's legs while milking) kujīsha
(firmly) kudādira
(neck of sack) kuniga
(oneself to) kwīhābīra
(rope) kudādira
(securely) kudaga
(together) gutubika,
gupfundikanya
(up a bundle) gutēkera
(with knot) gupfundika
(as goat in pasture) kuzirika

tie ikaruvati

(traditional, worn on shoulder at dances) umwōgo

tied (to be) guhāmbīrwa, kubohwa (to be ~ with) kubohēshwa (to be ~ as goat) kuzirikwa (to be easily ~) kuboheka (to come un~) kubohōka

tight (*place*) imbōmbāne

tighten (to) guhata (e.g. loose hoe)

tile itegūra, irori ry'idirisha (floor ~) isasa

tiling isaso

tilt guhēngeka

time umwānya, ikibariro, igihe, amango (another ~) ubundi (a short time) akanya (the very last) ubuherūka (of finishing or attaining something) ikirīngo (God's time) igihe c'imana (for planting small grain) ibiba (to set $a \sim$, to do something at $a \sim$) guhēnga (to set, measure, await a fixed ~) kugerereza (to spend ~ together) kumarana (to waste one's ~) gukinanga (how many ~) kangahe?

(many times) kēnshi (no time) nta umwanya, ntamwanya (number of times) ibihetangabo, e.g. seven times – ibihetangabo ndwi

time of day amango

(dawn) umutwēnzi (early morning) agatōndo (morning) igitōndo (between 9 and 10 am) ku musase (near noon) umutāga, ku mamina ngohe

(about 1 pm, when cows leave drinking place) amahodoka (about 3 pm) amasubirayo y'inyana (toward sundown) umuhīngamo (after dark) bwateranya (sun low, but visible) ikirēngazūba (early evening) akagorōba (late afternoon or evening) umugorōba

timepiece isaha

timid (to be) gutīnya

timidity isoni

timidness isoni

tin (small box) umukebe (can) igikopo (cake ~) iforoma y'igato tiny -nzīnya (used esp. with th class) (very ~ thing) akazatsa (~ thing of no value) akazirukanyo

tip isōnga, igisōnga (payment) impēmbo, agashirukabute (to ~ head back) kurarama (to ~ head to one side) guhengama

tip-toe (to go on very softly) gusōbōka, kuyōmbōka (to stand) gushīnga amano, gusumburuka (to stand to get something) gusumburukwa

tipsy (*to feel* ~) guswingarara, kwumva iswingi

tipsyness iswingi, (used together with kwūmva, numva iswingi)

tiptoe (to go on very softly) gusöböka, kuyömböka (to stand) gushīnga amano, gusumburuka (to stand to get something) gusumburukwa

tire (*to* ~ *out*) kunanira, kunaniza, guzamiza, gutamya

tire ikigōmbo (wheel tire) ipine

tired (to be) kudendebukirwa, kunanirwa, kuruha (and discouraged) gucobogora (for no reason, e.g. in morning) kugoherwa (to make) kurusha

tithe ikigira cumi

to i, ku, kuri, kwa

to go out (to ~) gukūndana

to pooh kunya

toad igikere

tobacco itābi (small horn used for) inconco, iconco

today uyumunsi, uyu munsi

toddler ikidegedege, akadegedege

toe ino

(extra) indorerezi (to stub one's) gutsītāra (to cause to stub) gutsītāza

toenail urwāra

together hamwe (all) icārimwe (living) umubāno (all speaking) imvugarimwe (with) kumwe (sticking) akaramata (trees grown very close ~) impatane (to be) kumana (to bring) gukoranya, gutēranya (to come, as crowd) gukungēra (to come all ~, suddenly, as at call of trouble) kurandamuka (to crowd ~) kwegerana (to get close) kwegerana (to go ~ to see something, of many people) gukōndōrera (to live) kubāna

(to live, be always) kwāmana (to meet) gukorana, gutērana (to cause to meet) gukoranya, gutēranya, guhūza

(to put) kwegeraniriza, guhūza (to put things or people close ~) kwegeranya

(to spend time) kumarana (to stick, vi) gufatana, kumata (to stick, vt) gufatanya, kumatanya (to strive and crowd) kuvurungana

toil ubucumukure

toilet umusarani, umusalani

tomato inyānya, itomati (~ sauce) isosi y'itomati

tomb imva

tomorrow ejo (lit. 'the other day', therefore also: yesterday) (day after ~) hīrya y'ējo

tongs (used in forging metals) ikimano

tongue ururimi
(cord of) inkīngi, igikīngi
(to be tongue-tied) kugobwa

tonsils amāgage

tool icūma, igikoresho

tooth iryīnyo (back) ijigo (cuspid) ibwēna (front) amarwi

(wisdom) muzitsa, mutsitsa

tooth decay ukubungwa, ukubora kw'amenyo

top (of roof) agatwe (of mountain or hill) impīnga, igikombe (to arrive at) kurēngēra (to cut ~ of grass or tree) gukēmūra

topknot isūnzu

torch urumuri, isitimu, itoroshi, itoci

torment gukēkeza, gushinyagurira

torso umutūmba

torticollis urukebu

torture agashinyaguro

toss (about on ground) kugaragurika (garment over shoulder) gukūba (and thresh about) kwīgaragura (to be tossed about) kuzungagizwa

totally de, dede, me, pē, rwose, kabisa (*Sw*.)

touch gukora, gukorako, gukorakora, gushorera (a person to attract his attention) gukoma

tough (to be) kuguma, guhāmbāra, gukara, gukomera, kudadarara, gukomāntara (to be, earth) gutūta (to be difficult) kugōra, gukomera (to have a ~ life) kunamba (to make ~ for one who has lost a loved one by reproaching the dead) kwītāmba ku muvyimba (to make ~, hearted) gukomāntaza (to take out of ~ places) kugobōtora

tourniquet (to put on) gutubika

toward (the top) haruguru (to be looking) gutūmbēra (to go) kwerekera, kwerekeza (to direct ~) kwerekeza (to look) kwerekera

towel agatambaro gahanagura

tower umunara

town ikomine (Fr. commune)

toxin ubumara, uburozi, ishano (of snake or other animal, in mouth) ubusagwe

trace (*copy*) gucapa urabiye ku rupapuro rubonerana

track ikānda

(of animal) umwānza (of person, anything that indicates path a person has taken) akēhe (to make) guhonyora

trade (to ~) gucuragiza, gucuruza, kudāndaza, guhānjura, gukāba (butter for other things) kumadika (one article for another) kuguza

trade urudāndaza, ubudandaji

trader umucuruzi, umudāndazi, umudandaji, umudāndaza

trail (to) gukwēga (along) kunyogōmba (along quickly) gukūbēba (along a very heavy thing) gukurura (on ground) gukūba

train igāri ya moshi

trainer (sport) umutōza

training indero, ukwiga

trait ibiranga

trait ingeso, akamenyēro

traitor umuguranyi

tramp (to be a) kugaramāngira

trample guhonyanga, guhonyora, guhonyagura, gusiribānga, gukāndagira (unintentionally) gufyāta

trampled (to be, as path) gukomāntara

tranquil ubutēkānyi (to ~) guhorereza, guhoza,

guhwāmika (to be) kwītōnda

(to become) guhora, guhūmura

tranquility amarembe

transform guhindura

transfusion (of blood) ugutera amaraso

translate guhindura

transmit (contagious disease) kwāndukiza

transparent (to be) kubonerana (thing, or shiny) urubona

transpire icūya, urwūya (to ~) kubira icuya

transplant (young plants for transplanting) ingemwe, umuvyāro (to ~) kubadika, kubātura (to make little hole in ground for planting tree or plant) gukoba

transpose (syllables in word) gufudika

trap akamashu, umutego, ururiba (*to* ~) gutega

trash umwāvu

travail (childbirth) ibise

travel kwāmbuka (through a country) kunyura (around) gutēmbēra

traveller inyāmbukīra, ingenzi, umwāmbukīra

treason ubugambanyi

treasure (to ~) guha agacīro

treasure ubutūnzi

treat (one who treats illness) umuvūzi (to ~ illness) kuvūra

(to ~ illness) kuvūra (with anger) gushinyagura (patient who does not recover) gufufahaza

treatment (med) ukuvura

tree igiti

(fruit tree) igiti c'ivyamwa (base of) igitsina, itsina (small ones around big one)
umuvyāro
(big spreading) umutagare
(palm) ikigazi
(small, palmlike) igisāndasānda
(of whih bark was used for
clothing) umumānda, icōmore,
umuvumu, ikivumu

(trunk) umutūmba

(of which bark is used for rope)
umuvūmvu

(to be many) gusagāra (to climb) kwūrira (to climb down) kwūruruka (to cut) gukera, gutema, guca (to cut off top) gukēmūra (trees grown very close together) impatane

tree tomato ikinyomoro

tremble guhīnda agashitsi, kujugumira (as hands in grasping) gususumira (earth) kunyiganyiga, gutigita (in fear) kudēgedwa, kudēgemwa, kudugudwa (of hands, from cold or fever) gutetemera

trembling agashītsi, igishītsi (because of fear) agatēngo

tremendous (to be) guhāmbāra

trench umufunegi, umufuregi, umukuku

trial urubānza, ibūrana (to declare one's case at a ~) gusāmba

tribe ubwōko (strong clan) igisata

tribunal urukiko (royal) ibwāmi

trickle (to) gutonyanga

trigger (to ~) gutuma, gutēra

trimester igihembwe

trip urugēndo (food for) impāmba (to prepare things for) gutēkera

triumph (to) kunēsha

triumph intsīnzi

troop umuco, igico

troth indahiro (to fail to keep ~) kwīrahuruza

trouble icāgo, amaganya, amagōrwa, amarushwa, akaga (to ~) kugōra (to be free from ~, when others have it) gucuna (to help one in ~) kwemānga (to stir up ~) kugūmūka (med) uguta umutwe

trouble maker umutāsi

troubled (*to be*) kuganya, kuganyira, guhagarika umutima

troublemaker umutāsi

trouser ipantaro, ipantalo (short trouser, shorts for sports) ikabutura

trowel umwiko

truck ikamyo
 (small ~) agakamyo

true nyakuri, nyāyo

truly bwīte, koko, n'ukuri, y'ukuri, c'ukuri etc.

trumpet urumbēte, inzāmba, akazāmba

trunk (of tree, person, animal) umutūmba (of banana tree after stalk is cut) igitumbatumba

trust (to ~) kwīzera, kwīzigira

trust icizere

trustworthy (*person*) umwīzigirwa, umunyakuri (*to be*) kwīzigirwa

truth ukuri, impamo
(to hide the ~) kwīyobagiza
(to make one tell the ~) kurahuruza
(to speak the ~) guhinyuza
(to tell the whole ~, without hiding
a thing) kwātagura
(someone speaking the ~)
imvugakuri

truthful (*person*) umunyakuri, imvugakuri

try kugerageza, kugeza (on clothes) kwīgera (over and over in several places and ways) gutarataza (to get out of work) gushaza (to hinder from doing wrong) guhōyahōya (to know something) kugenzūra (to persuade) gukiranira (to persuade in underhanded way) kubembeteranya (repeatedly unseccessfully) kwānkika (to rule or act in another's place) kurēngera (to surpass another) guhiga

tsetse fly ikibugu

tube (as hollow bamboo) umugano

tuberculosis igitūntu, agatūntu

Tuesday kuwa kabiri

tumble (*splash and* ~ *as water in river*) gusūriranya (*down*) gushunguruka

tumor ikivyīmba

tureen ico baruriramwo isupu

turn urubu

(to take) kuja imbu, kwākīrana, kwākīranwa, gukūranwa (to have one's) kuramukirwa (about, vt) kuzūnguza, kuzūnguriza (against) guhinyura (against one you've loved) gucāna (around, vi) guhindukira (around, vt) guhindukiza (around several times, vt) kuzungagiza (away, vt) guhīnda (back, vt) gukuba (as fold) (bad suddenly, e.g. weather, attitude) gufurūngana, gufurāngana (on side, vt) guhēngeka (one's head) gukebuka (over and over, vt) kugaragura (right side up) gucurūra (upside down) kwūbika, gucuramika (upside down or wrong end to) gucurika

tutor umurēzi (to ~ child) kurera

TV imboneshakure

twelve icumi na babiri

twenty mirongwibiri

twice kabiri

twig agati

twilight ubwīra (to be) guhwibira

twin ihasa, amahasa (pl.) (father of) sebabiri (mother of) nyirababiri (rarely used)

twist gukānya, guhotora
(as arm, rope, etc.) guhīnga
(fibers in making rope, thread)
kudandikanya
(one's foot) guhinyagara
(to wriggle and ~) kwīnyuguta

two -biri, evyiri, kabiri

U

Ugandan (person) umuganda

ugliness ububi

ugly -bi

ulcer igikomere, igisebe
(pain from tropical ~, one that
develops rapidly) igitema
(mouth ~) ibisebe biterwa n'isuna

umbilical cord uruzogi

umbilicus umukondo

umbrella umutāra

unable (to be) kudashobora (to do what one attempts) gutāna (to hear well) kwūmva bihurugūshwi

unafraid (*to be*) guhangāra, kurīndūka, gushirukanya, gushira amanga, gutīnyūka

unashamed (to be) kwerura, kutagira isoni

unblock kuzibūra

unbroken -zima

uncertain (to be) guhugūmba (to be, of what to do) kuzāzānirwa (to be, of what a person is, to go carefully because one does not know the path well) guhwihwisha (to go ~ of the way) guhushagirika

uncertainly (to go) guhushagirika, kudāguza

uncivilized (person) umushēnzi

uncle (paternal, my, our) dāta wacu

(paternal, your) so wānyu (paternal, his, her, their) sewābo (maternal, my, our) mārume (maternal, your) nyokorume (maternal, his, her, their) inarume

unclean (to be) guhumāna

uncleanness ubuhūmane

unconsciousness intere

uncooked -bisi

uncover gupfukūra, gutwikurura (basket) kurumūra (to become) gupfunduruka (to be) gutwikururwa

undecided (to be) guhigima, kujuragira

undeniable (to $be \sim$) kugaragara

under mūsi, mūsi ya (~ *a bed*) urutara

under-clothing (long one piece garment) umugega

undergo (to) kunyura

underhanded (to persuade someone in ~ way) kubembeteranya

underneath mūsi, mūsi ya (~ *a bed*) urutara

undernourishment ingaburo idakwiye, indya

undershirt (vest) umwambaro w'uruyoya

understand gutāhūra, kurabuka, guhubūka

(to cause to) gutāhūza, gutegereza, gukurugutura

(to hear) kwūmva (to think over) gutegēra (after thinking over) gutegereza (one another) kwūmvīkana, kwūmvana

understandable (to be) gutāhūka, kwūmvīkana

understood (*to be*) kurangūka, gutāhūka

underwear ikariso
(for women) impuzu zo munsi

undiluted -novu

undo gusambūra

undress (to) kwāmbura (oneself) kwīyāmbura

unexpected (thing) icūbirizi

unexpectedly (to come, to happen, finding one unprepared) kwūbīra

unfairness akarenganyo

unfold kugarānzura, kuzīngurura, gupfunyūra

unfortunate (person) indushi, umugōrwa, umurushwa, umutīndi (to be) guhumirwa

unfruitful (to be) kugūmbaha, guhona

(to make) gukona, gushāhura

unfruitful (to be, person) kugūmbaha (plants) kurūmba (place) uruharabuga (thing, corn, etc.) ikirūmbirane (to become from lack of fertilizer)

ungrateful (person) intashīma

unhook kugobōtoza

guseba

uninhabited place agahīnga, ubutēri, ubutēritēri

unintelligent (to be) kudebagura

unison (in) icārimwe

unite (to put things of different types together) gupoperanya (unite in) gupoperaniriza

unity ubumwe

university kaminuza, ishūre nkuru

unjust (to be ~, to favor unjustly)
kubera

unjustness akarenganyo

unkind (to speak unkindly to each other) kurandagurana

unknown (to be) kuyoberana, kuyobera

unless shiti

unload gutūnda, gutūra

unlucky (*person*) indushi, umugōrwa, umurushwa, umutīndi (*to be*) guhumirwa

unmake (bed) gusasūra

unmistakable (to be ~) kugaragara

unpleasant (to be) gushisha

unpretentiousness isoni

unrecognizable (to make) kuyoberanya

unripe -toto

unroll kuzīngurura

unsewn (to come) gusonoroka, kubāruruka

unstable (*to be*) guhindagurika, kurārāta

unsteady (to be) kuzūnga, kuzūngazūnga

unstitch gushohora

unstop kuzibūra (become unstopped) kuzibūka

unsuccessful (to be) gutāna (try repeatedly unseccessfully) kwānkika

untie kubohōra, kudādura, kuzitura, guhamburura, gupfundurura (cow's legs after milking) kujishura

untied (*to come*) kubohōka, gupfunduka

until kugeza aho

untroubled (to be) kudayadaya
 (to make) kugāzagāza
 (to be having surfeited)
kugāyagāya

untrustworthy (person) igihūmbu

untwist guhotorora

unwanted (child) intabwa

unwilling (be ~ to commit oneself) kwīyumānganya (be ~ to look one in the face) kwīyobagiza

unwillingly (to do) kugoyagoya (to obey) kugambarara

unwillingness (~ to be told) ituntu

unwise (person) igihūmbu

unwisely (to speak) kurofokwa

unwrinkled (to become) gupfunyūka

up hejuru

(higher) haruguru (there) haruguru (to lift) gukiriza (to look straight) kurarama

up-to-date kigezweko, -gezweko

upgrade (another's work)
guhīngūra
(physically or otherwise)
kwōroherwa
(to begin to feel better after being
ill) gutenzukirwa
(soil) gutabira
(taste of food) kuryosha
(a technique) guteza imbere
(ubuhinga)

upon ku, kuri

upper arm ikizigira

uprooting ukurandura

upset plans inkomānzi

upside down $(to\ be)$ kwūbika, gucurika

(to turn) kwūbika, gucurika, gucuramika

urchin umuhimbiri

urge kwōsha

urinate (*to*) gusōba, kunyara (*cow*) kugānga

urine (of humans) amasōba, inkari (of animal) amagānga

Urundi Burundi

(inhabitant of) Umurundi (language of) ikirundi

us twebwe, tweho
(and us, we) nātwe
(both of us) twempi
(all of us) twese
(like us) nkātwe

usage akamaro

use (to) gukorēsha (needlessly) kwāya (up) guhombōza, gukōmba, kumarīsha, gushirīsha (violence) kuzingirikira

use akamaro

used (to be, but not worn out) kugwagura (to cease to be ~, path) gusība

usefulness akamaro

(person or object completely at end of ~) akāheze

uselessly (to consume) kwāya

utensil (basin) umubēhe, ikibēhe (bowl) ibakure (clay cooking pot) inkono, inaga, impānge (tall clay water pot) umubīndi (cooking) icōmbo (small covered container) ikazānga (small pot girls put butter in) ikebano, urwāvya (spoon) ikiyīko (very large pot) intāngo

uvula amāgage

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vacation uruhusha, ikiruhūko, ikonje

vaccination ugucandaga, imugu, ururāsago, indāsago

vacillate kugaragurika (between two actions) gutēgekanya

vagabond umwāngāzi, igihūmbu

vagina igituba, umusundi, igisundi

vain (in ~) ubusa

vainly (in ~) ubusa

valley umwōnga (with water) iriba (with no water) akabānde (brow of hill) igikombe (to cross) kujabuka

valuable (something ~) agacīro

value ijūnja, akamaro, ikimazi

vanity ubwībone, ubwīshime, amanyama

vegetable (leafy) imboga, irengarenga, ubwākara imbwīja (assorted raw ~) imboga ziribwa mbisi (one single vegetable plant) uruboga

vehicle umuduga

veil igitwikirizo (to ~) gutwikīra

venom (poison of snake or other animal, in mouth) ubusagwe

ventilation uburyo bwo gutanga akayaga keza

verandah urubaraza

verb irivuga

verdict (not accept ~ rendered) gutagara

verify guhinyuza (what one has heard by asking many) gushīshōza

verse umurongo

vertebral column urutirigōngo, uruti rw'umugōngo, agatirigōngo **vertigo** ikizunguzungu (to experience ~) kuzērērwa

very cāne
(the ~ one) –nyene

very much cane cane

vessel (blood) umutsi

vest umwambaro w'uruyoya

vex gusīnda

vexation akabonge

victim (slaughtered) imbāgwa

victor (to be ~) kunēsha, gutsīnda

victorious (to be) gutsīnda

victory intsīnzi

vigor (to do with) kwitako

vigorousness imbaraga

village umuhana (used usually in plural)

vine (creeping) igitēza (grape) umuzabibu (of certain sort) umurāndarānda (red flowering) umukakampiri (sweet potato) imibuto, umuvyūka (pumpkin) umuvyūka

vineyard uruzabibu

violate (to) kuzirukanya

violation (wrong done which deserves punishment) umuziro

violence (to use) kuzingirikira

violent (to be) guhāmbāra

virus umugera

visible (to be) kuboneka

vision imbonankubone (to regain) guhumūka

visit kugēndera, kugēndagēndera, kurāba, gutēmbēra (Sw.), gusēmbēra, guterabiri, kuyāga (a friend) kubūngirana (the sick, to go to help one whose house has burned) gusuhūza (someone important) gushengera, gushengerera

(to retun from visiting chief) gushengurūka

visitor umushitsi

vitality (to have) kunonoka

vitamin ivitamini

vivacious (to be) gukakama

vocabulary amagambo, amajāmbo

voice ijwi

(loud ~) akāmo, ijwi rirēnga (to drop ~ at end of sentence or expression) gutūza (to raise ~) kurangurura

volcano ikirunga

volunteer (to) kwītanga

vomit kudahwa, kwīyōra, kuruka, kuyōrwa, kwīyōrwa (to ~ mother's milk, as baby does) kubōga

vomitting ukudahwa, ukuyorwa

vote itora

(electoral votes) amajwi y'amatora (to vote, elect) gutora

vow (*to* ~) kwīsiba, kurahīra, gushīnga

vow indahiro (to fail to keep ~) kwīrahuruza

vulgar (to be) kwerura, kutagira isoni

vulva igituba

W

waddle (to) kunyoganyoga

wag (tail) kuzungagiza

wage (salary) igihēmbo, umushahara, impēmbo

wager (to) gutega

wagon igāri, igāre (Rw.), umukogote

wagtail (bird) inyamanza

wail (to ~) kuborōga, gukoma indūru, kuniha

wail indūru, amarūru

wailing amaborogo

waist urukenyerero

wait guhagarara, kwīhāngāna, kurēngagiza, kurorēra (for) kwītega, kurindīra, kurorēra, gusamāza (for another a long time)

kugungarara

(for someone expected) gutegereza (opportunity to harm) kuryāmira (the right moment) guhēngēra (wait!) hīnge! (waiting outside because you have

no permission to enter with others) umugumo

waiter (at table) umugabuzi, umuhereza

wake (up, vi) gukanguka, kwīkangura (vt) gukangura

walk kugēnda, kugēndagēnda (backward) kugēndēsha umugōngo, kugēnda umugōngo (esp. at night) kwīkānya (help sick person ~) kwāndāza (in footsteps of another) kugera ikirēnge (in one's sleep) kurandamuka (in water) kuvōgera (noisily) gukacagira (on tiptoe) gusōbōka, kuyōmbōka (slowly) kugoyagoya (stealthily) gukacakaca, kwōmboka (to take $a \sim$, go for $a \sim$) kugēndagēnda, gutēmbēra (~ about in house without permission) kudōbēra (barefoot) kugēnda n'ibirēnge

walking stick inkomi

wall ikibambāzi, umukīngo, uruhome (inside house) urusīka, igisīka (surrounding) uruzitiro (to ~) kuzitira wall-to-wall carpeting imoketi, indava

wander (about) kugaramāngira, kuyerēra, kwīyenzereza, kuyēnzēra (from place to place) kwāngāra, guhugūmba, kuzerēra

wanderer umwāmbukīra, ingēnzi, inyāmbukīra, inyererezi, igihūmbu, inzererezi (to be a ~) kuzerēra

wane (moon) gutūba

want (to ~) gushāka, kugōmba (one thing and that alone) gufūha (something, but fear you won't get it) guhahama

want ubukene (to be in ~) gukena

war intambara (to go to help in) gutabāra (to return from) gutabāruka

wardrobe akabati, akabati k'impuzu

warehouse (shop, boutique) ibutike, imangazine, iduka (storehouse) ikigega

warm (to be) gususuruka (to get) gukanyuruka (to make) gususurutsa (oneself by the fire) kwītara, kwītaragura, kwōta

warn guhanūra, guhubūra, kwīhanikiriza (against) kwīhaniza (of danger) kubūrira, kubūra

warning igikangīro

warrior (young traditional) intore

wart isunūnu, intongāngira

wash kwōza

(esp. body) gukēmūra, kwūhagira (clothes) kumesa, kumesūra (hands) gukaraba (legs, esp.) kwīyoga (in lots of water) gufyikinyura, kwīfyikinyura (in one's eyes) kwīhumūra (oneself) kwōga, kwīyuhagira, kwīsukura (vegetables) kurōnga (very thoroughly) gufyikinyura

wash basin ikarabo, ibase

washing powder ukumesa

wasp ivūbi

waste kwāya (one's time) gukinanga

waste away (to ~ from illness) kwīraburanirwa

wasting disease (person with) umunywera

watch kurīnda, guterama, kuba māso

(as night watchman) kurārīra (i.e. workers) kurereka (carefully) kugendeza, kugēnza (flock) kuragira (for) gusūra (house) gusānga (out for danger) guhwebutsa (over) kubūngabūnga, kugendeza, guteramira, kuzigama

watching (to take another's place in) kubangūra

watchman umurinzi, umuteramyi, umunyezamo (Sw.), umuzamu (Sw.)

(esp. in daytime) umusānzi (night) umurāririzi

water amazi

(rapidly flowing) umupfunda (anything that falls in) ikirohe (dirt in) ikirohe (large deep place of) icōgo (thing for drawing) ikivōmesho (to ~ plants) gusukira, kuvōmera (to draw, go for) kuvōma (to be covered with) kurengerwa (to be in) kubōmbeka (to filter ~) kuyōra amazi (to flow softly, quietly) kuyōmbekēra (to go in, swim) kwōga (to have dirt in) gutobeka (to pour on another's hands) kwūhīra (to put into) kurobeza (to remove foreign article) gutosōra

water pot umubīndi, umuhānge, umukātwa, ikibīndi

water tower ikigega, igikono c'amazi

waterfall isūmo (to fall in cascade) gusūma

watering ukuvōmera (can) ishwāro, ikivōmerezo (place) urugomero, urugomero rw'inka, rw'ibitungwa (to make a ~ place) kugomera

waterman (for plants) umuvōmezi (for carrying) umuvōmyi

waterway (of water in heavy rain) umuvo (for irrigation) umugende uvomera

wattle (of chicken) injebejebe

wave ingūnza, umupfūnda, umukuba

waver kuzāma (as flame in wind) kugoyagoya

wax (esp. bees) ishashara, umushashara (to ~, moon) gutūbūka (to make ~ for honey, bees) kujīsha

way inzira

(to feel the way before one with foot or spear) gukebagiza, guhwihwisha
(to find one's way after being lost) guhubūka
(to go seperate ways) gutāna
(to show the ~, put on right path) guhubūra, kurangīra
(by the way) hārya

we twebwe, tweho

weak (person) umugoyigoyi
(~ and faltering person)
urudēndevu
(place, as scar, on skins or gourds)
umuguma
(something that appears to be
strong but is ~) igihōmbe
(to be ~) kudendebukirwa,
kugabanuka, kugira intege,
kugoyagoya, kumugara
(to be ~ and floppy) kuregarega

weaker (to lose original force, to be ~) gutītūra

weakness intege nke, ubumuga

wealth ubutūnzi, ubukire

wean gucūtsa, kuramura (of animals) guhweza

weaned (to be, baby) gucūka (animal) guhwerwa

weapon intwāro, icūma

wear kwāmbara, gufuba (belt, girdle) gukenyera (many clothes) guhūnda (out) gushira, gutamiza (out completely) guhombōza (out person) gutamya

wearied (to be ~, by long speech or delay) kurambirwa

weariness uburuhe, ubutame

weary (*person*) indushi (*to* ~) gutamya, kurambira (*to be*) kuruha

weasel akarīnda, akagomba

weather (severe cold) igikonyozi (cloudy but not rainy) urufuri (to be cool) gupfuka (to turn bad suddenly) gufurūngana

weave (to) kujīsha, gupfundika, gutsiba, gusobanya

weaver uwujisha impuzu

weaving ukujisha impuzu (certain kind of grass used for ~) agatēte (to finish ~ an article) gusōza

web urubuga (*spider* ~) igitangurirwa

website urubuga

wed (each other) kwābīrana, kuragana (each other, rude) kurongorana (of bride) kwābīrwa, kurongorwa (of groom) kwābīra, kwēnda (rude), kurongora (a widow and go to her kraal) gucūra (to refuse, esp. girl to refuse to marry a certain man) kubēnga (to take wife without marrying her properly) gucīkiza (to go to husband without being married) gucīkira

wedding ubukwe

(to be ~ attendant) gushīngira (to go to ~ feast) gutāha ubukwe

Wednesday kuwa gatatu

weed (to ~) kubagara (out grass quickly) kurandagura

weed urwāmfu

(edible for greens) ubwākara, inyabutongo, isōgi, urusōgo

week uruhusha, icūmwēru, iyīnga, indwi

(last week) indwi iheze (next week) indwi iza

weep kurira, kwānira, kwāna (to weep over) kuririra

weeping amarira

weevils (to have) kubūngwa

weigh (to) gupīma, kuriba (down) kuremēra (to ~ pros and cons) kwīrimbūra

weighed down (to be) kuremērwa

weight uburiba (to lose) kunamba (to lose a lot of ~) kugōgōra

welcome ikāze

(welcome!) kāze, karibu (Sw.) (to ~) guha ikāze, gusanganira (to give warm) gukēra (one does not say this of himself)

weld kumadika

well (hole) iriba

well nēza

(to be) kuguma, gukomera (to be, esp. of old people) kudūndēga (to not be) kuyōka (to get) gukira, kurokoka (to get after serious illness) kurēmba (to get when others around are dying) kurokoza

well-behaved (to be) gutēkereza

well-being ukubaho nēza

welt umuramu, umushishagu (to swell up in ~ when beaten or burned) kuramura

west iburēngerazūba, uburēngero

westwards iburēngerazūba, uburēngero

wet –bisi (vt) kunyāgira (to be dripping) kujōba (to get ~ in rain) kunyāgirwa

whale ifi y'ikimizi

what iki ? (what happened?) habaye iki?

what kind –ki? (what kind of) ki?

what's up (informal greeting) bite? amaki? n'amaki? amaho? umeze gute? gute none? gute? vyifashe gute?

what's your name wītwa nde?

what's-his-name naka, -ntūze

wheat ingano

wheel (made of wood or reeds long ago, bicycle wheel) urubangangwe

wheelbarrow inkorofani (Sw.)

when (not in questions) aho, iyo, ni (in questions only) ryari?

where (not in questions) aho (in questions only) hehe? he ?

whereas naho

whet gutyaza
(stick) kugegena
(to a point) gusongora
(instrument) gukarisha

which -he?

whip ikimōko (to) gukubita

whirlwind igihūhūta, agashūrurwe

whirring (sound of stick or string whipped through air) umuvuguvugu

whisper (to) kwītōnganya, kwōngorera, kunwengurana

whispers ivyōngoreranyo (*sound of*) ivyōngoshwe, utwōngoshwe

whistle uruhwa, agahwa, umwīronge, irāngo, ishoro (to ~) kuvuza uruhwa

white cēra

(anything ~) igitare (cow) igihororo (something spotlessly) umwēru (person) umwera, umuzūngu (lit. one who aimlessly travels around) (potato) igihaya, ikiyāra, ikiraya, intofanyi (to be) kwēra (to make) kwēza

whiteness igitare

whitewash guhoma

whittle kugegena

who nde?

whole -ōse, -zima

whoop akānīra, inkokora y'akānīra

whooping cough akānīra, inkokora y'akānīra

whore marāya, indaya (Sw.) (woman who has left many husbands and finally gone and built at parent's home) igisubiramuhira

why kuki? kubera iki? kuber'iki?

wicked (person) umuyobe, umugesera, umuhāmbāzi (to be) guhāmbāra (to be very) kugabitanya (to be, having been good) gufūtāna

wickedness ubugararije, ubugesera, ubugome, ubuhūmbu, ubuyobe, ikigabitānyo

wickerwork akēbo

wide -gari (to be) kwāguka, gutabarara

widow umupfākazi (disrespectful term) umukēcuru (to be, of chief, etc.) gutūmbūra (to become) gupfākara

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width ubugari, ubwaguke

wife umugēnzi, umugore
(abandoned) intabwa
(favorite) inkūndwākazi
(wife of) muka
(wife of king, chief) umwāmikazi
(to bring back ~ after she's gone
home) gucūra
(to lose ~ by death) gupfākara
(to send ~ back to husband when
she's gone home) gucūrira
(to take) kwābīra
(to take, without marrying her
properly) gucīkiza

wild (animal) inyāmaswa, igikōko

wilderness akarēre

will not nta ho, ntabwo (dependant clause) ata ho

willful (to be) kwānkika

willfully bigirankana

willing (to be) kwemera

willingly bigirankana

wilt gukaba, gukabirana, kuraba, kurabika (to revive after being wilted) kurabūka (to be wilted, about to die)

win (to) kunēsha

kwānāna

(to ~ a case) gutsīnda, gutsīndisha (to ~ elections) gutsinda amatora

win back (consciousness) kurabūka (life, strength) guhembūka (health, possessions) kwōkōka

wind umuyaga (heavy) igihūhūta, igihūhūsi (and rain, storm) inkūbi (sound of things blown by wind) umuvuguvugu (around, as string) kuzīngīra (to shake in ~) guhuzēnwa

winding stream ikigobe

window idirisha (Sw.) (~ pane) ikiyo

windstorm inkūrūma

wine umuvinyo, umuvinyu

wing ibaba (of chicken) icūbi

wink at kuvunira akagohe

winner (to be ~) kunēsha, gutsīnda

winnow (grain) kugosōra

winter imbeho

wipe guhanagura, gukēmūra, gupānga (Sw.), gukoropa (esp. mother, wiping baby) guheha (child's nose) kumyīra (one's nose) kwīmyīra (out) gusangangura

wire urubāngo, urubari, urunāri (coarse) urutāhe (copper, fine) ikidodi

wisdom ubwenge

wise (*person*) umunyabwēnge, akaranda (*to be*) gukerebuka

wish (strong desire) icīfuzo (to wish) kwīfūza

wit's end (to be at) kuzigirizwa

witch umurozi

witch doctor umupfumu
(certain kind) umumago
(to have him bewitch someone)
kuraguza
(to have him divine) kuraguza

(to have him divine) kuraguza (to seek out evil doers) kuragura (to take out objects from the body) guhura

(bits of things used for divining) agatēte

(stones, etc. which he claims to take from swollen places on body) umutundiro

witchcraft uburozi

with na

(between two infinitives) no

withal bitayeko, uteko, ikigeretseko, ubwo, nubwo

withdraw (from room) gutaramuka

withdrawal (eco) ukubikūra

wither gukaba (to be withered, flesh) kunyūnyūka

withhold (to) kwīma

within muri, mu

without (without is expressed by a verb in the -ta- negative, e.g. He went without saying Goodbye = Yagiye atavuze N'agasaga) (~ pity or regarding) utwīninga, irarīrari

witness (to ~) gushīnga intahe, guhamya, kwāgiriza (fearlessly in behalf of another) kwemānga

witness icābona, agahinyuza, umushīngantāhe (fact) intāhe

wobble (to) kunyoganyoga

woe ibara

woman (lit. one wearing a wrap skirt) umukenyezi (married ~) umugore (lady-like, respected) umupfasoni (elderly, respectful term) umukamakare (elderly, disrespectful term) umukēcuru (who has left many husbands and finally goe's to parent's home to build) igisubiramuhira

won't nta ho, ntabwo (dependant clause) ata ho

wonder kwībaza (to look at in) gusamāra

wonderful (to be absolutely) guhebūza

wood igiti
(chunk of) ikigiga, urugiga
(for fire) inkwi, urukwi

(of the hut) umugānda (to put ~ on fire) gukomānya (to work with) kubāza, ibiti vyo kwubaka

woollen material impuzu z'ubwoya

word ijāmbo, amajāmbo, amagambo (root or stem) itsina (one who speaks with senseless repititions of ~) ikirogorogo (to not keep one's ~, or to do that which you declared you wouldn't) kwīrahuruza

wording (*cheque*) urutonde rw'itungo

work (to ~) gukora (at several tasks at once) kujuragira (carelessly wanting to quit) kuregarega (complainingly) kugimīra (for king, chief) gusasa ibwāmi (for oneself) kwīkorera (hard) gucumukura, gutama (hard at) kuramiriza (lazily) kuregarega (rapidly) gufuruguta (together) gukorana (unwillingly, complainingly) kunyinkira, kugimīra (with earnestness) gushira igikonyo (with wood) kubāza (with zeal) gushira igikonyo (to cease, go home from) kugodoka (to ~ for another without approval) kuruhira (to do housework) kugora

(to put to) kwāhura (to not keep at the job faithfully) gutenzekanya (to try to get out of, pretend to work) gushaza (to have ~ in one place many years) kuzyātira

(to feign) gushaza

work igikorwa, akazi (Sw.) (amount assigned) ikivi

worker umukozi
(in metals) umucūzi
(paid) umucāngero
(to hire, line up) kurārika

(to send some to one place, some to another) gutānya

workforce abakozi

workman umukozi, umunyakazi (skilled) umufundi (Sw.) (someone instructed to work or overseen at work) umuyoborwa

workshop (factory) uruganda

world isi

world wide web

ingurukanabumenyi (from kwīrukana and ubumenyi)

worm inzōka
(tapeworm) igikāngaga
(white, found in soil) igikogoshi

wormy (to be) kubūngwa

worn (to be used, but not ~ out) kugwagura

worn out (clothes) agashāmbara, umushāmbara (mat) umusāmbi (thing) akāhebwe, umushiro (to be, of soil no longer productive) gutītūka (to become) gusāza, gucobogora, gutama (to repair repeatedly something absolutely ~) gusanasana

worried (to be) kwīganyira, kwīkānga

worry kwīganyira, kwīkānga

worship (to ~) gusenga (to ~ spirits, Kiranga) guterekēra

worship amasengēsho
(catholic) imisa
(gourd used as object of) indendēri
(objects used in ~ of Kiranga)
ubuzimuzimu
(object of) ikigirwamāna

worthless (thing or person) imburakimazi (thing) imicekwa

worthlessness impfagusa

worthy (person ~ of praise or love) umunyagikūndiro (to be ~) kubērwa, gukwīra wound uruguma, igikomere (incurable) akagīrīre (to ~) gukomeretsa (to be sore) gutonekara (to dress a) gusomōra

wounded (to be) gukomereka, gusesērwa

wrap kwīfubika, gupfuka (new-born baby) kubīkīra (to be wrapped up together) kwīcumba

wrap skirt igitenge

wrap up (to) guheza

wreath urugori
(such as put around basket with
gift) umwīshwa

wrestle guhotoranya

wriggle (and twist) kwīnyuguta

wring out gukānya, guhotora

wrinkle umukanya
(as in cloth) umupfunyu
(in face) umunya, injebejebe
(to ~) gupfunya, gupfunyirana

wrinkled (to be) kwītuna, gupfunywa, gupfunyirana (to begin to get ~ with age) gukāmba

wrist igikōnjo

write kwāndika
(over) gusibūra
(with) kwāndikīsha
(write to, for) kwāndikira

writhe kugaragurika, gusāmba

writing urwāndika, icāndiko

wrong (done which deserves punishment) umuziro
(to be ~ end to) gucurika
(to be placed ~ end to) gucurama
(to drop out of something because you know you're in the ~)
kwōnjorora
(to try to hinder from doing ~)
guhōyahōya
(~ side of cloth) uruhande rubi
rw'impuzu

Y

yawn kwāyura

yaws ibinyoro

year umwāka

(at the end of every) uk'umwaka utāshe

(years of one's life) amavūka

yearn (over) gufüha

yeast umwāmbiro (to put ~ in beer) kubetera

yell (at each other hateful things) gutukana

yellow umuhōndo, umugina, umutugutu (dark) ibihogo (of egg) umutugutu (to become ~) kubēnja (to become yellowish) kubēnjūka

yelp guhara

yes ēgo, yēgo, me (*emph.*) ēgo me, ēgome, ēgo gwose

yesterday ejo (lit. 'the other day', therefore also: tomorrow) (day before ~) hīrya y'ējo, juzi

yield (return of investment)
umwimbu

yogurt urubu

yolk (of egg) umutugutu

you (sing.) wewe, weho, we (pl.) mwebwe, mweho (and you) nawe, namwe (like you) nkawe, nkamwe (mainly in greetings, questions) ga (you there!) yewe! yemwe!

young -to, -tō-to, -toya, -tonya (of animal) umwāna, icāna, umukāngara (of small animal) imbūnda (plants for transplanting) ingemwe (girl, unmarried) inkumi (man, unmarried) umusore

younger (the ~ or, youngest) umuhererezi your (sing.) -we, -āwe (pl.) -nyu, -ānyu

youth (age group) ubusore (young man) umusore (youth) intōre (youth mob) imisore (group of) urwaruka

Z

zeal umwēte, umwītwaririko, ishāka, ifūhe (to have) gushiruka umwete, gushira igikonyo (to lose one's) kudehūra

zealous (to be) kwītwaririka, gushiruka ubute, kugira umwēte (to be ~ to accomplish) gufūhira

zebra imparage

zero zero

zest icānga, uburyōhe, ubusōse, akanovera (thing with good ~) igisōsa (to be of the ~ of) gusōsera (to have good ~) gusōsa

zither inanga

zucchini intirobwa, ikurujeti