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Kinyarwanda - English
English - Kinyarwanda

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The purpose of this book is to assist the person learning Kinyarwanda. It contains the vocabulary used in the Cox Grammar and also that in the Gospel of Mark (1957 edition), plus other commonly used words. In the Kinyarwanda-English section, the numbers in parentheses following the words indicate the number of the lesson in the Cox Grammar in which the word was introduced.

A few abbreviations are: tr. = transitive; int. = intransitive; inv. = invariable; n. = noun; sing. = singular; pl. = plural.

A few notes on the orthography used:
1) imp- is used rather than imh- (as in impamba, impumyi, etc.)
2) Since pf and f are sometimes used interchangeably, in looking for a word with this sound, try under both spellings.
3) The letter r has been used throughout, rather than l, except in the case of a few words of foreign origin.
4) You will note markings above some of the vowels, e.g. ã, ë, ī, ū. This mark usually indicates a high, lengthened tone, though in a few cases it is a low lengthened tone. Many more low ones could have been indicated. No short tones are indicated. You will need to have a Munyarwanda help you with pronunciation, since Kinyarwanda is a tonal language. These markings are not usually used in writing or printing the language, but are here to help you learn to pronounce the words correctly. Most long markings are not included in the English-Kinyarwanda section.

The authors are aware there will be imperfections and lacks, but hope that in spite of them this book will be of some use to those beginning their study of Kinyarwanda.
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urw-äbya (inz-) - small covered clay pot

kw-äduka (tse) - to appear suddenly

inz-äduka (inz-) - something strange, foreign, new

ak-äga (no pl.) - misfortune, danger

umw-äga (no pl.) - harshness, severity

umunyamwäga - harsh person, cruel

icy-ägo (iby-)(111) - trouble

ubw-äguke (no pl.) - width

aha (118) - here

icy-ähha (iby-)(14) - sin

ukw-äha (utw-)(32) - armpit

ahandi (no pl.)(43) - elsewhere

ahäri (43) - perhaps

aho (119) - there, where, since, instead of, rather than

ahubwo (39) - but rather, on the contrary, however

kw-ähukana (nye) - to leave mate (temporarily) (usually said of women)

kw-äka (tse)(82) - to shine, burn, (of a fire)

kw-äka (tse) - to take away from, reclaim

umw-äka (imy-)(38) - year; (pl.)-crops

akaramata - forever

kw-äkära (iriye)(95) - to accept, welcome, receive

umw-äku (no pl.) - bad fate, bad luck

iny-ama (see: i-nyama)

kw-ämamara (ye) - to spread everywhere, become known (int.)

kw-ämamaza (je) - to spread everywhere (tr.), make known, publish

iny-amaswa (see: i-nyamaswa)

kw-ämbara (ye)(36) - to wear, dress, put on (clothing)

kw-ämbara (je) - to pray, cry to God for help

umw-ämbi (imy-) - arrow, match

kw-ämrika (tse) - to dress (tr.), put clothes on someone

am-ambu, ibiri - on the contrary, however

icy-ümbo (iby-) - port

kw-ämmbuka (tse) - to cross a body of water, or land

kw-ämmbura (ye) - to take clothes off

umw-ämmbuzi (ab-) - thief, robber

umw-ämmi (ab-)(2) - king, Lord

icy-ämmi - kingly, royal

ubw-ämmi (no pl.)(48) - kingdom

urw-ämmo (no pl.) - noise (of voices), clamor

umw-ämna (ab-)(2) - child, son, daughter

ubw-ämna (no pl.)(28) - childhood

icy-ämna (see: i-nyana)

icy-ämna (iby-) - colt, young of animal

in-anasi (in-)(61) - pineapple
umw-ánda (imy-)(107) - dirt (as on floor)
kw-ândarika (tse) ibintu - to be careless with things
kw-ândika (tse)(34) - to write
urw-ândiko (inz-)(25) - letter (missile)
umw-ânditsi (ab-) - secretary, scribe
umw-ându (imy-) - inheritance
kw-änga (nze)(36) - to refuse, hate, dislike
kw-ängirira (ye) - to resist, refuse to
kw-ängiza (je)- to damage, damage crop, etc. before it is mature, to waste
urw-ängo (inz-) - hatred
umw-ango (imy-)(23)(Sw.) - door
ak-änguhe, gusesa - to be mature (person), experienced
kw-ânika (tse)(59) - to put out in the sun
iny-anja (see: i-nyanja)
kw-ânura (ye)(59) - to bring in from sun
umw-ânya (imy-)(88) - time, space
ak-ânya (no pl.) - a brief moment
iny-anya (see: i-nyanya)
ubw-anyuma (no pl.) - later
umw-ânzi (ab-)(102) - enemy
umw-ânzuro (imy-) - final word, decision, conclusion
inz-ara (see: i-nzara)
urw-âra (inz-)(24) - fingernail, claw, toenail
ak-âra (no pl.) - place where soil is thin
am-âra masa - empty-handed, in vain
Umw-ârabu (ab-) - Arab
ari - whether, he is, she is, it is
umw-âri (ab-) - young woman
icy-âri (iby-) - nest
kw-ârika (tse) - to make a nest
ariko - but, however
umw-ârimu (ab-) - professor, teacher
umw-âro (imy-) - lakeshore, ford
icy-âro (iby-) - village, country (rural)
kw-âruka (tse) - to grow up
kw-âsa (ashije)(65) - to cut firewood
kw-âsama (mye) - to open the mouth
ashwi - no (emphatic)
ashwi da - no!
ubw-âto (am-)(27) - boat
kw-âtsa (akiye)(63) - to blow the fire
ubw-âtsi (no pl.)(69) - grass, pasture, possession
gukûra ubwâtsi - to congratulate, (as a graduate), e.g. tugukûriye ubwatsi
icy-âtsi (iby-)(69) - grass
ibyatsi bibi - weeds
icy-âyi (no pl.)(61) - tea
ku-ba (baye)(12) - to be, become, live, exist
kuba maso - to be on guard, alert
kuba mu mazi abira - to be in great difficulty
i-baba (ama-) - wing
ku-babara (ye)(75) - to suffer, be sad, hurt, be sore
ubu-babare (no pl.) - physical suffering (or, mental)
ku-babarira (ye)(48) - to forgive
umbbarire (46) - excuse me, I'm sorry
umu-babaroro (imi-)(104) - suffering, pain, sorrow, sadness, grief (mental, not physical)
ku-babaza (je)(79) - to hurt (tr.), cause pain, sorrow
im-babazi (imi-)(15) - forgiveness, pardon, mercy, pity
iki-babi (ibi-)(69) - leaf
ku-baduka (tse) - to get up quickly (from seat or bed)
ku-baga (ze)(63) - to butcher, operate on, cause to suffer severely
im-baga (im-) - crowd
ku-bagara (ye) - to weed
i-bâgiro (ama-) - butcher shop, butchering place
aka-bago (utu-) - comma, period
ku-baho (bayeho) - to live, exist
uru-bâho (im-)(23) - board, slate
ku-baka (see: k-ubaka)
umu-baji (aba-) - carpenter
ku-bâmba (mbye) - to crucify, stretch out (as hide to dry)
iki-bambazi (ibi-) - wall (usually exterior)
bambe (46) - excuse me (mispronounce myself)
ku-bâmbira (ye) - to remove from cross, remove dried hide from pegs
ku-bâna (nye) - to live with, together
ru-bânda (no pl.) - people, a crowd
rubanda rwa giseseka - the ordinary people
aka-bânde (utu-)(56) - valley
i-banga (ama-) - secret
ku-bângikanya (nije) - to place near, put in group together
ku-bânguka (tse)(47) - to hurry
ku-bânza (nije)(31) - to do first, begin by
ubanza - it seems that..., it's possible that..., I think..., perhaps...
uru-bânza (imanza) - trial, judgment, condemnation, affair
ku-banziriza (je) - to precede
ku-bara (ze)(38) - to count
i-bara (ama-) - color
im-baraga (imi-)(46) - strength, power
im-baragasa (imi-)(77) - flea
aka-barankuru (utu-) - news magazine, paper
umu-bare (imi-)(122) - number
i-barura (no pl.) - statistics, census
i-baruwa (ama-)(Sw.) - letter
ku-bâsha (shije) - to have power, be able
bas-biz

ubu-bāsha (no pl.) - power, strength, authority

im-bata (im-) - slave

aka-bāti (utu-) - closet, cupboard

ku-batiza (je) - to baptize

umu-batizo (no pl.) - baptism

iki-baya (ibi-) - plain (near river, lake)

ibya-baye - what happened

ku-baza (jije)(44) - to ask (question)

ku-bāza (je)(65) - to plane, carve wood

iki-bazo (ibi-) - question

im-beba (im-)(38) - mouse, rat

im-bāhe (im-) - bowl (made of wood)

im-beho (im-) - cold (atmosphere)

aka-bemba (utu-)(85) - peanut, ground nut

umu-bēmbe (aba-) - leper

ibi-bēmbe (no sing.) - leprosy

bene - like (esp. before pronoun; ben'ibi)

ku-bēngerana (nye) - to shine, gleam

im-bere (118) - inside, in front of, before

mu mbere - private room, place for honored guest

imi-bēreho (no sing.) - actions, conduct, life, well-being, lifestyle

ku-bererek(a (tse) - to move aside to permit passage

i-bēsani (ama-) - basin

ku-bēshya (shye)(58) - to lie, deceive, tell a lie to

ku-bēshyabēshya (shye)(113) - to amuse a child, fool, deceive lightly

-bi (adj.)(8) - bad, dirty, ugly

ku-biba (bye)(117) - to plant, sow (small seeds)

umu-bibiyi (aba-) - planter, sower

ku-bīha (-shye) - to be bitter, sour, taste bad

ku-bīka (tse)(29) - to put away, store

ku-bīka (tse) - to crow

ku-bimba (mbye) ifuro - to froth at the mouth

iki-bindi (ibi-) - clay water pot

uru-bingo (im-) - reed, swamp of reeds

ku-bira (ze)(63) - to boil (int.)

-biri (37) - two

guca ukubiri na- to be different from

umu-biri (imi-)(76) - body, flesh

Umu-birigi (Aba-) - Belgian

Ubu-birigi - Belgium

ku-birindura (ye) - to roll along (tr.)

iki-biriti (ibi-) - box of matches

i-biro (i-) - dresser, desk, office

ku-bisa (shije) - to step aside (to allow passage)

-bisi (8) - raw, green, unripe, wet, fresh

i-bisi (i-) - bus

ku-biza (jije)(63) - to boil (tr.)
bo (48) - they, them
wa-bo (3) - their (wabo, babo, etc.)
kū-bobēra (ye) - to moisten
im-boga (im-)(63) - vegetable, greens, also, uruboga
im-bogo (im-) - buffalo
ku-boha (shye)(78) - to tie, bind, weave, knit
im-bohe (im-) - prisoner
ku-bohekanya (nye) - to braid, twist
ku-bohōra (ye)(78) - to untie
uku-boko (ama-)(32) - arm, might, front leg of animal
i-bombo (ama-) - candy
bona (inv.) - even if
ku-bona (nye)(25) - to see, find, receive, get
ku-boneka (tse) - to appear, be visible
ku-boneza (je) - to make clean, pure; to make pass through
im-boni (im-) - pupil of eye gutera imboni - glance at
ku-bora (ze)(80) - to rot, spoil
ku-borōga (ze) - to howl, wail, yell (pain, sorrow, etc.)
uru-bozo - kwica urubozo - to make die slowly
umu-bu (imi-) - mosquito bucya - the night before
iki-buga (ibi-) - courtyard, playground
im-bugita (im-)(63) - knife
bugufi (inv.) - near, near-by
ku-buguza (je) - to play "igisoro" (cow game)
buhoro (25) - slowly, slightly, gently
buhoro buhoro (25) - little by little, gently, carefully, slowly, so-so
bukeye (8, 119) - the next day, afterwards
ku-būmba (mbye)(65) - to make bricks, mold clay, to head up (as, cabbage)
i-būmba (no pl.) - clay
ku-būmbira (ye) - to unite, to put together
i-bumoso (119) - on the left
im-bundo (im-) - infinitive
ku-bunguka (tse) - to return from wandering
ku-būnza (nje) umutima - to be worried, perplexed, anxious
ku-bura (ze)(88) - to lack, not find, lose
uru-bura (no pl.)(114) - hail
ku-būrana (nye) - to plead, defend oneself
umunya-buranga (abanya-) - handsome, beautiful person
buri (41) - every, each
ku-būririra (ye) - to warn
burūndu - absolutely final, totally
burya - then (remembered), in reality, after all, such as he (it) is
bur-ce

i-buryo (119) - on the right
ku busa (103) - in vain, for nothing
im-buto (im-)(12) - seed, plant, fruit
i-buye (ama-)(18) - stone, pebble
ku-buyera (ye) - to wander about, be a vagabond
ku-buyereza (je) - to cause to wander about, cause to be a vagabond
ku-buza (jije)(68) - to prevent, stop (tr.), prohibit, forbid
im-bwa (im-)(7) - dog
bwangu (inv.) - quickly
ku-bwira (ye)(66) - to tell
ku-bwiriza (je) - to preach, to incite to do something, or act in a certain manner
bwite - fully, truly, own (e.g. his own)
ku-byara (ye)(89) - to give birth (to)
umu-byeyi (aba-)(17) - parent
ku-byibuhu (shye)(112) - to be fat, stout
ku-byiga (ze) - to push, lean against
ku-byimba (mbye) - to swell
iki-byimba (ibi-)(113) - boil, abcess
umu-byimba (imi-) - thickness, corpse
ku-byina (nye) - to dance (girls)
im-byiro (im-)(107) - soot, dirt (on body, clothes)
uru-byiruko (no pl.) - youth, young people
imi-byizi, iminsi ya - weekdays

byongeye kandi - furthermore, moreover, and what's more
ku-byuka (tse)(115) - to get up, rise up (from lying position)
ku-byutsa (kije) - to lift up, help someone get up

gu-ca (ciye)(65, 84) - to cut (as tree), sever, tear (tr.), pass along road, pick (as corn)
byanciyeho - it escaped me, I neglected to do it

gu-ca iryera - to see someone briefly
in-cabit (in-)(65) - axe
gu-cagagura (ye)(63) - to chop up
gu-cagata (se) - to be half-filled
umu-camanza (aba-) - judge
igi-caminzi (ibi-) - near sunset time
gu-cana (nye)(51) - to light, kindle, start a fire

ama-candwe - saliva, spit
umu-canga (imi-)(65) - sand, gravel
umu-canhorno (aba-) - mercenary, hired person
gu-capa - to print (as at press)
gu-capisha - to have printed
umu-ce (imi-) - small rug, mat
igi-ce (ibi-)(62) - piece, part, half, chapter, division
bu-cece - silently

gu-ceceka (tse) - to be quiet, silent, stop talking

gu-cēngera (ye) - to penetrate

gu-cēngeza (je) - to make penetrate, soak in

umu-ceri (no pl.) - rice

gu-cūka (tse)(84) - to escape, break (int.), to tear (int.)
    gucika intege - to become discouraged, weak

gu-cūkura (ye) - to save from being wiped out (as, family name)

gu-cūkwaw (tswe) - to make an error, miscalculate

ama-cinya - dysentery

gu-cīra (ye) umugani - to tell a fable, proverb

igi-cīro (ibi-)(107) - price, value, worth

gu-cūrwaho (weho) iteka - to be condemned

i-co (no pl.)(19) - dirt, filthiness

umu-co (imi-) - custom, quality, virtue

igi-co (ibi-) - ambush

gu-cōgoza (je) - to weaken, discourage

wa-cu (3) - our (wacu, bacu, etc.)

igi-cu (ibi-) - cloud

igi-cūcu (ibi-)(76, 115) - shade, shadow, foolish person

gu-cūcuma (mye)(75) - to mash

gu-cugusa (shije) - to shake hard (tr.)

gu-cugutu (se) - to shake hard (tr.)

i-cukiro (ama-)(19) - manure heap

igi-cuku (no pl.) - midnight

gu-cukura (ye)(123) - to dig a hole

igi-cuma (ibi-) - gourd

gu-cumba (mbye) - to forcibly twist

i-cūmbi (ama-)(104) - guest room, dormitory, temporary lodging place

gu-cūmbika (tse)(104) - to get lodging, spend night away from home

gu-cūmbikira (ye) - to give lodging to

gu-cūmbukūra (ye) - to leave a lodging place

i-cumi (37) - ten

i-cumu (ama-)(19) - spear

gu-cūmura (ye) - to sin

igi-cūmuuro (ibi-) - sin

uru-cundo (in-) - swing (like children play in)

i-cunga (ama)(91) - orange

in-cūngu (or, in-shungu)(in-) - ransom

gu-cūngura (ye)(57) - to redeem, pay ransom

umu-cūnguzi (aba-) - redeemer

i-cupa (ama-) - bottle

gu-cura (ze) urugoma - to fool around, to have a party

ibi-curāne (no sing.)(26) - cold in head, runny nose

gu-curānga (nze) - to play an instrument (harp, piano)
igi-curi (no pl.) - epilepsy
aga-curi (no pl.) - cliff
gu-curika (tse) - to turn upside down
gu-curūza (je) - to trade (make profit)
umu-curūzi (aba-) - trader, merchant
in-cuti (in-)(43) - friend
    kurangwa ho ubucuti - to be friendly
ubu-cuti (no pl.) - friendship
gu-cyäha (shye) - to rebuke, reprimand
cyän (inv.)(2) - very, much, exceedingly
cyän cyän - especially, mostly
cyängwa (55) - or
i-cyënda (37) - nine
i-cyi (5th cl., no pl.) - dry season
    (June-September)
umu-cyo (imi-)(5) - light
gu-cyöcyöra (ye) - to jest, poke fun at
gu-cyöra (ye) - to send back, lead home
    (cows)
gucyura umugore - to marry woman who
    has left husband, bring back one's wife
    who had left
gu-cyūria (ye) umuntu - to taunt,
    constantly remind one of his faults
gu-cyuya (ye) - to fade

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in-da (in-)(105) - louse
in-da (in-)(104) - stomach, pregnancy
uru-daca (no pl.) - long, interminable
ama-dahano (no sing.) - perfumed ointment
    (not often used)
in-dahemuka - faithful one
ku-dahemuka - to be faithful
daimoni (aba-) - demon
in-dakemwa (in-) - perfect
i-dakika (ama-)(62) - minute
ku-damarara (ye) - to have luxury
ama-darubindi - glasses (spectacles)
in-dasăgo (in-) - vaccination, scar from cut
iki-dasesa (ibi-) - woven grass mat, door
    mat, solar energy panel
dåta (bå dåta)(73) - my, our father
dåtabuja (ba) - my, our master,
    employer (male)
dåtabukwe (ba-) - my, our father-in-law
    måbukwe - my, our mother-in-law
    nyokobukwe - your mother-in-law
    nyirabukwe - his, her, their mother-in-
    law
    sōbukwe - your father-in-law
    sēbukwe - his, her, their father-in-law
dåta wacu (wanyu, wabo) - paternal uncle
de - exceedingly white
ku-dedemanga (nze) - to babble, speak
    indistinctly
in-dege (in-) - airplane
in-dēmbe (in-) - a dying person
i-denariyo (ama-) - denarius (Roman coin)
umu-dëndëzo (no pl.) - liberty, freedom
ubu-deshyi (no pl.) - idleness, laziness
umu-digaferi (imi-) - loquat
in-dimu (in-)(91) - lemon, orange
ku-dïndiza (-je) - to hinder progress
in-diri (in-) - interior, den
in-dirimbo (in-)(31) - song, hymn
i-dirishya (ama-)(77) - window
in-dobo (in-)(63) - pail, bucket
ku-doda (ze)(83) - to sew
uru-dodo (in-) - thread
in-dogoba (in-) - donkey
umu-domo (imi-) - jug
aka-domo (utu-) - something very tiny, punctuation mark
dore - look, here is (are)...
in-dorerwamo (in-) - mirror, glasses (eye)
ku-dudubiza (je) - to well up, spring up (water, blood)
imi-dugararo (no sing.) - noise, confusion, disorder (hinders work)
umu-dugudu (imi-) - city, town
i-duka (ama-) - store, shop
i-dukuru (ama-) - store, shop
in-dũru (in-) - cry of alarm
in-dwāra (in-)(17) - illness, sickness
in-dyanisha murizo - scorpion
in-dyankwi (in-)(65) - axe

w-e (3) - his, her (we, be, ye, etc.)
ebyiri (37) - two (with 3rd & 6th cl.)
kw-ēgamira (ye) - to lean against (ref. to person)
kw-ēgeka (tse) - to lean against
kw-ēgeka (reye)(106) - to draw near, approach
kw-ēgereza (je) - to bring near, cause to approach
urw-ēgo (inz-) - ladder
kw-ēguka (tse) - to straighten up
kw-ēgukira (ye) - to turn toward (e.g. to God), turn one's desires toward
kw-ēgurira (ye) - to give completely to
kwiyēgurira lmana - to give oneself to God, to live for God
kw-ēgurirwa lmana - to be holy
ejo (29) - tomorrow, yesterday
ejo bundi - day after tomorrow, day before yesterday
mw-embi (61) - both of you
tw-embi - both of us
kw-ēmera (ye)(36) - to agree to, accept, consent, admit, be willing
kw-enda (nze) - to take, accept, be about to
umw-ēnda (imy-)(5) - clothing, garment, cloth
umw-ēnda (imy-)(5) - debt
icy-ēnda - nine
am-ēndezo (no pl.) - harbinger, precursor,
incipience

mw-éne (béne)(101) - son of (first cl.)
rmwéne se (nyina) - brother, sister

umw-éne (ab-) gihugu - citizen, national

kw-ënga (nze) - to make beer

umw-ënge (imy-) - hole (in cloth, pot, object), eye of needle

ubw-ënge (no pl.)(27) - wisdom, intelligence

enyé (37) - four (with 3rd & 6th cl.)

kw-ëra (ze)(112) - to bear (fruit), ripen, be white, pure

umw-ëre (no pl.) - white, innocent

kw-ëreka (tse)(35) - to show

kw-ërekana (nye) - to show (tr.)

kw-ërekera (ye) - to turn toward, to be about
e.g. mvuga ibyerekeye... I'm talking about...

ibw-ërekeza - the back end of a boat

icy-ërekezo (iby-) - direction

kw-ërerana (nye) - to be very white

urw-ërerane - dazzling whiteness

umw-ëro (imy-) - maturity, harvest

kw-erura (ye) - to make plain, emphasize

kw-esà (esheje) umunyana - to succeed in part, but fail in part

kw-esà (she) - to throw down

esse - word used to ask question

eshanu (37) - five (with 3rd & 6th cl.)

eshátu (37) - three (with 3rd & 6th cl.)

esheshátu (37) - six (with 3rd & 6th cl.)

umw-ëte (no pl.)(82) - zeal, interest, enthusiasm
kugira umwete - to be zealous, earnest

kw-ëza (jeje)(112) - to make white, pure

am-ëza (no pl.)(19) - table

ukw-ëzi (am-)(32) - month, moon
ukwëzi kwa mbere - January, etc.
(for Rwanda names of months, see Eng.)

ukw-ëzwa (no pl.)(112) - holiness, purity of heart

F

i-faranga (ama-)(18) - franc, money

igi-faransa (no pl.) - French language

gu-fasha (shije)(22) - to help

gu-fata (she)(38) - to take hold of, grasp, seize, catch, treat (someone-manner)
e.g. amufata neza - he's good (kind) to him

gu-fatanya (nije) - to cooperate, have fellowship

i-fëza (ama-) - money, silver

i-fi (ama-)(11) - fish

gu-findà (nze) - to cast lots

-fite (no past, no inf.)(2) - have, has

gu-fobora (ye) - to speak plainly, clearly

gu-fora (ye) - to aim at, guess

gu-fotora (ye) - to take a picture (with camera)
i-fu (i-)(11) - flour, powder
ama-fu - cool at end of day, or at daybreak, coolness
gu-fudika (tse) - to err, make a mistake
umu-fuka (imi-)(88) - sack, pocket, purse, bag
umu-fundi (aba-)(56) - mason, skilled workman

ku-gaba (bye) - to give (to an inferior), put forth (as branches)

umu-gabane (imi-) - part, (esp. part received)
ku-gabanuka (tse) - to diminish (int.)
ku-gabanya (nije) - to divide
ku-gabiza (je) - to turn someone over to police, etc.

in-gabo (in-) - army, soldiers
umu-gabo (aba-)(1) - man (married), husband, witness (male or female)
ku-gaburira (ye) - to feed, distribute food
ku-gaga (ze) - to be spoiled (of cooked food)
ku-gagaza (je) - to make stiff, stiffen
ku-gambana (nye) - to betray
umu-gāmbi (imi-) - plan, project
ku-gambirira (riye) - to decide, determine, plan, plan for
-gamije (no infinitive, no other form) - to have for a purpose
e.g. Agamije iki? - What is his purpose, aim?

in-gamiya (in-) - camel
ku-gana (nye) - to go forward
umu-gana (imi-) - herd (of pigs only)
in-ganda (in-) - factory
umu-ganda (imi-) - group service
iki-gānde (ibi-) - disobedient person
in-gando (in-) - temporary shelter, hut
umu-ganga (aba-)(52) - doctor
ubu-ganga (no pl.) - fever, malaria
umu-gani (imi-)(71) - proverb, parable
guca umugani - to tell proverb, parable
ku-ganiri (riye)(94) - to visit, converse with
iki-ganiro (ibi-) - conversation
in-gano (in-)(63) - wheat
ingano, kutagira - to be measureless
ku-ganya (nye) - to moan, groan, wail, grieve
ama-ganya (no sing.) - complaints, worries, anxiety
ku-ganyira (ye) - to complain, fret
ku-ganza (je) - to rout, conquer, utterly defeat
iki-ganza (ibi-)(94) - hand
uru-ga (in-) - brim, edge of cup
ku-garagara (ye) - to be visible, evident
ku mu-garagaro - openly, publicly
ku-garagaza (je) - to make visible, evident
umu-garagu (aba-)(124) - male servant
in-garagu (in-) - young single person (usually male)
ku-garama (mye) - to be flat, lie flat, be lazy
in-garane (in-) - compost pit
i-ga (ama-) - bicycle, pram
-gari (8) - wide, broad
ubu-gari (no pl.) - width
ku-garuka (tse)(29) - to return, come back
in-garuka (in-) - results, repercussions, consequences
uru-garyi (no pl.) - short dry season, December and January
ku-gashya (shije) - to row
in-gashyi (in-) - paddle, oar
in-gata (in-) - grass pad for carrying load on head
iki-gata (ibi-) - wheel
umu-gati (imi-)(4)(Sw.) - bread
na gato - not at all
haba na gato - not at all
ku-gaya (ye)(84) - to scorn, despise
umu-gayo (imi-) - blame
in-gemu (in-) - sum paid to witchdoctor
ku-gena (nnye) - to plan for, decide
ku-genda (giye)(1) - to go, walk (no name of place follows), leave
ku-gendagenda (nze) - to go for a walk
ku-gendana (nye) - to go with, accompany
uru-gendo (in-)(71) - journey
ku-genera (ye) - to destine for (e.g. a certain use)
ubu-genere - plan, purpose, destiny (destination)
ku-genga (nze) - to govern, command, supervise
in-gengabihe (in-) - schedule
ku-gengarara (ye) - to head up (grain)

umu-gengararo (imi-) - head of grain
(before filled out)

umu-geni (aba-) - bride

ka-geni, bene ako - like that way (manner) of doing

ibi-geni, bene ibyo - like that way (manner) of doing

ku-genza (je) - to treat, behave towards, spy on

ku-genzereza (je) - to find a chance to “get” somebody

imi-gënzereze - how one lives, habitual way of acting

mu-genzi (ba-) - companion, friend, mate
(in pair of things)

umu-genzi (aba-) - traveller

in-genzi (in-) - important, valuable
  e.g. ikintu cy'ingenzi - an important thing

umu-genzo (imi-) - habit, practice, custom

ku-gënzëra (ye) - to oversee, spy on, to test
  (see: 1 Tes. 2:4)

ku-gera (ze)(31, 96) - to arrive, measure, weigh, reach a certain point of time

ku-gerageza (je)(102) - to try, test, tempt, attempt

ku-geroka (tse) - to place on top of something else

umu-geroka (imi-) - supplementary

ku-gereranya (nije) - to compare, estimate

iki-gero (ibi-) - age

iki-gero cyose - all ages

uru-gero (in-) - example, measure

ku-gesa (she)(99) - to harvest millet

in-gese (in-) - rust

in-geso (in-)(71) - trait, habit, characteristic

ku-geza (jeje) - to end with, until, reach, cause to arrive
  kugeza aho (99) - until (with verb)
  uhereye...kugeza... - from...to...

umu-gezi (imi-) - stream

i-gi (ama-)(18) - egg

umu-gi (imi-) - insect egg (esp. flea)

umu-gi (imi-) - city

uru-gi (see: ur-ugi)

gihe ki? - when? at what time?

ku-gimba (mbye) - to be dull

ku-gingimira (ye) - to stutter, stammer

ku-gingimiranya (nije) - to hesitate, be fearful

ubu-gingo (no pl.)(27) - life

ku-gira (ze)(29) - to have, do, make

ku-gira (riye) inama - to counsel, advise
  kw-igira inama - to counsel together

ku-gira ngo (50) - so that, in order that, to suppose that, think

bi-girankana - intentionally, on purpose
  (usually something bad)

imi-girire - manner of doing, working, acting
iki-girwamana (ibi-) - idol
umu-gisha (imi-)(6) - blessing
in-gisha (in-) - charm, fetish
iki-gize cyo nkana - intentionally
ubu-gizi bwa nabi - evil acts
uru-go (in-)(23) - kraal, enclosure, home, homestead
ku-goboka (tse) - to go to the help of someone, aid (unexpectedly)
in-goboka (in-) - unexpected help
in-gobyi (in-) - hammock, stretcher, placenta, skin used to tie baby on back
in-gofero (in-)(39) - hat
umu-gogo (imi-)(115) - log, foot-bridge, small bridge
ku-goma (mye) - to openly rebel, revolt, disobey
in-goma (in-)(12) - drum, reign
ka-goma (3rd cl.) - eagle
ku-gōmba (mbye)(93) - must, must have, to lack, need
in-gōmbwa (in-) - something essential, necessary
umu-gome (aba-) - rebel
ubu-gome (no pl.) - revolt, rebellion
uru-gomo (in-), gucura - to play with others, fool around, have a party
umu-gōngo (imi-) - back (of person, animal)
kuba mu mugongo - to have period (female)
ku-gōra (ye) - to be difficult, troublesome
ku-gorama (mye) - to be crooked
in-görane (in-) - problem, difficulties
umu-gore (aba-)(1) - woman (married), wife
iki-gōri (ibi-)(15) - corn, maize
ku-goroba (bye) - to become evening
umu-goroba (imi-)(29) - evening (2:00-6:00), usually: ni mugoroba
in-gorofo (ama-) - story (of house)
kukgorora (ye) - to make straight
in-gororano (in-) - recompense, reward
ku-gororera (reye) - to recompense, reward
ku-gororoka (tse) - to be straight, righteous
ama-gōrw (no sing.)(43) - troubles, difficulties
ku-gōrewa (we)(112) - to be unfortunate
ku-gota (se) - to surround, hem in, encircle
in-goyi (in-) - bonds
umu-gozi (imi-)(6) - string, rope, cord
ku-gubwa něza (guwe)(85) - to be rich, fortunate, have pleasant experience
-gufi (8) - short, low, shallow
bu-gufi - near
bugufi bwa... - near something
i-gufwa (aria-)(113) - bone
ku-guma (mye)(33) - to stay, remain
uru-guma (in-)(88) - wound
i-gunira (ama-) - sack, burlap
ku-gura (ze)(25) - to buy
ku-gurana (nye) - to borrow, exchange
(actual article to be replaced)
i-guriro (ama-) - market place
ku-gurisha (shije)(25) - to sell
ku-guriza (je) - to borrow, lend (article to be replaced)
uku-guru (ama-)(32) - leg
in-gurube (in-)(52) - pig
ku-guruka (tse) - to fly
in-gurumira (in-) y'muririro - fever
ku-gusha (shije) - to cause to fall
ku-guza (jije) - to lend, borrow (esp. money)
ama-guzanyo (no sing.) - loan
iki-guzi (ibi-) - price
in-gwa (in-) - chalk, lime
ku-gwa (guye)(48) - to fall
ku-gwa mu kantu - to be dumbfounded, nonplussed, discouraged, troubled
ku-gwa agacaho - to be exhausted (from work)
kugwa gitumo - to surprise, grab unexpectedly
umu-gwanēza (aba-) - kind, gentle person
ubu-gwanēza (no pl.) - kindness, gentleness
in-gwe (in-)(76) - leopard
iki-gwi (ibi-) - stead, place
ku-gwira (riye) - to multiply (int.)
kugwira (riye) isari - to faint from hunger
ku-gwiza (jije) - to multiply (tr.)

gu-ha (haye)(57) - to give to
gu-haba (bye) - to wander about without hope of finding the way, be lost
gu-habuka (tse) - to find the way after being lost
gu-hābwa (hawe)(85) - to be given, receive
hāfi (47) - near, nearby
gu-hāga (ze)(117) - to eat a lot, be satisfied
gu-hagarara (ze)(68) - to stand, stop (int.), wait
gu-hagararira (ye) - to represent, be in place of another temporarily
gu-hagarika (tse)(68) - to stop (tr.) as car, person
gu-hagarika umutima - to be very troubled, frightened, anxious
ubu-hagarike (no pl.) - height
hagati (118) - in the middle, midst
-hagije (no pres. form) - to be sufficient, enough
  e.g. birahagije - it's enough
uru-hago (imp-) - bladder, small woven sack
gu-haguruuka (tse)(68) - to stand up
gu-hagurutsa (kije) - to cause one to stand

neighborhood

gu-haha (shye) - to buy (esp. food), go to buy, look for food

gu-hanagura (ye)(106) - to dust, rub, polish, wipe off

gu-hakana (nye) - to deny, refuse

umu-hända (imi-) - road

hákuno (118) - on this side of (body of water, valley)

uru-hände (impände)(119) - side

iruhände ya - beside

hákurya (118) - on other side of (water or valley)

ama-hâne (no sing.) - quarrel, dispute, sauciness

gu-hângâ (nze) - to introduce something
guhângâ umuntu - to possess, enter into

mu ru-hâme (no pl.) - publicly, in a meeting

gu-hângâ (nze) - invent, create, begin

gu-hâmbâ (mbye) - to bury

umu-hângâ (aba-) - skilled person

gu-hâmbira (riye) - to tie up, wrap

igi-hângâ (ibi-) - head (of something dead)

gu-hâmbuka (tse) - to be loosed, untied

ama-hângâ (sing. ishyângâ) - foreign country, nation, peoples

i-hâmbwa - burial

uru-hângâ (imp-) - forehead

mu ru-hâme (no pl.) - publicly, in a meeting

ubu-hângâ (no pl.) - skill

gu-hângâ (nze) - to withstand, face someone

gu-hângâ amâso - to stare at each other

igu-hângânge (ibi-) - giant

gu-hângâra (ye) - to dare (to do something bad), to harm

e.g. bumva ko nta cyabahangara - they feel that nothing can hurt them

gu-hângâyika (tse) - to be anxious, worried

gu-hâna (nye)(57) - to punish, scold

umu-hângâ (imi-) - custom, ceremony, ritual

gu-hâna (nye) - to abandon

i-hângu - amanywa y’ihângu - sunny time of day

gu-hâna (nye)(57) - to give to each other

umu-hâna (imi-)(92) - locality,
gu-hänguka (tse) - to pass away, to end dry season
gu-hangwaho (zewho) - to be possessed by
gu-hanika (tse) - to be superior
e.g. ishuri rihanitse - higher school
amafaranga ahanitse - a great deal of money
umu-hänjuzi (aba-) - trader, merchant
hano (12) - here, this place
igi-hano (ibi-)(93) - punishment
gu-hanuka (tse) - to fall from above
gu-hanūra (ye)(106) - to warn, advise (gently), counsel, scold, prophesy, foretell
umu-hanūzi (aba-) - prophet, seer
hanyuma (61) - afterwards
hanyuma ya - inferior to
hänze (14) - outside (of a house)
gu-hara (ze) - to give up something loved
gu-haranira (ye) - to strive for
uru-hare (no pl.) - place, part, participation
kugira uruhare - to have a part in
hari (12) - there is, are
hariho - there exist(s)
hāriho - once upon a time there was
harīya (12) - over there
haruguru (118) - higher up, up there
gu-harura (ye) - to scrape, scratch, dig just top of soil
hāsi (33) - on the ground, floor, bottom
gu-hāta (se)(63) - to peel with knife
gu-hāta (se) - to force, compel
umu-hati (no pl.) - zeal, earnestness, courage
hatinze - with delay, late, later on
hato, hatoya - later on (same day)
hato na hato - again and again, repeatedly
gu-haza (gije) - to satisfy, be sufficient, enough
igi-haza (ibi-) pumpkin, marrow
he? (12) - where? (in questions only)
hehe? - where?
-he? (97) - which? (in questions only)
igi-he (ibi-)(43) - time, at the time when
gu-heba (bye)(88) - to fail to find, not find
umu-heha (imi-) - water pipe, hollow straw
gu-heheta (se) - to lust strongly
hejuru (118) - on the top, on high, above
gu-heka (tse) - to carry on one's back, on a stretcher, give a ride
gu-hekenya (nye) - to chew
igi-heko (ibi-) - charm, fetish
gu-hēmba (mbye)(43) - to pay (for work done)
i-hēmbe (ama-)(45) - horn (of animal)
imi-hēmberwe - salaries
igi-hēmbo (ibi-) - wage, salary
igi-hēmbwe (ibi-) - quarter (of year), trimester
umu-hemu (aba-) - dishonest person
(doesn't do what's agreed upon)

ubu-hemu - dishonesty

gu-hemuka (tse) - to be unfaithful, to fail someone, be dishonest

gu-hemura (ye) - to treat very badly, kill

gu-hênda (nze)(50) - to deceive, extort, overcharge

gu-hêndahenda (nze) - to beg earnestly, try to persuade, to quiet, calm someone

ibi-hêndo (no sing.) - deceitfulness

gu-hênduka (tse) - to be a bargain, cheap

i-hene (ihene)(11) - goat

ama-henehene - goat's milk

hênga (or, hînga) - let, come on, very well, just a minute

umu-hengeri (no pl.) - purple (not used much)

umu-hêngeri (imi-) - storm on water

imu-hêngeri - in the middle (or depth) of lake

ama-henure - very short dress
e.g. umwenda w'amahenure

hêpfo (118) - lower down, below

gu-hêra (reye) - to start with (from), to give to

gu-hera (ze) - to come to an end, be last, disappear

aga-hera (udu-) - little finger

gu-hêrako (hêreyeko) - to immediately...

gu-herera (je) - to escort, accompany

im-perekeza (im-) - friend of bridegroom
(best man)

gu-hererana (nye) - to be beside, near (of places)

gu-hêrerekanya (nije) - to transmit from one to another

ubu-heri (no pl.) - itch, scabies

gu-heruka (tse) - to be last, come last, have done recently
e.g. sindaheruka kukubona - I haven't seen you recently

gu-herutsa (kie) - to have or make come last

umu-heto (imi-) - bow (as with arrows)

gu-hêza (jeje) - to send away, refuse permission to enter

mu muhêzo - entrance forbidden
e.g. Nta nama zibera mu muhêzo. - No committees are private (excluding anyone).

gu-hêga (ze)(115) - to hunt for game

mu-hîhibikana (nye) - to follow earnestly after

mu-himba (mbye) - invent, write (poem, story)

mu-himbaza (je)(124) - to praise

mu-hina (nnye) - to sum up, give resumé, fold arms, bend knees

aga-hinda (no pl.)(26) - sorrow, grief

mu-hinda (nze) - to thunder

guinda umushitsi - to shake, tremble
gu-hindaga (ze) - to thunder

Umu-hindi (Aba-) - Hindu, Indian

umu-hindo (no pl.) - rainy season (Sept-Nov)

gu-hinduka (tse) - to change, become, be changed

gu-hindukira (ye)(98) - to turn around (int.)

gu-hindukiza (je)(98) - to turn around (tr.)

gu-hindura (ye) - to change (tr.)

gu-hīŋga (nze)(1) - to cultivate, hoe, dig

gu-hīŋguka (tse) - to arrive

gu-hīŋgutsa (kije) - to place, cause to appear (as in court)

umu-hini (imi-) - hoe handle

uru-hīŋja (impīŋja)(24) - infant (up to one month)

hīno (118) - on this side (of certain place)

gu-hīnyuka (tse) - to displease, disappoint, be unfaithful

gu-hīnyura (ye) - to scorn, criticize (in a bad way)

umu-hīnzi (aba-) - gardener, cultivator

imu-hira (no pl.)(11) - at home

gu-hiriika (tse) - to turn upside down, push away

gu-hīrwia (riwe) - to be fortunate, blessed

ama-hīrwwe - good fortune, blessing

hīrya (118) - beyond (a certain place)

hīrya no hīno - hither and yon, to and fro

gu-hīsha (she)(103) - to hide (tr.)

gu-hīsha (shiye)(92) - to ripen, burn (tr.)

gu-hishura (ye) - to reveal

umu-hisi (aba-) - passer-by

gu-hīta (se) - to pass by (a certain place)

gu-hitamo (semo) - to choose

gu-hitwa (swe) - to have diarrhea

hōbe - greetings, hello

gu-hobera (ye) - to embrace (arm across the back)

gu-hoberana (nye) - to embrace each other

umu-hoberano (imi-) - hug

hogi - (or, nimuhogi)(usually followed by tugende) - come on, let’s go

umu-hogo (imi-) - throat

i-hoho (no pl.) - excellence, superbness

gu-homa (mye) - to plaster

gu-homba (mbye) - to suffer loss (esp. financial)

igi-hombo (ibi-) - deficit, loss

gu-hōmboka (tse) - to speak without thinking

gu-hondagura (ye) - to knock down, smash

umu-hondo (no pl.) - yellow

gu-honga (nze) - to change expression (due to bad news), to wilt

gu-honoka (tse) - to survive (a calamity)

gu-hora (ze)(112) - to always, continually, to cool (int.), be quiet
gu-hōra (ye) - to avenge

gu-horera (reye) - to make sound like approaching rain

ama-horo (no sing.)(19) - peace (often used in greetings)

i-horo (ama-) - rent, pay for trip (as in boat), fare

gu-horota (se) - to be thin

hōse (41) - everywhere

gu-hosha (sheje) - to stop, prevent (esp. of something strong, as battle, argument, etc.)

hoshi! - be off with you!

gu-hotora (ye) - to twist cords, wring the neck

gu-hōza (jeje) - to receive fare, rent

igi-hu (ibi-) - fog, haze

igi-hu (ibi-) - eggshell

uru-hu (impu)(24) - skin, hide

gu-hubuka (tse) - to fall from above, to crowd

gu-huga (ze) - to forget for the moment, be busy

gu-hugirwa (we) - to be busy, occupied

igi-hugu (ibi-)(13) - country, region

ama-hugu - pillage, robbing

gu-huguka (tse) - to be intelligent, skilled, capable

gu-hugura (ye) - to arouse, inform, urge to correct one’s ways

i-huguriro (ama-) - workshop, place of counsel

gu-huguza (je) - to seize property of another

gu-huha (shye) - to blow (as wind)

gu-huhwa (shywe) - to be light (weight)

gu-huma (mye) - to be blind

gu-humagurika (tse) - to be totally blind

gu-humana (nye) - to be defiled (by breaking taboo), have skin disease (supposedly caused by breaking taboo)

gu-humanuka (tse) - to become clean

gu-humanura (ye) - to make ceremonially clean (as after breaking taboo)

gu-humanya (nije) - to make unclean, defile

aga-hūmbagiza (udu-) - million

aga-humbi (udu-) one hundred thousand

igi-humbi (ibi-) - thousand

uru-hūmbu (no pl.) - mold, mildew

gu-humeka (tse)(122) - to breathe

gu-humiriza (je) - to close the eyes

gu-humuka (tse) - to regain sight

gu-hūmura (ye) - to smell, good or bad

gu-humura (ye) - to restore sight

gu-hūmura (ye) - to be comforted, be quiet

gu-humuriza (je) - to comfort, console, encourage

gu-humuza (je) - to flavor, make (taste, smell) good
gu-húmuza (je) - to be concluded, ended (as meeting)

igi-huna (ibi-) - a kind of bananas

ga-hunda (no pl.) - program, system, organization, orderliness, list

i-hundo (ama-) - head of grain (esp. Kaffir corn)

gu-hunga (nze)(98) - to flee

umu-húngu (aba-)(1) - boy, son

gu-hungura (ye) - to shell (as corn)
gu-hungura (ye) - to marry brother's widow

gu-hunika (tse) - to store crops in granary

gu-hunikira (ye) - to nod (sleepy)

igi-hūnyira (ibi-) - owl

gu-hunza (je) amaso - to turn away one's eyes

gu-húra (ye) - to meet

ubu-hura (no pl.) - little insects that supposedly make honey

i-húriro (ama-) - meeting place, similarity
    ihúriro ryo kunagūra - workshop

igi-huru (ibi-) - thick bush, scrub

gu-hurura (ye) - to go out against (as soldiers), run out with crowd

ama-hurunguru - goat manure

uru-hushya (impushya)(108) - permission, time off, vacation, rest
    gusaba uruhushya - to ask for time off

Umu-hutu (aba-) - one of ethnic groups among Banyarwanda

i-hwa (ama-)(111) - thorn

igi-hwayihwayi (ibi-) - thing that is voluminous but light in weight

gu-hwema (mye) - to cease, grow weary, rest, relax

i (11) - to, at, from

kw-iba (bye)(58) - to steal, steal from

kw-ibagirwa (we)(36) - to forget

kw-ibāna (nye) - to live alone

kw-ibanda (nze) ku - to concentrate on, give oneself wholly to
    also: kwibanda kurya... to be very fond of a food

kw-ibiza (je) - to put in water and take out (only of part of body, person)

icy-ibo (iby-)(97) - small, flat basket (no lid)

ubw-ìbone (no pl.) - pride

kw-ibuka (tse)(36) - to remember, recall

n-ìbura - at least

by-ìbura - at least

kw-iburanya (nije) - to question, reason about

kw-ibutsa (kije) - to remind

kw-ibwira (ye) - to think

kw-ìca (ishe)(50) - to kill

umw-ìcanyi (ab-)(101) - murderer

kw-ìcara (ye)(96) - to sit down
kw-ićira (ye) - to kill for
icy-iciro (iby-) - group, section (as, group assigned to certain task, but not a permanent group), session
kw-ićisha (shije) - to cause to kill
kw-icuma (mye) - to go ahead, move on a bit further
kw-icunda (nze) - to swing (as child)
icyakora - however
kw-ifterasha (shije) - to help oneself
kw-ifterata (she) - to behave
imy-ifatire (no sing.) - behavior, conduct
umw-ifatoto (imy-) - behavior, conduct
kw-ifubika (tse) - to cover oneself with, wrap around oneself
kw-ifuza (je)(117) - to covet, long for, desire
kw-īga (ze)(35) - to learn, study
kw-īgana (nye) - to imitate
kw-īganyira (ye) - to worry, be anxious
kw-īgaragura (ye) - to thrash around (as sick person does)
kw-īgendera (ye) - to go by oneself
ubw-įgenge (no pl.) - independence
kw-įgera (ze) - to have ever (e.g. sinįgeze mbona... I've never seen), to reach (esp. time)
kw-įgerezaho (jeho) - to be presumptuous, daring
imy-įgire (no sing.) - manner of study
kw-įgisha (shije)(35) - to teach
umw-įgisha (ab-)(2) - teacher
imy-įgishirize (no sing.) - manner of teaching
iny-įghisho (iny-) - doctrines, teachings
icy-įghisho (iby-) - lesson, teachings
umw-įghishwa (ab-)(2) - pupil, student
kw-įgomwa (mwe) - to give up, sacrifice, fast
kw-įhana (nye)(35) - to repent, confess
kw-įhandagaza - to be (or make oneself) apparent, obvious
kw-įhangana (nye)(91) - to be patient, endure
kw-įhangiriza (je) - to warn, threaten (as, warn not to tell)
umw-įhariko (imy) - personal property
kw-įharira (ye) - to be special, for a special purpose e.g igitabo cyîhariye - aspecial book, not like others
kw-įheba (bye) - to despair
kw-įherera (reye) - to be alone
kw-įhorera (reye) - to be silent, leave someone alone (i.e. not bother)
kw-įhugura (ye) - to find out, learn, be informed
kw-įhuta (se) - to hurry
urw-įjiji (no pl.) - haze
kw-įjiama (mye) - to be dark, get dark, appear sad
umw-ijima (no pl.) (5) - darkness, liver
kw-ijujuta (se) - to murmur (discontent)
kw-ikanyiza (je) - to be selfish, stingy
iki? (22) - what?
iki - this
kw-ïkira (ye) - to get into boat
kw-ïkorera (ye) - to carry on head
kw-ïkubita (se) imbere - to fall down before (in respect)
kw-ïkubura (ye) - to withdraw quickly
kw-ïkunda (nze) - to love oneself
kw-ïma (mye) - to withhold, refuse to give
by-ïmazeyo - finally, once and for all, completely
imbere (see: im-bere)
icy-imbo (iby-) - stead, place
e.g. mu cyimbo cye - in his place
kw-ïmuka (tse) - to move (as, dwelling)
bïmukiyemo - they moved to bïmutsemo - they moved from
urw-ïna (inz-) - big hole in ground (esp. underground oven for making bananas ripen)
kw-ïnangira (ye) umutima - to harden one's heart
kw-ïnezeza (jeje) - to please oneself, enjoy oneself
kw-ïninga (nze) (59) - to beseech, plead with
kw-ïnjira (ye) (38) - to enter
ino (62) - here, in this vicinity
-ïnshi (8) - much, many
ubw-ïnshi - quantity
kw-ïnuba (bye) - to complain
kw-ïnyagambura (ye) - to move (int.)
iry-ïnyo (amënyo) (18) - tooth
kw-ïra (je) - to get late (in day), get dark e.g. burïje - it's getting late, dark
inz-ïra (inz-) (17) - path, way
ubw-ïra (no pl.) - haste
kugira ubwiïra - to be in a hurry
kw-ïrabura (ye) - to be black
ubw-irakabiri - eclipse, darkness in daytime
ubw-ïrâse - pride
kw-ïrâta (se) - to boast, be proud
kw-ïregura (ye) - to defend oneself (against accusation)
kw-ïrenga (nze) - to strongly affirm (with a certain arm gesture)
kw-ïrengagiza (je) - to neglect, overlook, procrastinate
ah-ïrengeye - a high place
kw-ïrenza (nje) - to throw behind one's back
kw-ïrimbisha (shije) - to wash and comb oneself
kw-ïrinda (nze) - to keep, guard yourself from, be careful
kw-ïringira (ye) - to trust, rely on, hope, expect
icy-ĭringiro (iby-ı) - hope, expectation
ubw-ĭringiro (no pl.) - hope, trust, confidence
umw-ĭndondoro (imy-) - description (e.g. personal information)
kw-ĭroha (shye) - to rush upon, push
ubw-ĭru (no pl.) - secret (stronger word than ibanga), mystery
kw-ĭruka (tse)(72) - to run
ekw-ĭrukana (nye) - to chase away, run after
ekw-ĭrukanka (nze) - to run very fast
kw-ĭsegura (ye) - to lie on pillow, to apologize (before accusation)
kw-ĭshima (mye)(103) - to be happy, glad, rejoice, be satisfied
iby-ĭshimo - joy, gladness
ubw-ĭshingizi (no pl.) - backing, support
kuba afite ubwishingizi - to be bonded
kw-ĭshisha (she) - to fear, mistrust
kw-ĭshyura (ye)(124) - to repay, make restitution, pay debt
umw-ĭshywa (ab-) - nephew, niece (child of a man's sister)
kw-ĭsomera (ye) - to read for oneself
imy-ĭsozi (no sing.) - tears
kw-ĭsukura (ye) - to cleanse, purify oneself
kw-ĭsusumza (mye) - to examine oneself
kw-ĭta (itaye)(83) - to pay attention to, care for (usually: kwîta ku. . . , or kwîlaho)
kw-ĭta (se)(83) - to name, call (only in sense of “to name”)
kw-ĭtaba (bye)(75) - to answer (when called)
kw-ĭtanga (nze) - to give oneself, self-surrender
kw-ĭtarura (ye) - to separate oneself, distance oneself
ubw-ĭteganirize (no pl.) - pension
icy-ĭtegererezo (iby-) - example, model
kw-ĭtegereza (je) - to look at intently
kw-ĭtema (mye)(69) - to cut oneself (as finger) - nitemye urutoke
umw-ĭtero (imy-) - cloth women wear over shoulder
kw-ĭtonda (nze)(67) - to be careful, cautious
kw-ĭtondera (ye) - to keep, obey (law, command), pay attention to, be careful about
kw-ĭtonganya (nije) - to fuss, complain (as baby)
kw-ĭtontomba (mbye) - to complain
kw-ĭtoza (-jeje) - to exercise, practice, inculcate
kw-ĭtsamura (ye) - to sneeze
ak-îtsos (utw-) - period (punctutation), comma
kw-ĭtuga, amafaranga yo - bribe
kw-ĭtura (ye) umuntu inêza - to return a kindness
or, kwîtura . . . inâbi - to return an evil
kw-ĭtwararika (tse) - to be concerned about
umw-ītwarariko (imy-) - responsibility, concern
urw-ītwazo (inz-) - excuse
kw-ītvovota (se) - to complain, murmur
kw-īyaka (tse) - to deprive oneself of
kw-īyama (mye) - to rebuke, warn
kw-īyandarika (tse) - to be careless in personal appearance
kw-īyereka (tse) - to show oneself, exercise, do gym
kw-īyiriza (je) ubusa - to go all day without food, fast
kw-īyizi (no past) - to know oneself
kw-īyorosa (she) - to cover oneself in bed
kw-īyoza (-geje) amenyoi - to brush teeth
ubw-īyubahe (no pl.) - dignity, self-respect
kw-īyubaka (tse) - to build oneself
kw-īyuhagira (ye) - to bathe oneself
kw-īyumvira (riye) - to think about (without speaking), be in deep thought
kw-īyunga (nze) - to unite (tr.) (implies previous separation)
-īza (8) - good, beautiful, pretty, nice, satisfactory, in good order
ubw-īza (85) - glory, beauty
kw-īzanira (ye) - to bring for oneself
kw-īzerera (ye)(32, 35) - to trust, believe, faith, belief
imy-īzerere (no sing.) - beliefs, doctrines
kw-īzihiza (je) - to celebrate, cause to rejoice

J
umu-ja (aba-)(124) - female servant
ku-jabika (tse) - to put in water (and then take out, as fingers)
i-jambo (amagambo)(18) - word
i-jana (amagana)(38) - hundred
in-jangwe (in-)(26) - cat (tame or wild)
ku-jarajara (ye) - to go from place to place
ku-jegajega (ze) - to shake (int.), move
in-ji ji (in-) - ignorant person
uru-ji jio (no pl.) - mystery
e.g. kutubera urujio - to be a mystery to us
ku-ji ji juka (tse) - to be informed, knowledgeable, come out of ignorance
ubu-ji jūke (no pl.) - knowledge, intelligence, skill
ku-ji jura (ye) - to instruct, remove ignorance
ku-ji jwa (jwe) - to not know, be ignorant of
umu-jinya (no pl.) - grudge, long-lasting anger

i-jīsho (amāso)(18) - eye
kuba māso - to be on guard
mu māso hāwe (33) - your face
i-joro (ama-)(39) - night
i-josi (ama-) - neck
ku-jugunya (nye)(22) - to throw away,
ju j-k an

empty out, discard
ku-jujubya (bije) - to attack, conquer, pester
iki-jumba (ibi-(13) - sweet potato
ama-june (no sing.) - deep sorrow
umu-jura (aba-)(39) - thief
ku-jurira (ye) - to appeal to higher court
i-juru (ama-)(85) - sky, heaven
i-jwi (ama-)(59) - voice
   ijiwirienga - a loud voice
   guchiša mu majwi - to take a vote
ku-jya (giye)(6) - to go, walk (place stated); to always, continually
ama-jyambere - progress, development
ku-jyana (nye)(50) - to take, go with
umu-jyanama (aba-) - steward, advisor, member of council, or committee
uru-jya n'uruza - goings and comings
mu ma-jyā ruguru - north
jyenyine - I alone
mu ma-jyēpo - south
jyewe (48) - I, me
umu-jyi (imi-)(92) - city, large town
aka-jyiko (utu-)(63) - teaspoon

K

in-ka (in-)(7) - cow
mu-ka (ba-) - wife of
igi-ka (ibi-) - section, part

kabiri (37) - twice, two
gu-kabya (bije) - to exaggerate, be too much
   bikabije - extremely
gu-kama (nye) - to milk, dry up, stop bleeding
i-kamba (ama-) - crown
gu-kambakamba (mbye) - to crawl (baby)
umu-kambwe (aba-) - father (old); old man
gu-kămura (ye) - to wring out, squeeze (as, lemons)
Umu-kanada (Abā-) - Canadian
kańaka - so and so
gu-kändagira (ye) - to tread on
umu-kândara (imi-) - belt
kândi (17) - and, and also, as well, furthermore, moreover
gu-kâng (nze) - to startle, frighten
gu-kangara (ye) - to warn, threaten
in-kangara (in-) - basket made with strips of bamboo
gu-kângarana (nye) - to be seized with terror
gu-kângisha (shije) - to threaten, intimidate by
ibi-kângisho (no sing.) - threatenings, threats
gu-kanguka (tse)(89) - to awaken (int.)
gu-kangura (ye)(89) - to awaken (tr.)
umu-kangurambaga (aba-) - animator, promoter, one who stirs up enthusiasm
gu-kankamira (ye) - to scold loudly
umu-kannyi (aba-) - tanner (one who tans hides)
i-kanya (ama-)(63) - fork, rake
i-kanzu (ama-) - robe, dress
i-kara (ama-) - hot coal, charcoal
gu-karaba (bye)(42) - to wash one's hands
uru-karakara (in-) - unburned bricks
i-karamu (ama-)(55) - pencil
gu-karanga (nze)(63) - to fry, broil
kare (51) - early, on time
gu-kata (-se) - to cut
gu-kātaza (je) - to hurry
aga-kāto (udu-) - comma
i-kāwa (61) - coffee (tree, or drink)
gu-kayuka (tse) - to lose flavor
-ke, -keya (8) - few
gu-keba (bye)(65) - to cut in pieces (meat, vegetable, cloth)
gu-kebaguza (je) - to look all around
umu-kebe (imi-) - small tin box with lid
ubu-kebe (no pl.) - property
umu-kēcuru (aba-) - old woman
gu-kēka (tse)(82) - to suspect, suppose, think
in-keke (in-) - urgent need, worry, anxiety
ama-kemwa (no sing.) - reproach, fault, blame
gu-kena (nnye)(91) - to be needy, poor
in-kende (in-)(101) - monkey (small gray)
umu-kene (aba-)(21) - poor man, pauper
ubu-kene (no pl.)(28) - poverty, need
gu-kēnga (nze) - to suspicion, mistrust
ama-kēnga (no sing.) - suspicions, suspects
umu-keno (imi-) - poverty (stronger than ubukene)
kenshi (61) - often
umu-kenyero (imi-) - long skirt
gu-kenyeza (je) - to tie something around waist, put on belt
kēra (72) - long ago, far in the future
in-kēre (or, inkēri) (in-)(89) - berries
gu-kerensa (sheje) - to waste
gu-kērereza (je) - to make someone (something) late
gu-kērerwa (we) - to be late
i-kereta (no pl.) - sour, bitey, sharp
keretse - except
uru-kerof (in-)(65) - saw
gu-kēsha (sheje) - to have, thanks to... e.g. Yesu niwe dukēsha imigisha yose. - It's thanks to Jesus that we have all blessings.

bu-kēye (28, 119) - the next day, afterwards
bwa-kēye (from gu-ca)(28) - it has dawned
-ki? (116) - what kind of?
ki-kom

ubu-ki (no pl.) - honey
mu ru-kiga - in the country
gu-kākira (ye) - to take on one’s lap
gu-kākuza (je) - to surround
uru-kāko (in-) - tribunal, court
    abanyarukiko - judges
ama-kimbirane (no sing.) - argument,
    disagreement, provocation

gu-kīna (nye)(91) - to play
    gu-kinana (nye) - to play with

gu-kīnda (nze) - to rape
umu-kindo (imi-) - palm tree

gu-kinga (nze)(117) - to shut, lock (door)
igi-kīngi (ibi-) - door post

gu-kingiriza (je) - to prevent from seeing,
    hide (tr.) from sight

uru-kingo (in-) - vaccination

gu-kingura (ye)(117) - to open, unlock
umu-kino (imi-) - game
igi-kino (ibi-) - game

gu-kīra (ze)(88) - to get well, heal (int.),
    be rich

gu-kiranirwa (niwe) - to be wicked

gu-kiranuka (tse) - to be righteous, be in
    agreement

umu-kiranutsi (aba-) - righteous person
umu-kire (aba-)(21) - rich person
ubu-kire - riches, wealth
ama-kiriro (no sing.) - source of salvation,
    thing that saves, heals

gu-kīza (jijje)(33) - to save, heal, rescue,
    cure

umu-kīza (aba-)(3) - savior
aga-kīza (no pl.)(26) - salvation

gu-kizwa (jijje)(46) - to be saved, healed,
    cured
ko - why?

ko (45) - that (to introduce a dependent
    clause)

umu-koba (imi-) - whip (as of leather,
    rubber)

umu-kōbwə (aba-)(1) - girl, daughter
koko - that’s true, that’s a fact, indeed

in-koko (in-)(21) - chicken
    mu nkoko - at cock crowing (about 4:00
    a.m.)
in-kōko (in-) - flat basket


gu-koma (mye) - to prevent, protect, hinder,
    speak, clap


gu-komanga (nze) - to knock
igi-komangoma (ibi-) - prince, one related to
    king

gu-komatanya (nije) - to group things
    together

in-kombe (in-) - bank, shore of lake, river
igi-kombe (ibi-)(61) - tin container, cup


gu-komerə (ye)(64) - to be hard, difficult,
    sturdy, strong, important
komera - excuse me (when causing or
    seeing physical harm or near accident)
gu-komereka (tse) - to be wounded, hurt, injured

gu-komeza (je) - to continue, carry on, to keep, make strong

gu-komoka (tse) - to descend from, be born of

in-komoko (in-) - origin, inception

gu-komora (ye) - to get one's origin from

umu-kōndo (imi-) - navel, a little metal pot with side opening, handle of cup, pail, etc.

gu-kōngeza (je) - to light, set afire

in-kongoro (in-) - milk pot

in-kōngoro - vulture

igi-koni (ibi-)(67) - kitchen

in-koni (in-)(80) - walking stick

gu-kōnja (nje)(64) - to be cold, damp

in-kono (in-) - clay cooking pot

gu-kora (ze)(1) - to work, do, repair; touch (with -ho, or ku) e.g. ntukoreho - don't touch
gukora umugati (75) - to make bread
gukora mu ntoki - to shake hands
gukorwa n'isoni (93) - to be ashamed (m)urakoze - thank you

gu-korana (nye) - to work together, meet together

i-koraniro (ama-) - meeting, get-together

gu-koranya (nije) - to gather together (tr.)
gu-korera (ye) - to work for

imi-korere - manner of working, acting

gu-koresha (sheje) - to use, cause to work

umu-koresha (aba-) - tax collector

(umukoresha w'ikoro)

ubu-korikori - skill, craftsmanship

i-koro (ama-) - tax

gu-korogoshera (ye) - to dig into side of (as, side of hill)

in-koronga (in-) - turaco (bird)

gu-korora (ye)(96) - to cough

in-korora (in-)(96) - cough

umu-kororombya (imi-) - rainbow

ibi-koroti (or, ibikoroto) - change, coins

igi-korwa (ibi-) - action, deed

i-kosa (ama-) - mistake, error

in-kōta (in-) - sword

i-kōti (ama-) - coat, cloak, jacket

in-kovu (in-) - scar

gu-koza (jeje) - to cause to touch, touch with

umu-kozi (aba-)(3) - workman, employee

ku (5) - to, at, on, from (the side or outside of a thing)

gu-kuba (bye) - to multiply

ama-kuba (no sing.)(43) - troubles, misfortune

in-kuba (in-)(114) - thunder

kubēra (102) - because of (from kuba)

gu-kubita (se)(58) - to hit, beat, strike

mu-kubitarukoko (mi-) - index finger

gu-kubura (ye)(33) - to sweep

umu-kubuzo (imi-) - broom
kub-kut

kubwa (102) - because of, for the sake of, as for, in. . . (my) opinion
in-kunga (in-) - support
gutra inkunga - to encourage, support

gu-kuka (tse) - to finish drinking (of animals)
gu-kungahaza (je) - to enrich, satisfy, fill

gu-kùka (tse) - to return, come out of water, to leave a place
umu-kungu (aba-) - rich person (in produce)

gu-kuka (tse) - to shake
ubu-kungu (no pl.) - riches (esp. produce)

gu-kuka (tse) umutima - to be terrified
umu-kungugu (imi-) - dust
ndakutse - I give up!
gu-kunguta (se) - to shake (as rug)

in-kuka (in-) - beach, shore
gu-kunkumura (ye) - to shake (tr.)
in-kuka (in-) - beach, shore
gu-kura (ze)(79) - to grow (up)

库里 (27) - because
gu-kura (ye)(79) - to take away, subtract
kure (47) - far, far away
gukura ubwatsi - to thank for gift

umu-kumbi (imi-) - flock of sheep
kuri (48) - at, to

ku-gùmbura (ye)(114) - to be lonesome for, miss
igi-kuri (ibi-) - dwarf

umu-kùmputse - I give up!
gu-kurikira (ye)(55) - to follow

in-kumwe (119) - together (with particular reference to proximity)
-kuru (8) - senior, important, old, great

igi-kumwe (ibi-) - thumb
mu-kuru (ba)(74) - older brother (of male), sister (of female), important person

umu-kumirizi (aba-) - guard (by door of important person)
in-kuru (in-)(75) - news

kumi (in-)(52) - young lady
ama-kuru (no sing.)(75) - news
(unmarried)
gu-kurubana (nye) - to drag along

umu-kumirizi (aba-) - guard (by door of important person)
igi-kurudumu (ibi-) - hoop

kumwe (119) - together (with particular reference to proximity)
gu-kurura (ye)(106) - to pull

igi-kumwe (ibi-) - thumb
ibyo-kurya (no sing.) - food

ku-gùndira (ye) - to allow, like for
i-kuta (ama-) - 1/10 of a franc (coin used formerly)

ku-gùndwakaza (je) - to prefer one spouse over others, to take loving care of
uru-kuta (in-) - wall
(Eph 5:29)

uru-kendo (no pl.)(23) - love
i-byo-kurya (no sing.) - food
gu-kuyakuya (ye) - to protect, care for lovingly
kwa (52) - to, at the home of
gu-kwa (koye) - to pay dowry
in-kwâno (in-) - dowry
in-kwâre (in-) - partridge, quail
uru-kwâvu (in-)(76) - rabbit
umu-kwe (aba-) - bridegroom
ubu-kwe (no pl.)(123) - marriage, wedding
umu-kwêge (imi-) - wire
igi-kwerere (ibi-) - man of middle age, robust
imi-kwerere (no sing.) - middle age (30-50)
ubu-kwerere (no pl.) - middle age (30-50)
gu-kweta (se) - to put on sandals, shoes
in-kweto (in-)(92) - sandal, shoe
gu-kwetura (ye) - to take off sandals, shoes
uru-kwi (in-)(23) - firewood
gu-kwîra (riye) - to be enough, suffice, spread (int.)
-kwîriye (no inf.)(93) - must, ought, should, be worthy

M
mabuja (ba-) - my, our employer, boss (female)
maganabiri (38) - two hundred (same form for other hundreds)

makumyabiri (38) - twenty
malariya (52) - malaria
mâma (ba mâma)(73) - my, our mother mâma wâcu (wânyu, wâbo) - maternal aunt
uru-mamo, gukunda - to pretend to love
l-mâna (i-)(7) - God
ku-manika (tse) - to hang up, place above
ku-manuka (tse)(56) - to go down hill, descend
ku-manura (ye) - to lower, cause to go down hill
ku-mânyagura (ye) - to break into bits
ku-mara (ze)(62) - to finish, end, use up, spend (time), stay (time)
(umu-)marayika (aba-)(116) - angel (Sw.)
i-mâri (no pl.) - possession (money), treasury
aka-maro (no pl.) - value, use, profit
mârume - my maternal uncle
mâsênge - my paternal aunt
maze (119) - and then
mbega! - used as an exclamation; how!
mbere na mbere - in the beginning
mbere (119) - before, prior to, first
mbese (3) - used to introduce question
-mbi (61) - both (bômbi, twêmbi, etc.)
uru-me (no pl.)(or, ikime) - dew
ku-mena (nyye)(22) - to break, spill (tr.),
men-nag

empty out, penetrate, traverse

i-mena (no pl.) - principal, important
(abagabo b'imena)

ubu-mene - crack

ku-meneka (tse) - to break, spill (int.)

ku-menya (nye)(45) - to know, know how
ku-menyekana (nye) - to be known, become known
ku-menyera (reye) - to be accustomed to

iki-menyetso (ibi-)(111) - sign

ubu-menyi (no pl.) - knowledge

ku-mera (ze)(64, 108) - to be in a certain state, be like, germinate
e.g. Ameze ate? - How is he?

ka-mere (no pl.) - nature, character

imi-mërere (no sing.) - characteristics, attitude(s)

ama-mesa (no sing.) - palm oil

ku-mesa (she)(42) - to wash clothes

umu-meshi (aba-) - launderer

i-mēza (or, amēza)(19) - table

ku-minina (or, ku-mimina)(nye) - to strain, filter

ku-mira (ze) - to swallow

i-modoka (ama-) - car

ibu-moso (119) - at the left

mu (5) - in, into, out of, from (inside)
muka (baka) - wife of

iki-muga (ibi-) - cripple, infirm person,

invalid

u-munani (37) - eight

mũnsi (77) - beneath, under (followed by va if it has an object)

murabeho - goodbye (not to meet soon)

muraho? - hello (used when not seeing each other often)

murakoze (2) - thank you

muraramuke(ho) - goodnight

muri (48) - in

ku-murika (tse) - to shine, enlighten, to present or show, to master things one is responsible for

mwaramutseho - good morning (to someone you see regularly)

-mwe (37) - one

-mwe (111) - with plural prefix: some
e.g. bamwe - some people

mwe, mwēbwe (48) - you (pl.)

ama-mwe - singular (grammar)

mwenyine (120) - you alone, you yourselves

ku-mwenyura (ye) - to smile

mwiriweho - good afternoon, good evening

N

na (4) - and, with, also, by

na hato - not in the least, not at all

nābi (44) - badly, poorly
ubugizi bwa nābi - evil acts

ku-nagana (nnye) - to hang (int.)
ku-nagūra (ye) - to sharpen
naho (104) - although, whereas, even if
nāka (102) - so-and-so
nako (46) - excuse me (I misspoke myself)
i-nāma (i-)(97) - advice, council, counsel, committee
namba - not at all
ku-nambaho (yeho) - to be faithful till death
ku-nangirwa (we) - to be hard (heart), be hard to untie
mu-nāni - eight
umu-nāni (imi-) - parcel of ground father gives son
kugira umunāni - to inherit
ku-nanirwa (we)(122) - to be tired, unable to do something (having tried)
aka-nānwa (utu-) - chin
umu-nara (imi-) - tower
nde? (96) - who?
ndetse - in fact, even, indeed, moreover
-ndi (43)(as, uwūndi, ibindi, etc.) - other, another, more
ndwi (-rindwi)(37) - seven
-ne (37) - four
ku-nebwa (bwe)(82) - to be lazy
ubu-nebwe (no pl.) - laziness
umu-neke (imi-)(15) - ripe banana
ku-nesha (sheje)(46) - to triumph, conquer
nēza (4) - nicely, well (adv.), satisfactory
ku-nēzereza (je)(103) - to please, make happy
umu-nēzēro (pl. rare)(5) - joy, happiness
ku-nēzērwa (rewe)(64) - to be happy (over something you've been told but haven't seen)
ku-nēzēza (nējeje)(103) - to please
mu ru-ngabangabo - facing a decision, in a dilemma
guhera (ze) mu rungabangabo - to be puzzled, perplexed
-ngahe? (39) - how many?
ngaho - let, come on, very well
ku-ngana (nye) - to be equal (size, number, age, force)
ngo (114) - so that, in order that, says
ngwino (28) - come here
ni (2) - is, are (cannot be followed by word of place)
ni - if
nība (111) - if
ku-nīga (ze) - to choke, tie neck of sack
ibi-nīka (no sing.) - big kettle
niko - and so, therefore
ni mūnsi - afternoon
ni mutation - come on!, let's go!
n'ingoga (25) - quickly
-nini (8) - big, large, thick
-njye (3) - my
nka (101) - just as, like (before nouns,
pronouns)
nkana - deliberately, intentionally
umu-nkanyari (imi-) - wrinkle (in clothes, paper, face)
nk'uko - just as, like (before verbs)
no (69) - and (connecting infinitives)
i-no (ama-) - toe
l-noeli (or, Inoweli or Inoheli) - Christmas
ku-nogora (ye) - to gouge out eye, fingernail
nônaha (46) - right away, immediately
nône (29) - today, and, and now, and so, therefore
nôneh - and, and now, and so, therefore
umu-nota (imi-)(62) - minute
i-nota (or, inoti) (ama-) - money bill
ku-noza (geje) - to complete, finish
umû-nsi (imî-)(5) - day
imînsi yose - always, every day
nta (104) - no, none, no one
ntabwo - never
umu-ntu (aba-)(3) - person, people
iki-ntu (ibi-)(13) - thing
umunyabintu - steward (responsible for another's belongings)
ubu-ntu (no pl.)(27) - grace
uku-ntu (no pl.) - how, method, means
aha-ntu (aha-)(33) - place
núbwo (104) - although, even though
ku-nuka (tse) - to smell very bad
nuko (119) - therefore, then, and so
nuko nuko - thank you
i-numa (i-) - dove, pigeon
nusu - half
nusu kiro - 1/2 kilo (from Sw.)
umu-nwa (imi-)(26) - mouth, lip
mu kanwa - inside the mouth
ku-nya (neye) - to defecate
iki-nyabupfura (no pl.) - politeness
umu-nyabyaha (aba-)(46) - sinner
ku-nyaga (ze) - to take by force
i-nyama (i-)(11) - meat, flesh
umu-nyamaboko (aba-) - strong man
nyamara (39) - but, yet, nevertheless
i-nyamáswa (i-)(14) - wild animal
iki-nyamateka (ibi-) - journal, newspaper, magazine
umu-nyamurava (aba-) - faithful person
nyamwinshi (invariable) - majority
  e.g. amajwi nyamwinshi - a majority vote
umu-nyaana, kwesa - to succeed in one part but fail in another
i-nyaana (i-) - calf
iki-nyandaro (ibi-) - unwed mother
i-nyanja (i-)(99) - lake, ocean, sea
i-nyânya (i-)(61) - tomato
umu-nyarwanda (aba-) - person of Rwanda
ku-nyeganyega (ze)(113) - to shake, tremble (earth, etc.)(int.)
i-nyenyéri (i-) - star
umu-nyeshuri (aba-) - student, pupil
umu-nyézámú (aba-) - watchman
nyina (73)(ba nyina) - his, her, their mother
-nyine (120) - only, alone, self
nyira - owner of, master of
nyirabukwe - mother-in-law
nyirakuru - his, her, their grandmother
nyirakuruza - his, her, their great grandmother
nyiranaka - so-and-so (woman)
uru-nyo (i-) - worm, maggot
ku-nyóbwá (nyówe) - to be drunk (liquid)  
(not, intoxicated)  
(passive of kunywa - to drink)
iki-nyóbwá (ibi-)(85) - peanut
nyogokuru - grandmother
nyogokuruza - great grandmother
nyoko (73)(ba nyoko) - your mother
iki-nyoma (ibi-) - lie, falsehood
i-nyoni (i-)(95) - small bird
umu-nyororo (imi-) - chain, prison
i-nyóta (no pl.)(45) - thirst 
kugira inyóta - to be thirsty
-nyu (3) - your (you pl.)(wanyu, etc.)
umu-nyu (4) - salt, or, see: um-inyu

i-nyuguti (i-) - letter (of alphabet)
ku-nyuguza (je) - to rinse (clothes, dishes)
nyuma (61) - after
(i-)nyuma (i-)(118) - behind, outside, after
i-nyundo (i-)(65) - hammer
i-nyungu -(see: iny-ungu)
ku-nyũnyuka (tse) - to be withered, thin  
(especial arm, leg, but also of person who has been sick)
ku-nyura (ze) - to pass along, go through
umu-nyururu (imi-) - chain
ku-nywa (nyoye)(51) - to drink
ama-nywa - daytime  
ku manywa - noon
umu-nzenze (imi-) - wild olive
i-nzika (i-)(124) - grudge, bitterness, desire to revenge
-nzinya (8) - tiny, minute (with 7th cl.)
i-nzira (or, inz-ira)(i-)(17) - path, way
i-nzoga (or, inz-oga)(i-)(85) - beer
i-nzozi (see: in-zozi)

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ubw-ōba (no pl.)(29) - fear
umw-ōbo (ime-) - hole, pit
icy-ōbo (iba-)(14) - hole, pit
urw-ōbo (inz-) - hole, pit
k-ọga (ze)(42) - to wash one's feet, swim
inz-oga (inz-)(85) - beer
k-ọgeza (je) - to spread, publish, make known, declare
k-ọgosha (she) - to cut hair, beard, wool
k-ohereza (je)(39) - to send (thing, or person without message)
inz-oka (inz-) - snake, worm
ubw-ọko (am-)(116) - tribe, type, kind
k-ọmoka (tse) - to leave the shore (in boat)
k-ọmokera (ye) - to arrive (by boat)
k-ọmongana (nye) - to wander, stray
k-ọmora (ye) - to treat wounds
k-ọmoza (je) - to cause to treat wounds
iby-ọndo (no sing.)(101) - mud
k-ongera (ye)(44) - to repeat, do again, add more
k-ọnka (nse) - to nurse (int.)
k-ọnọna (nye)(94) - to damage, spoil
k-ọnọnekara (ye) - to be damaged, spoiled
k-ọnsa (önkeje) - to nurse (tr.)
icy-orezo (iby-) - epidemic
k-ọroha (she) - to be soft, easy
k-ọroherwa (we)(73) - to be better, improved (physically)
k-ọrora (ye) - to raise animals
k-ọroroka (tse) - to multiply (int.), increase (animals)

-ọse (41) - all, every
k-ọshya (ọheje) - to tempt, influence badly
am-ọshya (no sing.) - temptations
k-ọshyoshya (heje) - to want to see someone in order to seize or harm him
k-ọta (se) - to warm oneself by fire
k-ọtsa (keje) - to roast in fire, bake
umw-ọtsi (imy-)(5) - smoke
oya (3) - no
ubw-ọya (am-)(28) - hair of body or animals
iry-ọya (am-) - feather
k-ọza (ọgeje)(42) - to wash (except clothes, vegetables, hands)

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umu-padiri (aba-) - priest (Catholic)
umu-pagani (aba-) - pagan, heathen
im-pagarara (no pl.) - anguish, terror, danger
uru-pahu (im-) - spoon (large)
im-paka (im-) - argument, dispute
gu-pakira (ye) - to pack, load
gu-pakurura (ye) - to unload
im-pâmba (im-)(72) - food for journey
im-pamo (no pl.) - really, truly (e.g. icyabaye impamo - what really happened)
impâmvu (im-) reason, because of ku mpâmvu za - because of
ku mpāmvu z'uko - due to
gutōra impāmvu - to make excuses
im-pamyabushobozī (im-) - diploma
umu-panga (imi-)(77) - machete
im-pāngā (im-) - twins
im-pānō (im-) - gift
i-pantalo - pants
im-panuka (im-) - accident
i-papayi (ama-) - papaya
uru-papuro (im-)(55) - paper, page
i-pasi (ama-) - iron (for clothes)
gutera ipasi - to iron clothes
I-pasika - Easter
umu-pastori (aba-)(120) - pastor
pe - absolutely, extremely
im-pera (usually used in pl.) - end (used only with words of time: days, months, etc.
e.g. ku mpera z’icyumweru - at the end of the week)
gu-perereza (je) - to oversee (as, workers)
im-perūka (im-)(61) - last of anything
im-pēshyi (no pl.) - month of June, just beginning dry season (with wind)
igi-pesi (ibi-) - button
gu-pfa (pfuye)(48) - to die
gu-pfa (pfūye) ku - to just . . . , simply . .
e.g yapfüye kuza atazi impāmvu - He just came, not knowing why
gu-pfākara (ye) - to become a widow(er)
umu-pfākazi (aba-) - widow(er)
igi-pfāmatwi (ibi-)(77) - deaf person
m-pfane - nta mpfane - no hard feelings
uru-pfu (no pl.)(48) - death
ubu-pfu (no pl.) - folly
im-pfūbyi (im-) - orphan
gu-pfuka (tse) - to cover, wrap
umu-pfuka (imi-) - sack, bag, pocket, purse
gu-pfukama (mye) - to kneel
umu-pfumu (aba-) - witch doctor
gu-pfumu (tse) - to get a hole (as bucket, etc.)
gu-pfumura (ye) - to make a hole in (as in wall, pot, etc.)
gu-pfūndika (tse) - to tie, make knot
gu-pfūndikanya (nije) - to tie knots
gu-pfundikira (ye) - to put lid on container
igi-pfundikizo (ibi-) - lid, stopper, cork
i-pfundando (ama-) - knot
gu-pfundura (ye) - to untie
igi-pfūnsi (ibi-) - fist, blow with fist
gu-pfunya (nye) - to wrap up
gu-pfurika (tse) - to hide
gu-pfuriza (shije) ubusa - to waste, use up for nothing
im-pigi (im-) - charm made with beads
i-piki (ama-) - motorcycle
gu-pima (mye)(96) - to measure, weigh, examine
im-pinga (im-) - mountain top, peak
umu-piña (imi-)(88) - rubber, ball, tire, sweater
i-piripiri (no pl.)(63) - pepper
im-piya (im-) - money (rarely used)
im-pologo (im-) - gift, bribe, amends, penalty, reparation
im-pong (im-) - small antelope
umu-porisi (aba-) - police agent
im-pugu (im-) - technique, technical knowledge or skill
im-puha (im-) - rumors, false reports
im-puhwe (im-) - pity
im-pumyi (im-)(45) - blind person
im-pundu (im-) - shout of joy, acclamation
guha (or, gutanga) impundu - to congratulate (esp. on birth of baby, return from journey, etc.: e.g. tuguhaye impundu)
im-pungenge (im-) - anxiety, prudence
e.g. kugira impungenge mu magambo - be prudent in what one says
im-punzi (im-)(98) - refugee
gu-pyinagiza (je) - to oppress

ku-raba (bye) - to faint, wilt, dry up (plant)
umu-raba (imi-) - wave
ku-rabagirana (nye) - to shine (in sense of reflect light)
ku-rabukwa (tswe) - to catch glimpse of, suddenly see, set eyes on

uru-rabyo (indabyo)(68) - flower
umu-rabyo (imi-)(114) - lightning
ku-raga (ze) - to leave as inheritance
ku-ragwa (zwe) - to inherit
iki-ragi (ibi-) - dumb person (can't talk), mute
ku-ragira (ye) - to herd animals, to shepherd, to pasture (tr.)
iki-rago (ibi-)(15) - grass mat (for sleeping)
ku-rahira (ye) - to vow, swear
iki-rahuri (ibi-) - glass
ku-rakara (ye)(75) - to be angry
ubu-rakari (no pl.)(80) - anger
ibi-ramambu (no sing.) - on the contrary, however
ku-rambe (mbye) - to live long, last long
ku-rambarara (ye) - to lie down, stretch out
umu-rambararo (imi-) - diameter, length
ku-rambika (tse) - to put down, put on, spread out
umu-rambo (imi-) - corpse
ku-rambura (ye) - to stretch out (tr.) (as arm), to be long, extended
e.g. amagambo arambuye - lengthy message
mu-ramu (ba-) - brother-in-law (of woman), sister-in-law (of man)
ku-ramuka (tse) - to happen (implies not the usual)
e.g. aramutse amutumye - it happened that he sent him
ku-ramukanya (nije) - to exchange greetings
ku-ramukwa (tswe) - to have labor pains, come to time to deliver
ku-ramutsa (kije) - to greet (personally)
ku-ramya (mye) - to worship, adore, honor
ku-rändata (se) - to lead by the hand
aka-rände (no pl.) - tradition, hereditary trait, continuation
ku-randura (ye) - to pull out, uproot
ku-ranga (nze) - to make known, publish, announce
   e.g. imigiriire ye imuranga - his actions show what he is
ubu-ranga (no pl.) - physical beauty
ku-rangamira (ye) - to stare at, seek after
ku-rangara (ye) - to not pay attention, to be distracted
ku-rangära (nye) - to neglect someone, ignore
ubu-rängazi (no pl.) - negligence
iki-rängirire (ibi-) - famous person
ku-rangiza (je)(56) - to finish (tr.)
ku-rangurura (ye) - to call at distance, shout, raise one's voice
ku-rära (ye)(62) - to spend the night
ku-rarama (mye) - to look up, raise one's eyes
ku-raranganyamo amaso - to look about on all sides (searching)
    i-rari (ama-) - lust, strong desire
ku-rärika (tse) - to invite, send to inform, hire
ku-rarikira (ye) - to strongly desire, covet
umu-räririzi (aba-) - night watchman
iki-raro (ibi-)(115) - bridge
ku-raruka (tse) - to leave home, be a vagabond
ku-rasa (she) - to shoot with arrow, or gun, to rise (of sun)
    ama-räshi - perfume
    ama-raso (no sing.)(19) - blood
    ku-rata (se) - to praise
    iki-rato (ibi-)(92) - shoe
umu-rava (no pl.) - faithfulness
   e.g. gukorana umurava - be faithful in work
    umunya-mu-rava - faithful person
iki-rayi (ibi-)(61) - white potato
umu-rayiki (aba-)(from laique) - layman
ku-reba (bye)(50) - to look, see (as go to see), look at
ku-rebareba (bye)(113) - to look everywhere
ubu-rebure (no pl.) - length
ku-rega (ze)(99) - to accuse (of)
ku-rëga (ze) - to stretch tight (tr.)
iki-rego (ibi-) - accusation, charge
    reka - let, come on, very well, wait!
   e.g. reka ukubwire - wait, let me tell you
ku-reka (tse)(58, 68) - to stop (int.), leave off, refrain from, cease, forsake, allow buretse! - stop!, just a minute!

ku-rekeraho (yeho)(68) - to stop (int.)
ku-rekura (ye) - to release
ku-rema (mye)(101) - to create
iki-rema (ibi-) - crippled person, invalid
ku-remba (mbye)(72) - to be very ill, about to die

i-rémbo (ama-) - gate, entrance to kraal
ku-rêmbuza (je) - to signal to come
ku-rembya (beje) - to push one to the end of endurance, cause to suffer greatly
ku-remera (reye)(84) - to be heavy
ku-remerwa (rewe) - to be heavy laden
iki-remu (ibi-) - patch

ku-rêng (nze) - to go past, surpass, set (sun), pass beyond, disappear behind
ijwi rirêng - a loud voice
birënze urugero - beyond measure, beyond reason
ama-rêng (no sing.) - sign language, figurative speech (guca amarêng)

ku-rênganura (ye) - to give justice to one who has been treated unjustly

ku-rênganya (nije)(109) - to treat unjustly, unfairly, persecute

ubu-rênganzira (no pl.) - priority, rights

umu-renge (imi-) - village
(i.e. hill with numerous homes)

iki-renge (ibi-)(13) - foot

ku-rêngera (ye) - to try to save from danger
ku-rengererezahoh (jeho) - to direct remarks toward (covertly)
ku-rêngerwa (we) - to be submerged
ku-rengurana (nye) - to ridicule
ku-rena (ze) - to train, rear child
-re-re (8) - long, tall, high
e.g. muremure, ndende, kirekire

iki-rere (no pl.) - air, sky, area, space
akarere - region, territory

ma-rere - ring finger
réro (119) - then, so
ku-reshya (hereje) - to influence, woo
ku-reshya (sheje) - to be equal (length, height, importance)

ke-retse - except
-ri (12) - is, are

uku-ri (no pl.)(32) - truth by'ukuri, mu by'ukuri - truly, really

i-riba (ama-) - well (n.)
ku-ribata (se) - to trample on
ku-ribwa (riwe)(85) - to be eaten
ku-riduka (tse) - to fall in ruins
ku-riganya (nije) - to cheat, trick, lie
ubu-riganya (no pl.) - trickery, deceit
ku-rigita (se) - to disappear into ground, be unfindable

bu-řje (28) - it's late, getting dark

umu-rima (imi-)(6) - garden, field
ku-rimba (mbye) - to dress beautifully, wear ornaments
ku-rimbuka (tse) - to perish, be destroyed, be lost (eternally)
ku-rimbura (ye) - to destroy
uru-rimi (indimi)(24) - tongue, language
umu-rimo (imi-)(26) - work, task
rimwe (119) - once
rimwe na rimwe (93) - now and then, sometimes
ku-rinda (nze)(93) - ought, should, to wait for, watch, guard, protect
ku-rindira (riye) - to wait for, expect
umu-ringa (imi-) - brass
ku-ringanira (ye) - to be equal, even, flat
ku-ringaniza (je) - to make even, flat, equal, put in order
ubu-ringga - cover, blanket
ku-rira (ze)(50) - to weep, cry
ama-rira (no sing.)(106) - weeping, tears
umu-riri (imi-) - noise (of crowd)
ubu-riri (ama-)(27) - bed
ku-ririmba (mbye)(31) - to sing indirimbo (31) - song, hymn
umu-riro (no pl.)(4) - fire
ku-risha (shije) - to pasture (int.), to eat with (instrument)
umu-rizo (imi-)(45) - tail
iki-ro (ibi-) - kilogram

uru-ro (no pl.)(79) - millet (one grain, one plant)
ubu-ro (no pl.)(79) - millet (collective noun)
ku-roba (bye) - to fish
ku-robanura (ye) - to choose, set aside, ordain
umu-robyi (aba-) - fisherman
ku-roga (ze) - to bewitch
ku-rogoya (ye) - to interrupt
ki-rogoya (bi-) - interrupter, agent with evil intent
ku-roha (shye) - to throw (into water)
ku-rohama (mye) - to drown (int.)
ubu-rohame - shipwreck, loss
ku-rohora (ye) - to pull out of water, fire
ku-rokoka (tse) - to be saved, delivered
ku-rokoranda (ye) - to save (from danger, death)
ku-rombereza (je) - to go on further
ku-rondereza (je) - to be economical, frugal
ku-rondogora (ye) - to chat for a long time
ubu-rondogozi - just words, verbiage
ku-rondora (ye) - to exhaust, describe, relate in detail
iki-rondwe (ibi-)(105) - tick
ku-ronga (nze)(42) - to wash vegetable
umu-rongo (imi-) - line, row, verse
ubu-rongo (no pl.) - mud, clay
ku-rongora (ye) - to marry a bride
ku-rongara (ye) - to lead
ku-rönka (nze) - to receive (only in sense of something special, surprise, or undeserved)
ku-rorera (reye) - to stop (int.)
iki-rorero (ibi-) - town
ku-roreza (je) - to taste
ibi-rori (no sing.) - celebration, fête
ku-rōta (se) - to dream
ubu-rozi (no pl.) - poison, witchcraft
ku-rubira (ye) - to become angry, violent
ku-ruha (shye)(108) - to be tired
i-ruhände (119) - beside, on the side of
ku-ruhuka (tse)(108) - to rest
ku-ruka (tse)(96) - to vomit
ku-rumbuka (tse) - to be abundant (crop), produce much fruit
ku-rumbura (ye) - to open (as flower)
iki-rumirahabiri (ibi-) - snake that bites at both ends (can’t distinguish head and tail)
u-ru-muna (barumuna)(74) - younger brother (of male), younger sister (of female)
ku-runda (nze) - to pile together, heap
ku-rundarunda (nze) - to pile carefully, to finish
bu-ründu - absolutely final
iki-runga (ibi-) - volcano, high mountain
ku-rūnguruka (tse) - to lean over to look at
ubu-ruru - blue
ku-rusha (shije)(108) - to surpass
ku-rushaho (shijeho) - to do more, surpass
e.g. kurushaho gukora - to work harder
ku-rushiriza (je) - to surpass, do more
e.g. arushiriza kurwara - he’s even sicker
ku-rushya (ruhije)(57) - to be difficult, to trouble, annoy
ku-ruta (se)(108) - to surpass (size, age, force) (in past, usually in the -ga tense; hence, -rutaga)
-rūzi (only this form) - to see, notice
umu-rwa (imi-) - city (royal) (rare)
iki-rwa (ibi-) - island
rwagakoco (no pl.)(67) - small trap
ku-rwana (nye)(94) - to fight (int.)
ku-rwanya (nije) - to fight (tr.)
ku-rwāra (ye)(64) - to be sick, ill
indwāra (17) - illness, disease
umu-rwāyi (aba-) - a sick person
ku-rwāza (je) - to care for the sick
rwōse (47) - completely, entirely, very much
ku-rya (riye)(51) - to eat, pain, irritate
 ibyo kurya - food
ku-rya (riye) ruswa - to take bribe
ku-ryāma (nye)(75) - to lie down, go to bed
umu-ryango (imi-)(98) - family, clan
umu-ryângo (imi-)(98) - doorway
ryâri? (41) - when?
ku-ryarya (rye) - to be a hypocrite, act hypocritically
ubu-ryarya (no pl.) - hypocrisy
ku-ryaryata (se) - to itch
i-ryînyo (amēnyo)(18) - tooth
ibi-ryo (no sing.)(51) - food
ubu-ryo (no pl.)(28) - way, method, manner, right side, opportunity
ibu-ryo (119) - at the right
ku-ryōha (shye) - to be delicious, excellent
ku-ryōza (je) - to make pay the penalty

gu-sabiriza (je) - to beg
umu-sabirizi (aba-)(120) - beggar
i-sabune (ama-)(78) - soap
gu-saduka (tse) - to crack
i-safuriya (ama-) - cooking pot, pan
gu-sāga (ze) - to overflow, be more than, be a surplus
gu-sagamba (mbye) - to grow luxuriously
in-sâgu (in-) - balance (in account)
gu-sāguka (tse) - to be over and above, overflowing
i-sāha (or, isāa)(ama-)(62) - clock, watch, hour
i-sahane (ama-)(11) - plate, dish (3rd cl. sing. and 5th cl. pl.)
i-saho (ama-)(11) - sack, bag (3rd cl. sing. and 5th cl. pl.)
gu-sahura (ye) - to pillage, plunder
ama-saka (no sing.) - Kaffir corn (resembles sorghum)
gu-sakabaka (tse) - to shout, cry out
gu-sakara (ye)(65) - to roof, put on roof
i-sāke (ama-) - rooster, cock (3rd cl. sing. and 5th cl. pl.)
uru-saku (no pl.) - clamor, shouts, noise, row
gu-sakuza (je) - to shout, cry aloud, make a lot of noise
umu-samanzuki (imi-) - flycatcher (bird)
gu-sāmba (mbye) - to be at the point of death

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-sa (8)(adj.) - only, alone
gu-sa (66)(adv.) - only

gu-sa (saga)(121) - to be like, resemble physically (in past, usually in the -ga tense; hence, -saga)

ubu-sa (no pl.)(103, 118) - in vain, for nothing, empty, naked haba na busa - not at all

hu-saba (bye)(44) - to ask for, pray, beg
hu-sāba (bye) - to spread, envelop, penetrate (as, perfume, rain)

hu-sâbâna (nye) na - to confide in

ubu-sâbâne - close friendship, fellowship, partnership

i-sabato (ama-) - Sabbath (in Bible)
gu-sambana (nye) - to commit adultery
ubu-sambanyi (no pl.) - adultery
umu-sambi (imi-) - crested crane
umu-sambi (imi-)(97) - small mat, rug
igi-sambo (ibi-)(39) - glutton, thief
i-sambu (ama-) - field, possession, property
gu-sambura (ye) - to take off roof, reveal publicly

gu-sandara (ye) - to scatter (int.)(things)
gu-sandaza (je) - to scatter (tr.)
i-sandugu (ama-, 3rd sing.)(44) - box
i-sanduka (ama-, 3rd sing.)(44) - box
gu-sanga (nze) - to find, encounter, come to (someone), go to find
gu-sanganira (ye) - to go to meet

ru-sange - common, general, frequently used, known by all

gu-sangira (ye) - to eat together, share

umu-sangwa (aba-) - wedding guest (related to father of groom)

i-sano (no pl.) - resemblance, similarity, relationship
e.g. bafitanye isano - they are related

umu-sanzu (no pl.) - voluntary aid, contribution, assessment

ubu-sanzwe - usually, ordinarily

gu-sara (ze) - to lose one's mind, be mad, crazy

umu-saraba (imi-)(94) - cross

umu-sare (aba-) - sailor

i-sari (no pl.) - hunger

ama-saro (no sing.) - tiny beads
gutaka (tse) amasaro - to bead

gu-sarura (ye)(99) - to harvest

gu-sasa (shashe)(78) - to spread grass, make a bed, prepare a room

i-sasa (ama-)(65) - floor tile

igi-sate (ibi-) - piece of something broken

umu-satsi (imi-)(6) - hair (of human head)

gu-satura (ye)(65) - to cut lengthwise

gu-saya (ye) - to get stuck in mud

mu-saza (ba-)(74) - brother of girl

umu-saza (aba-)(3) - old man

i-sazi (i-) - fly

se - word used in asking question

se (ba se)(73) - his, her, their father

ama-se (no sing.) - cow manure

igi-sebe (ibi-)(43) - sore, ulcer, wound

mu-sebwa (sewe)(85) - to be ground (passive of gu-sya)

gu-sebya (beje) - to speak evil of, mock, make fun of

mu-sega (ze) - to beg

umu-sego (imi-) - pillow, cushion

mu-seka (tse)(79) - to laugh (at)

umu-seke (no pl.) - dawn
e.g. umuseke ukebye - when it had dawned
igi-seke (ibi-)(97) - tall pointed basket

gu-sekura (ye) - to grind in mortar, to bump into

sēkuru (bā sēkuru) - his, her, their grandfather

sēkuruza (ba) - his, her, their great grandfather

gu-sembura (ye) - to leaven

umu-semburo (imi-) - yeast, leaven

gu-sēnda (nze) - to publicly send away one's wife

uru-sēnda (in-)(63) - pepper

gu-sēndera (reye) - to be filled to the brim

gu-senga (nze)(25) - to pray, worship

i-senga (ama-) - cave, den

umu-sengeneza (aba-) - niece, nephew (child of female's brother, or male's sister)

uru-sengero (in-)(or, i-sengero)(38) - church building, temple

i-sengesho (ama-)(or, i-shengesho) - prayer

gu-sēnya (shēnye)(65) - to gather firewood, to tear down, to demolish, ruin

gu-sēnyagurana (nye) - to fall into ruin

umu-sēnyi (imi-)(65) - sand

gu-serebeka (tse) - to slide

gu-sesa (sheshe) akanguhe - to be mature, experienced

igi-sēseka, rubanda rwa - the ordinary people

gu-sesekara (ye) - to overflow, spill, to

arrive

i-seseme (no pl.) - nausea

gu-sesengura (ye) - to examine carefully

gu-sezera (ye) - to take leave of, depart, bid goodbye

gu-sezerana (nye) - to promise, bid each other goodbye

i-sezerano (ama-) - promise, testament

umu-sezi (aba-) - beggar

gu-shagara (ye) - to accompany, escort

umu-shahara (imi-) - salary, pay, wage

gu-shāka (tse)(19) - to want, seek, look for, desire

i-shaka (amasaka) - Kaffir corn

gu-shākana (nye) - to marry

gu-shākashaka (tse)(113) - to search for diligently

ubu-shāke - will

i-shami (ama-)(69) - branch

igi-shanga (ibi-) - marsh, swamp

gu-shanyuka (tse) - to tear (int.)

gu-shanyura (ye) - to tear (tr.)

i-shāti (ama-) - shirt

i-shavu (no pl.)(109) - sadness, irritation, anger (light)

kugira ishavu (109) - to be sad

gu-shavuza (je) - to make sad

i-shaza (ama-)(27) - pea

shebuja (ba) - his, her, their master,
she-shu

employer (male)
i-shema (no pl.) - honor, majesty
i-shengero (ama-) (55) - crowd of followers
gu-shengura (ye) - overwhelm, weigh down, makesad
ama-shereka (no sing.) - breast milk
umu-shi (aba-) - foreigner (tribe in Zaïre)
gu-shidīkanya (nije) (82) - to doubt
mu-shiki (ba) (74) - sister (of male)
gu-shima (mye) (17) - to praise, thank, be content with
gu-shima (mye) - to scratch
kwī-shima (mye) - to scratch oneself
gu-shimangira (ye) - to nail down, establish, reinforce, emphasize
iby-ī-shimo (no sing.) - joy, gladness
i-shimwe (no pl.) - joy, gladness, praise
gu-shingga (nze) - to drive stake, decide, vote, establish
imi-shinga (sing. rare) - projects, plans
gutegura imishinga - to make plans, prepare projects
in-shinga (in-) - sentence (gram.)
in-shīngano (in-) - responsibility
uru-shinge (in-) - needle, injection
gu-shinguka (tse) - to come out (as stake driven in ground)
gu-shingura (ye) - to pull out stake, reverse a vote
gu-shīnja (nje) - to blame
gu-shinagura (ye) - to mock, ridicule
aga-shinyaguro (no pl.) - mockery, torment
gu-shira (ze) (72) - to end, wear out
umu-shishe (aba-) - fat, well nourished child
ubu-shihi - small food ants
gu-shishikara (ye) - to persevere, make an effort
gu-shishikaza (je) - to encourage, exhort
gu-shishimura (ye) - to tear, rip (tr.)
umu-shitsu (imi-) (or, umushyitsi) - trembling
guhinda umushitsi - to tremble
igi-shitsu (ibi-) - base of tree
gu-shobera (ye) - to be at the end (of oneself)
gu-shoberwa (we) - to be in despair, at wit's end, dumbfounded, perplexed
in-shoberamahanga (in-) - idiom (lit. what's too difficult for foreigners)
gu-shoboka (tse) - to be possible
gu-shobora (ye) (42) - to be able, can
ubu-shobozi (no pl.) (48) - power, ability
umu-shoferi (aba-) - driver
i-shoka (ama-) (65) - axe
gu-shōnga (nze) - to melt (as, sugar)
gu-shorera (ye) - to lead (esp. animals)
gu-shudika (tse) - to be friends with
igi-shuhe (ibi-) - duck
i-shuheri (3rd. cl., no pl.) - storm of wind
i-shūka (ama-) - sheet

gu-shuka (tse)(50) - to deceive, tempt

gu-shakashuka (tse)(113) - to tempt, entice, fool, deceive lightly

ibi-shuko (no sing.) - temptations

umu-shumba (aba-)(41) - herder, shepherd

umu-shumi (imi-) - belt, tie

in-shunda (in-) - fringe

uru-shūndura (in-) - fishing net

gu-shungera (ye) - to surround, encircle

in-shungu (in-) - ransom

gu-shungura (ye) - to sift, winnow

igi-shura (ibi-) - long garment worn over shoulders and down to ground (no longer used)

i-shūri (or, ishūli) (ama-)(18) - school

ishūri ribanza - primary school

ishūri ryisumbuye - secondary school

ishūri rikuru - university

ishūri ry'ingoboka - para-primary, vocational

in-shuro (in-) - times, measure

gu-shushanya (nije) - to draw

igi-shushanyo (ibi-) - picture, image

i-shušho (ama-) - picture, shape, likeness

in-shuti (in-)(43) - friend

uru-shwīma (no pl.) - dropsy, water retention

-shya (adj.)(8) - new

gu-shya (hiye)(92) - to be cooked, ripe, to burn (int.), be burned

i-shya (ama-) - herd of cattle

i-shya n'ihīrwe - prosperity

i-shyaka (no pl.) - zeal, competition, enthusiasm for work

i-shyaka (ama-) - political party, organization (e.g. U.N.), section

i-shyamba (ama-)(69) - forest, jungle, bush

i-shyānga (amahānga) - nation

i-shyano (amahano) - accident, bad luck, extraordinary beauty

ni ishyano - that's terrible, too bad

ama-shyanyari (no sing.) - electricity

i-shyari (amahari)(83) - jealousy

-fite ishyari - to be jealous (momentarily)

kugira ishyari - to be jealous (as in characteristic, or in past)

ubu-shye (no pl.)(28) - burn

gu-shyenga (nze) - to joke, clown

ama-shyengo (no sing.) - jokes

uru-shyi (amashyi)(24) - palm of hand

inshyi - slaps

amashyi - hands outstretched

gu-shyigikira (ye) - to support, prop, put props under, second a motion

gu-shyika (tse) - to arrive at, attain

gu-shyikirana (nye) na - to confide in, have a good relationship with

umu-shyikirano (imi-) - relationship, fellowship

in-shyīmbo (in-) - club
igi-shyīmbo (ibi-)(33) - bean

gu-shyīngira (ye) - to give in marriage

gu-shyīngura (ye) - to put away

gu-shyīra (ze)(23) - to put

gu-shyīra (riye) - to take to someone, hand to

ama-shyīra (no sing.) - pus

umu-shyītsi (aba-)(62) - guest, visitor

ubu-shyo (ama-) - herd (esp. of cows)

gu-shyūha (shyushye)(92) - to be hot, get hot

ubu-shyūhe (no pl.) - heat

gu-shyunguta (se) - to whistle

uru-shyungute (in-) - whistle

gu-shyūshya (hije)(92) - to heat (tr.)

si (2) - is not, are not

si byo (108) - Isn’t it?, Isn’t that so?

i-si (i-)(95) - world, earth

gu-sība (bye)(62) - to erase, close up path

gu-sība (bye)(62) - to be absent, omit, abstain

igi-sida (ibi-)(or, agisida) - accident

gu-sīga (ze)(116) - to leave, forsake

gu-sīga (ze)(116) - to rub, smear, anoint, paint

igi-sīga (ibi-) - bird of prey

gu-sīganuza (je) - to ask explanation

gu-sīgara (ye)(104) - to be left, remain

igi-sīgo (ibi-) - harmful ancestral spirit

uru-sīka (in-) - wall

igi-sīmba (ibi-)(14) - wild animal (esp. small that bites), insect

gu-simbuka (tse)(123) - to jump

gu-simbura (ye) - to replace (int.), follow someone in a position

i-sinagogi (ama-)(foreign) - synagogue

sinapi (foreign) - mustard seed

gu-sīnda (nze) - to be drunk

gu-sīngiza (je) - to honor, praise

gu-sīnzīra (riye)(41) - to sleep

umu-sirikare (aba-) - soldier

ubu-sitāni (no pl.) - garden

gu-sītara (ye) - to stumble

i-sitimu (ama-) - flashlight, torch

umu-sizi (aba-) - poet

so (ba so)(73) - your father

ubu-so (no pl.) - surface (e.g. of square, etc.)

gu-sobanukirwa (we) - to understand

gu-sobanura (ye)(120) - to explain, interpret, sort out, separate

gu-sobanuza (je) - to ask to explain

gu-sodoka (tse) - to loiter, dawdle

sogokuru (ba) - grandfather

sogokuruza (ba) - great grandfather, ancestor

gu-sogongera (ye) - to taste (a little bit)

gu-sohoka (tse)(95) - to go out

gu-sohora (ye) - to put out, cause to go out,
reach certain time, be fulfilled, take seeds out to plant

gu-sohoza (je) - to complete, accomplish, fulfill

umu-sohozabitambo (aba-) - priest

i-soko (ama-)(107) - market place

i-sōko (ama-)(107) - spring, fountain

gu-sokoza (je) - to comb hair

uru-sokozo (in-) - comb

gu-soma (mye)(22) - to read, kiss, sip

gu-somagura (ye) - to kiss repeatedly

umu-somari (imi-) - nail, pin

umu-someno (imi-) - saw

i-somo (ama-) - lesson

gu-songera (ye) - to second a motion, reinforce

i-soni (no pl.)(93) - shame, bashfulness gukorwa n'isoni - to be ashamed

gu-sonza (shonje)(64) - to be hungry

umu-sore (aba-)(52) - young man (not married)

ubu-sore (no pl.)(28) - youth (age, not person)

umu-soresha (aba-) - tax collector

umu-soro (imi-) - tax

gu-soroma (mye)(89) - to pick, gather (garden produce)

gu-sosoroka (tse) - to slip out, stick out (as from pocket)

umu-sozi (imi-)(4) - hill, mountain i musodzi - on dry land, shore

umu-sōzo (imi-) - conclusion

gu-subira (ye)(29, 44) - to return, go back, do again, repeat

gu-subiza (je)(124) - to answer, reply, return something where it was

igi-subizo (ibi-) - answer, reply

gu-suhuza (je) - to visit, greet (at one’s home, or at beginning of letter)

gu-suhuza (je) umutima - to sigh

i-suka (ama-, 3rd sing.)(11) - hoe

gu-suka (tse)(63) - to pour into

i-sukari (no pl.)(63) - sugar

i-suku (no pl.) - cleanliness

gu-sukura (ye) - to clean

umu-sumari (imi-)(65) - nail, pin

gu-sumba (mbye)(108) - to surpass (in height)

mu-sumbazose (mi-) - middle finger

umu-sumeno (imi-) - saw

gu-sumira (ye) - to seize, grab, trap

gu-sunika (tse) - to push

gu-sura (ye)(56) - to visit, go to visit

i-suri (no pl.) - erosion

umu-susu (no pl.) - apprehension, fear

aga-susuruku - hot part of day

gu-suzugura (ye) - to despise, scorn, disobey
suz-tan

gu-suzuma (mye)(96) - to examine, scrutinize

umu-swa (aba-) - a fool, stupid person, incapable, dumb

umu-swa (no pl.)(113) - white ants

ru-swa (no pl.) - bribe

gu-sya (seye)(63) - to grind

uru-syo (in-)(85) - stone for grinding

gu-tänka (tse) - to shout, cry out

gu-taka (tse) - to ornament, embroider

umu-taka (imi-) - umbrella

ubu-taka (69) - soil

igi-taka (ibi-)(69) - soil

in-tama (in-)(12) - sheep

in-tambara (in-)(97) - battle, strife

igi-tambaro (ibi-)(15) - cloth

gu-tänmbika (tse) to place crosswise, be crosswise, be flat, horizontal

umuseke utänmbitse - at dawn

ubu-tänmbike (no pl.) - length, horizontal position

igi-tänmbo (ibi-) - sacrifice

gu-tänmbuka (tse) - to step, advance

gu-tänmbutsa (kiye) - to surpass in

in-tänmbwe (in-) - step

umu-tambyi (aba-) - priest

gu-tänna (nye) - to divorce (followed by na with object)

in-tännya (in-) - cord of the tongue

igi-tännda (ibi-) - bed, rack

-tänndatu (37) - six

gu-tänndukanana (nye) - to separate (int.), be distinct, different, part with

igu-tänndukanya (nije) - to separate (tr.), distinguish between

igu-tännga (nje)(78) - to offer, pay, give (no recipient indicated)

igu-tännga (nje) - to do, arrive before another
in-tangamugabo (in-) - proof, evidence

gu-tangara (ye)(101) - to marvel, wonder at, be astonished

gu-tangatanga (nze) - to encircle, surround

gu-tangaza (je) - to surprise, astonish, cause to wonder, to announce

igi-tangaza (ibi-)(41) - miracle, amazing thing

i-tangazo (ama-) - announcement

gu-tangira (ye)(31) - to begin, start

gu-tangira (ye) - to hold, cut off one's path

imi-tangire (no sing.) - giving (act of giving offering)

i-tangiriro (ama-) - beginning

in-tangiriro (in-) - beginning

umu-tangizi (aba-) - beginner

in-tango (in-)(97) - large water pot

-tanu (37) - five

gu-tanyaguza (je) - to tear up

i-tara (ama-)(67) - lamp, lantern

uru-tara (in-) - bed like they used to have (poles and rope)

in-tara (in-) - region, area

aka-taraboneka (no pl.) - excellence, superbness

-taraga (adj.) - safe and sound, in good health

ama-taratara (no sing.) - glasses(spectacles)

in-tare (in-) - lion

igi-tare (ibi-) - white, whitish

uru-tare (in-) - rocky place, large rock

ubu-tariganya (no pl.) - sincerity

i-tariki (ama-)(62) - date (of month)

ibi-taro (no sing.)(91) - hospital, dispensary

gu-tashya (tahirije)(120) - to greet, send greetings

gu-tashya (hije) - to gather firewood

gu-tata (se) - to spy

gu-tata (se)(80) - to make trouble, fight with verbally

igu-tatana (nye) - to be dispersed, scattered (people, animals)

-tatu (37) - three

ubu-tayu (no pl.) - wilderness, place with no trees or houses

in-taza (in-)(or, ama-taza) - rocks in water

-te? (108) - how? (manner)

ubu-te (no pl.) - laziness

kugira ubute - to be lazy

in-tebe (in-)(7) - chair, stool, bench

igi-tebo (ibi-)(97) - basket (deep, no lid)

gu-tega (ze) - to set trap, to wait for (also, kwitega)

gutega amashyi (24) - to hold out hands
gutega amatwi (121) - to listen well

gu-teganya (nije) - to prepare (in sense of plan) for

aga-teganyo (no pl.) - temporary, interim person e.g. umukozi w’agateganyo - a temporary workman
umu-tegarugori (aba-) - mother (wearing “crown”) (The “crown” is a raphia band worn around the head indicating that the mother has given birth.)
in-tege (in-)(120) - strength, force intege nke (120) - weakness
gu-tegeka (tse)(57) - to command, order, rule
imi-tegekeere (no sing.) - administration, body of rules
i-tegeko (ama-) - law, command, rule
gu-tegereza (je)(66) - to wait (for)
umu-tegetsi (aba-) - director
umu-tego (imi-)(68) - trap, snare
in-tego (in-) - purpose, objective
gu-tegura (ye)(71) - to prepare
i-tegura (ama-)(65) - roof tile
in-tegūza (in-) - one who prepares the way
imi-tēja (sing. rare)(63) - green beans
gu-tēka (tse)(22) - to cook (tr.)(in water)
i-tēka (no pl.)(25) - always iteka ryose - forever, eternally
gu-tēkerereza (je) - to recount to
gu-tēkerereza (je)(71) - to think about
igi-tēkerezo (ibi-) - thought, story, narrative, idea, example, philosophy
in-tēko (in-) - group
gu-tema (mye)(69) - to cut (tree, grass)
gu-tēmba (mbye) - to flow (water)
gu-tēmbēra (reye)(95) - to go for a walk,
move about, circulate, visit
i-tembura (ama-) - stamp
i-teme (ama-)(115) - small bridge
umu-temeri (imi-) - lid, cover
gu-tēra (ye)(107) - to plant, throw, cause to do
gutēra amahāne - to make trouble
gutēra (ijwi) hejuru (116) - to shout
gutērera - (ye) - to throw out
gu-tērana (nye) - to gather (int.), come together
i-tēraniero (ama-)(55) - meeting, get-together
gu-tēranya (nije) - to gather (tr.), add
in-tēre (in-) - unconscious, half-dead
gu-tereka (tse) - to place an object
igi-tereko (ibi-) - lampstand
gu-tererana (nye) - to abandon
imi-tērerere (no sing.) - nature (of something, someone), what it’s like, attitudes
tereriyo (no prefix) - disobedient child
gu-terura (ye) - to carry, lift up
in-teruro (in-) - sentence (gram.), phrase
umu-tesi (aba-) - spoiled child
gu-teta (tse) - to joke, not take seriously, make light of, not experience difficulty
gu-tera (sheje) - to spoil (a child)
umu-tētsi (aba-) - cook
gu-tezuka (tse) - to relinquish, leave bit by bit, give up gradually
-ti (nti, uti, ati, etc.) (114) - says, saying (actually, like quotation marks)

umu-ti (imi-)(17) - medicine, any mixed preparation

igi-ti (ibi-)(13) - tree, stick

umu-tiba (imi-) - beehive (empty)

gu-tiga (ze) - to be dull (pencil, knife, etc.)

gu-tigisa (shije) - to shake (tr.)

umu-tima (imi-)(4) - heart

umu-timanāmā (imi-) - conscience

aga-timba (udu) - mosquito netting

gu-tinda (nze)(71) - to be late, slow, tardy, delay
  bidatinze - soon
  bitinze - later, late, with delay

gu-tindaganya (nye) - to hesitate, be slow

ubu-tindi (no pl.) - misery, destitution, poverty

uru-tindo (in-)(115) - bridge of poles

gu-tingga (nze) - to commit homosexual acts

umu-tini (imi-) - fig tree

gu-tinya (nye)(71) - to fear

gu-tinyauka (tse)(117) - to dare, be fearless

gu-tira (ze) - to borrow (that which will itself be returned)

gu-tirimuka (tse) - to leave (secretly)

ubu-titsa - without ceasing, continually

gu-tiza (je) - to lend (that which will be returned)

-to (-tōya)(8) - small, little, thin, young
  na gato - not at all
  haba na gato - not at all

gu-toba (bye) - to disturb, trouble

umu-tobe (imi-) - unfermented banana juice

gu-tobora (ye) - to pierce, make a hole in

in-toboro (in-)(84) - hole (not in ground)

gu-toha (shye) - to be green, fresh (as, grass)

igi-toke (or, -ki(ibi-))(15) - bunch of bananas, banana tree

uru-toke (or, -ki(in-)) - banana plantation

uru-toki (in-)(23) - finger
  gukora mu ntoki - to shake hands

gu-tona (nye) ku - to be a favorite with

igi-tōndo (ibi-)(31) - morning

in-tonga (in-)(97) - large basket

gu-tōngana (nye) - to quarrel

gu-tōnganya (nije)(106) - to scold, rebuke

umu-toni (aba-) - favorite (person)

ubu-toni (no pl.) - favoritism

gu-tonora (ye)(63) - to shell, husk, peel (with fingers)

gu-tōnyanga (nze) - to drip, fine rain

gu-tōra (ye)(84) - to pick up, choose, elect, find lost object

i-tōra (ama-) - election

gu-tōragura (ye) - to pick up here and there, choose out from among several
gu-töranya (niye)(84) - to pick out, choose (from group)

in-töre (in-) - a chosen thing, dancer (male)
i-törero (ama-)(38) - church (people)
in-törezo (in-) - axe

gu-tôteza (je) - to persecute

-toto (8)(adj.) - green, unripe

igi-totsi (ibi-) - something in eye

ibi-totsi - sleepiness

in-tozi (in-)(105) - pincher ants

gu-tsamba (mbye) - to destroy, exterminate
gu-tsiika (tse) - to stop, tie up boat

ama-tsiko (no sing.) - curiosity

aga-tsiko (udu-) - group (of people)

umu-tsima (imi-)(4) - bread (not like European)

igi-tsina (ibi-) - sex (male or female)

igitsina-gabo - male

igitsina-gore - female

gu-tsînda (nze)(46) - to defeat, conquer, win, overcome, triumph over, be successful

gu-tsîrita (se) - to rub hard (as to polish)

aga-tsîtsînî (udu-) - heel

gu-tsuka (tse) - to slide down hill on piece of banana trunk

gu-tsura (ye) - to move (tr.) a bit to one side, or down, to push for, strive for, cause to advance

gu-tubura (ye) - to increase, multiply (tr.)

uru-tugu (in-) - shoulder

gu-tuka (tse) - to slander, insult, revile

gu-tukura (ye) - to be red

gu-tuma (mye)(39) - to send (person with message); to cause, be the reason for

igi-tuma (ibi-) - reason

ni iki gituma? - why?

ni icyo gituma - that’s why

bituma - that’s why, which causes

umu-tůmba (imi-) - trunk of banana tree

i-tůmba - rainy season (Feb.-May)

in-tůmbi (in-) corpse of animal, corpse of criminal

gu-tumbika (tse) - to soak in water

gu-tumbira (riye) - to look at intently

gu-tumburuka (tse) - to appear suddenly

gu-tumira (ye) - to invite

gi-tumo - kugwa gitumo - to strike (or happen) suddenly (unexpectedly)

ubu-tumwa (no pl.)(28) - message

Ubutumwa Bwiza - Gospel

gu-túnga (nze)(112) - to possess, be rich

gu-túngana (nje) - to be perfect

gu-túnganya (niye) - to perfect, clean up

un-tungge (46) - excuse me (when interrupting)

umu-tungo (imi-) - possession (whether large or small)

gu-túnguka (tse) - to appear suddenly

gu-túngura (ye) - to come, happen
unexpectedly

ubu-tünguru (or, igi-, or, uru-) - onion

umbo-tünzi (aba-)(21) - rich person (esp. in cattle)

umbo-tünzi (no pl.)(105) - wealth, possessions, riches (esp. in cattle)

gu-tūra (ye) - to live, dwell, inhabit

gu-tūra (ye) - to put down load, offer gift, throw down

gutūra abana Imana - to dedicate children

igi-tūrag (ibi-)(92) - village, group of huts, neighborhood

umbo-tūrag (aba- - neighbor

gu-turma (mye) - to lie in wait to steal or harm

umbo-tūranyi (aba-) - neighbor

gu-turika (tse) - to burst (int.)

imi-turire (no sing.) - community

ibi-tūrire - bribe

gu-tūrisha (shije) - to silence, make quiet

gu-turitsa (kiye) - to burst (tr.)

i-tūro (ama-) - offering, gift to a superior

in-tūro (in-) - dwelling place

ubu-tūro (no pl.) - dwelling place

igi-tūro (ibi-) - tomb, ditch containing dead body

igu-turuka (tse) - to come from

Umu-tutsi (Aba-) - member of ethnic group of Banyarwanda

igi-tutsi (ibi-) - slander, insult

gu-tūza (je) - to be silent, quiet, peaceful

i-tūza (no pl.) - silence

igi-tuza (ibi-) - chest (of body)

Umu-twa (Aba-) - pygmy

gu-twama (mye) - to silence

gu-twāra (ye)(68) - to carry (a load), take away, rule

ama-twāra (no sing.) - attitude, conduct, importance

umbo-twāre (aba-) - chief, heir

umbo-twāre (no pl.) - chieftainship, authority, inheritance

umbo-twāro (imi-)(112) - burden, load

in-twāro (in-) - weapon(s)

umbo-twe (imi-)(4) - head

twēbwe (48) - we, us

ugu-twí (ama-)(32) - ear

igu-twîka (tse)(122) - to set fire to, burn (tr.)

gu-twîta (te) - to be pregnant

gu-tya (82) - like this

gu-tyo (82) - like that

gu-tyāra (ye) - to be sharp

k-ūbaha (shye)(59) - to reverence, respect, honor

icy-ūbahiro (no pl.)(85) - esteem, respect, honor
uba-unity

k-ūbahuka (tse) - to not respect, disrespect, dare

k-ūbaka (tse)(36) - to build

iny-ūbakire (no sing.) - manner of building

iny-ūbako (iny-) - building

k-ūbama (mye) - to bend over, stoop down

ubanza - perhaps, it's possible that...;
I think that...

umw-ūbatsi (ab-)(84) - builder

k-ūbika (tse) - to turn upside down

k-ū bikira (ye) - to lie in ambush

ubu (21) - now; (86) - this (8th cl.)
ubu nyine (119) - right now

ubündi (119) - at another time, some other way, sometimes

ubungūbu (21) - right away, this instant

k-ūbura (ye) - to raise (head, eyes)

ubusa (103) - in vain

ubwo - seeing that, now that, when, then

k-ūgama (mye) - to take shelter from rain

ubw-ūgamo - shelter

ur-ugi (inzugi)(23) - door

k-ūhagira (ye) - to bathe (tr.)

umw-ūka (imy-) - breath, spirit, steam
Umwuka Wera - Holy Spirit
Mwuka Muziranenge - Holy Spirit

uko - how

k-ūma (mye)(107) - to dry (int.)

in Uma (in-) - dove, pigeon

icy-ūma (iby-)(14) - iron, metal, tool, knife, anything made of metal

icy-ūma (iby-)(68) - room (in house)

umw-ūmbati (imy-) - manioc, cassava

ak-ūmiro (no pl.) - astonishing thing

k-ūmirwa (we) - to be astonished, astounded

k-ūmvwa (vise)(39) - to hear, understand, feel, taste, smell

icy-ūmwěru (iby-)(62) - week
ku cyūmwěru - Sunday
mu cyūmwěru gishize - last week
mu cyūmwěru gitaha - next week

k-ūnana (mye) - to stoop down, bow

iny-ūndo (iny-)(65) - hammer

k-ūng (nže) - to join (tr.), to reconcile

k-ūnanga umbumwe - to be united

k-ūngamo - to add (words)

umw-ūngeri (ab-)(41) - shepherd, pastor (sometimes)

umw-ūngu (imy-) - squash, pumpkin

iny-ūngu (imy-)(107) - profit, gain, increase

k-ūnguka (tse) - to gain, profit, increase

k-ūngura (ye) - to cause to gain

um-ūnyu (imy-*)(4) - salt

*The reason for a plural of umunyu is that long ago there used to be a marsh salt made from burning certain leaves found in the
marsh (before refined salt came into the country). There was also a coarse rock salt. So the plural could be used in referring to these various kinds of salt. See imyunyu in Zefaniya 2:9

uretse - excluding, except for
urw-uri (no pl.) - pasture
k-úriba (ye) - to climb (as tree)
k-ururuka (tse) - to climb down (tree)
Úwítěka - the Eternal One
icy-úya (iby-) - perspiration, sweat
kubira ibyúya - to perspire heavily
icy-úzi (iby-) - pool
ur-úzi (inzúzi)(23) - river, stream
ubw-úzu (no pl.) - great joy, fulness, zeal
umw-úzukuru (ab-) - grandchild
k-úzura (ye)(121) - to be full
k-úzuza (újuje)(121) - to fill (tr.)

V
ku-va (vuye)(5, 55) - to come from, out of, to leak, bleed; shine, rise (sun)

kutě-va ku izima - to be firm, stubborn, obstinate, adamant

im-va (im-) - grave, tomb
umu-vámahānga (aba-) - foreigner
ku-vana (nye) - to take from (a certain place)

umu-vándimwe (aba-) - brother, sister, relative from same grandfather, of same generation; literally, one out of same

womb
ku-vānga (nze)(63) - to stir, mix
i-vi (ama-)(77) - knee
vino (no pl. - foreign) - wine, ink
ku-voma (mye)(79) - to bring water
i-vu (no pl.) - ashes
vuba (25) - soon, recently, quickly
vubaha - soon, recently
im-vubu (im-) - hippopotamus
ku-vuga (ze)(3) - to say, speak, mean, sound (as drum)

ku-vugama (mye) - to row (boat)
ku-vugana (nye) - to speak with someone
umu-vugizi (aba-) - (legal) representative
ku-vugurura (ye) - to renew, revive, repair
ku-vuguruza (je) - to contradict
iki-vuguto (ibi-) - clabbered milk
ku-vūka (tse) - to be born
ka-vūkire (no pl.) - native, aboriginal, one born in country
ku-vuma (mye) - to curse
ku-vūmba (mbye) - to go about in search of a drink

im-vumba (im-) - sack (the old kind they carried on shoulder)

umu-vumu (imi-) - sycamore tree
ku-vuna (nnye)(122) - to break (tr.) (something slender), assist
ku-vunagura (ye) - to break (tr.) to bits
ku-vundereza (je) amacândwe - to spit on
iki-vûnge (ibi-) cy’abantu - crowd
ubu-vungukira - left-over bits, crumbs
ku-vunika (tse)(122) - to break (int.), as bone
i-vunjëa (ama-)(18) - jigger
ku-vunjëa (nge) - to change money
ubu-vunnyi (no pl.) - new site, assistance, aid
umu-vunyyi (aba-) - defender, one who helps
im-vura (no pl.)(11) - rain
ku-vura (ye)(52) - to treat, doctor, heal
i-vuriro (ama-)(91) - hospital, dispensary
ku-vuruga (ze) - to beat, whip (as milk, eggs, etc.)
im-vururu (im-) - riot, disorder, troubles
ama-vuta (no sing.)(19) - butter, oil, fat
ku-vutsa (kije) - to cause to lose, hinder from getting
i-vutu (no pl.) - intemperance
ku-vuza (gije) - to knock down with
ku-vuza (je or jije) - to take someone for treatment
ku-vuza (gije) - to play (an instrument), make resound
umu-vuзи (aba-) - doctor, one who treats illness
aka-wa (or, ikawa)(no pl.)(61) - coffee
we (48) - he, she, him, her, his, hers
wa-we (3) - your (sing.)(wawe, bawe, yawe, etc.)
wênda (44) - perhaps
wenyine (120) - you alone, he alone, it alone
wowë (48) - you (sing.)
ku-yabangira (ye) ingata - to run fast (esp. to escape being beaten)
ku-yaga (ze) - to melt (as, butter)(int.)
ku-yaza (gije) - to cause to melt
ku-yaga (ze) - to visit a bereaved person (traditionally with gift of beer)
umu-yaga (imi-)(21) - wind
iki-yaga (ibi-)(99) - lake, ocean
in-yângamugayo (in-) - blameless person
yego, yee (3) - yes
yënda (119) - perhaps
in-yenyëri (in-) - star
in-yenzi (in-)(105) - cockroach
Yezu (or, Yesu) - Jesus
uru-yige (inzige)(24) - locust
iki-yîko (ibi-)(63) - spoon
aka-yîko (utu-)(63) - teaspoon
ku-yoba (bye) - to lose the way, err
ku-yobera (ye) - to perplex, dumbfound
ku-yoberwa (we)(114) - to be mistaken, not know
ku-yobora (ye) - to lead
ku-yoboza (je) - to ask the way
umu-yobozi (aba-) - leader, chairman
in-yōta (in-)(45) - thirst
in-yuguti (in-) - letter (alphabet)
uru-yuki (inzuki)(24) - bee
yuko (45) - that, if, whether
in-yuma (118) - outside, behind
in-yungu - see: inyungu
aka-yunguruzo (utu-) - sieve, strainer

-zi (45)(no infinitive) - know
umu-zi (imi-)(76) - root
ama-zi (no sing.)(19) - water
urū-zi (see: urūzi)
aka-zi (no pl.)(26) - work, task, job (i.e. employment)
iki-zibaho (ibi-) - dress
ku-zibuka (tse) - to become open, unstopped
ku-zibura (ye) - to open, unstop
uru-ziga (in-) - circle
ku-zigama (mye) - to save (as, money), keep
uru-zige (in-)(24) - locust
in-zīka (in-)(109) - grudge, crossness
kugira inzika - to be cross
umu-ziki (imi-) - music
i-zīko (ama-)(18) - fireplace, stove (the 3 stones on which a cooking pot rests)
-zima (adj.)(8) - alive, whole, healthy
i-zima, kudakūrwa ku - to be firm, stubborn
i-zima, kutāva ku - to be firm, stubborn
ubu-zima (no pl.) - wholeness, life
ku-zima (mye) - to go out, be extinguished (fire)
ku-zimana (nye) - to serve meal to guests, give a feast
ubu-zima-gatozi (no pl.) - "personnalité civile", incorporation
ku-zimira (ye)(102) - to be lost (lose the way)
umu-zimu (aba-) - ancestral spirit, ghost  
in-zimuzi (in-) - gossip  
am-a-zimwe (no sing.) - gossip  
k'u-zimya (mye) - to put out (fire)  
i-zina (ama-)(41) - name  
am-a-zinda (no sing.) - forgetfulness  
k'u-zinduka (tse) - to get up early  
k'u-zinga (nze) - to fold, roll up, crumple  
k'u-zinukwa (tswe) - to stop loving, abandon  
k'u-zira (ze) - to be forbidden, taboo, to exclude, oppose  

in-zira (in-)(7) - path, way  
inzira y'ubusamu - a short cut  
in-zira y'uruboko - a round-about-way  

-ziranenge - holy, pure, spotless  
Mwüka Muziranenge - Holy Spirit  

ku-zirika (tse) - to tie an animal (to stake, etc.)  
ku-zirikana (nye) - to consider, think on, ponder, meditate, be concerned about  
ku-ziririza (jiririje) - to observe  
k'u-zitira (ye) - to plant (make) a hedge  
uru-zitiro (in-) - hedge, fence  
k'u-zitura (ye) - to untie animal (from stake, etc.)  
k'u-ziza (je) - to reproach, blame  
in-zoga (in-)(85) - beer, alcoholic drink  
in-zoka - (see: inz-oka)  
in-zovu (in-) - ten thousand, elephant
abandon, to - guhâna, gutererana, kuzinukwa
abcess - ikibyimbâ
ability - ubushobozi
able, to be - gushobora, kubasha
aboriginal - kavukire
about (concerning) - ibya, iblyerekeye
(approximately) - hafi, nka
about to, to be - kwenda
above - hejuru, hejuru ya
absent, to be - gusiba
absolutely - rwose, pe
abstain, to - gusiba
abundant, to be (crop) - kurumbuka
accept, to - kwakira, kwemera, kwenda
accident - igisida, akisida, ishyano, impanuka
acclamation, cry of - impundu
accompany, to - kugendana, kujiyana na,
gushagara, guherekeza
accomplish, to - gusohoza
according to - kubwa
account (finance) - ibitabo by’amarafaranga
accusation - ikirego
accuse, to - kurega
accustomed, to be - kumenyera
across (a body of water, valley) - hakurya
act, to - gukora
action - umurimo, igikorwa
actions (habitual) - imigenzereze. imigirire
adamant, to be - kutava ku izima
add, to - guterana (int.), guteranya (tr.),
kongera
add words, to - kungamo
administration - imitegekere
admit, to - kwemera
adore, to - kuramya
adulterer - umusambanyi
adultery - ubusambanyi
adultery, to commit - gusambana
advance, to - kujya imbere, gutambuka
advice - inama
advise, to - kugira inama, guhanura
advisor - umujyanama
affair - urubanza
e.g. dealing with a case of misconduct
affirm strongly, to - kwirenga
afire, to set - gukongeza
afraid, to be - gutinya, kugira ubwoba
after - inyuma, hanyuma
afternoon - ni munsi
afterwards - hanyuma, bukeye
again, to do - gusubira, kongera
again - ukundi
again and again - hato na hato
against, to talk - guhinyura
age - imyaka y'amavuka
old age - ubukuru, zabukuru
middle (30-50) - ubukwerere, imikwerere
all ages - ikigero cyose

ago, long - kera

agree, to - kwemera

agreement, to be in - gukiranuka

aid, to - gufasha, kugoboka, gutabarara, kuvuna

aid, voluntary - umusanzu, ubuvunnyi
one who aids - umuvunnyi

aim at, to - gufora

aim, to have for - -gamije (no inf.)

air - umwuka, ikirere

airplane - indege

alarm, cry of - induru

alert, to be - kuba maso

alive - -zima (muzima, kizima, etc.)
alive, to be - kubaho

all - -ose (bose, byose, etc.)

allow, to - gukundira, kureka

almost - hafi

alone - -nyine (wenyine, etc.)
-sa (musa, bisa, etc.)
alone, to be - kwighera

along - ku ruhande rwa

also - na, kandi

although - nubwo, naho

always - iteka, ubudahwema, iminsi yose

always (do), to - kujya, guhora

am (I am) - ndi

amaze, to - gutangaza

amazing thing - igitangaza

ambush - igico
lie in ambush, to - kubikira

America, U. S. of - Leta zunze z’Amerika
among - hagati ya, mu, muri
amount - urugero

amuse a child, to - kubeshyabeshya

ancestor - sogokuruza

ancestral spirit - umzimu

ancestral spirit, harmful - igisigo

and - na, no, kandi
and now - none, noneho, none rero
and so - none, noneho, none rero, niko

angel - (umu-)marayika

anger - uburakari, umujinya (long lasting), ishavu (light)

angry, to be - kurakara

angry, to become - kurubira

anguish - impagarara

animal - inyamasa, igisimba

animator - umukangurambaga

announce, to - gutangaza, kuranga

annoy, to - kurushya

annually - uko umwaka utaha

anoint, to - gusiga

another - -ndi (undi, abandi, etc.)
answer - igisubizo
answer, to - gusubiza
answer when called, to - kwitaba
ant: pincher ant - intozi
small food ant - ubushishi
white ant - umuswa
antelope, small - impongo
anxiety - amaganya, impungenge, inkeke
anxious, to be - guhangayika, guhagarika
umutima, kubunza umutima
anybody - umuntu wese
anyhow, to do - gupfa ku
anything - ikintu cyose
apart - ukwa
apologize, to (before accusation) - kwisegura
apparent, to be - kwihandagaza
appeal to higher court, to - kujurira
appear, to - kuboneka, kugaragara
appear suddenly and without precedent, to - kwaduka, gutunguka
appear, to cause to (as in court) - guhungutsa
apprehension - umususu
approach, to - kwegera
approach, to cause to - kwegereza
April - Mata, ukwezi kwa kane
Arab - Umwarabu
are - ni, -ri (bari, biri, etc.)
are not - si, ntibari, etc.
area - ikirere, intara

argument - impaka, amakimbirane
arise, to (from bed, ground) - kubyuka
(from dead) - kuzuka
arm - ukuboko
armpit - ukwaha
army - ingabo
arouse, to - guhungura
arrive, to - kugera, gusohora, guhinguka,
gusesekara
arrive, to cause to - kugeza
arrive by boat, to - komokera
arrive at, to - gushyika
arrive before another, to - gutanga
arrow - umwambi
art - umwuga
as - ko, uko, nk’uko, nka
as for - kubwa
ashamed, to be - gukorwa n’isoni
ashes - ivu
ask (question), to - kubaza
ask for (favor, article), to - gusaba
ask the way, to - kuyoboza
assessment - umusanzu
assist, to - gufasha, kuvuna, gutabara,
kugoboka
assistance - ubuvunyi
astonish, to - gutangaza
astonished, to be - gutangara, kumirwa
astonishing thing - akumiro, igitangaza
astounded, to be - kumirwa
astray, to go - kuzimira
at - i, ku, kuri, kwa
attack, to - kujujubya
attain, to - gushyika
attempt, to - kugerageza
attention to, to pay - kwita, kwitondera;
not pay attention, to - kuranjera
attitudes - imiterere, imimerere, amatwarera
August - Kanama, ukwezi kwa munani
aunt: my maternal - mama wacu
your maternal - nyoko wanyu
his, her, their maternal - nyina wabo
my paternal - masenge
your paternal - nyogosenge
his, her, their paternal - nyirasenge
authority - ubutware
automobile - imodoga, imodokari
avenge, to - guhōra
awaken, to - gukanguka (int.)
gukangura (tr.)
away, to put - kubika
away, far - kure
axe - incabiti, indyankwi, interesse, ishoka

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babble, to - kudedemanga
baby - umwana, akana
newborn - uruhinja
back (of person) - umugongo
back, at the - inyuma

back end of boat - ibwerekeza
backing (support) - ubwishyingizi
bad - -bi (mubi, kibi, etc.)
that's too bad - n'ishyano
bad luck - ishyano, umwaku
bad fate - umwaku
badly - nabi
bag - isaho, igunira, umufuka, umupfuka
balance (in account) - insagu
ball - umupira
banana: stalk of, tree - igitoki(e)
ripe - umuneke
beer - mazizi
cooking - ikinyamunyu
lady-fingers - akamaramasenge
red - igisukari
plantation of - urutoki(e)
banana juice (unfermented) - umutobe
bank (of river, lake) - inkombe
baptism - umubatizo
baptize, to - kubatiza
bargain, to be a - guhenduka
base of tree - igishitsi
bashfulness - isoni
bashful, to be - kugira isoni
basin - ibēsani
basket: large - intonga
made of bamboo strips - inkangara
tall pointed - igiseke
small flat - icyibo
deep, no lid - igitebo
bathe (oneself), to - kwiyuhagira
bathe another, to - kuhagira
battle - intambara
be, to - kuba, -ri, kumera (in a certain state)
beach - inkuka
bead, to - gutaka amasaro
beads, tiny - amasaro
beans - ibishyimbo
green - imiteja
bear (fruit), to - kwera
beat, to - gukubita
beat drum, to - kuvuza ingoma
beautiful - -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)
beautiful person - umunyaburanga bwiza,
uw'igikundiro
beauty - ubwiza
extraordinary beauty - ishyano
physical beauty - uburanga
because - kuko
because of - ku mpamvu za (z'uko),
kubwa, kubera
become, to - guhinduka, kuba, kumera
bed - uburiri, igitanda
(of poles and rope) - urutara
make a bed, to - gusasa uburiri
bee - uruyuki (pl. inzuki)
beehive - umutiba (empty)
beer - inzoga
beer, to make - kwenga
before - mbere, imbere
beg, to - gusaba, gusabiriza, gusega
beg earnestly, to - guhendahenda
beggar - umusabirizi, umusezi
begin, to - gutangira, guhanga
begin by, to - kubanza
beginner - umutangizi
beginning - itangiriro, intangiriro, mbere na mbere
behave, to - kwifata
behave towards, to - kugenza, gufata
behavior - umwifato, imyifatre, amatwara
behind - inyuma
belated - bitinze
Belgian - Umubirigi
Belgium - Ububirigi
belief - kwizera
beliefs - imyizerere, inyigisho
believe, to - kwizera
below - hepfo, hepfo ya
belt - umushumi, umukandara
put on belt, to - gukenyeza
bend knees, to - guhina
bend over, to - kubama
beneath - munsia ya
berries - inkere (or, inkiri)
beseech, to - kweminga
beside - iruhande
best - ikiruta
“best man” - imperekeza
betray, to - kugambana
better - ikiruta, kurusha, kuruta
better (after illness), to be - korherwa
between - hagati ya
beware, to - kwirinda
bewitch, to - kuroga
beyond - hiryä
beyond measure, reason - birenze urugero
Bible - Biblia Yera, Igitabo cy’lmana
bicycle - igare
big - -nini (munini, binini, etc.)
bind, to - kuboha
bird (small) - inyoni
(of prey) - igisiga
birth - ivuka
   give birth to, to - kubyara
bite, to - kuruma, kuryana
bitter, to be - kubíha
bitterness - inzika
black - umukara
   black, to be - kwirabura
bladder - uruhago
blame - umugayó, amakemwa
blame, to - gushinja, kuziza
blameless person - inyangamugayo
blanket - uburingiti
bleed, to - kuva amarasó
   stop bleeding (int.), to - gukama
blessed, to be - guhirwa
blessing - umugisha, amahírwe
blind, to be - guhumá, guhumagurika
   blind person - impumyí
blood - amarasó
blow, to - guhuha
   blow fire, to - kwatsa
blow with fist (n.) - igipfunsi
blue - bururu, bisa n’ijuru
   dark blue - umukara
board - urubaho
board ship, to - kwikira
boast, to - kwirata
boat - ubwato
boat, to get into - kwikira
body - umubiri
boil - ikibyimba
boil, to - kubíra (int.), kubíza (tr.)
bonded, to be - kuba afite ubwishingizi
bonds - ingoyí
bone - igufwa
book - igitabo
born, to be - kuvuka
   born of, to be - gukomoka
borrow, to - kugurana, gutíra
   kuguriza (actual article to be replaced),
   kuguza (esp. money)
boss - (female) - mabuja
   (male) - databuja
both - -ombí (bombí, byombí, twembí)
bottle - icupa
bottle opener - urufunguzo
bottom - hasi
bow (as with arrows) - umuheto
bowl (wood) - imbehe
box - isanduka, isandugu
   box with lid (small tin) - umukebe
boy - umuhungu
braid, to - kubohekanya
branch - ishami
brass - umuringa
bread - umugati (European);
   umutsima (African)
   to make (knead) bread - gukora umugati,
   gufunyanga
break, to - kumena (tr.), kuvuna
   (tr.)(something thin); kuvunika (int.),
   kumeneka (int.), gucika (int.), kwangiza
   (tr.)
break into bits (tr.), to - kumanyagura,
   kuvunagura
breast milk - amashereka
breath - umwuka
breathe, to - guhumeka
bribe (n.) - amafaranga yo kwituga,
   ibiturire, ruswa, impongo
bribe, to take - kurya ruswa,
   kwakira impongo
brick - itafari
   make bricks, to - kubumba amatafari
bricks, unburned - urukarakara
bride - umugeni
bride-groom - umukwe
   friend of bridegroom - imperekeza
bridge (small) - iteme, ikiraro (big, metal)
   (of poles) - urutindo
   foot-bridge - umugogo
bright (of light), to be - kurabagirana
brim - urugara
bring, to - kuzana
   bring back wife who had left, to - gucyura
   umugore
   bring in from sun, to - kwanura
   bring water, to - kuvoma
   bring near, to - kwegereza
broad - -gari (hagari)
broil, to - gukarangara
broom - umukubuso
brother - mwene se
   (of girl) - musaza
   (younger brother of boy) - murumuna
   (older brother of boy) - mukuru
brush teeth, to - kwiyoza amenyo
bucket - indobo
buffalo - imbogo
build, to - kubaka
builder - umwubatsi
building (construction) - inyubako
   building (manner of) - imyubakire
bump into, to - gusekura
burden - umutwaro
burial - ihambwa
burlap - igunira
burn - ubushye
burn, to - kwaka (int.), gushya (as house, etc.)(int.)
    burn (set fire to), to - gutwika
burst, to - guturika (int.), guturitsa (tr.)
bury, to - guhamba
bus - ibisi
bush - igihuru (thick)
    the bush (uninhabited area) - ishyamba
business - umurimo
busy - kugira imirimo myinshi, guhugira,
    guhugirwa
but - ariko, nyamara, ahubwo (but rather)
butter - amavuta
button - igifungo
buy, to - kugura
    (esp. food) - guhaha
by - na

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calf - inyana
call, to - guhamagara,
    (name) - kwita
    call at a distance, to - kurangurura
calm (someone), to - guhendahenda
camel - ingamiya
can, tin - igikombe
can (be able) - gushobora
Canadian - Umukanada
candle - itabaza
candy - ibombo
capability, to be - guhuguka
car - imodoka
card - igipande
care about, to - kubabara
    care for, to - kwitaho
    care for body and house, to - kugira isuku
    care for the sick, to - kurwaza
    care for lovingly, to - gukuyakuya,
    gukundwakaza
careful, to be - kwitonda, kwirinda
    careful about, to be - kwitondera
carefully - buhoro-buhoro
careless (with things), to be - kwandarika
    ibintu
    in personal appearance - kwiyandarika
    in work, etc. - kutitaho
carpenter - umubaji
carry, to - gutwara, kwikorera, guterura
    carry on one's back, to - guheka
    carry on, to - gukomeza
case to law, to take - kuburana
cassava - umwumbati
cast lots, to - gufinda
cat - injangwe
catch, to - gufata
cause - impamvu, igituma
cause, to - gutuma, gutera
cau-cla

cautious, to be - kwitonda

cave - isenga

cease, to - kureka, guhwema
   without ceasing - ubutitsa, ubudasiba,
   ubudahwema

celebrate, to - kwizihiza

celebration - ibirori

census - ibarura

center, in the - hagati

ceremony - umuhango

chain - umunyororo, umunyururu

chair - intebe

chairman - umuyobozi

chalk - ingwa

change (coins)(n.) - ibikoroti

change, to - guhinduka (int.), guhindura (tr.)
   change money, to - kuvunja

chapter - igice

character - kamere

characteristic - ingeso, imimerere

charcoal - ikara

charge - ikirego

charm - igiheko, ingisha
   made with beads - impigi

chat, to - kuganira

chat (for a long time), to - kurondogora

cheap, to be - guhenduka

cheat, to - kuriganya

chest (body) - igituza

chew, to - guhekenya

chicken - inkoko

chief - umutware

chieftanship - ubutware

child - umwana
   spoiled child - umutesi
   disobedient child - tereriyo

childhood - ubwana

chin - akananwa

choke, to - kuniga

choose, to - gutora, guhitamo, kurobanura
   choose from group, to - gutoranya,
   gutoragura

chop up, to - gucagagura

chosen thing - intore

Christ - Kristo

Christian - Umukristo

Christianity - Ubukristo

Christmas - Inoheli (or, Inoweli)

church (building) - urusengero
   (people) - itorero

circle - uruziga

circulate, to - gutembera

citizen - umwene gihugu

city - umujyi (or, umugi), umudugudu

clan - umuryango

clap, to - gukoma amashyi

class - ikarasi
clatter (of voices) - urwamo
claw - urwara
clay - uburongo
   work, mold clay, to - kubumba
clean - -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)
   clean, to be - kugira isuku
   clean (ceremonially), to become -
guhumanuka
   clean, to make - kuboneza, kweza,
gusukura
   clean ceremonially, to make - guhumanura
   clean up, to - gutunganya

cleanse oneself, to - kwisukura
clear, to make - kugaragaza
cliff - agacuri
climb, to (as tree) - kurira
   climb up (as mountain), to - kuzamuka
   climb down (tree), to - kururuka
cloak - ikoti
clock - isaha
close, to - gukinga, gufunga
   close eyes, to - guhumiriza
   close up path, to - gusiba

close together, to get - kwegeranya
closet - akabati
cloth - umwenda, igitambaro
   cloth women wear over shoulder -
   umwitero
clothe, to - kwambika
clothes - imyambaro, imyenda
   take clothes off, to - kwambura
clothing - umwenda
cloud - igicu
clove, to - gushyenga
club - inshyimbo
coal, hot - ikara
coat - ikoti
cock - isake
cock-crowing, at - mu nkoko
cockroach - inyenzi
coffee - akawa, ikawa
coins - ibikoroti
cold, to be - gukonja, kugira imbeho
   cold - -bisi (kibisi, etc.)
cold in head - ibicurane
coldness - ubukonje, imbeho
color - ibara
colt - icyana
comb - urusokozo
comb, to - gusokoza

come, to - kuza
   come back, to - kugaruka
   come from, to - kuva, guturuka
   come on! - nimutyo, henga
   come out, to (as stakes in ground) -
gushinguka
   come out of, to - kuva
   come to (someone), to - gusanga
   come to an end, to - guhera
   come to life, to - kuzuka
   come together, to - guterana
   come unexpectedly, to - gutungura

comfort, to - guhumuriza
comforted, to be - guhumura
comings and goings - urujya n'uruza
comma - akabago, agakato, akitso
command - itegeko
command, to - gutegeka, kugenga
commit oneself to, to - kwitanga
common - rusange
community - imiturire, mu baturage
companion - mugenzi
company - umushyitsi
compare, to - kugereranya
compel, to - guhata
competition - ishyaka
complain, to - kwivovota, kuganyira, kwitonganya, kwitotomba, kwinuba
complaints - amaganya
complete, to - kunoza, gusohoza
completely - rwose, byimazeyo
compost pit - ingarane
concerned about, to be - kuzirikana, kwitwararika
concluded (as meeting), to be - guhumuza
conclusion - umwanzuro, umusozo
condemnation - urubanza
condemned, to be - gucirwaho iteka
conduct - imibereho, umwifato, imyifatire, amatwara
confess, to - kwihana, kwatura
confide in, to - gusabana, gushyikirana
confusion - imidugarara
congratulate, to (esp. birth) - guha impundu, gutanga impundu
(as graduate) - gukura ubwatsi
e.g. tugukuriye ubwatsi
conquer, to - kuneshia, kuganza, kujujuba
conscience - umutimanama
consent, to - kwemera
consequences - ingaruka
consider, to - kuzirikana
console, to - guhuriza
container, tin - igikombe
continually - guhora, kujya, ubutitsa, ubudasiba, ubudahwema
continuation - akarande
continue, to - gukomeza, guhora
contradict, to - kuvuguruza
contrary, on the - ahubwo, ibiri amambu
contribution - umusanzu
control, to - gutwaru, gutegeka
conversation - ikiganiro
converse with, to - kuganira
cook (n.) - umutetsi
cook, to - guteka
cooked, to be - gushya
cool, to (int.) - guhora
cool, to be - gukonja
cool at end of day (at daybreak, coolness) - amafu
cooperate, to - gufatanya
cor-cry

cord - umugozzi
cord of the tongue - intananya
cork - igipfundikizo
corn - ikigori
corn, Kaffir - Ishaka (amasaka)
corner (of room, house) - imfuruka
corpse - umurambo
of animal, criminal - intumbi
cost - ikiguzi, igiciro
cough - inkorora
cough, to - gukorora
council - inama
councillor (member of council) - umujyanama
counsel - inama
counsel, to - kugira inama
counsel together, to - kwigira inama
count, to - kubara
country - igihugu, ishanga (amahanga), (rural) - icyaro
courage - umuhati
court - urukiko
courtyard - ikibuga
cover (lid) - umutemere, igipfundikizo
uburingiti
cover, to - gufpuka
cover with lid, to - gufpundikira
cover oneself with, to - kwifubika
cover oneself in bed, to - kwiyorosa
covet, to - kwifuza, kurarikira
cow - inka
cow manure - amase
craftsmanship - ubukorikori
crane, crested - umusambi
crazy, to be - gušara
create, to - kurema, guhanga
cripple - ikimuga, ikirema
criticize (badly), to - guhinyura
crooked, to be - kugorama
crops - imyaka
cross - umusaraba
remove from cross, to - kubambura
cross, to be - kugira inzika
cross body of water, to - kwambuka
crossness - inzika
crosswise, to place, (or, to be) - gutambika
crow, to - kubika
crowd - inteko, rubanda, imbaga,
ikivunge cy’abantu
(of followers) - ishengero
crowd, to - guhubuka
crown - ikamba
crucify, to - kubamba
cruel, to be - kutagira imbabazi,
kuba umunyamwaga
crumbs - ubuvungukira
crumple, to - kuzinga
cry, to - kurira, gutaka
cry aloud, to - gusakuza
cry out, to - gusakabaka
cry of alarm - induru
cultivate, to - guhinga
cultivator - umuhinzi
cup - igikombe
cupboard - akabati
cure - gukiza
curiosity - amatsiko
curse, to - kuvuma, gutuka
cushion - umusego
custom - umuhango, umugenzo, umuco, ingeso
cut, to - guca, gukata
cut, to be - gucibwa
cut down tree, grass, to - gutema
cut firewood, to - kwasa
cut lengthwise, to - gusatura
cut in pieces (meat, vegetables, cloth), to - gukeba
cut off one's path, to - gutangira
cut oneself, to - kwitema
cut up, to - gucagagura
cut hair, beard, to - kogosha
cut (n.) (in body) - uruguma
dancer - intore
danger - akaga, impagarara
dare, to - gutinyuka, kubahuka
dare to do something bad, to - guhangara
dark, to be - kwijima
dark, to get - kwira
it's getting dark - burije
darkness - umwijima
darkness in daytime - ubwirakabiri
date - itariki (in month)
daughter - umukobwa
dawdle, to - gusodoka
dawn - umuseke
at dawn - umuseke utambitse
day - umunsi
day after tomorrow - ejo bundi
day before yesterday - ejo bundi
next day - bukeye
hot part of day - agasusuruko
late in day (near sunset) - igicamunsi
daytime - amanywa
dead - pfuye
half-dead - intere
defead person - igipfamatwi
dear - ukundwa
death - urupfu
at the point of death, to be - gusamba,
kurembe
debt - umwenda
deceit - uburiganya
deceitfulness - ibihendo
dec-dif
decide, to - gushinga, kugarimirira, kugena
decision (final) - umwanzuro
decision, facing a - mu rungabangabo
declare, to - kogeza
dedicate child, to - gutura umwana Imana
deep - -re-re (kirekire, etc.)
death of lake, in - i muhengeri
defend oneself, to - kuburana
defend oneself against accusation, to - kwiregura
defender - umuvunnyi
deficit - igihombo
defile, to - guhumanya
defiled, to be - guhumana
delay, with - bitinze, hatinze, gutinda
deliberately - nkana
delicious, to be - kuryoha
deliver (baby), to - kubyara
come to time to deliver, to - kuramukwa
deliver, to (what doctor does) - kubyaza
delivered (from harm), to be - kurokoka
demon - daimoni
den - isenga, indiri
deny, to - guhakana
depart, to - gusezera
deprive oneself of, to - kwiyaka
depth of lake, in - i muhengeri
descend, to - kumanuka
cause to descend, to - kumanura
descend from, to - gukomoka
describe, to - kurondora
desire, to - gushaka, kwifuza
desire strongly, to - kurarikira
desire, strong - irari
desk - ibiro
despair, to - kwiheba
be in despair, to - gushoberwa
despise, to - kugaya (object, not person), gusuzugura
destine for, to (a certain use, purpose) - kugenera
destitution - ubutindi
destroy, to - kurimbura, gutsemba, gusenya
dew - urume, ikime
diarrhea, to have - guhitwa
die, to - gupfa
be about to die, to - kuremba, gusumba
make die slowly, to - kwica urubozo
different, to be - gutandukana, guca ukubirina
difficult, to be - kugora, gukomera, kurushya
difficulties - amagorwa
difficulty - ingorane
be in great difficulty, to - kuba mu
mazi abira
don't experience difficulty, to - guteta
dig a hole, to - gucukura
dig in the garden, to - guhinga
dig into side of (as hill), to - gukorogoshora
dignity - ubwiyubahe
dilemma, in a - mu rungabangabo
diminish, to - kugabanuka
dinner - ibyo kurya by'isaa sita (noon)
    ibyo kurya bya ni joro (at night)
dip in water, to (as finger) - kwibiza,
kujabika
diploma - impamyabushobozi
direct towards, to - kwerekeza
direction - icyerekezo
director - umutegetsi
dirt (as on floor) - umwanda, ico
    (on body, clothes) - imbyiro
dirty - -bi (mubi, kibi, etc.)
disagreement - amakimbirane
disappear, to - guhera
disappear behind, to - kurenga
disappear into ground, to - kurigita
disappoint, to - guhinyuka
discard, to - guta, kujugunya
discarded, to be - gutabwa
discourage, to - gucogogoza
discouraged, to be - gucika intege, kugwa
    mu kantu
discuss, to - kuvugana
disease - indwara
dish - isahane
dishonest, to be - guhemuka
dishonest person (doesn't keep promise) -
    umuhemu
dishonesty - ubuhemu
dislike, to - kwanga
disobedient child - tereriyo
disobedient person - ikigande
disobey, to - gusuzugura, kutumvira, kugoma
disorder (noisy) - imidugararo, imvururu
dispensary - ibitaro, ivuriro
dispersed, to be - gutatana
display, to - kumurikwa
displease, to - guhinyuka
dispute - impaka, amahane
disrespect, to - kubahuka
distinct, to be - gutandukana
distinguish between, to - gutandukanya
distribute food, to - kugaburira
disturb, to - gutoba (esp. water)
divide, to - kugabanya
division - igice
divorce, to - kwahukana, gutandukana, gutana
dizzy, to be - kuzenguzwa
do, to - kugira, gukora
do, to cause to - gutera, gutuma
do first, to - kubanza
do something, to - gucira
doctor - umuganga
doctor, to - kuvura
doctrines - inyigisho, imyizerere
dog - imbwa
donkey - indogoba
door - urugi, umwango (Sw.)
door-post - igikingi
doorway - umurungo
dormitory - icumbi
doubt, to - gushidikanya
dove - inuma
down - hepfo
dowry - inkwano
dowry, to pay - gukwa
drag along, to - gukurubana
draw, to (pictures) - gushushanya
draw near, to - kwegera
dream - inzozi
dream, to - kurota
dress - ikanzu, ikizibaho, amahenure (very short)
dress oneself, to - kwambara
dress another, to - kwambika
dress beautifully, to - kurimba
dresser - ibiro
drink, to - kunywa
go in search of drinks, to - kuvumba
drip, to - gutonyanga
drive toward, to - kwerekeza
drive stake, to - gushinga
driver - umushoferi
dropsy - urushwima
drown, to (int.) - kurohama
drowning - uburohame
drum - ingoma
drunk, to be (a person) - gusinda
drunk, to be (liquid) - kunyobwa
dry, to - kuma (int.)
dry up, to - gukama, kuraba (plant)
dry season - icyi (June - September)
urugaryi (December - January)
impeshyi (June)
dry season, to end - guhanguka
duck - igishuhe
due to - kumpamvu z'uko
dull, to be - kugimba, gutiga
dumbfound, to - kuyobera
dumbfound, to be - gushoherwa, kugwa mu kantu
dumb person (physical) - ikiragi
dust - umukungugu
dust, to - guhanagura
duty - umurimo
dwarf - igikuri
dwell, to - gutura
dwelling place - inturo
dying person - indembe
dysentery - amacinya

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each - -ose (yose, byose, etc.)
eagle - kagoma (3rd cl.)
ear - ugutwi
early - kare
    early, to get up - kuzinduka
earnestness - umuhati
earth - isi, igitaka
east - iburasirazuba
Easter - lepasika
easy, to be - koroha
eat, to - kurya, gufungura
    eat a lot, to - guhaga
    eat together, to - gusangira
    eat with (instrument), to - kurisha
    eaten, to be - kuribwa
eclipse - ubwirakabiri
economical, to be - kurondereza
edge (of cup) - urugāra
effort, to make - kugerageza, gushishikara
egg - igi
    of insect - umugi
eight - munani
eighty - mirongwinani
elder - -kuru (mukuru, etc.)
election - itora
electricity - amashyanyarazi
elephant - inzovu
elsewhere - ahandi
embrace, to (arm across back) - guhobera
embroider, to - gutaka
emphasize, to - kwerura, gushimangira
employee - umukozi
employer (female) - mabuja
    (male) - databuja
empty - gusa, ubusa
    e.g. igikombe ni gusa - the cup is empty
    igikombe kirimwo ubusa - the cup is empty
empty-handed - amāra masa
empty out, to - kujugunya; kumena (liquid)
encircle, to - gutangatanga, gushungera,
    kugota
enclosure - urugo
encounter, to - gusanga
encourage, to - guhumuriza, gukomeza, gutera
    inkunga, gushishikaza
end - iherezo; impera (with words of time)
    e.g. ku mpera y’ukwezi - at end of month
end, to - gushira (int.); kumara (tr.)
    come to an end, to - guhera, gukuka
    end (dry season), to - guhunguka
    end meeting, to - guhumuza
    end of oneself, to be at - gushobera,
        gushoberwa
    end with, to - kugeza
enemy - umwanzi
enjoy, to - kunezererwa, kwinezeza
enough, to be - gukwira, - hagiye
enr-exc

it is enough - birahagije
enrich, to - gukungahaza
enter, to - kwinjira
    refuse permission to enter, to - guheza
    enter a person, to - guhanga umuntu
enthusiasm - umwete, (for work) ishyaka
entice, to - gushukashuka
entirely - rwose
entrance forbidden, or exclusive - mu muhezo
entrance to kraal - irembo
envelope, to - gusaba
epidemic - icyorezo
epilepsy - igicuri
equal, to be - kungana (size, force, age);
    kureshaya (length, height); kuringanira
    make equal, to - kuringaniza
erase, to - gusiba
erosion - isuri
er, to - gufudika, kuyoba
error - ifuti, ikosa
    make an error, to - gucikwa
escape, to - gucika
    it escaped me - byanciyeho
escort, to - guherekeza, gushagara
especially - cyane cyane
essential - ingombwa
establish, to - gushinga, gushimangira
esteem - icyubahiro
Eternal One - Uwiteka

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eternally - iteka ryose
European - umuzungu

even - ndetse
    even if - bona
    even though - nubwo, naho

even, to be - kuringanira
    make even, to - kuringaniza

evening - ni mugoroba (2:00 - 6:00)
    become evening, to - kugoroba

ever, to have - kwigera
    e.g. wigeze ubona - have you ever seen?
every - -ose (wese, yose, etc.)
    every day - iminsi yose
    everything - byose
    everywhere - hose

evidence (i.e. proof) - intangamugabo,
    gihamya

evil - ikibi
    ubugizi bwa nabi - evil acts

exaggerate, to - gukabya

examination - ikizamini

examine, to - gupima, gusuzuma
    examine carefully, to - gusesengura

example - icitegererezo, urugero

exceedingly - cyane
    exceedingly white - -era de

excellence - akataraboneka, ihoho

excellent, to be - kuryoha

except - keretse, uretse

exchange, to - kugurana
    exchange greetings, to - kuramukanya
exclude, to - kuzira
excluding - uretse
excuse me - mpore, bambe, nako
excuse(s) - urwitwazo
excuse(s), to make - gutora impamvu
exercise, to - kwitoza
exercises, to do - kwiyereka
exhaust, to - kurondora
exhausted (from work), to be - kugwa agacuho
exhort, to - gushishikaza
exist, to - kuba
there exists - hariho
exit, to - gusohoka
expect, to - kwiringira, kurindira
experienced, to be - gusesa akangue
explain, to - gusobanura
ask to explain, to - gusobanuza, gusiganuza
expression, to change (due to bad news) - guhonga
exterminate, to - gutsemba
extinct, to become - guhera
extinguish fire, to - kuzimya
extinguished (fire), to be - kuzima
extort, to - guhenda
extremely - pe, bikabije
eye - ijisho
eye of needle - umwenge
close eyes, to - guhumiriza
set eyes on, to - kurabukwa
something in the eye - igitotsi
fable - umugani
tell a fable, to - gucira umugani
face - mu maso (hanjye, hawe, etc.)
face (someone), to - guhangana
fact, in - ndetse
factory - inganda
fade, to - gucyuya
fail to find, to - guheba
fail an examination, to - gutsindwa
fail someone, to - guhemuka
faint, to - kuraba
faint from hunger, to - kugwira isari
faith - ukwizera
faithful, to be - kunambaho (till death), kudahemuka
faithful person - umunyamurava, indahemuka
faithfully, to work - gukorana umurava
faithfulness - umurava
fall, to - kugwa
(as building) - gutemba, gusenyuka, kuriduka
cause to fall, to - kugusha
fall down before, to - kwikubita imbere
fall from above, to - guhubuka, guhanuka
fall into ruin, to - kuriduka, gusenyagurana
falsehood - ikinyoma
fame - inkuru
family - umuryango
famine - inzara
famous - ikirangirire
far-fin
far, far away - kure
fare (as in boat) - ihoro
receive fare, to - guhoza
farewell, to bid - gusezera
farmer - umuhinzi
fast - vuba, ningoga
fast, to - kwiyiriza ubusa, kwigomwa
fat - amavuta, ikinure
fat child - umushishe
fat, to be - kubyibuhu
fate, bad - umwaku
father (my, our) - data, umukambwe (old)
(your) - so, umukambwe
(his, her, their) - se, umukambwe
father-in-law (my) - databukwe
(your) - sobukwe
(his, her, their) - sebukwe
fault - amakemwa
favor - ubutoni
favorite - umutoni
a favorite, to be - gutona
favoritism - ubutoni
fear - ubwoba, umususu
fear, to - gutinya, kugira ubwoba,
kwishisha
fearful, to be - kutingimiranya
fearless, to be - gutinyuka
feast, to give a - kuzimana
feather - iryoya
February - Gashyantare, ukwezi kwa kabiri
fee paid to witchdoctor - ingemu
feed, to - kugaburira
feel, to - kumva
fellowship (n.) - ubusābane, umushyikirano
fellowship, to have - gufatanya, gushyikirana
female - igitsina-gore
fence - uruzitiro
fête - ibirori
fetish - igiheko
fever - ubuganga, ingurumira y'umuriro,
umuriro
few - -ke, -keya (bike, makeya, etc.)
field - isambu; (cultivated) - umurima
fifty - mirongwitanu
fig tree - umutini
fight, to - kurwana (int.); kurwanya (tr.)
fight verbally - to - gutāta
figurative speech - amarenga
fill, to - kuzura (int.); kuzuza (tr.),
gukungahaza
half-filled, to be - gucāgata
filled to the brim, to be - gusendera
filter, to - kumimina, kuminina
filthiness - ico
final (absolutely) - burundu
final word - umwanzuro
finally - kw iherezo, byimazeyo
find, to - kubona, gusanga
find lost object, to - gutora
find out, to - kwihugura
find the way after being lost, to - guhabuka
not to find, fail to find - kubura, guheba

fine - neza

finger - urutoki(e)
  index finger - mukubitarukoko
  little finger - agahera
  middle finger - musumbazose
  ring finger - marere

finger-nail - urwara

finish, to - kumara, kurangiza (tr.),
  kurundarunda, kunoza

fire - umuriro
  set fire to, to - gutwika
  (fire) go out, to - kuzima
  (fire) put out, to - kuzimya

fireplace - iziko (stones under cooking pot)

firewood - urukwi
  gather firewood, to - gusenya, gutashya

firm (stubborn), to be - kutava ku izima

first - mbere e.g. uwa mbere

first, to do - kubanza

firstborn - imfura (impfura)

fish - ifi

fish, to - kuroba

fisherman - umurobyi

fishing net - urushundura

fist - igipfunsı

five - -tanu, eshanu (3rd, 6th cl.)
  five times - gatanu

flashlight - isitimu

flat, to be - kuringanira, gutambiaka
  make flat, to - kuringaniza

flavor, to - guhumuza

flavor, to lose - gukayuka

flea - imbaragasa

flee, to - guhunga

flesh - inyama, umubiri

flock (of sheep) - umukumbi

floor - hasi

floor (étage) - igorofa

flour - ifu

flow, to - gutemba

flower - indabyo, uburabyo

fly - isazi

fly, to - kuguruka

flycatcher (bird) - umusamanzuki

foam - ifuro

fog - igihu

fold, to - kuzinga, guhina (esp. arms)

follow, to - gukurikira
  follow someone in a position, to -
  gusimbura
  follow after earnestly, to - guhihibikana

folly - ubupfu

fond of (food), to be very - kwibanda kurya

food - ibyo kurya, ibiryo
  food for journey - impambo

fool - umuswa
foo-fru

fool, to - kubeshyabeshya, gushukashuka
    fool around, to - gucura urugomo

foolish person - igicucu

foot - ikirenge

for - kubwa, ku, kuri, -ira, -era as verb
    suffix e.g. gukorera - to work for

forbid, to - kubuzwa
    forbidden, to be - kuzira

force - intege

force (against will), to - guhata

ford - umwaro

forehead - uruhanga

foreign country - ishanganya, amahanga

foreign, something - inzaduka

foreigner - umunyamahanga, umuvamahanga

forest - ishyamwa

foretell, to - guhanura

forever - iteka ryose, akaramata

forget, to - kwibagirwa
    forget momentarily, to - guhuga

forgetfulness - amazinda

forgive, to - kubabarira

forgiveness - imbabari

fork - ikanya

form - ishusho

forsake, to - kureka, gusiga, kuzinukwa

fortunate, to be - guhirwa

fortune, good - amahirwe

forty - mirongwine

forward - imbere

fountain - isiko

four - ne, enye (3rd, 6th cl.)

fowl - inkoko

franc - ifaranga

free - ku buntu (i.e. without charge)

freedom - umudendendo

freedom, to have - kwidegembya

French (language) - igifaransa

fresh - -bisi

fresh, to be - gutaha

fret, to - kuganyira

Friday - ku wa gatanu

friend - inshuti (incuti), mugenzi

friendly, to be - kurangwoho ubucuti

friends with, to be - gushudika

friendship - ubucuti
    friendship, close - ubusabane

frightened, to be - guhagarika umutima,
    guterwa ubwoba

fringe - inshunda

from - i, ku, mu

front of, in - imbere

froth - ifuro

froth at mouth, to - kubimba ifuro

frugal, to be - kurondereza
fruit - imbuto
fry, to - gukaranga
fulfill, to - gusohoza
fulfilled, to be - gusohora
full, to be - kuzura
fullness - ubwuzu
fully - bwite
fun at, to poke - gucyocyora
fur - ubwoya
furthermore - kandi, byongeye kandi
fuss, to - kwitonganya
future - ibihe bizaza

gain - inyungu
gain, to - kunguka
game - igikino, umukino
    wild game - inyamaswa
garden - umurima, ubusitani
gardener - umuhinzi
garment - umwambaro, umwendu
gate - irembo
gather, to - gusoroma
    gather together, to - (int.) guterana,
    gukorana; (tr.) guteranya, gukoranya
    gather firewood, to - gusenya, gutashya
gathering - iteraniro, ikoraniro
gaze at, to - kurangamira
general - rusange
gentle (person) - umugwaneza
gentleness - ubugwanza
gently - buhoro, buhoro-buhoro
germinate, to - kumera
get, to - guhabwa, kubona
    get up early, to - kuzinduka
    get up (from bed, ground), to - kubyuka
    get up quickly (from bed, seat), to -
        kubaduka
    help someone get up, to - kubyutsa
ghost, ancestral - umuzimu
giant - igihangane
gift - impano, impongoano
    gift to superior - ituro
girl - umukobwa, inkumi (teen-age)
give, to - guha, kugaba, gutanga
    give birth to, to - kubarya
    give completely, to - kwegurira
    give oneself wholly to, to - kwibanda ku,
        kwiyegeurira
    give up, to - kwigomwa, guhora
        (something loved), gutezuka
    given, to be - guhabwa
giving (an offering) - imitangire
glad, to be - kunezerwa, kwishima
gladness - ibyishimo, ishimwe
glance at, to - gutera imboni
glass - ikirahuri
glasses (eye) - amataratara, amadarubindi,
    indorerwamo
gleam, to - kubengerana
glimpse, to have - kurabukwa
glory - ubwiza

glutton - igisambo

go, to - kujya (with word of place)
  kugenda (with no word of place)
  go ahead, to - kwicuma
  go back, to - gusubira
  go by oneself, to - kwigendera
  go down hill, to - kumanuka
  go from place to place, to - kujarajara
  go home, to - gutaha
  go on further, to - kurombereza
  go out against, to - guhurura
  go out (fire), to - kuzima
  go outside, to - gusohoka
  go to bed, to - kuryama
  go to find, to - gusanga
  go to meet, to - gusanganira
  go toward, to - kugana
  go up hill, to - kuzamuka
  go with, to - kugendana, kujyana
  come on, let's go - hogi, nimuhogi tugende

goat - ihene

goat manure - amahurunguru

goat milk - amahenehene

God - Imana

goings and comings - uruuya n'uruza

gold - izahabu

good - -iza, neza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)

good-afternoon - mwiriwe, mwiriweho, wiriwe

good-bye - muririrwe, muririrweho
  (don't expect to see again soon) - murabeho
  say goodbye, to - gusezerana

good-morning - mwaramutseho

good-night - muramukheho

Gospel - Ubutumwa Bwiza

gossip - amazimwe, inzimuzi

gouge out (eye, etc.), to - kunogora

gourd - igicuma

govern, to - gutegeka, kugenga

government - Leta, ubutegetsi

grab, to - gusumira
  grab unexpectedly, to - kugwa gitumo

grace - ubuntu

grain, head of (Kaffir corn, etc.) - ihundo

grandchild - umwuzukuru

grandfather - sogokuru, sekuru

grandmother - nyogokuru, nyirakuru

grant - imfashanyo

grant, to - kwemera

grapes - umuzabibu

grasp, to - gufata

grass - ubwatsi, icyatsi

grass ring used to carry load - ingata

grave - imva

gravel - umucanga, umusenyi

great - -kuru (mukuru, gikuru, etc.)

great-grandfather - sogokuruza, sokuruza, sekuruza

great-grandmother - nyogokuruza, nyokuruza, nyirakuruza

green - (fresh) - bisi; (unripe) - -toto

green color - bisa n'ibyatsi bibisi
green, to be - gutoha

green beans - imiteja

greens - imboga, uruboga

greet, to - kuramutsa, gutaha, gutashya
exchange greetings, to - kuramukanya

greet (at beginning of letter), to -
gusuhuza

greetings - intashyo, hobè (hello)

grief - umubabaró, agahinda
cause grief, to - kubabaza

grieve, to - kuganya, kubabará

grind, to - gusya, (in mortar) gusekurá

grinding stone - urusyo

groan, to - kuganya

ground - hasi, ubutaka

ground, to be - gusebwa

ground nut - ikinyobwa, akabemba

group - agatsiko, inteko, umutwe
  group (for work assignment) - icyiciro

group, to - kubangikanya, gukomatanya

grow, to - gukura
  grow up, to - kwaruka
  grow luxuriously, to - gusagamba

grudge - inzika, umujinya

guard (by door of important person) -
  umukumirizi

guard, to - kurinda
  guard, to be on - kuba maso
  guard yourself from, to - kwirinda

guess, to - gufora

guest - umushyitsi

guest room - icumbi

guide - umuyobozi

guide, to - kuyobora

gym, to do - kwierika

H

habit - ingeso, umugenzo

hail - urubura

hair (of human head) - umusatsi
(of any but human head) - ubwoya

half - igice kimwe cya kabiri, inusu (Sw.)
  half-filled, to be - gucóga
call half-dead - intere

hammer - inyundo

hammock - ingobyi

hand - ikiganza
  palm of hand - urushyi (pl. amashyi)
  shake hands, to - gukora mu ntoki

hand over, to - gushyira

handle of cup, pail - umukando

handsome person - umunyaranga bwiza,
  uw'igikundiro

handsomeness - urubanga

hang, to (int.) - kunagana

hang up, to - kumanika

happen unexpectedly, to - gutungura

happened, what - iblyabayé

happiness - umunezero
happy, to be - kunezerwa, kwishima
  happy, to make - kunezeza, kunezerza

harbinger - amendeze

hard, to be - gukomena
  hard of heart, to be - kunangirwa
  hard to untie, to be - kunangirwa
  harden heart, to - kwinangira umutima
  no hard feelings - nta mpfane

harm, to - guhangara (as in "nothing can harm us")

harshness - umwaga
  harsh person - umunyamwaga

harvest - umwero, isarura, imyaka (crops)

harvest, to - gusarura
  harvest millet, to - kugesa

haste - ubwira

hasty manner, in a - ku buryo bukataje

hat - ingofero

hate, to - kwanga

have, to - -fite, kugira
  have to, to - -kwiruye
  have... thanks to, to - gukesha
  e.g. Nkesha Imana agakiza - I have
  salvation, thanks to God

haze - igihu

he - we, a- (verb prefix)

head - umutwe
  head of grain (esp. Kaffir corn) - ihundo
  head of grain (immature) - umugengararo
  head (of something dead) - igihanga

head up, to (as, cabbage) - kubumba
  (as grain) - kugengarara

heal, to - gukiza (tr.), kuvura (tr.)
herd, to - kuragira
herdsman - umushumba
here - hano, ino, aha
here is - dore
here and there - hamwe na hamwe
hereditary trait - akarande
hesitate, to - gutindaganya, kusingimiranya
hide, to - guhisha (tr.); gupfurika (int.)
hide from sight, to - gukingiriza (tr.)
high - re-re (muremure, ndende, etc.)
on high - hejururu
higher up - haruguru
a high place - ahirengeye
hill - umusozi
hinder, to - gukoma
hinder from seeing, to - gukingiriza
hinder progress, to - kudindiza
hinder from getting, to - kuvutsa
hindrance - inkomyi
Hindu - Umuhindi
hippopotamus - imvubu
hired person - umucanshuro
his - we, cye, rwe, etc.
history - inkuru, histwari
hit, to - gukubita
hither and yon - hira no hino
hoe - isuka
hoe, to - guhunga
hoe, worn out - ifuni
hoe handle - umuhini
hold, to - gufata
hold (someone), to - gutangira
hold out hands, to - gutega amashyiyi
hole - umwoabo
large hole in ground - icyobo, urwina
hole in cloth, pot, object - umwenge
small hole - intoboro
hole, to get (as pot) - gupfumuka
hole, to make - gupfumura
holiness - kwezwa
holy, to be - kwera, kwegurirwa lmana
holy, to make - kweza
holy (adj.) - ziranenge
Holy Spirit - Umwuka Wera, Mwuka Muziranenge
home, at - i muhira, i wanjye, i wabo, etc.
at the home of - kwa
home, to go - gutaha
homosexual acts, to commit - gutinga
honey - ubuki
honor - icyubahiro, ishema
honor, to - kubaha, gusingiza, kuramya
hope - ibyiringiro
hope, to - kwiringira
horizontal, to be - gutambika
horizontal position - ubutambike
horn (of animal) - ihembe
horse - ifarashi
hospital - ibitaro, ivuriro
hot, to be - gushyuha
hour - isaha
house - inzu
how (manner) - uko, uburyo, ukuntu
(in question) - -te? (ate? bite? etc.)
how do you do? - muraho
how many? - -ngahe? (bangae, bingahe, etc.)
how often? - kangahe?
however - ariko, ahubwo, ibiri amambu, icyakora
howl, to - kuboroga
hug - umuhoberano
hundred - ijana
hunger - inzara
hungry, to be - gusonza, kugira inzara
hunt (game), to - gugiga
hurt for, to - gushaka, gushakashaka
hurry, to - kwihuta, kubanguka, gutebuka, gukataza
hurry, to be in a - kugira ubwira
hurt, to - kubabara (int.), kubabaza (tr.)
hurt, to be - kubabara, kubbazwa
husband - umugabo
husk, to - gutonora
hut (temporary) - ingando
hymn - indirimbo
hypocrisy - uburyarya
hypocrite, to be - kuryarya
hypocritically, to act - kuryarya

I - jye, jyewe, jyewehe
I alone - jyenyine
ice - urubura, amazi akonje cyane
idea - igitekerezo
idiom - inshoberamahanga
idleness - ubudeshyi
idol - ikigirwamana
if - ni, niba, yuko
ignorance, to come out of - kuji juka
ignorance, to bring out of - kuji jura
ignorant of, to be - kuyoberwa, kui ji wa
ignorant person - inji ji
ignore someone, to - kurangarana
ill, to be - kurwa ra
very ill, to be - kuremba
illness - indwara
image - igishushanyo
imitate, to - kwiga na
immediately - nonaha, ubu ngubu
to ..... immediately - guherako ...
e.g. aherako agenda - he immediately went
impartial, to be - kuta ber a
impartial person - inta ber a
importance - amat wara
important - - nkuru (mukuru), ingenzi, imena
important, to be - gukomera
improved (physically), to be - koroher wa
in, into - mu, muri
incapable person - umuswa
inception - inkomoko
incipience - amendeze
incite to do something, or act, to - kubwiriza
income - inyungu
incorporation - ubuzima-gatozi
increase, to - kunguka
(of animals) - kororoka (int.), gutubura (tr.)
inculcate, to - kwitoza
independence - ubwigenge
independent, to be - kwigenga
indeed - ndetse, koko
Indian - Umuhindi
infant - uruhinja
inferior to - hanyuma ya
infinitive - imbundo
infirm person - ikimuga
influence, to - kureshya
inform, to - guhugura, kumenyesha
send to inform, to - kurarika
informed, to be - kwihugura, kujijuka
inhabit, to - gutura
inherit, to - kuragwa, kugira umunani
inheritance - umwandu
leave inheritance, to - kura ga
injection - urushinge
injured, to be - gukomereka
ink - vino
innocent - umwere
insect - igisimba
little insects that supposedly make honey - ubuhura
inside - imbere
instead - mu cyimbo, mu kigwi
instruct, to - kujijura, kwigisha
insult - igitutsi
insult, to - gutuka
intelligence - ubwenge
intelligent, to be - guhuguka
intemperance - ivutu
intention - imigambi
intentionally - ikigize cya nkana, bigirankana, nkana
interest - umwete
interim person - agateganyo
interior - indiri
interminable - urudaca
interpret, to - gusobanura
ask to interpret, to - gusobanuza
interrogation, word of - mbese, ese, se
interrupt, to - kurogoya
interrupter - kirogoya
intimidate by, to - gukangisha
into - mu, muri
introduce something new, to - guhanga
invalid - ikimuma, ikirema
invent, to - guhanga, guhimba (esp. poem, story)
invite, to - kurarika, gutumira
iron - icyuma
iron to iron clothes - ipasi, iferu
iron clothes, to - gutera ipasi
irritate, to - kurya
irritation - ishavu
is - -ri, ni
is not - si
Isn’t it?, Isn’t that so? - si byo?

island - ikirwa
itch (scabies) - ubuheri
itch, to - kuryaryata
itself - ubwayo, ukwayo, etc.

J
jacket - ikoti
January - Mutarama, ukwezi kwa mbere
jealous, to be (momentarily) - -fite ishyari
jealous, to be (as in characteristic or in past) - kugira ishyari
jealousy - ishyari
jest, to - gucyocyo ra
Jesus - Yesu, Yezu
jigger - ivunja
job - akazi
join, to - gufatanya, kunga

joke, to - gushyenga, guteta
jokes - amashyengo
journal - ikinyamateka, akabaran kuru
journey - urugendo
joy - umunzi zero, ibyishimo, isimwe cry (shout) of joy - impundu
great joy - ubwuzu
judge - umucamanza, umunyarukiko
judge, to - gucira urubanza
judgment - urubanza
jug - umudomo
July - Nyakanga, ukwezi kwa karindwi
jump, to - gusimbuka
June - Kamena, ukwezi kwa gatandatu, impeshyi
jungle - ishyamba
just, to be - gukiranuka, kutabera
just, to (to just...) - gupfa ku
just as - nka, nk’uko
just person - intabera
justice - ubukiranutsi
justice to one who has been treated unjustly,
to give - kureanganura

K
Kaffir corn - ishaka (amasaka)
keep, to - kugumana
keep (as money), to - kuzigama
keep (law, command), to - kwitondera
keep on, to - gukomeza
kettle - ibirika
   big kettle - ibinika
key - urufunguzo
kick (in womb, baby), to - gufunyanga
kill, to - kwica, guhemura
kilogram - ikikiro
kind (species) - ubwoko
kind (gentle) person - umugwaneza
kindle, to - gucana
kindness - ubugwaneza
king - umwami
kingdom - ubwami
kingly - icyami
kiss, to - gusoma
   kiss repeatedly, to - gusomagura
kitchen - igikoni
knead (bread), to - gufunyanga, gukora
   umugati
knee - ivi
kneel, to - gupfukama
knife - imbugita, icyuma
knit, to - kuboha
knock, to - gukomanga
   knock down, to - guhondagura
   knock down with, to - kuvuza
knot - ipfundo
   make a knot, to - gupfundika
   tie knots, to - gupfundikanya
know, to - kumenya, -zi
   not know, to - kuyoberwa, kujiwa
know oneself, to - kwiyizi
knowledge - ubwenge, ubumenyi
knowledgeable, to be - kujijuka
known, to become - kumenyekana, kwamamara
   make known, to - kwamamaza, kogeza,
   kuranga
kraal - urugo
labor pains, to have - karamukwa
lack, to - kubura, kugomba
ladder - urwego
lady, young (unmarried)- inkumi
lake - ikiyaga, inyanja
lamp - itara, itabaza
lampstand - igitereko
land - ikibanza, imusozu, isambu
language - ururimi
lap, to take on - gukikira
large - -nini
last - iheruka, imperuka
   last, to be - guheruka
   have or make come last, to - guherutsa
last long, to - kuramba
late, to be - gukererwa, gutinda, gutindaganga
   it’s late (in day) - burije
   get late (in day), to - kwira
   make late, to - gukerereza
later - ubwanyuma, hanyuma
later on - hatinze, bitinze, hato, hatoya
laugh, to - guseka
launderer - umumeshi
law - itegeko
lay (tr.), to - kurambika
layman - umurayiki
laziness - ubunebwe, ubudeshyi, ubute
lazy, to be - kunebwa, kugarama, kugira ubute
lead, to - kuyobora, kurongora
    lead (esp. animals), to - gushorera
    lead home, to - gucunya
    lead by the hand, to - kurandata
leader - umuyobozi
leaf - ikibabi
leak, to - kuva
lean against, to - kubyiga, kwegeka
    (person leans) - kwegamira
learn, to - kwiga, kwihugura
least - uwa nyuma
    at least - byibura, nibura
leave, to - gusiga, kureka, kugenda
    leave alone, to - kwihorera
    leave a place, to - gukuka
    leave gradually, to - gutezuka
    leave home, to - kuraruka
    leave mate (temporarily), to - kwahukana
    leave of, to take - gusezera
    leave off, to - kureka
    leave shore (in boat), to - komoka
leaven - umusemburo
leaven, to - gusembura
left - i bumoso
left, to be - gusigara
left-over bits - ubuvungukira
leg - ukuguru
lemon - indimu
lend, to - gutiza (actual article to be returned)
    kuguriza, kugurana (article to be replaced)
    kuguza (esp. money)
length - uburebure, ubutambike,
    umurambararo
leopard - ingwe
leper - umubembe
leprosy - ibibembe
lesson - icyigisho, isomo
let - henga, reka, ngaho (also, subjunctive mood)
letter - urwandiko (epistle), ibaruwa
letter (of alphabet) - inyuguti
liberty - umudendezo
lid - umutemeri, igipfundikizo
lie - ikinyoma
lie, to - kubeshya, kuriganya
    lie about, to - kubeshyera
    lie down, to - kuryama, kurambarara
    lie on pillow, to - kwisegura
life - ubugingo, ubuzima, imibereho
lift, to - guterura
    lift up, to - kubyutsa
light - umucyo
    light of the moon - umwezi
light (weight), to be - guhuhwa
light weight (though voluminous) - igihwayihiwayi
light (kindle), to - gucana, gukongeza
light of, to make - guteta
lightening - umurabyo
like - nka, bene, nk’uko
   like that - gutyo (dutyo, batyo, etc.)
   like this - gutya (dutya, batya, etc.)
like, to - gukunda
like, to be - gusa, kumera
likeness - ishusho
lime - ingwa
line - umurongo, umusitari
lion - intare
lip - umunwa
list of things - gahunda, urukurikirane
listen, to - gutega amatwi
   (in sense of eavesdrop) - kumviriza
little - -to, -toya (muto, bitoya, etc.)
little by little - buhoro-buhoro
live, to - kubaho, kuba
   live alone, to - kwibana
   live in certain place, to - gutura
   live long, to - kuramba
   live for God, to - kwiyegurira lmana,
gukorera lmana mu mibereho yacu
   yose, kwiberaho gukorera lmana
liver - umwijima
load - umutwaro
load, to put down - gutura
load, to - gupakira
loan - amaguzanya
loan, to - kuguza
locality - umuhana
lock, to - gukinga
locust - uruyige
lodging, to give- gucumbikira
   lodging, to leave- gucumbukura
lodging place - icumbi
log - umugogo
loiter, to - gusodoka
lonesome for, to be - gukumbura
lonesomeness - urukumbuzi
long - -re-re (muremurere, kirekire, etc.)
   long ago - kera (also, future)
long (extended), to be - kurambura
   e.g. amagambo arambuye - lengthy
   speech
long for, to - kwifuza
look, to - kureba
   look! - dore
   look about on all aides, to -
   kuraranganyamo amaso, gukebaguza
   look at intently, to - kwitekereza,
gutumbira
   look at, leaning over to see, to -
   kurunguruka
   look everywhere, to - kurebareba
   look for, to - gushaka
   look up, to - kurarama
loosed, to be - guhambuka
loquat - umudigaferi
lord - umwami
los-mas

lose, to - gutakaza, kubura, guta
lose one’s mind, to - gusara
lose one’s way, to - kuyoba, kuzimira
cause to lose, to - kuvutsa

lost, to be - kuzimira, guhaba
lost, to be eternally - kurimbuka
lots, to cast - gufinda
loud voice - ijwi rirenga
louse - inda

love - urukundo
love, to - gukunda
pretend to love, to - gukunda urumamo
stop loving, to - kuzinukwa
love one spouse over others, to - gukundwakaza

low - -gufi (kigufi, ngufi, etc.)
lower, to - kumanura
lower down - hepfo
luck, bad - ishyano, umwaku
lust - irari
lust (strong), to - guheheta
luxury, to have (live in) - kudamarara

M

machete - umupanganga
mad, to be (sense of crazy) - gusara
maggot - urunyo
maize - ikigori
majesty - ishema
majority - nyamwinshi

majority vote - amajwi nyamwinshi
make, to - gukora, kugira
make bricks, to - kobumba
make fun of, to - gusebya
malaria - ubuganga
male - igitsina-gabo
man - umugabo (married)
of middle age, robust - igikwerere
manioc - umwumbati
manner - uburyo
manners, person of good - impfura (imfura)
manure - amase
manure heap - icukiro
many - -inshi (benshi, byinshi, etc.)
how many? - -ngahe
how many times? - kangahe
March - Werurwe, ukwezi kwa gatatu
market - isoko, iguriro
marriage - ubukwe, gushyingiranwa
marriage, to give in - gushyingira
marrow - igihaza
marry, to - gushyingirwa, kurongora,
gushakana
marry brother’s widow, to - guhungura
marry woman who has left husband, to -
gucyura umugore
marsh - igishanga
marvelous!, that’s - ni ishyano
mash, to - gucucuma
mason - umufundi
master (my) - databuja
(your) - shobuja
(his, her, their) - shebuja

mat - ikirago
small mat - umusāmbi
woven grass mat - ikidasesa

matches, box of - ikibiriti

mate (of pair of things) - mugenzi

mature (person), to be - gusesa akanguhe

maturity - umwero (esp. of harvest),
ubuhame

May - Gicurasi, ukwezi kwa gatanu

me - jye, jyewe, jyeweho

meal - ifunguro

meal, to have - gufungura

means (of doing something) - ukuntu

measure - inshuro, urugero

measure, to - gupima, kugera

measureless - birenze urugero, kutagira
ingano

meat - inyama

medicine - umuti

meditate, to - kuzirikana

meet, to - guhura, guterana, gukorana
meet, to go to - gusanganira

meeting - iteraniro
meeting place - ihuriro
in a meeting - mu ruhame

melt, to - (as butter) - kuyaga
(as sugar) - gushonga
cause to melt, to - kuyaza

member of church - umunyetorero
member of council - umujyanama

mercenary - umucanshuro
mercy - imbabazi
merely - -sa (bisa, basa, etc.)
message - ubutumwa
metal - icyuma
method - uburyo, ukuntu

middle, midst - hagati
in middle of lake - imuhengeri

middle age (30-50) - ubukwerere,
imikwerere

midnight - igicuku

might (strength) - ukuboko

mildew - uruhumbu

milk - amata
breast milk - amashereka
clabbered milk - ikivuguto
milk of goat - amahenehene

milk, to - gukama

milk pot - inkongora

millet - ururo, uburo

million - agahumbagiza, miliyoni

mind, to lose one’s - gusara

mine - -anjye (uwanjye, ibanjye, etc.)

minute - idakika, iminota
just a minute - henga, reka

minute (tiny) - -zinya (kanzinya)
miracle - igitangaza
mirror - indorerwamo
miscalculate, to - gucikwa
misery - ubutindi
misfortune - akaga, amakuba
miss, to (absent) - gusiba
miss someone, to - gukumbura
Miss - Madamuzera
mistake - ifuti
mistake, to make - gufudika, gucikwa
mistaken, to be - kuyoberwa
mistrust, to - gukenga, kwishisha
mix, to - kuvanga
mixture (e.g. medicine, shoe polish, etc.) - umuti
moan, to - kuganya
mock, to - gushinyagara, gusebya
mockery - agashinyaguro
moisten, to - kubobera
mold - uruhumbu
mold bricks or clay, to - kubumba
moment, brief - akanya
Monday - ku wa mbere
money - amafaranga, ifeza, impiya, inota
monkey (small gray) - inkende
month - ukwezi
  January - Mutarama
  February - Gashyantere
  March - Werurwe
  April - Mata
  May - Gicurasi
  June - Kamena
  July - Nyakanga
  August - Kanama
  September - Nzeli
  October - Ukwakira
  November - Ugushingo
  December - Ukuboza
moon - ukwezi
  light of moon - umwezi
more, to do - kurushaho, kurushiriza
  more than, to be - gusāga
  more, what’s - byongeye kandi
moreover - kandi, ndetse, byongeye kandi
morning - igitondo
mosquito - umubu
  mosquito netting - agatimba
mostly - cyane cyane
mother (my) - mama, umukucuru wanjye
  (your) - nyoko, umukucuru wawe, wanyu
  (his, her, their) - nyina
mother-in-law (my, our) - mabukwe
  (your) - nyokobukwe
  (his, her, their) - nyirabukwe
motorcycle - ipikipiki
mountain - umusozi
  mountain (high) - ikirunga
  mountain top - impinga
mouse - imbeba
mouth (inside) - akanwa
mouth, to open - kwasama
move (int.), to - kujegajega, kwinyagambura
move, to (dwelling) - kwimuka
  move about, to - gutembera
  move aside, to (to permit passage) -
kuberereka, kubisa  
moves on farther, to - kwicuma  
moves to one side, down, to (tr.) - gutsura

Mr. - Bwana

Mrs. - Madamu

much - cyane, -inshi (byinshi, etc.)
much, to be too - gukabya

mud - urwondo, ibyondo, uburongo

multiply, to - kugwiza (tr.), gukuba (tr.),
kugwira (int.)
of animals (int.) - kororoka,
gutubura (tr.)

murderer - umwicanyi

murmur, to - kwivovota, kwijujuta  
(discontent)

music - imuzike, umuziki

must - -kwiriyi, kugomba

my - -anjye (wanjye, byanjye, etc.)

myself - ubwanjye, jenyine

mystery - ubwiru, urujiyo

N

nail - umusomari, umusumari

nail, to - gushimangira

naked - gusa, ubusa

naked, to go - kugenda gusa

naked, to be - kwambara ubusa

name - izina

name, to - kwita

narrative - igitekerezo

narrow, to be - gufungana

nation - ishyanga (amahanga)
national (person) - umwene gihugu

native - kavukire

nature - kavukire, kamere, imiterere

nausea - isesesme

navel - umukando

near - hafi, bugufi, (with object) hafi ya

nearby - hafi

nearly - hafi

necessary, to be - gukwira

e.g. it’s necessary - birakwiriye

neck - ijosì

need - ubukene

need, urgent - inkeke

need, to - kugomba

needle - urushinge

needy, to be - gukena

neglect, to - kwirengagiza, kurangàrana (esp.
person)

I neglected to do it - byanciyeho

negligence - uburangazi

neighbor - umuturanyi, umuturage

neighborhood - umuhana, igiturage

nephew (son of man’s sister) - umwishywa,
umusengeneza; (son of man’s brother) -
umuhungu wacu (wanyu, etc.)
nest - icyari

nest, to make - kwarika
net-occ

net, fishing - urushundura
netting (mosquito) - agatimba
never - ntabwo
never, to have - kwigera (in negative)
  e.g. sinigeze mbona - I've never seen
nevertheless - nyamara
new - -shya (gishya, rushya, etc.)
  new, something - inzaduka
news - inkuru, amakuru
newspaper - ikinyame, akabakuru
next (in ref. to time) - gutaha
  next day - bukeye
  next month - ukwezi gutaha
  next week - icyumweru gitaha
nice - neza, -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)
niece - umusesnea
  daughter of man's sister - umwishya
night - ijoro, n'ijoro
  the night before - bucyu
nine - icyenda
ninety - mirongwicenda, mirongurwenda
no - oya, nta, ashwi (emphatic), ashwi da!
nobleman - imfura (impfura)
nod, to - guhunikira (sleepy)
oise - urusaku, urwamo (voices), umuriri
noise, to make - gusakuza
none - nta
nonplussed, to be - gushoberwa, kugwa mu
  kantu
noon - ku manywa

no one - nta we
north - mu majyaruguru
nose - izuru
nostril - izuru
not - nta, si
  not at all - na gato, haba na gato,
    haba na busa, namba
  not in the least - na hato
nothing - nta cyo
  nothing, for - ubusa, ku busa
notice - itangazo
notice, to - -ruzi (no infinitive)
nourished, well - umuhshe
November - Ugerishingo, ukwezi kwa cumi na
  kumwe
now - ubu
  right now - ubungubu, ubu nyine
  and now - none
  now and then - rimwe na rimwe
number - umubare
nurse, to (int.) - konka
  nurse, to (tr.) - konsa

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oar - ingashyi
obey, to - kumvira (a person)
  kwitondera (law, command)
observe, to - kuziririza
obstinate, to be - kutava ku izima
obvious, to be - kwihandagaza
occasionally - rimwe na rimwe
occupied, to be - guhungira

ocean - inyanja

October - Ukwakira, ukwezi kwa cumi

off with you! - hoshi!

offer, to - gutanga (as in church)
    offer a gift, to - gutura

offering - ituro

office - ibiro

often - kenshi
    how often? - kangahe?

oil - amavuta

ointment, perfumed - amadahano

old, to become - gusaza; -kuru

old man - umusaza, umukambwe

old woman - umukecuru

olive, wild - umunzenze

omit, to - gusiba

on - ku

once - rimwe
    once upon a time there was - hāriho
    once and for all - byimazeyo

one - -mwe

onion - ubutunguru (or, igi-, or, uru-)

only - gusa, ubusa, -nyine

open, to - gukingura, gutungura, kuzibura
    open (as flower), to - kurumbura
    open, to become - kuzibuka
    open the mouth, to - kwasama

openly - ku mugaragaro
    openly, to speak - kwerura

operate (medical), to - kubaga

opportunity - uburyo

oppose, to - kuzira

oppress, to - gupinyangiza

oppressed (with burden), to be - gushengurwa

or - cyangwa

orange (fruit) - indimu ya oranji, icunga
    (color) - igaju

ordain, to - kurobanura

order - gahunda
    order that, in - kugirango

order, to put in - kuringaniza

order, to - gutegeka

orderliness - gahunda

ordinarily - ubusanze

ordinary people, the - rubanda rwa giseseka

organization - gahunda
    (in sense of group) - ishyaka (e.g. U.N.)

origin - inkomoko
    get one’s origin from, to - gukomora

ornament, to - gutaka

ornaments, to wear - kurimba

orphan - imfubyi

other - -ndi (undi, abandi, ibindi, etc.)

ought (to have to) - kugomba, -kwiriye,
    kurinda

our - -acu (wacu, bacu, byacu, etc.)

out of - mu
out-pas
out, to put - gusohora
out, to go - gusohoka
outside (of house) - hanze, inyuma
outside, to go - gusohoka
oven (underground, for drying bananas) - urwina
over - hejuru ya
over and above, to be - gusaguka
over there - hariya
overcharge, to - guhendia
overcome, to - gutsinda
overflow, to - gusesekara, gusiga
overflowing, to be - gusaguka
overlook, to - kwirengagiza
oversee, to - kugenzura, guperereza
overturn, to - guhirika
owl - igihunyira
own, to - gutunga
own (one's own...) - bwite
owner of - nyira

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pack, to - gupakira
pad, grass (to use on head for carrying load) - ingata
paddle - ingashyi
pagan - umupagani
page - urupapuro

pail - indobo
pain - ububabare, umubabaro
pain, to have - kuribwa, kubabara
paint - irangi
paint, to - gusiga irangi
palm of hand - urushyi
palm oil - amamesa
palm tree - umukindo
pan, cooking - isafuriya
panel, solar energy - ikidasesa
pants - ipantalo
papaya - ipapayi
paper - urupapuro, urukaratasi
newspaper - akabarankuru
parable - umugani
pardon - imbabazi
parent - umubyeyi
part - igice, igika, uruhare
(especial part received) - umugabane
part in, to have - kugira uruhare
part with, to - gutandukana
participation - uruhare
partnership - ubusabane
partridge - inkwari
party, to have - gucura urugomo
party (political) - ishyaka
pass by, to - guhita, kunyura
pass along, to - kunyura, guca
pass away, to - guhanguka
pass beyond, to - kurenga
pass the night, to - kurara
pass through, to - guca, kunyura
pass through, to make - kuboneza

passage, to permit - kuberereka, kubisa
passer-by - umuhisi
past - ibihe byashize
past, to go - kurenga
pasture - ubwatsi, urwuri
pasture, to - kurisha
patch - ikiremu
path - inzira
patient, to be - kwihangana
pay (n.) - umushahara, igihembo
pay, to - guhemba, gutanga
pay debt, to - kwishyura
pay dowry, to - gukwa
pay attention, to - kwita ku
pay ransom, to - gucungura
peace - amahoro
peaceful, to be - gutuza
peak, mountain - impinga
peanut - ikinyobwa, akabemba
peas - amashaza
peel, to (with knife) - guhata
(with fingers) - gutonora
penalty, to make pay the - kuryoza
pencil - ikaramu
penetrate, to - kumena, gucengera

(as perfume, etc.) - gusaba
penetrate, to make - gucengeza

pension - ubwiteganirize
people (sense of nation) - ihanga, ishanga
(crowd) - itorero
the people - rubanda
ordinary people - rubanda rwa giseseka

pepper - ipiripiri, urusenda (hot)
perfect (n., adj.) - indakemwa
perfect, to - gutunganya
perfect, to be - gutungana
perfume - amarashi
perhaps - ahari, wenda, ubanza, yenda
period (or comma) - akabago, akadomo, akitso
period, to have (female) - kuba mu mugongo
perish, to - kurimbuka
permission - uruhushya
permission, to ask for - gusaba uruhushya
perplex, to - kuyobera
perplexed, to be - gushoberwa, kubunza
umutima, kuyoberwa, guhera mu
runyabangabo

persecute, to - kurenganya, gutoteza
persevere, to - gushishikara
person - umuntu
personnalité civile - ubuzima-gatozi
perspiration - icyuya
perspire, to (heavily) - kubira icyuya
persuade, to try to - guhendahenda
pe-sple

pester, to - kujubuya
photograph - ifoto
photograph, to - gufotora
phrase - interuro
pick, to - gusoroma
(as corn) - guca
pick out, to - gutoranya
pick up, to - gutora
pick up here and there, to - gutoragura
picture - ishusho
picture, to take - gufotora
piece - igice
piece of something broken - igisate
pierce, to - gutobora
pig - ingurube
pigeon - inuma
pile carefully, to - kurundarunda
pile together, to - kurunda
pillage - amahugu
pillage, to - gusahura
pillow - umusego
pillow, to lie on - kwisegura
pin - umusomari, umusumari
pincher ants - intozi
pineapple - inanasi
pipe (water) - umuheha
(tobacco) - inkono y’itabi
pit - umwobo
pity - impuhwe

place - ahantu
at one place - hamwe
at some places - hamwe na hamwe
high place - ahirengeye
in the place of - ikigwi, icyimbo

place, to - guhingutsa
place above, to - kumanika
place an object, to - gutereka
place on top of, to - kugereka
place near, to - kubangikanya

placenta - ingobyi
plain (near river, lake) - ikibaya
plain, to make - kwerura
plan - integuro, umugambi, ubugenere
plans - imishinga
plan for, to - kugambilira, guteganya, kugena
plane, to - kubāza
plant - imbuto
plant, to - gutera
plant small seeds, to - kubiba
plantation - ishyamba
planter - umubibyi
plaster, to - guhoma
plate - isahane
play, to - gukina
play an instrument, to - kuvuza, gururanga
play cow game (igisoro), to - kubugua
playground - ikibuga
plead, to - kiburana (at court)
plead with, to - kweninga
please, to - kunezeza, kunezereza
plunder, to - gusahura
pocket - umufuka, umupfuka
poet - umusizi
poison - uburozi
poke fun at, to - gucyocyora
police agent - umuporisi
polish, to - guhanagura
politeness - ikyinyabufura, ubupfura
political party - ishyaka
ponder, to - kuzirikana
pool - ikizenga, icyuzi
poor, to be - gukena
poor man (person) - umukene
poorly - nabi
possess, to - gutunga
possess a person, to - guhanga umuntu
possessed by, to be - guhangwaho
possessions - ubutunzi
possession - ubwatsi, isambu, umutungo
(money) - imari
possessor of - nyira
possible, to be - gushoboka
it's possible that. . . - ubanza
post (mail) - iposita
pot (clay cooking) - inkono
(cooking) - isafuriya
(small clay) - urwabya
(water pot) - ikibindi
potato, sweet - ikijumba
potato, white - ikirayi
pour, to - gusuka
poverty - ubukene, umukeno (strong word), ubutindi
powder - ifu
power - imbaraga, ububasha, ubushobozi
power, to have - kubasha
practice - umugenzo
practice, to - kwitoza
praise (n.) - ishimwe
praise, to - gushima, guhimbaza, gusingiza, kurata
pray, to - gusenga, gusaba, kwambaza lmana
prayer - isengesho, ishengesho
preach, to - kubwiriza
precede, to - kubanziriza, gutanga
precursor - amendeze
pregnancy - inda
pregnant, to be - gutwita
prepare, to - gutegura
prepare for, to - guteganya
prepare plans (projects), to - gutegura
imisinga
present (gift) - impano
pretend to love, to - gukunda urumamo
pretty - -iza (mwiza, beza, etc.)
prevent, to - kubuza, gukoma
prey, bird of - igisiga
price - ikiguzi, igiciro
pride - ubwibone, ubwirasi
pri-pur

priest - umutambyi (in Bible), umusohoza-bitambo, umupadiri (Catholic)
prophesy, to - guhanura
prophet - umuhanzi

prince - igikomangoma
prosperity - ishya n’ihirwe

principal (important) - imena
protect, to - gukuyakuya, gukoma, kurinda

print, to - gucapa
proud, to be - kwirata, kwibona

printed, to have - gucapisha
proverb - umugani

prior to - mbere
provocation - amakimbirane

priority - uburenganzira
Psalm - Zaburi

prison - umunyororo, inzu y’imbohe
public - rubanda

prisoner - imbohe, umunyororo, imfungwa
publicly - ku mugaragaro, mu ruhame

problem - ingorane
publish, to - kwamamaza, kogeza, kuranga

procrastinate, to - kwirengagiza
pull, to - gukurura
pull out (as stakes in ground), to - gushingura

produce abundantly, to - kurumbuka
pull out by roots, to - kurandura

professor - umwarimu, umwigisha
pull out of fire (water), to - kurohora

profit (increase) - inyungu
pumpkin - igihaza, umwungu
(benefit) - akamaro
punctuation mark - akadomo

profit, to - kunguka, gucuruza
punish, to - guhana

progress - amajyambere
punishment - igihano
progress, to hinder - kudindiza
pupil - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri

prohibit, to - kubuza
pupil of eye - imboni

project - umugambi, umushinga, imishinga
pure, to be - kwera

promise - isezerano
pure, to make - kuboneza, kweza
promise, to - gusezerana
purify oneself, to - kwiboneza, kwiyaza,

proof - intangamugabobo, gihamya
kwisukura

prop up, to - gushyigikira
purity of heart - (u)kwezwa

property - isambu, ubukebe
purple - umuhengeri (rarely used)
pROPERTY father gives to son when he
property, personal - umwihariko

marries - umunani
purpose - impamvu, intego, ubugenere
purpose, to have for (aim) - gamije (no inf.)

purse - umufuka, umupfuko

pus - amashyira

push, to - gusunikwa, kubyiga
push away, to - guhirika
push for, to - gutsura
push someone, to - kwiroha
push to end of endurance, to - kuremyba

put, to - gushyira
put away, to - kubika
put clothes on, to - kwambika
put down, to - kurambika
put down load, to - gutura
put in order, to - kuringaniza
put out fire, to - kuzimya
put out in sun, to - kwanika
put roof on, to - gusakara
put together, to - kubumbira, kubangikanya

puzzled, to be - gushoberwa, guhera mu rungabangabo

Q

quality - umuco
quantity - ubwinshi
quarrel - amahane, intonganyi
quarrel, to - gutongana
quarter (of year) i.e. trimester - igihembwe
question - ikibazo
question, to - kwiburanya
question, to ask - kubaza
quickly - vuba, bwangu, n'ingoga
quiet, to be - gutuza, guhora, guceceka

quiet, to make - guturisha, guhendahenda

R

rabbit - urukwavu
race (people) - ishyanga
rack - igitanda
rain - imvura

rain, to (fine) - gutonyanga
it's raining - imvura iragwa
make sound of approaching rain, to - guhorera

rainbow - umukororombiya
rainy season - umuhindo (Sept. - Nov.)
itumba (Feb. - May)

raise animals, to - korora (Fr. élevage)
raise eyes (head), to - kurarama, kubura
raise from dead, to - kuzura
raise voice, to - kurangurura
ransom - incungu, inshungu
ransom, to - gucungura
rape, to - gukinda
rat - imbeba
rather (but rather) - ahubwo
(rather than) - aho
raw - -bisi (bibisi, etc.)
reach, to - kugeza
reach certain point of time, to - kugera

read, to - gusoma
ready, to be - kuba witeguye
really - by’ukuri, impamo
rear a child, to - kurera
reason - impamvu, igituma
reason about, to - kwiburanya
rebel - umugome
rebel (openly), to - kugoma
rebellion - ubugome
rebuke, to - gucyaha, gutonganya, kwiyama
recall, to - kwibuka
receive, to - kwakira, kubona
(something as gift) - kuronka
recently - vuba, vub’aha
recently, to have done - guheruka
e.g. sindaheureka kukubona - I haven’t seen you recently.
reclaim, to - kwaka
recompense - ingororano
recompense, to - kugororera, kwitura
reconcile, to - kunga
record (phonograph) - idiski, isahane y’ifono
record, to - kwandika
recount to, to - gutekerekereza
red, to be - gutukura
redeem, to - gucungura
redeemer - umucunguzi
reed (swamp of reeds) - urubingo
reflect light, to - kurabagirana
refrain from, to - kureka
refugee - impunzi
refuse, to - guhakana, kwanga
regain sight, to - guhumuka
region - ikirere, intāra
reign - ingoma
reinforce, to - gusongora, gushimangira
rejoice, to - kwishima
(over what you’ve seen) - kwishima
(over what you’re told) - kunezerwa
rejoice, to cause to - kwizihiiza
related, to be - -fitana (no inf.) isano, gupfana
relationship - umushyikirano
relationship with, to have - gushyikirana na
relative - umuvandimwe, mwene wacu, wanyu, wabo
relax, to - guhwema
release, to - kurekura
relinquish gradually, to - gutezuka
rely on, to - kwiringira
remain, to - kuguma, guhama
remain behind, to - gusigara
remember, to - kwibuka
remind, to - kwibutsa
remind often of one’s faults, to - gucyurira umuntu
remove from cross (or from pegs), to - kubambura
renew, to - kuvugurura
rent - ihoro
rent, to receive - guhoza
repair, to - kuvugurura
repay, to - kwishyura
  repay good, to - kwitura ineza
  repay evil, to - kwitura inabi
repeat, to - kongera, gusubira
repeatedly - hato na hato
repent, to - kwihana
repercussion - ingaruka
replace, to - gusimbura
  replace temporarily, to - guhagararira
replacement, temporary - agateganyo
reply, to - gusubiza
report, to give - gutanga raporo
reports, false - impuha
represent, to - guhagararira
representative - umuvugizi
reprimand, to - gucyaha
reproach - amakemwa
reproach, to - kuziza
rescind (vote), to - gushingura
rescue, to - gukiza
resemblance - isäno
resemble, to - gusa, kumera nka
resist, to - kwangirira
resound, to make - kuvuza
respect - icyubahiro
respect, to - kubaha
respect, to not - kubahuka
responsibility - umurimo, inshingano,
  umwitwarariko
rest, to - kuruhuka, guhwema
restitution, to make - kwishyura
restore sight, to - guhumura
result - ingaruka
resumé, to give - guhina
resurrect, to - kuzuka (int.), kuzura (tr.)
resurrection - kuzuka, izuka, umuzuko
return, to - kugaruka (where speaker is),
  gusubira (where speaker is not)
  return from, to - gukuka
  return from wandering, to - kubunguka,
  guhabuka
  return good to, to - kwitura umuntu ineza
  return something, to - gusubiza
reveal, to - guhishura
reveal publicly, to - gusambura
revenge, desire for - inzika
reverence, to - kubahsa
revile, to - gutuka
revive, to - kuvugurura
reward, to - kugororera, kwitura
rhythm - gahunda
rice - umuceri
rich, to be - gutunga, gukira
rich person - umukire
  esp. in cattle - umutunzi
ric-run

esp. in produce - umukungu
riches - ubukire
  esp. in cattle - ubutunzi
  esp. in produce - ubukungu
ride, to - kugendera ku
ridicule, to - kurengurana, gushinyagara
right, on the - iburyo
  all right - nuko
  right away - ubungubu, nonaha
  right now - ubu nyine
  right side - uburyo
right, to be - gutungana
righteous, to be - gukiranuka
righteous person - umukiranutsi
rights - uburenganzira
ring - impeta
rinse, to - kunyuguza
riot - imvururu
rip, to - gushishimura (tr.)
ripe, to be - gushya
ripen, to - kwera, guhisha
rise (from lying position), to - kubyuka
  rise (sun), to - kurasa, kuva
ritual - umuhango
river - uruzi
road - umuhanda
roast (in fire), to - kotsa
robber - umwambuzi
robbing by force - amahugu

robe - ikanzu
rock - ibuye
  large rock - urutare (also, rocky place)
roll, to - gutembagaza (tr.)
  roll along, to - kubirindura
  roll up, to - kuzinga
roof, to put on - gusakara
  roof, to take off - gusambura
room (in house) - icyumba
  private room for guest - mu mbere
rooster - isake
root - umuzi
rope - umugozi
rot, to - kubora
round-about-way - inzira y’uruboko
rout, to - kuganza
row - umurongo, umusitari
row (boat), to - kuvugama, kugashya
royal - icyami
rub, to - guhanagura, gushiga
  rub hard (as to polish), to - gutsirita
rubber - umupira
rug - umusambi
ruin, to fall into (as house) - kuriduka,
  gusenyagara
rule - itegeko
rule, to - gutegeka, gutwara
rumors - impuha
run, to - kwiruka
  run after, to - kwirukana
run fast, to (esp. to avoid being beaten) - kuyabangira ingata
run very fast, to - kwirukanka

rural - icyaro
rush upon, to - kwiroha
rust - ingese
rusty, to become - kuzana ingese

S
sack - igunira, umufuka, umupfuka, isaho, uruhago (small woven)
sacrifice - igitambo
sacrifice, to - gutamba, kwigomwa
sad, to be - kubabara, kugira ishavu
sad, to appear - kwijima
sad, to make - gushengura, gushavuza
sadness - umubabaro, ishavu
safe and sound - -taraga (adj.)
sake of, for - kubwa
salary - ighembo, imihemberwe, umushahara
saliva - amacandwe
salt - umunyu
salvation - agakiza
salvation, source of - amakiriro
same - kimwe, hamwe, etc.
sand - umucanga, umusenyi
sandal - inkweto
sandals, to wear - gukweta
sandals, to take off - gukwetura
satisfactory - neza, -iza (mwiza, etc.)
satisfied, to be - guhaga, kwishima
satisfy, to - guhaza, gukungahaza
Saturday - ku wa gatandatu
sauciness - amahane
save, to - gukiza
  save (as money), to - kuzigama
  save from being wiped out (as family name), to - gucikura
  save (from danger, death), to - kurokora
  save from danger, to try to - kurengera
saved, to be - gukizwa, kurokoka
saved ones - abarokore
saves, thing that - amakiriro
savior - umukiza
saw - umusumeno, umusomeno, urukero
say, to - kuvuga
  saying - -ti (ati, bati, etc.)
scar - inkovu
  scar from cut - indasago
scatter, to - gusandara (int.)(things)
  gusandaza (tr.)
scattered (people, animals), to be - gutatana
schedule - ingengabihe
school - ishuri
  para-primary - ishuri ry’ingoboka
  primary - ishuri ribanza
  secondary - ishuri rysumbuye
  university - ishuri rikuru
scold, to - guhana, guhanura, gutonganya,
  gucyaha (quietly), gukankamira (loudly)
scorn, to - kugaya, kunegura, guhinyura
scorpion - indyanishamurizo
scrape, scratch soil, to - guharura
scratch, to - gushima
scratch oneself, to - kwishima
scribe - umwanditsi
scrub (brush) - igihuru
scrutinize, to - gusuzuma
sea - inyanja
search, to - gushaka
search diligently, to - gushakashaka
season, dry (long, June-Sept.) - icyi
   (short, Dec.-Jan.) - urugaryi
   season, beginning of dry - impeshyi
season, rainy (Sept. - Nov.) - umuhindo
   (March - May) - itumba
seat - icyicaro
second - uwa kabiri, icya kabiri, etc.
second a motion, to - gusongera, gushygikira
secret - ibanga
   secret (strong word) - ubwiru
secretary - umwanditsi
section (of people, as for work assignment) - icyico, igika
see, to - kureba, kubona, kuruzi
   see something briefly, to - guca iryëra
   see suddenly, to - kurabukwa
seed - imbuto
seeing that - ubwo
seek, to - gushaka
   seek after (as goal), to - kurangamira
   seek chance to "get" somebody, to -
kugenzereza
seems that..., it - ubanza
seer - umuhanuzi
seize, to - gufata, gusumira
   seize property of another, to - guhuguza
   seized with terror, to be - gukangarana
self - ubwa (use reflexive)
self-love - kwikunda
self-respect - ubwiyubahe
self-surrender - kwitanga
selfish, to be - kwikanyiza
sell, to - kugurisha
send, to - kõhereza, gutuma
   send away, to - guheza
   send back (as cows), to - gucyura
   send wife away publicly, to - gusenda
senior - -kuru (mukuru, bakuru, etc.)
sentence (gram.) - inshinga, interuo
separate, to - gutandukana (int.),
   gutandukanya (tr.), gusobanura (tr.)
September - Nzeri, ukwezi kwa cyenda
seriously, to not take - guteta
servant - umugaragu (male), umuja (female)
serve, to - gukorera, guhakwa
   serve meal to guests, to - kuzimana
session (as of conference) - icyiciro
set (sun), to - kurenga
   set aside, to - kurobanura
   set eyes on, to - kurabukwa
   set fire to, to - gutwika
set a time, to - kugena igihe
set (trap), to - gutega

seven - -rindwi, ndwi (with 3rd & 6th cl.)
seventy - mirongwirindwi

sever, to - guca

several - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.)
severity - umwaga

sew, to - kudoda

sex (male, female) - igitsina cy'abantu

shade - igicucu

shadow - igicucu

shake, to - gutigisa (tr.), kujegajega (int.)
  shake (as earth), to - kunyeganyega (int.)
  shake (as person), to - guhindu umushitsi
    (int.)
  shake (as rug), to - gukunguta,
    gukunkumura (tr.)

shake hands, to - gukora mu ntoki

shake (object) hard, to - gucugusa, gukuka

shake head, to - kuzunguza

shallow - -gufi (kigufi, etc.)

shame - isoni

shape - ishusho

share, to - gusangira

sharp, to be - gutyara

sharpen, to - kunagura, gutyaza

shave, to - kogosha

she - we, a- (as verb prefix)

sheep - intama

sheet - ishuka

shell, to - gutonora, guhungura

shelter, temporary - ingando
  shelter from rain - ubwugamo

shelter, to seek - kugama

shepherd - umwungeri

shepherd, to - kuragira

shield, to - gukingiriza

shine, to - kwaka, kumurika, kubengerana
  (sun) - kuva
  (reflected light) - kurabagirana

shipwreck - uburohame

shirt - ishati

shoe - ikirato, inkweto

shoes, to wear (put on) - gukweta

shoot, to - kurasa

shop - iduka, imangazini

shop (for food), to - guhaha

shore - imusozí, inkombe, umwaro, inkuka

short - -gufi (mugufi, kigufi, etc.)

short cut - inzira y'ubusamu

short dress (very) - umwenda w'amahenure

should - -kwiriye, kugomba, kurinda

shoulder - igitugu

shout, to - gutaka, gusakuza, gutera (iwi)
  hejuru, kurangurura, gusakabaka

shout of joy - impundu

shove, to - guhirika
show, to - kwereka, kugaragaza, kumurikwa
  show oneself, to - kwiyereka
shrivelled, to be (arm, leg) - kunyunyuka
shut, to - gukinga, gufunga
sibling - umuvandimwe, mwene nyina (se)
sick person - umurwayi
sick, to be - kurwara
  care for the sick, to - kurwaza
sickle - umuhoro
sickness - indwaru
side - uruhande, iruhande
  on this side - hino
  on this side of water - hakuno
  on other side of water - hakurya
sieve - akayunguruzo
sift, to - gushungura
sigh, to - gusuhuza umutima
sight, to regain - guhumuka
  sight, to restore - guhumura
sign - ikimenyetso
sign language - amarenge, guca amarenge
signal to come, to - kurembuzu
silence - ituza
silence, to - guturisha, gutwama
silent, to be - gutuza, guceceka, kwihorera
silently - bucece
silver - ifeza
similarity - ihuriro, isano
sin - icyaha, igicumuro
sin, to - gucumura, gukora icyaha
since - kuva, ko
sincerity - ubutariganya
sing, to - kuririmba
singular (gram.) - amamwe, buke
sinner - umunyabyaha
sip, to - gusoma
sir - bwana
sister - mwene nyina (se)
  (of boy) - mushiki
  (younger, of girl) - murumuna
  (older, of girl) - mukuru
sit, to - kwicara
site, new - ubuvunyi
six - -tandatu, esheshatu (3rd & 6th cl.)
  six times - gatandatu
sixty - mirongwitandatu
skill - ubuhanga, ubukorikori
skilled, to be - guhuguka
skilled person - umuhanga, impuguke
skin - uruhu
  skin for carrying baby - ingobyi
skirt, long - umukenyero
sky - ikirere, ijuru
slander - igitutsi
slander, to - gutuka
slap - urushyi
slate - urubaho
slave - imbata
sleep, to - gusinzira
sleepiness - igitotsi
slide, to - guserebeka
    slide down hill on banana trunk, to - gutsuka
slightly - buhoro
slip out (e.g. from pocket), to - gusosoroka
slow, to be - gutinda, gutindaganya
slowly - buhoro, buhoro-buhoro
small - -to, -toya (bato, bitoya, etc.)
smash, to - guhondagura
smear, to - gusiga
smell, to - kumva (tr.)
    cause to smell good, to - guhumuza
    smell good or bad, to - guhumura
    smell bad, to - kunuka
smile, to - kumwenyura
smoke - umwotsi
snake - inzoka
    one that bites at both ends - ikirumirahabiri
snare - umutego
sneeze, to - kwitsamura
so, so that - kugirango, ngo
    and so - none
    isn’t it so - si byo?
    so-and-so - kanaka, nyiranaka (fem.)
soak in water, to - gutumbika
soap - isabune
soft, to be - koroha
soil - ubutaka, igitaka

place where soil is thin - akāra
soldier - umusirikare, umusoda, ingabo
some - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.)
    some places - hamwe na hamwe
    sometimes - rimwe na rimwe, ubundi
son - umwana, umuhungu
    son of - mwene (pl. bene)
song - indirimbo
soon - vuba, bidatinze, vubaha
soot - imbyiro
sore (as ulcer) - igisebe, igikomere,
    uruguma (fresh)
sore, to be - kubabara
sorrow - agahinda
    deep sorrow - amajune
sort out, to - gusobanura
soul - ubusingo
sour, sharp - ikereta
sour, to be - kûbiha
south - mu majyepfo
sow, to - kubiba
sower - umubibyi
space - umwanya
speak, to - kuvuga
    speak evil of, to - gusebya
    speak indistinctly, to - kudedemanga
    speak plainly, clearly, to - gufobora
    speak without thinking, to - guhomboka
spear - icumu
special, to be - kwiharira (for special
purpose)
speechless, to be - kudakoma
spend the night, to - kurara
  spend night away from home, to -
  gucumbika
  spend time, to - kumara
spill, to - kumenaka (tr.), kumeneka (int.)
  gusesekara (int.)
spirit - umwuka
  Holy Spirit - Umwuka Wera, Mwuka
  Muzirangenge
  spirit, ancestral - umuzimu
  spirit, harmful ancestral - igisigo
spit - amacandwe
spit, to - gucira amacandwe
  spit on, to - kuvundereza amacandwe
spoil, to - konona (tr.), kubora (int.)
  spoil a child, to - gutetesha
  spoil (as, cooked food), to - kugaga
spoiled, to be - kononekara
spoiled child - umutesi
spoon - ikiyiko, urupahu
spot - inenge
spread, to - gusaba (int.)
  spread (as news), to - gukwira (int.),
  gukwiza (tr.), kogeza
  spread everywhere, to - kwamamara
  (int.), kwamamaza (tr.)
  spread grass, to - gusasa
  spread out, to - gucumbika
spring (of water) - isako
spring up (water, blood), to - kududubiza
spy on, to - kugenza, gutata, kugenzura
squad - umwungu
squeeze, to - gukamura
stale, to be - kugaga
stammer, to - kugingimira
stamp - itembura
stand, to - guhagarara
  stand up, to - guhaduruka
  stand up, to cause someone to -
  guhagurutsa
star - inyenyeri
stare at, to - kurangamira, guhangana amaso
start, to - gutangira
  start with, to - guhera
  start by, to - kubanza
startled, to be - gukanga
statistics - barura
stay, to - kuguma, guhama
  stay a certain length of time, to - kumara
stead - ikigwi, icyimbo
steal, to - kwiba
step - intambwe
step, to - gutambuka
  step on, to - gukandagira
steward - umujyanana, umunyabintu
stick - igiti
  stick of fire-wood - urukwi
  walking stick - inkoni
stick out (as, from pocket), to - gusosoroka
stiff, to make (i.e. to stiffen) - kugagaza
still - (use -racya- tense)
stingy, to be - kwikanyiza
stink, to - kunuka
stomach - igifu, inda
stone - ibuye
stoop down, to - kunama, kubama
stop, to - kureka, kurekeraho (int.),
guhagarara (int.), guhagarika (tr.),
kubuza (tr.), kurorerera (int.)
stop! - buretse!
stop battle (argument), to - guhosha (tr.)
stop bleeding, to - gukama (int.)
stop boat, to - gutsika (tr.)
stopper (as in bottle) - igipfundikizo
store (shop) - iduka, idukuru
store, to - kubika
store crops in granary, to - guhunika
storm of wind - ishuheri
storm on lake - umuhengeri
story - umugani, igitekererezo
story (floor) - igorofo
stout, to be - kubyibuhu
stove - ifura, iziko
straight, to be - kugororoka, kweguka
straight, to make - kugorora
straighten up (erect), to - kweguka
strain (filter), to - kumimina, kuminina
strainer - akayunguruzo
strange, something - inzaduka
straw (drinking) - umuheha
stray, to - komongana
stream - umugezi
strength - intege, imbaraga
stretch out (arm), to - kurambura
stretch out (as lie down), to - kurambarara
stretch out (hide), to - kubamba
stretch tight, to - kuraga (tr.)
stretcher - ingobyi
strife - intambara
strike, to - gukubita
strike suddenly (unexpectedly), to - kugwa gitumo (see I Thess 5:3)
string - umugozi
strive for, to - guharanira, gutsura
strong, to be - gukomera
strong, to make - gukomeza
strong man - umunyamaboko, igikwerere
stubborn, to be - kudakurwa ku izima,
kutava kw izima
stuck (in mud), to get - gusaya
student - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri
study, to - kwiga
study, manner of - imyigire
stumble, to - gusitara
stupid person - umuswa
sturdy, to be - gukomera
stutter, to - kugimimira
submerged, to be - kurengerwa
subtract, to - gũra
succeed in one part but fail in another, to - kwesa umunyana

successful, to be - gutsinda

suddenly, to appear (happen) - gurumbuka, gitumo, gutunguka, gutungura

suffer, to - kubabara
  suffer severely, to cause to - kubaga, kurembya

suffering, not physical - umubabarwa
  suffering, physical - ububabare

suffice, to - gukwira, -hagije
  it's sufficient - birahagije

sugar - isukari

sum paid to witchdoctor - ingemu

sum up, to - guhina

summer - icyi (i.e. dry season, actually winter here)

sun - izuba

sun, to put out in - kwanika
  sun, to bring in from - kwanura

Sunday - ku cyumweru

sunset - ikirengazuba
  near sunset time - igicamunsi

superbness - ihóho, akataraboneka

supervise, to - gukenga

supplementary - umugereka

support - inkunga, ubwishingizi

support, to - gutera inkunga, gushyigikira

suppose, to - kugirango, gukeka

surface (e.g. of square) - ubuso

surpass, to - kurusha, kuruta, gusumba,
  kurenga, kurushaho, kurushiriza,
  gutambutsa

surplus, to be a - guságá, gusaguka

surprise, to - gutangaza, kugwa gitumo

surround, to - gukikiza, kugota, gutangatanga,
  gushungera

survive (a calamity), to - guhonoka

suspect, to - gukeka

suspicion, to - gukenga

suspicions - amakenga

sustain, to - gutera inkunga

swallow, to - kumira

swamp - igishanga

swamp of reeds - urubingo

swear (sense of oath), to - kurahira

sweat (n.) - icyuya

sweat, to - kubira icyuya

sweater - umupira

sweet potato - ikijumba

swell, to - kubyimba

swim, to - koga

swing (as children play in) - urucundo

swing, to - kwicunda

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testify, to - guhamya

thank, to - gushima
thank for gift, to - gukura ubwatsi
thank you - (m)urakoze, nuko nuko, ndagushimye

that - ko, yuko
that (demonstrative) - uriya, uwo, wa, etc.

their - -abo (wabo, cyabo, etc.)
them - bo

then - nuko, rero, ubwo
and then - maze
then (remembered) - burya

there - aho, aha
here and there - hamwe na hamwe

therefore - none, niko, none rero, noneho
there is - hari
these - aba, iyi, izi, etc.
they - bo, ba- (as prefix)

thick - -nini
thief - umujura, umwambuzi, igisambo
thin - -to, -toya (muto, gitoya, etc.)

thin, to be - guhorota
(due to illness) - kunyunyuka

thing - ikintu

think, to - gutekereza, kugirango, kuzirikana,
gukeka, kwibwira
think about (without speaking), to -
kwiyumvira
I think that... - ubanza, ngira ngo, nibwira

thirst - inyota
thirsty, to be - kugira inyota

thirty - mirongwitatu

this - uyu, iki, etc.
thorn - ihwa

those - bariya, abo, ba, etc.
thought - igitekerezo
thought, to be in deep - kwiyumvira

thousand - igihumbi
ten thousand - inzovu
one hundred thousand - agahumbi

thrash around (as sick person), to -
kwigaragura

thread - urudodo

threaten, to - kwihangiriza, gukangara,
gukangisha

threatenings - ibikangisho

three - -tatu, eshatu (3rd & 6th cl.)

thrice - gatatu

throat - umuhogo

throw, to - gutera
throw at, to - gutërera
throw away, to - guta, kujugunya
throw behind one's back, to - kwirenza
throw down, to - gutura, kwesa
throw into water, to - kuroha

thumb - igikumwe

thunder - inkuba

thunder, to - guhinda

Thursday - ku wa kane
tie - umushumi
tie, to - kuboha, gupfundika
tie an animal, to - kuzirika
tie neck of sack, to - kuniga
tie up, to - guhambira
tie up boat, to - gutsika

tick (insect) - ikirondwe

tile (floor) - isasa

tile (roof) - itegura

time - igihe, umwanya
as time goes on - uko ibihe biha ibindi
at another time - ubundi
at what time? - gihe ki?
long time ago (or future) - kera
on time - kare, ku gihe
time off - uruhushya

time, to set a - kugena igihe

times - inshuro
how many times? - kangaehe?

tiny - nzinya (with 7th cl. only)
tiny thing - akadomo

tire - umupira

tired, to be - kuruha, kunanirwa

to - ku, mu, i
to and fro - hiryana no hino

tobacco - itabi

today - none, uyu munsi
toe - ino

toenail - urwarwa

together - hamwe, kumwe
a get-together - iteraniro

together, to come - guterana

toilet, to do one’s (wash, comb, etc.) -

tie-tre

tomorrow - ejo
day after tomorrow - ejo bundi

tongue - ururimi

tool (metal) - icyuma

tooth - iryinya

top (on the top) - hejuru

torrent - agashinyaguro

totally - rwose

touch, to - gukoraho
touch with, to - gukoza

tower - umunara

town - umudugudu, ikilorero, umujyi

trade, to - gucuruza

tradec - umucuruzi, umuhanjuzi

tradition - akarande

train (child), to - kurera

trait - ingeso

trample on, to - kuribata

transmit from one to another, to - guhererekanya

trap - umutege, rwagakoco (small)

trap, to set - gutega

traveller - umugenzi

traverse, to - kumena

tread on, to - gukandagira
tre-und

treasury - imari

treat (medical), to - kuvura

take someone to be treated, to - kuvuza

treat (behavior), to - kugenza, gufata

treat unjustly, to - kurenganya

treat very badly, to - guhemura

treat wounds, to - gukomora

treats illness, one who - umuvuzi

tree - igiti

tree, base of - igishitsi

tremble, to - guhinda umushitsi

(as earth) - kunyeganyega

trembling - umushitsi, igishitsi

trial - urubanza

tribe - ubwoko

tribunal - urukiko

trick, to - kuriganya

trickery - uburiganya

triumph, to - kunesha, gutsinda

trouble, to - kurushya, gutoba

trouble, to cause - gutera amahane, gutäta

troubled, to be - guhagarika umutima,

kugwa mu kantu

troubles - amakuba, ibyago, amagorwa

true - koko

truly - bwite, by’ukuri, mu by’ukuri

trunk of banana tree - umutumba

trust - icyingiro, ibwiringiro

trust, to - kwiringira, kwizera

truth - ukuri

try, to - kugerageza

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turaco - inkorongo

turn around, to - guhindukira (int.),

guhindukiza (tr.)

turn away one’s eyes, to - guhunza amaso

turn someone over to authority, to -

kugabiza

turn toward, to - kwerekera

turn upside down, to - kubika

twenty - makumyabiri

twice - kabiri

twins - impanga

twist cords, to - guhotora, kubohekanya

twist forcibly, to - gucumba

two - kabiri, -biri

type - ubwoko

U

ugly - -bi (mubi, kibi, etc.)

ulcer - igisebe

umbrella - umutaka

unable to do something, to be - kunanirwa

uncle, paternal - data wacu (wanyu, wabo)

uncle, my maternal - marume

unclean, to be - guhumana

unclean, to make - guhumanya

unconscious - intere

under - munsi ya

underneath - munsi

understand, to - kumva, gusobanukirwa
unexpected help - ingoboka
unexpectedly, to come (happen) - gutungura
unfairly, to treat - kurenganya
unfaithful to, to be - guhemuka, guhinyuka
unfortunate, to be - kugorwa
unite, to - kubumbira, kunga ubumwe
(implies previous separation) - kwiyunga
unjustly, to treat - kurenganya
unload, to - gupakurura
unlock, to - gukingura
unripe - -bisi, -toto
unsatisfactorily - nabi
unstop, to - kuzibura
unstopped, to become - kuzibuka
untie, to - kubohora, gupfundura, gufundura
untie animal (from stake), to - kuzitura
untied, to be - guhambuka
until - kugeza
(if followed by verb) - kugeza aho
unwed mother - ikinyandaro
uproot, to - kurandura
upside down, to turn - kubika, gucurika, guhirika
us - twebwe, twe
use - akamaro, umumaro
use, to - gukoresha
use up, to - kumara
use up for nothing, to - gupfusha ubusa
usually - ubusanzwe

V
vacation - uruhushya
vaccination - urukingo, indasago
vagabond, to be a - kubuyera, kururuka
vain, in - ku busa, ubusa, amāra masa
valley - akabande
valuable - ingenzi
value - akamaro, igiciro
vegetable - imboga, uruboga
verb - inshinga
verse - umurongo
very - cyane
very much - rwose
very well - henga
vicinity, in this - ino
village - igiturage, icyaro
(hill with numerous homes) - umurenge
villagers - abaturage
vines - umuzabibu
vineyard - uruzabibu
violent, to become - kurubira
virtue - umuco
visible, to be - kugaragara, kuboneka
visible, to make - kugaragaza
visit, to go to - gusra, gutembera, gusuhuza
visit bereaved person, to - kuyaga
visit with, to - kuganira na
visitor - umushyitsi
voice - ijwi
voice, loud - ijwi rirenga
vol-wa

volcano - ikirunga
vomit, to - kuruka
vote to do, to - gushinga
vote (in election), to - gutora
vote, to take a - gucisha mu majwi
vow, to - kurahira
vulture - inkongoro

W

wage - igihembo, umushashara
wail, to - kuganya, kuboroga
wait, to - gutegereza, guhagarara
wait! - buretse
wait for, to - kurindira, gutegereza
waken, to - gukangura (tr.), gukanguka (int.)
walk, to - kugenda
walk, to go for a - gutembera, kugendagenda
walking stick - inkoni

wall - igisika
(interior) - urusika
(exterior) - ikibambazi

wander about, to - kuzerera, kubuyera, komongana
find the way after wandering about, to - guhabuka
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want, to - gushaka
warm oneself by fire, to - kota
warn, to - guhanura, guhugura, kwihangiriza, gukangara, kwiyama, kuburira

wash (clothes), to - kumesa
(body, self) - kwiyuhagira
(body, another) - kuhagira
(feet) - koga
(hands) - gukaraba
(vegetables) - kuronga
(most anything else) - koza

waste, to - gupufsha ubusa, kwangiza, gukerensa, gutagaguza

watch (clock) - isaha
watch, to - kuba maso, kurinda
watchman - umunyezamu, umuraririzi
water - amazi
water, to bring - kuvoma
water, to dip in (as finger) - kwibiza

water pot - ikibindi
waves - umuraba

way - inzira, uburyo
round-about-way - inzira y'uruboko
short-cut way - inzira y'ubusamu
way over there - hariya, -iriya

we - twebwe, twe
we alone - twenyine

weak, to be - kugira intege nke
weaken, to - gucogoza
weakness - intege nke

wealth - ubutunzi, ubukire, ubukungu
wealthy person - umutunzi, umukire

weapons - intwaro

wear, to - kwambara
wear ornaments, to - kurimba
wear out, to - gushira (int.)
wear sandals (shoes), to - gukweta
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weave, to - kuboha
wedding - ubukwe
  wedding guest (groom's relative) - umusangwa
Wednesday - ku wa gatatu
weed, to - kubagara
weeds - ibyatsi bibi
week - icyumweru
  last week - icyumweru gishize
  next week - icyumweru gitaha
  week days - iminsi y'imibyizi
weep, to - kurira
weigh, to - gupima, kugera
weighed down, to be - gushengurwa
welcome, to - kwakira
well (n.) - iriba
well, to get - gukira
well-being - imibereho
well up (water, blood), to - kududubiza
wet - -bisi
what - -ki, iki?
  what it is - icy'ari cyo
  what is more - byongeye kandi
wheat - ingano
wheel - ikigata
when - ubwo, igure
  when? - ryari?, gihe ki?
whenever - uko, ivo

where - he?, hehe?, aho
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whether - yuko, ari
which - -he? (ikihe?, uwuhe?, etc.)
whip (leather, rubber) - umukoba
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  (eggs, milk, etc.) -kuvuruga
whistle (n.) - urushyungute
whistle, to - gushyunguta
white - -era (cyera, etc.), igitare, umwere
  white, exceedingly - -era de
  white person - umuzungu
white, to be very - kwererana
  white, to make - kweza
whiteness, dazzling - urwererane
who? - nde? (bande?, pl.)
whole - -ose (bose, cyose, etc.), -zima
wholeness - ubuzima
why? - ko, kuki?, n'iki gituma?
  that's why - ni icyo gituma, bituma
wicked, to be - gukiraniirwa
wide - -gari (hagari, etc.)
widow - umupfakazi
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wild animal - inamaswa
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witness (male or female) - umugabo
  witness (words) - ubuhamywa
witness, to - guhamya, guhamiriza
woman (married) - umugore
  (old) - umukecuru
  (young) - umwārī
wonder at, to - gutangara
wonderful, to be - gutangaza
  something wonderful - igitangaza
woo, to - kushya
wood - inkwi (for fire)
word - ijambo
  word, final - umwanzuro
  words, idle; just talk - uburondogodi
work - akazi, umurimo
work, to - gukora
working, manner of - imikorere
workman - umukozi
  workman, skilled - umufundi
workshop (sense of study) - ihuguriro
world - isi
worm - inzoka
  worm, tiny - urunyo
worried, to be - guhangayika, kubunza
  umutima, kwiganyira
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worth - igiciro
worthy, to be - -kwiriye
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wounded, to be - gukomerekana
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  wrap around oneself, to - kwifubika
wring out, to - gukamura
  wring the neck, to - guhotora
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  umunkanyari
write, to - kwandika
    write poem (story), to - guhimba

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year - umwaka
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yell (pain, sorrow), to - kuboroga
yellow - umuhondo
yes - yego, yee
yesterday - ejo
day before yesterday - ejo bundi
yet - nyamara
you - wowe, mwebwe, mwe
    you alone - (s.) wenyine; (pl.) mwenyine
young - -to, -toya (muto, bitoya)
young lady (unmarried) - inkumi
young man (unmarried) - umusore
young person - ingaragu
young of animal - icyana
your - -anyu (pl.)
    -awe (s.)
youth - ubusore, urubyiruko

Z
zeal - umwete, umuhati, ishyaka, ubwuzu
zealous, to be - kugira umwete

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