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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. ā, ē, ī, ō. 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.

A

urw-ābya (inz-) - small covered clay pot	umw-āku (no pl.) - bad fate, bad luck
kw-āduka (tse) - to appear suddenly	iny-ama (see: i-nyama)
inz-āduka (inz-) - something strange, foreign, new	kw-āmamara (ye) - to spread everywhere, become known (int.)
ak-āga (no pl.) - misfortune, danger	kw-āmamaza (je) - to spread everywhere (tr.), make known, publish
umw-āga (no pl.) - harshness, severity umunyamwāga - harsh person, cruel	iny-amaswa (see: i-nyamaswa)
icy-āgo (iby-)(111) - trouble	kw-āmbara (ye)(36) - to wear, dress, put on (clothing)
ubw-āguke (no pl.) - width	kw-āmbaza (je) - to pray, cry to God for help
aha (118) - here	umw-āmbi (imy-) - arrow, match
icy-āha (iby-)(14) - sin	kw-āmbika (tse) - to dress (tr.), put clothes on someone
ukw-āha (utw-)(32) - armpit	am-ambu, ibiri - on the contrary, however
ahandi (no pl.)(43) - elsewhere	icy-āmbu (iby-) - port
ahāri (43) - perhaps	kw-āmbuka (tse) - to cross a body of water, or land
aho (119) - there, where, since, instead of, rather than	kw-āmbura (ye) - to take clothes off
ahūbwo (39) - but rather, on the contrary, however	umw-āmbuzi (ab-) - thief, robber
kw-āhukana (nye) - to leave mate (temporarily) (usually said of women)	umw-āmi (ab-)(2) - king, Lord
kw-āka (tse)(82) - to shine, burn, (of a fire)	icy-āmi - kingly, royal
kw-āka (tse) - to take away from, reclaim	ubw-āmi (no pl.)(48) - kingdom
umw-āka (imy-)(38) - year; (pl.)-crops	urw-āmo (no pl.) - noise (of voices), clamor
akaramata - forever	umw-āna (ab-)(2) - child, son, daughter
kw-ākīra (iriye)(95) - to accept, welcome, receive	ubw-āna (no pl.)(28) - childhood
	iny-āna (see: i-nyana)
	icy-āna (iby-) - colt, young of animal
	in-anasi (in-)(61) - pineapple

umw-ānda (imy-)(107) - dirt (as on floor)	ak-āra (no pl.) - place where soil is thin
kw-āndarika (tse) ibintu - to be careless with things	am-āra masa - empty-handed, in vain
kw-āndika (tse)(34) - to write	Umw-ārabu (ab-) - Arab
urw-āndiko (inz-)(25) - letter (missile)	ari - whether, he is, she is, it is
umw-ānditsi (ab-) - secretary, scribe	umw-āri (ab-) - young woman
umw-āndu (imy-) - inheritance	icy-āri (iby-) - nest
kw-ānga (nze)(36) - to refuse, hate, dislike	kw-ārika (tse) - to make a nest
kw-āngirira (ye) - to resist, refuse to	ariko - but, however
kw-āngiza (je)- to damage, damage crop, etc. before it is mature, to waste	umw-ārimu (ab-) - professor, teacher
urw-āngo (inz-) - hatred	umw-āro (imy-) - lakeshore, ford
umw-ango (imy-)(23)(Sw.) - door	icy-āro (iby-) - village, country (rural)
ak-ānguhe, gusesa - to be mature (person), experienced	kw-āruka (tse) - to grow up
kw-ānika (tse)(59) - to put out in the sun	kw-āsa (ashije)(65) - to cut firewood
iny-anja (see: i-nyanja)	kw-āsama (mye) - to open the mouth
kw-ānura (ye)(59) - to bring in from sun	ashwi - no (emphatic) ashwi da - no!
umw-ānya (imy-)(88) - time, space	ubw-āto (am-)(27) - boat
ak-ānya (no pl.) - a brief moment	kw-ātsa (akije)(63) - to blow the fire
iny-anya (see: i-nyanya)	ubw-ātsi (no pl.)(69) - grass, pasture, possession
ubw-anyuma (no pl.) - later	gukūra ubwātsi - to congratulate, (as a graduate), e.g. tugukūriye ubwatsi
umw-ānzi (ab-)(102) - enemy	icy-ātsi (iby-)(69) - grass
umw-ānzuro (imy-) - final word, decision, conclusion	ibyatsi bibi - weeds
inz-ara (see: i-nzara)	icy-āyi (no pl.)(61) - tea
urw-āra (inz-)(24) - fingernail, claw, toenail	
	B
	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	iki-bambazi (ibi-) - wall (usually exterior)
ku-babara (ye)(75) - to suffer, be sad, hurt, be sore	bambe (46) - excuse me (misspoke myself)
ubu-babare (no pl.) - physical suffering (or, mental)	ku-bāmbūra (ye) - to remove from cross, remove dried hide from pegs
ku-babarira (ye)(48) - to forgive	ku-bāna (nye) - to live with, together
umbabari (46) - excuse me, I'm sorry	ru-bānda (no pl.) - people, a crowd
umu-babaro (imi-)(104) - suffering, pain, sorrow, sadness, grief (mental, not physical)	rubanda rwa giseseka - the ordinary people
ku-babaza (je)(79) - to hurt (tr.), cause pain, sorrow	aka-bānde (utu-)(56) - valley
im-babazi (im-)(15) - forgiveness, pardon, mercy, pity	i-banga (ama-) - secret
iki-babi (ibi-)(69) - leaf	ku-bāngikanya (nije) - to place near, put in group together
ku-baduka (tse) - to get up quickly (from seat or bed)	ku-bānguka (tse)(47) - to hurry
ku-bāga (ze)(63) - to butcher, operate on, cause to suffer severely	ku-bānza (njije)(31) - to do first, begin by
im-baga (im-) - crowd	ubanza - it seems that..., it's possible that..., I think..., perhaps...
ku-bagara (ye) - to weed	uru-bānza (imanza) - trial, judgment, condemnation, affair
i-bāgiro (ama-) - butcher shop, butchering place	ku-banziriza (je) - to precede
aka-bago (utu-) - comma, period	ku-bara (ze)(38) - to count
ku-baho (bayeho) - to live, exist	i-bara (ama-) - color
uru-bāho (im-)(23) - board, slate	im-baraga (im-)(46) - strength, power
ku-baka (see: k-ūbaka)	im-baragasa (im-)(77) - flea
umu-baji (aba-) - carpenter	aka-barankuru (utu-) - news magazine, paper
ku-bāmba (mbye) - to crucify, stretch out (as hide to dry)	umu-bare (imi-)(122) - number
	i-barura (no pl.) - statistics, census
	i-baruwa (ama-)(Sw.) - letter
	ku-bāsha (shije) - to have power, be able

ubu-bāsha (no pl.) - power, strength, authority	ku-bēshyabēshya (shye)(113) - to amuse a child, fool, deceive lightly
im-bata (im-) - slave	-bi (adj.)(8) - bad, dirty, ugly
aka-bāti (utu-) - closet, cupboard	ku-biba (bye)(117) - to plant, sow (small seeds)
ku-batiza (je) - to baptize	umu-bibyi (aba-) - planter, sower
umu-batizo (no pl.) - baptism	ku-bīha (-shye) - to be bitter, sour, taste bad
iki-baya (ibi-) - plain (near river, lake)	ku-bīka (tse)(29) - to put away, store
ibya-baye - what happened	ku-bika (tse) - to crow
ku-baza (jije)(44) - to ask (question)	ku-bimba (mbye) ifuro - to froth at the mouth
ku-bāza (je)(65) - to plane, carve wood	iki-bīndi (ibi-) - clay water pot
iki-bazo (ibi-) - question	uru-bingo (im-) - reed, swamp of reeds
im-beba (im-)(38) - mouse, rat	ku-bira (ze)(63) - to boil (int.)
im-bēhe (im-) - bowl (made of wood)	-biri (37) - two guca ukubiri na- to be different from
im-beho (im-) - cold (atmosphere)	umu-biri (imi-)(76) - body, flesh
aka-bemba (utu-)(85) - peanut, ground nut	Umu-birigi (Aba-) - Belgian
umu-bēmbe (aba-) - leper	Ubu-birigi - Belgium
ibi-bēmbe (no sing.) - leprosy	ku-birindura (ye) - to roll along (tr.)
bene - like (esp. before pronoun; ben'ibi)	iki-biriti (ibi-) - box of matches
ku-bēngerana (nye) - to shine, gleam	i-biro (i-) - dresser, desk, office
im-bere (118) - inside, in front of , before mu mbere - private room, place for honored guest	ku-bisa (shije) - to step aside (to allow passage)
imi-bēreho (no sing.) - actions, conduct, life, well-being, lifestyle	-bisi (8) - raw, green, unripe, wet, fresh
ku-berereka (tse) - to move aside to permit passage	i-bisi (i-) - bus
i - bēsani (ama-) - basin	ku-biza (jije)(63) - to boil (tr.)
ku-bēshya (shye)(58) - to lie, deceive, tell a lie to	

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

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-buyēra (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-bwīra (ye)(66) - to tell
 ku-bwīriza (je) - to preach, to incite to do something, or act in a certain manner
 bwite - fully, truly, own (e.g. his own)
 ku-byāra (ye)(89) - to give birth (to)
 umu-byēyi (aba-)(17) - parent
 ku-byibuha (shye)(112) - to be fat, stout
 ku-byiga (ze) - to push, lean against
 ku-byīmba (mbye) - to swell
 iki-byīmba (ibi-)(113) - boil, abcess
 umu-byīmba (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-byūka (tse)(115) - to get up, rise up (from lying position)
 ku-byūtsa (kije) - to lift up, help someone get up

C

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 iryēra - to see someone briefly
 in-cābiti (in-)(65) - axe
 gu-cāgagura (ye)(63) - to chop up
 gu-cāgata (se) - to be half-filled
 umu-cāmanza (aba-) - judge
 igi-cāmūnsi (ibi-) - near sunset time
 gu-cāna (nye)(51) - to light, kindle, start a fire
 ama-cāndwe - saliva, spit
 umu-cānga (imi-)(65) - sand, gravel
 umu-cānshuro (aba-) - mercenary, hired person
 gu-capā - 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	i-cukiro (ama-)(19) - manure heap
gu-ceceka (tse) - to be quiet, silent, stop talking	igi-cuku (no pl.) - midnight
gu-cēngera (ye) - to penetrate	gu-cukura (ye)(123) - to dig a hole
gu-cēngeza (je) - to make penetrate, soak in	igi-cuma (ibi-) - gourd
umu-ceri (no pl.) - rice	gu-cumba (mbye) - to forcibly twist
gu-cīka (tse)(84) - to escape, break (int.), to tear (int.)	i-cūmbi (ama-)(104) - guest room, dormitory, temporary lodging place
gucika intege - to become discouraged, weak	gu-cūmbika (tse)(104) - to get lodging, spend night away from home
gu-cīkura (ye) - to save from being wiped out (as, family name)	gu-cūmbikira (ye) - to give lodging to
gu-cīkwa (tswe) - to make an error, miscalculate	gu-cūmbukūra (ye) - to leave a lodging place
ama-cinya - dysentery	i-cumi (37) - ten
gu-cīra (ye) umugani - to tell a fable, proverb	i-cumu (ama-)(19) - spear
igi-cīro (ibi-)(107) - price, value, worth	gu-cumura (ye) - to sin
gu-cīrwaho (weho) iteka - to be condemned	igi-cumuro (ibi-) - sin
i-co (no pl.)(19) - dirt, filthiness	uru-cundo (in-) - swing (like children play in)
umu-co (imi-) - custom, quality, virtue	i-cunga (ama)(91) - orange
igi-co (ibi-) - ambush	in-cūngu (or, in-shungu)(in-) - ransom
gu-cōgoza (je) - to weaken, discourage	gu-cūngura (ye)(57) - to redeem, pay ransom
wa-cu (3) - our (wacu, bacu, etc.)	umu-cūnguzi (aba-) - redeemer
igi-cu (ibi-) - cloud	i-cupa (ama-) - bottle
igi-cūcu (ibi-)(76, 115) - shade, shadow, foolish person	gu-cura (ze) urugoma - to fool around, to have a party
gu-cucuma (mye)(75) - to mash	ibi-curāne (no sing.)(26) - cold in head, runny nose
gu-cugusa (shije) - to shake hard (tr.)	gu-curānga (nze) - to play an instrument (harp, piano)
gu-cugutu (se) - to shake hard (tr.)	

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
 kurangwaho ubucuti - to be friendly
 ubu-cuti (no pl.) - friendship
 gu-cyāha (shye) - to rebuke, reprimand
 cyāne (inv.)(2) - very, much, exceedingly
 cyāne cyāne - especially, mostly
 cyāngwa (55) - or
 i-cyēnda (37) - nine
 i-cyi (5e cl., no pl.) - dry season
 (June-September)
 umu-cyo (imi-)(5) - light
 gu-cyōcyōra (ye) - to jest, poke fun at
 gu-cyūra (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-cyūrira (ye) umuntu - to taunt,
 constantly remind one of his faults

gu-cyuya (ye) - to fade

D

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-dasāgo (in-) - vaccination, scar from cut
 iki-dasesa (ibi-) - woven grass mat, door
 mat, solar energy panel
 dāta (bā dāta)(73) - my, our father
 dātabuja (ba) - my, our master,
 employer (male)
 dātabukwe (ba-) - my, our father-in-law
 mābukwe - 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

dāta wacu (wanyu, wabo) - paternal uncle

de - exceedingly white

ku-dedemānga (nze) - to babble, speak
 indistinctly

in-dege (in-) - airplane

in-dēmbe (in-) - a dying person

i-denariyo (ama-) - denarius (Roman coin)

umu-dēndēzo (no pl.) - liberty, freedom

ubu-deshyi (no pl.) - idleness, laziness

umu-digaferi (imi-) - loquat

in-dimu (in-)(91) - lemon, orange

ku-dīndiza (-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-dūru (in-) - cry of alarm

in-dwāra (in-)(17) - illness, sickness

in-dyanisha murizo - scorpion

in-dyankwi (in-)(65) - axe

E

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-ēgēra (reya)(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
kwīyēgurira Imana - to give oneself to God,
to live for God

kw-ēgurirwa Imana - to be holy

ejo (29) - tomorrow, yesterday

ejo bundi - day after tomorrow, day before
yesterday

mw-embī (61) - both of you
tw-embī - 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-ēndeze (no pl.) - harbinger, precursor,

incipience	eshatu (37) - three (with 3rd & 6th cl.)
mw-ēne (bēne)(101) - son of (first cl.) mwēne se (nyina) - brother, sister	esheshatu (37) - six (with 3rd & 6th cl.)
umw-ēne (ab-) gihugu - citizen, national	umw-ēte (no pl.)(82) - zeal, interest, enthusiasm kugira umwete - to be zealous, earnest
kw-ēnga (nze) - to make beer	kw-ēza (jeje)(112) - to make white, pure
umw-ēnge (imy-) - hole (in cloth, pot, object), eye of needle	am-ēza (no pl.)(19) - table
ubw-ēnge (no pl.)(27) - wisdom, intelligence	ukw-ēzi (am-)(32) - month, moon ukwēzi kwa mbere - January, etc. (for Rwanda names of months, see Eng.)
enye (37) - four (with 3rd & 6th cl.)	ukw-ēzwa (no pl.)(112) - holiness, purity of heart
kw-ēra (ze)(112) - to bear (fruit), ripen, be white, pure	
umw-ēre (no pl.) - white, innocent	F
kw-ēreka (tse)(35) - to show	i-faranga (ama-)(18) - franc, money
kw-ērekana (nye) - to show (tr.)	igi-faransa (no pl.) - French language
kw-ērekera (ye) - to turn toward, to be about e.g. mvuga ibyerekeye. . . I'm talking about. . .	gu-fasha (shije)(22) - to help
ibw-ērekeza - the back end of a boat	gu-fata (she)(38) - to take hold of, grasp, seize, catch, treat (someone-manner) e.g. amufata neza - he's good (kind) to him
icy-ērekezo (iby-) - direction	gu-fatanya (nije) - to cooperate, have fellowship
kw-ērerana (nye) - to be very white	i-fēza (ama-) - money, silver
urw-ērerane - dazzling whiteness	i-fi (ama-)(11) - fish
umw-ēro (imy-) - maturity, harvest	gu-finda (nze) - to cast lots
kw-erura (ye) - to make plain, emphasize	-fite (no past, no inf.)(2) - have, has
kw-esa (esheje) umunyana - to succeed in part, but fail in part	gu-fobora (ye) - to speak plainly, clearly
kw-esa (she) - to throw down	gu-fora (ye) - to aim at, guess
ese - word used to ask question	gu-fotora (ye) - to take a picture (with camera)
eshanu (37) - five (with 3rd & 6th cl.)	

i-fu (i-)(11) - flour, powder	ku-gaba (bye) - to give (to an inferior), put forth (as branches)
ama-fu - cool at end of day, or at daybreak, coolness	umu-gabane (imi-) - part, (esp. part received)
gu-fudika (tse) - to err, make a mistake	ku-gabanuka (tse) - to diminish (int.)
umu-fuka (imi-)(88) - sack, pocket, purse, bag	ku-gabanya (nije) - to divide
umu-fundi (aba-)(56) - mason, skilled workman	ku-gabiza (je) - to turn someone over to police, etc.
gu-fūnga (nze)(Sw.) - to close, shut	in-gabo (in-) - army, soldiers
gu-fūngāna (nye)(112) - to be narrow	umu-gabo (aba-)(1) - man (married), husband, witness (male or female)
igi-fungo (ibi-) - button	ku-gaburira (ye) - to feed, distribute food
gu-fūngūra (ye)(Sw.) - to open	ku-gaga (ze) - to be spoiled (of cooked food)
gu-fūngura (ye) - to eat, have a meal	ku-gagaza (je) - to make stiff, stiffen
i-fūnguro (ama-) - a meal	ku-gambana (nye) - to betray
uru-fūngūzo (im-)(24) - key, bottle opener	umu-gāmbi (imi-) - plan, project
im-fūngwa (im-) - prisoner	ku-gambirira (riye) - to decide, determine, plan, plan for
i-fūni (ama-) - worn out hoe	-gamije (no infinitive, no other form) - to have for a purpose e.g. Agamije iki? - What is his purpose, aim?
gu-funyanga (nze) - to knead (bread), to kick in womb (baby)	in-gamiya (in-) - camel
uru-fūnzo (im-) - green papyrus, swamp	ku-gana (nnye) - to go forward
i-fūra (or, ifūru)(i-)(63) - stove	umu-gana (imi-) - herd (of pigs only)
im-fura (im-) or impfura (104) - first-born, nobleman, person of good manners	in-ganda (in-) - factory
i-furo (no pl.) - froth, foam	umu-ganda (imi-) - group service
im-furuka (im-) - corner (of room, house)	iki-gānde (ibi-) - disobedient person
i-futi (ama-) - mistake	in-gando (in-) - temporary shelter, hut

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akā-ga (no pl.) - (see: ak-āga)

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

ku-gengarara (ye) - to head up (grain)	ikigero cyose - all ages
umu-gengararo (imi-) - head of grain (before filled out)	uru-gero (in-) - example, measure
umu-geni (aba-) - bride	ku-gesa (she)(99) - to harvest millet
ka-geni, bene ako - like that way (manner) of doing	in-gese (in-) - rust
ibi-geni, bene ibyo - like that way (manner) of doing	in-geso (in-)(71) - trait, habit, characteristic
ku-genza (je) - to treat, behave towards, spy on	ku-geza (jeje) - to end with, until, reach, cause to arrive
ku-genzereza (je) - to find a chance to “get” somebody	kugeza aho (99) - until (with verb) uhereye. . .kugeza. . . = from. . .to. . .
imi-genzereze - how one lives, habitual way of acting	umu-gezi (imi-) - stream
mu-genzi (ba-) - companion, friend, mate (in pair of things)	i-gi (ama-)(18) - egg
umu-genzi (aba-) - traveller	umu-gi (imi-) - insect egg (esp. flea)
in-genzi (in-) - important, valuable e.g. ikintu cy’ingenzi - an important thing	umu-gi (imi-) - city
umu-genzo (imi-) - habit, practice, custom	uru-gi (see: ur-ūgi)
ku-gēnzūra (ye) - to oversee, spy on, to test (see: 1 Tes. 2:4)	gihe ki? - when? at what time?
ku-gera (ze)(31, 96) - to arrive, measure, weigh, reach a certain point of time	ku-gimba (mbye) - to be dull
ku-gerageza (je)(102) - to try, test, tempt, attempt	ku-gingimira (ye) - to stutter, stammer
ku-gereka (tse) - to place on top of something else	ku-gingimiranya (nije) - to hesitate, be fearful
umu-gereka (imi-) - supplementary	ubu-gingo (no pl.)(27) - life
ku-gereranya (nije) - to compare, estimate	ku-gira (ze)(29) - to have, do, make
iki-gero (ibi-) - age	ku-gīra (riye) inama - to counsel, advise kw-īgira 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	ku-gōra (ye) - to be difficult, troublesome
umu-gisha (imi-)(6) - blessing	ku-gorama (mye) - to be crooked
in-gisha (in-) - charm, fetish	in-gōrane (in-) - problem, difficulties
iki-gize cya nkana - intentionally	umu-gore (aba-)(1) - woman (married), wife
ubu-gizi bwa nabi - evil acts	iki-gōri (ibi-)(15) - corn, maize
uru-go (in-)(23) - kraal, enclosure, home, homestead	ku-goroba (bye) - to become evening
ku-goboka (tse) - to go to the help of someone, aid (unexpectedly)	umu-goroba (imi-)(29) - evening (2:00-6:00), usually: ni mugoroba
in-goboka (in-) - unexpected help	i-gorofa (ama-) - story (of house)
in-gobyi (in-) - hammock, stretcher, placenta, skin used to tie baby on back	ku-gorora (ye) - to make straight
in-gofero (in-)(39) - hat	in-gororano (in-) - recompense, reward
umu-gogo (imi-)(115) - log, foot-bridge, small bridge	ku-gororera (reye) - to recompense, reward
ku-goma (mye) - to openly rebel, revolt, disobey	ku-gororoka (tse) - to be straight, righteous
in-goma (in-)(12) - drum, reign	ama-gōrwa (no sing.)(43) - troubles, difficulties
ka-goma (3rd cl.) - eagle	ku-gōrwa (we)(112) - to be unfortunate
ku-gōmba (mbye)(93) - must, must have, to lack, need	ku-gota (se) - to surround, hem in, encircle
in-gōmbwa (in-) - something essential, necessary	in-goyi (in-) - bonds
umu-gome (aba-) - rebel	umu-gozi (imi-)(6) - string, rope, cord
ubu-gome (no pl.) - revolt, rebellion	ku-gubwa nēza (guwe)(85) - to be rich, fortunate, have pleasant experience
uru-gomo (in-), gucura - to play with others, fool around, have a party	-gufi (8) - short, low, shallow
umu-gōngo (imi-) - back (of person, animal)	bu-gufi - near
kuba mu mugongo - to have period (female)	bugufi bwa. . . - near something
	i-gufwa (ama-)(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'umuriro - 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 agacuho - to be exhausted (from
 work)

ku-gwa 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.)

ku-gwira (riye) isari - to faint from hunger

ku-gwiza (jije) - to multiply (tr.)

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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-hagarika (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-haguruka (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-hānda (imi-) - road
hākuno (118) - on this side of (body of water, valley)	uru-hānde (impānde)(119) - side iruhānde ya - beside
hākurya (118) - on other side of (water or valley)	ama-hāne (no sing.) - quarrel, dispute, sauciness
gu-hama (mye) - to remain, stay	gu-hānga (nze) - to introduce something guhānga umuntu - to possess, enter into
gu-hamagara (ye)(66) - to call	gu-hānga (nze) - invent, create, begin
gu-hāmba (mbye) - to bury	umu-hānga (aba-) - skilled person
gu-hāmbira (riye) - to tie up, wrap	igi-hānga (ibi-) - head (of something dead)
gu-hāmbuka (tse) - to be loosed, untied	ama-hānga (sing. ishyānga) - foreign country, nation, peoples
i-hāmbwa - burial	uru-hānga (imp-) - forehead
mu ru-hame (no pl.) - publicly, in a meeting	ubu-hānga (no pl.) - skill
gu-hamiriza (je) - to witness to, to dance the war (intore) dance	gu-hangana (nye) - to withstand, face someone
hamwe (119) - together, at one place	gu-hangana amāso - to stare at each other
hamwe na hamwe - here and there, at some places	igi-hāngange (ibi-) - giant
gu-hamya (mije) - to witness, affirm, testify	gu-hangāra (ye) - to dare (to do something bad), to harm e.g. bumva ko nta cyabahangara - they feel that nothing can hurt them
gi-hamya - proof, evidence	gu-hangayika (tse) - to be anxious, worried
ubu-hamya (no pl.) - witness (words), testimony	umu-hango (imi-) - custom, ceremony, ritual
impamyabushobozi (im-) - diploma	i-hāngu - amanywa y'ihāngu - sunny time of day
gu-hana (nnye)(57) - to punish, scold	
gu-hāna (nye) - to abandon	
gu-hāna (nye)(57) - to give to each other	
umu-hana (imi-)(92) - locality,	

gu-hānguka (tse) - to pass away, to end dry season	gu-hāta (se)(63) - to peel with knife
gu-hangwaho (zweho) - to be possessed by	gu-hāta (se) - to force, compel
gu-hanika (tse) - to be superior e.g. ishuri rihanitse - higher school amafaranga ahanitse - a great deal of money	umu-hati (no pl.) - zeal, earnestness, courage
umu-hānjuzi (aba-) - trader, merchant	hatinze - with delay, late, later on
hano (12) - here, this place	hato, hatoya - later on (same day)
igi-hano (ibi-)(93) - punishment	hato na hato - again and again, repeatedly
gu-hanuka (tse) - to fall from above	gu-haza (gije) - to satisfy, be sufficient, enough
gu-hanūra (ye)(106) - to warn, advise (gently), counsel, scold, prophesy, foretell	igi-haza (ibi-) pumpkin, marrow
umu-hanūzi (aba-) - prophet, seer	he? (12) - where? (in questions only) hehe? - where?
hanyuma (61) - afterwards hanyuma ya - inferior to	-he? (97) - which? (in questions only)
hānze (14) - outside (of a house)	igi-he (ibi-)(43) - time, at the time when
gu-hara (ze) - to give up something loved	gu-heba (bye)(88) - to fail to find, not find
gu-haranira (ye) - to strive for	umu-heha (imi-) - water pipe, hollow straw
uru-hare (no pl.) - place, part, participation kugira uruhare - to have a part in	gu-heheta (se) - to lust strongly
hari (12) - there is, are hariho - there exist(s) hāriho - once upon a time there was	hejuru (118) - on the top, on high, above
harīya (12) - over there	gu-heka (tse) - to carry on one's back, on a stretcher, give a ride
haruguru (118) - higher up, up there	gu-hekenya (nye) - to chew
gu-harura (ye) - to scrape, scratch, dig just top of soil	igi-heko (ibi-) - charm, fetish
hāsi (33) - on the ground, floor, bottom	gu-hēmbe (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)	gu-herekeza (je) - to escort, accompany
ubu-hemu - dishonesty	im-perekeza (im-) - friend of bridegroom (best man)
gu-hemuka (tse) - to be unfaithful, to fail someone, be dishonest	gu-hererana (nye) - to be beside, near (of places)
gu-hemura (ye) - to treat very badly, kill	gu-hērerekanya (nije) - to transmit from one to another
gu-hēnda (nze)(50) - to deceive, extort, overcharge	ubu-heri (no pl.) - itch, scabies
gu-hēndahenda (nze) - to beg earnestly, try to persuade, to quiet, calm someone	gu-heruka (tse) - to be last, come last, have done recently e.g. sindaheruka kukubona - I haven't seen you recently
ibi-hēndo (no sing.) - deceitfulness	gu-herutsa (kije) - to have or make come last
gu-hēnduka (tse) - to be a bargain, cheap	umu-heto (imi-) - bow (as with arrows)
i-hene (ihene)(11) - goat	gu-hēza (jeje) - to send away, refuse permission to enter
ama-henehene - goat's milk	mu muhēzo - entrance forbidden e.g. Nta nama zibera mu muhēzo. - No committees are private (excluding anyone).
hēnga (or, hīnga) - let, come on, very well, just a minute	gu-hīga (ze)(115) - to hunt for game
umu-hengeri (no pl.) - purple (not used much)	gu-hīhibikana (nye) - to follow earnestly after
umu-hēngeri (imi-) - storm on water	gu-himba (mbye) - invent, write (poem, story)
imu-hēngeri - in the middle (or depth) of lake	gu-himbaza (je)(124) - to praise
ama-henure - very short dress e.g. umwēnda w'amahenure	gu-hina (nnye) - to sum up, give resumé, fold arms, bend knees
hēpfo (118) - lower down, below	aga-hinda (no pl.)(26) - sorrow, grief
gu-hēra (reye) - to start with (from), to give to	gu-hinda (nze) - to thunder guhinda umushitsi - to shake, tremble
gu-hera (ze) - to come to an end, be last, disappear	
aga-hera (udu-) - little finger	
gu-hērako (hēreyeko) - to immediately. . .	

gu-hindaga (ze) - to thunder	hĩrya no hĩno - hither and yon, to and fro
Umu-hindi (Aba-) - Hindu, Indian	gu-hisha (she)(103) - to hide (tr.)
umu-hindo (no pl.) - rainy season (Sept-Nov)	gu-hĩsha (shije)(92) - to ripen, burn (tr.)
gu-hinduka (tse) - to change, become, be changed	gu-hishura (ye) - to reveal
gu-hindikira (ye)(98) - to turn around (int.)	umu-hisi (aba-) - passer-by
gu-hindikiza (je)(98) - to turn around (tr.)	gu-hita (se) - to pass by (a certain place)
gu-hindura (ye) - to change (tr.)	gu-hitamo (semo) - to choose
gu-hĩnga (nze)(1) - to cultivate, hoe, dig	gu-hitwa (swe) - to have diarrhea
gu-hĩnguka (tse) - to arrive	hõbe - greetings, hello
gu-hĩngutsa (kije) - to place, cause to appear (as in court)	gu-hobera (ye) - to embrace (arm across the back)
umu-hini (imi-) - hoe handle	gu-hoberana (nye) - to embrace each other
uru-hĩnja (impĩnja)(24) - infant (up to one month)	umu-hoberano (imi-) - hug
hĩno (118) - on this side (of certain place)	hogi - (or, nimuhogi)(usually followed by tugende) - come on, let's go
gu-hinyuka (tse) - to displease, disappoint, be unfaithful	umu-hogo (imi-) - throat
gu-hinyura (ye) - to scorn, criticize (in a bad way)	i-hoho (no pl.) - excellence, superbness
umu-hĩnzi (aba-) - gardener, cultivator	gu-homa (mye) - to plaster
imu-hira (no pl.)(11) - at home	gu-homba (mbye) - to suffer loss (esp. financial)
gu-hirika (tse) - to turn upside down, push away	igi-hombo (ibi-) - deficit, loss
gu-hĩrwa (riwe) - to be fortunate, blessed	gu-hõmboka (tse) - to speak without thinking
ama-hirwe - good fortune, blessing	gu-hondagura (ye) - to knock down, smash
hĩrya (118) - beyond (a certain place)	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	i-huguriro (ama-) - workshop, place of counsel
gu-horera (reye) - to make sound like approaching rain	gu-huguza (je) - to seize property of another
ama-horo (no sing.)(19) - peace (often used in greetings)	gu-huha (shye) - to blow (as wind)
i-horo (ama-) - rent, pay for trip (as in boat), fare	gu-huhwa (shywe) - to be light (weight)
gu-horota (se) - to be thin	gu-huma (mye) - to be blind
hōse (41) - everywhere	gu-humagurika (tse) - to be totally blind
gu-hosha (sheje) - to stop, prevent (esp. of something strong, as battle, argument, etc.)	gu-humana (nye) - to be defiled (by breaking taboo), have skin disease (supposedly caused by breaking taboo)
hoshi! - be off with you!	gu-humanuka (tse) - to become clean
gu-hotora (ye) - to twist cords, wring the neck	gu-humanura (ye) - to make ceremonially clean (as after breaking taboo)
gu-hōza (jeje) - to receive fare, rent	gu-humanya (nije) - to make unclean, defile
igi-hu (ibi-) - fog, haze	aga-hūmbagiza (udu-) - million
igi-hu (ibi-) - eggshell	aga-humbi (udu-) one hundred thousand
uru-hu (impu)(24) - skin, hide	igi-humbi (ibi-) - thousand
gu-hubuka (tse) - to fall from above, to crowd	uru-hūmbu (no pl.) - mold, mildew
gu-huga (ze) - to forget for the moment, be busy	gu-humeka (tse)(122) - to breathe
gu-hugīrwa (we) - to be busy, occupied	gu-humiriza (je) - to close the eyes
igi-hugu (ibi-)(13) - country, region	gu-humuka (tse) - to regain sight
ama-hugu - pillage, robbing	gu-hūmura (ye) - to smell, good or bad
gu-huguka (tse) - to be intelligent, skilled, capable	gu-humura (ye) - to restore sight
gu-hugura (ye) - to arouse, inform, urge to correct one's ways	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-hūmuza (je) - to be concluded, ended (as meeting)	i-hwa (ama-)(111) - thorn
igi-huna (ibi-) - a kind of bananas	igi-hwayihwayi (ibi-) - thing that is voluminous but light in weight
ga-hunda (no pl.) - program, system, organization, orderliness, list	gu-hwema (mye) - to cease, grow weary, rest, relax
i-hundo (ama-) - head of grain (esp. Kaffir corn)	I
gu-hunga (nze)(98) - to flee	i (11) - to, at, from
umu-hūngu (aba-)(1) - boy, son	kw-ība (bye)(58) - to steal, steal from
gu-hungura (ye) - to shell (as corn)	kw-ībagirwa (we)(36) - to forget
gu-hungura (ye) - to marry brother's widow	kw-ībāna (nye) - to live alone
gu-hunika (tse) - to store crops in granary	kw-ībanda (nze) ku - to concentrate on, give oneself wholly to also: kwībanda kurya. . . to be very fond of a food
gu-hunikira (ye) - to nod (sleepy)	
igi-hūnyira (ibi-) - owl	
gu-hunza (je) amaso - to turn away one's eyes	kw-ibiza (je) - to put in water and take out (only of part of body, person)
gu-hūra (ye) - to meet	icy-ībo (iby-)(97) - small, flat basket (no lid)
ubu-hura (no pl.) - little insects that supposedly make honey	ubw-ībone (no pl.) - pride
i-hūriro (ama-) - meeting place, similarity ihūriro ryo kunagūra - workshop	kw-ibuka (tse)(36) - to remember, recall n-ībura - at least
igi-huru (ibi-) - thick bush, scrub	by-ībura - at least
gu-hurura (ye) - to go out against (as soldiers), run out with crowd	kw-iburanya (nije) - to question, reason about
ama-hurunguru - goat manure	kw-ibutsa (kije) - to remind
uru-hushya (impushya)(108) - permission, time off, vacation, rest gusaba uruhushya - to ask for time off	kw-ībwira (ye) - to think kw-īca (ishe)(50) - to kill
Umu-hutu (aba-) - one of ethnic groups among Banyarwanda	umw-īcanyī (ab-)(101) - murderer kw-īcara (ye)(96) - to sit down

kw-īcira (ye) - to kill for	kw-īgisha (shije)(35) - to teach
icy-iciro (iby-) - group, section (as, group assigned to certain task, but not a permanent group), session	umw-īgisha (ab-)(2) - teacher
kw-īcisha (shije) - to cause to kill	imy-īgishirize (no sing.) - manner of teaching
kw-icuma (mye) - to go ahead, move on a bit further	iny-īgisho (iny-) - doctrines, teachings
kw-icunda (nze) - to swing (as child)	icy-īgisho (iby-) - lesson, teachings
icyakora - however	umw-īgishwa (ab-)(2) - pupil, student
kw-īfasha (shije) - to help oneself	kw-īgomwa (mwe) - to give up, sacrifice, fast
kw-īfata (she) - to behave	kw-īhana (nnye)(35) - to repent, confess
imy-īfatire (no sing.) - behavior, conduct	kw-īhandagaza - to be (or make oneself) apparent, obvious
umw-īfato (imy-) - behavior, conduct	kw-īhangana (nye)(91) - to be patient, endure
kw-īfubika (tse) - to cover oneself with, wrap around oneself	kw-īhangiriza (je) - to warn, threaten (as, warn not to tell)
kw-īfuza (je)(117) - to covet, long for, desire	umw-īhariko (imy) - personal property
kw-īga (ze)(35) - to learn, study	kw-īharira (ye) - to be special, for a special purpose e.g. igitabo cyīhariye - a special book, not like others
kw-īgana (nye) - to imitate	
kw-īganyira (ye) - to worry, be anxious	kw-īheba (bye) - to despair
kw-īgaragura (ye) - to thrash around (as sick person does)	kw-īherera (reye) - to be alone
kw-īgendera (ye) - to go by oneself	kw-īhorera (reye) - to be silent, leave someone alone (i.e. not bother)
ubw-īgenge (no pl.) - independence	kw-īhugura (ye) - to find out, learn, be informed
kw-īgera (ze) - to have ever (e.g. sinīgeze mbona. . . - I've never seen), to reach (esp. time)	kw-īhuta (se) - to hurry
kw-īgerezaho (jeho) - to be presumptuous, daring	urw-ījiji (no pl.) - haze
imy-īgire (no sing.) - manner of study	kw-ījima (mye) - to be dark, get dark, appear sad

umw-ijima (no pl.)(5) - darkness, liver	ino (62) - here, in this vicinity
kw-ijujuta (se) - to murmur (discontent)	-inshi (8) - much, many
kw-ikanyiza (je) - to be selfish, stingy	ubw-inshi - quantity
iki? (22) - what?	kw-inuba (bye) - to complain
iki - this	kw-inyagambura (ye) - to move (int.)
kw-ikira (ye) - to get into boat	iry-inyo (amēnyo)(18) - tooth
kw-ikorera (ye) - to carry on head	kw-ira (je) - to get late (in day), get dark
kw-ikubita (se) imbere - to fall down before (in respect)	e.g. burije - it's getting late, dark
kw-ikubura (ye) - to withdraw quickly	inz-ira (inz-)(17) - path, way
kw-ikunda (nze) - to love oneself	ubw-ira (no pl.) - haste
kw-ima (mye) - to withhold, refuse to give	kugira ubwira - to be in a hurry
by-imazeyo - finally, once and for all, completely	kw-irabura (ye) - to be black
imbere (see: im-bere)	ubw-irakabiri - eclipse, darkness in daytime
icy-imbo (iby-) - stead, place	ubw-irase - pride
e.g. mu cyimbo cye - in his place	kw-irata (se) - to boast, be proud
kw-imuka (tse) - to move (as, dwelling)	kw-iregura (ye) - to defend oneself (against accusation)
bimukiyemo - they moved to	kw-irenga (nze) - to strongly affirm (with a certain arm gesture)
bimutsemo - they moved from	kw-irengagiza (je) - to neglect, overlook, procrastinate
urw-ina (inz-) - big hole in ground (esp. underground oven for making bananas ripen)	ah-irengeye - a high place
kw-inangira (ye) umutima - to harden one's heart	kw-irenza (nje) - to throw behind one's back
kw-inezeza (jeje) - to please oneself, enjoy oneself	kw-irimbisha (shije) - to wash and comb oneself
kw-inginga (nze)(59) - to beseech, plead with	kw-irinda (nze) - to keep, guard yourself from, be careful
kw-injira (ye)(38) - to enter	kw-iringira (ye) - to trust, rely on, hope, expect

icy-iringiro (iby-) - hope, expectation	sense of "to name")
ubw-iringiro (no pl.) - hope, trust, confidence	kw-ītaba (bye)(75) - to answer (when called)
umw-irondoro (imy-) - description (e.g. personal information)	kw-ītanga (nze) - to give oneself, self-surrender
kw-īroha (shye) - to rush upon, push	kw-ītarura (ye) - to separate oneself, distance oneself
ubw-īru (no pl.) - secret (stronger word than ibanga), mystery	ubw-īteganirize (no pl.) - pension
kw-īruka (tse)(72) - to run	icy-ītegererezo (iby-) - example, model
kw-īrukana (nye) - to chase away, run after	kw-ītegereza (je) - to look at intently
kw-īrukanka (nze) - to run very fast	kw-ītema (mye)(69) - to cut oneself (as finger) - nitemye urutoke
kw-īsegura (ye) - to lie on pillow, to apologize (before accusation)	umw-ītero (imy-) - cloth women wear over shoulder
kw-īshima (mye)(103) - to be happy, glad, rejoice, be satisfied	kw-ītonda (nze)(67) - to be careful, cautious
iby-īshimo - joy, gladness	kw-ītondera (ye) - to keep, obey (law, command), pay attention to, be careful about
ubw-īshingizi (no pl.) - backing, support kuba afite ubwishingizi - to be bonded	kw-ītonganya (nije) - to fuss, complain (as baby)
kw-īshisha (she) - to fear, mistrust	kw-ītotomba (mbye) - to complain
kw-īshyura (ye)(124) - to repay, make restitution, pay debt	kw-ītoza (-jeje) - to exercise, practice, inculcate
umw-īshywa (ab-) - nephew, niece (child of a man's sister)	kw-ītsamura (ye) - to sneeze
kw-īsomera (ye) - to read for oneself	ak-ītso (utw-) - period (punctutation), comma
imy-īsozi (no sing.) - tears	kw-ītuga, amafaranga yo - bribe
kw-īsukura (ye) - to cleanse, purify oneself	kw-ītura (ye) umuntu inēza - to return a kindness or, kwītura. . . inābi - to return an evil
kw-īsuzuma (mye) - to examine oneself	
kw-īta (itaye)(83) - to pay attention to, care for (usually: kwīta ku. . ., or kwītaho)	
kw-īta (se)(83) - to name, call (only in	kw-ītwararika (tse) - to be concerned about

umw-ĩtwarariko (imy-) - responsibility, concern

urw-ĩtwazo (inz-) - excuse

kw-ĩvovota (se) - to complain, murmur

kw-ĩyaka (tse) - to deprive oneself of

kw-ĩyama (mye) - to rebuke, warn

kw-ĩyandarika (tse) - to be careless in personal appearance

kw-ĩyereka (tse) - to show oneself, exercise, do gym

kw-ĩyiriza (je) ubusa - to go all day without food, fast

kw-ĩyizi (no past) - to know oneself

kw-ĩyorosa (she) - to cover oneself in bed

kw-ĩyoza (-geje) amenyo - to brush teeth

ubw-ĩyubahe (no pl.) - dignity, self-respect

kw-ĩyubaka (tse) - to build oneself

kw-ĩyuhagira (ye) - to bathe oneself

kw-ĩyumvira (riye) - to think about (without speaking), be in deep thought

kw-ĩyunga (nze) - to unite (tr.) (implies previous separation)

-ĩza (8) - good, beautiful, pretty, nice, satisfactory, in good order

ubw-ĩza (85) - glory, beauty

kw-ĩzanira (ye) - to bring for oneself

kw-ĩzera (ye)(32, 35) - to trust, believe, faith, belief

imy-ĩzerere (no sing.) - beliefs, doctrines

kw-ĩzihiza (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-jiji (in-) - ignorant person

uru-jijo (no pl.) - mystery
e.g. kutubera urujijo -to be a mystery to us

ku-jijũka (tse) - to be informed, knowledgeable, come out of ignorance

ubu-jijũke (no pl.) - knowledge, intelligence, skill

ku-jijura (ye) - to instruct, remove ignorance

ku-jijwa (jwe) - to not know, be ignorant of

umu-jinya (no pl.) - grudge, long-lasting anger

i-jĩsho (amāso)(18) - eye
kuba māsō - to be on guard
mu māsō hāwe (33) - your face

i-joro (ama-)(39) - night

i-josi (ama-) - neck

ku-jugunya (nye)(22) - to throw away,

empty out, discard

ku-jūjubya (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

ijwi rirenga - a loud voice

gucīsha 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-jyēpfo - 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 (mye) - to milk, dry up, stop
bleeding

i-kāmba (ama-) - crown

gu-kāmbakamba (mbye) - to crawl (baby)

umu-kambwe (aba-) - father (old); old man

gu-kāmura (ye) - to wring out, squeeze (as,
lemons)

Umu-kanada (Aba-) - Canadian

kanāka - so and so

gu-kāndagira (ye) - to tread on

umu-kāndara (imi-) - belt

kāndi (17) - and, and also, as well,
furthermore, moreover

gu-kānga (nze) - to startle, frighten

gu-kangara (ye) - to warn, threaten

in-kangara (in-) - basket made with strips of
bamboo

gu-kāngarana (nye) - to be seized with terror

gu-kangisha (shije) - to threaten, intimidate
by

ibi-kangisho (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	gu-kena (nnye)(91) - to be needy, poor
umu-kannyi (aba-) - tanner (one who tans hides)	in-kende (in-)(101) - monkey (small gray)
i-kanya (ama-)(63) - fork, rake	umu-kene (aba-)(21) - poor man, pauper
i-kanzu (ama-) - robe, dress	ubu-kene (no pl.)(28) - poverty, need
i-kara (ama-) - hot coal, charcoal	gu-kēnga (nze) - to suspicion, mistrust
gu-karaba (bye)(42) - to wash one's hands	ama-kēnga (no sing.) - suspicions, suspects
uru-karakara (in-) - unburned bricks	umu-keno (imi-) - poverty (stronger than ubukene)
i-karamu (ama-)(55) - pencil	kenshi (61) - often
gu-karanga (nze)(63) - to fry, broil	umu-kenyero (imi-) - long skirt
kare (51) - early, on time	gu-kenyeza (je) - to tie something around waist, put on belt
gu-kata (-se) - to cut	kēra (72) - long ago, far in the future
gu-kātaza (je) - to hurry	in-kēre (or, inkēri) (in-)(89) - berries
aga-kāto (udu-) - comma	gu-kerensa (sheje) - to waste
i-kāwa (61) - coffee (tree, or drink)	gu-kērerereza (je) - to make someone (something) late
gu-kayuka (tse) - to lose flavor	gu-kērerwa (we) - to be late
-ke, -keya (8) - few	i-kereta (no pl.) - sour, bitey, sharp
gu-keba (bye)(65) - to cut in pieces (meat, vegetable, cloth)	keretse - except
gu-kebaguza (je) - to look all around	uru-kero (in-)(65) - saw
umu-kebe (imi-) - small tin box with lid	gu-kēsha (sheje) - to have, thanks to. . . e.g. Yesu niwe dukēsha imigisha yose. - It's thanks to Jesus that we have all blessings.
ubu-kebe (no pl.) - property	bu-kēye (28, 119) - the next day, afterwards
umu-kēcuru (aba-) - old woman	bwa-kēye (from gu-ca)(28) - it has dawned
gu-kēka (tse)(82) - to suspect, suppose, think	-ki? (116) - what kind of?
in-keke (in-) - urgent need, worry, anxiety	
ama-kemwa (no sing.) - reproach, fault, blame	

ubu-ki (no pl.) - honey	thing that saves, heals
mu ru-kiga - in the country	gu-kiza (jije)(33) - to save, heal, rescue, cure
gu-kīkira (ye) - to take on one's lap	umu-kiza (aba-)(3) - savior
gu-kīkiza (je) - to surround	aga-kiza (no pl.)(26) - salvation
uru-kīko (in-) - tribunal, court abanyarukīko - judges	gu-kizwa (jijwe)(46) - to be saved, healed, cured
ama-kimbirane (no sing.) - argument, disagreement, provocation	ko - why?
gu-kina (nye)(91) - to play gu-kinana (nye) - to play with	ko (45) - that (to introduce a dependent clause)
gu-kīnda (nze) - to rape	umu-koba (imi-) - whip (as of leather, rubber)
umu-kīndo (imi-) - palm tree	umu-kōbwa (aba-)(1) - girl, daughter
gu-kinga (nze)(117) - to shut, lock (door)	koko - that's true, that's a fact, indeed
igi-kīngi (ibi-) - door post	in-koko (in-)(21) - chicken mu nkoko - at cock crowing (about 4:00 a.m.)
gu-kingiriza (je) - to prevent from seeing, hide (tr.) from sight	in-kōko (in-) - flat basket
uru-kingo (in-) - vaccination	gu-koma (mye) - to prevent, protect, hinder, speak, clap
gu-kingura (ye)(117) - to open, unlock	gu-komanga (nze) - to knock
umu-kino (imi-) - game	igi-komangoma (ibi-) - prince, one related to king
igi-kino (ibi-) - game	gu-komatanya (nije) - to group things together
gu-kira (ze)(88) - to get well, heal (int.), be rich	in-kombe (in-) - bank, shore of lake, river
gu-kiranirwa (niwe) - to be wicked	igi-kombe (ibi-)(61) - tin container, cup
gu-kiranuka (tse) - to be righteous, be in agreement	gu-komera (ye)(64) - to be hard, difficult, sturdy, strong, important komera - excuse me (when causing or seeing physical harm or near accident)
umu-kiranutsi (aba-) - righteous person	
umu-kire (aba-)(21) - rich person	
ubu-kire - riches, wealth	
ama-kiriro (no sing.) - source of salvation,	

gu-komereka (tse) - to be wounded, hurt, injured	(umukoresha w'ikoro)
gu-komeza (je) - to continue, carry on, to keep, make strong	ubu-korikori - skill, craftsmanship
gu-komoka (tse) - to descend from, be born of	i-koro (ama-) - tax
in-komoko (in-) - origin, inception	gu-korogoshera (ye) - to dig into side of (as, side of hill)
gu-komora (ye) - to get one's origin from	in-koronga (in-) - turaco (bird)
umu-kōndo (imi-) - navel, a little metal pot with side opening, handle of cup, pail, etc.	gu-korora (ye)(96) - to cough
gu-kōngeza (je) - to light, set afire	in-korora (in-)(96) - cough
in-kongoro (in-) - milk pot	umu-kororombya (imi-) - rainbow
in-kōngoro - vulture	ibi-koroti (or, ibikoroto) - change, coins
igi-koni (ibi-)(67) - kitchen	igi-korwa (ibi-) - action, deed
in-koni (in-)(80) - walking stick	i-kosa (ama-) - mistake, error
gu-kōnja (nje)(64) - to be cold, damp	in-kōta (in-) - sword
in-kono (in-) - clay cooking pot	i-kōti (ama-) - coat, cloak, jacket
gu-kora (ze)(1) - to work, do, repair; touch (with -ho, or ku) e.g. ntukoreho - don't touch	in-kovu (in-) - scar
gukora umugati (75) - to make bread	gu-koza (jeje) - to cause to touch, touch with
gukora mu ntoki - to shake hands	umu-kozi (aba-)(3) - workman, employee
gukorwa n'isoni (93) - to be ashamed	ku (5) - to, at, on, from (the side or outside of a thing)
(m)urakoze - thank you	gu-kuba (bye) - to multiply
gu-korana (nye) - to work together, meet together	ama-kuba (no sing.)(43) - troubles, misfortune
i-koraniro (ama-) - meeting, get-together	in-kuba (in-)(114) - thunder
gu-koranya (nije) - to gather together (tr.)	kubēra (102) - because of (from kuba)
gu-korera (ye) - to work for	gu-kubita (se)(58) - to hit, beat, strike
imi-korere - manner of working, acting	mu-kubitarukoko (mi-) - index finger
gu-koresha (sheje) - to use, cause to work	gu-kubura (ye)(33) - to sweep
umu-koresha (aba-) - tax collector	umu-kubuzo (imi-) - broom

kubwa (102) - because of, for the sake of, as for, in. . . (my) opinion	in-kūnga (in-) - support guterā inkūnga - to encourage, support
gu-kuka (tse) - to finish drinking (of animals)	gu-kungahaza (je) - to enrich, satisfy, fill
gu-kūka (tse) - to return, come out of water, to leave a place	umu-kūngu (aba-) - rich person (in produce)
gu-kuka (tse) - to shake	ubu-kūngu (no pl.) - riches (esp. produce)
gu-kuka (tse) umutima - to be terrified ndakutse - I give up!	umu-kūngugu (imi-) - dust
in-kuka (in-) - beach, shore	gu-kūnguta (se) - to shake (as rug)
kuki? (109) - why?	gu-kunkumura (ye) - to shake (tr.)
kuko (27) - because	gu-kura (ze)(79) - to grow (up)
umu-kumbi (imi-) - flock of sheep	gu-kūra (ye)(79) - to take away, subtract gukūra ubwatsi - to thank for gift
gu-kūmbura (ye)(114) - to be lonesome for, miss	kure (47) - far, far away
uru-kūmbuzi (no pl.) - lonesomeness	kuri (48) - at, to
in-kumi (in-)(52) - young lady (unmarried)	igi-kuri (ibi-) - dwarf
umu-kumirizi (aba-) - guard (by door of important person)	gu-kurikira (ye)(55) - to follow
kumwe (119) - together (with particular reference to proximity)	-kuru (8) - senior, important, old, great mu-kuru (ba)(74) - older brother (of male), sister (of female), important person
igi-kumwe (ibi-) - thumb	in-kuru (in-)(75) - news
gu-kūnda (nze)(17) - to love, like gu-kūndana (nye) - to love each other gukūnda urumamo - to pretend to love	ama-kuru (no sing.)(75) - news
gu-kūndira (ye) - to allow, like for	gu-kurubana (nye) - to drag along
uru-kūndo (no pl.)(23) - love	igi-kurudumu (ibi-) - hoop
gu-kūndwakaza (je) - to prefer one spouse over others, to take loving care of (Eph 5:29)	gu-kurura (ye)(106) - to pull
	ibyo-kurya (no sing.) - food
	i-kuta (ama-) - 1/10 of a franc (coin used formerly)
	uru-kuta (in-) - wall

gu-kuyakuya (ye) - to protect, care for lovingly
 kwa (52) - to, at the home of
 gu-kwa (koye) - to pay dowry
 in-kwāno (in-) - dowry
 in-kwāre (in-) - partridge, quail
 uru-kwāvu (in-)(76) - rabbit
 umu-kwe (aba-) - bridegroom
 ubu-kwe (no pl.)(123) - marriage, wedding
 umu-kwēge (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-kwīra (riye) - to be enough, suffice, spread (int.)
 -kwīriye (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
 māma (ba māma)(73) - my, our mother
 māma wācu (wānyu, wābo) - maternal aunt
 uru-mamo, kukunda - to pretend to love
 I-māna (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-mānyagura (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-māri (no pl.) - possession (money), treasury
 aka-marō (no pl.) - value, use, profit
 mārume - my maternal uncle
 māsēnge - my paternal aunt
 maze (119) - and then
 mbēga! - 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 (bōmbi, twēmbi, etc.)
 uru-me (no pl.)(or, ikime) - dew
 ku-mena (nnye)(22) - to break, spill (tr.),

empty out, penetrate, traverse	invalid
i-mena (no pl.) - principal, important (abagabo b'imena)	u-munani (37) - eight
ubu-mene - crack	mūnsi (77) - beneath, under (followed by <u>ya</u> if it has an object)
ku-meneka (tse) - to break, spill (int.)	murabeho - goodbye (not to meet soon)
ku-menya (nye)(45) - to know, know how	muraho? - hello (used when not seeing each other often)
ku-menyekana (nye) - to be known, become known	murakoze (2) - thank you
ku-menyera (reye) - to be accustomed to	muraramuke(ho) - goodnight
iki-menyetso (ibi-)(111) - sign	muri (48) - in
ubu-menyi (no pl.) - knowledge	ku-murika (tse) - to shine, enlighten, to present or show, to master things one is responsible for
ku-mera (ze)(64, 108) - to be in a certain state, be like, germinate e.g. Ameze ate? - How is he?	mwaramutseho - good morning (to someone you see regularly)
ka-mere (no pl.) - nature, character	-mwe (37) - one -mwe (111) - with plural prefix: some e.g bamwe - some people
imi-mērere (no sing.) - characteristics, attitude(s)	mwe, mwēbwe (48) - you (pl.)
ama-mesa (no sing.) - palm oil	ama-mwe - singular (grammar)
ku-mesa (she)(42) - to wash clothes	mwenyine (120) - you alone, you yourselves
umu-meshi (aba-) - launderer	ku-mwenyura (ye) - to smile
i-mēza (or, amēza)(19) - table	mwiriweho - good afternoon, good evening
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,	

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-nēzèro (pl. rare)(5) - joy, happiness

ku-nēzērwā (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-niga (ze) - to choke, tie neck of sack

ibi-nika (no sing.) - big kettle

niko - and so, therefore

ni mūnsi - afternoon

ni mutyo - 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

I-noeli (or, Inoweli or Inoheli) - Christmas

ku-nogora (ye) - to gouge out eye, fingernail

nōnaha (46) - right away, immediately

nōne (29) - today, and, and now, and so, therefore

nōneho - and, and now, and so, therefore

umu-nota (imi-)(62) - minute

i-nota (or, inoti) (ama-) - money bill

ku-noza (geje) - to complete, finish

umũ-nsi (imĩ-)(5) - day
imĩnsi 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

nūbwo (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-nyamāswa (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-nyana, kwesa - to succeed in one part but fail in another

i-nyana (i-) - calf

iki-nyandaro (ibi-) - unwed mother

i-nyanja (i-)(99) - lake, ocean, sea

i-nyānya (i-)(61) - tomato

umu-nyarwanda (aba-) - person of Rwanda

ku-nyeganyega (ze)(113) - to shake, tremble (earth, etc.)(int.)

i-nyenyēri (i-) - star

umu-nyeshuri (aba-) - student, pupil

umu-nyēzāmu (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-nyōbwa (nyōwe) - to be drunk (liquid) (not, intoxicated) (passive of kunywa - to drink)

iki-nyōbwa (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-nyōta (no pl.)(45) - thirst
kugira inyōta - to be thirsty

-nyu (3) - your (you pl.)(wanyu, etc.)

umu-nyu (4) - salt, or, see: um-nyu

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-nyūnyuka (tse) - to be withered, thin (esp. 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-nzozzi (see: in-zozzi)

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ubw-ōba (no pl.)(29) - fear

umw-ōbo (imy-) - hole, pit

icy-ōbo (iby-)(14) - hole, pit

urw-ōbo (inz-) - hole, pit

k-ōga (ze)(42) - to wash one's feet, swim	-ōse (41) - all, every
inz-oga (inz-)(85) - beer	k-ōshya (ōheje) - to tempt, influence badly
k-ōgeza (je) - to spread, publish, make known, declare	am-ōshya (no sing.) - temptations
k-ōgosha (she) - to cut hair, beard, wool	k-ōshyosha (heje) - to want to see someone in order to seize or harm him
k-ohereza (je)(39) - to send (thing, or person without message)	k-ōta (se) - to warm oneself by fire
inz-oka (inz-) - snake, worm	k-ōtsa (keje) - to roast in fire, bake
ubw-ōko (am-)(116) - tribe, type, kind	umw-ōtsi (imy-)(5) - smoke
k-ōmoka (tse) - to leave the shore (in boat)	oya (3) - no
k-ōmokera (ye) - to arrive (by boat)	ubw-ōya (am-)(28) - hair of body or animals
k-ōmongana (nye) - to wander, stray	iry-ōya (am-) - feather
k-ōmora (ye) - to treat wounds	k-ōza (ōgeje)(42) - to wash (except clothes, vegetables, hands)
k-ōmoza (je) - to cause to treat wounds	
iby-ōndo (no sing.)(101) - mud	P
k-ongera (ye)(44) - to repeat, do again, add more	umu-padiri (aba-) - priest (Catholic)
k-ōnka (nse) - to nurse (int.)	umu-pagani (aba-) - pagan, heathen
k-ōnōna (nnye)(94) - to damage, spoil	im-pagarara (no pl.) - anguish, terror, danger
k-ōnōnekara (ye) - to be damaged, spoiled	uru-pahu (im-) - spoon (large)
k-ōnsa (ōnkeje) - to nurse (tr.)	im-paka (im-) - argument, dispute
icy-orezo (iby-) - epidemic	gu-pakira (ye) - to pack, load
k-ōroha (she) - to be soft, easy	gu-pakurura (ye) - to unload
k-ōroherwa (we)(73) - to be better, improved (physically)	im-pāmba (im-)(72) - food for journey
k-ōrora (ye) - to raise animals	im-pamo (no pl.) - really, truly (e.g. icyabaye impamo - what really happened)
k-ōroroka (tse) - to multiply (int.), increase (animals)	im-pāmvu (im-) reason, because of ku mpāmvu za - because of

ku mpāmvu z'uko - due to	igi-pfāmatwi (ibi-)(77) - deaf person
gutōra impāmvu - to make excuses	m-pfane - nta mpfane - no hard feelings
im-pamyabushobozi (im-) - diploma	uru-pfu (no pl.)(48) - death
umu-panga (imi-)(77) - machete	ubu-pfu (no pl.) - folly
im-pānga (im-) - twins	im-pfūbyi (im-) - orphan
im-pāno (im-) - gift	gu-pfuka (tse) - to cover, wrap
i-pantalo - pants	umu-pfuka (imi-) - sack, bag, pocket, purse
im-panuka (im-) - accident	gu-pfukama (mye) - to kneel
i-papayi (ama-) - papaya	umu-pfumu (aba-) - witch doctor
uru-papuro (im-)(55) - paper, page	gu-pfumuka (tse) - to get a hole (as bucket, etc.)
i-pasi (ama-) - iron (for clothes)	gu-pfumura (ye) - to make a hole in (as in wall, pot, etc.)
guterā ipasi - to iron clothes	
l-pasika - Easter	gu-pfūndika (tse) - to tie, make knot
umu-pastori (aba-)(120) - pastor	gu-pfūndikanya (nije) - to tie knots
pe - absolutely, extremely	gu-pfundikira (ye) - to put lid on container
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)	igi-pfundikizo (ibi-) - lid, stopper, cork
gu-perereza (je) - to oversee (as, workers)	i-pfūndo (ama-) - knot
im-perūka (im-)(61) - last of anything	gu-pfūndura (ye) - to untie
im-pēshyi (no pl.) - month of June, just beginning dry season (with wind)	igi-pfūnsi (ibi-) - fist, blow with fist
igi-pesi (ibi-) - button	gu-pfunya (nye) - to wrap up
gu-pfa (pfuye)(48) - to die	gu-pfurika (tse) - to hide
gu-pfa (pfūye) ku - to just . . . , simply. . . e.g. yapfūye kuza atazi impāmvu - He just came, not knowing why	gu-pfūsha (shije) ubusa - to waste, use up for nothing
gu-pfākara (ye) - to become a widow(er)	im-pigi (im-) - charm made with beads
umu-pfākazi (aba-) - widow(er)	i-pikipiki (ama-) - motorcycle
	gu-pima (mye)(96) - to measure, weigh, examine

- im-pinga (im-) - mountain top, peak
- umu-pīra (imi-)(88) - rubber, ball, tire, sweater
- i-piripiri (no pl.)(63) - pepper
- im-piya (im-) - money (rarely used)
- im-pongano (im-) - gift, bribe, amends, penalty, reparation
- im-pongo (im-) - small antelope
- umu-porisi (aba-) - police agent
- im-pugūke (im-) - technique, technical knowledge or skill
- im-puha (im-) - rumors, false reports
- im-puhwe (im-) - pity
- im-pumyi (im-)(45) - blind person
- im-pūndu (im-) - shout of joy, acclamation
guha (or, gutanga) impūndu - to congratulate (esp. on birth of baby, return from journey, etc.: e.g. tuguhāye impūndu)
- im-pūngenge (im-) - anxiety, prudence
e.g. kugira impūngenge mu magambo - be prudent in what one says
- im-punzi (im-)(98) - refugee
- gu-pyinagiza (je) - to oppress
- 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-ramba (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

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- 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

ku-ramukanya (nije) - to exchange greetings	ku-rārika (tse) - to invite, send to inform, hire
ku-ramukwa (tswe) - to have labor pains, come to time to deliver	ku-rarikira (ye) - to strongly desire, covet
ku-ramutsa (kije) - to greet (personally)	umu-rāririzi (aba-) - night watchman
ku-ramya (mye) - to worship, adore, honor	iki-raro (ibi-)(115) - bridge
ku-rāndata (se) - to lead by the hand	ku-raruka (tse) - to leave home, be a vagabond
aka-rānde (no pl.) - tradition, hereditary trait, continuation	ku-rasa (she) - to shoot with arrow, or gun, to rise (of sun)
ku-randura (ye) - to pull out, uproot	ama-rāshi - perfume
ku-ranga (nze) - to make known, publish, announce e.g. imigirire ye imuranga - his actions show what he is	ama-raso (no sing.)(19) - blood
ubu-ranga (no pl.) - physical beauty	ku-rata (se) - to praise
ku-rangamira (ye) - to stare at, seek after	iki-rato (ibi-)(92) - shoe
ku-rangara (ye) - to not pay attention, to be distracted	umu-rava (no pl.) - faithfulness e.g. gukorana umurava - be faithful in work
ku-rangārana (nye) - to neglect someone, ignore	umunya-mu-rava - faithful person
ubu-rāngazi (no pl.) - negligence	iki-rayi (ibi-)(61) - white potato
iki-rāngirire (ibi-) - famous person	umu-rayiki (aba-)(from laique) - layman
ku-rangiza (je)(56) - to finish (tr.)	ku-reba (bye)(50) - to look, see (as go to see), look at
ku-rangurura (ye) - to call at distance, shout, raise one's voice	ku-rebareba (bye)(113) - to look everywhere
ku-rāra (ye)(62) - to spend the night	ubu-rebure (no pl.) - length
ku-rarama (mye) - to look up, raise one's eyes	ku-rega (ze)(99) - to accuse (of)
ku-raranganyamo amaso - to look about on all sides (searching)	ku-rēga (ze) - to stretch tight (tr.)
i-rari (ama-) - lust, strong desire	iki-rego (ibi-) - accusation, charge
	reka - let, come on, very well, wait! e.g. reka ukubwīre - 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-rēngera (ye) - to try to save from danger
ku-rekeraho (yeho)(68) - to stop (int.)	ku-rengererezaho (jeho) - to direct remarks toward (covertly)
ku-rekura (ye) - to release	ku-rēngerwa (we) - to be submerged
ku-rema (mye)(101) - to create	ku-rengurana (nye) - to ridicule
iki-rema (ibi-) - crippled person, invalid	ku-rera (ze) - to train, rear child
ku-remba (mbye)(72) - to be very ill, about to die	-re-re (8) - long, tall, high e.g. muremure, ndende, kirekire
i-rēmbo (ama-) - gate, entrance to kraal	iki-rēre (no pl.) - air, sky, area, space akarēre - region, territory
ku-rēmbuza (je) - to signal to come	ma-rere - ring finger
ku-rembya (beje) - to push one to the end of endurance, cause to suffer greatly	rēro (119) - then, so
ku-remera (reye)(84) - to be heavy ku-remerwa (rewe) - to be heavy laden	ku-reshya (hereje) - to influence, woo
iki-remu (ibi-) - patch	ku-reshya (sheje) - to be equal (length, height, importance)
ku-rēnga (nze) - to go past, surpass, set (sun), pass beyond, disappear behind ijwi rirēnga - a loud voice birēnze urugero - beyond measure, beyond reason	ke-retse - except
ama-rēnga (no sing.) - sign language, figurative speech (guca amarēnga)	-ri (12) - is, are
ku-rēnganura (ye) - to give justice to one who has been treated unjustly	uku-ri (no pl.)(32) - truth by'ukuri, mu by'ukuri - truly, really
ku-rēnganya (nije)(109) - to treat unjustly, unfairly, persecute	i-riba (ama-) - well (n.)
ubu-rēnganzira (no pl.) - priority, rights	ku-ribata (se) - to trample on
umu-rence (imi-) - village (i.e. hill with numerous homes)	ku-rībwa (riwe)(85) - to be eaten
iki-rence (ibi-)(13) - foot	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-rīje (28) - it's late, getting dark
	umu-rima (imi-)(6) - garden, field

ku-rimba (mbye) - to dress beautifully, wear ornaments	uru-ro (no pl.)(79) - millet (one grain, one plant)
ku-rimbuka (tse) - to perish, be destroyed, be lost (eternally)	ubu-ro (no pl.)(79) - millet (collective noun)
ku-rimbura (ye) - to destroy	ku-roba (bye) - to fish
uru-rimi (indimi)(24) - tongue, language	ku-robanura (ye) - to choose, set aside, ordain
umu-rimo (imi-)(26) - work, task	umu-robyi (aba-) - fisherman
rimwe (119) - once	ku-roga (ze) - to bewitch
rimwe na rimwe (93) - now and then, sometimes	ku-rogoya (ye) - to interrupt
ku-rinda (nze)(93) - ought, should, to wait for, watch, guard, protect	ki-rogoya (bi-) - interrupter, agent with evil intent
ku-rindira (riye) - to wait for, expect	ku-roha (shye) - to throw (into water)
umu-ringa (imi-) - brass	ku-rohama (mye) - to drown (int.)
ku-ringanira (ye) - to be equal, even, flat	ubu-rohame - shipwreck, loss
ku-ringaniza (je) - to make even, flat, equal, put in order	ku-rohora (ye) - to pull out of water, fire
ubu-rīngīti - cover, blanket	ku-rokoka (tse) - to be saved, delivered
ku-rira (ze)(50) - to weep, cry	ku-rokora (ye) - to save (from danger, death)
ama-rira (no sing.)(106) - weeping, tears	ku-rombereza (je) - to go on further
umu-riri (imi-) - noise (of crowd)	ku-rondereza (je) - to be economical, frugal
ubu-riri (ama-)(27) - bed	ku-rondogora (ye) - to chat for a long time
ku-ririmba (mbye)(31) - to sing	ubu-rondogozi - just words, verbiage
indirimbo (31) - song, hymn	ku-rondora (ye) - to exhaust, describe, relate in detail
umu-riro (no pl.)(4) - fire	iki-rondwe (ibi-)(105) - tick
ku-rīsha (shije) - to pasture (int.), to eat with (instrument)	ku-ronga (nze)(42) - to wash vegetable
umu-rizo (imi-)(45) - tail	umu-rongo (imi-) - line, row, verse
iki-ro (ibi-) - kilogram	ubu-rongo (no pl.) - mud, clay

ku-rongora (ye) - to marry a bride	ku-rūnguruka (tse) - to lean over to look at
ku-rōngōra (ye) - to lead	ubu-ruru - blue
ku-ronka (nze) - to receive (only in sense of something special, surprise, or undeserved)	ku-rusha (shije)(108) - to surpass
ku-rorera (reye) - to stop (int.)	ku-rushaho (shijeho) - to do more, surpass e.g. kurushaho gukora - to work harder
iki-rorero (ibi-) - town	ku-rushiriza (je) - to surpass, do more e.g. arushiriza kurwara - he's even sicker
ku-roreza (je) - to taste	ku-rushya (ruhije)(57) - to be difficult, to trouble, annoy
ibi-rori (no sing.) - celebration, fête	ku-ruta (se)(108) - to surpass (size, age, force) (in past, usually in the -ga tense; hence, -rutaga)
ku-rōta (se) - to dream	-ruzi (only this form) - to see, notice
ubu-rozi (no pl.) - poison, witchcraft	umu-rwa (imi-) - city (royal) (rare)
ku-rubira (ye) - to become angry, violent	iki-rwa (ibi-) - island
ku-ruha (shye)(108) - to be tired	rwagakoco (no pl.)(67) - small trap
i-ruhānde (119) - beside, on the side of	ku-rwana (nye)(94) - to fight (int.)
ku-ruhuka (tse)(108) - to rest	ku-rwanya (nije) - to fight (tr.)
ku-ruka (tse)(96) - to vomit	ku-rwāra (ye)(64) - to be sick, ill indwāra (17) - illness, disease
ku-rumbuka (tse) - to be abundant (crop), produce much fruit	umu-rwāyi (aba-) - a sick person
ku-rumbura (ye) - to open (as flower)	ku-rwāza (je) - to care for the sick
iki-rumirahabiri (ibi-) - snake that bites at both ends (can't distinguish head and tail)	rwōse (47) - completely, entirely, very much
mu-rumuna (barumuna)(74) - younger brother (of male), younger sister (of female)	ku-rya (rīye)(51) - to eat, pain, irritate ibyo kurya - food
ku-runda (nze) - to pile together, heap	ku-rya (rīye) ruswa - to take bribe
ku-rundarunda (nze) - to pile carefully, to finish	ku-ryāma (mye)(75) - to lie down, go to bed
bu-rūndu - absolutely final	umu-ryango (imi-)(98) - family, clan
iki-runga (ibi-) - volcano, high mountain	

umu-ryāngo (imi-)(98) - doorway

ryāri? (41) - when?

ku-ryarya (rye) - to be a hypocrite, act hypocritically

ubu-ryarya (no pl.) - hypocrisy

ku-ryaryata (se) - to itch

i-ryīnyo (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

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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

gu-saba (bye)(44) - to ask for, pray, beg

gu-sāba (bye) - to spread, envelop, penetrate (as, perfume, rain)

gu-sābāna (nye) na - to confide in

ubu-sābāne - close friendship, fellowship, partnership

i-sabato (ama-) - Sabbath (in Bible)

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-sāgu (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

gu-sāmbana (nye) - to commit adultery	umu-sāre (aba-) - sailor
ubu-sāmbanyi (no pl.) - adultery	i-sari (no pl.) - hunger
umu-sāmbi (imi-) - crested crane	ama-saro (no sing.) - tiny beads gutaka (tse) amasaro - to bead
umu-sambi (imi-)(97) - small mat, rug	gu-sarura (ye)(99) - to harvest
igi-sambo (ibi-)(39) - glutton, thief	gu-sasa (shashe)(78) - to spread grass, make a bed, prepare a room
i-sāmbu (ama-) - field, possession, property	i-sasa (ama-)(65) - floor tile
gu-sambura (ye) - to take off roof, reveal publicly	igi-sate (ibi-) - piece of something broken
gu-sāndara (ye) - to scatter (int.)(things)	umu-satsi (imi-)(6) - hair (of human head)
gu-sāndaza (je) - to scatter (tr.)	gu-satura (ye)(65) - to cut lengthwise
i-sandugu (ama-, 3rd sing.)(44) - box	gu-saya (ye) - to get stuck in mud
i-sanduka (ama-, 3rd sing.)(44) - box	gu-sāza (shāje) - to grow old
gu-sanga (nze) - to find, encounter, come to (someone), go to find	mu-sāza (ba-)(74) - brother of girl
gu-sanganira (ye) - to go to meet	umu-sāza (aba-)(3) - old man
ru-sānge - common, general, frequently used, known by all	i-sazi (i-) - fly
gu-sangira (ye) - to eat together, share	se - word used in asking question
umu-sāngwa (aba-) - wedding guest (related to father of groom)	se (ba se)(73) - his, her, their father
i-sāno (no pl.) - resemblance, similarity, relationship e.g. bafitanye isāno - they are related	ama-se (no sing.) - cow manure
umu-sānzū (no pl.) - voluntary aid, contribution, assessment	igi-sebe (ibi-)(43) - sore, ulcer, wound
ubu-sanzwe - usually, ordinarily	gu-sebwa (sewe)(85)- to be ground (passive of gu-sya)
gu-sara (ze) - to lose one's mind, be mad, crazy	gu-sebya (beje) - to speak evil of, mock, make fun of
umu-saraba (imi-)(94) - cross	gu-sega (ze) - to beg
	umu-sego (imi-) - pillow, cushion
	gu-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	arrive
gu-sekura (ye) - to grind in mortar, to bump into	i-seseme (no pl.) - nausea
sēkuru (bā sēkuru) - his, her, their grand- father	gu-sesengura (ye) - to examine carefully
sēkuruza (ba) - his, her, their great grand- father	gu-sezera (ye) - to take leave of, depart, bid goodbye
gu-sembura (ye) - to leaven	gu-sezerana (nye) - to promise, bid each other goodbye
umu-semburo (imi-) - yeast, leaven	i-sezerano (ama-) - promise, testament
gu-sēnda (nze) - to publicly send away one's wife	umu-sezi (aba-) - beggar
uru-sēnda (in-)(63) - pepper	gu-shagara (ye) - to accompany, escort
gu-sēndera (reye) - to be filled to the brim	umu-shahara (imi-) - salary, pay, wage
gu-senga (nze)(25) - to pray, worship	gu-shāka (tse)(19) - to want, seek, look for, desire
i-senga (ama-) - cave, den	i-shaka (amasaka) - Kaffir corn
umu-sengeneza (aba-) - niece, nephew (child of female's brother, or male's sister)	gu-shākana (nye) - to marry
uru-sengero (in-)(or, i-sengero)(38) - church building, temple	gu-shākashaka (tse)(113) - to search for diligently
i-sengesho (ama-)(or, i-shengesho) - prayer	ubu-shāke - will
gu-sēnya (shēnye)(65) - to gather firewood, to tear down, to demolish, ruin	i-shami (ama-)(69) - branch
gu-sēnyagurana (nye) - to fall into ruin	igi-shanga (ibi-) - marsh, swamp
umu-sēnyi (imi-)(65) - sand	gu-shanyuka (tse) - to tear (int.)
gu-serebeka (tse) - to slide	gu-shanyura (ye) - to tear (tr.)
gu-sesa (sheshe) akanguhe - to be mature, experienced	i-shāti (ama-) - shirt
igi-sēseka, rubanda rwa - the ordinary people	i-shavu (no pl.)(109) - sadness, irritation, anger (light)
gu-sesekara (ye) - to overflow, spill, to	kugira ishavu (109) - to be sad
	gu-shavuza (je) - to make sad
	i-shaza (ama-)(27) - pea
	shebuja (ba) - his, her, their master,

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

igi-shyĩmbo (ibi-)(33) - bean	uru-sĩka (in-) - wall
gu-shyĩngira (ye) - to give in marriage	igi-sĩmba (ibi-)(14) - wild animal (esp. small that bites), insect
gu-shyĩngura (ye) - to put away	gu-simbuka (tse)(123) - to jump
gu-shyira (ze)(23) - to put	gu-simbura (ye) - to replace (int.), follow someone in a position
gu-shyĩra (riye) - to take to someone, hand to	i-sinagogi (ama-)(foreign) - synagogue
ama-shyira (no sing.) - pus	sinapi (foreign) - mustard seed
umu-shyitsi (aba-)(62) - guest, visitor	gu-sĩnda (nze) - to be drunk
ubu-shyo (ama-) - herd (esp. of cows)	gu-singiza (je) - to honor, praise
gu-shyũha (shyushye)(92) - to be hot, get hot	gu-sĩnzĩra (riye)(41) - to sleep
ubu-shyũhe (no pl.) - heat	umu-sirikare (aba-) - soldier
gu-shyunguta (se) - to whistle	ubu-sitāni (no pl.) - garden
uru-shyungute (in-) - whistle	gu-sītara (ye) - to stumble
gu-shyũshya (hije)(92) - to heat (tr.)	i-sitimu (ama-) - flashlight, torch
si (2) - is not, are not	umu-sizi (aba-) - poet
si byo (108) - Isn't it?, Isn't that so?	so (ba so)(73) - your father
i-si (i-)(95) - world, earth	ubu-so (no pl.) - surface (e.g. of square, etc.)
gu-siba (bye)(62) - to erase, close up path	gu-sobanukirwa (we) - to understand
gu-sĩba (bye)(62) - to be absent, omit, abstain	gu-sobanura (ye)(120) - to explain, interpret, sort out, separate
igi-sida (ibi-)(or, agisida) - accident	gu-sobanuza (je) - to ask to explain
gu-siga (ze)(116) - to leave, forsake	gu-sodoka (tse) - to loiter, dawdle
gu-siga (ze)(116) - to rub, smear, anoint, paint	sogokuru (ba) - grandfather
igi-siga (ibi-) - bird of prey	sogokuruza (ba) - great grandfather, ancestor
gu-siganuza (je) - to ask explanation	gu-sogongera (ye) - to taste (a little bit)
gu-sigara (ye)(104) - to be left, remain	gu-sohoka (tse)(95) - to go out
igi-sigo (ibi-) - harmful ancestral spirit	gu-sohora (ye) - to put out, cause to go out,

reach certain time, be fulfilled, take seeds out to plant	umu-sozi (imi-)(4) - hill, mountain i musozi - on dry land, shore
gu-sohoza (je) - to complete, accomplish, fulfill	umu-sōzo (imi-) - conclusion
umu-sohozabitambo (aba-) - priest	gu-subira (ye)(29, 44) - to return, go back, do again, repeat
i-soko (ama-)(107) - market place	gu-subiza (je)(124) - to answer, reply, return something where it was
i-sōko (ama-)(107) - spring, fountain	igi-subizo (ibi-) - answer, reply
gu-sokoza (je) - to comb hair	gu-suhuza (je) - to visit, greet (at one's home, or at beginning of letter)
uru-sokozo (in-) - comb	gu-suhuza (je) umutima - to sigh
gu-soma (mye)(22) - to read, kiss, sip	i-suka (ama-, 3rd sing.)(11) - hoe
gu-somagura (ye) - to kiss repeatedly	gu-suka (tse)(63) - to pour into
umu-somari (imi-) - nail, pin	i-sukari (no pl.)(63) - sugar
umu-someno (imi-) - saw	i-suku (no pl.) - cleanliness
i-somo (ama-) - lesson	gu-sukura (ye) - to clean
gu-songera (ye) - to second a motion, reinforce	umu-sumari (imi-)(65) - nail, pin
i-soni (no pl.)(93) - shame, bashfulness gukorwa n'isoni - to be ashamed	gu-sumba (mbye)(108) - to surpass (in height)
gu-sonza (shonje)(64) - to be hungry	mu-sumbazose (mi-) - middle finger
umu-sore (aba-)(52) - young man (not married)	umu-sumeno (imi-) - saw
ubu-sore (no pl.)(28) - youth (age, not person)	gu-sumira (ye) - to seize, grab, trap
umu-soresha (aba-) - tax collector	gu-sunika (tse) - to push
umu-soro (imi-) - tax	gu-sura (ye)(56) - to visit, go to visit
gu-soroma (mye)(89) - to pick, gather (garden produce)	i-suri (no pl.) - erosion
gu-sosoroka (tse) - to slip out, stick out (as from pocket)	umu-susu (no pl.) - apprehension, fear
	aga-susuruko - hot part of day
	gu-suzugura (ye) - to despise, scorn, disobey

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

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ama-ta (no sing.)(19) - milk

gu-ta (taye)(79) - to throw away, discard

gu-tabara (ye)(72) - to help willingly, come to the assistance of

i-tabaza (ama-)(67) - lamp, candle

ku-tābēra (reye) - to be just, impartial

in-tābēra (in-) - a just, fair person

i-tābi (no pl.) - tobacco
kunywa itabi - to smoke tobacco

igi-tabo (ibi-)(13) - book

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

gu-tābwa (tāwe)(85) - to be discarded

i-tafari (ama-)(65) - brick

gu-tāgaguza (je) - to waste possessions

gu-taha (shye)(56) - to go home, greet, to be next

e.g. icyumweru gitaha - next week

umwaka utaha - next year

uko umwaka utaha - annually, every year

gu-taka (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-tāmbika (tse) to place crosswise, be crosswise, be flat, horizontal
umuseke utāmbitse - at dawn

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

igi-tāmbi (ibi-) - sacrifice

gu-tāmbuka (tse) - to step, advance

gu-tāmbutsa (kije) - to surpass in

in-tāmbwe (in-) - step

umu-tambyi (aba-) - priest

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

in-tananya (in-) - cord of the tongue

igi-tānda (ibi-) - bed, rack

-tāndatu (37) - six

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

gu-tāndukanya (nije) - to separate (tr.), distinguish between

gu-tānga (nze)(78) - to offer, pay, give (no recipient indicated)

gu-tānga (nze) - to do, arrive before another

in-tangamugabo (in-) - proof, evidence	uru-tare (in-) - rocky place, large rock
gu-tāngāra (ye)(101) - to marvel, wonder at, be astonished	ubu-tariganya (no pl.) - sincerity
gu-tāngatanga (nze) - to encircle, surround	i-tariki (ama-)(62) - date (of month)
gu-tāngāza (je) - to surprise, astonish, cause to wonder; to announce	ibi-taro (no sing.)(91) - hospital, dispensary
igi-tāngāza (ibi-)(41) - miracle, amazing thing	gu-tashya (tahirije)(120) - to greet, send greetings
i-tangazo (ama-) - announcement	gu-tashya (hije) - to gather firewood
gu-tāngira (ye)(31) - to begin, start	gu-tata (se) - to spy
gu-tāngira (ye) - to hold, cut off one's path	gu-tāta (se)(80) - to make trouble, fight with verbally
imi-tāngire (no sing.) - giving (act of giving offering)	gu-tātana (nye) - to be dispersed, scattered (people, animals)
i-tāngiriro (ama-) - beginning	-tatu (37) - three
in-tāngiriro (in-) - beginning	ubu-tāyu (no pl.) - wilderness, place with no trees or houses
umu-tāngizi (aba-) - beginner	in-taza (in-)(or, ama-taza) - rocks in water
in-tango (in-)(97) - large water pot	-te? (108) - how? (manner)
-tanu (37) - five	ubu-te (no pl.) - laziness kugira ubute - to be lazy
gu-tānyaguza (je) - to tear up	in-tebe (in-)(7) - chair, stool, bench
i-tara (ama-)(67) - lamp, lantern	igi-tebo (ibi-)(97) - basket (deep, no lid)
uru-tara (in-) - bed like they used to have (poles and rope)	gu-tega (ze) - to set trap, to wait for (also, kwritega)
in-tāra (in-) - region, area	gutega amashyi (24) - to hold out hands gutega amatwi (121) - to listen well
aka-taraboneka (no pl.) - excellence, superbness	gu-teganya (nije) - to prepare (in sense of plan) for
-taraga (adj.) - safe and sound, in good health	aga-teganyo (no pl.) - temporary, interim person e.g. umukozi w'agateganyo - a temporary workman
ama-taratara (no sing.) - glasses(spectacles)	
in-tare (in-) - lion	
igi-tare (ibi-) - white, whitish	

umu-tegarugori (aba-) - mother (wearing "crown") (The "crown" is a raphia band worn around the head indicating that the mother has given birth.)	move about, circulate, visit
in-tege (in-)(120) - strength, force intege nke (120) - weakness	i-tembura (ama-) - stamp
gu-tegeka (tse)(57) - to command, order, rule	i-teme (ama-)(115) - small bridge
imi-tegekere (no sing.) - administration, body of rules	umu-temeri (imi-) - lid, cover
i-tegeko (ama-) - law, command, rule	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-tegereza (je)(66) - to wait (for)	gu-tērana (nye) - to gather (int.), come together
umu-tegetsi (aba-) - director	i-tēraniro (ama-)(55) - meeting, get-together
umu-tego (imi-)(68) - trap, snare	gu-tēranya (nije) - to gather (tr.), add
in-tego (in-) - purpose, objective	in-tēre (in-) - unconscious, half-dead
gu-tegura (ye)(71) - to prepare	gu-tereka (tse) - to place an object
i-tegura (ama-)(65) - roof tile	igi-tereko (ibi-) - lampstand
in-tegūza (in-) - one who prepares the way	gu-tērerana (nye) - to abandon
imi-tēja (sing. rare)(63) - green beans	imi-tērere (no sing.) - nature (of something, someone), what it's like, attitudes
gu-tēka (tse)(22) - to cook (tr.)(in water)	tereriyo (no prefix) - disobedient child
i-tēka (no pl.)(25) - always iteka ryose - forever, eternally	gu-terura (ye) - to carry, lift up
gu-tēkerereza (je) - to recount to	in-teruro (in-) - sentence (gram.), phrase
gu-tēkereza (je)(71) - to think about	umu-tesi (aba-) - spoiled child
igi-tēkerezo (ibi-) - thought, story, narrative, idea, example, philosophy	gu-teta (tse) - to joke, not take seriously, make light of, not experience difficulty
in-tēko (in-) - group	gu-tetesha (sheje) - to spoil (a child)
gu-tema (mye)(69) - to cut (tree, grass)	umu-tētsi (aba-) - cook
gu-tēmba (mbye) - to flow (water)	gu-tezuka (tse) - to relinquish, leave bit by bit, give up gradually
gu-tēmbēra (reye)(95) - to go for a walk,	

- 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-timanāma (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-tinga (nze) - to commit homosexual acts
- umu-tini (imi-) - fig tree
- gu-tīnya (nye)(71) - to fear
- gu-tīnyuka (tse)(117) - to dare, be fearless
- gu-tira (ze) - to borrow (that which will
itself be returned)
- gu-tirimuka (tse) - to leave (secretly)
- ubu-tītsa - 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 (nnye) 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-tōranya (nije)(84) - to pick out,
choose (from group)

in-tōre (in-) - a chosen thing, dancer (male)

i-tōrero (ama-)(38) - church (people)

in-tōrezo (in-) - axe

gu-tōteza (je) - to persecute

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

igi-totsi (ibi-) - something in eye

ibi-totsi - sleepiness

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

gu-tsemba (mbye) - to destroy, exterminate

gu-tsika (tse) - to stop, tie up boat

ama-tsiko (no sing.) - curiosity

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

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

igi-tsina (ibi-) - sex (male or female)
igitsina-gabo - male
igitsina-gore - female

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

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

aga-tsitsino (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-tumba (imi-) - trunk of banana tree

i-tumba - rainy season (Feb.-May)

in-tumbi (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-tunga (nze)(112) - to possess, be rich

gu-tungana (nye) - to be perfect

gu-tunganya (nije) - to perfect, clean up

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

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

gu-tunguka (tse) - to appear suddenly

gu-tungura (ye) - to come, happen

unexpectedly	igi-tutsi (ibi-) - slander, insult
ubu-tūnguru (or, igi-, or, uru-) - onion	gu-tūza (je) - to be silent, quiet, peaceful
umu-tūnzi (aba-)(21) - rich person (esp. in cattle)	i-tūza (no pl.) - silence
ubu-tūnzi (no pl.)(105) - wealth, possessions, riches (esp. in cattle)	igi-tuza (ibi-) - chest (of body)
gu-tūra (ye) - to live, dwell, inhabit	Umu-twa (Aba-) - pygmy
gu-tūra (ye) - to put down load, offer gift, throw down	gu-twama (mye) - to silence
gutūra abana lmana - to dedicate children	gu-twāra (ye)(68) - to carry (a load), take away, rule
igi-tūrage (ibi-)(92) - village, group of huts, neighborhood	ama-twāra (no sing.) - attitude, conduct, importance
umu-tūrage (aba-) - neighbor	umu-twāre (aba-) - chief, heir
gu-turama (mye) - to lie in wait to steal or harm	ubu-twāre (no pl.) - chieftainship, authority, inheritance
umu-tūranyi (aba-) - neighbor	umu-twāro (imi-)(112) - burden, load
gu-turika (tse) - to burst (int.)	in-twāro (in-) - weapon(s)
imi-turire (no sing.) - community	umu-twe (imi-)(4) - head
ibi-tūrire - bribe	twēbwe (48) - we, us
gu-tūrisha (shije) - to silence, make quiet	ugu-twi (ama-)(32) - ear
gu-turitsa (kije) - to burst (tr.)	gu-twīka (tse)(122) - to set fire to, burn (tr.)
i-tūro (ama-) - offering, gift to a superior	gu-twīta (te) - to be pregnant
in-tūro (in-) - dwelling place	gu-tya (82) - like this
ubu-tūro (no pl.) - dwelling place	gu-tyo (82) - like that
igi-tūro (ibi-) - tomb, ditch containing dead body	gu-tyāra (ye) - to be sharp
gu-turuka (tse) - to come from	
Umu-tutsi (Aba-) - member of ethnic group of Banyarwanda	U
	k-ūbaha (shye)(59) - to reverence, respect, honor
	icy-ūbahiro (no pl.)(85) - esteem, respect, honor

k-ūbahuka (tse) - to not respect, disrespect, dare	icy-ūma (iby-)(14) - iron, metal, tool, knife, anything made of metal
k-ūbaka (tse)(36) - to build	icy-ūmba (iby-)(68) - room (in house)
imy-ūbakire (no sing.) - manner of building	umw-ūmbati (imy-) - manioc, cassava
iny-ūbako (iny-) - building	ak-ūmiro (no pl.) - astonishing thing
k-ūbama (mye) - to bend over, stoop down	k-ūmirwa (we) - to be astonished, astounded
ubanza - perhaps, it's possible that...; I think that...	k-ūmva (vise)(39) - to hear, understand, feel, taste, smell
umw-ūbatsi (ab-)(84) - builder	k-ūmvira (ye)(121) - to obey
k-ūbika (tse) - to turn upside down	k-ūmviriza (je)(121) - to listen to (as eavesdrop)
k-ūbikira (ye) - to lie in ambush	icy-ūmwēru (iby-)(62) - week ku cyūmwēru - Sunday mu cyūmwēru gishize - last week mu cyūmwēru gitaha - next week
ubu (21) - now; (86) - this (8th cl.) ubu nyine (119) - right now	k-ūnama (mye) - to stoop down, bow
ubūndi (119) - at another time, some other way, sometimes	iny-ūndo (iny-)(65) - hammer
ubungūbu (21) - right away, this instant	k-ūnga (nze) - to join (tr.), to reconcile
k-ūbura (ye) - to raise (head, eyes)	k-ūnga ubumwe - to be united
ubusa (103) - in vain	k-ūngamo - to add (words)
ubwo - seeing that, now that, when, then	umw-ūngeri (ab-)(41) - shepherd, pastor (sometimes)
k-ūgama (mye) - to take shelter from rain	umw-ūngu (imy-) - squash, pumpkin
ubw-ūgamo - shelter	iny-ūngu (iny-)(107) - profit, gain, increase
ur-ugi (inzugi)(23) - door	k-ūnguka (tse) - to gain, profit, increase
k-ūhagira (ye) - to bathe (tr.)	k-ūngura (ye) - to cause to gain
umw-ūka (imy-) - breath, spirit, steam Umwuka Wera - Holy Spirit Mwuka Muziranenge - Holy Spirit	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
uko - how	
k-ūma (mye)(107) - to dry (int.)	
in-uma (in-) - dove, pigeon	

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-ūrira (ye) - to climb (as tree)

k-ururuka (tse) - to climb down (tree)

Ūwitēka - the Eternal One

icy-ūya (iby-) - perspiration, sweat
kubira ibyūya - to perspire heavily

icy-ūzi (iby-) - pool

ur-ūzi (inzūzi)(23) - river, stream

ubw-ūzu (no pl.) - great joy, fulness, zeal

umw-ūzukuru (ab-) - grandchild

k-ūzura (ye)(121) - to be full

k-ūzuza (ūjuje)(121) - to fill (tr.)

V

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

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

im-va (im-) - grave, tomb

umu-vāmahānga (aba-) - foreigner

ku-vana (nye) - to take from (a certain
place)

umu-vāndimwe (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

W

ku-vundereza (je) amacāndwe - to spit on

aka-wa (or, ikawa)(no pl.)(61) - coffee

iki-vūnge (ibi-) cy'abantu - crowd

we (48) - he, she, him, her, his, hers

ubu-vungukira - left-over bits, crumbs

wa-we (3) - your (sing.)(wawe, bawe, yawe, etc.)

ku-vunika (tse)(122) - to break (int.), as bone

wēnda (44) - perhaps

i-vunja (ama-)(18) - jitter

wenyine (120) - you alone, he alone, it alone

ku-vūnja (nje) - to change money

wowe (48) - you (sing.)

ubu-vunnyi (no pl.) - new site, assistance, aid

Y

umu-vunnyi (aba-) - defender, one who helps

ku-yabangira (ye) ingata - to run fast (esp. to escape being beaten)

im-vura (no pl.)(11) - rain

ku-vura (ye)(52) - to treat, doctor, heal

ku-yaga (ze) - to melt (as, butter)(int.)
ku-yaza (gije) - to cause to melt

i-vuriro (ama-)(91) - hospital, dispensary

ku-yaga (ze) - to visit a bereaved person
(traditionally with gift of beer)

ku-vuruga (ze) - to beat, whip (as milk, eggs, etc.)

umu-yaga (imi-)(21) - wind

im-vururu (im-) - riot, disorder, troubles

iki-yaga (ibi-)(99) - lake, ocean

ama-vuta (no sing.)(19) - butter, oil, fat

in-yāngamugayo (in-) - blameless person

ku-vutsa (kije) - to cause to lose, hinder from getting

yego, yee (3) - yes

i-vutu (no pl.) - intemperance

yēnda (119) - perhaps

ku-vuza (gije) - to knock down with

in-yenyēri (in-) - star

ku-vuza (je or jije) - to take someone for treatment

in-yenzi (in-)(105) - cockroach

Yezu (or, Yesu) - Jesus

ku-vuza (gije) - to play (an instrument), make resound

uru-yige (inzige)(24) - locust

iki-yīko (ibi-)(63) - spoon

umu-vuzi (aba-) - doctor, one who treats illness

aka-yīko (utu-)(63) - teaspoon

ku-yoba (bye) - to lose the way, err

ku-yobera (ye) - to perplex, dumbfound	-zi (45)(no infinitive) - know
ku-yoberwa (we)(114) - to be mistaken, not know	umu-zi (imi-)(76) - root
ku-yobora (ye) - to lead	ama-zi (no sing.)(19) - water
ku-yoboza (je) - to ask the way	urū-zi (see: ur-ūzi)
umu-yobozi (aba-) - leader, chairman	aka-zi (no pl.)(26) - work, task, job (i.e. employment)
in-yōta (in-)(45) - thirst	iki-zibaho (ibi-) - dress
in-yuguti (in-) - letter (alphabet)	ku-zibuka (tse) - to become open, unstopped
uru-yuki (inzuki)(24) - bee	ku-zibura (ye) - to open, unstop
yuko (45) - that, if, whether	uru-ziga (in-) - circle
in-yuma (118) - outside, behind	ku-zigama (mye) - to save (as, money), keep
in-yungu - see: iny-ungu	uru-zige (in-)(24) - locust
aka-yunguruzo (utu-) - sieve, strainer	in-zīka (in-)(109) - grudge, crossness kugira inzika - to be cross
Z	
ku-za (je)(25) - to come	umu-ziki (imi-) - music
uru-zabibu (in-) - vineyard	i-zīko (ama-)(18) - fireplace, stove (the 3 stones on which a cooking pot rests)
umu-zabibu (imi-) - vines, grapes	-zima (adj.)(8) - alive, whole, healthy
Zaburi - Psalm	i-zima, kudakūrwa ku - to be firm, stubborn
iki-zamini (ibi-) - examination, test	i-zima, kutāva ku - to be firm, stubborn
ku-zamuka (tse)(56) - to go up hill	ubu-zima (no pl.) - wholeness, life
ku-zana (nye)(22) - to bring, come with	ku-zima (mye) - to go out, be extinguished (fire)
ku-zana ingese - to become rusty	ku-zimana (nye) - to serve meal to guests, give a feast
in-zara (in-)(21) - hunger, famine	ubu-zima-gatozi (no pl.) - "personnalité civile", incorporation
iki-zenga (ibi-) - pool	ku-zimira (ye)(102) - to be lost (lose the way)
ku-zēnguzwa (jwe) - to be dizzy	
ku-zerera (reye) - to wander about	
ku-zeyutsa (kije) - to disappoint	

umu-zimu (aba-) - ancestral spirit, ghost

in-zimuzi (in-) - gossip

ama-zimwe (no sing.) - gossip

ku-zimya (mye) - to put out (fire)

i-zina (ama-)(41) - name

ama-zinda (no sing.) - forgetfulness

ku-zinduka (tse) - to get up early

ku-zīnga (nze) - to fold, roll up, crumple

ku-zinukwa (tswe) - to stop loving, abandon

ku-zira (ze) - to be forbidden, taboo, to exclude, oppose

in-zira (in-)(7) - path, way

inzira y'ubusamu - a short cut

inzira y'uruboko - a round-about-way

-ziranenge - holy, pure, spotless

Mwūka 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

ku-zitira (ye) - to plant (make) a hedge

uru-zitiro (in-) - hedge, fence

ku-zitura (ye) - to untie animal (from stake, etc.)

ku-ziza (je) - to reproach, blame

in-zoga (in-)(85) - beer, alcoholic drink

in-zoka - (see: inz-oka)

in-zovu (in-) - ten thousand, elephant

in-zozi (in-) - dream

in-zu (ama-)(7) - house, room

i-zūba (ama-)(18) - sun

ku-zuka (tse) - to come to life, resurrect

i-zuka (no pl.) - resurrection

umu-zuko (no pl.) - resurrection

umu-zūngu (aba-)(47) - white person, European

ku-zūnguza (je) - to shake (head)

ku-zura (ye) - to raise from dead, resurrect (tr.)

i-zūru (ama-)(18) - nose, nostril

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A

abandon, to - guhāna, gutererana, kuzinukwa	action - umurimo, igikorwa
abcess - ikibyimba	actions (habitual) - imigenzereze. imigirire
ability - ubushobozi	adamant, to be - kutava ku izima
able, to be - gushobora, kubasha	add, to - guterana (int.), guteranya (tr.), kongera
aboriginal - kavukire	add words, to - kungamo
about (concerning) - ibya, ibyerekeye (approximately) - hafi, nka	administration - imitegekere
about to, to be - kwenda	admit, to - kwemera
above - hejuru, hejuru ya	adore, to - kuramya
absent, to be - gusiba	adulterer - umusambanyi
absolutely - rwose, pe	adultery - ubusambanyi
abstain, to - gusiba	adultery, to commit - gusambana
abundant, to be (crop) - kurumbuka	advance, to - kujya imbere, gutambuka
accept, to - kwakira, kwemera, kwenda	advice - inama
accident - igisida, akisida, ishyano, impanuka	advise, to - kugira inama, guhanura
acclamation, cry of - impundu	advisor - umujyanama
accompany, to - kugendana, kujyana na, gushagara, guherekeza	affair - urubanza e.g. dealing with a case of misconduct
accomplish, to - gusohoza	affirm strongly, to - kwirenga
according to - kubwa	afire, to set - gukongeza
account (finance) - ibitabo by'amafaranga	afraid, to be - gutinya, kugira ubwoba
accusation - ikirego	after - inyuma, hanyuma
accuse, to - kurega	afternoon - ni muni
accustomed, to be - kumenyera	afterwards - hanyuma, bukeye
across (a body of water, valley) - hakurya	again, to do - gusubira, kongera again - ukundi again and again - hato na hato
act, to - gukora	against, to talk - guhinyura

age - imyaka y'amavuka	am (I am) - ndi
old age - ubukuru, zabukuru	amaze, to - gutangaza
middle (30-50) - ubukwerere, imikwerere	amazing thing - igitangaza
all ages - ikigero cyose	ambush - igico
ago, long - kera	lie in ambush, to - kubikira
agree, to - kwemera	America, U. S. of - Leta zunze z'Amerika
agreement, to be in - gukiranuka	among - hagati ya, mu, muri
aid, to - gufasha, kugoboka, gutabara, kuvuna	amount - urugero
aid, voluntary - umusanzu, ubuvunnyi	amuse a child, to - kubeshyabeshya
one who aids - umuvunnyi	ancestor - sogokuruza
aim at, to - gufora	ancestral spirit - umzimu
aim, to have for - -gamiye (no inf.)	ancestral spirit, harmful -igisigo
air - umwuka, ikirere	and - na, no, kandi
airplane - indege	and now - none, noneho, none rero
alarm, cry of - induru	and so - none, noneho, none rero, niko
alert, to be - kuba maso	angel - (umu-)marayika
alive - -zima (muzima, kizima, etc.)	anger - uburakari, umujinya (long lasting), ishavu (light)
alive, to be - kubaho	angry, to be - kurakara
all - -ose (bose, byose, etc.)	angry, to become - kurubira
allow, to - gukundira, kureka	anguish - impagarara
almost - hafi	animal - inyamaswa, igisimba
alone - -nyine (wenyine, etc.)	animator - umukangurambaga
-sa (musa, bisa, etc.)	announce, to - gutangaza, kuranga
alone, to be - kwiherera	annoy, to - kurushya
along - ku ruhande rwa	annually - uko umwaka utaha
also - na, kandi	anoint, to - gusiga
although - nubwo, naho	another - -ndi (undi, abandi, etc.)
always - iteka, ubudahwema, iminsi yose	
always (do), to - kujya, guhora	

answer - igisubizo	argument - impaka, amakimbirane
answer, to - gusubiza	arise, to (from bed, ground) - kubyuka (from dead) - kuzuka
answer when called, to - kwitaba	
ant: pincher ant - intozi small food ant - ubushishi white ant - umuswa	arm - ukuboko
	armpit - ukwaha
antelope, small - impongo	army - ingabo
anxiety - amaganya, impungenge, inkeke	arouse, to - guhugura
anxious, to be - guhangayika, guhagarika umutima, kubunza umutima	arrive, to - kugera, gusohora, guhinguka, gusesekara
	arrive, to cause to - kugeza
anybody - umuntu wese	arrive by boat, to - komokera
	arrive at, to - gushyika
anyhow, to do - gupfa ku	arrive before another, to - gutanga
anything - ikintu cyose	arrow - umwambi
apart - ukwa	art - umwuga
apologize, to (before accusation) - kwisegura	as - ko, uko, nk'uko, nka
apparent, to be - kwihandagaza	as for - kubwa
appeal to higher court, to - kujurira	ashamed, to be - gukorwa n'isoni
appear, to - kuboneka, kugaragara appear suddenly and without precedent, to - kwaduka, gutunguka	ashes - ivu
appear, to cause to (as in court) - guhingutsa	ask (question), to - kubaza
apprehension - umususu	ask for (favor, article), to - gusaba
approach, to - kwegera approach, to cause to - kwegereza	ask the way, to - kuyoboza
April - Mata, ukwezi kwa kane	assessment - umusanzu
Arab - Umwarabu	assist, to - gufasha, kuvuna, gutabara, kugoboka
are - ni, -ri (bari, biri, etc.) are not - si, ntibari, etc.	assistance -ubuvunnyi
area - ikirere, intāra	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 - kurangara

attitudes - imiterere, imimerere, amatwara

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, interezo, ishoka

B

babble, to - kudedemanga

baby - umwana, akana
newborn - uruhinja

back (of person) - umugongo

back, at the - inyuma

back end of boat - ibwerekeza

backing (support) - ubwishingizi

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	begin, to - gutangira, guhanga
be, to - kuba, -ri, kumera (in a certain state)	begin by, to - kubanza
beach - inkuka	beginner - umutangizi
bead, to - gutaka amasaro	beginning - itangiriro, intangiriro, mbere na mbere
beads, tiny - amasaro	behave, to - kwifata
beans - ibishyimbo	behave towards, to - kugenza, gufata
green - imiteja	behavior - umwifato, imyifatire, amatwara
bear (fruit), to - kwera	behind - inyuma
beat, to - gukubita	belated - bitinze
beat drum, to - kuvuza ingoma	Belgian - Umubirigi
beautiful - -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)	Belgium - Ububirigi
beautiful person - umunyaburanga bwiza, uw'igikundiro	belief - kwizera
beauty - ubwiza	beliefs - imyizerere, inyigisho
extraordinary beauty - ishyano	believe, to - kwizera
physical beauty - uburanga	below - hepfo, hepfo ya
because - kuko	belt - umushumi, umukandara
because of - ku mpamvu za (z'uko), kubwa, kubera	put on belt, to - gukenyeza
become, to - guhinduka, kuba, kumera	bend knees, to - guhina
bed - uburiri, igitanda	bend over, to - kubama
(of poles and rope) - urutara	beneath - munsu ya
make a bed, to - gusasa uburiri	berries - inkēre (or, inkēri)
bee - uruyuki (pl. inzuki)	beseach, to - kwinginga
beehive - umutiba (empty)	beside - iruhande
beer - inzoga	best - ikiruta
beer, to make - kwenga	"best man" - imperekeza
before - mbere, imbere	betray, to - kugambana
beg, to - gusaba, gusabiriza, gusega	better - ikiruta, kurusha, kuruta
beg earnestly, to - guhendahenda	
beggar - umusabirizi, umusezi	

better (after illness), to be - koroherwa	blind, to be - guhuma, guhumagurika blind person - impumyi
between - hagati ya	
beware, to - kwirinda	blood - amaraso
bewitch, to - kuroga	blow, to - guhuha blow fire, to - kwatsa
beyond - hirya	blow with fist (n.) - igipfunsi
beyond measure, reason - birenze urugero	blue - bururu, bisa n'ijuru dark blue - umukara
Bible - Biblia Yera, Igitabo cy'Imana	
bicycle - igare	board - urubaho
big - -nini (munini, binini, etc.)	board ship, to - kwikira
bind, to - kuboha	boast, to - kwirata
bird (small) - inyoni (of prey) - igisiga	boat - ubwato
birth - ivuka give birth to, to - kubyara	boat, to get into - kwikira
bite, to - kuruma, kuryana	body - umubiri
bitter, to be - kubihya	boil - ikibyimba
bitterness - inzika	boil, to - kubira (int.), kubiza (tr.)
black - umukara black, to be - kwirabura	bonded, to be - kuba afite ubwishingizi
bladder - uruhago	bonds - ingoyi
blame - umugayo, amakemwa	bone - igufwa
blame, to - gushinja, kuziza	book - igitabo
blameless person - inyangamugayo	born, to be - kuvuka born of, to be - gukomoka
blanket - uburingiti	borrow, to - kugurana, gutira kuguriza (actual article to be replaced), kuguza (esp. money)
bleed, to - kuva amaraso stop bleeding (int.), to - gukama	boss - (female) - mabuja (male) - databuja
blessed, to be - guhirwa	both - -ombi (bombi, byombi, twembi)
blessing - umugisha, amahirwe	bottle - icupa

bottle opener - urufunguzo	bride-groom - umukwe
bottom - hasi	friend of bridegroom - imperekeza
bow (as with arrows) - umuheto	bridge (small) - iteme, ikiraro (big, metal)
bowl (wood) - imbehe	(of poles) - urutindo
box - isanduka, isandugu	foot-bridge - umugogo
box with lid (small tin) - umukebe	bright (of light), to be - kurabagirana
boy - umuhungu	brim - urugāra
braid, to - kubohekanya	bring, to - kuzana
branch - ishami	bring back wife who had left, to - gucyura
brass - umuringa	umugore
bread - umugati (European);	bring in from sun, to - kwanura
umutsima (African)	bring water, to - kuvoma
to make (knead) bread - gukora umugati,	bring near, to - kwegereza
gufunyanga	broad - -gari (hagari)
break, to - kumena (tr.), kuvuna	broil, to - gukaranga
(tr.)(something thin); kuvunika (int.),	broom - umukubuzo
kumeneka (int.), gucika (int.), kwangiza	brother - mwene se
(tr.)	(of girl) - musaza
break into bits (tr.), to - kumanyagura,	(younger brother of boy) - murumuna
kuvunagura	(older brother of boy) - mukuru
breast milk - amashereka	brush teeth, to - kwiyoza amenyo
breath - umwuka	bucket - indobo
breathe, to - guhumeka	buffalo - imbogo
bribe (n.) - amafaranga yo kwituga,	build, to - kubaka
ibiturire, ruswa, impongano	builder - umwubatsi
bribe, to take - kurya ruswa,	building (construction) - inyubako
kwakira impongano	building (manner of) - imyubakire
brick - itafari	bump into, to - gusekura
make bricks, to - kubumba amatafari	burden - umutwaro
bricks, unburned - urukarakara	burial - ihambwa
bride - umugeni	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)

butcher, to - kubaga

butcher shop (butchering place) - ibagiro

butter - amavuta

button - igifungo

buy, to - kugura
(esp. food) - guhaha

by - na

C

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

capable, 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 - kwiyyandarika

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

cautious, to be - kwitonda	chest (body) - igituza
cave - isenga	chew, to - guhekenya
cease, to - kureka, guhwema without ceasing - ubutitsa, ubudasiba, ubudahwema	chicken - inkoko
celebrate, to - kwizihiza	chief - umutware
celebration - ibirori	chieftanship - ubutware
census - ibarura	child - umwana spoiled child - umutesi disobedient child - tereriyo
center, in the - hagati	childhood - ubwana
ceremony - umuhango	chin - akananwa
chain - umunyororo, umunyururu	choke, to - kuniga
chair - intebe	choose, to - gutora, guhitamo, kurobanura choose from group, to - gutoranya, gutoragura
chairman - umuyobozi	chop up, to - gucagagura
chalk - ingwa	chosen thing - intore
change (coins)(n.) - ibikoroti	Christ - Kristo
change, to - guhinduka (int.), guhindura (tr.) change money, to - kuvunja	Christian - Umukristo
chapter - igice	Christianity - Ubukristo
character - kamere	Christmas - Inoheli (or, Inoweli)
characteristic - ingeso, imimerere	church (building) - urusengero (people) - itorero
charcoal - ikara	circle - uruziga
charge - ikirego	circulate, to - gutembera
charm - igiheko, ingisha made with beads - impigi	citizen - umwene gihugu
chat, to - kuganira	city - umujyi (or, umugi), umudugudu
chat (for a long time), to - kurondogora	clan - umuryango
cheap, to be - guhenduka	clap, to - gukoma amashyi
cheat, to - kuriganya	class - ikarasi

clatter (of voices) - urwamo	clown, to - gushyenga
claw - urwara	club - inshyimbo
clay - uburongo	coal, hot - ikara
work, mold clay, to - kubumba	coat - ikoti
clean - -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)	cock - isake
clean, to be - kugira isuku	cock-crowing, at - mu nkoko
clean (ceremonially), to become - guhumanuka	cockroach - inyenzi
clean, to make - kuboneza, kweza, gusukura	coffee - akawa, ikawa
clean ceremonially, to make - guhumanura	coins - ibikoroti
clean up, to - gutunganya	cold, to be - gukonja, kugira imbeho
cleanse oneself, to - kwisukura	cold - -bisi (kibisi, etc.)
clear, to make - kugaragaza	cold in head - ibicurane
cliff - agacuri	coldness - ubukonje, imbeho
climb, to (as tree) - kurira	color - ibara
climb up (as mountain), to - kuzamuka	colt - icyana
climb down (tree), to - kururuka	comb - urusokozo
cloak - ikoti	comb, to - gusokoza
clock - isaha	come, to - kuza
close, to - gukinga, gufunga	come back, to - kugaruka
close eyes, to - guhumiriza	come from, to - kuva, guturuka
close up path, to - gusiba	come on! - nimutyo, henga
close together, to get - kwegeranya	come out, to (as stakes in ground) - gushinguka
closet - akabati	come out of, to - kuva
cloth - umwenda, igitambaro	come to (someone), to - gusanga
cloth women wear over shoulder - umwitero	come to an end, to - guhera
clothe, to - kwambika	come to life, to - kuzuka
clothes - imyambaro, imyenda	come together, to - guterana
take clothes off, to - kwambura	come unexpectedly, to - gutungura
clothing - umwenda	comfort, to - guhumuriza
cloud - igicu	comforted, to be - guhumura
	comings and goings - urujya n'uruza

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

cord - umugozi cord of the tongue - intananya	cow - inka
cork - igipfundikizo	cow manure - amase
corn - ikigori corn, Kaffir - ishaka (amasaka)	craftsmanship - ubukorikori
corner (of room, house) - imfuruka	crane, crested - umusambi
corpse - umurambo of animal, criminal - intumbi	crazy, to be - gušara
cost - ikiguzi, igicro	create, to - kurema, guhanga
cough - inkorora	cripple - ikimuga, ikirema
cough, to - gukorora	criticize (badly), to - guhinyura
council - inama	crooked, to be - kugorama
councillor (member of council) - umujyanama	crops - imyaka
counsel - inama	cross - umusaraba remove from cross, to - kubambura
counsel, to - kugira inama counsel together, to - kwigira inama	cross, to be - kugira inzika
count, to - kubara	cross body of water, to - kwambuka
country - igihugu, ishanga (amahanga), (rural) - icyaro	crossness - inzika
courage - umuhati	crosswise, to place, (or, to be) - gutambika
court - urukiko	crow, to - kubika
courtyard - ikibuga	crowd - inteko, rubanda, imbaga, ikivunge cy'abantu (of followers) - ishengero
cover (lid) - umutemere, igipfundikizo uburingiti	crowd, to - guhubuka
cover, to - gupfuka cover with lid, to - gupfundikira cover oneself with, to - kwifubika cover oneself in bed, to - kwiyorosa	crown - ikamba
covet, to - kwifuza, kurarikira	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

D

damage, to - konona, kwangiza
 damaged, to be - kononekara
 damage immature crop or produce, to -
 kwangiza

 damp, to be - gukonja

 dance, to - kubyina
 dance the war (intore) dance, to -
 guhamiriza

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

 deaf person - igipfamatwi

 dear - ukundwa

 death - urupfu
 at the point of death, to be - gusamba,
 kuremba

 debt - umwenda

 deceit - uburiganya

 deceitfulness - ibihendo

deceive, to - guhenda, gushuka, kubeshya deceive lightly, to - kubeshyabeshya, gushukashuka	deny, to - guhakana
December - Ukuboza, ukwezi kwa cumi n'abiri	depart, to - gusezera
decide, to - gushinga, kugambirira, kugena	deprive oneself of, to - kwiyaka
decision (final) - umwanzuro	depth of lake, in - i muhengeri
decision, facing a - mu rungabangabo	descend, to - kumanuka cause to descend, to - kumanura descend from, to - gukomoka
declare, to - kogeza	describe, to - kurondora
dedicate child, to - gutura umwana Imana	desire, to - gushaka, kwifuza desire strongly, to - kurarikira
deep - -re-re (kirekire, etc.)	desire, strong - irari
defeat, to - gutsinda	desk - ibiro
defeat utterly, to - kuganza	despair, to - kwiheba be in despair, to - gushoberwa
defecate, to - kunnya	despise, to - kugaya (object, not person), gusuzugura
defend oneself, to - kuburana defend oneself against accusation, to - kwiregura	destine for, to (a certain use, purpose) - kugenera
defender - umuvunnyi	destitution - ubutindi
deficit - igihombo	destroy, to - kurimbura, gutsemba, gusenya
defile, to - guhumanya defiled, to be - guhumana	dew - urume, ikime
delay, with - bitinze, hatinze, gutinda	diarrhea, to have - guhitwa
deliberately - nkana	die, to - gupfa be about to die, to - kuremba, gusāmba make die slowly, to - kwica urubozo
delicious, to be - kuryoha	different, to be - gutandukana, guca ukubirina
deliver (baby), to - kubyara come to time to deliver, to - kuramukwa deliver, to (what doctor does) - kubyaza	difficult, to be - kugora, gukomera, kurushya
delivered (from harm), to be - kurokoka	difficulties - amagorwa
demon - daimoni	difficulty - ingorane be in great difficulty, to - kuba mu
den - isenga, indiri	

mazi abira
 not 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 - gucogoza
 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 - gukira

doctor - umuganga

doctor, to - kuvura

doctrines - inyigisho, imyizerere

dog - imbwa

donkey - indogoba

door - urugi, umwango (Sw.)

door-post - igikingi

doorway - umuryango

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 - ku mpamvu z'uko

dull, to be - kugimba, gutiga

dumbfound, to - kuyobera
dumbfounded, to be - gushoberwa, kugwa mu kantu

dumb person (physical) - ikiragi

dust - umukungugu

dust, to - guhanagura

duty - umurimo

dwarf - igikuri

dwel, to - gutura

dwelling place - inturo

dying person - indembe

dysentery - amacinya

E

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 - lpassika

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 - guhanguka

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, - hagije

it is enough - birahagije	eternally - iteka ryose
enrich, to - gukungahaza	European - umuzungu
enter, to - kwinjira	even - ndetse
refuse permission to enter, to - guheza	even if - bona
enter a person, to - guhanga umuntu	even though - nubwo, naho
enthusiasm - umwete, (for work) ishyaka	even, to be - kuringanira
entice, to - gushukāshuka	make even, to - kuringaniza
entirely - rwose	evening - ni mugoroba (2:00 - 6:00)
entrance forbidden, or exclusive - mu muhezo	become evening, to - kugoroba
entrance to kraal - irembo	ever, to have - kwigera
envelope, to - gusāba	e.g. wigeze ubona - have you ever seen?
epidemic - icyorezo	every - -ose (wese, yose, etc.)
epilepsy - igicuri	every day - iminsi yose
equal, to be - kungana (size, force, age);	everything - byose
kureshya (length, height); kuringanira	everywhere - hose
make equal, to - kuringaniza	evidence (i.e. proof) - intangamugabo,
erase, to - gusiba	gihamya
erosion - isuri	evil - ikibi
err, to - gufudika, kuyoba	ubugizi bwa nabi - evil acts
error - ifuti, ikosa	exaggerate, to - gukabya
make an error, to - gucikwa	examination - ikizamini
escape, to - gucika	examine, to - gupima, gusuzuma
it escaped me - byanciye	examine carefully, to - gusesengura
escort, to - guherekeza, gushagara	example - icitegererezo, urugero
especially - cyane cyane	exceedingly - cyane
essential - ingombwa	exceedingly white - -era de
establish, to - gushinga, gushimangira	excellence - akataraboneka, ihōho
esteem - icyubahiro	excellent, to be - kuryoha
Eternal One - Uwiteka	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 - kwiyerekwa

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 akanguhe

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

F

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, gusenya,
kuriduka

cause to fall, to - kugusha

fall down before, to - kwikubita imbere

fall from above, to - guhubuka, guhanuka

fall into ruin, to - kuriduka, gusenya

falsehood - ikinyoma

fame - inkuru

family - umuryango

famine - inzara

famous - ikirangirire

far, far away - kure

fare (as in boat) - ihoro
receive fare, to - guhoza

farewell, to bid - gusezera

farmer - umuhinzi

fast - vuba, ningoga

fast, to - kwiiriza ubusa, kwigomwa

fat - amavuta, ikinure
fat child - umushishe

fat, to be - kubyibuha

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 - kusingimiranya

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 - igipfunsi

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

flashlight - isitimu

flat, to be - kuringanira, gutambika
 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 - guhibikana

folly - ubupfu

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

food - ibyo kurya, ibiryo
 food for journey - impamba

fool - umuswa

fool, to - kubeshyabeshya, gushukāshuka
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 - kubuza
forbidden, to be - kuzira

force - intege

force (against will), to - guhata

ford - umwaro

forehead - uruhanga

foreign country - ishanga, amahanga

foreign, something - inzaduka

foreigner - umunyamahanga, umuvamahanga

forest - ishyamba

foretell, to - guhanura

forever - iteka ryose, akaramata

forget, to - kwibagirwa
forget momentarily, to - guhuga

forgetfulness - amazinda

forgive, to - kubabarira

forgiveness - imbabazi

fork - ikanya

form - ishusho

forsake, to - kureka, gusiga, kuzinukwa

fortunate, to be - guhirwa

fortune, good - amahirwe

forty - mirongwine

forward - imbere

fountain - isōko

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

fowl - inkoko

franc - ifaranga

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

freedom - umudendezo

freedom, to have - kwidegembya

French (language) - igifaransa

fresh - -bisi

fresh, to be - gutoha

fret, to - kuganyira

Friday - ku wa gatanu

friend - inshuti (incuti), mugenzi

friendly, to be - kurangwaho ubucuti

friends with, to be - gushudika

friendship - ubucuti
friendship, close - ubusābane

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

G

gain - inyungu

gain, to - kunguka

game - igikino, umukino
wild game - inyamaswa

garden - umurima, ubusitani

gardener - umuhinzi

garment - umwambaro, umwenda

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 - igihangange

gift - impano, impongano
gift to superior - ituro

girl - umukobwa, inkumi (teen-age)

give, to - guha, kugaba, gutanga

give birth to, to - kubyara

give completely, to - kwegurira

give oneself wholly to, to - kwibanda ku,
kwiye gurira

give up, to - kwigomwa, guhara
(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 - urujya 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 - muraramukeho

Gospel - Ubutumwa Bwiza

gossip - amazimwe, inzimuzi

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

gourd - igicuma

govern, to - gutegeka, kugenga

government - Leta, ubutegets

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, hobe (hello)

grief - umubabaro, agahinda
 cause grief, to - kubabaza

grieve, to - kuganya, kubabara

grind, to - gusya, (in mortar) gusekura

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 - kukura
 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 - kwiyerekera

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 - gucāgata
 half-dead - intere

hammer - inyundo

hammock - ingobyi

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

hand over, to - gushyīra

handle of cup, pail - umukōndo

handsome person - umunyaburanga bwiza,
 uw'igikundiro

handsomeness - uburanga

hang, to (int.) - kunagana

hang up, to - kumanika

happen unexpectedly, to - gutungura

happened, what - ibyabaye

happiness - umunezero

happy, to be - kunezerwa, kwishima
happy, to make - kunezeza, kunezereza

harbinger - amendeze

hard, to be - gukomera
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 - -kwiriye
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.)

heal (int.), to - gukira
healed, to be - gukizwa

health - ubuzima
in good health - -taraga (adj.)

healthy - -zima (muzima, kizima, etc.)

heap - ikirundo

heap, to - kurunda

hear, to - kumva

heart - umutima

heat - ubushyuhe

heat, to - gushyushya

heathen - umupagani

heaven - ijuru

heavy, to be - kuremera
heavy-laden, to be - kuremerwa

hedge - uruzitiro
hedge, to plant - kuzitira

heel - agatsintsino

height - ubuhagarike, uburebure

hello - muraho, mwaramutseho, mwiriweho,
hobe

help, to - gufasha
help willingly, to - gutabara
go to help, to - kugoboka

help, unexpected - ingoboka

hem in, to - kugota

her - we, cye, bye, etc.

herd - ishya, ubushyo
(pigs only) - umugana

herd, to - kuragira	hoe handle - umuhini
herdsman - umushumba	hold, to - gufata
here - hano, ino, aha	hold (someone), to - gutangira
here is - dore	hold out hands, to - gutega amashyi
here and there - hamwe na hamwe	hole - umwobo
hereditary trait - akarande	large hole in ground - icyobo, urwina
hesitate, to - gutindaganya, kugingimiranya	hole in cloth, pot, object - umwenge
hide, to - guhisha (tr.); gupfurika (int.)	small hole - intoboro
hide from sight, to - gukingiriza (tr.)	hole, to get (as pot) - gupfumuka
high - -re-re (muremure, ndende, etc.)	hole, to make - gupfumura
on high - hejuru	holiness - kwezwa
higher up - haruguru	holy, to be - kwera, kwegurirwa Imana
a high place - ahirengeye	holy, to make - kweza
hill - umusozi	holy (adj.) - ziranenge
hinder, to - gukoma	Holy Spirit - Umwuka Wera, Mwuka
hinder from seeing, to - gukingiriza	Muziranenge
hinder progress, to - kudindiza	home, at - i muhira, i wanjye, i wabo, etc.
hinder from getting, to - kuvutsa	at the home of - kwa
hindrance - inkomyi	home, to go - gutaha
Hindu - Umuhindi	homosexual acts, to commit - gutinga
hippopotamus - imvubu	honey - ubuki
hired person - umucanshuro	honor - icyubahiro, ishema
his - we, cye, rwe, etc.	honor, to - kubaha, gusingiza, kuramya
history - inkuru, histwari	hope - ibyiringiro
hit, to - gukubita	hope, to - kwiringira
hither and yon - hirya no hino	horizontal, to be - gutambika
hoe - isuka	horizontal position - ubutambike
hoe, to - guhinga	horn (of animal) - ihembe
hoe, worn out - ifuni	horse - ifarashi
	hospital - ibitaro, ivuriro
	hot, to be - gushyuha

hour - isaha

I

house - inzu

I - jye, jyewe, jyeweho

I alone - jyenyine

how (manner) - uko, uburyo, ukuntu
(in question) - -te? (ate? bite? etc.)

ice - urubura, amazi akonje cyane

how do you do? - muraho

idea - igitekerezo

how many? - -ngahe? (bangahe, bingahe, etc.)

idiom - inshoberamahanga

how often? - kangahe?

idleness - ubudeshyi

however - ariko, ahubwo, ibiri amambu,
icyakora

idol - ikigirwamana

howl, to - kuboroga

if - ni, niba, yuko

hug - umuhoberano

ignorance, to come out of - kujijuka
ignorance, to bring out of - kujijura

hundred - ijana

ignorant of, to be - kuyoberwa, kujijwa

hunger - inzara

ignorant person - injiji

hungry, to be - gusonza, kugira inzara

ignore someone, to - kurangārana

hunt (game), to - guhiga
hunt for, to - gushaka, gushakashaka

ill, to be - kurwara

very ill, to be - kuremba

hurry, to - kwihuta, kubanguka, gutebuka,
gukataza
hurry, to be in a - kugira ubwira

illness - indwara

hurt, to - kubabara (int.), kubabaza (tr.)
hurt, to be - kubabara, kubabazwa

image - igishushanyo

imitate, to - kwigana

husband - umugabo

immediately - nonaha, ubu ngubu
to immediately - guherako ...
e.g. aherako agenda - he immediately went

husk, to - gutonora

impartial, to be - kutabera

hut (temporary) - ingando

impartial person - intabera

hymn - indirimbo

importance - amatwara

hypocrisy - uburyarya

important - -nkuru (mukuru), ingenzi,
imena

hypocrite, to be - kuryarya

important, to be - gukomera

hypocritically, to act - kuryarya

improved (physically), to be - koroherwa

in, into - mu, muri	ink - vino
incapable person - umuswa	innocent - umwere
inception - inkomoko	insect - igisimba little insects that supposedly make honey - ubuhura
incipience - amendeze	
incite to do something, or act, to - kubwiriza	inside - imbere
income - inyungu	instead - mu cyimbo, mu kigwi
incorporation - ubuzima-gatozi	instruct, to - kujijura, kwigisha
increase, to - kunguka (of animals) - kororoka (int.), gutubura (tr.)	insult - igitutsi
inculcate, to - kwitoza	insult, to - gutuka
independence - ubwigenge	intelligence - ubwenge
independent, to be - kwigenga	intelligent, to be - guhuguka
indeed - ndetse, koko	intemperance - ivutu
Indian - Umuhindi	intention - imigambi
infant - uruhinja	intentionally - ikigize cya nkana, bigirankana, nkana
inferior to - hanyuma ya	interest - umwete
infinitive - imbundo	interim person - agateganyo
infirm person - ikimuga	interior - indiri
influence, to - kureshya	interminable - urudaca
inform, to - guhugura, kumenyesha send to inform, to - kurarika informed, to be - kwihugura, kujijuka	interpret, to - gusobanura ask to interpret, to - gusobanuza
inhabit, to - gutura	interrogation, word of - mbese, ese, se
inherit, to - kuragwa, kugira umunani	interrupt, to - kurogoya
inheritance - umwandu leave inheritance, to - kuraga	interrupter - kirogoya
injection - urushinge	intimidate by, to - gukangisha
injured, to be - gukomereka	into - mu, muri
	introduce something new, to - guhanga

invalid - ikimuga, 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 - gucyocora

Jesus - Yesu, Yezu

jigger - ivunja

job - akazi

join, to - gufatanya, kunga

joke, to - gushyenga, guteta

jokes - amashyengo

journal - ikinyamateka, akabarankuru

journey - urugendo

joy - umunezero, ibyishimo, ishimwe
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 - kurenganura

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, kujijwa

know oneself, to - kwiyizi
 knowledge - ubwenge, ubumenyi
 knowledgeable, to be - kujijuka
 known, to become - kumenyekana, kwamamara
 make known, to - kwamamaza, kogeza,
 kuranga
 kraal - urugo

L

labor pains, to have - kuramukwa
 lack, to - kubura, kugomba
 ladder - urwego
 lady, young (unmarried)- inkumi
 lake - ikiyaga, inyanja
 lamp - itara, itabaza
 lampstand - igitereko
 land - ikibanza, imusozi, 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) - buriye
 get late (in day), to - kwira
 make late, to - gukerereza
 later - ubwanyuma, hanyuma
 later on - hatinze, bitinze, hato, hatoya

laugh, to - guseka	left-over bits - ubuvungukira
launderer - umumeshi	leg - ukuguru
law - itegeko	lemon - indimu
lay (tr.), to - kurambika	lend, to - gutiza (actual article to be returned)
layman - umurayiki	kuguriza, kugurana (article to be replaced)
laziness - ubunebwe, ubudeshyi, ubute	kuguza (esp. money)
lazy, to be - kunebwa, kugarama, kugira ubute	length - uburebure, ubutambike, umurambararo
lead, to - kuyobora, kurongora	leopard - ingwe
lead (esp. animals), to - gushorera	leper - umubembe
lead home, to - gucyura	leprosy - ibibembe
lead by the hand, to - kurandata	lesson - icyigisho, isomo
leader - umuyobozi	let - henga, reka, ngaho (also, subjunctive mood)
leaf - ikibabi	letter - urwandiko (epistle), ibaruwa
leak, to - kuva	letter (of alphabet) - inyuguti
lean against, to - kubyiga, kwegeka (person leans) - kwegamira	liberty - umudendezo
learn, to - kwiga, kwihugura	lid - umutemeri, igipfundikizo
least - uwa nyuma	lie - ikinyoma
at least - byibura, nibura	lie, to - kubeshya, kuriganya
leave, to - gusiga, kureka, kugenda	lie about, to - kubeshyera
leave alone, to - kwihorera	lie down, to - kuryama, kurambarara
leave a place, to - gukuka	lie on pillow, to - kwisegura
leave gradually, to - gutezuka	life - ubugingo, ubuzima, imibereho
leave home, to - kuraruka	lift, to - guterura
leave mate (temporarily), to - kwahukana	lift up, to - kubyutsa
leave of, to take - gusezera	light - umucyo
leave off, to - kureka	light of the moon - umwezi
leave shore (in boat), to - komoka	light (weight), to be - guhuhwa
leaven - umusemburo	
leaven, to - gusembura	
left - i bumoso	
left, to be - gusigara	

light weight (though voluminous) -
igihwayihwayi

light (kindle), to - gucana, gukongeza

light of, to make - guteta

lightening - umurabyo

like - nka, bene, nk'uko

like that - gutyo (duty, batyo, etc.)

like this - gutya (duty, batya, etc.)

like, to - kukunda

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 - kwiye gurira Imana,

gukorera Imana mu mibereho yacu

yose, kwiberaho gukorera Imana

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 - kukumbura

lonesomeness - urukumbuzi

long - -re-re (muremure, 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

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 - umupanga

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 - kubumba
 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 - imfura (impfura)

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	member of church - umunyetorero
(your) - shobuja	member of council - umujyanama
(his, her, their) - shebuja	mercenary - umucanshuro
mat - ikirago	mercy - imbabazi
small mat - umusāmbi	merely - -sa (bisa, basa, etc.)
woven grass mat - ikidasesa	message - ubutumwa
matches, box of - ikibiriti	metal - icyuma
mate (of pair of things) - mugenzi	method - uburyo, ukuntu
mature (person), to be - gusesa akanguhe	middle, midst - hagati
maturity - umwero (esp. of harvest), ubuhame	in middle of lake - imuhengeri
May - Gicurasi, ukwezi kwa gatanu	middle age (30-50) - ubukwerere, imikwerere
me - jye, jyewe, jyeweho	midnight - igicuku
meal - ifunguro	might (strength) - ukuboko
meal, to have - gufungura	mildew - uruhumbu
means (of doing something) - ukuntu	milk - amata
measure - inshuro, urugero	breast milk - amashereka
measure, to - gupima, kugera	clabbered milk - ikivuguto
measureless - birenze urugero, kutagira ingano	milk of goat - amahenehene
meat - inyama	milk, to - gukama
medicine - umuti	milk pot - inkongora
meditate, to - kuzirikana	millet - ururo, uburo
meet, to - guhura, guterana, gukorana	million - agahumbagiza, miliyoni
meet, to go to - gusanganira	mind, to lose one's - gusara
meeting - iteraniro	mine - -anjye (uwanjye, ibyanjye, etc.)
meeting place - ihuriro	minute - idakika, iminota
in a meeting - mu ruhame	just a minute - henga, reka
melt, to - (as butter) - kuyaga	minute (tiny) - -zinya (kanzinya)
(as sugar) - gushonga	miracle - igitangaza
cause to melt, to - kuyaza	

mirror - indorerwamo	June - Kamena
miscalculate, to - gucikwa	July - Nyakanga
misery - ubutindi	August - Kanama
misfortune - akaga, amakuba	September - Nzeli
miss, to (absent) - gusiba	October - Ukwakira
miss someone, to - gukumbura	November - Ugushingo
Miss - Madamuzera	December - Ukuboza
mistake - ifuti	moon - ukwezi
mistake, to make - gufudika, gucikwa	light of moon - umwezi
mistaken, to be - kuyoberwa	more, to do - kurushaho, kurushiriza
mistrust, to - gukenga, kwishisha	more than, to be - gusāga
mix, to - kuvanga	more, what's - byongeye kandi
mixture (e.g. medicine, shoe polish, etc.) - umuti	moreover - kandi, ndetse, byongeye kandi
moan, to - kuganya	morning - igitondo
mock, to - gushinyagura, gusebya	mosquito - umubu
mockery - agashinyaguro	mosquito netting - agatimba
moisten, to - kubobera	mostly - cyane cyane
mold - uruhumbu	mother (my) - mama, umukecuru wanjye
mold bricks or clay, to - kubumba	(your) - nyoko, umukecuru wawe, wanyu
moment, brief - akanya	(his, her, their) - nyina
Monday - ku wa mbere	mother-in-law (my, our) - mabukwe
money - amafaranga, ifeza, impiya, inota	(your) - nyokobukwe
monkey (small gray) - inkende	(his, her, their) - nyirabukwe
month - ukwezi	motorcycle - ipikipiki
January - Mutarama	mountain - umusozi
February - Gashyantare	mountain (high) - ikirunga
March - Werurwe	mountain top - impinga
April - Mata	mouse - imbeba
May - Gicurasi	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) -

narrow, to be - gufungana
nation - ishyanga (amahanga)
national (person) - umwene gihugu
native - kavukire
nature - kavukire, kamere, imiterere
nausea - iseseme
navel - umukōndo
near - hafi, bugufi, (with object) hafi ya
nearby - hafi, bugufi
nearly - hafi
necessary, to be - gukwira
e.g. it's necessary - birakwiriye
neck - ijosi
need - ubukene
need, urgent - inkeke
need, to - kugomba
needle - urushinge
needy, to be - gukena
neglect, to - kwirengagiza, kurangārana (esp.
person)
I neglected to do it - byancyiye
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, fishing - urushundura	no one - nta we
netting (mosquito) - agatimba	north - mu majyaruguru
never - ntabwo	nose - izuru
never, to have - kwigera (in negative) e.g. sinigeze mbona - I've never seen	nostril - izuru
nevertheless - nyamara	not - nta, si
new - -shya (gishya, rushya, etc.) new, something - inzaduka	not at all - na gato, haba na gato, haba na busa, namba
news - inkuru, amakuru	not in the least - na hato
newspaper - ikinyamateka, akabarankuru	nothing - nta cyo
next (in ref. to time) - gutaha next day - bukeye next month - ukwezi gutaha next week - icyumweru gitaha	nothing, for - ubusa, ku busa
nice - neza, -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)	notice - itangazo
niece - umusengeneza daughter of man's sister - umwishywa	notice, to - -ruzi (no infinitive)
night - ijoro, n'ijoro the night before - bucya	nourished, well - umushishe
nine - icyenda	November - Ugushingo, ukwezi kwa cumi na kumwe
ninety - mirongwicyenda, mirongurwenda	now - ubu
no - oya, nta, ashwi (emphatic), ashwi da!	right now - ubungubu, ubu nyine
nobleman - imfura (impfura)	and now - none
nod, to - guhunikira (sleepy)	now and then - rimwe na rimwe
noise - urusaku, urwamo (voices), umuriri	number - umubare
noise, to make - gusakuza	nurse, to (int.) - konka
none - nta	nurse, to (tr.) - konsa
nonplussed, to be - gushoberwa, kugwa mu kantu	
noon - ku manywa	

O

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 - guhugira	operate (medical), to - kubaga
ocean - inyanja	opportunity - uburyo
October - Ukwakira, ukwezi kwa cumi	oppose, to - kuzira
off with you! - hoshi!	oppress, to - gupyinagiza
offer, to - gutanga (as in church) offer a gift, to - gutura	oppressed (with burden), to be - gushengurwa
offering - ituro	or - cyangwa
office - ibiro	orange (fruit) - indimu ya oranji, icunga (color) - igaju
often - kenshi how often? - kangahe?	ordain, to - kurobanura
oil - amavuta	order - gahunda order that, in - kugirango
ointment, perfumed - amadahano	order, to put in - kuringaniza
old, to become - gusaza; -kuru	order, to - gutegeka
old man - umusaza, umukambwe	orderliness - gahunda
old woman - umukecuru	ordinarily - ubusanzwe
olive, wild - umunzenze	ordinary people, the - rubanda rwa giseseka
omit, to - gusiba	organization - gahunda (in sense of group) - ishyaka (e.g. U.N.)
on - ku	origin - inkomoko get one's origin from, to - gukomora
once - rimwe once upon a time there was - hāriho once and for all - byimazeyo	ornament, to - gutaka
one - -mwe	ornaments, to wear - kurimba
onion - ubutunguru (or, igi-, or, uru-)	orphan - imfubyi
only - gusa, ubusa, -nyine	other - -ndi (undi, abandi, ibindi, etc.)
open, to - gukingura, gufungura, kuzibura open (as flower), to - kurumbura open, to become - kuzibuka open the mouth, to - kwasama	ought (to have to) - kugomba, -kwiriye, kurinda
openly - ku mugaragaro openly, to speak - kwerura	our - -acu (wacu, bacu, byacu, etc.)
	out of - mu

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 - guhenda

overcome, to - gutsinda

overflow, to - gusesekara, gusāga
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

P

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
(esp. part received) - umugabane

part in, to have - kugira uruhare

part with, to - gutandukana

participation - uruhare

partnership - ubusābane

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	(as perfume, etc.) - gusāba
pass the night, to - kurara	penetrate, to make - gucengeza
pass through, to - guca, kunyura	
pass through, to make - kuboneza	pension - ubwiteganirize
passage, to permit - kuberereka, kubisa	people (sense of nation) - ihanga, ishanga
passer-by - umuhisi	(crowd) - itorero
past - ibihe byashize	the people - rubanda
past, to go - kurenga	ordinary people - rubanda rwa giseseka
pasture - ubwatsi, urwuri	
pasture, to - kurisha	pepper - ipiripiri, urusenda (hot)
patch - ikiremu	perfect (n., adj.) - indakemwa
path - inzira	perfect, to - gutunganya
patient, to be - kwihangana	perfect, to be - gutungana
pay (n.) - umushahara, igihembo	perfume - amarashi
pay, to - guhemba, gutanga	perhaps - ahari, wenda, ubanza, yenda
pay debt, to - kwishyura	period (or comma) - akabago, akadomo, akitso
pay dowry, to - gukwa	period, to have (female) - kuba mu mugongo
pay attention, to - kwita ku	perish, to - kurimbuka
pay ransom, to - gucungura	permission - uruhushya
peace - amahoro	permission, to ask for - gusaba uruhushya
peaceful, to be - gutuza	perplex, to - kuyobera
peak, mountain - impinga	perplexed, to be - gushoberwa, kubunza
peanut - ikinyobwa, akabemba	umutima, kuyoberwa, guhera mu
peas - amashaza	rungabangabo
peel, to (with knife) - guhata	persecute, to - kurenganya, gutoteza
(with fingers) - gutonora	persevere, to - gushishikara
penalty, to make pay the - kuryoza	person - umuntu
pencil - ikaramu	personnalité civile - ubuzima-gatozi
penetrate, to - kumena, gucengera	perspiration - icyuya
	perspire, to (heavily)- kubira icyuya
	persuade, to try to - guhendahenda

pester, to - kujujubya

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 - kugambirira, 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, gucuranga

play cow game (igisoro), to - kubuguza

playground - ikibuga

plead, to - kuburana (at court)

plead with, to - kwinginga

please, to - kunezeza, kunezereza

plunder, to - gusahura	pour, to - gusuka
pocket - umufuka, umupfuka	poverty - ubukene, umukeno (strong word), ubutindi
poet - umusizi	
poison - uburozi	powder - ifu
poke fun at, to - gucyocora	power - imbaraga, ububasha, ubushobozi
police agent - umuporisi	power, to have - kubasha
polish, to - guhanagura	practice - umugenzo
politeness - ikinyabupfura, ubupfura	practice, to - kwitoza
political party - ishyaka	praise (n.) - ishimwe
ponder, to - kuzirikana	praise, to - gushima, guhimbaza, gusingiza, kurata
pool - ikizenga, icyuzi	pray, to - gusenga, gusaba, kwambaza Imana
poor, to be - gukena	prayer - isengesho, ishengesho
poor man (person) - umukene	preach, to - kubwiriza
poorly - nabi	precede, to - kubanziriza, gutanga
possess, to - gutunga	precursor - amendeze
possess a person, to - guhanga umuntu	pregnancy - inda
possessed by, to be - guhangwaho	
possessions - ubutunzi	pregnant, to be - gutwita
possession - ubwatsi, isambu, umutungo (money) - imari	prepare, to - gutegura
possessor of - nyira	prepare for, to - guteganya
possible, to be - gushoboka	prepare plans (projects), to - gutegura imishinga
it's possible that. . . - ubanza	
post (mail) - iposita	present (gift) - impano
pot (clay cooking) - inkono	pretend to love, to - gukunda urumamo
(cooking) - isafuriya	pretty - -iza (mwiza, beza, etc.)
(small clay) - urwabya	prevent, to - kubuza, gukoma
(water pot) - ikibindi	prey, bird of - igisiga
potato, sweet - ikijumba	price - ikiguzi, igiciro
potato, white - ikirayi	pride - ubwibone, ubwirasi

priest - umutambyi (in Bible), umusohoza-bitambo, umupadiri (Catholic)	prophecy, to - guhanura
prince - igikomangoma	prophet - umuhanuzi
principal (important) - imena	prosperity - ishya n'ihirwe
print, to - gucapa	protect, to - gukuyakuya, gukoma, kurinda
printed, to have - gucapisha	proud, to be - kwirata, kwibona
prior to - mbere	proverb - umugani
priority - uburenganzira	provocation - amakimbirane
prison - umunyororo, inzu y'imbohe	Psalms - Zaburi
prisoner - imbohe, umuyororo, imfungwa	public - rubanda
problem - ingorane	publicly - ku mugaragaro, mu ruhamwe
procrastinate, to - kwirengagiza	publish, to - kwamamaza, kogeza, kuranga
produce abundantly, to - kurumbuka	pull, to - gukurura
professor - umwarimu, umwigisha	pull out (as stakes in ground), to - gushingura
profit (increase) - inyungu (benefit) - akamaro	pull out by roots, to - kurandura
profit, to - kunguka, gucuruza	pull out of fire (water), to - kurohora
progress - amajyambere	pumpkin - igihaza, umwungu
progress, to hinder - kudindiza	punctuation mark - akadomo
prohibit, to - kubuza	punish, to - guhana
project - umugambi, umushinga, imishinga	punishment - igihano
promise - isezerano	pupil - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri
promise, to - gusezerana	pupil of eye - imboni
proof - intangamugabo, gihamya	pure, to be - kwera
prop up, to - gushyigikira	pure, to make - kuboneza, kweza
property - isambu, ubukebe	purify oneself, to - kwiboneza, kwiyeza, kwisukura
property father gives to son when he marries - umunani	purity of heart - (u)kwezwa
property, personal - umwihariko	purple - umuhengeri (rarely used)
	purpose - impamvu, intego, ubugenere

purpose, to have for (aim) - -gamiye (no inf.)

quiet, to make - guturisha, guhendahenda

purse - umufuka, umupfuko

R

pus - amashyira

rabbit - urukwavu

push, to - gusunika, kubyiga

race (people) - ishyanga

push away, to - guhirika

rack - igitanda

push for, to - gutsura

push someone, to - kwi-roha

rain - imvura

push to end of endurance, to - kurembya

rain, to (fine) - gutonyanga

put, to - gushyira

it's raining - imvura iragwa

put away, to - kubika

make sound of approaching rain, to - guhorera

put clothes on, to - kwambika

put down, to - kurambika

put down load, to - gutura

rainbow - umukororombya

put in order, to - kuringaniza

put out fire, to - kuzimya

rainy season - umuhindo (Sept. - Nov.)

put out in sun, to - kwanika

itumba (Feb. - May)

put roof on, to - gusakara

put together, to - kubumbira, kubangikanya

raise animals, to - korora (Fr. élevage)

puzzled, to be - gushoberwa, guhera mu rungabangabo

raise eyes (head), to - kurarama, kubura

raise from dead, to - kuzura

raise voice, to - kurangurura

Q

quality - umuco

ransom - incungu, inshungu

quantity - ubwinshi

ransom, to - gucungura

quarrel - amahane, intonganyu

rape, to - gukinda

quarrel, to - gutongana

rat - imbeba

quarter (of year) i.e. trimester - igihembwe

rather (but rather) - ahubwo (rather than) - aho

question - ikibazo

raw - -bisi (bibisi, etc.)

question, to - kwiburanya

reach, to - kugeza

question, to ask - kubaza

reach certain point of time, to - kugera

quickly - vuba, bwangu, n'ingoga

read, to - gusoma

quiet, to be - gutuza, guhora, guceceka

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, kwiya

recall, to - kwibuka

receive, to - kwakira, kubona
(something as gift) - kuronka

recently - vuba, vub'aha

recently, to have done - guheruka
e.g. sindaheruka 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 - gutekerereza

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 - kwizihiza

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	respect, to - kubaha
rent, to receive - guhoza	respect, to not - kubahuka
repair, to - kuvugurura	responsibility - umurimo, inshingano, umwitwarariko
repay, to - kwishyura	rest, to - kuruhuka, guhwema
repay good, to - kwitura ineza	restitution, to make - kwishyura
repay evil, to - kwitura inabi	restore sight, to - guhumura
repeat, to - kongera, gusubira	result - ingaruka
repeatedly - hato na hato	resumé, to give - guhina
repent, to - kwihana	resurrect, to - kuzuka (int.), kuzura (tr.)
repercussion - ingaruka	resurrection - kuzuka, izuka, umuzuko
replace, to - gusimbura	return, to - kugaruka (where speaker is), gusubira (where speaker is not)
replace temporarily, to - guhagararira	return from, to - gukuka
replacement, temporary - agateganyo	return from wandering, to - kubunguka, guhabuka
reply, to - gusubiza	return good to, to - kwitura umuntu ineza
report, to give - gutanga raporo	return something, to - gusubiza
reports, false - impuha	reveal, to - guhishura
represent, to - guhagararira	reveal publicly, to - gusambura
representative - umuvugizi	revenge, desire for - inzika
reprimand, to - gucyaha	reverence, to - kubaha
reproach - amakemwa	revile, to - gutuka
reproach, to - kuziza	revive, to - kuvugurura
rescind (vote), to - gushingura	reward, to - kugororera, kwitura
rescue, to - gukiza	rhythm - gahunda
resemblance - isāno	rice - umuceri
resemble, to - gusa, kumera nka	rich, to be - gutunga, gukira
resist, to - kwangirira	rich person - umukire
resound, to make - kuvuza	esp. in cattle - umutunzi
respect - icyubahiro	

esp. in produce - umukungu	robe - ikanzu
riches - ubukire	rock - ibuye
esp. in cattle - ubutunzi	large rock - urutare (also, rocky place)
esp. in produce - ubukungu	
ride, to - kugendera ku	roll, to - gutembagaza (tr.)
	roll along, to - kubirindura
ridicule, to - kurengurana, gushinyagura	roll up, to - kuzinga
right, on the - iburyo	roof, to put on - gusakara
all right - nuko	roof, to take off - gusambura
right away - ubungubu, nonaha	
right now - ubu nyine	room (in house) - icyumba
right side - uburyo	private room for guest - mu mbere
right, to be - gutungana	rooster - isake
righteous, to be - gukiranuka	root - umuzi
righteous person - umukiranutsi	rope - umugozi
rights - uburenganzira	rot, to - kubora
ring - impeta	round-about-way - inzira y'uruboko
rinse, to - kunyuguza	rout, to - kuganza
riot - imvururu	row - umurongo, umusitari
rip, to - gushishimura (tr.)	row (boat), to - kuvugama, kugashya
ripe, to be - gushya	royal - icyami
ripen, to - kwera, guhisha	rub, to - guhanagura, gusiga
	rub hard (as to polish), to - gutsirita
rise (from lying position), to - kubyuka	rubber - umupira
rise (sun), to - kurasa, kuva	rug - umusambi
ritual - umuhango	ruin, to fall into (as house) - kuriduka,
river - uruzi	guseniyagurana
road - umuhanda	
roast (in fire), to - kōtsa	rule - itegeko
robber - umwambuzi	rule, to - gutegeka, gutwara
robbing by force - amahugu	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 - igihembo, 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 ryisumbuye

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 - icyicaró

second - uwa kabiri, icya kabiri, etc.

second a motion, to - gusongera, gushyigikira

secret - ibanga
secret (strong word) - ubwiru

secretary - umwanditsi

section (of people, as for work assignment) -
icyiciro, igika

see, to - kureba, kubona, kuruzi
see something briefly, to - guca iryēra
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 - kōhereza, 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, interuro

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	sheet - ishuka
set (trap), to - gutega	shell, to - gutonora, guhungura
seven - -rindwi, ndwi (with 3rd & 6th cl.)	shelter, temporary - ingando
seventy - mirongwirindwi	shelter from rain - ubwugamo
sever, to - guca	shelter, to seek - kugama
several - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.)	shepherd - umwungeri
severity - umwaga	shepherd, to - kuragira
sew, to - kudoda	shield, to - gukingiriza
sex (male, female) - igitsina cy'abantu	shine, to - kwaka, kumurika, kubengerana
shade - igicucu	(sun) - kuva
shadow - igicucu	(reflected light) - kurabagirana
shake, to - gutigisa (tr.), kujegajega (int.)	shipwreck - uburohame
shake (as earth), to - kunyeganyega (int.)	shirt - ishati
shake (as person), to - guhinda umushitsi (int.)	shoe - ikirato, inkweto
shake (as rug), to - gukunguta, gukunkumura (tr.)	shoes, to wear (put on) - gukweta
shake hands, to - gukora mu ntoki	shoot, to - kurasa
shake (object) hard, to - gucugusa, gukuka	shop - iduka, imangazini
shake head, to - kuzunguza	shop (for food), to - guhaha
shallow - -gufi (kigufi, etc.)	shore - imusozi, inkombe, umwaro, inkuka
shame - isoni	short - -gufi (mugufi, kigufi, etc.)
shape - ishusho	short cut - inzira y'ubusamu
share, to - gusangira	short dress (very) - umwenda w'amahenure
sharp, to be - gutyara	should - -kwiriye, kugomba, kurinda
sharpen, to - kunagura, gutyaza	shoulder - igitugu
shave, to - kogosha	shout, to - gutaka, gusakuza, gutera (ijwi)
she - we, a- (as verb prefix)	hejuru, kurangurura, gusakabaka
sheep - intama	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 - indwara

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 - gusuha umutima

sight, to regain - guhumuka
sight, to restore - guhumura

sign - ikimenyetso

sign language - amarenga, guca amarenga

signal to come, to - kurembuza

silence - ituza

silence, to - guturisha, gutwama

silent, to be - gutuza, guceceka, kwihorera

silently - bucece

silver - ifeza

similarity - ihuriro, isāno

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 - ubuvunnyi

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	place where soil is thin - akāra
sleepiness - igitotsi	soldier - umusirikare, umusoda, ingabo
slide, to - guserebeka slide down hill on banana trunk, to - gutsuka	some - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.) some places - hamwe na hamwe sometimes - rimwe na rimwe, ubundi
slightly - buhoro	son - umwana, umuhungu son of - mwene (pl. bene)
slip out (e.g. from pocket), to - gusosoroka	song - indirimbo
slow, to be - gutinda, gutindaganya	soon - vuba, bidatinze, vubaha
slowly - buhoro, buhoro-buhoro	soot - imbyiro
small - -to, -toya (bato, bitoya, etc.)	sore (as ulcer) - igisebe, igikomere, uruguma (fresh)
smash, to - guhondagura	sore, to be - kubabara
smear, to - gusiga	sorrow - agahinda deep sorrow - amajune
smell, to - kumva (tr.) cause to smell good, to - guhumuza smell good or bad, to - guhumura smell bad, to - kunuka	sort out, to - gusobanura
smile, to - kumwenyura	soul - ubugingo
smoke - umwotsi	sour, sharp - ikereta
snake - inzoka one that bites at both ends - ikirumirahabiri	sour, to be - kubiha
snare - umutego	south - mu majyepfo
sneeze, to - kwitsamura	sow, to - kubiba
so, so that - kugirango, ngo and so - none isn't it so - si byo? so-and-so - kanaka, nyiranaka (fem.)	sower - umubibyi
soak in water, to - gutumbika	space - umwanya
soap - isabune	speak, to - kuvuga speak evil of, to - gusebya speak indistinctly, to - kudedemanga speak plainly, clearly, to - gufobora speak without thinking, to - guhomboka
soft, to be - koroha	spear - icumu
soil - ubutaka, igitaka	special, to be - kwiharira (for special

purpose)	squash - umwungu
speechless, to be - kudakoma	squeeze, to - gukamura
spend the night, to - kurara	stale, to be - kugaga
spend night away from home, to -	stammer, to - kugingimira
gucumbika	stamp - itembura
spend time, to - kumara	
spill, to - kumena (tr.), kumeneka (int.)	stand, to - guhagarara
gusesekara (int.)	stand up, to - guhaguruka
	stand up, to cause someone to -
spirit - umwuka	guhagurutsa
Holy Spirit - Umwuka Wera, Mwuka	
Muziranenge	star - inyenyeri
spirit, ancestral - umuzimu	
spirit, harmful ancestral - igisigo	stare at, to - kurangamira, guhangana amaso
spit - amacandwe	start, to - gutangira
	start with, to - guhēra
spit, to - gucira amacandwe	start by, to - kubanza
spit on, to - kuvundereza amacandwe	
	startled, to be - gukanga
spoil, to - konona (tr.), kubora (int.)	statistics - barura
spoil a child, to - gutetsha	
spoil (as, cooked food), to - kugaga	stay, to - kuguma, guhama
	stay a certain length of time, to - kumara
spoiled, to be - kononekara	
spoiled child - umutesi	stead - ikigwi, icyimbo
spoon - ikiyiko, urupahu	steal, to - kwiba
spot - inenge	step - intambwe
spread, to - gusāba (int.)	step, to - gutambuka
spread (as news), to - gukwira (int.),	step on, to - gukandagira
gukwiza (tr.), kogeza	
spread everywhere, to - kwamamara	steward - umujyanama, umunyabintu
(int.), kwamamaza (tr.)	
spread grass, to - gusasa	stick - igiti
spread out, to - kurambika	stick of fire-wood - urukwi
	walking stick - inkoni
spring (of water) - isōko	
spring up (water, blood), to - kududubiza	stick out (as, from pocket), to - gusosoroka
spy on, to - kugenza, gutata, kugenzura	stiff, to make (i.e. to stiffen) - kugagaza
	still - (use -racya- tense)

stingy, to be - kwikanyiza	stream - umugezi
stink, to - kunuka	strength - intege, imbaraga
stomach - igifu, inda	stretch out (arm), to - kurambura
stone - ibuye	stretch out (as lie down), to - kurambarara
stoop down, to - kunama, kubama	stretch out (hide), to - kubamba
stop, to - kureka, kurekeraho (int.), guhagarara (int.), guhagarika (tr.), kubuza (tr.), kurorera (int.)	stretch tight, to - kurēga (tr.)
stop! - buretse!	stretcher - ingobyi
stop battle (argument), to - guhosha (tr.)	strife - intambara
stop bleeding, to - gukama (int.)	strike, to - gukubita
stop boat, to - gutsika (tr.)	strike suddenly (unexpectedly), to - kugwa gitumo (see I Thess 5:3)
stopper (as in bottle) - igipfundikizo	string - umugozi
store (shop) - iduka, idukuru	strive for, to - guharanira, gutsura
store, to - kubika	strong, to be - gukomera
store crops in granary, to - guhunika	strong, to make - gukomeza
storm of wind - ishuheri	strong man - umunyamaboko, igikwerere
storm on lake - umuhengeri	stubborn, to be - kudakurwa ku izima, kutava kw izima
story - umugani, igitekerezo	stuck (in mud), to get - gusaya
story (floor) - igorofa	student - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri
stout, to be - kubyibuha	study, to - kwiga
stove - ifura, iziko	study, manner of - imyigire
straight, to be - kugororoka, kweguka	stumble, to - gusitara
straight, to make - kugorora	stupid person - umuswa
straighten up (erect), to - kweguka	sturdy, to be - gukomera
strain (filter), to - kumimina, kuminina	stutter, to - kusingimira
strainer - akayunguruzo	submerged, to be - kurengerwa
strange, something - inzaduka	subtract, to - gukūra
straw (drinking) - umuheha	
stray, to - komongana	

succeed in one part but fail in another, to -
kwesa umunyana

successful, to be - gutsinda

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

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

suffering, not physical - umubabaro
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 - ihōho, akataraboneka

supervise, to - kugenga

supplementary - umugereta

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 - gusāga, gusaguka

surprise, to - gutangaza, kugwa gitumo

surround, to - gukikiza, kugota, gutangatanga,
gushungera

survive (a calamity), to - guhonoka

suspect, to - gukeka

suspicion, to - gukenga

suspicious - 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

sword - inkota

sycamore tree - umuvumu

system - gahunda

T

table - ameza, imeza

taboo, to be - kuzira

tail - umurizo

take, to - kwenda

take, go with, to - kujiyana

take away, to - kuvana, gukura, gukuraho, gutwara

take away from, to - kwaka

take bribe, to - kurya ruswa, kwakira impongano

take by force, to - kunyaga

take clothes off another, to - kwambura

take from (certain place), to - kuvana

take hold of, to - gufata

take leave of, to - gusezera

take self off, to - kwigendera

take to someone, to - gushyirira

talk - ikiganiro

talk, to - kuvuga

talk against, to - guhinyura

tall - -re-re (muremure, kirekire, etc.)

tanner - umukannyi

tardy, to be - gutinda, gukererwa

task - umurimo

taste (i.e. to see if it's good), to - gusogongera, kuroreza

taste good, to make - guhumuza

taste bad, to - kubiha

taunt, to - gucyurira umuntu

tax - umusoro, ikoro

tax collector - umukoresha w'ikoro, umusoresha

tea - icyayi

teach, to - kwigisha

teacher - umwigisha, umwarimu

teaching (lesson) - icyigisho

(doctrine) - inyigisho

(manner of teaching) - imyigishirize

tear, to - gucika (int.), guca (tr.),

gushanyuka (int.), gushanyura (tr.)

tear, to (strong word) - gushishimura (tr.)

tear (int.), to (long tear due to wear) - gutabuka

tear down, to - gusenya

tears - amarira, imyisozi

teaspoon - akayiko, akajyiko

technique (technical knowledge, skill) - impuguke

tell, to - kubwira, kuvuga

tell a lie, to - kubeshya

temple - urusengero

temporary - agateganyo

tempt, to - gushuka, gushashuka, kugerageza, koshya

temptations - amoshya, ibigeragezo, ibishuko

ten - icumi

terrible, that's - ni ishano

terrified, to be - gukuka umutima

terror - impagarara

terror, to be seized with - gukangarana

test (n.) - ikizamini

test, to - kugerageza, gusuzuma, kugenzura

testament - isezerano

Old Testament - Isezerano rya Kera	thirst - inyota
New Testament - Isezerano Rishya	thirsty, to be - kugira inyota
testify, to - guhamya	thirty - mirongwitatu
thank, to - gushima	this - uyu, iki, etc.
thank for gift, to - gukura ubwatsi	thorn - ihwa
thank you - (m)urakoze, nuko nuko, ndagushimye	those - bariya, abo, ba, etc.
that - ko, yuko	thought - igitekerezo
that (demonstrative) - uriya, uwo, wa, etc.	thought, to be in deep - kwiyumvira
their - -abo (wabo, cyabo, etc.)	thousand - igihumbi
them - bo	ten thousand - inzovu
then - nuko, rero, ubwo	one hundred thousand - agahumbi
and then - maze	thrash around (as sick person), to - kwigaragura
then (remembered) - burya	thread - urudodo
there - aho, aha	threaten, to - kwihangiriza, gukangara, gukangisha
here and there - hamwe na hamwe	threatenings - ibikangisho
therefore - none, niko, none rero, noneho	three - -tatu, eshatu (3rd & 6th cl.)
there is - hari	thrice - gatatu
these - aba, iyi, izi, etc.	throat - umuhogo
they - bo, ba- (as prefix)	throw, to - gutera
thick - -nini	throw at, to - gutērera
thief - umujura, umwambuzi, igisambo	throw away, to - guta, kujugunya
thin - -to, -toya (muto, gitoya, etc.)	throw behind one's back, to - kwirenga
thin, to be - guhorota	throw down, to - gutura, kwesa
(due to illness) - kunyunyuka	throw into water, to - kuroha
thing - ikintu	thumb - igikumwe
think, to - gutekereza, kugirango, kuzirikana, gukeka, kwibwira	thunder - inkuba
think about (without speaking), to - kwiyumvira	thunder, to - guhinda
I think that... - ubanza, ngira ngo, nibwira	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? - kangahe?

tiny - -nzinya (with 7th cl. only)
 tiny thing - akadomo

tire - umupira

tired, to be - kuruha, kunanirwa

to - ku, mu, i
 to and fro - hirya no hino

tobacco - itabi

today - none, uyu muni

toe - ino

toenail - urwara

together - hamwe, kumwe
 a get-together - iteraniro

together, to come - guterana

toilet, to do one's (wash, comb, etc.) -

kwirimbisha

tomato - inyanya

tomb - imva, igituro

tomorrow - ejo
 day after tomorrow - ejo bundi

tongue - ururimi

tool (metal) - icyuma

tooth - iryinyo

top (on the top) - hejuru

torment -agashinyaguro

totally - rwose

touch, to - gukoraho
 touch with, to - gukoza

tower - umunara

town - umudugudu, ikirorero, umujyi

trade, to - gucuruza

trader - umucuruzi, umuhanjuzi

tradition - akarande

train (child), to - kurera

trait - ingeso

trample on, to - kuribata

transmit from one to another, to -
 guhererekanya

trap - umutego, rwagakoco (small)

trap, to set - gutega

traveller - umugenzi

traverse, to - kumena

tread on, to - gukandagira

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, gutāta
 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

Tuesday - ku wa kabiri

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 - muni ya

underneath - muni

understand, to - kumva, gusobanukirwa

unexpected help - ingoboka

V

unexpectedly, to come (happen) - gutungura

vacation - uruhushya

unfairly, to treat - kurenganya

vaccination - urukingo, indasago

unfaithful to, to be - guhemuka, guhinyuka

vagabond, to be a - kubuyera, kuraruka

unfortunate, to be - kugorwa

vain, in - ku busa, ubusa, amāra masa

unite, to - kubumbira, kunga ubumwe
(implies previous separation) - kwiyounga

valley - akabande

valuable - ingenzi

unjustly, to treat - kurenganya

value - akamaro, igiciro

unload, to - gupakurura

vegetable - imboga, uruboga

unlock, to - gukingura

verb - inshinga

unripe - -bisi, -toto

verse - umurongo

unsatisfactorily - nabi

very - cyane

unstop, to - kuzibura

very much - rwose

unstopped, to become - kuzibuka

very well - henga

untie, to - kubohora, gupfundura, gufundura
untie animal (from stake), to - kuzitura
untied, to be - guhambuka

vicinity, in this - ino

village - igiturage, icyaro
(hill with numerous homes) - umurenge

until - kugeza
(if followed by verb) - kugeza aho

villagers - abaturage

unwed mother - ikinyandaro

vines - umuzabibu

vineyard - uruzabibu

uproot, to - kurandura

violent, to become - kurubira

upside down, to turn - kubika, gucurika,
guhirika

virtue - umuco

us - twebwe, twe

visible, to be - kugaragara, kuboneka
visible, to make - kugaragaza

use - akamaro, umumaro

visit, to go to - gusura, gutembera, gusuhuza
visit bereaved person, to - kuyaga
visit with, to - kuganira na

use, to - gukoresha

use up, to - kumara

use up for nothing, to - gupfusha ubusa

visitor - umushyitsi

usually - ubusanzwe

voice - ijwi

voice, loud - ijwi rirenga

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,
komonganafind the way after wandering about, to -
guhabukawander about without hope of finding the
way, to - guhaba

want, to - gushaka

warm oneself by fire, to - kota

warn, to - guhanura, guhugura, kwihangiriza,
gukangara, kwiya, kuburira

wash (clothes), to - kumesa

(body, self) - kwiuhagira

(body, another) - kuhagira

(feet) - koga

(hands) - gukaraba

(vegetables) - kuronga

(most anything else) - koza

waste, to - gupfusha 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

weary, to become - guhwema, kunanirwa,
kuruha

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, igihe
when? - ryari?, gihe ki?

whenever - uko, iyo

where - he?, hehe?, aho

whereas - naho

whether - yuko, ari

which - -he? (ikihe?, uwuhe?, etc.)

whip (leather, rubber) - umukoba

whip, to - gukubita
(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 - gukiranirwa

wide - -gari (hagari. etc.)

widow - umupfakazi

widow(er), to become a - gupfakara

width - ubwaguke, ubugari

wife - umugore, muka

wild animal - inyamaswa

wilderness - ubutayu

will (e.g. of God) - ubugenere, ubushake
 willing, to be - kwemera
 wilt, to - kuraba
 win, to - gutsinda
 wind - umuyaga
 window - idirisha
 windstorm - ishuheri
 wine - vino
 wing - ibaba
 winnow, to - gushungura
 wire - umukwege
 wisdom - ubwenge
 witch doctor - umupfumu
 witchcraft - uburozi
 with - na
 withdraw quickly, to - kwikubura
 withered (arm, leg), to be - kunyunyuka
 withhold, to - kwima
 withstand, to - guhangana
 witness (male or female) - umugabo
 witness (words) - ubuhamya
 witness, to - guhamya, guhamiriza
 woman (married) - umugore
 (old) - umukecuru
 (young) - umwār i
 wonder at, to - gutangara
 wonderful, to be - gutangaza
 something wonderful - igitangaza

woo, to - kureshya
 wood - inkwi (for fire)
 word - ijambo
 word, final - umwanzuro
 words, idle; just talk - uburondogozi
 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
 worries - amaganya
 worry - inkeke
 worship, to - gusenga, kuramya Imana
 worth - igiciro
 worthy, to be - -kwiriye
 wound - uruguma, igikomere
 wounded, to be - gukomereka
 wrap, to - gupfuka, guhambira, gupfunya
 wrap around oneself, to - kwifubika
 wring out, to - gukamura
 wring the neck, to - guhotora
 wrinkle (in clothes, paper, face) -
 umunkanyari

write, to - kwandika
write poem (story), to - guhimba

Y

year - umwaka
yeast - umusemburo
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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