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, ĭ, ī. This mark usually indicates a high, lengthened tone, though in a few cases it is a low lengthened tone. Many more low ones could have been indicated. No short tones are indicated. You will need to have a Munyarwanda help you with pronunciation, since Kinyarwanda is a tonal language. These markings are not usually used in writing or printing the language, but are here to help you learn to pronounce the words correctly. Most long markings are not included in the English-Kinyarwanda section.

The authors are aware there will be imperfections and lacks, but hope that in spite of them this book will be of some use to those beginning their study of Kinyarwanda.
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old age - ubukuru, zabukuru
middle (30-50) - ubukwerere,
imikwerere
all ages - ikigero cyose

ago, long - kera

agree, to - kwemera

agreement, to be in - gukiranuka

aid, to - gufasha, kugoboka, gutabara, kuvuna
aid, voluntary - umusanzu, ubuvunnyi
one who aids - umuvunnyi

aim at, to - gufora
aim, to have for - -gamije (no inf.)
air - umwuka, ikirere
airplane - indege
alarm, cry of - induru
alert, to be - kuba maso
alive - -zima (muzima, kizima, etc.)
alive, to be - kubahoro
all - -ose (bose, byose, etc.)
allow, to - gukundira, kureka
almost - hafi
alone - -nyine (wenyine, etc.)
-sa (musa, bsa, etc.)
alone, to be - kwichera
along - ku ruhande rwa
also - na, kandi
although - nubwo, naho
always - iteka, ubudahwema, iminsi yose
always (do), to - kujya, guhora

am (I am) - ndi
amaze, to - gutangaza
amazing thing - igitangaza
ambush - igico
lie in ambush, to - kubikira

America, U. S. of - Leta zunze z'Amerika
among - hagati ya, mu, muri
amount - urugero
amuse a child, to - kubeshyabeshya
ancestor - sogokuruza
ancestral spirit - umzimu
ancestral spirit, harmful -igisigo
and - na, no, kandi
and now - none, noneho, none rero
and so - none, noneho, none rero, niko
angels - (umu-)marayika
anger - uburakari, umujinya (long lasting),
ishavu (light)
angry, to be - kurakara
angry, to become - kurubira
anguish - impagarara
animal - inyamaswa, igisimba
animator - umukangurambaga
announce, to - gutangaza, kuranga
annoy, to - kurushya
annually - uko umwaka utaha
anoint, to - gusiga
another - -ndi (undi, abandi, etc.)
answer - igisubizo
argument - impaka, amakimbirane

answer, to - gusubiza
arise, to (from bed, ground) - kubyuka
(from dead) - kuzuka

answer when called, to - kwitaba
arm - ukuboko

ant: pincher ant - intozi
armpit - ukwaha
small food ant - ubushishi
army - ingabo
white ant - umuswa
armpit - ukwaha

antelope, small - impongo
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anxiety - amaganya, impungenge, inkeke
arrive - kugera, gusohora, guhinguka,
armed forces - ingabo

anxious, to be - guhangayika, guhagarika
aroused, to - guhugura

umutima, kubunza umutima
arrive, to cause to - kugeza

anybody - umuntu wese
arrive by boat, to - komokera

anyhow, to do - gupfa ku
arrive at, to - gushyika

anything - ikintu cyose
arrive before another, to - gutanga

apart - ukwa
arrive, to cause to - kugeza

apologize, to (before accusation) - kwisegura
arrive by boat, to - komokera

apparent, to be - kwihandagaza
arrive, to cause to - kugeza

appeal to higher court, to - kujurira
arrive by boat, to - komokera

antelope, small - impongo
arrive at, to - gushyika

aprise, to (from bed, ground) - kubyuka
arrive at, to - gushyika

(arrival) - kugera, gusohora, guhinguka,

aprise, to (from dead) - kuzuka
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antelope, small - impongo
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approach, to - kwegera
arrive before another, to - gutanga

approach, to cause to - kwegereza
arrive before another, to - gutanga

area - ikirere, intärä
arrest, to - guhugura

April - Mata, ukwezi kwa kane
as - ko, uko, nk’uko, nka

Arab - Umwarabu
as for - kubwa

are - ni, -ri (bari, biri, etc.)
ashamed, to be - gukorwa n’isoni
are not - si, ntibari, etc.
as - ko, uko, nk’uko, nka

ashamed, to be - gukorwa n’isoni
ask (question), to - kubaza

ashamed, to be - gukorwa n’isoni
ask for (favor, article), to - gusaba

ashamed, to be - gukorwa n’isoni
ask the way, to - kuyoboza

ashamed, to be - gukorwa n’isoni
assessment - umusanzu

ashamed, to be - gukorwa n’isoni
assist, to - gufasha, kuvuna, gutabara,

astonishment - akumiro, igitangaza
kugoboka

astonished, to be - gutangara, kumirwa
assessment - ubavunnyi

astonished, to be - gutangara, kumirwa
astonish, to - gutangaza

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 - guhora
awaken, to - gukanguka (int.)
   gukangura (tr.)
away, to put - kubika
away, far - kure
axe - incabiti, indyankwi, interezo, ishoka

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babble, to - kudedemanga
baby - umwana, akana
   newborn - uruhinja
back (of person) - umugongo
back, at the - inyuma
back end of boat - ibwerekeza
backing (support) - 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 - ibesani
basket: large - intonga
   made of bamboo strips - inkangara
   tall pointed - igiseke
   small flat - icyibo
   deep, no lid - igitebo
bathe (oneself), to - kwiyuhagira
   bathe another, to - kuhagira
battle - intambara
be, to - kuba, -ri, kumera (in a certain state)
beach - inkuka
bead, to - gutaka amasaro
beads, tiny - amasaro
beans - ibishyimbo
green - imiteja
bear (fruit), to - kwera
beat, to - gukubita
beat drum, to - kuvuza ingoma
beautiful - -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)
beautiful person - umunyabaranga bwiza,
uw’igikundiro
beauty - ubwiza
extraordinary beauty - ishyano
physical beauty - uburanga
because - kuko
because of - ku mpamvu za (z’uko),
kubwa, kubera
become, to - guhinduka, kuba, kumera
bed - uburiri, igitanda
(of poles and rope) - urutara
make a bed, to - gusasa uburiri
bee - uruyuki (pl. inzuki)
beehive - umutiba (empty)
beer - inzoga
beer, to make - kwenga
before - mbere, imbere
beg, to - gusaba, gusabiriza, gusega
beg earnestly, to - guhendahenda
beggar - umusabirizi, umusezi
begin, to - gutangira, guhanga
begin by, to - kubanza
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Belgium - Ububirigi
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beliefs - imyizerere, inyigisho
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put on belt, to - gukenyeza
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berries - inkere (or, inkeri)
beseech, to - kwinginga
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bone - igufwa
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born, to be - kuvuka
born of, to be - gukomoka
borrow, to - kugurana, gutira
kuguriza (actual article to be replaced),
kuguza (esp. money)
boss - (female) - mabuja
(male) - databuja
both - -ombi (bombi, byombi, twembi)
bottle - icupa
bottle opener - urufungu zo
bottom - hasi
bow (as with arrows) - umuheto
bowl (wood) - imbehe
box - isanduka, isandugu
box with lid (small tin) - umukebe
boy - umuhungu
braid, to - kubohekanya
branch - ishami
brass - umuringa
bread - umugati (European);
  umutsima (African)
  to make (knead) bread - gukora umugati,
gufunyanga
break, to - kumena (tr.), kuvuna
  (tr.) (something thin);
  kumeneka (int.),
  kumenika (int.), gucika (int.), kwangiza
  (tr.)
break into bits (tr.), to - kumanyagura,
  kuvunagura
breast milk - amashereka
breath - umwuka
breathe, to - guhumeka
bribe (n.) - amafaranga yo kwituga,
  ibiturire, ruswa, impongano
bribe, to take - kurya ruswa,
  kwakira impongano
brick - itafari
  make bricks, to - kubumba amatafari
bricks, unburned - urukarakara
bride - umugeni
bride-groom - umukwe
  friend of bridegroom - imperekeza
bridge (small) - iteme, ikiraro (big, metal)
  (of poles) - urutindo
  foot-bridge - umugogo
bright (of light), to be - kurabagirana
brim - urugāra
bring, to - kuzana
  bring back wife who had left, to - gucyura
  umugore
  bring in from sun, to - kwanura
  bring water, to - kuvoma
  bring near, to - kwegereza
broad - -gari (hagari)
briol, to - gukaranganga
broom - umukubuzo
brother - mwene se
  (of girl) - musaza
  (younger brother of boy) - murumuna
  (older brother of boy) - mukuru
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bucket - indobo
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builder - umwubatsi
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  building (manner of) - imyubakire
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caution, to - isenga

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  without ceasing - ubutitsa, ududasiba, 
  ubudahwema

celebrate, to - kwizihiza

celebration - ibirori

census - ibarura

center, in the - hagati

ceremony - umuhango

chain - umunyororo, umunyururu

chair - intebe

chairman - umuyobozi

chalk - ingwa

change (coins)(n.) - ibikoroti

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

chapter - igice

character - kamere

characteristic - ingeso, imimerere

charcoal - ikara

charge - ikirego

charm - igiheko, ingisha
  made with beads - impigi

chat, to - kuganira

chat (for a long time), to - kurondogora

cheap, to be - guhenduka

cheat, to - kuriganya

chest (body) - igituza

chew, to - guhekenya

chicken - inkoko

chief - umutware

chieftainship - ubutware

child - umwana
  spoiled child - umutesi
  disobedient child - tereriyo

childhood - ubwana

chin - akananwa

choke, to - kuniga

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

chop up, to - gucagagura

chosen thing - intore

Christ - Kristo

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Christmas - Inoheli (or, Inoweli)

circle - uruziga

circulate, to - gutembera

citizen - umwene gihugu

city - umujyi (or, umugi), umudugudu

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clap, to - gukoma amashyi

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clatter (of voices) - urwamo
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work, mold clay, to - kubumba

clean - -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)
clean, to be - kugira isuku
clean (ceremonially), to become - guhumanuka
clean, to make - kuboneza, kweza, gusukura
clean ceremonially, to make - guhumanura
clean up, to - gutunganya

claw - urwara
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clay - uburono
comma - akabago, agakato, akitso
command - itegeko
command, to - gutegeka, kugenga
commit oneself to, to - kwitanga
common - rusange
community - imiturire, mu baturage
companion - mugenzi
company - umushyitsi
compare, to - kugereranya
compel, to - guhata
competition - ishyaka
complain, to - kwivovota, kuganyira, kwitonganya, kwitotomba, kwinuba
complaints - amaganya
complete, to - kunoza, gusohoza
completely - rwose, byimazeyo
compost pit - ingarane
concerned about, to be - kuzirikana, kwitwararika
concluded (as meeting), to be - guhumuza
conclusion - umwanzuro, umusozo
condemnation - urubanza
condemned, to be - gucirwaho iteka
conduct - imibereho, umwifato, imyifatire, amatwara
confess, to - kwihana, kwntura
confide in, to - gusabana, gushyikirana
confusion - imidugarara
congratulate, to (esp. birth) - guha impundu, gutanga impundu
(as graduate) - gukura ubwatsi
e.g. tugukuriye ubwatsi
conquer, to - kunesha, kuganza, kujujuba
conscience - umutimanama
consent, to - kwemera
consequences - ingaruka
consider, to - kuzirikana
console, to - guhuriza
container, tin - igikombe
continually - guhora, kujja, ubutitsa, ubudasiba, ubudahwema
continuation - akarande
continue, to - gukomeza, guhora
contradict, to - kuvuguruza
contrary, on the - ahubwo, ibiri amambu
contribution - umusanzu
control, to - gutvara, gutegeka
conversation - ikiganiro
converse with, to - kuganira
cook (n.) - umutetsi
cook, to - guteka
cooked, to be - gushya
cool, to (int.) - guhora
cool, to be - gukonja
cool at end of day (at daybreak, coolness) - amafu
cooperate, to - gufatanya
cord - umugozi
cord of the tongue - intananya
cork - igipfundikizko
corn - ikigori
corn, Kaffir - ishaka (amasaka)
corner (of room, house) - imfuruka
corpse - umurambo
of animal, criminal - intumbi
cost - ikiguzi, igiciro
cough - inkorora
cough, to - gukorora
council - inama
councillor (member of council) - umujyanama
counsel - inama
counsel, to - kugira inama
counsel together, to - kwigira inama
count, to - kubara
country - igihugu, ishanga (amahanga),
(rural) - icyaro
courage - umuhati
court - urukiko
courtyard - ikibuga
cover (lid) - umutemere, igipfundikizko uburingiti
cover, to - gupfuka
cover with lid, to - gupfundikira
cover oneself with, to - kwifubika
cover oneself in bed, to - kwiyorosa
covet, to - kwifuza, kurarikira
cow - inka
cow manure - amase
craftsmanship - ubukorikori
crane, crested - umusambti
crazy, to be - gusara
create, to - kurema, guhanga
cripple - ikimuga, ikirema
criticize (badly), to - guhinyura
crooked, to be - kugorama
crops - imyaka
cross - umusaraba
remove from cross, to - kubambura
cross, to be - kugira inzika
cross body of water, to - kwambuka
crossness - inzika
crosswise, to place, (or, to be) - gutambika
crow, to - kubika
crowd - inteko, rubanda, imbaga,
( of followers) - ishengero
crowd, to - guhubuka
crown - ikamba
crucify, to - kubamba
cruel, to be - kutagira imbabazi,
kuba umunyamwaga
crumbs - ubuvungukira
crumple, to - kuzinga
cry, to - kurira, gutaka
cry aloud, to - gusakuza
cry out, to - gusakabaka
cry of alarm - induru
cultivate, to - guhinga
cultivator - umuhinzi
cup - igikombe
cupboard - akabati
cure - gukiza
curiosity - amatsiko
curse, to - kuvuma, gutuka
cushion - umusego
custom - umuhango, umugenzo, umuco, ingreso
cut, to - guca, gukata
  cut, to be - gucibwa
  cut down tree, grass, to - gutema
  cut firewood, to - kwasa
  cut lengthwise, to - gusatura
  cut in pieces (meat, vegetables, cloth), to - gukeba
  cut off one's path, to - gutangira
  cut oneself, to - kwitema
  cut up, to - gucagagura
  cut hair, beard, to - kogosha
cut (n.)(in body) - uruguma
dancer - intore
danger - akaga, impagarara
dare, to - gutinyuka, kubahuka
  dare to do something bad, to - guhangara
dark, to be - kwijima
  dark, to get - kwira
  it's getting dark - burije
darkness - umwijima
  darkness in daytime - ubwirakabiri
date - itariki (in month)
daughter - umukobwa
dawdle, to - gusodoka
dawn - umuseke
  at dawn - umuseke utambitse
day - umunsi
  day after tomorrow - ejo bundi
  day before yesterday - ejo bundi
  next day - bukeye
  hot part of day - agasusuruko
  late in day (near sunset) - igicamunsi
daylight - amanywa
dead - -pfuye
  half-dead - intere
dead 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
decive lightly, to - kubeshyabeshya,
gushukashuka

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

each - -ose (yose, byose, etc.)
eagle - kagoma (3rd cl.)
ear - ugutwi
early - kare
   early, to get up - kuzinduka
earnestness - umuhati
earth - isi, igitaka
east - iburasirazubá
Easter - Ipasika
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) - urugára
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 - amára masa
empty out, to - kujugunya; kumena (liquid)
encircle, to - gutangatanga, gushungera,
kugota
enclosure - urugo
encounter, to - gusangá
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 - gukúra, - hagije
it is enough - birahagije
enrich, to - gukungahaza
enter, to - kwinjira
refuse permission to enter, to - guheza
enter a person, to - guhanga umuntu
enthusiasm - umwete, (for work) ishyaka
entice, to - gushukashuka
entirely - rwose
entrance forbidden, or exclusive - mu muhezo
entrance to kraal - irembo
envelope, to - gusaba
epidemic - icyorezo
epilepsy - igicuri
equal, to be - kungana (size, force, age);
kureshya (length, height); kuringanira
make equal, to - kuringaniza
erase, to - gusiba
erosion - isuri
er, to - gufudika, kuyoba
error - ifuti, ikosa
make an error, to - gucikwa
escape, to - gucika
it escaped me - byanciyeho
escort, to - guherekeza, gushagara
especially - cyane cyane
essential - ingombwa
establish, to - gushinga, gushimangira
esteem - icyubahiro
Eternal One - Uwiteka

eternally - iteka ryose
European - umuzungu
even - ndetse
even if - bona
even though - nubwo, naho
even, to be - kuringanira
make even, to - kuringaniza
evening - ni mugoroba (2:00 - 6:00)
become evening, to - kugoroba
ever, to have - kwigera
e.g. wigeze ubona - have you ever seen?
every - -ose (wese, yose, etc.)
every day - iminsi yose
everything - byose
everywhere - hose
evidence (i.e. proof) - intangamugabo,
gihamya
evil - ikibi
ubugizi bwa nabi - evil acts
exaggerate, to - gukabya
examination - ikizamini
examine, to - gupima, gusuzuma
examine carefully, to - gusesengura
example - icitegererezo, urugero
exceedingly - cyane
exceedingly white - -era de
excellence - akataraboneka, ihoho
excellent, to be - kuryoha
except - keretse, uretse
exchange, to - kugurana
exchange greetings, to - kuramukanya
exclude, to - kuzira
excluding - uretse
excuse me - mpore, bambe, nako
excuse(s) - urwitwazo
excuse(s), to make - gutora impamvu
exercise, to - kwitoza
exercises, to do - kwiyereka
exhaust, to - kurondora
exhausted (from work), to be - kugwa agacuho
exhort, to - gushishikaza
exist, to - kuba
there exists - hariho
exit, to - gusohoka
expect, to - kwiringira, kurindira
experienced, to be - gusesa 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

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) - gutemb, guseyuka, kuriduka
cause to fall, to - kugusha
fall down before, to - kwikubita imbere
fall from above, to - guhubuka, guhanuka
fall into ruin, to - kuriduka, gusenyagurana
falsehood - ikinyoma
fame - inkuru
family - umuryango
famine - inzara
famous - ikirangirire
far-fin

far, far away - kure
fare (as in boat) - ihoro
receive fare, to - guhoza
farewell, to bid - gusezera
farmer - umuhinzi
fast - vuba, ningoga
fast, to - kwiyiriza ubusa, kwigomwa
fat - amavuta, ikinure
fat child - umushishe
fat, to be - 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 - kuingiriminya
fearless, to be - gutinyuka
feast, to give a - kuzimana
feather - iryoya

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February - Gashyantare, ukwezi kwa kabiri
fee paid to witchdoctor - ingemu
feed, to - kugaburira
feel, to - kumva
fellowship (n.) - ubusabane, umushyikirano
fellowship, to have - gufatanya, gushyikirana
female - igitsina-gore
fence - uruzitiro
fête - ibirori
fetish - igihoko
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 - guta
figurative speech - amarenga
fill, to - kuzura (int.); kuzuza (tr.),
gukungahaza
half-filled, to be - gucagata
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 -
   gusimburu
   follow after earnestly, to - guhihibikana

folly - ubupfu

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

food - ibyo kurya, ibiryo
   food for journey - impamba

fool - umuswa
foo-fru

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 - isūko

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

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, kwiyeugurira
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, kujuyna
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) -
  murabweho
  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, ubutegetsi
grab, to - gusumira
  grab unexpectedly, to - kugwa gitumo
grace - ubuntu
grain, head of (Kaffir corn, etc.) - ihundo
grandchild - umwuzukuru
grandfather - sogokuru, sekuru
grandmother - nyogokuru, nyirakuru
grant - imfashanyo
grant, to - kwemera
grapes - umuzabibu
grasp, to - gufata
grass - ubwatsi, icyatsi
grass ring used to carry load - ingata
grave - imva
gravel - umucanga, umusenyi
great - -kur (mukuru, gikuru, etc.)
great-grandfather - sogokuruza, sokuruza,
  sekuruza
great-grandmother - nyogokuruza, 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, kubabaraga
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 - gukura

grow up, to - kwaruka

grow luxuriously, to - gusagamba

grudge - inzika, umujinya


guard (by door of important person) - umukumirizi

guard, to - kurinda


guard, to be on - kuba maso

guard yourself from, to - kwirinda

guess, to - gufora

guest - umushyitsi

guest room - icumbi

guide - umuyobozi
guide, to - kuyobora
gym, to do - kwiyereka

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 - gucägata

half-dead - intere

hammer - inyundo

hammock - ingobyi

hand - ikiganza

palm of hand - urushyi (pl. amashyi)

shake hands, to - gukora mu ntoki

hand over, to - gushyïra

handle of cup, pail - umukïndo

handsome person - umunyaburanga bwiza,

uw'igikundiro

handsomeness - uburanga

hang, to (int.) - kunagana

hang up, to - kumanika

happen unexpectedly, to - gutungura

happened, what - ibyabayé

happiness - umunezero
hap-her

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

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

hour - isaha

house - inzu

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

how do you do? - muraho

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

how often? - kangahe?

however - ariko, ahubwo, ibiri amambu,
      icyakora

howl, to - kuboroga

hug - umuhoberano

hundred - ijana

hunger - inzara

hungry, to be - gusonza, kugira inzara

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

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

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

husband - umugabo

husk, to - gutonora

hut (temporary) - ingando

hymn - indirimbo

hypocrisy - uburyarya

hypocrite, to be - kuryarya

hypocritically, to act - kuryarya

I

I - jye, jyewe, jyweweho
   I alone - jyenyine

ice - urubura, amazi akonje cyane

idea - igitekerezo

idiom - inshoberamahanga

idleness - ubudeshyi

idol - ikigirwamana

if - ni, niba, yuko

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

ignorant of, to be - kuyoberwa, kujijwa

ignorant person - injji

ignore someone, to - kurangarana

ill, to be - kurwara
   very ill, to be - kuremba

illness - indwara

image - igishushanyo

imitate, to - kwigana

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

impartial, to be - kutabera

impartial person - intabera

importance - amatwara

important - -nkuru (mukuru), ingenzi,
    imena
   important, to be - gukomera

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

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 - gucyocyora

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

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

kindly - 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

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, kogezza,
    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, imusozzi, isambu

language - ururimi

lap, to take on - gukikira

large - -nini

last - iheruka, imperuka
    last, to be - guheruka
    have or make come last, to - guherutsa

last long, to - kuramba

late, to be - gukererwa, gutinda, gutindaganga
    it’s late (in day) - burije
    get late (in day), to - kwira
    make late, to - gukerereza

later - ubwanyuma, hanyuma

later on - hatinze, bitinze, hato, hatoya
laugh, to - guseka
launderer - umumeshi
law - itegeko
lay (tr.), to - kurambika
layman - umurayiki
laziness - ubunebwe, ubudeshyi, ubute
lazy, to be - kunebwa, kugarama, kugira ubute
lead, to - kuyobora, kurogura
lead (esp. animals), to - gushorera
lead home, to - gucyura
lead by the hand, to - kurandata
leader - umuyobozi
leaf - ikibabi
leak, to - kuva
lean against, to - kubiga, kwegeka
(person leans) - kwegamira
learn, to - kwiga, kwihugura
least - uwa nyuma
at least - byibura, nibura
leave, to - gusiga, kureka, kugenda
leave alone, to - kwihora
leave a place, to - gukuka
leave gradually, to - gutezuka
leave home, to - kurukura
leave mate (temporarily), to - kwahukana
leave of, to take - gusezera
leave off, to - kureka
leave shore (in boat), to - komoka
leaven - umusemburo
leaven, to - gusembura
left - i bumoso
left, to be - gusigara
left-over bits - ubuvungukira
leg - ukuguru
lemon - indimu
lend, to - gutiza (actual article to be returned)
kuguriza, kugurana (article to be replaced)
kuguza (esp. money)
length - uburebere, ubutambike,
umurambararo
leopard - ingwe
leper - umubembe
leprosy - ibibembe
lesson - icyigisho, isomo
let - henga, reka, ngaho (also, subjunctive mood)
letter - urwandiko (epistle), ibaruwa
letter (of alphabet) - inyuguti
liberty - umudendezo
lid - umutemeri, igipfundikizo
lie - ikinyoma
lie, to - kubeshya, kuriganya
lie about, to - kubeshyera
lie down, to - kuryama, kurambarara
lie on pillow, to - kwisegura
life - ubugingo, ubuzima, imibereho
lift, to - guterura
lift up, to - kubyutsa
light - umucyo
light of the moon - umwezi
light (weight), to be - guhuhwa
light weight (though voluminous) - igihwayihwayi
light (kindle), to - gucana, gukongeza
light of, to make - guteta
lightening - umurabyo
like - nka, bene, nk’uko
   like that - gutyo (dutyo, batyo, etc.)
   like this - gutya (dutya, batya, etc.)
like, to - gukunda
like, to be - gusa, kumera
likeness - ishusho
lime - ingwa
line - umurongo, umusitari
lion - intare
lip - umunwa
list of things - gahunda, urukurikirane
listen, to - gutega amatwi
   (in sense of eavesdrop) - kumviriza
little - -to, -toya (muto, bitoya, etc.)
little by little - buhoro-buhoro
live, to - kubaho, kuba
   live alone, to - kwibana
   live in certain place, to - gutura
   live long, to - kuramba
   live for God, to - kwiyegurira 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 - gukumbura
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
los-mas

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

lost, to be - kuzimira, guhaba
lost, to be eternally - kurimbuka
lots, to cast - gufinda
loud voice - ijwi rirenga
louse - inda
love - urukundo
love, to - gukunda
pretend to love, to - gukunda urumamo
stop loving, to - kuzinukwa
love one spouse over others, to - gukundwakaza

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

M
machete - 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
(your) - shobuja
(his, her, their) - shebuja

mat - ikirago
small mat - umusambi
woven grass mat - ikidasesa

matches, box of - ikibiriti
mate (of pair of things) - mugenzi
mature (person), to be - gusesa akanguhe
maturity - umwero (esp. of harvest), ubuhame

May - Gicurasi, ukwezi kwa gatanu
me - jye, jyewe, jyeweho
meal - ifunguro
meal, to have - gufungura
means (of doing something) - ukuntu
measure - inshuro, urugero
measure, to - gupima, kugera
measureless - birenze urugero, kutagira ingano

meat - inyama
medicine - umuti
meditate, to - kuzirikana
meet, to - guhura, guterana, gukorana
meet, to go to - guusanvirira

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

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

cause to melt, to - kuyaza

member of church - umunyeyotero
member of council - umujyanama
mercenary - umucanshuro
mercy - imbabazi
merely - -sa (bisa, basa, etc.)
message - ubutumwa
metal - icyuma
method - uburyo, ukuntu
middle, midst - hagati
in middle of lake - imuhengeri

middle age (30-50) - ubukwerere, imikwerere

midnight - igicuku
might (strength) - ukuboko
mildew - uruhumbu

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

milk, to - gukama
milk pot - inkongora

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

Mr. - Bwana
Mrs. - Madamu

much - cyane, -inshi (byinshi, etc.)
much, to be too - gukabya
mud - urwondo, ibyondo, uburongo

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

murmur, to - kwivovota, kwijujuta
(discontent)
music - imuzike, umuziki
must - -kwiriye, kugomba
my - -anjye (wanjye, byanjye, etc.)
myself - ubwanjye, jyenyine
mystery - ubwiru, urujijo

nail - umusomari, umusumari
nail, to - gushimangira
naked - gusa, ubusa
naked, to go - kugenda gusa
naked, to be - kwambara ubusa

name - izina
name, to - kwita
narrative - igitekerezo

narrow, to be - gufungana
nation - ishyanga (amahanga)
national (person) - umwene gihugu
native - kavukire
nature - kavukire, kamere, imiterere
nausea - iseseme
navel - umukendo
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, kurangarana (esp.
person)
  I neglected to do it - byanciyeho
negligence - uburangazi
neighbor - umuturanyi, umuturage
neighborhood - umuhana, igiturage

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

nest - icyari
nest, to make - kwarika
net-occ

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

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

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 - guhuğîra

operate (medical), to - kubaga

ocean - inyanja

opportunity - uburyo

October - Ukwakira, ukwezi kwa cumi

oppose, to - kuzira

off with you! - hoshi!

oppress, to - gupyanagiza

offer, to - gutanga (as in church)

oppressed (with burden), to be - gushengurwa

offer a gift, to - gutura

or - cyangwa

offering - ituro

orange (fruit) - indimu ya oranji, icunga

office - ibiro

(color) - igaju

often - kenshi

ordain, to - kurobanura

how often? - kangahe?

order - gahunda

order that, in - kugirango

order, to - gutegeka

order, to put in - kuringaniza

orderliness - gahunda

ordinary - ubusanzwe

ordinary people, the - rubanda rwa giseseka

organization - gahunda

(origin) - inkomoko

(order, to wear) - kurimba

get one's origin from, to - gukomora

ornament, to - gutaka

ornaments, to wear - kurimba

orphan - imfubyi

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

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

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

out of - mu
out-pas

out, to put - gusohora
out, to go - gusohoka

outside (of house) - hanze, inyuma
outside, to go - gusohoka
oven (underground, for drying bananas) - urwina

over - hejuru ya
over and above, to be - gusaguka
over there - hariya
overcharge, to - guhenda
overcome, to - gutsinda
overflow, to - gusesekara, gusiga
overflowing, to be - gusaguka

overlook, to - kwirengagiza
oversee, to - kugenzura, guperereza
overturn, to - guhirika
owl - igihunyira
own, to - gutunga
own (one's own...) - bwite
owner of - nyira

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
(part received) - umugabane

part in, to have - kugira uruhare
part with, to - gutandukana

participation - uruhare
partnership - ubusabane
partridge - inkwari
party, to have - gucura urugomo
party (political) - ishyaka
pass by, to - guhita, kunyura
pass along, to - kunyura, guca
pass away, to - guhanguka
pass beyond, to - kurenga
pass the night, to - kurara
pass through, to - guca, kunyura
pass through, to make - kuboneza

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

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

pension - ubwiteganirize

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

pepper - ipiripiri, urusenda (hot)

perfect (n., adj.) - indakemwa

perfect, to - gutunganya
perfect, to be - gutungana

perfume - amarashi

perhaps - ahari, wenda, ubanza, yenda

period (or comma) - akabago, akadomo, akitso
period, to have (female) - kuba mu mugongo
perish, to - kurimbuka

permission - uruhushya

permission, to ask for - gusaba uruhushya

perplex, to - kuyobera
perplexed, to be - gushoberwa, kubunza
umutima, kuyobera, guhera mu rungabangabo

persecute, to - kurenganya, gutoteza

persevere, to - gushishikara

person - umuntu

personnalité civile - ubuzima-gatozi

perspiration - icyuya

perspire, to (heavily) - kubira icyuya

persuade, to try to - guhendahenda
pesple

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

priest - umutambyi (in Bible), umusohoza-bitambo, umupadiri (Catholic)

prince - igikomangoma

principal (important) - imena

print, to - gucapa

printed, to have - gucapisha

prior to - mbere

priority - uburenganzira

prison - umunyororo, inzu y'imbohe

prisoner - imbohe, umuyororo, imfungwa

problem - ingorane

procrastinate, to - kwirengagiza

produce abundantly, to - kurumbuka

professor - umwarimu, umwigisha

profit (increase) - inyungu (benefit) - akamaro

profit, to - kunguka, gucuruza

progress - amajyambere, progress, to hinder - kudindiza

prohibit, to - kubuza

project - umugambi, umushinga, imishinga

promise - isezerano

promise, to - gusezerana

proof - intangamugabo, gihamya

prop up, to - gushyigikira

property - isambu, ubukebe

property father gives to son when he marries - umunani

property, personal - umwihariko

prophesy, to - guhanura

prophet - umuhanuzi

prosperity - ishya n’ihirwe

protect, to - gukuyakuya, gukoma, kurinda

proud, to be - kwirata, kwibona

proverb - umugani

provocation - amakimbirane

Psalm - Zaburi

public - rubanda

publicly - ku mugaragaro, mu ruhame

publish, to - kwamamaza, kogeza, kuranga

pull, to - gukurura

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

pull out by roots, to - kurandura

pull out of fire (water), to - kurohora

pumpkin - igihaza, umwungu

punctuation mark - akadomo

punish, to - guhana

punishment - igihano

pupil - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri

pupil of eye - imboni

pure, to be - kwera

pure, to make - kuboneza, kweza

purify oneself, to - kwiboneza, kwiyeya, kwisukura

purity of heart - (u)kwezwa

purple - umuhengeri (rarely used)

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

purse - umufuka, umufuko

pus - amashyira

push, to - gusunika, kubyiga
push away, to - guhirika
push for, to - gutsura
push someone, to - kwiroha
push to end of endurance, to - kurembya

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

puzzled, to be - gushoberwa, guhera mu rungabangabo

Q

quality - umuco

quantity - ubwinshi

quarrel - amahane, intonganyi

quarrel, to - gutongana

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

question - ikibazo

question, to - kwiburanya
question, to ask - kubaza

quickly - vuba, bwangu, n'ingoga

quiet, to be - gutuza, guhora, guceceka

quiet, to make - guturisha, guhendahenda

R

rabbit - urukwavu

race (people) - ishyanga

rack - igitanda

rain - imvura

rain, to (fine) - gutonyanga
make sound of approaching rain, to - guhorera

rainbow - umukororombya

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

raise animals, to - korora (Fr. élevage)
raise eyes (head), to - kurarama, kubura
raise from dead, to - kuzura
raise voice, to - kurangurura
ransom - incungu, inshungu

ransom, to - gucungura

rape, to - gukinda

rat - imbeba

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

raw - -bisi (bibisi, etc.)

reach, to - kugeza
reach certain point of time, to - kugera

read, to - gusoma

ready, to be - kuba witeguye
really - by'ukuri, impamo
rear a child, to - kurera
reason - impamvu, igituma
reason about, to - kwiburanya
rebel - umugome
rebel (openly), to - kugoma
rebellion - ubugome
rebuke, to - gucyaha, gutonganya, kwiyama
recall, to - kwibuka
receive, to - kwakira, kubona
(something as gift) - kuronka
recently - vuba, vub'aha
recently, to have done - guheruka
e.g. 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 - kwizihiiza
related, to be - -fitana (no inf.) isano, gupfana
relationship - umushyikirano
relationship with, to have - gushyikirana na
relative - umuvandimwe, mwene wacu, wanyu, wabo
relax, to - guhwema
release, to - kurekura
relinquish gradually, to - gutezuka
rely on, to - kwiringira
remain, to - kuguma, guhama
remain behind, to - gusigara
remember, to - kwibuka
remind, to - kwibutsa
remind often of one's faults, to - gucyurira umuntu
remove from cross (or from pegs), to - kubambura
renew, to - kuvugurura
rent - ihoro
rent, to receive - guhoza
repair, to - kuvugurura
repay, to - kwishyura
repay good, to - kwitura ineza
repay evil, to - kwitura inabi
repeat, to - kongera, gusubira
repeatedly - hato na hato
repent, to - kwihana
repercussion - ingaruka
replace, to - gusimbura
replace temporarily, to - guhagararira
replacement, temporary - agateganyo
reply, to - gusubiza
report, to give - gutanga raporo
reports, false - impuha
represent, to - guhagararira
representative - umuvugizi
reprimand, to - gucyaha
reproach - amakemwa
reproach, to - kuziza
rescind (vote), to - gushingura
rescue, to - gukiza
resemblance - isáno
resemble, to - gusa, kumera nka
resist, to - kwangirira
resound, to make - kuvuza
respect - icyubahiro
respect, to - kubaha
respect, to not - kubahuka
responsibility - umurimo, inshingano, umwitwarariko
rest, to - kuruhuka, guhwema
restitution, to make - kwishyura
restore sight, to - guhumumura
result - ingaruka
resumé, to give - guhina
resurrect, to - kuzuka (int.), kuzura (tr.)
resurrection - kuzuka, izuka, umuzuko
return, to - kugaruka (where speaker is), gusubira (where speaker is not)
return from, to - gukuka
return from wandering, to - kubunguka, guhabuka
return good to, to - kwitura umuntu ineza
return something, to - gusubiza
reveal, to - guhishura
reveal publicly, to - gusambura
revenge, desire for - inzika
reverence, to - kubaha
revile, to - gutuka
revive, to - kuvugurura
reward, to - kugororera, kwitura
rhythm - gahunda
rice - umuceri
rich, to be - gutunga, gukira
rich person - umukire
esp. in cattle - umutunzi
ric-run

esp. in produce - umukungu
riches - ubukire
esp. in cattle - ubutunzi
esp. in produce - ubukungu

ride, to - kugendera ku
ridicule, to - kurengurana, gushinyagura

right, on the - iburyo
all right - nuko
right away - ubungubu, nonaha
right now - ubu nyine
right side - uburyo

right, to be - gutungana
righteous, to be - gukiranuka
righteous person - umukiranutsi
rights - uburenganzira
ring - impeta
rinse, to - kunyuguza
riot - imvururu
rip, to - gushishimura (tr.)
ripe, to be - gushya
ripen, to - kwera, guhlsha
rise (from lying position), to - kubyuka
rise (sun), to - kurasa, kuva
ritual - umuhango
river - uruzi
road - umuhanda
roast (in fire), to - kötsa
robber - umwambuzi
robbing by force - amahugu

robe - ikanzu
rock - ibuye
large rock - urutare (also, rocky place)

roll, to - gutembagaza (tr.)
roll along, to - kubirindura
roll up, to - kuzinga

roof, to put on - gusakara
roof, to take off - gusambura

room (in house) - icyumba
private room for guest - mu mbere

rooster - isake
root - umuzi
rope - umugozi
rot, to - kubora

round-about-way - inzira y'uruboko
rout, to - kuganza

row - umurongo, umusitari
row (boat), to - kuvugama, kugashya

royal - icyami
rub, to - guhanagura, gushiga
rub hard (as to polish), to - gutsirita
rubber - umupira
rug - umusambi

ruin, to fall into (as house) - kuriduka, gusenyagurana

rule - itegeko
rule, to - gutegeka, gutwara
rumors - impuha
run, to - kwiruka
run after, to - kwirukana
run fast, to (esp. to avoid being beaten) - kuyabangira ingata
run very fast, to - kwirukanka

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

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 - icyicaro
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 iryëra
see suddenly, to - kurabukwa
seed - imbuto
seeing that - ubwo
seek, to - gushaka
seek after (as goal), to - kurangamira
seek chance to "get" somebody, to -
set a time, to - kugena igihe
set (trap), to - gutega
seven - -rindwi, ndwi (with 3rd & 6th cl.)
seventy - mirongwirindwi
sever, to - guca
several - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.)
severity - umwaga
sew, to - kudoda
sex (male, female) - igitsina cy'abantu
shade - igicucu
shadow - igicucu
shake, to - gutigisa (tr.), kujegajega (int.)
shake (as earth), to - kunyeganyega (int.)
shake (as person), to - guhinda umushitsi (int.)
shake (as rug), to - gukunguta, gukunkumura (tr.)
shake hands, to - gukora mu ntoki
shake (object) hard, to - gucugusa, gukuka
shake head, to - kuzunguza
shallow - -gufi (kigufi, etc.)
shame - isoni
shape - ishusho
share, to - gusangira
sharp, to be - gutyara
sharpen, to - kunagura, gutyaza
shave, to - kogosha
she - we, a- (as verb prefix)
sheep - intama

sheet - ishuka
shell, to - gutonora, guhungura
shelter, temporary - ingando
shelter from rain - ubwugamo
shelter, to seek - kugama
shepherd - umwungeri
shepherd, to - kuragira
shield, to - gukingiriza
shine, to - kwaka, kumurika, kubengerana (sun) - kuva
(Reflected light) - kurabagirana
shipwreck - uburohame
shirt - ishati
shoe - ikirato, inkweto
shoes, to wear (put on) - gukweta
shoot, to - kurasu
shop - iduka, imangazini
shop (for food), to - guhaha
shore - imusoz, inkombe, umwaro, inkuka
short - -gufi (mugufi, kigufi, etc.)
short cut - inzira y'ubusamu
short dress (very) - umwenda w'amahenure
should - -kwiriyi, kugomba, kurinda
shoulder - igitugu
shout, to - gutaka, gusakuza, gutera (ijwi)
hejuru, kurangurura, gusakabaka
shout of joy - impundu
shove, to - guhirika
show, to - kwereka, kugaragaza, kumurikwa  
show oneself, to - kwiyereka

shrivelled, to be (arm, leg) - kunyunyuka

shut, to - gukinga, gufunga

sibling - umuvandimwe, mwene nyina (se)

sick person - umurwayi

sick, to be - kurwara  
care for the sick, to - kurwaza

sickle - umuhoro

sickness - 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 - gusuhuza 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, isăno

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, eshesatu (3rd & 6th cl.)  
six times - gatandatu

sixty - mirongwitandatu

skill - ubuhanga, ubukorikori

skilled, to be - guhuguka

skilled person - umuhanga, impuguke

skin - uruhu  
  skin for carrying baby - ingobyi

skirt, long - umukenyero

sky - ikirere, ijuru

slander - igitutsi

slander, to - gutuka

slap - urushyi

slate - urubaho

slave - imbata
sleep, to - gusinzira
sleepiness - igitotsi
slide, to - guserebeka
  slide down hill on banana trunk, to - gutsuka
slightly - buhoro
slip out (e.g. from pocket), to - gusosoroka
slow, to be - gutinda, gutindaganya
slowly - buhoro, buhoro-buhoro
small - -to, -toya (bato, bitoya, etc.)
smash, to - guhondagura
smear, to - gusiga
smell, to - kumva (tr.)
  cause to smell good, to - guhumuza
  smell good or bad, to - guhumura
  smell bad, to - kunuka
smile, to - kumwenyura
smoke - umwotsi
snake - inzoka
  one that bites at both ends - ikirumirahabiri
snare - umutego
sneeze, to - kwitsamura
so, so that - kugirango, ngo
  and so - none
  isn’t it so - si byo?
  so-and-so - kanaka, nyiranaka (fem.)
soak in water, to - gutumbika
soap - isabune
soft, to be - koroha
soil - ubutaka, igitaka

place where soil is thin - akāra
soldier - umusirikare, umusoda, ingabo
some - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.)
  some places - hamwe na hamwe
  sometimes - rimwe na rimwe, ubundi
son - umwana, umuhungu
  son of - mwene (pl. bene)
song - indirimbo
soon - vuba, bidatinze, vubaha
soot - imbyiro
sore (as ulcer) - igisebe, igikomere,
  uruguma (fresh)
sore, to be - kubabara
sorrow - agahinda
  deep sorrow - amajune
sort out, to - gusobanura
soul - ubugingo
sour, sharp - ikereta
sour, to be - kubīha
south - mu majyepfo
sow, to - kubiba
sower - umubibyi
space - umwanya
speak, to - kuvuga
  speak evil of, to - gusebya
  speak indistinctly, to - kudedemanga
  speak plainly, clearly, to - gufobora
  speak without thinking, to - guhomboka
spear - icumu
special, to be - kwiharira (for special
speechless, to be - kudakoma
spend the night, to - kurara
spend night away from home, to - gucumbika
spend time, to - kumara
spill, to - kumena (tr.), kumeneka (int.)
gusesekara (int.)
spirit - umwuka
Holy Spirit - Umwuka Wera, Mwuka Muziranenge
spirit, ancestral - umuzimu
spirit, harmful ancestral - igisigo
spit - amacandwe
spit, to - gucira amacandwe
spit on, to - kuvundereza amacandwe
spoil, to - konona (tr.), kubora (int.)
spoil a child, to - gutetesha
spoil (as, cooked food), to - kugaga
spoiled, to be - kononekara
spoiled child - umutesi
spoon - ikiyiko, urupahu
spot - inenge
spread, to - gusaba (int.)
spread (as news), to - gukwira (int.), gukwiza (tr.), kogeza
spread everywhere, to - kwamamara (int.), kwamamaza (tr.)
spread grass, to - guzasara
spread out, to - kurambika
spring (of water) - isoko
spring up (water, blood), to - kududubiza
spy on, to - kugenza, gutata, kugenzura

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squash - umwungu
squeeze, to - gukamura
stale, to be - kugaga
stammer, to - kugingimira
stamp - itembura
stand, to - guhagarara
stand up, to - guhaguruka
stand up, to cause someone to - guhagurutsa
star - inyenyeri
stare at, to - kurangamira, guhangana amaso
start, to - gutangira
start with, to - guhēra
start by, to - kubanza
startled, to be - gukanga
statistics - barura
stay, to - kuguma, guhama
stay a certain length of time, to - kumara
stead - ikigwi, icyimbo
steal, to - kwiba
step - intambwe
step, to - gutambuka
step on, to - gukandagira
steward - umujyanama, umunyabintu
stick - igiti
stick of fire-wood - urukwi
walking stick - inkoni
stick out (as, from pocket), to - gusosoroka
stiff, to make (i.e. to stiffen) - kugaga
still - (use -racya- tense)
stingy, to be - kwikanyiza
stink, to - kunuka
stomach - igifu, inda
stone - ibuye
stoop down, to - kunama, kubama
stop, to - kureka, kurekeraho (int.),
guhagarara (int.), guhagarika (tr.),
kubuza (tr.), kurorera (int.)
stop! - buretse!
stop battle (argument), to - guhosha (tr.)
stop bleeding, to - gukama (int.)
stop boat, to - gutsika (tr.)
stopper (as in bottle) - igipfundikizo
store (shop) - iduka, idukuru
store, to - kubika
store crops in granary, to - guhunika
storm of wind - ishuheri
storm on lake - umuhengeri
story - umugani, igitekerezo
story (floor) - igorofa
stout, to be - kubyibuha
stove - ifura, iziko
straight, to be - kugororoka, kweguka
straighten up (erect), to - kweguka
straight, to make - kugorora
strain (filter), to - kumimina, kuminina
strainer - akayunguruzo
strange, something - inzaduka
straw (drinking) - umuheha
stray, to - komongana
stream - umugezi
strength - intege, imbaraga
stretch out (arm), to - kurambura
stretch out (as lie down), to - kurambarara
stretch out (hide), to - kubamba
stretch tight, to - kurega (tr.)
stretcher - ingobyi
strife - intambara
strike, to - gukubita
strike suddenly (unexpectedly), to - kugwa gitumo (see I Thess 5:3)
string - umugozi
strive for, to - guharanira, gutsura
strong, to be - gukomera
strong, to make - gukomeza
strong man - umunyamaboko, igikwerere
stubborn, to be - kudakurwa ku izima,
kutava kw izima
stuck (in mud), to get - gusaya
student - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri
study, to - kwiga
study, manner of - imyigire
stumble, to - gusitara
stupid person - umuswa
sturdy, to be - gukomera
stutter, to - kuggingimira
submerged, to be - kurengerwa
subtract, to - gukura
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

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

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

surplus, to be a - gusaga, gusaguka

surprise, to - gutangaza, kugwa gitumo

surround, to - gukikiza, kugota, gutangatanga, gushunera

survive (a calamity), to - guhonoka

suspect, to - gukeka

suspicion, to - gukenga

suspicions - amakenga

sustain, to - gutera inkunga

swallow, to - kumira

swamp - igishanga

swamp of reeds - urubingo

swear (sense of oath), to - kurahira

sweat (n.) - icyuya

sweat, to - kubira icyuya

sweater - umupira

sweet potato - ikijumba

swell, to - kubyimba

swim, to - koga

swim (as children play in) - urucundo

swing, to - kwicunda

sword - inkota

sycamore tree - umuvumu

system - gahunda
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Table - ameza, imeza

Taboo, to be - kuzira

Tail - umurizó

Take, to - kwenda
  Take, go with, to - kujiyana
  Take away, to - kuvana, gukurá, gukuráho, gutwara
  Take away from, to - kwika
  Take bribe, to - kuryá ruswa, kwákira impongáno
  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 - gushyira

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 - kubíha

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) - imygishirize

Tear, to - gúcika (int.), guca (tr.), gushanyuka (int.), gushanyura (tr.)
  Tear, to (strong word) - gushishímura (tr.)
  Tear (int.), to (long tear due to wear) - gutabuka
  Tear down, to - gusenya

Tears - amarára, imyisozi

Teaspoon - akayiko, akajyiko

Technique (technical knowledge, skill) - impuguke

Tell, to - kubwira, kuvuga
  Tell a lie, to - kubeshiya

Temple - urusengero

Temporary - agateganyo

Tempt, to - gushuka, gusháshuka, kugerageza, koshyá

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
testify, to - guhamya
thank, to - gushima
thank for gift, to - gukura ubwatsi
thank you - (m)urakoze, nuko nuko,
ndagushimye
that - ko, yuko
that (demonstrative) - uriya, uwo, wa,
etc.
their - -abo (wabo, cyabo, etc.)
them - bo
then - nuko, rero, ubwo
and then - maze
then (remembered) - burya
there - aho, aha
here and there - hamwe na hamwe
therefore - none, niko, none rero, noneho
there is - hari
these - aba, iyi, izi, etc.
they - bo, ba- (as prefix)
thick - -nini
thief - umujura, umwambuzi, igisambo
thin - -to, -toya (muto, gitoya, etc.)
thin, to be - guhorota
(due to illness) - kunyunyuka
thing - ikintu
think, to - gutekereza, kugirango, kuzirimana,
gukeka, kwibwira
think about (without speaking), to -
kwiyumvira
I think that... - ubanza, ngira ngo, nibwira

thirst - inyota
thirsty, to be - kugira inyota
thirty - mirongwitatu
this - uyu, iki, etc.
thorn - ihwa
those - bariya, abo, ba, etc.
thought - igitekerezo
thought, to be in deep - kwiyumvira
thousand - igihumbi
ten thousand - inzovu
one hundred thousand - agahumbi
thrash around (as sick person), to -
kwigaragura
thread - urudodo
threaten, to - kwihangiriza, gukangara,
gukangisha
threatenings - ibikangisho
three - -tatu, eshatu (3rd & 6th cl.)
thrice - gatatu
throat - umuhogo
throw, to - gutera
throw at, to - gutërera
throw away, to - guta, kujugunya
throw behind one's back, to - kwirenza
throw down, to - gutura, kwesa
throw into water, to - kuroha

thumb - igikumwe
thunder - inkuba
thunder, to - guhinda
Thursday - ku wa kane
tie - umushumi
tie, to - kuboha, gupfundika
  tie an animal, to - kuzirika
  tie neck of sack, to - kuniga
  tie up, to - guhambira
  tie up boat, to - gutsika

tick (insect) - ikirondwe

tile (floor) - isasa

tile (roof) - itegura

time - igihe, umwanya
  as time goes on - uko ibihe biha ibindi
  at another time - ubundi
  at what time? - gihe ki?
  long time ago (or future) - kera
  on time - kare, ku gihe
  time off - uruhushya

time, to set a - kugena igihe

times - inshuro
  how many times? - kangæhe?

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 munsi

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

tortment -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
tre-und

treasury - imari

treat (medical), to - kuvuva
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 - kuneshu, gutsebana

trouble, to - kurushya, gutoba
trouble, to cause - gutera amahane, guta
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 - kwerekena
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

ugly - -bi (mubi, kibi, etc.)

ulcer - igisebe

umbrella - umutaka

unable to do something, to be - kunanirwa

uncle, paternal - data wacu (wanyu, wabo)
uncle, my maternal - marume

unclean, to be - guhumana
unclean, to make - guhumanya

unconscious - intere

under - munsi ya

underneath - munsi

understand, to - kumva, gusobanukirwa
unexpected help - ingoboka
unexpectedly, to come (happen) - gutungura
unfairly, to treat - kurenganya
unfaithful to, to be - guhemuka, guhinyuka
unfortunate, to be - kugorwa
unite, to - kubumbira, kunga ubumwe
(implies previous separation) - kwiyunga
unjustly, to treat - kurenganya
unload, to - gupakurura
unlock, to - gukingura
unripe - -bisi, -toto
unsatisfactorily - nabi
unstop, to - kuzibura
unstopped, to become - kuzibuka
untie, to - kubohora, gupfundura, gufundura
untie animal (from stake), to - kuzitura
untied, to be - guhambuka
until - kugeza
(if followed by verb) - kugeza aho
unwed mother - ikinyandaro
uproot, to - kurandura
upside down, to turn - kubika, gucurika, guhirika
us - twebwe, twe
use - akamaro, umumaro
use, to - gukoresha
use up, to - kumara
use up for nothing, to - gupfusha ubusa
usually - ubusanzwe

vacation - uruhushya
vaccination - urukingo, indasago
vagabond, to be a - kubuyera, kurukuka
vain, in - ku busa, ubusa, amära masa
valley - akabande
valuable - ingenzi
value - akamaro, igiciro
vegetable - imboga, uruboga
verb - inshinga
verse - umurongo
very - cyane
very much - rwose
very well - henga
vicinity, in this - ino
village - igiturage, icyaro
(hill with numerous homes) - umurenge
villagers - abaturage
vines - umuzabibu
vineyard - uruzabibu
violent, to become - kurubira
virtue - umuco
visible, to be - kugaragara, kuboneka
visible, to make - kugaragaza
visit, to go to - gusura, gutembera, gusuhuza
visit bereaved person, to - kuyaga
visit with, to - kuganira na
visitor - umushyitsi
voice - ijwi
voice, loud - ijwi rirenga
vol-wea

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,
kuwendaga
walking stick - inkoni
wall - igisika
(interior) - urusika
(exterior) - ikibambazi

wander about, to - kuzerera, kubuyera,
komongana
find the way after wandering about, to -
guhabuka
wander about without hope of finding the
way, to - guhaba
want, to - gushaka
warm oneself by fire, to - kota
warn, to - guhanura, guhugura, kwihangiriza,
gukangara, kwiyama, kuburira

wash (clothes), to - kumesa
(body, self) - kwiyuhagira
(body, another) - kuhagira
(feet) - koga
(hands) - gukaraba
(vegetables) - kuronga
(most anything else) - koza

waste, to - gupfusha ubusa, kwangiza,
gukerens zaputi, gutagaguzi

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, tve
we alone - twenyine

weak, to be - kugira intege nke
weaken, to - gucogoza
weakness - intege nke
wealth - ubunzi, 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
wil-wri

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) - umwārī
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 - uburondogozì
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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