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| ENGLISH | KINYARWANDA |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| A | |
| absorb | kunyunuza |
| acceleration | kwongera ingufu |
| acid rain | imvura ya aside |
| action | igikorwa |
| adapt | kumenyera |
| adaptation | imenyera |
| adjust | kumenyereza |
| adult | uwukuze |
| advantage | inyungu |
| affect | gukora |
| air | umwuka |
| air mass | umwuka wo mu kirere |
| air pressure | Imbaraga z'umwuka |
| air resistance | ihangana ry'umwuka |
| alternate | guhindura |
| alto | ihinduka |
| amount | umubare |
| amphibian | kiba mu mazi no kubutakae |
| amplitude | ubukana |
| analyze | gusuzuma |
| anatomy | ibice by'umubiri |
| ancestor | umukurambere |
| ancient | cyakera |
| anemometer | igipimo gipima umuyaga |
| angle | imfuruka |
| animal | inyamaswa |
| Animalia | ibigize inyamanswa |
| antibiotic | umuti wica udukoko |
| antibody | indemamubiri |
| appliance | igikoresho |
| apply | gusaba |
| appropriate | kibereye |
| approximately | byegereye |
| arrange | gutegura |
| artery | umujyana |
| arthropod | inyamaswa itagira amagufa |
| asexual | kubyara bidacuye mw'ihuza ibitsina |
| assemble | guhuza |
| asteroid | kibonumwe |
| astronomer | ibikubiyemo |
| atmosphere | ikirere |
| atom | atome |
| atomic number | numero za atomei |
| attract | kureshya |
| automatic | byikora |

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| available | kiboneka |
| axis | impembe |
| B | |
| bacteria | bagiteri |
| balance | umunzani |
| balanced forces | ingufu zipimwe |
| bar graph | imbonerahamwe nyamirongo |
| bare | bare |
| barometer | igipima umwuka |
| battery | ibatiri |
| bed | igitanda |
| behavior | imyifatire |
| beneficial | gifite akamaro |
| benefit | inyungu |
| best | cyiza cyane |
| big bang | iturika rihambaye |
| binary fission | itandukana nyabubiri ry' ingirango |
| biomass | uburemere rusange rw'abantu n'ibantu |
| bird | inyoni |
| blink | guhumbya |
| blizzard | ikibunda |
| block | gukinga |
| blood tissue | amaraso yo mu nyama |
| blood vessel | umuuyana w'amaraso |
| blossom | kubumbura |
| boil | kubiza |
| boiling point | Igihe cyo kubirira |
| bone tissue | inyama yo mu magufa |
| bounce | gucika intege |
| brain | ubwonko |
| bronchi | amahaha |
| bundle | kupfunyika |
| buoyancy | ukuireremba |
| buoyant force | ingufu zireremba |
| C | |
| calcium | kalisiyumu |
| calculator | mubazi |
| calorie | Kalori |
| camera | kamera |
| camouflage | masike |
| cancer | kanseri |
| capillary | udutsi twinshi cyane |
| capture | icyafashwe |
| carbohydrate | amazi arimo karubone |
| carbon (C) | karubone (C) |

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|----------------------------------|--|
| carbon dioxide (CO_2) | diyogiside ya karubone (CO_2) |
| cardiovascular system | sisitemu y'umutima |
| carnivore | inyamaswa irya inyama |
| category | urwego |
| caterpillar | igishorobwa |
| cause-end-effect relationships | isano z'igituma n'ingaruka |
| celestial | mu kirere |
| cell | ingirangingo |
| cell cycle | urukuirikirane rw' ingirangingo |
| cell division | igabanya wa ry' ingirangingo |
| cell membrane | uruhu rw'ingirangingo |
| cell theory | inyigisho z'ingirangingo |
| cell wall | urukuta rw'ingirangingo |
| cellular respiration | ihameka ry'ingirangingo |
| Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | Degere ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) |
| cement | isima |
| centimeter (cm) | santimetro (cm) |
| central nervous system | sisitemu y'imitsi yo hagati |
| chain | umunyororo |
| change | ihinduka |
| change of direction | ihinduka ry'icyerekezoi |
| change of motion | ihinduka ry' umuyego |
| change of speed | ihinduka ry'umuvuduko |
| characteristic | ibiranga |
| chart | imbonerahamwe |
| chemical | ikinyabutabire |
| chemical bond | Ingoyi y'ubutabire |
| chemical change | ihinduka ry'ikinyabutabire |
| chemical energy | ingufu ry'ikinyabutabire |
| chemical equation | inganyagaciro y'ikinyabutabire |
| chemical property | ibiranga ikinyabutabire |
| chemical reaction | ivanga ry'ikinyabutabire |
| chemical system | sisitemu y'ikinyabutabire |
| chemical weathering | umwuka ry'ikinyabutabire |
| chlorophyll | korolofile |
| chloroplast | kloroplasite |
| choose | guhitamo |
| chromosome | Indemamubiri za DNA |
| cinder cone volcano | ikirunga |
| circuit | izenguruka |
| circulation | itembera |
| circulatory system | urwungano nyamaraso |
| cirro- | amaguru |
| cirrus cloud | igicu |
| classification | itondeka |
| classify | gutondeka |

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| climate | ikirere |
| cloning | ikoporora |
| cloud | igicu |
| coal | ikara |
| code | ikode |
| cold front | imbere hakonje |
| collect | kwegeranya |
| collide | kugongana |
| color | ibara |
| column | inkingi |
| comet | kibonumwe |
| comfortable | gitekanye |
| communicate | kuvugana |
| community | umuryango |
| compare | kugereranya |
| compass | idira |
| competition | irushanwa |
| complex carbohydrate | karubone ya idrate |
| compose | kugira |
| composite volcano | ibigize ikirunga |
| composition | ibigize |
| compost pile | ikirundo k'ikimoteri |
| compound | ihuriro |
| compound microscope | Ihuriro rya mikorosikope |
| compress | gutsindagira |
| compression | itsindagirwa |
| computer | mudasobwa |
| conclude | gusoza |
| conclusion | umwanzuro |
| condensation | irundanwa |
| condense | kurunda |
| condition | igisabwa |
| conduct | gutwara |
| conduction | igitwara |
| conductors | imiyoboro |
| consequences | ingaruka |
| conservation | ibika |
| conservation of energy | ibika ry'ingufu |
| conservation of mass | ibika y'uburemere |
| conserve | kubika |
| consist of | kigizwe na |
| consistent | kidahinduka |
| constant | ikidahinduka |
| construct | kubaka |
| consumer | umuguzi |
| contain | kugirwa |

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| container | ikibika |
| content | ibirimo |
| continent | umugabane w'isi |
| contrast | imigaragarire |
| control | igenzura |
| controlled experiment | ibyo wakoze byagenuwe |
| convection | ikurura |
| coordinate | guhuza |
| coordination | ihuza |
| core | intima |
| covalent bond | ihuriro r y'akarambararo |
| create | kurema |
| crest | agasongero ku musozi |
| crop | igihingwa |
| crust | urukoko |
| crystal | ubutare |
| crystallization | gukora ubutare |
| cubic | kiri muri kibe |
| cubic centimeter | santimetro kibe |
| cure | umuti |
| cycle | uruhererekane |
| cytoplasm | ingirabuzima |
| D | |
| daily | buri munsi |
| dam | ikidamu |
| data | amakurushingiro |
| data table | imbonerahamwe y'amakurushingiro |
| daughter cell | ingirangingo z'umukobwa |
| daylight | umunsi |
| decay | kubora |
| decomposer | ibora |
| decrease | kugabanya |
| defend | kurengera |
| deficient | kidakwiye |
| define | gusobanura |
| definite | kutagira amakenga |
| delta | umuyoboro |
| density | Ireme bwite |
| dependent variable | agashushondanga kagengwa n'akandi |
| deposition | ishyiraho |
| derived | kivuye |
| descend | gukomoka |
| descendants | abakomotse |
| describe | gusobanura |
| desert | ubutayu |
| design | guhangga |

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| design scientific investigations | gushyiraho iperereza rya siyansi |
| determine | kugena |
| develop | guteza imbere |
| development | iterambere |
| diagram | imbonerahamwe |
| dichotomous key | urufunguzo rw'igabanya mu bice bibiri |
| difference | itandukaniro |
| digest | kugogora |
| digestion | igogora |
| digestive system | sistemu yo kugogora |
| direct | kitaziguye |
| directions | ibyerekezo |
| directly | mu buryo butaziguye |
| disappearing trait | ibiranga kutaboneka |
| discuss | kuvugana |
| disperse | gusanz |
| dissolve | kureka |
| distance | intera |
| distinctive | bitandukanye |
| distribute | gukwirakwiza |
| disturb | gucokoza |
| diversity | ikinyuranyo |
| DNA | DNA |
| dominant | cyiganza cyane |
| dominant gene | jene yigaragaza cyane |
| draw | gushushanya |
| dump | kujugunya |
| E | |
| earth | isi |
| earthquake | umutingito |
| earthworm | umunyorogoto |
| echo | ijwi |
| eclipse | ubwirakabiri |
| ecological succession | isimuranwa ry'ibidukikije |
| ecology | iyiga ry'imiterere y'isi |
| ecosystem | urusobe |
| effect | ingaruka |
| efficient | kibereye |
| egg | igi |
| electric current | amashanyarazi |
| electrical | ibijyanye n'amashanyarazi |
| electrical circuits | inzira y'amashanyarazi |
| electrical energy | ingufu z'amashanyarazi |
| electricity | amashyanyarazi |
| electromagnet | isumaku |
| electromagnetic spectrum | isumaku ya spekitrumu |

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| electromagnetic waves | isumaku y'amazi |
| electromagnetism | ubushobozi bw'isumaku |
| electron | elegitoroniki |
| elements | ibintu |
| elevation | izamurwa |
| elliptical | ishusho itagaragara |
| emit | kohereza |
| endangered species | ubwoko buri gukendera |
| endocrine system | sisitemu y'amaraso |
| endothermic | gikurura ubushyuhe |
| energy | ingufu |
| energy flow | iyongerekana ry'ingufu |
| energy pyramid | ingufu za piramide |
| energy resources | ibigenerwa by'ingufu |
| ensure | umenya neza |
| environment | ibidukikije |
| environmental | ibijyanye n'ibidukikije |
| environmental changes | ihinduka ry'ibidukikuje |
| epithelial | ibigize umubiri |
| equal | bingana |
| equation | Inganyagaciro |
| equator | ekwateri |
| equilibrium | biringaniye |
| erosion | isuri |
| error | ikosa |
| esophagus | umuhogo |
| establish | gushyiraho |
| estimate | kugereranya |
| estimation | igereranwa |
| eukaryotic | kugira ingerangingo zitandukanye |
| evaluate | gusuzuma |
| evaporate | Guhinduka umwuka |
| evaporation | Ihinduka mwuka |
| evidence | igihamya |
| evolution | iterambere |
| example | urugero |
| exchange | ihinduranya |
| excrete | kurekura |
| excretion | irekura |
| exoskeleton | igikanka gisohoka inyuma |
| exothermic | gusohora ubushyuhe |
| expand | kwagura |
| experiment | ibyabaye bishingirwaho |
| explain | gusobanura |
| explanation | igisobanuro |
| express | kuvuga |

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|---|--|
| external | cyo hanze |
| extinct | kuzima |
| F | |
| fact | igituma |
| factor | icyatumye |
| Fahrenheit (°F) | Farineyiti (°F) |
| fat | amavuta |
| fault | ikosa |
| feature | ikiranga |
| features | ibiranga |
| female sex cell | ingirangingo y'igitsina ngore |
| fertilization | irumbuka |
| fertilized | warumbutse |
| fertilizer | ifumbire |
| fiber | umugozzi |
| fish | ifi |
| fixed pulley | imashini yashizweho |
| flood | umwuzure |
| flow chart | imbonerahamwe |
| flower | ururabyo |
| fluid | igisukika |
| folded | kizinze |
| food | ibiryo |
| food chain | inzira y'itunganywa ry'ibiryo |
| food web | uruhererekane rw'ibinyabuzima |
| for every action there is an equal or opposite reaction | ku gikorwa cyose hari igisubizo bingana cyangwa binyuranye |
| force | imbaraga |
| forecast | iteganyagihei |
| form | ifishi |
| formation | ikorwa |
| former | igijeruka |
| formula | ihinamvugo |
| formulate | kugena |
| fossil | umurage |
| fossil fuel | ibinyabuzima biba byaragiye byitindika mu gitaka |
| freezing | ubukonje |
| frequency | ukugaruka |
| friction | kwikuba |
| front | ikimenyetso |
| fruit | imbuto |
| fuel | igitoro |
| filter | akayunguruzo |
| fulcrum | igoboka |
| function | imikorere |
| function of living things | imikorere y'ibantu |

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| fungi | igihumyo |
| G | |
| galaxy | uruhurirane rw'inyenyeri |
| garbage | umwanda |
| gas | gaze |
| gas giants | imibumbe |
| gem | idiyama |
| gene | jene |
| generation | igisekuru |
| generator | imashini itanga umuriro |
| genetic engineering | ingirabuzima fatizo |
| genetic material | ikinyabuzima |
| genetically | bijyanye n'ikinyabuzima |
| genetic variation | ihindagurika ry'ikinyabuzima |
| geologist | Umuhangwa mu miterere y' isi |
| geothermal energy | ingufu z'ubushyuhe |
| germ | mikorobe |
| germination | ikorwa rya mikorobe |
| glacier | urubura |
| gland | horumone |
| global | kw'isi yose |
| global climate | ukwiyongera k'ubushyuhe ku isi |
| global warming | ugushyuha kw' isi |
| graduated cylinder | igipimisho cyo muri Laboratwari |
| gram (g) | igarama (g) |
| graph | ishusho |
| graphic | umurongo |
| gravitational | bijyanye n'umunzani |
| gravity | umunzani |
| greatest | gikomeye |
| greenhouse gas | gaze yo munzu |
| green plant | Igihingwa gitoshye |
| groundwater | amasoko y'ikuzimu |
| group | itsinda |
| grow | gukura |
| growth | ikura |
| H | |
| habit | ingeso |
| habitat | aho uba |
| hand lens | indorerwamo yo mu kiganza |
| hardness | gukomera |
| harmful | giteza akaga |
| hazardous | giteye ibibazo |
| healthy habit | ubuzima bwiza |
| hearth | amashyiga |

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| hearth muscle | amabuye y'amashyiga |
| heat | ubushyuhe |
| heat energy | ingufu z'ubushyuhe |
| herbivore | inyamaswa zirya ibyatsi |
| heredity | cyatanzweho umurage |
| hereditary | cy'umurage |
| hibernation | isinzira |
| hormone | horumone |
| host | umusangwa |
| human | umuntu |
| human cell | ingirangingo z'umuntu |
| humid | hahereye |
| humidity | ubuhehere |
| hurricane | umuyaga |
| hydroelectric power | ingomero zitanga amashanyarazi |
| hydrosphere | amazi muri rusange |
| hygrometer | icyuma gipima ubuhehere |
| hypothesis | ishingira ryo ku bizwi |
| I | |
| identical | bisa |
| identification | umwirondoro |
| identify | kwirondora |
| igneous | gikomeye |
| igneous rock | urutare rukomeye |
| illuminate | kumurika |
| illustrate | kugaragaza |
| immune system | abasirikare b'umubiri |
| inclined plane | ikinyamibyimba itatu |
| increase | kwongeza |
| independent | cyigenga |
| independent variable | icungamimerere |
| indicate | kwerekana |
| indirect | kiziguye |
| individual | umuntu ku giti cye |
| infection | iyandura |
| infectious disease | indwara yandura |
| inference | umusozo |
| information | amakuru |
| ingredient | Ikigize ikiribwa |
| inherit | kuragwa |
| inheritance | umurage |
| inherited adaptation | imenyera ryarazwe |
| inherited trait | ingeso yarazwe |
| insect | agakoko |
| instrument | igikoresho |
| insulator | igikonja |

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| interact | gukora |
| interaction | ikora |
| interior | imbere |
| internal | cy'imbere |
| interpret | gusemura |
| interval | umwanya |
| inversion | inyuranya |
| invertebrate | inyamaswa itagira amagufa |
| investigation | iperereza |
| ion | iyo |
| ionic bond | ihuriro rya iyo |
| iron (Fe) | ubutare (Fe) |
| irregular | kidakurikiza amategeko |
| isolate | gukumira |
| J | |
| jellyfish | agasimba |
| joint | ingingo |
| K | |
| kilogram (kg) | kilogarama (kg) |
| kiloliter (kl) | kilolitiro (kl) |
| kilometer (km) | kilometero (km) |
| kinetic energy | ingufu y'umuyego |
| kingdom | ubwami |
| knowledge | ubuhanga |
| L | |
| label | urugero |
| landslide | irindimuka ry'ubutaka |
| large intestine | urura runini |
| larva | agakoko kagisa nk'umunyorogoto |
| laser | lazeri |
| latitude | umurongo muganda |
| lava | igikoma cy'kirunga |
| layer | akugara |
| leaf | ikibabi |
| learned | yize |
| learned adaptation | kwiga imibereho |
| least | nibura |
| leaves | ibibabi |
| levee | batiri |
| lever | ibyuma |
| life cycle | inzira y'ubuzima |
| life span | igihe ubuzima bw'umuntu bumara |
| lift | asenseri |
| light | umucyo |
| light-years | imyaka y'umucyo |

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| line graph | ishusho y'umurongo |
| lines of force | imirongo y'ingufu |
| link | ihuza |
| liquid | ibisukikai |
| list | urutonde |
| liter (L) | ilitiro (L) |
| lithosphere | igice gikomeye k'isi |
| liver | umwijima |
| living things | inyamaswa |
| location | aho utuye |
| locomotion | igendagenda |
| longitude | umurongo mbariro |
| longitudinal wave | imirasire y'umurongo mbariro |
| loudness | ingufu zidasanzwe |
| lunar eclipse | ubwirakabiri |
| lungs | ibihaha |
| luster | ishyamba |
| M | |
| machine | imashini |
| magma | igikoma k'ikirunga |
| magnet | rukuruzi |
| magnetic field | umwanya rukuruzi ikoramo |
| magnetic force | ingufu za rukuruzi |
| magnetism | ibya rukuruzi |
| magnifier | mutubura |
| maintain | gutunganya |
| maintenance | itunganya |
| major | gikuru |
| male sex cell | ingirangingo y'igitsina ngabo |
| mammal | inyamaswa nini |
| manage | gukora |
| mantle | ikote |
| map | ikarita |
| mass | uburemere |
| material | igikoresho |
| materials | ibikoresho |
| materials scientist | ibikoresho bya siyansi |
| mathematics | imibare |
| matter | ikibazo |
| measure | gupima |
| measurement | igipimo |
| mechanical energy | ingufu za mekaniki |
| mechanical weathering | imipimire y'ikireremu bya mekaniki |
| medium | cyo hagati |
| meiosis | igambo |
| melting | kuyonga |

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| melting point | igihe cyo kuyonga |
| metal | icyuma |
| metallic bond | ihuriro ry'icyuma |
| metalloid | gikozwe mu cyuma |
| metamorphic | ibijyanye n'isi |
| metamorphic rock | urutare rw'isi |
| metamorphosis | ihindagurika |
| meter (m) | imetero (m) |
| meter stick | imetero y'umugozi |
| methane | metaane |
| method | uburyo |
| metric ruler | imetero ipima |
| microorganisms | mikorobe |
| microscope | mikorosikopi |
| mid-ocean ridge | hagati mu nyanja |
| migration | Kwimuka |
| Milky Way | Uruhurirane rw'inyenyeri |
| milligram (mg) | miligram (mg) |
| milliliter (ml) | mililitiro (ml) |
| millimeter (mm) | millimetro (mm) |
| mineral | ibuye ry'agaciro |
| mitochondria | iyigwa ry' ingirangingo |
| mitosis | igabura ry'ingirangingo |
| mixture | uruvange |
| model | icyitegererezo |
| moisture | ikime |
| molecule | akaremango |
| mollusk | ikinyamunjonjorerwa |
| molten | cyayonze |
| monthly | buri kwezi |
| Monera | Monera |
| monoculture | igiterwa kimwe |
| moon | ukwezi |
| motion | umuyego |
| motor | imoteri |
| mountain | umusozzi |
| mouth | umunwa |
| movable pulley | ikiziga kizunguruka |
| movement | kugenda |
| movement of plates | igendagenda ry'ibice by'isi |
| mucus | ikimyira |
| muscle | imitsi |
| muscle tissue | imitsi yo kunyama |
| muscular system | urwungano y'imitsi |
| mutation | kwimirwa |
| multicellular | ingirangingo nyinshi |

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| multicellular organism | ingirangingo nyinshi z'umubiri |
| N | |
| natural gas | peteroli na gazi |
| natural resource | umutungo kamere |
| natural selection | ihitamo kamere |
| nebula | ibyerekeye inyenyeri |
| negative | negatifu |
| nervous system | Urwungano rw'imitsi |
| net force | ingufu zose |
| neuron | umutsi-bakwe |
| neutral | kitabogamye |
| neutron | umubare |
| Newton | Newton |
| niche | ubwihisho |
| nimbus | igicu kijimye cyane |
| nitrogen | azote |
| noble gas | gazi nziza |
| nonliving things | ibitari inyamaswa |
| nonmetal | ibitari ibyuma |
| nonrenewable | idahindurwa |
| nonrenewable energy resource | ingufo z'amatungo zidasubirwamo |
| nonrenewable resource | imitungo itasubirwamo |
| nose | izuru |
| nuclear energy | intwaro za kirimbuzi |
| nuclear fusion | ihuza rya kirimbuzi |
| nucleus | izingiro |
| nutrient | Ibirylo ntungamubiri |
| O | |
| object | ikintu |
| objective | intego |
| objective lens | indorerwamo y'intego |
| observation | igaragara |
| observe | kugenzura |
| obtained | cyabonywe |
| occur | kubaho |
| ocean | inyanja |
| odor | impumuro |
| offspring | urubyaro |
| omnivore | inyamaswa irya byose |
| one-celled organisms | iby'itwa ibigize umubiri |
| ooze | isayo |
| opinion | igitekerezo |
| orbit | ikinogori |
| order | urutonde |
| organ | ingingo |

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| organ system | urwungano rujyanye n'ingingo |
| organelle | igice kiri imbere mu ngenango |
| organism | umubiri |
| organize | gutegura |
| original | umwimerere |
| ovary | umurerantanga |
| overabundance | uburumbuke burenze |
| overcome | kunesha |
| overpopulation | kwiyongera kw'abantu |
| ovule | igi |
| oxygen | ogisijene |
| ozone | ozone |
| P | |
| parallel circuit | inzira iteganye |
| parasite | agakoko |
| parent cell | ingirangingo |
| particle | agashami |
| pattern | icyitegererezo |
| pedigree chart | Imbonerahmwe y'ibyiciro |
| perceive | kubona |
| percent, percentage | ijana, ijanisha |
| period | igihe |
| periodic table | imbonerahamwe y'ubutabire |
| permanent magnet | rukuruzi ihoraho |
| pesticide | umuti w'inyamaswa |
| petroleum | peteroli |
| phases | intabwe |
| phenomena | ikimenyetso |
| phosphorus | fosifore |
| photosynthesis | fotosenteze |
| physical | ikintu gifatika |
| physical change | ihinduka ry'umubiri |
| physical property | ikiranga kigaragara |
| physical weathering | umwuka ugaragara |
| picture | ifoto |
| pie | Imbonerahamwe |
| pie chart | imbonerahamwe izengurutse |
| pie graph | imbonerahamwe y'uruziga |
| pistil | imiterere |
| pitch | ikibuga cy'umupira |
| planet | umubumbe |
| plant | igihingwa |
| Plantae | ikimera |
| plasma | igifashi |
| plate | Igice cy'ubutaka |
| plate tectonics | ibice bibiri by'ubutaka bw'isi |

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| poison | uburozi |
| polar | cyo ku mper y'isi |
| pollen | kubangurirwa |
| pollinate | kumera |
| pollutant | gitera umwuka uhumanye |
| pollution | umwuka uhamanye |
| position | umwanya |
| positive | positifu |
| potential energy | ingufu zishoboka |
| power of ten notation | ubushobozi bw'ibisobanuro |
| precipitation | imvura |
| predator | inyamaswa |
| predict | Kugena mbere |
| predictable | cyagenwa mbere |
| prediction | itekereza |
| presence | kuboneka |
| preserve | kubungabunga |
| pressure | ubukana |
| prevailing | rusange |
| prevailing winds | imiyaga rusange |
| previous | igiherukiye |
| prey | umuhigo |
| primary | y'ibanze |
| probable | agateganyo |
| procedure | uburyo |
| process | inzira |
| produce | umusaruro |
| producer | uwusarura |
| product | igicuruzwa |
| prokaryotic | porokariyotike |
| property | ikiranga |
| properties | ibiranga |
| protect | gukingira |
| protein | poroteeyine |
| Protista | Porotisita |
| proton | poroto |
| provide | gutanga |
| pulley | ikiziga |
| Punnett square | ikare ya Punnett |
| pupa | agakoko |
| purpose | intego |
| pushes and pulls | gusohora no kwinjiza |

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| R | |
| radiation | ihumanya |
| radioactive | umwuka urimo uburozi |
| radioisotope | kugira umugenzi |
| rarefaction | kitayobya |
| rate | icyiciro |
| ray | umurasire |
| react | gukora |
| reactant | gikora |
| rearrange | kongera gutondeka |
| reason | impamvu |
| receive | kwakira |
| recessive | karande |
| recessive gene | jene zakira |
| recognize | kwemeza |
| record | ibyafashwe |
| rectum | umwoyo |
| recycle | kongera gukoresha |
| reduce | kugabanya |
| refer | kwisunga |
| reflect | kurabagirana |
| reflection | ishusho |
| reflex | byikora |
| refract | guhindura inzira |
| refraction | iyobya |
| regulation | itegeko |
| relationship | isano |
| relationships in organisms | Isano ryo mu mubiri |
| relative humidity | ubukonje buke |
| release | kurekura |
| relevant | cy'ingenzi |
| remain the same | kuguma kwa kundi |
| remains | ibisigazwa |
| renewable | yongera gukoreshwa |
| renewable energy resource | isoko ry'ingufu zongera gukoreshwa |
| renewable resource | isoko ryongera gukoreshwa |
| repair | gusana |
| represent | guhagararira |
| reproduce | kororoka |
| reproduction | ukororoka |
| reproductive | cy'imyororokere |
| reptile | igikururanda |
| required | ibisabwa |
| resist | guhangana |
| resistant to | gihangana na |
| resource | isoko |

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|---|---|
| respiration | guhumeka |
| respiratory system | urwungano rw'ihumeka |
| respond | gusubiza |
| response | igisubizo |
| responsible | ubishinzwe |
| restore | kugaruraho |
| result | igisubizo |
| reuse | ongera gukoresha |
| reverse | guhindura |
| revolution | ihinduka |
| revolve | kunzenguruka |
| rock | urutare |
| rock cycle | ihinduka ry'urutare |
| role | uruhare |
| root | umuzi |
| rotate | kuzunguruka |
| rotation | izunguruka |
| runoff | umuvu |
| rust | ingese |
| S | |
| saliva | amacandwe |
| salivate | kumira amacandwe |
| samples | ibyitegererezo |
| scale | umunzani |
| scarce | bikeya |
| science | siyansi |
| scientific (use appropriate scientific tools) | ubushakashatsi (gukoresha ibikoresho byabigenewe) |
| scientific inquiry | Ibaza ry'ubushakashatsi |
| scientific investigation | Iperereza ry'ubushakashatsi |
| scientific law | ibigenga ubushakashatsi |
| scientific name | izina rya siyanse |
| scientific thinking | igisubizo cy'ubuhanga |
| scrape | guharura |
| screw | umusumari |
| sea floor spreading | inyanja nini |
| sea level | urwego rw'inyanja |
| season | igihe |
| secondary | yungirije |
| sediment | uruteranyirizo |
| sedimentary rock | ibuye ry'uruteranirizo |
| sedimentation | gufatanya |
| seed | imbuto |
| seedling | ikimera |
| seep | akayunguruzo |
| select | kurobanura |
| selective breeding | guhitamo |

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|-----------------|------------------------------|
| sense | icyumviro |
| sense organ | urugingo rw'icyumviro |
| sequencing | itondekanya |
| series circuit | igendagenda ry'urukurikirane |
| settle | ikemura |
| sewage | ahanyura amazi mabi |
| sex cell | agace k'igitsina |
| sex cells | Ibice by'igitsina |
| sexual | mboneragitsina |
| shape | ishusho |
| shell | igishishwa |
| shield volcano | ingabo y'ikirunga |
| shiver | gutitira |
| significant | gisobanutse |
| similarity | isano |
| simple machine | imashini isanzwe |
| siren | sirene |
| situation | imimerere |
| size | indeshyo |
| skeletal muscle | imitsi wo mu magufa |
| skeletal system | sisitemu y'amagufa |
| shy | ugira isoni |
| small intestine | amara mato |
| smog | umwotsi |
| smooth muscle | imitsi yoroshye |
| soil | ubutaka |
| soil texture | Ibigize ubutaka |
| solar cell | urumuri rw'izuba |
| solar eclipse | ubwirakabiri |
| solar energy | izuba ryinshi |
| solar system | sisitemu y'izuba |
| solid | gikomeye |
| solidification | gukomeza |
| solubility | gishonga |
| solute | gusibiza |
| solution | igisubizo |
| solvent | gishongesha |
| sound | ijwi |
| sound recorder | agafata amajwi |
| source | isoko |
| space | umwanya |
| specialize | kumenya cyane |
| species | ubwoko |
| specific | cyihariye |
| specimens | ingero |
| speed | umuvuduko |

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| sperm | intanga |
| spill | gukwira |
| spinal cord | uruti rw'umugongo |
| spiral | sipirali |
| sponge | kawucu |
| spore | umukino |
| spring | rasoro |
| spring scale | umunzani |
| sprout | ikime |
| squint | kureba imirari |
| stable | gutekana |
| stages | inzego |
| stamen | ibendera |
| star | inyenyeri |
| starch | ifu |
| state | leta |
| static charge | Imbaraga zitanyeganyega |
| static electricity | iamashanyarazi atanyeganyega |
| stem | igicumbi |
| stigma | akato |
| stimulus | ikigusunika gukora ikintu |
| stomach | inda |
| stopwatch | isaha |
| strain | kuminina |
| strategy | intego |
| strato | ibicu biri hafi |
| stratus cloud | ibicu byo hafi |
| streak | umurongo |
| structural adaptation | Itunganywa ryiza |
| structure | imiterere |
| sublimation | kunyereza |
| subsoil | mu butaka |
| substance | ibikubiyemo |
| sugar | isukari |
| sulfuric acid | Acide silifirike |
| summarize | kuvuga muri make |
| sun | izuba |
| supernova | mu kirere |
| support | gushyigikira |
| surface | ubuso |
| survey | ibarura |
| survival | irengera |
| survive, survival | kwirengera,irengera |
| swamp | igishanga |
| sweat | icyuya |
| switch | ihindura |

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| system | sisitemu |
| T | |
| table | imeza |
| table salt | umunyu wo ku meza |
| tadpole | ipima |
| tape measure | imetero |
| technology | Ikoranabuhanga |
| telescope | telesikope |
| temperate | inyandikarugero |
| temperature | urugero rw'ubushyuhe |
| temporary magnet | rukuruzi yigihe gito |
| terrestrial planets | imibumbe minini |
| test | gusuzuma |
| theory | inyigisho |
| thermal energy | ingufu z'ubushyuhe |
| thermometer | igipimo cy'ubushyuhe |
| thunderstorm | inkuba |
| tide | umuraba |
| tilt | kuberama |
| tilted | biberamye |
| time | umwanya |
| tissue | uturemango |
| tool | igikoresho |
| topsoil | ubutaka |
| tornado | serwakira |
| trachea | umuhogo |
| trade-offs | guhagarika ubucuruzi |
| trait | ingeso |
| transfer | koherereza |
| transform | guhindura |
| transport | gutwara |
| transport system | uburyo bwo gutwara |
| transverse wave | umuyaga uhungabanya |
| trench | umuyoboro |
| trial | igerageza |
| tropical | cy'ahashyushye |
| troposphere | ikirere |
| trough | ubwato |
| tumor | ikibyimba |
| turbine | Ibikoresho bitanga ingufu z'umuyaga |
| type | ubwoko |

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| U | |
| unbalanced forces | imbaraga zitareshya |
| undergo metamorphosis | guhinduka |
| unequal | bitangana |
| unicellular | bitagira ingirangingo |
| unifying themes | Insanganyamatsiko zidahwanye |
| unique | kihariye |
| universe | isanzure |
| unstable | kudatekana |
| V | |
| vacuole | ingirangingo |
| valley | akabande |
| vapor | umwuka |
| variable | igihinduka |
| variation | guhinduka |
| variety | bitandukanye |
| vascular system | urwungano rw'imiti |
| vascular tissue | Amaraso yo mu mitsi |
| vegetable | imboga |
| vehicle | ikinyabiziga |
| vein | umutsi |
| velocity | umuvuduko |
| vertebrate | gifite amagufa |
| vibrate | gutigisa |
| virus | virusi |
| visible | kiboneka |
| visible light | umucyo |
| vitamin | vitamini |
| volcanic activity | iruka ry'ibirunga |
| volcano | ikirunga |
| voltmeter | igipimo cya volote |
| volume | ubwirangire |
| W | |
| warm | gushyushye |
| water | amazi |
| water cycle | inzira y'amazi |
| water vapor | umwuka w'amazi |
| wavelength | udusashi |
| weather | uturere |
| weathering | umwuka |
| wedge | itanya |
| weight | uburemere |
| wheel and axle | Ipine n'ikirifunga i |
| white blood cell | urusoro rwerrw'amaraso |
| wind | umuyaga |

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|----------------|--------------------|
| wind vane | icyuma cy'umuyaga |
| wise | umunyabwenge |
| work | akazi |
| wrinkle | umunkanyari |
| Z | |
| zone | akarere |
| zygote | igi |