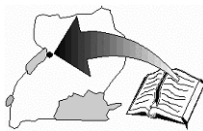


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## Lugungu Dictionary

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*with*  
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# Ndagiiro

Kiragiiri Kihandu Kya Uganda Kya 1995  
kyatongoori Bagungu nkeihanga  
lyahukanu. Ihanga limbura lukobo!! Ee,  
ihanga litali na lukobo, haḥwakubba,  
kudoosya kasumi kakwo, bya Bagungu  
baakookobengi byalingi byegebeerwe  
nka Runyoro lukookobeerwe lusobu.  
Kandi mu ḥwire ḥwakeeri, hatali hadei  
na deeru, kulukookoba hanzei wa  
Ḥugungu, kyabbengi nka kya muswaru.  
Kubba muntu alukookobiri, bantu  
baamugayengi, nibamunyooma, kandi  
nibamucooma-coomya.

Kya mugisa gurungi hoj hali bensei  
banyumirwa kandi nibegondeza mu  
lukobo lwaḥu, Kitongole kitali kya  
Gavumenti (NGO), kikora mu nsi  
gyensei, kyetwa SIL International,  
kyalingi nkwatera kujongoora kyetaagu  
kya Bagungu nkeihanga kubba na  
lukobo kwo. Kubba, myaka midooli  
mirabirihō ha ḥwire ḥwobwo, makanisa  
ga Bakurisito ga Bunyoro gaalingi  
gamaari kweta kitongole kikyo kya SIL,  
kisobore kutandikisya ntegeka gya  
kuhindula Bbajbbuli mu Lugungu. Ba  
SIL, baagiirye nihaloho mulimo  
gukwetaagisiḥwa kutahoona mulingo  
gwa kuluhandiika kurungi aleke  
lusobore kuhandiikwa ḥwangu  
kusigikira kwidaara lya nsi gyensei.

Kuhuluka kwa Ntontogoli kikwolokya  
nti, kuhanda kwa Lugungu nka lukobo  
kudoori ha ḥudulu. SIL nkugikuutira  
tamaamu gya kugisiima haḥwa mulimo  
gunolu gugitukoleeri. Twizuke nti,  
Kitabbu Kihabura Bantu Kuhandiika  
Lugungu, kyetwa Lugungu Orthography  
Guide, kyamaari kadei kuhuluka kandi  
nakwongerera kunihiriirwa.

Bagungu na batali Bagungu, kyonkei  
banyumirwa kusoma, kuhandiika na

# Foreword

The Uganda Constitution of 1995  
recognised the Bagungu as a distinct  
tribe. A tribe without a language? Yes, a  
tribe without a language, because up to  
that time what the Bagungu spoke was  
regarded as a mere dialect of Lunyoro,  
that is, Lunyoro incorrectly spoken. In  
fact in the not too distant past speaking  
it in public outside the Bugungu  
territory was a social abomination  
attracting ridicule and contempt.

Fortunately, for those who cherish their  
language, an NGO known as SIL  
International was just around the corner  
to help out on this shortcoming, having  
been commissioned by the Bunyoro  
Christian Churches some few years back  
to establish a project to translate the  
Bible into Lugungu. The Bagungu were  
fortunate because SIL discovered that  
more work was necessary to develop a  
good writing system so that the  
language could be easily written  
according to international standards.

With the publication of this dictionary,  
the Lugungu language has come of age.  
I commend SIL for a job well-done. It  
will be noted that the Lugungu  
Orthography Guide is already in  
circulation, having been published and  
updated some years back. With this and  
the dictionary we are now facilitated to  
read, and write the language correctly.  
It is not only the Bagungu who have  
been facilitated but also all the Lugungu  
language enthusiasts.

My appeal now is to the teachers,  
preachers and administrators of primary  
schools and other institutions of  
learning to make use of these  
publications and teach the language  
correctly. Public officers in the region

kukookoba nkobo zensei, hati  
tukoonyeerwe kusoma na kuhandiika  
lukobo Lugungu lusyoku kandi  
lunuguruku.

Hati, nkuliriira beegesa na beebemberi  
ba masomero ga musinge na gahanduho  
kukira, hamweji na batebezi ba kigambu  
kya Ruhanga, peji mukoresye bibi  
bitabbu bya kwegesya bantu beenyu  
Lugungu lunuguruku. Nanywe  
baheereza na bakurati ba bantu  
kwamwetu, mwegwe nimutongwa  
kuhanuura na mu kudwereera bantu  
beenyu mu Lugungu.

Muhihi guhindukiri bba! Lugungu  
tilucakali lukobo lwakusinsinja nka  
kukyolokeerwe kareiho. Kukanya kwa  
ma FM redyo haha kwamwetu na  
mwiwanga lyensei kutwara hamweji,  
kyongereri bantu kwendya nakwegomba  
kukookoba Lugungu. Kikusemezanga  
hoji kwegwa batali Bagungu  
nibeekaadira kulukookoba kandi hundi,  
na kurungi kulutukirisyaho twe  
babyalwa baalwo.

Kikusoboka nti, bigambu byensei bya  
Lugungu tibizookeeri mu Ntontogoli  
gigi ha murundi gugu, rundi de bindi  
bimweji makuru gaabyo  
tigasoboroirweho kigali kukunongera.  
Nkukusaba kiki kikukuute kasya kabbali  
nawe ofooke musorooza wa bigambu  
bilingira mu Ntontogoli hugilibba  
nigyongerwa kunihiriirwa kasumi  
kaagyo bukalibba kadoori kwo.

Kambagondeze nywensei kunolerwa  
kusoma gigi Ntontogoli gya Lugungu  
gya kubanza.

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too, can safely conduct their business  
using Lugungu as lingua franca.

The tides have turned! Lugungu is no  
longer the outcast language as has been  
pointed out. The mushrooming of FM  
radio stations in the region and the  
country at large has also helped in  
popularising the speaking of the  
language. It is very pleasing to hear  
non-traditional Lugungu speaking  
people making serious efforts to speak  
it, sometimes more correctly than the  
indigenous.

It is possible that not all words have  
been included in this edition of the  
dictionary or indeed some of them may  
not have been correctly and  
exhaustively defined. This misfeasance  
should be taken up as one of the  
challenges so that all of us become  
participants in contributing to the next  
edition when time for it to come out is  
due.

I wish you all pleasant reading of this  
first Lugungu Dictionary.

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# Introduction

The Bagungu people speak the Lugungu language. The Bagungu reside primarily in Buliisa, Masindi and Hoima districts in North Western Uganda where the number of mother-tongue speakers is approximately 49,000 people.

Until now there has been no Lugungu dictionary available which could be used in schools, to encourage local writers to be more actively involved in committing their cultural stories, beliefs, and local history to paper, and to encourage the development of literature in Lugungu.

This dictionary has been compiled from various sources, with most of the words being collected during a community-based word collection workshop that was held in January 2003. The initial database was based on research by James Mbabazi and Ronald Moe from the mid 1990s. Subsequent linguistic research from 1999 - 2005 by Martin Diprose added to the word list. Since then, those working under the auspices of SIL International, including Businge Makolome Robert, Isaac Bitamale, Angalia Mukondo, Seremos Rwahwire, Daniel Wairindi, and Jotham Mugasa have added and updated many other words.

We are very much aware of the limitations of this first edition and welcome feedback and corrections. It is our intention to continue working on this dictionary—especially to make corrections where needed. In addition it is planned to make the dictionary available in electronic format on a website. This website will contain the complete dictionary, with alphabetic and semantic meaning based search facilities.

Our hope and prayer is that this dictionary will be an important step toward long-term Lugungu language and culture preservation which should go hand in hand with development in the region.

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# How to use the dictionary

This Lugungu dictionary is in two parts. The first part is arranged alphabetically according to Lugungu words and gives definitions in English. The second part of the dictionary is arranged alphabetically according to English words and gives Lugungu equivalents.

Because the main purpose of this dictionary is to serve as a reference guide to the meanings of Lugungu words, you will find that the Lugungu-to-English part is larger than the English Index. This main part of the dictionary has definitions of 6683 Lugungu words. Use this part to find the meaning or spelling of a Lugungu word.

The English Index contains 7313 English words and gives simple translation equivalents in Lugungu. You will not find definitions in the English Index. Use the English Index if you know an English word and want to find which Lugungu words have similar meanings. You can then look up those words in the Lugungu-to-English part of the dictionary where you will find more complete information.

## The Lugungu alphabet

There are 37 letters:

a aa b ḅ bb c d e ee f g h i ii i̇ ii̇ j k l m n ngh ny o oo p r s t u uu u̇ uu̇ v w y z

The Lugungu-to-English part of the dictionary is arranged alphabetically according to the above order.

## The parts of a dictionary entry

A simple entry has three parts. First is the *Lugungu headword*. This begins each entry and is shown in bold type. Second is the grammatical *part of speech* which is shown in an abbreviated form in italic type. (See the List of Abbreviations page where these are expanded). Third is the *definition* which shows the meaning of the Lugungu headword in English. In many of the definitions there are a number

Lugungu headword

Part of speech

Definition

**kusiima** *v.* thank; tell s.b. that you are grateful and happy for s.t.

of equivalent English words that can be used to describe the Lugungu meaning. These are listed separated by commas ending with a semicolon. Sometimes, after the semicolon a further explaining phrase is given that serves to expand the definition.

Sense 1                      Sense 2                      Sense 3

**kuhumula<sub>1</sub>** v. **1** • retire; stop working at a job due to old age or sickness.  
**2** • relax; rest esp. after work, effort or illness. *Syn:* kutuuka, kugandaara.  
**3** • holiday; take a vacation.

In the first example given above, The Lugungu word, ‘**kusiima**’, only has one meaning. Sometimes however, words have multiple meanings. These multiple meanings are called *senses* and they are indicated in the dictionary by sense numbers. Each sense begins with a number followed by a dot. The various senses in an entry have distinct meanings, but they are all related in some way. That is why they are given numbers and listed under a single Lugungu headword.

Homonym numbers                      Plural

**mutwaru<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* **mitwaru<sub>1</sub>** n. bundle of things, e.g., firewood, grass, poles etc.  
**mutwaru<sub>2</sub>** num. ten thousand.

Occasionally you will notice that the headword is immediately followed by a small lowered number. The lowered number is used to distinguish what we call *homonyms*. Homonyms are words that have the same spelling but are unrelated in meaning.

Words that describe things are called nouns and are indicated with *n.* as the part of speech. When you want to look up a Lugungu noun you should look for the singular form of the noun. E.g., in the example above, a bundle of things is listed with the Lugungu headword ‘**mutwaru**’, not ‘**mitwaru**’. If there is a plural form it will be listed after the singular form and preceded with the label *Pl:*. In some few instances the plural form is more common and will be listed as the headword. If there is a singular form, then it will be preceded with the label *Sg:*

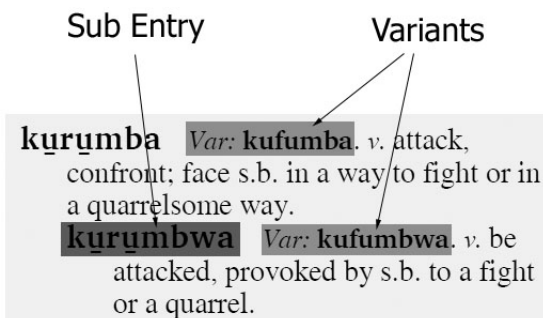
Sometimes a meaning is figurative, and not literal. It may be a metaphor or an idiom. In these cases after the sense number you may find the label *Metaphor:* or *Idiom:* A metaphor indicates that this sense uses the Lugungu word in a way that

Euphemism

**siliimu** *Pl:* **siliimu**. *From:* English. n.  
*Euph:* HIV-AIDS; incurable disease that spreads by having sex with an infected person, blood, sharp piercing instruments, syringes, etc.  
*Syn:* munywereeru.

is not literal. An idiom is similar—it is a phrase with a meaning that cannot be determined from the individual words that make up that phrase. In other cases you may see *Euph*: or *Taboo*: A euphemism is a polite way of expressing a meaning that would otherwise be disrespectful or too harsh. Taboo indicates that the Lugungu word is considered offensive, and should not be used in normal conversation.

You may also notice words that appear in bold, like a Lugungu headword, yet they are indented from the margin. These words are *sub entries*. They are related to the Lugungu headword that precedes them and are derived from that headword. They are indented to show this relationship.



Sometime a Lugungu headword will have a slightly different sound or spelling dependant on the speaker who uses the word. These are called *variants*. If a variant is known it will be listed immediately after the headword and is preceded with the label *Var:* If a variant or a sub entry has a spelling that begins in a different way to their parent headword then the subentry or the variant will be found as a minor

### Minor entry

**kukudula** *v. See main entry: kudula.*

entry in the correct alphabetical place in the dictionary. The label, *See main entry:* will refer you back to the main headword where the full definition of the variant or sub entry will be found.

Where a word is similar in meaning to another word in a different part of the dictionary this will be marked with the label *Syn:* indicating that the two words are *synonyms*. Not all synonyms have been marked in this first edition of the dictionary.

### Synonym

**kisida** *Pl: bisida. n. scar; mark that is left on the skin after a wound has healed. Syn: nkojo.*

### Borrowed word

**bbulawuzi** *Pl: mabbulawuzi. From: English, n. blouse.*

Where it is known that a word has originally come from another language, then this has been indicated by the label: *From:*

Some plant and animal terms have been given their proper scientific names. This name, if known, will be underlined and italicised.

Scientific name

**bbegeri** Pl: **mabbegeri**, n. *Panthera*  
*pardus*, leopard; wild carnivore that resembles a cat, with a long tail and black and brown spots.

# List of Abbreviations

adj.	adjective	adv.	adverb
conj.	conjunction	dem.	demonstrative
esp.	especially	Euph.	euphemism
interj.	interjection	interrog.	interrogative
Lit:	literally	loc.	locative
n.	noun	num.	number
Pl:	plural	pro.	pronoun
Sg:	singular	s.b.	somebody
sp.	species	s.t.	something
Syn:	synonym	v.	verb
Var:	variant		

Note: In the English definitions all references to he, him, his etc. should also be taken to refer to she, her, hers etc.

# **Lugungu - English**





## A - a

**aḅuki** *adv.* 1 • two days before today; the day that was before yesterday.

2 • two days from today; the day that follows tomorrow. *Syn:* kyosj mwakya.

**Acooli** *n.* name of a region.

**Afirika** *From:* English. *n.* name of a continent.

**Aguta** *n.* 1 • name of a mountain.

2 • name of a person.

**akugwera** *Pl:* **bakugwera**. *n.* deputy.

*Syn:* muhondera, akwiraho.

**akukwatwaho** *Pl:* **bakukwatwaho**.

*n.* accomplice; s.b. who helps s.b.

commit a crime.

**aleke** *conj.* so that.

**alungu** *Pl:* **alungu**. *n.* 1 • creeping herb

sp. that grows among grass its tips are eaten as greens.

2 • vegetable sauce made from ‘alungu’ a creeping plant sp. that has long fruit that are woolly like cotton.

**Ankole** *n.* name of a region.

**Arua** *n.* name of a city.

**arukwera** *Pl:* **barukwera**. *From:*

Runyoro. *n.* holy person.

**asidi** *Pl:* **asidi**. *From:* English. *n.* acid.

**Ausutüreerya** *From:* English. *n.* name of a continent.

**azaga** *Pl:* **baazaga**. *n.* 1 • disorderly person; s.b. who is not orderly.

2 • man who acts like a boy.

3 • woman who acts like a girl.

## Aa - aa

**aaha** *interj.* oh!

## B - b

**baba** *dem.* these ones.

**babiri** *num.* in twos; two people.

**babiribabiri** *num.* pair.

**babinyi** *n.* See main entry: **mubinyi**.

**Babyasi** *Sg:* **Mubyasi**. *n.* name of a clan.

**baḅwo** *dem.* those ones.

**Bacooli** *Sg:* **Mucooli**. *n.* name of a tribe.

**Bacope** *Sg:* **Mucope**. *n.* name of a tribe.

**Bacwa** *Sg:* **Mucwa**. *n.* name of a clan.

**badi** *dem.* those ones over there.

**Badogimo** *Sg:* **Mudogimo**. *n.* name of a clan.

**Bagana** *Sg:* **Mugana**. *n.* name of a clan.

**Baganda** *Sg:* **Muganda**. *n.* name of a tribe.

**Bagangaizi** *Sg:* **Mugangaizi**. *n.* name of a tribe.

**Bagehya** *Sg:* **Mugehya**. *n.* name of a tribe.

**Bagungu** *Sg:* **Mugungu**. *n.* name of a tribe.

**Bagwere** *Sg:* **Mugwere**. *n.* name of a tribe.

**bahiimi** *Sg:* **muhiiimi**. *n.* choir; group of people who sing together, esp. in a church or public performances.

*Syn:* kwaya, babinyi.

**Bakibiro** *Sg:* **Mukibiro**. *n.* name of a clan.

**Bakobyā** *Sg:* **Mukobyā**. *n.* name of a

clan.

**Bakorwe** *Sg: Mukorwe. n. name of a clan.*

**Balima** *Sg: Mulima. n. name of a clan.*

**Balyambwa** *Sg: Mulyambwa. n. name of a clan.*

**bamba** *Pl: mabamba. n. lungfish; black fish on the upper surface, whitish in the chest, without scales, with breasts and likes staying in the mud.*

**bange** *Var: bei. pro. my, mine.*

**bankei** *Var: bankeenya. pro. themselves.*

**bantu** *Sg: muntu. n. people, society, community; men, women and children all together.*

**Baruuli** *Sg: Muruuli. n. name of a tribe.*

**Baruuru** *Sg: Muruuru. n. Alur; name of a tribe.*

**Basimo** *Sg: Musimo. n. name of a clan.*

**Batooro** *Sg: Mutooro. n. name of a tribe.*

**baaba** *dem. these very ones.*

**baabyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**baabu** *pro. their, theirs.*

**baabwo** *dem. those very ones. pro. their, theirs.*

**baadi** *dem. those very ones over there.*

**baago** *pro. their, theirs.*

**baagwo** *pro. its.*

**baagyo** *pro. its.*

**baako** *pro. their, theirs.*

**baakwo** *pro. its.*

**baakyo** *pro. its.*

**baalwo** *pro. its.*

**baalyo** *pro. its.*

**baamu** *Var: bo. pro. your, yours.*

**baamwe** *Var: be. pro. his, her, hers.*

**baamyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**baatwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**baazyo** *Var: baazo. pro. their, theirs.*

**be** *pro. See main entry: baamwe.*

**beikiriza** *Sg: mwikiriza. n. congregation.*

**beiraba** *interj. please.*

**bei** *pro. See main entry: bange.*

**beitu** *conj. but, nevertheless, however.*

**beenyu** *pro. your, yours (for 2 or more people).*

**beetu** *pro. our, ours.*

**bibembe** *n. leprosy; infectious disease that causes painful white areas on the skin and can destroy nerves and flesh. Syn: bihaga.*

**bibi** *dem. these ones.*

**bibiri bya kasatu** *num. two thirds.*

**bibbaake** *n. fermented cassava or cassava and maize flour used for preparing alcohol.*

**bicoko** *n. Metaphor. craving, desire; extreme anxiety to do s.t. Syn: lwaga, lwozo, bijogomeera, rwanju, murusi, meero, nyoota, ijani, kihika, iroho, nyoota.*

**bicuucuuke** *Sg: kicuucuuke. n. rubbish, trash, garbage; things that have no value that s.b. sweeps from a house, courtyard, etc. and gathers them and burns them. Syn: bisasiro.*

**bicwocwo** *Sg: kicwocwo. n. reservations; mixed feelings.*

**bidyo** *Sg: kidyo. n. food; things that people or animals eat.*

**bidyo bya muzizo** *Sg: kidyo kya muzizo. n. unclean food.*

**bigaali** *Sg: kigaali. n. larger crack than 'nkyakya' that forms on a heel from which blood can ooze especially during the time of the 'ndaawe' wind. Syn: bisika.*

**biguuna** *n. scalp infection; disease the head and makes the upper layer of skin peel off like scales.*

**bigwo** *Sg: kigwo. n. wrestling; game of holding s.b. and strongly struggle with him, so that you throw or pin him on the ground.*

**bihaga** *Var: nyaakihaga;*

**binyakyeihaga. n. leprosy; infectious disease that causes painful white areas on the skin and can destroy nerves and flesh. Syn: bibembe.**

**waabihaga** *Pl: baabihaga. n. leper; s.b. suffering from leprosy, an infectious disease that causes painful white areas on the skin and can destroy nerves and flesh. Syn: mugenge.*

**bihulunga** *Sg: kihulunga. n. chaff;*

outer covering of grain seeds that is separated from the grain by winnowing before it is eaten.

**bijogomeera** *Sg: kijogomeera. n. lust; extreme desire for s.t. Syn: lwaga, rwanju, murusi, meero, nyoota, ijani, kihika, mukoiho, iroho, bicoko.*

**bikaka** *Sg: kikaka. n. clouds; water in form of visible particles, like smoke, that floats in the sky.*

**bilungo** *From: Runyoro. n. 1 • spice; anything that is mixed into food to give it good taste or flavour, e.g., onions, tomatoes, etc.*

2 • chemical elements.

**bilwalu bya mulimo** *n. See main entry: mulwalu.*

**bindi** *pro. some.*

**bingahi** *interrog. how many?, how much?*

**binyaakukorwa**

*Sg: kinyaakukorwa. n. past events; things that happened in the past.*

**binyaakumalika** *adv. ago.*

**binyoobwa** *Var: binyoowa.*

*Sg: kinyoobwa. n. groundnuts, peanuts; nuts from a plant that grows nuts underground, that are chewed while raw, dry, roasted, cooked and are ground into a fatty paste.*

**biragizo** *n. beer; locally made alcoholic drink fermented from posho and yeast.*

**birali** *n. poor eyesight; condition of the eyes that makes s.b. not see properly.*

**birangwa** *Sg: kirangwa. n. beans; seeds from a climbing plant, from which the husks have been removed, that is eaten as sauce. Syn: bihimba.*

**biribiri** *interj. true, verily; for sure it is true, an interjection expressing agreement with s.b. who is speaking.*

**biro byobi** *adj. recent.*

**biro na biro** *ad. forever, eternal, without end; existing or continuing forever. Syn: kura na kura, di na di.*

**bisa** *n. labour pain; birth pain that a woman feels when a baby is about to be born.*

**bisansale** *Sg: kisansale. n. scattered*

things; items that are apart.

**bisasala** *Sg: kisasala. n. honey-comb; structure for bees in which there is honey and eggs.*

**bisasala bya buhooki**

*Sg: kisasala kya buhooki. n. beeswax.*

**bisasanyala** *n. slag; remains of smelted metal.*

**bisasiro** *Sg: kisasiro. n. garbage, trash, rubbish; any waste that you throw away. Syn: bicuucuuke.*

**bisaabu** *n. mud; clay soil that is soaked with water. Syn: itehe, togodo.*

**bisaanyuuzo** *n. credentials.*

**bisigizi** *Var: nsigizi. n. clotted blood of an animal or human being that is produced in wound.*

**bisoroore** *Sg: kisoroore. n. 1 • separate things; those that are each being apart. 2 • unique things.*

**Bitadwa** *n. name of a person.*

**bitengu** *Sg: kitengu. n. lingerie; female underwear.*

**bitekerezo** *Sg: kitekerezo. n. mind. kuta bitekerezo ku kintu v. Idiom. focus; concentrate on s.t.*

**bitumbu** *Sg: kitumbu. n. livestock; domesticated animals that belong to s.b. Syn: bitungwa.*

**bituna** *n. vomit; food or liquid that s.t. has vomited.*

**bitungwa** *Sg: kitungwa. n. livestock; domesticated animals that belong to s.b. Syn: bitumbu.*

**bitwantei** *n. drool, slobber, dribble, frothing at the mouth; saliva that comes out abnormally, e.g., the kind of saliva that s.b. suffering from epilepsy produces.*

**biweere** *Sg: kiweere. n. hearsay, gossip; information passed around by word of mouth that may or may not be true. Syn: byegwe.*

**bizegu** *Sg: kizegu. n. field that is not properly weeded.*

**bibyo** *dem. those ones.*

**biḃi** *dem. those ones over there.*

**bihaahiru** *Sg: kihaahiru. n. extra.*

**bi<sub>h</sub>imba** *Sg: k<sub>i</sub>himba. From: Runyoro.*  
*n.* bean; seed of a creeping plant that  
 bears fruit of different colours, e.g.,  
 khaki, red, white, etc. that is eaten as  
 sauce. *Syn:* birangwa.



**Biiso** *n.* name of a town.

**biki<sub>i</sub>riho** *Var: bikiraho. adv.* more than;  
 a larger amount of s.t. than s.t. else or  
 than is expected or than the usual  
 amount.

**bikorese<sub>h</sub>wa** *Pl: k<sub>i</sub>korese<sub>h</sub>wa. n.*  
 usage.

**bikumi bibiri** *num.* two hundred.

**bikumi binei** *num.* four hundred.

**bikumi bisatu** *num.* three hundred.

**bikumi bitanu** *num.* five hundred.

**bikwete** *n.* beer, locally brewed.

**bikwete bisengeeje** *n.* brew made  
 from maize flour that is fermented,  
 mingled or made from fermented  
 cassava, pounded into flour and  
 mingled like posho then yeast  
 added.

**bikwete bya meezi** *n.* brew made  
 from cassava that is fermented,  
 dried and pounded into powdery  
 form then mingled like posho after  
 it has cooled and yeast added.

**binkahansyo** *num.* nought, zero.

*Syn:* noono, nooti, zi<sub>i</sub>ro.

**binkwati<sub>i</sub>riki** *adj.* insensitive, uncaring,  
 unsympathetic.

**bintige** *n.* eyebrows; hair that is on the  
 face above the eyes.

**binyakyeihaga** *n.* See main entry:  
 bihaga.

**binyaannindo** *Sg: k<sub>i</sub>nyaannindo. n.*  
 nasal mumbling; speaking words that  
 are not clear in a way that appears as if  
 one is talking through the nose.

**biramukyo** *Sg: k<sub>i</sub>ramukyo. n.*  
 greetings; words used to ask s.b. in

order to know how life stands.

**birye** *n.* algal bloom; green substance that  
 comes for a period, esp. in a lake and  
 changes the colour of the water.

**bisika** *n.* larger crack than 'nkyakya' that  
 forms on a heel from which blood can  
 ooze especially during the time of the  
 'ndaawe' wind. *Syn:* bigaali.

**bisondi** *n.* yaws; disease that affects s.b.  
 under the feet in form of a round red  
 skin ulcers that makes walking difficult.

**biteekanizibii<sub>i</sub>rwe**

*Sg: k<sub>i</sub>teekanizibii<sub>i</sub>rwe. n.* things that  
 have been organised, arranged, or  
 prepared.

**bituutu** *Sg: kituutu. n.* braids; hair tied  
 up in round heaps with threads on the  
 head.

**bo** *pro.* See main entry: baamu.

**boobo** *Var: bo. pro.* they.

**bya kulwala** *n.* See main entry: bilwalu.

**byabyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**byabu** *pro.* their, theirs.

**byabwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**byago** *pro.* their, theirs.

**byagwo** *pro.* its.

**byagyo** *pro.* its.

**byako** *pro.* their, theirs.

**byakwo** *pro.* its.

**byakyo** *pro.* its.

**byalwo** *pro.* its.

**byalyo** *pro.* its.

**byamu** *Var: byo. pro.* your, yours.

**byamwe** *Var: bye. pro.* his, her, hers.

**byamyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**byange** *Var: byei. pro.* my, mine.

**byankei** *Var: byankeenya. pro.*  
 themselves.

**byankini** *adj.* unwilling; do s.t.  
 unwillingly.

**byatwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**byazyo** *Var: byazo. pro.* their, theirs.

**bye** *pro.* See main entry: byamwe.

**byegwe** *Sg: kyegwe. n.* hearsay, gossip;  
 information passed around by  
 word of mouth that may or may not be  
 true. *Syn:* biweere.

**byei** *pro.* See main entry: byange.

**byensei** *pro.* all.

byenyu

bugole

**byenyu** *pro.* your, yours (for 2 or more people).

**byetu** *pro.* our, ours.

**byo** *pro.* See main entry: **byamu**.

**byobi** *dem.* these very ones.

**byobyo** *Var: byo. dem.* those very ones.  
*pro.* they.

**byodi** *dem.* those very ones over there.

**byombo** *Sg: kyombo. n.* lungs.

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**hubi** *n.* harshness, hostility; state of not being calm. *Syn:* bukabburu.

**hubiri** *adj. Metaphor.* little, less quantity; not much.

**hubiikiro** *n.* See main entry: **ibiikiro**.

**hubyalsanwa** *n.* 1 • kinship.

2 • race; genealogy from which clan, tribe, nationality s.b. comes.

3 • biography.

**kuhonderangana mu**

**bubyalsanwa** *n.* birth order.

**hubu** *dem.* these ones.

**hubbeebbe** *n.* thinness.

**hubbiili** *n.* straightness; state of not being in a curve or at an angle, but in a straight line, or being in an upright position. *Syn:* huterekereeru.

**bucaafu** *n.* dirt; uncleanness of s.t. in form of dust, sweat, mud, etc.  
*Syn:* hurofu.

**buceke** *n.* weakness, lack of strength; not having energy in the body.  
*Syn:* huhuuru.

**bucolocolo** *n.* drizzles; long lasting little rains.

**bucoome** *n.* messiness, untidiness.

**bucwekacweka** *Sg: kacwekacweka.*  
*n.* droplets. *Syn:* bulagalika,  
bupampatika.

**budaate** *n.* space underneath a bed.  
*Syn:* bulungulungu.

**budembu** *n.* starch glue; sticky substance produced by some types of trees or produced by fermenting a starchy substance that can be used as a type of glue for sticking things together.

**budeete** *n.* space under the bed.

**budoka** *n.* epiglottis; thin piece of tissue at the back of the throat that prevents

food or drink from entering the lungs.

**budoma** *n.* 1 • stupidity; behaviour that shows a lack of thought or good judgement.

2 • dumbness; quality of being slow to learn, not clever or intelligent.

*Syn:* humbuda, hupuuti, husiru,  
humadara.

**budulu** *n.* 1 • maleness.

2 • male genitals, private parts of the body of the male person.

**budyo** *adj.* right, right-hand; the opposite of left.

**bufu** *n.* selfishness; not willing to give up s.t. to another, esp. food. *Syn:* bwimi.

**bufugwa** *n.* governance; how s.b., or an organization, etc. decides how s.t. must be done. *Syn:* bukama, hulemi.

**bugabe** *Pl: bugabe. n.* freedom; ability to do or say what you want without anyone stopping you.

**bugali** *n.* width, diameter; extent of something from side to side.  
*Syn:* bwemi.

**bugali bwa kintu**

**kyebulungusu** *Pl: bugali*  
**bwa bintu byebulungusu. n.**  
circumference.

**Buganda** *n.* name of a region.

**bugare** *From: Runyoro. n.* laziness; showing very little interest in work or being unwilling to work. *Syn:* bwolo.

**bugesugesu** *Var: gagesu. n.* bad discipline.

**bugingo** *n.* death; event of dying or departure from life. *Syn:* rufu.

**bugole** *n.* marriage party, ceremony; part of a marriage that is arranged on the wedding day.

bugumba

**bugumba** *n.* barrenness; state of a woman not able to give birth.

**Bugungu** *n.* name of a region.

**bugwagwa** *n.* 1 • nuisance; rough self regard due to doing and talking unwise things. *Syn:* kifaafa.

2 • carelessness, trait of lacking a sense of responsibility and not feeling accountable for your actions.

*Syn:* buhabu, butafayo, butaganya.

3 • hopelessness.

**bugwembegwembe** *n.* shame; feeling of guilt, embarrassment that s.b. has when he knows that s.t. he has done is wrong or stupid. *Syn:* nsoni.

**bugwenyu** *Sg: kagwenyu. From:* Alur. *n.* itchy skin rash that s.b. develops, esp. around the fingers, the elbows and on the buttocks, e.g. scabies. *Syn:* bulehe.

**bugwete** *n.* inherited headship; leadership that is given to s.b. after his father's death.

**buhangwa** *n.* 1 • nature, creation; everything in the world that has been created.

2 • culture, customs; how people who are related by language, clan, etc. live their life. *Syn:* nzicala.

**bya buhangwa** *n.* environment; world and all that is in it such as animals, plants, air, etc.

**mulindi wa bya buhangwa**

*Pl: balindi ba bya buhangwa. n.* conservation officer; person responsible to protect the environment.

**buhe-buhe** *adv.* truthfully.

**buheereza** *n.* service; agency that performs an activity that the public needs.

**buhooki** *n.* honey; thick sticky substance produced by bees that is sweet like sugar. *Syn:* manyondo.

**buhuole** *n.* naughtiness, disobedience; bad behaviour of not respecting people, not listening to the elderly, not obeying the rules, etc. *Syn:* katigi, bujeemu, bukunguuni, buteegwa, kyejo.

bukama bwa nzaarwa

**buhuhu** *n.* 1 • lightness.

2 • easiness, simpleness; lack of difficulty that makes s.t. easy to be done.

**buhuluka lyoba** *n.* east.

**buhunga** *n.* maize flour; fine powdery foodstuff obtained by grinding maize.

**buhuta** *Var: kihuta. n.* injury, wound, harm; pain on s.b. or an animal's body, esp. due to an accident.

**kukwata buhuta** *v.* massage.

**buhuuru** *n.* 1 • weakness; lack of strength, power or determination.

*Syn:* buceke.

2 • state of a man being single.

**buhyo** *n.* warmth, pleasant heat; that is warm, but not hot or cold.

*Syn:* butagatu.

**bujunaanizibwa** *n.* responsibility; duty of taking care of and being responsible for s.t.

**waabujunaanizibwa**

*Pl: baabujunaanizibwa. n.* careful person; s.b. who does his work with maximum care so as to avoid being blamed if s.t. goes wrong.

**bujune** *n.* sorrow, torment; any feeling of great sadness because s.t. very bad has happened.

**bujwahe** *n.* fatigue.

**bukabbulusungu** *n.* hostility, harshness, cruelty; behaviour that shows no respect for others. esp. rude talking.

*Syn:* bukageru, bukamaanya, bukimbalanga.

**bukama** *n.* 1 • kinship, governance, rule; state of being in a position of leadership in order to control a country.

*Syn:* bufugwa, bulemi.

2 • kingdom, empire.

**bukama bwa hakati** *n.* central government; top most bureaucracy in a country that coordinates local governments.

**bukama bwa nzaarwa**

*Var: bukama bwa buhangwa.*

*From: Runyoro. n.* traditional authority.

**ɓukamaanya** *n.* hostility, harshness, cruelty; behaviour that shows no respect for others. esp. rude talking.

*Syn:* ɓukabbulusungu, ɓukageru, ɓukimbalanga.

**ɓukazi** *n.* mess.

*adj.* shabby, messy; not caring about your body, dress, or character.

**ɓukene** *From:* Runyoro. *n.* inability; state of being unable to do s.t.

*Syn:* ɓutasobora.

**ɓukeeto** *n.* accounting, bookkeeping; responsibility of keeping money, the activities of being a treasurer.

**ɓukimbalanga** *n.* cruelty; trait of being cruel and rude, having a militant character or having uncouth behaviours.

*Syn:* ɓukabbulusungu, ɓukageru, ɓukamaanya.

**ɓukoosokooswa**

*Sg:* **kakoosokooswa.** *n.* uncertainty in decision making.

**ɓukooto** *n.* fatness, bigness, largeness.

**ɓukungu** *n.* government or administrative leadership; state of being a leader, e.g., a parish chief, sub-county chief, county- chief etc.

**ɓukwenda** *n.* message; new information that is sent to people over the radio, by letter etc. *Syn:* ɓutumwa.

**ɓulagalika** *Sg:* **kalagalika.** *n.* droplets.

*Syn:* ɓupampatika, ɓucwekacweka.

**ɓulaaya** *n.* name of a continent.

**ɓulehe** *Sg:* **kalehe.** *n.* itchy skin rash, e.g., scabies. *Syn:* ɓugwenyu.

**ɓulemu** *Pl:* **malemu.** *n.* war, battle, fight.

**ɓulemwa** *n.* failure; lack of success in doing s.t.

**ɓuli** *adj.* 1 • each.

2 • every.

**ɓuli hantu hensei** *pro.* everywhere.

**ɓuli muntu** *pro.* everyone, everybody.

**ɓuli kintu** *pro.* 1 • everything.

2 • whatever.

**ɓuli saaha** *adv.* always, habitually; s.t. happening every time.

**ɓuli kiro** *adv.* 1 • always.

2 • daily; every twenty-four hours.

*Syn:* ɓukya-ɓukye.

**ɓuli mwaka** *adv.* yearly, annually; after every twelve months.

**ɓuli ɓwire** *conj.* whenever.

**ɓuli hantu** *adv.* wherever.

**ɓulima** *n.* disability, abnormality; state of having an improperly formed part of the body due to nature or injury.

**ɓulime** *n.* field that has already been dug or well prepared but in which nothing has yet been planted.

**ɓulimiriirwa** *n.* frugality; not wanting to use s.t. that you have, being economical, not willing to spend on anything, even if it is cheap.

**ɓulo** *n.* sleep; natural state of rest that makes s.b. asleep.

**kumala ɓulo** *v. Idiom.* take a stimulant. *Lit:* end sleep.

**kutwalwa ɓulo** *v. Metaphor.* fall asleep; be overtaken by sleep.

*Syn:* kwebbaka, kwiɓwa ɓulo. *Lit:* be taken by sleep.

**kwiɓwa ɓulo** *v. Idiom.* fall asleep; experience a sudden sleep.

*Syn:* kwebbaka, kutwalwa ɓulo.

**ɓulogo** *n.* traditional medicine that s.b. is made to swallow or is placed in his way so that he becomes a nuisance, encounters misfortune, or dies.

**ɓuloho-ɓuloho** *adv.* immediately, instantly; after an extremely short period of time.

**ɓululu** *n.* bitterness; sour taste like the taste of a lemon.

**ɓuluuse** *Pl:* **maɓuluuse.** *n.* large fish sp. with scales, with the body surface similar to that of a Yellowfish, rarely eaten and with an electric tail fin.

**ɓulyo** *n.* reason, purpose; aim that makes you do s.t. *Syn:* nsonga.

**ɓumadara** *n.* 1 • stupidity; behaviour that shows a lack of thought or good judgement.

2 • dumbness; quality of being slow to learn, not clever or intelligent.

*Syn:* ɓumbuda, ɓupuuti, ɓusiru, ɓudoma.

**bumala** *n.* venom; poisonous liquid that some snakes, spiders, etc. produce and inject when biting.

**bumalaaya** *n.* 1 • *Taboo.* prostitution; sexual instability.

2 • *Taboo.* sexual lust. *Syn:* bwenzi, buhungi, burawarawa, kagulu, butaaruki.

**bumanye<sub>1</sub>** *n.* relationship; state of being known to s.b.

**bumanye<sub>2</sub>** *n.* expertise, skilfulness; vast experience and knowledge in doing s.t. *Syn:* bukugu, busaaha.

**bumbega** *n.* 1 • snooping, sleuthing; act of spying.

2 • investigation, probe; act of carefully examining the facts of a legal case, etc. to find out how it happened.

**bumbuda** *Var:* bumbada. *n.*

1 • stupidity; behaviour that shows a lack of thought or good judgement.

2 • dumbness; quality of being slow to learn, not clever or intelligent.

*Syn:* bumadara, bupuuti, busiru, budoma.

**bumoso** *adj.* left, left-hand; the opposite of right.

**bumaku** *n.* aloneness; state of being with few or no relatives or children.

**bunanu** *n.* sincerity, integrity; quality of being faithful.

**bundi** *adv.* sometimes.

*adj.* probable.

**bundi na bundi** *adv.* probably, likely; it might be true or false.

**bunene** *Var:* kinene. *adv.* much, many, lots, plentifully, mostly, intensely; not being in small quantities or s.t. done to a large degree. *Syn:* fo.

**mu bunene** *adv.* intensively; in great quantities or amounts.

**bunkenke** *adv.* tiptoeing; walking on the toes.

**bunkudankuda** *n.* upper beginning part of the throat.

**bunterente** *Var:* buteere. *n.* 1 • slip; sliding that is brought about by the wetting of muddy ground.

2 • sliding muddy ground due to being wet.

**buntu** *n.* 1 • spirit, soul, personality; inner spiritual and moral character and behaviour of s.b. that differentiates him from other people.

2 • humaneness; character trait that shows kindness towards other people or even animals by making sure that they do not suffer more than is necessary.

**buntwarwa** *Var:* bunteekwa. *n.* unprincipled behaviour; conduct of s.b. who does not have strong beliefs about what is right and wrong, who is swept along by the views of anyone.

*Syn:* bweteekeri, bumatamaataari.

**bunwanwa** *Sg:* kanwanwa. *n.* foot-itching disease; illness that is as a result of moving in dew or dirty water that commonly attacks the feet, esp. the toes and keeps on itching.

**bunyamaani** *n.* 1 • strength, stamina, toughness; state of having much energy in the body. *Syn:* raatiri, rutwangu, rutege.

2 • hardness, stiffness. *Syn:* butatiro, bukangabalu, bwomeresenu.

3 • difficulty; state or quality of being hard to do or to understand.

*Syn:* butatiro, buzubu.

**bunyankomo** *n.* imprisonment; be put in prison and not to be free to decide what you want to do.

**bunyanzigwa** *n.* enmity, hatred.

**Bunyoro** *n.* name of a region.

**burawarawa** *n.* 1 • instability; e.g., not being able to make a firm decision.

2 • prostitution; state of s.b. having multiple sexual partners. *Syn:* bwenzi, buhungi, bumalaaya, kagulu, butaaruki.

**burumaama** *n.* courageousness.

**burundu** *n.* small pox; infectious disease that is like measles, makes s.b. develop a rash and brings a severe fever that can cause death.

**burungi** *n.* 1 • goodness, niceness; state of high quality that is acceptable and not bad.



- 2 • beauty, attractiveness.
- 3 • state of valuableness, preciousness.
- 4 • state of high efficiency.
- 5 • advantage; benefit that s.t. gives that is helpful and useful.

**burwarwatu** *Pl: birwarwatu. n.* small rash formed after shaving.

**buryeki** *From: Alur. n.* shrewdness; knowledge of how to cheat or con someone.

**busa** *adv.* 1 • without.

2 • only, nothing except.

3 • naked; not wearing clothes.

*Syn:* munyinghinyi.

**busayo** *n.* nothing there.

**busaaha** *n.* expertise, skilfulness; vast experience and knowledge in doing s.t.  
*Syn:* bumanye, bukugu.

**busei** *Sg: kisei. n.* dung.

**busembe** *Sg: kasembe. n.* splint; sticks that are tied around a broken bone.

**buseege** *n.* See main entry: maseege.

**busira<sub>1</sub>** *n.* porridge; food that s.b. makes by mixing flour in water.

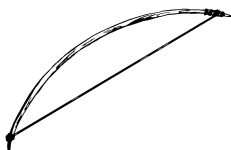
**busira<sub>2</sub>** *n.* things like food, firewood, etc. that are taken to a woman who has just given birth or a feast to celebrate a birth.

**busirikale** *n.* military, defence force, security personnel that are trained to fight for the defence of the territorial integrity of their country, e.g., army, navy, police etc.

**busito** *n. Taboo.* semen; white liquid containing sperm that a man releases during sex.

**busungu** *From: Luganda. n.* fierceness, anger, bitterness; feeling of s.b. who is angry or violent. *Syn:* kiniga.

**buta** *n.* bow; weapon made out of a curved piece of wood on which is stretched a tight string joining its ends, used for shooting arrows.



**butafayo** *n.* carelessness, irresponsibility; trait of lacking a sense of responsibility and not feeling accountable for your actions.

*Syn:* bugwagwa, buhabu, butaganya.

**butaganya** *n.* carelessness, irresponsibility; trait of lacking a sense of responsibility and not feeling accountable for your actions or fearing the consequences. *Syn:* bugwagwa, buhabu, butafayo.

**butagyendeera** *adv.* accidentally.

**butaka** *n.* weather; condition of the day in terms of heat, cold, wind, rain, sun etc. in a given place and at a given time.  
*Syn:* bwire.

**butakangangana** *n.* misunderstanding; state of not being on good terms with s.b. *Syn:* buteetegerezangana.

**butandwa** *From: Runyoro. n.* accident; bad event that happens by mistake and causes injury or damage.  
*Syn:* kigwererezi, butaate.

**butasobora** *n.* inability; state of being unable to do s.t. *Syn:* bukene.

**butasoroora** *n.* impartiality; not showing sides, treating all people equally.

**butatiro** *n.* 1 • hardness, stiffness, brittleness, firmness; state of being solid, firm or stiff and difficult to bend or break. *Syn:* bukangabalu, bwomeresenu, bunyamaani.

2 • strength, stamina, toughness; state of not getting tired quickly or of having much energy in the body. *Syn:* raatiri, rutwangu, bunyamaani, rutege.

3 • difficulty; state or quality of being hard to do or to understand.

*Syn:* butatiro, buzuɓu.

4 • selfishness.

**butaate** *n.* accident; event that just comes suddenly and unexpectedly resulting into injury, pain, loss or destruction of things. *Syn:* kigwererezi, butandwa.

**buteikiraniza** *n.* disagreement.

**buteikiriza** *n.* unbelief.

**butemu** *n.* murder; intentional killing of

s.b. *Syn:* bwiti.

**buteere** *n.* See main entry: **bunterente**.

**buteetegereza** *n.* inability to think.

**buteetegerezangana** *n.*

misunderstanding; state of not being on good terms with s.b.

*Syn:* butakengangana.

**buto** *n.* youthfulness.

**butongole** *n.* sub-parish; level of government authority that is next above the village level.

**butoosa** *adj.* regular; every day or at fixed periods.

**butumwa** *n.* message; new information that is sent to people on radio, by letter etc. *Syn:* bukwenza.

**butunda** *n.* drink made from passion fruit to which sugar has been added.

**butuntu** *n.* drizzle; very light rain.

**butwa** *n.* poison; substance that kills if it is swallowed or is absorbed into the body. *Syn:* mubazi.

**buyonjo** *n.* cleanliness, neatness, tidiness; not being dirty or messy. *Syn:* bwecumi.

**buzaaana** *n.* female slavery; treating of a woman as s.b.'s possession without allowing her to decide for herself.

**buzira** *n.* courage, fearlessness, strong heartedness.

**kubyala buzira** *v. Idiom.* show courage, go on strike; stop work in order to press demands.

**buzubu** *n.* difficulty, troublesomeness; hardness of doing or understanding s.t. *Syn:* bunyamaani, butatiro.

**buzumungwa** *Var:* **buzomongwa**. *n.* incoherent speech; a condition of uttering out funny words that have no sense and saying them loosely without any self control.

**buuma** *Pl:* **mabuuma**. *n.* fork; metallic household utensil with a handle and three or four points on one end for eating food.

**bubazabazi** *n.* talkativeness; quality of talking a lot.

**bubungi** *n.* 1 • prostitution; habitual

sexual promiscuity. *Syn:* bwenzi, burawarawa, bumalaaya, kagulu, butaaruki.

2 • sexual lust.

**bubwo<sub>1</sub>** *dem.* those ones.

**bubwo<sub>2</sub>** *conj.* meanwhile.

**buculeeru** *n.* humbleness, politeness, calmness, tranquillity, gentleness, serenity; not stubborn, noisy, rough, quarrelsome or interested in fighting, not talking much and not willing to show opinion. *Syn:* buteeku, buholu, butesi.

**budi** *dem.* those ones over there.

**budongo** *n.* wall; part of a house that is covered with mud or bricks, on which a roof stands.

**bufumbo** *n.* marriage; relationship between a husband and wife.

**bufundu** *n.* narrowness.

**bugadya** *n.* stubbornness, nuisance; act of interrupting s.b. who is trying to work. *Syn:* bwendereerya, butalibanizi.

**bugenyi** *Var:* **kigenyi**. *Pl:* **magenyi**. *n.* party, banquet, feast, celebration; gathering of people where there is eating, drinking, dancing and speeches.

**bugenyi bwa kubyalwa**

*Pl:* **magenyi ga kubyalwa**. *n.* birthday celebration.

**bugobya** *Var:* **bugoogoobya**. *n.* falsehood, deception, lying; information that is not factual.

**buguli** *n.* sale; exchanging of goods for money.

**bugumisirizi** *n.* patience.

**buguuda** *n.* wealth, prosperity; state of being rich with a large amount of possessions or property. *Syn:* buhwe, itungu.

**buguuda bwa mwitehe**

*Pl:* **buguuda bwa mwitehe**. *n.* mineral.

**buguuluusu** *n.* old age; elderly stage of life.

**bugwa lyoba** *n.* west.

**buhabu** *n.* carelessness, irresponsibility; trait of lacking a sense of responsibility and not feeling accountable for your

actions or obeying the law.

Syn: buḡwagwa, buṭafayo, buṭaganya.

**buḥagaaru** Var: **buḥagararu**. *n.* indiscipline.

**buḥakania** From: Runyoro. *n.* resistance, opposition; act of refusing to accept s.t. and try to stop it from happening.

**buḥandu** *n.* 1 • age; maturity, being mature or the period for which s.t. has existed.

2 • title, rank, status, seniority; position that s.b. has on the job, in society, etc.

**buheheeru** *n.* softness.

**buhikiriire** *n.* devotion.

**buholu** *n.* gentleness. Syn: buḥuleeru, buṭeeku, buṭesi.

**buhorozi** *n.* mouthing off, liping off, speaking without restraint; lack of self control in what you say. Syn: keera, kajagarajre.

**buhugutanu** *n.* confusion; condition of not thinking clearly or not understanding what is happening or what s.b. is saying.

**buhungutuku** *n.* irresponsibility; trait of arrogantly not thinking enough about the effects of your actions.

**buhwe** *n.* wealth, prosperity; state of being rich with a large amount of possessions or property. Syn: buḡuuda, itungu.

**waabye** Var: **waabuhwe**.

Pl: **baabye**. *n.* rich person; s.b. who has amassed much wealth and who does not need to continue struggling for more. Syn: waasente, mugaiga, muḡuuda, muḥwe, mutungi, weitungu.

**buhya** *n.* squirrel pit trap; deep pit that hunters dig and spread on top some weak sticks and then cover some earth so that once a squirrel comes it falls into it and gets caught.

**bujaganiriirya** *n.* irascibility, irritability; inability to accept annoying behaviour or difficulties without becoming angry. Syn: buḥagararu, buwirukiriirya, buḡapi.

**buḥagararu** *n.* See main entry:

**buḥagaaru**.

**buḥegeji** *n.* cowardice; easily showing fear when s.b. is faced with a dangerous situation or opposition. Syn: buḥankani.

**buḥeemu** *n.* rebellion, disobedience; unwillingness to obey rules or to not follow what you have been told.

Syn: katigi, buhoole, buḥunguuni, buṭeegwa, kyejo.

**bukabburu** *n.* hostility, harshness; behaviour that shows no respect for others. esp. rude talking. Syn: bubi.

**bukageru** *n.* cruelty without feeling bothered by shame.

Syn: buḥabbulusungu, buḥamaanya, buḥimbalanga.

**bukali** *n.* private parts of the body of a female person.

**bukangabalu** *n.* hardness, stiffness, brittleness, firmness; state of being solid, firm or stiff and difficult to bend or break. Syn: buṭatiro, buwomeresenu, buḡyamaani.

**bukankani** Var: **bukankaniriirya**. *n.* cowardice; easily showing fear when s.b. is faced with a dangerous situation or opposition. Syn: buḥegeji.

**bukanyu** *adj.* multiple.

**bukaafiire** *n.* paganism.

**bukebukebu** *n.* activeness, liveliness, outgoingness; state of being lively, generous and always quick in doing things esp. physical activities that help people.

**bukeiso** Var: **buwakeiso**. *n.* evidence, testimony; words that give evidence in a case.

**bukengebu** *n.* 1 • intelligence, wisdom; state of having a lot of knowledge.

Syn: buwetegerezi, nkebe, nkiri, magezi.

2 • natural instinct.

**bukidi** *adv.* across the river; referring to Acholi across the Nile river.

**bukiizi** *n.* side; at the side or at the end of s.t. else. Syn: kipandi, rubaju.

*adv.* across, over there; the other opposite side.

**bukiizi buḍi** *adv.* overleaf.

- ḡukiiizi ḡwa kwakyendi** *n.* north.
- ḡukiiizi ḡwa kwansi** *n.* south.
- Bukindwa** *n.* name of a place.
- ḡukoonyeri** *n.* 1 • assistance; support that is given to s.b. who is in trouble or in need. *Syn:* ḡuyambi.  
2 • relief, aid; food, money, medicine, etc. that are given to help people who are in places where there is war or natural disaster. *Syn:* ḡuyambi.
- ḡukooro** *n.* cassava flour; fine powdery foodstuff obtained by grinding cassava.
- ḡukooro ḡwa kyakyo** *n.* pollen.
- ḡukugu** *n.* expertise, skilfulness; vast experience and knowledge in doing s.t. *Syn:* ḡumanye, ḡusaaha.
- ḡukunguuni** *n.* disobedience; failure to obey what you have just been told due to excessive stubbornness. *Syn:* katigi, ḡuhoole, ḡujeemu, ḡuteegwa, kyejo.
- ḡukurisitaayo** *From:* English. *n.* devoutness, piety.
- ḡukwataine** *n.* relation, relationship, connectedness; state of being clansmen, friends or colleagues.
- ḡukya-ḡukye** *Var:* ḡukye-ḡukye. *adv.* daily; every day without missing any days. *Syn:* ḡuli kiro.
- ḡulemesenia** *Var:* ḡulemesya;  
**ḡulemeezi.** *n.* 1 • complication, complexity; state of being difficult to understand. *Syn:* ḡutalanganja.  
2 • problem.  
3 • danger; situation that can injure, destroy or kill. *Syn:* kabi, tabbu.
- ḡulemi** *n.* rule, governance; way people are led in a place, a country, etc. *Syn:* ḡufugwa, ḡukama.
- ḡulemi ḡwa bicweka** *n.* local government; lower administration beginning from the village level up to the district.
- mulwanisya ḡulemi**  
*Pl:* balwanisya ḡulemi. *n.* rebel.
- ḡulihi** *Pl:* ḡulihi. *n.* fine; money or s.t. that s.b. must pay as a punishment for breaking a law.
- ḡuliisya** *n.* livestock keeping, herding.

- Buliisya** *n.* name of a town, name of a city.
- ḡulimba** *n.* fishing activity.
- ḡulimi** *n.* agriculture, farming; activity of cultivating.
- ḡulobi** *n.* fishing; activity of fishing.
- ḡulubundu** *Var:* ḡuluhundu.  
*Pl:* mabulubundu. *n.* *Bitis arietans.*  
Puff adder; large most highly toxic snake, with scales, brown with yellowish bars, a large rounded head and hisses strongly in case of danger.
- ḡulungulungu** *Var:* ḡulungu. *n.*  
1 • space underneath a bed.  
*Syn:* ḡudaate.  
2 • veranda; platform with an open front and a roof, built onto the side of a house on the ground floor.
- ḡumanzi** *n.* generosity, hospitality; friendly, caring, generous, kind behaviour towards others. *Syn:* ḡwenda, makuni.
- ḡumatamaataari** *n.* 1 • unprincipled behaviour; conduct of s.b. who does not have strong beliefs about what is right and wrong. *Syn:* ḡweteekerī, ḡuntwarwa.  
2 • indecisiveness, vacillation, wavering; state of being unable to make a decision or to do s.t. as quickly as possible.
- ḡumigirizi** *n.* tyranny, oppression; dominance through threat of punishment and violence.
- ḡumwei** *n.* unity; state of mutual understanding, working together, mutual existence, etc.
- ḡumya** *n.* fungus used in making beer or any alcoholic drink.
- ḡunolu** *n.* deliciousness, delectability, tastiness; quality of tasting like sugar or of being fatty.
- ḡunyagi** *n.* robbery.
- ḡupakasi** *n.* labouring, work; activity of working for s.b. for a wage or salary.
- ḡupampatika** *Sg:* kapampatika. *n.* droplets. *Syn:* ḡulagalika, ḡucwekacweka.
- ḡupapi** *Var:* ḡupapu. *n.* irascibility, irritability; inability to accept annoying behaviour or difficulties without

becoming angry. *Syn:* ḥujagararu, ḥwirukiriirya, ḥujaganiiriya.

**ḥupuuti** *n.* 1 • stupidity; behaviour that shows a lack of thought or good judgement.

2 • dumbness; quality of being slow to learn, not clever or intelligent.

*Syn:* ḥumbuda, ḥumadara, ḥusiru, ḥudoma.

**ḥuraamuzi** *n.* judiciary; group of judges and lawyers who shoulder the responsibility of interpreting the law.

**ḥurofu** *n.* dirt; uncleanness of s.t. in form of dust, sweat, mud, etc.

*Syn:* ḥucaafu.

**ḥuroi** *n.* millet; grain food crop that resembles sorghum and is mostly used as yeast for alcohol.

**ḥurumi** *n.* pain; feeling of abnormality in the body due to harm or sickness.

**Burundi** *n.* name of a country.

**ḥusadamuku** *n.* 1 • loose talk; speech uttered without any self-control.

*Syn:* karaḥule.

2 • lack of self-control.

**buseeguri** *n.* use of obscenities.

**ḥuseeri** *n.* sickness, illness, disease.

**ḥuseeri ḥwa kahungura** *n.* epilepsy; disease that affects the nervous system causing s.b. to become unconscious suddenly, often with violent movements of the body. *Syn:* kapumpuli, nsimbu.

**ḥuseeri ḥwa bisolo** *n.* animal disease, e.g., foot and mouth.

**ḥusigikiro** *n.* 1 • friction; resistance encountered when s.t. is moved in contact with another.

2 • strength, stamina, toughness; state of not getting tired quickly or of having much energy in the body.

**ḥusigikiro ḥwa nkeito** *n.* groove.

**ḥusiihani** *n.* promiscuity; state of having sexual lust and indulging in casual and indiscriminate sexual relations.

**ḥusiira** *n.* ignorance.

**ḥusiisa ḥukaleeta nseeri** *n.* germ.

**ḥusinge** *Sg:* kasinge. *n.* peace; situation

in which there is no war or violence, where there is calm and a state of living in friendship with others. *Syn:* mireme.

**ḥusinguzi** *From:* Runyoro. *n.* success.

**ḥusiru** *From:* Luganda. *n.* 1 • stupidity; behaviour that shows a lack of thought or good judgement.

2 • dumbness; quality of being slow to learn, not clever or intelligent.

*Syn:* ḥumbuda, ḥumadara, ḥupuuti, ḥudoma.

**ḥusobozi** *n.* power, authority; right to ordering or control people.

**waahḥusobozi** *Pl:* baahḥusobozi. *n.* ruler, supreme head; s.b. who has the authority to order and control people.

**ḥusomu** *n.* education.

**ḥusuubuzi** *n.* trade, business; activity of buying and selling goods in order to earn profit.

**ḥusyanu** *n.* whiteness.

**ḥusyo** *Pl:* ḥusyo. *n.* 1 • face; front of the head between the beginning of the hair and the chin.

2 • forehead.

**ḥutadoori** *adj.* unfair.

**ḥutagatu** *From:* Runyoro. *n.* warmth, pleasant heat; that is warm, but not hot or cold. *Syn:* ḥuhyo.

**ḥutalangania** *n.* complication, complexity; state of being difficult to understand.

**ḥutalibanizi** *n.* stubbornness, nuisance; interruption of s.b. who is trying to work. *Syn:* ḥwendereerya, ḥugadya.

**ḥutamiiro** *n.* drunkenness; state that makes s.b. remain drunk all the time. *Syn:* itamiiro.

**ḥutaaruuki** *n.* prostitution; act of being unstable as to go in for one after another. *Syn:* ḥwenzi, ḥuḥungi, ḥurawarawa, ḥumalaaya, kagulu.

**ḥuteiciriirya** *adv.* continuously; happening or existing repeatedly many times for a long time without any pause or interruption. *Syn:* ruhondeere.

**ḥuterekereeru** *n.* straightness, directness, uprightness; state of s.t.

being straight and not being bent.

Syn: ɓubbiili.

**ɓutesi** *n.* humbleness, politeness, calmness, tranquillity, gentleness, serenity; not stubborn, noisy, rough, quarrelsome or interested in fighting, not talking much and not willing to show opinion. Syn: ɓuteeku, ɓuculeeru, ɓuholu.

**ɓuteegwa** *n.* disobedience, wilfulness, intractability; state of not listening to advice or not following s.t. you have been told to do. Syn: katigi, ɓuhoole, ɓujeemu, ɓukunguuni, kyejo.

**ɓuteeku** *n.* humbleness, politeness, calmness, tranquillity, gentleness, serenity; not stubborn, noisy, rough, quarrelsome or interested in fighting, not talking much and not willing to show opinion. Syn: ɓuculeeru, ɓuholu, ɓutesi.

**ɓutiini** *n.* 1 • fear; feeling of panic when you are in danger, when you expect s.t. dangerous to happen or when s.t. frightens you.

2 • cowardice; having no courage to do s.t.

**ɓutuntwire** *From: Runyoro. n.* stress, worry; emotional tension, strain. Syn: kwelaalikiira.

**ɓuyambi** *n.* 1 • assistance; support that is given to s.b. who is in trouble or in need. Syn: ɓukoonyeri.

2 • relief, aid; food, money, medicine, etc. that are given to help people who are in places where there is war or natural disaster. Syn: ɓukoonyeri.

**ɓuyaadoori** *conj.* when.

**ɓwabyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**ɓwabu** *pro.* their, theirs.

**ɓwabwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**ɓwago** *pro.* their, theirs.

**ɓwagwo** *pro.* its.

**ɓwagyo** *pro.* its.

**ɓwakeiso** *n.* See main entry: ɓukeiso.

**ɓwako** *pro.* their, theirs.

**ɓwakwo** *pro.* its.

**ɓwakyo** *pro.* its.

**ɓwalwo** *pro.* its.

**ɓwalyo** *pro.* its.

**ɓwamu** *Var: ɓwo. pro.* your, yours.

**ɓwamwe** *Var: ɓwe. pro.* his, her, hers.

**ɓwamyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**ɓwange** *Var: ɓwe. pro.* my, mine.

**ɓwangu** *adv.* 1 • quick; in a very short time.

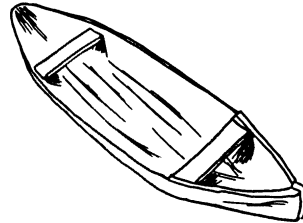
2 • soon; after a short time or period.

**ɓwangu-ɓwangu** *adv.* 1 • immediately, suddenly; after a very short time or before much time has passed.

2 • temporarily.

**ɓwankei** *Var: ɓwankeenya. pro.* themselves.

**ɓwati** *Pl: maati. n.* boat, canoe; water vehicle that is run by oars, rowing stick or an engine.



**ɓwati ɓwa ngungu** *Pl: maati ga ngungu. n.* dugout canoe made by carving and hollowing a big tree trunk. Syn: ngooto.

**ɓwatwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**ɓwazyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**ɓwe** *pro.* See main entry: ɓwamwe.

**ɓwebemberi** *Var: ɓwehemberi. n.* leadership; state of having the authority of ordering and controlling people.

**ɓwecumi** *From: Runyoro. n.* cleanliness, neatness, tidiness; not being dirty or messy. Syn: ɓuyonjo.

**ɓwegyenderez** *n.* carefulness.

**ɓwehemberi** *n.* See main entry: ɓwebemberi.

**ɓwe** *pro.* See main entry: ɓwange.

**ɓwemi<sub>1</sub>** *n.* width, diameter; extent of something from side to side. Syn: ɓugali.

**ɓwemi<sub>2</sub>** *n.* 1 • act of violence that causes chaos.

2 • rebellion; being unwilling to obey rules or accept normal standards of behaviour.

**waaweemi** *Pl: baaweemi. n.*  
quarrelsome, rebellious person.

**hwenda** *n.* hospitality; friendly, caring, generous, kind behaviour towards others. *Syn: humanzi, makuni.*

**hwendereerya** *n.* stubbornness, nuisance; interruption of s.b. who is trying to work. *Syn: hugadya, butalibanizi.*

**hwenzi** *n.* sexual immorality; state of having much lust for sex. *Syn: huhungi, burawarawa, humalaaya, kagulu, butaaruuki.*

**kukora hwenzi** *Var: kukora ikunzi. v.* be sexually promiscuous; like a prostitute. *Syn: kwendye-ndya, kutaaruuka, kuraaya, kuhunga, kurawarawa.*

**hwenyu** *pro.* your, yours (for 2 or more people).

**hwesigwa** *Var: hwesige. n.* trust; sincerity of fulfilling an agreement, saying the truth, delivering a message, etc.

**hwetagu** *n.* very strong violent emotion characterised by lack of calmness, reason, etc. esp. due to s.b. being annoyed.

**hwetegerenzi** *n. 1 •* intelligence; ability to learn, understand and think in a logical way about things. *Syn: nkebe, bukengebu, nkiri, magezi.*

2 • responsibility, sensibleness.

**hweteekeri** *n.* unprincipled behaviour; conduct of s.b. who does not have strong beliefs about what is right and wrong. *Syn: humatamaataari, huntwarwa.*

**hwetu** *pro.* our, ours.

**hwicalu** *n.* settlement; place where many people have established families.

**hwinganiza** *n.* justice; quality of being fair or reasonable.

**hwingira** *n.* cave; large hole on the side of a mountain or under the ground.

**hwiru** *n.* male slavery; treating of a man

as a possession so that he has no freedom.

**hwibi** *n. 1 •* theft.

2 • fraud; act of deceiving s.b. in order to get money or goods illegally.

**hwijanjanu** *n. 1 •* flatness; state of being horizontal, level or in balance.

2 • perfection; without faults or weaknesses, exact and accurate, the best of its kind.

**hwimi** *n.* selfishness, stinginess; being concerned for your own welfare and not wanting to give anything to others. *Syn: hufu.*

**hwinyamu** *n.* coldness; state of weather without any warmth.

**hwire<sub>1</sub>** *n.* weather; condition of the day in terms of heat, cold, wind, rain, sun etc. in a given place and at a given time.

*Syn: butaka.*

**hwire hwa byalu** *n.* dark weather with dark clouds.

**hwire<sub>2</sub>** *n.* time; measure of the past, the present and the future that is in minutes, hours, days, etc.

**hwire hwensei** *pro.* anytime.

**hwire hundi** *pro.* sometime  
sometimes; not every time.

**hwire huhu** *adv.* now, presently; at or from this moment, but not before. *Syn: hataati.*

**hwire hwa kampitimpiti** *n.* dusk; evening time when the light has almost gone, but it is not yet dark. *Syn: kahumbu.*

**hwire kukya** *Var: hwire hwa ciriciri; hwire kusyana. n.* dawn; time of day when light first appears. *Syn: mambya.*

**hwire hwa mumeiso** *n.* upcoming, future time.

**hwire hwa mwinsi** *Var: mwinsi. n.* early afternoon; time between midday and sunset.

**kya mwinsi** *Pl: bya mwinsi. n.* lunch; meal that s.b. eats in the middle of the day.

**hwire hwa kyamwinsi** *n.* lunch time.

**bwire bwange** *Var: bwire bwa muntu; bwire bwa kwegonza. n.* free time; leisure time.  
**kulinda bwire** *v. 1 • Metaphor.* be punctual; do s.t. at the arranged or correct time without being late.  
**2 • Metaphor.** keep to the allotted time; stay within a time allocation.  
**kubaliira bwire** *v.* know when is the good time to plan activity.  
**kuwonira bwire mu lwije** *v.* *Idiom.* wake up very early.  
*Syn: kuzinduka.*  
**mu bwire** *adv.* during, throughout; s.t. happening over a period of time.  
**mulinda bwire** *Pl: balinda bwire. n.* time keeper; s.b. who is good at keeping time.  
**bwiri** *Pl: bwiri. n.* maize beer; alcoholic brew that is prepared from maize and sugar only.  
**bwirukiriirya** *n.* impatience; dislike of having to wait for a long time.  
*Syn: bujagararu, bujaganiriirya, bupapi.*  
**bwiti** *n.* murder; intentional killing of s.b.  
*Syn: butemu.*  
**bwizulu** *n.* fullness; having nothing missing.  
**bwu** *pro.* See main entry: bwamu.  
**bwoba** *n.* cowardice, fearfulness; having no courage to do s.t.  
**bwobi** *n.* sharpness.  
**bwobu** *dem.* these very ones.  
**bwobwo** *dem.* those very ones.  
*pro.* they.  
**bwodi** *dem.* those very ones over there.  
**bwogi** *n.* blade; sharp edge of a cutting instrument.  
**bwolo** *n.* laziness; showing very little

interest in work or being unwilling to work. *Syn: bugare.*  
**bwomereseu** *n.* hardness, stiffness, brittleness, firmness; state of being solid, firm or stiff and difficult to bend or break. *Syn: bukangabalu, butatiro, bunyamaani.*  
**bwomezi** *n.* health, wellness; condition of not having any sickness or pain in the body.  
**bwomeeru** *n.* longevity; state of being able to live for a long time.  
**bwomi** *n.* life; state of being able to respire, feed, grow, reproduce and at the end of it all die.  
**bwongu** *Pl: bwongu. n.* brain; part inside the head that controls movement, thought, memory, feeling and all bodily activities.  
**bwongu bwih** *adj.* crazy, mentally ill.  
**bwongu buheneku** *Var: bwongu butabuku. adj.* mentally disabled.  
**mwobi bwongu** *Pl: boobi bwongu. n.* intelligent, bright, wise person; s.b. who does or says things that are sensible. *Syn: mukengebu, wankiri, mugezi.*  
**mutabuku bwongu** *Pl: batabuku bwongu. n.* mentally disturbed person, insane person, mad person.  
*Syn: mugweiraru, akura bwaho.*  
**bwiza-bwiza** *adv.* definitely, unquestionably, emphatically; with much proof. *Syn: kiteekwa.*  
**bwozo** *Var: bwozoho. n.* weight, mass; measurement of how heavy s.t. is.  
*Syn: raatiri.*

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**bba** *Var: bbaara. Pl: mabba. From: English. n.* bar; house or room where alcoholic drinks are sold.  
**bbahaasa** *Pl: bbahaasa. n.* envelope; flat paper container used for sending

letters in.  
**bbaiibbuli** *Pl: mabbaiibbuli. From: English. n.* Bible.  
**bbakuli** *Pl: mabbakuli. n.* plate, bowl; round moulded metallic or plastic dish,



concave at the bottom, from which to eat.

**bbaluuni** *Pl: mabbaluuni. From: English. n.* balloon; small bag made of very soft rubber, inflated with air, esp. used to display in a house.

**bbambu** *Pl: mabbambu. n.* weaving needle.

**bbandeeji** *Pl: bbandeeji. From: English. n.* bandage; soft piece of cloth for tying around a wound.

**bbandi** *Pl: bbandi. From: English. n.* band; musical group.

**bbangiri** *Pl: bbbangiri. From: English. n.* bangle; rings that women wear around the wrist.

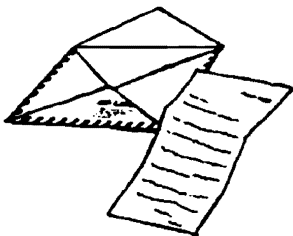
**bbanka** *Pl: mabbanka. From: English. n.* bank; institution that provides various financial service, e.g., keeping or lending money. *Syn:* ibikiro lya nsimbi, kideeru kya nsimbi.

**bbarakaaki** *n.* Venus, morning star; extremely bright star that rises in the east when the day is about to break.

**bbaraza** *Pl: bbaraza. n.* veranda; open front and a roof, built onto the side of a house on the ground floor. *Syn:* tandaarwa.

**bbaraafu** *Pl: bbbaraafu. n.* refrigerator; device that uses electricity or kerosene for keeping food and drinks cold.

**bbaruha** *Pl: mabbaruha. n.* written message usually put in an envelope and sent to s.b.



**bbaruha gikusaba mulimo**

*Pl: bbaruha zikusaba mulimo. n.* application; written request for assistance, employment or admission.

**bbaruha gya kusoma**

*Pl: bbaruha za kusoma. n.* certificate.

**bbaruha gya hbyalwa**

*Pl: bbaruha za hbyalwa. n.* official document that shows the date of birth of s.b. and the place.

**bbaa** *interj.* See main entry: bbee.

**bbaabba** *Pl: babbaabba. n.* 'my father'; kinship term for father.

**mwamwijwa bbaabba**

*Pl: baamwijwa bbaabba. n.* cousin; son or daughter to my paternal aunt.

**bbaaflu** *Pl: mabbaaflu. From: English. n.* wash basin; large round plastic bowl for holding water used as a utensil for washing clothes or used as a utensil for taking a bath.

**bbaaflu** *Pl: bbaaflu. n.* ten packets of cigarettes.

**bbaaflu** *Pl: mabbaaflu. From: English. n.* bus.

**bbegeri** *Pl: mabbegeri. n. Panthera pardus.* leopard; wild carnivore that resembles a cat, with a long tail and black and brown spots.



**bbendera** *Pl: mabbendera. n.* flag.

**bbee** *Var: bbaa. interj. Idiophone.* cry of a sheep.

**bbeerengi** *Pl: bbeerengi. From: English. n.* ball bearing, of any shape.

**bbiki** *adj.* full up to the brim. *Syn:* pelele, kizulu ku munwa, cawu.

**bbiringanya** *Pl: bbiringanya. n.* eggplant; plant that bears fruit that have a shiny green or dark purple skin and a white soft flesh.

**bbiili<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bbbiili. n.* child who is beautiful.

**bbiili<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: bbbiili. n.* arrow; thin stick on which is fixed a sharp small blade on

one end, and which is shot from a bow.  
*Syn:* nyaani, lubbasi, mungesu.

**bbinika** *Pl: mabbinika. n.* kettle; container with a lid, handle and a spout used for serving tea or boiling water.

**bbirigi** *Pl: mabbirigi. n.* plumb line.

**bbiringi** *Pl: mabbiringi. n.* sickle; small curved tool used for cutting grass.

**bbisa** *Pl: mabbisa. n.* mudfish; dark fish without scales, with a fatty tail end that likes staying in the mud.

**bbiya** *Pl: bbiya. From: English. n.* beer; alcoholic brew that is bottled with crown caps, that releases much foam once opened.

**bboodi** *Pl: mabboodi. n.* gomasi; long loose piece of clothing that is mostly worn by married women with two buttons in the front and joined in the middle.

**bbogoya** *n.* banana; sweet long yellow type.

**bbokisi** *Pl: bbokisi. From: English. n.* box; container made of cardboard with a stiff flat base and sides used for holding solid things.

**bboola** *Pl: bboola. n.* salutation; greeting specifically given to the parents of twins.

**bbooli** *Pl: bbooli. n.* tall grass sp. that very much resembles a type of tropical grass with thin black sharp points, grows annually and dries very fast.

**bboolupeeni** *Pl: mabboolupeeni. From: English. n.* pen; plastic or metallic instrument that uses ink for writing.

**bbomo** *Pl: bbomo. From: English. n.* bomb.

**bboso** *Pl: bibbooso. n.* boulder; murram stone mostly used for making building foundations.

**bbulooka** *Pl: mabbulooka. From: English. n.* brick; moulded clay, that is fired, used for building houses, fences etc. *Syn:* itafaali.

**bbumba** *Pl: bbumba. n.* pump; tool that is used to pump pressure or to spray.

**bburaasi** *Pl: mabburaasi. From:*

English. *n.* brush, broom; tool on which is fixed bristles and a handle, used for sweeping, painting, cleaning etc.

**bbuukuulu** *Pl: bbuukuulu. n.* whirlwind, storm; very strong blustery wind that comes from the east and blows for a short time and then stops.

**bbuuru** *Pl: bbuuru. n.* violence; physical or emotional force and energy that is intended to hurt. *Syn:* tuutu, katege.

**bbubbu** *Pl: mabbubbu. n.* fish sp. without scales, brownish with dark spots, with short pointed flesh on its mouth and that resembles an electric fish.

**bbulangiti** *Pl: bbulangiti. From: English. n.* blanket; heavy sheet made from wool, used esp. for spreading on a bed to provide warmth.

**bbulawuzi** *Pl: mabbulawuzi. From: English. n.* blouse.

**bbulu** *From: English. adj.* blue colour.

**bbunga** *n.* game that you score by the use of legs.

**bbungu** *Pl: bbungu. n.* spirits; locally made white liquor.

**bbureeki** *Pl: bbureeki. From: English. n.* brake; device for slowing or stopping a vehicle.

**bbururu** *From: English. n.* blue dye; blueing agent used to dye white clothes.

**bbuuli** *Pl: bbuuli. n.* roll of twine or cord, ball of string; single thin pieces of thread or string twisted together.

**bbuuri** *Pl: mabbuuri. n.* *Tragelaphus scriptus*. Bushbuck; wild animal with hindquarters slightly high, bush tail and straight horns.

**bbuwa** *Var: mmo. interj. Idiophone.* cry of a cow.

**bbwoya** *Pl: mabbwoya. n.* *Raphicerus campestris*. Steinbok; small wild even-toed hoofed animal, brown, short straight horns, long legs, higher at the hindquarters than at the fore, black nose and white under parts of the mouth and inside of ears.

## C - c

**cakara** *Pl: macakara. n.* wheelbarrow.

**canisi** *Pl: canisi. n.* 1 • card game.

2 • playing card; any one of a set of 52 cards with numbers and pictures printed on one side that are used to play various card games. *Syn: kaadi.*

**cawu** *adv.* full up to the brim. *Syn: pelele, bbiki, kiizulu ku munwa.*

**caai**<sub>1</sub> *n.* tea, coffee; water or milk that has been boiled and onto which added tea leaves, coffee, etc.

**caai**<sub>2</sub> *adj.* easy; not difficult to do or to obtain.

**caali** *interj.* express sympathy, condole; expression of sorrow that shows compassion and condolence towards s.b.

**cei** *adj.* silent.

**cekerece** *Pl: bacekerece. n.* below standard, lower-class person.

**cepe** *Pl: cepe. n.* rank ribbon; coloured piece of cloth or woven threads of special colours worn, esp. by army officers to show honour.

**cooka** *Pl: cooka. From: English. n.* chalk; powdery stick usually white in

colour used for writing on a blackboard esp. in schools. *Syn: noono.*

**cokodo** *n.* See main entry: **togodo.**

**combe** *Pl: combe. n.* vegetable sauce made out of cassava leaves. *Syn: sambu.*

**cupa** *Pl: macupa. n.* bottle; container with a narrow neck made of a transparent substance.



**cuume** *n.* 1 • state, status, mode; the way s.b. stays or s.t. appears. *Syn: mbeera, cuume.*

2 • method, manner, means; a particular way of doing s.t. *Syn: kakodyo, mulingo.*

**curucuru** *adj.* inundated, swamped, flooded; s.t. in large amounts or quantities.

**cwamba** *Pl: cwamba. n.* creeping grass sp. with finger-like structures and joints, and at each joint grows roots.

## D - d

**dakika** *Pl: madakika. n.* minute; period of time equal to sixty seconds.

**dakitaali** *Pl: badakitaali. From:*

English. *n.* doctor; s.b. who has been trained in medical science to treat sick or injured people. *Syn: mutambi, mujanjabi.*

**dakitaali wa bisolo**

*Pl: badakitaali ba bisolo. n.* veterinary doctor.

**dala** *Pl: madala. n.* small fish sp. with scales that resembles a flying fish and is

tasteless.

**daasita** *Pl: madaasita. From: English. n.* duster; item made from wool, cotton, sponge, etc. used for cleaning a chalkboard.

**de** *conj.* also.

**debe** *Pl: madebe. n.* tin can; metal container in which such things as cooking oil are packed, also used for fetching water or for storing things.

**deeru** *adv.* today; the day that includes the present moment, not yesterday or

tomorrow.

**deesiki** *Pl: deesiki. From: English. n.*  
desk; seat with a table and a shelf used  
esp. by learners to read and write on.

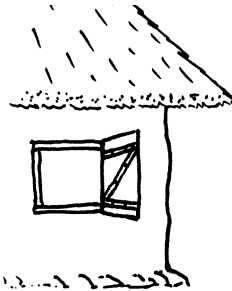
**difensi** *Pl: badifensi. From: English. n.*  
defender; s.b. who plays defence in a  
game.

**diisiko** *Pl: madiisiko. Pl: English. n.*  
light and sound equipment for a club,  
party, disco etc. where people dance to  
recorded music. *Syn: ndongo.*

**di na di** *adv. forever, eternal, without  
end; existing or continuing forever.  
Syn: biro na biro, kura na kura.*

**diini** *Pl: madiini. n. religion, theology;*  
one of the systems of faith that are  
based on the belief in the existence of  
the supreme God or small gods.

**dirisa** *Pl: madirisa. n. window; opening  
in the middle of a wall, a car, etc. into  
which is fixed a piece of timber, metal  
or glass in order to allow in fresh air.*



**di?** *interrog. when?*

**dodo** *Pl: dodo. From: Runyoro. n.*  
spinach; vegetable with small dark  
green leaves.

**dohe** *Pl: dohe. n. grass sp. that grows  
very tall, with flowers that are cut for  
brooms and is not easily broken.*

**dola** *Pl: dola. From: English. n. US  
dollar; English unit of paper money.*

**dombi** *adv. cooking slowly, of food.*

**dongi** *adv. instead.*

**duraamu** *Pl: maduraamu. From:  
English. n. drum; large round container  
in which is packed fuel for vehicles,  
e.g., petrol or diesel, or is used for  
preparing alcohol or trapping rainwater.*

**dyuro** *Pl: dyuro. From: English. n. drawer.*

**dwe** *adv. well, effectively.*

## E - e

**Ediwadi** *From: English. n. name of a  
lake.*

**edo** *interj. yes.*

**eha!** *interj. ah!*

**eicaliiri** *Pl: beicaliiri. n. unemployed*

*person. Syn: muntu atali na mulimo,  
muntu atakukora.*

**Ezya** *From: English. n. name of a  
continent.*

## Ee - ee

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**ee** *interj.* yes; an affirmative response.

## F - f

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**fairo<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: fairo. From: English. n.* file; box or folded piece of card, often with a wire or metal rod, for keeping loose papers together and in order.

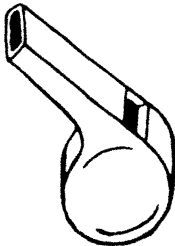
**fairo gya mpapura** *Pl: fairo za mpapura. n.* folder.

**fairo<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: fairo. From: English. n.* file, rasp.

**fatalaiza** *Pl: fatalaiza. From: English. n.* fertilizer; soil nutrient that is put into soil so that plants grow more successfully.

**feeza** *Pl: feeza. n.* gold; precious yellow metal that is used for making coins, rings, etc.

**firimbi** *Pl: mafirimbi. n.* whistle; instrument that is blown to produce a high sound in order to instruct or inform people about what is happening.



**fo** *adv.* lots, very much, masses, heaps, piles; in large quantities. *Syn:* bunene.

**foomu** *Pl: foomu. From: English. n.* bench, form; fairly long seat for at least four people made of timber without a back.

**fundi** *Pl: bafundi. From: Swahili. n.*  
1 • tradesman.

2 • carpenter, woodworker, builder; s.b. whose job is making and repairing wooden things, e.g., tables, chairs, beds, cupboards, etc. *Syn:* mubeezi.

3 • tailor; s.b. who uses a sewing machine to sew clothes. *Syn:* musungi, musunga kyeraani.

**fureemu** *Pl: fureemu. From: English. n.* frame; supporting structure of a piece of furniture, building, vehicle, etc. that gives it its shape.

**fuuti** *Pl: fuuti. From: English. n.* foot measure; unit of measurement equal to 30 cm. *Syn:* kigulu.

## G - g

**gabberu** *n.* bad, evil, rotten behaviour or character that makes s.b. unable to listen, take advice, or grumbles when asked to do s.t.

**waagabberu** *Pl: baagabberu. n.* disobedient person; s.b. of rotten behaviour who does not listen, take advice and who grumbles when asked to do s.t. *Syn:* mujeemu, nkunguuni, ntahuura, ntamuhiira, waakyejo, muhoole, muzubu.

**gadi** *dem.* those ones over there.

**gaga** *dem.* these ones.

**gagesu** *n.* See main entry: **bugesugesu**.

**gagwo** *dem.* those ones.

**galani** *Pl: galani. From: English. n.* gallon; metal container in which is put crude alcoholic spirits that is then put on the fire during the distilling process.

**ganduura** *Pl: ganduura. n.* robe; long loose outer garment, esp. that worn as a sign of rank or office at a special ceremony, e.g., coronation robes, priest robes, etc.

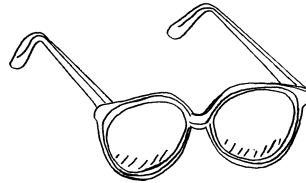
**gange** *Var: gei. pro.* my, mine.

**gankei** *Var: gankeenya. pro.* themselves.

**garagara** *Pl: magaragara. n.* lizard; wild reptile with four legs and a tail that resides on walls, and in courtyards, which feeds on insects, and the males of which differ in size and colour from the females.

**garagi** *Pl: garagi. From: English. n.* garage; room for storing cars, motorcycles etc. or a place where such vehicles are repaired.

**garubindi** *Pl: garubindi. n.* sunglasses, eyeglasses, glasses; eye wear that helps people to see better or protect the eyes from the sun or damage.



**gavumentī** *Pl: gavumentī. From: English. n.* government; authority of a country or a state.

**gaabyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**gaabu** *pro.* their, theirs.

**gaabwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**gaadi** *dem.* those very ones over there.

**gaaga** *dem.* these very ones.

**gaago** *pro.* their, theirs.

**gaagwo** *dem.* those very ones.  
*pro.* its.

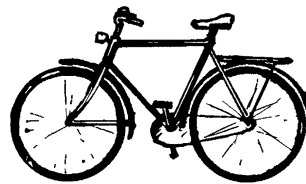
**gaagyo** *pro.* its.

**gaako** *pro.* their, theirs.

**gaakwo** *pro.* its.

**gaakyo** *pro.* its.

**gaali** *Pl: magaali. n.* bicycle; road vehicle that you ride by pushing the pedals with your feet while controlling the handle.



**kigulu kya gaali** *Pl: magulu ga gaali. n.* pedal. *Syn:* kiziginiro kya gaali.

**kagulu ka gaali** *Pl: hūgulu bwa gaali.* *n.* metallic part of a bicycle pedal whose rubber part has got worn out.

**gaali gya mwica** *Pl: gaali za mwica.* *n.* train; vehicle that moves on rails pulling a number of carriages in order to transport people and goods.

**gaalwo** *pro. its.*

**gaalyo** *pro. its.*

**gaamu<sub>1</sub>** *Var: go. pro. your, yours.*

**gaamu<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: gaamu. From: English. n.*

1 • glue, gum, paste; sticky substance that is used for joining things together.

2 • sellotape; long narrow strip of material with a sticky substance on one side that is used for joining things together.

**gaamwe** *Var: ge. pro. his, her, hers.*

**gaamyō** *pro. their, theirs.*

**gaatwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**gaazyō** *Var: gaazo. pro. their, theirs.*

**ge** *pro. See main entry: gaamwe.*

**gei** *pro. See main entry: gange.*

**geehena** *From: Hebrew. n. hell.*

**geemu** *Pl: mageemu. n. small fish that grows into a Nile perch.*

**geenyu** *pro. your, yours (for 2 or more people).*

**geeri** *Pl: mageeri. From: Alur. n.*

*Chelonia mydas*; turtle; animal with a shell on its body like a tortoise, lives in water and pulls the head, feet and the tail into its shell in case there is danger.

*Syn: nyaabyongo.*

**geetu** *pro. our, ours.*

**gigi** *dem. this one.*

**giraasi** *Pl: magiraasi. From: English.*

*n.* glass; transparent substance used to make drinking glasses, windows, bottles, etc.

**gidi** *dem. that one over there.*

**gigyo** *dem. that one.*

**giloobbu** *Pl: giloobbu. From: English. n. light bulb.*

**gimwei** *num. one.*

**giriisi** *Pl: giriisi. From: English. n. grease.*

**go** *pro. See main entry: gaamu.*

**googo** *Var: go. pro. they.*

**gologolo** *Pl: magologolo. n. small fish sp. without scales, that very much resembles an 'irinda' fish except smaller.*

**gongolo** *Pl: magongolo. n. centipede; small creature like an insect, with a long thin body and many legs.*

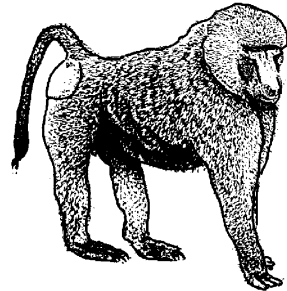
**gongoolya** *Pl: magongoolya. n. dragonfly; slender-bodied non-stinging insect having iridescent wings that are outspread at rest.*

**gooro** *Pl: magooro. From: English. n. goal; score in a game.*

**gugu** *dem. this one.*

**gule** *Pl: magule. n. Papio anubis.*

baboon; wild animal that resembles a monkey with pink or black buttocks.



**gumbere** *n. first time.*

**gubba** *Pl: magubba. n. fishing method that involves using nets beginning from nine ply to sixty and from eight inch to forty-eight that catch such fish types as Nile perch, Yellowfish etc.*

**gudi** *dem. that one over there.*

**gugwo** *dem. that one.*

**guluhe** *Pl: maguluhe. n. Pelusios subniger. Serrated Terrapin; animal with a shell on its body like a tortoise that lives in water and pulls the head, feet and the tail into its shell when there is danger.*

**gutya** *Pl: gutya. n. sisal sack that carries the capacity of about six full baskets.*

**gwabyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**gwabu** *pro. their, theirs.*

**gwaḃwo** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gwada** *Pl:* **gwada**. *n.* type of traditional dance where dancers make an X formation, dance while patting each other in the form of a greeting, jumping and turning behind as the drums are sounded.  
**gwago** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gwagwo** *pro.* its.  
**gwagyo** *pro.* its.  
**gwako** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gwakwo** *pro.* its.  
**gwakyo** *pro.* its.  
**gwalwo** *pro.* its.  
**gwalyo** *pro.* its.  
**gwamu** *Var:* **gwo**. *pro.* your, yours.  
**gwamwe** *Var:* **gwe**. *pro.* his, her, hers.  
**gwamyo** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gwange** *Var:* **gwei**. *pro.* my, mine.  
**gwankei** *Var:* **gwankeenyā**. *pro.* itself.  
**gwatwo** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gwazyo** *Var:* **gwazo**. *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gwe** *pro.* See main entry: **gwamwe**.  
**gwei** *pro.* See main entry: **gwange**.  
**gwenyu** *pro.* your, yours (for 2 or more people).  
**gwetu** *pro.* our, ours.  
**gwo** *pro.* See main entry: **gwamu**.  
**gwodi** *dem.* that very one over there.  
**gwogu** *dem.* this very one.  
**gwogwo** *Var:* **gwo**. *dem.* that very one.  
*pro.* it.  
**gya** *pro.* I.  
**gyagya** *pro.* me, it is me.  
**gyabyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**gyabu** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gyaḃwo** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gyago** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gyagwo** *pro.* its.  
**gyagyo** *pro.* its.  
**gyakengiri nigali masohe**  
**gyakwiri gabaamiri** *adv.* *Idiom.* the earlier the better.  
**gyako** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gyakwo** *pro.* its.  
**gyakyo** *pro.* its.  
**gyalwo** *pro.* its.  
**gyalyo** *pro.* its.  
**gyamu** *Var:* **gyo**. *pro.* your, yours.  
**gyamwe** *Var:* **gye**. *pro.* his, her, hers.  
**gyamyo** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gyange** *Var:* **gyei**. *pro.* my, mine.  
**gyankei** *Var:* **gyankeenyā**. *pro.* itself.  
**gyatwo** *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gyazyo** *Var:* **gyazo**. *pro.* their, theirs.  
**gye** *pro.* See main entry: **gyamwe**.  
**gyei** *pro.* See main entry: **gyange**.  
**gyenya** *Pl:* **magyenya**. *n.* *Hyaena* *hyaena, crocuta crocuta*. hyena; wild carnivorous animal that resembles a dog and has stripes or spots.  
**gyenyu** *pro.* your, yours (for 2 or more people).  
**gyetu** *pro.* our, ours.  
**gyo** *pro.* See main entry: **gwamu**.  
**gyodi** *dem.* that very one over there.  
**gyogi** *dem.* this very one.  
**gyogyo** *Var:* **gyo**. *dem.* that very one.  
*pro.* it.

## H - h

**ha** *loc.* at.  
**habakebeera** *n.* medical examination room; place where s.b. is looked at closely to find the cause of a medical problem.  
**habatambira** *n.* hospital, dispensary, health centre, clinic; building where sick or injured people are given medical treatment. *Syn:* irwaru.

**haḃwa** *conj.* for.  
**haḃwakubba** *conj.* because.  
**haḃwakyani?** *Var:* **haḃwaki?**. *interrog.* why?  
**haḃwakyo** *adj.* separate, independent; not together with the rest.  
**haḃwamu** *adv.* yourself, alone, solo; on your own without the help of anybody else.



**had<sub>i</sub>** *dem.* there, at that place over there.

**hadool<sub>i</sub>** *adv.* nearly, almost; about to happen, but it did not happen the way it was expected.

**hagat<sub>i</sub> bwa** *adj.* See main entry: **hakat<sub>i</sub> bwa**.

**haha** *dem.* here, at this place.

**hahwo** *dem.* there, at that place.

**hahwo na hahwo** *adv.* immediately, instantly; s.t. happening without delay.

**hai** *interrog.* See main entry: **hanya**.

**hakat<sub>i</sub>** *adv.* between.

**kyahakat<sub>i</sub>** *adj.* 1 • centre, middle.

2 • average, typical, normal.

**hakat<sub>i</sub> weihanga** *adj.* inland.

**hakat<sub>i</sub> bwa** *Var:* **hagat<sub>i</sub> bwa**. *adj.* intervening; time taken between one event to another event on the same occasion.

**hakiri** *Var:* **hakiri-hakiri**. *adj.* fair, average; neither good nor bad; used to add a positive comment about a negative situation, or used to limit or make what you have just said less definite.

*adv.* quite.

**hakikumi** *n.* percentage.

**hakyendi** *adv.* See main entry:

**kwakyendi**.

**halala** *Pl:* **mahalala**. *n.* khaki coloured insect sp. that resembles a locust but with yellowish inside wings, which makes a parii-parii sound when flying.

**hamaliira gya byensei** *adv.*

eventually, finally; at the end of everything s.t. happened.

**hambya** *interj.* word that is used by hunters when flushing an animal out of its hiding.

**hamwaka** *adj.* year-end; when the year is ending.

**hamwei** *adv.* together; in the company of s.b. else, not in isolation.

**hansi** *adj.* 1 • low; on the ground or not up.

2 • bottom.

3 • underground.

*adv.* 1 • down; at a position that is not up.

2 • below; under s.t. or down the slope of s.t.

**hansi ku matak<sub>u</sub>** *Pl:* **hansi ku matak<sub>u</sub>**. *n.* base.

**kwirya hansi** *v.* demote; remove s.b. from a higher position to a lower position on the job.

*Syn:* kusirimura.

**hansi bwa** *adv.* controlled by, under authority of; what controls, governs or manages s.b. or s.t.

**hantu handi** *pro.* somewhere.

**hantu haahi** *pro.* nowhere.

**hanzei** *adj.* external, outer, outside, outdoor, exterior.

**hanzei weihanga** *adj.* overseas.

**hanya** *Var:* **hai**. *interrog.* where?

**haragi** *Var:* **waragi**. *n.* white liquor, spirits; locally brewed strong alcoholic drink that is distilled rather than fermented and that is white as water.

**harubaju** *adv.* sideways.

**hasyanu** *adv.* 1 • openly, publically, overtly; not hidden. *Syn:* rwatu.

2 • understandably.

**hatakabbeer<sub>i</sub>ho** *adv.* 1 • before, previously; s.t. that has happened earlier than another.

2 • as yet, until now; before it happens or before its time reaches.

**hatalimaani** *interj.* not so much, not at all; a reply to a greeting.

**hataat<sub>i</sub>** *Var:* **hati**. *adv.* now. *Syn:* bwire bubu.

*conj.* 1 • so.

2 • now.

**haad<sub>i</sub>** *dem.* there, at that very place over there.

**haaha<sub>1</sub>** *dem.* here, at this very place.

**haaha<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* **bahaaha**. *n.* grandfather.

**haahwo** *dem.* there, at that very place.

**haakabba hensei** *pro.* anywhere.

**heijanjanu** *n.* plain; level flat place without hills.

**heinyuma** *adv.* after, behind; later in time.

**heeh<sub>i</sub>** *adv.* 1 • soon; not far from now.

2 • almost; not exactly as what was hoped for. *Syn:* nka.

heehi na

3 • near.

**heehi na** *loc.* next to.

**heehiheehi** *adv.* frequently; repeatedly, several times or continuously.

**heema** *Pl: maheema. n.* tent.

**hirii... ka ka** *interj. Idiophone.* sound made when starting a traditional 'lunyega' dance, using rattles.

**hiihya** *Pl: mahiihya. n. Budo africanus.* owl; wild bird with large round eyes, a face resembling that of a cat, hunts at night and very shy during day time.

**himbe** *Pl: mahimbe. n. Civettictis civetta.* African civet; wild animal that resembles a cat, of sturdy build, with a bushy body, short legs, a long bushy tail, greyish body with black spots and stripes and moves while carrying the head low.

**hooho** *interj.* true.

**hoi** *adv.* very, excessively, extremely; in high degree.  
*interj.* certainly.

**Hoima** *n.* name of a town.

**Hoimo** *n.* name of a river.

ibiikiro lya nsimbi

**hoiro** *Pl: hoiro. From: English. n.* oil, e.g., engine oil, used to make parts of machines move smoothly.

**hoko** *adj.* hungry, thirsty.

**hoonyweseerya** *n.* source, place or a job from where s.b. earns a living, achieves an objective, or satisfies a need.

**horohoro** *Pl: bahorohoro. n.* loose talker; s.b. who utters out things loosely.

**huguma** *Pl: mahuguma. n.* mature female goat beyond the size of a goat that is just ready to fertilise.

**huluhundu** *n. See main entry: huluhundu.*

**huteeri** *Pl: mahuteeri. From: English. n.* hotel; building that has accommodation facilities, meals, and a bar that people pay for when they stay there.

**huwu** *interj. Idiophone.* crying of a lion.

**hyehye** *adv.* thoroughly; completely and with great attention to detail.  
*Syn:* kamwe na kamwe, kimweji.

## I - i

**ibange** *Pl: beibange. n.* my husband; what a married woman calls the man who married her.

**ibangu** *Pl: mabangu. n.* hump; fleshy back part of an animal body, a little bit raised, that is between the neck and the back.

**ibanza** *Pl: mabanza. n.* debt, credit; money that you owe s.b. or that s.b. owes you.

**ibara** *Pl: mabara. n.* name; word by which a person, animal, place or thing is called.

**ibaawe** *Var: iba. Pl: beibaawe. n.* husband; the man that a woman is married to.

**ibega** *Pl: mabega. n.* shoulder; part of the body at the top of the arm where the

neck begins.

**ibingo** *Pl: mabingo. n.* elephant grass; the tallest grass, with joints, resembles water reeds and is used as reeds in building.

**ibiri** *num.* two.

**ibiikiro** *Var: bubiikiro. Pl: mabiikiro. n. 1 •* cupboard, cabinet; household furniture item made of timber or metal with doors, drawers or shelves used for storing or displaying things.  
**2 •** storeroom.

**ibiikiro lya nsimbi**

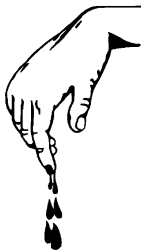
*Pl: mabiikiro ga nsimbi. n.* bank; institution that provides various financial services, e.g., keeping or lending money. *Syn:* bbanka, kideeru kya nsimbi.

**ibiiri** *Pl: mabiiri. n.* breast; soft flesh that is on a woman's chest, produces milk when she has had a baby and has a nipple.

**ibyaliro** *Pl: mabyaliro. n.* maternity ward.

**ibumba** *n.* clay; sticky soil that is mixed with water and used for mudding, making pots or for brick-laying.  
*Syn: nombi.*

**ibbanga** *n.* blood; red liquid that flows through the body tissues of man and animals. *Syn: musaahi.*

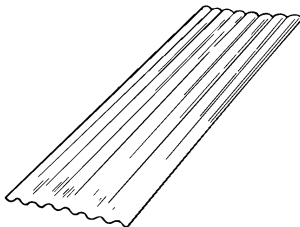


**ibbanga ljiuuby** *Pl: mabbanga gajuuby. n.* mixed race person.  
**kutambula kweibbanga**

*Var: kulibata kweibbanga. v.*  
circulate blood; move blood around the body by the heart.

**ibbangukiro** *Pl: mabbangukiro. n.* corner; part of s.t. where two or more sides, lines or edges join, e.g., where two streets join. *Syn: koonaa.*

**ibbaati** *Pl: mabbaati. n.* corrugated iron sheet; flat metal with a series of folds used for roofing houses.



**ibbolo** *Pl: mabbolo. n.* Taboo. penis; part on the body of a male used for urinating and sexual reproduction.

*Syn: mybbe.*

**icaku** *Pl: beicaku. n.* glutton; s.b. who eats too much. *Syn: ruhuura, mudj.*

**icuhi** *n.* vegetable sauce made from the leaves of cowpeas.

**icuucu** *n.* dust; very fine powder of soil that floats in air when the wind is blowing.

**ida** *Pl: mada. n.* louse; small white or black insect, without wings that stays in clothes or s.b.'s hair, and bites sucking blood.

**idaara** *Pl: madaara. n.* 1 • rank; line of positions in a job from down to up or level in the hierarchy of administration. 2 • stage in a process.

3 • level; relative position in a graded group. *Syn: mulembe, lulengu, mutindo.*

4 • step; part of a stairway.

**madaara** *n.* ladder.

**idulu** *n.* disobedience, esp. by a male.

**igambiro** *Pl: magambiro. n.* sitting room, great room, lounge; room where people sit to discuss issues.

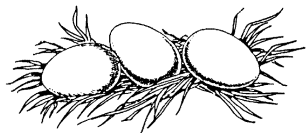
**igana** *Pl: magana. n.* herd; gathering of animals that are together.

**igegu** *Pl: magegu. n.* molar.

**kunenira igegu** *v. Idiom.* be jealous.

**igema** *Pl: magema. n.* hem; edge of a piece of fabric that has been folded over and sewn, esp. on a piece of clothing.

**igina** *Pl: magina. n.* egg; s.t. that a female creature like a hen, insect, fish etc. lays from which an off-spring of that creature comes.



**kinyama kisanu kyeigina**

*Pl: binyama bisyanu bya*

**magina.** *n.* egg white; part of an egg that is in fluid form and becomes white after it is cooked.

**iginyo** *Pl: maginyo. n.* maggot; insect without wings, that is the young one of

a fly, and is found in decaying flesh and other food.

**Igisi** *n.* name of a mountain.

**igomboora** *Pl: magomboora. n.* sub-county; local government level between the county and the parish.

**iguru** *n.* heaven; place believed to be where God is found.

**igyendero<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: magyendero. n.* way; route leading to a place.

**igyendero<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: magyendero. n.* keel; bottom part of a boat that touches the water.

**ihala** *n.* femininity, feminine pride; boasting in girls, esp. due to adolescence.

**ihamba** *Pl: mahamba. n.* wilderness; open uninhabited place that only has bushes, rivers, evil spirits, etc.

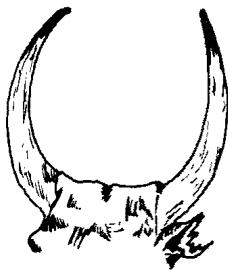
**ihanga** *Pl: mahanga. n.* 1 • tribe. 2 • country, nation.

**ihanga lihandirihandiri**  
*Pl: mahanga gahandirihandiri. n.* developed, advanced country.

**muntu akukolira mwianga litali lyamwe** *Pl: bantu bakukolira mu mahanga gatali gaabu. n.* expatriate; white person born in America, England or other countries outside Africa.

**ihangwe** *adv.* midday, noon; time in the day when the sun is extremely hot.

**ihembe** *Pl: mahembe. n.* 1 • horn; pointed curved bone, usually in pairs, that grows on the head of an animal.



2 • witchcraft; a mixture of tiny pieces of horns and wood for the use of magic powers, esp. evil ones.

**mahembe ga gaali** *Sg: ihembe lya gaali. n.* bicycle handlebars.

**ijani** *n.* appetite; strong desire for s.t.

*Syn:* murusi, meero, kihika, bijogomeera, lwaga, rwanju, nyoota, mukoiyo, iroho, bicoko.

**ika** *Pl: maka. n.* nuclear family; group consisting of one or two parents and their children.

**kwita maka** *v. Idiom.* get divorced, break up; when a woman moves away from her husband and ends a marriage. *Syn:* kwahukana, kwita nyumba, kwangana.

**mwiiti wa maka** *Pl: beiti ba maka. n. Idiom.* divorcee; divorced woman or a woman who is separated from her husband. *Syn:* mwanganji, mubboha bitambaara.

**ikeese** *Pl: makeese. n.* sun-dried fish that is thinly split and lightly preserved with a little salt.

**ikolo** *Pl: makolo. n.* root; part of a plant that is underground that absorbs water and minerals from the soil. *Syn:* luliki.

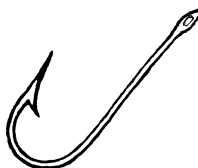
**ikoore** *Pl: makooore. n.* industry.

**ikooro** *Pl: makooro. n.* factory.

**ikunzi** *n.* 1 • adultery; sexual relationship with a woman or a man outside of marriage.

2 • cohabitation, de facto relationship; sexual relationship between a woman and a man who live together but are not officially married.

**ilobo** *Pl: malobo. n.* hook; metal with a pointed curved end used as a trap for catching fish.



**ilwaniro** *Pl: malwaniro. n.* battlefield; place where war was fought or is being fought. *Syn: kisaahi kya hulemu.*

**inei** *num.* four.

**ipeera** *Pl: mapeera. n.* grape.

**ipeesa** *Pl: mapeesa. n.* button.

**ipokopo** *Pl: mapokopo. n.* ear; part of the body on the head used for hearing.



**mwijalu wa mapokopo**

*Pl: beijalu ba mapokopo. n.* deaf person; s.b. whose ears do not hear.

*Syn: pukupu, ijalu.*

**iraka** *Pl: maraka. n.* 1 • voice; sound that comes from the mouth when s.b. is speaking or singing.

2 • sound.

3 • rhythm, tune, melody; one of the features of 'kyumbu', i.e., the way a song can be sung.

**iranga** *Pl: maranga. n.* spherical ball bearing; ring of small metal balls used in a machine to enable the parts to turn smoothly.

**iraru** *n.* madness, craziness, lunacy; state of being mentally confused.

**irembu** *n.* front yard; piece of land in front of a homestead or family home.

**iroho** *From: Runyoro. n.* 1 • thirst; feeling of wanting to drink s.t.

2 • *Metaphor.* lust, craving, appetite, desire; excessive need for s.t.

*Syn: lwaga, nyoota, bicoko, lwozo, bijogomeera, rwanju, murusi, meero, nyoota, ijani, kihika.*

**irungu** *Pl: marungu. n.* wilderness, bush; area of wild vegetation and other wild creatures.

**irwaru** *Pl: marwaru. n.* hospital, dispensary, health centre, clinic;

building where sick or injured people are given medical treatment.

*Syn: habatambira.*

**isaju** *Pl: masaju. n.* fat; white or yellow oil in solid form like grease stored under the skin in the bodies of animals or humans.

**isasi** *Pl: masasi. n.* bullet.

**isatu** *num.* three.

**isaza** *Pl: masaza. n.* county; local government level next to the district.

**Isingoma** *n.* name of a male twin.

**isomero** *Pl: masomero. n.* school; place where children go to be taught.

**isomo** *Pl: masomo. n.* lesson.

**masomo ga bya bwomi** *n.* biology.

**masomo ga bya kuhyangya**

*Var: masomo ga bya kutabura. n.* chemistry.

**masomo ga bya buhangwa**

**bwoma nsi** *n.* geography.

**masomo ga kukanika** *n.* physics.

**masomo ga bya buhangwa** *n.* ecology.

**isubagi** *Pl: meisubagi. n.* side yard; at the sides of a house and not in front or behind.

**isubi** *Pl: isubi. n.* grass; plant that animals eat and that is used for roofing.



**isumu<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: masumu. n.* spear; hunting tool with a two-sided blade, a tail and a shaft.

**kasumu** *Pl: busumu. n.* javelin; light spear or long stick with a pointed end that is thrown in a sporting event or the event itself.

**isumu<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: isumu. n.* syphilis; sexually transmitted disease that gets worse over a period of time, spreading from the sexual organs to the skin, bones, muscles and brain.

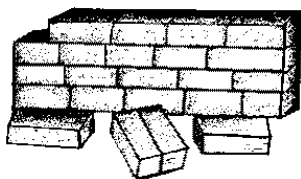
**isunge** *n.* 1 • fun, enjoyment, pleasure; s.t. that brings happiness.

2 • disgrace, strange activity.

**iswali** *Pl: maswali. n.* thread; fibre made from forest trees used for weaving mats, hats, bags, etc.

**isyala** *Pl: beisyala. n.* brother-in-law.

**itafaali** *Pl: matafaali. n.* brick; moulded clay that is fired, used for building houses, fences etc. *Syn:* bbulooka.



**itaka** *Pl: mataka. n.* lake; large area of water surrounded by land in which there is fish.

**itaka likooto** *Pl: mataka gakooto. n.* sea, ocean.

**itaku** *Pl: matak. n.* buttock; round soft flesh that is at the back, between the top end of the leg and the beginning of the back on which s.b. sits.

**itama** *Pl: matama. n.* cheek; one of the parts at the side of the face below the eyes, beside the nose and the mouth.

**itamiiro** *n.* drunkenness; feeling of being drunk. *Syn:* butamiiru.

**itaa** *Pl: beitaa. n.* elder sibling, either a brother or sister.

**itaanu** *num.* five.

**itegura** *Pl: mategura. n.* tile; clay soil baked like a brick used for roofing houses.

**itehe** *n.* 1 • soil, mud, dirt; natural feature

from where roots of plants, trees, etc. grow. *Syn:* togodo, bisaabu.

2 • plot of land.

**itendekero** *Var: itendeko.*

*Pl: matendekero. n.* college, training school; place where students go to attain skills in a specialised profession.

**iteeka** *Pl: mateeka. From: Luganda. n.* law, order, commandment, regulation, statute; rule that is made and passed by the government of a country.

*Syn:* kiragirow.

**iteereno** *Pl: mateereno. n.* joint in a piece of furniture.

**itima** *n.* jealousy, envy; feeling of anger or unhappiness because you wish you had s.t. that s.b. else has.

**itoko** *Pl: matoko. n.* noise; loud unwanted sound that is disturbing.

*Syn:* murindi, mutindo.

**itoore** *n.* s.t. that you do or use just once in a while.

**itumbi** *n.* after midnight; the wee hours of the morning when the night is deep, between 1:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.

**itungu** *n.* wealth, property, riches, assets; all that s.b. has, like land, buildings, animals etc.

**kumalikirwa itungu** *v.* lose wealth.

**ituuza** *Pl: meituuza. n.* bird that is a king of all the other birds and where it stays there are very many birds of all kinds in order to guard it.

**izongobo** *Pl: mazongobo. n.* quarrel; strong and angry argument or disagreement between people, often about a personal matter. *Syn:* nkungani.

## I - i

**iba** *v.* See main entry: ibaawe.

**icoti** *Pl: macoti. n.* neck; part of the body between the head and the shoulders.

**idinda<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: madinda. n.* xylophone;

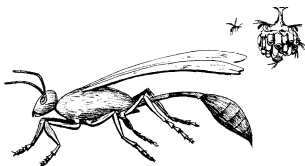
traditional musical instrument made of two rows of wooden bars of different lengths that you hit with two small sticks.

**idinda<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: madinda. n.* pleat; one of the

folds sewn on the front part of a pair of trousers coming directly from the waist.

**iduuka** *Pl: maduuka. From: Swahili. n.* shop; building or a room in which are things for sale that are displayed in shelves.

**igwi** *Pl: magwi. n.* black or dark brown winged insect sp. with an extremely thin waist that bites and resembles a wasp.



**ihali** *n.* jealousy, envy that may culminate into malice and rivalry. *Syn: kimira.*

**ihe** *Pl: mahe. n.* army; large organised group of soldiers who are trained to fight for the defence of the people of a given country.

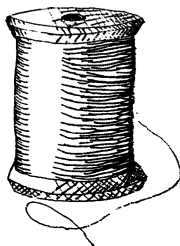
**waamahe** *Pl: baamahe. n.* soldier; member of an army who is trained to fight on land.

**ihiga<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mahiga. n.* battery; cell for powering small appliances, e.g., torches or mobile phones.

**ihiga<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: mahiga. n.* stone; rocky substance in the ground, often used for building.

**ihulo** *Pl: bihulo. n.* foam; small air bubbles on water.

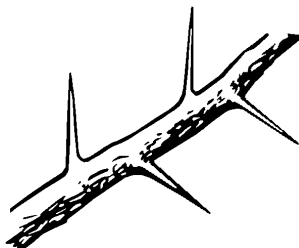
**ihuuzi** *Pl: mahuuzi. n.* thread, yarn; thin string of cotton, nylon, etc. used for sewing, knitting or from which a piece of cloth is made.



## **ihuuzi lya kitambaara**

*Pl: mahuuzi ga bitambaara. n.* threads that are used to weave tableclothes.

**ihwa** *Pl: mahwa. n.* thorn; small part of a plant that is sharp and pointed and can pierce.



**ijalu** *Pl: beijalu. n.* deaf person; s.b. whose ears do not hear. *Syn: pukupu, mwijalu wa mapokopo.*

**ijiri** *n.* 1 • vegetable sp. that is used for sauce.

2 • vegetable sauce that is somehow bitter.

**ijolo** *Pl: majolo. n.* night; period of darkness between night fall and day break.

**ijolo lya deeru** *adv.* tonight.

**ikaasya** *Pl: makaasya. n.* large oar, paddle; long pole with a flat blade at one end that is used to move a boat through water. *Syn: musinarye.*

**ikondero** *Pl: makondero. n.* royal trumpet; musical instrument made from bamboo that is blown into on special occasions of kings.

**ikuha** *Pl: makuha. n.* bone; rigid hard white composite material that makes up the skeleton of vertebrates.

**ikuha lya muntu** *Pl: makuha ga bantu. n.* skeleton.

**ikumi** *num.* ten.

**iliisiiryo** *Pl: maliisiiryo. n.* grazing land; place in which domestic animals are taken care of.

**ilu** *Pl: malu. n.* knee; hinge joint of a leg between the shin and the thigh where it bends in the middle.

**mwengeseru gweilu**

*Var:* **kengeseru keilu**; **keeberengesi keilu**; **kabengu keilu**.

*Pl:* **mengeseru za malu**. *n.* knee-cap, patella; small bone that covers the front of the knee.

**inci** *Pl:* **inci**. *From:* English. *n.* inch; measurement of length.

**inihi** *Pl:* **manihi**. *n.* liver; part in the body that produces bile and cleans the blood.

**kaata inihi** *Pl:* **bakaata inihi**. *n.* *Idiom.* first child born of s.b.

*Syn:* muzegeizo.

**irinda** *Pl:* **meirinda**. *n.* fish sp. without scales that makes an extreme rumbling noise, esp. when it is caught in a net.

**iromba** *Pl:* **maromba**. *n.* chance meeting, encounter; act of being in the same place as s.b. by chance.

**irumbero** *Pl:* **marumbero**. *n.* assembly, parliament; place where people who have been elected to discuss

meet together to decide or make laws for a place or a country.

**isyanu** *n.* ash; grey powder from a burnt item such as cigarettes, firewood or charcoal.

**isyoko** *Pl:* **beisyoko**. *n.* selfish, stingy, mean person who is hardly ever generous. *Syn:* mulimiriirwa, mwimi, mupu, mutatiro, mukodo, wa ngalu gitatiro.

**isyokoli** *Pl:* **meisyokoli**. *n.* black bull ant; insect without wings, that resembles a certain tropical insect sp., that bites and moves together in a line.

**ituuta** *Pl:* **matuuta**. *n.* heap of earth in a garden on which potato vines are planted.

**iye** *interj.* oh! hey! an exclamation of surprise.

**izo** *adv.* yesterday; day before today.

**izuba** *Pl:* **mazuza**. *n.* well, pool containing a spring; hole containing water that seeps from a natural spring.

**J - j**

**jaagi** *Pl:* **jaagi**. *From:* English. *n.* jug.

**jaaji** *Pl:* **majaaji**. *n.* second-hand clothing, e.g., used shoes or clothes.

**jaaka** *Pl:* **jaaka**. *n.* jackfruit; domestic fruit tree that bears large elongated fruit that contain many seeds encircled by an edible soft fatty yellowish substance.

**jaara** *n.* gambling; risking money for a game of chance, e.g., playing card games for money.

**kukuuta jaara** *v. Idiom.* gamble; play cards or dices for money as a result of lack of a meaningful activity to do.

**mukuuta jaara** *Pl:* **bakuuta jaara**. *n. Idiom.* gambler.

**jejejege** *Pl:* **jejejege**. *n.* coin; flat metal disc, used as money. *Syn:* kipolo.

**jeere** *Pl:* **majeere**. *n.* *Incneumia albicauda*. White-tailed mongoose; wild animal, shaggy body, a long white

haired tail, a long thin head, shut black legs and likes staying in bushes.

**Jinja** *n.* name of a city.

**jiraani** *Pl:* **bajiraani**. *From:* Swahili. *n.* neighbour; s.b. who lives near you. *Syn:* mutaahi, muliraanwa, munyaakitaahu.

**jigija** *Pl:* **majigija**. *n.* cow; mature female of domestic cattle, bigger than a heifer.

**Jooji** *From:* English. *n.* name of a lake.

**joojolo** *Pl:* **majoojolo**. *n.* evening, late afternoon; time between three pm and night -fall.

**kya joojolo** *Pl:* **bya joojolo**. *n.* dinner, supper; meal that s.b. eats at dusk.

**jokooni** *Pl:* **majokooni**. *n.* kitchen; room or house in which meals are cooked or prepared. *Syn:* kicumbiro, kitimbiri.



## K - k

**kabada** *Pl: makabada. From: English. n.* cupboard, cabinet; furniture with a door and shelves to store such things as mugs, plates, food, etc.

**kabada gya nsimbi** *Pl: kabada za nsimbi. n.* shelf.

**kabadye** *n.* very cold wind that rises from the southeast and makes the lake calm that is liked by fishermen.

**kabaragala** *n.* pancake; type of food made from a fried mixture of flour and yellow bananas or of flour, water and sugar.

**kabengu keilu** *n.* See main entry: **ilu**.

**kabi** *n.* 1 • danger; situation that can injure, destroy or kill. *Syn:* tabbu, *bulemesenja*.

2 • tragedy, catastrophe, disaster; any unpleasant happening.

**waakabi** *Pl: baakabi. n.* dangerous person; s.b. who can do anything harmful. *Syn:* waatabbu.

**kabindi** *Pl: hubindi. n.* roof apex; part inside a house where the rafters join and the centre pole supports the roof.

**kabiringitya** *Pl: makabiringitya. n.* dung beetle; black insect, with wings, a hard body like that of a certain mango flower eating insect and mostly likes moving while rolling a round object like a ball.

**Kabise** *Var: Keebise. n.* personal name given to a child whose mother took a long time before conceiving.

**kabunu** *Pl: makabunu. n.* one of a twin; child who has another brother or sister born at the same time.

**kabumbu** *n.* dusk; evening time when the light has almost gone, but it is not yet dark. *Syn:* hwire hwa kampitimpiti.

**kabumbubumbu**

*Pl: hubumbubumbu. n.* twilight; time immediately after sunset or at dawn when one is unable to

recognise s.b. due to low light.

**kabba** *n.* yoke; part of a shirt next to the collar or of a gomasi that is the last part at the top.

**kabbagabba** *n.* pretence; pretending to make sensible decisions and give good advice or extreme self-will that lands s.b. into problems.

**kabbalama** *Pl: makabbalama. n.* kingfisher; fish eating bird sp. with a long beak, that aims at a fish from up in the sky and dives into the water to catch it, hardly missing its target.

**kabbambaasi** *n.* bare ground; small somewhat raised piece of ground that is bare of any vegetation.

**kabbanga** *Pl: kabbanga. n.* tobacco leaves that have already been preserved either by being spread in air or by being fire cured and are ready for making cigarettes or for smoking. *Syn:* simonko, taaba.

**kabbaratuuru** *Pl: makabbaratuuru. n.* *Gerrhosaurus flavigularis*. Yellow-throated lizard; animal that resembles a monitor lizard, stays underground with four legs, a long tail, blackish on top, red in the sides and a whitish belly, yellow in the throat and the lower jaw.

**kabbaari** *Pl: hubbaari. n.* 1 • dance floor; open place, between the singers and the spectators, where people dance. 2 • arena; open space.

**kabbeji** *Pl: kabbeji. From: English. n.* cabbage.

**kabbeemule** *n.* s.t. very big. *Syn:* kikooto.

**kabbeepule** *Var: kabbeepulu. n.* s.t. very thin or small. See: **kidooli** 'small, few, little'.

**Kabboolwa** *n.* name of a place.

**kabbulusungu** *Pl: bakabbulusungu. n.* cruel person; s.b. who behaves in a way that shows no respect for others,

often talking rudely. *Syn.* kageru, kimbalanga, kintyome, ngeite, mubi.

**kacanka** *Pl:* **bucanka**. *n.* sandbank; dry place in the middle of the lake with much sand.

**kaciri** *n.* impatience; strong feeling of wanting to do or get s.t. or of wanting s.t. to happen to the extent of over anxiety. *Syn.* kajali, kahya.

**kacuba<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* **ncuba**. *n.* grasshopper sp. having a purple colour, brown and light green.

**kacuba<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* **bucuba**. *n.* plate, dish; wooden container carved into form of a plate.

**kacuba<sub>3</sub>** *Pl:* **bucuba**. *n.* wooden brick moulding tool.

**kacwi** *Pl:* **bucwi**. *n.* short interval.

**kadandi** *Pl:* **budandi**. *n.* strong body of wind that blows with round curves for a short while.

**kadaara** *Pl:* **budaara**. *n.* firing squad; method for executing people who have been sentenced to death.

**kadei** *adj.* ancient, very old; belonging to times long past.

**kademba ntumbu** *Pl:* **makademba ntumbu**. *n.* *Hemidactylus mabouia*. gecko; wild nocturnal khaki-coloured reptile with four legs and a tail, resides on the walls and in verandas, lives on insects, and resembles but is smaller than 'garagara'.

**kadi** *conj.* even if, though.

**kadi** *dem.* that one over there.

**kadojima** *Pl:* **makadojima**. *n.* small black insect sp. that resides in a community with others in holes of ant-hills and trees where a sweet syrup (like that of honey) is made and which is seen in homes during day times entering and exiting transparent tubes sticking on windows, etc.

**kadyebbu** *n.* insect larvae that eats potatoes leaves.

**kajifi** *n.* cotton chaff of poor quality.

**Kafo** *n.* name of a river.

**Kagaba** *n.* God; common local name for God, the superior power to whom

humans appeal.

**kaganga** *Pl:* **buganga**. *n.* spark; very small burning speck of material produced by a fire, or by hitting two hard substances together, or by an electrical circuit. *Syn:* bunyota.

**kageru** *Var:* **kagwangu**. *Pl:* **bakageru**. *n.* cruel person; s.b. who behaves in a way that shows no respect for others, often talking rudely. *Syn:* mubi, kabbulusungu, kimbalanga, kintyome, ngeite.

**kageeri** *Var:* **kagira**. *n.* See main entry: kigeeri.

**kagoobeero** *n.* discrimination, favouritism; treating one person or group in an unfair way with respect to others. *Syn:* kasorooro, katondo.

**kagoogoole** *Pl:* **bakagoogoole**. *n.* expert; s.b. who has expert knowledge or vast experience in doing s.t. such that he works without making any mistakes. *Syn:* kakungu, katyonko, mukugu, musaaha, muzira, kaguulu.

**Kagoro** *n.* name of a person.

**kagulu** *n.* prostitution; being unstable. *Syn:* hwenzi, hūbūngi, burawarawa, hūmalaaya, hūtaaruuki.

**waakagulu** *Pl:* **baakagulu**. *n.* prostitute; an unstable person. *Syn:* mwenzi, malaaya, mūbūngi, murawarawa, mūtaaruuki, musiihani.

**kaguulu<sub>1</sub>** *adj.* large; s.b. who is very big in size or who is the boss at a work place.

**kaguulu<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* **bakaguulu**. *n.* expert; s.b. who has expert knowledge or vast experience in doing s.t. such that he works without making any mistakes. *Syn:* kagoogoole, kakungu, katyonko, mukugu, musaaha, muzira.

**kagwangu** *n.* See main entry: kageru.

**kahanda** *Pl:* **buhanda**. *n.* narrow path. *Syn:* kasulusulu.

**kahanda kasulusulu**

*Pl:* **buhanda busulusulu**. *n.* footpath.

**kahanda ka gaali gya mwica**

*Pl:* **ḡuhanda ḡwa magaali ga mwica**. *n.* railroad.

**kahangaara** *Pl:* **bakahangaara**. *n.*

s.b. bad who does not fear and does not feel shame for his actions.

**kahembe** *Pl:* **ḡuhembe**. *n.* antenna, feeler; part on the head of an insect that is raised up like horns.**kahendu** *Pl:* **ḡuhendu**. *n.* mathematical problem or question.**kahiga** *Pl:* **ḡuhiga**. *n.* land title stone planted by the land board at the boundary of a piece of land to show that such land belongs to a given person.**kahihiiriyo** *Pl:* **ḡuhihiiriyo**. *n.* imagination, vision; hope in s.t.  
*Syn:* **kasisanj**.**kahooki** *Pl:* **ḡuhooki**. *n.* honeybee; insect with wings and a stinger that lives and works together and produces honey.**Kahoora** *n.* 1 • name of a town.

2 • name of a river.

**kahulo** *Pl:* **ḡuhulo**. *n.* bubble; foam that forms on the surface of water due to boiling, mixing of water with soap, or shaking.**kahunyo** *Pl:* **ḡuhunyo**. *n.* smell; odour coming from s.t. smelling.**kahuukyandwa**

*Pl:* **makahuukyandwa**. *n.* *Kassina senegalensis*. Small smooth skinned running frog; animal that resembles a frog, with a swollen body, with black and yellow spots, breeds during the rainy season and mostly stays underground.

**kahya** *n.* lust; repetitive expression of strong enjoyment or desire for s.t.  
*Syn:* **kajali**, **kaciri**.**Kahyahyana** *n.* nickname that describes s.b. who is always unsettled both in mind and behaviour.**Kaikara** *n.* name of a person.**kaina** *n.* See main entry: **keineiibiri**.**kajagaraire** *Var:* **kajagaaru**. *n.*

1 • impatience, irritability, irascibility; state of being excited, not relaxed and

with strong emotion. *Syn:* **ḡwirukiriya**, **ḡujaganiriya**, **ḡupapi**.

2 • intemperance, self-indulgence; lack of self control in behaviour.

3 • speaking without restraint, mouthing off; making s.t. known to others in a way that is not acceptable to all, e.g., publicising s.t. in an exaggerated way.  
*Syn:* **ḡuhorozi**, **keera**.

**kajali** *n.* repeated behaviour that attempts to publicise s.t. in an exaggerated manner. *Syn:* **kaciri**, **kahya**.**kajangu** *Pl:* **makajangu**. *n.* cat; small domestic carnivore, with soft fur that catches rats.**Kajunju** *n.* personal name given to a female child born with a very small birth weight.**kajuuru** *Pl:* **ḡujuuru**. *n.* lake fly; small white insect, smaller and more common than 'luhunda', that flies and likes playing in the night where there is light.**kaka** *dem.* this one.**kakala** *Pl:* **makakala**. *n.* fox; carnivore that preys on chickens.**kakaraaza** *Pl:* **ḡukaraaza**. *n.* insect sp. with a very strong smell that almost resembles a scorpion.**kakaaga** *num.* six thousand.**kakeikuru** *num.* one million.

*Syn:* **ḡilyoni**.

**Kakindo** *n.* name of a place.**kakizi** *n.* ambition; desire to work hard and earn to be self sustainable emulating those who are well established, or even to become better

off than them.

**kakodyo** *Pl: bukodyo. n.* method, manner, means; a particular way of doing s.t. *Syn: mulingo, nkora.*

**kakonda** *Pl: bukonda. n.* sickle; curved metallic tool used to clear bushes.

**kakondo** *Pl: bukondo. n.* belt loop; part of a piece of clothing in which a belt is fixed.

**kakonko** *n.* tuberculosis; chronic disease that makes s.b. keep on coughing all the time.

**kaku** *n.* hatred, resentment, grievance, grudge, bitterness; bad feeling that s.b. has at the back of his mind against s.b. that is kept hidden.

**kakulumbeeru** *Pl: bukulumbeeru. n.* wild herb sp. usually growing on hard soil (e.g., ant hills) with tiny thorns, small leaves, yellow trunk and branches, and which has leaves that are medicinal.

**kakungu** *Pl: bukungu. n.* speed bump; heap of soil raised above the surface of the road to reduce the speed of vehicles.

**kakuratu** *Pl: bukuratu. n.*

1 • legislators; group of people who have been elected to make and pass laws.

2 • committee.

**kakungu<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bakakungu. n.* expert; s.b. who has expert knowledge or vast experience in doing s.t. such that he works without making any mistakes.

*Syn: kagoogoole, katyonko, mukugu, musaaha, muzira, kaguulu.*

**kakungu<sub>2</sub>** *n.* See main entry: **nkungu.**

**kakunkuni** *Pl: bukunkuni. n.* flea; small dark brown insect, without wings, resembles the young one of a jigger, jumps, bites animals and sucks blood and mostly stays on chicken's eyes, legs and wings.

**kakuumiire** *n.* fame, popularity.

**kakwo** *dem.* that one.

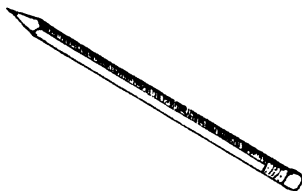
**kalaka** *n.* grass sp. with long roots that mostly grows in house courtyards and that you weed today and tomorrow it

has already sprouted.

**kalala** *Pl: bulala. n.* small piece of dry land that is bare of grass.

**kalanda na kalanda** *adj.* hereditary, inherited; following one after another.

**kalaamu** *Pl: makalaamu. From: Arabic. n.* pencil; writing tool, thin like a stick, with a central black rod, used for drawing pictures or writing.



**kalaaya** *Pl: makalaaya. n.* metal basin, fairly wide round used for bathing or washing clothes.

**kale kale** *adv.* quite.

**kalegyo** *Pl: bulegyo. n.* gutter; curved piece of iron sheet that is placed under the edge of a roof in order to trap rain downpour.

**kalenda** *Pl: bulenda. From: English. n.* calendar; printed table that shows the days, weeks and months in a particular year.

**kalengeetu** *Pl: bulengeetu. n.* earring; piece of jewellery that s.b. fixes into or fastens on the ear. *Syn: kooma ka mapokopo.*

**kaleega** *Pl: huleega. n.* bra; women's wear for the breasts.

**kalihwa** *Pl: bulihwa. n.* type of traditional dance where one group of people foot stamp while others twist their waists as the drum is being sounded.

**Kaliisa** *n.* name of a person.

**kalimagezi** *Pl: bakalimagezi. n.*

1 • intelligent person; s.b. who is a quick learner, good at understanding and thinking in a logical way about things.

2 • sensible person.

**kalituusi** *Pl: mikalituusi. From: English. n.* Eucalyptus tree.

**kaluma mbuzi** *Pl: huluma mbuzi. n.*

insect sp. that resembles a bee but is smaller that stays in the bush and in gardens among tall crops like cassava and banana, in a community of about ten and which stings painfully causing swelling.

**kaluulu** *n.* cry of alarm; loud noise or a signal that warns people of danger or of a problem.

**kalwizi** *adj.* diluted, watery; s.t. that is weak because it is mixed with too much water.

**kwirya kalwizi** *v.* dilute.

**kamacoti** *n.* trap made of wire that is placed where animals normally pass and catches an animal in the neck.

**kamacucu** *Pl: ħukamacucu. n.*  
Domestic long pointed mouth rat; small gnawing wild animal, very much resembling a rat, with a long mouth.

**kamadulu** *Pl: kamadulu. n.* fish sp. without scales that resembles 'gologolo' and has much sticky substance on its surface.

**kamankuuti** *n.* hawk, kite; wild meat eating bird sp. resembling but slightly bigger than a dove, with greyish feathers, sharp beak and talons that preys on small birds and medium size chicks.

**kamansisira** *Pl: ħumansisira. n.*  
scorpion; insect without wings, with two front curved claws and a long tail that curves over its back and gives a poisonous sting.



**kamanza** *Pl: ħumanza. n.* piece of ground that is prepared by smearing a surface specifically for sun drying food like cassava and grains.

**kamaalu** *Pl: ħumaalu. n.* mushroom; plant that grows on an ant-hill, usually white in colour, has one root and a cap on top (i.e., a round flat head).



**kimaalu kya bbootya**

*Pl: bimaalu bya bbootya. n.*  
fungus; plant that resembles a mushroom, grows on trees, esp. dry ones and is inedible.

**kamaanya** *adj.* hostile, cruel.

**kamera** *Pl: kamera. From: English. n.*  
camera; equipment for taking photographs.

**kameeme** *Pl: ħumeeme. n.* diaphragm; muscle between the lungs and the stomach, used in breathing.

**kamogo** *Pl: ħumogo. n. 1* • bad habit that people condemn. *Syn:* muze, mulye. *2* • defect.

**kamooli** *Pl: ħumooli. n.* ventilator; brick with small holes that is installed above doors and windows for allowing fresh air into a house.

**Kampala** *n.* name of a city.

**kampu** *Pl: kampu. From: English. n.*  
camp.

**kampuni** *Pl: makampuni. From: English. n.* company; business organisation.

**Kamuhukule** *n.* name of a river.

**kamulale** *n.* red chilli pepper; plant with extremely sharp flavoured fruit that is ground and used for spicing food.

**kamunye** *Pl: kamunye. n.* taxi; car driven by s.b. whose job is to take passengers where they want to go in exchange for money. *Syn:* takisi.

**kamuje** *Pl: makamuje. n. Xerus*

*ruilus*. squirrel; small gnawing animal, with a bushy body, long flat tail, small ears, large eyes and mostly likes eating groundnuts.

**Kamuli** *n.* name of a town.

**kamundagi** *Pl: makamundagi. n.*

*Felis Leptailurus*. serval; wild animal that resembles a cat, with long legs, a small head, black and brown spots and stripes and a short tail.

**kamwe na kamwe** *adv.* thoroughly; completely and with great attention to detail. *Syn:* hyehye, kimwei.

**kanaanei** *num.* eight thousand.

**kandi** *Var: na kindi. conj.* and, and then, also.

**kandi de** *conj.* again.

**kange** *Var: kei. pro.* my, mine.

**kangi** *Pl: bakangi. n.* one of the players in a 'bbunga' game.

**kangiro** *n.* pea stew; kind of sauce prepared from the powder of roasted peas that is ground on a grinding-stone after pounding it in a mortar in order to remove the outer coatings.

**kanisa** *Pl: kanisa. From: Arabic. n.* church.



**kanisa** *Pl: makanisa. n.*

denomination; group of religious congregations having its own organization and a distinctive faith.

**kankei** *Var: kankeenya. pro.* themselves.

**kankolongoj** *Pl: hunkolongoj. n.* ankle; joint connecting the foot to the leg.

**kansiiha** *n.* wild herb sp. usually found in a bush with small green spikes that prick causing pain.

**kawanwa** *Pl: hunwanwa. n.*

1 • bunch of sisal threads tied together after stripping off the green chaff.

2 • one of the noose of a bird's trap.

**Kanzala** *n.* name of a person.

**kanyagwe** *Pl: bakanyagwe. n.* enemy; s.b. who hates, harms, acts, or speaks against s.b., e.g., s.b. who prevents you from being successful. *Syn:* mwanjo, munyanzigwa, ntamuhiira.

**kanyamalya** *Pl: hnyamalya. n.* small bird that shows where a bee-hive is.

**kanyana** *Pl: hnyana. n.* calf; young one of a cow.

**kanyangu** *Pl: hnyangu. n.* sun; early morning sun that has just risen.

**kanyota<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: hnyota. n.* salivation; the feeling that involves producing more saliva in your mouth than usual, esp. when you see or smell food.

**kanyota<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: hnyota. n.* spark; very small burning speck of material produced by a fire, or by hitting two hard substances together, or by an electrical circuit. *Syn:* huganga.

**kanyuunya sukaali**

*Pl: bikanyuunya sukaali. n.* blackish-brownish wingless insect sp. that is attracted by sugar smells, e.g., that of banana wine.

**kapimpini** *Pl: makapimpini. n.*

*Chamaeleo hoehneli*. chameleon; small animal that changes colour according to its surroundings.

**kapiira** *v.* See main entry: kipiira.

**kapiira ka taaba** *Pl: hupiira hwa taaba. n.* butt; cigarette end from which s.b. sucks smoke and that he throws away after smoking.

**kaputa** *n.* kind of non sticky sauce made from beans or bambara nuts from which the outer coatings have been removed.

**kapumpuli** *n.* epilepsy; disorder of the nervous system that causes s.b. to become suddenly unconscious, often with violent movements of the body. *Syn:* huseeri hwa kahungura, nsimbu.

**kara** *conj.* so that.

**karabule** *n.* loose talk; speech uttered

without any self-control.

*Syn:* **busadamuku**.

**Karamooja** *n.* name of a region.

**karara** *Var:* **karwa**. *n.* trait; attribute of behaviour in a family that is inherited.

**karei** *adv.* early; before the exact time or a head of the exact time.

**karungi** *Pl:* **burungi**. *n.* fish lateral line; brown part of a fish that is in the middle of the flesh running from the tail up to the head.

**karuru** *Pl:* **bururu**. *n.* ballot paper; piece of paper that s.b. shows in order to vote or that he puts a thumb-print on in order to decide.

**muguma karuru** *Var:* **mukoma karuru**. *Pl:* **baguma bururu**. *n.* voter.

**kuzeenya karuru** *v.* vote; express preference for s.b. or s.t. in order to find a winner. *Syn:* **kukoma**.

**karuuka** *Pl:* **makaruuka**. *n.* fish sp. with scales with a split tail fin, that jumps up high as if it is flying.

**karwa** *n.* See main entry: **karara**.

**kasagu** *Pl:* **busagu**. *n.* pillow; small fabric of about sixty centimetres length, width about forty centimetres filled with soft materials, used to put the head on bed.

**kasahu** *Pl:* **busahu**. *n.* hill; part of the earth a little bit raised, but not as high as a mountain.

**kasama** *adj.* greyish colour.

**kasambura** *Pl:* **busambura**. *n.* shorter dry season between the first rainy season of the year and the second rainy season of the year.

**kasanduuko** *Var:* **kasanduuki**. *Pl:* **busanduuko**. *n.* ballot box; container into which a ballot is put after deciding.

**kasanju** *num.* seven thousand.

**kasarabale** *n.* type of disease that affects sweet potatoes.

**kasekuseku** *Pl:* **busekuseku**. *n.* hiccup; involuntary sound produced in the throat that is brought about by a sudden reflex movement of the

diaphragm.

**kaserya** *Pl:* **buserya**. *n.* 1 • lightning; light that shines like electricity before thunder is heard.

2 • firefly; small insect that flies with a tail that glows in the night.

*Syn:* **mpyehenyi**.

**kaseenyankwi**

*Pl:* **makaseenyankwi**. *n.* insect sp. that crawls along encased in a nest made of dry vegetable materials with only the head exposed out, and can also put the head inside when necessary.

**kasi** *conj.* 1 • then; after some time. 2 • and.

**kasigo** *Pl:* **busigo**. *n.* seed; part of a plant that is inside a fruit or that is planted.

**Kasigwa** *n.* name given to a male child born after a father's death.

**Kasinyi** *n.* name of a place.

**kasihihiro** *Pl:* **busihihiro**. *n.* 1 • very tiny and unnoticeable opening on s.t. from where air or water can escape or find its way into s.t.

2 • small hole with openings on both sides from where a small animal like a squirrel escapes out in times of danger. *Syn:* **mbawulo**.

**kasigi** *n.* See main entry: **katigi**.

**kasiimo** *Pl:* **busiimo**. *n.* reward, bonus, severance package, retirement pay; s.t. that you are given for doing s.t. good, working hard etc.

**kasiisira** *Pl:* **busiisira**. *n.* hut, shack; small house that is built very fast just for emergency purposes.

**kasiki** *n.* day just before a special occasion such as a wedding day. *Syn:* **kulaaliriya**.

**kasirimuko** *Pl:* **busirimuko**. *n.* slope, incline; part of a mountain or a hill that has a gradient.

**kasisani** *n.* imagination; mental image created in the mind. *Syn:* **kahihiriyo**.

**kasolya** *Pl:* **busolya**. *n.* roof; top part of a building that provides a protective covering.

**kasonga** *Pl:* **busonga**. *n.* tip, point,

peak.

**kasorooro** *n.* discrimination, favouritism; treating one person or group in an unfair way with respect to others. *Syn:* kagoobeero, katondo.

**waakasorooro**

*Pl:* **baakasorooro**. *n.*

discriminator; unfair person.

*Syn:* mutondi, musoroori, waakatondo.

**kasuma** *n.* first trimester labour pain that a woman feels when the pregnancy is about seven months before it is ready for delivery.

**kasumi** *Pl:* **busumi**. *n.* season, period of time; length of time that s.t. lasts.

**kasumu** *n.* *See main entry:* **isumu**.

**kasurubbanu** *Pl:* **makasurubbanu**. *n.* large fish sp. with scales, with the outer surface like that of a Yellowfish, rarely edible and has an electric tail fin.

**kasuuka** *Pl:* **busuuka**. *n.* kanga, wrap; women's garment that is wrapped around the waist having a measurement of about a young child's bed sheet.

**kasuku** *Pl:* **makasuku**. *n.* parrot; tropical bird with a curved beak that is kept as a pet and can be trained to copy human speech.

**kasulusulu** *Pl:* **busulusulu**. *n.* narrow path. *Syn:* kahanda.

**kasweku** *adv.* dusk; time when the sun has gone down and darkness is beginning.

**kasyalaala** *Pl:* **busyalaala**. *n.* fatty part on the top of a fish e.g. a catfish between the tail fin and the dorsal fin.

**kasyosyo** *Pl:* **busyosyo**. *n.* chick; young chicken that has just been hatched and has not yet shown a sign of laying eggs or is not yet ready to crow.

**katabanguko** *n.* riot; state of danger, trouble, violence, chaos, etc.

**katabarwa** *num.* one billion.

**butabarwa rukumi** *num.* one trillion.

**katabukeene** *Pl:* **butabukeene**. *n.* anarchy; roughness, misunderstandings, difficulties and lack of control of a

situation.

**katabbu** *Pl:* **butabbu**. *n.* stretcher; long piece of strong fabric with a pole on each side, used for carrying s.b. who is sick or injured and who cannot walk.

*Syn:* kiparapu, kitware.

**katadooba** *Var:* **todooba**.

*Pl:* **butadooba**. *n.* hurricane lamp; small lamp with a wick that uses paraffin to burn.

**Kataleeba** *n.* name of a place.

**katali** *Pl:* **butali**. *n.* market; place where people meet to sell and buy things.

**katandalike** *Pl:* **butandalike**. *n.* drying rack; household item used for drying kitchen utensils like plates, sauce pans, etc.

**katandaaru** *Pl:* **butandaaru**. *n.* stand; small table like structure used for spreading out things, e.g., a market stall or rack for drying dishes outside.

**kataaba** *Pl:* **butaaba**. *n.* cigarette; tobacco that is wrapped in a white soft paper with a filter on it.

**kataatu** *Pl:* **butaatu**. *n.* trellis; support that is made for a creeping plant to grow on.

**katege** *n.* violence; physical force that is intended to hurt. *Syn:* bbuuru, tuutu.

**kateera** *Pl:* **buteera**. *n.* trunk of an elephant.

**katima** *Pl:* **butima**. *n.* xylem, inner stem; small part of a tree that is inside in the middle of a tree running from the root to the top even in the branches.

**katima ka gaali** *Pl:* **butima bwa gaali**. *n.* bicycle valve.

**katimba ka waya** *Pl:* **butimba bwa mawaya**. *n.* *See main entry:* **kitimba**.

**Katige** *n.* name given to a female child born after a father's death.

**katigi** *Var:* **kasigi**. *n.* disobedience; not listening what you are being told due to disrespect for those older or with more authority. *Syn:* huhoole, bujeemu, bukunguuni, buteegwa, kyejo.

**waakatigi** *Pl:* **baakatigi**. *n.* cruel person; s.b. who is not kind.

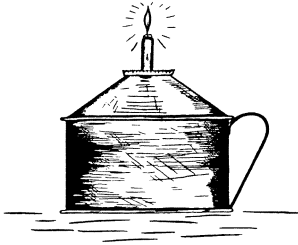
**katiikiro** *Pl:* **bakatiikiro**. *From:*



Luganda. *n.* king's prime minister; person of the highest rank among the subordinates of the king.

**Kato** *n.* name of a male twin.

**katodooba** *Pl: butodooba. n.* candle.



**katooki** *Sg: butooki. n.* yellow banana that is eaten when ripe. *Syn:* kitooki k̄itatimbwa, sukaali ndiizi.

**katondo** *n.* discrimination, favouritism; treating one person or group in an unfair way with respect to others.

*Syn:* kagoobeero, kasorooro.

**waakatondo** *Pl: baakatondo. n.* discriminator; unfair person.

*Syn:* mutondi, musoroori, waakasorooro.

**katoonyoza** *Pl: butoonyoza. n.* dot.

**katooro** *n.* first trimester; period of early pregnancy of about three months.

**katulubende** *Pl: butulubende. n.*

*Lemniscomys species.* Wild striped rat; small gnawing animal, that resembles a rat with many pale stripes surrounding a central dark one or with a single central dark stripe.



**katunda** *Pl: butunda. n.* passion fruit; fruit that is purple, yellow or greenish in colour with many black seeds whose juice is taken after it is squeezed and sugar added.

**katuntu** *Pl: butuntu. n.* raindrop; drop of rain.

**katunturu** *Pl: butunturu. n.* small white wingless insect sp. that is found on a sitting hen.

**katunguru** *Pl: butunguru. n.* onion; round plant with a brown, red or white outer covering, a strong smell and flavour, and is used as a spice, esp. in sauce.

**katyonko** *Pl: bakatyonko. n.* expert; s.b. who has expert knowledge or vast experience in doing s.t. such that he works without making any mistakes. *Syn:* kagoogoole, kakungu, mukugu, musaaha, muzira, kaguulu.

**kaveera** *Pl: buveera. n.* small polythene plastic bag in which one buys rice, sugar, beans etc.

**kawaalulu** *Pl: buwaalulu. n.* amniotic fluid; sac of fluid that first bursts when a woman is delivering and then is followed by the baby.

**kaweisomba** *Pl: makaweisomba. n.* rat; wild rodent resembling a rat but of the size of an edible rat, with the habit of collecting things and piling them in one place.

**kawenekeera** *Pl: buwenekeera. n.* crescent moon; new moon that rises from the west and sets after shining for a short time.

**kawenpe** *n.* See main entry: wempe.

**kaweecei** *n.* quietness; state of peace and quiet.

**kaweesimba** *Pl: buweesimba. n.* cat sp. with a very strong bad smell.

**kawonekeera** *n.* See main entry: mboneko.

**kawonero** *Pl: buwonero. n.*

1 • indicator, symbol, sign, symptom; s.t. that shows that s.t. will happen or happened or where s.t. is.

2 • example, model, sample; a person, action, letter, figure, picture, etc. used to stand for a wider thing.

**kyu kuwoneraho** *conj.* for example.

**Kawonesa** *n.* name of a female person.

**kazubi** *Pl: makazubi. n. Anhinga rufa.*  
African darter; wild black bird sp. with  
a longish neck, pointed beak, that  
plunges into river or lake water and then  
swims for a long period without  
emerging when hunting fish.

**kaabyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**kaabu** *pro. their, theirs.*

**kaabwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**kaadi** *From: English. n. playing card; one of a set of 52 cards with numbers and pictures printed on one side, that are used to play various card games.*

*Syn: canisi.*

**kaadibboodi** *Pl: kaadibboodi. From: English. n. cardboard.*

**kaadi** *dem. that very one over there.*

**kaago** *pro. their, theirs.*

**kaagwo** *pro. its.*

**kaagyo** *pro. its.*

**Kaaheeru** *n. name of a person.*

**kaahwa<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: kaahwa. From: Arabic. n. coffee; drink made from ground coffee beans.*

**Kaahwa<sub>2</sub>** *n. personal name given to s.b. who is born following twins.*

**kaaka** *dem. this very one.*

**kaako** *pro. their, theirs.*

**kaakwo** *dem. that very one.*  
*pro. its.*

**kaakyo** *pro. its.*

**kaalwo** *pro. its.*

**kaalya** *Pl: makaalya. From: English. n. bicycle carrier.*

**kaalyo** *pro. its.*

**kaamu** *Var: ko. pro. your, yours.*

**kaamwe** *Var: ke. pro. his, her, hers.*

**kaamyoy** *pro. their, theirs.*

**kaanya** *Pl: bwanya. n. interval; period of time. Syn: keire.*

**kaanyuma** *Var: keinyuma. n. backyard; piece of land behind a homestead.*

**kaata inih** *n. See main entry: inih.*

**kaata ka kijungu** *n. See main entry: kyata.*

**kaatwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**kaazyoy** *pro. their, theirs.*

**ke** *pro. See main entry: kaamwe.*

**kei** *pro. See main entry: kange.*

**keijwiso** *Var: keelwisoy; keelwiso. n.*

*Taboo. vaginal haemorrhage; sickness that a woman suffers whereby she constantly bleeds.*

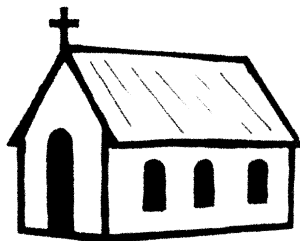
**keineibiri** *Var: kaina.*

*Pl: makeineibiri. n. house that is built having a storey or storeys on top.*

**keinyuma** *Var: kaanyuma. n. behind part of a house. Syn: keeluli.*

**keire** *Pl: bwire. n. interval; period of time. Syn: kaanya.*

**kelezya** *Pl: bilezya. n. catholic church.*



**kenda** *num. nine thousand.*

**kendendyo** *n. provocation.*

**kengere** *Pl: kengere. n. bicycle bell; round metal object on the handlebar of a bicycle that makes a ringing sound when hit by clicking on its button used esp. as a warning.*

**Kenya** *n. name of a country.*

**keeberengesi keilu** *n. See main entry: ilu.*

**Keebise** *n. personal name given to a female child whose mother took a long time before conceiving.*

**keeluli** *n. behind part of a house.*

*Syn: keinyuma.*

**keelwisoy** *Var: keelwiso. n. See main entry: keijwiso.*

**keenyo** *pro. your, yours (for 2 or more people).*

**keera** *n. 1 • publicity in an exaggerated manner that involves making s.t. known to others in a way that is not acceptable to all, e.g., when a politician publicises his election victory in an exaggerated way. Syn: buhoroz, kajagaraire.*

2 • emotional volatility; quality of not being calm and reasonable or easily upset.

**keerya** *n.* brown grasshopper sp.

**keetuuku** *n.* enlargement of a testicle.

**keetu** *pro.* our, ours.

**keetunguuli** *n.* dizziness.

**ki** *interrog.* See main entry: **kyani**.

**kibabi** *adj.* green colour. *Syn:* rangi gya kisubi kibisi.

**kibanda** *Pl:* **bibanda**. *n.* 1 • boat workshop; place where boats are made.  
2 • hall where people gather to watch football on screen, etc.  
3 • rack for drying and keeping tobacco leaves.

**kibandwa** *Pl:* **babandwa**. *n.* s.b. who worships a traditional spirit that a family believes in.

**kibanga** *Pl:* **bibanga**. *n.* hole made in a house wall suitable for a window or a door, or an unintended hole made by some natural means.

See: **kihongole** 'unintended hole'.

**kibanja** *Pl:* **bibanja**. *n.* plot; small piece of land that is used or intended for a special purpose esp. for cultivation.

**kibaara** *Pl:* **bibaara**. *n.* Tsetse fly; insect that bites people and animals, sucks blood and spreads sleeping sickness.

**kibembu** *Pl:* **bibembu**. *n.* piece of land, of the same size or measurement, that everybody is instructed by government to cultivate for the purpose of food security so as to prevent an outbreak of famine in a country.

**kunihiriirya kibembu** *v.* prepare a field in order to grow plants.

**kiberu** *Pl:* **biberu**. *n.* thigh; part of the leg between the knee and the hip.

**kibi** *Pl:* **bibi**. *n.* sin; act that is against religious laws or that people strongly condemn.

**kibira** *Pl:* **bibira**. *n.* forest; large area of very many trees and other plants growing closely together.

**kibisi** *adj.* fresh, unripe.

**kibiibi** *adj.* 1 • bad, evil.

2 • ugly.

3 • unpurified.

4 • prohibited.

5 • unholy.

6 • awkward.

7 • deficient, substandard, inferior; not good enough.

**kibiibiho** *adj.* worse.

**kibiibi kyakalasanu** *adj.*  
dreadful, awful, terrible, horrific, atrocious.

**kibombo** *Pl:* **bibombo**. *n.* creeping wild herb sp. that grows in a bush, and that is tied around a head when performing a ceremony of twins.

**kiboneirembo** *Pl:* **biboneirembo**. *n.* goat that is given to the go-between (matchmaker) after a girl and a boy have got married.

**kibuga** *Pl:* **bibuga**. *n.* city.

**kibbaga** *Pl:* **bibbaga**. *n.* season in a year in which there is very much rainfall.

**kibbambu** *Pl:* **bibambu**. *n.* load, burden; goods that are tied together into s.t. that s.b. or a vehicle carries on a journey. *Syn:* kigugu, kizigo, mwetweko.

**kibandi** *Pl:* **bibandi**. *n.* piece of cloth for carrying a baby in the hands, the lap, on the back or for the baby to sleep on.

**kibbaali** *Pl:* **bibbaali**. *n.* amulet.

**kibbaati** *Pl:* **bibbaati**. *n.* stain, mark; irregular-shaped dirty spot that has formed on one part of s.t. that is difficult to be cleaned. *Syn:* kyapa.

**kibbeebbe** *Pl:* **bibbeebbe**. *n.* thin thing; s.t. not thick or not covered with much flesh.

**kibbeebbeho** *Pl:* **bibbeebbeho**. *n.* slightly thinner thing.

**kibbiina** *Pl:* **bibbiina**. *From:* Luganda. *n.* group of people; people that are connected in some way for a common objective.

**kibbooko** *Var:* **lubbooko**.

*Pl:* **bibbooko**. *n.* cane, whip, lash; long thin piece of wood, metal, or leather used for punishing people or making animals move, or the act of using such a

punishment tool. *Syn:* lujunju, kijwatu.

**kibbomboro** *Pl:* **bibbomboro**. *n.*

scrap, junk; s.t. that is spoilt and is useless due to extreme weakness.

**kibboosoro** *Pl:* **bibboosoro**. *n.* bad seed.

**kibbubbu** *Pl:* **bakibbubbu**. *n.* mute or dumb person; s.b. whose mouth does not speak. *Syn:* mwijalu wa munwa.

**kicakali** *adv.* not yet.

**kicaafu** *adj.* dirty; not clean because of dirt, dust, etc. *Syn:* kiiraguru.

**kiceke** *adj.* 1 • weak, flimsy.

2 • easy; s.t. that is not difficult to do. *Syn:* kyangu, kihuhu.

**kicuku** *Pl:* **bicuku**. *n.* 1 • one handful; measurement of grains, legumes or dry cassava in a sack that can be carried in one hand. *Syn:* kintinti.

2 • half.

**kicuro** *Pl:* **bicuro**. *n.* trembling; involuntary twitching or shaking of a localised area of the body.

**kicweka** *Pl:* **bicweka**. *n.* portion, part, half, bit, section; a piece of s.t.

**kicweka kigalihye** *Pl:* **bicweka bigalihye**. *n.* expanded area.

**kicweka kindi kyensei**

*Pl:* **bicweka bindi byensei**. *n.* anywhere.

**kicweka kyeihanga**

*Pl:* **bicweka byeihanga**. *n.* region; one of the parts of a country.

**kicweka kya kintu**

**kyebulungusu** *Pl:* **bicweka bya bintu byebulungusu**. *n.* arc; a continuous portion of a circle.

**kicweka kya mubiri**

*Pl:* **bicweka bya mubiri**. *n.* organ; an internal part of the body.

**kicweka kya makuru mu**

**kihanuuro** *Pl:* **bicweka bya makuru mu kihanuuro**. *n.* paragraph.

**kicweka kya kusoma**

*Pl:* **bicweka bya kusoma**. *n.* passage; section of text.

**kicweka kya kwetegereza**

*Pl:* **bicweka bya kwetegereza**.

*n.* area of knowledge.

**kicweka kya kusuuḅuliramu**

*Pl:* **bicweka bya**

**kusuuḅuliramu**. *n.* business place.

**kicweka kya rangi kya**

**kyakyo** *Pl:* **bicweka bya rangi**

**bya kyakyo**. *n.* petal.

**kidaali** *Pl:* **bidaali**. *n.* latch, hasp; piece of metal that is used to fasten a door.

**kideku** *Pl:* **bideku**. *n.* calabash; canoe-shaped household utensil made from a dry pumpkin like plant and used for drinking water or local beer.

**kidemu** *Pl:* **bidemu**. *n.* migration; when s.b. or a group of people permanently shift, with all their belongings, from one place of residence to another.

**kideeru** *Pl:* **bideeru**. *n.* granary; food storage that is built like a hut, raised on poles, with a cover on top. *Syn:* kigoga, mudiḙi, mutoogoolo.

**kideeru kya nsimbi** *Pl:* **bideeru**

**bya nsimbi**. *n.* bank; institution that provides various financial services, e.g., keeping or lending money. *Syn:* ibiikiro lya nsimbi, bbanka.

**kidigidiirwa** *Pl:* **bidigidiirwa**. *n.*

immature plant or part of a plant.

*Syn:* kidiradira.

**kidiradira** *Pl:* **bidiradira**. *n.* immature plant or part of a plant.

*Syn:* kidigidiirwa.

**kidogotooro** *Pl:* **bidogotooro**. *n.*

weak person; s.b. with less strength or stamina. *Syn:* togolooto.

**kiduulu** *Pl:* **biduulu**. *n.* Bilharzia; disease caused by small worms that get into the blood and make the stomach swell.

**kifaafa** *Pl:* **bifaafa**. *n.* nuisance, spoilt person; s.b. whose behaviour annoys other people, i.e., his behaviour does not conform to accepted moral values and standards.

**kifu** *Pl:* **bifu**. *n.* still-born; baby that is

born dead.

**kifubiro** *Pl: bifubiro. n.* punishment; penalty that makes s.b. suffer for breaking the law or doing s.t. wrong.

**kifunju** *Pl: bifunju. n.* intestine, large.

**kigalagamba** *Pl: bigalagamba. n.* scale; one of the top surface that cover the skin of most fish and such reptiles as crocodile, monitor lizard, and others.

**kigali** *adj.* wide.

**kigambu** *Pl: bigambu. n.* 1 • word; what you say or write.  
2 • concept.

**kigambwa** *Pl: bigambwa. n.* instrument that is used for producing musical sounds, e.g., drum, flute, etc.

**kigangu** *Pl: bigangu. n.* shelter; temporary structure supported with poles and roofed with tarpaulins, iron sheets or any local materials to provide shelter at a function.

**kiganja** *Pl: biganja. n.* palm; inner side of the hand.

**kiganyiro** *Pl: biganyiro. n.* apology, forgiveness; word, statement or an act that forgives s.b. for his wrong.

**kigezu** *Pl: bigezu. n.* 1 • test, exam; formal written, spoken or practical test, esp. at school or college, to see how much one knows about a subject, or what one can do.

2 • attempt.

**kisiika kya bigezu** *Pl: bisika bya bigezu. n.* examination room; place where a formal written, spoken or practical test is taken, especially at school or college, to see how much you know about a subject or what you can do.

**kiginyo** *Pl: biginyo. n.* caterpillar; wormlike and often brightly coloured and hairy or spiny larva of a butterfly or moth.

**kigira** *n.* See main entry: **kigeeri**.

**kigo** *Pl: bigo. n.* enclosure where goats are kept or where they sleep.

**kigoga** *Pl: bigoga. n.* granary; building where surplus food, esp. grain, is stored in times of good harvest. *Syn: mudiri,*

*mutoogoolo, kideeru.*

**kigogo** *Pl: bigogo. n.* dry banana fibre.

**kigonze** *Pl: bakigonze. n.* loved person; s.b. who is very much liked by the family head in a family.

**kigugu** *Pl: bigugu. From: Runyoro. n.* load, burden; goods that are tied together into s.t. that s.b. or a vehicle carries on a journey. *Syn: kibbambu, kizigo, mwetweko.*

**kigulu** *Pl: magulu. n.* 1 • leg, foot; part of the body used for walking.



2 • foot measure; unit of measurement equal to 30 cm. *Syn: fuuti.*

3 • footprint; mark that a s.b. leaves on the earth's surface when walking.  
*Syn: kisinde.*

**kigwo** *Pl: bigwo. n.* fall; accidental and sudden drop from up to land down on the ground.

**kigyendeere** *Pl: bigyendeere. n.* intended thing, deliberate action.

**kigyendererwa**

*Pl: bigyendererwa. n.* aim, goal, purpose; what you hope or try to achieve.

**kihaha** *n.* See main entry: **kimpaha**.

**kihala** *Pl: bihala. n.* traditional religion; ritual of traditional worship that causes s.b. to behave like they are demon possessed due to developing the spirit of the dead.

**kihanda** *Pl: bihanda. n.* 1 • track, path; route where animals normally pass.

2 • straight hair plaits; style of combing hair making it remain at each side that creates a gap in the middle like a path.

**kihandiiko** *Pl: bihandiiko. n.* book, letter, document; written material made esp. by a pen, pencil or chalk.

**kihanga** *Pl: bihanga. n.* valley, canyon, ravine; flat land between mountains or hills. *Syn: kikonko.*

**kihangwa** *Pl: bihangwa. n.* natural feature; s.t. found on earth and in space that was created by God.

**kihangwa kya bwomi**

*Pl: bihangwa bya bwomi. n.* organism.

**kihanguuro** *Pl: bihanguuro. n.* folktale, fairytale; very old traditional story that is known from the teaching of old people.

**kiharuko** *Pl: biharuko. n.* diarrhoea; defecation of watery faeces.

**kihaara** *Pl: bihaara. n.* medium-sized non-edible brown locust; tropical flying insect that swarms in large groups, destroying all the plants and crops of an area.

**kihehu** *Pl: bihehu. n.* storm; very bad weather with strong winds and rain with lightning and thunder.

**kihemu** *Pl: bihemu. n.* shame; bad feeling resulting from engaging in sexual immorality.

**kiheru<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: biheru. n.* abuse, humiliation, degradation; rude and offensive remarks made by s.b. against another person due to him having less possessions than another. *Syn: kilumo.*

**kiheru<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: biheru. n.* patch; piece of cloth that remains on the one that has already been sewn.

**kiheegero** *Pl: biheegero. n.* support; some structure that holds up or provides a foundation.

**kiheese** *Pl: biheese. n.* man-made object carved out of a piece of wood or metal.

**kihika** *Pl: bihika. n.* ambition, appetite; strong interest or desire for s.t. *Syn: ijani, meero, bijogomeera, murusi,*

*Iwaga, rwanju, nyoota, mukoiyo, iroho, bicoko.*

**kihimbaara** *Pl: bakihimbaara.*

*From: Runyoro. n.* blind person.

*Syn: mwijalu wa meiso, kiigara, kipumpuuta.*

**kihinsi** *Pl: bihinsi. n.* flu; infectious disease like a very bad cold, that causes fever, pains and general body weaknesses, and which involves sneezing, coughing and a running nose. *Syn: kinyamuguudi, kiswija.*

**kihiri kya weicope** *Pl: bihiri bya weicope. n.* centipede; crawling insect that has many legs from the head to the tail in two rows.

**kiho** *Pl: biho. n.* mist, fog; water that moves in the sky in form of vapour. *Syn: kiweehohoi.*

**kihohonyolo** *Pl: bihohonyolo. n.* bark; outer covering of a tree.

**kiholo** *Pl: biholo. n.* leftovers; cooked food left over and eaten the next day.

**kihongole** *Pl: bihongole. From: Runyoro. n.* unwanted or unintended opening on any structure, e.g., a house, etc. *See: kibanga* 'opening on a house'.

**kihongwa** *Pl: bihongwa. n.* sacrifice; s.t. esp. an animal offered in a special way to a small god.

**kihote** *Pl: bihote. n.* wound; illness on the surface of the skin due to an injury that heals and leaves a scar.



**kihotole** *Pl: bihotole. n.* well concentrated drink that is not watery, e.g., cream.

**kihuhu** *adj. 1 • easy, simple; s.t. not*

difficult that is easy to do. *Syn:* kyangu, kiceke.

2 • lightweight.

**kihunu** *Pl: bihunu. n.* hip; part of the body between the end of the thigh and the waist.

**kihuru** *Pl: bihuru. n.* hole; opening that goes right through s.t. due to it getting pierced.

**kihuru kya hakati** *Pl: bihuru bya hakati. n.* cavity in a tooth.

**kihuruutu** *Pl: bihuruutu. n.* s.b. who is in a comma or who is almost dead.

**kihuta** *n.* See main entry: **buhuta**.

**kihuulu** *Pl: bihuulu. n.* mortar; hollowed out wooden utensil, about 40 cm long, with a wide opening at the top, used for pounding, esp. cassava or groundnuts.



**kihuuna** *Pl: bihuuna. n.* yam; food crop that does well by the side of the river, has wide leaves that are eaten as sauce, its tubers are underground like those of sweet potatoes and are edible.

**kihwe** *Pl: bihwe. n.* secret, inside information; s.t. that is known about by only a few people and not told to others.

**kihyaka** *adj.* new, fresh, modern, current, not existing before; recently made, invented, introduced, etc.

**kihyo** *adj.* hot or warm.

**kijami** *Pl: bijami. n.* brewing pot with a wide opening, two holes on the sides, and in which is put water during the

distillation process.

**kijanga** *Pl: bijanga. n.* wave; water in a lake that increases in volume like a hill due to the blowing of wind and flows towards the shores.

**kijaaka** *Pl: bijaaka. n.* jackfruit; large tropical fruit that is sweet with sticky seeds inside.

**kijegejege** *adj.* loose; not firmly fixed or tied and therefore able to become separated from s.t. *Syn:* kyahuku.

**kijerikaani** *Var: jerikaani.*

*Pl: bijerikaani. From: English. n.* jerry can; large metal or plastic container with flat sides, used for carrying water or petrol.

**kijuguta mpamba** *Pl: bijuguta mpamba. n.* *Naja mossambica*, spitting cobra; large venomous snake, with a large round head, a yellow or pink belly, its venom rarely fatal except when it hits the eyes causes temporary blindness.

**kijugutu** *Pl: bijugutu. n.* bark cloth; piece of cloth made from the crushed bark of a tree.

**kijuma** *Pl: bijuma. n.* fruit; part of a plant that grows from a flower and that contains seeds.

**kijuma nkuba** *Pl: bijuma*

*nkuba. n.* creeping herb that bears longish fruit used by people to brush their bodies when bathing.

**kijumo** *Pl: bijumo. n.* curse; rude or offensive word or phrase that s.b. uses in order to wish misfortune on s.b. *Syn:* mukyeno.

**kijwatu** *Pl: bijwatu. n.* cane, whip, lash; long thin piece of wood, metal, or leather used for punishing people or making animals move. *Syn:* lujunju, kibbooko.

**kika** *Pl: bika. n.* extended family, kin, clan, cluster; group of things or people that are related. *Syn:* luganda.

**kikadei** *Pl: bikadei. n.* s.t. ancient, old, of the past.

**kikafuuhe** *adj.* rejected.

**kikaguzo** *Pl: bikaguzo. From:*

Runyoro. *n.* question; sentence of inquiry that asks for a reply.

*Syn:* **kibuulyo**.

**kikakamu** *Pl:* **bikakamu**. *n.* hard dry mucus.

**kikapu** *Pl:* **bikapu**. *n.* bag; sack made of polythene, leather, palm leaves, or a piece of cloth for holding goods esp. when taking them to or from the market or while on a journey.



**kikatu** *Pl:* **bikatu**. *n.* immunisation.

**kukuuta bikatu** *Var:* **kutuuta**

**bikatu**. *v.* immunise; protect a person or an animal from a disease, esp. by giving an injection of a vaccine. *Syn:* **kugema**.

**kikaabu** *Pl:* **bikaabu**. *n.* swim bladder; air-filled whitish sac near the spinal column in many fishes that helps maintain buoyancy.

**kikaali** *Pl:* **bikaali**. *n.* palace; homestead of a royal or official family of the king.

**kike** *adv.* much; a very large number or amount of s.t.

**kikede** *Pl:* **bikede**. *n.* papyrus mat that is softer and smaller than a 'kikolo' papyrus mat.

**kikemu** *Pl:* **bikemu**. *n.* swamp, pond, puddle; body of stagnant water that collects for a period, esp. during rainy season.

**kiki** *dem.* this one.

**kikolo** *Pl:* **bikolo**. *n.* papyrus mat.

**kikoloho** *Pl:* **bikoloho**. *n.* sickness that has a dry cough.

**nkoroho gya kahuuuzi** *n.* whooping cough.

**kikoomi** *Pl:* **bikoomi**. *n.* oven; fire in a

hearth, set on wood, grass or cow dung heaped together. *Syn:* **kituuti**.

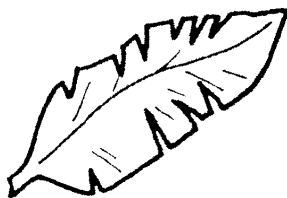
**kikomo** *Pl:* **bikomo**. *n.* bangle, bracelet, anklet; piece of metallic jewellery that s.b. loosely wears on his wrist or ankle.

**kikondo** *Pl:* **bikondo**. *n.* stick; club that a herdsman uses to direct animals.

**kikonko** *Pl:* **bikonko**. *n.* canyon, ravine; very deep valley with steep sides and a stream along the bottom of it. *Syn:* **kihanga**.

**kikonombo** *Pl:* **bikonombo**. *n.* banana flower; part of a banana plant that swings from a bunch and is like a flower.

**kikoora** *Pl:* **bikoora**. *n.* leaf; part of plant commonly green and growing from a branch, that manufactures food for plant.



**kikorwa** *Pl:* **bikorwa**. *n.* 1 • character, nature; the way s.b. is seen before others. *Syn:* **nyeetwala**, **nzicala**, **ngesu**.

2 • action, deed, behaviour, performance; s.t. that s.b. does in his self regard before the people.

3 • event; s.t. that is taking place, that will happen or that happened.

**kikooto** *adj.* big; large in size.

*Syn:* **kabbeemule**.

**kiku** *Pl:* **biku**. *n.* bedbug; insect that hides in beds, where it bites people and sucks their blood.

**kikubba** *interj.* it will be.

**kikudengeeta** *adj.* hanging, overhanging.

**kikuhonderaho** *adv.* next, then, afterwards; coming straight after in time, order or space, following immediately in the order mentioned, after s.t. else. *Syn:* **kikwiraho**.



**kihondereeni** *adj.* successive, sequential, consecutive; following immediately one after another in a series, without interruption.

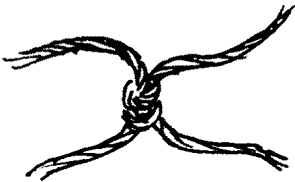
**kikuhwanana** *adj.* similar; like, but not exactly the same. *Syn:* kikwisana.

**kikumala** *adv.* enough.  
*adj.* adequate, sufficient.

**kikumalaho** *adj.* good; of high quality or an acceptable standard.

**kikumba nte** *Pl: bikumba nte. n.* bush vegetation with fibres that are used for tying structures.

**kikundu** *Pl: bikundu. n.* knot; fastening of s.t. like a rope that has been looped around and tied onto itself or s.t. else.



**kikungu** *Pl: bikungu. n.* deck, ledge; raised step or floor that is made all around under the veranda of a house beside the exterior wall.

**kikusoboka** *Var: kikusobora. adv.* possible, maybe, perhaps; s.t. that can be done or achieved, that might exist or happen but is not certain to.  
*See: kikwisana* 'maybe, possibly, perhaps'.

**kikuta** *Pl: bikuta. n. 1 •* hide; part that covers the body of an animal that normally has hair on the outer surface.



2 • leather.

**kikutabura** *Pl: bikutabura. n.* s.t. that is confusing or puzzling or that disrupts the peace.

**kikuutu** *Pl: bikuutu. n.* sickle; curved tool used for cutting bushes.

**kikwambara** *Pl: bikwambara. n.* sinew; strong band of tissue in meat that is hard to chew. *Syn:* kinywa.

**kikwanu** *Pl: bikwanu. n.* mingling pan; round container, usually made from the bottom part of a metal drum used for cooking posho in.

**kikwata barungi** *Pl: bikwata barungi. n.* pimple; painful infected swelling under the skin that grows and becomes filled with pus. *Syn:* kilehe kya mu husyo.

**kikwatu** *Pl: bikwatu. n. 1 •* tool; instrument that helps you to do your work. *Syn:* kikoresyo.  
**2 •** apparatus, equipment.

**kikwatu kya makuru** *v. See main entry: mahũũre.*

**kikwaya** *Pl: bikwaya. n.* traditional wooden spoon.

**kikwere** *Pl: bikwere. n.* full moon; period at which the moon brightly shines throughout the night or for most of the time.

**kikwetegerezeḃwa** *adj.* understandable; capable of being known.

**kikwijanana** *Pl: bikwijanana. n.* equivalent thing.

**kikwisana** *adv.* maybe, possibly, perhaps; s.t. that might be except the truth behind it is not yet there.  
*See: kikusoboka* 'possibly, perhaps, maybe'.

*adj.* similar; like, but not exactly the same. *Syn:* kikuhwanana.

**kikwisana siya** *adj.* exactly alike.

**kikwodo** *Pl: bikwodo. n.* prize that is given to the king.

**kikyamu** *Pl: bikyamu. n.* spleen disease.

**kilahanya?** *Var: kilahai?. interrog.* which?

**kilaami** *Pl: bilaami. n.* prayer, esp. one

made to traditional gods.

**kilaamu** *Pl: bilaamu. n.* will; written document that s.b. makes showing how his wealth will be shared out or how it will be looked after when he dies.

**kilaara nyama** *Pl: bilaara nyama. n.* wild short, branched succulent creeping herb sp. with soft stems and leaves that is used as toilet paper for babies, which grows among grass and at the edge of bushes.

**kilehe kya mu husyo** *Pl: bilehe bya mu husyo. n.* pimple; small itchy infected swelling on the face.  
*Syn: kikwata barungi.*

**kilei** *adj.* long, tall, high, deep.

**kilibbaho** *Pl: bilibbaho. n.* future event; s.t. that will take place or appear in the time to come.

**kilimwa** *Pl: bilimwa. n.* crop; plant that is grown, esp. as food.

**kilinakubba** *Var: kinakubba. adv.* must, be required.

**kiloho** *adj.* present, available in a place; not absent.

**kilooto** *Pl: bilooto. n.* dream; thought, hope, event, etc. that you experience while you are asleep.

**kilulu** *adj.* sour, bitter.

**kilwalu kya kwejaayiika** *v.* See main entry: **mulwalu**.

**kimancuuru** *Pl: bimancuuru. n.* sling, simple shooting device with elastic bands on both sides of a stick that has a net or a piece of cloth in the middle where a shooting stone is put.

**kimaaya** *Pl: bimaaya. n.* cloth used to tie around the waist when dancing.

**kimbalanga** *Pl: bakimbalanga. n.* cruel person; s.b. who behaves in a way that shows no respect for others, often talking rudely. *Syn: mubi, kabbulusungu, kageru, kintyome, ngeite.*

**kimbwebbwe** *Pl: bimbwebbwe. n.* partially cooked food tuber.  
*Syn: kimburumburu.*

**kimera** *Pl: bimera. n.* living thing that has leaves, roots, and a stem.

**kimera kya mpuule** *Pl: bimera bya mpuule. n.* grain crop.

**kimera kilanda** *Pl: bimera bilanda. n.* vine; plant that does not grow straight upwards but grows up on another or a long the ground.

**kimira<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bimira. n.* mucus; watery liquid that oozes through the nose.

**kimira<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: bimira. n.* jealousy or malice towards s.b., whether or not they could be a rival. *Syn: ihali.*

**kimpaha** *Var: kihaha. Pl: bimpaha. n.*

1 • wing; part of the body of a bird or an insect that it uses for flying.

2 • armpit; part of the body under the arm where it joins the shoulder.

**kimpalampa** *Pl: bimpalampa. n.* round skin rash that is like ringworm, but is larger and affects the head, causing loss of hair.

**kimule** *Pl: bimule. n.* plant that is grown for the beauty of its flowers that are attractive, or the flowers on such a plant. *Syn: kyakyo.*

**kimuunya** *n.* *Taboo.* sexually transmitted disease, worse than 'isumu', that makes the male sexual organs rotten bringing pus that even eats off some flesh of those organs. *Syn: kinyamusaga.*

**kimwabu** *n.* See main entry: **lumwabu**.

**kinakubba** *adv.* See main entry: **kilinakubba**.

**kinanaasi** *Pl: binanaasi. n.* *Taboo.* female gynaecological disease.

**kinaabiro** *Pl: binaabiro. n.* bathroom; place or a room for bathing.

**kinaanei** *num.* eighty.

**kindanda** *Pl: bindanda. n.* stomach of a fish.

**kindi** *pro.* another, other.

**kinene** *adv.* See main entry: **hunene**.

**kingeere** *Pl: bingeeere. n.* heat; quality of being hot.

**kingura** *Pl: bingura. n.* cassava; food crop that is grown by stem cuttings, its leaves are eaten as sauce and its roots are chewed raw, cooked or dried and ground into flour for making posho.  
*Syn: ngura.*

**kingwera** *Pl: bingwera. n.* disaster; catastrophe that comes unexpectedly, esp. due to the forces of nature that results in adverse effects, e.g., earthquake, floods, famine, an outbreak of an epidemic like cholera, etc.

**kinkonogo** *Pl: binkonogo. n.* knuckle.

**kinobe<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bakinobe. n.* s.b. that is totally disliked and hated.

**kinobe** *Pl: binobe. n.* s.t. that is totally disliked and hated.

**Kinobe<sub>2</sub>** *n.* name of a person.

**kintu** *Pl: bintu. n.* thing, substance, object; s.t. that you mention without using the name. *Syn: kiita.*

**kintu kitali kya mananu**

*Pl: bintu bitali bya mananu. n.* fiction, untruth.

**kintu kirugirimwo** *Pl: bintu birugirimwo. n.* product.

**kintu kindi** *pro.* something.

**kinuge** *Var: kinugwa. Pl: binuge. n.* s.t. abandoned; s.t. that is no longer being cared for.

**kinwanghi** *adj.* flexible, ductile.

**kinzaali** *Pl: binzaali. n.* curry powder; spice in a powdery form that is added, esp. to sauce.

**kinyamaani** *adj.* 1 • solid, firm, hard or stiff and difficult to bend or break.

*Syn: kitatiro, kikangabalu, kyomereseny.*

2 • difficult; s.t. that is hard to do.

*Syn: kitatiro, kyozo.*

**kinyampu** *Pl: binyampu. n.* *Taboo.* intestinal gas; foul air that is passed through the anus.

**kinyamurunga** *Pl: binyamurunga. n.* bad flu; infectious disease like a very bad cold, that causes fever, pains and general body weaknesses, and which involves sneezing, coughing and a running nose.

**kinyamusaga** *Pl: binyamusaga. n.* *Taboo.* sexually transmitted disease, worse than 'isumu', that makes the male sexual organs rotten bringing pus that even eats off some flesh of those organs. *Syn: kimuunya.*

**kinyaakubbaho** *Var: kinyaakukorwa;*

**kyaloho.** *Pl: binyaakubbaho. n.* past event; s.t. that happened in the past.

**kinyaakuloho** *adv.* currently; available at the present time.

**kinyaamapo** *Pl: binyaamapo. n.* incurable wound that does not heal however much it is treated.

**kinyaarwekiika**

*Pl: binyaarwekiika. n.* genital blister; lesion that forms around s.b.'s private parts.

**kinywa** *Pl: binywa. n.* 1 • vein, blood vessel, artery; part of the body in which blood passes.

2 • sinew; strong band of tissue in meat that is hard to chew. *Syn: kikwambara.*

3 • nerve.

4 • tendon.

**kinywebwa** *Pl: binywebwa. n.* drink; any liquid that s.b. drinks, e.g., water, passion fruit, etc. *Syn: kya kunywa, kinywo.*

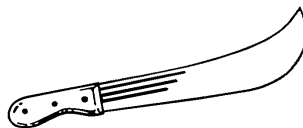
**kinywo** *Pl: binywo. n.* drink; any liquid that s.b. drinks, e.g., water, passion fruit, etc. *Syn: kinywebwa, kya kunywa.*

**kipacu** *Pl: bipacu. n.* fraction, bit, piece.

**kipandi** *Pl: bipandi. n.* side; either of the two halves of a surface. *Syn: bukizi, rubaju.*

**bya kipandi** *Sg: kya kipandi. n.* some; certain members of a group or certain types of a thing, but not all of them.

**kipanga** *Pl: bipanga. From: Swahili. n.* machete, panga; broad tool, bigger than a knife, with a sharp edge on one side or both sides, with a handle, used for cutting.



**kipapa** *Pl: bipapa. n.* skin; thin outer layer of tissue that covers the body.

**kipapura** *Pl: bipapura. n.* credential; qualification that one has attained that

makes them suitable to do a certain job.

**kipaapaali** *Pl: bipaapaali. n.* pawpaw, papaya; domestic tree with wide leaves that bears edible fruit that when ripe are yellow with black seeds.

**kipeede** *Pl: bipeede. n.* biltong, jerky; thin flat piece of sun dried meat.

**kipindo** *Pl: bipindo. n.* spearhead; top part of a spear that pierces and resembles a double-edged knife.

**kipiira** *Pl: bipiira. n.* jerry can; plastic rectangular household container of about half a metre in height, in which is kept paraffin or cooking oil, and is used to fetch water.

**kapiira** *Pl: bupiira. n.* small jerry can.

**kipiite** *Pl: bakipiite. n.* loved child or wife; s.b. singled out from many due to being very much liked.

**kipoko** *Pl: bipoko. n.* gourd; round jug-shaped household container made from a pumpkin-like plant to store water, milk or juice.

**kiraḅu** *Pl: birabu. n.* drinking place; selected place from which is sold all sorts of alcohol.

**kiraganu** *Pl: biraganu. n.* promise; word that gives s.b. hope and that indicates that you will do or will not do s.t. in the future. *Syn: nzikiraniza.*

**kiragiyo** *Pl: biragiyo. n.* 1 • law, order, commandment, regulation, statute; rule that is made and passed by the government of a country. *Syn: iteeka.* 2 • condition, requirement; rule or decision that everybody must abide by or agree to e.g. the terms and conditions of employment.

**kiragiyo kyeihanga**

**kitakarabiirweho**

*Pl: biragiyo byeihanga*

**bitakarabiirweho. n.** bill of parliament.

**kiragiyo kihandu kyeihanga**

*Pl: biragiyo bihandu*

**byeihanga. n.** set of rules that the government follows to direct people.

**kiragoopi** *Pl: biragoopi. n.* meal; food that has been served for eating.

*Syn: kiihuru.*

**kirahiro** *Pl: birahiro. n.* oath; promise that you make raising up the bible or uttering the name of s.b. to show that you are telling the truth.

**Kirama** *n.* name of a place.

**kirambi** *Pl: birambi. n.* stain; line of dirt, mark on a surface that spoils its appearance.

**kirangu** *Pl: birangu. n.* announcement.

**kiraaka** *Pl: biraaka. n.* 1 • patch; piece of s.t. like a cloth, net, etc. that is sewn on a hole.

2 • necrotic dermatitis; type of sickness that infects the skin making it look like it has been scalded but eventually ends up removing the affected flesh.

**kirenge** *Pl: birenge. n.* leg of an ungulate mammal, between the knee and the hoof, e.g., cattle, buffaloes, hippopotamus, etc., either on a live animal or meat that has been slaughtered. *See: mulokoonyi* 'cow leg meat'.

**kiro** *Pl: biro. n.* day; period of time equal to twenty four hours.

**kiro kihandu** *Pl: biro kihandu.*

*n.* special day or a public holiday.

**kiro kya kubyalwa** *Pl: biro bya kubyalwa. n.* birthday.

**kiro kya mweri** *Pl: biro bya mweri. n.* date; particular day of the month and the year.

**kiro kindi** *adv.* someday, sometime.

**kirooyo** *Pl: birooyo. n.* sheath; cover into which a knife is inserted.

**kirugamu** *Var: kirugamwo.*

*Pl: birugamu. n.* result, outcome, effect, consequence; s.t. that is caused or produced because of s.t. else.

*Syn: kirugirimu.*

**kirumbu** *Pl: birumbu. n.* thigh leg; part of an animal leg between the hip and the knee.

**kirungi** *adj.* good. *Syn: kisemeru.*

**kirungiho** *adj.* somehow good.

*Syn:* kijangurukuho, kisemeruho, kinihiho.

**kisa<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bisa.* *n.* grace, mercy, empathy, compassion; feeling of strong sympathy for people who are suffering and the desire to help them. *Syn:* mbabazi.

**kukwatwa kisa** *v. Metaphor.*

sympathise; feel sorry for s.b.

showing that you understand their problems. *Syn:* kuganyira, kusaasira.

**waakisa** *Pl: baakisa.* *n.* merciful person; s.b. who feels with s.b. who is in trouble.

**kisa<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: bisa.* *n.* s.t. empty.

**kisagaati** *n.* See main entry: **kisigaati**.

**kisagu** *Pl: bisagu.* *n.* cushion; soft sponge or cotton fabric put on the sitting or leaning part of a chair for the one sitting to feel comfortable.

**kisaka** *Pl: bisaka.* *n.* 1 • very bushy plant or shrub with several stems creeping from one root.

2 • thicket; different plants intertwined together and very thick.

**kisalizo** *Pl: bisalizo.* *n.* banana pruning sickle; tool used for pruning banana leaves or fibres.

**kisararu** *Pl: bisararu.* *n.* onchocerciasis; infectious disease that causes painful white areas on the skin and can destroy nerves and flesh.

**kisaahi** *Var: kisaahē. Pl: bisaahi.* *n.*

1 • playground, sports field; area specially prepared in which to play games such as football, athletics, etc.

2 • runway, airstrip; place where planes land and take off.

**kisaahi kya hulemu** *Var: kisaahē*

*kya hulemu. Pl: bisaahi bya*

*hulemu.* *n.* battlefield; place where a battle is being fought or has been fought. *Syn:* ilwaniro.

**kisaali** *Pl: bisaali.* *n.* 1 • any piece of wood.

2 • stick; branch that has broken, fallen or been cut from a tree.

**kisaanyuuzo** *Pl: bisaanyuuzo.* *n.* comb; tool used for disentangling the

hair.

**kisembu** *Pl: bisembu.* *n.* 1 • gift; s.t. given to s.b., on a special occasion or as an expression of thanks.

2 • talent; natural ability to do s.t. well.

*Syn:* talanta.

**kisensa** *Pl: bisensa.* *n.* household food container that is woven like a basket for use as posho container.

**kisensedē** *Pl: bisensedē.* *n.* rag; old piece of cloth that is torn.

**kisenseru** *Pl: bisenseru.* *n.* urinal; structure for urinating in.

**kiseege<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: biseege.* *n.*

brokenheartedness, heartbreak; loss of weight and a miserable state caused by grief and sorrow when one has lost a dear one to death.

**kiseege<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: biseege.* *n.* disease; muscle inflammation of the thigh.

**kisida** *Pl: bisida.* *n.* scar; mark that is left on the skin after a wound has healed. *Syn:* nkojo.

**kisigaati** *Var: kisagaati. Pl: bisigaati.*

*From: Swahili. n.* 1 • fence; barrier made with poles and covered with papyrus mats, reeds, iron sheets or wire to keep animals or unwanted people out, e.g., around a house or at a disco dance.

*Syn:* lukomera.

2 • gateway.

**kisiraani** *Pl: bisiraani. From: Swahili. n.* misfortune, bad omen; continual bad luck. *Syn:* kiira.

**waakisiraani** *Pl: baakisiraani.*

*From: Swahili. n.* unlucky, disadvantaged person; s.b. who was born naturally unfortunate.

*Syn:* waakiira.

**kisiibo** *Pl: bisiibo.* *n.* fasting period.

**kisobora** *adv.* might, possibly.

**kisoga** *Pl: bisoga. n. Ricinus communis.*

Caster oil plant; quick growing shrub with thorny seeds that contain oil and large spread out leaves that are used to remove charms.

**kisookiiso** *Pl: bisookiiso.* *n.* aloe vera; wild herb that inhabits spots with hard soil, with leaves arranged like those of

sisal plant and containing very bitter sap.

**kisokodole** *Pl: bisokodole. n.* hollow thing.

**kisolo** *Pl: bisolo. n.* animal; living creature that is not a bird, a fish, a reptile, a snake, an insect, a plant or a human being.

**kisolo kidya irungu** *Var: kisolo kidya isubi. Pl: bisolo bidya irungu. n.* herbivore; animal that does not eat meat.

**kisolo kidya nyama** *Pl: bisolo bidya nyama. n.* carnivore; animal that does not eat grass.

**kisolo kya kwamugi** *Pl: bisolo bya kwamugi. n.* domesticated animal such as a goat.

**kisonsoyolo** *Pl: bisonsoyolo. n.* eggshell; outer surface of an egg.

**kisuba** *Pl: bisuba. n.* lie.

**kisumuruzo** *Var: kyaburuzo.*

*Pl: bisumuruzo. n.* key for a door or padlock.

**kisura** *Pl: bisura. n.* slightly bitter salt, found locally, that is mostly given to cattle.

**kisusu** *Pl: bisusu. n.* husk, fruit skin, seed shell; outer part of a plant that is removed before eating.

**kitabure** *Pl: bitabure. n.* solution into which s.t. is mixed.

**kitabbu<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bitabbu. From: Arabic. n.* book; papers bound together inside a cover which s.b. turns to read or to write on.



**kitabbu<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: bitabbu. From: Arabic. n.* bed; household furniture used for sleeping on.

**kitabbu kya nsaali** *Pl: bitabbu bya nsaali. n.* double bed.

**kitagataga** *Pl: kitagataga. n.* impulse, urge.

**kitakumala** *adj.* inadequate, lacking; not enough in quantity for a particular purpose or need.

**kitakunanukirwa** *adv.* uncertain.

**kitakwesigwa** *adv.* unsure.

**kitalimu** *Pl: bitalimu. n.* s.t. not useful; that does not help s.b. achieve what they want or need.

**kitalimu magezi** *Pl: bitalimu magezi. n.* nonsense.

**kitama** *Pl: bitama. n.* plectrum; part on the body of a fish that covers the gills.

**kitambaara** *Pl: bitambaara. n.* tablecloth; piece of material or crocheted cloth for covering a table, chairs, house utensils, etc.

**katambaara ka mu ngalu**

*Pl: butambaara bwa mu ngalu. n.* handkerchief.

**mubboha bitambaara**

*Pl: babboha bitambaara. n.*

*Idiom.* divorcee; divorced woman or a woman who is separated from her husband. *Syn:* mwiti wa maka, mwangani.

**kubboha bitambaara** *v. Idiom.* get divorced, separate; end a marriage relationship.

**kitantagala** *adj.* flat.

**kitatiro** *adj.* 1 • hard, brittle, being solid, firm or stiff and difficult to bend or break. *Syn:* kinyamaani, kikangabalu, kyomeresenu.

2 • difficult; s.t. that is not easy to do.

*Syn:* kyozo, kinyamaani.

3 • complex, complicated.

4 • tight.

*n.* concrete.

**kitaabu** *Pl: bitaabu. n.* neighbourhood; area surrounded by neighbours.

**kitaatu** *Pl: bitaatu. n.* drying rack; structure on which things are spread out for drying.

**kitebe** *Pl: bitebe. n.* 1 • class; group of students or pupils in a school or college who are taught together.

2 • social group; people who are together in one place and have a connection in some way, e.g., a group

of farmers, a music club etc.

3 • political party; political organization having its aims in which s.b. casts his vote.

**kitebe kya bakori** *Pl: bitebe bya bakori* *n.* workers' union.

**kitebe kya baraamuri ba misangu** *Pl: bitebe bya baraamuri ba misangu* *n.* jury.

**kitebe kya busuubuzi** *Pl: bitebe bya busuubuzi* *n.* business organisation.

**kitebe kya bbootya** *Pl: bitebe bya bbootya* *n.* unedible mushroom sp.

**mu kitebe** *adv.* together, unitedly, in unison; in a group.

**kitebe kya mugwete** *n.* See main entry: **ntebe**.

**kitenge** *Pl: bitenge* *n.* sugarcane; plant with a jointed stem that is chewed and from which sugar is made. *Syn: kikejjo*.

**kitereke** *Pl: bitereke* *n.* rent; payment made by a tenant to their landlord or landlady.

**kiteega** *Pl: biteega* *n.* muscle; that lower part of the thigh of a four legged animal, above the knee, with a protruding tendon.

**kiteekerezo** *Var: kiteekerezu*.

*Pl: biteekerezo* *n.* 1 • idea, thought, theory, attitude, opinion; s.t. that you think.

2 • facial expression.

3 • suggestion.

**kiteekerezo kikusembayo**

*Pl: biteekerezo bikusembayo* *n.* afterthought, second thought.

**kiteekwa** *adv.* definitely; in a way that is certain, emphasizing that there is no doubt, that s.t. must be done or must happen. *Syn: hwoza-hwoza*.

**kuteekwa** *v.* must; used to say that s.t. is necessary or very important.

**kikuteekwa** *adj.* must do.

**kiteera** *Pl: biteera* *n.* *Pan troglodytes*. chimpanzee; wild animal that very much resembles a human being.

**kiteere** *Pl: biteere* *n.* piece of sweet

potato or cassava that is just sliced and dried.

**kiteeru** *Pl: biteeru* *n.* flu, cold; sickness that makes s.b. have a constant flow of mucus.

**kitimba** *Pl: bitimba* *n.* 1 • fishing net; trap with spaces in between that is woven from nylon threads used for catching fish in water.

2 • scouring pad; sponge-like material used for bathing or cleaning that is woven from nylon threads.

**katimba ka waya** *Pl: butimba bwa mawaya* *n.* chain link, wire netting fence; thin pieces of wire woven like a net used for making a fence.

**kitooki** *Pl: bitooki* *n.* banana; food crop that has wide leaves and bears its fruit on a bunch.

**kitooki kitatimbwa** *Pl: bitooki bitatimbwa* *n.* yellow banana that is eaten when ripe. *Syn: katooki, sukaali ndiizi*.

**kitooki kitimbwa** *Pl: bitooki bitimbwa* *n.* banana that is eaten after it has been cooked.

**kitongole** *Pl: bitongole* *n.*

1 • organisation, institution.

2 • department.

**kitongole kya busuubuzi**

*Pl: bitongole bya busuubuzi* *n.* company; business organisation.

**kitongoole** *Var: kyetongoori* *adj.*

unique, distinct; s.t. that is special or unique among others. *Syn: kyahukanu, kyambaganiza*.

**kituluguma** *Pl: bituluguma* *n.* particle; small solid piece of s.t. *Syn: kitungutulu*.

**kitungutulu** *Pl: bitungutulu* *n.* particle; small solid piece of s.t. *Syn: kituluguma*.

**kituuru** *Pl: bituuru* *n.* grave, tomb; heap of earth or a structure placed over the place where s.b. was buried.

**kitware** *Pl: bitware* *n.* stretcher; long piece of strong fabric with a pole on each side, used for carrying s.b. who is

sick or injured and who cannot walk.  
*Syn:* kiparapu, katabbu.

**kitwekerano** *Pl:* **bitwekerano**. *n.* illegitimate child; offspring who has been produced outside a marriage relationship. *Syn:* mwana mutweke.

**kitwo** *Pl:* **bitwo**. *n.* gift, allowance; amount of money or any tangible item that is given to s.b. for a particular purpose.

**Kityanga** *n.* name of a place.

**kiwaacu** *Pl:* **biwaacu**. *n.* watermelon; creeping plant that resembles a pumpkin plant, bears fruit that are eaten while raw and its seeds are used as spice.

**kiwerekere** *Pl:* **biwerekere**. *n.* glass object.

**kiweehuhulu** *Pl:* **biweehuhulu**. *n.* lung; part of the body in the chest used for breathing.

**kiwugo** *Pl:* **biwugo**. *n.* dusting rag; piece of cloth used for mopping or wiping off the dust from household items such as tables, etc. *Syn:* kigoye.

**kiza** *Pl:* **biza**. *n.* firewood bundle; wood cut into short pieces tied together into a bundle with both ends equal.

**kizabiro** *Pl:* **bizabiro**. *n.* mourning; loud crying due to sadness and grief.

**kizanzu** *Pl:* **bizanzu**. *n.* leftover posho.

**kizegu** *Pl:* **bizegu**. *n.* s.t. roughly weeded.

**kizibu** *Pl:* **bizibu**. *n.* problem; s.t. that is difficult to deal with or to understand.

**kiziginiro** *Pl:* **biziginiro**. *n.* sole, ball; part of the foot on which are toes that s.b. stands on.

**kiziginiro kya gaali**

*Pl:* **biziginiro bya gaali**. *n.* pedal.

*Syn:* kigulu kya gaali.

**kizina** *Pl:* **bizina**. *From:* Runyoro. *n.* hymn. *Syn:* kyembu.

**kiziro** *Pl:* **biziro**. *From:* English. *n.* s.t. extinct; that does not exist today.

**kiziiriirwa** *Pl:* **biziiriirwa**. *n.* egg that a bird has sat on but has not been hatched that becomes rotten.

**kizo** *adj.* complete, full, with nothing missing. *Syn:* piya, kizo, kijizulu.

**kizonga** *Pl:* **bizonga**. *n.* residue; amount of s.t. that settles down at the bottom of water, soup, etc.

**kizonza** *Pl:* **bizonza**. *n.* nest; structure in which a bird stays and lays eggs, positioned on the ground or up on a tree.

**kizonza kya nkoko** *Pl:* **bizonza bya nkoko**. *n.* coop; enclosure for chickens or for birds.

**kizubu** *Pl:* **bizubu**. *n.* trouble, problem; s.t. difficult, worrying, painful or disturbing.

**kumala kizubu** *Var:* **kumalaho kizubu**; **kumala nsonga**. *v.* solve a problem; remedy s.t.

**kizumbu** *Pl:* **bizumbu**. *n.* ringworm; infection that forms like spots on the skin of s.b.

**kiicaaru<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* **biicaaru**. *n.* money that, in Bagungu society, a husband must pay to the wife's family clansmen as their sitting allowance for determining the dowry.

**kiicaaru<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* **biicaaru**. *n.* seat; furniture designed for sitting on, e.g., a chair or a place where s.b. can sit. *Syn:* nkyetu.

**kiigara** *Pl:* **bakiigara**. *From:* Runyoro. *n.* blind person. *Syn:* kihimbaara, kipumpuuta, mwijalu wa meiso.

**kiihuru** *Pl:* **biihuru**. *n.* meal; food that has been served for eating.  
*Syn:* kiragoopi.

**kiikaru** *Pl:* **biikaru**. *n.* area, place, position.

**kiikaru kya kwegonza**

*Pl:* **biikaru bya kwegonza**. *n.* paradise.

**kiikaru kyonyini** *Pl:* **biikaru byonyini**. *n.* exact place.

**kiikutu** *Pl:* **biikutu**. *n.* trap for squirrels that has a trigger and a weight on top that a squirrel tampers with and the whole weight falls on it.

**kiizukulu** *Pl:* **biizukulu**. *n.* Taboo. testicle.

**kibenyeku** *Pl:* **bibenyeku**. *n.* s.t. broken that was not fragile, e.g., a broken stick, chair etc.



**kibirinzi** *Pl: bibirinzi. n.* tree sp. whose leaves are used as a drug for treating malaria.

**kibyeru** *Pl: bibyeru. n.* postnatal; period after birth.

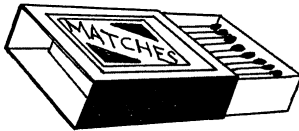
**kibuulyo** *Pl: bibuulyo. n.* question; sentence of inquiry that asks for a reply. *Syn: kikaguzo.*

**kibbali** *Pl: bibbali. n.* bowl; round household object like a basket woven from swampy shrubs, esp. for holding items, e.g., for taking them to market.

**kibbaamu** *Pl: bibbaamu. n.* s.t. bent, curved or winding.

**kibbila** *Pl: bibbila. n.* traditional altar. **kudya kibbila** *v.* act of the clansmen gathering at s.b.'s family for a traditional ritual that is performed in order to sacrifice for the dead ancestors. *Syn: kusala kibbila.*

**kibbiriiti** *Pl: bibbiriiti. n.* matchbox.



**kibbolibbo** *Pl: bibbolibbo. n.* lump; piece of s.t. hard or solid, usually without a particular shape, e.g., a lump of soil, flour, cement, sugar, etc.

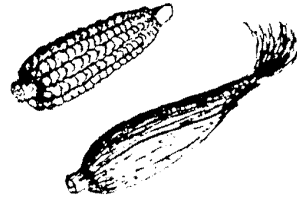
**kibbolu** *adj.* rotten, decayed; s.t. that breaks itself into very small particles due to destruction.

**kibbondi** *Pl: bibbondi. n.* anthill; heap of earth slightly raised like a mountain that is formed by ants.

**kibbyolo** *Pl: bibbyolo. n.* placenta, afterbirth; bag like material from which a baby grows and that comes out after a baby has been born.

**kicececece** *adv.* silently.

**kicooli** *Pl: bicooli. n.* maize; tall food crop that bears fruit with hair and when mature grows its grains on a cob.



**kicooli kya ndere** *Pl: bicooli bya ndere. n.* maize plant that bears more than one maize cob or that bears its cob faster than the expected time of maturity.

**kicumbiro** *Var: kitimbiro.*

*Pl: bicumbiro. From: Runyoro. n.* kitchen; room or house in which meals are cooked or prepared. *Syn: jokooni, kitimbiro.*

**kide** *Pl: bide. n.* bell, gong; hollow metal object, often shaped like a cup, that makes a ringing sound when hit by a small piece of metal inside or the rim of a car wheel that is hung on a tree and hit by another smaller piece of metal to produce a ringing sound.

**kidi** *dem.* that one over there.

**kididi** *Pl: bididi. n.* feast, celebration; special gathering of people that is organized to commemorate s.t., where there is eating, drinking, dancing and speeches. *Syn: kijaguzo.*

**kidihi** *Pl: bidihi. n.* piece of fish.

**kidooli** *adj.* 1 • small, few, little; state of being not large in size, number, degree, amount, etc. *See: kabbeepule* 'small tiny thing'.

2 • scarce.

**kidooliho** *adv.* less.

*adj.* lesser, smaller, fewer; not as great in size, amount as s.t. else or as expected.

**waabidooli** *Pl: baabidooli. n.*

*Metaphor.* calm person; s.b. who is reserved or shy.

**kidoli** *Pl: bidoli. From: English. n.* doll.

**kidongo** *Pl: bidongo. n.* large fiddle,

violin, or guitar; large hollow wooden stringed instrument on which is stretched a skin with a bow-like stick where a thread is stretched that is played by plucking the strings.

**kidongodongo** *Pl: bidongodongo. n.* Secretary bird; wild bird sp. with long legs, long neck and whitish blue feathers that preys on snakes.

**kidoori** *adj.* true, right, correct, deserving; proper.

**kidooseneerye** *adv.* ready; fully prepared, completed and available to be used.

**kidule** *Pl: bidule. n.* knock out; act of hitting or spearing s.t. once and killing or defeating it immediately.

**kidumbe** *Pl: bidumbe. n.* half of s.t. e.g., a piece of wood or rope.

**kidunduli** *Pl: bidunduli. n.* swarm; gathering of insects together.

**kidwereeriho** *adj.* perfect; the right shape and size of s.t. *Syn: kikwatiiriho.*

**kidyabaliisya** *Pl: bidyabaliisya. n.* stomach; one of the four parts of the stomach of herbivorous animals.

**kidyeri** *Pl: bidyeri. n.* ferry; large boat that is driven with a steering wheel like a motorcar for carrying people and goods across a lake or a river. *Syn: meeri.*

**kifi** *Pl: bifi. n.* piece of meat.

**kigenyi** *n.* See main entry: **bugenyi.**

**kigeeri** *Var: kigira. Pl: bigeeri. n.* valley; wide depression in the surface of land that usually has a river flowing through it.

**lugeeri** *Var: lugira. Pl: ngeeri. n.* gully; narrow ditch, like a path mostly formed by flowing water.

**kigigiro** *Pl: bigigiro. n.* 1 • deformity or rough formation, e.g., a fold or a hole, in the surface of s.t. e.g., pothole in a road.

2 • pothole. *Syn: kiineina.*

**kigoogooli** *Pl: bigoogooli. n.* banana stem; part of a banana plant that is removed off from a banana sucker.

**Kigoroobya** *n.* name of a town.

**kigoye** *Pl: bigoye. n.* 1 • rag; small piece of cloth used to wipe off dust, e.g., on chairs, tables, and other similar items. *Syn: kiwugo.*

2 • tourniquet; piece of cloth that is tied around a wound so that blood stops bleeding.

**kigoye kisusura lubbaahu**

*Pl: bigoye bisusura mbaahu. n.* duster; blackboard eraser.

**kigubu** *Pl: bigubu. n.* stained thing; s.t. marked with a liquid dye or tint.

**kiguruguru** *Pl: biguruguru. n.* vehicle toy that children make and use for playing.

**kiguuluusu** *adj.* aged, very old; not new or having existed or been used for a long time.

**Kiguulya** *n.* name of a mountain.

**kigwererezi** *Pl: bigwererezi. n.* accident; event that just comes suddenly and unexpectedly resulting into injury, pain, loss or destruction of things. *Syn: hutandwa, butaate.*

**kigwi** *Pl: bigwi. n.* hunting trap that is set up on a tree with a trigger down.

**kigwiri** *Pl: bigwiri. n.* wrong; s.t. that is not right or correct, i.e., not accurate and with mistakes.

**kiheheeru** *adj.* 1 • easy.

2 • soft, smooth, pleasant to touch; not hard, stiff or firm. *Syn: kyorobu.*

3 • kind, sympathetic, gentle, pleasant.

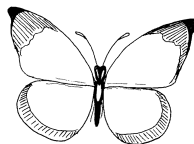
**kiheneku** *Pl: biheneku. n.* spoiled, ruined thing.

**kihimba** *n.* See main entry: **bihimba.**

**kihodo** *Pl: bihodo. n.* 1 • Taboo. opening of the vagina.

2 • space inbetween a bicycle frame.

**kihohoolya** *Pl: bihohoolya. n.* butterfly; flying insect with a long thin body and with four large brightly coloured wings.



**kihondereeni** *adj.* See main entry:  
kikuhonderaho.

**kihongololu** *adj.* open; s.t. that is not shut, covered or closed.

**kihundu** *Var:* kihunduhundu.  
*Pl:* bihundu. *n.* slightly rotten thing.

**kihuruutyoy** *Pl:* bihuruutyoy. *n.* snore; rattling noise produced while snoring.

**kihwiyo** *Pl:* bihwiyo. *n.* piston; part that is inside a pump and helps to push in pressure.

**kiibo** *Pl:* biibo. *n.* round household bowl like a plate woven from a certain tropical grass sp. that is used to eat from, esp. posho.

**kiica** *Pl:* biica. *n.* vapour; water that rises in form of steam when s.t. is boiling.

**kiihi<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* biihi. *n.* two handfuls; unit of measure equal to what can be held by two hands cupped together.

**kiihi<sub>2</sub>** *adj.* short.

**kiijanjani** *Pl:* biijanjani. *n.* s.b. born with a deformity, having an abnormal shape.

**kiijanjanu** *n.* 1 • flat; smooth surface without any bends or slopes.  
2 • perfectly straight object without any curves.  
3 • perfect, healthy or well built living creature.

**kiijukyo** *Pl:* biijukyo. *n.* memorial service; ceremony that is held in order to recall the day on which s.b. died.

**kiina** *Pl:* biina. *n.* hole, pit, ditch; opening dug down into the ground.

**kiineina** *Pl:* biineina. *n.* pothole.  
*Syn:* kigigiro.

**kiinyamu** *adj.* 1 • cold.  
2 • calm.  
3 • wet; neither dry nor warm.  
4 • tasteless; neither sweet nor bitter.

**kiinyiinyi** *Pl:* biinyiinyi. *n.* Taboo. genital area; part of the body where pubic hair grows.

**kiira** *Pl:* biira. *n.* misfortune, bad omen; continual bad luck. *Syn:* kisiraani.

**waakiira** *Pl:* baakiira. *n.* unlucky, disadvantaged person; s.b. who was born naturally unfortunate.

*Syn:* waakisiraani.

**kiiraguru** *adj.* 1 • black colour.  
2 • dirty; not clean. *Syn:* kirofu.

**kiire** *Pl:* biire. *n.* damp weather with dark thick clouds that can even cover the sun or the moon.

**kiiruka** *Pl:* biiruka. *n.* vehicle; device such as a car, motorcycle, bicycle, etc. used for transport from one place to another.

**bya biiruka** *n.* traffic.

**kiita** *Pl:* biita. *n.* thing, substance, object; s.t. that you mention without using the name. *Syn:* kintu.

**kiita luganda** *Pl:* biita luganda. *n.* goat fine; goat that is given as a pretext to cancelling a clan relationship, so that a traditional marriage can proceed.

**Kiiza** *n.* personal name given to s.b. born following twins.

**kiizulu** *adj.* 1 • complete, inclusive, whole; including all the parts, etc. that are necessary, including s.t. as an extra part or feature.

2 • full. *Syn:* piya, kizo.

**kiizulu ku munwa** *adv.* full up.  
*Syn:* bbiki, cawu, pelele.

**kijaguzo** *Pl:* bijaguzo. *From:* Runyoro. *n.* feast, celebration; special gathering of people that is organized to commemorate s.t., where there is eating, drinking, dancing and speeches.  
*Syn:* kidiidi.

**kijangi<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* bijangi. *n.* 1 • branch; part of a plant that is attached to the trunk and on tips of which are twigs and leaves. *Syn:* kitaagi.



2 • component.

**Kijangi<sub>2</sub>** *n.* name of a place.

**kijanguruku** *Var: kyeijangu. adv.* of a good quality or standard. *Syn:* kirungi, kiseru, kinihi.

**kijangurukuho** *adv.* somehow good. *Syn:* kirungiho, kiseruho, kinihiho.

**kijaalingwa** *Pl: bijaalingwa. n.* mentally ill person.

**kijiiko** *Pl: bijiiiko. n.* spoon; piece of cutlery, with a handle, and a bowl-like structure on one end for stirring, administering drugs or taking in food.



**kijoogo** *Pl: bijoogo. n.* mockery, ridicule; comment or action that s.b. makes with an intention of making another person seem ridiculous. *Syn:* kisonso.

**Kijumbya** *n.* name of a place.

**kikangabalu** *adj.* brittle, stiff; easily able to be cracked, fractured or snapped. *Syn:* kinyamaani, kitatio, kyomereseny.

**kikanyu** *adv.* more; large number or amount of s.t.

**kikeijo** *Pl: bikeijo. From: Runyoro. n.* sugarcane; plant with a jointed stem that is chewed and from which sugar is made. *Syn:* kitenge.

**kikeehu** *Pl: bikeehu. n.* not much; a small amount.

**kikeehuho** *adv.* less.

**kikilibongo** *Var: kikibbo.*

*Pl: bikilibongo. n.* clod; small piece of dry clay, e.g., like that from the demolished wall of a clay mudded house.

**kikoohe** *Pl: bikoohe. n.* wrap; women's piece of clothing like a bed sheet with multiple colours such as red, yellow, black, etc.

**kikoikyo** *Pl: bikoikyo. n.* riddle; difficult question to understand, that is

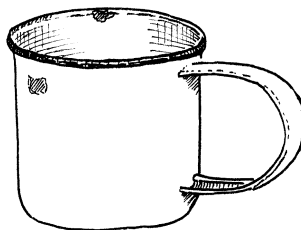
given to s.b. in the form of a game.

**kikolyo** *Var: kikolya. Pl: bikolyo. n.* pole; piece of wood that is used at the bottom part of the house on which the reeds are tied.

**kikongoliko** *Pl: bikongoliko. n.* corn cob; part of a maize plant that contains the seeds.

**kikoni** *Var: lukoni. Pl: bikoni. n.* tropical shrub sp. without leaves, has branches that are easily broken with a sticky white sap, mainly used for making local fences.

**kikopo** *Pl: bikopo. From: English. n.* 1 • mug, cup; household metallic, plastic or moulded vessel with a handle, used for drinking.



2 • trophy.

**kikoresyo** *Pl: bikoresyo. n.* tool; instrument that helps you to do your work. *Syn:* kikwatu.

**kikooriho** *adj.* second-hand, used.

**kikosi** *Pl: bikosi. n.* 1 • string, thread, cord; small diameter string, used esp. for tying roof rafters, fish, meat etc.

2 • belt-like piece of cloth that a widow or an orphan uses to wrap around the head or around the neck down onto the shoulders while at the funeral as an identification that such a person is either a widow or an orphan.

**kikuki** *Pl: bikuki. n. Typhlops sp.* blind snake; small harmless snake that spends most of its life underground, with few teeth and in the upper jaw only, with close fitting smooth scales and with the anus at the end of the tail.

**kikumi** *num.* one hundred.

**kikunkuduku** *adj.* shortened; reduced to an extremely smaller height than

usual by cutting, friction, etc.

**kikuu** *Var: kikuwu. adj. 1 • dead; s.t. that is dead and has no life.*

**2 • Metaphor.** blunt; s.t. that has no sharpness or cannot easily cut.

**kikuunyuko** *Pl: bikuunyuko. n. lid, cap, cork; top part on a container that s.b. turns or lifts up in order to open it.*

**kikwele** *Pl: bikwele. n. traditional hunters' music and dance that shows courage, esp. hippopotamus hunters as they imitate their hunting style.*

**kikwira** *adj. next, then, afterwards; coming straight after in time, order or space, following immediately in the order mentioned, after s.t. else.*

*Syn: kikuwonderaho.*

**kikyo** *dem. that one.*

**kilengesyo** *Pl: bilengesyo. n. measuring device; s.t. used to find the size, quantity or degree of s.t.*  
*Syn: kipimyo.*

**kileeri** *Pl: bileeri. From: Alur. n. steak; meat that is from the muscle of an animal that has been slaughtered for eating.*

**Kilima** *n. name of a place.*

**kilimbwa** *adj. chilly; cold weather without the sun.*

**kilingiri** *Pl: bilingiri. n. quiet wave; wave that comes without sound.*

**kilo** *Pl: kilo. From: English. n. kilogram; measure of weight.*

**kilomita** *Pl: kilomita. From: English. n. kilometre; measure of distance.*

**kilongiro** *Pl: bilongiro. n. natural gully or a ditch mostly formed by flowing water.*

**kilumo** *Pl: bilumo. n. abuse, humiliation, degradation. Syn: kiheru.*

**kilwanisyo** *Pl: bilwanisyo. n. weapon; object that is used for fighting or attacking s.b., e.g., a knife, gun, bomb, etc.*

**kimaliku** *adj. completely done; fully finished.*

**kimankumu** *n. See main entry: kinkumu.*

**kimbiri** *Pl: bimbiri. n. immovable*

*thing; s.t. difficult to move.*

**kimburumburu** *Pl: bimburumburu. n. partially cooked food tuber.*

*Syn: kimwebbwewe.*

**kimeeni** *Pl: bimeeni. n. hairstyle; haircutting style that reduces the hair at the side round the whole head leaving the middle hair longer.*

**kimomu** *adj. corroded, rusted.*

**kimonza** *Pl: bimonza. n. mush remaining after pounding and sieving water melon seeds to make water melon paste.*

**kimpololo** *adj. empty, vacant, unoccupied; without people living there for some time.*

**kimuka** *Pl: bimuka. n. lakeshore shrub sp. with flowers that are edible while young and are used in mattresses when mature.*

**kimunku** *Pl: bimunku. n. small anthill; small pile of earth formed by ants over their nests.*

**kimwei** *adv. thoroughly; completely and with great attention to detail.*

*Syn: kamwe na kamwe, hyehye.*

**kimwei kya kabiri** *num. 1 • second.*

**2 • twofold, double.**

**3 • half of anything.**

*adv. twice, doubly.*

**mitwaru mibiri** *num. twenty thousand.*

**kimwei kya kanei** *num. fourth.*

**mitwaru minei** *num. forty thousand.*

**kimwei kya kasatu** *num. third.*

**mitwaru misatu** *num. thirty thousand.*

**kimwei kya katanu** *num. fifth.*

**mitwaru mitaanu** *num. fifty thousand.*

**kimwei kyakanei** *Pl: bimwei byakanei. n. quarter.*

**kimwei kyeikumi** *num. tenth.*

**kinazi** *Var: munazi. Pl: binazi. n. tree sp. that resembles a palm tree and bears large coconuts with liquid inside that people suck.*

**kingooro** *Pl: bingooro. n. porridge*

burn-layer that forms at the bottom of a cooking pan and is scraped off using a spoon.

**kingulungutu** *n.* See main entry: **kyebulungusu**.

**kiniero** *Pl: biniero. n.* Taboo. anus; opening between buttocks through which faeces pass. *Syn: kitiiri*.

**kiniga** *Pl: biniga. n.* fierceness, anger, bitterness; feeling of s.b. who is angry or violent. *Syn: busungu*.

**kukwatīsyā kiniga** *v. Metaphor.* annoy; make s.b. angry.

*Syn: kusaaliza, kubiihiza.*

**kukwatwa kiniga** *v. Metaphor.* be annoyed.

**kinihī** *adj.* extremely good.

**kinihīho** *adj.* somehow good.

*Syn: kirungiho, kisemeruho,*

*kijangurukuho.*

**kinkarandyo** *Pl: binkarandyo. n.* phlegm; fluid like mucus that s.b. spits out.

**kinumu** *Var: kimankumu.*

*Pl: binumu. n.* thumb, big toe; biggest side finger or toe.

**kinolu** *adj.* tasty, delicious; good and sweet like sugar or fatty.

**kinompo** *Pl: binompo. n.* hoof; hard part of the foot of an ungulate mammal, e.g., cattle, buffaloes, hippopotamus, etc., either on a live animal or meat that has been slaughtered.

**kinsonsi** *Pl: binsonsi. n.* rooster's comb; part of the body of a bird that is on the head and is red in colour.



**kinṭindiro** *Pl: bintindiro. n.* heel;

behind part of the foot.

**kinṭinti** *Pl: bintinti. n.* one handful; measurement of grains, legumes or dry cassava in a sack that can be carried in one hand. *Syn: kicuku.*

**kinṭyome** *Pl: bakintyome. n.* cruel person; s.b. who behaves in a way that shows no respect for others, often talking rudely. *Syn: mubi, kabbulusungu, kageru, kimbalinga, ngeite.*

**kinunko** *Pl: binunko. n.* odour, stink; very bad smell from s.t. smelling badly.

**kinyamududu** *n.* hazy, misty weather without sunshine, with drizzles and cold.

**kinyamuguudi** *Pl: binyamuguudi. n.* flu; infectious disease like a very bad cold, that causes fever, pains and general body weaknesses, and which involves sneezing, coughing and a running nose. *Syn: kihinzi, kiswija.*

**kinyangahu** *Pl: binyangahu. n.* pumpkin; creeping plant that bears edible fruit that are yellow inside, has leaves known as 'sunsu' that are edible as sauce.



**kinyege** *Pl: binyege. n.* 1 • leg rattle; musical instrument that is tied round the legs and makes a series of short loud sounds when the dancer hits his legs hard on the ground.

2 • type of dance that dancers do with a musical instrument that is tied round the legs and makes a series of short loud sounds when the dancer hits his legs hard on the ground.

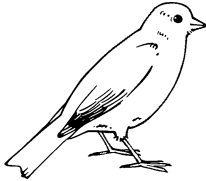
**kinyeebi** *Pl: binyeebi. n.* clothes hanger; clothesline.

**kinyeetu** *adj.* fat, obese; s.t. having too

much flesh on it and weighing too much.

**kinyoomwei** *Pl: bakinyoomwei. n.* loner; s.b. who was born or stays alone.

**kinyoni** *Pl: binyoni. n.* bird; creature that has feathers, two wings and two legs.



**kinyonzi** *Pl: binyonzi. n.* barber-shop, hair salon; place where people have their hair cut.

**kinyumba** *Pl: binyumba. n.*  
1 • structure, construction.

2 • chicken coop; hut for chickens.

**kipampaati** *Pl: bipampaati. n.* pain that a woman feels after birth.

**kiparapu** *Pl: biparapu. n.* stretcher; long piece of strong fabric with a pole on each side, used for carrying s.b. who is sick or injured and who cannot walk.  
*Syn: kitware, katabbu.*

**kipiikisyo** *Pl: bipiikisyo. n.* funnel.

**kipimyo** *Var: kipimisyo. Pl: bipimyo. n.* measuring device; s.t. used to find the size, quantity or degree of s.t.  
*Syn: kilengesyo.*

**kipimyo kya buhyo bwa muntu** *Pl: bipimyo bya buhyo bwa muntu. n.* thermometer.

**kipiripyo** *Pl: bipiripyo. n.* drill.

**kipooli** *Pl: bipooli. n.* paste; food made from ground simsim, groundnuts, white ants, etc.

**kipolo** *Pl: bipolo. n.* coin; flat metal disc, used as money. *Syn: jejejege.*

**kipukuru** *adv.* suddenly, abruptly, unexpectedly; s.t. happening without warning or preparation.

**kipumpuuta** *Pl: bakipumpuuta. n.* blind person. *Syn: kihimbaara, kiigara, mwijalu wa meiso.*

**kiriini** *Pl: makiriini. n.* hoist, pulley, block and tackle; wheel or set of wheels over which a rope or chain is pulled in order to lift or lower heavy objects.

**kiriisa** *Pl: biriisa. n.* nutrient.

**kiriimaani** *Pl: bakiriimaani. n.* extremely strong, energetic, brave person. *Syn: rujagaara.*

**kirofu** *adj.* dirty; not clean because of dirt, dust, etc. *Syn: kiiraguru.*

**kirokoru** *Pl: birokoru. n.* oesophagus; part of the body through which food passes before it enters the stomach.

**kirugirimu** *Var: kirugirimwo.*

*Pl: birugirimu. n.* result, outcome, effect, consequence; s.t. that is caused or produced because of s.t. else.  
*Syn: kirugamu.*

**kirugu** *Pl: birugu. n.* drink offering; kind of beer poured on a grave.

**kiruube** *Pl: biruube. n.* 1 • mixture; s.t. that is got after combining things together.

2 • mixed nuts, bhuja mix, bombay mix; roasted groundnuts, peas and simsim mixed together.

**kisali** *Pl: bisali. n.* bad luck, misfortune; esp. that of having a spouse die.

**kisambiryo** *Pl: bisambiryo. n.* return of s.t. bad that has happened before.

**kisemeru** *adj.* good; s.t. very good.  
*Syn: kirungi.*

**kisemeruho** *adj.* somehow good.  
*Syn: kirungiho, kijangurukuho, kinihiho.*

**kisiihuuku** *Pl: bisiihuuku. n.* faded thing; s.t. that has lost freshness or brilliance of colour.

**kisiika** *Pl: bisiika. n.* room; part of a building demarcated by a wall from the others for its use.

**kisiika kya kulaalamwo**

*Pl: bisiika bya kulaalamwo. n.* bedroom.

**kisiika kigali** *Pl: bisiika bigali. n.* spacious room.

**kisiisa** *Pl: biriisa. n.* insect; creature with six legs abdomen, thorax and head.

**kisiisira** *Pl: bisiisira. n.* house

constructed very fast for emergency or temporary use.

**kisi̱ki** *Pl: bisiki. n.* piece of firewood that is burning or that has been burnt.

**kisikoo̱ci** *Pl: bisikoo̱ci. n.* traditional hairstyle; style of combing hair while pressing it downwards and the front one making it straight pointing forward.

**kisinde** *Pl: bisinde. n.* footprint, track, trail; marks left by s.t. that has moved across the ground, e.g., an animal, a person or a moving vehicle. *Syn: kigulu.*

**kisiṉja** *Pl: makisiṉja. n.* large fish sp. with big scales, that resembles a flying fish with a big bone on the dorsal fin and a big split tail fin.

**kisinsi** *Pl: bisinsi. n.* rubbish pit or heap.

**kisīsani** *Pl: bisīsani. n.* 1 • picture, art, image; colour painted or drawn that shows s.t. like a scene, person, animal etc.

2 • photograph; print of s.b. or s.t. that comes out of a camera.

3 • impression.

4 • idol; image or object that represents a god.

**kisīsani kigali** *Pl: bisīsani bigali. n.* detail.

**kukuuta bisīsani** *v. Metaphor.*  
draw pictures, take photographs.  
*Syn: kukubba.*

**mukuuti wa bisīsani**

*Pl: bakuuti ba bisīsani. n.*

*Metaphor.* artist, decorator; s.b. who knows how to draw and paint.

*Syn: muligi, musiigi wa bisīsani.*

**musiigi wa bisīsani** *Pl: basiigi ba bisīsani. n.* artist, decorator; s.b. who knows how to draw and paint. *Syn: muligi, mukuuti wa bisīsani.*

**kiso̱bu** *Pl: biso̱bu. n.* wrong; s.t. that is not as it should be and that causes problems or difficulties.

**kisonso** *Pl: bisonso. n.* mockery, ridicule; comment or action that s.b. makes with an intention of making another person seem ridiculous.  
*Syn: kijoogo.*

**kisubi** *Pl: makisubi. n.* green grasshopper sp.

**kiswija** *Pl: biswija. n.* mild flu; infectious disease like a very bad cold, that causes fever, pains and general body weaknesses, and which involves sneezing, coughing and a running nose.  
*Syn: kinyamuguudi, kihinzi.*

**kisya** *Pl: bisya. n.* tail fin; part on the body of a fish that it uses for turning.

**kisyanu** *adj.* white colour.

**kisyanusyanu** *adj.* grey colour.

**kisyanuruuru** *adj.* light colour.

**kisyeka<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bisyeka. n.* container in which brew-fermented cassava is roasted.

**kisyeka<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: bisyeka. n.* unmarried woman who lives with her parents.

**kisyeke** *adj.* fried.

**kisyoku** *adj.* dark.

**kitahyo** *Pl: bitahyo. n.* ladle; large spoon used for serving sauce.

**kitaagi** *Pl: bitaagi. From: Runyoro. n.* branch; part of a plant that is attached to a trunk and on tips of which are twigs and leaves. *Syn: kijangi.*

**kitaaniina** *Pl: bitaaniina. n.* snail.

**kitenge** *Pl: bitenge. n.* wrap; light piece of cotton cloth, mainly imported from Congo, used by women to protect their clothes from dirt as they work.

**kiterekereeru** *adj.* straight.

**kiterekereeru nka matakū ga paasi** *adj. Idiom.* flat.

**kiteteeya** *Pl: biteteeya. n.* dress; garment with a length reaching just below the knees, sewn and joined in the middle around the waist, mostly worn by young girls.

**kiteerya** *Pl: biteerya. n.* seat on which an heir is seated during an enthroning ceremony. *Syn: kitebe kya mugwete.*

**kitiihyo** *Var: kitiiyo. Pl: bitiihyo. n.* spade; tool used for digging soil.

**kiti̱inisa** *Pl: biti̱inisa. n.* respect, honour, glory; good feeling due to people behaving politely towards you or admiring you.



**kumalikamwo *kitiinisa*** *v.* be disgraced; lose respect.

**waakitiinisa** *Pl: baakitiinisa. n.* s.b. who is respected due to thier high status at work, in society, with wealth etc.

**kitiiri** *Pl: bitiiri. n.* Taboo. anus; opening between buttocks through which faeces pass. *Syn:* kiniero.

**kitimbiro** *n.* See main entry: **kicumbiro**.

**kitingatinga** *Pl: bitingatinga. n.* mass of floating plants that looks like a small island.

**kitogi** *Pl: bitogi. n.* collar; part of a shirt, coat or jacket around the neck that folds down.

**kitooro** *Pl: bitooro. n.* dress that is sewn loose like a piece of clothing worn by a pregnant woman.

**kitukuru** *From: Runyoro. adj.* red; having the colour of blood or fire. *Syn:* kyengu.

**kitumbisya** *Var: kitumbisa. Pl: bitumbisya. From: Runyoro. n.* 1 • spice; ingredient that is added to food, esp. sauce.

2 • yeast, leaven; substance that is added to bread before it is cooked to make it rise.

**kitunguli** *Pl: bitunguli. n.* military-cut hairstyle; completely shaving off all the hair at the sides round the whole head leaving only the middle one.

**kituugo** *Pl: bituugo. n.* coconut; big wild palm tree sp. that grows straight without branches with palmate leaves and edible fibrous fruit with a large seed, that is not used to produce cooking oil.

**kituuti<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bituuti. n.* 1 • ant-hill like structure that is made in order for the king to climb on when a cultural dance is going on.

2 • pulpit; small platform in a church that is like a box and is high above the ground, where s.b. stands to preach to the people.

**kituuti<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: bituuti. n.* oven; fire in a hearth, set on wood, grass or cow dung

heaped together. *Syn:* kikoomi.

**kiweehohoi** *Pl: biweehohoi. n.* fog, mist; thick cloud of very small drops of water in the air close to the land or sea, that is very difficult to see through. *Syn:* kiho.

**kizezu** *Pl: bizezu. n.* easy thing; s.t. that is easy to do.

**kizibiti** *Pl: bizibiti. n.* s.t. with which one is caught red-handed as proof that indeed that person committed a given crime.

**Kizige** *n.* name of a person.

**kizigo** *Pl: bizigo. From: Luganda. n.* load, burden; goods that are tied together into s.t. that s.b. or a vehicle carries on a journey. *Syn:* kibbambu, kigugu, mwetweko.

**kizimba** *Pl: bizimba. n.* boil; painful infected swelling under the skin that grows and becomes filled with pus.

**kizinga** *Pl: bizinga. n.* island; piece of land that is in the middle of a lake.

**kizonzooli** *Pl: bizonzooli. n.* house that is in a sorry state, i.e., at the verge of collapsing.

**ko** *pro.* See main entry: **kaamu**.

**koda** *Pl: makoda. n.* boat pole; straight long piece of wood used for moving a boat through water.

**koofiira** *Pl: makoofiira. From: Arabic. n.* hat; covering made to fit the head worn esp. out of doors. *Syn:* sepehu.

**koko** *Var: ko. pro. it.*

**kokolooki** *Pl: makokolooki. n.* rooster, cock; male chicken that crows. *Syn:* mpanga.

**kookoro** *Pl: kookoro. n.* cancer; disease that s.b. suffers for a long time without healing.

**kokota** *Pl: makokota. n.* beach seine net; pulling net used in fishing that has a sack at the end.

**kolasi** *Pl: kolasi. n.* tarmac; road made of stones mixed with tar.

**kolome wa kijungu** *Pl: makolome ga kijungu. n.* domesticated dove. *Syn:* ngiihwa.

**kooma** *Pl: bwoma. n.* piece of metal.

**kooma ka mapokopo**

*Pl: bwoma bwa mapokopo. n.*  
earring; piece of jewellery that s.b.  
fixes into or fastens on the ear.

*Syn: kalengeetu.*

**kompasi** *From: English. n.* compass.

**koona** *Pl: makooona. From: English. n.*  
corner; part of s.t. where two or more  
sides, lines or edges join, e.g., where  
two streets join. *Syn: ibbangukiro.*

**kondo** *Pl: kondo. n.* crown; wreath,  
garland or headdress that a king puts on  
the head on cultural occasions.

**kone** *Pl: makone. n.* bullock, steer;  
animal that has been castrated so that it  
does not reproduce.

**kongi** *Pl: kongi. n.* algae; plant without  
leaves that sticks on s.t. that has stayed  
for a long time in water or inside a  
water container that has lasted a long  
time without being washed.

**Kongo** *n.* name of a country.

**konsati** *From: English. n.* concert.

**koporo** *Pl: makoporo. n.* lock, padlock;  
device that keeps a door, window, lid,  
etc. shut, usually needing a key to open  
it, or a device with a key that prevents a  
vehicle or machine from being used,  
e.g., a bicycle lock, steering lock, etc.



**kororo** *adj.* completely empty; without  
anything left.

**kooti<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: makooti. From: English. n.*  
court. *Syn: mbuga gya biragiyo.*

**kooti<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: makooti. From: English. n.*  
coat; piece of clothing that s.b. wears  
over another, esp. of the same colour  
with the pair of trousers, in order to  
appear smart or warm himself.

**ku** *loc.* on, upon.

**ku kyo** *adv.* onto.

**kubaba** *v.* cause to be hurt on the skin by  
s.t. dangerous, e.g., the spiked hairs  
from a poisonous caterpillar or stinging  
plant, or to cause to be burnt by a fire,  
steam etc.

**kubabuka** *v.* get scalded or suffer a  
light burn to the skin that causes  
pain.

**kubaga** *v.* tie; hold things together using  
string, rope, etc. *Syn: kubboha.*

**kubagana** *v.* share, divide, distribute;  
give s.t. between two or more people, so  
that they share it among themselves.

**kubagaania** *v.* divide.

**kwebagaania** *v.* separate yourself  
from others; break unity with others  
that you have been together with.

*Syn: kwenoba, kugungumara,  
kwesorooro, kwahukana,  
kwetongoola, kwenuga, kwesalaho,  
kwezahula, kwegunga.*

**kubagaaniaamu** *v.* divide or break  
s.t. into small parts or pieces.

**kubala** *v.* count; recite numbers in their  
order.

*n.* mathematics; study of numbers and  
shapes.

**kubala kwa namba na**

**nyuguta** *Pl: kubala kwa  
namba na nyuguta. n.* algebra.

**kubaliira** *v.* 1 • sum, add, account;  
calculate carefully in order to get  
the total amount of s.t. or in order to  
balance an equation.

2 • estimate; form a rough picture in  
the mind of cost, size, value, etc.  
about s.t.

3 • evaluate, assess.

**kya kubala** *Pl: bya kubala. n.*  
equation.

**kubalisihwa** *v.* babble; talk loosely  
without sense what you don't know  
anything about. *Syn: kugugumuka,  
kusadamuka, kuhurumuka.*

**kubaliza** *v.* address people; make a  
speech. *Syn: kugaba rubazu.*

**kubamba** *v.* 1 • stretch; pull s.t. from  
both ends and make it tight.

2 • hang, suspend, dangle; attach s.t. at the top so that the lower part is free or loose. *Syn:* kudengeeta.

3 • attach s.t. e.g., a picture, clock, wallpaper, etc. onto s.t.

4 • crucify; nail s.b. to a wooden cross in order to kill that person.

**kubanda** v. be possessed by a spirit.

**kubandaara** v. delay; not do s.t. until a later time or to make s.t. happen at a later time.

**kubandula** v. elope; when a man takes a woman in order to marry her before a formal introduction to the girl's parents.

**kubanga** conj. because; for the reason that.

**kubanja** *From:* Runyoro. v. recall; get s.b. whom you lent s.t. to pay it back.

**kubanza** v. come first; be ahead of all other things.

**kubatiza** v. baptise.

**kubatizibwa** v. be baptised.

**kubawona** v. pay a visit to people, esp. relatives.

**kubaza** v. talk, speak; use the voice to say s.t. *Syn:* kugira, kukookoba.

**kubaza kurungi** v. speak well.

**kubazaho** v. 1 • discuss; talk about s.t. with other people, esp. in order to make a decision.

*Syn:* kwerorongoniya, kuhanuura, kugaayagaaya.

2 • introduce; tell two or more people who have not met before what their names are. *Syn:* kuhemba, kusoboora.

**kwebazaho** v. introduce yourself; tell s.b. what your personal details are, e.g. name, job, marital status, etc. *Syn:* kwezolokya.

**kubazamu** v. multiply.

**kubaaga** v. 1 • skin; remove a skin from the dead animal.

2 • fillet; split a fish open so as to sun-dry it or smoke it for eating.

**kubega** v. 1 • investigate; examine carefully the facts of an event, a crime, etc. to understand how it happened.

2 • spy; collect secret information about a person, country, organization, etc.

*Syn:* kutata.

**kubegera** v. share food; give a portion of drink or food to s.b.

**kubembeka** v. sacrifice; make an offering.

**kubengira** v. start and continue doing s.t. *Syn:* kusetula, kutandika.

**kubenyeka** v. become broken; be separated into two or more parts as a result of force, e.g., when a tree branch is broken from the trunk.

**kubi** adj. poor.

**kubihuumula** v. give up; stop trying to do s.t. *Syn:* kubikupukamu,

kubisomokamu, kubyeganyira,

kwehuukya, kubyelekesya, kubileka,

kubirugamu.

**kubika** v. make an obituary; announce s.b.'s death.

**kubileka** v. give up; stop trying to do s.t.

*Syn:* kubikupukamu, kubisomokamu,

kubyeganyira, kwehuukya,

kubyelekesya, kubirugamu,

kubihuumula.

**kubinda** v. wrap a corpse in a bed sheet, blanket or bark cloth.

**kubinga** v. 1 • dismiss, expel, chase away; force s.b. or s.t. to leave.

2 • pursue; follow s.t. that is on the run so that you catch it. *Syn:* kwiruukya.

**kubinga muzumu** v. exorcise; get rid of a ghost or an evil spirit from a place or s.b.'s body.

**kubingwa** v. be dismissed, fired; be unwillingly removed from a place or a job.

**kubingaho haḡwa kacwi** v. suspend, bar; stop s.t. or s.b. for a period of time.

**kubinya** v. 1 • divide or break as a result of force. *Syn:* kubbegula, kwata, kubbibinula.

2 • totally destroy s.t.

**kubinyamu** v. divide or break into pieces as a result of force.

**kubinyeka** v. fracture; break or crack a bone due to injury.

- kubinya nyumba** v. commit a burglary; enter and rob a house.
- kubirugamu** v. withdraw, disengage, retire from, vacate; stop doing a job or being one of the members of a group or to leave a place. *Syn:* kuḅikupukamu, kubisomokamu, kubyeganyira, kwehuukya, kuḅyelekesya, kubileka.
- kubisomokamu** v. give up; stop trying to do s.t. *Syn:* kuḅikupukamu, kubihuumula, kubyeganyira, kwehuukya, kuḅyelekesya, kubileka, kubirugamu.
- kubiiha** v. be bad.
- kubiihiza** v. annoy, displease; make s.b. feel sad. *Syn:* kuḅwatīsyā kiniga, kusaaliza.
- kubiihirwa** *Var:* kubiihirirwa. v. be annoyed, displeased.
- kubiika** v. store, keep; put s.t. where it cannot get destroyed.
- kuḅiiḱisya** v. deposit with; give s.b. s.t. to keep for you.
- kwebiikira** v. reserve, conserve, save; use things sparingly in order to plan for the future.
- kubooga** v. ferment; experience a chemical change because of the action of yeast or bacteria.
- kuḅoogya itehe** v. mulch; cover the ground with decaying grass in order to add nutrients to the soil.
- kuborooga** v. cry out loudly when in trouble or in pain.
- kubyala** v. give birth; deliver a baby.
- kubyalwa** v. be born.
- kuḅyalīsyā** v. be a midwife to help a woman give birth.
- kubyeganyira** v. give up; stop trying to do s.t. *Syn:* kuḅikupukamu, kubihuumula, kubisomokamu, kwehuukya, kuḅyelekesya, kubileka, kubirugamu.
- kubyoka** v. 1 • wake up; stop sleeping and get out of bed. *Syn:* kuḱisimuka. 2 • get up, stand up, rise; stop lying and sit up or stop sitting and stand up.

- kuḅyokya** v. 1 • awaken s.b. from sleep or to tell him to come out of the bed. *Syn:* kuḱisimula. 2 • depart; start a journey. *Syn:* kusetuka, kuḱimbura. 3 • lift, pick up; raise s.t. up. *Syn:* kusenga.
- kubyokeera** v. *Metaphor.* condemn, rise against, oppose; say or show openly that s.b. has done s.t. bad. *Syn:* kwama, kujumiira, kurumiriza, kutokeera, kuḱonereerya.
- kubyokeramu** *Var:* kubyokiramu; kuḅyokeeryamu. v. respond or act instantly; immediately depart to go somewhere after receiving an urgent message or after being ordered to do s.t. *Syn:* kukoliraho.
- kuḅyokyangana** v. act of making a promise so that whoever wakes first wakes up the others.
- kwebyokya** v. straighten up, stretch up; make yourself slightly taller so as to see what is at a distance.
- kuḅyokya ḅusyo** v. move the eyes as a way of communicating.
- kuḅyokya mikono** v. surrender; admit defeat and declare it publicly. *Syn:* kunanuka.
- kuḅyokya iraka** v. get increasingly louder.
- kuḅyokeerya mukono** v. wave.



- kuḅuda-ḅuda** v. console; give comfort or sympathy to s.b. who is unhappy or disappointed. *Syn:* kuḅumba-ḅumba, kuguma-gumya, kugaara-gaara, kuḱatatatiirya.

**kuḅula** v. fail to do s.t.; not do s.t.

**kuḅumba** v. mould; use clay to make objects.

**kuḅumba kyese** v. mould pots from clay or mud. *Syn:* kumaata kyese.

**kuḅumba matafaali** v. make bricks.



**kuḅumba-ḅumba** v. console; give comfort or sympathy to s.b. who has lost s.b. in death. *Syn:* kuguma-gumya, kutatatatiirya, kugaara-gaara, kuḅuda-buda.

**kuḅumbata** v. warm chicks; when a chicken sits on and embraces her chicks to keep them warm.

**kuḅundaara** v. be humble, lowly, not complicated, not proud and obeying orders. *Syn:* kuculeera.

**kwebundaaza** v. try to humble yourself; be lowly, not proud and obeying orders in order to achieve a given interest.

**kuḅunga** v. 1 • visit; go to see s.b. or a place for a short period of time.

*Syn:* kuwona.

2 • *Metaphor.* be sexually promiscuous; have sexual lust, like a prostitute.

*Syn:* kukora ḅwenzi, kwendye-ndya, kutaaruuka, kuraaya, kurawarawa.

**kubuukula** v. uncover; remove s.t. that is covering s.t. *Syn:* kukuunyukula.

**kuḅuula** v. open; open s.t. closed.

*Syn:* kwala, kwijula, kulingula.

**kuḅuuliriirya** v. investigate, interrogate; ask one person after another in order to get the truth about s.t.

**kuḅuulisania** v. inquire critically, cross-examine; use the words that s.b. has already said to ask him questions carefully in order to find out the actual truth.

**kuḅuusana** v. resemble; look like or be similar to another person or thing.

*Syn:* kuhwanagana, kwisana.

**kubba** v. be.

**kubbaho** v. 1 • exist.

2 • happen; action of s.t. taking place.

**kubba na** v. have, possess. *Lit:* be with.

**kubbamu** v. get involved; be one of the people who are in s.t.

**kubba mu nsonga** v. *See main entry:* nsonga.

**kubbagala** v. carry s.t. on a shoulder.

**kubbaka** v. play catch; throw s.t. in the sky and then catch it.

**kubbakula** v. catch, restrain; suddenly capture s.t. or s.b. that tries or would try to escape.

*Syn:* kubbuukira.

**kubbalula<sub>1</sub>** v. explode, burst, tear s.t. making a loud violent sound that causes damage.

**kubbaluka** *Var:* kubbwatuka;

**kurwatuka.** v. 1 • be torn, have burst, exploded loudly due to much pressure from inside.

2 • spark; give out small particles of fire.

**kubbalula<sub>2</sub>** v. hit; bring the hand, or an object that is held against s.b. or s.t. quickly and with force.

*Syn:* kubbarangura.

**kubbanguuka** v. curve, veer, turn to go in another direction. *Syn:* kuhunguuka.

**kubbangula** v. cause s.t. to curve, veer, or turn.

**kwebbangula** v. turn yourself; face from where you have been coming to go another direction.

**kubbanika** v. put s.t. up on top of s.t. that is higher than yourself, e.g., up on a shelf.

**kwebbanika** v. climb up to the peak of s.t.

**kubbanula** v. get s.t. from up high or that is swinging in air and get it down.

**kubbarangura** v. hit; bring the hand, or an object that is held against s.b. or s.t. quickly and with force. *Syn:* kubbalula, kudikya.

**kubbaratura** v. split, break s.t. apart using great force.

2 • v. crack; break s.t. without dividing into separate parts.

**kubbaratuka** v. 1 • be split, broken, separated, through force, into two or more pieces.

2 • be cracked; get broken without dividing into separate parts.

**kubbaabbuula** v. 1 • loosen.

2 • tear off.

**kubbaabbuuka** v. 1 • become loose.

2 • become torn.

**kubbaaka** v. ferment; mix dry cassava or maize flour with water as a preparation for brewing.

**kubbaama** v. get bent, curved or formed into an angle so that s.t. is no longer straight.

**kubbibbinula** v. bend, contort; force part of the body esp. an arm, leg or neck so that it changes its normal direction or bends.

**kubbila** v. taste; use the tongue to become aware of the sweetness or the bitterness of s.t.

**kubbingibbala** v. get bent; become deformed.

**kubbogobbera** *Var:* **kubbugubbira**. v. speak with pauses without pronouncing words properly.

**kubboha** v. 1 • imprison, detain; put s.b. in prison or a place from which he cannot escape.

2 • tie, fasten; attach things together using string, rope, etc. *Syn:* kubaga.

**kubbohamu** v. retie; tie s.t. once again.

**kubboheera** v. lash; keep on tying s.t.

**kubbohwa** v. be imprisoned, bound; be put in a place from which you cannot escape.

**kubbola** v. decay, rot; decompose, of s.t. dead that brings a bad smell.

**kubboota** *From:* Alur. v. survive; continue to live or exist despite a dangerous event or time. *Syn:* kukena, kuhona.

**kubbotola** v. demolish; destroy or knock down a house or a building.

*Syn:* kusensegula.

**kubbotoka** v. get demolished.

**kubbubba** v. run very quickly, esp. when trying to escape from trouble.

**kubbubbugana** v. sleep talk; utter words that have no meaning or are impossible to understand while you are asleep.

**kubbugubbira** v. *See main entry:* **kubbogobbera**.

**kubbuka** v. cope, manage; be able to deal with a difficult situation.

**kubbumba** v. 1 • cover; put s.t. under, inside or behind s.t. in order to hide or protect it. *Syn:* kukuunyuka.



2 • *Metaphor.* ignore, turn a deaf ear; refuse to hear.

3 • bury; cover with soil, e.g., when burying a corpse. *Syn:* kuziika.

**kubbumbirana** v. enclose, enfold; cover s.t. into s.t. else.

**kwebbumba** v. hide yourself under, inside or behind s.t.

**kwebbumbiira** v. hide your wrong due to fear of getting ashamed.

**kubbusuka** v. make a narrow escape; by good luck release yourself from the grip of s.b. or s.t. that has been restraining you so that they don't harm you. *Syn:* kuteesuka.

**kubbusula<sub>1</sub>** v. remove shells from bean or bambara-nuts seeds after soaking them in water.

**kubbusula<sub>2</sub>** v. give birth with only one push without first struggling much because the baby is very small.

**kubbuta** v. 1 • fall into water and sink. *Syn:* kudikira, kugizira, kwicanikira. 2 • capsize; turn s.t. over in water.

**kubbutya** v. cause s.t. to be submerged, so that it is filled or covered completely with a liquid. *Syn:* kudikiirya, kubbutiiriirya, kugiziirya.

**kubbutukira** v. engulf; cover completely. *Syn:* kugundamira.

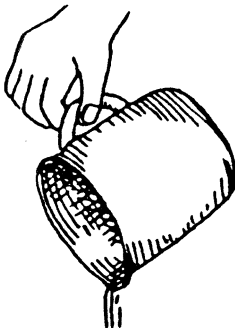
**kubbutiiriirya** v. immerse; put s.t. into a liquid so that it is completely submerged. *Syn:* kudikiirya.

**kubbutama** v. crouch.

**kubbwagura** v. bite; crush s.t. using the teeth, esp. noisily.

**kubbwatuka** v. *See main entry:* kubbalula.

**kubbwoma** v. pour, spill; allow a liquid to flow from a container.



**kubbwomoka** v. 1 • be poured; cause s.t. to be removed from inside s.t. else.

2 • pour down with a lot of rain in a particular time.

**kubbwomeera** v. sprinkle a liquid.

**kubbyamuka** *Var:* kudyamuka. v.

1 • regurgitate; bring back up into the mouth food that has been swallowed.

2 • belch, burp; bring up through the mouth air from the stomach.

**kucabbula** v. tear; pull slowly to separate s.t.

**kucada** v. dribble a ball, pass a ball.

**kucaka** v. praise; express approval of s.b. for their good deeds. *Syn:* kuramya, kuhaariiza, kukugiza, kunyumiza, kupaaka, kutenda, kutumbula.

**kucakara** v. wander; move around so as to pass time.

**kucakuna** *Var:* kucakunya. v. chew; crush food by the teeth so as to make it easier to swallow.

**kucamura<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • boil; heat a liquid, esp. water, to the point where it forms bubbles and turns to steam.

2 • *Metaphor.* excite.

**kucamuka** v. 1 • be boiled.

*Syn:* kutokota.

2 • *Metaphor.* be very excited, extremely joyful.

**kucamura<sub>2</sub>** v. do s.t. impatiently.

**kucanga<sub>1</sub>** *Var:* kucangaanja. v. mix; make up a solution usually in a way that means the constituents cannot easily be separated again. *Syn:* kutaḡura, kuhyangya.

**kucanga<sub>2</sub>** v. dance; move the body in time to music.

**kucaafuhara** v. 1 • be dirty.

*Syn:* kurofuhara.

2 • become dirty.

**kucaanya<sub>1</sub>** v. heap up; arrange s.t. like a bundle of firewood making it thinner on one end.

**kucaanya<sub>2</sub>** v. beat up; hit s.t. or s.b. many times, usually very hard.

**kuceka** v. be weak; lose strength and feel lacking in energy.

- kucekya** v. demean, weaken; reduce the value of s.b. before people.
- kucekeca** v. perform a traditional type of twisting dance.
- kucencegera** v. walk gingerly without properly putting the feet on the ground due to pain or in order to avoid injury, e.g., when walking on thorns.
- kucenka-cenka** v. cut or slice s.t. into many extremely small pieces.
- kucirinka** v. *See main entry:* kunyirinka.
- kuciima** v. put s.b. to the test so as to intentionally prove them wrong or make them feel guilty.
- kucooda** v. spend recklessly.
- kucooka** v. gather, collect things together. *Syn:* kusorooza.
- kwecooka** v. gather yourself together with others.
- kwecookamu** v. reassemble; gather once again.
- kucooka-cooka mworo** v. stoke a fire; rearrange firewood to enable flames to become bigger. *Syn:* kusinduka nkwi, kukuuma-kuuma mworo.
- kucookooza** v. mock; show no respect for s.b. *Syn:* kusunsa, kudomya, kujooga, kusekereerya.
- kucooma** v. be immoral.
- kucoomera** *Var:* **kucoomira**;  
**kucoomya-coomya** v. rebuke; speak severely to s.b. because they have done s.t. wrong.
- kuconcodera** v. tiptoe; walk on the toes, in order to make yourself taller or to reduce the noise of your foot-steps.
- kuconkoda** v. limp; walk improperly due to some pain in the leg or due to lameness. *Syn:* kuçinkibba.
- kucuga** v. *Taboo.* have sexual relations with s.b. *Syn:* kugambya, kutemba, kugosa.
- kuculeera** v. be calm, humble, quiet, obedient, reserved, etc. *Syn:* kuçundaara.
- kucuma<sub>1</sub>** v. blanch, parboil; cook s.t. slightly in order to preserve it from

going bad.

- kucuma<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • push; use your hands, arms or body in order to make s.t. or s.b. move forward or away from you, usually in an aggressive way.  
2 • to pass on; give s.t. to s.b. else, especially after receiving it or using it yourself.
- kucumbutuka** v. 1 • surge; movement of a liquid upwards and downwards to an extent of almost pouring out.  
2 • stagger; move while walking that is almost falling.
- kucumuka** v. light a fire; start fire in a lamp, or start a bushfire.
- kucumuka taara** v. light a lantern.



- kucunda** v. 1 • churn, pump; shake s.t. downwards and upwards, forwards and backwards or from side to side in a container.  
2 • strain; remove milk from ghee.
- kucungura** v. liberate; rescue s.b. or s.t. from suffering or persecution.
- kwecungura** v. rescue yourself from suffering or persecution.
- kucura<sub>1</sub>** v. tremble; shake or twitch involuntarily, of a particular part of the body, e.g., an eye.
- kucura<sub>2</sub>** v. help s.b. improve their morals, behaviours, etc.
- kucuucuuka** v. become pale; have your skin colour spoilt.
- kucuucuura** v. 1 • stir up dust.  
2 • drive or ride at a very high speed.
- kucuunya<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • be almost ready; sauce getting properly cooked without the soup being underdone or overdone.



2 • burn or to set s.t. or s.b. on fire.

**kucuunya<sub>2</sub>** v. slim down, reduce body size.

**kucuusa<sub>1</sub>** v. tick; mark s.t. with a tick to show that it is correct, confirmed, or really done.

**kucuusa<sub>2</sub>** *From: Luganda.* v. turn; change the direction of s.t.

**kucwa<sub>1</sub>** v. block; stop s.b. from going somewhere or seeing s.t. by standing in front of them or in their way.

*Syn:* kukiika, kukiizika, kusingiza, kugaanisa.

**kucwa<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • escape; get away from a place where you have been detained.

*Syn:* kusomoka, kweziba, kulwotoka, kutoroka.

2 • cross; move from one side of s.t. such as a lake, a valley, a road, etc. going to the other end. *Syn:* kutaaduuka, kutambaluka.

**kucwacwana** v. *See main entry: kuswa.*

**kucwankanaho** v. go away and leave s.b. alone.

**kucwera<sub>1</sub>** *Var: kucweresenia.* v. surround an animal so as to trap or kill it when hunting. *Syn:* kwetoorora, kugota.

**kucwera<sub>2</sub>** v. decide a price or compensation that s.b. will pay for s.t., esp. for providing dowry in marriage negotiations.

**kudakaara** v. lust greatly; show a strong desire for s.t. without any self control or self respect.

**kudambula** *Var: kudambuura.* v. straighten an arm or leg. *Syn:* kugooro, kurambiika, kunuguura, kuterekereya.

**kwedambula** *Var: kwedambuura.* v. straighten your body so as to relax the muscles. *Syn:* kwenuguura.

**kudaabiriza** v. maintain; repair s.t. so that it is in good condition again.

**kudaahira** v. be very far away from a certain point.

**kudedeera** v. give up; finally stop doing s.t. after many serious attempts.

*Syn:* kwegumya, kweteeka.

**kwededeera** v. cool down, settle down, simmer down; keep quiet and give up making an argument.

**kudemba** v. lick; move a tongue over s.t. in order to eat it, make it wet or clean it.

**kudemuka** v. migrate; shift of a group of people permanently from one place to reside with your family in another place, esp. to escape from some calamity. *Syn:* kusenguka, kufuruka.

**kudengeeta** v. float; remain on the surface of water without sinking.

*Syn:* kusuuleeba.

**kudengeetya** v. hang, suspend, dangle; put s.t. up and let it swing in the air. *Syn:* kubamba.

**kudenguda** v. 1 • perform a type of traditional dance that involves moving extremely vigorously while twisting the waist.

2 • run at a terrible speed.

**kudiibwa** v. feel nausea, sickness or pain in the body.

**kudiibwa nzala** v. feel hunger; be wanting to eat food.

**kudiima** v. aim at s.t. properly in order to spear it or shoot it. *Syn:* kupima.

**kudiirisana** v. betray; turn behind s.b. and hand him over to his enemy.

*Syn:* kuhemuka, kutunda, kugobeza.

**kudiiriira** v. 1 • profit greatly from a certain piece of work without reinvesting in it or to use s.t. well in order to gain as much from it as possible.

2 • exploit; make s.b. work for you and not pay them fairly in return.

*Syn:* kukamula, kukoresya, kunywereera.

3 • eat other people's food on top of yours.

**kudoma** v. be stupid.

**kudomaho** v. sub, ignore; pay no attention to s.b. by pretending that you have not heard what they are saying.

*Syn:* kugaya.

**kudotola** v. hit the target at which you had aimed an attack.

**kudula** *Var: kukudula.* v. scratch,

scrape; cut or damage the skin slightly with s.t. sharp or to damage the surface of s.t., esp. accidentally, by making thin shallow marks on it.

**kukuduka** v. become bruised; develop a bruise.

**kuduuma** v. guide, advise, admonish the heir who has been put on the seat so that he fulfils his responsibility.

**kuduumira** v. 1 • be in command, have authority; be in charge of a group of people e.g. in the army, sports, etc.  
2 • set runners off in a race.

**kudwa<sub>1</sub>** v. arrive; reach the destination of a journey or trip.

**kudwa<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • satisfy.  
2 • be suitable, fit exactly, of clothes on s.b. *Syn:* kukwata.

**kudwebwa** v. be contented; feel satisfied with s.t.

**kudwa<sub>3</sub>** v. disgust; cause s.b. to be sickened by s.t.

**kudwebwa** v. become grossed out; disgusted.

**kudweraho** v. be punctual; be somewhere at that exact time.

**kudwereera** v. 1 • move toward; draw near to s.t. *Syn:* kwesumiira, kwesegereerya.

2 • come to pass; to happen as planned or promised.

3 • arrive somewhere on the same day.

**kudweta** v. pinch; tightly bring together two fingernails on the skin resulting in a feeling of pain.

**kudya<sub>1</sub>** v. eat; put food in the mouth, chew it and swallow it.

**kudiisya** v. feed; give s.b. food to eat or to help him to eat.

**kudya munanghu** v. eat poorly; eat and remain unsatisfied.

**kudiisya mutwe** v. *Idiom.* be a problem to s.b. because you either hardly understand or hardly respond to what you have been asked to do.

**kudiirana** v. share meals; give food to s.b. with whom you are working or staying.

**bya kudiiramu** *Sg: kya kudiiramu.* n. cutlery; eating utensils.

**kudya<sub>2</sub>** v. feel pain.

**kudya kibbila** v. *See main entry: kibbila.*

**kudyamuka** v. *See main entry: kubbyamuka.*

**kudyerera** v. become curly, of hair.

**kufafanika** v. become a nuisance.  
*Syn:* kugwaga.

**kufaho** v. 1 • mind, care for, watch over; love s.b. and feel that they are important and worth worrying about.

*Syn:* kuwoneera, kulingiira, kulinda.

2 • pay attention; take note of s.t.

*Syn:* kwetegeerya.

**kwefaho** v. take care of yourself; look after yourself properly so that you look well.

**kufeerwa** v. lose s.t. or s.b.

**kufeezeza** v. cause loss; make s.b. lose s.t.

**kufooka** v. change, become different; pass from one state or form into another.

**kufoora** v. turn s.t. with the inside part coming out.

**kufubira** v. punish; make s.b. suffer for breaking the law or doing s.t. wrong.

**kufuga** *From: Luganda.* v. rule; exercise authority over s.b. etc. with the power to decide how s.t. must be done.

*Syn:* kulema.

**kufumba** v. *See main entry: kũrumba.*

**kufumura** v. pierce s.t. and leave it with a hole. *Syn:* kutũuta, kuhudula.

**kufuna** *From: Luganda.* v. receive, get, obtain, acquire; accept s.t. that is sent or given to you. *Syn:* kutunga, kukwata.

**kufunda** v. be narrow.

**kufunga** *From: Swahili.* v. lock; close s.t. with a lock.

**kufunguura** v. unlock; open a padlock. *Syn:* kwahuura, kukingula.

**kufurura** v. shift, transfer; move s.b. somewhere else.

**kufuruka** v. migrate, shift; permanently leave one place and permanently settle in another.

*Syn:* kudemuka, kusenguka.

**kufuruka-furuka** v. wriggle; keep on changing positions.

**kufuuhiira** v. spray; use a pump to scatter liquids on s.t. in very small drops.

**kufuutiika** v. *See main entry:* kupuutiika.

**kugaba** v. give s.b. s.t. *Syn:* kuha.

**kugabamu** v. divide; perform a mathematical process to find out how many times one number is contained in another.

**kugabira** v. 1 • distribute, share out, divide between; share s.t. between a number of people.

2 • divide numbers.

3 • sacrifice.

**kugabirwa** v. receive; be given s.t. in form of an assistance.

*Syn:* kuheebwa.

**kugaba nguzi** v. *See main entry:* nguzi.

**kugabura** v. get married; act of a man officially taking the bride after the introduction and the dowry.

**kugada-gada** v. struggle; try very hard to do s.t. when it is difficult or when there are many problems. *Syn:* kuwaya-way, kulwanisya, kupatikana, kwenyamula, kuguuguuza, kunyeega, kupataka, kupoolooka, kutita, kwekamba, kwesabbula.

**kugaga**<sub>1</sub> v. go slightly bad or rotten, of food, by natural chemical processes.

**kugaga**<sub>2</sub> v. grab or hold s.t. very firmly either by your hands or by a tool such as pliers. *Syn:* kukaza, kutatirya.

**kugaganyula** v. forcefully open or separate the two parts of s.t.

**kugaigahara** *From:* Luganda. v. become rich. *Syn:* kuguuduhara.

**kugaliha** v. widen; increase in width.

**kugana** v. narrate or tell s.b. a folktale.

**kugandaara** v. relax; rest esp. after work or effort. *Syn:* kuhuumula.

**kugangama** v. squat; sit on the heels

with legs apart without the bottom touching the ground.

**kuganikira**<sub>1</sub> v. point at s.b. with your hand folded esp. while you are behind them or from their back to indicate fooling, kidding or joking.

**kuganikira**<sub>2</sub> v. cook greens by putting a sticky plant in the sauce.

**kuganya** v. be sorrowful.

**kuganyira** v. 1 • forgive, pardon, excuse, acquit; forget the mistake that s.b. committed against you.

2 • sympathise; show compassion to s.b. who is in trouble.

*Syn:* kukwatwa kisa, kusaasira.

3 • exempt; withdraw the responsibility that s.b. has of doing s.t. paying s.t., etc.

**kweganyira** v. forsake; stop doing s.t., or leave s.t., esp. s.t. that you enjoy or for which you have responsibility. *Syn:* kubyeganyira, kubikupukamu, kubihuumula, kubisomokamu, kwehuukya, kbyelekesya, kubileka, kubirugamu.

**kuganyirwa** v. be forgiven, excused, acquitted, pardoned; be left free from a punishment for the crime you have committed or to be exempted from a financial obligation.

**kugaramiira** v. lean back on s.t. while you are freely at ease.

**kugaya** v. overlook, ignore, snub; show or treat s.b. in a way that shows no worth or respect to that person.

*Syn:* kudomaho.

**kugaywa** v. be ignored, be treated as s.b. of a low status; be overlooked or not respected.

**kugaza** v. 1 • touch; put your hands or fingers onto s.b. or s.t. *Syn:* kukwata.

2 • fish with fishing gear that is in the shape of a basket.

**kugaza-gaza** v. pat; keep on putting a hand onto s.t. *Syn:* kutiga-tiga, kukwata-kwata.

**kugaana** v. reject, forbid, restrict, ban;

refuse to allow, accept, do or give s.t.  
*Syn:* kwekunuka, kugira, kuhyema, kuryega, kusuula.

**kugaanisa** v. 1 • interrupt; say or do s.t. that makes s.b. stop s.t. that he has been saying or doing.

2 • hinder, block; make it difficult for s.b. to do s.t. or for s.t. to happen. *Syn:* kulemesya, kukiika, kukiizika, kulingiza, kucwa.

**kugaara-gaara** v. console; stay at a funeral in order to comfort those bereaved. *Syn:* kuḥumba-ḥumba, kuguma-gumya, kutatatatiirya, kuḥudabuda.

**kugaaraata** v. be mindless.

**kugaayagaaya** *Var:* kugaayagaayamu. v. discuss; talk about s.t. with other people, esp. in order to make a decision. *Syn:* kwerrorongonia, kuhanuura, kubazaho.

**kugegemuka** v. laugh; make a sound that comes from the mouth showing that s.b. is amused or happy. *Syn:* kukuuta mukule, kukuuta nseku, kuseka.

**kugegeera** v. burn brightly, e.g., a very bright flame or piece of charcoal.

**kugema<sub>1</sub>** *From:* Runyoro. v. fold; bend s.t. so that one part lies on top of another part. *Syn:* kugonya, kukata, kukunya, kuzinga, kukuba.

**kugema<sub>2</sub>** v. shave; cut hair from the skin, esp. the face using a razor. *Syn:* kumwa, kuhala, kutega.

**kugema<sub>3</sub>** v. immunise; protect a person or an animal from a disease, esp. by giving an injection of a vaccine. *Syn:* kukuuta bikatu, kutuuta bikatu.

**kugemula** v. visit with gifts; pay s.b. a visit bringing him things like food, drinks bundles of firewood, etc.

**kugera<sub>1</sub>** v. shine; be very smooth and bright so as to be beautiful.

**kugera<sub>2</sub>** v. melt; change from a solid substance into liquid form. *Syn:* kunyelela, kwaga.

**kugereka** v. assess, levy; charge s.b. money for goods.

**kugereka musolo** v. tax.

**kuginga** v. carefully cut hair following a clear line, e.g., trimming hair, etc.

**kugingiira<sub>1</sub>** v. compare, evaluate; think about s.t. carefully so as to notice the similarity or the difference or to find out what could be the cause of a problem.

*Syn:* kulengesenja, kupima.

**kugingagingiira** v. duplicate; try to make or copy s.t. so that it looks quite similar to the original design of s.t.

**kugingiira<sub>2</sub>** v. creep; move towards s.t. slowly, quietly and carefully.

**kugira** v. speak, tell, propose; express an opinion using words. *Syn:* kubaza, kukookoba.

**kugoba** v. make profit from a business.

**kugoboora** v. benefit, gain.

**kugobooram** v. benefit, gain from s.t.

**kugobeza** v. betray; turn behind s.b. and hand him over to his enemy.

*Syn:* kuhemuka, kutunda, kudiirisana.

**kugoobeera** v. discriminate; treat one person or group better than another in an unfair way. *Syn:* kusoroora, kutonda, kutongoola, kwahukanya.

**kugoda** v. 1 • bend; curve s.t. or bend a part of the body.

2 • perform a traditional type of dance.

**kwegoda** v. bend or bow down and not stand straight, e.g., to show respect or to pick up s.t.

**kwegodaho** *Pl:* kwegodaho. *n.* angle.

**kugoodira** v. walk with pride; move pretending as if you are making the head dance slightly while you are slightly bent or relaxed.

**kugogoma** v. lean; rest on or against s.t. for support. *Syn:* kwejengera.

**kugoolseekwa** *Var:* kugoollookwa. v. suffer; be badly affected by a disease, pain, sadness, a lack of s.t., etc. *Syn:* kuwonawona.

**kugomoka** v. grow fat; be healthy.

**kugonda<sub>1</sub>** v. obey, follow or to do calmly what you are told or expected to do, esp. after at first being disobedient.

*Syn:* kworoba.

**kugondera** v. abide by, submit; accept s.t. and act according to it.

*Syn:* kworobera.

**kugonda<sub>2</sub>** v. die away gradually, of a fire.

**kugonza** *From:* Runyoro. v. love; like s.t. or s.b. very much, esp. a relative or a friend. *Syn:* kwendya.

**kugonzebwa** *Var:* **kugonzwa**. v. be loved; be very much liked due to your good self regard, good deed, etc.

**kugonzangana** v. love each other; have mutual affection.

*Syn:* kwendyangana.

**kugonya** v. fold; bend, esp. paper or fabric, so that one part lies on top of another part. *Syn:* kugema, kukata, kukunya, kuzinga, kukuba.

**kugooro** *Var:* **kugorora**. v. 1 • straighten; remove a curve or an angle from s.t.

*Syn:* kudambula, kurambiika, kunuguura, kuterekereerya.

2 • iron; move a hot iron over a piece of clothing in order to make it smooth and remove wrinkles.

**kugorooaba** v. farewell; say goodbye to s.b.

**kugoromora** v. 1 • ruin; put s.b. into trouble.

2 • lose many things at once.

**kugosa** v. 1 • mate; when a male bird reproduces with a female bird.

2 • *Taboo.* have sexual relations with s.b. *Syn:* kugambya, kucuga, kutemba.

**kugota** v. encircle, hem in; surround s.b. or s.t. completely, e.g., so that it cannot escape. *Syn:* kwetooroora, kucwera.

**kugoza** v. row, paddle; use an oar to move a boat.

**kuguguna** v. gnaw.

**kugula** v. 1 • buy, purchase; be given s.t. after paying for it.

2 • bribe; give s.b. an illegal payment.

*Syn:* kugaba nguzi.

**kuguma** v. 1 • drop, fall; let s.t. land down, esp. by accident.

2 • tumble, topple; cause s.t. that is upright to land down.

3 • toss; throw down.

4 • lay eggs.

5 • lose; displace s.t. *Syn:* kurugwaho, kusyereerya.

**kugumira** v. anchor; tie a boat so that it does not float away.

**kuguma-guma** v. scatter; disperse things and make them be apart anywhere without limitation.

**kugumbura** v. 1 • discover; find out s.t. that other people have never seen before.

2 • invent; start doing s.t. new that others have not done or created.

**kugumira** *Var:* **kugumisiriza**. v. be patient, endure, persevere, tolerate; wait for a long time or tolerate bad behaviour or difficulties without becoming angry. *Syn:* kwetatiriirya, kulindira.

**kugumirisana** v. neglect; abandon s.t. that makes it end up having no value. *Syn:* kunuga, kulekeera.

**kugumiira** v. beat s.b. or s.t. to death.

**kugundamira** v. pin down; sit on s.b. and render them helpless, esp. in a fight. *Syn:* kubbutukira.

**kugungumara** v. isolate yourself from people and remain alone due to having different thoughts from your colleagues or due to failure to get what you want.

*Syn:* kwenoba, kwesorooro, kwebagaania, kwahukana, kwetongoola, kwenuga, kwesalaho, kwezahula, kwegunga.

**kuguruha** v. smear; make s.t. that has been mudded smooth, esp. using coloured soil or cow dung. *Syn:* kutiriba.

**kuguta** v. gulp; drink s.t. taking a very large amount each time or to drink s.t. with greed.

**kuguuduhara** v. become rich.

*Syn:* kugaigahara.

**kuguuguuza** v. struggle, persevere; try very hard to do s.t. when it is very difficult or when there are a lot of problems. *Syn:* kuwaya-wayaya, kulwanisya, kupatikana, kwenyamula,

kugada-gada, kunyeega, kupataka, kupoolooka, kutiṭa, kwekamba, kwesabbula.

**kugwaga** v. become a nuisance.

*Syn:* kufafanika.

**kugwerekeera** v. rest exhausted; sit or lie down due to extreme tiredness without wanting to wake up.

**kugweta** v. enthrone, make heir; cause a child to sit in the deceased position of his late father.

**kugweterwa** v. inherit; be given the responsibility of taking care of the possessions of the deceased.

**kugwetwa** v. be made the heir.

**kugyenda** v. go, travel; move from one place to another.

**kugyenda mumeiso** v. progress, continue.

**kugyendeera** v. intend, be deliberate; have a plan or purpose in your mind when you do s.t.

**kugyendera** v. go towards; go for s.b. as in to attack them.

**kugyendera hamwei** v. move together.

**kuha** v. give; hand s.t. to s.b.

*Syn:* kugaba.

**kuhayo** v. surrender, admit defeat; give up when you are forced to do so by unavoidable circumstances or by s.b. in authority.

**kuheeḃwa** v. be given, handed, offered s.t. as a result of asking.

*Syn:* kugabirwa.

**kuha magezi** v. advise; give s.b. a suggestion on what he should do as to avoid a mistake. *Syn:* kuhana, kuhaḃura, kuhanulira, kukengesya, kuteereera, kulamba.

**kuhaha** *Var:* **kuhabaho**. v. be confused, unable to think clearly and make right decisions.

**kuhabya** v. confuse, mislead; make s.b. do unacceptable things, leading them into a wrong path.

*Syn:* kwohya.

**kuhaḃura** v. advise, counsel; give s.b. a sense of direction about what he is

supposed to do. *Syn:* kuhana, kuha magezi, kuhanulira, kukengesya, kuteereera, kulamba.

**kuhaḃurwa** v. be warned; be told to do or not to do s.t. in order to avoid danger.

**kuhabbula** *Var:* **kuhagula**. v. pull apart strongly to remove s.t. that has been attached onto s.t. else.

**kuhadama** v. force yourself to climb s.t. that you cannot easily do.

*Syn:* kuharamba.

**kuhaga** *Var:* **kuhaka**. v. 1 • put in, insert s.t. into s.t. else causing it to become swollen.

2 • be fully satisfied with the whole stomach bulged.

3 • *Metaphor.* provoke, incite; encourage s.b. to do s.t. violent, illegal or unpleasant, esp. by making them angry or excited. *Syn:* kutuuga, kuhemba mworo, kuḃukiriirya.

**kuhagana** v. give; act of generosity that provides s.t. to s.b. with whom one is working or staying.

**kuhagatira** v. 1 • hold s.t. esp. a child on the waist with one arm.

2 • embrace; hold s.b. of the opposite sex on to yourself by holding their buttock, e.g., when dancing.

**kuhagatira** v. bear maize cobs; sprout, of cobs on a maize plant.

**kuhagara** v. be undisciplined.

**kuhagira** v. 1 • support; help or encourage s.b. by saying or showing that you agree with them.

*Syn:* kulwaniira, kusegeka, kusemba.

2 • be enthusiastic.

**kuhagula** v. *See main entry:* **kuhabbula**.

**kuhamuka** v. scream; talk loosely, due to being possessed by a ghost or an evil spirit.

**kuhahaara** v. wander; move to a distant place away from your home without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to desperation.

*Syn:* kuhambaara.

**kuhaka** v. *See main entry:* **kuhaga**.

**kuhaka** v. state of a cow reaching its

kuhakula

time for mating.

**kuhakula** v. harvest honey from a beehive.

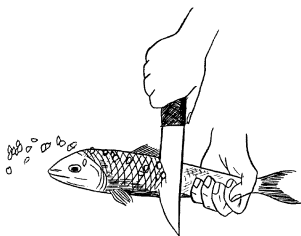
**kuhala** v. 1 • peel, scratch, scale; remove husks or scales from s.t.

2 • shear; remove hair or wool from an animal, e.g., a sheep. *Syn:* kumwa.

3 • shave; cut hair from the skin, esp. the face using a razor. *Syn:* kugema, kumwa, kutega.

4 • roughen; make s.t. rough and not smooth.

**kuhala bigalagamba** v. scale fish.



**kuhama-hama** v. 1 • say or do things that have no sense.

2 • wander; walk slowly here and there without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to idleness.

*Syn:* kwandaara, kwenjeera, kumanga-manga, kupaaraara, kutaabaana, kutaaruuka, kuzengeera.

**kuhamba** v. 1 • subjugate, overthrow; remove s.b. from power by force or to defeat s.b.

2 • capture, enslave; abduct s.b. as a slave.

3 • kidnap; take s.b. away illegally, esp. in order to get money. *Syn:* kugwera.

4 • rape; force s.b. to have sex.

5 • hijack.

**kuhamba bulemi** v. overthrow authority; remove by force a leader or a government from a position of power.

**kuhambaara** v. wander; stray to an unknown place. *Syn:* kuhahaara.

**kuhambiriza** v. compel; use force to obtain s.t.

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**kuhambirizibwa** v. be compelled, forced to do s.t. unwillingly.

**kuhambura** v. engage in the immoral and socially unacceptable act of taking s.b.'s wife in order to marry her.

**kuhambuura** v. pull hard on a beach sein fishing net from the mud.

**kuhana** v. advise; tell s.b. what you think they should do in a particular situation. *Syn:* kuha magezi, kuhabura, kuhanulira, kukengesya, kuteereera, kulamba.

**kuhanda** v. 1 • grow; for a living thing to increase in height and volume.

2 • be promoted; get elevated to a high rank on the job.

**kuhandya** v. promote, raise; put s.t. to a higher standard. *Syn:* kutembya.

**kuhandiika** v. write; make letters or numbers, esp. by a pen or a pencil.



**kuhandiika mu ngeera** v. write poetry, compose poems.

**kuhandikisya** v. register; cause s.b.'s name to be recorded on an official list.

**kwehandikisya** v. register; enter your name in a book.

**kitebeerwe mu buhandiiki**

*Pl:* bitebeerwe mu

**buhandiiki** *n.* record; information that has been put in written form.

**lubbaahu lwa**

**kuhandiikiraho** *Pl:* mbaahu za kuhandiikiraho. *n.*

blackboard; flat thin piece of wood or a smooth wall painted black or dark green where teachers write with a piece of chalk.

**kuhanga** v. create; cause s.t. to exist for the first time.

**kuhanga mabbwa**

*Var:* **kuhangiira mabbwa**. v. compose.

**kuhangalala** v. be amazed, awestruck; stand still while you are surprised due to seeing s.t. unusual. *Syn:* kwesamiira.

**kuhangaanwa** v. insist; keep on complaining to demand that s.t. happens or that s.b. agrees to do s.t.

**kuhangiira<sub>1</sub>** *Var:* **kuhangiriirya**. v. talk falsely; say things about s.b. that are not true or give false information about s.b. *Syn:* kupaatiika.

**kuhangiira<sub>2</sub>** v. ripen; reach the exact period of maturity, esp. of fruit.

**kuhanulira** v. 1 • advise; tell s.b. what you think they should do in a particular situation. *Syn:* kuhana, kuha magezi, kuhaḅura, kukengesya, kuteereera, kulamba.

2 • explain, share about; tell s.b. about s.t. in an easy way so that he understands. *Syn:* kusoboora.

**kuhanuura** v. 1 • discuss; exchange ideas with other people about s.t., esp. in order to make a decision.

*Syn:* kwororongonia, kubazaho, kugaayagaaya.

2 • narrate, recount; tell a story about past events.

3 • negotiate; try to reach an agreement by formal discussion. *Syn:* kuteesa.

**kuhanuurwa** v. receive advice; be advised.

**kuhara** v. whip; hit s.b. or an animal hard with a long thin piece of stick, rope or leather, etc., as a punishment or to make them go faster or work harder.

*Syn:* kujwata, kuroopa, kuswanyura, kukaalula.

**kuharamba** v. struggle climbing s.t., e.g., a thorny tree, esp. when s.t. has attacked you. *Syn:* kuhadama.

**kuharana** v. show enmity; intentionally keep criticising someone, constantly finding fault and wishing evil upon them.

**kuharangana** v. 1 • be stubborn.

*Syn:* kurawarawa.

2 • be tyrannical.

**kuharanganja** v. persecute; rule or exercise power over s.b. in a cruel and autocratic manner.

**kuharatura** v. 1 • rip, tear s.t. roughly without care.

2 • grind roughly.

**kuharuka** v. have diarrhoea; defecate watery faeces.

**kuhaaliira** v. erode; reduce the surface or the top layer of soil as a result of wind, running water, etc.

**kuhaamiira** v. insist on doing s.t. even when it is no longer necessary for it to be done. *Syn:* kulemeraho.

**kuhaara** v. argue strongly.

**kuhaariiza** *Var:* **kuhariiza**. v. 1 • praise; talk well about s.b. putting him at a higher standard due to admiration.

*Syn:* kucaka, kuramya, kukugiza, kunyumiza, kupaaka, kutenda, kutumbula.

2 • cheer.

3 • flatter; praise s.b. without sincerity.

4 • exaggerate; make s.t. seem longer, better, worse or more important than it really is. *Syn:* kwata ikuha kunolya muto, kwongera.

**kuhaisaniziḅwa** v. be praised.

**kwehaariiza** v. show off, boast, be proud; brag about your status, importance, or achievements.

*Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehembra, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kuhedula** v. insult; say or make a remark that offends. *Syn:* kusensegula.

**kuheheera** v. 1 • become easy; cease being complicated.

2 • be soft. *Syn:* kworoba, kuteketeera, kuhudekeera.



**kuheheerya** v. lubricate; put a substance, e.g., oil on surfaces or parts of a machine so that they move easily and smoothly.

**kuhemba<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • demonstrate; give an explanation of s.t. to s.b. *Syn:* kwelokya.  
2 • introduce; talk about s.b. or to show him to those who do not know him. *Syn:* kubazaho, kusobooraho.  
3 • handover; surrender s.b. or s.t. to another. *Syn:* kukwatya.

**kuhemba<sub>2</sub>** v. ignite, kindle, light; make a fire start burning. *Syn:* kwakya.

**kuhembera** v. set a fire in a kraal.

**kuhemba mworo** v. *See main entry: mworo.*

**kuhemuka<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • forget, disregard, not acknowledge; deliberately fail to recognise s.b.'s contribution or help towards you.  
2 • betray; give information to an enemy or to hurt s.b. who trusts you, esp. by not being loyal or faithful to them. *Syn:* kudiirisana, kutunda, kugobeza.

**kuhemuka<sub>2</sub>** v. act in an obscene manner.

**kuhemura** v. utter obscenities. *Syn:* kuseegura.

**kuhena** v. be provocative; act in a sexually suggestive manner.

**kuheneka** v. 1 • die; have life terminated and become useless. *Syn:* kukwa, kukaba.

2 • become spoiled, destroyed; go bad.

**kuhenekira mali** v. wreck.

**kuhenera** *Var:* kuhena-henera. v. spoil, destroy, ruin; make s.t. no longer useful or to make s.t. appear bad. *Syn:* kuswaswana, kujurunga.

**kuhera** v. patronise, condescend; mock s.b. looking down on them due to having more wealth.

**kuheregura** v. 1 • conclude, come to an end; bring s.t. to an end. *Syn:* kumaliira.  
2 • summarise. *Syn:* kumaliira, kumaliriza.

3 • make the last line on woven utensils such as baskets, etc.

**kuherekeera** v. accompany; go

somewhere with s.b., esp. in order to guard him.

**kuhesa** v. gossip, backbite; talk ill of s.b. in his absence. *Syn:* kucwa makuru.

**kuheta** v. flow; running of water down hill. *Syn:* kwiruka.

**kuhetera** v. oversleep; sleep excessively past the intended time of waking up. *Syn:* kuhoonogira.

**kuheebwa** v. *See main entry: kuha.*

**kuheega** *Var:* kusegeka; kusagika; kuhegekeerya; kusegekeerya. v.

1 • support, hold up, prop up s.t. so that it does not fall over.

2 • *Metaphor.* be enthusiastic, concerned about s.t.; put your support behind s.t. *Syn:* kulwaniira, kuhagira, kusemba.

**kuheeka** v. transport or carry on a bicycle.

**kuheera** v. 1 • push hard or breathe heavily in the process of delivering a baby. *Syn:* kwekiiniira.

2 • cry of a woman during labour.

**kuheereza** v. serve; perform a duty for an organization, country, etc. in order to achieve some desired goal.

**kuheereza Ruhanga** v. serve God; practice religion.

**kuheereera<sub>1</sub>** v. be beside, next to.

**kuheereera<sub>2</sub>** v. pay school fees for s.b.

**kuheesa** v. carve; shape an object from a piece of wood. *Syn:* kubejza.

**bya kuheesa** n. woodwork, carpentry.

**kuhiganiza** v. persecute; treat s.b. in a cruel and unfair way.

*Syn:* kuwonawonesya, kuleba-lebya, kutuntuza.

**kuhiginara** v. become excessively satiated through eating a lot of food.

**kuhikaniza** *From:* Runyoro. v. agree, concur; have the same opinion as s.b. else. *Syn:* kukengangana, kwikiraniza, kukundirangana.

**kuhindula** v. 1 • transfer, remove; get s.t. from somewhere and put it elsewhere.

2 • change; transform into s.t. else.

- 3 • turn around; face or start moving where you had not been facing.  
 4 • turn out; be shown or be found to be as a result in the end.  
 5 • substitute; use s.t. instead of s.t. else.  
 6 • interpret, translate; give the meaning of speech or writing in another different language.

**kuhindulaho** v. 1 • make s.t. slightly different than before.  
 2 • adjust.

**kuhindula makuru** v. misinterpret.

**kuhindula ngesu** v. make your behaviour better or worse than before. *Syn:* kwiramwo huntu.

**kwehindula** *Var:* **kwehinda-hindula**. v. change the side on which you have been lying or sleeping.

**kuhindula nteekereza** v. change your opinion from the one you have been having previously.

**kuhiiriita** v. wheeze; breathe noisily and with difficulty.

**kuhoogoola** v. remove husks from a crop, esp. from maize cobs.

**kuhola** v. 1 • cool down, become cold.  
 2 • *Metaphor.* calm down; keep quiet and give up making an argument.  
*Syn:* kwinyama, kwetikeera.

3 • *Metaphor.* settle; stay in a place with a settled mind or without worrying about anything.

**kuholya** v. 1 • cool; reduce the hotness of s.t. *Syn:* kwinyama.  
 2 • *Metaphor.* silence s.t.; make s.b. stop speaking, making a noise or complaining. *Syn:* kwetikereera, kwinyama.

**kuholomeera** v. end of rumbling of thunder.

**kuhoma** v. plaster; put mud on a house after tying the reeds. *Syn:* kumaata.

**kuhombooka** *Var:* **kuhomboloka**. v. resurrect; come back to life after death.

**kuhomboola** v. raise s.b. from the dead cause s.b. to resurrect.

**kuhomoka** v. bait a hook.

**kuhona** v. 1 • become cured, get well; recover from sickness or pain.

2 • survive; continue to live or exist despite a dangerous event or time.  
*Syn:* kukena, kubboota.

**kuhonja** v. 1 • cure, heal; treat s.b. so that an illness stops. *Syn:* kutamba.  
 2 • save s.t. from danger.

**kuhondera** v. 1 • be next, follow; come straight after s.t. or s.b. in time, sequence, or space. *Syn:* kwiraho.  
 2 • follow; accept instructions or to do what you have been told or shown.  
*Syn:* kwegwa.

**kuhondeera** v. follow s.b. around; keep going with s.b. or s.t. wherever they go.

**kuhonderagana**

*Var:* **kuhonderana**. v. be ordered, follow one after another, be in sequence.

**kuhonderanja**

*Var:* **kuhonderenja**. v. order; arrange things in their order as per their sequence. *Syn:* kupanga.

**kuhonga** v. offer a sacrifice.

**kuhongira** v. doze; feel sleepy and sleep lightly while waking up fitfully.

**kuhongolola** v. be open.

**kuhoonongira** v. oversleep; deeply sleep past your intended time of waking up. *Syn:* kuhetera.

**kuhora** v. lend; give s.b. money that will be paid back after a period of time.

**kwehora** v. borrow money; take money from s.b. or a bank and agree to pay it back after a period of time.

**kuhoora** v. retaliate; do. s.t. bad to s.b., returning like for like, esp. evil for evil.  
*Syn:* kusasaura, kunanula, kwiririrya, kwoloka.

**kuhoromoka** v. *See main entry:* **kuhurumuka**.

**kuhooronga** v. weep; cry loudly.  
*Syn:* kugeegeeta, kuhembeeta, kulira.

**kuhotoka** v. 1 • wither, shrivel; contract, of a plant when it is starting to dry.  
 2 • *Metaphor.* be in an uncomfortable condition e.g. due to poor economic

condition, sickness, or hunger, etc.

**kuhooyona** v. quarrel, using obscene words. *Syn:* kukungana, kuzongoba.

**kuhooza** v. levy, tax; charge s.b. market dues.

**kuhudekeera** v. be soft; e.g., like a fruit is when it is ripe or decaying.

*Syn:* kuheheera, kworoba, kuteketeera.

**kuhugura** v. move aside, set aside, displace, put away; bring s.t. aside or shift s.t.

**kwehugura** v. move yourself aside; avoid, so that s.t. else can also pass.

**kuhugutana** v. be confused; be unable to think clearly or to understand what is happening or what s.b. is saying.

**kuhugutanaho** v. be confused a bit; understand slightly about what is happening or about what s.b. is saying.

**kuhugutania** v. confuse, disturb; make s.b. unable to think clearly or to understand what is happening or what s.b. is saying.

**kuhuha** v. 1 • be simple, easy.  
2 • be light.

**kuhuluka** v. exit, go out; move from inside s.t. and go outside.

**kuhulukya** v. 1 • take out; remove s.t. from inside s.t.

2 • spend; use money to pay for things.

**kuhulukiriirya** v. germinate, sprout; come out from underground, of a plant. *Syn:* kumera.

**kuhulukyamwo** v. produce offspring, reproduce.

**kuhulukya meezi** v. secrete; produce a liquid substance.

**kuhuluka kwa lyoba** v. sunrise; dawn, rise, of the sun.



**kuhumbata** v. hug, embrace; put your arms around s.b. and hold him on your body in order to show love.

*Syn:* kugwangana mu salaka.

**kuhuna** *Var:* **kuhuniira**. v. be surprised, speechless, astonished; be in shock due to hearing or seeing s.t. you did not expect. *Syn:* kwecura, kurahwamwo nkizi.

**kuhunga<sub>1</sub>** v. blow; movement of the wind.

**kuhunga<sub>2</sub>** v. become confused without knowing what is happening or what s.b. is saying.

**kuhungeera** v. buzz; make a buzzing sound while flying around, of insects.

**kuhungukeera** v. be dizzy, woozy, light-headed; feel as if everything is spinning around you and that you are not able to balance properly.

**museeri wa kahungura**

*Pl:* **baseeri ba kahungura**. n.

epileptic person. *Syn:* mugwa nsimbu, waakapumpuli.

**kuhungutuka** v. run mad, go crazy, be mentally ill; do things of madness.

*Syn:* kurahwaho, kuraruka, kugweiraru.

**kuhunguuka** v. curve, turn a corner; veer off in another direction or path.

*Syn:* kubbanguuka.

**kuhuniriza** *Var:* **kuhuniriirya**. v. surprise, cause amazement, wonder; make s.b. be astonished due to hearing or seeing s.t. unexpected.

**kuhuruguma** v. roar, speak very loudly; make a very high rumbling sound.

**kuhurunduka** v. fall off naturally; when s.t. drops of its own accord from where it is supposed to be, e.g., fruit when ripe onto the ground.

**kuhutaaza** v. 1 • harm, hurt, wound; cause injury to s.b.

2 • damage.

**kuhutaara** v. be injured, get hurt bodily, esp. in an accident.

**kuhuudira** v. gasp, heave; breathe deeply due to fatigue or pain.

*Syn:* kuhuukeera.

**kuhuuha** v. blow; forcefully exhale air from the mouth.



**kuhuuhuuka** v. drizzle; rain lightly.

*Syn:* kutuntula, kupampatika.

**kuhuuhuula** v. winnow; blow a current of air through grain in order to remove the chaff. *Syn:* kušegenya, kuhehya, kukunkuuta, kusiihuula.

**kuhuuka** v. 1 • swell; increase in volume.

2 • increase of water due to plenty of rainfall for a long time.

**kuhuukya** v. make s.t. swollen.

**kuhuukeera** v. gasp, heave; breathe deeply due to fatigue or pain.

*Syn:* kuhuudira.

**kuhumula<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • retire; stop working at a job due to old age or sickness.

2 • relax; rest esp. after work, effort or illness. *Syn:* kutuuka, kugandaara.

3 • holiday; take a vacation.

**kuhumulaho** v. nap, snooze, rest a bit; sleep lightly, esp. during day in order to get rid of fatigue.

**kwehuumuulya** v. give yourself a short time off work in order to get rid of fatigue.

**kuhumula<sub>2</sub>** v. breathe; take in air and out through the nose or the mouth.

**kuhuuna** v. grumble, mutter; complain by murmuring.

**muhuuna adiiri** *Pl:* bahuuna  
**badiiri** *n.* grumbler, complainer;  
s.b. who is hardly ever thankful.

**kuhuura<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • howl; the loud noise that comes from wind that is blowing hard.

2 • rumble; make a loud low sound.

*Syn:* kutinda.

3 • roar; make a rattling sound, e.g., the sound that water makes as it rushes onto the shore.

4 • make continuous sound u-u-u-u-u.

5 • bang; make a sudden loud sound.

*Syn:* kutinda.

**kuhuura<sub>2</sub>** v. hit, beat up.

**kuhwa** v. accumulate wealth and become rich.

**kuhwama** v. slice; cut fish or meat into thin layers for quick drying using a knife.

**kuhwanagana** *Var:* kuhwanana. v. resemble; be alike. *Syn:* kušusana, kwisana.

**kuhwehweta** *Var:* kuweweeta. v. whisper; speak very quietly so that other people cannot hear what you are saying.

**kuhwera** v. 1 • reduce in volume; e.g., the reduction of water due to evaporation. *Syn:* kukeeha.

2 • ebb; e.g., flow away from the shore, when tide is out.

**kuhwerera** v. wear out s.t. that one cannot use again.

**kuhwerekeera** v. perish; become extinct. *Syn:* kuzika kwa kintu.

**kuhwerekereerya** v. make s.t. extinct; cause s.t. to no longer be in existence, e.g., a plant or animal sp. *Syn:* kuzikya.

**kuhweza** v. see clearly; look at s.t. and recognise it.

**kuhya** v. get burnt, destroyed, damaged, injured, etc. by fire.

**kuhyahyana** v. be unstable, changeable, esp. because your mind is upset.

**kuhyoha** v. 1 • become warm, hot. *Syn:* kutagata.

2 • *Metaphor.* become excited. *Syn:* kutagata.

**mbeera gya kuhyoha**  
*Pl:* mbeera za kuhyoha. *n.* hysteria.

**kuhyohya** v. heat; warm s.t. *Syn:* kutagatya.

**kuhyotoka** v. become injured.

**kujagata** v. 1 • take hold of s.b. with dirty hands and probably leave a mark or stain on them.

2 • grab, take hold of s.b. with your hands, especially with some force and not easily release them.

**kujagaara** Var: **kujagarara**. v. lack self control. Syn: kuhoroza, kusadamuka, kugugumuka.

**kujaganiriirya** v. be impatient.

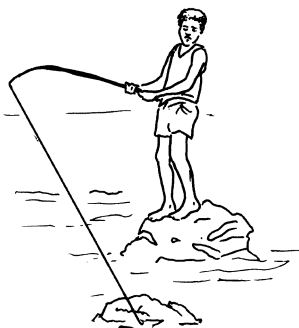
Syn: kupapa, kwirukiriirya.

**kujaguza** From: Runyoro. v. celebrate, feast; enjoy due to s.t. good that has happened or due to remembering a past event.

**kujanjaara** v. disobey, refuse, reject; not listen to those in authority to follow rules and instructions. Syn: kujeema.

**kujaajaama** Var: **kujamajama**. v. stammer; speak with difficulty due to involuntary repetition of the first sound of words.

**kujaaka** v. 1 • pull; hold s.t. firmly and use force in order to move it or try to move it towards yourself. Syn: kusika.  
2 • fish with a hook.



**kujaama** v. dock; move from a lake or a river and reach on the shore.

**kujaayiika** v. make s.t. look more attractive by decorating it.

**kwejaayiika** v. adorn yourself; wear many things in order to look nice. Syn: kwenyiriirya, kwenyumisya, kwemyangarasania, kwekoraho, kweseameerya, kwenihiriirya, kweliga.

**kujega-jega** v. become loose, slack.

Syn: kulegeya.

**kujegya-jegya** v. loosen; make s.t. less tight or less firmly fixed.

**kujegemeera** v. convulse, shiver, tremble; shake the body involuntarily, esp. due to coldness or fear.

**kujoroba** v. give in and lose interest in s.t. after having struggled or resisted very hard.

**kujubuka** v. bake, in hot ashes.

**kujuga** v. take a dowry.

**kujuganiza** Var: **kujugaania**. v. mobilise; contact people in order to encourage them to do s.t.

**kujuguta** v. blow, fan, pump a fire; use a flat item to blow air to enable flames become bigger.

**kujuguta kyoma** v. forge; shape s.t. from a piece of metal by heating it until it is red hot.

**kujuma** From: Runyoro. v. 1 • curse; wish evil, calamity, destruction or injury on s.b. Syn: kukyena.

2 • curse; words that hunters use on an animal so that it does not escape from them.

**kujumiira** v. condemn; express very strong disapproval. Syn: kwama, kurumiriza, kutokeera, kubyokeera, kusingisya musangu, kuhonereerya.

**kujumuura** v. reverse a curse; free s.b. from a curse.

**kujumuurwa** v. be freed from a curse.

**kujumbura** v. flee; sudden flight of an animal from its hiding due to excessive flushing out by hunters.

**kujumbutuka** v. take off suddenly; tend to run due to sickness or spirits.

**kujumbutula** v. suddenly wake s.b. who is deeply asleep.

**kujuna** v. help, assist; respond to a problem in order to avoid loss, destruction, etc. Syn: kuyamba, kukoonyera.

2 • v. rescue, save; help s.b. in trouble.

**kujunwa** v. 1 • be helped; be given some assistance in trouble.

2 • be converted to a religion.

Syn: kweziramu.

**kujunaana** *From: Runyoro.* v. accuse; say that s.b. has done s.t. wrong or is guilty of s.t.

**kujunaanwa** v. be responsible.

**kujunga** v. chuck, dump; put s.t. into s.t. else anyhow without any care.

**kwejunga** v. *Metaphor.* get involved into s.t. when initially you were not part of the plan. Syn: kwesubbamu.

**kwejungamu** v. 1 • *Metaphor.* meddle, pry, nose in; become involved in s.t. that does not concern you. Syn: kwekaakyamu, kwekiikamu, kwezingiiryamu, kwebbwogiramu, kwesubbamu. 2 • *Metaphor.* enter by force; come or go into s.t. unexpectedly and without permission. Syn: kwesubbamu, kwemigamu, kwingiira.

**kujungurutana** v. become ruined.

**kujunira** v. 1 • defend; give s.b. protection against danger.

2 • aid; give assistance to s.b. in a problem.

**kujurujuuta** v. extinguish; rub fire in soil so that it is put out.

**kujurunga** v. spoil, ruin; completely destroy s.t. Syn: kuswaswana, kuhenera.

**kjuulira** v. appeal in a legal case.

**kjuumuka** v. turn s.t. such that its open top part faces downwards and becomes hidden.

**kwejuumuka** v. lie on your stomach while facing down.

**kjuura** v. undress; remove clothes.

**kujwaha<sub>1</sub>** v. become weary, tired; have lost strength due to working a lot.

**kujwahya** v. make s.b. or s.t. tired so that it has no strength and is fatigued.

**kujwaha<sub>2</sub>** v. feel nervous.

**kujwahukira** v. respond willingly.

**kujwara** *From: Runyoro.* v. dress; put on clothes, esp. after getting up from bed.

Syn: kulwala.

**kujwarya** v. 1 • put a cloth on s.b. so that he is not naked. Syn: kulwalya.

2 • *Metaphor.* graduate; attend an official ceremony after completing a study course such as a degree, diploma, etc.

**kujwata** v. whip; hit s.b. or an animal hard with a long thin piece of stick, rope or leather, etc., as a punishment or to make them go faster or work harder. Syn: kuhara, kuroopa, kuswanyura, kukaalula.

**kujwera** v. slash; use a slasher to clear dense shrubs or bush.

**kukaba** v. 1 • become paralysed; lose feeling in your body. Syn: kusarara.

2 • die. Syn: kuheneka, kukwa.

**kukaabiira** v. be in a comma, be unconscious and then coming in and out of the coma.

**kukadula** *Var: kukadulaho.* v. break off; divide s.t. into parts due to pulling strongly or cutting.

**kukadula-kadula** v. cut s.t. into various parts several times.

**kukaduka** v. be broken, cut off; get divided into parts due to being strongly pulled or cut.

**kukaga** v. catch a smell, get a whiff; sense an odour. Syn: kuhunya.

**kukaguza** *From: Runyoro.* v. ask.

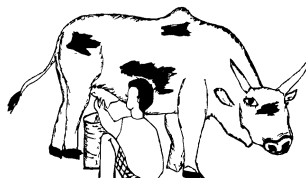
Syn: kuḡuulya.

**kukaguziḡwa** v. be asked.

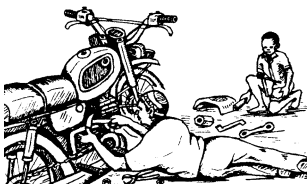
**kukalaḡbuka** v. suddenly begin running very fast. Syn: kutukuluka.

**kukama<sub>1</sub>** v. gel, congeal, clot, set, freeze, solidify; change from liquid state into solid state. Syn: kwekwata.

**kukama<sub>2</sub>** v. milk; pull the teats of an animal in order to squeeze out milk from the udder.



- kukamba<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • have a slight taste of bitterness.  
 2 • *Metaphor.* become angry, aggressive.
- kukamba<sub>2</sub>** v. tie or fasten s.t. very tightly around s.t. else.
- kukambuula** v. demolish a roof.
- kukambuuka** v. get removed, demolished, or blown off, of iron sheets or grass thatch from a house.
- kukamula** v. 1 • squeeze, wring; twist a wet piece of cloth or press s.t. so that liquid comes out.  
 2 • *Metaphor.* exploit, manipulate; treat s.b. unfairly by making them work very hard and not giving them what is due to them in return. *Syn:* kudiiriira, kukoressya, kunywereera.
- kukanda** v. knead; make s.t. uniform in consistency by moving it with the hands, e.g., bread dough.
- kukandagiira** v. compact soil by treading on it repeatedly.
- kwekandagiira** v. harden; become hard through natural processes.
- kukanga** *From:* Luganda. v. threaten; say that you will cause trouble, hurt s.b., etc. if you do not get what you want. *Syn:* kutiinisiriirya, kukankanja, kwingiriirya.
- kukangabala** v. 1 • be hard, brittle. *Syn:* kwomeresana, kutatiira.  
 2 • *Metaphor.* be adamant, rigid; reject s.t. completely without considering it.
- kukanika** *From:* English. v. repair; mend s.t. that is damaged or broken. *Syn:* kunihiriirya.



- kukankada** v. spill; pour s.t. by way of throwing.
- kukankadira** v. splash on; wet s.t. by pouring on.
- kukankana** v. 1 • shiver; feel trembling

- or the heart pumping faster.
- 2 • jerk, move suddenly.
- 3 • tremble with fear; be very worried or frightened. *Syn:* kupikipwa.
- kukankanja** v. intimidate; frighten or threaten s.b. so that you do what they want. *Syn:* kukanga, kwingiriirya, kutiinisiriirya.
- kukanuka** v. die suddenly without any sickness.
- kukanya** v. increase; become greater in amount or number. *Syn:* kweyongera.
- kukanyisya** *Var:* **kukanyia**. v. accumulate; make s.t. greater in amount or number.
- kukapa-kapa** v. stagger; walk with weak unsteady steps, as if you are about to fall. *Syn:* kutara-tara.
- kukaranga** *From:* Swahili. v. fry; cook s.t. in hot fat or oil. *Syn:* kusyeka.
- kukasa** v. dry slightly; state of s.t. having received only slight sunshine. *Syn:* kuwaaya.
- kukasuka** v. throw; quickly and strongly push s.t. from your hands through the air.
- kukata** v. 1 • fold. *Syn:* kugonya, kugema, kukunya, kuzinga, kukuba.  
 2 • coil; wind into a series of circles.
- kukatuka** v. stride; walk strongly with long strides in order to hurry up.
- kukaza** v. tighten; hold s.t. very tight, or make s.t. become tighter. *Syn:* kutatiirya, kugaga.
- kukaabiira** v. *See main entry:* **kukaba**.
- kukaalula** v. severely beat using a whip. *Syn:* kujwata, kuroopa, kuswanyura, kuhara.
- kukaara** v. toilet a baby; put a baby on the lap and stretch its legs forward so as to help it defecate.
- kukaayana** v. argue.
- kukaayira** v. be angry, threatening and aggressive towards s.b.
- kukebera** v. 1 • examine, inspect, investigate; go through s.t. in order to determine the truth and falsehood.  
 2 • check, mark; give grades to students' work.

3 • diagnose.

**kukeca** v. bite; use the teeth to cut into or through s.t. or to put food in the mouth, chew it and swallow it, or to have a meal. *Syn:* kuluma, kunena.

**kukekera** v. 1 • laugh extremely loudly and continuously. *Syn:* kukyekyemuka, kukuuta mukule.

2 • cluck; produce the sound that a hen makes when it is about to begin laying eggs.

**kukeketa** v. carefully cut a very thin layer from s.t.

**kukena** v. survive; remain normal without getting injured in an accident, battle or in any other problem.

*Syn:* kuhona, kubboota.

**kukenga** *Var:* **kukengeba**. *From:*

Runyoro. v. understand, realise, dawn; suddenly know how s.t. works or the meaning of the information.

*Syn:* kwetegereza.

**kukengangana** v. understand each other, strike a compromise, agree, cooperate; listen to each other in order to work together.

*Syn:* kuhikaniza, kwikiraniza, kukundirangana.

**kukengwa** v. be understood.

**kukengesya** v. 1 • enlighten; give s.b. information so that he understands s.t. better.

*Syn:* kuhwītula.

2 • illustrate a point.

3 • alert; inform s.b. in advance so that he avoids a problem.

4 • advise; help s.b. get information or understand the facts of s.t.

*Syn:* kuhana, kuha magezi,

kuhabura, kuhanulira, kuteereera, kulamba.

**kukenguka** v. become enlightened; get knowledge on s.t. you never knew so that you understand it fully.

*Syn:* kuhwītuka.

**kukenka** v. become stale; go bad or become salty, esp. of beer.

**kukenkemukiira** v. have a salty taste.

**kukesa** v. harvest millet or sorghum from a garden after it has matured.



**kukeeha** v. 1 • decrease, shrink, reduce; become smaller. *Syn:* kuhwera.

2 • degenerate.

**kukeehya ntumbu** v. cut hair; reduce the size of hair.

**kukeehyaho** v. make s.t. reduce, shrink, get smaller in size, quantity, price, etc. by a little bit.

**kukeekereza** *From:* Runyoro. v. save, be frugal; avoid wasting s.t. or using more than necessary. *Syn:* kutinda.

**kukeera** v. wake up earlier than the normal time when people wake up. *Syn:* kuzinduka.

**kukeereerwa** *Var:* **kukerekereerwa**. v. be late, delayed; arrive after the correct time.

**kukeerereerya** v. procrastinate; not do s.t. within an agreed period.

**kukerekereerya** v. cause s.b. to delay or not do s.t. in time.

**kukimba** v. glare; look at s.b. or s.t. not at a straight angle.

**kukinga** v. close, shut; e.g., make a door, window, etc. to be not open or close a function.

**kwekingirana** v. lock yourself in; be indoors with the doors and windows closed.

**kukingula** v. 1 • open; make a door, window etc. not to be closed.

*Syn:* kwala, kwijula, kuḡuula.



2 • unlock; open a padlock.

*Syn:* kufunguura, kwahuura.

**kukingiza** v. block, intercept, hinder; stop progress by placing an obstacle that makes movement or progress difficult or impossible. *Syn:* kugaanisa, kukiika, kukijizika, kucwa.

**kukinja** v. butcher; slaughter an animal. *Syn:* kusala.

**kukira** v. 1 • surpass; do or have more, be to a greater degree or amount or be in excess of s.t. else.

2 • beat, win; conquer against s.b. in a war, competition, sports etc.

**kukira hunene** v. be a majority; largest part of a group of people or things, i.e. more than half of that group.

**kukira maani** v. be most of all; to the greatest degree.

**kukiika<sub>1</sub>** v. block; put a barrier, e.g., a piece of wood, etc. across a road or path so as to hinder or stop access.

*Syn:* kukijizika, kulingiza, kucwa, kugaanisa.

**kukiika<sub>2</sub>** v. die while giving birth.

**kukiika<sub>3</sub>** v. overeat; get so satiated with food that the stomach bulges making one feel slightly sick.

**kukiikirira** v. represent.

**kukiina** v. test; put s.b. in a situation with the intention of disproving what their true qualities are.

**kukiinuuka** v. be proud, conceited.

*Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecanja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehembra, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kutaamuula munwa.

**kukoba** v. say, tell; express s.t. in words.

**kukohola** v. cough; pass air out through the throat suddenly and noisily.

**kukookoba** v. speak, talk; use your voice to say or utter s.t. *Syn:* kugira, kubaza.

**kukookooba** v. rake; gather grass together after digging or weeding.

**kukookooma** v. 1 • shout loudly; use a very loud voice to talk with or call a

distant person.

2 • crow; cry of a cock.

**kukolera** v. *See main entry:* **kukora**.

**kukoma** *Var:* **kukoomoora**;

**kukoomooramwo** v. 1 • sort, choose, pick, select; separate things of one type from others. *Syn:* kusoorora.

2 • elect, appoint; vote in order to get the winner in order to put s.b. on the job or in a position of responsibility.

3 • vote; express preference for a candidate, a resolution or an opinion by marking a paper, lining up or raising hands. *Syn:* kuzeenya karuru.

4 • remove chaff from good grain.

5 • find s.t. by chance that you never expected and pick it up.

**kukomesya** v. conduct, organize elections so that people can choose their own leaders as they wish.

**kwekomeramu** v. choose, select, pick, decide on your own between two or more things what you want.

**kukomba** v. lick; move your tongue or finger over the surface of s.t. in order to eat it, make it wet or clean it.

**kwekombera** v. lick the lips or the fingers; pass the tongue around the mouth in order to taste the sweetness there.

**kukometereza** v. 1 • emphasise; give special importance to a piece of information, message, decision, order, statement, etc. *Syn:* kupompogereerya.

2 • warn.

**kukoomeera** v. hammer; hit s.t. like a nail into s.t.

**kukoomoora** *Var:* **kukoomooramwo**. v. *See main entry:* **kukoma**.

**kukona<sub>1</sub>** v. pound; crush dry foodstuffs such as cassava, groundnuts, maize, etc. many times in order to crush it into very fine pieces.

**kukonereerya** v. pound, crush fermented cassava or maize in order to break it into smaller pieces that can easily be dried, esp. by the sun.

**kukona<sub>2</sub>** v. be half-cooked, of food.

**kukona<sub>3</sub>** v. castrate; remove the testicles

of a male animal or person.

**kukonda** *v.* prune; cut the branches of a tree esp. for use as firewood.

*Syn:* kuhalanguliirya, kukonera.

**kukonera** *v.* prune; cut off some of the branches from a tree, so that it grows properly and straight.

*Syn:* kuhalanguliirya, kukonda.

**kukonkona** *v.* knock; hit on a door, window, etc. in order to alert s.b. that you are there.

**kukonya hamwei** *v.* combine.

**kukopa** *From:* English. *v.* 1 • mimic, imitate; copy the way s.b. speaks, moves, behaves, etc.

2 • cheat; act in a dishonest way in order to gain an advantage for an examination.

**kukora** *v.* 1 • do; perform an activity or a task.

2 • work.

**kukoramwo** *v.* reproduce.

**kukoramwo kintu hwa kandi**

*v.* redo, repeat; do or produce s.t. again or more than once.

*Syn:* kuḅuunia.

**kukolera** *v.* work for s.b.

**kukoreseḅwa** *v.* be employed; work for s.b., an organisation, government, etc.

**kukoragana** *v.* cooperate; work together and be helpful to each other in order to achieve s.t.

*Syn:* kwegwagana,

kwetegerezangana, kukobya.

**kukoliraho** *v.* act instantly.

*Syn:* kubyokeramu.

**kukoresya** *v.* 1 • use; make use of s.t. to do s.t.

2 • employ; give s.b. work to do.

*Syn:* kuha muntu mulimo.

3 • exploit; overuse s.b. by taking advantage of their ignorance.

*Syn:* kukamula kudiiriira,

kunywereera.

**kukoresya bya kuwoneraho** *v.* explain by simplifying difficult issues so that people can understand well.

**kukoora hamwei** *v.* network, do in unison; work together.

**kukoora mu mbwo** *v.* alternate; work in turns.

*Syn:* kuḱoonyerangana.

**muntu atakukora** *Pl:* bantu

**batakukora** *n.* unemployed

person. *Syn:* eicaliiri, muntu atali na mulimo.

**kukora bigezu** *v.* *See main entry:*

kwiramu bigezu.

**kukora ḅwenzi** *Var:* kukora ikunzi. *v.*

*See main entry:* ḅwenzi.

**kukora kyakalasanu** *v.* *See main entry:* kyakalasanu.

**kukoraho** *Var:* kukolaho. *v.* adorn, decorate; make s.t. or s.b. look nice or more attractive by applying s.t. on it or on them. *Syn:* kunyiriirya.

**kwekoraho** *Var:* kwekolaho. *v.*

adorn yourself; make yourself look more attractive by decorating or smearing yourself with s.t. or by wearing many things in order for you to look nice. *Syn:* kwenyiriirya, kwenyumisa, kwemyangarasania, kwejaayiika, kweseemeerya, kwenihiriirya, kweliga.

**kukoroga** *v.* stir; move s.t. e.g., a spoon, through a liquid so it is mixed thoroughly.

**kukorokota** *v.* criticise; talk ill of s.b. or s.t.

**kukoroteera** *v.* haul; pull s.t. slowly.

*Syn:* kukuuruura, kusikiira.

**kuku** *dem.* this one.

**kukuba** *v.* fold. *Syn:* kugonya, kugema, kukunya, kuzinga, kukata.

**kukubayo** *v.* return; go back where you have come from or where you have been.

**kukubba<sub>1</sub>** *v.* draw; make a picture of s.t. with a pencil, pen, chalk, paint, etc. or on the ground just with the fingers.

*Syn:* kukuuta bisisani.

**kukubba<sub>2</sub>** *From:* Ruruuli. *v.* hit; beat, usually very hard. *Syn:* kudukula.

**kukuca** *v.* be neat, smart, clean, not dirty. *Syn:* kutemagana,

kumyangarasana.

**kukucama** v. squat down while doing work or picking up s.t.

**kukuda<sub>1</sub>** v. taste unnaturally bitter.

**kukuda<sub>2</sub>** v. beckon; use fingers or hand to call s.b.

**kukudula** v. *See main entry: kudula.*

**kukuga** v. train a child; teach a child good discipline and morals.

**kukugira** v. hem; fold the end of a piece of cloth, esp. in order to prevent threads from pulling out.

**kukugiza** v. praise; express approval of s.b. *Syn:* kiramya, kucaka, kuhaariiza, kunyumiza, kupaaka, kutenda, kutumbula.

**kukumba** v. march; assemble with many people and walk together in lines.

**kukunda** v. accept, agree to a request, plan, etc. *Syn:* kuhikaniza, kukengangana, kwikiriza, kwikiraniza.

**kukundirangana** v. agree, concur; have the same opinion as s.b. else. *Syn:* kukengangana, kwikiraniza, kuhikaniza.

**kukundukira** v. join two broken parts of s.t. with a knot, e.g., join a broken rope.

**kukunga** v. loudly call s.b. who is far off.

**kukungana** v. quarrel; have an angry argument or disagreement. *Syn:* kuzongoba, kuhooyona.

**kukunkumula** v. strongly shake s.t. so that liquid or dust is removed.

**kukunkumuka** v. shed leaves, fruit, or flowers, of a plant.

**kukunkuuta** v. winnow; using a winnowing basket to blow a current of air through grain in order to remove the chaff. *Syn:* kusegenya, kuhehya, kusiihuula, kuhuuuula.

**kukununukeera** v. be sticky.

**kukunza** v. be sexually promiscuous; have a sexual partner.

**kukurata** v. represent; be a member of a group of people and act or speak on their behalf at an event, a meeting, etc.

**kukusula** v. untie; remove s.t. that has

been tying you. *Syn:* kusomola.

**kukuubiirayo** v. stop at a certain point and not go any further.

*Syn:* kusambiirayo.

**kukuukuula** v. take hold of of the bigger part of s.t. and carry it to a different position.

**kukuuma** v. put together.

**kukuuma-kuuma mworo** v. stoke a fire; collect together live charcoal in the middle of a fire. *Syn:* kucooka-cooka mworo, kusinduka nkwi.

**kukuunuuna** v. be properly cooked; when sauce remains with little sticky soup.

**kukuuruura** v. drag; pull s.t. along the ground. *Syn:* kusikiira, kukoroteera.

**kukuuta** v. beat, hit, cane; cause pain on the body as a punishment equal to the mistake done. *Syn:* kumaamira, kunyampya, kutindaga.

**2 • v.** pound fermented cassava.

**kukuutangana** v. beat each other; inflict pain on each other using some part of the body or weapons.

**kukuutisa** *Var:* kukuuta bihandiiko. v. print, publish.

**kukuuta bikatu** v. *See main entry:* kikat.

**kukuuta bisisani** v. *See main entry:* kisisani.

**kukuuta mukule** v. *See main entry:* mukule.

**kukuuta nseku** v. *See main entry:* nseku.

**kukuutira** v. tamp; harden a floor or veranda surface by pressing repeatedly with a stick.

**kukuutuura** v. make a path well-trodden, due to passing via the same place continuously.

**kukwata<sub>1</sub>** v. **1 •** touch, handle, hold; place a hand on s.t. or to have s.t. in your hands. *Syn:* kugaza.

**2 •** catch; seize so as to bring under control by tying with a rope.

**2 •** catch up with; reach s.b. who has been ahead of you.

3 • arrest; take s.b. into custody due to them committing a crime.

4 • set broken bones; tie a stick around a broken bone or press an injured part of the body using the leaves of a certain tropical tree.

5 • memorise.

6 • receive; take or accept s.t. that you have been given or have bought.

*Syn:* kufuna, kutunga.

7 • pay a deposit.

**kukwata-kwata** v. touch; put your hands or fingers onto s.t. many times and sometimes leave some spots. *Syn:* kugaza-gaza, kutiga-tiga.

**kukwatya** v. 1 • join together, fasten; put or stick s.t. onto another. *Syn:* kuteerenja, kuyunga, kutumira.

2 • discover; find out information about s.t.

3 • entrust.

4 • handover; surrender s.b. or s.t. to another. *Syn:* kuhemba.

**kukwatiraho** v. lend a hand to what s.b. is doing.

**kukwatinya** v. cause s.t. or s.b. to get caught.

**kukwatiira** v. 1 • support; help s.b. who is in a difficult or unhappy situation.

2 • support; hold s.t. up so that it does not fall.

3 • bear a grudge; be revengeful and unable to forgive.

**kukwata mu ngalu** v. shake hands.

**kukwatagana** v. be congested; squeezed closely together.

**kukwatangana** v. 1 • compete; struggle with s.b. in a fight, contest, etc. *Syn:* kuriitya, kunyeega, kusimbiranwa.

2 • touch each other.

3 • be in accord.

**kukwatwaho** v. be responsible, concerned; have knowledge, relationship or responsibility for s.t.

**kukwata2** v. suit; be the right shape and size, esp. of clothes, shoes, etc.

*Syn:* kudwa.

**kukwataniza1** v. conform.

**kukwataniza2** v. join in; take part in s.t. that s.b. else is doing or to go somewhere with them.

**kukwatikana** v. be accessible.

**kukwatirana** v. be busy; be caught up with many things.

**kukwatwa kisa** v. *See main entry: kisa.*

**kukwatwa kiniga** v. *See main entry: kiniga.*

**kukwatwa nsoni** v. *See main entry: nsoni.*

**kukweda** v. *Taboo.* make sexual plays, of a man.

**kukwenya** v. become pale; have dull or dry skin. *Syn:* kukonkomoka.

**kukyatuuka** v. *See main entry:*

**kusyotooka.**

**kukyekyemuka** v. laugh extremely loudly and continuously. *Syn:* kukekera, kukuuta mukule.

**kukyena** v. curse; wish evil, calamity, destruction or injury on s.b.

*Syn:* kujuma.

**kulagalika** v. drop; for fruit or a crop to fall on the ground due to over ripeness from not being picked.

**kulalika** v. be ordered to do s.t., especially by an authority. *Syn:* kweta.

**kulamba** v. admonish; advise strongly. *Syn:* kuhana, kuha magezi, kuhaḡura, kuhanulira, kukengesya, kuteereera.

**kulanda** v. creep; spread, of a plant that grows up along s.t. else or that grows dragging itself on the ground.

**kulanga** v. 1 • plait, braid, weave or twist hair into a fashionable style.

2 • braid, interlace; make a rope.

**kulanga bihanda** v. braid hair; twist it in a style of pieces woven like a rope.

**kulanga bituutu** v. braid hair; twist round braids on the head.

**kulasa** v. 1 • shoot a bullet, a stone, etc. in order to harm s.b. or s.t.

2 • hurl, throw; project or propel s.t. with great force through the air by a sudden jerk or straightening of the arm.

*Syn:* kumiisa.

**kulaala** v. lie; flatten yourself in a horizontal position, e.g., on a bed, a mat, etc. *Syn:* kwerambiika.

**kulaalira** v. lie on s.t.

**kulaalya** v. take s.b. who is dozing or who is asleep to bed so that he sleeps properly.

**kulaala bakaabandi** v. engage in adultery.

**kulaala nowona** v. be sleepless; have insomnia for the whole night.

**kulaalirwa maaci** v. have a hangover; feel headache or sick due to having taken too much alcohol the previous day.

**kulaaliira** v. ambush; hide and wait for s.b. or an animal in order to suddenly attack him or it.

**kulaama** v. 1 • pray and hope very much that s.t. will happen. *Syn:* kusaba.

2 • talk to spirits.  
3 • forestall; try to prevent bad luck from happening to s.b.

**kulaamira mugisa** v. bless.

*Syn:* kusabira mugisa.

**kulega** v. report a crime; tell a concerned person s.t. bad that s.b. has done.

*Syn:* kuranga.

**kuleka** v. leave, abandon s.t. or s.b.; move away from a place and slightly shift some where else.

**kulekaho** v. stop doing s.t.

**kulekeera** v. ignore, abandon; neglect s.t. resulting in its gradual depreciation. *Syn:* kugumirisana, kunuga.

**kwelekesya** v. forgo; decide not to have or do s.t. that you would like to have or do.

**kuleka musiri gwirye** v. leave fallow; abandon a garden for some time so that the soil regains nutrients.

**kulekera** v. exempt; decide and let s.b. take s.t. that you would not have let him take.

**kulekwa** v. be pardoned, forgiven, freed, exempted from a financial obligation, for a legal case, or for your mistakes.

**kulema**<sub>1</sub> v. 1 • be unavailable.

2 • be difficult.

**kulemwa** v. fail, be defeated; do s.t. without succeeding.

**kulema**<sub>2</sub> v. govern, rule, manage; show authority in order to lead people in a place, a country, etc. *Syn:* kufuga.

**kwerema** v. 1 • be independent; when s.b. has the freedom to organize thier own life, make thier own decisions, etc without needing help from others.

2 • declare independence; for citizens of a country to gain self control from foreigners.

**kulemeraho** v. insist on doing s.t. even when it is no longer necessary for it to be done. *Syn:* kuhaamiira.

**kulenga**<sub>1</sub> v. bewitch, curse; perform s.t. superstitious so as to invoke evil, calamity, destruction or injury upon s.b. so that they do not achieve anything in life. *Syn:* kwoha, kuloga.

**kulenga**<sub>2</sub> v. estimate a measurement; try to imagine how heavy or light s.t. is.

**kulengaho** v. attempt; try to do s.t. *Syn:* kugeryaho.

**kulengera** v. recognise, identify; see s.b. or s.t. and know it because you have seen it before. *Syn:* kwetegereza.

**kulengerwa** v. be recognised; be seen and be noticed.

**kuleeba** v. peep, peek, give a quick look through a narrow aperture or small opening, often slyly, pryingly, or furtively.

**kuleebereerya** v. crane the neck to see; try hard to view s.t. when the view is hindered by s.t. in the line of sight.

**kuleeba bya hadei** v. foresee; know what will happen in future.

**kuleega** v. beg; solicit food in homes.

**kuleeta** v. bring; come to a place with s.t. or s.b.

**kuleetaho** v. cause to be, bring about.

**kuleeta biteekerezo** v. propose laws; put forward a plan, advice, etc. for people to think about and decide on.

**kuli** v. be.

**kulibata** v. 1 • walk; move on foot without running.  
2 • travel; move from one place to another, esp. over a long distance e.g. to travel around the world, across Africa, etc.

**kulibatiira** v. go somewhere for a purpose.

**kulibata butamaga inyuma** v. move in a straight line; go direct without turning either way.

**kulibata kweibbanga** v. See main entry: **ibbanga**.

**kulima** v. dig, plough, cultivate; use land to grow crops.

**kulima kiina** v. dig a hole.

Syn: kwemba, kutema **kiina**.

**kuliimiira** v. 1 • dig around s.t.  
2 • Metaphor. be determined; seriously aim at getting s.t. from s.b.

**kulimala** v. get injured and eventually become lame.

**kulimaalya** v. impair, cripple; harm or damage s.t. so that it no longer moves properly.

**kulinda** v. 1 • guard; watch against attack, injury, damage or any danger.

2 • protect, conserve; care for s.t.

Syn: kuwoneera, kufaho, kulingiira.

3 • wait; stay for some little time before going somewhere or doing s.t. while anticipating s.b. to come or s.t. to happen.

4 • control.

**kwerinda** v. be careful, protective; do anything to prevent a danger that may result.

**bya kwerinda** n. security.

**kulindaho** Var: **kulinda-linda**. v. hold on, wait a little; be patient for a short time.

**kulinda buhangwa** v. protect the environment, conserve nature.

**kulinda muntu** v. detain, capture; arrest and keep s.b. so that he can't leave.

**kulindira** v. 1 • endure, tolerate, put up with s.t.; feel anger but not act on spot.  
Syn: kwetatiirira, kugumira.

2 • hope; expect and wish for s.t. to happen, esp. for a long time.

**kya kulindiraho** Pl: **bya**

**kulindiraho** n. temporary solution, quick fix; s.t. that is done in an emergency situation but pending a permanent solution to the problem. Syn: kya kwirukiira.

**kulindiira** v. wait; stay without going somewhere or doing s.t. until s.b. comes or s.t. happens.

**kulingiira** v. 1 • see, watch, look at; turn the eyes so that you see s.t.

2 • care for, guard, look after; take responsibility for s.b. or s.t.

Syn: kuwoneera, kufaho, kulinda.

**kulingiira bya mumeiso** v. forecast, extrapolate; focus for what will happen in the future, esp. based on the prevailing situation.

**kulira** v. cry, weep; shed tears due to disappointment or anger.

Syn: kugeegeeta, kuhembeeta, kuhooronga.

**kuliriira** v. cry, beg for; plead very much when asking for s.t.

**kulira-lira** Var: **kwelirya-lirya**. v. fail to admit your financial position.

**kuloba** v. fish; catch or try to catch fish in a lake, river, etc.



**kuloga** v. bewitch; use the power of an evil spirit to cause s.b. misfortune, e.g., swallow a dangerous medicine.

Syn: kwoha, kulenga.

**kulogwa** v. be bewitched; be made to swallow a traditional medicine or have it placed on your way so that you die, become a nuisance or remain full of misfortunes.

**kuloolooba** v. stalk; walk quietly and lightly, very slowly, due to wanting to beat, kill or catch s.t.

**kuloomoola** v. neutralise witchcraft poison; act that makes one who charms remove out the charms from whom he had charmed.

**kulondoora** v. make a list.

**kulondoora hūbyalwasana** v. list a genealogy; tell your line of ancestors.

**kuloota** v. dream; experience a thought, a hope, an event, etc. while you are asleep.

**kulooteera** v. dream and occasionally wet the bed while you are asleep.

**kulootoora** v. interpret a dream; tell s.b. the meaning of a dream.

**kuluka** v. weave, spin, knit; bring threads together in order to make a net or a table cloth, etc. or to twist strips of material in order to make a basket or a food container, etc.

**kululuha** v. 1 • taste bitter, sour; like red pepper.  
2 • taste salty.

**kuluma** v. bite; use the teeth to cut into or through s.t. *Syn:* kukeca, kunena.

**kulumirirwa** v. be miserly.

**kulunga** v. spice up; add salt, spice or additives to food, esp. in sauce.

**kulungwa-lungwa** v. be bored.

**kulwala** v. dress; put on clothes, esp. after getting up from bed. *Syn:* kujwara.

**kulwalya** v. 1 • put a cloth on s.b. so that he is not naked. *Syn:* kujwarya.  
2 • *Metaphor.* graduate; attend an official ceremony after completing a study course such as a degree, diploma, etc.

**kapiira ka kulwala mu ngalu**  
*Pl:* hūpiira hwa kulwala mu ngalu. *n.* glove.

**kulwana** v. fight; struggle physically with s.b. or shoot bullets at s.b.

**kulwaniira** *Var:* kulwanirira. v.

1 • fight to save s.b./s.t. in danger, e.g., death, pain, loss, etc.

2 • *Metaphor.* advocate, recommend; support s.t. publically.

*Syn:* kuhagira, kusegeka, kusemba.

**kulwanisya** v. 1 • fight.

2 • *Metaphor.* try very hard to do s.t. when it is difficult or when there are a lot of problems. *Syn:* kuwaya-wayaya, kupatikana, kwenyamula, kugada-gada, kuguuguza, kunyeega, kupataka, kupoolooka, kuṭiṭa, kwekamba, kwesabbula.  
3 • *Metaphor.* take a chance or gamble; try anything possible in the hope of being successful.

*Syn:* kuyiṭiya.

**kwelwanaho**

*Var:* kwelwananganaho. v. defend yourself; protect yourself from an attack or accusation.

*Syn:* kwesobooraho, kwetongonaho.

**kulwolwoba** v. move in a tense manner, as if in fear.

**kulwotoka** v. 1 • disappear, vanish; move away from somewhere silently or secretly, esp. for people or animals.

*Syn:* kusyera, kweziba, kucwa, kusomoka, kutoroka.

2 • escape.

**kumaga** v. glance, peek; turn and look at s.t. quickly and then withdraw the eyes immediately.

**kumaga-maga** v. glance around; keep on looking on both sides when you are unsettled.

**kumala** v. finish, end; stop doing s.t. because it is complete.

**kumalwa** v. be contented, satisfied with wealth.

**kumaliira** v. 1 • conclude, finish, accomplish; reach the end of s.t.

*Syn:* kuheregura.

2 • be determined.

3 • summarise; give the main points of a topic at the end.

*Syn:* kuheregura.

4 • come last; happen after everything else.

**waakumaliira** *Pl:* baakumaliira.

*n.* last person; s.b. who is at the end.

**kumalika** *v.* be finished, completed.

**kumalikiraho** *v.* get instantly finished.

**kumaliriza** *v.* summarise; close a speech. *Syn:* kuheregura.

**kumalwa maani** *v.* See main entry: kwemala-mala.

**kumanga-manga** *v.* wander; walk slowly here and there without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to idleness. *Syn:* kwandaara, kwenjeera, kuhama-hama, kupaaraara, kutaabaana, kutaaruuka, kuzengeera.

**kumanga-mangwa** *v.* be confused without knowing what to do or where to go.

**kumanyiira** *v.* become familiar; know or get used to the condition of s.t., s.b. or of a place.

**kumanyiirwa** *v.* be familiar with s.b. or s.t.

**kumanyiirangana** *v.* become familiar with each other; a social act that makes s.b. know the behaviour of s.b. with whom he is working or staying.

**kumanyiiriya** *v.* tame; make s.t. or s.b. know or become familiar with the condition of s.t. or of a place. *Syn:* kworoora.

**kumata-maataara** *v.* act foolishly.

**kumaamira** *v.* beat; hit s.b., usually very hard. *Syn:* kukuuta, kunyampya, kutindaga.

**kumaata** *v.* mud, plaster; fix clay on a house in order to make a wall. *Syn:* kuhoma.

**kumaata kyese** *v.* mould pots from clay or mud. *Syn:* kušumba kyese.

**kumera** *v.* germinate, sprout; come out from underground, of a plant. *Syn:* kuhulukiriya, kwaruka.

**kumera** *v.* 1 • swallow; move food through the throat so that it goes into the stomach.

2 • submerge; fill or cover completely with a liquid.

**kumeremeta** *Var:* kumeremeca. *v.* glitter; reflect light that emanates from another object. *Syn:* kwengeretena, kumengeresenia.

**kumiga** *v.* press, squeeze. *Syn:* kutitina.

**kwemigamu** *v.* 1 • push or squeeze yourself though a small space.

2 • *Metaphor.* be part of s.t. in which you were not originally supposed to be. *Syn:* kwejungamu, kwesubbamu, kwezingiiryamu.

**kumigiriza** *v.* oppress, tyrannise; not let s.b. enjoy his rights freely.

**kumigiriziŋwa** *v.* be oppressed, under tyranny; treated unfairly by not being given the same freedom as other people.

**kumoma** *v.* 1 • become stained. *Syn:* kuhima.

2 • become rusted, corroded.

**kumuluka** *v.* 1 • shine; be bright, glittering or shining. *Syn:* kunyirira.

2 • shine a light onto s.t.

**kumulukira** *v.* visualise, envisage; give s.b. a sensible idea about how s.t. should be done or how it is supposed to be.

**kumwa** *v.* 1 • shave; cut hair, the beard or any other hair from the body.

*Syn:* kugema, kuhala, kutega.

2 • shear; cut off wool from an animal. *Syn:* kuhala.

**kumwenya** *v.* smile; move the mouth slightly upwards to show excitement or happiness.

**kumwoka** *v.* drink or eat s.t. with greed. *Syn:* kwebbukuka.

**kumwona** *v.* mend; fix s.t. into s.t. else so as to cover an opening or a hole.

**kumwoneera** *v.* keep on repairing s.t., e.g., with a patch, esp. in a temporary way by keeping on adding a new piece of material.

**kumyangarasana** *v.* shine; look very



smart, esp. more than usual.

*Syn:* kukuca, kutemagana.

**kwemyangarasanja** v. adorn yourself; make yourself smarter-looking, more attractive.

*Syn:* kwenyiriirya, kwenyumisya, kwejaayiika, kwekoraho, kwesemeerya, kwenihiriirya, kweliga.

**kumyola** v. twist; revolve s.t. tightly.

**kumyotolwa** v. have indigestion; have a churning stomach. *Lit:* twist up and down.

**kunanuka<sub>1</sub>** v. be sure, certain, confident; have all the facts about s.t. without any doubt.

**kunanukira** v. believe; feel certain that s.b. is telling you the truth.  
*Syn:* kwikiririza.

**kunanukisya** v. attest, prove, justify; show the facts of s.t. in order to confirm s.t. *Syn:* kugumya.

**kunanuka<sub>2</sub>** v. surrender; admit defeat.  
*Syn:* kubyokya mikono.

**kunanula** v. retaliate, avenge; do. s.t. bad to s.b., returning like for like, esp. evil for evil. *Syn:* kusasuura, kwiririirya, kwolokya, kuhoora.

**kunaaba** v. wash; take a bath.



**kunaabya** v. wash; use water and soap to remove dirt from s.t.



**kunaala** v. disappear mysteriously, of a person; vanish in a way that people are not aware of. *Syn:* kunyelela.

**kunaanuula** v. *See main entry:* kunuula.

**kunena** v. bite; use the teeth to tear off s.t. or make it feel pain. *Syn:* kukeca, kuluma.

**kunena meino** v. grind, gnash the teeth.

**kunenangana** v. *Metaphor.* be in conflict; disunity that makes s.b. keep on backbiting s.b. with whom he is working or staying.

**kuneera** v. glisten; shine due to wetting with oil.

**kuniga<sub>1</sub>** v. be burdened with a load; feel the weight of a load.

**kuniga<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • strangle.

2 • hang; tie a rope around s.b.'s neck and let it swing in space in order to kill him.

3 • difficulty in s.t. going past the throat.

**kweniga** v. hang yourself; commit suicide by tying a rope on your neck that is fixed to s.t. and swinging so that you die.

**kuniguka** v. become disconnected, dislocated.

**kuniguka ikyha** v. be dislocated; be out of position at a body joint .e.g., the shoulder.

**kunihira<sub>1</sub>** v. hope, expect; imagine that s.t. will happen in the future, when you are sure of it.

**kunihira<sub>2</sub>** v. suspect; hold in suspicion and believe to be guilty.

**kunihirwa** *Var:* kwenihiziḃwa. v. be suspected; be thought of having committed a crime but without proof.

**kuninghina** v. tie or fasten very tightly with string, rope, etc.

**kuniigiina** v. boast, brag, show off; be proud of s.t. you own or you have done.

*Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kwezegwa, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula

*munwa.*

**kunoba** *v.* hate, detest; dislike s.b. or s.t.

**kunobangana** *v.* hate each other.

**kunobwa** *v.* be hated; have nobody liking you.

**kwenoba** *v.* 1 • become frustrated.

2 • dislike yourself; not care about yourself due to problems.

3 • disassociate; separate yourself physically or socially from other people. *Syn:* kugungumara, kwesorooro, kwebagaania, kwahukana, kwetongoola, kwenuga, kwesalaho, kwezahula, kwegunga.

**kunokola** *v.* harvest cotton, fruit or vegetables from the garden after maturing.



**kunola** *v.* taste nice, delicious; taste sweet or to be fatty.

**kunolya** *v.* sweeten; make s.t. taste nice, delicious or sweeter.

**kunonga<sub>1</sub>** *v.* gain pleasure from s.b. or s.t.

**kunonga<sub>2</sub>** *v.* be properly cooked; i.e., without being watery or burnt.

**kunu** *dem.* towards this place.

**kunuga** *v.* abandon, neglect, ignore; stop caring for s.b. or s.t. or to withdraw a hand from s.b. or s.t. *Syn:* kugumirisana, kulekeera.

**kunugwa** *v.* be abandoned, stop being cared for; have a hand withdrawn from you.

**kwenuga** *v.* 1 • hate yourself due to problems.

2 • disassociate; separate yourself physically or socially from other people. *Syn:* kwenoba, kugungumara, kwesorooro, kwebagaania, kwahukana, kwetongoola, kwesalaho, kwezahula, kwegunga.

**kunuguura** *v.* straighten s.t. bent.

*Syn:* kugooro, kudambula, kurambiika, kuterekereerya.

**kwenuguura** *Var:* **kunuuguura**. *v.* straighten yourself after folding yourself for a long time, due to pain or to fatigue. *Syn:* kwedambuula.

**kunuula** *Var:* **kunaanuuula**. *v.* stretch; make s.t. longer, wider or looser by pulling it. *Syn:* kusika.

**kwenuuula** *Var:* **kweenaanuuula**. *v.* be able to stretch; be able to become longer, wider or looser, e.g. while pulled. *Syn:* kwesika.

**kunwana** *v.* become mingled thoroughly, stabilised.

**kunwanja** *v.* 1 • mingle thoroughly, stabilise.

2 • catch properly.

**kunghaaba** *v.* hit s.b., usually very hard with a long thick piece of stick.

**kunyaga** *v.* 1 • grab; take away s.t. from s.b. by force. *Syn:* kusahula.

2 • rob; steal money or property by force, usually when armed.

3 • loot.

4 • confiscate; take away s.b.'s possession as a way of punishing him.

**kunyagwa** *v.* be robbed.

**kunyampa** *v.* *Taboo.* fart, break wind, expel intestinal gases noisily through the anus.

**kunyangatara** *v.* become confused.

**kunyanghula** *v.* make a hair parting; gap between hair when it is combed in different directions.

**kunyaala** *v.* urinate; get rid of urine from the body.

**kunyaama** *v.* chew food in an unusual manner.

**kunyaara** *Var:* **kunyaalira**. *v.* 1 • *Taboo.* ovulate; release an egg.

2 • *Taboo*. ejaculate; release sperm.

**kunyegeera** v. file a case against s.b. to a legal authority for s.t. done wrong.

**kunyelela** v. 1 • melt; solid substance turning into liquid, esp. due to heat.

Syn: kwaga, kugera.

2 • vanish; disappear mysteriously.

Syn: kunaala.

**kunyeenyeeta** v. ooze; pass gradually or leak through slowly, of any thick viscous liquid.

**kunyeeta** v. be fat.

**kunyirinka** Var: **kucirinka**. v. gush, spurt; sudden oozing of s.t. like urine that quickly spreads far.

**kunyirira** v. shine; be bright, glittering or shining. Syn: kumuluka.

**kunyiriirya** v. adorn, anoint, decorate. Syn: kukoraho.

**kwenyiriirya** v. adorn yourself; make yourself smarter-looking, more attractive. Syn: kwenyumisya, kwemyangarasanja, kwejaayika, kwekoraho, kwesemeerya, kwenihiriirya, kweliga.

**kunyumiza** v. praise; express approval or admiration. Syn: kuramya, kucaka, kuhaariiza, kukugiza, kupaaka, kutenda, kutumbula.

**kwenyumiza** v. rejoice, enthuse; express great happiness by talking in an enthusiastic and excited way.

**kunyunka** v. be possessed by spirits.

**kunywa** v. 1 • drink.



2 • absorb; take in a liquid from the surface or space around.

Syn: kwingiirya, kusika.

**kya kunywa** Pl: **bya kunywa**. n. drink; any liquid that s.b. drinks, e.g., water, passion fruit, etc.

Syn: kinywehwa, kinywo.

**kya kunywa kiheheeru** Pl: **bya kunywa biheheeru**. n. any non-alcoholic drink such as soda, fruit juice, etc.

**kunywana** v. befriend.

**kunywanihwa** v. be befriended.

**kunywegera** Var: **kwenywegera**. v. *Taboo*. kiss; place the lips on s.b. else's lips to express love.

**kunywereera** v. 1 • suck.

2 • *Metaphor*. exploit; treat s.b. as an opportunity to gain an advantage for yourself, e.g., by treating them unfairly making them work and not giving them much in return. Syn: kudiiriira, kukoresya, kukamula.

**kupakasa** v. labour; do work for payment of a wage or salary.

**kupakira** From: English. v. load, pack; put goods into s.t., esp. in a vehicle. Syn: kutweka.

**kupampa** v. *Idiophone*. clap, applaud; hit one's hands together in order to call s.b., thank s.b. or for showing joy.

**kupampatika** v. *Idiophone*. drizzle; pitter-patter of rain falling lightly. Syn: kutuntula, kuhuuuuka.

**kupampata** v. pat; gently hit s.b. with the palm due to excitement.

**kupanga** From: Swahili. v. order; arrange things in their order as per their sequence. Syn: kuhonderania.

**kwepanga** v. be assembled; come together as a group but in an orderly manner following a given sequence.

**kupapa** v. act rashly; be impatient without thinking twice.

Syn: kujaganiriirya, kwirukiriirya.

**kupapamuka** v. be overly emotional; show strong emotions in a way that other people feel is unnecessary.

**kupasula** v. slice; break or cut a small piece from s.t.

**kupataka** v. struggle; try very hard to do s.t. when it is very difficult or when

there are a lot of problems.

*Syn:* kuwaya-wayaya, kulwanisya, kupatikana, kwenyamula, kugada-gada, kuguuguuza, kunyeega, kupoolooka, kutita, kwekamba, kwesabbula.

**kupatana** *v.* bargain; negotiate and agree over the price for s.t.

*Syn:* kuraamura.

**kupatikana** *v.* try very hard to do s.t. when it is difficult or when there are a lot of problems. *Syn:* kuwaya-wayaya, kulwanisya, kwenyamula, kugada-gada, kuguuguuza, kunyeega, kupataka, kupoolooka, kutita, kwekamba, kwesabbula.

**kupaada** *v.* entwine; make a rope.

**kupaaka** *v.* praise; say good things about s.b., e.g., use a petty name in order to express approval of s.b.

*Syn:* kuramya, kucaka, kuhaariiza, kukugiza, kunyumiza, kutenda, kutumbula.

**kupaakuura** *v.* unload, offload; remove things from s.t. like a vehicle.

*Syn:* kutuukula.

**kupaala** *v.* slap; hit with the flat part of your hand. *Syn:* kupaamuula.

**kupaama** *v.* mend; repair a hole or worn patch, esp. in clothing with a piece of cloth or other material.

**kupaamiira** *v.* keep on mending patches on s.t. in order to maintain it.

**kwepaamiira** *v. Idiom.* force yourself be a friend to s.b. when they are not interested in returning the friendship. *Syn:* kwebboheera, kwebbohaho, kwehomeera.

**kupaamuula** *v.* slap; hit with the flat part of your hand. *Syn:* kupaala.

**kupaaraara** *v.* wander; walk slowly here and there without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to idleness. *Syn:* kwandaara, kwenjeera, kuhama-hama, kumanga-manga, kutaabaana, kutaaruuka, kuzengeera.

**kupaatiika** *v.* give false information about s.b. *Syn:* kuhangirirya.

**kupaaya** *v.* slice; cut wood into thin

layers using a panga.

**kupena** *v.* learn; gain knowledge or skill by studying, from experience, from being taught, etc. *Syn:* kusoma, kwegga.

**kupoolooka** *v.* struggle; try very hard to do s.t. when it is very difficult or when there are a lot of problems.

*Syn:* kuwaya-wayaya, kulwanisya, kupatikana, kwenyamula, kugada-gada, kuguuguuza, kunyeega, kupataka, kutita, kwekamba, kwesabbula.

**kupoolookya** *v.* make s.b. struggle; make it difficult for s.b. to do s.t. or to achieve s.t.

**kupuutiika** *Var: kufuutiika.* *v.* heap; put a lot of things in an untidy pile.

*Syn:* kutuuma.

**kupyetula** *v. Taboo.* defecate; get rid of faeces through the anus. *Syn:* kunja.

**kurabaho** *v.* by-pass or pass over s.t. and leave it behind or aside. *Syn:* kwakaalya.

**kurabira** *v.* pass via.

**kurabamu** *v. 1 •* achieve; do s.t. and succeed.

*2 •* move, pass, walk through s.t. from this end to the other end.

*3 •* revise; look again at work that you have done.

**kuraba mu kintu** *v.* experience, undergo.

**kurabya** *v.* pass s.t. from one person to another.

**kurabyaho** *v.* help s.b. to be successful in a competition, interview, examination, etc.

**kurabyaho biragiro** *v.* legislate; make and pass laws.

**kurabyamu meiso** *v.* scan; skim, glance over s.t. quickly but not very carefully in order to get its rough picture. *Lit:* pass the eyes.

**kurabanganamwo** *v.* intersect, go through.

**kurabarabwa** *v.* be unstable; like a mad person when you are not settled in the brain.

**akurabwaho** *Pl: bakurabwaho.*  
*n.* mentally disturbed person, insane person, mad person.

*Syn:* mugweiraru.

**kurabiraho** v. pass by, call on, visit briefly; drop in on s.b. for a while during a journey.

**kurabwaho** v. be crazy, mad.

*Syn:* kuraruka, kugweiraru, kuhungutuka.

**kuraga** v. say farewell, goodbye; word used when leaving each other in order to wish s.b. well.

**kuraga museeri** v. discharge s.b.; tell a patient to leave a hospital ward and go home. *Syn:* kusijura museeri.

**kuragana** v. 1 • make an arrangement to meet or visit s.b. at a particular time, esp. for a reason connected with work.

2 • promise; give s.b. hope or tell s.b. that you will do or will not do s.t.

**kuragira** v. order, command; tell s.b. to do s.t. esp. from a position of authority.

**kuragirwa** v. be ordered, commanded, be told by s.b. who is in authority to do s.t. that you cannot refuse.

**kuragiira** v. 1 • show, instruct; let s.b. watch you doing s.t. to point to it or explain it. *Syn:* kwolokya, kuhemba.

2 • direct; tell or show s.b. how to get to somewhere. *Syn:* kwelokereerya.

3 • introduce; make s.b. learn about s.t. or do s.t. for the first time.

*Syn:* kwolokya.

**kuragura** v. foretell, prophesy, divine; find out and say what will happen in the future, esp. said by s.b. with religious or magic powers.

**kuraguza** v. employ a witchdoctor.

**kurahira** v. swear; raise up the Bible or say the name of s.b. to make a promise or to show that you are telling the truth.

**kuraka** v. do s.t. in a hurry.

**kuramaga** v. attack, invade; use weapons such as guns, bombs, etc. against an enemy in war.

**kurambiika** v. straighten, arrange or lay things down in a straight line. *Syn:* kugoora, kudambula, kunuguura, kuterekereerya.

**kwerambiika** v. lie down straight with the arms relaxed and at ease.

*Syn:* kulaala.

**kuranda** v. plane; make a piece of timber smooth using a plane.

**kuranga<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • report.

2 • introduce; talk about s.b. or to show him to those who do not know him.

**kuranga bya busuubuzi** v. advertise.

**kuranga hasyanu** v. make a public announcement. *Syn:* kutimba.

**kweranga** v. formally introduce a bridegroom to his future in-laws by paying some kind of introductory fee or dowry. *Syn:* kwanjura.

**kwerangirangana** v. introduce each other; tell each other their names, etc. *Syn:* kwesoboorangana.

**kuranga<sub>2</sub>** v. praise; express approval or admiration.

**kuranga<sub>3</sub>** v. report a crime. *Syn:* kulega.

**kurangiira<sub>1</sub>** v. announce.

**kurangiira<sub>2</sub>** v. give up; stop trying to do s.t.

**kuranguha** *Var:* kwanguha. v. move fast.

**kurangana** v. disseminate; spread widely, of news.

**kurangya bya maguli** v. advertise.

**kuraruka** v. be crazy, mad.

*Syn:* kurabwaho, kugweiraru, kuhungutuka.

**kurawarawa** v. 1 • be stubborn.

*Syn:* kuharangana.

2 • *Metaphor.* be sexually promiscuous; be a prostitute. *Syn:* kukora hwenzi, kwendye-ndya, kutaaruuka, kuraaya, kuhunga.

**kuraama** v. eat only sauce without any food to accompany the sauce, e.g. posho, rice, cassava, etc.

**kuraamura** v. 1 • bargain, discuss between a buyer and a seller about the price of s.t. *Syn:* kupatana.

2 • arbitrate; separate or come to the rescue of those who are fighting or who are in an argument.

**kuraaya** *v.* *Taboo.* be sexually promiscuous; like a prostitute.  
*Syn:* kwendye-ndya, kutaaruuka, kubunga, kurawarawa, kukora hwenzi.

**kurooba** *v.* pass over; go around or avoid a place.

**kuroobeera** *v.* move around or beside s.t. stationery following where it passes.

**kurodoka** *v.* leap; jump like a frog.

**kurodoma** *v.* fall while seated or squatting.

**kuroha** *v.* become exhausted; get extremely tired and be without energy at all.

**kuronza** *v.* track, trace; search for s.t. following a track or footprints.

**kuroopa** *v.* whip; hit s.b. or an animal hard with a long thin piece of stick, rope or leather, etc., as a punishment or to make them go faster or work harder.  
*Syn:* kuhara, kujwata, kuswanyura, kukaalula.

**kuruga** *v.* come from.

**kurugamu** *Var:* kurugamwo. *v.* result in.

**kurugaho** *Var:* kurugahoona. *v.*  
 1 • leave a place, a job, a person, a group, etc. and go somewhere else.  
 2 • stop trying to do s.t.  
 3 • be contented with s.b.'s quality, trait, etc.

**kurugira** *v.* result in, lead to; happen because of s.t. else that happened first.

**kurugiza** *v.* make way for s.b. or give s.b. his peace. *Syn:* kubisya.

**kurugwaho** *v.* lose; misplace s.t.  
*Syn:* kuguma, kusiyeereya.

**kurugwamu** *v.* cause a particular result or effect.

**kuruka** *v.* give or bestow a nickname.  
*Syn:* kusinda.

**kurumiriza** *v.* condemn; express very strong disapproval. *Syn:* kwama, kujumiira, kutokeera, kubyokeera, kuhonereerya, kusingisya musangu.

**kurunga** *v.* crush, pulverise, pound, mash, grind; break s.t. into very small pieces or into powdery form.

*Syn:* kuswaswana.

**kurungi** *adv.* well, effectively.

**kurwatuka** *v.* *See main entry:*

**kubbalula.**

**kusaba** *v.* 1 • ask, request, demand; tell s.b. to give you s.t.

2 • pray; speak to God, esp. to give thanks or ask for help. *Syn:* kulaama.

**kusabiriirya** *v.* beg; keep on roaming around different people asking to be given free things.

**kusabwa** *v.* be requested, asked; be informed before s.t. is done in order to get permission.

**kusaba kwikiriziɓwa** *v.* ask permission.

**kusabira** *v.* wish s.b. fortune or misfortune.

**kusabira mugisa** *v.* bless.

*Syn:* kulaamira mugisa.

**kusabirana** *v.* share; jointly use things, due to generosity.

**kusabbula** *v.* tear or break off a piece of food, e.g., meat, cake or chapatti.

*Syn:* kunyabbula.

**kusadamuka** *v.* 1 • talk in a very uncontrolled loose manner.

*Syn:* kugugumuka, kubalisiɓwa, kuhurumuka.

2 • lack self control. *Syn:* kuhoroza, kujagaara, kugugumuka.

**kusagika** *v.* *See main entry:* kuheega.

**kusahula** *v.* grab, snatch; quickly and forcibly pull s.t. e.g., out of a dangerous situation like a fire. *Syn:* kunyaga.

**kusaja** *v.* become very fat, esp. a bull.

**kusajahara** *v.* become an expert.

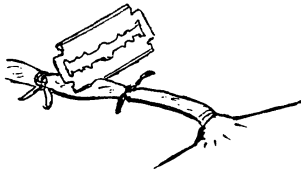
**kusaka** *v.* search; hunt for information or news with keen interest.

**kusala**<sub>1</sub> *v.* judge; decide between different things, e.g., to judge a music competition.

**kusala magezi** *v.* seek advice; devise all ways and means to ensure that you have done what you want to do.

**kusalamu** *v.* decide between different things.

**kusala<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • cut; use a sharp instrument to divide s.t.



2 • slaughter; kill by cutting at the neck.

*Syn:* kukinja.

**kusalwa** v. be cut.

**kusalamu** v. cancel an event; decide that s.t. that had been arranged will not now take place.

**kwesalaho** v. 1 • *Metaphor.*

disassociate; say or do s.t. to show that you are not connected with or do not support s.b. or s.t.

*Syn:* kwenoba, kugungumara, kwesorora, kwabagaania, kwahukana, kwetongoola, kwenuga, kwezahula, kwegunga.

2 • *Metaphor.* dodge, avoid s.b. so that you don't have to help them, deal with them or have a friendly relationship with them.

*Syn:* kwetoolaho.

**kusala kibbila** v. sacrifice; perform a traditional ritual that collects the clansmen at s.b.'s family in order to sacrifice for the dead ancestors.

*Syn:* kudya kibbila.

**kusala misabi** v. incise; cut the skin slightly using a razor blade so as to rub in local medicine.

*Syn:* kusindaga.

**musala bisolo** *Pl:* basala bisolo.

*n.* butcher; s.b. whose job is slaughtering animals and selling meat. *Syn:* mukinjaagi.

**kusamba** v. kick.

**kusambagana** v. kick repeatedly.

**kusamba kinyege** v. perform a traditional type of dance.

**kusambatula** v. hit s.b., usually very hard, esp. by kicking them.

**kusambira** v. return, retreat, back off; cancel out from a journey you had

planned to take or to retreat before reaching where you had been going.

**kusambiira** *Var:* kusambaganiira. v. oppress s.b. and not let them exercise their rights and freedoms.

**kusambiirayo** v. stop at a certain point and not go any further.

*Syn:* kukuubiirayo.

**kusambiirya** v. postpone; arrange for an event to take place at a later time or date. *Syn:* kwongerayo.

**kusandaara<sub>1</sub>** v. overflow, flood; flowing of water on a dry land next to such water bodies as a lake, river or a swamp due to increase in water volume.

**kusandaara<sub>2</sub>** v. joke; talk in a playful, laughable and friendly way when you are not serious. *Syn:* kuzeenya, kusanzira.

**kya kusandaara** *Pl:* bya

**kusandaara.** *n.* joke; funny story or any thing silly that is said, told or done to make people laugh. *Syn:* kya kusekesya, kya kuzeenya.

**kusangwa** v. be.

**kusansala** v. spread, circulate; scatter or separate things apart.

**kusaasaana** v. become spread, radiated, circulated, scattered.

**kusanzira** v. kid, joke; tell false information for fun. *Syn:* kuzeenya, kusandaara.

**kusanyuka** *From:* Luganda. v. be pleased, joyful; show excitement due to being happy. *Syn:* kusemererwa.

**kusanyukya** v. cause s.b. to be happy, joyful. *Syn:* kusemeza.

**kusaramura** v. circumcise; cut off part of the male or female sex organs, esp. for religious or cultural reasons.

**kusaramuka** v. become converted to Islamic faith.

**kusarara** v. become paralysed; lose the sense of touch. *Syn:* kukaba.

**kusasula** v. pay; give money for s.t. that you have bought or to clear a debt that you had.

**kusasulisa** v. make s.b. pay back a debt or fine.

**kusasuura** v. retaliate, avenge; do. s.t. bad to s.b., returning like for like, esp. evil for evil. *Syn:* kunanula, kwiririrya, kwolokya, kuhoora.

**kusaaha** v. slash; use a slasher to cut grass.

**kusaaliza** v. 1 • disappoint; make s.b. feel disappointment.

2 • annoy, anger s.b. *Syn:* kukwatisha kiniga, kubiihiza.

**kusaalirwa** v. 1 • be disappointed, worried; be without happiness.

2 • become annoyed. *Syn:* kuzingala.

**kusaanyuza** v. comb; pull a comb through the hair in order to make it neat.

**kusaasira** *From:* Runyoro. v.

sympathise; feel sorry for s.b. showing that you understand their problems.

*Syn:* kuganyira, kukwatwa kisa.

**kusegeka** v. *See main entry:* kuheega.

**kuseka** v. laugh; make a sound that comes from the mouth showing that s.b. is amused or happy. *Syn:* kugegemuka, kukuuta nseku, kukuuta mukule.

**kuseka na maliga** v. laugh till you cry.

**kusekereerya** *Var:* kusekereza. v. mock, deride; degrade with laughter. *Syn:* kusonsa, kudomya, kujooga, kucookooza.

**kusekwa** v. be mocked.

**kya kusekesya** *Pl:* bya

**kusekesya** *n.* joke; funny story or any thing silly that is said, told or done to make people laugh. *Syn:* kya kusandaara, kya kuzeenya.

**kusekesera** v. regrow; grow anew, of a plant that was cut, got broken or was eaten by s.t.

**kusemba<sub>1</sub>** v. support, endorse; help or encourage s.b. by saying or showing that you agree with them. *Syn:* kulwaniira, kusegeka, kuhagira.

**kusemba<sub>2</sub>** v. lose, come last; be defeated in s.t. such as a game, competition, etc.

**kusemba<sub>3</sub>** v. cover; wrap s.t. in order to hide or protect it, e.g., cover a book.

**kusemererwa** v. 1 • be happy; feel or show pleasure. *Syn:* kusanyuka.

2 • be excited.

3 • be grateful.

4 • be interested.

**mbeera gya kusemererwa**

*Pl:* mbeera za kusemererwa. *n.* humour.

**kusemererwa** *Pl:* kusemererwa. *n.* happiness, amusement, pleasure, fun. *Syn:* masanyu.

**kusemeza** v. 1 • please, appease; show interest in s.b. so that they feel happy. *Syn:* kusanyukya.

2 • purify, make s.t. pure by removing contaminants.

3 • clean, tidy. *Syn:* kuyonja.

4 • beautify.

5 • modify.

6 • operate, perform surgery; cut open s.b.'s body and remove a part that has a disease or to repair it.

**kusenda** v. ostracize; expel s.b. from a family setting or a clan for his bad deeds.

**kusenga** v. 1 • lift up, pick up; take hold of s.t. and take it away. *Syn:* kubyokya. 2 • take hold of and carry to a different position.

**kusengesya** v. help s.b. lift up s.t.

**kusenga byozo** v. lift s.t. heavy.

**kusenga situ** v. buy s.t. in large quantities at the wholesale price. *Syn:* kusengesya.

**kwesenga** *Var:* kwesenga-

**sengesya** v. jump, bounce; type of jumping where you push yourself slightly up in the sky and then land somewhere else.

**kusenguka** v. migrate, shift; move from one part of the country, town, etc. to go and permanently live in another.

**kusenseduka** v. become ragged; get torn completely into a rag.

**kusensegula** v. 1 • demolish; tear down s.t. completely and make it lose its shape. *Syn:* kubbotola.

2 • *Metaphor.* insult, deride, demean, put down; say or make a remark that offends. *Syn:* kwiririrya, kuhedula.

**kusenseera** v. 1 • sprinkle, irrigate; pour



liquid on s.t., esp. watering plants using a watering can.

2 • sprinkle a thin layer of flour on posho water so that it boils very fast.

**kusera** v. night dance; when an evil spirit or cannibal wakes up naked in the night and spreads fire beginning from your home going to some people's families so as to bring misfortune.

**kusereka** v. thatch; put grass or iron sheets on a house after tying the reeds so that it does not leak.

**kusesenwa** v. 1 • become disgusted.

Syn: *kucijidwa*.

2 • become obsessed. Syn: *kucijidwa*.

**kusesenja** v. 1 • cause disgust; make s.b. feel unhappy, esp. due to bothering that person for too long so that he gets fed up. Syn: *kucijida*.

2 • cause s.b. to become obsessed.

Syn: *kucijida*.

**kusetuka** v. depart, leave; begin a journey. Syn: *kubyokya*, *kusimbura*.

**kusetula** v. start. Syn: *kubengira*, *kutandika*.

**kusetula nte** v. take cattle to water.

**kuseebeeka** v. arrange; line up things onto s.t. without leaving any space in between.

**kuseega** v. become poor.

**kuseegura** v. utter obscenities.

Syn: *kuhemura*.

**kusiga** v. sow; spread seeds and afterwards mix up the soil so that they get covered.

**kusigaara** v. lag behind; remain far behind while s.b. with whom you have been moving together is far in front.

**kusika** v. 1 • pull; hold s.t. firmly and use force to move it towards yourself.

Syn: *kujaaka*.

2 • stretch. Syn: *kunuula*.

3 • fish using a beach seine net.

4 • *Metaphor*. recover a girl; when parents retrieve their daughter from a man who had eloped with her.

5 • absorb; take in a liquid from the surface or space around.

Syn: *kwingiirya*, *kunywa*.

**kusika meezi** v. drain; empty a liquid.

**kwesika** v. be able to stretch; be able to become longer, wider or looser, e.g. while pulled. Syn: *kwenyuula*.

**kusikangana** Var: **kusikagana**. v. conflict, oppose, be hostile; backbite s.b. with whom you are working or staying.

**kusikina** v. *Taboo*. love play, esp. done by a woman during sexual intercourse.

**kusikiriza** v. attract, charm, appeal; use a convincing soft tongue to make s.b. like s.t.

**kusikirizibwa** v. be attracted; have a feeling of liking s.t. or s.b.

**kusikiira** v. drag; pull s.t. along the ground. Syn: *kukuuruura*, *kukoroteera*.

**kwesikiira** v. 1 • crawl, slither; move while touching the ground all the time with your stomach.

2 • saunter, amble, stroll; move more slowly than usual, in a way that seems lazy.

**kusimba<sub>1</sub>** v. plant; put seeds or young plants in the ground so that they germinate and grow.

**kusimba<sub>2</sub>** v. spear.

**kusimbiranwa** v. compete; take part in a contest or game. Syn: *kuriitya*, *kunyeega*, *kukwatangana*.

**kusinda<sub>1</sub>** v. fish using hooks, esp. Alestes fish.

**kusinda<sub>2</sub>** v. give or bestow a nickname. Syn: *kuruka*.

**kusindaga** v. incise, immunise; make cuttings on the body and smear medicinal herbs in order to guard against an epidemic, etc. Syn: *kusala misabi*.

**kwesindagira** Var: **kwesindaga**. v. incise, immunise yourself.

**kusinyontola** v. beat heavily; hit very hard so as to inflict a lot of pain or to press or squeeze s.t. so hard that it is damaged completely or loses its shape.

Syn: *kudikya*, *kudonga*, *kuhorongya*.

**kusiraana** v. be disadvantaged, unlucky; have no opportunity.

**kusiraania** v. cause s.b. to be disadvantaged, unlucky or to have misfortune.

**kusisana** v. *See main entry: kwisana.*

**kusisiriza** v. smear; spread an oily or soft substance on the skin.

**kusisiira** v. sully, denigrate, slander; tarnish s.b.'s image before his beloved one to bring about hatred.

**kusitama** v. squat; stand on your feet with the legs bent and the buttocks near the ground and the knees near the shoulders.

**kusiiba** v. fast; deny yourself food.

**kusiiburuka** v. break a fast; end a period during which you do not eat food for religious reasons.

**kusiibura museeri** v. *See main entry: museeri.*

**kusiiba** v. cause itching; make s.b. feel like scratching himself.

**kusiihwa** *Var: kusiihirirwa.* v. be itching; have or perceive a feeling of need to scratch yourself.

**kusiihana** *Var: kusiihwa-siuhwa.* v.

1 • be sexually promiscuous; indulge in casual and indiscriminate sexual relations.

2 • have sexual lust.

**kusiihuuka** v. fade; lose brilliance of colour.

**kusiihuula** v. winnow; blow a current of air through grain in order to remove the chaff. *Syn: kusegenya, kuhehya, kukunkuuta, kuhuuhuula.*

**kusiikura** *adv.* forcefully, of a kick; the high degree in which kicking is done.

**kusooba** v. tiptoe, sneak; walk very quietly, slowly and lightly so that you can either catch s.t. or avoid being heard.

**kusoba** v. go wrong; become mistaken.

**kusobya** v. make a mistake.

**kusoboka** v. be possible, viable; able to be done or to happen.

**kusobokeera** v. starve; suffer because you do not have enough food to eat.

*Syn: kwegama.*

**kusoboora** v. describe, explain, share

about; tell s.b. about s.t. in an easy way so that he understands. *Syn: kuhanulira.*

**kusoboora** v. introduce; give the particulars of s.b. so that others get to know that person. *Syn: kuhemba, kubazaho.*

**kwesoboora** v. 1 • introduce yourself; tell s.b. what your personal details are, e.g. name, job, marital status, etc. *Syn: kwezolokya, kwebazaho.*

2 • lodge a self defence and show cause why a disciplinary action or punitive measure should not be taken against you.

*Syn: kwetongonaho, kwelwanaho.*

**kwesoboorangana** v. introduce each other; when people who have met together tell each other their names, etc. *Syn: kwerangirangana.*

**kusobora** v. be able; capable of doing s.t.

**kusodoka** v. hop; jump on one leg.

**kusogora** v. kick s.b. hard in annoyance.

**kusoka** v. 1 • pump; put pressure into s.t. like a ball or tube using a pump.

2 • overload, pack in too much; put more of s.t. into a container than that container can carry.

**kusokodola** v. make s.t. hollow.

**kusokota<sub>1</sub>** v. act harshly.

**kusokota<sub>2</sub>** v. roll a cigarette into the shape of a tube before smoking.

**kusoma<sub>1</sub>** v. read, study, learn; look at and understand the meaning of written or printed words. *Syn: kupena, kwega.*



**kusoma maapu** v. study a given map.

**kusomeera mulimo** v. specialise in one work.

**kusoma<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • peck; when a bird uses its beak to eat s.t. or make s.t. feel pain.  
2 • drink soup.

**kusomba** v. transport.

**kusomoka<sub>1</sub>** v. escape; get away from a place where you have been detained.  
*Syn:* kucwa, kweziba, kulwotoka, kutoroka.

**kusomokamu** v. withdraw, resign; stop being part of an activity or being a member of a given organization.

**kusomoka<sub>2</sub>** v. fix s.t. into s.t. else.  
*Syn:* kusubba.

**kusomola** v. 1 • untie; undo s.t. that is tied. *Syn:* kukusula.  
2 • undress; take off s.t. that you are wearing.

**kusorokana** v. conduct a religious convention; run a large meeting of Christians.

**kusoroorwa** v. 1 • select; choose s.b. or s.t. carefully from many people or things.  
*Syn:* kukoma.

2 • classify.  
2 • discriminate, segregate, isolate; separate people for a reason, esp. due to religion, language, race, etc.  
*Syn:* kwahukania, kugoobeera, kutonda, kutongoola.

**kwesoroorwa** v. isolate yourself; be disunited due to not wanting to be together with others. *Syn:* kwenoba, kugungumara, kwebagaania, kwahukana, kwetongoola, kwenuga, kwesalaho, kwezahula, kwegunga.

**kusoroorwa** v. be isolated, removed from others remaining lonely without much contact with other people.

**kusorooza** v. collect, gather, bring things together from different people or places. *Syn:* kucooka.

**kwesorooza** v. gather; assemble together in one place with others.

**kusukusa** v. pod; remove husks or shells from groundnuts, beans, peas etc. by hitting.

**kusuna** v. pinch; tightly bring together two fingernails on the skin resulting in a feeling of pain.

**kusunga** v. be a spectator.

**kusungura** v. press the womb, so that a pregnant woman lies on her back in order to put the womb in its proper position.

**kusura** v. brand; put a mark on s.t. like an animal.

**kususura** v. dust, erase, rub off; move s.t. like a piece of cloth against s.t. in order to wipe off the dust.

**kusuubura<sub>1</sub>** v. trade; buy and sell goods in order to make a profit.

**kusuubura<sub>2</sub>** v. verify, check; examine s.t. to see if it is correct, safe, or satisfactory, to find out if it is how it should be.

**kusuuka** v. shine, of the sun, moon or stars.

**kusuukura** v. unveil.

**kusuula** v. reject, refuse; not accept s.t. you have been told or given.

*Syn:* kwekunuka, kugira, kugaana, kuhyema, kuryega.

**kusulukiira** v. directly reject or refuse s.b.'s request or command before that person.

**kusuuleeba** v. float; stay on or near the surface of a liquid and not sink.

*Syn:* kudengeeta.

**kusuura** v. go and check s.t. that has been caught in a trap.

**kuswa** v. grind; crush s.t., esp. grain, using a grinding stone or a grinding machine.



**kuswesya** v. cause s.t. be ground or to take s.t. for grinding.

**kuswaswana** Var: **kucwacwana**. v.

1 • crush, pulverise, pound, mash, grind; break s.t. into very small pieces or into powdery form.

Syn: kurunga.

2 • smash; completely destroy s.t.

3 • spoil, ruin; completely destroy s.t. Syn: kujurunga, kuhenera.

**kuswaswana bidyo**

Var: **kucwacwana bidyo**. v. digest; break down food into very small particles so that blood can move it throughout the body.

**kuswaswanika**

Var: **kucwacwanika**. v. be ground, crushed completely into powder.

**kuswaga** v. eat sauce greedily.

**kuswakira** v. use a straight long piece of wood to move a canoe along in shallow water by pushing on the lake bottom with the pole.

**kuswanyura** v. whip; hit s.b. or an animal hard with a long thin piece of stick, rope or leather, etc., as a punishment or to make them go faster or work harder. Syn: kuhara, kujwata, kuroopa, kukaalula.

**kuswara** v. feel shame due to doing s.t. shameful. Syn: kukwatwa nsoni.

**kuswaswana bidyo** v. See main entry: **kucwacwana bidyo**.

**kuswaza** v. shame, embarrass; make s.b. feel shame. Syn: kukwatiswa nsoni.

**kuswera** v. marry; become the husband or wife of s.b.

**kuswerwa** v. be married.

**kusyotooka** Var: **kusyatuuka**; **kukyatuuka**. v. move improperly, e.g., of an obese person.

**kusyotola** v. fart, break wind; pass gas from the stomach quietly through the anus.

**kuta** v. 1 • put; place s.t. somewhere. Syn: kwicya.

2 • form, fashion.

3 • add on.

4 • tune; adjust for better functioning, e.g., tune a radio.

5 • switch on, e.g., electricity.

6 • bear; for a plant to produce leaves or bear fruit.

**kutamu** v. 1 • put in, insert s.t. inside s.t.

2 • include; make s.t. be part of a group.

**kutamu maani** Var: **kutamu**

**bihika**. v. encourage; give s.b. support, courage or hope, or to persuade s.b. to do s.t. by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do.

Syn: kwekambisya, kwiryamu maani.

**kutabura** Var: **kutabu-tabura**; **kutaba-tabura**. v. 1 • stir, combine, mix up s.t. into another thing usually in a way that means it cannot easily be separated again, e.g., when preparing porridge or stew. Syn: kucanga, kuhyangya.

2 • cause a commotion, chaos; make s.b. become rough or violent.

3 • disorganise; upset s.t. that had been properly arranged or was calm.

**kutaburwa-taburwa** v. be confused.

**kutabuka** v. become upset, angry, violent or to feel disappointment.

**kutabuka-tabuka** v. be in disorder; misunderstandings and commotion, e.g., in a family, organization, country, etc.

**kwetabura** v. get combined, mixed up.

**kutagata** From: Runyoro. v. 1 • become warm. Syn: kuhyoha.

2 • Metaphor. become excited.

Syn: kuhyoha.

**kutagatya** v. warm; heat s.t. to a moderate temperature, neither hot or cold, e.g., sauce, tea or bathing water. Syn: kuhyohya.

**kutaha** v. fetch, draw water; get s.t. from somewhere, esp. a liquid, using a container such as a mug, gourd, pot, etc.

**kutakula**<sub>1</sub> v. provoke, disturb, harass; say or do s.t. that you know will annoy

s.b. so that they react in an angry way.  
*Syn:* kwagaaga, kwendereerya,  
 kusodokanja, kutoolyaho, kwembemba.

**kutakula<sub>2</sub>** *v.* search for s.t. by jumbling or mixing up things.

**kutalibana** *v.* try, but fail; struggle to do s.t. with little or no success.

**kutalibaniza** *v.* disturb, bother; interrupt the peace of s.b. *Syn:* kugadya.

**kutalika** *v.* smoke food; cook without water, e.g., fish, meat, on a piece of wire netting to prevent it from going bad or to bring a special taste.

**kutama** *v.* disgust; cause s.b. to be sickened by s.t.

**kutamwa** *v.* become disgusted, sickened.

**kutamba** *v.* cure, treat; give medical care to an illness, injury or pain.

*Syn:* kuhonja.

**kutambwa** *v.* be treated medically.

**kutambaluka** *v.* cross over; go across to another place. *Syn:* kutaaduuka, kucwa.

**kutambula** *v.* move in a relaxed mood.

**kutambura** *v.* donate, give free fish or meat to s.b. so they can cook.

*Syn:* kuzama.

**kwetambura** *v.* ask for free fish or meat in order to cook.

*Syn:* kwezama.

**kutamiira** *v.* become drunk; by drinking so much alcohol or by taking narcotic drugs that one is unable to think or speak properly.

**kutamiirya** *v.* intoxicate; make s.b. or an animal drunk.

**kutana** *v.* be busy; when a market full of people and goods.

**kutandika** *v.* begin, commence; start doing s.t. *Syn:* kubengira, kusetula.

**kutandikamu** *v.* start again; continue from where you stopped.

**kutandikiraho** *v.* start instantly; do s.t. there and then without waiting even a minute.

**kutandikisya** *v.* launch, initiate; be the first to do s.t.

**kutandikisyo** *v.* generate.

**kutanga** *v.* 1 • stop; make s.t. or s.b. no longer continue moving.

2 • refuse permission for a wife to go back to her family in order to force her husband to pay the remaining part of a dowry that is owed.

**kutangiza** *v.* prevent, stop; keep s.b. from doing s.t. or s.t. from happening.

**kutangiira** *v.* welcome s.b.; greet a visitor in a friendly and pleasant way.

**kutara<sub>1</sub>** *v.* start building a house or any other structure or building.

**kutara<sub>2</sub>** *v.* wage war; start fighting or quarrelling.

**kutarambaara** *v.* overflow; wastefully pour out and spread out on the ground.

**kutara-tara** *Var:* kutara. *v.* stagger; walk as if you are about to fall due to weakness of the body, sickness or drunkenness. *Syn:* kukapa-kapa.

**kutata** *v.* spy; collect secret information about a person, country, organization, etc. *Syn:* kubega.

**kutatiira** *v.* harden; be hard.

*Syn:* kwomeresana, kukangabala.

**kutatiirya** *v.* 1 • strengthen, reinforce; make s.t. strong.

2 • make s.t. tight, hard or firm.

*Syn:* kukaza, kugaga.

3 • *Metaphor.* motivate.

4 • *Metaphor.* complicate s.t.

**kwetatiirya** *v.* *Metaphor.* endure; put up with s.t. that is painful or unpleasant without complaining.

*Syn:* kugumira, kulindira.

**kutaaba** *v.* contradict, have divergent ideas; take different directions.

**kutaabaana** *v.* wander; walk slowly here and there without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to idleness. *Syn:* kwandaara, kwenjeera, kuhama-hama, kumanga-manga, kupaaraara, kutaaruuka, kuzengeera.

**kutaaduuka** *v.* cross, jump over; move from one side of s.t. to the other without stepping on it. *Syn:* kucwa, kutambaluka.

**kutaaga** *v.* 1 • request, plead; ask for s.t. in a very obedient manner.

2 • yell, groan, scream; shout loudly due to pain, fear, anger or excitement.

**kutaaga** v. need; have a requirement or need for s.t.

**kutaala** v. develop a habit to an extent that it is hard to give it up.

**kutaamuula** v. scoop s.t. anyhow without minding about how you do it.

**kutaaruuka** v. 1 • wander; walk slowly here and there without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to idleness. *Syn:* kwandaara, kwenjeera, kuhama-hama, kumanga-manga, kupaaraara, kutaabaana, kuzengeera.

2 • *Metaphor.* be sexually promiscuous; be sexually unstable as to go in for one after another. *Syn:* kwendye-ndya, kuraaya, kuḽunga, kurawarawa, kukora ḽwenzi.

**kutebeza** *Var:* **kutebya**. v. preach; tell people a religious gospel, esp. in a church.

**kutega<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • set a trap when hunting or fishing.

2 • open a hand or any other thing when you are asking for or receiving s.t. *Syn:* kwala, kuḽuula.

**kutega kategu** v. *Metaphor.* deceive s.b.; get s.t. from s.b. by means of a trick.

**kutega<sub>2</sub>** v. shave; cut off hair from s.b.'s face. *Syn:* kumwa, kuhala, kugema.

**kutegeka** v. plan; prepare for s.t. you want to do in the future.

**kwetegekera** v. plan your future.

**kuteketeera** v. be soft. *Syn:* kuheheera, kworoba, kuhudekeera.

**kutema** v. 1 • chop, cut; use a large sharp instrument to divide s.t.



2 • remove cassava or sweet potatoes from the garden after they mature.

**kutema-tema** v. cut into pieces; use a sharp instrument to repeatedly separate s.t.

**kutemaho** v. cut off a piece from s.t.

**kutemamu** v. divide up.

**kutema kiina** v. dig a hole.

*Syn:* kwemba, kulima kiina.

**kutemagana** v. be very smart, good-looking, neat, clean. *Syn:* kukuca, kumyangarasana.

**kutemba<sub>1</sub>** v. climb; go up a mountain or hill. *Syn:* kuniina.



**kutembya** v. 1 • lift, raise, put s.t. up.

2 • *Metaphor.* promote; raise an employee to a higher rank. *Syn:* kuhandya.

**kwetembya** v. *Metaphor.* brag, boast; put yourself at a higher standard that you have not yet reached. *Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwetembeekya** v. 1 • climb very high up into or on s.t. e.g., on the highest part of a tree.

2 • climb; the act of a small child playfully climbing on s.b. especially their parents.

**kutemba<sub>2</sub>** v. *Taboo.* have sexual relations with s.b., of a man. *Syn:* kucuga,

kugambya, kugosa.

**kutemba kwa mihendu** v. *See main entry: muhendu.*

**kutemula** v. tear; destroy s.t. due to pulling it apart or due to over using it.

**kutemuka** v. 1 • become torn; damage s.t. due to pulling it apart or to overuse.  
2 • *Metaphor.* be apart; not be together.

**kutemwa-temwa** v. feel pins and needles in the body; feel a tingling sensation.

**kutenda** v. praise; express approval or admiration. *Syn:* kuramya, kucaka, kuhaariiza, kukugiza, kunyumiza, kupaaka, kutumbula.

**kutendeka** v. train; teach people a particular skill.

**kutengeera** v. *Taboo.* arouse sexually.

**kutengeeta** v. be shaken; be moved with short quick movements from side to side or up and down.

*Syn:* kuzingizika.

**kutengeetya** v. shake; make s.t. move with short quick movements from side to side or up and down.  
*Syn:* kucukya, kuzingiiza.

**kuterekera** v. put food in a cooking utensil when you are about to cook it.

**kuterekeera** v. 1 • go straight, directly; move in a straight line or in one direction.

2 • *Metaphor.* live a straight honest honourable life.

**kuterekereera** v. 1 • straighten; unbend s.t. *Syn:* kugoora, kudambula, kurambiika, kunuguura.

2 • *Metaphor.* correct, put right; iron out a mistake. *Syn:* kunihiriirya.

3 • order, line up; arrange things in a straight line as per their sequence.

**kuteeba**<sub>1</sub> *Var:* kuteebeera. v.

1 • guess, conjecture, suppose, surmise; utter out this and that in order to arrive to a correct thing, when you are not sure about it. *Syn:* kupima-pima, kucuuha.

2 • imagine; form a picture in your mind of what s.t. might be like. *Syn:* kupima-

pima, kuhihiriirya.

**kuteeba**<sub>2</sub> v. score; gain points in a game.

**kuteeka**<sub>1</sub> v. 1 • become calm; move from being stormy to calming down.

2 • settle; let suspended particles in a liquid sink to the bottom.

**kweteeka** v. *Metaphor.* give up; finally stop doing s.t. after many serious attempts. *Syn:* kudedeera, kwegumya.

**kuteekana** v. *Metaphor.* be settled, comfortable; stay in a place peacefully without any problem.

**kuteeka**<sub>2</sub> v. heap; put things in a pile.

**kuteekaniza** v. prepare, organise, make arrangements; make s.t. ready to be used or to be done.

**kweteekaniza** v. become prepared, organised; make yourself ready to do s.t.

**kuteekanizamu** v. rearrange; arrange once again.

**kuteekera** *Var:* kuteekira. v. sharpen; make the edge or point of s.t. finer, esp. of s.t. that can cut or make a hole in s.t.  
*Syn:* kuhyolya, kwobohya, kusongoroorya, kusiihya.

**kuteekereza** v. think, consider, ponder; use the mind so as to come out with an idea on s.t.

**kuteekerezaho** v. form an attitude, opinion; develop thoughts or feelings on a subject, that are not necessarily based on fact.

**kuteekerezebwo** v. be thought of, remembered; remain in s.b.'s mind even when not there.

**kukoresya mutwe**

**kuteekereza** *Var:* kukoresya bwongu kuteekereza.

*Pl:* kukoresya mutwe

**kuteekereza** n. common sense.

**kuteekwa** v. *See main entry: kiteekwa.*

**kuteemuura** v. 1 • cut or slash densely thick shrub or bush.

2 • pave a road.

**kuteera** v. 1 • be slippery; when it is impossible to hold s.t. firmly.

2 • put s.t. onto s.t.

**kuterera** v. slide down, slip over against muddy ground and almost fall or fall.

**kutereerya** v. make s.t. smooth.

**kuteerana** v. 1 • be united, in unity; have cooperation, e.g., due to friendship, clan relationship, etc.

2 • be connected together.

3 • come into contact.

**kuteerenia** Var: **kuteeranja**;

**kuteeraniza** v. 1 • join, connect, attach, link; stick or put things together. *Syn:* kukwatya, kuyunga, kutumira.

2 • unify, reconcile; make people again be together in unity.

**kweteeraniza** v. 1 • be joined, connected, linked, attached.

2 • join; become part of a group.

*Syn:* kweyunga.

**kuteereera** v. 1 • advise, admonish; strongly tell s.b. what you think they should do in a particular situation.

*Syn:* kuhana, kuha magezi, kuhaḅura, kuhanulira, kukengesya, kulamba.

2 • condemn s.t. bad; be able to foresee s.t. bad that might happen in the future and speak against it before it really happens.

**kuteesa** v. negotiate; try to reach an agreement through discussion, exchanging ideas so as to reach an agreement. *Syn:* kuhanuura.

**kutindaga** v. beat; hit very hard.

*Syn:* kumaamira, kukuuta, kunyampya.

**kutitina** v. push together, squeeze strongly. *Syn:* kumiga.

**kutoobboola** v. gut a fish; remove intestines from fish.

**kutoodira** v. toddle; walk with short, unsteady steps, esp. a young child who has just learnt to walk.

**kutoka** v. shout; speak in a loud voice or to make a loud noise. *Syn:* kwaluka, kwomba.

**kutokeera** v. condemn; express very strong disapproval. *Syn:* kwama, kujumiira, kurumiriza, kubyokeera, kuhonereerya, kusingisya musangu.

**kutokota** v. be boiled. *Syn:* kucamuka.

**kutola** v. be stunted; grow in a stunted fashion.

**kutoola** Var: **kutoolamu**; **kutoolamwo**.

v. get, remove, eliminate, take away, pick s.t. and take it elsewhere, separating it from others.

**kutoolaho** v. subtract; take a number or an amount away from another number or amount.

**kutoolayo meiso** v. avert your eyes, look away.

**kwetoolaho** v. 1 • *Metaphor.*

disassociate; say or do s.t. to show that you are not connected with or do not support s.b.

2 • *Metaphor.* do s.t. in order to avoid being blamed or as a pretext of avoiding being blamed.

3 • *Metaphor.* dodge, avoid s.b. so that you don't have to help them, deal with them or have a friendly relationship with them.

*Syn:* kwesalaho.

**kutoolwaho** v. be exempted, set free from a responsibility; be permitted not to keep on meeting a financial obligation, e.g., tax.

**kutomera** v. knock, collide, bump into; hit s.t. accidentally. *Syn:* kukunda.

**kutomerangana** v. 1 • act that makes things facing each other to come together and hit each other with some noise.

2 • *Metaphor.* conflict with each other; be in conflict by backbiting s.b. with whom you are working or staying.

**kwetomera** v. hit; knock a part of your body against s.t.





**kutomerana** *Pl: kutomerana. n.*  
collision.

**kutona** *v.* serve food; put cooked food in a plate when it is ready for eating.  
*Syn:* kwihula.

**kutonda** *v.* 1 • list; mention or include s.t. in a list. *Syn:* kusorongya.  
2 • discriminate; treat one person or group better than another in an unfair way. *Syn:* kugoobeera, kusoroora, kutongoola, kwahukanja.

**kutondoola** *v.* 1 • skin, peel; remove the skin or a shell from s.t., esp. fruit.  
2 • scrape; remove maize grains from a maize cob.

**kutunga** *v.* recall a loan; ask s.b. for what he owes you.

**kutongwa** *v.* owe; be indebted to s.b.

**kutongoola** *v.* set apart, isolate; separate s.t. or s.b. from the rest due to uniqueness. *Syn:* kusoroora, kugoobeera, kutonda, kwahukanja.

**kutongoolya** *v.* specify.

**kwetongoola** *v.* isolate yourself from the many and place yourself in a unique state. *Syn:* kwenoba, kugungumara, kwesoroora, kwebagaanja, kwahukana, kwenuga, kwesalaho, kwezahula, kwegunga.

**kutongona** *Var: kutongana. v.* plead a case; state that you are not guilty.

**kutongoneera** *v.* 1 • advocate, plead on behalf and support or speak for s.b. in order to defend that person against a case.  
2 • intercede.  
3 • claim.

**kwetongonaho**

*Var: kwetonganaho. v.* defend, protect yourself against verbal accusations, esp. in a court of law.  
*Syn:* kwesoboora, kwelwanaho.

**kutongooza** *v.* officially launch s.t.

**kutontoloma** *Var: kutontoroma. v.* complain; say that you are annoyed, unhappy or not satisfied about s.t.  
*Syn:* kutuuruuma.

**kutoora<sub>1</sub>** *v.* introduce a marriage

partner; occasion whereby members from the girls home go to see the dowry items at the man's home.

**kutoora<sub>2</sub>** *v.* use occasionally.

**kutorooga** *v.* 1 • produce a stillbirth or miscarriage, when an animal is born dead.

2 • give birth prematurely; when an animal bears its young before the normal time of the pregnancy.

**kutoroka** *From: Swahili. v.* escape; move away from s.b. to a hidden place due to the wrong you have done or in order to prevent danger. *Syn:* kweziba, kulwotoka, kucwa, kusomoka.

**kutugira** *v.* add water into the roasted contents for alcohol preparation out of which white liquor is produced.

**kutula<sub>1</sub>** *v.* be sharp; able to cut.

**kutula<sub>2</sub>** *v.* weave papyrus into a mat.

**kutulira** *v.* infect; spread a disease or illness to s.b.

**kutuluka** *v.* pulverise, grind; turn s.t. into powdery form due to pounding it.

**kutuma** *v.* send, delegate; order s.b. to go somewhere in order to take or bring s.t. *Syn:* kutweka.

**kutumira** *v.* send s.b. for or to.

**kutumwa** *v.* be chosen by s.b. who is above you in authority and be sent somewhere to represent him.

**kutumbula** *v.* praise; express approval or admiration. *Syn:* kiramya, kucaka, kuhaariiza, kukugiza, kunyumiza, kupaaka, kutenda.

**kutumbuka** *v.* become popular.

**kutumbuluka** *v.* float; move from beneath the water and rise up on the surface.

**kutunaka** *v.* vomit; eject food or liquid from the stomach through the mouth, esp. due to sickness.

**kutunakisya** *v.* induce vomiting; cause s.b. to vomit.

**kutunda** v. 1 • sell; exchange s.t. for money.



2 • *Metaphor.* betray; tell s.b. false words in order to mislead or betray him.

*Syn:* kuhemuka, kudiirisana, kugobeza.

**kutunga** v. 1 • receive, get, obtain, acquire; gain s.t. by your own efforts, ability or behaviour or by being given.

*Syn:* kufuna, kukwata.

2 • possess, own; have s.t. that may make you rich.

**kutungangana** *Var:* kutungagana. v. get married to each other; become the husband or wife of s.b.

**kutungwa** v. be feasible.

**kutuntula** v. drizzle; rain very lightly.

*Syn:* kuhuuuuka, kupampatika.

**kutuntura** v. be worried; have an unsettled mind.

**kutuntuza** v. persecute; treat s.b. in a cruel and unfair way. *Syn:* kuhiganiza, kuwonawonesya, kuleba-lebya.

**kutuntuziḡwa** v. be persecuted; be treated in an unfair way due to differences in language, religion or politics.

**kutura** v. work; report for work, in the morning or in the afternoon.

**kutuuba** v. be greedy for food.

**kutuukula** v. 1 • remove s.t. from s.b.'s head or to help s.b. to remove s.t. from the head.

2 • unload; remove things from s.t. like a vehicle. *Syn:* kupaakuura.



**kwetuukula** v. unload, remove; offload s.t. from the head that you have been carrying.

**kutuuma** v. heap; gather many things together in an untidy pile.

*Syn:* kupuutiika.

**kwetuuma** v. crowd together; gather together in a disorderly manner.

**kutuura<sub>1</sub>** v. infect, spread a disease; make s.b. sick.

**kutuura<sub>2</sub>** v. whirl, whiz; the act of a fast moving or flying object making some sound.

**kutuuuruuma** v. complain; say that you are annoyed or unhappy about s.t.

*Syn:* kutontoloma.

**kutuusa** *conj.* until; up to the point in time of the event mentioned.

*Syn:* kudoosya, mpaka.

**kutwala<sub>1</sub>** v. take; catch or carry s.t. and remove it from where it has been.

**kutwalisya** v. 1 • make s.t. be taken away.

2 • escort; take s.b. somewhere.

**kutwalwa** v. 1 • be taken.

2 • *Euph.* die.

**kutwalwa kwa kintu** *n.* erosion; mechanical process of wearing or grinding something down, e.g., water running over soil.

**kwetwara** v. take s.t. of yours somewhere by yourself.

**kwetwala** v. go somewhere by yourself without being forced.

**kutwala<sub>2</sub>** v. treat; relate with your colleague by way of behaviours.

**kutwalwa ḡulo** v. *See main entry:* ḡulo.

**kutweka<sub>1</sub>** v. impregnate; make a woman conceive.

- kutwekwa** *v.* be impregnated, resulting in conception and pregnancy.
- kutweka<sub>2</sub>** *v.* give s.t. to s.b. for them to deliver it for you somewhere.  
*Syn:* kutuma.
- kutweka bbaruha** *v.* post a letter.
- kutyagira** *v.* move improperly due to pain.
- kutyakura** *v.* cut just once with a very sharp instrument.
- kuvuga** *v.* drive, ride; make a vehicle go where you want to go.
- kwevuga** *v.* own a car.
- kuwaya-waya** *v.* struggle; try very hard to do s.t. when it is difficult or when there are a lot of problems.  
*Syn:* kulwanjsya, kupatikana, kwenyamula, kugada-gada, kuguuguuza, kunyeega, kupataka, kupoolooka, kutita, kwekamba, kwesabbula.
- kuwaara** *v.* 1 • roar, rumble; of water making a sound, e.g., due to boiling or waves falling on the shore.  
2 • rattle; make a rapid series of short sounds, e.g., from an insect.
- kuwaaya** *v.* dry slightly; state of s.t. having received only slight sunshine.  
*Syn:* kukasa.
- kuweweeta** *v.* *See main entry:* kuhwehweta.
- kuweera** *v.* tell; say words to s.b. in order to give information, an idea or your feelings.
- kuweereeraho** *v.* reprimand, tell off; utter a word to s.b. face to face without fearing anything.
- kuweerwa** *v.* be told; be given words, information, an idea from s.b. else.
- kuweera muntu kwetegeerya** *v.* tell s.b. to pay attention.
- kuwona** *v.* 1 • see; become aware of s.t. by using the eyes.  
2 • visit; go to see s.b. or a place for a period of time. *Syn:* kuḅunga.
- kuwonwa** *v.* be visible; be in the open where everybody can see you.

- kuwonera mu nkwihi** *v.* squint; see without fully opening the eyes.
- kwoneera** *v.* 1 • care for, mind; look after s.b. who is sick, very old, very young, etc. *Syn:* kufaho, kulingiira, kulinda.  
2 • guard; protect property, places or people from attack or danger.  
*Syn:* kufaho, kulingiira, kulinda.
- kwewona** *v.* look at yourself, esp. through a reflective surface like a mirror.
- kuwonawona** *v.* suffer; be in pain, sickness, injury, sadness, loss, wars, poverty, etc. *Syn:* kugoolleekwa.
- kuwonawonesya** *v.* 1 • mistreat; cause s.b. pain, sadness, loss and many other difficulties.  
2 • torture; cause s.b. severe pain in order to punish him or make him confess s.t.  
3 • persecute; treat s.b. in a cruel way. *Syn:* kuhiganiza, kuleba-lebya, kutuntuza.
- kuwonda** *v.* 1 • become silent.  
2 • be timid.
- kuwoneka** *v.* appear; come into view and be seen by people. *Syn:* kuzooka.
- kuwonekerana** *v.* be transparent; transmit light and be able to be seen through with clarity.
- kuwonekerwa** *v.* 1 • have a vision.  
2 • be possessed by a holy spirit.
- kuwonira ḅwire mu lwije** *v.* *See main entry:* ḅwire.
- kuwoya** *v.* smell; exude the smell of s.t. *Syn:* kuhunya.
- kuyamba** *From:* Luganda. *v.* help, assist; willingly give s.t. to s.b. who has a problem. *Syn:* kujuna, kuḱoonjera.
- kuyambwa** *v.* be given assistance in a problem.
- kuyaayuka** *v.* get worn out through normal use, of clothes.
- kuyonja** *v.* tidy, clean; make smart, hygienic. *Syn:* kusemeza.
- kweyonja** *v.* make yourself smart, clean, neat, tidy. *Syn:* kwecuma.
- kuyunga** *v.* join; stick s.t. onto another.

*Syn:* kuteerenia, kukwatya, kutumira.

**kweyunga** *v.* join; become part of a group. *Syn:* kweteeraniza.

**kuzahuka** *v.* get back to your original home after having got lost, abducted or been given to a wrong father by your mum.

**kuzahula** *v.* cause a scald.

**kuzama** *v.* donate or give free fish or meat to s.b. so they can cook.

*Syn:* kutambura.

**kwezama** *v.* ask for free fish or meat so you can cook. *Syn:* kwetambura.

**kuzaaaha** *v.* wander, move from home, stay at other houses, esp. to stay away for longer than others expected you to be away.

**kuzengeera** *v.* wander; walk slowly here and there without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to idleness. *Syn:* kwandaara, kwenjeera, kuhama-hama, kumanga-manga, kupaaraara, kutaabaana, kutaaruuka.

**kuzenza** *v.* trot; move on foot with short quick steps at a speed greater than walking but slower than running.

**kuzenzemula** *v.* disorganise the pattern of s.t.

**kuzeeera** *v.* subside, of swelling.

**kuzigina** *v.* step on; put a foot on or stand on s.t.

**kuzigura** *v.* 1 • rotate, revolve, swing around; turn around s.t. that has a central fixed point from where it moves. 2 • start, crank a machine.

**kuzina** *From:* Runyoro. *v.* sing; make musical sounds with your voice in the form of a song or tune. *Syn:* kuhiima.

**kuzindaara** *v.* dim; reduce in light or sound.

**kuzingala** *v.* be sad, annoyed for having been abused, beaten, not achieving a hope, etc. *Syn:* kusaalirwa.

**kuzingama** *v.* become crippled.

**kuzira<sub>1</sub>** *v.* overcome, cease, totally do away with a bad habit that you have been having.

**kweziramwo** *Var:* kweziramu;

**kweziramwona.** *v.* 1 • repent, reform; show sincerely that you have done wrong, asking for forgiveness and to promising never to do it again. *Syn:* kwegarukamu, kwecwamu, kujunwa.

2 • reconcile; become friends again after a disagreement.

**kweziranganamu** *v.* reconcile with each other; act of unity that makes s.b. forgive anybody with whom he is working or staying.

*Syn:* kwecwamu, kwirya.

**kuzira<sub>2</sub>** *v.* be forbidden, prohibited; be unable to do s.t. because it is a taboo for you to do it.

**kuziika** *v.* bury; cover with a lot of soil. *Syn:* kubbumba.

**kuziika** *Pl:* kuziika. *n.* burial, funeral.

**kuzooka** *v.* 1 • be found; appear where you can be seen. *Syn:* kuwoneka. 2 • occur.

**kuzooka-zooka** *v.* be usual, always seen, common; always happening, etc. very often.

**kuzoola<sub>1</sub>** *v.* 1 • remove rubbish. 2 • scoop.

**kuzoola<sub>2</sub>** *v.* take off a larger part than normally expected.

**kuzongoba** *v.* quarrel, have a row; exchange of violent words, esp. between two people. *Syn:* kukungana, kuhooyona.

**kuzuḡula** *v.* pluck; remove the feathers off a dead bird.

**kuzumu** *n.* underworld; deep down in the ground.

**kuzumungwa** *Var:* kuzomongwa. *v.* be funny.

**kuzumura** *v.* pay back a dowry to s.b.

**kuura** *v.* mourn; cry over losing s.b. who has died.

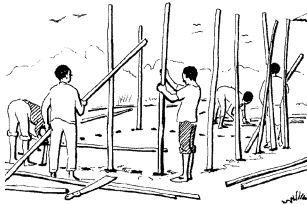
**kubejza** *From:* Runyoro. *v.* carve; make objects by cutting away material from wood or stone. *Syn:* kuheesa.

**kubiibi** *adv.* poorly.

**kubiikisya** *v.* See main entry: kubiika.

**kubikupukamu** v. give up; stop trying to do s.t. *Syn:* kubihuumula, kubisomokamu, kubyeganyira, kwehuukya, kbyelekesya, kubileka, kubirugamu.

**kubimba** v. build; make a building or a house.



**kubinya** v. dance; shake the body, in a lovely way, following the sound of music.

**kubinya mugongo** v. dance by twisting the waist.

**kubiringita** v. roll; move s.t. so that it turns over and over.

**kwebiringitya** v. roll over, wallow; play in mud or water for cooling the body.

**kubiringita kweihiga ku lusahu** *Pl: kubiringita kwa mahiga ku lusahu. n. landslide.*

**kubisa** v. hide; put s.t. where it cannot be seen or found. *Syn:* kukulukusiriya.

**kubisiira** v. conceal, hide from s.b.; put s.t. somewhere so that s.b. does not see or find it.

**kubisira** v. help s.b. hide s.t.

**kwebisa** v. hide yourself; go somewhere where you hope not to be seen or found.

**kubisya** *Var: kubisyaho.* v. go side ways; make way for s.b. *Syn:* kurugiza.

**kbyelekesya** v. give up; stop trying to do s.t. *Syn:* kubikupukamu, kubihuumula, kubisomokamu, kubyeganyira, kwehuukya, kubileka, kubirugamu.

**kubyokya** v. *See main entry: kubyoka.*

**kubulubuta** v. 1 • roast; slightly roast or burn s.t.

2 • bubble; sound made by food while it is being boiled.

**kubuulya** v. ask, question; speak a word that asks for an answer. *Syn:* kukaguza.

**kwebuulya** v. think twice, seek for advice before doing s.t.

**kubuunja** *Var: kubuniamu.* v. redo, repeat; do or produce s.t. again or more than once. *Syn:* kukoramwo kintu hwa kandi.

**kubbalya** v. blink; automatic and quick shutting and opening of the eyes.

**kubbegula** v. break, fracture; damage and separate s.t. into two or more parts, through force. *Syn:* kwata, kubinya.

**kubbeguka** v. be fractured, broken; breaking of a bone or of s.t. extremely brittle.

**kubbigibbiya** v. fling; throw s.t. like a club with force, esp. due to anger.

**kubbokola** v. bark; loud noise made by a dog to show anger.

**kubbootya-bbootya** v. do shoddy work; without enough care or good workmanship.

**kubbutuka** v. play in water while kicking as if you are swimming.

**kubbutya** v. *See main entry: kubbuta.*

**kubbuukira** v. catch, restrain; suddenly capture s.t. or s.b. that tries or would try to escape. *Syn:* kubbakula.

**kucekya** v. *See main entry: kuceka.*

**kuciida** *From: Alur. v. 1 • cause s.b. to be disgusted. Syn: kusesenja.*

2 • cause obsession. *Syn: kusesenja.*

**kuciidwa** *From: Alur. v. 1 • become disgusted. Syn: kusesenwa.*

2 • become obsessed.

*Syn: kusesenwa.*

**kucinkibba** v. limp, hobble; walk without properly putting the whole leg on the ground due to injury or lameness. *Syn:* kuconkoda.

**kucucumiirya** v. order a dog to run after s.t., e.g., an animal, etc.

**kucukya** v. shake; wriggle s.t. strongly. *Syn: kutengeetya, kuzingiiza.*

**kucumya**<sub>1</sub> v. point; stretch a finger or s.t. held in your hand towards s.t.

**kucumya**<sub>2</sub> v. dip food in soup.

**kucungya** v. toss; throw s.t. up in the

sky, e.g., a spear or a club far away.

**kwecungya** v. fly up; go extremely high in the sky, e.g., to be at the top of a tree.

**kucuuuya** v. frown, esp. with the mouth.

**kucuuhya** v. play a game of hiding s.t. in the hand so that another player guesses where it is. *Syn:* kuteeba.

**kucuuukiriya** v. incite; encourage s.b. to fight another. *Syn:* kutuuga, kuhemba mworo, kuhaga.

**kucwa** v. judge; decide whether s.b. is guilty of an offence or innocent in a court of law.

**kucwamu** v. decide, determine; choose one of all the possibilities on s.t., esp. after carefully thinking about it.

**kucwa makuru** v. gossip; spread rumours. *Syn:* kuhesa.

**kudi** *dem.* 1 • that one over there.  
2 • towards that place over there.

**kudiba** *Var:* **kulibba**. v. be unsold; end up not being bought in a market.

**kudida** v. associate; relate strongly with s.b.

**kudigita** v. *See main entry:* **kutigita**.

**kudiisya** v. *See main entry:* **kudya**.

**kudikira** v. sink, get submerged; go down towards the bottom of water.

*Syn:* kubbuta, kwicanikira, kugizira.

**kudikiirya** v. immerse, submerge s.t.; cause s.t. to be completely covered by a liquid.

*Syn:* kubbututiriirya, kubbutya, kugiziirya. *See:* **kwibbuka** 'immerse partly'.

**kudikya** v. beat heavily; hit very hard so as to inflict a lot of pain. *Syn:* kudonga, kuhorongya, kusinyontola, kubbarangura.

**kudoliga** v. design.

**kudomya** *Var:* **kudoma-domya**. v. tease, bully, mock; make s.b. feel stupid or to see no sense in s.b. *Syn:* kusonsa, kujooga, kusekereerya, kucookooza.

**kudonga** v. beat heavily; hit very hard so as to inflict a lot of pain.

*Syn:* kudikya, kuhorongya, kusinyontola.

**kudoosenia** v. be set, ready, punctual; be at the exact time for which s.t. should be done.

**kudoosereerya** v. fulfil; keep a promise or do what you are expected of in time.

**kudoosya**<sub>1</sub> v. deliver; take s.t. or s.b. somewhere.

**kudoosya**<sub>2</sub> *conj.* until; up to the point in time of the event mentioned.

*Syn:* kutuusa, mpaka.

**kudukula** v. hit; strike s.t. very strongly. *Syn:* kukubba.

**kudunduuka** v. 1 • fly; move in space or air.

2 • hurry; move extremely quickly.

**kudunduuka** *Pl:* **kudunduuka**. *n.* flight.

**kuduupa** v. 1 • persuade, convince; use attractive words to make s.b. do s.t. that you want.

2 • seduce; when a man uses convincing words towards a woman so that she gives in to him.

**kuduupira** v. persuade another on behalf of s.b.; use attractive words to convince s.b. to assist your friend so that your friend gets what he wants from that person.

**kuduura** v. look down on, demean; put down your colleague due to you having more possessions than he has.

**kufinika** v. plait, make a certain style of braids; tie small heaps of hair on the head without using threads.

**kugadya** v. bother, disturb; interrupt s.b. when they are trying to work.

*Syn:* kutalibaniza.

**kugada-gadya** v. cause s.b. to suffer.

**kugambya** v. *Taboo.* have sexual relations with s.b. *Syn:* kucuga, kutemba, kugosa.

**kugaanisa** v. *See main entry:* **kugaana**.

**kugerekenia** v. heap, pile; put things one on top of the other.

**kwegerekenia** v. get heaped or piled on top of s.t.

**kugerya** v. imitate; do as s.b. else has done or to repeat exactly what s.b. has said.

**kugeryaho** v. try, attempt; do s.t. well aware that you may fail to do it or you may not do it properly.  
*Syn:* kulengaho.

**kya kugerya** *Pl:* **bya kugerya**. n. experiment.

**kugeegeeta** v. cry; produce tears from your eyes because you are unhappy or hurt. *Syn:* kuhembeeta, kulira, kuhooronga.

**kugeeteera** v. read with pauses; be unable to read fluently.

**kugira** v. 1 • refuse, reject; say that you do not want s.t. that has been offered to you. *Syn:* kwekunuka, kugaana, kuhyema, kuryega, kusuula.  
2 • fast; deny yourself food.

**kugiriira** v. allow to grow wild; abandon a garden for weeds to overgrow without a caring about it.

**kugiza** v. roll; make a round object such as a bicycle rim to turn over and over and move in a particular direction.

**kugizira** v. sink; go downwards in water. *Syn:* kwicanikira, kudikira, kubbuta.

**kugiziirya** v. immerse, submerge s.t.; cause s.t. to be completely covered by a liquid.  
*Syn:* kububbubutiriirya, kubbutya, kudikiirya.

**kugobya** *Var:* **kugoba-goby;** **kugooogooby**. v. lie, deceive; talk false words.

**kugoonya** v. lodge; stay temporarily in a place while on a journey and then afterwards depart.

**kuguba** v. stain; s.t. to change colour due to dirt.

**kugugumuka** v. 1 • talk loosely; lack of control over what you say or speak by uttering anything without reason. *Syn:* kubalisihwa, kusadamuka, kuhurumuka.

2 • lack self-control; run wild. *Syn:* kuhoroza, kujagaara, kusadamuka.

**kuguluusa** v. grow very old and lose

strength and sometimes wisdom.

**kuguma-gumya** v. console; give comfort or sympathy to s.b. who is unhappy or disappointed. *Syn:* kuhumba-humba, kutatatatiirya, kugaara-gaara, kubuda-buda.

**kugumya** v. 1 • ascertain, confirm, prove, affirm; get the actual truth of s.t. in order to get convinced.

2 • approve; judge s.b. or s.t. to be right or good.

3 • guarantee; promise sincerely that you will do s.t. or that s.t. will happen.

4 • justify; assure that s.t. really it is right by providing reasons.

*Syn:* kunanukisha.

5 • just do s.t. instantly without thinking twice.

**kugumya** v. grip; hold s.t. tightly.

**kugusuka** v. jump; push yourself upwards and land on s.t.

**kugusukira** v. jump for s.t.

**kugusuka-gusuka** v. 1 • jump up and down; keep on pushing yourself up from the ground.

2 • *Metaphor.* wander; walk slowly here and there without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to idleness.

*Syn:* kwandaara, kwenjeera, kuhama-hama, kumanga-manga, kupaaraara, kutaabaana, kuzengeera, kutaaruuka.

3 • *Metaphor.* be sexually promiscuous; be sexually unstable as to go in for one after another.

*Syn:* kwendye-ndya, kuraaya, kuhunga, kurawarawa, kukora ikunzi, kutaaruuka.

**kugusuka muguha** v. skip; pass over a rope held at both ends by other people or held by yourself that you keep on passing over your head.

**kugusuka** v. *See main entry:* **kuguzuka**.  
**kugusukya-gusukya**

*Var:* **kugurukya-gurukya**. v. 1 • doubt, have a divided mind; feel uncertain about s.t.

2 • be discontented.

**kuguunia** *v.* grumble, of the stomach, due to distension or hunger.

**kuguza** *v.* mingle; use a mingling stick to mix flour in boiled water in order to get posho.

**kuguzuka** *Var:* **kugusuka**. *v.* overstep; do s.t. before doing what was supposed to be done first.

**kuguzukira** *v.* jump over s.t.

**kugwa** *v.* 1 • fall, move through the air from higher ground to lower ground.

2 • fail, not pass a test or an exam.

3 • lose an election.

**kugwera** *v.* 1 • fall down onto s.t.

2 • *Idiom.* kidnap; take a girl by force in order to marry her. *Syn:* kuhamba.

**kugwa rwo** *Var:* **kugwa rucy;**

**kugwa rwakaca**. *v.* flop down; lie down tired, esp. due to fatigue, excessive sleep, hunger, etc.

*Syn:* kwekulungula.

**kugwa-gwa** *v.* toss and turn; be unsettled or to keep on changing positions while you are lying on the bed due to pain. *Syn:* kweguma-guma.

**kugwaho** *v.* encounter; meet, discover s.t., esp. s.t. bad, difficult, new, unexpected, or harmful while trying to do s.t. else.

**kugwangana mu salaka** *v.* See main entry: **salaka**.

**kugweiraru** *v.* be mad, crazy.

*Syn:* kuraɓwaho, kuraruka, kuhungutuka.

**kuhabya** *v.* See main entry: **kuhaba**.

**kuhakanja** *Var:* **kuhakanisya**. *From:* Runyoro. *v.* resist, oppose, protest, speak out against; refuse to accept s.t. and try to stop it from happening.

**kuhalanguliirya** *v.* prune; cut off some of the branches from a tree, so that it grows properly and straight. *Syn:* kukonera, kukonda.

**kuhandya** *v.* See main entry: **kuhanda**.

**kuharanganja** *v.* See main entry: **kuharangana**.

**kuhaahjiirya** *v.* have an obsession.

**kuhegekeerya** *v.* See main entry: **kuheega**.

**kuhehya** *v.* winnow; use a flat device to blow out husks from grains.

*Syn:* kusegenya, kukunkuuta, kusiihuula, kuhuuuula.

**kuhembeeta** *v.* cry for a long time without any cause. *Syn:* kugeegeeta, kulira, kuhooronga.

**kuhetya** *v.* fish in flowing water, e.g., the Nile river, with a net leaving it to be moved by the water.

**kuheega** *v.* partially harvest some cassava or potato tubers from underground and leave some in the ground.

**kuhigika** *v.* cause a newly married couple to depend on themselves, esp. in feeding and other basic necessities of life rather than depending on their parents. This involves giving the new wife her own kitchen.

**kuhigikiirya** *v.* support s.t. so it does not fall over.

**kuhihiriirya** *v.* imagine, expect; have a hope of s.t. that you not yet received or seen. *Syn:* kuteeba, kupima-pima.

**kuhiiga** *v.* 1 • search thoroughly for s.t. that you want. *Syn:* kutoolya.

2 • hunt; go into the bush to look for animals to kill or birds to stone.

**kuhiima** *v.* sing; use the mouth to produce the sound of a song.

*Syn:* kuzina.



**kuhima** *v.* become stained.

*Syn:* kumoma.

**kuhimba** *v.* fall sick, become ill; feel sickness in the body.

**kuhimbya** *v.* make s.b. or an animal fall sick.

**kuhimbisya** *v.* take care of; look after a patient.



**kuhinda** *v.* swing; push s.b. forwards and backwards or from side to side while hanging from or sitting on a swing.

**kwehinda** *v.* swing; move forwards and backwards from side to side while hanging from or sitting on a swing.

**kuhinda mutwe** *v.* nod the head.

**kuhinga** *v.* 1 • exchange; give s.t. and receive another in return.  
2 • substitute; use or to do s.t. else instead of s.t.

**kuhingira** *v.* organise for and take a large or special meal and offer it to s.b. by their relatives, a friend, in-laws, etc.

**kuhinya** *v.* bend, bow or curve s.t. or s.b. that is tall. *See:* kutuluka 'bend s.t. short'.

**kwehinyaho** *v.* bow down; bend slightly, esp. to greet s.b. respectfully, but also to any other type of object. *Syn:* kwinama.

**kuhojima** *v.* gain weight, become fat; esp. of a baby.

**kuholya** *v.* *See main entry:* kuhola.

**kuhonderanja** *Var:* kuhonderenja. *v.* *See main entry:* kuhondera.

**kuhonereerya** *v.* convict, condemn; express very strong disapproval of s.b. or to show or suggest that s.b. is guilty of s.t. *Syn:* kwama, kujumiira, kurumiriza, kutokeera, kubyokeera, kusingisya musangu.

**kuhonja** *v.* *See main entry:* kuhona.

**kuhorongya** *v.* beat heavily; hit very hard so as to inflict a lot of pain.  
*Syn:* kudikya, kudonga, kusinyontola.

**kuhoroza** *v.* lack self control.  
*Syn:* kujagaara, kusadamuka, kugugumuka.

**kuhoosya** *v.* reach menopause; stop being able to bear children, both by humans and animals.

**kuhudula** *v.* pierce; make a hole in s.t.  
*Syn:* kutuuta, kufumura.

**kuhuduka** *v.* develop a hole due to wear or being pierced by s.t.

**kuhugutanja** *v.* *See main entry:*

**kuhugutana.**

**kuhugya** *v.* confuse; make a subject more difficult to understand.

*Syn:* kulemesya.

**kuhuluga** *v.* stir; mix up porridge, sauce, etc.

**kuhulukya** *v.* *See main entry:* kuhuluka.

**kuhumba** *v.* go mouldy; develop a green coloured fungus by a decaying substance.

**kuhunda** *Var:* kuhunda-hunda. *v.* be slightly rotten, but still edible, of meat or fish.

**kuhunguulya** *v.* catch s.b. or s.t. by your hand and make them turn over and over or round and round in the air while remaining held up in your hand.

**kuhunguulya mukono** *v.* swing the arms; move your hands back and forth while walking.

**kuhunya** *v.* 1 • smell; use the nose to perceive the odour of s.t. *Syn:* kukaga.

2 • smell; emit the odour of s.t.  
*Syn:* kuwoya.

**kuhurumuka<sub>1</sub>** *v.* develop a rash on the body.

**kuhurumuka<sub>2</sub>** *Var:* kuhoromoka. *v.* talk loosely; lack of control over what you say or speak by uttering anything without reason. *Syn:* kugugumuka, kubalisihwa, kusadamuka.

**kuhuukya** *v.* *See main entry:* kuhuuka.

**kuhuliika** *v.* explode, erupt, burst; split open loudly due to much pressure from inside. *Syn:* kukuumuka.

**kuhuliika** *Pl:* kuhuliika. *n.* explosion.

**kuhuuruutya** *v.* snore; breathe noisily through the nose and mouth while you are asleep.

**kuhwaniriya** *v.* try to recognise; look properly at s.t. that you are seeing from a distance so that you can know what it is.

**kuhwerekereerya** *v.* *See main entry:* kuhwera.

**kuhwisa** *v.* be senile; be mentally ill due to age.

**kuhwitula** *v.* enlighten; give s.b.

information so that he understands s.t. better. *Syn:* kukengesya.

**kuhwituka** v. 1 • become enlightened; get knowledge on s.t. you never knew so that you understand it fully. *Syn:* kukenguka.  
2 • become civilised.

**kuhwituka** *Pl:* **kuhwituka**. *n.* civilisation.

**kuhyangya** v. mix; combine two or more substances usually in a way that means they cannot easily be separated. *Syn:* kucanga, kutabura.

**kuhyebula** v. chop; cut off a bigger part of s.t. at once than could normally be done.

**kuhyema** v. refuse, by using bad language. *Syn:* kwekunuka, kugira, kugaana, kuryega, kusuula.

**kuhyohya** v. *See main entry:* **kuhyoha**.

**kuhyolya**<sub>1</sub> v. whistle; make the closed lips a little bit pointed and inhale and exhale in order to produce a sharp sound.

**kuhyolya**<sub>2</sub> v. sharpen; make the edge or point of s.t. finer, esp. of s.t. that can cut or make a hole in s.t. *Syn:* kwobohya, kusongoroorya, kuteekera, kusiihya.

**kujaganiriirya** v. *See main entry:* **kujagaara**.

**kujenga** v. lean; put s.t. so that its weight is supported on s.t. else.

**kwejengera** *Var:* **kwejengira**. v. lean; rest on s.t. for support. *Syn:* kugogoma.

**kujeema** *Var:* **kujeemira**; **kujeemera**. v. rebel, disagree, disobey; stubbornly refuse to obey the laws. *Syn:* kujanjaara.

**kujooga** *Var:* **kujoogereza**. v. ridicule, mock; make s.b. look silly by laughing at them in an unkind way. *Syn:* kusonsa, kudomya, kusekereerya, kucookooza.

**kujogoolya** v. crowd noise; talking of different words loudly and randomly due to the gathering of people.

**kujugaana** *Var:* **kujugaana**. v. become stormy; gathering of clouds with strong wind and thunder.

**kujugunya** *Var:* **kujuguna**. v. throw

away; discard s.t. because of it having no use.

**kujumba** v. become bushy, overgrown; grass or weeds becoming dense like a bush. *Syn:* kuzika.

**kujuba** *Var:* **kujuubya**; **kuruba**. v. mix; combine s.t. with s.t. else in such a way that it can be separated again.

**kujwahya** v. *See main entry:* **kujwaha**.

**kujwarya** v. *See main entry:* **kujwara**.

**kukankanja** v. *See main entry:* **kukankana**.

**kukanyiisa** *Var:* **kukanyia**. v. *See main entry:* **kukanya**.

**kukapisya** v. lead; be the best or first at s.t.

**kukengesya** v. *See main entry:* **kukenga**.

**kukenyega** v. drum; beat a drum in order to mix the tones of a song properly. *Syn:* kusegenya.

**kukeehya** v. *See main entry:* **kukeeha**.

**kukeekeeya** v. sieve; separate larger solid particles from smaller ones using a tool made of a wire or plastic net attached to a ring.

**kukeerereerya** v. *See main entry:* **kukeereerwa**.

**kukeesya** v. pass the night.

**kukijibbala** v. stumble, trip; step on s.t. that makes you feel a sudden pain on the leg while you are walking or running and almost fall.

**kukiiiraho** v. resume. *Syn:* kwiramwo.

**kukiiizika** v. 1 • block, dam up; place s.t. physical as a barrier. *Syn:* kukiika, kukiingiza, kucwa, kugaanisa.  
2 • cross; put s.t. over another.

**kwekiizika** v. get blocked; when s.t., e.g., a tree, etc. places itself as a barrier across a road or path etc.

**kukinkidika** v. shiver; shake, of the body, due to feeling coldness, fear, excitement, etc.

**kukirisa** v. *See main entry:* **kukira**.

**kukobya** v. cooperate; work together as a team. *Syn:* kukoragana, kwetegerezangana, kwegwagana.

**kukoikya** v. ask a riddle; give s.b. in the form of a game, a difficult question to

understand that must be answered by guessing.

**kukolereerya** v. ignite, kindle; use a box of matches or fire on dry grass or on pieces of paper to light a lamp or start a bush fire.

**kukolya** v. soak food in soup.

**kukomereerya** v. collect firewood; pick pieces of firewood one by one.

**kukoomesya** v. *See main entry: kukoma.*

**kukonereerya** v. *See main entry: kukona.*

**kukonkomoka** v. have dry skin such that the body becomes greyish.

*Syn:* kukwenya.

**kukoonyera** v. help, assist; respond towards s.b.'s need. *Syn:* kuyamba, kujuna.

**kukoonyerangana** v. alternate; take turns. *Syn:* kukoora mu mbwo.

**kukoonyerangana** v. *See main entry: kukoonyera.*

**kukoonyoka** v. fracture; break a bone or break s.t. extremely brittle.

**kukoresebwā** v. *See main entry: kukora.*

**kukoresya kyakalasanu** v. *See main entry: kukora.*

**kukoresya mutwe kuteekereza**

*Var:* **kukoresya bwongu kuteekereza.**  
*n. See main entry: kukora.*

**kukoresya sente** v. *See main entry: sente.*

**kukucakuca** v. move while bowing down in order to respect s.b. or due to old age.

**kukulukusiriirya** v. hide; put or keep in a secret place. *Syn:* kubisa.

**kukuma** v. be popular; known by many people. *Syn:* kwegebwā.

**kukuna** v. be generous; with grace, hospitality and sympathy.

**kukunda** v. knock, collide, bump into; hit s.t. esp. accidentally. *Syn:* kutomera.

**kukundisya** v. make s.b. kneel down.

**kukunda malū** v. kneel; support the weight of your body on the knees, as you bend the lower legs back.

**kukundangana**

*Var:* **kukundagana.** v. conflict; disunity that makes s.b. feel unsettled with whom he is working or staying.

**kukunduka** v. be shameless.

**kukungya** v. sing without pronouncing the words; sing with the lips open and making 'ah' sounds.

**kukunkudula** v. shorten s.t.; cut s.t. off completely at the base.

**kukunkuduka** v. be shortened completely, e.g., get completely cut off at the base.

**kukunya** v. 1 • fold; bend s.t. carefully so that one part lies on top of another. *Syn:* kugonya, kugema, kukata, kuzinga, kukuba.

2 • roll up; make s.t. be not straight.

3 • squeeze clothes when washing to remove dirt.

**kwekunya** v. be folded; not to be straight.

**kukupula** v. uproot. *Syn:* kwiha.

**kukupuka** v. become uprooted. *Syn:* kwihuka.

**kukusumuka** v. get poured down or out in large quantity, e.g., of rain.

**kukuumuuka** v. explode, erupt; burst loudly and violently, causing damage. *Syn:* kuhuulijika.

**kukuunyuka** v. cover; put a lid on s.t.

**kwekuunyuka** v. fall while facing downwards.

**kukuunyukula** v. uncover; remove a lid from s.t. *Syn:* kuḡuukula.

**kukuutisya** *Var:* **kukuuta bihandiiko.**  
*v. See main entry: kukuuta.*

**kukwa** v. die; stop living. *Syn:* kuheneka, kukaba.

**kukwesya** v. lose a loved one; have s.b. die.

**kukwatisya kiniga** v. *See main entry: kiniga.*

**kukwatya** v. *See main entry: kukwata.*

**kukwerekeera**<sub>1</sub> v. be forever and ever, for eternity or throughout the lifetime of s.t.

**kukwerekeera**<sub>2</sub> v. yearn; want s.t. very much, esp. when it is very difficult to get.

**kukwo** *dem.* 1 • that one.

2 • towards that place.

**kukyooloolya** v. roll the eyes as if you are dying.

**kulandikiriirya** v. reach; stretch or put out an arm, a neck or a leg in order to get or touch s.t.

**kulaaliriirya**<sub>1</sub> v. pat a baby so that it sleeps.

**kulaaliriirya**<sub>2</sub> *n.* day just before a special occasion such as a wedding day.  
*Syn:* kasiki.

**kulaalya** v. *See main entry:* kulaala.

**kuleba-lebya** v. persecute; oppress with injury or punishment, esp. for adherence to certain acceptable standards. *Syn:* kuhiganiza, kuwonawonesya, kutuntuza.

**kulebereerya** v. obstruct.

**kulegeya** v. become loose, slack.

*Syn:* kujega-jega.

**kulegya** v. collect rain water using gutters.

**kulemesya** v. 1 • confuse, hinder, argue against; make s.b. not properly do what he is meant to or to make s.b. follow wrong things. *Syn:* kuhugya, kugaanisya. 2 • be complicated, challenging.

**kulendya-lendya** v. slice; cut thinly lengthwise.

**kulengesenia** v. gauge, evaluate, compare, assess; try all the different alternatives about s.t. in order to get its facts in full. *Syn:* kugingiira, kupima-pima.

**kulengeeja** v. swing freely.

**kuleebereerya** v. *See main entry:* kuleeba.

**kuleeha** *Var:* kuleiha; kuleeha. v. lengthen, elongate; grow and become longer or taller.

**kuleehya** *Var:* kuleihya. v. elongate; make s.t. become longer or taller.

**kulibba** v. *See main entry:* kudiba.

**kuliga** v. decorate; paint or draw a picture on s.t. in order to make it look nice.

**kweliga** v. 1 • adorn, decorate yourself; paint the lips, nails, eyebrows, etc. *Syn:* kwenyiriirya, kwenyumisya, kwemyangarasanja, kwekoraho, kwesemeerya, kwenihiriirya, kweliga, kwejaayiika. 2 • tattoo; make permanent marks on your skin by making small holes with a needle.

**kuligita** v. perform a type of traditional dance while foot-stamping loudly.

**kuliha** v. pay a fine as a punishment for breaking a law.

**kulihisya** v. make s.b. pay money or s.t. as a punishment for breaking a law.

**kuliisya** v. graze, herd; take care of animals eating in range land.

**kulimaalya** v. *See main entry:* kulimala.

**kulinganja** v. examine, analyse; look closely at.

**kulingiza** v. roll up; make s.t. into the shape of a ball or tube.

**kulituka** v. set off quickly; start running with a very high speed.

**kulo** *Pl:* makulo. *n.* *Malacochersus tornieri*, tortoise, animal with a shell on its body that lives on land, and pulls the head, feet and tail into its shell when it senses danger.

**kulobya** v. hook, tie; put or fasten s.t. around s.t. else, esp. a hook tied with a knot so that you can catch, hold or move it.

**kulogoizana** *Var:* kulogozona. v. talk gibberish; utter words that have no meaning or are impossible to understand while you are asleep or as a result of being possessed by spirits, or due to insanity or epilepsy.

**kulogoolya** *Var:* kulongoolya. v. twist, spin s.t., turn around; move s.t. around

so that it winds around. *Syn:* kutunguula.  
**kwelooloolya** v. go by the side or behind s.t.

### kwelongoeerya

*Var:* kwelongoeerya. v. wrap, encircle, envelop, enfold; wind around s.t. until you cover it up.

**kwelongoolya** v. move yourself around.

**kuloolootya** v. sing a lullaby; soothe a baby.

**kuluba** v. become wet; get water in s.t.

**kulukula** v. harvest bambara nuts and ground nuts from a garden when they are mature.

**kuluma<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • abuse; talk violently to s.b. in order to annoy him.

2 • talk sharply to s.b. in order to discipline him.

**kuluma<sub>2</sub>** v. be extinguished, of a fire, or a light.

**kulumiriya** v. extinguish; make a fire stop burning or a light stop shining.

**kulumbuula** v. reveal a secret.

**kulundumula** v. make s.t. or s.b. fall into water.

**kuluusya** v. leak; pass or seep through a hole.

**kulwa** v. 1 • ooze; the gradual coming out of liquids from s.t.  
 2 • drift.

**kulwalya** v. *See main entry:* kulwala.

**kulwanisya** v. *See main entry:* kulwana.

**kulyoba** v. twist, wrap; wind s.t. around s.t. else.

**kwelyoba** v. tangle; twist s.t. so that it is no longer straight or so that it winds around s.t. else.

**kumamatiya** *Var:* kumamatiirya. v. level a soft ground, floor, wall, etc.

**kumanyiriyra** v. *See main entry:* kumanyiira.

**kumanyisya** v. 1 • report, inform; give people information on s.t. that you have heard or seen etc.

2 • mean, express the things or ideas that you wish to express to s.b. by what you say or do.

**kumengeresenia** v. glitter; emit light.

*Syn:* kwengeretena, kumeremeta.

**kumigiriya** v. wink; communicate by blinking an eye.

**kumiisa** v. 1 • hurl, repulse; get rid of s.t. that has got hold of you and cast it away. *Syn:* kulasa.

2 • push s.t. using a finger.

**kumiisula** v. spray, scatter a liquid in drops to a slightly distant place or position.

**kumiisuka** v. get splashed or sprinkled.

**kumirya** v. blow the nose to release mucus.

**kwemirya** v. blow your nose and wipe off mucus.

**kumoola** v. disclose a secret; break trust by revealing private information to s.b. who should not know.

**kumuumuuta** v. mumble; speak or say s.t. in a way that is not clear.

**kumyankya** v. flash; shine very brightly for a short time. *Syn:* kuserya.

**kunanukisya** v. *See main entry:* kunanuka.

**kunaabya** v. *See main entry:* kunaaba.

**kunja** v. *Taboo.* defecate; get rid of faeces through the anus. *Syn:* kupyetula.

**kunihiriya** v. 1 • make amends, atone, compensate; put right what is wrong. *Syn:* kuterekereerya.

2 • arrange, rearrange, adjust, amend.

3 • untangle; undo string, hair, wire, etc. that has become twisted or has knots in it. *Syn:* kwahula, kwahuura, kwanzuura, kuteesuliza.

4 • repair, mend, rehabilitate.

*Syn:* kukanika.

5 • improve; make s.t. better than before.

**kwenihiriya** v. 1 • exonerate, vindicate yourself; correct a mistake that has been made about you so that you appear good.

2 • adorn yourself; change, improve, fix yourself up, so that you appear good. *Syn:* kwenyiriirya, kwenyumisya, kwemyangarasanja, kwejaayiika, kwekoraho, kwesemeerya, kweliga.

**kuniina** v. climb up; lift yourself up onto s.t. *Syn:* kutemba.

**kuniinuka** v. climb down; come down from being on s.t. after climbing it.

**kuniinula** v. get s.t. from up and lower it down.

**kunoonereerya** v. confirm and prove beyond reasonable doubt what you went through.

**kwenoonereerya** v. be contented.

**kununka** v. stink; smell bad.

**kunwana** v. *See main entry: kunwana.*

**kunwereerya**<sub>1</sub> v. taste sweet; have a sugary taste.

**kunwereerya**<sub>2</sub> v. itch lightly.

**kunyampya** v. beat; hit s.b., usually very hard as a punishment.

*Syn:* kumaamira, kukuuta, kutindaga.

**kunyaalya** v. 1 • discipline.

2 • take revenge.

**kunyeega** v. 1 • wrestle; fight s.b. by holding them and trying to throw or force them to the ground.

2 • *Metaphor.* struggle; try very hard to do s.t. when it is difficult or when there are a lot of problems. *Syn:* kuwaya-way, kulwanisya, kupatikana, kwenyamula, kugada-gada, kuguuguuza, kuriitya, kupataka, kupoolooka, kutita, kwekamba, kwesabbula.

**kunyiriirya** v. *See main entry: kunyirira.*

**kunyirinkya** *Var: kunyira.* v. spit; expel saliva through the gap between the teeth of the upper jaw in a form of spray.

**kunyuma** v. look nice.

**kunyumirwa** v. enjoy; be pleased with, excited, interested.

**kwenyumisya** v. adorn yourself; make yourself smarter-looking, more attractive. *Syn:* kwenyiriirya, kwemyangarasanja, kwejaayiika, kwekoraho, kwesemeerya, kwenihiriirya, kweliga.

**kunyumisya** v. make s.t. interesting.

**kunyuma** v. converse, chat; talk informally.

**kunyuuluuka** v. be worn off; become torn off due to extreme weakness.

**kupampatika** v. *See main entry: kupampa.*

**kupangisya** v. 1 • hire, rent; pay for s.t. so that you use it for a short time.

2 • board with s.b.

**kupikipwa** v. tremble with fear; be very worried or frightened. *Syn:* kukankana.

**kupima** *Var: kupima-pima.* v.

1 • evaluate, test, weigh up, assess, compare; consider s.t. very carefully, before deciding to do it. *Syn:* kuingiira, kulengesenja.

2 • imagine; have a picture in the mind of what s.t. might be or to try to equate s.t. *Syn:* kuteeba, kuhihiriirya.

3 • aim; point a weapon properly at some target. *Syn:* kudiima.

4 • measure, weigh; get the length and width, or weight of s.t. *Syn:* kulenga.

5 • survey; find the boundaries of land.

**kupimpira** v. bump into; meet s.b. or s.t. unexpectedly.

**kupirikania** v. forcefully cause s.t. to pass through s.t. else.

**kupiripa** v. 1 • rub; scrape s.t. against another or in the hands.

2 • make a permanent mark on s.b.'s ears by making small holes with a needle.

3 • drill.

**kupitika** v. gallop; running of an animal by long jumping strides.

**kupoolookya** v. *See main entry: kupoolooka.*

**kupompogereerya** v. emphasise; give special importance to a point so that s.b. takes it seriously. *Syn:* kukometeza.

**kupumpuuta** v. see dimly; be partially

blind.

**kura na kura** *adv.* forever, eternal, without end; existing or continuing forever. *Syn:* biro na biro, di na di.

**kurabya** *v.* See main entry: **kurabaho**.

**kurabyaho** *v.* defraud, deceive.

**kuramukya** *v.* greet s.b. in order to find out how he is.

**kuramya** *v.* praise, worship; totally believe in s.b. and respect him due to love, trust or admiration. *Syn:* kucaka, kuhaariiza, kukugiza, kunyumiza, kupaaka, kutenda, kutumbula.

**kuramya kisisani** *v.* worship an idol.

**kurarangya bya maguli** *v.* See main entry: **kuraranga**.

**kuriitya<sub>1</sub>** *v.* compete; struggle hard to be more successful or better than s.b. else who is trying to do the same as you. *Syn:* kusimbiranwa, kukwatangana, kunyeega.

**kuriitya<sub>2</sub>** *v.* move noisily.

**kurindya** *v.* lasso; get a noose around a leg, neck, etc. of s.t. and pull the other end of the rope so that the circle that is tied on the other end of the rope with the knot gets smaller and smaller as the rope is pulled so that eventually the thing gets tied firmly.

**kurofuhara** *v.* be dirty.

*Syn:* kucaafuhara.

**kuromba** *v.* meet, converge; find yourself in one place with another either intentionally or accidentally.

**kurombya** *v.* compete; face s.b. or s.t. you can not easily outcompete in a struggle.

**kurukuru** *Pl: makurukuru. n.* fishing method that catches Tilapia and is carried out just as the beach-sein is done.

**kurumba** *Var: kufumba. v.* attack, confront; face s.b. in a way to fight or in a quarrelsome way.

**kurumbwa** *Var: kufumbwa. v.* be attacked, provoked by s.b. to a fight or a quarrel.

**kurumya** *v.* make s.b. feel pain.

**kurundukya** *v.* shock; surprise and upset s.b.

**kwerunduka** *v.* 1 • be in shock; feel shivering of the body due to seeing or hearing s.t. that you have not been expecting. *Syn:* kwekanga.  
2 • jerk; move suddenly due to fright.

*n.* stimulus, shock.

**kurubu** *v.* See main entry: **kujuuba**.

**kuryega** *v.* refuse; refuse to go somewhere forcefully. *Syn:* kwekunuka, kugira, kugaana, kuhyema, kusuula.

**kusabiriya** *v.* See main entry: **kusaba**.

**kusagaalya** *v.* make noise in the process of searching for s.t. e.g., when looking for s.t. in a box of papers, etc.

**kusambiira** *v.* See main entry: **kusambiirayo**.

**kusanyuka** *v.* See main entry: **kusanyuka**.

**kusaraania** *v.* scatter; disperse, set things apart anywhere without limitation.

**kusasulisa** *v.* See main entry: **kusasula**.

**kusegekeerya** *v.* See main entry: **kuheega**.

**kusegenya<sub>1</sub>** *v.* 1 • drum; beat a drum in order to mix the tones of a song properly. *Syn:* kukenyega.

2 • perform a traditional type of dance.

**kusegenya<sub>2</sub>** *v.* winnow; blow a current of air through grain in order to remove the chaff. *Syn:* kuhehya, kukunkuuta, kusiihuula, kuhuuhuula.

**kuseguliya** *v.* 1 • shift, transfer; get s.t. or an animal and take it somewhere. 2 • transplant; remove a young plant from one place and plant it somewhere else.

**kweseguliya** *v.* shift; change position or to leave a given position and go into another.

**kusegya** *v.* 1 • provide food to people in order for them to eat.

2 • move, push, extend; bring s.t. closer or slightly push it.

**kusekereerya** *Var: kusekereza. v.* See

*main entry: kuseka.*

**kusekula** *v.* pound, esp. using a vertical pestle.

**kusendeiga** *v.* join, fix; connect together two or more parts of a woven mat, local bag, hat, etc. to make a complete item.

**kusengesya**<sub>1</sub> *v.* See *main entry: kusenga.*

**kusengesya**<sub>2</sub> *v.* buy s.t. in large quantities at the wholesale price.  
*Syn:* kusenga *situ*.

**kusengeeja** *Var:* kusengeija. *v.* filter, strain; pass a liquid through a filtering device or a piece of cloth to remove dirt.

**kusengula** *v.* walk or move slowly making very short strides as if you are just learning to walk, esp. due to pain.

**kusenguulya** *v.* help s.b. walk or move slowly making very short steps as if he is just learning to walk.

**kuserya** *v.* flash; emit light quickly once or quickly at intervals. *Syn:* kumyankya.

**kuseeduulya** *v.* fetch water very carefully, esp. from a well in order to prevent stirring up the dirt settled at the bottom.

**kusida** *v.* become charred.

**kusidya** *v.* char; burn s.t. completely so that it becomes dried or turns into charcoal.

**kusigika** *v.* 1 • be firm.

2 • settle permanently; stay firmly in one place without constantly shifting or transferring.

**kusigikira** *conj.* according to.

**kusiiga** *v.* 1 • paint; cover a surface or object with colour.

2 • polish.

**kusiiga makuta gwa hwa**

**Ruhanga** *v.* anoint with oil for religious reasons.

**kwesiiga** *v.* smear yourself; rub on and apply by moving a hand over the surface of your skin while pressing firmly in order to administer a drug into your body or smear on cosmetics.

**kusiihya**<sub>1</sub> *v.* blow; of a calm wind with a low sound.

**kusiihya**<sub>2</sub> *v.* sharpen, e.g., a pencil.

*Syn:* kuhyolya, kwobohya, kuteekera, kusongoroorya.

**kusiima** *v.* thank; tell s.b. that you are grateful and happy for s.t.

**kusimira** *v.* have a strong feeling that a particular thing is fit for a particular person.

**kusimuura** *v.* mop, wipe, sponge; use a piece of cloth to remove dust or water from the floor, table, etc.

**kusikitiriirya** *v.* condemn; state strongly and frankly that s.b. truly committed some wrong.

**kusimbura** *v.* depart; leave a place, esp. to start a trip. *Syn:* kusetuka, kubyokya.

**kusinduka** *Var:* kusindika. *v.* 1 • push, thrust; use your hands or body in order to make s.t. move for ward or a way from you.

2 • send; order s.b. to go somewhere or to take s.t. somewhere for you.

**kusindukiriirya**

*Var:* kusindikiriirya. *v.* keep on pushing s.t.

**kusinduka nkwi** *Var:* kusindika **nkwi**. *v.* stoke a fire; push burning wood further into a fire to enable flames to become bigger.

*Syn:* kucooka-cooka mworo, kukuuma-kuuma mworo.

**kusinga** *v.* beat, win; conquer against s.b. in a war, competition, sports etc.

**kusingwa** *v.* be won.

**kwikiriza kusingwa** *v.* surrender; admit defeat.

**kusingura** *v.* succeed, overcome; achieve s.t. you have been working for a long period.



**kusingurwa** v. lose; be defeated in s.t. such as a game, competition, fight etc.

**kusingisya musangu** v. convict, condemn; find guilty. *Syn:* kwama, kujumiira, kurumiriza, kutokeera, kuhonereerya.

**kusiraania** v. *See main entry: kusiraana.*

**kusirimura** v. 1 • lower; make s.t. come to a lower position.

2 • *Metaphor.* demote; remove s.b. from a higher position to a lower position on the job. *Syn:* kwirya hansi.

**kusirimuka** v. descend; move from up a slope and come down.

**kusisimuka** v. wake; stop sleeping.

*Syn:* kubyoka.

**kusisimula** v. wake s.b. up from sleep. *Syn:* kubyokya.

**kusituka** v. start to move, begin moving.

**kusobya** v. *See main entry: kusoba.*

**kusodokania** v. provoke; say or do s.t. that you know will annoy s.b. so that they react in an angry way. *Syn:* kwagaaga, kwendereerya, kutoolyaho, kutakula, kwembemba.

**kusokola** v. dig extremely deep in order to completely uproot a plant.

**kusookoosya** v. insert; put s.t. e.g., a piece of stick into s.t. e.g., a narrow hole to search for or cause s.t. to come out.

**kusooloolya** v. collect condolence items; traditional ritual of gathering items from the clansmen at the end of the funeral.

**kusongolima** v. peep, look at s.t. quickly and secretly, not straight on.

**kusongoroorya** *Var:* kusongoolya. v. sharpen; make the edge or point of s.t. finer, esp. of s.t. that can cut or make a hole in s.t. *Syn:* kuhyolya, kwobohya, kusiihya, kuteekera.

**kusonsa** v. joke, mock, tease, ridicule; make fun of s.b. *Syn:* kudomya, kujooga, kusekereerya, kucookooza.

**kusorongya** v. make a list or put a series of things in their proper sequence. *Syn:* kutonda.

**kusubba** v. put into; use your hands, etc.

to push things into s.t. e.g. pushing things into a bag. *Syn:* kusomoka.

**kwesubbamu** v. 1 • *Metaphor.*

meddle, pry, nose in; become involved in s.t. that does not concern you. *Syn:* kwebbwogiramu, kwekiikamu, kwezingiiramu, kwekaakyamu, kwejungamu.

2 • *Metaphor.* force yourself into s.t. that is not your business.

*Syn:* kwejungamu, kwemigamu, kwezingiiramu.

**kusula** v. bat; push or hit with s.t. e.g., a piece of wood so that what is hit moves.

**kusuma** v. bring nearer, extend closer; bring s.t. closer or slightly push s.t.

**kwesuma** v. move yourself towards or backwards from s.t.

**kwesuma kudi** v. retreat from.

**kwesumiira** *Var:* kwesuma heehi.

v. draw nearer. *Syn:* kudwereera, kwesegereerya.

**kusunga** v. sew; use a sewing machine or a needle to join a piece of cloth with threads.



**kusunya** v. string together; tie things, esp. different heads of fish or pieces of meat on a rope so that they can be carried together.

**kusuuta** v. scrub; press firmly with a cloth when washing s.t.

**kwesuuta** v. scrub; rub firmly against your body to clean it when bathing.

**kusuuta meino** v. brush the teeth.

**kuswesya** v. *See main entry: kuswa.*

**kusyanja** v. 1 • lighten; make s.t. white

or have light.

**2 •** make s.t. white or clean.

**k<sup>u</sup>syani<sup>ri</sup>i<sup>ri</sup>ya** v. rinse.

**kwesyania** v. use cosmetics to change the skin colour to become lighter brown.

**k<sup>u</sup>syeka** v. **1 •** fry; cook in hot fat or oil.  
*Syn:* kukaranga.

**2 •** mingle a mixture of dry cassava and water to make white liquor.

**k<sup>u</sup>syera<sub>1</sub>** v. overcharge; cheat s.b. out of money.

**k<sup>u</sup>syera<sub>2</sub>** v. disappear, vanish.

*Syn:* kulwotoka, kweziba, kucwa, kusomoka, kutoroka.

**k<sup>u</sup>syereerya** v. lose, misplace; be unable to find s.t. or s.b.

*Syn:* kurugwaho, kuguma.

**k<sup>u</sup>syeta** v. move by crawling on the buttocks due to disability or lameness.

**kwesyeta** v. rub or drag yourself on the ground by the buttocks, e.g., after defecating, esp. done by young children.

**k<sup>u</sup>syoka<sub>1</sub>** v. become powdered.

**k<sup>u</sup>syoka<sub>2</sub>** v. gather together and darken, of clouds.

**k<sup>u</sup>syola** v. wish misfortune; use the power of evil spirit in order to get rid of s.b.'s fortunes or to ruin his things.

**k<sup>u</sup>syoma** v. fetch, collect; go somewhere with an aim of getting s.t. from there.

**k<sup>u</sup>syomera** v. go back; return to collect s.t. e.g., cattle that have been left to graze.

**k<sup>u</sup>syomoolya** v. hiss at s.b. to abuse them by putting the tongue behind the upper teeth and blow in air to make some sound.

**kutagatya** v. *See main entry: kutagata.*

**kutahwitula** v. hide your thoughts.

**kutalanganja** v. be complicated.

**kutami<sup>ri</sup>ya** v. *See main entry:*

kutamiira.

**kutandikisya** v. *See main entry:*

kutandika.

**kutatatati<sup>ri</sup>ya** v. console; give comfort or sympathy to s.b. who is unhappy or disappointed. *Syn:* ku<sup>h</sup>umba-<sup>h</sup>umba,

kuguma-g<sup>u</sup>mya, kugaara-gaara, ku<sup>h</sup>uda-buda.

**kutati<sup>ri</sup>ya** v. *See main entry: kutatiira.*

**kutembya** v. *See main entry: kutemba.*

**kutengeetya** v. *See main entry:*

kutengeeta.

**kuterekereerya** v. *See main entry:*

kuterekeera.

**kutereerya** v. *See main entry: kuteera.*

**kuteenya<sub>1</sub>** v. gather firewood from different places, collecting and arranging it into a bundle.

**kuteenya<sub>2</sub>** v. hit; beat hard using s.t. e.g., a piece of wood, etc.

**kuteerenja** *Var: kuteerania;*

kuteeraniza. v. *See main entry:*

kuteerana.

**kuteeresya** v. disagree; speak angrily to s.b. because you disagree with them.

**kuteerya** v. **1 •** add on; increase the quantity of s.t. *Syn:* kwongera.

**2 •** add numbers. *Syn:* kwongera.

**kuteeranizaho** v. add to what you already have.

**kuteesagaalya** v. be extremely tired, fatigued; feeling as if you were beaten.

**kuteesuka** v. **1 •** escape narrowly; get off, by good luck, from being detained.

*Syn:* kubbusuka.

**2 •** lose support.

**kuteesuliza** v. untangle; untie s.t. that is tangled or tied onto s.t. else.

*Syn:* kwahula, kwahuura, kwanzuura, kunihiri<sup>ri</sup>ya.

**kuteesulwa** v. *See main entry:*

kuteesya.

**kuteesya** *Var: kuteesula.* v. **1 •** resign; officially tell s.b. that you are leaving your job, an organization, etc. due to personal reasons.

**2 •** release, set free; let s.b. out of a place where he has been kept or trapped.

**kweteesuliza** v. **1 •** struggle so that you rescue yourself from s.b. who has caught you.

*Syn:* kwebbugubula.

**2 •** untie, untangle, release yourself.

**kuteesulwa** v. released; be set free from a place where you have been kept or trapped.

**kutiga** v. leave; go away from a place.

**kutigiira** v. leave s.b. or s.t. far behind; move ahead of s.b.

**kutiga-tiga** v. touch; put your hands or fingers onto s.t. many times and sometimes leave some spots.

*Syn:* kugaza-gaza, kukwata-kwata.

**kutigita** *Var:* **kudigita**. v. 1 • tickle; playfully use a finger, esp. on the armpit or on the body sides, so that s.b. laughs or jerks.

2 • fondle, caress.

**kutiina** v. 1 • fear, be scared; feel panic when you are in danger, when you expect s.t. dangerous to happen or when s.t. has frightened you.

2 • worry about unpleasant things that might happen or about problems that you have.

3 • respect s.b.

**kutiinisiriirya** *Var:* **kutiinisya**. v. intimidate, threaten, scare, frighten; tell or show s.b. that you will punish, hurt or put them in trouble. *Syn:* kukanga, kukankanja, kwingiriirya.

**kutiinwa** v. be respected due to a high rank on the job, good self regard, etc.

**kutiira** v. disgust; cause s.b. to be sickened by s.t.

**kutiirwa** v. become disgusted.

**kutiiza** v. lend; give s.t. that will be returned after some agreed time.

**kwetiiza** v. borrow; take s.t. that belongs to s.b. else, use it and return it later.

**kutimba<sub>1</sub>** *Var:* **kutumba**. v. cook; prepare food by way of warming, boiling, frying, smoking, mingling etc.

**kutimba maaci** *Var:* **kutumba maaci**. v. brew; make a local alcoholic drink.

**kutimba<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • decorate; hang or put s.t. on s.t. else to make it look more attractive.

2 • advertise s.t. or make a public announcement. *Syn:* kuranga hasyanu.

**kutinda<sub>1</sub>** v. rumble, boom, roar, bang; make noise like that of a huge drum. *Syn:* kuhuura.

**kutinda<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • eat sauce sparingly.

2 • save, be frugal; avoid wasting s.t. or using more than necessary.

*Syn:* kukeekereza.

**kutinda<sub>3</sub>** v. heap things up in a very big or high pile.

**kutindibana** v. rumble; make a long deep sound or series of sounds.

**kutinduka** v. faint, collapse; suddenly fall down unconsciously while you have been standing.

**kutiriba** v. smear; make s.t. that has been muddled smooth, esp. using coloured soil or cow dung.

*Syn:* kuguruha.

**kutita** v. struggle; try very hard to do s.t. when it is very difficult or when there are a lot of problems. *Syn:* kuwaya-wayaya, kulwanisya, kupatikana, kwenyamula, kugada-gada, kuguuguuza, kunyeega, kupataka, kupoolooka, kwekamba, kwesabbula.

**kutooda** v. thatch a roof in a layered style.

**kutooja** v. dig or plough a field deeply.

**kutoolereerya** v. investigate, research; look for information about s.t. from different sources.

**kutoolereerya katali** v. market, advertise; tell the public about a product or a service in order to encourage people to buy or to use it.

**kikorwa kya kutoolereerya**  
*Pl:* **bikorwa bya kutoolereerya**.

*n.* adventure.

**kutoolya** v. search; look carefully for s.t. that is lost. *Syn:* kuhiga.

**kutoolereerya musangu** v. investigate a crime.

**kutoolyaho** v. provoke, harass, disturb; say or do s.t. that you know will annoy s.b. so that they react in an angry way. *Syn:* kwagaaga, kwendereerya, kusodokanja, kutakula, kwembemba.

**kutomboola** v. pollute; cause the residues that had settled on the bottom of s.t. to rise up.

**kutomboka** v. be polluted; mixing up of the residues that have settled on the bottom of s.t.

**kutonokya** v. touch, or in some way knock a wound thus worsening the pain of it.

**kutoonya** v. drip; oozing of a liquid in drops.

**kutoonyia** v. release a drop of s.t.

**kutoonyerwa** v. be hit by a drop of s.t.

**kutoonyeza** v. make a dot on s.t.

**kutootoolya** v. split open; cut s.t. open.

**kutubukiira** v. *See main entry: kutuuka.*

**kutukuluka** v. set off running at a very a high speed. *Syn:* kukalabuka.

**kutuluka** *Var: kwetuluka.* v. bend, bow or curve s.t. that is short.

*See: kuhinya* 'bend s.t. tall'.

**kutulukiriirya<sub>1</sub>** v. investigate; fully dig out the facts of s.t.

**kutulukiriirya<sub>2</sub>** v. pound e.g. cassava in a mortar using a pestle, into the finest form.

**kutumba** v. *See main entry: kutimba.*

**kutumira** v. join; fix or connect two or more things together. *Syn:* kuteerenia, kukwatya, kuyunga.

**kutumira musaali** v. graft; fix a piece of one tree onto another, so that it grows.

**kutunakisya** v. *See main entry: kutunaka.*

**kutunguula** v. wind, spin; move s.t. in a spiral or circular course.

*Syn:* kulogoolya.

**kwetunguula** v. spin, move yourself around s.t. several times.

**kutuubbula** *Var: kutiibbula.* v. dislodge; cause s.t. to fall off.

**kutuubbuka** *Var: kutiibbuka.* v. develop holes on s.t. mudded, cemented, smeared or plastered.

**kutuuga** v. incite; encourage s.b. to do s.t. violent, illegal, or unpleasant, esp. making them angry or excited.

*Syn:* kuhemba mworor, kuhaga, kucucukiriirya.

**kwetuuga** v. become violent.

**kutuuka<sub>1</sub>** v. 1 • be vaporised, steaming; when smoke or steam rises in the air from s.t. that is hot.

2 • fly out from the ground, of white ants.

**kutuukiriirya** v. steam, smoke; light s.t. so that smoke rises up through s.t. e.g., to steam herbal medicine.

**kutuuka<sub>2</sub>** v. rest; relax, sleep or do nothing after a period of activity or not use your body for some time.

*Syn:* kuhuumula, kugandaara.

**kutuuka<sub>3</sub>** *Var: kutubukiira.* v. tie an animal, e.g., to a post, etc.

**kutuuta** v. 1 • spear; throw a spear towards s.t.

2 • pierce, prick, lance; make a hole in s.t. or make s.b. or s.t. feel pain using a sharp object. *Syn:* kufumura, kuhudula.

**kutuuta bikatu** v. *See main entry: kikatu.*

**kutuutuula<sub>1</sub>** v. dismiss; chase away s.b. by force whether they like it or not.

**kutuutuula<sub>2</sub>** v. drive or ride at a very high speed. *Syn:* kucucua.

**kutuuya** v. sweat.

**kutuuyisya** v. cause s.b. to sweat.

**kutwa** v. spit; forcefully release saliva, phlegm, food, etc. out of the mouth.

**kutwalisya** v. *See main entry: kutwala.*

**kutweka** v. 1 • load up; assist s.b. put s.t. on the head.



**2 •** load; pack things in a vehicle.

*Syn:* kupakira.

**kwetweka** *v.* carry s.t. up, esp. on the head.



**kutyalya** *v.* hit; beat very hard.

*Syn:* kudukula, kukubba.

**kutyebera** *v.* dawdle; walk or move extremely slowly without minding about time.

**kutyetyebira** *v.* gather of low-lying clouds near the earth.

**kutyola** *v.* mash; crush vegetables such as pumpkin etc. after cooking, esp. when you want to prepare them as sauce.

**kutyoma** *v.* gore.

**kuweeka** *v.* cover s.t. or s.b. with a sheet, e.g., cover luggage on a lorry with a tarpaulin.

**kweweeka** *v.* cover yourself with a bed-sheet in order to keep warm.

**kuwonawonesya** *v.* *See main entry:* kuwonawona.

**kuyiia** *From: Luganda. v.* take a chance or gamble; try anything possible in the hope of being successful.

*Syn:* kulwanisya.

**kuuyuya** *v.* swing around; rotate s.t. like a rope in air while holding it either on one end or on both ends.

**kuzeenya** *v.* **1 •** kid, tease; tell s.b. s.t. that is not true, esp. as a joke.

*Syn:* kusandaara, kusanzira.

**2 •** play.

**3 •** exercise.

**kuzeenya kategu** *v.* trick.

**kya kuzeenya** *Pl: bya kuzeenya.*

*n.* joke; funny story or any thing silly that is said, told or done to make people laugh. *Syn:* kya kusandaara, kya kusekesya.

**kuzeenya karuru** *v.* *See main entry:* karuru.

**kuzika<sub>1</sub>** *v.* perish; become extinct.

*Syn:* kuhwerekeera.

**kuzikya** *v.* make s.t. extinct; cause s.t. to no longer be in existence, e.g., a plant or animal sp.

*Syn:* kuhwerekereerya.

**kuzika<sub>2</sub>** *v.* become overgrown; thickening of grass or weeds in a place.

*Syn:* kujumba.

**kuzimba** *v.* swell, enlarge, increase in thickness.

**kwezimba** *v.* *Metaphor.* be proud, boast. *Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehempa, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa.

**kuzinda<sub>1</sub>** *v.* **1 •** condemn; express very strong disapproval.

**2 •** unfairly blame; infer that s.b. has done s.t. bad which he has not done.

**kuzinda<sub>2</sub>** *v.* murder; intentionally kill s.b. for no justifiable reason.

**kuzindwa** *v.* be killed or attacked by enemies.

**kuzinda<sub>3</sub>** *v.* cheat.

**kuzindiriza** *v.* wrongly accuse s.b. when actually they are innocent.

**kuzinduka** *v.* wake up and go somewhere earlier than usual.

*Syn:* kukeera, kuwonira bwire mu lwije.

**kuzinga** *v.* **1 •** wind; roll s.t. making it reduce in size, e.g., threads around s.t. else.

**2 •** tangle; twist s.t. making it not straight.

**3 •** wrap.

**4 •** fold. *Syn:* kugonya, kugema, kukata, kukunya, kukuba.

**kwezinga** *v.* curl up; lie while coiled, esp. due to deep thoughts.

**kuzingiizya** v. shake, wiggle, vibrate; rock s.t. back and forth that is fixed in one position. *Syn:* kutengeetya, kucukya.

**kuzingizika** v. be shaken, rocked, vibrated, wiggled; of s.t. fixed in one position. *Syn:* kutengeeta.

**kuzuba** v. weed; remove grass or weeds from a garden.

**kuzunzuka** v. soften; put s.t. in a liquid so that it becomes softer.

**kwaba** *From:* Runyoro. v. explode; burst loudly due to much pressure from inside.

**kwabyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kwabu** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kwabwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kwaga**<sub>1</sub> v. melt; change from a solid substance into liquid form.  
*Syn:* kunyelela, kugera.

**kwaga**<sub>2</sub> *Var:* kwaguda. v. scratch; rub s.t. with the fingernails.

**kwezaguda** *Var:* kwezaga. v. scratch; rub the skin with the fingernails due to feeling some itching.

**kwagaaga** v. provoke; say or do s.t. that you know will annoy s.b. so that they react in an angry way.

*Syn:* kwendereerya, kusodokanja, kutoolyaho, kutakula, kwembemba.

**kwago** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kwagula** v. crawl; move on hands and knees.

**kwagwo** *pro.* its.

**kwagya** v. find, discover; get s.t. that you have been looking for or that had got lost.

**kwagyo** *pro.* its.

**kwahi** *interj.* no.

**kwahukana** v. 1 • get separated, be different; divided or isolated from others. *Syn:* kwenoba, kugungumara, kwesorooro, kwebagaanja, kwenuga, kwesalaho, kwezahula, kwegunga.  
2 • get divorced, break up; when a woman moves away from her husband and ends a marriage. *Syn:* kwita maka, kwita nyumba, kwangana.

**kwahukania** v. 1 • distinguish, differentiate; give the difference between two or more things.

2 • segregate, discriminate, separate, divide. *Syn:* kusorooro, kutongoola, kugoobera, kutonda.

3 • divide or break s.t. into small pieces or parts.

**kwahula** v. 1 • release; set free s.t. from where it has been confined.

2 • undo a knot in s.t.

3 • untangle; undo string, hair, wire, etc. that has become twisted or has knots in it. *Syn:* kwahuura, kwanzuura, kunihiriirya, kuteesuliza.

**kwahulwa** v. be released from where you were tied or imprisoned.

**kwezahuura** v. untie yourself, release yourself.

**kwezahula** *Var:* kwezahukania. v. disassociate, isolate yourself; be disunited so as to not work together with others. *Syn:* kwenoba, kugungumara, kwesorooro, kwebagaanja, kwahukana, kwetongoola, kwenuga, kwesalaho, kwegunga.

**kwahuura** v. 1 • untangle, undo s.t. tangled. *Syn:* kwahula, kwanzuura, kunihiriirya, kuteesuliza.

2 • unlock; open a padlock.

*Syn:* kufunguura, kukungula.

**kwahya** v. flush an animal out of hiding; disturb an animal so that it suddenly comes out and then gets caught in a trap or is speared.

**kwaka** v. 1 • burn; produce flames and heat.

2 • shine.

**kwakala** *Var:* kwakaalya. v. 1 • pass, bypass; overtake s.t. and be in front. *Syn:* kurabaho.

2 • go beyond.

**kwakalasanja** v. overdo, obsess; exceed what s.t. should be.

**kwako** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kwakwo** *pro.* its.

**kwakya** v. 1 • blossom; for a plant to produce flowers.

2 • ignite, kindle, inflame; blow fire so that it brings flames. *Syn:* kuhemba.

**kwakyendi** *Var: hakyendi. adv.* up, on top, above, high up, upwards; not at a lower position.

**kwakyo** *pro. its.*

**kwala<sub>1</sub>** *v.* make a bed.

**kwala<sub>2</sub>** *v.* swim; move through water in a horizontal position using the arms and legs.

**kwala<sub>3</sub>** *v.* open; make s.t. not closed or fastened so that things can easily come out or be put in. *Syn:* kutega, kuɓuula.

**kwaluka** *v.* shout loudly, scream; produce a high sound due to fear, anger or excitement. *Syn:* kwomba, kutoka.

**kwalwo** *pro. its.*

**kwalyo** *pro. its.*

**kwama** *v.* condemn; express very strong disapproval of s.t. being done, usually for moral reasons. *Syn:* kuhonereerya, kujumiira, kurumiriza, kutokeera, kubyokeera, kusingisya musangu.

**kwambiri** *n.* genitals; private part of the body.

**kwambuka** *v.* cross water; move from one side of a water body such as a lake, river or swamp to the other side.

**kwamira** *v.* 1 • rebuke, scold; use a loud and an angry voice to tell s.b. s.t. or in order to chase away s.t.

2 • yell; shout at s.b. to use a loud voice in order to scare.

**kwamiirya** *v.* lead a song in singing.

**kwamu** *Var: kwo. pro.* your, yours.

**kwamuka** *v.* stop raining.

**kwamugi** *n.* home; house where s.b. lives with his family.

**kwamwange** *n.* home; place that you call home, i.e., 'my home'.

**kwamwe** *Var: kwe. pro.* his, her, hers.

**kwamyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kwana** *v.* bear fruit.

**kwandaara** *v.* wander; walk slowly here and there without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to idleness. *Syn:* kwenjeera, kuhama-hama, kumanga-manga, kupaaraara, kutaabaana, kutaaruuka, kuzengeera.

**kwangana** *From: Runyoro. v.* get divorced, separate; end a marriage relationship. *Syn:* kwahukana, kwita nyumba, kwita maka.

**kwange** *Var: kwei. pro.* my, mine.

**kwanguha** *v.* hurry, hasten; move very fast with slightly longer strides than usual.

**kwanguuhya** *v.* do s.t. in a hurry, quickly; take a shorter time in doing s.t.

**kwezanguuhya** *v.* move somewhere or do s.t. quickly and on time.

**kwanikira** *v.* 1 • spread out to dry; put s.t. in the sun so that it dries out.



2 • *Metaphor.* make something plain, obvious; bring out into the open.

**kwanjura** *From: Luganda. v.* formally introduce a bridegroom to his future in-laws by paying some kind of introductory fee or dowry.

*Syn:* kweranga.

**kwantandu** *adv.* beside, aside, adjacent.

**kwanuka** *v.* become emaciated, thin, gaunt; when the body becomes weak, esp. due to illness or poor feeding.

**kwanula** *v.* bring s.t. in from drying in the sun.

**kwanzala** *v.* spread, scatter, either randomly or within a defined area for a specific purpose; e.g., spreading maize grains on a mat, etc.

**kwanziira** *v.* cry in a way as if you are singing, esp. by mourners.

**kwanzuura** *v.* untangle; undo s.t. tangled. *Syn:* kwahula, kwahuura, kunihiriirya, kuteesuliza.

**kwaruka** *From: Runyoro. v.* germinate;

when a seed of a plant starts to grow by producing new leaves or buds.

*Syn:* kumera.

**kwasya** *v.* chase; send away s.t. from where you do not want it to be.

**kwata** *v.* break; crack or crush s.t. moulded or carved. *Syn:* kubbegula, kubinya, kubbibinula.

**kwatika** *v.* 1 • be broken, cracked or crushed into pieces.

2 • *Metaphor.* be in dissension, discord, disagreement, disunity.

**kwatya** *v.* 1 • split, chop.

2 • divide; separate s.t. into small parts or pieces.

**kwezatyamu** *v.* *Metaphor.* become split up; discontinue an association, when people who have been together or in unity divide themselves.

**kwata ikuha kunolya muto** *v.* See main entry: **muto**.

**kwatira** *Var:* **kwatuura**. *v.* hatch; of chicks from the shell.

**kwatuka** *v.* be audible, distinct and clear.

**kwatula** *v.* 1 • confess.

2 • mention.

*n.* outline, brief description without giving much information.

**kwatuura** *v.* explain fully.

**kwatwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kwaya** *Pl:* **kwaya**. *From:* English. *n.* choir; group of people who sing together, esp. in a church or public performances. *Syn:* bahiimi, babinyi.

**kwaza** *v.* search; examine a particular place when looking for s.b. or s.t., or to examine s.b.'s clothes, their pockets, bags, etc. in order to find s.t. that they may be hiding.

**kwazyo** *Var:* **kwazo**. *pro.* their, theirs.

**kwe** *pro.* See main entry: **kwamwe**.

**kwebagaanja** *v.* See main entry: **kubagana**.

**kwebajagula** *From:* Runyoro. *v.* regurgitate; bring back up into the mouth food that has been swallowed. *Syn:* kweroka.

**kwebajagula** *From:* Runyoro. *v.* yell; shout loudly, e.g., because of anger, excitement, fear or pain.

**kwebamba** *v.* recover; come back to normality after sickness, by regaining body weight. *Syn:* kwirya, kwereega.

**kwebamba** *v.* be enraged, aggressive; be ready to attack or rebel.

*Syn:* kwereega, kweteega, kwolokya hweni.

**kwebamba** *v.* show off. *Syn:* kwereega, kweteega, kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecanja, kwedogora, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwebazaho** *v.* See main entry: **kubaza**.

**kwebembera** *Var:* **kwehembera**. *v.*

1 • be in control, lead; be an example to others in order to direct them.

2 • be ahead, leading; be in front of others in a journey.

**kwebembeerya**

*Var:* **kwehembeerya**. *v.* let s.b. be in front of you, to be in the lead.

**kweberengura** *Var:* **kwekerengura**. *v.* shine brightly; of the moon, stars or the sun.

**kwebeera** *v.* forget; be unable to remember s.t. that happened or that you heard in the past.

**kwebiikira** *v.* See main entry: **kubiika**.

**kwebiringitya** *v.* See main entry: **kubiringita**.

**kwebisa** *v.* See main entry: **kubisa**.

**kwebyokya** *v.* See main entry: **kubyoka**.

**kwebundaaza** *v.* See main entry: **kuhundaara**.

**kwebulungusa** *v.* be round.

**kwebuulya** *v.* See main entry: **kuhuulya**.

**kwebbaka** *v.* 1 • sleep; rest and be taken up by sleep without being conscious.

*Syn:* kutwalwa hulo, kwi hwa hulo.





2 • *Euph.* die; pass away. *Lit.*: be asleep.

**kwebbakiraho** v. fall asleep immediately.

**kwebbala** v. dodge; move quickly and suddenly to one side in order to avoid s.b. or s.t.

**kwebbala-bbala** v. 1 • be undecided.

*Syn.*: kweguma-guma.

2 • *Metaphor.* shirk; dodge responsibility.

*Syn.*: kweguma-guma.

**kwebbangu** v. *See main entry:*

**kubbanguuka.**

**kwebbanika** v. *See main entry:*

**kubbanika.**

**kwebbengeera** v. *See main entry:*

**kwereengeera.**

**kwebbohaho** v. try to be a friend to s.b. even when they are not that keen on the friendship. *Syn.*: kwehomeera, kwebboheera, kwepaamiira.

**kwebboheera** v. try to be a friend to s.b. even when they are not that keen on the friendship. *Syn.*: kwehomeera, kwebbohaho, kwepaamiira.

**kwebbugubbula** v. struggle to escape; try to set yourself free from s.t. or s.b. holding you tightly. *Syn.*: kweteesuliza.

**kwebbukuka** v. drink or eat greedily; pour many things in the mouth at once and swallow them. *Syn.*: kumwoka.

**kwebbumba** v. *See main entry:*

**kubbumba.**

**kwebbuna** v. brag; pretend to be s.t.

great. *Syn.*: kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwebbuta** v. duck, take cover; squat down in order to hide away from s.b. or s.t. or to bend down a bit in order to dodge s.t.

**kwebbubbutiriirya** v. dive, swim under water; immerse yourself completely in water without inhaling.

**kwebbwogiramu** v. meddle, pry, nose in; become involved in s.t. that does not concern you. *Syn.*: kwekaakyamu,

kwekiikamu, kwezingiiramu,

kwujungamu, kwesubbamu.

**kwebbwogira** v. do s.t. in a disorderly manner.

**kwecanga** v. be proud; brag and pretend to be what you are not. *Syn.*: kwebbuna, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwecenja** v. brag, boast, show off, be a hypocrite; pretend to be of a higher standard than you really are.

*Syn.*: kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwecooka** v. *See main entry:* **kucooka.**

**kwecuma** v. make yourself smart, clean, neat, tidy. *Syn.*: kweyonja.

**kwecumitiriza** v. realise a mistake and reform yourself.

**kwecungura** v. *See main entry:*

**kucungura.**

**kwecura** v. be shocked, surprised.

*Syn.*: kuraḥwamwo nkizi, kuhuna.

**kwecukya** v. *See main entry:* **kucukya.**

**kwecungya** v. *See main entry:*

**kucungya.**

**kwecwa** *From:* Runyoro. v. apologise.

**kwecwamu** v. 1 • repent; give up bad acts and start doing good things. *Syn.*: kweziramwo, kwegarukamu.

2 • reconcile; ignore an argument or disagreement so that friendship is restored again.

*Syn.*: kweziranganamu, kwirya.

**kwecwacwana** v. give false excuses so as to avoid doing s.t.

**kwedambula** *Var:* **kwedambuura.** v.

*See main entry:* **kudambula.**

**kwedanguudya** v. eat poorly; eat and remain unsatisfied.

**kwedeedera** v. *See main entry:*

**kudededera.**

**kwedembereerya** v. plead, request;

ask for forgiveness or to intervene into s.b.'s affairs. *Syn:* kwesengereerya.

**kwedogora** *Var:* **kwedoga-dogora**. v. boast, brag; pretend or put yourself at a standard that you are not.

*Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwedya** v. wear out by becoming thin.

**kwefaho** v. *See main entry:* **kufaho**.

**kwefookeera** v. be malicious.

**kwefoora** *Var:* **kwefoora-foora**. v. boast, pretend; claim to be what you are not.

**kwega** v. 1 • know; have a word or information in the mind due to the experience that you have, learning or being told.

2 • learn; get knowledge from studying, from being taught, from experience in s.t. or from hearing s.t. from s.b. else. *Syn:* kusoma, kupena.

**kwegebwa** v. be famous, popular, known by many people. *Syn:* kukuma.

**kwegama** v. starve; lose strength due to having nothing to eat. *Syn:* kusobokeera.

**kweganya** v. feel lazy; have no interest to do s.t.

**kweganyira** v. *See main entry:* **kuganya**.

**kwegarukamu** *From:* Runyoro. v. repent; feel and show that you are sorry for s.t. bad or wrong that you have done. *Syn:* kwecwamu, kweziramwo.

**kwegaana** v. deny, contradict; refuse to admit s.t. you know or that you did. *Syn:* kwehooga, kwehakana.

**kwegesya** v. educate, teach, lecture, counsel; impart knowledge into s.b. esp. in a school.

**kwegesebwa** v. be educated; gain knowledge so that it is possible for you to meet a standard.

**kweginga** v. crack; develop a crack or to bend down as a sign of breaking.

**kwegoda** v. *See main entry:* **kugoda**.

**kwegoogooby** v. disguise evidence;

pretend not to know what you know.

**kwegomba** v. 1 • desire, lust; have a very strong need for s.t. that you hope to get. *Syn:* kweligiijira, kweninghiniira. 2 • admire; respect s.b. for what he is or to look at s.t. and feel attracted.

**kwegonza** v. bask, take pride, enjoy approval; feel much happiness and pleasure due to s.t. that you have done, been given, or been told.

**kweguma-guma<sub>1</sub>** v. get scattered with each thing being apart.

**kweguma-guma<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • be undecided. *Syn:* kwebbala-bbala.

2 • *Metaphor.* shirk; dodge responsibility. *Syn:* kwebbala-bbala.

**kweguma-guma<sub>2</sub>** v. 1 • hesitate doing s.t.; be undecided. *Syn:* kwebbala-bbala. 2 • *Metaphor.* shirk; dodge responsibility. *Syn:* kweguma-guma.

**kweguma-guma<sub>3</sub>** v. lie but fail to settle on a bed due to feeling a lot of pain but instead keep on rolling over and over. *Syn:* kugwa-gwa.

**kwegumira** v. wear a scarf for decoration around the neck or, by women, over the shoulders or hair.

**kwegunga** v. isolate or separate yourself physically or socially from other people. *Syn:* kwenoba, kugungumara, kwesoroora, kwebagaanja, kwahukana, kwetongoola, kwenuga, kwesalaho, kwezahula.

**kwegunguuz** v. refuse; violently reject doing s.t. or submitting to an order.

**kwegumya** v. give up; finally stop doing s.t. after many serious attempts. *Syn:* kudedeera, kweteeka.

**kwegwa** v. 1 • hear, listen, be attentive; be aware of the sounds using the ears. 2 • follow; accept instructions or to do what you have been told or shown. *Syn:* kuhondera.

3 • be awake; have lain down, with the eyes closed, but not be asleep.

**kwegwa** n. hearing.

**kwegwagana** *Var:* **kwegwangana**. v. cooperate; work together with s.b. in

order to achieve s.t. *Syn:* kukoragana, kwetegerezangana, kukobya.

**kwegyendereza** v. be careful; put the mind on s.t. in order to avoid harm, damage or mistake.

**kwehaga** v. increase in volume; become greater or larger in size, e.g., when a balloon is filled with air.

**kwehahamula** v. yawn; open the mouth wide, and breath through it, due to boredom or tiredness.

**kwehakana** *From:* Runyoro. v. deny, contradict; refuse to admit s.t. you know or that you did. *Syn:* kwehooga, kwegaana.

**kwehala** v. avoid; keep away from s.t. in order to prevent s.t. bad because of not wanting to get involved in s.t.

**kwehandikisa** v. *See main entry:* kuhandiika.

**kwehaya** v. boast over an accomplishment.

**kwehayo** v. 1 • commit; promise openly that you will definitely do s.t. or fulfil an agreement.

2 • take a risk; decide to do s.t. that may land you in danger.

3 • endeavour.

**kwehaahira** v. overextend yourself; attempt or claim to be able to do s.t. beyond your ability.

**kwehaariiza** v. *See main entry:* kuhaariiza.

**kwehaayira** v. plan an attack for a quarrel or a fight or to beat s.b.

**kwehemba** v. boast, be proud.

*Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwehembera** v. *See main entry:* kwebembera.

**kwehindula** *Var:* kwehinda-hindula. v. *See main entry:* kuhindula.

**kwehinda** v. *See main entry:* kuhinda.

**kwehinya** v. *See main entry:* kuhinya.

**kwehinyaho** v. *See main entry:*

**kuhinya.**

**kwehodoola** *Var:* kwehodoleerya. v. stand on the toes in order to make yourself taller.

**kwehodoolya** v. crane your neck.

**kwehooga** v. 1 • deny; refuse to admit or accept s.t. *Syn:* kwepampagula, kwegaana, kwehakana.

2 • betray.

3 • disassociate; say or do s.t. to show that you are not connected with or do not support s.b. or s.t.

**kwehombokereerya** v. pretend to be calm.

**kwehomeera** v. try to be a friend to s.b. even when they are not that keen on the friendship. *Syn:* kwebboheera, kwebbohaho, kwepaamiira.

**kwehora** v. *See main entry:* kuhora.

**kwehugura** v. *See main entry:* kuhugura.

**kwehuulira** v. fall accidentally; move from up to suddenly fall down. *Syn:* kweroopira, kwekuutira.

**kwehula** v. brag, boast; pretend or to take yourself to be what you are not. *Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**Kwehundya** n. name of a person.

**kwehunga-hunguulya** v. pass time, wander aimlessly; walk or travel around without any definite directions or without an aim.

**kwehuukya**<sub>1</sub> v. give up as a result of having tried to do s.t. in vain.

*Syn:* kubikupukamu, kubihuumula, kubisomokamu, kubyeganyira, kbyelekesya, kubileka, kubirugamu.

**kwehuukya**<sub>2</sub> v. *Metaphor.* be conceited, proud.

**kwehuumuulya** v. *See main entry:* kuhuumula.

**kwehwesya** v. gasp, have laboured breathing due to fatigue, surprise, or pain.

**kwehweseerya** v. sigh; take in and then let out along deep noisy breath due to fatigue, tension or fear.

**kwei** *pro.* See main entry: **kwange**.

**kweinyuma** v. be at the back or rear; be behind s.t.

*adv.* back, backward, behind, rearward, opposite of forward; not in front.

**kweinyumaho** *adv.* sometime back, awhile ago; after a short period.

**kwejaayiika** v. See main entry: **kujaayiika**.

**kwejengera** *Var:* **kwejengira**. v. See main entry: **kujenga**.

**kwejunga** v. See main entry: **kujunga**.

**kwejuumuka** v. See main entry: **kujuumuka**.

**kwejuguuja** v. gargle; put water inside the mouth in order to wash it.

**kwekalakaasa** *From:* Luganda. v. 1 • riot; participate in a violent mob to openly resist against a policy or an action by leaders. *Syn:* kwesansala, kwolokya bwemj.

2 • go on strike; stop work in order to press demands. *Syn:* kwesansala.

**kwekamba** v. be hardworking; struggle and put in effort. *Syn:* kuwaya-waya, kulwanisya, kupatikana, kwenyamula, kugada-gada, kuguuguuza, kunyeega, kupataka, kupoolooka, kutjita, kwesabbula.

**kwekambisya** v. encourage.

*Syn:* kutamu maani, kwiryamu maani.

**kwekanasa** *Var:* **kwekanisa**. v. quit, abandon; give up doing s.t. in disgust due to feeling unfairly treated.

**kwekandagiira** v. See main entry: **kukandagiira**.

**kwekanga** *From:* Luganda. v. be in shock; feel shivering of the body due to seeing or hearing s.t. that you have not been expecting. *Syn:* kwerunduika.

**kwekankabbula** v. 1 • evade, dodge; respond to questions very fast in order to avoid other questions.

2 • struggle so that you forcibly free yourself from s.b. who is trying to catch you or has already caught you.

**kwekarandya** v. force phlegm from the throat so that you can spit it out.

**kwekaakyamu** *Var:* **kwekaakya-kaakyamu**. v. meddle, pry, nose in; become involved in s.t. that does not concern you. *Syn:* kwebbwogiramu, kwekiikamu, kwezingiiramu, kwejungamu, kwesubbamu.

**kwekaanya** v. observe; critically look at s.t. in order to understand it properly.

**kwekebeija** *Var:* **kwekebeeja**. v. examine, scrutinise, analyse critically; try to find out all the facts about s.t. in order to confirm s.t.

**kwekenga** v. suffer guilt, feel wrongly accused; feel touched as if it is you who did s.t. wrong that is being condemned.

**kwekengesereerya** v. show guilt; beat around the bush or do unusual things showing exactly that you really have some knowledge about an event.

**kwekerengura** v. See main entry: **kweberengura**.

**kwekingirana** v. See main entry: **kukinga**.

**kwekiikamu** v. 1 • meddle, nose in, pry; poke your nose into s.b.'s affairs.

*Syn:* kwebbwogiramu, kwekaakyamu, kwezingiiramu, kwejungamu, kwesubbamu.

2 • hinder, oppose; make it difficult for s.b. to do s.t. or s.t. to happen.

*Syn:* kwesimbamu.

**kwekiiniira** v. 1 • defecate while strongly forcing the faeces out.

2 • push, force out; act of delivering that causes a woman to take in deep breathes in order to push out the baby.

*Syn:* kuheera.

**kwekiizika** v. See main entry: **kukiizika**.

**kwekombura** v. See main entry: **kukomba**.

**kwekoora** *Var:* **kwekoresya**. v. be self employed; work for yourself, not being employed by s.b., an organisation, etc.

**kwekoraho** *Var:* **kwekolaho**. v. See main entry: **kukoraho**.

**kwekunuka** v. refuse; reject s.t. that ends up causing self hatred or self

neglect, e.g., refusal to participate in activities with others can make s.b. isolated, causing loneliness. *Syn:* kugira, kugaana, kuhyema, kuryega, kusuula.

**kwekuutira** *v.* fall accidentally; move from up to suddenly fall down.

*Syn:* kwehuulira, kweroopira.

**kwekulungula** *v.* flop down; fall loosely, suddenly and abruptly.

*Syn:* kugwa rwo, kugwa rucu.

**Kwekumya** *n.* name of a person.

**kwekunya<sub>1</sub>** *v.* *See main entry:* **kukunya.**

**kwekunya<sub>2</sub>** *v.* *Metaphor.* be uneasy; be not free among people.

**kwekuunyuka** *v.* *See main entry:* **kukuunyuka.**

**kwekuruumya** *v.* 1 • mumble, mutter, murmur; speak what is not clear in a low voice.

*Syn:* kwenghurunghuutya.

2 • grumble, complain about s.t., without saying publicly what you think.

**kwekwakura** *v.* scratch; rub your skin with the fingernails, usually because it is itching.

**kwekwata<sub>1</sub>** *v.* choose to be a friend to s.b. or appeal to someone for a favour.

**kwekwata<sub>2</sub>** *v.* gel, congeal, clot, set, freeze, solidify; change from liquid state into solid state. *Syn:* kukama.

**kwekwatya** *Var:* **kwekwatiriya.** *v.* make a false excuse.

**kwekwotola** *Var:* **kwelwotola.** *v.* sneak out, slip away; escape silently.

**kwekyetya** *v.* brush; come into contact with s.t., esp. while bypassing.

**kwelaalikiira** *v.* be worried, upset, stressed; not have a settled mind due to fear, death of your relatives, etc.

*n.* stress, worry; emotional tension, strain. *Syn:* butuntwire.

**kwelaalikiiriya** *v.* cause s.b. worry.

**kwelekesya** *v.* *See main entry:* **kuleka.**

**kweliga** *v.* *See main entry:* **kuliga.**

**kweligijiira** *v.* become excited, lust, crave; have extreme desire for s.t. that you do not yet know whether you will get. *Syn:* kweninghiniira, kwegomba.

**kwelirya-lirya** *v.* *See main entry:* **kulira-lira.**

**kweloolya** *Var:* **kwelongoleerya.** *v.* *See main entry:* **kuloolya.**

**kwelwanaho** *v.* *See main entry:* **kulwana.**

**kwelwotola** *v.* *See main entry:* **kwelwotola.**

**kwelyoba** *v.* *See main entry:* **kulyoba.**

**kwema<sub>1</sub>** *v.* become calm; when wind stops blowing.

**kwema<sub>2</sub>** *v.* conceive; act of an animal becoming pregnant.

**kwemala** *v.* be self sufficient, independent; have everything that you need. *Syn:* kwezemereeryaho, kwesobora.

**kwemala kintu** *v.* monopolise.

**kwemaliira** *Var:* **kwemaaliira.** *v.*

1 • be selfish, individualistic; work alone due to not liking to co-operate with people.

2 • be stingy; so that s.b. does not use his things with other people.

**kwemala-mala** *v.* suffer from shame.

**kumalwa maani** *v.* be embarrassed.

**kwemalayo** *v.* brag, boast; talk too proudly about s.t. you own or s.t. you have done. *Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwemba** *v.* mine; dig a hole or a pit in the ground. *Syn:* kulima kiina, kutema kiina.

**kwezemba** *v.* become dug; develop a series of holes or to reduce the layer at the bottom.

**kwembemba** *v.* provoke, harass; say or do s.t. that you know will annoy s.b. or hurt their feelings so that they react in an angry way. *Syn:* kwendereerya, kusodokanja, kutoolyaho, kutakula, kwagaaga.

**kwemera<sub>1</sub>** *v.* pay bail; give money so that an accused person is allowed to

attend court sessions while staying at home.

**kwemera<sub>2</sub>** v. start ploughing a field.

**kwemereerya<sub>1</sub>** v. *See main entry:* kwemeera.

**kwemereerya<sub>2</sub>** v. erect; set upright, make vertical.

**kwemeta** v. conceive; get pregnant.

**kwemeera** v. stand; be upright on your feet without bending.

**kwemeera ħusimba** v. *Metaphor.* stand firmly for the truth without changing your mind irrespective of any circumstance like persecution, intimidation, etc.

**kwemeeraho** v. stay somewhere briefly or pass via somewhere before reaching the destination of your journey.

**kwemereerya** v. stop, halt, cancel, cease s.t.; make s.t. not proceed.

**kwemigamu** v. *See main entry:* kumiga.

**kweminga-minga** v. talk while twisting the neck due to shyness, embarrassment, or shame.

**kwemiima** v. regain strength.

*Syn:* kwesomeera.

**kwemirya** v. *See main entry:* kumirya.

**kwemonga-mongola** v. look in all directions due to shyness or shame or due to pride.

**kwemuka** v. return back there; go back where one has come from, e.g., to home.

**kwemya** v. mate; when a male animal reproduces with a female animal.

**kwemyangarasania** v. *See main entry:* kumyangarasana.

**kwenamira** v. gather together or visit each other in order to discuss or chat.

**kwendereerya** v. provoke, harass, disturb; confuse s.b. when he has no problem with you. *Syn:* kwagaaga, kusodokania, kutoolyaho, kutakula, kwembemba.

**kwendya** v. 1 • want; feel a need for s.t.  
2 • be interested; have interest and joy in s.t.

3 • like; enjoy or be attracted by s.t. or s.b.

4 • prefer.

5 • love; show affection to s.b. or s.t.

*Syn:* kugonza.

**kwendyangana** v. love each other; be in a close loving relationship with s.b. *Syn:* kugonzangana.

**kwendeħwa** v. be loved due to being graceful, sympathetic, enjoyable, friendly and attractive to people.

**kwendye-ndya** v. be sexually promiscuous. *Syn:* kutaaruuka, kuraaya, kuħunga, kurawarawa, kukora ħwenzi.

**kwezendeerya** v. be free to do s.t. the way you feel like.

**kwezendya** v. love yourself; feel a liking for yourself.

**kwenga** v. be ripe; be mature and ready to eat, of a plant.

**kwengya** v. allow to ripen.

**kwengeretena** v. glitter; shine brightly with little flashes of light.

*Syn:* kumengeresenja, kumeremeta.

**kweniga** v. *See main entry:* kuniga.

**kwenihiza** v. conjecture, suppose, surmise, speculate; form an opinion about s.t. without knowing all the details or facts.

**kwenihizibwa** v. *See main entry:* kunihira.

**kwenihiriirya** v. *See main entry:* kunihiriirya.

**kweninghiniira** v. lust for, crave after; have an extreme wish for s.t. that you do not yet know whether you will get. *Syn:* kweligijiira.

**kweniongoora** v. slither, crawl; move by way of wriggling on the ground, of animals.

**kwenjeera** v. wander; walk slowly here and there without any particular sense of purpose or direction esp. due to idleness. *Syn:* kwandaara, kuhama-hama, kumanga-manga, kupaaraara, kutaabaana, kutaaruuka, kuzengeera.

**kwenoba** v. *See main entry:* kunoba.

**kwenolya** *Var: kwenolereerya.* v.

ingratiate, manipulate, persuade;  
pretend to be good before s.b. so that  
you win his love.

**kwenolya nka busira bwa mu**

**kadeku** *Var: kwenolya nka*

**ndwa bwa ku mulabi.** v. *Idiom.*

boast. *Lit:* be a hypocrite; pretend to  
be what you are not.

**kwenoonereerya** v. *See main entry:*

**kunoonereerya.**

**kwenuga** v. *See main entry: kunuga.*

**kwenuguura** v. *See main entry:*

**kunuguura.**

**kwenuula** *Var: kwenaanuula.* v. *See*

*main entry: kunuula.*

**kwenghurunghuutya** v. murmur,  
grumble, mutter; use a low voice in the  
chest that is difficult to hear or  
understand due to fear of talking loudly,  
esp. because due to annoyance about s.t.  
*Syn:* kwekuuruumya.

**kwenyamura** v. **1 •** clean yourself after  
defecating.

**2 •** *Idiom.* struggle; make a strenuous  
effort. *Syn:* kuwaya-wayu, kulwanisya,  
kupatikana, kugada-gada, kuguuguuza,  
kunyeega, kupataka, kupoolooka,  
kotalibana, kutita, kwekamba.

**kwenyiriirya** v. *See main entry:*

**kunyirira.**

**kwenyumiza** v. *See main entry:*

**kunyumiza.**

**kwenyu** *pro.* your, yours (for 2 or more  
people).

**kwenyumisya** v. *See main entry:*

**kunyuma.**

**kwenywegera** v. *See main entry:*

**kunywegera.**

**kwenywesya** v. drink traditional  
medicine in order to prevent a disease.

**kwepampagula** v. deny responsibility  
by gesturing with the hands.

*Syn:* kwehooga.

**kwepanga** v. *See main entry: kupanga.*

**kwepanka** v. brag, boast; pretend to be  
of a higher standard. *Syn:* kwebbuna,  
kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora,  
kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula,

kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwetembya,  
kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya,  
kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwepaamiira** v. *See main entry:*  
**kupaama.**

**kwera** v. grow; yield a crop.

**kweraga** v. pledge; formally promise to  
give or do s.t.

**kwerambiika** v. *See main entry:*  
**kurambiika.**

**kweranga** v. *See main entry: kuranga.*

**kwerema** v. *See main entry: kulema.*

**kwereengeera** *Var: kwebbengeera.* v.  
overlook, disrespect; have a very poor  
opinion of s.b.

**kwereega<sub>1</sub>** v. **1 •** be enraged, aggressive;  
be ready to attack or rebel.

*Syn:* kwebamba, kweteega, kwelokya  
bwemi.

**2 •** show off. *Syn:* kwebamba, kweteega,  
kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja,  
kwedogora, kwehemba, kwehula,  
kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka,  
kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa,  
kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula  
munwa.

**kwereega<sub>2</sub>** v. recover; come back to  
normality after sickness, by regaining  
body weight. *Syn:* kwirya, kwebamba.

**kwerinda** v. *See main entry: kulinda.*

**kweroka** v. cough violently, regurgitate,  
esp. with the result of vomiting out  
from the stomach through the mouth  
food and liquid. *Syn:* kwebajagula.

**kweroopira** v. fall accidentally; move  
from up to suddenly fall down.  
*Syn:* kwehuulira, kwekuutira.

**kwerorongonia** v. **1 •** lament; have  
deep thoughts as a result of big  
problems.

**2 •** discuss; talk about s.t. with other  
people, esp. in order to make a decision.  
*Syn:* kubazaho, kuhanuura,  
kugaayagaaya.

**kwerula** v. name s.b. after s.b. who has  
passed away to honour the person who  
has died.

**kwezelula** v. name after yourself;  
give your name to your own child or  
grandchild.

**kwerunduka** v. *See main entry:*  
**kurundukya**.

**kwesabbula** v. struggle; try very hard to  
do s.t. when it is difficult or when there  
are many problems.

**kwesalaho** v. *See main entry:* **kusala**.

**kwesamiira** v. 1 • be amazed.

*Syn:* kuhangalala.

2 • watch intently.

**kwesana** v. act in a strange, usually  
socially unacceptable, manner.

**kwesansala** v. 1 • riot; behave in a  
violent way in a public place, esp. as a  
protest. *Syn:* kwekalakaasa, kwolokya  
bwemi.

2 • go on strike; stop work in order to  
press demands. *Syn:* kwekalakaasa.

**kweseguliirya** v. *See main entry:*

**kuseguliirya**.

**kwesegya** v. move forward or  
backwards from where you were.

**kwesegereerya** v. draw near; move  
close to s.t. *Syn:* kudwereera,  
kwesumiira.

**kwesegereeryagana**

*Var:* **kwesegereeryangana**. v. draw  
near s.b.; move near each other.

**kwesekula** v. have the hiccups.

**kwesemeerya** *Var:* **kwesemeza**. v.

adorn yourself; take care of yourself so  
that you appear well. *Syn:* kwenyiriirya,  
kwenyumisya, kwemyangarasanja,  
kwejaayiika, kwekoraho, kwenihiriirya,  
kweliga.

**kwesenga** v. *See main entry:* **kusenga**.

**kwesengereerya** *Var:* **kwesengereza**.

*From:* Runyoro. v. plead, request; ask  
for forgiveness or to intervene into  
s.b.'s affairs. *Syn:* kwedembereerya.

**kwesiga** v. trust, depend; believe in s.b.  
due to his sincerity.

**kwesigwa** v. be trusted, credible.

**kwesika**<sub>1</sub> v. *See main entry:* **kusika**.

**kwesika**<sub>2</sub> v. walk gently; to walk gently  
while you are very smartly dressed.

**kwesikiira** v. *See main entry:* **kusikiira**.

**kwesimba**<sub>1</sub> v. contest, compete; take  
part in a competition, election, etc. and  
try to win it.

**kwesimbamu** v. hinder, oppose;  
make it difficult for s.b. to do s.t. or  
s.t. to happen. *Syn:* kwekiikamu.

**kwesimba**<sub>2</sub> v. be upright, vertical.

**kwesita-sita** v. be ambiguous, evasive,  
vague; beat around the bush on what  
you want or what you are going to do.  
*Syn:* kwesyola-syola.

**kwesiuhuula** v. do s.t. but in a lazy,  
slow manner.

**kwesiiga** v. *See main entry:* **kusiiga**.

**kwesinsinia** v. be picky.

**kwesisigania** v. do s.t. and feel  
unwilling or reluctant about doing it or  
refuse to do it because you feel s.b. else  
should do it.

**kwesobora** v. be self-reliant, self-  
sufficient, independent.

*Syn:* kwezemereeryaho, kwemala.

**kwesoboora** v. *See main entry:*  
**kusoboora**.

**kwesogoba** v. tuck in; put the end of a  
shirt or a blouse into a pair of trousers,  
shorts or a skirt in order to appear  
smart.

**kwesorooro** v. *See main entry:*  
**kusoorooro**.

**kwesorooza** v. *See main entry:*  
**kusorooza**.

**kwesukusa** v. wash the face, esp. after  
sleep.

**kwesunga** v. hesitate; feel unwilling or  
reluctant about doing s.t. or refuse to do  
it because you feel s.b. should first  
plead with you for you to do it.

**kwesubamu** v. *See main entry:*  
**kusubba**.

**kwesuma** v. *See main entry:* **kusuma**.

**kwesuuta** v. *See main entry:* **kusuuta**.

**kwesyamula** v. sneeze; release out air  
through the nose and the mouth  
suddenly and noisily, esp. due to a  
runny nose.

**kwesyania** v. *See main entry:* **kusyania**.

**kwesyeta** v. *See main entry:* **kusyeta**.

**kwesyola-syola** v. disguise your



intentions, be evasive, vague, ambiguous, not be straight forward.  
*Syn:* kwesita-sita.

**kwesyomeera** *v.* regain strength.

*Syn:* kwemiima.

**kweta** *v.* 1 • call, summon; use a loud voice to inform s.b. far away so that he pays attention, comes or waits.

*Syn:* kulalika.

2 • invite; inform s.b. so that he can come to an activity.

3 • name a person.

**kwetwa** *v.* be called, invited; receive a message that you are wanted to go some where else.

**kwetereerya** *v.* 1 • loud cry, of an animal, to inform another that is far, so that it pays attention, comes or waits.

2 • shout; persistently use a loud voice to inform s.b. far away so that he pays attention, comes or waits.

**kwetangana** *Var:* **kwetangana**. *v.* call each other; use a loud voice to inform each other so that people meet together.

**kwetebwa** *n.* invitation.

**kwetabura** *v.* *See main entry:* **kutabura**.

**kwetaga** *v.* 1 • become angry.

2 • be rude, unconcerned or unresponsive to others.

**kwetambura** *v.* *See main entry:*

**kutambura**.

**kwetanga** *v.* return, rebound; stop on the way and come back before reaching where you were going.

**kwetatiiriya** *v.* *See main entry:*

**kutatiira**.

**kwetaaga** *v.* *See main entry:* **kutaaga**.

**kwetegekera** *v.* *See main entry:*

**kutegeka**.

**kwetegereza** *v.* 1 • understand; know what s.t. means or how it works.

*Syn:* kukenga.

2 • perceive; know what is taking place or is going to take place.

3 • recognise. *Syn:* kulengera.

**kwetegerezebwa** *v.* be

understandable, make s.t. clear; be able to make others know the meaning of what you have said.

**kwetegerezesya** *v.* convince;

explain s.t. so that s.b. knows what is meant.

**kwetegerezangana** *v.* cooperate;

have good social interaction between two or more people.

*Syn:* kukoragana, kwegwagana, kukobya.

**kwetegeerya** *v.* listen; pay attention to what is being said so that you understand the meaning. *Syn:* kufaho.

**kwetegya** *v.* pause; stop talking or doing s.t. for a short time before continuing.

**kwetembya** *v.* *See main entry:*

**kutemba**.

**kwetendeega** *v.* bounce; up and downward movements of a ball when it hits the ground or of s.b. walking lightly and quickly.

**kweterwa** *v.* be sent a message that you go somewhere for a purpose or to collect s.t.

**kweteega** *v.* 1 • be enraged, aggressive; be ready to attack or rebel.

*Syn:* kwereega, kwolokya bwemi.

2 • show off. *Syn:* kwebamba, kwereega, kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kweteeka** *v.* *See main entry:* **kuteeka**.

**kweteekaniza** *v.* *See main entry:*

**kuteekaniza**.

**kweteekira** *Var:* **kweteekera**. *v.* be persuaded; accept s.t. without proper discernment, as a result of s.b.'s influence even when you feel that it is wrong.

**kweteeraniza** *v.* *See main entry:*

**kuteerana**.

**kweteesuliza** *v.* *See main entry:*

**kuteesya**.

**kwetiiza** *v.* *See main entry:* **kutiiza**.

- kwetikeera** v. be quiet; keep your mouth shut and stay silent.  
*Syn:* kwinyama, kuhola.
- kwetikereerya** v. silence; cause s.b. stop talking or crying.  
*Syn:* kuholya, kwinyama.
- kwetoolaho** v. *See main entry:* kutoola.
- kwetomera** v. *See main entry:* kutomera.
- kwetongoola** v. *See main entry:* kutongoola.
- kwetongonaho** v. *See main entry:* kutongona.
- kwetontya** v. regret; feel self condemnation about s.t. that you have done or not done. *Syn:* kwezuzukya.
- kwetooroora** v. surround; be all around s.t. or s.b. *Syn:* kugota, kucwera.
- kwetuukula** v. *See main entry:* kutuukula.
- kwetuuma** v. *See main entry:* kutuuma.
- kwetu** *pro.* our, ours.
- kwetuluka** v. *See main entry:* kutuluka.
- kwetunguula** v. *See main entry:* kutunguula.
- kwetuuga** v. *See main entry:* kutuga.
- kwetwala** v. boast, show off, be a hypocrite; raise yourself to a standard that you have not yet achieved.  
*Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwezegwa, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.
- kwetwara** v. *See main entry:* kutwala.
- kwetweka** v. *See main entry:* kutweka.
- kwetyetyaho** v. rub against.
- kwevuga** v. *See main entry:* kuvuga.
- kweweeka** v. *See main entry:* kuweeka.
- kwewona** v. *See main entry:* kuwona.
- kwewuga** v. gloat; show excitement for being successful, esp. due to s.b.'s failure.
- kwewulungula** *Var:* kwezurungura. v. roll; turn over and over and move in a particular direction.
- kweyongera** v. 1 • enlarge, increase; become greater in amount, number,

value, etc. *Syn:* kukanya.

2 • continue; go ahead without stopping or not stopping to do s.t.

**kweyongeraho** v. enlarge or increase slightly; become a little bit greater in amount, number, value, etc.

**kweyongera-bweyonger** *n.* momentum.

**kweyonja** v. *See main entry:* kuyonja.

**kweyunga** v. *See main entry:* kuyunga.

**kweza** v. sweep; move a broom through a house, etc. in order to remove rubbish.

**kwezaguda** *Var:* kwezaga. v. *See main entry:* kwaga.

**kwezahula** v. *See main entry:* kwahula.

**kwezahuura** v. *See main entry:* kwahula.

**kwezama** v. *See main entry:* kuzama.

**kwezanguhya** v. *See main entry:* kwanguha.

**kwezatyamu** v. *See main entry:* kwata.

**kwezegwa**<sub>1</sub> v. boast, brag, show off; be proud of s.t. you own or you have done.  
*Syn:* kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecenja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehemba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezimbya, kukiinuuka, kutaamuula munwa.

**kwezegwa**<sub>2</sub> v. feel, sense; be aware of s.t. that is on your body.

**kwezelula** v. *See main entry:* kwerula.

**kwezemba** v. *See main entry:* kwemba.

**kwezemereeryaho** v. be self-reliant, self-sufficient, independent.  
*Syn:* kwesobora, kwemala.

**kwezendeerya** v. *See main entry:* kwendya.

**kweziba** v. escape; move away from s.b. to a hidden place due to the wrong you have done or in order to prevent danger.  
*Syn:* kulwotoka, kucwa, kusomoka, kutoroka.

**kwezimbya** v. *See main entry:* kuzimba.

**kwezinda** v. commit suicide; kill yourself. *Syn:* kwezita.

**kwezinga** v. *See main entry:* kuzinga.

**kwezingiiryamu** v. *See main entry:*

kwingira.

**kweziramwo** *Var:* **kweziramu**;

**kweziramwona** *v.* See main entry:  
kuzira.

**kweziriirya** *v.* repossess; take back  
property, goods or services from s.b.

**kweziririirya** *v.* demean, humble  
yourself; put yourself in a lower  
position that does not reflect what you  
really are.

**kwezita** *v.* commit suicide; kill yourself.  
*Syn:* kwezinda.

**kwezoboolya** *v.* See main entry:  
kwobokola.

**kwezolokya** *v.* See main entry:  
kwolokya.

**kwezurungura** *v.* See main entry:  
kwewulungula.

**kwezuzukya** *v.* regret; feel self  
condemnation about s.t. that you have  
done or not done. *Syn:* kwetontya.

**kwibala** *v.* carry a baby on the back.

**kwibbuka** *Var:* **kwibbuka**; **kwibika**. *v.*  
immerse s.t. partly into water.  
*See:* **kudikiirya** ‘submerge’.

**kwicala** *v.* stay, remain, dwell, live; be  
somewhere for a period of time without  
moving away or to be in a place as a  
visitor.

**kwicalaho** *v.* persevere; continue  
doing s.t. without giving up.

**kwicalyaho** *v.* retain; continue to  
have s.t.

**kwicalayo** *v.* delay at a place; spend  
a lot of time somewhere in order to  
hold up or slow down s.t.

**kwicalanwa** *v.* live in harmony;  
stay together as one peacefully.

**kwicalanwa kurungi** *n.*  
harmony.

**kwicanikira** *v.* sink; go down below the  
surface or towards the bottom of a  
liquid or soft substance. *Syn:* kubbuta,  
kudikira, kugizira.

**kwicaara** *v.* sit; support your weight on  
the buttocks, esp. on a chair.

**kwicaliirya** *v.* 1 • show s.b. where to  
sit or place s.b. on a seat.

2 • enthrone; make s.b. sit on a  
throne or a special chair so as to  
make the beginning of their rule.

**kwicuta** *v.* eat and just feel satisfied  
with food.

**kwihula** *v.* serve food; put cooked food  
in a plate when it is ready to be eaten.  
*Syn:* kutona.

**kwijala** *v.* shut.

**kwijanjana** *Var:* **kwijana-ijana**;  
**kwijajanjana**. *v.* 1 • be equal.

2 • be tied; finish s.t. e.g., a game  
without a winner or a loser.

**kwijanjanja** *Var:* **kwijajanjanja**. *v.*  
1 • balance, match, equate; make  
sure that the quantity of one thing is  
the same as that of another, e.g.,  
treat s.b. equally without  
discriminating them on grounds of  
race, sex, religion, education level,  
etc.

2 • order; arrange things in their  
place by size.

**kwijaara** *Var:* **kwijalira**. *v.* become  
blocked; when an opening no longer  
lets a liquid flow through.

**kwijula** *v.* open. *Syn:* kwala, kuḅuula,  
kukingula.

**kwijuluka** *v.* be opened.

**kwikiriza** *v.* 1 • agree; say that you will  
do what s.b. wants or to say “yes”.  
*Syn:* kuhikaniza, kukengangana.

2 • accept; take what you have been  
given without refusing.

3 • admit; finally listen to the truth.

4 • permit, authorise.

**kwikiririza** *v.* believe in; fully trust  
s.b. without having any sense of  
doubt. *Syn:* kunanukira.

**kwikiriziḅwa** *v.* 1 • be accepted,  
meet a standard that is preferred by  
most people.

2 • be allowed, authorised,  
permitted; be given authority to do  
s.t.

**kwikirizisya** *v.* convince, persuade;  
cause s.b. to do s.t. the way you  
want.

**kwikiraniza** *Var: kwikirizangana.*

v. 1 • agree together, reach a compromise; make an agreement in order to work together.

*Syn:* kuhikaniza, kukengangana, kukundirangana.

2 • share the same opinion or feel the same way, in order to mutually support each other.

**kwinama** v. bow; bend the body a bit in order to give s.b. respect, esp. when greeting. *Syn:* kwehinyaho.

**kwina mira** v. pay last respects to a dead person.

**kwingira** v. enter; move from outside and go inside s.t.

**kwingiirya** v. 1 • bring inside.

2 • earn; bring in money that you have worked for or as a profit.

3 • absorb; take in a liquid, gas or other substance from the surface or surrounding space. *Syn:* kunywa, kusika.

**kwingiira** v. break into a house and force s.b. to do s.t. against their will, esp. to force them into sex.

**kwezingiiryamu** v. meddle, pry, nose in; become involved in s.t. that does not concern you.

*Syn:* kwebbwogiramu, kwekaakyamu, kwekiikamu, kwejungamu, kwesubbamu.

**kwingiriirya** v. intimidate; frighten or threaten s.b. so that you do what they want. *Syn:* kukanga, kukankanja, kutiinisiriirya.

**kwinyama** v. 1 • be cool, cold.

2 • *Metaphor.* be calm.

3 • *Metaphor.* be quiet. *Syn:* kuhola, kwetikeera.

**kwinyamya** v. 1 • cool s.t. down.

*Syn:* kuholya.

2 • refrigerate.

3 • make s.t. wet.

4 • dilute; reduce the bitterness or sweetness of s.t.

5 • *Metaphor.* make s.t. be quiet.

*Syn:* kuholya, kwetikereerya.

**kwinyamiriirwa** v. form dew on s.t.

**kwiragura** v. become black in colour or dirty.

**kwiraguurya** v. 1 • dirty, soil; make s.t. become unclean.

2 • dye black; change the colour of s.t. to black.

**kwisana** *Var: kwisansana;*

**kwisaneisana.** v. 1 • be alike; resemble, be the same as. *Syn:* kuḥuusana, kuhwanagana.

2 • overlap.

**kwisansanja** v. match; think or make s.t. look the same or very similar to another.

**kwisanjiriirya** v. compare; try to think or make s.t. look the same or very similar to another.

*Syn:* kupima-pima, kulengesenja.

**kwizula** v. 1 • become full; reach the brim.

2 • flow back to the shore when tide is in; for a liquid to flow into or fill its normal area.

**kwizuulya** v. fill to the brim.

**kwiba** v. steal, plunder; take s.t. without permission and without the intention to return it or pay for it.

**kwibwa** v. be stolen.

**kwibwa bulo** v. *See main entry: bulo.*

**kwicalyaho** v. *See main entry: kwicala.*

**kwicya** v. place; put s.t. somewhere.

*Syn:* kuta.

**kwihha** v. 1 • thin; uproot some plants so that they give the rest space.

2 • harvest; remove crops, e.g., groundnuts from the garden after maturing. *Syn:* kukupula.

**kwihha meino** v. remove teeth from the mouth.

**kwihuka** v. be uprooted, dislodged; removal of s.t. from where it has been firm. *Syn:* kukupuka.

**kwijanja** *Var: kwijajanjanja.* v. *See main entry: kwijanjana.*

**kwikirizisya** v. *See main entry:*

**kwikiriza.**

**kwima** v. be mean, stingy; refuse to give

to others what you have.

**kwimwa** v. be refused; not to be given s.t. that you have asked or that you want.

**kwingiirya** v. See main entry: **kwingira**.

**kwiniini** Pl: **kwiniini**. From: English. n. quinine.

**kwinka** v. stop, knock off work; leave your job in the afternoon or in the evening.

**kwinkula** v. make s.b. knock off work.

**kwinyamya** v. See main entry: **kwinyama**.

**kwira** v. return; come back from where you had gone.

**kwiramwo** v. resume.  
Syn: **kukiiraho**.

**kwiramwo buntu** v. Metaphor. change behaviour; improve your ways before others. Syn: **kuhindula ngesu**.

**kwiraguurya** v. See main entry: **kwiragura**.

**kwiraho** v. be next, follow; come straight after s.t. or s.b. in time, sequence, or space. Syn: **kuhondera**.

**kwiramu** v. reply, respond, answer, repeat; say or write in order to tell s.b. about what he has asked.

**kwiramu bigezu** Var: **kukora bigezu**. v. answer in a test.

**kwireiramwo** v. be recurring, repeating.

**kwiririirya**<sub>1</sub> v. degrade, undermine, demean s.b. as if he has no value, so that he loses respect before others.  
Syn: **kusensegula**.

**kwiririirya**<sub>2</sub> v. 1 • retaliate; do. s.t. bad to s.b., returning like for like, esp. evil for evil. Syn: **kusasuura**, **kunanula**, **kuhoora**, **kwolokya**.

2 • return; give s.b. back what he had lent you.

**kwiruka** v. 1 • run; move on foot at a speed faster than trotting.



2 • flow; move steadily and continuously in one direction.

Syn: **kuheta**.

3 • desert, run away; leave a place or work with a given organization without permission.

**kwiruukya** v. pursue; chase or run after s.b. or s.t. so that you catch it.  
Syn: **kubinga**.

**kwirukiira** v. respond urgently to help s.b. who is in trouble.

**kya kwirukiira** Pl: **bya kwirukiira** n. temporary solution, quick fix; s.t. that is done in an emergency situation but pending a permanent solution to the problem.  
Syn: **kya kulindiraho**.

**kwirukiirangana** v. urgently help each other in a time of suffering.

**kwirukiriirya** v. be impatient when s.t. is not yet ready. Syn: **kupapa**, **kujaganiriirya**.

**kwirwamu maani** v. gain strength.

**kwirwamu kwetegereza** v. revive; regain consciousness after being unconscious for a moment.

**kwirya** v. 1 • replace.

2 • recover from sickness by regaining body weight. Syn: **kwebamba**, **kwereega**.

3 • reconcile; abandon hatred and get into co-operation. Syn: **kweziranganamu**, **kwecwamu**.

**kwiryamu maani** v. encourage; give s.b. support, courage or hope, or to persuade s.b. to do s.t. by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do. *Syn:* kutamu maani, kwekambisya.

**kwirya hansi** v. *See main entry: hansi.*

**kwisansanja** v. *See main entry: kwisana.*

**kwita** v. kill; terminate the life of s.b. or s.t.

**kwita maka** v. *See main entry: ika.*

**kwita nyumba** v. *See main entry: nyumba.*

**kwiza** v. come; move towards, travel from there to here.

**kwizuka** v. remember, recall; bring back in the mind s.t. that has passed.

*n.* memory.

**kwizukya** v. remind; make s.b. remember s.t.

**kwizukiriya** v. commemorate; perform a ceremony to remind people of an important past event or the death of s.b.

**kya kwizukiraho** *Pl: bya*

**kwizukiraho.** *n.* reference; symbol or a note that helps remind s.b. of a past event.

**kwizuulya** v. *See main entry: kwizula.*

**kwo** *pro.* *See main entry: kwamu.*

**kwoboha** v. be sharp.

**kwobohya** v. sharpen; make the edge or point of s.t. finer, esp. of s.t. that can cut or make a hole in s.t. *Syn:* kuhyolya, kusongoroorya, kuteekera, kusiihya.

**kwobokola** v. uncover s.t. that had been covered.

**kw zoboolya** v. shed; cast off the top layers of skin, e.g., of a snake.

**kwodi** *dem.* **1** • that very one over there.

**2** • towards that very place over there.

**kwoha<sub>1</sub>** v. bewitch, curse; control s.b. using superstitious magic so that calamity, destruction or injury comes upon s.b. so that they do not achieve anything in life. *Syn:* kulenga, kuloga.

**kwoha<sub>2</sub>** v. **1** • bail a canoe.

**2** • clean a body of water, esp. a well.

**kwoha<sub>3</sub>** v. develop measles.

**kwoha<sub>4</sub>** v. refine sisal.

**kwohya** v. **1** • mislead; give s.b. the wrong idea or impression making them believe s.t. that is not true. *Syn:* kuhabya. **2** • tempt.

**kwokola** v. extract; remove s.t. such as a jigger or thorn from the skin.

**kwoku** *dem.* this very one.

**kwokwo** *dem.* **1** • that very one.

**2** • towards that very place.

*interj.* yes, certainly, true, for sure it is true.

**kwokya** v. **1** • burn; destroy, injure or cause death resulting from fire.

**2** • roast.

**kwokebwa** v. become burnt.

**kwokya ntumbu** v. perm hair; use hot oil to change hair so that it stands stiff.

**kwola** v. trap white ants.

**kwoloka** v. insult; tell boasting words to s.b. who is in sorrow.

**kwolokya<sub>1</sub>** v. **1** • show, demonstrate; let s.b. watch you doing s.t., to point to it or explain it. *Syn:* kuhemba, kuragiira.

**2** • introduce; make s.b. learn about s.t. or do s.t. for the first time.

*Syn:* kuragiira.

**kwolokereerya** v. direct, show, guide; tell s.b. how to get somewhere. *Syn:* kuragiira.

**kw ezolokya** v. **1** • reveal, speak giving all the truth without hiding anything.

**2** • introduce yourself; tell s.b. what your personal details are, e.g. name, job, marital status, etc.

*Syn:* kwebazaho, kwesobooraho.

**3** • show yourself.

**kwolokya<sub>2</sub>** v. retaliate; do. s.t. bad to s.b., returning like for like, esp. evil for evil. *Syn:* kusasaura, kunanula, kwiririya, kuhoora.

**kwolokya hwemi** v. be enraged, aggressive; be ready to attack or rebel. *Syn:* kwereega, kweteega, kwebamba, kwesansala, kwekalakaasa.

**Kwolokya<sub>3</sub>** n. name of a person.

**kwoma** v. 1 • dry up, become dry; loose water completely.

2 • be empty.

**kwomya** v. 1 • dry, cause s.t. to become dry.

2 • empty s.t.

3 • preserve by drying.

**kwomeresana** *Var:* **kwomeresena**.

v. be hard, brittle. *Syn:* kukangabala, kutatiira.

**kwomba** *Var:* **kwombogona**;

**kwombagana** v. shout, yell; use an extremely loud voice to speak.

*Syn:* kwaluka, kutoka.

**kwombombogana** v. babble.

**kwombeera** v. shout at; yell at s.b. with an extremely loud voice.

**kwomeera** v. 1 • last forever.

2 • have eternal life.

**kwomoka** v. miscarry; when a pregnancy ends prematurely.

**kwomola** v. abort; end a pregnancy.

**kwongerā** v. 1 • add, extend; make the quantity of s.t. increase. *Syn:* kuteerya. 2 • exaggerate; make s.t. appear better, worse or of higher value than it really is. *Syn:* kuhaariiza, kwata ikuha kunolya muto.

3 • flatter; praise s.b. without sincerity.

**kwongeraho** v. add a little more. *conj.* in addition, furthermore.

**kwongeramu** v. add into; put s.t. into s.t. else so as to increase the size, number, amount, etc.

**kwongerayo** v. postpone; call s.t. off for another time. *Syn:* kusambiirya.

**kwongeramwo maani** v.

1 • accelerate.

2 • add effort, struggle, try hard to make an attempt to do s.t. esp. when it is difficult to do.

**kwongosa** v. spin; weave ropes,

traditional hangers, etc.

**kwonka** v. suckle, breastfeed; suck milk from a mother's breasts or from the teats of the udder.

**kwonkya** v. suckle, breastfeed; feed an infant breast milk or for an animal to suckle its young.

**kwonu** *Var:* **kwono**. *dem.* towards this very place.

**kwonza** v. check through nets that are spread in water in order to remove any caught fish.

**kworoba** v. 1 • be soft. *Syn:* kuheheera, kuteketeera, kuhudekeera.

2 • *Metaphor.* be calm, serene.

3 • *Metaphor.* be obedient. *Syn:* kugonda.

**kworobyā** v. 1 • *Metaphor.* simplify, soften.

2 • *Metaphor.* pacify; make calm.

**kworobera** v. *Metaphor.* abide by, submit; listen and follow what is accepted and right behaviour, e.g., what elders or the law says.

*Syn:* kugondera.

**kworoora** v. tame, rear; feed and care for domestic animals.

*Syn:* kumanyiriirya.

**kworukworu** *interj.* Idiophone. croak; crying of a toad or a frog.

**kwosa** v. be absent; not be where you are expected.

**kwosoosa** v. be irregular; once in a while, not every day.

**kwota** v. bask; warm yourself.

**kwozoha** v. 1 • be heavy.

2 • be pregnant.

**kya** *adv.* of.

**kya kulindiraho** n. *See main entry:* kulindira.

**kya kunywa** n. *See main entry:* kunywa.

**kya kusandaara** n. *See main entry:* kusandaara.

**kya kuwoneraho** v. *See main entry:* kawonero.

**kya kusekesya** v. *See main entry:* kuseka.

**kya kūzeenya** v. *See main entry:* kūzeenya.

**kya kwiramu** *n.* See main entry: **nziramu**.

**kya kwirukiira** *v.* See main entry: **kwiruka**.

**kyabensei** *adj.* public, common, usual; s.t. used by many people in the area.

**kyabiribiri** *adj.* 1 • pure; s.t. into which nothing is mixed.

2 • exact, sure, accurate; correct in every detail. *Syn:* **kyonyini**.

3 • real.

**kyabyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kyabu** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kyabuhangwa** *adj.* natural.

**kyabulikiro** *Pl:* **byabulikiro**. *n.* daily event; s.t. that occurs every day.

*adv.* usual, common, normal, universal, general; s.t. that is not new to people.

**kyaburuzo** *v.* See main entry:

**kisumuruzo**.

**kyabusa** *adj.* 1 • useless; s.t. that is of no use.

2 • free, unpaid; s.t. not paid for.

**kyabwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**Kyabbaraza** *adv.* Monday; day between Sunday and Tuesday.

**kyafaayo** *Pl:* **byafaayo**. *n.* history.

**kyago** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kyagwo** *pro.* its.

**kyagyo** *pro.* its.

**kyahakati** *adv.* See main entry: **hakati**.

**kyahakyendi<sub>1</sub>** *adj.* important; of great value. *Syn:* **kyakitiinisa**, **kyamuhendu**.

**kyahakyendi<sub>2</sub>** *adj.* overhead.

**kyahi** *pro.* nothing, none.

**waahiho** *Pl:* **baahiho**. *n.* absent person; s.b. who is missing.

**kyahimu** *Var:* **kyahimwo**;

**kyahimwona**. *adv.* 1 • not in; not there.

2 • untrue; s.t. totally not right.

3 • negative.

4 • in vain.

**waahimu** *Pl:* **baahimu**. *n.* stupid person; s.b. who does not meet the required standards or is of low economic and social standard.

**kyahukanu** *adj.* special, different, separate; s.t. that is unique among others. *Syn:* **kyambaganiza**, **kitongoole**.

**kyahuku** *adj.* loose; not firmly tied or fixed and therefore able to become separated from s.t. *Syn:* **kijegejege**.

**kyaiho** *adv.* never.  
*interj.* no way.

**kyaja** *Pl:* **byaja**. *n.* traditional type of curse between two people who have a misunderstanding that wishes misfortune on the other.

**kyakabi** *adj.* risky, challenging, dangerous; difficult in an interesting way that tests your ability, that may be likely to injure or harm. *Syn:* **kyatabbu**.

**Kyakabiri** *adv.* Tuesday; day between Monday and Wednesday.

**kyakalasanu** *adj.* excessive, extreme; greater than what seems reasonable or appropriate.

**kukora kyakalasanu** *v.*

overwork.

**kukoresya kyakalasanu** *v.*

overuse.

**Kyakanei** *adv.* Thursday; day between Wednesday and Friday.

**Kyakasatu** *adv.* Wednesday; day between Tuesday and Thursday.

**Kyakataanu** *adv.* Friday; day between Thursday and Saturday.

**kyakeiza kyensei** *interj.* whatever; a reply used when you are saying that it does not matter what s.b. does or what happens, because you do not care or mind about what the results will be or that you are not interested in what they are talking about.

**kyakitiinisa** *adj.* important, respected; of great value. *Syn:* **kyahakyendi**, **kyamuhendu**.

**kyako** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kyakubanza** *adj.* first; s.t. that is ahead or that leads.

**kyakubba** *adv.* perhaps, possibly; it may be like that.

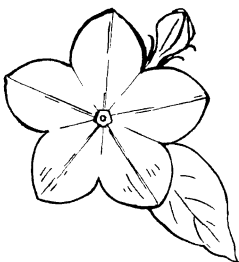
**kyakumaliira** *adj.* last.

**kyakwo** *pro.* its.

**kyakyo<sub>1</sub>** *pro.* its.



**kyakyo**<sub>2</sub> *Pl: byakyo. n. flower; coloured part of a plant from which a fruit or a seed develops. Syn: kimule.*



**kyakyo kito** *Pl: byakyo bito. n. bud.*

**kyaliro**<sub>1</sub> *Pl: byaliro. n. table cloth; piece of cloth or paper that is used to cover s.t. to prevent dust.*

**kyaliro**<sub>2</sub> *n. split bicycle tube put round the inside of a bicycle wheel to reduce friction between the wheel and the tube.*

**kyaloho** *n. See main entry: kinyaakubbaho.*

**kyalu** *Pl: byalu. n. cloud; water vapour that floats in the sky and condenses to form rain.*

**kyalwo** *pro. its.*

**kyalyo** *pro. its.*

**kyamagezi** *adj. 1 • wise, knowledgeable. 2 • sensible.*

**kyamagoba** *adj. valuable, useful, helpful; having an effect that gives s.b. an advantage or that makes or is likely to make a profit.*

**kyamahanu** *adj. 1 • mysterious. 2 • miraculous.*

**kyamananu** *adj. true, accurate, real, exact; connected with facts rather than things that are invented, duplicated, guessed or that involve lies.*

*Syn: kyonyini, kyabiribiri.*

**kyamazima** *n. truthfulness, faithfulness; state of being faithful and not telling lies or cheating.*

**kyamaani** *adj. great.*

**kyabaganiza** *From: Runyoro. adj. 1 • special, unique; not ordinary or usual, different from what is normal.*

*Syn: kyahukanu, kitongoole.*

**2 •** strange; unusual or surprising, esp. in a way that is difficult to understand.

**kyampula** *adv. less; s.t. done to a small degree.*

**kyamu** *Var: kyo. pro. your, yours.*

**kyamugasu** *adj. good, credible, useful, valuable; that can help you do or achieve what you want.*

**kyamuhendu** *adj. important, grand, precious; of great value.*

*Syn: kyahakyendi, kyakitiinisa.*

**Kyamukaaga** *adv. Saturday; day next to Friday or a day between Friday and Sunday.*

**kyamunda** *Var: kyenda.*

*Pl: byamunda. n. 1 • intestine; one of the body parts of the stomach.*

**2 •** foetus; young baby that is still in its mother's womb.

**kyamunsita** *adv. secretly.*

**kyamukati** *adj. See main entry: mukati.*

**kyamwe** *Var: kye. pro. his, her, hers.*

**kyamyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**kyanda** *Pl: byanda. n. dry season, drought; lack of rain for a long period.*

**kyangalu** *adj. man-made.*

**kyange** *Var: kyei. pro. my, mine.*

**kyangu** *adj. easy; s.t. done or obtained without a lot of effort or problems.*

*Syn: kiceke, kihuhu.*

**kyani?** *Var: ki?. interrog. what?*

**kyankei** *Var: kyankeenya. pro. itself.*

**kyapa** *Pl: byapa. n. 1 • sign, signpost; words or pictures on a piece of paper, wood or metal in order to direct people.*

**2 •** stain, mark; irregular-shaped small area of dirt, a spot or a cut on a surface that spoils its appearance. *Syn: kibbaati.*

**3 •** brand, logo, label; picture for a given brand or a written or printed symbol that is used as a sign of something, e.g., the quality of s.t. or who made or owns it etc. *Syn: laama.*

**kyaru** *Pl: byaru. n. 1 • village; lowest unit of local or cultural government administration. Syn: mugongo.*

**2 •** rural locality.

**Kyasabbiiti** *From: Arabic. adv. Sunday;*

day between Saturday and Monday.

**kyata** *Pl: byata. n.* sweet potato; sweet food crop that is grown by the creepers in the heaps of soil and has underground tubers.

**kaata ka kijungu** *Pl: bwata*

**bwa kijungu. n.** Irish potato.

**kyatabbu** *adj.* challenging; s.t. that is hard to do or difficult to understand.

*Syn: kyakabi.*

**kyatuku** *Pl: byatuku. n.* s.t. fragile that is broken or cracked, e.g., a bottle, glass etc.

**kyatwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**kyayaaty** *adj. 1 •* useless; s.t. that does not have any use.

*2 •* temporary.

**kyazyo** *Var: kyazo. pro.* their, theirs.

**kye** *pro. See main entry: kyamwe.*

**kyebererwa** *n.* forgetfulness; habit of forgetting very fast.

**kyebisiro** *Pl: byebisiro. n.* refuge; place where s.b. or s.t. can hide or take shelter from danger or hardship.

**kyebulungusu** *Var: kyebulungururu;*

**kyebulungusiriiru; kingulungutu.**

*Pl: byebulungusu. n. 1 •* circle.

*2 •* sphere.

*adj.* round, circular, spherical.

**kyebulungusu kileikilei**

*Pl: byebulungusu bileibilei. n.*

oval, ellipse.

**kyebbali** *Pl: byebbali. n.* blister, callus; blister or toughened patch of skin that is left on the inside part of the hand after doing some hard work like slashing, digging, pulling s.t. tightly, etc.

**kyebbooro** *Pl: byebbooro. n.* domestic basket woven like a mat used as a bowl for serving food, esp. posho.

**kyecido** *Pl: byecido. n.* pit trap; deep large hole that hunters dig, wide on top and tapered to the bottom, onto which they cover some earth and grass so that any animal that steps on it falls in and gets caught.

**kyecooko** *Pl: byecooko. n. 1 •* crowd; large number of people together in one

place. *Syn: lugologombo, ruganga.*

*2 •* group of various different things.

**kyecumi** *adj.* neat.

**kyefeera** *Pl: byefeera. n.* carcass; dead animal, esp. one that has died a natural death.

**kyegodu** *adj.* bent.

**kyegweci** *Pl: byegweci. n.* stirring stick; small piece of wood of about half a metre carved in the shape of a rowing stick used for mingling posho or stirring in sauce.

**kyehindo** *Pl: byehindo. n.* swing; device upon which to swing or a game of play that involves swinging, mostly played by young children.

**kyeijangu** *adv. See main entry: kijanguruku.*

**kyeisomero** *Pl: byeisomero. n.* schoolwork.

**kyeitoore** *adj.* rare; not done, seen, happening, used, etc. very often, and therefore valuable or interesting.

**kyei** *pro. See main entry: kyange.*

**kyeinyuma** *Pl: byeinyuma. n.* s.t. behind or at the back.

**kyejo** *n.* disobedience; not listening what you are being told due to disrespect for those older or with more authority.

*Syn: katigi, buhoole, bujeemu, bukunguuni, buteegwa.*

**waakyejo** *Pl: baakyejo. n.*

disobedient, unsubmitive person; s.b. who does not follow orders or does not obey laws. *Syn: muhoole, ntahuura, muzubu.*

**kyeloola** *Pl: byeloola. n.* gill; part on the body of a fish that is used to breathe through, which is covered by a gill cover.

**kyembu** *Pl: byembu. n.* song; words that are arranged in a melody that s.b. sings. *Syn: kizina.*

**musala kyembu** *Pl: basala*

**byembu. n.** *Metaphor.* composer; s.b. who writes music.

**kikwatu kya byambu**

*Pl: bikwatu bya byambu. n.* dancing instrument, e.g., rattles, etc.

**kyemerezi** *Pl: byemerezi. n.*  
pneumonia.

**kyemu** *Pl: byemu. n.* stature, physique;  
physical structure of s.b. e.g., tallness,  
shortness, thinness, etc.

**kyenamiro** *Pl: byenamiro. n.* 1 • get  
together; social gathering of people with  
an aim to enjoy, e.g., to drink, eat,  
dance, or party.

2 • night time for chatting when people  
have already had supper but have not  
yet gone to bed.

**kyenda**<sub>1</sub> *num.* ninety.

**kyenda**<sub>2</sub> *n.* See main entry: **kyamunda**.

**kyengu** *adj.* 1 • red; having the colour of  
blood or fire. *Syn: kitukuru.*  
2 • ripe.

**kyenju** *Pl: byenju. n.* sweet, ripe  
banana that has turned yellow.

**kyensei** *Var: kyenseenya. adj.* whole.  
*pro.* any, anything.

**kyenyu** *pro.* your, yours (for 2 or more  
people).

**kyepaya** *Pl: byepaya. n.* unmarried  
child.

**kyeraani** *Pl: byeraani. n.* sewing  
machine.

**musunga kyeraani** *Pl: basunga  
kyeraani. n.* tailor; s.b. who uses a  
sewing machine to sew clothes.  
*Syn: fundi, musungi.*

**kyererezi** *Pl: byererezi. n.* 1 • light;  
energy from such shining objects as  
the sun, moon, lamp etc. that enables us  
to see things.

2 • vision; an imagination for the future.

**kyererezi kya lyoba** *n.* sunlight.

**kyerooko** *Pl: byerooko. n.* 1 • nook;  
corner e.g. in a lake, house, etc. that is  
sheltered or hidden from other people.  
*Syn: nkoni.*

2 • a hole in a tree.

**kyese** *Pl: byese. n.* pot; round moulded  
clay container, esp. used in the home for  
keeping water for drinking.

**kyesikiira** *Pl: byesikiira. n.* creeper;  
plant that grows along the ground, up  
walls, etc. often winding itself around  
other plants, e.g., a pumpkin water

melon, etc.

**kyesimbu** *adj.* upright, vertical.

**kyesyamulyo** *Var: kyesyamulo.*

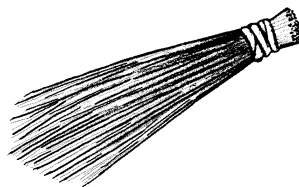
*Pl: byesyamulyo. n.* sneeze; expulsion  
of air that comes suddenly, noisily, and  
involuntarily out through the nose and  
mouth, e.g., because of having a cold.

**kyetongoori** *adj.* See main entry:  
**kitongoole**.

**kyetu** *pro.* our, ours.

**kyeya** *Pl: byeya. n.* wilderness,  
savannah; very large or long dry area  
uninhabited by people.

**kyezu** *Pl: byezu. n.* broom, brush; tool  
made from grass or shrubs used to  
sweep in a courtyard.



**kyo** *pro.* See main entry: **kyamu**.

**kyobaziriho** *Pl: byobaziriho. n.*  
remark, comment. *Syn: kyokobiriho.*

**kyobi** *adj.* sharp.

**kyodi** *dem.* that very one over there.

**Kyoga** *n.* name of a lake.

**kyogi** *Pl: byogi. n.* spear head; top part  
of a spear that is like a double-edged  
knife.

**kyohisyo** *Var: kyohesyo.*

*Pl: byohisyo. n.* bailer; container for  
removing water from a boat.

*Syn: munasu.*

**kyohyo** *Pl: byohyo. n.* stick used for  
separating the green chaff from sisal  
fibre.

**kyoki** *dem.* this very one.

**kyokobiriho** *Pl: byokobiriho. n.*  
remark, comment. *Syn: kyobaziriho.*

**kyokye** *adj.* roasted.

**kyokyo** *dem.* that very one.

*pro.* it.

**kyokyo kimwei** *conj.* nevertheless; just  
the same in spite of this.

**kyoma** *Pl: byoma. n.* metal, steel, iron;

very hard mineral made from rock that is dug from deep underground and smelted in a furnace.

**kyoma kikwata mpapura**

*Pl: byoma bikwata mpapura. n. paper clip.*

**kyoma kikaahuura** *Pl: byoma bikaahuura. n. lever.*

**kyoma kiswa** *Pl: byoma biswa. n. grinder, mill; machine that crushes dry foods, esp. grains and turns them into powdery form.*

**kyoma kya meezi** *Pl: byoma bya meezi. n. borehole; device that is sunk deep in the ground and is pumped to provide water.*

**kyoma kya ntumbu** *Pl: byoma bya ntumbu. n. hair clip.*

**kyomeresenu** *adj. hard, stiff; not easily breakable. Syn: kitatiro, kinyamaani, kikangabalu.*

**kyomeeru** *adj. durable; long lasting and not easily damaged.*

**kyomu** *Pl: byomu. n. s.t. dry; free from liquid or moisture.*

**kyonkei** *Var: kyonkenya. conj. 1 • but, however.*

*2 • neither, nor.*

**kyonko** *adj. big, large; being in good healthy condition as illustrated by big*

*body volume. Syn: kyemu.*

**kyonyini** *adj. 1 • productive.*

*2 • true; generally true. Syn: kyanamanu.*

*3 • exact, accurate; correct in every detail, the right one. Syn: kyabiribiri, kyanamanu.*

*4 • convenient.*

**kyorobu** *Pl: byorobu. n. soft thing; s.t. that is not hard or brittle.*

*Syn: kiheheeru.*

**kyorooni** *Pl: byorooni. n. latrine; pit that is dug for defecating in with a small structure constructed on top.*

**kyosi<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: byosi. n. anklet; piece of jewellery worn around the ankle.*

*Syn: kikomo.*

**kyosi<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: byosi. n. s.t. irregular; not everyday but missing some days.*

**kyosi<sub>3</sub>** *n. kwashiorkor; severe malnutrition in children.*

**kyosi mwakya** *adv. two days from today; the day that follows tomorrow.*

*Syn: abuki.*

**kyoto** *Pl: byoto. n. fireplace.*

**kyozo<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: byozo. n. spirit, soul; spiritual part of a person believed to exist after death.*

**kyozo<sub>2</sub>** *Var: kyozyoho. adj. 1 • heavy.*

*2 • hard; s.t. that is difficult to do or obtain. Syn: kitatiro, kinyamaani.*

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**Langhu** *n. name of a region.*

**laama** *Pl: laama. From: Swahili. n.*

*1 • brand; written or printed symbol that is used as a sign of s.t. Syn: nsura.*

*2 • scar; recognisable cut on the skin that spoils its appearance, but that can be used as an identifying mark.*

*Syn: kyapa.*

**laanya** *Pl: malaanya. n. catfish; fish without scales, greyish and with a split tail fin.*

**leengha** *Pl: leengha. n. wild bulbous herb sp. that grows mostly among grass with leaves resembling that of an onion.*

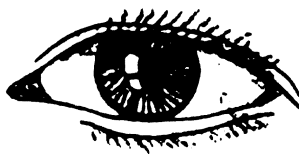
**lili** *dem. this one.*

**liralira** *n. spirits; type of white liquor.*

**liino** *Pl: meino. n. tooth; bone in the mouth used for biting or chewing.*

**lidi** *dem. that one over there.*

**liiso** *Pl: meiso. n. eye; part of the body on the face used for seeing.*



- mwijalu wa meiso** *Pl: beijalu ba meiso. n. blind person.*  
*Syn: kihimbaara, kipumpuuta, kiigara.*
- meiso ga ntaama** *n. Idiom. sexual attraction towards s.b.*
- meiso kulema ha kuwona** *v. Idiom. feel ashamed.*
- lilyo** *dem. that one.*
- lobi** *Pl: lobi. n. very large black aquatic snake that is good at submerging in water.*
- looji** *Pl: looji. From: English. n. lodge; hotel providing overnight lodging for travellers. Syn: ngoonyo.*
- lubabi** *Pl: mbabi. n. banana leaf.*
- lubarabara** *Pl: mbarabara. n. tick; large insect that sticks on animals and sucks blood.*
- lubebera** *Pl: mbebera. n. creeper; wild plant that creeps on other trees and is used as ropes for tying.*
- lubengu** *Pl: mengu. n. smooth lower grinding stone.*
- lubindi** *Pl: mbindi. n. large gourd used for keeping milk.*
- lubo** *Pl: mbwo. n. turn; s.t. done in an agreed succession, e.g., the time when s.b. in a group of people is allowed to do s.t.*
- lubyalu** *Pl: mbyalu. n. birth.*
- lubugu** *Pl: mbugu. n. traditional garment; piece of clothing made from woven threads that people put on.*
- lubungu** *Pl: mbungu. n. 1 • visit; act of going to see a place or person and spending some time there.*  
*2 • act of walking somewhere.*
- lubuubi** *Pl: mbuubi. n. cream; thick pale yellowish-white fatty liquid or somewhat solid layer that rises to the top of milk.*
- lubbali** *Pl: mbali. n. head injury; concussion on the head.*
- lubbasi** *Pl: mbasi. n. arrow; thin stick on which is fixed a sharp small blade on one end, and which is shot from a bow.*  
*Syn: nyaani, bbiili, mungesu.*
- lubbaahu** *Pl: mbaahu. n. timber,*

plank, board; piece of wood that is cut for use in building.

**lubbaali** *Pl: mbaali. n. rock; top surface of the earth that is as hard as a stone.*

*Syn: mwandaara.*

**lugali** *Pl: ngali. n. winnowing tray; round, flat household object woven from thin sticks like a basket, esp. for winnowing or sieving.*

**luganda<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: nganda. n. class, category, cluster, clan; group in which things are categorised. Syn: kika.*

**Luganda<sub>2</sub>** *n. name of a language.*

**lugaaga** *Pl: ngaaga. n. marsh grass sp. that mostly grows at the shores, that resembles papyrus and is used for weaving containers for holding food.*

**lugega** *Pl: ngega. n. one of the joints on a cane, maize or sorghum stem.*

**lugenge** *Pl: ngenge. n. 1 • creeping thorn plant sp. whose short branches spread on the ground and whose flowers produce hard round spiked thorns, but it rarely spreads over a large area.*  
*2 • thorn of the 'lugenge' creeping plant.*

**lugere** *Pl: ngere. n. footprint, track; marks left by an animal.*

**lugeera** *Pl: ngeera. n. proverb; well known phrase or sentence that gives advice or states a truism. Syn: lufumu, luganikyo.*

**lulingo** *Pl: ngingo. n. joint; place where things get joined together.*

**lugo** *Pl: ngo. n. kraal, animal pen; enclosure for cattle to sleep in.*

**lugologombo** *Pl: ngologombo. n. crowd, swarm of people; large number of people moving together in a public place, e.g. in the streets. Syn: kyecooko, ruganga.*

**lugongo** *Pl: ngongo. n. 1 • lateral line, spine; backbone shaved off with some flesh from a fish already cut open.*  
*2 • fold line, crease.*

**luguluguha** *Pl: nguluguha. n. tick; small insect without wings that sticks on animals and sucks blood.*

**Lugungu** *n. Lugungu; name of a language.*

**lugwara** *Pl: ngwara. n.* trumpet, horn; musical instrument made from an elongated gourd that is blown into in order to produce sound.

**luggyendu** *Pl: ngyendu. n. 1 •* distance; space between two places that are far apart.

*2 •* journey.

**luhagala** *Pl: mpagala. n.* hand; fruit that is born on a banana bunch on which are 12-20 smaller fingers, each finger being the part that is eaten.

**luhala** *Pl: mpala. n.* bald head; head without hair or the side of the head without hair.

**luhanga** *Pl: mpanga. n.* skull; bone that forms the head and covers the brain.

**luhazi** *Pl: mpazi. n.* army-ant; wingless brownish insect that moves in large groups and has a painful bite.

**luheere** *Pl: mpeere. n.* thin plant sp. that mostly grows in bushes and under trees and is used for making urinal shelters.

**luhindo** *Pl: mpindo. n.* needle; s.t. used for weaving mats, etc.

**luhiira** *Pl: mpiira. n.* bushfire; wild fire that spreads over a wide area burning whatever it finds like grass, trees, bushes, etc.

**luhulungu** *Pl: mpulungu. n.* lake pebble; small round stone with a rough surface that is common in the lake or at the shores.

**luhunda** *Pl: mpunda. n.* lake fly; type of insect, larger and less common than 'kajuuru', that is common in the evening and has some sort of a sticky substance.

**Lujungu** *From: Swahili. n.* name of a language; English.

**lujunju** *Pl: njunju. n.* cane, whip, lash; long thin piece of wood, metal, or leather used for punishing people or making animals move, or the act of using such a punishment tool.

*Syn:* kibbooko, kijwatu.

**lujwenge** *Pl: njwenge. n.* silk, part of a fruit of a plant like maize, that

resembles s.b.'s hair and grows out to show that the fruit is about to mature.

**lukakabi** *Pl: nkakabi. n.* termite; biting insect that stays in an ant hill, without wings, resembles a white ant whose wings have fallen off and eats dry grass and dead wood.

**Lukakwa** *n.* name of a language.

**lkalu** *Pl: nkalu. n.* heap of firewood that s.b. assembles in a safe place, esp. in order to guard against bad weather.

**lukaahi** *Pl: nkaahi. n.* leaf mat; broken twig with leaves that is inserted in water being carried to prevent the water from spilling, and also used to spread on the ground to act as mat.

**lukaara** *Pl: nkaara. n. 1 •* verse, line; small section of a song or of a chapter in a bible.

*2 •* series; things done one after the other.

**lukaara lwa hakati** *Pl: nkaara za hakati. n.* axis.

**lukekeenwa** *Pl: nkekeenwa. n.* shard of broken pottery.

**lukere** *Pl: nkere. n.* large seashell; found on the shores that people used to use as a bowl, e.g., for taking porridge.

**Lukeebbu** *n.* name of a language.

**lukimba** *Pl: nkimba. n.* basket; bowl-like household container that is woven from thin sticks used for holding items, esp. in the garden.

**lukinki** *Pl: nkinki. n.* handful; unit of measure equal to what can be held in one hand.

**lukobo** *Pl: nkobo. n.* language; system of sounds and words used to communicate. *Syn:* lulimi.

**lukobba** *Pl: nkobba. n. 1 •* tape measure; device used by the tailors and carpenters to measure the length or width of s.t.

*2 •* rubber band, bungee; strap that is stretched and is used for tying things, e.g., on a bicycle.

**lukoodi** *Pl: nkoodi. n.* drying rack; frame made for drying simsim.

**lukookoobo** *Pl: nkookoobo. n.* rake;

garden tool with a long handle and a row of metal points used for gathering grass. *Syn:* reeki.

**lukoma** *Pl: nkoma. n.* wild natural sisal; plant that is used for rope, gathered from the bush.

**lukomera** *Pl: nkomera. From: Runyoro. n.* fence; barrier made of barbed wire, bricks, or wire netting surrounding a house, garden or playing field. *Syn:* kisigaati.

**lukomera lwa misaali**

*Pl: nkomera za misaali. n.* hedge.

**lukuba** *Pl: nkuba. n.* thunder; very loud noise that is heard after a flash of lightning, esp. when it is raining.

**lukuba lunkuute** *interj. Idiom.* 'I swear', used when taking an oath to make a serious promise to do s.t., to show that you mean what you are saying and to promise that you are telling the truth.

**lukuhi** *Pl: nkuhi. n.* eyelash; hair that is on the eye.

**lukuratu** *Pl: nkuratu. n.* meeting; gathering of people together to discuss or decide s.t.

**lukuratu lweihanga** *Pl: nkuratu zeihanga. n.* parliament; branch of the government of a country charged with the responsibility of making laws.

**lukuuku** *Pl: nkuuku. n.* cowpea; plant that grows tall, bears fruit up on the plant, and its seeds resemble that of peas.

**lukwihi** *Var: lukuhi. Pl: nkwihi. n.* eye lash.

**lukyakya** *Pl: nkyakya. n.* crack that forms on a heel.

**lula** *Pl: mala. n. 1* • intestine; one of the long tubes in the body that are between the stomach and the anus.

*2* • uterine cord; tissue that connects the umbilical cord and the placenta.

**lulaka** *Pl: ndaka. n.* plant that grows in water, esp. in marshes or swamps that is used for making mats.

**lulengu** *Var: lulengo. Pl: ndengu. n.*

*1* • level, standard, grade; a relative position on a scale or in a group.

*Syn:* mulembe, idaara, mutindo.

*2* • measurement, unit, dose; size, length or amount of s.t.

**lulimi** *Pl: ndimi. n. 1* • tongue; part of the body in the mouth used for tasting, swallowing, speaking etc.

*2* • language; system of sounds and words used to communicate.

*Syn:* lukobo.

**luliibwa** *Var: luliwa. Pl: ndiibwa. n.*

tropical creeping plant sp. that bears edible fruit resembling a watermelon, but smaller, that has seeds that are dried and ground into a spice.

**lulu** *dem.* this one.

**Lulugwara** *n.* name of a language.

**Lumadi** *n.* name of a language.

**lumana** *Pl: mmana. From: Runyoro. n.*

*Taboo.* vagina; organ on the body of a female used for reproduction.

*Syn:* lumye, lusuli.

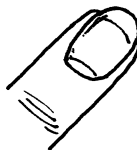
**lumule** *Pl: mmule. n.* grass torch; tropical shrub that is lit to provide light, esp. when catching white ants.

**lumwaḅu** *Var: kimwaḅu.*

*Pl: mmwaḅu. n.* blade; very sharp knife that the early Bagungu used for shaving hair, beards, etc.

*Syn:* lumwesyo.

**lunono** *Var: lununu. Pl: nnono. n.* claw, nail, fingernail, toenail; part of the body that is on s.b.'s fingers or on the feet of animals and birds and is sharp.



**mutwe gwa lunono** *Pl: mitwe mya nono. n.* fingertip, toe tip.

**lunyaanya** *Pl: nnyaanya. n.* tomato; round shiny red fruit mostly used as an ingredient in sauce.

**lupanga** *Pl: mpanga. n.* rim; outer edge of a wheel onto which the tyre is fixed.

**lupapura** *Var: lupapura lwa makuru.*

*Pl: mpapura. From: English. n.*

1 • page, sheet of paper; thin material, esp. white, used for writing on by a pen or a pencil.

2 • note; money in paper form.

**lupaapi** *Pl: mpaapi. n. board; flat piece of timber used for making, e.g., shutters, the top part of a table etc.*

**lusahu** *Pl: nsahu. n. mountain, range; rocky part of the earth much higher than a hill.*

**lusansi** *Pl: nsansi. n. shaker; musical instrument made from a calabash having a handle with some bicycle ball bearings inside that produces sound when shaken. Syn: lūcekere.*

**lusaya** *Pl: nsaya. n. jaw; part of the body below the face that contains the teeth and moves when you talk or eat.*

**lusebbe** *Pl: nsebbe. n. potato harvesting stick; tool used for partially harvesting sweet potatoes.*

**luseru** *n. measles; disease, esp. of children that comes with fever and a rash that cover the whole body.*

**luseera** *Pl: nseera. n. linear arrangement of maize grains on a maize cob.*

**lusigizi** *Pl: nsigizi. n. thorn on a blade of 'matinde' thatching grass.*

**lusigo** *Pl: nsigo. n. kidney; bean-shaped part in the body, that removes waste products from the blood.*

**lusiki<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: nsiki. n. pipe, straw; thin wooden or plastic tube used for sucking alcohol, water or fuel.*

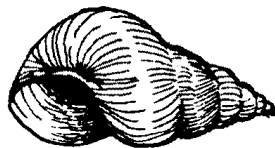
**lusiki<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: nsiki. n. type of grass sp. which grows at the lake shores as thick as a bush.*

**lusinzo** *Pl: nsinzo. n. lake shore reed sp. with joints that is hollow and is used as arrow handles and for weaving baskets.*

**luisimbwa** *Pl: nsisimbwa. n. thorn plant; smaller plant like 'lugenge' found in the large numbers colonising a sizeable area.*

**lusomo** *Pl: nsomo. n. term of school. Syn: taamu.*

**lusonko** *Pl: nsonko. n. shell; hard outer covering of certain small animals e.g., arthropods and snails.*



**lusoro** *Pl: nsoro. n. checkers, draughts; game for two players using 24 round pieces on a board marked with black and white squares.*

**lusuli** *Pl: nsuli. n. Taboo. vagina; organ on the body of a female used for reproduction. Syn: lumana, lumye.*

**lusulusunda** *Pl: nsunda. n. wart.*

**lusumba** *Pl: nsumba. n. 1 • nipple; end part of the breast from which the baby sucks.*

2 • teat; part of an udder that the young one of an animal sucks.

**nsumba gya kanywani**

*Pl: bansumba za kanywani. n.*

*Idiom. virgin; woman who has never had sex.*

**lusumu** *Pl: nsumu. n. fruit of a tropical tree sp. that ripens and becomes yellow in colour.*

**lususu** *Pl: nsusu. n. 1 • surface.*

2 • bark of a tree.

3 • skin; part of the body that is adorned, e.g., with lotions.

**luswa** *Pl: nswa. n. termite; edible winged insect that resembles an ant, does not bite, and comes out of anthills esp. during the rainy season.*

**lutabi** *Pl: ntabi. n. water plant sp. that grows in swampy areas used for making mats.*

**lutambi** *Pl: ntambi. n. wick; piece of cotton cloth woven like a thread that is inserted in the middle of a hurricane lamp on which fire is lit so that the lamp gives light.*

**lutambu** *Pl: ntambu. n. step, pace; distance between the legs when you are walking or running.*



**luteru** *Pl: nteru. n.* plate; dish moulded from clay used for serving sauce.

**luteete** *Pl: nteete. n.* See main entry: **muteete**.

**lutobbotobbo** *Pl: ntobbotobbo. n.* tropical thorny herb sp. that produces small fruit that can be used as local herbs.

**lutoogo** *Pl: ntoogo. n.* papyrus; plant that grows in water with some sort of flowers used for making papyrus mats.

**lutwa** *Pl: ntwa. n.* See main entry: **ntwa**.

**luyeeyera** *n.* hair; thin hair that grows on the face.

**luzala** *Pl: nzala. n.* finger, toe; one of the five parts at the end of the hand or the foot.



**luzoka** *Pl: nzoka. n.* intestinal worm; long thin creatures that live inside the bodies of humans or animals and can cause illness, e.g., hookworm, tapeworm, etc.

**luzoka lumweji** *n.* thin stomach.

**luzongi** *Pl: nzongi. n.* aquatic plant sp. that mostly grows floating on stagnant water with the roots swinging in water.

**luzota** *Pl: nzota. n.* bright star; object in the sky that shines at night, brighter than 'nyunyuyuzi' but not as big as the moon.

**luura** *n.* umbilical cord; tissue that connects the baby and the placenta that is cut off at the moment of birth.

**lubimbi** *Pl: mbimbi. n.* work piece; part that s.b. has cultivated; s.b.'s piece of responsibility at work. *Syn:* mukwakuru.

**lubumbuula** *Pl: mbumbuula. n.* herb sp. normally found in bushes, with slight brownish stem small soft fruit and small leaves.

**lucekere** *Pl: ncekere. n.* musical instrument that is shaken to produce a

sound that is in line with the rhythm of the song. *Syn:* lusansi.

**Lucooli** *n.* name of a language.

**ludi** *dem.* that one over there.

**ludo** *Pl: ludo. From: English. n.* game of draughts.

**ludodi** *Pl: ndodi. n.* reed sp. with joints that resembles elephant grass and mostly grows at the shores and is used as reeds in building houses, constructing bathrooms, etc.

**lufumu** *Pl: nfumu. n.* proverb; well known phrase or sentence that gives advice or states a truism. *Syn:* lugeera, luganikyo.

**luganikyo** *Pl: nganikyo. From: Runyoro. n.* proverb; well known phrase or sentence that gives advice or states a truism. *Syn:* lufumu, lugeera.

**lugei** *Pl: ngei. n.* cane, walking stick; hard piece of wood with joints that is used for making chairs or that people use for walking with.

**lugiisiri** *Pl: ngiisiri. n.* intestine; part of the bowel with a towel like structure where the faeces collect.

**lugoye** *Pl: ngoye. n.* cloth, linen; piece of material that is woven from the threads of cotton, etc.

**lugoye lwa kulaalamu**

*Pl: ngoye za kulaalamu. n.*

nightdress; piece of clothing that you put on while in bed so that you sleep comfortably. *Syn:* naiti.

**lugoye lwa nda** *Pl: ngoye za nda. n.* maternity dress.

*Syn:* mateneti.

**luhagi** *Pl: mpagi. n. 1 •* main central pole, post of wood inside a hut that supports the roof.

**2 •** spoke; radial piece that joins a wheel hub to its rim.

**luhoiza** *Pl: mpoiza. n.* trap; device made of a thread with many nooses that is used to catch birds such as guinea fowl, francolins, etc.

**luhyoli** *Pl: mpyoli. n.* See main entry: **lwoli**.

**lujegere** *Pl: njegere. n.* chain; a series

of connected metal rings, used for pulling or fastening things, e.g., a bicycle chain.

**lukembe** *Pl: nkembe.* *n.* semi-circular musical instrument with a wooden handle and a string of wires that are hit to produce sound.

**lukizi** *Pl: nkizi.* *n.* spinal cord.

**lukodohi** *n.* See main entry: mukodohi.

**lukondi** *Pl: nkondi.* *n.* tall grass sp. that mostly grows along river banks with the upper hair that is used as house brooms.

**lukoni** *Pl: nkoni.* *n.* part of the head, near the neck, that is slightly pointed.

**lukosi** *Pl: nkosi.* *n.* umbilical cord; membranous duct that connects the foetus with the placenta.

**lukunkuni** *Pl: nkunkuni.* *n.* 1 • tree ant; small brownish insect that resides in large groups on big tall trees and bites painfully.

2 • chicken ant; very tiny brownish insect sp. that resides in chickens, cats, etc. and bites painfully.

**lukurukuduha**

*Pl: nkurukuduha.* *n.* insect sp. that resembles white ants that you sometime find upside down dancing and that mostly appears during the rainy season.

**lukwanzi** *Pl: nkwanzi.* *n.* bead; part of a string of jewellery, worn by women, usually around the neck or the waist.

**lukwi** *Pl: nkwi.* *n.* firewood; dry wood cut into pieces for burning.

**lulahi** *Pl: ndahi.* *n.* slap.

**luliki** *Pl: ndiki.* *n.* root; part of a plant that is underground that absorbs water and minerals from the soil. *Syn:* ikolo.

**lulwo** *dem.* that one.

**lume** *n.* dew; water that forms on s.t. during the night due to extreme coldness.

**lumwesyo** *Pl: mmwesyo.* *n.* knife-like tool used for cutting hair, finger nails, etc. *Syn:* lumwaḅu.

**lumye** *Pl: mmye.* *n.* Taboo. vagina; organ on the body of a female used for reproduction. *Syn:* lumana, lusuli.

**lungongi** *Pl: nngongi.* *n.* Taboo.

clitoris; small female sexual organ at the opening of the vagina.

**lunonde** *Pl: nnonde.* *n.* Baobab fruit.

**Lunubbi** *n.* name of a language.

**lusanja** *Pl: masanja.* *n.* tray; metallic or plastic household object, round, flat used for serving food or in which to winnow.

**lusiika** *Pl: nsiika.* *n.* cliff; high steep sided area of rock or clay at the shores or a lake or bank of a river.

**lusiri** *Pl: nsiri.* *n.* purlin; thin long piece of wood or plant that is tied on the rafters of a roof.

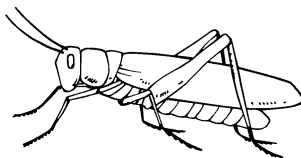
**lusirisiri** *Pl: nsirisiri.* *n.* small brownish wingless insect sp. normally seen in a group around an uprooted ground-nut plant.

**lusya** *Pl: nsya.* *n.* 1 • drainage ditch, canal; s.t. that is dug as a path for water to flow through.

2 • furrow.

**lusyenene** *Pl: nsyenene.* *n.*

grasshopper; insect with long back legs, that jumps very high, with some sound, and comes esp. in November.



**lutahyo** *Pl: ntahyo.* *n.* scoop; utensil that is used to scoop things.

**lutimbe** *Pl: ntimbe.* *n.* curtain; piece of cloth that is hung across a room, in a doorway or over a window.

**lutindo** *Pl: ntindo.* *n.* bridge; structure that is made over a road, a river, etc. so that people or vehicles can cross.

**lutumenge** *Var: mutumenge.*

*Pl: ntumenge.* *n.* wild plant sp. with thorns that grows thick, intertwined together forming a bush.

**lutuuyo** *Var: tuutu.* *n.* sweat; liquid drops on human skin due to heat, sickness, or fear.

**luwoni** *Pl: mboni.* *n.* eyeball; part inside

the eye that is white and black.

**luwoni lwiraguru** *Pl: mboni giiraguru. n. pupil; black part that is in the eye like a dot.*

**luwoni lusyanu** *Pl: mboni gisyanu. n. part inside the eye that is white.*

**luzige** *Pl: nzige. n. large brown locust; tropical flying insect that swarms in large groups, destroying all the plants and crops of an area. Edible.*

**luzingiziri** *Pl: nzingiziri. n. dorsal fin; part on the body of a fish that it uses for protection from danger.*

**lwabyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lwabu** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lwabwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lwaga** *n. lust; extreme desire for s.t. that may make s.b. unstable unless the object of desire is obtained.  
Syn: bijogomeera, rwanju, meero, murusi, nyoota, ijani, kihika, mukoiyo, iroho, bicoko.*

**lwago** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lwagwo** *pro. its.*

**lwagyo** *pro. its.*

**lwako** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lwakwo** *pro. its.*

**lwakyo** *pro. its.*

**lwalwo** *pro. its.*

**lwalyo** *pro. its.*

**lwamu** *Var: lwo. pro. your, yours.*

**lwamwe** *Var: lwe. pro. his, her, hers.*

**lwamyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lwange** *Var: lwei. pro. my, mine.*

**lwankei** *Var: lwankeenya. pro. itself.*

**lwatwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lwazyo** *Var: lwazo. pro. their, theirs.*

**lwe** *pro. See main entry: lwamwe.*

**lwei** *pro. See main entry: lwange.*

**lwemu** *Var: rwemu. n. mating gathering; assembling of animals in one place in order to mate.*

**lwenyu** *pro. your, yours (for 2 or more people).*

**lwetu** *pro. our, ours.*

**lwezu** *Pl: nzezu. n. See main entry: kyezu.*

**lwije** *Pl: nzije. n. door, shutter; part of a*

house, a car, etc. that is opened and closed so that people can get in and out.

**lwo** *pro. See main entry: lwamu.*

**lwodi** *dem. that very one over there.*

**lwoho** *Pl: nzoho. n. traditional wooden bowl carved in the shape of a canoe in which sauce is eaten.*

**lwoli** *Var: luhvoli. Pl: mpyoli. n. whistle; high-pitched sound made by forcing breath out when the lips are closed.*

**lwolu** *dem. this very one.*

**lwolwo** *dem. that very one.*

**lwomere** *n. dry infertile soil that is not good to cultivate.*

**lwoya** *n. air; gas that we breathe or that is pumped into s.t.*

**lwozo** *n. craving, hunger, thirst; very strong desire for another's food.  
Syn: lwaga, bijogomeera, rwanju, murusi, meero, nyoota, ijani, kihika, mukoiyo, iroho, bicoko.*

**lyabyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lyabu** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lyabwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lyago** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lyagwo** *pro. its.*

**lyagyo** *pro. its.*

**lyako** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lyakwo** *pro. its.*

**lyakyo** *pro. its.*

**lyalwo** *pro. its.*

**lyalyo** *pro. its.*

**lyamu** *Var: lyo. pro. your, yours.*

**lyamwe** *Var: lye. pro. his, her, hers.*

**lyamyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lyange** *Var: lyei. pro. my, mine.*

**lyankei** *Var: lyankeenya. pro. itself.*

**lyatwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**lyazyo** *Var: lyazo. pro. their, theirs.*

**lye** *pro. See main entry: lyamwe.*

**lyei** *pro. See main entry: lyange.*

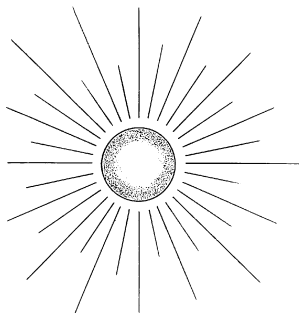
**lyenyu** *pro. your, yours (for 2 or more people).*

**lyetu** *pro. our, ours.*

**lyo** *pro. See main entry: lyamu.*

lyoba

**lyoba** *n.* sun; object in the sky that shines during day time giving heat and light.



mūhe wa magezi

**kalyoba kugwa** *n.* sunset; beginning of darkness.

**maranga ga lyoba** *n.* sun rays, shafts, beams of light from the sun.

**lyodi** *dem.* that very one over there.

**lyoli** *dem.* this very one.

**lyolyo** *dem.* that very one.

## M - m

**ma maka** *Pl: bama maka. n.* mother, housewife, female family head; woman who is in charge of all the affairs of a family and a mother to the children of a home.

**mabaale<sub>1</sub>** *n.* infection; disease in which a large area is infected and swollen which mostly attacks areas with strong muscles, e.g., a leg, thigh, arm or chest.

**Mabaale<sub>2</sub>** *n.* name of a place.

**mabi** *n.* faeces; solid waste materials that s.b. defecates.

**mabya** *n.* testicular hernia; disease that makes the testicles swell.

**mabugo** *n.* funeral gift; things such food, money, etc. that people bring at a funeral to help the bereaved people.

**mabbuuni** *n.* fish overnight; where you spend a night in the water and return the following morning.

**mabbwa** *n.* lyrics; words uttered in singing a song that give the information contained in the song.

**macati** *n.* decorations; s.t. that makes another thing look more attractive.

**macunde** *n.* decomposed, fermented milk that is prepared in a gourd in which there are no solid particles or butter.

**macwi** *n.* chest pain; sickness of the chest and coughing that normally comes during cold weather.

**madara** *Pl: bamadara. n.* dunce, fool; dense, stupid, dull person who does or says things without sense. *Syn:* mudoma, mwicate, mbuda, muputi.

**madaara** *n.* See main entry: **idaara**.

**magali** *n.* middle part of a lake far from the shore.

**magaru** *n.* pliers.

**magelemu** *adj.* upside down; a way of lying on the back part of the body while facing up.

**kugwa magelemu** *v.* overturn.

**magendo** *n.* black market goods, smuggled goods, contraband.

**magezi** *n.* wisdom, knowledge, understanding, sense, logic; quality in s.b. that makes them do the correct thing or give proper advice.

*Syn:* bwetegerazi, nkebe, nkiri,

bukengebu.

**mūhe wa magezi** *Pl: bahe ba*

**magezi** *n.* adviser; s.b. who gives advice and does not hide good or bad. *Syn:* mulambi, muhaburi, mukengesya.

**masomo ga bya magezi**

*Sg: isomo lya bya magezi. n.*  
science; knowledge that is based on  
hypotheses that looks for facts that  
explains how things work or the  
way things are made.

**magezigezi** *n.* hypocrisy, deceitfulness;  
immoral character trait of pretending to  
have qualities, abilities, etc. that one  
does not really have in order to deceive  
others.

**magira** *n.* kind of sticky sauce made  
from beans or bambara nuts from which  
the outer coatings have been removed.

**magiza** *Var: migiza. Sg: mugiza. n.* eggs  
of a fish.

**magoba** *Sg: igoba. n.* profit; money that  
a trader remains with after deducting the  
cost price from the selling price.

**magosi** *Sg: igosi. n.* testes; part of the  
body below the penis, with two testicles  
that produce sperm and are enclosed in  
a bag of skin.

**mahanu** *n.* magic, miracle, supernatural  
event; s.t. that happens in a very  
unusual way, is unexpected, or that was  
thought impossible.

**mahasa** *From: Runyoro. n.* twin, of  
humans.

**mahehu** *n.* fresh air.

**mahembe** *n.* See main entry: **ihembe**.

**mahiira** *n.* immature brew of alcohol  
that tastes sweet because it has not yet  
reached its final preparation stage.

**mahiga** *Sg: ihiga. n.* cooking stones  
onto which is placed a cooking pan or  
any other thing while cooking.

**ihiga lya ndagali** *Sg: mahiga ya  
ndagali. n.* hailstone; frozen water  
like snow that drops down while it  
is raining.

**mahombooka** *adv.* Easter;  
remembrance of the death and the  
resurrection of Jesus.

**mahuure** *From: Runyoro. n.* news; new  
information that has just happened on  
s.t. or what is happening around the  
world. *Syn: makuru.*

**waamahuuire** *Pl: baamahuuire.*

*From: Runyoro. n.* announcer,  
reporter; s.b. who has the  
responsibility of spreading news.  
*Syn: murangi, waamakuru.*

**kikwatu kya mahuure**

*Var: kikwatu kya makuru.*

*Pl: bikwatu bya mahuure. n.*  
communication device.

**lupapura lwa mahuure**

*Pl: mpapura za mahuure. n.*

newspaper; daily or weekly  
publication to inform people what is  
happening around the world.

**majaani** *n.* tea; cash crop whose leaves  
are dried and crushed for making into a  
hot drink.

**makala** *Sg: ikala. n.* charcoal.

**makanika** *Pl: bamakanika. From:*  
English. *n.* mechanic, engineer; s.b.  
whose job is repairing machines.

**makaasi** *n.* scissors; tool that is like a  
pair of pliers used for cutting.

**makeke** *adj.* excellent, extremely good;  
used to show that you are very pleased  
about s.t. or that you approve of s.t.

**makenule** *n.* domestic household seat  
made out of timber and nails with four  
legs, a leaning part and not found in an  
office.

**makongi** *Sg: ikongi. n.* commercial  
sisal; plant used as a fibre in building  
and that is spun for weaving ropes.

**Makundu** *n.* name of a person.

**makuru** *Sg: ikuru. n. 1 •* matters;  
situations or events that are  
thought about, discussed etc.

**2 •** news; new information that has just  
happened on s.t. or what is happening  
around the world. *Syn: mahuure.*

**makuru gamaliku** *n.* sentence in  
grammar.

**mucwa makuru** *Pl: bacwa*

**makuru. n.** rumour-monger; s.b.  
who says words that are not true  
about s.b. who is not present.

- waamakuru** *Pl: baamakuru. n.* reporter; s.b. who has the responsibility of spreading news.  
*Syn: murangi, waamahũũre.*
- makuta** *n.* oil, fat, cream, butter; general name for oils and creams.
- makuta ga taara** *n.* kerosene, paraffin; energy in liquid form used in a lamp or stove to give heat and light.
- makuta ga kudya** *n.* cooking oil.
- makuta ga kwesiiga** *n.* cosmetics; thick sticky oil used for smoothening and softening the skin.
- makumi gabiri** *num.* twenty.
- makumi ganei** *num.* forty.
- makumi gasatu** *num.* thirty.
- makumi gataanu** *num.* fifty.
- makuni** *n.* hospitality; friendly, caring, generous, kind behaviour towards others. *Syn: ħumanzi, ħwenda.*
- waamakuni** *Pl: baamakuni. n.* generous, hospitable person; s.b. who is always willing to give freely.  
*Syn: mumanzi, mwenda.*
- malaika** *Pl: bamalaika. From: Arabic.* *n.* angel.
- malaaya** *Pl: bamalaaya. n.* Taboo. prostitute; s.b. who is a sex maniac.  
*Syn: mwenzi, waakagulu, muħungi, murawarawa, mũtaaruuki, muġijhani.*
- malī**<sub>1</sub> *interj.* of course, precisely, indeed, true.
- malī**<sub>2</sub> *adv.* indefinitely; lasting for a period of time that has no fixed end, or be never to happen again at least for some time.
- maliga** *Sg: iliga. n.* tears; liquid that comes from the eyes when you are crying.
- kuħetya maliga** *v. Metaphor.* shed a stream of tears.
- mamburuga** *n.* mumps.
- mambya** *n.* dawn; time of day when light first appears. *Syn: ħwire ħwa ciriciri, ħwire kukya, ħwire kusyana.*
- mananu** *n. 1 •* truth, truthfulness, fact; s.t. that is true, esp. with proof.  
*Syn: mazima.*

*interj.* surely.

**mancwendu** *n.* waist; front lower part of the waist around the stomach.

*Syn: mugongo.*

**mandarakwa** *From: Alur. n.* local alcoholic brew that is drunk in a gourd with hot water.

**mangada** *n.* Mandarin; domestic tree that is very like an orange tree but with smaller fruit that are very sweet.

**mangoota** *n.* sleeping sickness; tropical disease carried by the tsetse fly that causes a feeling of wanting to go to sleep and usually causes death.

**manzye** *n.* stem of sorghum.

**manya** *adv.* maybe; condition of being uncertain about s.t.; being doubtful about s.t.

**manyegereeru** *n.* paralysis; loss of function of the body, esp. of the legs.

**manyondo** *n.* honey; thick sticky substance produced by bees that is sweet like sugar. *Syn: ħuhooki.*

**maradaadi** *From: Swahili. adj.* smart-looking.

**marara** *n.* pride, self-importance, conceit, egotism; having too high an opinion of yourself because you think that you are better or more important than other people. *Syn: myebbuno, myecenjo, myehaariizo, myehembu, myehulo, myepanku, myetwalu, myehũũkyo.*

**maraasi** *n.* perfume; cosmetics that emit an extremely pleasant scent.

**Masaka** *n.* name of a city.

**masalīsali** *n.* glare; reflected light rays from water formed when the sun is brightly shining.

**masana** *n.* miracle, magic, supernatural event; art of doing things that seem impossible in order to entertain people or the power of making impossible things happen by saying special words or doing special things, either good or bad.

**mukora masana** *Var: mukorī wa masana. Pl: bakora ba masana.* *n.* miracle worker.

**masangananzira** *Var: masangaani. n.*

crossroads, intersection, junction; place where two or more routes meet.

**masanyarazi** *n.* electricity; energy used to produce heat and light that passes through wire, used in industries, for cooking, ironing, etc.

**kukuutwa masanyarazi** *v. Idiom.* be electrocuted.

**masanyu** *From: Luganda. n.* happiness, pleasure, amusement, fun; feeling that s.b. has when he is excited or joyful.  
*Syn:* kusemererwa.

**maseege** *Var: buseege. n.* poverty; lack of riches or possessions.

**Masindi** *n.* name of a city.

**masira** *n.* pus; whitish or yellowish liquid that oozes from a wound.

**masoohe** *n.* millet beer; alcoholic brew that is prepared from only millet.

**masomo ga bya kutabura** *v. See main entry: isomo.*

**matali** *n.* rust; reddish-brown substance that is formed on some metals by the action of water and air.

**kukwatwa matali** *v. Metaphor.* be corroded with rust.

**mate** *n.* milk; drink that comes out of the breast or udder of a mammal as food for its young one.

**mate ga lukoni** *n.* sap; gum that oozes from a 'lukoni' plant when you have cut it or broken it.

**mate ga mutoma** *n.* sap; white gum like milk, that oozes from the bark of a 'mutoma' tree when you have cut it or broken it.

**mate ga muzoloi** *n.* sap; white gum like milk that oozes out of a 'muzoloi' tree when you have cut it or broken it.

**mateneti** *Pl: mateneti. From: English. n.* maternity dress. *Syn:* lugoye lwa nda.

**matinde** *Sg: itinde. n.* tropical grass with thorny seeds called 'nsigizi' that can prick, used for thatching houses.

**matwantwe** *n.* saliva; liquid found in the mouth that helps you swallow food or that you spit out, esp. when you have smelt s.t. with a bad odour.

**mawandaala** *n.* evening twilight; time immediately after sunset.

**mawiino** *n.* traditional beads made from a giraffe tail that a bride wears.

**mazima** *From: Runyoro. n.* truth, fact; s.t. that is true, esp. with proof.

*Syn:* mananu.

*interj.* in fact, true.

**waamazima** *Pl: baamazima. n.* righteous, sincere, trustworthy, dependable, honest person.

*Syn:* munanu.

**maaci** *n.* alcohol, beer; bitter drink that makes s.b. drunk. *Syn:* mwenge.

**maama** *Pl: bamaama. n.* mother; your own mother.

**mwamwija maama**

*Pl: baamwija maama. n.* cousin; son or daughter to my maternal aunt.

**maani** *n.* strength, energy, effort; power of the body that enables s.b. to work, move, etc.

**maani ga nsi** *n.* gravity.

**munyamaani** *Pl: banyamaani. n.* strong energetic person; s.b. who has much energy in the body.

**maanyi** *n.* urine. *Syn:* nkali.

**maapu** *Pl: maapu. From: English. n.* map.

**kukuuta maapu** *v. 1 • Metaphor.*

try to guess or find out the direction of a particular location.

**2 •** draw a map.

**maaru** *n.* cry, wailing; sound produced by mourners.

**maaya** *Pl: maaya. n.* ostrich; very large wild bird sp. with long legs and a long neck that cannot fly but runs very fast.

**maaya** *interj.* used to show sadness or disappointment because of s.t. that you have done or not done.

**mbabazi** *Pl: mbabazi. From: Runyoro. n.* grace, mercy, empathy, compassion; feeling of strong sympathy for people who are suffering and the desire to help them. *Syn:* kisa.

**kukwatwa mbabazi** *v. Metaphor.*  
be gracious.

**wa mbabazi** *Pl: ba mbabazi. n.*  
gracious, kind person; s.b. who feels sympathy for another who is in trouble.

**Mbabazi** *n.* name of a person.

**mbabi** *Pl: mbabi. n.* Bambara nuts, peas or groundnuts that are roasted.

**mbaga** *Pl: mbaga. n.* Christmas; day that celebrates the birth of Jesus.

**mbaganiza** *From: Runyoro. adj.* unique, special, rare.

**wa mbaganiza** *Pl: ba*

**mbaganiza.** *From: Runyoro. n.*  
unique person; s.b. who is the only one of his kind. *Syn: mwahukanu.*

**mbala** *Pl: mbala. n.* way of counting.

**Mbale** *n.* name of a city.

**mbaliira** *Pl: mbaliira. n.*

1 • calculation.

2 • accounting.

3 • budget.

4 • evaluation.

**mbalwa** *Pl: mambalwa. n.* fish sp. without scales, greyish, with a fatty part near the tail fin that is very like a catfish except that it is bigger.

**mbanda** *Pl: mbanda. n.* chest; top part of the front of the body, between the neck and the stomach. *Syn: salaka.*

**mbandule** *Pl: mbandule. n.* white liquor, spirits.

**mbarangule** *Pl: mbarangule. n.*  
stubborn person; s.b. who is difficult to deal with or to get rid of.

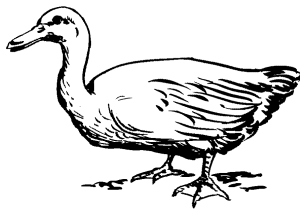
**Mbarara** *n.* name of a city.

**mbaraasi** *Pl: mbaraasi. n.* horse; domestic animal that resembles a camel, with thick hair on the neck used for riding on and pulling things.

**mbawulo** *Pl: mbawulo. n.* small hole with openings on both sides from where a small animal like a squirrel escapes out in times of danger. *Syn: kasihiiro.*

**mbaagi** *Pl: mbaagi. n.* meat gift payment; portion of meat given for skinning an animal.

**mbaata** *Pl: mbaata. n.* duck; domestic bird that stays on water, with short legs and wide webbed feet with a long wide beak.



**mbega** *Pl: bambega. n.* 1 • s.b. who examines carefully the facts of an event, a crime, etc. to find out how it happened.

2 • spy, secret investigator; s.b. whose job is to secretly search or investigate for information.

**mbeizo** *Pl: mbeizo. n.* chisel; sharp tool used for shaping a piece of timber or wood.

**mbenja** *Pl: mbenja. n.* syphilis; disease of the sexual organs caught by having sex with an infected person.

**mbeera** *Pl: mbeera. n.* 1 • circumstance, situation.

2 • appearance. *Syn: mulingo, cuume.*

3 • mood.

**mbeesule** *Var: mbeisule.*

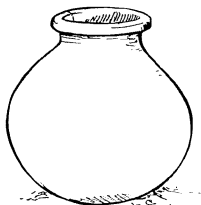
*Pl: mbeesule. n.* trigger; part on some traps such as the one for a squirrel that an animal or a bird shakes slightly that causes the trap to operate.

**mbibo** *Pl: mbibo. n.* grain, seed stock; that part of a crop that is harvested and latter planted.

**mbiko** *Pl: mbiko. n.* funeral gifts; things such as food, firewood collected from clan members to help the bereaved family.



**mbindo** *Pl: mbindo. n.* pot-like jar made of clay with a neck-like a handle used for storing liquids or used as a drinking utensil for such drinks as water, milk, alcohol, banana juice, etc.



**mbiro** *Pl: mbiro. n.* athletics, race; games that people compete in, e.g., running around the field, jumping, shot-put, etc.

**mbimba** *Pl: mbimba. n.* style of a building; the way in which s.t. is built.  
**mbimba gya muntu**

*Pl: mbimba za bantu. n.* human figure; appearance of s.b.'s body.

**mbinya** *Pl: mbinya. n.* dance; movement in a pattern, usually to musical accompaniment.

**mbiro** *Pl: mbiro. n.* soot; black powder that is deposited on the outside of a pot when cooking using firewood or charcoal.

**mbiso** *Pl: mbiso. n.* hidden place, e.g., a cave.

**mbo** *Pl: mbo. n.* state of calmness, timidity, coolness, shyness or humility.

**mbohero** *Pl: mbohero. n.* noose; circle that is tied in one end of a rope with a knot that allows the circle to get smaller as the other end of the rope is pulled.

**mboneko** *Var: kawonekeera.*

*Pl: mboneko. n.* period of time of the new moon; about two to three days.

**mbuda** *Pl: bambuda. n.* dunce, fool; dense, stupid, dull person who does or says things without sense. *Syn: madara, mudoma, mwicate, mpuuti.*

**mbuga<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mbuga. n. 1* • vegetable sp. that is used to make sauce.  
**2** • vegetable sauce made from a plant sp.

**mbuga<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: mbuga. n.* office; room or a house where s.b. does his piece of work, esp. sitting at a desk. *Syn: ofisi.*

**mbuga gya biragiro** *Pl: mbuga za biragiro. n.* court; place where legal trials take place and where crimes are judged. *Syn: kooti.*

**mbumbunira** *Pl: mbumbunira. n.* small insect sp. with black and white parts that looks like a spider.

**mbundu** *Pl: mbundu. n.* gun; weapon that is used for firing bullets.

**mbutete** *Pl: mbutete. n.* grass sp. with a height like that of tropical grass, that has many thin finger like structures at the top in which are seeds and is common in gardens and abandoned fields.

**mbuura** *Pl: mbuura. n.* grass sp. that mostly grows in a garden that has already been dug.

**mbuli** *Pl: mbuli. n.* goat; domestic animal, with short horns, and the male is called a Billy.

**mbwakazi** *Pl: mbwakazi. From: Runyoro. n.* female dog.

**mbwene** *Pl: mbwene. n.* dog; domestic carnivore having four legs a long tail, strong and sharp teeth trained to protect a home and to hunt wild animals.

**mbwene gidulu** *Pl: mbwene zidulu. n.* male dog.

**mbwi** *Sg: lubbwi. n. 1* • greyish hair that normally comes during old age.

**2** • mould; greyish or black substance like fur that grows on fermenting or old food such as cassava, etc. or on objects that are left in warm wet air.

**mbyabamu** *Pl: mbyabamu. n.* deck chair; seat in a house made of timber with a woven net or a piece of tarpaulin that leans right back making the one sitting appear as if he is lying.

**meipokopo** *Pl: bameipokopo. n.* mole; very small piece of flesh inside an ear like a pimple that is hairy.

**meiha** *n.* jealousy, malice because s.b. you love, e.g., a husband, is showing love interest towards s.b. else.

**meija** *n.* bad smell from a living person or animal.

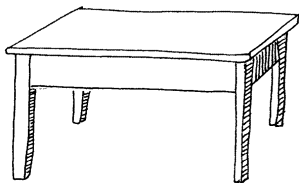
**meiro** *Pl: meiro.* *From:* English. *n.* mile; measurement of length.

**mengi** *Pl: mengi.* *n.* Taboo. cervix; opening of the uterus where the baby presses when labour is about to begin.

**meeri** *Pl: mameeri.* *n.* ship; large boat made like a house that is demarcated into rooms depending on people's economic status. *Syn:* kidyeri.

**meero** *n.* lust; strong physical desire for s.t. esp. due to having spent a long time without having or seeing that particular thing. *Syn:* bijogomeera, murusi, lwaga, rwanju, nyoota, kihika, ijani, mukojjo, iroho, bicoko.

**meeza** *Pl: meeza.* *From:* Portugese. *n.* table; furniture with legs, flat on top, put in a house or office.



**meezi** *n.* water; liquid without colour, smell, not sweet or sour, falls as rain and forms lakes, rivers and swamps.

**meezi gakwekuuta** *n.* waterfall.  
**kumala meezi ku mubiri** *v.*

*Idiom.* damage, spoil, tarnish the good opinion people have of s.b.

**mibalire** *n.* multiple; mathematical quantity that contains another quantity an exact number of times, e.g., 14, 21 and 28 are all multiples of 7.

**micungwa** *Var: micungwo.* *n.* See main entry: **mucungwa**.

**Mihanda** *n.* name of a person.

**mimi** *dem.* these ones.

**mimiro** *n.* throat.

**miniisita** *Pl: baminiisita.* *From:* English. *n.* minister; executive government worker, appointed by the President and charged with the responsibility of heading a whole

government department.

**mirembe** *From:* Luganda. *n.* peace; situation in which there is no war or violence, where there is calm and a state of living in friendship with others.  
*Syn:* businge.

*interj.* 'peace'; a greeting.

**mitarabanda** *Sg: mutarabanda.* *n.* wooden sandals; type of sandals used in the past that were made out of wood.

**mitwaru gabiri** *num.* two hundred thousand.

**mitwaru ganei** *num.* four hundred thousand.

**mitwaru gasatu** *num.* three hundred thousand.

**mitwaru gataanu** *num.* five hundred thousand.

**mitwaru ikumi** *Var: mitwaru kasiriira.* *num.* one hundred thousand.

**mitwaru kinaanei** *num.* eight hundred thousand.

**mitwaru kyenda** *num.* nine hundred thousand.

**mitwaru nkaaga** *num.* six hundred thousand.

**mitwaru nsanju** *num.* seven hundred thousand.

**midī** *dem.* those ones over there.

**milyoni** *From:* English. *num.* one million.  
*Syn:* kakeikuru.

**mimyo** *dem.* those ones.

**misinde** *n.* See main entry: **musinde**.

**mita** *Pl: mita.* *From:* English. *n.* metre; measurement of length.

**mmaka** *Pl: mmaka.* *n.* silt-laden water brought by the Nile river into lake Albert at the Nile delta.

**mmaliira** *Pl: mmaliira.* *n.* 1 • end, finish, destination; end point of s.t.  
*Syn:* nkangu.

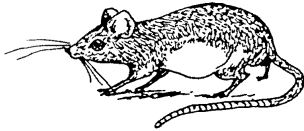
2 • brief statement that presents the main points in a concise form.

**mmaliira gya sabbijiti**

*Pl: mmaliira za sabbijiti.* *n.* weekend.

**mmasī** *Pl: mmasi.* *n.* small fish sp. with very small scales, a short mouth, and a very thin tail fin.

**mmese** *Pl: mmese. n.* rat; small wild animal that gnaws, that likes staying in houses destroying food.



**mmee** *interj. Idiophone.* cry of a goat.

**mmo** *interj. See main entry: bbuwa.*

**mmunda** *Pl: mmunda. n.* calmness; state of the lake being calm.

**motoka** *Pl: mamotoka. From: English. n.* motorcar, truck; road vehicle, driven by an engine with at least four wheels that is driven using a steering wheel to control the direction.

**mpaka<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mpaka. n. 1 •* argument, quarrel; discussion in which two or more people angrily disagree.  
*Syn: nkaayane.*

*2 •* competition; event in which people compete with each other to find out who is the best at s.t.

**kubamba mpaka** *Var: kukuuta mpaka; kureega mpaka; kwomera mpaka; kuteera mpaka. v. Idiom.* argue; exchange words with s.b. with each disagreeing to what the other is saying. *Syn: kukuuta mpaka, kureega mpaka, kwomera mpaka, kuteera mpaka.*

**wampaka** *Pl: bampaka. n.* argumentative person; s.b. who stubbornly protests even the truth.

**mpaka<sub>2</sub>** *adv. until. Syn: kudoosya, kutuusa.*

**mpali** *Pl: mpali. n. 1 •* trousers, shorts, pants; garment for men that is worn on the lower parts of the body either long or short.

*2 •* women's pants.

**mpalu** *Pl: mpalu. n.* javelin; long thin stick that is thrown at s.t. or s.b.

**mpampu** *Pl: mpampu. n.* handclap.

**mpanda** *Pl: mpanda. n.* growth; way in which s.t. grows.

**mpandiika** *Pl: mpandiika. n.* writing.

**mpanga** *Pl: mpanga. n.* rooster, cock; male chicken that crows. *Syn: kokolooki.*

**mparamukyenu**

*Pl: bamparamukyenu. n.* shameless person; s.b. who does not feel any shame, who does not care or listen to what others think. *Syn: muhwe wa nsoni.*

**mparani** *Pl: mparani. n.* conflict; disagreement or hatred between or among people, countries, etc.

**mparaaki** *Pl: mparaaki. n. Kobus kob.* Uganda kob; wild animal with the white under parts, a black tail and curved horns like a letter 'S'.

**mpasa** *Pl: mpasa. n.* axe; tool with a heavy metal blade in which is fixed a wooden handle that is used for splitting wood, cutting trees, etc.

**mpaa** *Pl: bampaa. n.* paternal aunt; father's sister.

**mpaaku** *Pl: mpaaku. n.* petty name; one of a set of twelve secondary names given to s.b.

**mpaaya** *Pl: mpaaya. n.* male goat old enough to fertilise.

**mpehu** *Pl: mpehu. n. 1 •* wind; air moving that blows in space.  
*2 •* vacuum.

**mpekenyu** *Pl: mpekenyu. n.* cartilage; strong white flexible substance found between the joints in the body.

**mperemi** *Pl: mperemi. n.* bridesmaid, best man; girl or a boy who takes care of a bride or a bride-groom on his or her wedding day.

**mperu** *Pl: mperu. n.* end of time, esp. the end of life on earth after death.

**mpeta** *Pl: mpeta. n. Syncerus caffer.* buffalo; wild grass eating animal resembling a cow but bigger and with larger horns usually with a black skin.



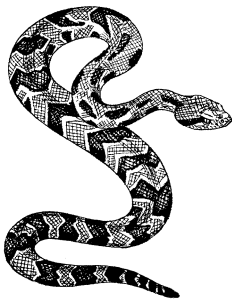
**mpihi** *Pl: mpihi. n.* belch, burp; gas with a bad odour that s.b. regurgitates due to excessive ingestion of food.

**kukuuta mpihi** *v. Idiom.* burp; regurgitate out gas with a bad odour as a result of eating excessively.

**mpinduka** *Var: mpinduka-hinduka. Pl: mpinduka. n.* change, alteration; situation that makes s.t. different.

**mpinduluze** *Pl: mpinduluze. n. s.t.* that is inside out, e.g., a shirt worn with the inside part facing outside.

**mpiri** *Pl: mpiri. n.* snake; thin long animal that crawls on its belly, sheds its skin and lays eggs.



**mpiri ginteme** *interj. Idiom.* 'I swear', used when making a serious promise to do s.t. showing intention and a promise of telling the truth.

**mpiri gya mu kitabbu** *Pl: mpiri za mu kitabbu. n. Metaphor.* hypocrite; betrayer.

**mpiri gya kisubi kyomu** *Pl: mpiri za kisubi kyomu. n. Psammophylax tritaeniatus.* Stripped skaapsteker; small pale brown docile snake, with fairly strong venom and with the teeth not designed for tearing or chewing but of catching s.t. so that it swallows.

**mpiri gya lukoma** *Pl: mpiri za lukoma. n. Dendroaspis angusticeps.* Green mamba; slender green snake with large eyes, undersides yellowish and rarely bites except for self defence.

**mpita<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mpita. n.* ring; circular band

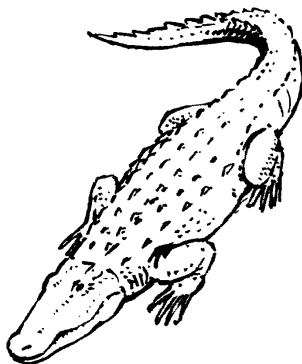
of precious metal that a married couple put on their fingers.

*v. Metaphor.* wed; get married.

**kusiibwa mpita** *Var: kubboha mpita. v. Metaphor.* wed; perform a Christian ceremony that binds a bride and bridegroom together that is performed in a church.

**mpita<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: mpita. n.* flame.

**mpiyo** *Pl: mpiyo. n. Osteolaemus tetraspis.* crocodile; huge reptile with strong teeth and tail, back with hard scales, but a soft under belly with skin prized for high value articles (hand bags, belts etc.), which lives around water and feeds on fish.



**mpiyo na mpuuta** *n. Idiom.* great enemies.

**mpingo** *Pl: mpingo. n.* handcuffs; metal like a pair of pliers that is used to tie the wrists of a prisoner so that he does not run away.

**mpohi** *Pl: mpohi. n.* fish sp. with scales similar to that of a Yellowfish, very short and flat, with an even split tail fin and a small head.

**mpoli** *n. Taboo.* smegma; dirt that is under the foreskin of the penis.

**mpolongonje** *Var: mpolongonio. Pl: mpolongonie. n.* weakling, feeble person; s.b. who is not physically strong. *Syn:* muhuuru, njwahe, muceke.

**mpomo** *Pl: mpomo. n.* bait; food for catching fish that is placed on a hook.

**mpompoite** *Pl: mpompoite. n.*

fermented and crushed cassava that has not yet been fully sun dried.

**mponderana** *Var: mponderagana.*

*Pl: mponderana. n. sequence.*

**mposo** *Pl: mposo. n. fish sp. with scales and an even tail fin that jumps up as if it is flying.*

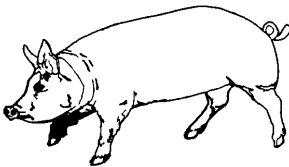
**mpula** *adv. slowly; not fast or done quickly, but rather, taking a long time.*

**mpumpu** *adv. hurriedly; done too quickly because you do not have enough time.*

**mpundu** *Pl: mpundu. n. calf, shin; that part of the leg between the knee and the foot.*

**mpunguule** *Pl: mpunguule. n. mindless, careless, reckless, senseless, irresponsible person; s.b. who does not give enough attention and thought to what he does, esp. to his lifestyle and behaviour. Syn: nganya, ntabiganye, mwegumisirizi, mutafayo.*

**mpunu** *Pl: mpunu. n. pig; quick growing, heavy eating animal with a broad nose, short curly tail, short legs and a somewhat short frame, found both in the wild and domesticated.*



**mpuule** *Pl: mpuule. n. grain; seed of food plants such as maize, millet, sorghum, etc.*

**mpuumula** *Pl: mpuumula. n. breathing; process of inhaling and exhaling air.*

**mpuuta** *Pl: mpuuta. n. Nile perch; fish with scales, large and long, with an odd tail fin (not split), a swim bladder and most eats other fish.*

**mpuuzi** *n. See main entry: nfuuzi.*

**mpulukya** *Pl: mpulukya. n. expenditure; amount of money spent or the way of spending money.*

**mpyehyeni** *Pl: mpyehyeni. n. firefly;*

small insect that flies with a tail that glows in the night. *Syn: kaserya.*

**mu** *Var: mwo; mwona. adv. in, among, inside, into.*

**mubaga** *Pl: mibaga. n. 1 • brown lateral line in the flesh of a herring.*

**2 • garden boundary; line that demarcates garden plots made out of reeds, sisal, or certain plants.**

**mubawone** *interj. See main entry:*

**obawone.**

**mubeka** *Pl: mibeka. n. garboard; plank of wood on the side of a canoe or boat that is fixed closest to the keel. Syn: mugoma.*

**mubi** *Pl: babi. n. 1 • cruel person; s.b. who behaves in a way that shows no respect for others, often talking rudely. Syn: kabbulusungu, kageru, kimbalanga, kintyome, ngeite.*

**2 • impolite person.**

**3 • cunning person. Syn: mukararuku.**

**mubiri** *Pl: mibiri. n. body; entire structure of a human that feels pain, has flesh and blood and has an image.*

**mubiri gwa hakati** *Pl: mibiri mya hakati. n. torso; middle part of the body without the head, arms or legs.*

**mubiri gubiibi** *Pl: mibiri mibiibi. n. Metaphor. misfortune, bad luck, usually just occasionally. Syn: mugisa gubiibi.*

**mubiibi** *Pl: babiibi. n. 1 • ugly, unattractive person.*

**2 • bad, nasty person.**

**mubyala** *Pl: babyala. n. mother-in-law.*

**mubyalwa** *Pl: babyalwa. n. clan member; s.b. who has a blood relationship with others in a place where he lives.*

**muburwa** *Pl: baburwa. n. impotent man who is unable to achieve an erection. Syn: woro, mufeerwa.*

**mubbeebbe** *Pl: babbeebbe. n. thin person.*

**mubbeere** *Pl: mibbeere. n. 1 • club; straight curved stick with or without a*

handle used as defence.

**2 • baton**, truncheon; short stick that police officers carry as a weapon.

**3 • walking stick**; straight carved stick with or without a handle used for support while you are walking.

**mubbilo** *Pl: mibbilo. n.* flute; musical instrument made from a hollow animal horn.

**mubboha bitambaara** *n.* See main entry: **kitambaara**.

**mubbongi** *Pl: mibbongi. n.* beehive; structure made for bees to live in.  
*Syn: muzinga.*

**mucanka** *n.* sand; soil with small particles found at the lake shore.  
*Syn: musinyi.*

**muceke** *Pl: baceke. n.* weakling, feeble person; s.b. who is not physically strong. *Syn: muhuuru, njwahe, mpolongonje.*

**muceeri** *Var: muceere. Pl: muceeri. n.* rice; plant that resembles grass, bears grain seeds and is a food crop.

**mucoome** *Pl: bacooome. n.* shabby, messy person; s.b. who is untidy in terms of clothes, and the whole body in general. *Syn: mukazi.*

**mucungwa** *Var: mucungwo. Pl: micungwa. n.* **1 •** orange tree; big domestic tree with thorns, scented leaves and with juice that is squeezed and sugar added in to make a drink.

**2 •** orange; fruit of an orange tree.

**micungwa** *Var: micungwo. n.* drink made from oranges to which sugar has been added.

**mudanga** *Pl: midanga. n.* gap created by a tooth that has been pulled out.

**mudendemule** *Pl: midendemule. n.* wild tree sp. with scratchy leaves, small sticky fruit, that is used for building structures for traditional rituals.

**mudeeli** *Pl: mideeli. n.* style, fashion; the particular way or design in which s.t. is done.

**kukora mudeeli** *v.* make fashionable, e.g., by sewing a fashionable garment, wearing clothes in a fashionable way, make hair fashion, etc.

**mudido** *Pl: midido. n.* friendly relationship; when s.b. is good strong friends with another.

**waamudido** *Pl: baamudido. n.* best friend. *Syn: mudidi.*

**mudoma** *Pl: badoma. n.* dunce, fool; dense, stupid, dull person who does or says things without sense. *Syn: madara, mwicate, mbuda, mpuuti.*

**mudulu** *Pl: badulu. n.* man; adult person who is not a woman.

**mufeerwa<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bafeerwa. n.* bereaved person; s.b. who has lost a relative, esp. a man whose wife is dead and who has not remarried.

**mufeerwa<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: bafeerwa. n.* impotent man who is unable to achieve an erection. *Syn: woro, muhurwa.*

**mufuko** *Pl: mifuko. n.* **1 •** quiver. **2 •** sheath; protective covering that hunters use to keep knives.

**mufunga** *Pl: mifunga. n.* traditional underwear; piece of clothing for women that old women mostly sew by hand using a needle and into which they put a thin piece of cloth or an elastic material around the waist.

**mufura** *Pl: bafura. n.* dignitary.

**mugabu** *Pl: migabu. n.* **1 •** share; any of the units of equal value that are divided between two or more people esp. in a group, organization or company.

**2 •** inheritance; share of property that s.b. gets after their parent's death.

**muganda<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: miganda. n.* bundle.

**Muganda<sub>2</sub>** *n.* See main entry: **Baganda**.

**muganiro** *Pl: miganiro. n.* first harvesting.

**mugare** *Pl: bagare. From: Runyoro. n.* lazy person; s.b. who does not have the effort and interest to do work.  
*Syn: mwolo.*

**mugasu** *Pl: migasu. n.* usefulness, value; function of s.t.

**mugaza** *Pl: migaza. n.* fishing trap that is woven like a basket with the shape of a cone.

**mugaali** *Pl: migaali. n.* tropical hardwood tree sp.

**mugaasi** *Pl: migaasi. n.* meat that is thinly cut lengthwise with a somewhat bigger layer and smoked.

**mugaati** *Pl: migaati. n.* bread; type of food made from wheat, water and yeast.

**mugele** *Pl: bagele. n.* handsome man.

**mugenge** *Pl: bagenge. From: Runyoro. n.* leper; s.b. suffering from leprosy, an infectious disease that causes painful white areas on the skin and can destroy nerves and flesh.

*Syn: waabihaga.*

**mugimba<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bagimba. n.* rainmaker.

**mugimba<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: migimba. n.* bunch; fruit that a banana bears on which are numerous smaller hands stuck together, each hand consisting of 12-20 fingers.



**mugira** *Pl: migira. n.* river, stream; water that flows in a winding path for a long distance ending in another water body such as a lake.

**mugira hagugwerera** *Pl: migira hamigwerera. n.* estuary, delta; place where a river joins another water body, e.g., a lake.

**mugogo** *Pl: migogo. n.* pair of shoes; two shoes of the same type that are worn together.

**mugole** *Pl: bagole. n.* newlywed; s.b. who has just been married.

**mugole mukali** *Pl: bagole bakali. n.* bride.

**mugole mudulu** *Pl: bagole badulu. n.* bridegroom.

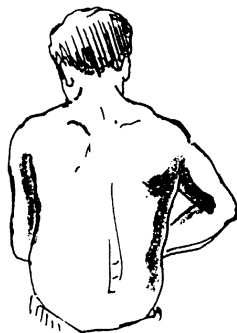
**mugoma** *Pl: migoma. n.* garboard; plank of wood on the side of a canoe or boat that is fixed closest to the keel.

*Syn: mubeka.*

**mugona** *Pl: migona. n.* Nile river mouth; north-eastern part of lake Albert that has shallow water where the Nile river enters the lake.

**mugongo<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: migongo. n. 1 •* waist, back; part in the middle of the body between the ribs and the hips.

*Syn: mancwendu.*



*2 •* type of dance.

**lusaali lwa mugongo** *Pl: nsaali za mugongo. n.* spine; row of bones at the back, in the middle of the body, that runs from the neck to the beginning of the buttocks.

**kubenyeka mugongo** *v. Idiom.* reach puberty; attain the stage of body growth during which the reproductive organs develop and s.b. becomes capable of having children.

**mugongo<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: migongo. n.* village; area inhabited by people and of the lowest local authority status. *Syn: kyaru.*

**mugonzebwa** *Pl: bagonzebwa.*

*From: Runyoro. n.* lover, loved person; s.b. who is shown much love.

**mugoroobe** *interj. See main entry: ogoroobe.*

**muguha** *Pl: miguha. n.* rope; cord made by twisting sisal or nets, larger

than 'kikosi' used esp. for tying animals.

**muguma karuru** *n.* See main entry: **karuru**.

**mugumba** *Pl: bagumba. n.* barren woman who does not reproduce.

**mugweiraru** *Pl: bagweiraru. n.* mad person; s.b. who is mentally incapacitated. *Syn:* mutabuku bwongu, muhabu, muhungutuku.

**mugwete** *Pl: bagwete. n.* heir; child who takes over the title of his father when he dies.

**mugyende kurungi** *interj.* See main entry: **ogyende kurungi**.

**muhaku** *Pl: mihaku. n.* udder; part of a female animal that has teats and in which there is milk.

**muhala** *Pl: bahala. n.* young girl who is not yet a woman.

**muhalaawe** *Pl: bahalaawe. n.* sister; kinship term used by a boy of his sister.

**muhanda** *Pl: mihanda. n.* path, street; track or a place that is made for people or vehicles to pass through.

**muhanda gundi** *Pl: mihanda mindi. n.* alternative.

**muhanda gukwingiirya**

**munda** *Pl: mihanda mikiwngiirya munda. n.* inlet, opening, entrance; path through which s.t. can get into s.t.

**muhara** *Pl: bahara. n.* daughter.

**muhara wa mukama**

*Pl: bahara ba mukama. n.* princess.

**muharabbu** *Pl: baharabbu. n.* Arab; s.b. from the middle East or North Africa.

**muhendu** *Pl: mihendu. n.* 1 • quantity; amount or number of s.t. *Syn:* namba. 2 • price, cost; money that a buyer pays for s.t.

**muhendu gudooli** *Pl: mihendu midooli. n.* inexpensive price, cheap price.

**muhendu gunene** *Var: muhendu gwa hakyendi. Pl: mihendu minene. n.* expensive price.

**muhendu gwa bantu** *n.* population.

**kutemba kwa mihendu** *n.* inflation; increase of prices.

**muhini** *Pl: mihini. n.* handle; piece of wood or metal onto which is fixed a metal hoe or an axe head.

**muhito** *Pl: mihito. n.* sorrow, grief; feeling of great sadness because s.t. very bad has happened. *Syn:* nganye.

**muhiigo** *n.* See main entry: **muhiigi**.

**muhoole** *Pl: bahoole. n.* disobedient, unsubmitive person; s.b. who does not follow orders or does not obey laws, esp. children who don't listen to elders. *Syn:* ntahuura, waakyejo, muzubu.

**muhololo** *Pl: mihololo. n.* 1 • s.t. empty.

2 • calm place.

3 • quiet home without people and noise.

**muhondera** *n.* See main entry:

**muhonderi**.

**muhooza** *Pl: bahooza. n.* market master; s.b. who collects money from those who are selling in the market.

**muhuma** *Pl: bahuma. n.* herdsman; s.b. whose work is grazing or looking after cattle. *Syn:* muliisya.

**muhunda** *Pl: mihunda. n.* spear tail; round metallic bottom part of a spear that has a pointed end.

**muhuta** *Pl: bahuta. n.* hurt person; s.b. who is injured.

**muuuru** *Pl: bahuuru. n.* 1 • bachelor; a man who has no wife.

2 • weakling, feeble person; s.b. who is not physically strong. *Syn:* njwahe, mpolongonie, muceke.

**muhyaka** *Pl: bahyaka. n.* stranger; s.b. whom you do not know, or s.b. who is in a place that he has not been in before.

**muhyo** *Pl: bahyo. n.* 1 • excited person. *Syn:* mucamuku, mutagatu.

2 • active person; s.b. who is lively and full of ideas. *Syn:* nzanza.

**mujungu** *Pl: bajungu. n.* white person born in America, England or another country outside Africa.

**mukadei** *Pl: bakadei. n.* ancestor; s.b.



who has died of a previous generation.

**mukagu** *Pl: mikagu. n.* friendship; relationship between friends.

**mukagu gwa ku nda**

*Var: mukagu gwa ku lula.*

*Pl: mikagu mya ku nda. n.* blood oath; relationship made by two people making incisions on their umbilical cord scars and each of them eating a coffee berry smeared with blood of the other.

**munywe wa mukagu**

*Pl: banywe ba mukagu. n.* close friend to a family or a clan; trustworthy person that a family or clan approaches for aid, who gives them advice and who responds to a problem when sent for.

**mukaka** *Pl: mikaka. n.* cane; stem of a plant like maize or sorghum with sweet juice that is chewed while raw.

**mukalu<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mikalu. n.* dried meat.

**mukalu<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: nkalu. n.* pile of firewood stored for future use.

**mukama** *Pl: bakama. n.* king; male ruler who has the authority of leadership due to ancestry.

**mukama wa mukori**

*Pl: bakama ba bakori. n.* boss, owner; s.b. responsible for paying s.b. for work done. *Syn: muhandu.*

**mukama kjiita** *Pl: bakama kjiita. n.* owner. *Syn: mukamakyo.*

**mukamakyo** *Pl: bakamakyo. n.*

**1** • instigator, initiator; s.b. who starts s.t. *Syn: mutandiki, mugumburi.*

**2** • owner. *Syn: mukama kjiita.*

**mukamu** *Pl: mikamu. n.* cream; thick fatty substance that rises to the top of milk.

**mukanaga** *Pl: mikanaga. n.* wild tree sp. with a red colour, that has small hard brittle leaves that remain stuck on the hand when you touch it.

**mukandwa** *Pl: mikandwa. n.* wild tree sp. whose leaves and colour very much resemble the 'mulaaliki' tree except for the fact that it has thorns and

is very strong and brittle.

**mukara** *Pl: mikara. n.* wild tree sp. that grows tall, greyish in colour, with leaves like those of a mango tree, but shorter and broader and in strength it is next to the hardest tropical tree.

**mukazi** *Pl: bakazi. n.* messy, shabby, untidy unattractive person.

*Syn: mucoome.*

**mukaa mudulu** *Pl: bakaa badulu.*

*n.* wife; married woman, a man's partner in marriage. *Syn: mukyara.*

**mukaaga<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mikaaga. n.* dowry, bride price; property or money that the parents of the boy give the parents of the girl for getting engaged with her in marriage.

**mukaaga<sub>2</sub>** *num.* six.

**kimwei kya mukaaga** *num.* sixth.

**mitwaru mukaaga** *num.* sixty thousand.

**mukeikuru** *Var: mukaikuru.*

*Pl: bakeikuru. n.* old woman.

**mukere** *Pl: bakere. n.* baby or young toddler less than 18 months old.

**mukeeka** *Pl: mikeeka. n.* grass mat that is woven from thread like plant materials.

**mukeeto** *Var: mukeetu. Pl: bakeeto. n.* treasurer; s.b. who has the responsibility to keep money for an organisation, a group, etc. *Syn: mubiiki, mukwata nsimbi, mukwata nsahu.*

**mukindo** *Pl: mikindo. n.* palm tree; straight tropical tree with a mass of long leaves at the top, that are used by Christians to march with on Palm Sunday.

**mukodo** *Pl: bakodo. From: Runyoro. n.* mean, stingy person; s.b. who does not give what he has or who spends on s.t., but underpays the seller, i.e., s.b. who hates paying full price.

*Syn: mulimirirwa, mutatiro, isyoko, mwimi, mupu, wa ngalu gitatiro.*

**mukolo** *Pl: mikolo. n.* grass sp. that resembles millet with white seeds that mostly grows on dry land.

**mukolyo** *Pl: mikolyo. n.* wild tree sp.

with rough bark, without thorns, slightly large leaves and it is very good for making charcoal.

**mukoma** *Pl: mikoma. n.* wild tree sp. that grows with straight branches, with leaves that are not very large and is not easily broken.

**mukoma karuru** *n.* See main entry: **karuru**.

**mukondo**<sub>1</sub> *Pl: mikondo. n.* navel; scar on the stomach, from a tube of tissue that connected a baby to its mother and which was cut at the moment of birth.

**Mukondo**<sub>2</sub> *n.* name of a person.

**mukono** *Pl: mikono. n.* 1 • arm.



2 • handwriting.

3 • sleeve; part of a garment that covers the whole or part of an arm.

**kutaho mukono** *v.* endorse.

**mukora masana** *n.* See main entry: **mukori**.

**mukoro** *Var: mukooro. Pl: mikoro. n.* ceremony, function, festival, show; activity that brings many people for a purpose.

**mukooto** *Pl: bakooto. n.* big, large, fat person; s.b. with a large body volume.

**mukugiro** *Pl: mikugiro. n.* selvage; edge of a piece of fabric or anything that is woven.

**mukule** *Var: mukulye. Pl: mikule. n.* extremely loud laughter.

**kukuuta mukule** *v.* laugh extremely loudly. *Syn:* kukekera, kukyekyemuka, kukuuta nseku.

**mukungu** *Pl: bakungu. n.* sub-parish chief appointed by the king in order to rule a village.

**mukunkulu** *Pl: mikunkulu. n.* wild tree sp. with bitter leaves that bears inedible fruit.

**mukunzi** *Pl: bakunzi. n.* concubine,

lover; man or a woman who are together but not officially married.

*Syn:* mutingaani.

**mukunyu** *Pl: mikunyu. n.* very simple plant with no real leaves, stems, roots or flowers that grows in or near water.

**mukusa** *Pl: mikusa. n.* sorghum; plant with a jointed stem like that of maize, bears millet like grains and is mostly used as yeast for an alcoholic banana brew.

**mukuza** *Pl: bakuza. From: Runyoro. n.* executor, caretaker; relative who takes the responsibility of distributing the wealth of the deceased and taking care of the orphans. *Syn:* muhandya, mulindi, mulingiiri, muwoneeri.

**mukwakuru** *Pl: mikwakuru. n.* first phase of weeding a field.

**mukwakwa** *Pl: mikwakwa. n.* tropical tree sp. with small hard leaves, that bears small fruits and provides rafters for building small huts.

**mukwata mupiira** *n.* See main entry: **mupiira**.

**mukwata nsahu** *n.* See main entry: **nsahu**.

**mukwata nsimbi** *n.* See main entry: **nsimbi**.

**mukwenda** *Pl: bakwenda. n.* representative, messenger, delegate; s.b. sent on behalf of another with a message to deliver from that sending person. *Syn:* mutumwa.

**mukyara** *Pl: bakyara. From: Luganda. n.* wife; married woman, a term of respect. *Syn:* mukaa mudulu.

**mukyeno** *Pl: mikyeno. From: Runyoro. n.* curse; rude or offensive word or phrase that s.b. uses in order to wish misfortune on s.b. *Syn:* kijumo.

**mukyenu** *Pl: mikyenu. n.* curse.

**nyantapara mukyenu**  
*Pl: banyantapara mukyenu. n.*  
*Metaphor.* courageous, brave person; s.b. with a strong heart who does not mind about anything.

*Syn:* rumaama, ruharaara.

**mukyora** *Pl: mikyora. n.* Casia

*didymobotrya*, tropical shrub sp. used as a herbal medicine for bathing babies so as to prevent them from getting a rash.

**mulaale kurungi** *interj.* See main entry: olaale kurungi.

**mulaaliki** *Pl: ndaaliki. n.* whitish wild shrub sp. with many curved thorns that grows thick forming a bush.

**mulengu** *Pl: milengu. n.* ratio.

**muligire<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: baligire. n.* betrothed woman.

**Muligire<sub>2</sub>** *Sg: Baligire. n.* man from the Baligire clan.

**mulima** *Pl: balima. n.* crippled, disabled, lame person, s.b. who does not walk or move normally due to lameness.

**mulimiriirwa** *Pl: balimiriirwa. n.*

1 • frugal person; s.b. who finds it hard to use s.t. that he has, who is economical and thrifty, who does not want to spend money even if the price is cheap.

2 • mean stingy person; s.b. who is not willing to share what he has with others. *Syn:* mukodo, mutatiro, isyoko, mwimi, mupu, wa ngalu gitatiro.

**mulimo** *Pl: milimo. n.* duty, occupation, work; s.t. that you feel you have to do because it is your responsibility.

**mukori wa mulimo** *Pl: bakori ba mulimo. n.* employee; person working for a company, an organisation, or a government for a salary or a wage. *Syn:* mukori, mupakasi.

**muntu atali na mulimo**

*Pl: bantu batali na mulimo. n.* unemployed person. *Syn:* eicaliiri, muntu atakukora.

**kaliisoliiso wa mulimo**

*Pl: bakaliisoliiso ba mulimo. n.* manager.

**kutunga mulimo** *v.* get a job; become employed.

**kuha muntu mulimo** *Var: kuta*

*muntu ku mulimo. v.* employ; give s.b. work to do. *Syn:* kukoresya.

**Mulinda** *n.* name of a person.

**mulira** *Pl: milira. n.* tree sp. that is planted at home like an Acacia tree, has a brown colour when dry, with round fruit, grows very tall but not very wide.

**muliraanwa** *Pl: baliraanwa. From: Luganda. n.* neighbour; s.b. who lives near you. *Syn:* mutaahi, jiraani, munyaakitaahu.

**mulogo** *Pl: balogo. n.* witch, sorcerer, wizard.

**muloolo** *Pl: miloolo. n.* big wild tree sp. that has thick brittle leaves, and bears long fruit that swing in space.

**mululwa** *Pl: milulwa. n.* sting; pain that s.b. feels when he is stung by a bee.

**mulwalu** *Pl: milwalu. n.* clothing, esp. clothes meant for special functions or occasions. *Syn:* mwedoho, mwekatu, mweligo.

**bilwalu bya mulimo**

*Var: bijwaru bya mulimo.*

*Sg: kilwalu kya mulimo. n.* uniform; similar clothing worn by every person in an organization, at work or by school children.

**kilwalu kya kwejaayiika**

*Pl: bilwalu bya kwejaayiika. n.* ornament, jewellery; fashion accessory.

**mulyangu** *Pl: milyangu. n.* doorway, exit, entrance; opening that is on a house, car etc. through which s.b. gets into or out.

**mulyangu gwa lukomera**

*Pl: milyangu mya lukomera. n.* gate.

**mulye** *Pl: milye. n.* habit; act or behaviour that s.b. is used to all the time that is not easy to stop. *Syn:* kamogo, muze.

**mbumbe** *Pl: bambere. n.* first person, e.g., first born child in a family.

**mumu** *dem.* in this place.

**munaku<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: banaku. n.* poor person; s.b. who has few or no possessions or no relatives.

**Munaku<sub>2</sub>** *n.* name of a person.

**munanu** *Var: waamananu. Pl: bananu. n.* righteous, sincere, trustworthy,

dependable, honest person.

*Syn:* waamazima.

**munasu** *Pl:* **minasu**. *n.* bailer; container for removing water from a boat.

*Syn:* kyohisyo.

**munazi** *n.* See main entry: **kinazi**.

**munaanei** *num.* 1 • eight.

2 • eighth.

**kimweī kya munaanei** *num.* eighth.

**mitwaru munaanei** *num.* eighty thousand.

**munda**<sub>1</sub> *adv.* inside; within s.t.

**munda**<sub>2</sub> *n.* calmness of a lake.

**mundindi** *Pl:* **mindindi**. *n.* wingless, black, stretchy maggot-like aquatic insect sp. that bites fish, aquatic animals and people sucking their blood.

**muneeru** *Pl:* **mineeru**. *n.* fatty part of a catfish.

**mungala** *Pl:* **mingala**. *n.* small fish sp. that resembles a herring, has scales, does not grow big and children are fond of hooking or catching it in small nylon nets.

**mungereza** *Pl:* **bangereza**. *From:* English. *n.* British person.

**mungunira** *Pl:* **mungunira**. *n.* thickness; size of s.t. between opposite surfaces or sides. *Syn:* muzimbo, mukikima.

**munigo** *Pl:* **minigo**. *n.* tie; long narrow piece of fabric worn around the neck, esp. by men, with a knot in front.

*Lit:* strangler. *Syn:* tai.

**munjanga** *Pl:* **minjanga**. *n.* throwing net that is woven like a beach-sein net with attached weights that has a string that the thrower ties around his wrist and then throws.

**munkudye** *Pl:* **minkudye**. *n.* appetite, hunger; craving for food that has been seen or smelt.

**kumera munkudye** *v. Idiom.* salivate; hunger after food that has been seen or smelt.

**munongo** *Pl:* **minongo**. *n.* big wild tree sp. with greyish bark, without thorns and when dry decays very fast.

**untu** *Pl:* **bantu**. *n.* person, human; any man, woman, boy or girl.

**untu gyokukoragana nayo ku mulimo** *Pl:* **bantu bookukoragana nabo ku mulimo**. *n.* client.

**untu buntu** *Pl:* **bantu buntu**. *n.* individual.

**untu wa mutima gubiibi** *Pl:* **bantu ba mitima mibiibi**. *n.* ill-hearted, jealous person; s.b. who does not want to see others succeed or prosper.

**untu waahi** *pro.* nobody, no one.

**untu wondi** *pro.* somebody, someone.

**untu yensei** *pro.* anybody, anyone.

**untu atali na mulimo** *n.* See main entry: **mulimo**.

**munzaani** *Pl:* **minzaani**. *n.* weighing scale.

**munyali**<sub>1</sub> *n.* smoke stain; brownish colour that forms on s.t. due to continual exposure to smoke.

**Munyali**<sub>2</sub> *n.* name of a fish landing place in Buliisa.

**munyangaara** *Pl:* **minyangaara**. *n.* crack; line that forms on s.t. that has broken but not yet split into separate parts.

**munyankomo** *Pl:* **banyankomo**. *n.* prisoner, convict, captive; s.b. kept locked up for committing a crime, or while waiting to be tried.

**munyansi** *Pl:* **banyansi**. *n.* citizen; s.b. born in a country and who has all the rights to live in it. *Syn:* musi, nzaarwa.

**munyanzigwa** *Pl:* **banyanzigwa**. *n.* enemy, rival; s.b. who hates you or who speaks against you. *Syn:* mwaniō, kanyagwe, ntamuhira.

**munyaakibi** *Pl:* **banyaakibi**. *n.* sinner.

**munyaakitaahu** *Pl:* **banyaakitaahu**. *n.* neighbour; s.b. who lives near you. *Syn:* mutaahi, jiraani, muliraanwa.

**munyaakitebe** *Pl:* **banyaakitebe**. *n.* member of a group or organisation.

**munyaakubba** *adj.* former, prior; position or status that s.b. was in the past.

**munyaaruganda**

*Pl:* **banyaaruganda**. *n.* relative, clan mate; s.b. who is in the same family or clan as s.b. else.

**munyegeerwa** *Pl:* **banyegeerwa**. *n.* accused; s.b. against whom a case has been filed by legal personnel officers.

**munyeere** *Pl:* **minyeere**. *n.* Mabuya magalura. Peter's long tailed skink; animal that resembles a lizard, with a smooth body, small legs, a small head that is not distinct from body and with pale blue stripes.

**munyinghinyi** *Pl:* **minyinghinyi**. *n.* wingless white ant.  
*adj.* *Metaphor.* naked; not wearing clothes. *Syn:* busa.

**munywani** *Pl:* **banywani**. *n.* friend; s.b. you know well and like, who is not usually a member of your family.  
*Syn:* musaaha.

**munywere** *Pl:* **banywere**. *n.* hated wife.

**munywereeru** *Pl:* **minywereeru**. *n.* HIV-AIDS; incurable disease that spreads by having sex with an infected person, blood, sharp piercing instruments, syringes, etc. *Syn:* siliimu.

**mupiira** *Pl:* **mipiira**. *n.* ball.



**mupiira gwa gaali** *Pl:* **mipiira mwa gaali**. *n.* bicycle tyre.

**mupiira gwa kusamba**

*Var:* **mupiira gwa magulu**. *n.* football, soccer; game played by two teams of 11 players, using a round ball that players kick up and down the playing field.

**mupiira gwa kubbaka** *n.*

netball; game played by two teams of 7 players, esp. women or girls in which players score by throwing a ball through a high net hanging from a ring on a post.

**mukwata mupiira** *Pl:* **bakwata mupiira**. *n.* goal-keeper.

**muhandu wa mupiira**

*Pl:* **bahandu ba mupiira**. *n.* referee, coach, sports team captain.  
*Syn:* reefuri, muhandu wa muzaanu, musali.

**mupoonghipoonghi**

*Pl:* **bapoonghipoonghi**. *n.* insane, mentally disturbed person; s.b. who does not mind about himself and is just there like a mad person. *Syn:* muhabu, muhungutuku.

**mupu** *Pl:* **bapu**. *n.* s.b. stingy, selfish, or mean who hardly gives out his things.  
*Syn:* isyoko, mwimi, mutatiro, mukodo, mulimiriirwa, wa ngalu gitatiro.

**muragiire** *Pl:* **baragiire**. *n.* heir; child that a father specifies should be the one to succeed him when he dies.

**muramba** *Pl:* **miramba**. *n.* thin flat piece of sun-dried fish.

**murambu** *Pl:* **mirambu**. *n.* corpse; body of a dead person. *Syn:* mutumbi, mukuu.

**muramu** *Pl:* **baramu**. *n.* sibling-in-law; either a brother-in-law or a sister-in-law.

**muranga** *Pl:* **miranga**. *n.* announcement, alert, publication; spoken or written statement that spreads information so as to inform people about s.t.

**muranga** *n.* watery milk; water in which you have washed milk.

**murarama** *n.* meningitis.

**murawarawa** *Pl:* **barawarawa**. *n.*

1 • unstable person; e.g., s.b. who does not make a firm decision, who utters anything.

2 • prostitute; s.b. who goes with one man or woman after another for sex.  
*Syn:* mwenzi, waakagulu, malaaya,

mubungi, mutaaruuki, musiihani.

**muraapa** *Pl: miraapa. n.* rafter; long straight piece of wood that is used for making a roof.

**muro**<sub>1</sub> *n.* feeling of excessive sleepiness that can even make you fall sick if you don't get sleep.

**Muro**<sub>2</sub> *n.* name of a mountain.

**murongo** *Pl: barongo. n.* breech birth twin; one of two children born at the same time to the same mother, who come out beginning with the legs first.

**muruka** *Pl: miruka. n.* parish; local government level next below to the sub-county.

**murundi** *Pl: mirundi. n.* multiplication.

**murundi gumwei** *n.* once; s.t that has happened one time in the period of long time.

**murungi** *Pl: barungi. n.* 1 • dear loved person.

2 • 'dear', a term of endearment.

**murusi** *n.* appetite; strong desire for s.t. *Syn:* kihika, meero, bijogomeera, lwaga, rwanju, nyoota, mukojjo, iroho, bicoko.

**musa** *Pl: misa. n.* handle; part of a tool such as a knife, machete, etc. that s.b. uses to hold it.

**musabi** *Pl: misabi. n.* incision.

**musala bisolo** *v. See main entry:* kusala.

**musala kyembu** *n. See main entry:* kyembu.

**musangu** *Pl: misangu. n.* crime, legal case; act that is against the law and punishable by a fine or a prison sentence. *Syn:* nsangu.

**kukwata musangu** *v. Metaphor.* find guilty.

**kucwera musangu** *v.* blame; think or say that s.b. is responsible for s.t. bad.

**kutoolwaho musangu** *v.* drop charges.

**musanju** *num.* seven.

**kimwei kya musanju** *num.* seventh.

**mitwaru musanju** *num.* seventy thousand.

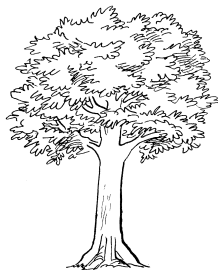
**musaaha** *Pl: basaaha. n.* 1 • friend; s.b. you know well and like and who is not usually a member of your family. *Syn:* munywani.

2 • colleague; s.b. that you work with, esp. in a profession or a business.

3 • expert; elder in a clan who knows a lot about traditional ceremonies or rituals. *Syn:* kagoogoole, kakungu, kasyonko, mukugu, muzira, kaguulu.

**musaahi** *Pl: misaahi. From:* Luganda. *n.* blood; red liquid that flows through the body tissues of man and animals. *Syn:* ibbanga.

**musaali** *Pl: misaali. n.* tree; tall plant that has roots, a stem, leaves and branches.



**musaali gwa gaali** *Pl: misaali mya gaali. n.* top bar of a bicycle frame.

**musaara** *Pl: misaara. n.* wage, salary; money that an employee earns after working for a month.

**musege**<sub>1</sub> *Pl: misege. n. Lycaon pictus.* wild dog; wild animal that resembles a hyena, with a slender, long body long legs, large rounded ears and a bushy white tipped tail.

**musege**<sub>2</sub> *Pl: misege. n.* wild tree sp., greyish in colour, grows under other trees, has small leaves and does not grow very tall.

**musembe** *Pl: basembe. n.* heir; child who is made heir due to support by all the people and the siblings.

**musensa** *Pl: basensa. n.* s.b. who helps the chairperson to judge a legal case.

**museege** *Pl: baseege. n.* poor person; s.b. having very little money or not having enough money for basic needs.

**museehu** *Pl: miseehu. n.* sauce from peas leaves that mostly spends a night on the fire to get dried.

**musi** *Pl: basi. n.* citizen, resident; s.b. born in a place where he has the right to settle. *Syn:* munyansi, nzaarwa.

**musigazi** *Pl: basigazi. n.* boy, s.b. unmarried who is not yet a man.

**musigazi wange** *Pl: basigazi bange. n.* boyfriend; s.b. who is the lover of a girl.

**musigazi wange** *Pl: basigazi bange. n.* See main entry: **musigazi**.

**musimbo** *Pl: misimbo. n.* 1 • deposit. 2 • bail; deposit that you give to a court of law to stand surety for a prisoner on trial.

**musinisini** *Pl: misinisini. n.* wild tree sp. that does not grow big, has small leaves with thin clubs that are not easily broken, and is used for making rings for constructing granaries.

**musinkiri** *Pl: misinkiri. n.* footstep; noise made by feet.

**musinyi** *Pl: misinyi. n.* sand; soil that has small particles, through which water passes easily. *Syn:* mucanka.

**musiraamu** *Pl: basiraamu. From: Arabic. n.* Muslim.

**musiri** *Pl: misiri. n.* farm, garden; land that s.b. is cultivating. *Syn:* ndimiro.

**musirikale** *Var: mwisirikale; musurukale. Pl: basirikale. n.* soldier, warden, guard, any type of security personnel.

**musisiye** *Pl: misisiye. n.* big wild tree sp. with small leaves that grows very thick and very strong.

**musisye** *adj.* young.

**musiibe kurungi** *interj.* See main entry: **osiibe kurungi**.

**musiihira mmese** *Pl: misiihira mmese. n.* green tropical shrub sp. that is mostly used for making arrow handles.

**musolo** *Pl: misolo. n.* tax; money that is

levied on people and on goods in order to raise revenue to run the government of a country.

### **musoroozi musolo**

*Var: musorooza musolo.*

*Pl: basoroozi musolo. n.* tax collector; s.b. who has the responsibility of collecting money that tax payers are charged.

**musoma** *Pl: misoma. n.* lagoon, harbour, marina, dock; place at a landing site where boats are anchored or stored.

**musomesa** *Var: musomesya.*

*Pl: basomesa. n.* 1 • teacher; s.b. whose job is teaching, esp. in a school.

*Syn:* mwegesa.

2 • Lay Reader, catechist, deacon; s.b. who reads prayer lessons in a church.

*Syn:* mwegesa, mutebezi.

**musomo** *Pl: misomo. n.* area of knowledge studied in a school, college, etc.

**musongi** *Pl: misongi. n.* large tropical hard wood tree sp. with hard and rough leaves about the size of mango tree leaves, has a trunk that can be split into timber.

**musoorooro** *Pl: misoorooro. n.* wild shrub sp. that grows among grass less than 1 m high with brownish branches and trunk and small leaves, used for sweeping courtyards.

**musu** *Pl: misu. n.* spring; underground place from where water naturally emerges. *Syn:* nsoro.

**musubbaawu** *Pl: misubbaawu. n.* wax candle in the middle of which is inserted a thread-like wick that burns as it melts.



**musumaali** *Pl: misumaali. n.* nail; small piece of metal with a pointed end used for nailing or joining things together.

**musumbi** *Pl: misumbi. n.* beef, flesh; animal meat without bones.

**musumu** *Pl: misumu. n.* uncommon, short, wild fruit tree sp. that bears small round fruit that turn yellowish when ripe, the juice of which people suck.

**musurukale** *n.* See main entry: **musirikale**.

**muswagalu** *Pl: miswagalu. n.* footstep; sound that s.b. makes while walking or running. *Syn: muriiti, musinde.*

**muswaki** *Pl: miswaki. n.* toothbrush; tool that is used to clean the teeth.

**muswaru** *Pl: miswaru. n.* shyness, guilt.

**kwezegwa muswaru** *v.* show guilt. *Syn: kwezegwa nsoni.*

**musyange** *Pl: misyange. n.* 1 • tusk; long curved tooth that protrudes out of the mouth of some animals, esp. an elephant.  
2 • ivory.

**mutabaza** *Pl: batabaza. n.* quiet, shy person; s.b. who speaks little. *Syn: mwetijkereu.*

**mutafayo** *Var: mutafaho. Pl: batafayo. n.* mindless, careless, reckless, senseless, irresponsible person; s.b. who does not give enough attention and thought to what he does, esp. to his lifestyle and behaviour. *Syn: nganya, ntabiganye, mwegumisirizi, mpunguule.*

**mutaka** *Pl: bataka. n.* resident.

**mutaku** *Pl: mitaku. n.* stern; rear part of a boat.

**waakumutaku**

*Pl: baakumutaku. n.* s.b. who rows or paddles from the rear part of a boat.

**mutala** *Pl: mitala. n.* weed; any unwanted plant that grows in a garden that has already been dug or weeded.

**mutanda** *Pl: mitanda. n.* shore, beach,

river bank, landing site; boundary between a lake or any other water and the land.

**mutasoroora** *Pl: batasoroora. n.* impartial person.

**mutatiro** *Pl: batatiro. n.* stingy person; s.b. mean who does not want to give what he has or who spends on s.t., but underpays the seller. *Syn: isyoko, mulimiriirwa, mwimi, mukodo, mupu, wa ngalu gitatiro.*

**mutaanu** *Pl: mitaanu. n.* boundary, edge, border; end point of a place, e.g., a country, region, village, etc. that separates it from another.

**mutegu** *Pl: mitegu. n.* trap; device in which an animal or a bird is caught.

**mutembu** *Pl: mitembu. n.* macrame hanger; s.t. that is woven from sisal in which is hung such things as sauce in order to prevent a cat, insects etc. getting it.

**mutemu** *Pl: batemu. n.* murderer, killer, assassin; s.b. who has killed s.b. deliberately and illegally. *Syn: mwiti, murasi, muzindi.*

**mutemwa** *Pl: mitemwa. n.* share; amount of money that relatives impose on their sons and daughters on special occasions, esp. at the funeral.

**mutende** *Var: mutendeki. Pl: batende. n.* trainer.

**mutendeke** *Pl: batendeke. n.* trainee; trained person.

**mutendekwa** *Pl: batendekwa. n.* trainee.

**muteeku** *Pl: miteeku. n.* heap; pile of things that are equal in quantity in order to sell or to share.

**muteeri** *Pl: miteeri. n.* boat, smaller than a ship, that travels on water, moved by a motor.

**muteete** *Pl: miteete. n.* big tree sp. with thorns that does not shed all its leaves, and with fruit that are mostly eaten by goats.

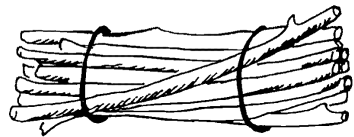
**luteete** *Pl: nteete. n.* fruit of a certain tropical tree sp. known as 'muteete'.



- muteeyamba** *Pl: bateeyamba. n.* helpless person; s.b. who cannot look after himself in such things as food, clothing, shelter and medical care.
- mutima** *Pl: mitima. n. 1 •* heart; organ in the body on the left side of the chest that beats supplying blood around the whole body.
- 2 •** soul, spirit; inner part of s.b. that feels pain, the centre of human thought where true character resides.
- mutima gubiibi** *adj.* ill-hearted, bad-hearted.
- mutima kukuuta** *Pl: mitima kukuuta. n.* rapid heart beat.
- kukuuta kwa mutima** *v.* have an irregular heartbeat.
- kimala mutima** *Pl: bimala mutima. n.* heart attack.
- kukama mutima** *Var: kutatiirya mutima; kukanya mutima. v.*
- Idiom.* be courageous; continue trying to do or achieve s.t. in spite of being in difficulty.
- mutiti<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mititi. n.* big wild tree sp. that has small leaves, with white thorns longer than all those of all other trees.
- Mutiti<sub>2</sub>** *n.* name of a person.
- mutoi<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bato. n.* youth, young person; s.b. youthful that is not yet grown to be a man or a woman. *Syn:* waaminyeeto.
- mutoi<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: mito. n.* soup; liquid that remains when the sauce is ready, in which s.b. soaks food.
- kwata ikuha kunolya muto** *v.*
- Idiom.* exaggerate. *Syn:* kuhaariiza, kwongera.
- mutoogoolo** *Pl: mitoogoolo. n.* granary; building where surplus food, esp. grain, is stored in times of good harvest. *Syn:* kigoga, mudiri, kideeru.
- mutoma** *Pl: mitoma. n.* big tree sp. that sheds all its leaves for a period, oozes gum and whose bark is used for making bark cloth.
- mutongole** *Pl: batongole. n.* village chief; leader of more than one village councils before a parish-chief.
- mutongoole** *Pl: batongoole. n.* heir;

child who is carefully selected by the clan elders from the traditional altar and then made successor.

- mutono** *Pl: mitono. n.* payment for using a canoe; agreed upon amount of fish given to the owner of a canoe by the other users.
- mutonta** *Pl: mitonta. n.* long thin fish sp. like a snake with an extremely hard surface and rarely fished.
- mutumba** *Pl: mitumba. n.* Muvule; forest tree, extremely strong that grows very tall and very big.
- mutumbi** *Pl: mitumbi. n.* corpse; body of a dead person. *Syn:* mukuu, murambu.
- mutumwa** *Pl: batumwa. n.* representative, messenger, delegate; s.b. sent on behalf of another with a message to deliver from that sending person. *Syn:* mukwenda.
- mutuura** *Pl: mituura. n. 1 •* big wild tree sp. that bears round edible fruit that are green while raw and change to a yellow colour when ripe.
- 2 •** edible fruit that are yellow when ripe and whose juice is sticky like mucus.
- mutwaru<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mitwaru. n.* bundle of things, e.g., firewood, grass, poles etc.



- mutwaru<sub>2</sub>** *num.* ten thousand.
- muyonga** *n.* blown ash; product of burnt grass or shrubs that is moved by wind from direction to direction.
- muyonjo** *Pl: bayonjo. n.* clean, hygienic, smart-looking person. *Syn:* mwecumi.
- muzaana** *Pl: bazaana. n.* female servant.
- muzaanu<sub>1</sub>** *adj. Idiom.* easy.
- muzaanu<sub>2</sub>** *Sg: mizaanu. From:* Runyoro. *n. 1 •* sport, match; activity of pleasure that follows fixed rules, e.g., football, netball, athletics, etc.

- 2 • musical.  
3 • drama, play; acting that utters words teaching s.t.  
4 • game.

**muhandu wa muzaanu**

*Pl:* bahandu ba muzaanu. *n.*  
referee, coach, sports team captain.  
*Syn:* muhandu wa mupira, reefuri,  
musali.

**muze<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* baze. *From:* Swahili. *n.* older man.

**muze<sub>2</sub>** *Var:* muzei. *Pl:* mize. *n.* habit; act or behaviour that s.b. is used to all the time that is not easy to stop.  
*Syn:* kamogo, mulye.

**muzira<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* bazira. *n.* 1 • expert, hero; s.b., esp. a man who is admired by many people for doing s.t. brave or good. *Syn:* kagoogoole, kakungu, katyonko, mukugu, musaaha, kaguulu.  
2 • serious person; s.b. who is serious about his work.

**muzira<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* mizira. *n.* ululation; loud noise that is made, esp. by women to express excitement.

**Muzira<sub>3</sub>** *Sg:* Bazira. *n.* man from the Bazira clan.

**muziro<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* bamuziro. *n.* deceased person; s.b. who has previously died.

**muziro<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* miziro. *n.* taboo; cultural or religious belief that prohibits s.b. from doing or saying s.t.

**muzu** *Pl:* mizu. *n.* spice; liquid that is filtered from ash, used for preparing sauce.

**muzuḅu** *Pl:* bazuḅu. *n.* difficult person.  
*Syn:* ntamuhira, waagabberu, mujeemu, nkunguuni, ntahuura, waakyejo, muhoole.

**muzumu** *Pl:* mizumu. *n.* 1 • spirit; that part of s.b. that exists after death.  
2 • ghost.

**kutembwa muzumu** *v.* *Metaphor.*  
be possessed by an evil spirit of your deceased relative.

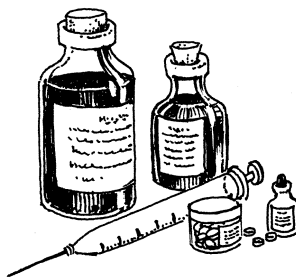
**muzumungwa** *Var:* muzomongwa.

*Pl:* bazumungwa. *n.* funny person.

**mubali** *Pl:* babali. *n.* accountant; s.b. whose job is financial accounting.

**mubaramukye** *interj.* See main entry: obaramukye.

**mubazi<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* mibazi. *n.* 1 • drug, medicine; drink, tablet, etc. that is given to a living thing, esp. man or animals, in order to cure an illness or terminate its life.



2 • poison; drink, tablet, etc. that is given to a living thing, esp. man or animals, in order to terminate its life.  
*Syn:* butwa.

**mubazi<sub>2</sub>** *Var:* mubazabazi. *Pl:* babazi. *n.* talkative person.

**mubaagi** *Pl:* babaagi. *n.* surgeon; doctor who is trained to operate on s.b.  
*Syn:* musemezi.

**mubeezi** *Var:* mubeizi. *Pl:* babeezi. *n.* carpenter, woodworker; s.b. whose job is making and repairing wooden things, e.g., tables, chairs, beds, cupboards, etc.  
*Syn:* fundi.

**mubiiki** *Pl:* babiiki. *n.* treasurer; s.b. responsible for the items that belong to a club or organisation, e.g., the books of account. *Syn:* mukeeto, mukwata nsimbi, mukwata nsahu.

**mubimbi** *Pl:* babimbi. *n.* builder; s.b. whose work is to construct houses.

**mubinyi** *Pl:* babinyi. *n.* dancer; s.b. who moves the body, in a lively way, following the sound of music.

**babinyi** *n.* choir; group of people who sing together, esp. in a church or public performances. *Syn:* kwaya, bahijimi.

**mubyalisya** *Pl:* babyalisya. *n.* midwife; s.b. esp. a woman, trained to help women give birth to babies.

**mubyeru** *Pl: babyeru. n.* parent; s.b.'s father or mother. *Syn: muzeire.*

**mubumbi** *Pl: babumbi. n. 1* • potter; s.b. whose job is moulding things like pots, etc. *Syn: mumaati.*  
2 • glass maker.

**mubundaaru** *Pl: babundaaru. n.* humble person; s.b. who listens to instructions and follows them.

**mubungi** *Pl: babungi. n.* prostitute, sex maniac; s.b. who wants to have sex all the time. *Syn: mwenzi, waakagulu, malaaya, murawarawa, mtaaruuki.*

**muburungutania**

*Var: muhurungutania.*

*Pl: baburungutania. n.* untrustworthy, unreliable person; s.b. who is not a good steward.

**Mubbalukya** *n.* nickname for s.b. who does s.t. spot on with minimum probability or chances of loss.

**mubbe** *Pl: mibbe. n.* Taboo. penis; part on the body of a male used for urinating and sexual reproduction. *Syn: ibbolo.*

**mubbogobberi** *Pl: babbogobberi. n.* stammerer, stutterer; s.b. who speaks with difficulty, repeating sounds or words before saying the correct thing.

**mucahazi** *Var: mucahari. Pl: bacakazi. n.* wanderer, vagrant, vagabond; s.b. who moves here and there without a purpose. *Syn: muhambaari, mumangamangi, mupaaraari, mtaabaani, mwenjeeri, mtaaruuki, muzengeeri.*

**mucauku** *Pl: bacamuuku. n.* excited person. *Syn: muhyo, mutagatu.*

**mucaleeru** *Pl: baculeeru. n.* calm, serene, mild, gentle, modest, humble person. *Syn: mwinyamu, muholu, mteeku, mutesi.*

**muucukiriirya** *Pl: bacuukiriirya. n.* inciter, instigator, provoker; s.b. who encourages s.b. to fight another person.

**muweri** *Pl: bacweri. n.* hunt leader; s.b. who leads in following the foot marks of an animal, who encircles it where it is lying and then others come later to spread the net around it.

**mudi<sub>1</sub>** *dem.* in that place over there.

**mudi<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: badi. n.* glutton; s.b. who eats too much. *Syn: ruhuura, icaku.*

**mudidi** *Pl: badidi. n.* best friend. *Syn: waamudido.*

**mudijimi** *Pl: badijimi. n.* target shooter.

**mudiri** *Pl: midiri. n.* granary; food storage hut made of grass with a pole running through it and fixed into the ground used for storing food crops such as bambara nuts, peas, etc. *Syn: kigoga, mutoogoolo, kideeru.*

**muduuliri** *Pl: baduuliri. n.* poser; s.b. who demeans others by showing off his wealth so that others deeply feel their poverty.

**muduumiri** *Pl: baduumiri. n.* coach, trainer; s.b. who trains a person, e.g., in soccer, the army or s.b. who orders s.b. to do s.t.

**mufaakati** *Pl: bafaakati. From: Runyoro. n.* widow; woman whose husband has died and has not yet married again. *Syn: mukaamukwere.*

**mufaalisi** *Pl: mifaalisi. n.* mattress.

**mufugi** *Pl: bafugi. From: Luganda. n.* ruler, governor; s.b. who exercises authority over others, and decides what must be done. *Syn: mulemi.*

**mufumbo** *Pl: bafumbo. n.* married person; s.b. who has a husband or wife.

**mufumu** *Pl: bafumu. n.* witchdoctor; s.b. who predicts the future and heals people using traditional medicine.

**mugabi** *Pl: bagabi. n.* giver; s.b. who is generous and not mean with what he has.

**mugadya** *Pl: bagadya. n.* nuisance, stubborn person; s.b. who interrupts the peace, irritates, or who confuses.

*Syn: mutalibanizi, muhugutania, mulemesya.*

**mugaiga** *Pl: багага. From: Luganda. n.* rich person; s.b. having a lot of money or property. *Syn: waasente, waabye, muguuda, muhwe, mutungi, weitungu.*

**mugeni** *Pl: bageni. n.* father-in-law.

**mugenyi** *Pl: bagenyi. n.* guest, visitor;

s.b. who goes to see another place or person for a short period of time.

*Syn:* musyandi.

**mugere** *Pl:* **migere**. *n.* kick.

**mugereki** *Pl:* **bagereki**. *n.* tax assessor; s.b. who levies money from a tax payer after assessing his wealth.

**mugezi** *Var:* **waamagezi**. *Pl:* **bagezi**. *n.* intelligent, bright, wise person; s.b. who does or says things that are sensible.

*Syn:* mukengebu, wankiri, mwobi bwongu.

**mugi** *Pl:* **migi**. *n.* homestead; many houses at home.

**waakwamugi** *Pl:* **baakwamugi**.

*n.* family member. *Syn:* mwijwo.

**mugingiiri** *Pl:* **bagingiiri**. *n.* evaluator.

**mugisa** *Pl:* **migisa**. *n.* chance, luck, blessing, good fortune; state of s.t. good happening without expecting it or working for it. *Syn:* nkyā.

**mugisa gurungi** *Pl:* **migisa**

**mirungi**. *n.* fortune, good luck.

**mugisa gubiibi** *Pl:* **migisa**

**mibiibi**. *n.* misfortune, bad luck, usually just occasionally.

*Syn:* mubiri gubiibi.

**waamugisa** *Pl:* **baamugisa**. *n.*

fortunate person; s.b. on whom good things come unexpectedly.

**mugo** *Pl:* **bamugo**. *From:* Runyoro. *n.* queen.

**mugoobeeri** *Pl:* **bagoobeeri**. *n.* unfair unjust person; s.b. who discriminates.

**mugobya** *Pl:* **bagobya**. *n.* liar; s.b. who tells lies.

**mugomoku** *Pl:* **bagomoku**. *n.* fat, healthy person; s.b. who is not emaciated or who has put on weight.

**mugonderi** *Pl:* **bagonderi**. *n.* obedient person. *Syn:* muhulizi, mwetegeerya.

**mugoni** *Pl:* **migoni**. *n.* fish trap that is woven from wires having a shape of a basket net.

**mugoonyi** *Pl:* **bagoonyi**. *n.* sojourner; traveller who stays in a place for a short period and afterwards departs.

**mugozzi** *Pl:* **bagozzi**. *n.* rower.

**mugugumuki** *Pl:* **bagugumuki**. *n.*

volatile person; s.b. with a temper who is easily angered.

**muguli** *Pl:* **baguli**. *n.* customer, buyer.

**mugumburi** *Pl:* **bagumburi**. *n.*

1 • explorer, discoverer; s.b. who has discovered or explored s.t.

2 • founder, innovative person; s.b. who first sees or does s.t. that others had never seen or done before.

*Syn:* mutandiki, mukamakyō.

3 • inventor.

**mugumisirizi** *Pl:* **bagumisirizi**. *n.* patient person.

**mugurukyagurukya**

*Pl:* **bagurukyagurukya**. *n.* doubter;

s.b. who is doubtful or dodging s.t.

**muguuda** *Pl:* **baguuda**. *n.* rich person; s.b. who has much wealth.

*Syn:* waasente, waabye, mugaiga, muhwe, mutungi, weitungu.

**muguuluusu** *Pl:* **baguuluusu**. *n.* old person; s.b. who has many years of age whose strength has reduced.

**muguzandwa** *Pl:* **miguzandwa**. *n.* wild tree sp. with hard brittle leaves like that of a tropical tree sp. and not easily broken like a Baobab tree.

**mugwagwa** *Pl:* **bagwagwa**. *n.*

irresponsible nuisance maker; s.b. rough and bothersome who is disorganised and does and says unwise things.

**muhabu** *Pl:* **bahabu**. *n.* crazy, rough wild person; s.b. who does not mind about anything and who does insane things. *Syn:* mugweiraru, muponghipoonghi.

**muhaburi** *Pl:* **bahaburi**. *n.* adviser; s.b. who gives advice and does not hide good or bad. *Syn:* mulambi, muhe wa magezi, mukengesya.

**muhagaaru** *Pl:* **bahagaaru**. *n.*

undisciplined person.

**muhakanisya** *Pl:* **bahakanisya**. *n.* opposer, protestor; s.b. who does not agree with an idea or a motion and tries strongly to prevent it from succeeding.

**muhambaari** *Var:* **muhamahami**.

*Pl:* **bahambaari**. *n.* wanderer, vagrant, vagabond; s.b. who moves here and

there without a purpose.

*Syn:* mumangamangi, mupaaraari, mutaabaani, mucakazi, mwenjeeri, mutaaruuki, muzengeeri.

**muhambi** *Pl:* **bahambi**. *n.* 1 • kidnaper.  
2 • rapist.

**muhambwa** *Pl:* **bahambwa**. *n.*

1 • kidnapped person; s.b. who has been abducted.

2 • rape victim.

**muhandiiki** *Pl:* **bahandiiki**. *n.*

1 • secretary; official in an organization, a group, etc. who deals with writing letters, keeping records, etc.

2 • writer, author.

**muhandu** *Pl:* **bahandu**. *n.* 1 • adult; s.b. who is past childhood.

2 • head, boss; s.b. who leads others in an administrative hierarchy, e.g., a group, a country, a project, etc.

*Syn:* mukama wa mukori.

3 • officer; captain in the armed forces or police.

**muhandya** *Pl:* **bahandya**. *n.*

caretaker; s.b. who looks after the orphans and the widow.

*Syn:* mulindi, mulingiiri, muwoneeri, mukuza.

**muhandu wa mugongo**

*Pl:* **bahandu ba migongo**. *n.*  
village chairman.

**muhandu weihanga**

*Pl:* **bahandu ba mahanga**. *n.*  
president; s.b. who has supreme authority in a country.

**muhandu wa mupiira** *n.* See main entry: mupiira.

**muhandu wa muzaanu** *n.* See main entry: muzaanu.

**muhangeizima** *Pl:* **mihangeizima**. *n.*

rainbow; seven colours in the sky that appear arranged like a path when the sun shines through the rain.

**muhanuuri** *Pl:* **bahanuuri**. *n.* 1 • story teller.

2 • debator.

**muharangani** *Pl:* **baharangani**. *n.*  
stubborn, contrary person; s.b. who is asked to do one thing but does the

opposite.

**muhe wa magezi** *v.* See main entry: **magezi**.

**muheneri** *Pl:* **baheneri**. *n.* destroyer; s.b. who spoils things.

**muhesi** *Pl:* **bahesi**. *n.* backbiter; s.b. who talks about another person who is not present with words that are untrue.

**muheerezi** *Pl:* **baheerezi**. *n.* male servant or slave.

**muheesi** *Pl:* **baheesi**. *n.* blacksmith, carver; craftsman who carves things from wood or metal.

**muhihi**<sub>1</sub> *Pl:* **baamuhihi**. *n.* peer; s.b. who is the same age or who has the same social status as you.

*Syn:* waaminyeto.

**muhihi** *Pl:* **mihihhi**. *n.* peer group, generation.

**muhihi**<sub>2</sub> *Pl:* **mihihhi**. *n.* style; a new or prevailing practice.

**muhiigi** *Pl:* **bahiigi**. *n.* hunter.

**muhiigo** *Pl:* **mihigo**. *n.* hunt; activity of going to catch and kill wild animals or birds.

**muhiimi** *Pl:* **bahiimi**. *n.* musician, singer; s.b. who sings, or plays a musical instrument, esp. in public.

**muhindi** *Pl:* **bahindi**. *n.* Indian; s.b. from India.

**muhindu** *Pl:* **mihindu**. *n.* small fish sp. without scales, thin at the tail, (which is normally cut off if the fish is intended for sauce), and which resembles a 'mmasi' fish.

**muhoimu** *Pl:* **bahoimu**. *n.* fat healthy baby that is big in size due to good health and is unlikely to become ill.

**muholu** *Pl:* **baholu**. *n.* calm, serene, mild, gentle, modest, humble person.  
*Syn:* muculeeru, muwinyamu, muteeku, muteshi.

**muholwe** *Pl:* **miholwe**. *n.* fish stew; sauce from a fish that has slightly gone bad.

**muhonderi** *Pl:* **bahonderi**. *n.* follower.

**muhondera** *Var: akuhondera.*

*Pl: bahondera. n. deputy.*

*Syn: akwiraho, akugwera.*

**muhorī** *Pl: bahorī. n. lender, creditor; s.b. who has given s.b. money that will be repaid after a period of time.*

**muhorozu** *Pl: bahorozu. n. mouth off, lip off, speak without restraint; lack of self control in what you say.*

**muhugutanu** *Pl: bahugutanu. n. confused person.*

**muhugutanīa** *Pl: bahugutanīa.*

*n. stubborn person; s.b. who interrupts the peace, irritates, or who confuses. Syn: mugadya, mutalibanizi, mulemesya.*

**muhulizi** *Pl: bahulizi. From: Runyoro. n. obedient person. Syn: mugonderi, mwetegeerya.*

**muhungutuku** *Pl: bahungutuku. n. idiot, insane person; s.b. who does things as if he does not have sense.*

*Syn: mupoonghipoonghi, mugweiraru.*

**muhurungutanīa** *v. See main entry: muhurungutanīa.*

**muhwe** *Pl: bahwe. n. rich, wealthy person. Syn: waasente, waabye, mugaiga, muguuda, mutungi, weitungu.*

**muhwe wa nsoni** *Pl: bahwe bansoni. n. shameless person; s.b. who does not feel bothered even after committing a very shameful act that is publicly condemned. Syn: mparamukyenu.*

**muhwi** *Pl: mihwi. n. natural water channel connecting a lake to a swamp or stream or for irrigation.*

**mujaganiriirya** *Pl: bajaganiriirya. n. impatient, irascible, irritable person; s.b. unable to accept annoying behaviour or difficulties without becoming angry.*

*Syn: mujegeji, mukankani, mupapi.*

**mujagararu** *Pl: bajagararu. n. self-indulgent person; s.b. lacking self-control.*

**mujanjabī** *Pl: bajaranjabī. n. doctor, nurse, healer; s.b. who can cause s.b. or an animal to get better if they are sick. Syn: mutambi, dakitaali.*

**mujegeji** *Pl: bajegeji. n. fearful person, coward; s.b. who easily shows fear when he is faced with a dangerous situation or opposition. Syn: mukankani.*

**mujemu** *Pl: bajeemu. n. disobedient person; s.b. who does not obey the law just overlooks everything. Syn: waagabberu, nkunguuni, ntahuura, ntamuhiira, waakyejo, muhoole, muzubu.*

**mujooji** *Pl: bajoogi. n. mocker; s.b. who is fond of laughing at s.b. in an unkind way or who is fond of making comments or actions that are intended to make s.b. seem ridiculous.*

**mujumbi<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mijumbi. n. weather without sunshine, with long lasting drizzles or rain covering most of the day and cold throughout the day.*

**Mujumbi<sub>2</sub>** *n. name of a person.*

**mujuni<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bajuni. n. saviour; s.b. who rescues s.b. or s.t. from danger or a difficult situation.*

**Mujuni<sub>2</sub>** *n. name of a person.*

**mujwahu** *Pl: bajwahu. n. 1 • tired person; s.b. who has lost strength due to working a lot.*

*2 • nervous person.*

**mukabakabya** *Var: mukabyakabya. Pl: mikabyakabya. n. small tropical tree sp. with small greyish leaves and small intertwined branches.*

**mukaku** *Pl: mikaku. n. big wild tree sp. that grows very thick and does not shed leaves.*

**mukalasima** *Pl: mikalasima. n. wild tree sp. with thin leaves and many thorns curved like a hook.*

**mukali** *Pl: bakali. n. 1 • woman; adult person who is not a man. 2 • madam.*

**mukankani** *Pl: bakankani. n. fearful person, coward; s.b. who easily shows fear when he is faced with a dangerous situation or opposition. Syn: mujegeji.*

**mukararuku** *Pl: bakararuku. n. cunning person. Syn: mubi.*

**mukati** *adv. in, inside; within s.t.*

**kyamukati** *adj.* inner, inside, interior.

**mukatuliki** *Pl: bakatuliki. From:* English. *n.* Catholic person.

**mukatuzi** *Pl: bakatuzi. n.* robber; thief who steals from someone by threatening violence and who is willing to kill.

**mukaafiire** *Var: mukaafiiri. Pl: bakaafiire. From:* Arabic. *n.* pagan.

**mukaamukwere**

*Pl: bakaamukwere. n.* widow; woman whose husband has died and has not yet married again. *Syn:* mufaakati.

**mukaasya** *Pl: mikaasya. From:* English. *n.* Acacia; tree that is planted at home for poles, with yellow flowers and flat seeds.

**mukebukebu** *Pl: bakebukebu. n.* active person; s.b. who is lively and full of his own ideas, which may not be well thought out or open to criticism by others, but who is generous and quick to help others.

**mukeiso** *Pl: bakeiso. n.* witness; s.b. who describes s.t. the way he saw it happening, esp. in order to give evidence in court. *Syn:* muwoni.

**kugaba waakeiso** *v.* testify; describe s.t. the way you saw it happening, esp. in order to give evidence that can help a judge make a proper judgement.

**mukengebu<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bakengebu. n.* intelligent, bright, wise person; s.b. who does or says things that are sensible. *Syn:* mugezi, wankiri, mwobi bwongu.

**mukengebu<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: bakengebu. n.* sober person.

**mukengesya** *Pl: bakengesya. n.* adviser; s.b. who gives advice and does not hide good or bad. *Syn:* mulambi, muhaburi, muhe wa magezi.

**mukeni** *Pl: bakeni. n.* survivor; s.b. who has gone through an accident or danger uninjured.

**mukeehu** *Pl: mikeehu. n.* bamboo; plant that resembles a reed, hollow, jointed, grows tall used for building or

pushing a canoe.

**mukiinuuki** *Pl: bakiinuuki. n.* proud person; s.b. who shows off because he feels more important than other people and has too high an opinion of himself. *Syn:* mwebbuni, mweceni, mwetwali, mwetembya, mwezimbya, mwezegwa, mwehuukya, mwepanki.

**mukikima** *Pl: mikikima. n.* thickness; size of s.t. between opposite surfaces or sides. *Syn:* muzimbo, mungunira.

**mukinjaagi** *Pl: bakinjaagi. From:* Swahili. *n.* butcher; s.b. whose job is slaughtering animals and selling meat. *Syn:* musala bisolo.

**mukodohi** *Pl: mikodohi. n.* tropical tree sp. that bears fruits that are somehow similar in size to an orange fruit but with a harder outer part.

**lukodohi** *Pl: nkodohi. n.* fruit of a tropical tree sp. that is somehow similar in size to an orange fruit but with a harder outer part.

**mukoijo** *From:* Runyoro. *n.* voracity, ravenousness, rapacity, excessive hunger; lust for food, sex etc. *Syn:* lwaga, lwozo, bijogomeera, rwanju, murusi, meero, nyoota, ijani, kihika, iroho, bicoko.

**mukomesya** *Pl: bakomesya. n.* election supervisor, returning officer; official who has the responsibility of taking care of elections.

**mukonkomoku** *Pl: bakonkomoku. n.* s.b. whose skin has dried and has turned greyish.

**mukoonyeri** *Pl: bakoonyeri. n.* helper; s.b. who makes it easier for another person to do s.t. by doing it for him or by giving him s.t. that he needs. *Syn:* muyambi.

**mukori** *Pl: bakori. n.* worker, employee, labourer, operator; s.b. who has work. *Syn:* mukori wa mulimo, mupakasi.

**mukori wa katege** *Pl: bakori ba katege. n.* workaholic; s.b. who works a lot.

**mukori wa leejaleeja** *Pl: bakori ba leejaleeja.* *n.* part-time worker.

**mukorogo** *Pl: mikorogo.* *n.* snare, trap; pit that hunters dig and place a ring with thorns fixed on it and a piece of wire with a noose on top and a heavy piece of wood tied on it.

**mukugu** *Pl: bakugu.* *From:* Luganda. *n.* 1 • expert; s.b. who has expert knowledge or vast experience in doing s.t. such that he works without making any mistakes. *Syn:* kagoogoole, kakungu, katyonko, musaaha, muzira, kaguulu. 2 • philosopher.

**mukuleejo** *Pl: mikuleejo.* *n.* canal; waterway where water flows.

**mukurati** *Var: mukurasi. Pl: bakurati.* *n.* 1 • representative, councillor; s.b. who has been chosen or elected to speak or vote for s.b. else or on behalf of a group. *Syn:* ngabwa.

2 • legislator, politician, lawmaker; s.b. who has been elected to represent the views of others.

3 • king's delegate; agent appointed by the king to form an assembly that debates for the kingdom.

**mukurisaayo** *Pl: bakurisaayo.* *From:* English. *n.* Anglican Christian; a baptised Anglican who usually calls themselves a Christian.

**mukurisiitu** *Pl: bakurisiitu.* *n.* Catholic Christian; a baptised Catholic.

**mukuu** *Pl: bakuu.* *n.* corpse; body of a dead person. *Syn:* mutumbi, murambu.

**mukuuti wa bisisani** *n.* See main entry: kisisani.

**mukwa** *Pl: mikwa.* *n.* salt; sharp-tasting white substance that is added to food for flavouring or that is put in s.t. so as to preserve it.

**mukwizi** *Pl: mikwizi.* *n.* long hair attached to the tip of the skin of a tail of a dead animal.

**mulabi** *Pl: milabi.* *n.* mingling stick; thin piece of wood about half a metre long used for mingling posho.

**mulambi** *Pl: balambi.* *n.* adviser; s.b.

who gives advice and does not hide good or bad. *Syn:* muhaburi, muhe wa magezi, mukengesya.

**mulaali** *Pl: balaali.* *n.* overnight visitor; s.b. who goes somewhere and spends a night there.

**mulegezi** *Pl: balegezi.* *n.* priest, shaman; s.b. chosen in a clan to prophesy for an area and sacrifice to the traditional gods of that particular area.

**mulembe** *Pl: mitembe.* *n.* level, standard; a particular quality or a relative position in a scale of importance. *Syn:* lulengu, idaa, mutindo.

**mulembe gukadei** *Pl: mitembe mikadei.* *n.* s.t. old fashioned that people don't want.

**mulemesya** *Var: mulemesenia.*

*Pl: balemesya.* *n.* 1 • peculiar, weird, strange person.

2 • complicated person; s.b. who is difficult to understand. *Syn:* mutalanganja.

3 • stubborn, irritating person; s.b. who is always determined to disapprove others or to resist any change.

*Syn:* mugadya, mutalibanizi, muhugutania.

**mulemi** *Pl: balemi.* *n.* governor, ruler; s.b. who has authority to lead people in a place, a country, etc. *Syn:* mufugi.

**mulere** *n.* type of wind that blows from the south cooling the lake.

**muleegi** *Pl: baleegi.* *n.* beggar; s.b. who keeps on asking for almost anything from others, esp. money and food. *Syn:* musabiriirya.

**muleeju** *Pl: mileeju.* *n.* 1 • chin; part of the face below the mouth and above the neck.

2 • beard.

**mulibati** *Pl: balibati.* *n.* walker.

**muligi** *Pl: baligi.* *n.* artist, decorator; s.b. who knows how to draw and paint.

*Syn:* mukuuti wa bisisani, mustigi wa bisisani.

**muliijsya** *Pl: balijsya.* *n.* shepherd, herdsman; s.b. who has the



responsibility of feeding domestic animals. *Syn:* muhuma.

**mulisiya** *Pl: baliisa. n.* reverend, pastor; priest, person trained to minister in a church.

**muliki** *Pl: miliki. n.* ray; rib-like reinforcement of bone or cartilage in a fish's fin that it uses to defend itself in case of danger; one of the bones of the dorsal fin of a Tilapia, Nile perch, etc.

**mulimba** *Pl: balimba. n.* fisherman; s.b. whose job is fishing.

**Mulimba** *n.* name of a person.

**mulimi** *Pl: balimi. n.* farmer, cultivator, grower; s.b. who does the work of farming.

**mulindi** *Pl: balindi. n.* 1 • watchman, guard; s.b., such as a soldier, police etc. who protects a place, people or prisoners from escaping.

2 • caretaker; s.b. who has the responsibility of taking care of s.t. or s.b. *Syn:* muhandya, mulingiiri, mukuza, muwoneeri.

**mulindiri** *Pl: balindiri. n.* unemotional person; s.b. who feels anger but contains it.

**mulinga** *Pl: milinga. n.* 1 • jewel, gem. 2 • ring with a mounted gem stone.

**mulingiiri** *Pl: balingiiri. n.* 1 • spectator, onlooker; s.b. who watches s.t. that is happening but is not involved in it. *Syn:* musungi.

2 • caretaker; s.b. who has the responsibility of taking care of s.t. *Syn:* muhandya, mulindi, mukuza, muwoneeri.

**mulingo** *Pl: milingo. n.* 1 • state, mode, appearance; the way s.b. stays or s.t. appears. *Syn:* mbeera, cuume.

2 • method, manner, means; a particular way of doing s.t. *Syn:* kakodyo, nkora.

**mulingo gundi** *adv.* somewhat.

**mulobi** *Pl: balobi. n.* fisherman; s.b. whose job is fishing.

**mulokoonyi** *Pl: milokoonyi. From:* Luganda. *n.* leg of an ungulate mammal, between the knee and the hoof, e.g., cattle, buffaloes, hippopotamus, etc.

that has been slaughtered for meat.

*See: kirenge* 'cow leg'.

**muloli** *n.* nose-bleed; blood that flows from the nose.

**mulongooti** *Pl: milongooti. n.* tower, mast; tall metal tower with an aerial for a flag, television, telephone, etc.

**mulongooti gwa bwati**

*Pl: milongooti mya bwati. n.* sail; sheet of strong fabric that the wind blows against to propel a boat through the water.

**mulooti** *Pl: balooti. n.* dreamer; s.b. who dreams.

**mulootoori** *Pl: balootoori. n.* diviner; s.b. who has supernatural knowledge and can interpret dreams.

**muluki** *Pl: baluki. n.* weaver; s.b. who does the work of weaving.

**mulwani** *Pl: balwani. n.* fighter.

**balwani ba mu mwanya**

*Sg: mulwani wa mu mwanya. n.* air force.

**mumangamangi**

*Pl: bamangamangi. n.* wanderer, vagrant, vagabond; s.b. who moves here and there without a purpose.

*Syn:* muhambaari, mupaaraari, mutaabaani, mucakazi, mwenjeeri, mutaaruki, muzengeeri.

**mumanzi** *Pl: bamanzi. n.* hospitable, generous person. *Syn:* waamakuni, mwenda.

**mumaati** *Pl: bamaati. n.* 1 • plasterer; s.b. who muds houses.

2 • potter; s.b. whose job is moulding things like pots, etc. *Syn:* muhumbi.

**mumbuuli** *n.* *See main entry: munvuuli.*

**mumeiso** *adv.* ahead, before, in front of, forward.

**muligirizi** *Pl: bamigirizi. n.* tyrant, oppressor.

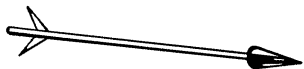
**mumwo** *dem.* in that place.

**munanuku** *Pl: bananuku. n.* s.b. who is sure, certain, confident; who has all the facts about s.t. without any doubt.

**munanghu** *n.* malnourishment; state of being unable to eat adequate food.

**munaabi** *Pl: banaabi. n.* bather.

**mūngesu** *Pl: mīngesu. n.* arrow; thin stick sharpened on one end, on which is fixed a feather on the other end, shot from a bow. *Syn: nyaani, bbili, lubbasi.*



**mūningiri** *Pl: baningiri. n. 1 •* shy, reserved, reticent person; s.b. who is always unwilling to show feelings or express opinions.

**2 •** tardy person; s.b. whose character involves being slow in responding to things.

**mūniongooro** *Pl: miniongooro. n.* earthworm.

**munkūduuru** *Pl: mīnkūduuru. n.* tail of a bird.

**mūnonde** *Pl: minonde. n.* Baobab; tree with small leaves with edible fruit that at times is squeezed and the liquid added to porridge.

**mūnsihi** *Pl: mīnsihi. n. Madoqua kirkii.* Kirk's dik-dik; small wild animal with short horns greyish brown and with dark eyes.

**mūnsinyie** *Pl: mīnsinyie. n.* hen; female chicken that has not yet produced but is about to make a sound showing its readiness to lay eggs.

**mūnvūli** *Var: mūmbūli. Pl: mīnvūli. n.* umbrella; object with a mushroom-like structure used for protection against rain or the sun.

**mūnwa** *Pl: mīnwa. n. 1 •* mouth, lip; part of the body, that is below the nose, used for speaking and eating.



**2 •** entrance; beginning of s.t. that provides access.

**mūnwa gwa nyoni** *Pl: mīnwa mya nyoni. n.* beak; bill of a bird.

**mūnwa gukuhulūkyā hanzei**

*Pl: mīnwa mīkuhulūkyā*

**hanzei. n.** outlet.

**kuhooga mūnwa** *v.* brag, boast; make a hot argument that does not carry any sense and not care about the results of what you have said.

*Syn: kuhyomoolya mūnwa, kutaamuula mūnwa.*

**kuhyomoolya mūnwa** *v.* brag, boast; make a hot argument that does not carry any sense and not care about the results of what you have said. *Syn: kuhooga mūnwa, kutaamuula mūnwa.*

**kutaamuula mūnwa** *v. 1 •* make a hot argument that does not carry any sense and that insults others. *Syn: kuhooga mūnwa, kuhyomoolya mūnwa.*

**2 •** brag, boast; talk too proudly about s.t. you own or s.t. you have done. *Syn: kwebbuna, kwecanga, kwecanja, kwedogora, kwehaariiza, kwehamba, kwehula, kwemalayo, kuniigiina, kwepanka, kwetembya, kwetwala, kwezegwa, kukiinuuka.*

**mūwjalū wa mūnwa** *Pl: beijalū ba mūnwa. n.* mute or dumb person; s.b. whose mouth does not speak. *Syn: kibbubbu.*

**waarūnwa** *Pl: baarūnwa. n.* talkative person; s.b. who hardly listens to others.

**mūnyagi** *Pl: banyagi. n.* robber; thief who steals from someone by threatening violence.

**mūnyeetu** *Pl: banyeetu. n.* healthy person; s.b. who has put on weight due to good health.

**mūnyiriru** *Pl: banyiriru. n.* smooth-skinned person; s.b. whose skin is not dry.

**mūnywe wa mukagu** *n. See main entry: mukagu.*

**mūnywe wa njaahi** *n. See main entry: njaahi.*

**mupakasi** *Pl: bapakasi. From: Swahili. n.* labourer, worker; s.b. who

works for a wage or a salary.

*Syn:* mukori, mukori wa mulimo.

**mupakiri** *Pl: bapakiri. n.* loader; s.b. who loads luggage or cargo into or off from a vehicle, boat, train etc.

**mupangisya** *Pl: bapangisya. n.* tenant.

**mupapu** *Pl: bapapu. n.* impatient, irascible, irritable person; s.b. unable to accept annoying behaviour or difficulties without becoming angry.

*Syn:* mujaganiriirya, mujegeji, mukankani.

**mupapi** *Pl: bapapi. n.* habitually impatient irascible, irritable person.

**mupaaraari** *Pl: bapaaraari. n.* wanderer, vagrant, vagabond; s.b. who moves here and there without a purpose. *Syn:* muhambaari, mumangamangi, mutaabaani, mucakazi, mwenjeeri, mtaaruuki, muzengeeri.

**mupoi** *Pl: mipoi. n.* wild tree sp. that is the strongest, grows very tall but not very big and when dry becomes black in colour.

**mupoliisi** *Pl: bapoliisi. From: English. n.* police officer; s.b. whose job is to make people to obey the law and to prevent and solve crime.

**mupuuti** *Pl: bapuuti. n.* dunce, fool; dense, stupid, dull person who does or says things without sense. *Syn:* madara, mudoma, mwicate, mbuda.

**muragiri** *Pl: baragiri. n.* director; s.b. who shoulders the ultimate responsibility in an organization and who makes final decisions.

**muraguri** *Pl: baraguri. n.* prophet, diviner; s.b. with religious or magic powers who has the ability to make a statement that s.t. will happen in the future.

**murangi** *Pl: barangi. n.* announcer, reporter; s.b. who has the responsibility of spreading news. *Syn:* waamahure, waamakuru.

**murasi** *Pl: barasi. n.* murderer, killer, assassin; s.b. who has killed s.b. deliberately and illegally. *Syn:* mwiti,

mutemu, muzindi.

**muraamuri** *Var: muraamuzi.*

*Pl: baraamuri. n.* judge, magistrate; s.b. in a court of law who has authority to decide how criminals will be punished.

**muriiti** *Pl: miriiti. n.* footstep; sound that s.b. makes while walking or running. *Syn:* muswagalu, musinde.

**murindi** *Pl: milindi. n.* any loud noise. *Syn:* itoko, mutindo.

**muokole** *Pl: barokole. n.* saved person, Christian believer; s.b. who has made an adult decision to follow Christ.

**murumbi** *Pl: barumbi. n.* attacker; s.b. who faces another to wage war or for a quarrel.

**murumbwa** *Pl: barumbwa. n.* victim; s.b. who has been attacked, e.g., by robbers.

**murundu** *Pl: mirundu. n.* wild herb, about 60 cm high with branches that is used for sweeping courtyards.

**mururu** *n.* greed; strong desire for more wealth, possessions, power, food, etc. than s.b. needs. *Syn:* tama.

**waamururu** *Pl: baamururu. n.* greedy person; s.b. with an excessive wish for more than normal.

**musabi** *Pl: basabi. n.* church believer; s.b. who believes in s.t. and prays to it daily.

**musabiriirya** *Pl: basabiriirya. n.* beggar; s.b. who keeps on asking for almost anything from others, esp. money and food. *Syn:* muleegi.

**musadamuku** *Pl: basadamuku. n.* fanatic; s.b. lacking self-control.

**musagiki** *Pl: basagiki. n.* supporter.

**musali** *Pl: basali. n.* referee; s.b. who controls a game by making sure that the players keep the rules. *Syn:* muhandu wa mupira, muhandu wa muzaanu, reefuri.

**musambya** *Pl: misambya. n.* tropical tree sp. with small hard leaves providing poor shade, but that provides good rafters that can be used for construction purposes.

- musandaari** *Pl: basandaari. n.* jovial humorous person, joker; s.b. who is fond of uttering out words in a playful, laughable and friendly way when he is not serious. *Syn: musonsi.*
- musanyuku** *Pl: basanyuku. n.* excited, interested, jolly person; s.b. who is very happy due to having s.t. that has excited him.
- musegya** *Pl: basegya. n.* server, waiter; s.b. at a function charged with the responsibility of serving people food or drink.
- musembi** *Pl: basembi. n.* loser; s.b. who has been defeated in a game, competition etc.
- musemezi** *Pl: basemezi. n.* surgeon; doctor who is trained to operate on people in a hospital. *Syn: mubaagi.*
- musengi** *Pl: basengi. n.* babysitter, childminder; s.b. who takes care of a baby when its mother is at work or has gone somewhere.
- musereki** *Pl: basereki. n.* roofer; s.b. who thatches the roofs of houses.
- museri** *Pl: baseri. n.* night dancer; s.b. who wishes other people misfortune by performing traditional magic at night by producing light all over his body while naked.
- museguri** *Pl: baseeguri. n.* swearer; s.b. who speaks with obscenities.
- muzeeri** *Pl: baseeri. n.* patient; s.b. feeling sickness or pain in the body.
- kusiibura muzeeri** *v.* discharge s.b.; tell a patient to leave a hospital ward and go home. *Syn: kuraga museeri.*
- musigiku** *Pl: basigiku. n.* firm person.
- musiibi** *Pl: basiibi. n.* fasting person; s.b. who goes without food.
- musiibiite** *interj.* See main entry: **osiibiite.**
- musiihani** *Pl: basiihani. From: Runyoro. n.* prostitute; s.b. who has sexual lust and indulges in casual and indiscriminate sexual relations. *Syn: waakagulu, malaaya, muhungi, murawarawa, mutaaruuki, mwenzi.*

- musiira** *Pl: basiira. n.* culprit; s.b. who is to blame.
- musiki<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: misiki. n.* earthquake; violent sudden shaking of the earth's surface.
- musiki<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: basiki. n.* fisherman who uses a beach seine net in his fishing activity.
- musinarye** *Pl: misinarye. n.* large oar, paddle; long pole with a flat blade at one end that is tied at the edge of a boat to form a lever so as to move the boat through water. *Syn: ikaasya.*
- musinde** *Pl: misinde. n.* footstep; sound that s.b. makes while walking or running. *Syn: muswagalu, muriiti.*
- misinde** *n.* dash; way of moving whereby s.b. or s.t. runs very fast over a short distance.
- musingabakazi** *Pl: misingabakazi. n.* tree sp. with small leaves that is planted at home, bears small round fruit and when dry is dark brown.
- musinge** *Pl: misinge. n.* foundation; deep ditch that is dug into which stones or bricks are cemented onto which a building stands.
- masomo ga musinge** *Sg: isomo*  
**lya musinge. n.** primary; first stage of education that s.b. completes before reaching secondary education.  
*Syn: puraimare.*
- musingi** *Var: musinguri. Pl: basingi. n.* winner, victor; s.b. who is leading or who has been successful in a game, competition, battle, etc.
- musitali** *Pl: misitali. n.* 1 • long thin mark on the ground, esp. to show the limit or border of s.t.  
2 • margin; long thin mark on a piece of paper.
- musobya** *Pl: basobya. n.* wrongdoer, criminal.
- kukwata musobya** *v.* arrest a criminal.
- musomi** *Pl: basomi. n.* 1 • pupil, student; s.b. who attends school.  
*Syn: mwegi.*

2 • reader.

**m̥usomu** *Pl: basomu. n.* learned, educated person; s.b. who has a lot of knowledge because he has read or studied a lot.

**m̥usonkooro** *Pl: m̥isonkooro. n.* marrow; blood that is in the hollow part of a bone.

**m̥usonsi** *Pl: basonsi. n.* jovial humorous person, joker; s.b. who is fond of uttering out words in a playful, laughable and friendly way when he is not serious. *Syn: musandaari.*

**m̥usoroori** *Pl: basoroori. n.* discriminator; unfair person. *Syn: m̥utondi, waakatondo, waakasorooro.*

**m̥usumeeni** *Pl: misumeeni. n.* handsaw, pitsaw; tool with sharp pointed teeth used for cutting or splitting pieces of timber.

**m̥usunga kyeraani** *n. See main entry: kyeraani.*

**m̥usungi<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: basungi. n.* tailor; s.b. who uses a sewing machine to sew clothes. *Syn: fundi, musunga kyeraani.*

**m̥usungi<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: basungi. n.* spectator; s.b. who watches an event, e.g., athletics, a football match, music, etc. *Syn: mulingiri.*

**m̥usupi** *Pl: misupi. n.* belt; band that s.b. buckles and wears around the waist.

**m̥usuubuzi** *Pl: basuubuzi. n.* trader, businessman; s.b. whose job is buying and selling goods in order to earn a profit.

**m̥usuuhuuki** *Var: musiihuuki. Pl: basuuhuuki. n.* refugee.

**m̥uswija** *Pl: miswija. n.* malaria, fever; illness that raises the body temperature and brings chills to the body.

**m̥uswija gwa binzaali**  
*Pl: miswija mya binzaali. n.* yellow fever.

**m̥usyandi** *Pl: basyandi. n.* guest, visitor; s.b. who goes to see another place or person for a short period of time. *Syn: mugenyi.*

**m̥utabani** *Pl: batabani. n.* son.

**m̥utabani wa mukama**

*Pl: batabani ba mukama. n.* prince.

**m̥utabuku bwongu** *n. See main entry: bwongu.*

**m̥utaburi** *Pl: bataburi. n.* troublemaker; s.b. who causes problems.

**m̥utagatu** *Pl: batagatu. From: Runyoro. n.* excited person. *Syn: m̥ucamuku, muhyo.*

**m̥utaipingi** *Pl: bataipingi. From: English. n.* typist.

**m̥utakuli** *Pl: mitakuli. n.* copper; soft reddish-brown metal used for making electric wires, pipes and coins.

**m̥utalanganja** *Pl: batalanganja. n.* complicated person; s.b. who is difficult to understand. *Syn: m̥ulemesya.*

**m̥utalibanizi** *Pl: batalibanizi. n.* stubborn person; s.b. who interrupts the peace, irritates, or who confuses. *Syn: mugadya, m̥uhugutania, m̥ulemesya.*

**m̥utambi** *Pl: batambi. n.* doctor, nurse, healer; s.b. who can cause s.b. or an animal to get better if they are sick. *Syn: mujanjabi, dakitaali.*

**m̥utamiru** *Pl: batamiru. n.* drunkard; s.b. who is drunk all the time.

**m̥utandiki** *Var: mutandikisya. Pl: batandiki. n.* author, initiator, founder, originator, starter; first person to do s.t. *Syn: mugumburi, mukamakyo.*

**m̥utangiiri** *Pl: batangiri. n.* welcoming person, host. *Syn: mwicaliirya.*

**m̥utaratari** *Pl: bataratari. n.* staggering person; s.b. who walks as if he is about to fall due to the weakness of the body, sickness or drunkenness.

**m̥utati** *Pl: batati. n.* spy; s.b. whose job is to secretly watch others.

**m̥utaabaani** *Pl: bataabaani. n.* wanderer, vagrant, vagabond; s.b. who moves here and there without a purpose. *Syn: m̥uhambaari, mumangamangi, mupapaari, m̥ucakazi, mwenjeeri, m̥utaaruuki, muzengeeri.*

**mutaahi** *Pl: bataahi.* *From:* Runyoro.  
*n.* neighbour; s.b. who lives near you.  
*Syn:* muliraanwa, jiraani,  
 munyaakitaahu.

**mutaarũuki** *Pl: bataarũuki. n.*

1 • wanderer, vagrant, vagabond; s.b. who moves here and there without a purpose. *Syn:* muhambaari, mumangamangi, mupaaraari, mũaabaani, mũcakazi, mwenjeeri, muzengeeri.

2 • prostitute; s.b. who is unstable and has multiple sexual relations.

*Syn:* mwenzi, waakagulu, malaaya, muhungi, murawarawa, musiihani.

**mutebezi** *Var: mutebya. Pl: batebezi. n.* Lay Reader, catechist, deacon; person trained to minister in a church.  
*Syn:* musomesa, mwegesa.

**mutegeki** *Pl: bategeki. n.* planner; s.b. who plans well, especially for the future.

**mutehimbwa** *Var: mũaahimbwa. Pl: mitehimbwa. n.* reinforcing steel; long straight metal used in construction.

**mutendeki** *Pl: batendeki. n.* coach, trainer; s.b. who teaches people to gain a particular skill.

**muterekereeru** *adj.* upright, honest.

**mutesi** *Pl: batesi. n.* calm, serene, mild, gentle, modest, humble person.  
*Syn:* muculeeru, mwinyamu, muteeuku, muholu.

**muteeakanizi** *Pl: bateekanizi. n.* organiser; s.b. who is responsible for organising.

**muteeuku** *Pl: bateeku. n.* calm, serene, mild, gentle, modest, humble person.  
*Syn:* muculeeru, mwinyamu, muholu, mutesi.

**mutida** *Pl: mitida. n.* slingshot, catapult; shooting device made out of a stick shaped like a letter Y on which is attached a rubber band used, esp. by young children to shoot at birds.

**mutiini** *Pl: batiini. n.* coward, fearful, timid person; s.b. who does not have courage to do s.t. *Syn:* mutitiizi, mwoba.

**mutiinisa** *Var: mutiinisiriya.*

*Pl: batiinisa. n.* extortionist; s.b. who intimidates or threatens another person so as to cause them to do s.t. against their wish.

**mutiira** *Pl: mitiira. n.* wild tree sp. that does not grow very big, with thorns on its branches that can be propagated from stem cuttings, used esp. as fences around kraals because it develops short roots very fast.

**mutimbi** *Pl: batimbi. n.* cook; s.b. whose job is to cook food.

**mutindo** *Var: mutinde. Pl: mitindo. n.* loud noise or vibration. *Syn:* murindi, itoko.

**mutindo** *Pl: mitindo. n.* level, standard, fashion; particular quality or a position in a scale of importance.  
*Syn:* mulembe, lulengu, idaara.

**mutingani** *Pl: batingani. n.* girlfriend; girl or woman that s.b. is having a romantic relationship with.  
*Syn:* mukunzi.

**mutiro** *Pl: mitiro. n.* pestle; round straight carved wood, about half a metre long, used for pounding cassava or groundnuts in a mortar.

**mutitiizi** *Pl: batiitiizi. n.* timid person who is extremely slow in doing things.  
*Syn:* mutiini, mwoba.

**mutondi** *Pl: batondi. n.* discriminator; unfair person. *Syn:* musoroori, waakatondo, waakasorooro.

**mutontoromi** *Pl: batontoromi. n.* complainer.

**mutumbuku** *Pl: batumbuku. n.* famous person. *Syn:* yeegebeerwe.

**mutumenge** *n.* See main entry: lutumenge.

**mutundi** *Pl: batundi. n.* seller.

**mutundi wa mibazi** *Pl: batundi ba mibazi. n.* chemist, pharmacist, drug seller.

**mutungi** *Pl: batungi. n.* rich, wealthy person. *Syn:* waasente, waabye, mugaiga, muguuda, muhwe, weitungu.

**mutuntulu** *Pl: mituntulu. n.* shade, shadow.

**mutuntuzi** *Pl: batuntuzi. n.*

persecutor.

**mutwe<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mitwe. n. 1 • head; part of the body on top of the neck containing the eyes, nose, mouth, ears and brain. 2 • prow; front part of a boat.*

**mutwe<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: mitwe. n. theme, topic.*

**muvugi** *Pl: bavugi. n. driver, rider.*

**muvugi wa ndege** *Pl: bavugi ba ndege. n. pilot.*

**muwoneeri** *Pl: bawoneeri. n.*

1 • caretaker; s.b. who cares for s.b. or s.t. and provides what they need for their health or protection.

*Syn: mulingiiri, mulindi, mukuza, muhandya.*

2 • monitor; s.b. who supervises by watching.

**muwoni** *Pl: bawoni. n. witness; s.b. who is seeing s.t. or s.b. who was present when s.t. was happening. Syn: mukeiso.*

**myambi** *Pl: bayambi. From: Luganda. n. helper; s.b. who gives support to help s.b. solve a problem.*

**myembe** *Pl: miyembe. n. mango; big domestic tree with large leaves, has fruit that become yellow when ripe, and whose flowers are very attractive to a certain type of insect.*



**myyolo** *Pl: bayolo. n. king's subordinate such as the county-chief, parish-chief, village-chief, etc.*

**muzabbibbu** *Pl: mizabbibbu. n. domestic tree sp. with leaves as wide as a palm that bears fruit with swollen points on the outer surface and whitish inside like cotton with flat seeds.*

**muzegeizo** *Var: muzegeezo.*

*Pl: bazegeizo. n. first child born of s.b. Syn: kaata inih.*

**muzeire** *Pl: bazeire. From: Runyoro. n. parent; s.b.'s father or mother.*

*Syn: mubyeru.*

**muzengeeri** *Pl: bazengeeri. n.*

wanderer, vagrant, vagabond; s.b. who moves here and there without a purpose.

*Syn: muhambaari, mumangamangi, mupaaraari, mutaabaani, mucakazi, mwenjeeri, mutaaruuki.*

**muzeenyi** *Pl: bazeenyi. n. player; s.b. who takes part in a game.*

**muzeenyo** *Pl: mizeenyo. n. type of traditional dance where all the dancers twist their waists as the drum is being sounded.*

**muzimbo** *Pl: mizimbo. n. 1 • thickness; size of s.t. between opposite surfaces or sides. Syn: mukikima, mungunira.*

2 • layer of s.t. *Syn: mukikima, mungunira.*

**muzindi** *Pl: bazindi. n. murderer, killer, assassin; s.b. who has killed s.b. deliberately and illegally. Syn: mwiti, mutemu, murasi.*

**muzinga<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: mizinga. n. wild herb sp. that grows among grasses to a height of 60 - 90 cm, with a brownish trunk and branches, leaves of which are mixed with other vegetables and cooked with a special ash liquid.*

**muzinga<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: mizinga. n. beehive; structure made for bees to live in. Syn: mubbongi.*

**muzingalu** *Pl: bazingalu. n. s.b. who is annoyed, angry, or sad for being abused, beaten, not achieving a hope, etc.*

**muzingamu** *Pl: bazingamu. n. crippled, disabled, lame person; s.b. whose inability to walk or move normally started right away from childhood either because of nature or a disease. Syn: nzingo.*

**muzoloi** *Pl: mizoloi. n. Euphorbia scarlatina. cactus; wild tree without leaves with small thorns and a milky substance.*

**mwahu-mwahu** *adv. separately; doing s.t. separately or at a different time.*

**mwahukanu** *Pl: baahukanu. n. unique person; s.b. who is not like other*

people, who is incompatible. *Syn:* wa mbaganiza.

**mwaka** *Pl: myaka. n. 1 • year; period of time equal to twelve months.*

**2 • age; how old s.b. or s.t. is.**

**mwakya** *adv. tomorrow; the day that follows today.*

**mwakya karei** *adv. morning; the time between sunrise and noon.*

**kya mwakya** *Pl: bya mwakya. n. breakfast; first meal that s.b. eats in the morning.*

**mwali<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: baali. n. swimmer; s.b. who covers a long distance moving through water using the arms and legs.*

**mwali<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: baali. n. bed maker; s.b. whose work is to make a bed.*

**mwalu** *Pl: myalu. n. school; a group of swimming fish.*

**mwamiirya** *Pl: baamiirya. n. song leader, soloist; s.b. who leads a song.*

**mwana** *Pl: baana. n. child; young human being below 18 years who is not yet an adult.*



**mwana mukere** *Pl: baana bakere. n. baby; young child that is still suckling. Syn: nkerembe.*

**mwana kicuucuru** *Pl: baana bicuucuru. n. older toddler; child who is slightly grown learning to talk.*

**mwana muto** *Pl: baana bato. n. child up to 7 years; s.b. who has not yet attained adolescent age.*

**mwana atadoori** *Pl: baana batadoori. n. premature baby.*

**mwana atali na babyeru**

*Pl: baana batali na babyeru. n. orphan; s.b. who has lost one or both parents. Syn: nfuuzi.*

**mwana gwa mbwene**

*Pl: baana ba mbwene. n. puppy; young dog that is not yet ready to fertilize or to conceive.*

**mwana gwa ntaama** *Pl: baana ba ntaama. n. lamb; young sheep that is not yet ready to fertilize or to conceive.*

**mwana gwa mpunu** *Pl: baana ba mpunu. n. piglet; young pig that is not yet ready to fertilise or to conceive.*

**mwana gwa mbuli** *Pl: baana ba mbuli. n. young goat that is not yet ready to fertilize or to conceive.*

**mwana mutweke** *Pl: baana batweke. n. illegitimate child; offspring who has been produced outside a marriage relationship. Syn: kitwekerano.*

**mwanaali** *Pl: baanaali. n. married daughter; title used by everyone from where a woman was born to refer to any married woman.*

**mwandaara** *Pl: myandaara. From: Runyoro. n. rock. Syn: lubbaali.*

**mwandaari** *Pl: bandaari. n. vagabond; s.b. who moves anyhow without a definite direction or without a purpose.*

**mwangani** *Pl: bangani. n. divorcee; divorced woman or a woman who is separated from her husband. Syn: mwiti wa maka, mubboha bitambaara.*

**mwangu<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: myangu. n. door frame; piece of timber or flattened wood onto which a hinge or latch is nailed in order to fasten a door.*

**mwangu<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: bangu. n. sociable person; s.b. who is easily approachable, hospitable, generous, easy to deal with, is not complicated, etc.*

**mwani** *Pl: myani. n. coffee; cash crop with the seeds from which coffee powder is made.*

**mwanio** *Pl: bamwanio. n. enemy; s.b.*



who hates, harms, acts, or speaks against s.b., e.g., s.b. who prevents you from being successful. *Syn:* kanyagwe, mnyanzigwa, ntamuhira.

**mwanuku** *Pl:* **baanuku**. *n.* thin, emaciated person; s.b. who has not put on weight or who has lost weight.

**mwanya** *Pl:* **myanya**. *n.* 1 • sky; between the earth and heaven where the sun, the moon and the stars are found. 2 • space.

3 • distance, range; area over which something can be seen or heard.

**mwanya gugali** *n.* enough space.

**mwaru** *n.* small grass sp. that does not grow tall and has six finger-like parts where the seeds are.

**mwebemberi** *Var:* **mwehemberi**.

*Pl:* **beebemberi**. *n.* 1 • leader; s.b. who has been given the authority of ordering or controlling other people.

*Syn:* mwebembezi.

2 • leader; s.b. at the front, ahead.

**mwebembezi** *Pl:* **beebembezi**. *From:* Runyoro. *n.* leader; s.b. who is in control of a group of people, e.g., the head of a country, organization, etc. *Syn:* mwebemberi.

**mwebbengeeri** *Pl:* **beebbengeeri**. *n.* overly-friendly forward person; s.b. without discipline who is fond of getting too friendly.

**mwebbuni** *Pl:* **beebbuni**. *n.* proud person; s.b. who shows off because he feels more important than other people and has too high an opinion of himself. *Syn:* mukiiinuuki, mwecenji, mwetwali, mwetembya, mwezimbya, mwezegwa, mwehuukya, mwepanki.

**mwecenji** *Pl:* **beecenji**. *n.* proud person; s.b. who shows off because he feels more important than other people and has too high an opinion of himself. *Syn:* mukiiinuuki, mwebbuni, mwetwali, mwetembya, mwezimbya, mwezegwa, mwehuukya, mwepanki.

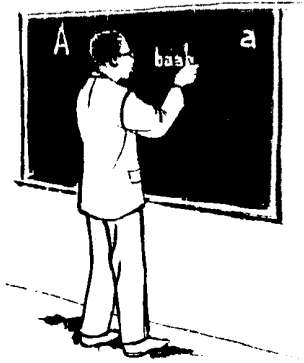
**mwecumi** *Pl:* **beecumi**. *From:* Runyoro. *n.* s.b. looking clean and neat; s.b. well dressed. *Syn:* muyonjo.

*See:* **maradaadi** 'smart-looking'.

**mwedogori** *Pl:* **beedogori**. *n.* braggart; boastful person. *Syn:* mwehuli.

**mwedoho** *Pl:* **myedoho**. *n.* clothing. *Syn:* mulwalu, mwekatu, mweligo.

**mwegesa** *Pl:* **beegesa**. *n.* 1 • teacher; s.b. whose job is teaching, esp. in a school. *Syn:* musomesa.



2 • Lay Reader, catechist, deacon; person trained to minister in a church. *Syn:* musomesa, mtebezi.

**mwegi** *Pl:* **beegi**. *n.* learner, student; s.b. who applies himself to learning. *Syn:* musomi.

**mwegonzi** *Pl:* **beegonzi**. *n.* joyful person; s.b. who feels a lot of happiness and excitement due to what he has done, been given or been told.

**mwegumisirizi** *Pl:* **beegumisirizi**. *n.* mindless, careless, reckless, senseless, irresponsible person; s.b. who does not give enough attention and thought to what he does, esp. to his lifestyle and behaviour. *Syn:* nganya, ntabiganye, mpunguule, mutafayo.

**mwegyenderez** *Pl:* **beegyenderez**. *n.* careful, steady person; s.b. who does s.t. with care so that he does not make a mistake. *Syn:* mwerindi.

**mwehaariizi** *Pl:* **beehaariizi**. *n.* arrogant person; s.b. who shows off.

**mwehemberi** *n.* *See main entry:* mwebemberi.

**mwehori** *Pl:* **beehori**. *n.* borrower, debtor; s.b. who has taken s.b.'s money

on agreeing to pay it back after a period of time.

**Mwehugya** *n.* nickname given to s.b. who staggers but still has some knowledge about s.t.

**mwehuli** *Pl: beehuli. n.* braggart; boastful person. *Syn:* mwedogori.

**mwehuukya** *Pl: beehuukya. n.* proud person; s.b. who shows off because he feels more important than other people and has too high an opinion of himself. *Syn:* mukiinuuki, mwebbuni, mwecenji, mwetwali, mwetembya, mwezimbya, mwezegwa, mwepanki.

**mwekambi** *Pl: beekambi. n.* hard working person; s.b. who shows interest in work.

**mwekatu** *Pl: myekatu. n.* clothing. *Syn:* mulwalu, mwedoho, mweligo.

**mwekengi** *Pl: beekengi. n.* critic, doubter; s.b. who examines detailed facts on s.t. in order to avoid mistakes in doing it.

**mweligo** *Pl: myeligo. n.* clothing. *Syn:* mulwalu, mwedoho, mwekatu.

**mwema** *Pl: beema. n.* bail bondsman, guarantor; s.b. who pays money so that the accused is allowed to keep on coming for court sessions while staying at home, rather than being kept in custody.

**mwenda<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: benda. n.* generous, hospitable person; s.b. who is always willing to give freely. *Syn:* mumanzi, waamakuni.

**mwenda<sub>2</sub>** *num.* nine.

**kimweji kya mwenda** *num.* ninth.

**mitwaru mwenda** *num.* ninety thousand.

**mwendereerya** *Pl: bendereerya. n.* stubborn, irritating person.

**mwenge** *Pl: myenge. From:* Runyoro. *n.* alcohol, beer; bitter drink that makes s.b. drunk. *Syn:* maaci.

**mwengeseru** *Pl: mengeseru. n.* upper grinding stone; small round smooth piece of stone that is rubbed or pressed against 'lubengu' to grind s.t. like millet, salt, etc. into powdery form.

**mwengeseru gweilu** *n.* See main entry: *ilu*.

**mwenjeeri** *Pl: benjeeri. n.* wanderer, vagrant, vagabond; s.b. who moves here and there without a purpose.

*Syn:* muhambaari, mumangamangi, mupaaraari, mutaabaani, mucakazi, mutaaruuki, muzengeeri.

**mwenobu** *Pl: beenobu. n.* frustrated person; s.b. who despises himself due to failure to achieve what he has consistently been hoping for.

**mwenzi** *Pl: benzi. n.* prostitute; s.b. who has much lust for sex. *Syn:* waakagulu, malaaya, muhungi, murawarawa, mutaaruuki, musijihani.

**mwepanki** *Pl: beepanki. n.* egotist, conceited, boastful person; s.b. who shows pride raising himself to a standard he has not yet reached. *Syn:* mukiinuuki, mwebbuni, mwecenji, mwetwali, mwetembya, mwezimbya, mwezegwa, mwehuukya.

**mwera meenyu** *n.* thorns of a kind of a tropical tree sp. that are fixed into the ring of a hunting trap.

**mweri** *Pl: myeri. n.* 1 • moon; round object in the sky that shines at night giving light.

2 • month; period of time equal to four weeks.

**kubba ku mweri** *Var: kuwona*

**mweri; kubba mu nsonga.** *v. Taboo. Euph.* menstruate; undergo the female process that causes bleeding from the uterus every month.

**Mweri Gwakabiri** *adv.* February; month between January and March.

**Mweri Gwakanei** *adv.* April; month between March and May.

**Mweri Gwakasatu** *adv.* March; month between February and April.

**Mweri Gwakataanu** *adv.* May; month between April and June.

**Mweri Gwakubanza** *adv.* January; month between December and February.

**Mweri Gwamukaaga** *adv.* June; month between May and July.

**Mweri Gwamunaanei** *adv.* August; month between July and September.

**Mweri Gwamusanju** *adv.* July; month between June and August.

**Mweri Gwamwenda** *adv.* September; month between August and October.

**Mweri Gweikumi** *adv.* October; month between September and November.

**Mweri Gweikumi na gumwei** *adv.* November; month between October and December.

**Mweri Gweikumi na mibiri** *adv.* December; month between November and January.

**mwerindi** *Pl: beerindi. n.* self-controlled, careful person; s.b. who does s.t. with care so that he does not get into trouble. *Syn:* mwegyenderezi.

**mweroo** *Pl: myeroobe. n. Taboo.* menstrual, sanitary pad; soft piece of cloth that a woman wraps around her female organs when she is menstruating in order to prevent blood from flowing out.

**mweru<sub>1</sub>** *n.* bumper crop; good harvest.

**mweru<sub>2</sub>** *n.* disorientation; getting lost (due to absent mindedness or distraction).

**mwesigwa** *Pl: beesigwa. n.* trustworthy person; s.b. honest, faithful, reliable, in whom people believe or are confident.

**Mwesigwa** *n.* name of a person.

**mwesimbi** *Pl: beesimbi. n.* candidate; s.b. registered to campaign in order to get leadership through elections.

**mwetagu** *Pl: beetagu. n.* s.b. with very strong violent emotions characterised by lack of calmness, reason, etc. esp. due to s.b. being annoyed.

**mwetaagi** *Pl: beetaagi. n.* needy person.

**mwetegeku** *Pl: beetegeku. n.* prepared person; s.b. who is ready.

**mwetegerenzi** *Pl: beetegerenzi. n.* 1 • sensible, wise, responsible person; s.b. who is able to make good judgements based on reason and

experience rather than emotion.

2 • intelligent person; s.b. who is a quick learner, good at understanding and thinking in a logical way about things.

**mwetegeerya** *Pl: beetegeerya. n.*

1 • listener; s.b. who pays keen attention to what is being said so that he understands the meaning.

2 • obedient person. *Syn:* mugonderi, muhulizi.

**mwetembya** *Pl: beetembya. n.* proud person; s.b. who shows off because he feels more important than other people and has too high an opinion of himself. *Syn:* mukiinuuki, mwebbuni, mwecenji, mwetwali, mwezimbya, mwezegwa, mwehuukya, mwepanki.

**mwetikereru** *Pl: beetikereru. n.* quiet, shy person; s.b. who speaks little. *Syn:* mutabaza, mwinyamu.

**mwetonganiiri** *Pl: beetonganiiri. n.* defendant; s.b. who defends himself in a court of law or against a criticism from others.

**mwetwali** *Pl: beetwali. n.* proud person; s.b. who shows off because he feels more important than other people and has too high an opinion of himself. *Syn:* mukiinuuki, mwebbuni, mwecenji, mwetembya, mwezimbya, mwezegwa, mwehuukya, mwepanki.

**mwetweki** *Pl: beetweki. n.* porter; s.b. whose job is to carry people's loads.

**mwetweko** *Pl: myetweko. n.* load, burden; goods that are tied together into s.t. that s.b. or a vehicle carries on a journey. *Syn:* kibbambu, kigugu, kizigo.

**mweyandu** *Pl: myeyandu. n.* length and width of s.t.

**mwezegwa** *Pl: beezegwa. n.* proud person; s.b. who shows off because he feels more important than other people and has too high an opinion of himself. *Syn:* mukiinuuki, mwebbuni, mwecenji, mwetwali, mwetembya, mwezimbya, mwehuukya, mwepanki.

**mwezi** *Pl: beezi. n.* sweeper; s.b. whose job is sweeping.

**mwezibi** *Pl: beezibi. n.* escapee; s.b.

who moves away from somewhere secretly.

**mwēzimbya** *Pl: beezimbya. n.* proud person; s.b who shows off because he feels more important than other people and has too high an opinion of himself. *Syn: mukiinuuki, mwebbuni, mwecenji, mwetwali, mwetembya, mwezegwa, mwehuukya, mwepanki.*

**mwicale kurungi** *interj. See main entry: oicale kurungi.*

**mwicate** *Pl: beicate. n.* dunce, fool; dense, stupid, dull person who does or says things without sense. *Syn: madara, mudoma, mbuda, mupuuti.*

**mwicuto** *Pl: miicuto. n.* satiation; state of being so full of food that you don't feel that you need to eat more.

**mwihā** *Var: mwihawe. Pl: beihā. n.* co-wife.

**mwihuro** *Pl: miihuro. n.* steam from food.

**mwihwa** *Pl: beihwa. n.* nephew, niece; children of s.b.'s sister, not brother. i.e., they do not live within that person's extended family.

**mwijalanda** *Pl: beijalanda. n.* lastborn child.

**mwiju** *Var: mwijwo. Pl: beiju. n.* family member; s.b. who is in the same family as you, either a clan mate or not. *Syn: waakwamugi.*

**mwikiriza** *Pl: beikiriza. n.* believer; s.b. who listens to and confidently follows s.b.'s word.

**mwinkira** *Pl: minkira. n.* tail; part of an animal body at the hind end that moves in space.

**kusika mwinkira** *v. Idiom.* come last; be in the last position. *Lit: pull the tail.*

**mwinsi** *adj. See main entry: bwire.*

**mwiraabu** *Pl: beiraabu. n.* female friend; s.b. who is a close friend (between women).

**mwiru** *Pl: beiru. n.* slave, male servant; man who is officially s.b.'s possession and does not make his own decisions.

**mwisirikale** *n. See main entry:*

**musirikale.**

**mwitehe** *n.* underground; inside the soil.

**mwizukulu** *Pl: beizukulu. n.* grandchild.

**mwizulo** *Pl: miizulo. n.* flood; water that has extended beyond the banks of a river or lake.

**mwibi** *Pl: beibi. n. 1 • thief.*

**2 • dishonest person.**

**mwica** *Pl: miica. n. 1 • pressure; air that is pumped into s.t.*

**2 • smoke, fumes; grey, white or black gas from a burning material.**

**kumalikamwo mwica** *v.* deflate; lose pressure.

**mwicali** *Pl: beicali. n.* long-term visitor, resident; s.b. who stays somewhere for a reason.

**mwicalirya** *Pl: beicalirya. n.* host, welcoming person; s.b. who welcomes a visitor and gives them a seat.

*Syn: mutangiiri.*

**mwihī** *Pl: beihī. n.* short person.

**mwija** *Pl: mijja. n.* Nile; big river that enters lake Albert near Wanseko.

**mwijalu wa mapokopo** *n. See main entry: ipokopo.*

**mwijalu wa meiso** *v. See main entry: liiso.*

**mwijalu wa munwa** *n. See main entry: munwa.*

**mwiko** *Pl: miiko. n.* plaster; building material used to cover walls and floors.

**mwimi** *Pl: beimi. From: Runyoro. n.* selfish person; s.b. who does not like giving his things. *Syn: mulimiriirwa, mupu, mwimi, isyoko, mutatiro, wa ngalu gitatiro.*

**mwineino** *Var: mwinoino. n.* sauce or food scum; thick layer or cream that remains or sticks on the sides or at the bottom of a cooking pan, plate, etc. when sauce such as beans, peas, etc. have been cooked.

**mwinyamu** *Pl: beinyamu. n.* calm, serene, mild, gentle, modest, humble person. *Syn: muculeeru, muholu, muteeku, mutesi, mwetikereru.*

**mwira** *Pl: beira. n.* companion, partner,

friend; s.b. who has similar tastes, interests, etc. to your own and whose company you enjoy.

**akwiraho** *Pl: bakwiraho. n.*

deputy. *Syn: muhondera, akugwera.*

**mwiraguru** *Pl: beiraguru. n. 1 • black person; s.b. whose skin is not brown. 2 • African; s.b. born in Africa.*

**mwirima** *From: Runyoro. n. darkness; state of being with no or very little light, esp. because it is night. Syn: ntiti.*

**mwiruki** *Pl: beiruki. n. athlete, runner.*

**mwirukiriirya** *Pl: beirukiriirya. n. impatient person; s.b. who is unable to wait for a long time.*

**Mwitanzige** *n. name of a lake; Lake Albert.*

**mwiti** *Pl: beiti. n. murderer, killer, assassin; s.b. who has killed s.b. deliberately and illegally. Syn: murasi, mutemu, muzindi.*

**mwizeizi** *Pl: beizeizi. n. 1 • stranger; s.b. who is not of a particular place, unknown in it but just comes and goes back again. 2 • foreigner; s.b. who lives where he was not born whether legally accepted or not.*

**mwoba** *Pl: booba. n. coward; fearful, timid person, s.b. who does not have the courage to do s.t. Syn: mutiini, mutitiizi.*

**mwobi bwongu** *n. See main entry: bwongu.*

**mwodi** *dem. in that very place over there.*

**mwohe** *Pl: boohe. n. s.b. who has been cursed.*

**mwoho** *Pl: myoho. n. traditional wooden basin.*

**mwolo** *Pl: boolo. n. lazy person; s.b. who does not have the effort and interest to do work. Syn: mugare.*

**mwoloko** *Pl: myoloko. n. show, trade fair; event at which many different companies show and sell their products.*

**mwolokya** *Pl: boolokya. n. guide.*

**mwomeeru** *Pl: boomeeru. n. healthy person; s.b. who does not fall sick due to anything.*

**mwomi** *Pl: boomi. n. healthy person; s.b. who is not feeling any sickness or pain in the body.*

**mwomu** *dem. in this very place.*

**mwomwo<sub>1</sub>** *dem. in that very place.*

**mwomwo<sub>2</sub>** *conj. then, so, therefore; after some time.*

**mwongi** *Sg: lwongi. n. cowpeas; plant that creeps on the ground with edible leaves, bears fruit that are chewed raw while young, eaten while cooked as green vegetables, as sauce or chewed while roasted.*

**mwongo** *Var: mwongu. Pl: myongo. n. creeping vine sp. that bears edible fruit that are cooked or roasted while still young but when they mature they are used to make gourds that are used for serving sauce.*

**mworo<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: myoro. n. fire, flame; heat, light and smoke that comes from a burning material like firewood, paraffin or live charcoal.*



**mworo<sub>2</sub>** *n. chaos; state of complete confusion and disorder.*

**kuhemba mworo** *v. incite; encourage s.b. to do s.t. violent, illegal or unpleasant, esp. by making them angry or excited.*

*Syn: kutuuga, kuhaga, kucuukiriirya.*

**mworobu** *Pl: boorobu. n. s.b. quiet, humble, who listens, is calm and obeys orders.*

**mwoyo** *Pl: myoyo. From: Runyoro. n. spirit; non-bodily feelings and character*

of s.b. *Syn:* mwozo.

**mwoza** *Sg:* **myoza**. *n.* feather; parts of a bird fixed in large numbers on the skin.



**byoza** *Pl:* **kyoza**. *n.* fur, hair, wool; thread looking parts of a body growing on the skin of animal.

**mwozo<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* **myozo**. *n.* spirit; non-bodily feelings and character of a person. *Syn:* mwoyo.

**mwozo<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* **boozo**. *n.* heavy person.

**mwozo kyakalasanu** *Pl:* **boozo kyakalasanu**. *n.* overweight person.

**mwozo<sub>3</sub>** *Pl:* **myozo**. *n.* Taboo. anus defect.

**myabyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**myabu** *pro.* their, theirs.

**myabwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**myago** *pro.* their, theirs.

**myagwo** *pro.* its.

**myagyo** *pro.* its.

**myako** *pro.* their, theirs.

**myakwo** *pro.* its.

**myakyo** *pro.* its.

**myalwo** *pro.* its.

**myalyo** *pro.* its.

**myamu** *Var:* **myo**. *pro.* your, yours.

**myamwe** *Var:* **mye**. *pro.* his, her, hers.

**myamyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**myange** *Var:* **myei**. *pro.* my, mine.

**myankei** *Var:* **myankeenya**. *pro.* themselves.

**myatwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**myazyo** *Var:* **myazo**. *pro.* their, theirs.

**mye** *pro.* See main entry: **myamwe**.

**myebbengeeru** *n.* over-familiarisation, forwardness; act of trying to get closer to s.b. in a way that is too informal to be pleasant.

**myebbuno** *n.* pride, self-importance, conceit, egotism; having too high an opinion of yourself because you think that you are better or more important than other people. *Syn:* myecenjo, myehaariizo, myehembu, myehulo,

myepanku, myetwalu, marara, myehuukyo.

**myecenjo** *Var:* **myecenju**. *n.* pride, self-importance, conceit, egotism; having too high an opinion of yourself because you think that you are better or more important than other people.

*Syn:* myebbuno, myehaariizo, myehembu, myehulo, myepanku, myetwalu, marara, myehuukyo.

**myehaariizo** *n.* pride, self-importance, conceit, egotism; having too high an opinion of yourself because you think that you are better or more important than other people. *Syn:* myebbuno, myecenjo, myehembu, myehulo, myepanku, myetwalu, marara, myehuukyo.

**myehembu** *n.* pride, self-importance, conceit, egotism; having too high an opinion of yourself because you think that you are better or more important than other people. *Syn:* myebbuno, myecenjo, myehaariizo, myehulo, myepanku, myetwalu, marara, myehuukyo.

**myehulo** *n.* pride, self-importance, conceit, egotism; having too high an opinion of yourself because you think that you are better or more important than other people. *Syn:* myebbuno, myecenjo, myehaariizo, myehembu, myepanku, myetwalu, marara, myehuukyo.

**myehuukyo** *n.* pride, self-importance, conceit, egotism; having too high an opinion of yourself because you think that you are better or more important than other people. *Syn:* myebbuno, myecenjo, myehaariizo, myehembu, myehulo, myepanku, myetwalu, marara.

**myei** *pro.* See main entry: **myange**.

**myeninghiniro** *n.* excitement.

**myenyu** *pro.* your, yours (for 2 or more people).

**myepanku** *n.* pride, self-importance, conceit, egotism; having too high an opinion of yourself because you think that you are better or more important

than other people. *Syn:* myebbuno, myecenjo, myehaariizo, myehembu, myehulo, myetwalu, marara, myehuukyo.

**myetu** *pro.* our, ours.

**myetwalu** *n.* pride, self-importance, conceit, egotism; having too high an opinion of yourself because you think that you are better or more important than other people. *Syn:* myebbuno,

myecenjo, myehaariizo, myehembu, myehulo, myepanku, marara, myehuukyo.

**myo** *pro.* See main entry: **myamu**.

**myodi** *dem.* those very ones over there.

**myomi** *dem.* these very ones.

**myomyo** *dem.* those very ones.

*pro.* they.

**myozo** *Pl:* **mwozo**. *n.* sore throat.

## N - n

**na** *conj.* 1 • and.

2 • with.

**na gwa** *adv.* around.

**na kindi** *conj.* See main entry: **kandi**.

**nabuhaakabba** *conj.* although.

**nahabwakikyo** *conj.* therefore.

**nahaahwo** *conj.* then.

**naiti** *Pl:* **naiti**. *From:* English. *n.*

nightdress; piece of clothing that you put on while in bed so that you sleep comfortably. *Syn:* lugoye lwa kulaalamu.

**naku** *n.* orphanhood; state of having no close relatives esp. parents or siblings.

**namba** *Pl:* **namba**. *From:* English. *n.* number, figure; symbol that represents an amount or quantity. *Syn:* muhendu.

**nanaasi** *Pl:* **nanaasi**. *n.* pineapple; low growing food crop, with leaves resembling aloe-vera, that bears very juicy yellow fruit having a rough skin.



**nandi** *conj.* then.

**nanga<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* **nanga**. *n.* electric keyboard, piano, synthesiser; musical instrument that has keys like a piano and can be made to play in different styles or to sound like different instruments.

**nanga<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* **nanga**. *n.* 1 • anchor; s.t. that prevents a canoe from moving.

2 • bicycle hub; the central part of a bicycle wheel.

**nanka** *pro.* someone, somebody.

**nanka na nanka** *n.* so and so.

**Narubaale** *n.* name of a lake; Lake Victoria.

**nati** *Pl:* **nati**. *From:* English. *n.* nut; small metal block with internal screw thread to be fitted onto a bolt.

**kikwatu kikaahuura nati**

*Pl:* **bikwatu bikaahuura nati**. *n.* screw.

**nawoodede** *Var:* **nawoode**. *conj.* nevertheless, even then.

**naani?** *interrog.* who?

**ncwa** *Pl:* **ncwa**. *n.* judgement; decision of a judge after listening to the words of the complainant and the accused.

**ncwamu** *Var:* **ncwa**; **ncwamwo**;

**ncwamwona**. *Pl:* **ncwamu**. *n.*

judgement, decision, resolution; final conclusion made after thinking carefully about s.t.

**ncwanki** *Pl:* **ncwanki**. *n.* stick used to set a net for catching animals.

**ncwera** *Pl:* **ncwera**. *n.* cobra.

**ncwero** *Pl:* **ncwero**. *n.* short-cut.

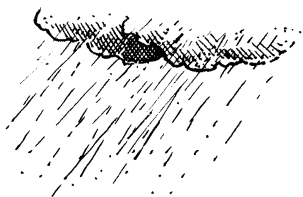
**nda** *Pl:* **nda**. *n.* 1 • stomach, abdomen, belly; that front part of the body of an animal containing intestines.

2 • pregnancy.

**nda ku liino** *adj. Idiom.* satiated.

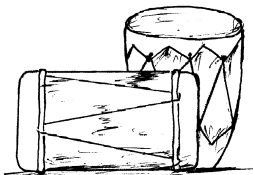
**ndabiso** *Pl: ndabiso. n. 1 • mirror; shiny piece of glass that s.b. uses to see his image. Syn: ndoorwamu. 2 • screen; large flat surface that films, movies or pictures are shown on, or a TV or computer screen.*  
**ndabiso gikanyeetya rundi gikakeehya** *Pl: ndabiso zikanyeetya rundi zikakeehya. n. lens.*

**ndagalika** *Pl: ndagalika. n. crumb, fragment; very small piece of s.t. that has fallen off a larger piece.*  
**ndagali** *Pl: ndagali. n. rain; water that falls from up the clouds.*  
**kugwa kwa ndagali** *v. rain.*



**ndagaan** *Pl: ndagaan. n. agreement; understanding or a promise that you make with s.b., esp. in written form.*  
**ndagiir** *Pl: ndagiir. n. 1 • direction. 2 • map symbol. 3 • address.*  
**ndala** *Pl: ndala. n. desert; dry area with hard ground having soil that loses water very fast.*  
**ndaya** *Pl: ndaya. n. sharp arrow in the form of a hook used for trapping fish esp. Nile Perch.*  
**ndaala** *Pl: ndaala. n. sleeping style; how people lie or sleep.*  
**ndaawe** *Pl: ndaawe. n. type of wind that blows from the north that makes waves that flow very closely with reduced water volume.*  
**ndeɓuleɓu** *Pl: ndeɓuleɓu. n. act of desperation; the last point of survival.*  
**ndege** *Pl: ndege. n. airplane, aeroplane, plane; vehicle that flies in space, with wings and one or more engines.*  
**ndema** *n. style of ruling.*

**bya ndema** *n. politics.*  
**ndemesa** *Pl: ndemesa. n. Bambara nuts; food crop that is cooked fresh, roasted, eaten as sauce and bears its fruit underground.*  
**ndengeeti** *n. beautiful woman. Syn: ndiile.*  
**ndere** *n. the act of producing many children one after another without proper child spacing.*  
**ndeere** *Pl: ndeere. n. flute; musical instrument made of a thin wood like a reed with a crack on one end where the player blows across while touching the side holes with his fingers.*  
**ndibata** *Pl: ndibata. n. transport, walking, motion, movement, transmission; action that makes s.b. or s.t. move from one place to another.*  
**bya ndibata** *Sg: kya ndibata. n. transportation.*  
**ndidyo** *Pl: ndidyo. n. wild herb sp. that grows among grasses to a height of 1.8m with a yellowish trunk and branches, whose bark is used for fibre.*  
**ndimiro** *Pl: ndimiro. From: Luganda. n. farm, garden; land that s.b. is cultivating. Syn: musiri.*  
**ndiile** *n. very beautiful and well built woman who is admired by many people. Syn: ndengeeti.*  
**ndiira** *Pl: ndiira. n. insect sp. that flies with a smooth glittering body and eats mango flowers.*  
**ndibo** *Pl: ndibo. n. hole in which a fish hides in a lake.*  
**ndiha** *Pl: ndiha. n. deep water; middle part of a lake with deep water.*  
**ndihwa** *Pl: ndihwa. n. short drum; musical instrument made from a round piece of hollow wood on which is stretched a skin on both ends.*





**kukuuta ndihwa** v. drum; beat a drum.

**ndiizi** Pl: **ndiizi**. n. yellow banana that is ripe and is ready to be eaten.

**sukaali ndiizi** Pl: **sukaali ndiizi**. n. yellow banana that is eaten when ripe. Syn: kitooki kitatimbwa, katooki.

**ndingidi** Pl: **ndingidi**. n. small fiddle, violin or guitar; small hollow wooden stringed instrument on which is stretched a skin with a bow-like stick where a thread is stretched that is played by plucking the strings.

**ndobo** Pl: **ndobo**. n. bucket; metallic household container, round with a handle, used esp. for fetching water.

**ndoobo** Pl: **ndoobo**. n. kick from an animal.

**ndobyoy** Pl: **ndobyoy**. n. noose; circle that is tied in one end of a rope with a knot that allows the circle to get smaller as the other end of the rope is pulled.

**ndole** Pl: **ndole**. n. thin fish sp. with white scales, that resembles alestes (herring), without sharp teeth and with a split tail fin.

**ndolo** Pl: **ndolo**. n. ear canal; very long narrow tube that goes deep inside the ear.

**ndongo** Pl: **ndongo**. From: Luganda. n. light and sound equipment for a club, party, disco etc. where people dance to recorded music. Syn: diisiko.

**ndoorwamu** Pl: **ndoorwamu**. From: Runyoro. n. mirror; shiny piece of glass that s.b. uses to see his image. Syn: ndabiso.

**ndugiro** Var: **ndugiro**. Pl: **ndugiro**. n. origin, initiation, beginning, source, foundation, basis, inception; first part of a series or an activity. Syn: ntandiko.

**ndugiro gya buseeri** Pl: **ndugiro za buseeri**. n. disease cause, sickness cause.

**ndulu** Pl: **ndulu**. n. bile; body organ on the liver with bitter greenish liquid that breaks fats.

**ndungo** Pl: **ndungo**. n. cooking

ingredient; e.g., spice that is added to food, esp. sauce.

**nduulu** Pl: **nduulu**. n. alarm; loud signal that warns people of danger or sends a message of joy or happiness.

**ndugulo** adv. opposite; on the other side.

**nduli** Pl: **nduli**. n. log; large heavy piece of wood that is cut from a felled tree.

**ndwa** Pl: **ndwa**. n. posho; food that is mingled from maize or cassava flour.

**ndwala** Pl: **ndwala**. n. dress style; way people dress. Syn: njwara.

**ndya** Pl: **ndya**. n. culture of food and how it is eaten.

**nejoro** Var: **noijoro**. Pl: **nejoro**. n. slasher; tool used for mowing grass by hand.

**Neebbi** n. name of a region.

**nfooka** Pl: **banfooka**. n. changeling, wizard; s.b. who changes his image and becomes s.t. else or who becomes s.b. who 'eats' people.

**nfuuzi** Var: **mpuuzi**. Pl: **nfuuzi**. n. orphan; child whose parents died. Syn: mwana atali na babyeru.

**nfuuni** Var: **mpuuni**. Pl: **nfuuni**. n. small hoe.

**ngabi** Pl: **ngabi**. n. *Tragelaphus spekei*. bushbuck; wild animal with twisted horns that are found on males only.

**ngabu** Pl: **ngabu**. n. 1 • shield; piece of wood, leather or metal used by the people in the past to protect their bodies in war.

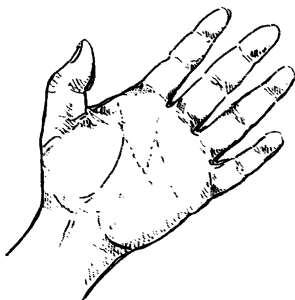
2 • shield trophy.

**ngabwa** n. representative, councillor; s.b. who has been chosen or elected to speak or vote for s.b. else or on behalf of a group. Syn: mukurati.

**ngahi** Pl: **ngahi**. n. short oar, paddle; piece of wood carved in form of a spear used for rowing a boat.

**ngali** Pl: **ngali**. n. traditional marriage feast that is celebrated on the first day when the bride starts doing her domestic chores in the family.

**ngalu** *Pl: ngalu. n.* hand; body part at the end of an arm including the palm and the fingers.



**wa ngalu gitatiro** *Pl: ba ngalu zitatiro. n. Idiom.* mean, stingy person. *Syn:* mulimiriirwa, isyoko, mwimi, mukodo, mupu, mutatiro.

**ngalu gidyo** *Pl: ngalu zidyo. n.* right hand; hand that is normally used in such work as eating, writing, etc.

**ngalu gimoso** *Pl: ngalu zimoso. n.* left hand; hand that does not normally do such work as eating, writing, etc.

**ngamira** *Pl: ngamira. n. Equus asinus.* donkey; domestic animal that resembles a camel, with short legs, ears used for moving on or for carrying loads.

**nganu** *Pl: nganu. n.* wheat; plant that resembles grass, bears grain seeds at the top from which is ground flour for bread, cakes, etc.

**nganya<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: nganya. n.* fish sp. with scales and protruding pointed teeth, that looks like a fish called “ngasya” except that it is bigger than ngasya.

**nganya<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: banganya. n.* mindless, careless, reckless, senseless, irresponsible person; s.b. who does not give enough attention and thought to what he does, esp. to his lifestyle and behaviour. *Syn:* ntabiganye, mwegumisirizi, mpunguule, mutafayo.

**nganye** *Pl: nganye. n.* grief, sorrow, sad feeling as a result of having lost s.b. *Syn:* muhito.

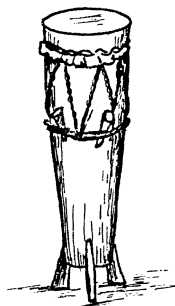
**nganyira** *interj.* excuse me, sorry.

**ngara** *Pl: ngara. From: Alur. n.* fish sp. with white scales with a split yellowish or greyish tail fin and greyish eggs. *Syn:* nkijhoi.

**ngarama** *Pl: ngarama. n.* arm span; measurement equal to the width of both arms stretched including the chest.

**ngasya** *Pl: ngasya. n.* fish sp. with white scales, with sharp teeth and with many thin bones in its flesh.

**ngaabi** *Pl: ngaabi. n.* long drum; musical instrument made from a round hollow piece of wood about one metre long on which is stretched a monitor lizard’s skin on one end.



**ngaara** *n.* draw, tie; finish of a contest in which the score is equal and the winner is undecided.

**ngaasi** *Pl: ngaasi. n.* orange cooking oil which is produced from coconuts.

**musaali gwa ngaasi** *Pl: misaali mya ngaasi. n.* coconut tree; straight tropical tree with a mass of long leaves at the top, that bears coconuts that are large nuts having a hard hairy shell containing a soft white substance that can be eaten and juice that can be drunk or that can be used to produce cooking oil.

**ngeisi** *Pl: ngeisi. n.* surcharge; amount of money charged to s.b. as a fine for not paying tax on time.

**ngeite** *Pl: bangeite. n.* cruel person; s.b. who behaves in a way that shows no respect for others, often talking rudely. *Syn:* mubi, kabbulusungu, kageru,

kimbalanga, kintyome.

**ngemi** *Pl: ngemi. n.* large maggot, greenish or with black, white and brown stripes, with or without hairs.

**ngesu** *Pl: ngesu. n.* personality, habits, behaviour, conduct, discipline; the way s.b. lives. *Syn: nzicala, nyeetwala, kikorwa.*

**wa ngesu** *Pl: ba ngesu. n.* disciplined, morally good person; s.b. who acts in a way that is correct and acceptable by most people.

**ngeye** *Pl: ngeye. n. Colobus guereza, colobus angolensis.* Colobus monkey; small primate with black and white spots that is very agile jumping through trees.

**ngiibwa** *Pl: ngiibwa. n.* domesticated dove. *Syn: kolome wa kijungu.*

**ngiga** *Pl: ngiga. n.* desire that builds up to achieve an aim.

**ngiri** *Pl: ngiri. n. phacochoerusgiri.* warthog; wild animal resembling a pig that has some of its teeth exposed outside the mouth.

**ngiro** *Pl: ngiro. n.* refusal, esp. of food.

**ngobi** *Pl: ngobi. n.* baby sling; cloth that is used to carry a baby.

**ngolwa** *Pl: ngolwa. n.* type of wind that comes from the west causing water to flow with fast moving waves.

**ngoma** *Pl: ngoma. n.* forest tree sp. that grows extremely big and very tall, out of which timber is made and canoes carved.

**ngombi<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: ngombi. n.* place in which hunters have surrounded an animal that is hiding.

**ngombi<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: ngombi. n.* horn; sound device on vehicles for calling people or informing people to keep aside.

**ngonzi** *Pl: ngonzi. n.* love, affection; feeling of liking and caring for s.b. or s.t. very much.

**kwezegwa ngonzi** *v.* feel loved.

**ngoonyo** *Pl: ngoonyo. n.* lodge; hotel providing overnight lodging for travellers. *Syn: looji.*

**ngonyogonyo** *Pl: ngonyogonyo. n.*

wrinkles; folds on the body or on the face, esp. due to old age or due to having a gloomy face.

**ngooto** *Pl: ngooto. n.* dugout canoe that is carved from a large tree and chiselled in the middle like a wooden plate.

*Syn: hwati hwa ngungu.*

**ngu** *conj.* that; discourse marker used to introduce quoted speech. *Syn: nti, yati.*

**ngumira<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: bangumira. n.* determined person; s.b. who has decided to do s.t. until he is successful.

**ngumira<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: ngumira. n.* bonus; extra addition on what was purchased as an appreciation for buying.

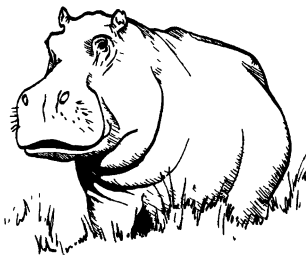
**ngundu** *adv.* extremely large in size.

**ngunu** *Pl: ngunu. n.* gum; firm areas of flesh in the mouth that surround the teeth.

**ngura** *Pl: ngura. n.* cassava; food crop that is grown by stem cuttings, its leaves are eaten as sauce and its roots are chewed raw, cooked or dried and ground into flour for making posho. *Syn: kingura.*

**nguru** *Pl: nguru. n.* garden land where there are no dense shrubs that is suitable for farming crops.

**ngugu** *Pl: ngugu. n. Hippopotamus amphibius.* hippopotamus; wild grass eating animal with short stout legs, a heavy somewhat fat frame, small short tail, big head, a huge jaw, a hairless skin, and which rests in water during a day time.



**ngungu** *Pl: ngungu. n.* scaled fish sp. dark as an eagle that resembles a flying fish.

**ngurukuni** *Var: nguruki.*

*Pl: ngurukuni.* *n.* parasitic plant sp. that grows on the branches of other trees, sown by birds, has red flowers with a yellow head like that of a match stick.

**nguuho** *Pl: nguuho.* *n.* baby bed sheet; sheet that is used to cover a baby.

**nguuje** *Pl: nguuje. Pl: banguuje.*

*Pl: manguuje.* *n.* rebellious person; s.b. who does not listen and does not take advice.

**nguumu** *Pl: manguumu.* *n.* 1 • boxing; game played by two people fighting each other with their hands, wearing gloves.

2 • blow; powerful hit or impact with a fist. *Syn: ntomi.*

**nguzi** *Pl: nguzi.* *n.* 1 • corruption.

2 • bribe; money or s.t. that s.b. gives as an illegal payment so that he can do or get s.t. that he wants.

3 • money given to s.b. for the purpose of betraying.

**kugaba nguzi** *v.* give a bribe.

*Syn: kugula.*

**kudya nguzi** *v.* *Metaphor.* accept a bribe.

**ngweri** *Pl: mangweri.* *n.* falcon, hawk; wild meat eating bird the size of a big hen, with blackish feathers, that preys on adult chickens.

**ngwete** *Pl: bangwete.* *n.* maternal uncle; mother's brother.

**ninghi-ninghi** *adj.* tightly tied.

**nindooli** *Pl: manindooli.* *n.* black insect sp. with yellow legs and wings that resembles a wasp and muds its enclosure, e.g., on walls, trees, etc.

**njagi** *Pl: njagi.* *n.* eggplant; food crop with shiny fruit that very closely resembles 'ntobbotobbo'.

**njaahi** *Pl: njaahi.* *n.* cannabis, bhang; very powerful narcotic plant that people roll as cigarettes or smoke from a gourd that makes them crazy with red eyes.

**munywe wa njaahi** *Pl: banywe ba njaahi.* *n.* opium smoker; s.b. who smokes opium.

**njebe** *Pl: njebe.* *n.* *Kobus*

*ellipsiprymnus defassa.* Defassa waterbuck; wild animal, with a shaggy coat, white buttocks, black legs, large ears white inside, white lips and the male has ringed curved horns.

**njele** *Pl: manjele.* *n.* fish sp. with scales, dark on the dorsal fin side, whitish on the belly and resembling a flying fish.

**njenjeera** *adv.* often, several times, frequently.

**njini** *Pl: njini.* *From: English.* *n.* engine; part of a vehicle that produces power to make a vehicle move.

**njuba** *Pl: njuba.* *n.* clotted blood of an animal that has been slaughtered and is eaten as sauce.

**njwahe** *Pl: banjwahe.* *n.* weakling, feeble person; s.b. who is not physically strong. *Syn: muhuuru, mpolongonie, muceke.*

**njwara** *n.* dress style; way people dress. *Syn: ndwala.*

**nka** *adv.* 1 • almost, nearly. *Syn: heehi.*

2 • like, similar to.

**nka kukili** *adv.* as well, as it is.

**nka yati** *conj.* like this, as follows.

**nkabbu** *Pl: nkabbu.* *n.* rude reply; negative oral response that shows no respect at all to the recipient of the message.

**nkaina** *Pl: nkaina.* *n.* camel; domestic animal with a long neck, one or two humps used in desert countries for moving on or for carrying goods.

**nkaka<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: nkaka.* *n.* *Manis temminckii.* Cape Pangolin; small gnawing animal, that resembles a rat, with an extremely short tail, covered with brown scales except the face and underside of the body which are whitish.

**nkaka<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: nkaka.* *n.* bile, vomit; yellowish liquid that s.b. vomits when he has malaria.

**nkakamu** *Sg: lukakamu.* *n.* posho burn-layer that forms at the bottom of a cooking pan and is scraped off with a knife or a machete.

**nkalirwa** *Pl: nkalirwa.* *n.* 1 • creeping vegetable sp. that is used for sauce.

2 • vegetable sauce from a plant sp. that grows creeping along a tree or a bush.

**nkali** *Pl: nkali. n. urine; liquid that s.b. or an animal urinates that collects in the bladder. Syn: maanyi.*

**nkanahu** *Pl: nkanahu. n. simsim, sesame; plant that grows like a certain tropical plant sp. that bears seeds upwards and is eaten as spice.*

**nkanaana** *Pl: nkanaana. From: Luganda. n. dispute; disagreement between two people, groups or countries. Syn: nkayani, nsonga.*

**nkangu** *Pl: nkangu. n. end, limit; terminal point of a journey, a piece of work or any other thing. Syn: mmaliira.*

**nkanku** *Pl: nkanku. n. gizzard; part in the body of a bird in which there are small stones and sand for crushing food.*

**nkanzu** *Pl: nkanzu. n. robe; long loose outer garment for men, often worn by Moslems.*

**nkaraaza** *Pl: nkaraaza. n. Herpestes sanguineus. Slender mongoose; wild animal, small bodied, short legs, a small head, a long tail, sharp curved claws and moves holding the tail high, often stopping to check for danger.*

**nkata** *Pl: nkata. n. ring; object in the shape of a circle with a hole in the middle, e.g., the folded piece of cloth or grass put on the head to help s.b. feel a lesser weight of the load he is carrying.*

**nkayani** *Pl: nkayani. n. dispute; disagreement between two people, groups or countries. Syn: nkanaana, nsonga.*

**nkaaga** *num. sixty.*

**nkaara** *Pl: nkaara. n. fertile soil that makes plants grow well.*

**kutema nkaara** *v. dig or heap terraces or contours in the land in order to control the flow of water.*

**nkaayane** *Pl: nkayaane. n. dispute, quarrel; discussion in which two or more people angrily disagree. Syn: mpaka.*

**nkebe** *Pl: nkebe. n. intelligence; ability to learn, understand and think in a*

logical way about things.

*Syn: bwetegerezi, bukengebu, nkiri, magezi.*

**nkeito** *Pl: nkeito. n. shoe; footwear that s.b. wears that covers the whole foot and is made of leather or plastic.*

**nkekeeya** *Pl: nkekeeya. n. sieve; tool made of wire netting attached to a ring, used for separating large particles from fine ones.*

**nkende** *Pl: nkende. n. Erythrocebus pates. monkey; small animal with a long tail, that resembles a baboon and is fond of climbing trees.*

**nkengagana** *Var: nkengangana.*

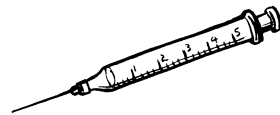
*Pl: nkengagana. n. cooperation, teamwork, collaboration; state of working together and helping each other in order to achieve s.t. Syn: nzegwagana, nkoragana.*

**nkerembe** *Pl: nkerembe. n. baby; young child who is still suckling.*

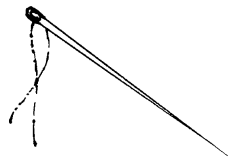
**nketeru** *Pl: nketeru. n. Taboo. pubic hair that grows near the penis or the vagina. Syn: nziha.*

**nkeehu** *Pl: nkeehu. n. period of days in which the moon rises in the east when the day is about to break and shines for few hours.*

**nkinzo** *Pl: nkinzo. n. 1 • injection needle; sharp thin metallic device used for putting a drug into the body or for taking blood out of the body.*



2 • sewing needle; thin piece of steel with a point at one end and a hole for thread at the other, used for sewing.



- kukuuta nkinzo** *Var: kūtūuta*  
**nkinzo.** *v. Idiom.* inject; take a drug via a needle.
- nkira babyale** *Pl: nkira babyale. n.*  
 very much loved person at home who is not a born of that family.
- nkiraga** *Pl: nkiraga. n. Francolinus sephaena.* Crested Francolin; wild bird, edible, about the size of a dove., with a black mouth and tail and prefers moving from the ground.
- nkiriita** *Pl: nkiriita. n.* type of wild sisal sp. with tiny spots.
- nkijoi** *Pl: nkijoi. n.* fish sp. with white scales with a split yellowish or greyish tail fin and greyish eggs. *Syn:* ngara.
- nkjima** *Pl: nkjima. n. Carcopithecus aethiops.* Black-faced vervet monkey; small animal with a black face that stays in forests.
- nkiri** *Pl: nkiri. n.* intelligence; small part in the brain that controls the faculty of thinking, seeing, etc. *Syn:* bwetegerezi, nkebe, bukengebu, magezi.
- nkizi** *Pl: nkizi. n.* surprise.  
**kurabwamwo nkizi** *v. be*  
 surprised. *Syn:* kuhuna, kwecura.
- nkodi** *Pl: nkodi. n.* fish sp. with a pointed mouth, with small black scales and a slippery body.
- nkohoro** *Pl: nkohoro. n.* cough; fever that involves coughing.
- nkojo** *Pl: nkojo. From: Runyoro. n.*  
 scar; mark that is left on the skin after a wound has healed. *Syn:* kisida.
- nkoko** *Pl: nkoko. n.* chicken; domestic bird, bred for meat or laying eggs.
- nkokola** *Pl: nkokola. n.* elbow; middle behind part of the arm where it bends.
- nkokoto** *Pl: nkokoto. n.* murrum, gravel.
- nkoma** *Pl: nkoma. n.* election.
- nkomi** *Pl: nkomi. n.* click sound that s.b. makes in the mouth while putting the tongue on the upper jaw in order to overlook s.b. or s.t.
- nkomo** *Pl: nkomo. n.* prison, cell, jail; building where people are kept who have committed a crime, or while

waiting to be tried.

**nkondo** *Pl: nkondo. n.* pole, post; piece of wood that supports a house in the veranda.

**nkongi** *Pl: nkongi. n.* stump; bottom part of a tree left in the ground after the rest has fallen or been cut down.

**nkonio** *Pl: nkonio. n.* pestle; small tree branch bent in form of a letter 'L' carved to use for pounding cassava or groundnuts in a mortar.

**nkora** *Pl: nkora. n.* method, manner, means; a particular way of doing s.t.

*Syn:* mulingo, kakodyo.

**nkora gyeitehe** *Pl: nkora gyeitehe. n.* texture.

**nkoragana** *Pl: nkoragana. n.*  
 cooperation, teamwork, collaboration; state of working together and helping each other in order to achieve s.t.  
*Syn:* nzegwagana, nkengagana.

**nkoto** *Pl: nkoto. n.* nape; part of the body behind the head that is between the end of the head and the beginning of the neck.

**wa nkoto gitatiro** *Pl: ba nkoto zitatiro. n. Metaphor.* inflexible, stiff-necked person.

**nkulanga** *Pl: mankulanga. n.* Fish Eagle; wild fish eating bird of a size of a big hen, with black and white feathers which flies near the surface of the river, lake water and harpoons with its talons fish swimming near the water surface.

**nkumatu** *Pl: nkumatu. n.* part of the tail of a mud fish.

**nkunga** *Pl: nkunga. n.* information or message that has been widely publicised.

**nkunusuuru** *Pl: nkunusuuru. n.*  
 noose; loose knot that is tied with an aim that if one end of the rope is pulled, the knot easily gets untied.

**nkuuku** *Sg: lukuuku. n.* cowpea.

**nkuura** *Pl: nkuura. n. 1* • ripple; water waves that are close to each other.

**2** • wake; waves triggered by a moving vessel in water.

**nkumi ibiri** *num.* two thousand.

**nkumi inei** *num.* four thousand.

**nkumi isatu** *num.* three thousand.

**nkumi itaanu** *num.* five thousand.

**nkungani** *Pl: nkungani. n.* quarrel, dispute; angry argument or disagreement between people, often about a personal matter. *Syn:* izongobo.

**nkungu** *Var: kakungu. Pl: nkungu. n.* animal without horns.

**nkunguuni** *Pl: bankunguuni. n.* disobedient person; s.b. who does not hear words and does what he has just been refused due to excessive stubbornness. *Syn:* waagabberu, mujeemu, ntahuura, ntamuhiira, waakyejo, muhoole, muzubu.

**nkunguuzi** *Pl: bankunguuzi. n.* unhappy child.

**nkwali** *Pl: nkwali. n.* partridge; brown bird with a round body and a short tail that people trap for food.

**nkwatagana** *n.* cooperation; working freely with s.b. towards a shared aim.

**nkya** *Pl: nkya. n.* chance, luck, blessing, good fortune; state of s.t. good happening without expecting it or working for it. *Syn:* mugisa.

**nk yetu** *Pl: nkyetu. n.* seat; furniture designed for sitting on, e.g., a chair or a place where s.b. can sit. *Syn:* kiicaaru.

**nnindo** *Pl: nnindo. n.* nose, nostril; part of the body on the face, that is above the mouth, used for breathing and smelling.

**waabinyaannindo**

*Pl: baabinyaannindo. n.* s.b. half-dumb who speaks unclear words through the nose.

**nnindo na munwa** *dem. Idiom.* near.

**nnenyi** *Pl: nnyeni. n.* sauce; food that is mostly cooked and left with soup in order to accompany other foods.

**nnyeni liiraguru** *Pl: manyeni geiraguru. n.* vegetable sauce.

**noijoro** *n.* See main entry: **nejoro**.

**nombi** *Pl: nombi. n.* clay; sticky soil used for mudding or moulding.

*Syn:* iɓumba.

**nongo** *Pl: nongo. n.* kill of two things at

a go, e.g., killing two birds with a single stone or killing two animals in a single hunt.

**noono<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: noono. n. 1 •* chalk; white-coloured stick that is like dry cassava used for painting walls of houses.

*Syn:* cooka.

**2 •** whitewash; white paint.

**noono<sub>2</sub>** *num.* nought. *Syn:* nooti, binkahansyo, ziiro.

**nooti** *From: English. num.* nought, zero. *Syn:* noono, binkahansyo, ziiro.

**nsahu** *Pl: nsahu. n. 1 •* bag in which students carry books.

**2 •** pocket; part of a piece of clothing in which s.b. puts things such as money.

**mukwata nsahu** *Var: wa nsahu.*

*Pl: bakwata nsahu. n.* treasurer; s.b. responsible for the items that belong to a club or organisation, e.g., the books of account. *Syn:* mubiki, mukeeto, mukwata nsimbi.

**nsama** *Pl: nsama. n. Kobu ellippsiprymnus.* waterbuck; wild animal with black legs, large white ears and the male one has twisted horns curved upwards.

**nsambu** *Pl: nsambu. n.* idiom; words tied together meaning s.t. different from each of them when said individually.

**nsande** *Pl: nsande. n.* banana juice; drink that is made from the juice of ripe bananas.

**nsangu** *Pl: nsangu. n.* legal case.

*Syn:* musangu.

**nsanju** *num.* seventy.

**nsansa** *Pl: nsansa. n.* thread-like palm plant used for weaving mats, bags, hats, etc.

**nsanyanya** *Pl: nsanyanya. n.* natural gap between the upper jaw teeth.

**nsanyuse** *Pl: nsanyuse. n.* groundnut sauce made from raw pounded groundnuts.

**nsaagi** *Pl: nsaagi. n.* remainder; parts of s.t. that are left after the other parts have been used, eaten, removed, etc.

*Syn:* nsigalira.

**nsehera** *Var: nsohera. Pl: nsehera. n.* housefly; black flying insect with two wings, does not bite except on wounds, mostly stays in houses and is attracted to smelly foodstuffs.



**nseku** *Pl: nseku. n.* laughter; sound that is heard when s.b. is laughing.

**kukuuta nseku** *v.* laugh; make a sound that comes from the mouth showing that s.b. is amused or happy. *Syn: kugegemuka, kuseka, kukuuta mukule.*

**nseeri<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: nseeri. n.* epidemic; disease that just breaks out in a particular area and rapidly spreads to many people.

**nseeri<sub>2</sub>** *adv.* across; from one side to the other side of s.t. *Syn: taadiiko.*

**nsi** *Pl: nsi. n. 1 •* earth, world, globe, universe.

*2 •* land, soil; top layer of the earth.

**kya nsi gyensei** *adj.* international.

**nsigalira** *Pl: nsigalira. n.* remainder; part of s.t. that is left after the other parts have been used, eaten, removed, etc. *Syn: nsaaigi.*

**nsigizi** *n.* See main entry: bisigizi.

**nsimbi** *Pl: nsimbi. n.* money, finance. *Syn: sente.*

**nsimbi zikusasulwa** *Pl: nsimbi zikusasulwa. n.* bill; financial account.

**nsimbi gya busuubuzi**

*Pl: nsimbi za busuubuzi. n.* capital.

**nsimbi zibakukeeheeryaho**

*Var: nsimbi zibakusaaraho.*

*Pl: nsimbi zibakukeeheeryaho. n.* discount.

**mukwata nsimbi** *Pl: bakwata nsimbi. n.* treasurer; s.b.

responsible for the items that belong to a club or organisation, e.g., the books of account. *Syn: mubiiki, mukeeto, mukwata nsahu.*

**kudya nsimbi** *Var: kwiba nsimbi. v. Idiom.* embezzle money.

**kutamwo nsimbi habwa magoba** *v.* invest.

**kutunga nsimbi** *v.* earn money.

**mbeera gya bya nsimbi**

*Pl: mbeera gya bya nsimbi. n.* economy.

**nsinsi** *Pl: nsinsi. n.* small thorny sticks that grow together forming a bush sp. with extremely thin leaves that shed a lot.

**nsinya** *Pl: nsinya. n.* mosquito; insect that bites people and animals, esp. at night, sucks blood and spreads malaria.



**nsisana** *n.* similar thing.

**nsita** *Pl: nsita. n.* secret; word or opinion that s.b. does not want to reveal to anybody else.

**nsiiko** *Var: siiko. Pl: mansiiko. n.*

*Agama agama.* Agama lizard; large reptile with a red head, blue tail and has five toes.

**nsima** *Pl: nsima. n.* eye wax; sleep; yellowish dirty substance that forms on the sides of the eyes after sleeping.

**nsimbu** *Pl: nsimbu. n.* epilepsy; disorder of the nervous system that causes s.b. to become suddenly unconscious, often with violent movements of the body. *Syn: kapumpuli, buseeri bwa kahungura.*



**mugwa nsimbu** *Pl: bagwa nsimbu. n. epileptic person.*

*Syn: museeri wa kahungura, waakapumpuli.*

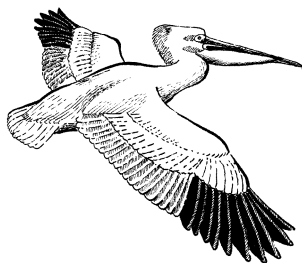
**nsimo** *Pl: nsimo. n. hoe; tool used for digging or weeding.*



**nsirisiri** *Pl: nsirisiri. n. sinuses; openings at the back of the nose.*

**nsobi** *Pl: nsobi. n. mistake, fault, error; action or opinion that is not correct or that can lead into danger.*

**nsohya** *Pl: mansohya. n. Pelecanus onocrotalus. Great white pelican; wild fish eating bird with white feathers, bigger than chicken buggy beak, webbed feet used for swimming while the bird floating on the water.*



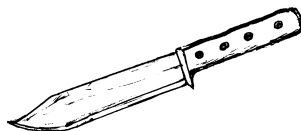
**nsolomi** *Pl: nsolomi. n. Numida meleagris. Guinea fowl; wild bird, black with spots over the entire body and with a small head.*

**nsomoko** *Pl: nsomoko. n. ant trap.*

**nsonda<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: nsonda. n. corner; area in a room or box where two sides join.*

**nsonda<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: nsonda. n. hair lining which is trimmed with a razor blade to make the face look more beautiful.*

**nsone** *Pl: nsone. n. knife; tool with a sharp edge on one side or both sides, that has a handle, used for cutting or as a weapon.*



**nsonga<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: nsonga. n. reason, purpose; aim that makes you do s.t. *Syn: hulyo.**

**nsonga gihandu** *Pl: nsonga zihandu. n. main point of a given topic.*

**kubba mu nsonga** *v. Taboo. Euph. menstruate; undergo the female process that causes bleeding from the uterus every month. *Syn: kubba ku mweri, kuwona mweri.**

**nsonga<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: nsonga. n. promontory, peninsular; landing area extending into a lake.*

**nsonga<sub>3</sub>** *Pl: nsonga. n. dispute; disagreement between two people, groups or countries. *Syn: nkayani, nkanaana.**

**nsoni** *Pl: nsoni. n. shame, guilt, embarrassment, shyness, disgrace; feeling of fear and shame to look at s.b. for doing s.t. wrong.*

*Syn: hugwembegwembe.*

**kukwatwa nsoni** *v. 1 • Metaphor. be shy.*

*2 • Metaphor. feel shame.*

*Syn: kuswara.*

**kukwatwisa nsoni** *v. shame, embarass; make s.b. feel shame. *Syn: kuswaza.**

**kwezegwa nsoni** *v. show guilt. *Syn: kwezegwa muswaru.**

**bicweka bya nsoni** *Sg: kicweka kya nsoni. n. Euph. polite way of referring to the sexual organs without saying their names.*

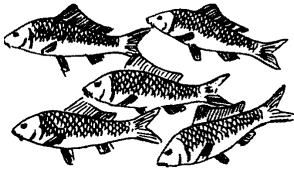
**nsoro** *Pl: nsoro. From: Runyoro. n. spring; underground place from where water naturally emerges. *Syn: musu.**

**nsorongya** *Pl: nsorongya. n. index.*

**nsura** Pl: **nsura**. *n.* brand, mark; symbol that is written, fixed or cut on s.t. so as to make it easily identified. *Syn:* laama.

**nsusana** Var: **nsisana**. Pl: **nsusana**. *n.* shape; the way in which s.t. is formed.

**nsu** Pl: **nsu**. *n.* fish; water creature that breathes through gills, and uses fins for swimming.



**nsu gya mukwa** Pl: **nsu za mukwa**. *n.* sun-dried fish that is split open and preserved with a lot of salt.

**nsurumunu** Pl: **nsurumunu**. *n.* locust; winged insect with a pointed reddish head, edible but rare.

**nswere** Pl: **nswere**. *n.* shrub sp. that creeps on another with curved thorns like a hook that grow on branches and on the leaves.

**ntabiganye** Pl: **bantabiganye**. *n.* 1 • insensitive person.

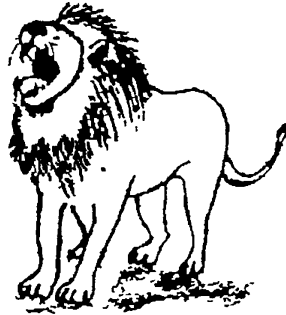
2 • carefree person; s.b. who does not mind about anything.

*Syn:* mwegumisirizi, mpunguule, mutafayo, nganya.

**ntabu** Pl: **ntabu**. *n.* spice; paste that is added to food for flavouring, esp. to sauce.

**ntahuura** Pl: **bantahuura**. *n.* disobedient, unsubmitive person; s.b. who does not follow orders or does not obey laws. *Syn:* waakyejo, muhoole, waagabberu, mujeemu, nkunguuni, ntamuhiira, muzubu.

**ntali** Pl: **ntali**. *n.* *Panthera leo*. lion; wild carnivore that resembles a cat, is extremely fierce, and the male has a mane.



**ntamuhiira** Pl: **bantamuhiira**. *n.*

1 • rival. *Syn:* munyanzigwa, mwanjo, kanyagwe.

2 • difficult, disobedient person.

*Syn:* muzubu, waagabberu, mujeemu, nkunguuni, ntahuura, waakyejo, muhoole.

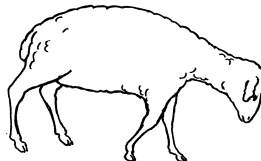
**ntandiko** Pl: **ntandiko**. *n.* origin, initiation, beginning, source, foundation, basis, inception; first part of a series or an activity. *Syn:* ndugiro.

**ntandiko na mmaliira**

Pl: **ntandiko na mmaliira**. *n.* landmark.

**ntatei** Pl: **ntatei**. *n.* white fish sp. without scales, with a small flat body, that does not grow fat, has a short head, thin along the tail fin and with poisonous bones.

**ntaama** Pl: **ntaama**. *n.* sheep; domestic grass-eating animal with an enlarged tail that makes a bbaa-bbaa-bbaa sound.



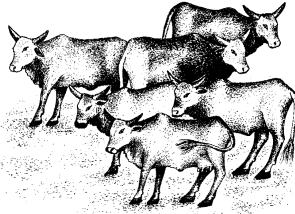
**ntaama gidulu** *Pl: ntaama*

**gidulu** *n.* ram; adult male sheep.

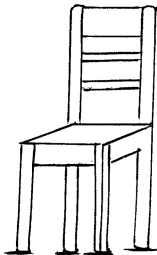
**ntaama gikali** *Pl: ntaama zikali.*

*n.* ewe; adult female sheep.

**nte** *Pl: nte. n.* cow, cattle; domestic grass eating animal resembling a buffalo but smaller in size, with smaller horns than those of buffalo, kept mainly for milk and meat.



**ntebe** *Pl: ntebe. n.* chair; seat with legs made out of timber or metal.



**ntebe gya bisagu** *Pl: ntebe za bisagu. n.* sofa; fairly long seat for two people or more, with cushions on the sitting and leaning parts, used esp. in a sitting room or an office.

**katebe ka gaali** *Pl: hutebe hwa gaali. n.* saddle; seat on a bicycle or motorcycle.

**katebe ka ngei** *Pl: hutebe hwa ngei. n.* cane stool; household seat made of cane wound around and nailed on wood.

**kitebe kya mugwete** *Pl: bitebe bya bagwete. n.* carved seat, used in a house, about thirty cm long with a round sitting part sat on by an heir during a succession ceremony. *Syn: kiteerya.*

**ntegeka** *Pl: ntegeka. n.* plan, arrangement, program, project.

**ntegeka gya busuubuzi**

*Pl: ntegeka za busuubuzi. n.* business plan.

**ntelobeezi** *Pl: ntelobeezi. n.*

instrument; instrument that is used for producing musical sounds, e.g., a drum, guitar, a flute, etc.

**ntelobeeze** *Pl: ntelobeeze. n.* sound that is produced by a musical instrument, e.g., drum, flute, etc.

**nteebereza** *Pl: nteebereza. n.*

approximation.

**nteekaniza** *Pl: nteekaniza. n.*

preparation, organisation; act of getting ready for s.t. or s.b.

**nteekereza** *Pl: nteekereza. n.* way of thinking.

**nteekwa** *n.* See main entry: **ntwarwa.**

**nti** *conj.* that; used to introduce a quote.

*Syn: ngu, yati.*

**ntiira** *Pl: ntiira. n.* electric fish sp. without scales, brownish with dark spots that has an electrified body.

**ntiti** *n.* darkness; state of being with no or very little light, esp. because it is night. *Syn: mwirima.*

**mu ntiti** *n.* moonless period; dark half of the month where there is no moon at night.

**ntoole** *Pl: bantoole. n.* immature, naive person; s.b. with less wisdom.

**ntomi** *Pl: ntomi. From: Runyoro. n.* blow; powerful hit or impact with a fist. *Syn: nguumu.*

**ntongani** *Pl: ntongani. n.* legal case statements.

**ntontogoli** *Pl: ntontogoli. n.* dictionary.

**ntulege** *Pl: ntulege. n.* *Equus quagga.* zebra; wild animal that resembles a horse and with black and white stripes all along its body.

**ntumbu** *Sg: lutumbu. n.* hair; hair that grows on people's heads.

**waalutumbu** *Pl: baalutumbu. n.* hairy person; s.b. with a lot of hair.

**kasaali kalanga ntumbu**

*Pl: busaali bulanga ntumbu. n.*  
thin piece of wood used for plaiting hair.

**ntuuha** *Pl: ntuuha. n. Balearica regulorum.* Crested Crane; wild bird, greyish with three colours: black, yellow and red, with yellow hairs, a red tail on top and black downwards, a short black beak, black and red combs and a curved neck. *Syn: waali.*

**ntuumo** *Var: ntuumu. Pl: ntuumo. n.*  
heap, pile, pool; mass of s.t. collected together, e.g., firewood.

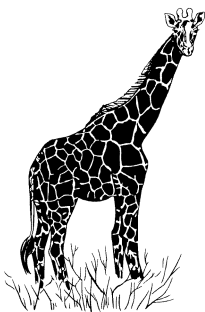
**ntuli** *Pl: ntuli. n.* type of ant; small black insect, without wings, that bites and stays in a small hole.

**ntwa** *Pl: ntwa. n.* thorny wild tree sp. that creeps forming a shrub that bears edible fruit that are dark purple when ripe.

**lutwa** *Pl: ntwa. n.* fruit of a plant that grows forming a shrub, that are dark purple when ripe.

**ntwarwa** *Var: nteekwa. Pl: bantwarwa. n.* s.b. who does not have strong beliefs about what is right and wrong, who is swept along by the views of anyone.

**ntwiga** *Pl: ntwiga. n. Giraffa camelopardalis.* giraffe; wild animal, with an extremely long neck, long legs and with dark spots.



**numi** *Pl: manumi. n.* bull; mature male cow.

**nunda** *Pl: manunda. n. Leptoptilos crumeniferus.* Marabou stork; large grey bird up to 150cm tall that is fond of staying along the shores, with a bare head and neck, a long beak, long thin legs and with a sac at its throat.



**nunghununghu** *adj.* finely ground, of a powder.

**nuuni** *Pl: nuuni. n.* part of the large intestine; fatty sack-like inside part of a body.

**nzala** *Pl: nzala. n.* 1 • famine; lack of food in a place for a long period.

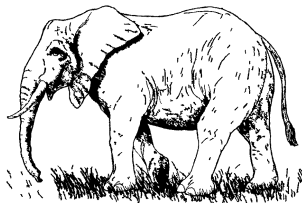
2 • hunger, craving; excessive need or desire for s.t.

**nzanza** *Pl: banzanza. n.* active person; s.b. who is lively, welcoming, quick to do things, and full of ideas. *Syn: muhyo.*

**nzaarwa** *Pl: nzaarwa. From: Runyoro. n.* citizen; s.b. born in a place where he has the right to settle. *Syn: munyansi, musi.*

**nzegesya** *Pl: nzegesya. n.* teaching.

**nzegu** *Pl: nzegu. n. Loxodonta africana.* elephant; extremely large wild animal, greyish, with very large ears and with tusks.



**nzegwagana** *Pl: nzegwagana. n.*

1 • cooperation, teamwork,

collaboration; state of working together and helping each other in order to achieve s.t. *Syn:* nkoragana, nkengagana.  
**2 •** negotiation; discussion between people who are trying to reach an agreement.

**nzenengwa** *Var:* **nzomongwa**.

*Pl:* **nzenengwa**. *n.* habitual gossip; s.b. who says things that have no sense or s.b. who is fond of involving himself in informal talk or stories about other people's private lives, that may be unkind or untrue.

**nzicala** *Pl:* **nzicala**. *n.* **1 •** culture, customs; how people who are related by language, clan, etc. live their life.

*Syn:* buhangwa.

**2 •** personality, habits, behaviour, conduct; the way s.b. lives. *Syn:* ngesu, nyeetwala, kikorwa.

**nzikiraniza** *Pl:* **nzikiraniza**. *n.*

**1 •** agreement; state of having the same opinion.

**2 •** promise; statement telling s.b. that you will definitely do or not do s.t.

*Syn:* kiraganu.

**nzikiriza** *Pl:* **nzikiriza**. *n.* faith, belief; situation of trust, where there is no doubt.

**nziku** *Pl:* **nziku**. *n.* gonorrhoea; disease of the sexual organs caught by having sex with an infected person, that brings a rash or sores around the genitals.

**nzira** *Pl:* **nzira**. *n.* path, track; way that is made by the action of people walking.

*Syn:* muhanda.

**nzigo** *Pl:* **nzigo**. *n.* rivalry, enmity, hostility; state in which two people or companies are at logger heads with each other.

**nzihha** *Sg:* **luziha**. *n.* pubic hair that grows on the body in the private parts.

*Syn:* nketeru.

**nzingiirya** *Pl:* **nzingiirya**. *n.* income; money that s.b. earns from work or in business.

**nzingo** *Pl:* **banzingo**. *n.* crippled, disabled, lame person; s.b. whose inability to walk or move normally started right away from childhood either because of nature or a disease.

*Syn:* muzingamu.

**nziramumu** *Var:* **kya kwiramumu**.

*Pl:* **nziramumu**. *n.* answer, response; reply to a question.

**nziro** *Pl:* **nziro**. *n.* dirt, grime; mixture of sweat and dust that has dried on a human body or on a piece of cloth.

**nzogoro** *Pl:* **nzogoro**. *n.* Tilapia; fish with large short scales, an unsplit odd tail fin and many bones on the dorsal fin, that mostly feeds on algae and mud.

**nzooka** *Pl:* **nzooka**. *n.* **1 •** look of s.t.

**2 •** outlook, view.

**nzoroora** *Pl:* **nzoroora**. *n.* upbringing, rearing, parenting; way in which s.b. has been raised.

**nzyete** *Pl:* **nzyete**. *n.* bad behaviour; unbecoming character that is not good.

## Ngh - ngh

**nghanya** *n.* improper posture.

**nghinghinira** *Pl:* **nghinghinira**. *n.* egg of a louse and other insects.

nghyawu

**nghyawu** *interj. Idiophone.* cry of a cat.



Nyambogo

**nghyewu** *interj. Idiophone.* cry like the sound of a hyena.

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## Ny - ny

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**Nyabūzaana** *n.* 1 • name of a person.  
2 • name of a mountain.

**nyahukana** *n.* 1 • difference, nonconformity.  
2 • range; variety of different things or activities.

**nyakabyeru** *Pl: banyakabyeru. n.*  
1 • new mother; woman who has just given birth.  
2 • *Metaphor.* Pleiades; a group of six stars that are together in the night sky and always shine very brightly.  
*Syn:* nyamukaaga.

**nyakahimbi** *n.* hardwood tree; strongest forest tree that grows extremely big and very tall and is never affected by termites.

**nyakataama** *n.* greysih fish sp. with very small scales and a short large mouth, that resembles 'mmasi'.

**nyakatiga** *n.* plant that bears fruit like onions but has leaves like that of the 'leengha' shrub.

**Nyakato** *n.* name of a female twin.

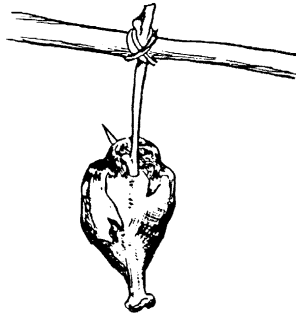
**nyakeetu** *Pl: banyakeetu. n.* our sister.

**nyakeenyu** *Pl: banyakeenyu. n.* your sister.

**nyakaabu** *Pl: banyakaabu. n.* their sister.

**nyakihaga** *n.* See main entry: bihaga.

**nyama** *Pl: nyama. n.* meat; flesh of an animal or a bird that is eaten.

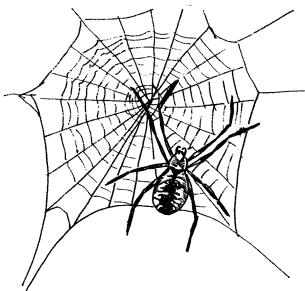


**nyamagoye** *Pl: banyamagoye. n.* albino; s.b. born without the usual skin colour and having whitish hair.

**nyamanungu**  
*Pl: manyamanungu. n.* *Hystrix cristata.* porcupine; largest of all gnawing animals with quills as sharp as a needle that it raises in order to protect itself in case of attack.  
*Syn:* seekiise.

**Nyambogo** *n.* name of a person.

**nyambubi**<sub>1</sub> *Pl: manyambubi. n.*  
spider; insect with eight legs, without  
wings that spins a web to catch  
insects for food.



**Nyambubi**<sub>2</sub> *n.* name of a person.

**Nyamijumbi** *n.* name of a person.

**Nyamisango** *n.* name of a person.

**Nyamuhanga**

*Pl: banyamuhanga. n.* God; the  
supreme being or spirit that is  
worshipped and is believed to have  
created the universe, who is believed  
to have power over a particular part  
of nature or who is believed to  
represent a particular quality.

*Syn: Ruhanga.*

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Pleiades; a group of six stars that are  
together in the night sky and always  
shine very brightly. *Syn: nyakabyeru.*

**nyamungongi**

*Pl: banyamungongi. n.* loved wife.

**nyana** *Pl: nyana. n.* heifer; young  
female cow ready to conceive but  
that has not yet reached the size of a  
fully grown cow.

**nyanga** *Pl: nyanga. n.* grave hole;  
pit in which a corpse is buried.

**Nyangoma** *n.* name of a female twin.

**nyankei** *Var: nyankeenya. pro.*  
myself.

**nyantapara mukyenu** *n.* See main  
entry: mukyenu.

**Nyanzige** *n.* name of a person.

**nyaabyongo** *Pl: manyaabyongo.*  
*n.* *Chelonia mydas.* turtle; reptile  
with a shell on its body like a

tortoise, lives in water and pulls its  
head, feet and tail into its shell when  
in danger. *Syn: geeri.*

**nyaakimwei** *Pl: banyaakimwei.*  
*n.* only son.

**nyaalokoli**<sub>1</sub> *Pl: banyaalokoli. n.*  
grass sp. that resembles what is  
called 'mwaru' except that it has  
small black sharp points and it  
mostly grows in dry areas.

**Nyaalokoli**<sub>2</sub> *Pl: banyaalokoli. n.*  
name of a clan.

**nyaani** *Pl: manyaani. n.* arrow; thin  
stick or metal with a sharp point at  
one end that is shot from a bow.

*Syn: lubbasi, mungesu.*

**nyenze** *Pl: nyenze. n.* cockroach;  
large brown insect with wings, that  
stays in houses, esp. in darkness and  
in dirty places.

**nyeerabya** *n.* behavioural code,  
principles, values; the way that s.b.  
behaves, esp. towards other people.

**nyetwala** *n.* personality, habits,  
behaviour, conduct; the way s.b.  
lives. *Syn: nzicala, ngesu, kikorwa.*

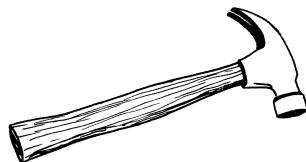
**nyinawu** *Pl: nyinawu. n.* Taboo.  
uterus; female organ where a baby  
grows before it is born.

**nyineeka** *Pl: banyineeka. n.* family  
head; usually a man who takes full  
charge of the affairs of a family.

**nyiinya** *Pl: nyiinya. n.* large female  
ant, whitish, resembles a maggot  
with a small head, stays in the  
middle of an ant hill guarded by  
other ants as queen.

**nyoobo** *Var: nyooya. Pl: nyoobo. n.*  
type of sauce prepared from beans  
and maize fried together.

**nyondo** *Pl: nyondo. n.* hammer; tool  
used for hitting or pulling out nails.



nyoota

**nyoota** *Pl: nyoota. n. 1 •* thirst; the feeling of needing or wanting a drink.

**2 •** *Metaphor.* craving, appetite, desire; excessive need for s.t.

*Syn:* bijogomeera, lwaga, rwanju, meero, murusi, iroho, bicoko, kihika, ijani, mukojjo.

**nyota** *Pl: nyota. n.* rank badge; small piece of metal that an army officer puts on the shoulders of his uniform to show honour.

**nyuguta** *Pl: nyuguta. n.* letter, character, grapheme; written or printed symbol representing a sound used in speech, the letters of the alphabet.

**nyunze** *Var: njunze. Pl: nyunze. n.* jitter; round white insect, without wings, that is in rubbish and catches people, esp. in the feet or in the toes.

**nyumba** *Pl: manyumba. n.* house; building in which people live.



okwetegereza?

**kwita nyumba** *v. Idiom.* get divorced, break up; when a woman moves away from her husband and ends a marriage. *Syn:* kwahukana, kwita maka, kwangana.

**mwita nyumba** *Pl: beita nyumba. n. Idiom.* divorcee; divorced woman or a woman who is separated from her husband. *Syn:* mwiti wa maka, mwangani.

**nyungu** *Pl: nyungu. n.* pipe; curved hollow object that people use for smoking tobacco.

**nyunyuzi** *Pl: nyunyuzi. n.* star; celestial body that burns emitting light seen at night.

**nywankei** *Var: nywankeenya. pro.* yourselves.

**nywensei** *interj.* all of you.

**nywenywe** *Var: nywe. pro.* you all.

## O - o

**obaramukye** *Pl: mubaramukye. interj.* farewell, goodbye.

**obawone** *Pl: mubawone. interj.* farewell, goodbye.

**ofiisi** *Pl: ofiisi. From: English. n.* office; room in which a particular person or people work, usually sitting at a desk. *Syn:* mbuga.

**ofiisi gya mukurati weihanga**  
*Pl: ofiisi za bakurati ba mahanga. n.* embassy.

**ogoroobe** *Pl: mugoroobe. interj.*

goodbye; word used for farewell when s.b. is leaving.

**ogyende kurungi** *Pl: mugyende kurungi. interj.* go well.

**oicale kurungi** *Pl: mwicale kurungi. interj.* stay well.

**oiroho** *From: Runyoro. conj.* unless, besides. *Syn:* ootoorihooa.

**okwetegereza?**

*Pl: mukwetegereza?. interj.* understand?; a question to ascertain if s.b. has understood what has been said.



olaale kurungi

pakiti

**olaale kurungi** *Pl: mulaale*

**kurungi.** *interj.* sleep well.

**oli teetei** *Pl: muli teetei.* *interj.* ‘how are you?’ a greeting.

**opoziiti** *From: English. adj.* opposite; as different as possible from s.t. else, e.g., hot and cold, heavy and light, etc.

**osiibe kurungi** *Pl: musiibe*

**kurungi.** *interj.* stay well.

**osiibiite** *Pl: musiibiite.* *interj.*

beginning word to greet s.b. during the day time.

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## P - p

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underwear, shorts; garment that men wear inside a pair of trousers.

**Pajaabu** *n.* name of a river.

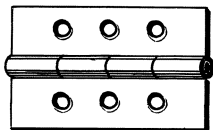
**pakiti** *Pl: pakiti. From: English. n.*

packet; small paper or cardboard container in which goods are packed to be carried easily, for selling, to be given as a present, or to be sent by mail.

**pamba** *Pl: pamba. n.* cotton; cash crop that bears fruit that splits open when mature from which threads for clothes are made.



**pata** *Pl: pata. n.* hinge; piece metal that holds two parts together so that one part can open or close against the other, e.g., as on a door and a door frame.



**pawuda** *Pl: pawuda. From: English. n.* powder; very fine, soft substance used for putting on babies so that they do not get chafed around the joints due to friction or that s.b. puts on the face in order to make it look smooth.

**paaka** *Pl: paaka. From: English. n.* game park; place in which wild animals are reared.

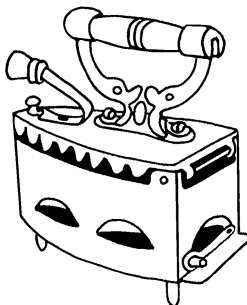
**paamu** *Pl: paamu. From: English. n.* perm; hair that has been heated up with oil to make it stand stiff.

**kupaaminga ntumbu** *From: English. v.* perm hair; use cosmetic chemicals to change hair so that it becomes curled.

**paaraarwa** *Pl: mapaaraarwa. n.* large brown grasshopper sp. with large hind legs that have sharp points like that of a hand saw.

**paaraarwa** *Pl: bapaaraarwa. n. Metaphor.* unstable person; s.b. who is always unstable in the way they do their things, i.e. s.b. who does not settle down on one thing.

**paasi** *Pl: paasi. n.* iron box, flat iron; device used for ironing clothes.



**pelele** *adv.* full up to the brim. *Syn:* bbiki, cawu, kijizulu ku munwa.

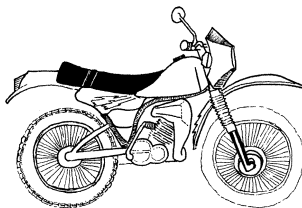
**pembeen** *adv.* aside, sideways; at the side and not in the middle.

**perekuce** *n.* bluntness; state of a cutting instrument that is not sharp, thus rendering it unable to cut properly.

**peti** *Pl: mapeti. n.* petticoat; undergarment that women wear that is long going down to the feet.

**pirico** *Pl: bapirico. n.* stupid person; s.b. who does not meet the required standards or is of low economic and social standard.

**pikipiki** *Pl: mapikipiki. n.* motorcycle; road vehicle, driven by an engine, with two wheels and handlebars.



**piya** *adj.* full; having no empty space, containing as much or as many as possible. *Syn:* bbiki, kijizulu, kizo.

**poipo** *Pl: poipo. From: English. n.* pipe,

culvert; hollow device through which water flows.

**pokopoko** *Pl: pokopoko. n. campaign; plan that is made to enlighten people about a particular idea so that it is then successfully achieved.*

**pooliipo** *Pl: pooliipo. n. propaganda.*

**ponci** *Pl: ponci. From: English. n. porch; room that is attached to a house in front of it.*

**poosita** *From: English. n. post office; agency responsible to deliver letters.*

**mukori wa poosita** *Pl: bakori ba poosita. n. postman.*

**pulaaka** *Pl: pulaaka. From: English. n. spark plug; electrical device that fits into the cylinder head of an internal-combustion engine and ignites the gas by means of an electric spark.*

**puraimare** *Pl: mapuraimare. From: English. n. primary; first stage of education that s.b. completes before reaching secondary education. Syn: masomo ga musinge.*

**pukupu** *Pl: bapukupu. n. deaf person; s.b. whose ears do not hear. Syn: ijalu, mwijalu wa mapokopo.*

**puliida** *Pl: bapuliida. n. lawyer; s.b. who is trained to advise, and represent*

people in a court of law and to write legal documents.

**puliida wa gavumenti**

*Pl: bapuliida ba gavumenti. n. prosecutor.*

**puro** *Pl: mapuro. n. Damasticus lunatus. Topi; wild even-toed hoofed animal, higher in the forequarters than at the rear, with ringed horns that angle backwards, has long legs, and likes standing on a termite mounds to watch out for predators.*

**puturu** *Pl: puturu. n. operation, mission, offensive; planned activity involving many people performing various actions.*

**kukora puturu** *v. launch an operation, e.g., the police launching a major operation against drug suppliers.*

**puura** *adv. excessively.*

**puuyo** *Pl: puuyo. n. soil type of a special colour used for smearing houses.*

**pyoko** *Pl: mapyoko. n. Diceros bicornis, ceratotherium simum. rhinoceros; large wild animal with one or two horns on its nose.*

## R - r

**rabba** *Pl: marabba. From: English. n. eraser.*

**randa** *Pl: maranda. n. plane; tool used for making piece of timber smooth.*

**rangi** *Pl: marangi. n. 1 • colour.*

2 • paint, dye; liquid used for painting on houses, furniture, etc.

3 • coloured pencil, crayon; s.t. that is used to draw and colour pictures.

**rangi gisyanu** *adj. white colour.*

**rangi gya kinzaali** *adj. yellow colour.*

**rangi gya kisubi kibisi** *adj. green colour. Syn: kibabi.*

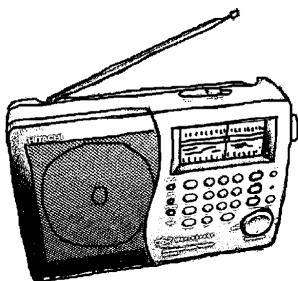
**rangi gyengu** *adj. red colour.*

**rangi gya mubiri** *adj. colour of the skin of s.b.'s body.*

**raatiri** *Pl: raatiri. n. 1 • strength; ability to resist force or hold heavy weights without breaking or being damaged. Syn: rutege, rutwangu, hunyaamaani, hutatiro.*

2 • weight, mass; measurement of how heavy s.t. is. *Syn: hwozo.*

**redyo** *Pl: maredyo. From: English. n.*  
radio; electronic receiver used for  
listening to announcements and news.



**repooti** *Pl: marepooti. From: English. n.*  
report, usually oral.

**resiiti** *Pl: resiiti. From: English. n.*  
receipt; piece of paper indicating that  
goods or services have been paid for.

**reefuri** *Pl: bareefuri. From: English. n.*  
referee, coach, sports team captain.  
*Syn: muhandu wa mupiira, muhandu wa muzaanu, musali.*

**reeki** *Pl: reeki. From: English. n.*  
rake; garden tool with a long handle and a  
row of metal points used for gathering  
grass. *Syn: lukookoobo.*

**rubaju** *Pl: mbaju. n. 1 • rib; curved bone*  
from the chest to the spine.  
**2 • side of s.t. or out of the way of s.t.**  
*Syn: kipandi, bukiizi.*  
*adv. 1 • partially.*  
**2 • beside.**

**rubaju lydi** *Pl: mbaju zidi. n.*  
other side.

**rubaju lwa kintu** *Pl: mbaju za kintu. n.*  
contour.

**rubaju lumwei lwa lupapura**  
*Pl: mbaju ibiri za lupapura. n.*  
page; one side or both sides of a  
sheet of paper in a book or  
magazine, etc.

**rubamba** *Pl: mbamba. n.*  
small hill, plateau; part of the earth a little bit  
raised like a hill but not as high as a hill.

**rubangu** *Pl: mbangu. n. 1 • handle,*  
shaft; part of a spear that is wooden and  
is like a walking stick.

**2 • rod, javelin; thin, long and straight**  
piece of stick that can be thrown.

**3 • measuring stick.**

**rubazu** *Pl: mbazu. n.*  
speech; prepared words to be said.

**kugaba rubazu** *v.*  
give a speech.

*Syn: kubaliza.*

**ruhuga** *Pl: mbuga. n.*  
town; larger place than a village with many houses, shops  
or stores, where people live and work.

*Syn: tawuni.*

**rufu** *Pl: nfu. n. 1 • death; event of dying*  
or departure from life. *Syn: huggingo.*  
**2 • funeral, burial; ceremony that is held**  
when s.b. dies in order to mourn him.

**rugambu** *Pl: ngambu. n.*  
rumour.

**ruganga** *Pl: nganga. n.*  
crowd; large number of people gathered together in a  
public place, e.g., at a sports game.

*Syn: lugologombo, kyecooko.*

**rugondo** *From: Runyoro. n.*  
inside part of the stomach.

**Ruhanga** *Pl: baruhanga. n.*  
God; the supreme being or spirit that is  
worshipped and is believed to have  
created the universe and who is believed  
to have power over a particular part of  
nature or who is believed to represent a  
particular quality. *Syn: Nyamuhanga.*

**ruharaara** *Pl: baruharaara. n.*  
courageous, brave person; s.b. with a  
strong heart who does not mind about  
anything. *Syn: rumaama, nyantapara mukyenu.*

**ruhondeere** *adv.*  
continuously; happening or existing repeatedly many  
times for a long time. *Syn: buteicirirya.*

**ruhumuro** *Pl: mpuumulo. n.*  
holiday, vacation; period off duty to  
regain strength or relax the brain.

**ruhuura** *Pl: baruhuura. n.*  
glutton; s.b. who eats too much. *Syn: icaku, mudi.*

**rujagaara** *Pl: barujagaara. n.*  
extremely strong, energetic, brave  
person. *Syn: kirimaani.*

**rujumba** *Pl: marujumba. n.*  
brown-coloured chicken.

**rukaaga** *num.*  
six hundred.

**rukwe** *Pl: nkwe. n.*  
conspiracy.

**rumaama** *Pl: barumaama. n.*  
 courageous, brave person; s.b. with a  
 strong heart who does not mind about  
 anything. *Syn: ruharaara, nyantapara*  
*mukyenu.*

**runaanei** *num. eight hundred.*

**rundi** *conj. 1 • perhaps, maybe, could;*  
 justification that is not yet there.  
*2 • or, either.*

**rusanju** *num. seven hundred.*

**rutege** *n. strength; ability to resist force*  
*or hold heavy weights without breaking*  
*or being damaged. Syn: raatiri,*  
*rutwangu, hunyamaani, hutatiro.*

**waarutege** *Pl: baarutege. n. very*  
*strong person.*

**ruto** *n. childishness; childish behaviours.*

**rutwangu** *n. strength; ability to resist*  
*force or hold heavy weights without*  
*breaking or being damaged. Syn: rutege,*  
*hunyamaani, hutatiro, raatiri.*

**ruusi** *Pl: maruusi. n. young female goat*  
*ready to conceive but that has not yet*  
*reached the size of a fully grown goat.*

**rufoogo** *adv. recklessly.*

**ruuguudo** *Pl: nguudo. n. road; wide*  
*route that is made, esp. for vehicles to*

*travel on.*

**ruheira** *Pl: baruheira. n. long-winded,*  
*verbose speaker; s.b. who speaks over*  
*time.*

**rukumi** *num. one thousand.*

**runyumyo** *Pl: nyumyo. n.*  
*conversation; informal talk, unprepared,*  
*between people.*

**rupiya** *Pl: mpiya. From: Hindi. n.*  
*rupee; Indian money that was used in*  
*the past before Uganda got its*  
*independence.*

**ruula** *Pl: ruula. From: English. n.*  
*measuring ruler.*

**Rwanda** *n. name of a country.*

**rwaju** *n. lust; excessive desire to*  
*repeatedly want s.t. even to the extent of*  
*disgusting others. Syn: bijogomeera,*  
*lwaga, meero, murusi, nyoota, kihika,*  
*ijani, mukoiyo, iroho, bicoko.*

**rwatu** *adv. openly, publically, overtly;*  
*not hidden. Syn: hasyanu.*

**rwenda** *num. nine hundred.*

**rwezo** *From: Runyoro. n. humus; soil*  
*nutrients made from decaying*  
*organisms.*

## S - s

**Sabbato** *Pl: masabbato. n. Sabbath,*  
*Saturday; day between Friday and*  
*Sunday.*

**sabbiiti** *Pl: sabbiiti. From: Arabic. n.*  
*week; period of time equal to seven*  
*days.*

**Sabbiiti** *n. name of a person.*

**sabbuuni** *Pl: sabbuuni. n. soap; foam-*  
*forming substance that s.b. uses with*  
*water to wash clothes or bathe.*

**sadada** *Pl: sadada. n. creeping sticky*  
*grass sp. that is common in gardens and*  
*in courtyards.*

**saga** *Pl: masaga. n. vulture; wild meat*  
*eating bird, with no feathers on the neck*  
*and head, with faded black feathers, a*  
*sharp beak and talons, which scavenges*

*on abandoned carrion.*

**sagaruhungu** *Var: sagaruwungu.*  
*Pl: masagaruhungu. n. vulture*  
*leader that reaches a carcass before*  
*the rest.*

**sagala musansi** *Pl: bisagala*  
*musansi. n. wild herb sp. commonly*  
*found near homes that grows to a height*  
*of 120 cm with pods containing many*  
*seeds that rattle when the dry pod is*  
*shaken.*

**sahaani** *Pl: masahaani. n. plate; round*  
*moulded flat metallic or plastic dish,*  
*slightly concave at the bottom, from*  
*which to eat.*

**sajwa** *Pl: masajwa. n. 1 • fattened cow.*  
*2 • female animal that is infertile.*

**salaka** *Pl: masalaka.* *n.* chest; top part of the front of the body, between the neck and the stomach. *Syn:* mbanda.

**kugwangana mu salaka** *v.*  
*Idiom.* embrace; greet s.b. with a hug. *Syn:* kuhumbata.

**sambalana** *adv.* randomly; state of things being scattered haphazardly.

**sambu** *Pl: sambu.* *n.* vegetable sauce made out of cassava leaves. *Syn:* combe.

**Sambye** *n.* name of a river.

**sanduuki** *Var: sanduuko.*

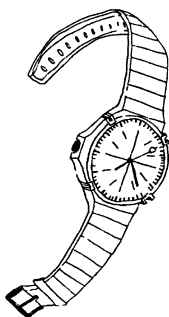
*Pl: masanduuki.* *n.* 1 • suitcase; four-sided container made from timber, sheet metal, or leather, etc. used for storing things like clothes, etc.

2 • coffin; box in which a dead body is buried.

**saaha** *Pl: saaha.* *n.* hour; period of time equal to sixty minutes.

**saaha gya kisijika** *Pl: saaha za kisijika.* *n.* wall clock; instrument for measuring and showing time, in a room or on the wall of a building that is not worn or carried like a watch.

**saaha gya mukono** *Pl: saaha za mukono.* *n.* wristwatch; device for telling time that is strapped to the wrist.



**saara** *Pl: saara.* *n.* prayer.

**saati** *Pl: masaati.* *From:* English. *n.* shirt; garment worn on the upper part of the body, esp. by men, with a collar, short or long sleeves, and with buttons down the front.

**saatikooti** *Pl: saatikooti.* *From:* English. *n.* Kaunda suit; set of clothing that is sewn a pair of trousers and a jacket that is split on the sides or behind.

**saawe** *Pl: saawe.* *n.* milk stew; kind of sauce prepared from fresh milk.

**sebbele** *Pl: masebbele.* *n.* polyethylene sack.

**sefulya** *Pl: masefulya.* *From:* Arabic. *n.* saucepan; metallic household container that does not rust used for cooking.

**sekenda** *Pl: sekenda.* *From:* English. *n.* second; small period of time equal to 1/60th of a minute.

**sekoko** *Pl: masekoko.* *From:* Luganda. *n.* turkey; large domestic bird, with a small red head, long legs, with a thin long swinging comb and that makes itself swollen in case there is danger.

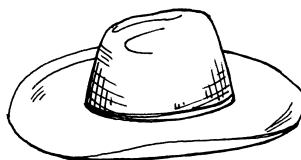
**sengenge** *Pl: masengenge.* *n.* barbed wire; wire on which is wound sharp metals like thorns used, esp. on fences, kraals etc.

**sente** *Pl: sente.* *From:* English. *n.* money, finance; s.t. that s.b. uses to buy things or that he earns by selling things or working. *Syn:* nsimbi.

**waasente** *Pl: baasente.* *n.* rich person; s.b. who has a lot of money or wealth. *Syn:* waabye, mugaiga, muguuda, muhwe, mutungi, weitungu.

**kukoresya sente** *v.* transact money; make a financial transaction.

**sepehu** *Pl: masepehu.* *n.* hat; headwear that helps to protect against the sun or rain. *Syn:* koofiira.



**sese** *Pl: masese.* *n.* overnight fishing where the nets catch fish like medium

size Nile perch, Yellow fish etc.

**seeba** *Pl: seeba. n.* kind of fishing method that catches fish with pointed teeth.

**seekiise** *Pl: maseekiise. n. Hystrix cristata.* porcupine; largest of all gnawing animals with quills as sharp as a needle that it raises in order to protect itself in case of attack.

*Syn: nyamanungu.*

**sikaati** *Pl: masikaati. From: English. n.* skirt; piece of clothing for a female that hangs from the waist.

**simonko** *Pl: simonko. From: English. n.* tobacco leaves that have already been preserved either by being spread in air or by being fire cured and are ready for making cigarettes or for smoking.

*Syn: taaba, kabbanga.*

**sipaana** *Pl: masipaana. From: English. n.* spanner, wrench; metallic tool used for tightening and loosening nuts.

**sitampu<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: sitampu. From: English. n.* stamp impression; design or words made by stamping s.t. onto a surface, e.g., a rubber stamp mark on a government certificate.

**sitampu<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: sitampu. From: English. n.* postage stamp; small piece of paper with a design on it that is purchased and stuck on an envelope or parcel before posting.

**siteetimenti** *Pl: siteetimenti. From: English. n.* statement; oral or written communication setting forth particulars or facts etc. e.g., about a legal case.

**sitooha** *Pl: masitooha. From: English. n.* store; room or a house in which things are kept.

**siya** *adj.* identical, same; when s.t. is exactly like what has just been mentioned.

**sigiri** *Pl: sigiri. n.* stove; metallic device for cooking on that uses charcoal.

**siiko** *v.* See main entry: **nsiiko**.

**siliimu** *Pl: siliimu. From: English. n. Euph.* HIV-AIDS; incurable disease that spreads by having sex with an infected person, blood, sharp piercing

instruments, syringes, etc.

*Syn: munywereeru.*

**silipa** *Pl: masilipa. From: English. n.* sandal.



**siminti** *From: English. n. 1 • cement;* gray powder used in building to stick bricks or stones together or for plastering houses.  
*2 • floor.*

**simu** *Pl: masimu. n.* telephone; machine that uses wires or air in order to talk to s.b. far away.

**kukuuta simu** *v. Idiom.* phone; talk on the telephone with s.b. far away as information passes through wires or air.

**sinja** *Pl: masinja. From: English. n.* secondary school, high school; second level of education that s.b. joins after primary.

**sipiidi** *Pl: sipiidi. From: English. n.* speed, rate, velocity.

**siponci** *Pl: siponci. From: English. n.* sponge; soft and light piece of material full of holes that can easily hold water, used for washing, cleaning or for filling furniture, cushions, etc.

**siringi** *Pl: siringi. From: English. n.* shilling.

**sitenseni<sub>1</sub>** *Pl: sitenseni. From: English. n.* station; place equipped with special equipment and personnel for a particular purpose, e.g., Police station.

**sitenseni<sub>2</sub>** *Pl: sitenseni. From: English. n.* station; frequency assigned to a radio or television channel.

**sitookingi** *From: English. n.* stockings;

garment of stretchy material, worn in pairs on the legs covering the whole lower part of the legs and worn inside the shoes.

**sitoovu** *Pl: sitoovu. From: English. n.* stove, cooker; household appliance with wicks, and sometimes pumped, that uses paraffin to cook.

**situulu** *Pl: situulu. From: English. n.* stool; small timber seat without a back.

**sooda** *Pl: masooda. From: English. n.* soda; drink that is bottled and capped in which there is carbon dioxide.

**sojo** *Pl: sojo. n.* spear grass; plant sp. that blossoms with white flowers, used in mattresses, for thatching huts, and to weed it you have to dig deep.

**sokisi** *Pl: masokisi. From: English. n.* sock; elastic piece of clothing, worn in pairs over the feet, inside shoes.

**somboli-somboli** *adv.* partly done.

**sonsoonja** *Pl: masonsoonja. n.* *Pyxicephalus adspersus*, toad; small animal that resembles a frog that mostly stays on land, without a tail, likes living under pots and breeds in water.



**sonsonsa** *Pl: masonsonsa. n.* small green, brown, or purple locust; tropical flying insect that resembles a grasshopper, stays in the grass, and that children are fond of playing with.

**Sonsoyo** *n.* name of a river.

**Sudaani** *n.* name of a country.

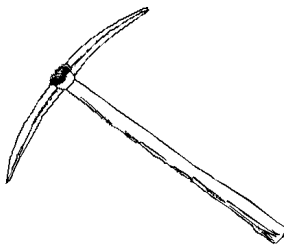
**sukaali** *Pl: sukaali. n.* sugar; sweet substance made from sugarcane that is stirred in such drinks as tea, juice, etc.

**sunsa** *Pl: sunsa. n.* pumpkin leaves or the vegetable sauce made from pumpkin leaves.

**suuka** *Pl: masuuka. n.* bed sheet; piece of cloth of about two metres width, length three metres spread on the bed or to cover the body.

**suura** *Pl: masuura. From: Arabic. n.* chapter; different sections in a book.

**suruuru** *Pl: masuruuru. n.* pickaxe; large heavy tool that has a curved metal bar with sharp ends fixed at the centre to a wooden handle used for breaking rocks or hard ground.



**suutu** *Pl: masuutu. From: English. n.* suit of clothing.

**swasi** *n.* type of wind that blows from the west that causes very big waves each a little bit distant from the other.

**swaswa** *Pl: maswaswa. n.* *Varanus exanthematicus*, monitor lizard; wild reptile that resembles a crocodile, with scales, short legs with strong claws.

**sweta** *Pl: masweta. From: English. n.* sweater; knitted woollen or cotton piece of clothing worn to provide warmth esp. during cold weather.

## T - t

**tabu-tabu** *adj.* unstable; being in a state of instability.

**tabbu** *Pl: tabbu. From: Swahili. n.* danger; situation that can injure, destroy



or kill. *Syn:* kabi, hulemesenja.

**waatabbu** *Pl:* **baatabbu**. *From:*

Swahili. *n.* dangerous person; s.b.

who can do anything harmful.

*Syn:* waakabi.

**tai** *Pl:* **matai**. *From:* English. *n.* tie; long narrow piece of fabric worn around the neck, esp. by men, with a knot in front. *Syn:* munigo.

**taipu** *Pl:* **mataipu**. *From:* English. *n.* typewriter; machine that produces writing similar to print with keys that you press to make metal letters or signs hit on a piece of paper through a strip of fabric covered with ink.

**takisi** *Pl:* **matakisi**. *From:* English. *n.* taxi; small car or van that does public transport and is licensed to carry 14 passengers only. *Syn:* kamunye.

**talanta** *From:* English. *n.* talent; natural ability to do s.t. well. *Syn:* kisembu.

**tama** *From:* Swahili. *n.* greed; strong desire for more wealth, possessions, power, food, etc. than a person needs. *Syn:* mururu.

**tamaamu** *Pl:* **tamaamu**. *n.* salute; action of raising your right hand to the side of your head and stamping your right foot as a sign of respect, especially between soldiers and officers.

**kukuuta tamaamu** *v.* *Idiom.* salute.

**tandaarwa<sub>1</sub>** *Pl:* **tandaarwa**. *n.* veranda; open front and a roof, built onto the side of a house on the ground floor. *Syn:* bbaraza.

**tandaarwa<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* **tandaarwa**. *n.* mosquito net.

**tanuuru** *Pl:* **tanuuru**. *n.* brick stack; well arranged heap of bricks.

**Tanzaania** *n.* name of a country.

**tarutaru** *n.* unsteadiness, situation of being unsettled; always changing places because of being busy on various activities.

**tawulo** *Pl:* **matawulo**. *From:* English. *n.* towel; piece of cloth that s.b. uses for drying after bathing.

**tawuni** *Pl:* **tawuni**. *From:* English. *n.*

town; larger place than a village with many houses, shops or stores, where people live and work. *Syn:* ruḅuga.

**taaba** *Pl:* **taaba**. *From:* English. *n.* tobacco; cash crop from which tobacco leaves are obtained for making cigarettes or for smoking in a pipe. *Syn:* simonko, kabbanga.

**kunywa taaba** *v.* smoke cigarettes.

**taadiiko** *adv.* across; from one side to the other side of s.t., esp. when the distance across is relatively small. *Syn:* nseeri.

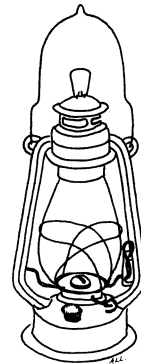
**taagu** *Pl:* **mataagu**. *n.* pancreas; organ near the stomach with a leaf like structure that produces a liquid that helps to digest food.

**taamu** *Pl:* **taamu**. *From:* English. *n.* term of school. *Syn:* lusomo.

**taapu<sub>1</sub>** *adv.* exactly; used to emphasize that s.t. is correct in every way or in every detail.

**taapu<sub>2</sub>** *Pl:* **taapu**. *From:* English. *n.* tap; faucet.

**taara** *Pl:* **mataara**. *n.* lamp; household property, metallic with a glass that uses paraffin to give light.



**televizoni** *n.* See main entry: **tiivi**.

**teetei?** *interrog.* how?

**tiimu** *Pl:* **matiimu**. *From:* English. *n.* team.

**tiivi** *Var:* **televizoni**. *Pl:* **matiivi**. *From:* English. *n.* television; electronic device with a screen that plays pictures and

sound, used for entertainment and informing people what is happening around the world.

**tikiti** *Pl: matikiti. From: English. n.* ticket; printed piece of paper that gives the right to travel on a particular bus, train, etc. or to go into a theatre, etc.

**tindo** *Pl: tindo. n.* punch; poking tool.

**todooba** *n. See main entry: katadooba.*

**togodo** *Var: cokodo. Pl: togodo. n.* mud; clay soil that is soaked with water.  
*Syn: itehe, bisaabu.*

**togolooto** *Pl: batogolooto. n.* immature person. *Syn: kidogotooro.*

**Tooro** *n.* name of a region.

**toto** *Pl: toto. From: English. n.* total, sum.

**tundu** *Pl: tundu. n.* buttonhole.

**tundubaali** *n.* tarpaulin; large sheet used for covering a car, etc. to keep rain off.

**tutu** *dem.* this one.

**tuutu<sub>1</sub>** *n.* violence; physical or emotional force and energy that is intended to hurt. *Syn: bbuuru, katege.*

**tuutu<sub>2</sub>** *n. See main entry: lutuuyo.*

**tudi** *dem.* that one over there.

**tutwo** *dem.* that one.

**twabyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**twabu** *pro.* their, theirs.

**twabwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**twago** *pro.* their, theirs.

**twagwo** *pro.* its.

**twagyo** *pro.* its.

**twako** *pro.* their, theirs.

**twakwo** *pro.* its.

**twakyo** *pro.* its.

**twalwo** *pro.* its.

**twalyo** *pro.* its.

**twamu** *Var: two. pro.* your, yours.

**twamwe** *Var: twe. pro.* his, her, hers.

**twamyo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**twange** *Var: twei. pro.* my, mine.

**twankei** *Var: twankeenya. pro.* ourselves.

**twaromba** *interj.* ‘we shall meet’ word of farewell between people who can see each other anytime.

**twatwa** *Pl: twatwa. n.* grass sp. that mostly grows on sand, e.g., at the shores or on cattle eroded land.

**twatwo** *pro.* their, theirs.

**twazyo** *Var: twazo. pro.* their, theirs.

**twe** *pro. See main entry: twamwe.*

**twei** *pro. See main entry: twange.*

**twenyu** *pro.* your, yours (for 2 or more people).

**twetu** *pro.* our, ours.

**twetwe** *Var: twe. pro.* us, we.

**two** *pro. See main entry: twamu.*

**twodi** *dem.* that very one over there.

**twotu** *dem.* this very one.

**twotwo** *Var: two. dem.* that very one.  
*pro.* it.

## U - u

**ukumu** *Pl: ukumu. n.* post-term baby; child born after the due date of nine

months.

## V - v

**vakedo** *Pl: vakedo. From: English. n.* avocado; fruit that is green or dark purple with a soft light green flesh and a large hard seed.

**viino** *Pl: viino. From: English. n.* wine; alcoholic drink made from fermented grape juice and mostly used during church services, esp. during the

sacrament of 'The Lord's Supper'.  
**voolivo** *Pl: voolivo. From: English. n.*  
 valve; device for controlling the flow of

a liquid or gas, letting it move in one direction only e.g. in a bicycle tyre.

## W - w

**wa mbaganiza** *n. See main entry: mbaganiza.*

**wa ngalu gitatiro** *n. See main entry: ngalu.*

**wa nsahu** *n. See main entry: nsahu.*

**waitu** *interj. sir.*

**Waluhhoiza** *n. name of a place.*

**wambooli** *Pl: mawambooli. n.*  
*Haliaeetus vocifer*, eagle; large wild bird with a sharp curved beak that grabs chicks.

**Wambooli** *n. personal name of s.b. from the Bakindwa clan.*

**wampaka** *n. See main entry: mpaka.*

**Wandagali** *n. personal name given to a baby boy born when it is raining at the hour of birth.*

**wandaala** *Pl: mawandaala. n. any bird that moves as the sun sets between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.*

**wange** *pro. 1 • my, mine. 2 • my brother; my sister.*

**wankei** *Var: wankeenya. pro. yourself.*

**Wankende** *n. name of a place.*

**wankiri** *Pl: bankiri. n. intelligent, bright, wise person; s.b. who does or says things that are sensible. Syn: mukengebu, mwobi hwongu, mugezi.*

**Wanseko** *n. name of a town.*

**Wanzala** *n. name of a person.*

**wanzira anyweri** *Pl: wanzira anyweri. n. tall grass sp. that very much resembles 'matinde' with thin sharp black points that grows annually and dries fast.*

**waragi** *n. See main entry: haragi.*

**wara-wara** *adv. rapidly, quickly; be quick in doing s.t. or to use little in doing s.t.*

**waya** *Pl: mawaya. From: English. n.*

wire; thin metal in the form of a thread.

**waabihaga** *n. See main entry: bihaga.*

**waabye** *Var: waabuhwe. n. See main entry: buhwe.*

**waabyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**waabu** *pro. 1 • their, theirs. 2 • their brother; their sister.*

**waabwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**waagabberu** *n. See main entry: gabberu.*

**waago** *pro. their, theirs.*

**waagwo** *pro. its.*

**waagyo** *pro. its.*

**waahiho** *n. See main entry: kyahi.*

**waahimu** *n. See main entry: kyahimu.*

**Waaja** *n. name of a river.*

**waakabi** *n. See main entry: kabi.*

**waakagulu** *v. See main entry: kagulu.*

**waakapumpuli** *Pl: baakapumpuli. n. epileptic person. Syn: museeri wa kahungura, mugwa nsimbu.*

**waakasorooro** *n. See main entry: kasorooro.*

**waakatondo** *n. See main entry: katondo.*

**Waaki** *n. name of a river.*

**waakisiraani** *n. See main entry: kisiraani.*

**waakiira** *n. See main entry: kiira.*

**waako** *pro. their, theirs.*

**waakwo** *pro. its.*

**waakyejo** *n. See main entry: kyejo.*

**waakyewe** *Pl: baakyewe. n. assistant to heir; s.b. second to inherit the throne.*

**waakyo** *pro. its.*

**Waalahi** *n. personal name given to a male child whose mother took a long time before conceiving or who is born during his father's old age.*

**waaleete** *Pl: mwaleete. interj.*

beginning word to greet more than one

person in the morning.

**waali** *Pl: mawaali. n. Balearica regulorum. Crested Crane; wild bird, greyish with three colours: black, yellow and red, with yellow hairs, a red tail on top and black downwards, a short black beak, black and red combs and a curved neck. Syn: ntuuha.*

**Waalukuu** *n. personal name given to a baby whose siblings have been passing away.*

**waalwo** *pro. its.*

**waalyo** *pro. its.*

**waamagezi** *n. See main entry: mugezi.*

**waamahure** *n. See main entry: mahure.*

**waamakuni** *n. See main entry: makuni.*

**waamananu** *n. See main entry: munanu.*

**waamaneenwa** *Pl: baamaneenwa. n. parent of your child's spouse; title that the husband's father-in-law or mother-in-law uses to address the wife's father-in-law or mother-in-law (i.e., title between the parents of a married couple).*

**Waamara** *n. name of a lake.*

**waamazima** *n. See main entry: mazima.*

**waaminyeeto** *Pl: baaminyeeto. n.*

1 • youth, young person; s.b. youthful that is not yet grown to be a man or a woman. *Syn: muto.*

2 • peer; s.b. who is the same age or who has the same social status as you.

*Syn: muhihi.*

**waamu**<sub>1</sub> *pro. 1 • your, yours.*

2 • your brother; your sister.

**Waamu**<sub>2</sub> *n. name of a person.*

**waamudido** *n. See main entry: mudido.*

**waamuruka** *Pl: baamuruka. n. parish chief; highest chief in the parish appointed by the king in order to represent the kingdom.*

**waamwe** *pro. 1 • his, her, hers.*

2 • his or her brother; his or her sister.

**waamyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**waasente** *n. See main entry: sente.*

**waatabbu** *n. See main entry: tabbu.*

**waatwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**waawuwu** *n. strong wind that blows from the east, and comes esp. from mountainous areas.*

**waazyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**we**<sub>1</sub> *Var: weetegeerya. interj. behold, listen you, hey you. Syn: weegwa.*

**we**<sub>2</sub> *pro. See main entry: weewe.*

**weigomboora** *Pl: beigomboora. n. sub-county chief; highest chief in the sub-county, appointed by the king in order to represent the kingdom.*

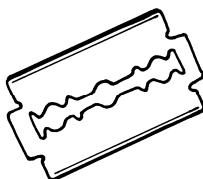
**weisaza** *Pl: baweisaza. n. county-chief; highest chief in the county who is appointed by the king in order to represent the king.*

**Weisoke** *n. name of a river.*

**weitungu** *Pl: beitungu. n. wealthy person; s.b. rich who has many possessions. Syn: waasente, waabye, mugaiga, muguuda, muhwe, mutungi.*

**weihali** *Pl: beihali. n. jealous, envious, resentful person; s.b. who does not want to see other people enjoying themselves.*

**wempe** *Var: kawenpe. Pl: mawempe. n. razor blade; very sharp tool used for shaving hair, beards, etc.*



**wenu** *interj. but you.*

**weebale** *interj. thanks; thank you.*

**weebugubugu**

*Pl: maweebugubugu. n. bat; animal like a mouse with wings, that flies and feeds at night.*



**weecune** *Var: weecone.*

*Pl: maweecune. n.* Yellowfish; fish with scales, large and long like a Nile perch and with yellow flesh like a pumpkin.

**weegamba** *Pl: maweegamba. n.* fish sp. with whitish scales, reddish fins and an even tail fin, that resembles a flying fish.

**weegiri** *interj.* you know.

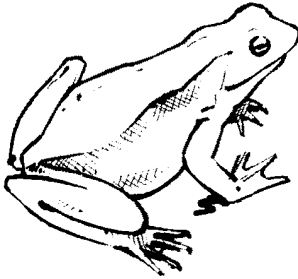
**weegwa** *interj.* behold, listen you, hey you. *Syn:* we, weetegeerya.

**weegyendereza** *interj.* watch out.

**weekame** *Pl: maweekame. n. Lepus capensis.* hare, rabbit; small gnawing animal, that is domesticated or wild, very bright, long straight ears, a short tail and the hind legs nearly twice the length of the forelegs.

**weenyolye** *Var: weenyolya.*

*Pl: maweenyolye. n. Ptychadena oxyrhynchus.* Mascarane frog; small animal that resembles a toad, lives in water and on land, with the back legs for jumping longer than the fore legs, without a tail that likes staying in swamps.



**weenyu** *pro. 1 • your, yours (for 2 or more people).*

*2 • your brother; your sister.*

**weerinda** *interj.* look out.

**weetegeerya** *interj.* See main entry: **we**.

**weetu** *pro. 1 • our, ours.*

*2 • our brother; our sister.*

**weewe** *Var: we. pro.* you.

**wii** *interj. Idiophone.* cry of a pig.

**wiino** *n.* ink.

**wiisiki** *Pl: wiisiki. From: English. n.* whisky; an alcoholic drink.

**woogoro** *Pl: mawoogoro. n. Ardea cinerea.* heron; wild bird, greyish, with a long neck, long legs and is fond of eating snakes.

**wona** *interj.* look, attention.

**wondo** *Pl: mawondo. n. Genetta tigrina.* Large spotted genet; small wild animal like a cat with black and yellow spots, a long tail with stripes.

**woro** *Pl: baworo. n.* impotent man who is unable to achieve an erection.

*Syn:* muḅurwa.

## Y - y

**yankei** *Var: yankeenya. pro.* himself, herself.

**yati** *conj.* that; used to introduce a quote.

*Syn:* nti, ngu.

**yaadi** *Pl: yaadi. From: English. n.* yard;

a measure of length.

**yaakaba** *pro.* whoever.

**yaatyo** *adv.* just, only.

*conj.* like that.

*pro.* anyhow.

**yeegebeerwe** *Pl: beegebeerwe. n.*  
famous person. *Syn: mütumbuku.*

**yoodi** *dem. that very one over there.*

**yodi** *dem. that one over there.*

**yogo** *dem. this one.*

**yogo** *dem. this very one.*

**yogwo** *dem. that very one.*

**yogwo** *dem. that one.*

**yooyo** *pro. he, she, the very one.*

**Yuganda** *n. name of a country.*

**Yumbe** *n. name of a city.*

**yunivaasite** *Pl: mayunivaasite.*

*From: English. n. university; institution at the highest level of education where you can study for a degree or do research.*

## Z - z

**zange** *Var: zej. pro. my, mine.*

**zaabyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**zaabu** *pro. their, theirs.*

**zaabwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**zaabbu** *n. silver; very shiny greyish metal used for making coins, knives, forks, etc.*

**zaago** *pro. their, theirs.*

**zaagwo** *pro. its.*

**zaagyo** *pro. its.*

**zaako** *pro. their, theirs.*

**zaakwo** *pro. its.*

**zaakyo** *pro. its.*

**zaalwo** *pro. its.*

**zaalyo** *pro. its.*

**zaamu** *Var: zo. pro. your, yours.*

**zaamwe** *Var: ze. pro. his, her, hers.*

**zaamyo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**zaatwo** *pro. their, theirs.*

**zaazyo** *Var: zaazo. pro. their, theirs.*

**ze** *pro. See main entry: zaamwe.*

**zej** *pro. See main entry: zange.*

**zeremere** *Pl: mazeremere. n. Python sebae. African rock python; large non-venomous snake, with small smooth scales, a flat head like a spear that is dark brown on top, with many teeth, that coils around s.t. and crushes it.*

**zeenyu** *pro. your, yours (for 2 or more people).*

**zeetu** *pro. our, ours.*

**zizi** *dem. these ones.*

**zidi** *dem. those ones over there.*

**zigati** *Pl: mazigati. n. courtyard; open space that is partly or completely surrounded by buildings and is usually*

*part of a castle, a house, etc.*

**ziipu** *Pl: maziipu. From: English. n. zipper; device used to fasten clothes, bags, etc. that consists of two rows of metal or plastic teeth that can be pulled together to close or pulled apart to open.*

**ziiro** *From: English. num. zero, nought; lowest possible amount or level; nothing at all. Syn: noono, nooti, binkahansyo.*

**ziiza** *Pl: baziiza. n. grandmother; mother of your father or mother.*

**zini** *Pl: mazinzi. n. winged brown insect sp. that resembles a cockroach, stays underground in a hole and cries in the night while standing at the entrance of its hole.*

**zizye** *Pl: mazizye. n. fish with scales that grows into a Yellowfish.*

**zizyo** *Var: zizo. dem. those ones.*

**zo** *pro. See main entry: zaamu, zyozyo.*

**zoodi** *dem. See main entry: zyodi.*

**zoozi** *dem. See main entry: zyozzi.*

**zoozo** *pro. See main entry: zyozyo.*

**zungwe** *Pl: mazungwe. n. fish bowel; buggy part of a fish where eaten food is digested.*

**zyankei** *Var: zyankeenya. pro. themselves.*

**zyodi** *Var: zoodi. dem. those very ones over there.*

**zyozzi** *Var: zoozi. dem. these very ones.*

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bamboo *n.* **mukeehu**  
ban *v.* **kugaana**  
banana *n.* **kitooki**  
banana fibre, dry *n.* **kigogo**  
banana flower *n.* **kikonombo**  
banana juice *n.* **nsande**  
banana leaf *n.* **lubabi**  
banana stem *n.* **kigoogooli**  
banana, cooking *n.* **kitooki**  
**kitimbwa**  
banana, long yellow *n.* **bbogoya**  
banana, ripe *n.* **kyenju**  
banana, yellow *n.* **katooki**  
*n.* **kitooki kitatimbwa**  
*n.* **ndiizi**  
*n.* **sukaali ndiizi**  
bandage *n.* **bbandeeji**  
band, music *n.* **bbandi**  
bang *v.* **kuhuura**  
*v.* **kutinda**  
bangle *n.* **bbangiri**  
*n.* **kikomo**  
bank *n.* **bbanka**  
*n.* **ibiikiro lya nsimbi**  
*n.* **kideeru kya nsimbi**  
bank, river *n.* **mutanda**  
banquet *n.* **bugenyi**  
*n.* **kididi**  
*n.* **kijaguzo**  
Baobab fruit *n.* **lunonde**  
Baobab tree *n.* **munonde**  
baptise *v.* **kubatiza**  
baptised, be *v.* **kubatizibwa**

beat around the bush

bar *n.* **bba**  
barbed wire *n.* **sengenge**  
barber-shop *n.* **kinyonzi**  
bargain *v.* **kupatana**  
*v.* **kuraamura**  
bark cloth *n.* **kijugutu**  
bark, of a dog *v.* **kubbokola**  
bark, of a tree *n.* **kihohonyolo**  
bark, tree *n.* **lususu**  
barren woman *n.* **mugumba**  
barrenness *n.* **bugumba**  
base *n.* **hansi ku mataku**  
basin, metal *n.* **kalaaya**  
basin, plastic *n.* **bbaafu**  
basin, wooden *n.* **mwoho**  
basis *n.* **ndugiro**  
*n.* **ntandiko**  
bask *v.* **kwegonza**  
*v.* **kwota**  
basket *n.* **lukimba**  
basket, serving *n.* **kyebbooro**  
basket, woven *n.* **kiiibo**  
bat *v.* **kusula**  
*n.* **weebugubugu**  
bathe *v.* **kunaaba**  
bather *n.* **munaabi**  
bathroom *n.* **kinaabi**  
baton *n.* **mubbeere**  
battery *n.* **ihiga**  
battle *n.* **bulemu**  
battlefield *n.* **ilwaniro**  
*n.* **kisaahi kya bulemu**  
be *v.* **kubba**  
*v.* **kuli**  
*v.* **kusangwa**  
beach *n.* **mutanda**  
bead *n.* **lukwanzi**  
beads, bridal *n.* **mawiino**  
beak *n.* **munwa gwa nyoni**  
beans *n.* **birangwa**  
*n.* **bihimba**  
beans stew *n.* **kaputa**  
bear fruit *v.* **kuta**  
*v.* **kwana**  
bear maize cobs *v.* **kuhagatira**  
beard *n.* **muleeju**  
beat *v.* **kukira**  
*v.* **kusinga**  
beat around the bush *v.* **kwesita-sita**

beat each other

beat each other *v.* **kukuutangana**

beat repeatedly *v.* **kuswaswana**

beat up *v.* **kucaanya**

*v.* **kuhuura**

*v.* **kukubba**

*v.* **kukuuta**

*v.* **kumaamira**

*v.* **kutindaga**

*v.* **kunyampya**

beat up heavily *v.* **kusinyontola**

*v.* **kudikya**

*v.* **kudonga**

*v.* **kuhorongya**

beat up to death *v.* **kugumiira**

beautiful child *n.* **bbiili**

beautiful woman *n.* **ndengeeti**

*n.* **ndiile**

beautify *v.* **kusemeza**

beauty *n.* **burungi**

because *conj.* **habwakubba**

*conj.* **kubanga**

beckon *v.* **kukuda**

bed *n.* **kitabbu**

bed maker *n.* **mwali**

bed sheet *n.* **suuka**

bedbug *n.* **kiku**

bedroom *n.* **kisiika kya**

**kulaalamwo**

bed, double *n.* **kitabbu kya nsaali**

bed, make a *v.* **kwalala**

bed, put to *v.* **kulaalya**

bed, space underneath *n.* **budaate**

*n.* **bulungulungu**

bee *n.* **kahooki**

beef *n.* **musumbi**

beehive *n.* **mubbongi**

*n.* **muzinga**

beer *n.* **bbiya**

*n.* **maaci**

*n.* **mwenge**

beer, cassava *n.* **bikwete bya meezi**

beer, local *n.* **biragizo**

beer, locally brewed *n.* **bikwete**

beer, maize *n.* **bikwete bisengeeje**

*n.* **bwiri**

beer, millet *n.* **masoohe**

beeswax *n.* **bisasala bya buhooki**

beetle, dung *n.* **kabiringitya**

before *adv.* **mumeiso**

benefit from

before now *adv.* **hatakabbeeriho**

befriend *v.* **kunywana**

befriend forcefully *v.* **kwebbohaho**

*v.* **kwebboheera**

*v.* **kwehomeera**

*v.* **kwepaamiira**

befriended, be *v.* **kunywanihwa**

beg *v.* **kusabiriirya**

beg for *v.* **kuliriira**

beg for food *v.* **kuleega**

beggar *n.* **muleegi**

*n.* **musabiriirya**

begin *v.* **kutandika**

begin moving *v.* **kusituka**

beginning *n.* **ndugiro**

*n.* **ntandiko**

behaviour *n.* **kikorwa**

*n.* **ngesu**

*n.* **nyeetwala**

*n.* **nzicala**

behavioural code *n.* **nyeerabya**

behaviour, bad *n.* **gabberu**

*n.* **nzyete**

behind *adv.* **kweinyuma**

behind in time *adv.* **heinyuma**

behold *interj.* **we**

*interj.* **weegwa**

belch *v.* **kubbyamuka**

*v.* **kukuuta mpihi**

*n.* **mpihi**

belief *n.* **nzikiriza**

believe *v.* **kunanukira**

believe in *v.* **kwikiririza**

believer *n.* **mwikiriza**

bell *n.* **kide**

belly *n.* **nda**

bell, bicycle *n.* **kengere**

beloved person *n.* **nkira babyale**

below *adv.* **hansi**

belt *n.* **musupi**

belt loop *n.* **kakondo**

bench *n.* **foomu**

bend *v.* **kubbibbinula**

bend s.t. *v.* **kugoda**

bend s.t. short *v.* **kutuluka**

bend s.t. tall *v.* **kuhinya**

bend your body *v.* **kwegoda**

benefit *v.* **kugoboora**

benefit from *v.* **kugobooramu**



bent *adj.* **kyegodu**  
 bent thing *n.* **kibbaamu**  
 bent, get *v.* **kubbaama**  
     *v.* **kubbingibbala**  
 bereaved person *n.* **mufeerwa**  
 beside *adv.* **kwantandu**  
     *adv.* **rubaju**  
 besides *conj.* **oiroho**  
     *conj.* **otoorihoona**  
 beside, be *v.* **kuheereera**  
 best man *n.* **mperemi**  
 best, be the *v.* **kukapisa**  
 betray *v.* **kudiiirisana**  
     *v.* **kugobeza**  
     *v.* **kuhemuka**  
     *v.* **kutunda**  
     *v.* **kwehooga**  
 betrayal payment *n.* **nguzi**  
 betrayer *n.* **mpiri gya mu kitabbu**  
 betrothed woman *n.* **muligire**  
 between *adv.* **hakati**  
 beverage *n.* **kinywo**  
     *n.* **kya kunywa**  
 bewitch *v.* **kulenga**  
     *v.* **kuloga**  
     *v.* **kwoha**  
 bewitched, be *v.* **kulogwa**  
 bhang *n.* **njaahi**  
 bhuja mix *n.* **kiruube**  
 Bible *n.* **bbaibbuli**  
 bicycle *n.* **gaali**  
 bicycle bell *n.* **kengere**  
 bicycle carrier *n.* **kaalya**  
 bicycle frame space *n.* **kihodo**  
 bicycle frame top bar *n.* **musaali gwa gaali**  
 bicycle tyre *n.* **mupiira gwa gaali**  
 bicycle wheel hub *n.* **nanga**  
 big *adj.* **kikooto**  
 big person *n.* **mukooto**  
 big thing *n.* **kabbeemule**  
 bigness *n.* **bukooto**  
 bile *n.* **ndulu**  
     *n.* **nkaka**  
 Bilharzia *n.* **kiduulu**  
 bill *n.* **munwa gwa nyoni**  
 billion *num.* **katabarwa**  
 bill, financial *n.* **nsimbi zikusasulwa**

bill, parliamentary *n.* **kiragiro**  
     **kyeihanga kitakarabiiirweho**  
 biltong *n.* **kipeede**  
 biography *n.* **bubyalasanwa**  
 biology *n.* **masomo ga bya bwomi**  
 bird *n.* **kinanyi**  
 bird sp., African darter *n.* **kazubi**  
 bird sp., Crested Crane *n.* **ntuuha**  
     *n.* **waali**  
 bird sp., Fish Eagle *n.* **nkulanga**  
 bird sp., Great white pelican  
     *n.* **nsohya**  
 bird sp., Guinea fowl *n.* **nsolomi**  
 bird sp., Marabou stork *n.* **nunda**  
 bird sp., Secretary bird  
     *n.* **kidongodongo**  
 bird tail *n.* **munkuduuru**  
 bird that moves at dusk *n.* **wandaala**  
 bird trap noose *n.* **kanwanwa**  
 bird, bee-telling *n.* **kanyamalya**  
 bird, king *n.* **ituza**  
 birth *n.* **lubyalu**  
 birth certificate *n.* **bbaruha gya bubyalwa**  
 birth order *n.* **kuhonderangana mu bubyalasanwa**  
 birth pain *n.* **bisa**  
 birth prematurely, give *v.* **kutorooga**  
 birthday *n.* **kiro kya kubyalwa**  
 birthday celebration *n.* **bugenyi bwa kubyalwa**  
 birth, give *v.* **kubyalwa**  
     *v.* **kwekiiniira**  
 birth, push hard during *v.* **kuheera**  
 bit *n.* **kicweka**  
     *n.* **kipacu**  
 bite *v.* **kubbwagura**  
     *v.* **kukeca**  
     *v.* **kuluma**  
     *v.* **kunena**  
 bitter *adj.* **kilulu**  
 bitterness *n.* **busingu**  
     *n.* **kaku**  
     *n.* **kiniga**  
 bitterness, of taste *n.* **bululu**  
 bitter, be mildly *v.* **kukamba**  
 bitter, taste *v.* **kukuda**  
     *v.* **kululuha**  
 black bull ant *n.* **isyokoli**

black colour

black colour *adj.* **kiiraguru**  
black market goods *n.* **magendo**  
black person *n.* **mwiraguru**  
blackboard *n.* **lubbaahu lwa kuhandiikiraho**  
blackboard eraser *n.* **kigoye kiskusura lubbaahu**  
Black-faced vervet monkey *n.* **nkima**  
blacksmith *n.* **muheesi**  
black, become *v.* **kwiragura**  
blade *n.* **bwogi**  
*n.* **lumwabu**  
blame *v.* **kucwera musangu**  
blame unfairly *v.* **kuzinda**  
blame, avoid *v.* **kwetoolaho**  
blanch *v.* **kucuma**  
blanket *n.* **bbulangiti**  
bleach the body *v.* **kwesyanja**  
bless *v.* **kulaamira mugisa**  
*v.* **kusabira mugisa**  
blessing *n.* **mugisa**  
*n.* **nkya**  
blind person *n.* **kihimbaara**  
*n.* **kiigara**  
*n.* **kipumpuuta**  
*n.* **mwijalu wa meiso**  
blind, be partially *v.* **kupumpuuta**  
blink *v.* **kubbalya**  
blister *n.* **kyebwali**  
blister, genital *n.* **kinyaarwekiika**  
block *v.* **kucwa**  
*v.* **kukiika**  
*v.* **kukingiza**  
*v.* **kugaanisya**  
*v.* **kukiizika**  
block and tackle *n.* **kiriini**  
block in *v.* **kugota**  
blocked, become *v.* **kwijaara**  
blocked, get *v.* **kwekiizika**  
blood *n.* **ibbanga**  
*n.* **musaahi**  
blood oath *n.* **mukagu gwa ku nda**  
blood vessel *n.* **kinywa**  
blood, clotted *n.* **bisigizi**  
*n.* **njuba**  
blossom *v.* **kwakya**  
blouse *n.* **bbulawuzi**  
blow *v.* **kuhuuha**  
*n.* **nguumu**

boiled, be

*n.* **ntomi**  
blow flames *v.* **kujuguta**  
blow the nose *v.* **kumirya**  
blow your nose *v.* **kwemirya**  
blow, of wind *v.* **kuhunga**  
*v.* **kusiihya**  
blue colour *adj.* **bbulu**  
blue dye *n.* **bbururu**  
blunt *adj.* **kikuu**  
bluntness *n.* **perekuce**  
board of timber *n.* **lupaapi**  
board of wood *n.* **lubbaahu**  
board with s.b. *v.* **kupangisya**  
boast *v.* **kuhooga munwa**  
*v.* **kuniigiina**  
*v.* **kutaamuula munwa**  
*v.* **kuhyomoolya munwa**  
*v.* **kwecenja**  
*v.* **kwedogora**  
*v.* **kwefoora**  
*v.* **kwehaariiza**  
*v.* **kwehempa**  
*v.* **kwehula**  
*v.* **kwemalayo**  
*v.* **kwenolya nka busira bwa mu kadeku**  
*v.* **kwepanka**  
*v.* **kwetembya**  
*v.* **kwetwala**  
*v.* **kwezegwa**  
*v.* **kwezimba**  
boast over an accomplishment  
*v.* **kwehaya**  
boastful person *n.* **mwedogori**  
*n.* **mwehuli**  
*n.* **mwepanki**  
boat *n.* **bwati**  
boat pole *n.* **koda**  
boat side *n.* **mubeka**  
*n.* **mugoma**  
boat workshop *n.* **kibanda**  
boat, motorised *n.* **muteeri**  
body *n.* **mubiri**  
body fat *n.* **isaju**  
body size *n.* **kyemu**  
body size, large *adj.* **kyonko**  
boil *n.* **kizimba**  
*v.* **kucamura**  
boiled, be *v.* **kucamuka**

v. **kutokota**  
 boiling, sound of food v. **kubulubuta**  
 bomb n. **bbomo**  
 bombay mix n. **kiruube**  
 bone n. **ikuha**  
 bone marrow n. **musonkoro**  
 bonus n. **ngumira**  
 book n. **kitabbu**  
 bookkeeping n. **bukeeto**  
 boom v. **kutinda**  
 border n. **mutaanu**  
 bored, be v. **kulungwa-lungwa**  
 borehole n. **kyoma kya meezi**  
 born, be v. **kubyalwa**  
 borrow money v. **kwehora**  
 borrow s.t. v. **kwetiiza**  
 borrower n. **mwehori**  
 boss n. **mukama wa mukori**  
 n. **muhandu**  
 bother v. **kutalibaniza**  
 v. **kugadya**  
 bottle n. **cupa**  
 bottom adj. **hansi**  
 boulder n. **bbooso**  
 bounce v. **kwesenga**  
 v. **kwetendeega**  
 boundary n. **mutaanu**  
 boundary between gardens n. **mubaga**  
 boundary line n. **musitali**  
 boundary stone n. **kahiga**  
 bound, be v. **kubbohwa**  
 bow n. **buta**  
 bow down v. **kwegoda**  
 v. **kwehinyaho**  
 v. **kwinama**  
 bow s.t. short v. **kutuluka**  
 bow s.t. tall v. **kuhinya**  
 bowed down, move v. **kukucakuca**  
 bowl n. **bbakuli**  
 bowl, woven n. **kibbali**  
 n. **kiiibo**  
 box n. **bbokisi**  
 boxing n. **nguumu**  
 boy n. **musigazi**  
 boyfriend n. **musigazi wange**  
 bra n. **kaleega**  
 bracelet n. **kikomo**  
 brag v. **kuhooga munwa**  
 v. **kuniigiina**

v. **kutaamuula munwa**  
 v. **kuhyomoolya munwa**  
 v. **kwebbuna**  
 v. **kwecenja**  
 v. **kwedogora**  
 v. **kwehaariiza**  
 v. **kwehula**  
 v. **kwemalayo**  
 v. **kwepanka**  
 v. **kwetembya**  
 v. **kwetwala**  
 v. **kwezegwa**  
 braggart n. **mwedogori**  
 n. **mwehuli**  
 braid hair v. **kulanga**  
 braid hair in lines v. **kulanga**  
**bihanda**  
 braid hair in rounds v. **kulanga**  
**bituutu**  
 braid rope v. **kulanga**  
 braided hair style, make a v. **kufinika**  
 braids n. **bituutu**  
 brain n. **bwongu**  
 brake n. **bbureeki**  
 branch n. **kijangi**  
 n. **kitaagi**  
 brand v. **kusura**  
 n. **kyapa**  
 n. **laama**  
 n. **nsura**  
 brave person n. **kirimaani**  
 n. **muzira**  
 n. **nyantapara mukyenu**  
 n. **ruharaara**  
 n. **rujagaara**  
 n. **rumaama**  
 bread n. **mugaati**  
 break v. **kubinya**  
 v. **kubbegula**  
 v. **kwata**  
 break a fast v. **kusiiburuka**  
 break apart v. **kubbaratura**  
 break into v. **kwingiira**  
 break into pieces v. **kubinyamu**  
 break off v. **kukadula**  
 break off food v. **kusabbula**  
 break up v. **kwahukana**  
 v. **kwangana**  
 v. **kwita maka**

v. **kwīta nyumba**  
 break wind v. **kunyampa**  
 v. **kusyotola**  
 breakfast n. **kya mwakya**  
 breast n. **ibiiri**  
 breastfeed v. **kwonka**  
 breastfeed an infant v. **kwonkya**  
 breathe v. **kuhumula**  
 breathe deeply v. **kuhuudira**  
 v. **kuhuukeera**  
 breathing n. **mpuumula**  
 brew v. **kutimba maaci**  
 brewing pot n. **kijami**  
 brew, immature n. **mahiira**  
 bribe v. **kugula**  
 n. **nguzi**  
 bribe, accept a v. **kudya nguzi**  
 bribe, give a v. **kugaba nguzi**  
 brick n. **bbulooka**  
 n. **itafaali**  
 brick moulding tool n. **kacuba**  
 brick stack n. **tanuuru**  
 bricks, make v. **kubumba matafaali**  
 bride n. **mugole mukali**  
 bride price n. **mukaaga**  
 bridegroom n. **mugole mudulu**  
 bridesmaid n. **mperemi**  
 bridge n. **lutindo**  
 bright person n. **muzezi**  
 n. **mukengebu**  
 n. **mwobi bwongu**  
 n. **wankiri**  
 bring v. **kuleeta**  
 bring about v. **kuleetaho**  
 bring in from drying v. **kwanula**  
 bring inside v. **kwingiirya**  
 bring nearer v. **kusuma**  
 British person n. **mungerenza**  
 brittle adj. **kitatiro**  
 adj. **kikangabalu**  
 brittleness n. **butatiro**  
 n. **bukangabalu**  
 n. **bwomeresenu**  
 brittle, be v. **kukangabala**  
 v. **kwomeresana**  
 broken apart, be v. **kubbaratuka**  
 broken off, be v. **kukaduka**  
 broken thing n. **kibenyeku**  
 n. **kyatuku**

brokenheartedness n. **kiseege**  
 broken, be v. **kubbeguka**  
 v. **kwatika**  
 broken, become v. **kubenyeka**  
 broom n. **bburaasi**  
 n. **kyezu**  
 brother-in-law n. **isyala**  
 n. **muramu**  
 brother, elder n. **itaa**  
 brother, his or her pro. **waamwe**  
 brother, my pro. **wange**  
 brother, our pro. **weetu**  
 brother, their pro. **waabu**  
 brother, your pro. **waamu**  
 pro. **weenyu**  
 bruised, become v. **kukuduka**  
 brush n. **bburaasi**  
 v. **kwekyetya**  
 n. **kyezu**  
 bubble n. **kahulo**  
 bucket n. **ndobo**  
 bud n. **kyakyo kito**  
 budget n. **mbaliira**  
 buffalo n. **mpeta**  
 build v. **kubimba**  
 builder n. **fundi**  
 n. **mubimbi**  
 building, start v. **kutara**  
 bulb, light n. **giloobbu**  
 bull n. **numi**  
 bull frog n. **sonsoonja**  
 bullet n. **isasi**  
 bullock n. **kone**  
 bully v. **kudomya**  
 bump into v. **kutomera**  
 v. **kukunda**  
 bunch of bananas n. **mugimba**  
 bundle n. **muganda**  
 n. **mutwaru**  
 bungee cord n. **lukobba**  
 burden n. **kibbambu**  
 n. **kigugu**  
 n. **kizigo**  
 n. **mwetweko**  
 burdened with a load, be v. **kuniga**  
 burglary, commit a v. **kubinya**  
**nyumba**  
 burial n. **kuziika**  
 n. **rufu**

burn

calmness of the sea

burn *v.* **kwaka**

*v.* **kwokya**

burn brightly *v.* **kugegeera**

burn s.t. *v.* **kucuunya**

burn-layer of porridge *n.* **kingooro**

burn-layer of posho *n.* **nkakamu**

burnt, become *v.* **kwokebwa**

burnt, get *v.* **kuhya**

burnt, get lightly *v.* **kubabuka**

burp *v.* **kubbyamuka**

*v.* **kukuuta mpihi**

*n.* **mpihi**

burst *v.* **kuhuuliika**

*v.* **kukuumuka**

burst open *v.* **kwaba**

burst s.t. *v.* **kubbalula**

burst, have *v.* **kubbaluka**

bury *v.* **kubbumba**

*v.* **kuziika**

bus *n.* **bbaasi**

Bushbuck *n.* **bbuuri**

bushbuck *n.* **ngabi**

bushfire *n.* **luhiira**

bushy plant *n.* **kisaka**

bushy, become *v.* **kujumba**

business *n.* **busuubuzi**

business organisation *n.* **kitebe kya**

**busuubuzi**

business place *n.* **kicweka kya**

**kusuubuliramu**

business plan *n.* **ntegeka gya**

**busuubuzi**

businessman *n.* **musuubuzi**

business, company *n.* **kampuni**

*n.* **kitongole kya busuubuzi**

busy, be *v.* **kukwatirana**

busy, be, of a market *v.* **kutana**

but *conj.* **beitu**

*conj.* **kyonkei**

but you *interj.* **wenu**

butcher *v.* **kukinja**

*n.* **musala bisolo**

*n.* **mukinjaagi**

butter *n.* **makuta**

butterfly *n.* **kihohoolya**

buttock *n.* **itaku**

button *n.* **ipeesa**

buttonhole *n.* **tundu**

butt, of a cigarette *n.* **kapiira ka**

**taaba**

buy *v.* **kugula**

buy in wholesale quantities

*v.* **kusenga situ**

*v.* **kusengesya**

buyer *n.* **muguli**

buzz *v.* **kuhungeera**

bypass *v.* **kurabaho**

*v.* **kwakala**

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cabbage *n.* **kabbeji**

cabinet *n.* **ibiikiro**

*n.* **kabada**

cactus tree *n.* **muzoloji**

calabash *n.* **kideku**

calculation *n.* **mbaliira**

calendar *n.* **kalenda**

calf *n.* **kanyana**

calf, of the leg *n.* **mpundu**

call *v.* **kweta**

call each other *v.* **kwetagana**

call loudly *v.* **kukunga**

call on *v.* **kurabiraho**

called, be *v.* **kwetwa**

callus *n.* **kyebali**

calm *adj.* **kiinyamu**

calm down emotionally *v.* **kuhola**

calm person *n.* **mucoleeru**

*n.* **muholu**

*n.* **mutee ku**

*n.* **mutesi**

*n.* **mwinyamu**

*n.* **waabidooli**

calm place *n.* **muhololo**

calmness *n.* **buculeeru**

*n.* **buteeku**

*n.* **butesi**

*n.* **mbo**

calmness of a lake *n.* **munda**

calmness of the sea *n.* **mmunda**

calm, be *v.* **kuculeera**  
*v.* **kwinyama**  
*v.* **kworoba**  
calm, become *v.* **kuteeka**  
calm, become, of wind *v.* **kwema**  
calm, make *v.* **kworobya**  
camel *n.* **nkajina**  
camera *n.* **kamera**  
camp *n.* **kampu**  
campaign *n.* **pokopoko**  
can *n.* **debe**  
can do *v.* **kusobora**  
canal *n.* **lusya**  
*n.* **mukuleejo**  
cancel *v.* **kwemereerya**  
cancel an event *v.* **kusalamu**  
cancer *n.* **kookoro**  
candidate *n.* **mwesimbj**  
candle *n.* **katodooba**  
candle, wax *n.* **musubbaawu**  
cane *n.* **kibbooko**  
*n.* **kijwatu**  
*v.* **kukuuta**  
*n.* **lujunju**  
*n.* **lugei**  
cane stool *n.* **katebe ka ngei**  
cane, of a cereal plant *n.* **mukaka**  
cannabis *n.* **njaahi**  
canoe *n.* **bwati**  
canoe, dugout *n.* **bwati bwa ngungu**  
*n.* **ngooto**  
canyon *n.* **kihanga**  
*n.* **kikonko**  
cap *n.* **kikuunyuko**  
capable, be *v.* **kusobora**  
Cape Pangolin *n.* **nkaka**  
capital *n.* **nsimbi gya busuubuzi**  
capsize *v.* **kubbuta**  
captain, naval *n.* **muhandu**  
captain, sports *n.* **muhandu wa mupiira**  
*n.* **muhandu wa muzaanu**  
*n.* **reefuri**  
captive *n.* **munyankomo**  
capture *v.* **kubbakula**  
*v.* **kuhamba**  
*v.* **kulinda muntu**  
*v.* **kubbuukira**  
car *n.* **motoka**

carcass *n.* **kyefeera**  
card game *n.* **canisi**  
cardboard *n.* **kaadibboodi**  
card, playing *n.* **canisi**  
*n.* **kaadi**  
care for *v.* **kufaho**  
*v.* **kulinda**  
*v.* **kulingiira**  
*v.* **kuwoneera**  
care for yourself *v.* **kwefaho**  
carefree person *n.* **ntabiganye**  
careful person *n.* **mwegyenderezi**  
*n.* **mwerindi**  
*n.* **waabujunaanizibwa**  
carefulness *n.* **bwegyenderezi**  
careful, be *v.* **kwegyendereza**  
*v.* **kwerinda**  
careless person *n.* **mpunguule**  
*n.* **mutafayo**  
*n.* **mwegumisirizi**  
*n.* **nganya**  
carelessness *n.* **bugwagwa**  
*n.* **butafayo**  
*n.* **butaganya**  
*n.* **buhabu**  
caress *v.* **kutigita**  
caretaker *n.* **mukuza**  
*n.* **muhandya**  
*n.* **mulindi**  
*n.* **mulingiiri**  
*n.* **muwoneeri**  
carnivore *n.* **kisolo kidya nyama**  
carpenter *n.* **fundi**  
*n.* **mubeezi**  
carpentry *n.* **bya kuheesa**  
carry *v.* **kusenga**  
carry a baby on the back *v.* **kwibala**  
carry by the bigger part  
*v.* **kukuukuula**  
carry on a bicycle *v.* **kuheeka**  
carry on the head *v.* **kwetweka**  
carry on the shoulder *v.* **kubbagala**  
cartilage *n.* **mpekenyu**  
carve *v.* **kubeiza**  
carve wood *v.* **kuheesa**  
carver *n.* **muheesi**  
case, legal *n.* **musangu**  
*n.* **nsangu**  
cassava *n.* **kingura**

cassava flour

*n.* **ngura**

cassava flour *n.* **bukooro**

cassava spread to dry *n.* **mpompoite**

Caster oil shrub sp. *n.* **kisoga**

castrate *v.* **kukona**

castrated animal *n.* **kone**

cat *n.* **kajangu**

cat sp., stinking wild *n.* **kaweesimba**

catapult *n.* **mutida**

catastrophe *n.* **kabi**

*n.* **kingwera**

catch *v.* **kubbakula**

*v.* **kukwata**

*v.* **kubbuukira**

catch properly *v.* **kunwanja**

catch up with *v.* **kukwata**

catechist *n.* **musomesa**

*n.* **mutebezi**

*n.* **mwegesa**

category *n.* **kika**

*n.* **luganda**

caterpillar *n.* **kiginyo**

catfish *n.* **laanya**

Catholic Christian *n.* **mukurisu**

Catholic person *n.* **mukatuliki**

cattle *n.* **nte**

cat's cry *interj.* **nghyawu**

caught, make s.b. get *v.* **kukwatinya**

cause s.t. *v.* **kurugwamu**

cause to be *v.* **kuleetaho**

cave *n.* **bwingira**

cavity, tooth *n.* **kihuru kya hakati**

cease *v.* **kwemereerya**

cease a habit *v.* **kuzira**

celebrate *v.* **kujaguza**

celebration *n.* **bugenyi**

*n.* **kididi**

*n.* **kijaguzo**

cell *n.* **nkomo**

cement *n.* **siminti**

centipede *n.* **gongolo**

*n.* **kihiri kya weicope**

central government *n.* **bukama bwa**

**hakati**

centre *adj.* **kyahakati**

ceremony *n.* **mukoro**

certain *interj.* **kwokwo**

certainly *interj.* **hoi**

certain, be *v.* **kunanuka**

charred, become

certificate *n.* **bbaruha gya kusoma**

cervix *n.* **mengi**

chaff *n.* **bihulunga**

chain *n.* **lujegere**

chain link fence *n.* **katimba ka**

**waya**

chair *n.* **ntebe**

chair, heir's *n.* **kitebe kya mugwete**

*n.* **kiteerya**

chair, household *n.* **makenule**

chalk *n.* **cooka**

*n.* **noono**

challenging *adj.* **kyakabi**

*adj.* **kyatabbu**

challenging, be *v.* **kulemesya**

chameleon *n.* **kapimpini**

chance *n.* **mugisa**

*n.* **nkya**

chance meeting *n.* **iromba**

chance, take a *v.* **kulwanisya**

*v.* **kuyiia**

change *v.* **kufooka**

*v.* **kuhindula**

*n.* **mpinduka**

change behaviour *v.* **kuhindula**

**ngesu**

*v.* **kwiramwo buntu**

change slightly *v.* **kuhindulaho**

change your mind *v.* **kuhindula**

**nteekereza**

change your sleeping position

*v.* **kwehindula**

change yourself *v.* **kwenihiriirya**

changeling *n.* **nfooka**

channel *n.* **sitenseni**

channel, water *n.* **muhwi**

chaos *n.* **mworo**

chaos, cause *v.* **kutabura**

chapter *n.* **suura**

char s.t. *v.* **kusidya**

character *n.* **buntu**

*n.* **kikorwa**

character, alphabetic *n.* **nyuguta**

character, inner *n.* **mutima**

charcoal *n.* **makala**

charcoal stove *n.* **sigiri**

charge a price *v.* **kugereka**

charm *v.* **kusikiriza**

charred, become *v.* **kusida**

chase *v.* **kwasya**  
 chase away *v.* **kubinga**  
*v.* **kutuutuula**  
 chat *v.* **kunyumya**  
*v.* **kwenamira**  
 cheap price *n.* **muhendu gudooli**  
 cheat *v.* **kuzinda**  
 cheat by copying *v.* **kukopa**  
 check *v.* **kusuubura**  
 check a net *v.* **kwonza**  
 check a trap *v.* **kusuura**  
 check schoolwork *v.* **kukebera**  
 checkers game *n.* **lusoro**  
 cheek *n.* **itama**  
 cheer *v.* **kuhaariiza**  
 chemical elements *n.* **bilungo**  
 chemist *n.* **mutundi wa mibazi**  
 chemistry *n.* **masomo ga bya**  
**kuhyangya**  
 chest *n.* **mbanda**  
*n.* **salaka**  
 chest pain *n.* **macwi**  
 chew *v.* **kucakuna**  
 chew strangely *v.* **kunyaama**  
 chick *n.* **kasyosyo**  
 chicken *n.* **nkoko**  
 chicken ant *n.* **lukunkuni**  
 chicken, brown *n.* **rujumba**  
 child *n.* **mwana**  
 childishness *n.* **ruto**  
 childminder *n.* **musengi**  
 child, lastborn *n.* **mwijalanda**  
 child, younger *n.* **mwana muto**  
 chilli pepper, red *n.* **kamulale**  
 chilly *adj.* **kilimbwa**  
 chimpanzee *n.* **kiteera**  
 chin *n.* **muleeju**  
 chisel *n.* **mbeizo**  
 choir *n.* **babinyi**  
*n.* **bahiimi**  
*n.* **kwaya**  
 choose *v.* **kukoma**  
 choose by yourself  
*v.* **kwekomeramu**  
 chop *v.* **kutema**  
*v.* **kuhyebula**  
*v.* **kwatya**  
 chop into pieces *v.* **kukadula-kadula**  
 Christian believer *n.* **murukole**

Christian, Anglican  
*n.* **mukuristaayo**  
 Christian, Catholic *n.* **mukurisu**  
 Christmas *n.* **mbaga**  
 chuck into *v.* **kujunga**  
 church *n.* **kanisa**  
 church believer *n.* **musabi**  
 church, catholic *n.* **kelezya**  
 churn *v.* **kucunda**  
 cigarette *n.* **kataaba**  
 cigarette butt *n.* **kapiira ka taaba**  
 cigarette packets (x10) *n.* **bbaalu**  
 cigarette, roll a *v.* **kusokota**  
 circle *n.* **kyebulungusu**  
 circular *adj.* **kyebulungusu**  
 circulate *v.* **kusansala**  
 circulate blood *v.* **kutambula**  
**kweibbanga**  
 circulated, become *v.* **kusaasaana**  
 circumcise *v.* **kusaramura**  
 circumference *n.* **bugali bwa kintu**  
**kyebulungusu**  
 circumstance *n.* **mbeera**  
 citizen *n.* **munyansi**  
*n.* **musi**  
*n.* **nzaarwa**  
 city *n.* **kibuga**  
 civet, African *n.* **himbe**  
 civilisation *n.* **kuhwituka**  
 civilised, become *v.* **kuhwituka**  
 claim *v.* **kutongoneera**  
 clan *n.* **kika**  
*n.* **luganda**  
 clan mate *n.* **munyaaruganda**  
 clan member *n.* **mubyalwa**  
 clap *v.* **kupampa**  
 class *n.* **kitebe**  
*n.* **luganda**  
 classify *v.* **kusoroora**  
 claw *n.* **lunono**  
 clay *n.* **ibumba**  
*n.* **nombi**  
 clay, dry *n.* **kikilibongo**  
 clean *v.* **kusemeza**  
*v.* **kuyonja**  
 clean a well *v.* **kwoha**  
 clean after defecating  
*v.* **kwenyamula**  
 clean person *n.* **muyonjo**



cleanliness *n.* **buyonjo**  
*n.* **bwecumi**  
 clean, be *v.* **kukuca**  
 clean, make *v.* **kusyanja**  
 clean, make yourself *v.* **kwecuma**  
*v.* **kweyonja**  
 clear dense shrub *v.* **kuteemuura**  
 click sound *n.* **nkomi**  
 client *n.* **muntu gyokukoragana**  
**nayo ku mulimo**  
 cliff *n.* **lusiika**  
 climb *v.* **kutemba**  
 climb down *v.* **kunjiinuka**  
 climb on s.b. *v.* **kwetembeekya**  
 climb to the peak *v.* **kwebbanika**  
 climb to the peak of s.t.  
*v.* **kwetembeekya**  
 climb up *v.* **kunjiina**  
 climb with difficulty *v.* **kuhadama**  
*v.* **kuharamba**  
 clinic *n.* **habatambira**  
*n.* **irwaru**  
 clitoris *n.* **lungongi**  
 clock *n.* **saaha gya kisiika**  
 clod of clay *n.* **kikilibongo**  
 close child spacing *n.* **ndere**  
 close, shut *v.* **kukinga**  
 clot *v.* **kukama**  
*v.* **kwekwata**  
 cloth *n.* **kitege**  
*n.* **lugoye**  
 cloth edge *n.* **mukugiro**  
 cloth patch *n.* **kiraaka**  
 cloth wrap, woman's *n.* **kikoohe**  
 clothesline *n.* **kinyeebi**  
 clothing *n.* **mulwalu**  
*n.* **mwedoho**  
*n.* **mwekatu**  
*n.* **mweligo**  
 cloth, baby *n.* **kibbandi**  
 cloth, women's wrap *n.* **kasuuka**  
 clotted blood *n.* **bisigizi**  
 clotted blood sauce *n.* **njuba**  
 cloud *n.* **kyalu**  
 cloud over *v.* **kusyoka**  
 cloud over with low clouds  
*v.* **kutyetyebira**  
 clouds *n.* **bikaka**  
 cloudy damp weather *n.* **kiire**

cloudy weather *n.* **bwire bwa byalu**  
 club *n.* **mubbeere**  
 cluck, of a hen *v.* **kukekera**  
 cluster *n.* **kika**  
*n.* **luganda**  
 coach *v.* **kutendeka**  
*n.* **muduumiri**  
*n.* **muhandu wa mupiira**  
*n.* **muhandu wa muzaanu**  
*n.* **mutendeki**  
*n.* **reefuri**  
 coat *n.* **kooti**  
 cobra *n.* **ncwera**  
 cock *n.* **kokolooki**  
*n.* **mpanga**  
 cockroach *n.* **nyenze**  
 coconut oil *n.* **ngaasi**  
 coconut tree *n.* **kituugo**  
*n.* **musaali gwa ngaasi**  
 code, behaviour *n.* **nyeerabya**  
 coffee *n.* **caai**  
*n.* **kaahwa**  
*n.* **mwani**  
 coffin *n.* **sanduuki**  
 cohabitation *n.* **ikunzi**  
 coil *v.* **kukata**  
 coil up *v.* **kwezinga**  
 coin *n.* **jegejege**  
*n.* **kipolo**  
 cold *n.* **kiteeru**  
*adj.* **kiinyamu**  
 coldness *n.* **bwinyamu**  
 cold, be *v.* **kwinyama**  
 cold, become *v.* **kuhola**  
 collaboration *n.* **nkengagana**  
*n.* **nkoragana**  
*n.* **nzegwagana**  
 collapse *v.* **kutinduka**  
 collar *n.* **kitogi**  
 colleague *n.* **musaaha**  
 collect *v.* **kucooka**  
*v.* **kusorooza**  
*v.* **kusyoma**  
 collect condolence items  
*v.* **kusoloolya**  
 collect firewood *v.* **kukomereerya**  
 collect rain water *v.* **kulegya**  
 collection *n.* **ntuumo**  
 college *n.* **itendekero**

collide *v.* **kutomera**  
*v.* **kukunda**  
collision *n.* **kutomerana**  
Colobus monkey *n.* **ngeye**  
colour *v.* **kusiiga**  
*n.* **rangi**  
coloured pencil *n.* **rangi**  
comatose person *n.* **kihuruutu**  
coma, be in a *v.* **kukaabiira**  
comb *n.* **kisaanyuuzo**  
*v.* **kusaanyuuzo**  
combine *v.* **kukonya hamwei**  
*v.* **kutabura**  
comb, of a rooster *n.* **kinsonsi**  
come *v.* **kwiza**  
come after *v.* **kuhondera**  
*v.* **kwiraho**  
come back *v.* **kwira**  
come back to normality  
*v.* **kwebamba**  
*v.* **kwereega**  
come down *v.* **kusirimuka**  
come from *v.* **kuruga**  
come last *v.* **kusigaara**  
come to pass *v.* **kudwereera**  
comfort *v.* **kubuda-buda**  
*v.* **kutatatatiirya**  
comfortable, be *v.* **kuteekana**  
command *v.* **kuragira**  
commanded, be *v.* **kulalika**  
*v.* **kuragirwa**  
commandment *n.* **iteeka**  
*n.* **kiragiro**  
command, be in *v.* **kuduumira**  
commemorate *v.* **kwizukiriirya**  
commence *v.* **kutandika**  
comment *n.* **kyobaziriho**  
*n.* **kyokobiriho**  
commit *v.* **kwehayo**  
committee *n.* **kakuratu**  
common *adj.* **kyabensei**  
common sense *n.* **kukoresya mutwe**  
**kuteekereza**  
commonly *adv.* **kyabulikiro**  
common, be *v.* **kuzooka-zooka**  
commotion, cause *v.* **kutabura**  
communicate by eye movement  
*v.* **kubyokya busyo**  
communication device *n.* **kikwatu**

**kya mahuure**  
community *n.* **bantu**  
compact soil *v.* **kukandagiira**  
companion *n.* **mwira**  
company, business *n.* **kampuni**  
*n.* **kitongole kya busuubuzi**  
compare *v.* **kugingiira**  
*v.* **kulengesenia**  
*v.* **kupima**  
*v.* **kwisaniriirya**  
compass *n.* **kompassi**  
compassion *n.* **kisa**  
*n.* **mbabazi**  
compel *v.* **kuhambiriza**  
compelled, be *v.* **kuhambirizibwa**  
compensate *v.* **kunihiriirya**  
compensation, determine *v.* **kucwera**  
compete *v.* **kukwatangana**  
*v.* **kusimbiranwa**  
*v.* **kuriitya**  
*v.* **kwesimba**  
compete in a hard struggle  
*v.* **kyurombya**  
competition *n.* **mpaka**  
complain *v.* **kutontoloma**  
*v.* **kutuuruuma**  
complain by murmuring *v.* **kuhuuna**  
complainer *n.* **muhuuna adiiri**  
*n.* **mutontoromi**  
complete *adj.* **kizo**  
*adj.* **kijizulu**  
completed, be *v.* **kumalika**  
completely done *adj.* **kimaliku**  
complex *adj.* **kitatiro**  
complexity *n.* **bulemesenia**  
*n.* **butalangania**  
complicate *v.* **kutatiirya**  
complicated *adj.* **kitatiro**  
complicated person *n.* **mulemesya**  
*n.* **mutalangania**  
complicated, be *v.* **kulemesya**  
*v.* **kutalangania**  
complication *n.* **bulemesenia**  
*n.* **butalangania**  
component *n.* **kijangi**  
compose *v.* **kuhanga mabbwa**  
compose poems *v.* **kuhandiika mu**  
**ngeera**  
composer *n.* **musala kyembu**

compromise, reach a

compromise, reach a *v.* **kwikiraniza**

conceal *v.* **kubisiira**

conceit *n.* **marara**

*n.* **myebbuno**

*n.* **myecenjo**

*n.* **myehaariizo**

*n.* **myehembu**

*n.* **myehulo**

*n.* **myehuukyo**

*n.* **myepanku**

*n.* **myetwalu**

conceited person *n.* **mukiinuuki**

*n.* **mwebbuni**

*n.* **mwecenji**

*n.* **mwehuukya**

*n.* **mwepanki**

*n.* **mwetembya**

*n.* **mwetwali**

*n.* **mwezegwa**

*n.* **mwezimbya**

conceited, be *v.* **kukiinuuka**

*v.* **kwehuukya**

conceive *v.* **kwemeta**

conceive, of an animal *v.* **kwema**

concentrate on s.t. *v.* **kuta**

**biteekerezo ku kintu**

concentrated drink *n.* **kihotole**

concept *n.* **kigambu**

concerned, be *v.* **kukwatwaho**

concert *n.* **konsati**

conclude *v.* **kuheregura**

*v.* **kumaliira**

concrete *n.* **kitatiro**

concubine *n.* **mukunzi**

concur *v.* **kuhikaniza**

*v.* **kukundirangana**

concussion *n.* **lubbali**

condemn *v.* **kubyokeera**

*v.* **kujumiira**

*v.* **kurumiriza**

*v.* **kutokeera**

*v.* **kuhonereerya**

*v.* **kusikitiriirya**

*v.* **kusingisya musangu**

*v.* **kuzinda**

*v.* **kwama**

condemn an animal by cursing

*v.* **kujuma**

condescend *v.* **kuhera**

consecutive

condition, of requirement *n.* **kiragiyo**

condole *interj.* **caali**

conduct *n.* **ngesu**

*n.* **nyeetwala**

*n.* **nzicala**

conduct elections *v.* **kukomesya**

confess *v.* **kwatula**

confident person *n.* **munanuku**

confident, be *v.* **kunanuka**

confirm *v.* **kugumya**

*v.* **kunoonereerya**

confiscate *v.* **kunyaga**

conflict *v.* **kusikangana**

*v.* **kukundangana**

*n.* **mparani**

conflict with each other

*v.* **kutomerangana**

conflict, be in *v.* **kunenangana**

conform *v.* **kukwataniza**

confront *v.* **kurumba**

confuse *v.* **kuhugutania**

*v.* **kuhugya**

*v.* **kulemesya**

confuse s.b. *v.* **kuhabya**

confused a bit, be *v.* **kuhugutanaho**

confused person *n.* **muhugutanu**

confused, be *v.* **kuhaba**

*v.* **kuhugutana**

*v.* **kumanga-mangwa**

*v.* **kutaburwa-taburwa**

confused, become *v.* **kuhunga**

*v.* **kunyangatara**

confusing thing *n.* **kikutaḅura**

confusion *n.* **ḅuhugutanu**

congeal *v.* **kukama**

*v.* **kwekwata**

congested, be *v.* **kukwatagana**

congregation *n.* **beikiriza**

conjecture *v.* **kuteeba**

*v.* **kwenihiza**

connect *v.* **kuteerenja**

connectedness *n.* **ḅukwatajne**

connected, be *v.* **kuteerana**

*v.* **kweteeraniza**

conquer *v.* **kukira**

*v.* **kusinga**

consciousness, regain *v.* **kwirwamu**

**kwetegereza**

consecutive *adj.* **kihondereeni**

consequence *n.* **kirugamu**  
*n.* **kirugirimu**  
 conservation officer *n.* **mulindi wa bya buhangwa**  
 conserve *v.* **kulinda**  
*v.* **kwebiikira**  
 conserve nature *v.* **kulinda buhangwa**  
 consider *v.* **kuteekereza**  
 console *v.* **kubuda-buda**  
*v.* **kubumba-bumba**  
*v.* **kugaara-gaara**  
*v.* **kuguma-gumya**  
*v.* **kutatatatiirya**  
 conspiracy *n.* **rukwe**  
 constitution *n.* **kiragiro kihandu kyeihanga**  
 construction *n.* **kinyumba**  
 contact, come into *v.* **kuteerana**  
 contented with s.b., be *v.* **kurugaho**  
 contented, be *v.* **kudwebwa**  
*v.* **kumalwa**  
*v.* **kwenoonereerya**  
 contest *v.* **kwesimba**  
 continue *v.* **kugyenda mumeiso**  
*v.* **kweyongera**  
 continuously *adv.* **buteiciriirya**  
*adv.* **ruhondeere**  
 contort *v.* **kubbibbinula**  
 contour *n.* **rubaju lwa kintu**  
 contraband *n.* **magendo**  
 contradict *v.* **kutaaba**  
*v.* **kwegaana**  
*v.* **kwehakana**  
 contrary person *n.* **muharangani**  
 control *v.* **kulinda**  
 controlled by *adv.* **hansi bwa**  
 control, be in *v.* **kwebembera**  
 convenient *adj.* **kyonyini**  
 converge *v.* **kuromba**  
 conversation *n.* **runyumyo**  
 converse *v.* **kunyumya**  
 converted to a religion, be  
*v.* **kujunwa**  
 converted to Islam, become  
*v.* **kusaramuka**  
 convict *v.* **kuhonereerya**  
*v.* **kusingisya musangu**  
*n.* **munyankomo**

convince *v.* **kusikiriza**  
*v.* **kuduupa**  
*v.* **kwetegerezesya**  
*v.* **kwikirizişya**  
 convulse *v.* **kujegemeera**  
 cook *v.* **kutimba**  
*n.* **mutimbi**  
 cook greens with additives  
*v.* **kuganikira**  
 cook half-way *v.* **kucuma**  
 cooked half-done, be *v.* **kukona**  
 cooked properly, be *v.* **kunonga**  
 cooked, be properly, of sauce  
*v.* **kukuunuuna**  
 cooker *n.* **sitoovu**  
 cooking slowly *adv.* **dombi**  
 cooking stones *n.* **mahiga**  
 cool *v.* **kuholya**  
 cool down *v.* **kuhola**  
 cool down emotionally  
*v.* **kwededeera**  
 cool s.t. down *v.* **kwinyamya**  
 cool, be *v.* **kwinyama**  
 coop *n.* **kizonza kya nkoko**  
 cooperate *v.* **kukengangana**  
*v.* **kukoragana**  
*v.* **kukobya**  
*v.* **kwegwagana**  
*v.* **kwetegerezangana**  
 cooperation *n.* **nkengagana**  
*n.* **nkoragana**  
*n.* **nkwatagana**  
*n.* **nzegwagana**  
 coop, chicken *n.* **kinyumba**  
 cope *v.* **kubbuka**  
 copper *n.* **mutakuli**  
 copy *v.* **kukopa**  
 cord *n.* **kikosi**  
*n.* **muguha**  
 cork *n.* **kikuunyuko**  
 corn cob *n.* **kikongoliko**  
 corner *n.* **ibbangukiro**  
*n.* **koona**  
*n.* **kyerooko**  
*n.* **nsonda**  
 corpse *n.* **murambu**  
*n.* **mutumbi**  
*n.* **mukuu**  
 correct *adj.* **kidoori**

v. **kuterekereerya**  
 corroded *adj.* **kimomu**  
 corroded, be v. **kukwatwa matali**  
 corroded, become v. **kumoma**  
 corruption *n.* **nguzi**  
 cosmetics *n.* **makuta ga kwesiiga**  
 cost *n.* **muhendu**  
 cotton *n.* **pamba**  
 cotton, poor quality *n.* **kafiifi**  
 cough v. **kukohola**  
*n.* **nkohoro**  
 cough sickness, dry *n.* **kikoloho**  
 cough violently v. **kweroka**  
 could *conj.* **rundi**  
 councillor *n.* **mukurati**  
*n.* **ngabwa**  
 counsel v. **kwegesya**  
 count v. **kubala**  
 counting method *n.* **mbala**  
 country *n.* **ihanga**  
 country, developed *n.* **ihanga**  
**lihandirihandiri**  
 county *n.* **isaza**  
 county-chief *n.* **weisaza**  
 courage *n.* **buzira**  
 courageous person *n.* **muzira**  
*n.* **nyantapara mukyenu**  
*n.* **ruharaara**  
*n.* **rumaama**  
 courageousness *n.* **burumaama**  
 courageous, be v. **kukama mutima**  
 court *n.* **kooti**  
*n.* **mbuga gya biragiro**  
 court bail *n.* **musimbo**  
 courtyard *n.* **zigati**  
 cousin, maternal *n.* **mwamwijwa**  
**maama**  
 cousin, paternal *n.* **mwamwijwa**  
**bbaabba**  
 cover v. **kubbumba**  
*v.* **kusemba**  
*v.* **kukuunyuka**  
*n.* **kyaliiro**  
 cover all over v. **kuseebeeka**  
 cover in shame v. **kwebbumbiira**  
 cover with a sheet v. **kuweeka**  
 cover with soil v. **kubbumba**  
 cover yourself v. **kweweeka**  
 cover, take v. **kwebbuta**

cow *n.* **nte**  
 cow leg *n.* **kirenge**  
 cow leg meat *n.* **mulokoonyi**  
 cow pea *n.* **nkuuku**  
 coward *n.* **mujegeji**  
*n.* **mukankani**  
*n.* **mutiini**  
*n.* **mwoba**  
 cowardice *n.* **bujegeji**  
*n.* **bukankani**  
*n.* **butiini**  
*n.* **bwoba**  
 co-wife *n.* **mwaha**  
 cowpea *n.* **lukuuku**  
 cowpeas *n.* **mwongi**  
 cow, fattened *n.* **sajwa**  
 cow, milking *n.* **jigija**  
 cow's cry *interj.* **bbuwa**  
 crack v. **kweginga**  
*n.* **munyaangaara**  
 crack on heel *n.* **lukyakya**  
 crack on the heel *n.* **bigaali**  
*n.* **bisika**  
 crack s.t. v. **kubbaratura**  
 cracked thing *n.* **kyatuku**  
 cracked, be v. **kubbaratuka**  
*v.* **kwatika**  
 craftsman *n.* **muheesi**  
 crane the neck to see  
*v.* **kuleebereerya**  
 crane your neck v. **kwehodoolya**  
 crank a machine v. **kuzigura**  
 crave v. **kwegomba**  
*v.* **kweligijiira**  
*v.* **kweninghiniira**  
 craving *n.* **iroho**  
*n.* **munkudye**  
*n.* **nyoota**  
*n.* **nzala**  
 craving for food *n.* **lwozo**  
 craving to do *n.* **bicoko**  
 crawl v. **kwagula**  
*v.* **kweniongoora**  
*v.* **kwesikiira**  
 crawl on the buttocks v. **kusyeta**  
 crayon *n.* **rangi**  
 craziness *n.* **iraru**  
 crazy *adj.* **bwongu bwihi**  
 crazy person *n.* **muhabu**

crazy, be

crazy, be *v.* **kuhungutuka**

*v.* **kuraɓwaho**

*v.* **kuraruka**

*v.* **kugweiraru**

cream *n.* **makuta**

*n.* **mukamu**

cream on milk *n.* **luɓuubi**

crease *n.* **lugongo**

create *v.* **kuhanga**

creation *n.* **ɓuhangwa**

credential *n.* **kipapura**

credentials *n.* **bisaanyuuzo**

credible *adj.* **kyamugasu**

credible, be *v.* **kwesigwa**

credit *n.* **ibanza**

creditor *n.* **muɓori**

creep *v.* **kugingiira**

creeper *n.* **kyesikiira**

*n.* **lubebera**

creeper sp. *n.* **kibombo**

*n.* **nswere**

creep, of a plant *v.* **kulanda**

Crested Crane *n.* **ntuuha**

*n.* **waali**

Crested Francolin *n.* **nkiraga**

crime *n.* **musangu**

criminal *n.* **musoby**

criminal investigator *n.* **mbega**

cripple *v.* **kulimaalya**

crippled person *n.* **mulima**

*n.* **muɓingamu**

*n.* **nzingo**

crippled, become *v.* **kuzingama**

critic *n.* **mwekengi**

criticise *v.* **kukorokota**

croak *interj.* **kworukworu**

crocheted cloth *n.* **kitambaara**

crocodile *n.* **mpiyo**

crop *n.* **kilimwa**

crop, bumper *n.* **mweru**

cross *v.* **kucwa**

*v.* **kutaaduuka**

*v.* **kukijizika**

cross over *v.* **kutambaluka**

cross water *v.* **kwambuka**

cross-examine *v.* **kubɓulisanja**

crossroads *n.* **masangananzira**

crouch *v.* **kubbutama**

crow *v.* **kukookooma**

crowd *n.* **kyecooko**

*n.* **lugologombo**

*n.* **ruganga**

crowd noise, the sound of

*v.* **kujogoolya**

crowd together *v.* **kwetuuma**

crown *n.* **kondo**

crucify *v.* **kubamba**

cruel *adj.* **kamaanya**

cruel person *n.* **kabbulusungu**

*n.* **kageru**

*n.* **kimbalanga**

*n.* **kintyome**

*n.* **mubi**

*n.* **ngeite**

*n.* **waakatigi**

cruelty *n.* **ɓukabbulusungu**

*n.* **ɓukamaanya**

*n.* **ɓukimbalanga**

*n.* **ɓukageru**

crumb *n.* **ndagalika**

crush *v.* **kurunga**

*v.* **kuswa**

*v.* **kuswaswana**

crush dry foodstuffs *v.* **kukona**

crush fermented cassava or maize

*v.* **kukonereerya**

crushed, be *v.* **kuswaswanika**

*v.* **kwatika**

cry *v.* **kulira**

*v.* **kugeegeeta**

cry a lot *v.* **kuɓhembeeta**

cry by singing *v.* **kwanziira**

cry for *v.* **kuliriira**

cry of a cat *interj.* **nghyawu**

cry of a cow *interj.* **bbuɓwa**

cry of a goat *interj.* **mmee**

cry of a hunter *interj.* **hambya**

cry of a hyena *interj.* **nghyewu**

cry of a lion *interj.* **huɓu**

cry of a pig *interj.* **wii**

cry of a sheep *interj.* **bbee**

cry of alarm *n.* **kaluulu**

cry of mourners *n.* **maaru**

cry out *v.* **kuborooga**

crying *n.* **kizabiro**

cry, during birth *v.* **kuheera**

cry, of an animal *v.* **kwetereerya**

culprit *n.* **muɓiira**

culprit

cultivate *v.* **kulima**  
 cultivation *n.* **bulimi**  
 cultivator *n.* **mulimi**  
 culture *n.* **buhangwa**  
*n.* **nzicala**  
 culvert *n.* **poipo**  
 cunning person *n.* **mubi**  
*n.* **mukararuku**  
 cup *n.* **kikopo**  
 cupboard *n.* **ibiikiro**  
*n.* **kabada**  
 cure *v.* **kutamba**  
*v.* **kuhonia**  
 cured, become *v.* **kuhona**  
 curl up *v.* **kwezinga**  
 curly, of hair, become *v.* **kudyerera**  
 current *adj.* **kihyaka**  
 currently *adv.* **kinyaakuloho**  
 curry powder *n.* **kinzaali**  
 curse *n.* **kijumo**  
*v.* **kujuma**  
*v.* **kukyena**  
*v.* **kulenga**  
*v.* **kwoha**  
*n.* **mukyeno**  
*n.* **mukyenu**  
 cursed person *n.* **mwohe**  
 curse, traditional *n.* **kyaja**  
 curtain *n.* **lutimbe**

curve *v.* **kubbanguuka**  
*v.* **kuhunguuka**  
 curve s.t. *v.* **kubbangula**  
*v.* **kugoda**  
 curve s.t. short *v.* **kutuluka**  
 curve s.t. tall *v.* **kuhinya**  
 curved thing *n.* **kibbaamu**  
 cushion *n.* **kisagu**  
 custom *n.* **nkora**  
 customer *n.* **muguli**  
 customs *n.* **buhangwa**  
*n.* **nzicala**  
 cut *v.* **kusala**  
*v.* **kutema**  
 cut a piece *v.* **kutemaho**  
 cut cleanly *v.* **kutyakura**  
 cut hair shorter *v.* **kukeehya**  
**ntumbu**  
 cut into pieces *v.* **kucenka-cenka**  
*v.* **kutema-tema**  
 cut meat thinly *v.* **kuhwama**  
 cut off *v.* **kukadula**  
 cut off at the base *v.* **kukunkudula**  
 cut off, be *v.* **kukaduka**  
 cut thinly lengthwise *v.* **kulendya-**  
**lendya**  
 cutlery *n.* **bya kudiiramu**  
 cut, be *v.* **kusalwa**

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daily *adv.* **buli kiro**  
*adv.* **bukya-bukye**  
 daily event *n.* **kyabulikiro**  
 dam up *v.* **kukiizika**  
 damage *v.* **kuhutaaza**  
 dance *v.* **kucanga**  
*v.* **kubinya**  
*n.* **mbinya**  
 dance by twisting *v.* **kubinya**  
**mugongo**  
 dance cloth, for the waist *n.* **kimaaya**  
 dance floor *n.* **kabbaari**  
 dancer *n.* **mubinyi**  
 dance, perform a traditional  
*v.* **kucekeca**

*v.* **kudenguda**  
*v.* **kugoda**  
*v.* **kusamba kinyege**  
*v.* **kuligita**  
*v.* **kusegenya**  
 dance, rattling *n.* **kinyege**  
 dance, traditional *n.* **mugongo**  
 dance, traditional *n.* **gwada**  
*n.* **kalihwa**  
*n.* **kikwele**  
*n.* **muzeenyo**  
 danger *n.* **bulemesenja**  
*n.* **kabi**  
*n.* **tabbu**  
 dangerous *adj.* **kyakabi**

dangerous person

dangerous person *n.* **waakabi**

*n.* **waatabbu**

dangle *v.* **kubamba**

*v.* **kudengeetya**

dark *adj.* **kisyoku**

darkness *n.* **mwirima**

*n.* **ntiti**

dash *n.* **misinde**

date *n.* **kiro kya mweri**

daughter *n.* **muhara**

daughter, married *n.* **mwanaali**

dawdle *v.* **kutyebera**

dawn *n.* **bwire kukya**

*v.* **kuhuluka kwa lyoba**

*v.* **kukenga**

*n.* **mambya**

day *n.* **kiro**

day after tomorrow *adv.* **abuki**

*adv.* **kyosi mwakya**

day before an occasion *n.* **kasiki**

*n.* **kulaaliriya**

day before yesterday *adv.* **abuki**

de facto relationship *n.* **ikunzi**

deacon *n.* **musomesa**

*n.* **mutebezi**

*n.* **mwegesa**

dead *adj.* **kikuu**

dead foetus *n.* **kifu**

deaf person *n.* **ijalu**

*n.* **mwijalu wa mapokopo**

*n.* **pukupu**

dear *n.* **murungi**

dear person *n.* **murungi**

death *n.* **bugingo**

*n.* **rufu**

debator *n.* **muhanuuri**

debt *n.* **ibanza**

debtor *n.* **mwehori**

decay *v.* **kubbola**

decayed *adj.* **kibbolu**

deceased person *n.* **muziro**

deceitfulness *n.* **magezigezi**

deceive *v.* **kutega kategu**

*v.* **kugobyaho**

*v.* **kurabyaho**

December *adv.* **Mweri Gweikumi**

*na mibiri*

deception *n.* **bugobyaho**

decide *v.* **kusalamu**

degrade

*v.* **kucwamu**

decision *n.* **ncwamu**

deck chair *n.* **mbyamamu**

deck, veranda *n.* **kikungu**

decompose *v.* **kubbola**

decorate *v.* **kujaayiika**

*v.* **kukoraho**

*v.* **kuliga**

*v.* **kunyiriya**

*v.* **kutimba**

decorate yourself *v.* **kweliga**

decorations *n.* **macati**

decorator *n.* **mukuuti wa bisisani**

*n.* **muligi**

*n.* **musigi wa bisisani**

decrease *v.* **kukeeha**

deed *n.* **kikorwa**

deep *adj.* **kilei**

deep water *n.* **ndiha**

Defassa waterbuck *n.* **njebe**

defeat *v.* **kukira**

*v.* **kusinga**

defeated, be *v.* **kulemwa**

*v.* **kusingurwa**

defeat, admit *v.* **kuhayo**

*v.* **kunanuka**

*v.* **kubyokya mikono**

*v.* **kwikiriza kusingwa**

defecate *v.* **kupyetula**

*v.* **kunja**

defecate forcefully *v.* **kwekiiniira**

defect *n.* **kamogo**

defence force *n.* **busirikale**

defend s.b. *v.* **kujunira**

defend yourself *v.* **kwelwanaho**

*v.* **kwesoboora**

*v.* **kwetongonaho**

defendant *n.* **mwetonganiiri**

defender *n.* **difensi**

deficient *adj.* **kibiibi**

definitely *adv.* **bwoza-bwoza**

*adv.* **kiteekwa**

deflate *v.* **kumalikamwo mwica**

deformed child *n.* **kijanjani**

defraud *v.* **kurabyaho**

degenerate *v.* **kukeeha**

degradation *n.* **kiheru**

*n.* **kilumo**

degrade *v.* **kwiririya**



delay *v.* **kubandaara**  
*v.* **kukeereerwa**  
 delay at a place *v.* **kwicalayo**  
 delay, cause *v.* **kukerekereerya**  
 delectability *n.* **bunolu**  
 delegate *v.* **kutuma**  
*n.* **mukwenda**  
*n.* **mutumwa**  
 delegated, be *v.* **kutumwa**  
 deliberate action *n.* **kigyendeere**  
 deliberate, be *v.* **kugyendeera**  
 delicious *adj.* **kinolu**  
 deliciousness *n.* **bunolu**  
 delicious, taste *v.* **kunola**  
 deliver *v.* **kudoosya**  
 delivered letter *n.* **bukwenda**  
*n.* **butumwa**  
 delta *n.* **mugira hagugwerera**  
 delta, Nile *n.* **mugona**  
 demand *v.* **kusaba**  
 demean *v.* **kusensegula**  
*v.* **kucekya**  
*v.* **kuduura**  
*v.* **kwiririirya**  
 demean yourself *v.* **kweziririirya**  
 demolish *v.* **kubbotola**  
*v.* **kusensegula**  
 demolish a roof *v.* **kukambuula**  
 demolished, get *v.* **kubbotoka**  
 demolished, of a roof, get  
*v.* **kukambuuka**  
 demonstrate *v.* **kuhembra**  
*v.* **kwolokya**  
 demote *v.* **kusirimura**  
*v.* **kwirya hansi**  
 denigrate *v.* **kusisiira**  
 denomination, church *n.* **kanisa**  
 deny *v.* **kwegaana**  
*v.* **kwehakana**  
*v.* **kwehooga**  
 deny responsibility  
*v.* **kwepampagula**  
 deny yourself food *v.* **kusiiba**  
*v.* **kugira**  
 depart *v.* **kusetuka**  
*v.* **kubyokya**  
*v.* **kusimbura**  
 depart quickly *v.* **kukalabuka**  
 department *n.* **kitongole**

deposit *n.* **musimbo**  
 deposit with *v.* **kubiikisya**  
 deputy *n.* **akugwera**  
*n.* **akwiraho**  
*n.* **muhondera**  
 deride *v.* **kusensegula**  
 deride by laughing *v.* **kusekereerya**  
 dermatitis, necrotic *n.* **kiraaka**  
 descend *v.* **kusirimuka**  
 descend, make s.t. *v.* **kusirimura**  
 describe *v.* **kusoboora**  
 desert *v.* **kwiruka**  
*n.* **ndala**  
 deserving *adj.* **kidoori**  
 design *v.* **kudoliga**  
 desire *n.* **iroho**  
*n.* **nyoota**  
 desire strongly *v.* **kukwerekeera**  
*v.* **kwegomba**  
*v.* **kweligijiira**  
*v.* **kweninghiniira**  
 desire to achieve *n.* **ngiga**  
 desire to do *n.* **bicoko**  
 desire, excessive *n.* **rwanju**  
 desire, strong *n.* **ijani**  
*n.* **kihika**  
*n.* **murusi**  
 desk *n.* **deesiki**  
 desperation, act of *n.* **ndebugu**  
 destination *n.* **mmaliira**  
 destroy *v.* **kubinya**  
*v.* **kuhenera**  
*v.* **kujurunga**  
*v.* **kuswaswana**  
 destroyed, become *v.* **kuheneka**  
 destroyed, of a roof, get  
*v.* **kukambuuka**  
 destroyer *n.* **muheneri**  
 detail *n.* **kisisani kigali**  
 detain *v.* **kubboha**  
*v.* **kulinda muntu**  
 determine *v.* **kucwamu**  
 determined person *n.* **ngumira**  
 determined to get s.t., be  
*v.* **kuliimiira**  
 determined, be *v.* **kumaliira**  
 detest *v.* **kunoba**  
 devotion *n.* **buhikiriire**  
 devoutness *n.* **bukurisitaayo**

dew *n.* **lume**  
 dewy, get *v.* **kwinyamiriirwa**  
 diagnose *v.* **kukebera**  
 diameter *n.* **bugali**  
*n.* **bwemi**  
 diaphragm *n.* **kameeme**  
 diarrhoea *n.* **kiharuko**  
 diarrhoea, have *v.* **kuharuka**  
 dictionary *n.* **ntontogoli**  
 die *v.* **kuheneka**  
*v.* **kukaba**  
*v.* **kutwalwa**  
*v.* **kukwa**  
*v.* **kwebbaka**  
 die out, of fire *v.* **kugonda**  
 die suddenly *v.* **kukanuka**  
 die while giving birth *v.* **kukiika**  
 die, have s.b. *v.* **kufeerwa**  
*v.* **kukwesya**  
 difference *n.* **nyahukana**  
 different *adj.* **kyahukanu**  
 differentiate *v.* **kwahukania**  
 different, be *v.* **kwahukana**  
 difficult *adj.* **kinyamaani**  
*adj.* **kitatiro**  
*adj.* **kyozo**  
 difficult person *n.* **muzuḅu**  
*n.* **ntamuhiira**  
 difficulty *n.* **ḅuzuḅu**  
 difficulty *n.* **bunyamaani**  
*n.* **ḅutatiro**  
*n.* **kizubu**  
 difficulty, be in a *v.* **kuhotoka**  
 difficult, be *v.* **kulema**  
 dig *v.* **kulima**  
 dig a hole *v.* **kulima kiina**  
*v.* **kutema kiina**  
*v.* **kwemba**  
 dig around s.t. *v.* **kuliimiira**  
 dig deep to uproot *v.* **kusokola**  
 dig deeply *v.* **kutooja**  
 dig terraces *v.* **kutema nkaara**  
 digest food *v.* **kuswaswana bidyo**  
 dignitary *n.* **mufura**  
 dik-dik, Kirk's *n.* **mūnsiḥi**  
 diligent person  
*n.* **waḅujunaaniziḅwa**  
 dilute *v.* **kwinyamya**  
*v.* **kwirya kalwizi**

diluted *adj.* **kalwizi**  
 dim *v.* **kuzindaara**  
 dinner *n.* **kya joojolo**  
 dip food in soup *v.* **kucumya**  
 direct *v.* **kuragiira**  
*v.* **kwolokereerya**  
 direction *n.* **ndagiiro**  
 directions, find *v.* **kukuuta maapu**  
 directness *n.* **ḅuterekereeru**  
 director *n.* **mūragiri**  
 dirt *n.* **ḅucaafu**  
*n.* **ḅurofu**  
*n.* **itehe**  
 dirty *adj.* **kicaafu**  
*adj.* **kiiraguru**  
*adj.* **kirofu**  
*v.* **kwiraguurya**  
 dirty, be *v.* **kucaafuhara**  
*v.* **kurofuhara**  
 dirty, become *v.* **kucaafuhara**  
*v.* **kwiragura**  
 dirt, from sweat *n.* **nziro**  
 disability *n.* **ḅulima**  
 disabled person *n.* **mulima**  
*n.* **mūzingamu**  
*n.* **nzingo**  
 disadvantage s.b. *v.* **kusiraania**  
 disadvantaged person  
*n.* **waakisiraani**  
*n.* **waakiira**  
 disadvantaged, be *v.* **kusiraana**  
 disagree *v.* **kujeema**  
 disagree vocally *v.* **kuteeresya**  
 disagreement *n.* **ḅuteikiraniza**  
 disagreement, be in *v.* **kwatika**  
 disallow *v.* **kugaana**  
 disappear *v.* **kulwotoka**  
*v.* **kusyera**  
 disappear mysteriously *v.* **kunaala**  
*v.* **kunyelela**  
 disappoint *v.* **kusaaliza**  
 disappointed, be *v.* **kusaalirwa**  
 disassociate *v.* **kwenoba**  
*v.* **kwenuga**  
*v.* **kwesalaho**  
*v.* **kwetoolaho**  
*v.* **kwezahula**  
 disassociate yourself *v.* **kwehooga**  
 disaster *n.* **kabi**

discard

*n.* **kingwera**  
discard *v.* **kujugunya**  
discharge a patient *v.* **kuraga**  
**mu<sup>h</sup>seeri**  
*v.* **kusiibura mu<sup>h</sup>seeri**  
discipline *v.* **kunyaalya**  
discipline verbally *v.* **kuluma**  
disciplined person *n.* **wa ngesu**  
discipline, bad *n.* **hugesugesu**  
disclose a secret *v.* **kumoola**  
disco light system *n.* **diisiko**  
*n.* **ndongo**  
disconnected, become *v.* **kuniguka**  
discontented, be *v.* **kugusukya-**  
**gusukya**  
discord, have *v.* **kwatika**  
discount *n.* **nsimbi**  
**zibakukeeheeryaho**  
discover *v.* **kugumbura**  
*v.* **kugwaho**  
*v.* **kukwatya**  
*v.* **kwagya**  
discoverer *n.* **mugumburi**  
discriminate *v.* **kugoobeera**  
*v.* **kusoroora**  
*v.* **kutonda**  
*v.* **kwahukania**  
discrimination *n.* **kagoobeero**  
*n.* **kasorooro**  
*n.* **katondo**  
discriminator *n.* **musoorori**  
*n.* **mutondi**  
*n.* **waakasorooro**  
*n.* **waakatondo**  
discuss *v.* **kubazaho**  
*v.* **kugaayagaaya**  
*v.* **kuhanuura**  
*v.* **kwenamira**  
*v.* **kwerorongonja**  
disease *n.* **huseeri**  
disease cause *n.* **ndugiro gya**  
**huseeri**  
disease of the spleen *n.* **kikyamu**  
disease, female gynaecological  
*n.* **kinanaasi**  
disease, foot-itching *n.* **bunwanwa**  
disease, muscle inflammation *n.* **kiseega**  
disease, of animals *n.* **huseeri hwa**  
**bisolo**

disorderly manner, do in a

disengage *v.* **kubirugamu**  
disgrace *n.* **isunge**  
*n.* **nsoni**  
disgraced, be *v.* **kumalikamwo**  
**kitiinisa**  
disguise evidence *v.* **kwegoogoobya**  
disguise yourself *v.* **kwesyola-syola**  
disgust s.b. *v.* **kudwa**  
*v.* **kutama**  
*v.* **kuciida**  
*v.* **kusesenja**  
*v.* **kutiira**  
disgusted, become *v.* **kudwebwa**  
*v.* **kusesenwa**  
*v.* **kutamwa**  
*v.* **kuciidwa**  
*v.* **kutiirwa**  
dishonest person *n.* **mwibi**  
dish, clay *n.* **luteru**  
dish, wooden *n.* **kacuba**  
*n.* **lwoho**  
disinterested, become *v.* **kujoroba**  
dislike *v.* **kunoba**  
dislocated be, of a bone *v.* **kuniguka**  
**ikuha**  
dislocated, become *v.* **kuniguka**  
dislodge *v.* **kutuubwula**  
dislodged, become *v.* **kwihuka**  
dismiss *v.* **kubinga**  
*v.* **kutuutuula**  
dismissed, be *v.* **kubingwa**  
disobedience *n.* **huhoole**  
*n.* **bujeemu**  
*n.* **bukunguuni**  
*n.* **buteegwa**  
*n.* **katigi**  
*n.* **kyejo**  
disobedience in males *n.* **idulu**  
disobedient person *n.* **muhoole**  
*n.* **mujeemu**  
*n.* **nkunguuni**  
*n.* **ntahuura**  
*n.* **ntamuhiira**  
*n.* **waagabberu**  
*n.* **waakyejo**  
disobey *v.* **kujanjaara**  
*v.* **kujeeema**  
disorderly manner, do in a  
*v.* **webbwogira**

disorderly person

disorderly person *n.* **azaga**  
disorder, be in *v.* **kutabuka-tabuka**  
disorganise *v.* **kutabura**  
*v.* **kuzenzemula**  
disorganised person *n.* **mugwagwa**  
disorientation *n.* **mweru**  
dispensary *n.* **habatambira**  
*n.* **irwaru**  
displace *v.* **kuhugura**  
displease *v.* **kubiihiza**  
displeased, be *v.* **kubiihirwa**  
dispute *n.* **nkaayane**  
*n.* **nkanaana**  
*n.* **nkayani**  
*n.* **nkungani**  
*n.* **nsonga**  
disrespect *v.* **kwerengeera**  
disseminate *v.* **kuraranga**  
dissension, be in *v.* **kwatika**  
distance *n.* **lugyendu**  
*n.* **mwanya**  
distinct *adj.* **kitongoole**  
distinguish *v.* **kwahukania**  
distribute *v.* **kugabira**  
distribute among *v.* **kubagana**  
disturb *v.* **kutakula**  
*v.* **kutalibaniza**  
*v.* **kugadya**  
*v.* **kuhugutania**  
*v.* **kusodokania**  
*v.* **kutoolyaho**  
*v.* **kwagaaga**  
*v.* **kwembemba**  
*v.* **kwendereerya**  
ditch *n.* **kiina**  
*n.* **kilongiro**  
dive *v.* **kwebbubbutiriirya**  
divergent ideas, have *v.* **kutaaba**  
divide *v.* **kubinya**  
*v.* **kubagaania**  
*v.* **kwahukania**  
*v.* **kwatya**  
divide among *v.* **kubagana**  
divide into *v.* **kubagaaniamu**  
divide into pieces *v.* **kubinyamu**  
*v.* **kwahukania**  
divide numbers *v.* **kugabamu**  
*v.* **kugabira**  
divide out *v.* **kugabira**

donate free fish or meat

divide up *v.* **kutemamu**  
divided mind, have *v.* **kugusukya-**  
**gusukya**  
divine *v.* **kuragura**  
diviner *n.* **mulootoori**  
*n.* **muraguri**  
divorced, get *v.* **kubboha**  
**bitambaara**  
*v.* **kwahukana**  
*v.* **kwangana**  
*v.* **kwita maka**  
*v.* **kwita nyumba**  
divorcee *n.* **mubboha bitambaara**  
*n.* **mwangani**  
*n.* **mwita nyumba**  
*n.* **mwiti wa maka**  
dizziness *n.* **keetunguuli**  
dizzy, feel *v.* **kuhungukeera**  
do *v.* **kukora**  
do again *v.* **kukoramwo kintu hwa**  
**kandi**  
*v.* **kubunja**  
do instantly *v.* **kugumya**  
do s.t. instantly *v.* **kukoliraho**  
dock *v.* **kujaama**  
*n.* **musoma**  
doctor *n.* **dakitaali**  
*n.* **mujanjaji**  
*n.* **mutambi**  
document *n.* **kihandiiko**  
dodge *v.* **kwebbala**  
dodge questions *v.* **kwekankabbula**  
dodge responsibility *v.* **kwebbala-**  
**bbala**  
*v.* **kweguma-guma**  
*v.* **kweguma-guma**  
dodge s.b. *v.* **kwesalaho**  
*v.* **kwetoolaho**  
dog *n.* **mbwene**  
dog, female *n.* **mbwakazi**  
dog, male *n.* **mbwene gidulu**  
doll *n.* **kidoli**  
dollar, US *n.* **dola**  
Domestic long pointed mouth rat  
*n.* **kamacucu**  
domesticated animals *n.* **bitumbu**  
*n.* **bitungwa**  
donate free fish or meat  
*v.* **kutambura**

donkey

v. **kuzama**  
donkey *n.* **ngamira**  
door *n.* **lwije**  
door frame *n.* **mwangu**  
door or window opening *n.* **kibanga**  
doorway *n.* **mulyangu**  
dose *n.* **lulengu**  
dot *n.* **katoonyoza**  
dot, make a *v.* **kutoonyeza**  
double *num.* **kimwei kya kabiri**  
doubly *adv.* **kimwei kya kabiri**  
doubt *v.* **kugusukya-gusukya**  
doubter *n.* **mugurukyagurukya**  
*n.* **mwekengi**  
dove, domesticated *n.* **kolome wa kijungu**  
*n.* **ngiibwa**  
down *adv.* **hansi**  
dowry *n.* **mukaaga**  
dowry, take a *v.* **kujuga**  
doze *v.* **kuhongira**  
drag *v.* **kukuuruura**  
*v.* **kusikiira**  
dragonfly *n.* **gongoolya**  
drain *v.* **kusika meezi**  
drainage ditch *n.* **lusya**  
drama *n.* **muzaanu**  
draughts game *n.* **lusoro**  
draw *v.* **kukubba**  
*n.* **ngaara**  
draw a map *v.* **kukuuta maapu**  
draw near *v.* **kudwereera**  
*v.* **kwesegereerya**  
draw nearer *v.* **kwesumiira**  
draw pictures *v.* **kukuuta bisisani**  
draw water *v.* **kutaha**  
draw water carefully *v.* **kuseeduulya**  
drawer *n.* **duro**  
dreadful *adj.* **kibiibi kyakalasanu**  
dream *n.* **kilooto**  
*v.* **kuloota**  
dreamer *n.* **mulooti**  
dress *n.* **kiteteeya**  
*v.* **kujwara**  
*v.* **kulwala**  
dress style *n.* **ndwala**  
*n.* **njwara**  
dress s.b. *v.* **kujwarya**  
*v.* **kulwalya**

drum, short

dress, loose *n.* **kitooro**  
dress, maternity *n.* **lugoye lwa nda**  
*n.* **mateneti**  
dribble *n.* **bitwantei**  
dribble a ball *v.* **kucada**  
drift *v.* **kulwa**  
drill *n.* **kipiripyo**  
*v.* **kupiripa**  
drink *n.* **kinywebwa**  
*n.* **kinywo**  
*v.* **kunywa**  
*n.* **kya kunywa**  
drink greedily *v.* **kumwoka**  
*v.* **kwebbukuka**  
drink offering *n.* **kirugu**  
drink soup *v.* **kusoma**  
drinking place *n.* **kirabu**  
drink, concentrated *n.* **kihotole**  
drink, non-alcoholic *n.* **kya kunywa**  
**kiheheeru**  
drip *v.* **kutoonya**  
drive *v.* **kuvuga**  
drive fast *v.* **kucuuuura**  
*v.* **kutuutuula**  
driver *n.* **muwugi**  
drizzle *n.* **butuntu**  
*v.* **kuhuuhuuka**  
*v.* **kutuntula**  
drizzles *n.* **bucolocolo**  
drizzle, of rain *v.* **kupampatika**  
drool *n.* **bitwantei**  
drop *v.* **kuguma**  
drop charges *v.* **kutoolwaho**  
**musangu**  
droplets *n.* **bucwekacweka**  
*n.* **bulagalika**  
*n.* **bupampatika**  
droplet, release a *v.* **kutoonyia**  
dropped on, be *v.* **kutoonyerwa**  
drop, of a crop *v.* **kulagalika**  
drought *n.* **kyanda**  
drug *n.* **mubazi**  
drug seller *n.* **mutundi wa mibazi**  
drug, malaria *n.* **kibirinzi**  
drum *v.* **kukuuta ndihwa**  
*v.* **kukenyega**  
*v.* **kusegenya**  
drum, long *n.* **ngaabi**  
drum, short *n.* **ndihwa**

drum, 200 litre

easy thing

drum, 200 litre *n.* **duraamu**  
drunkard *n.* **mutamiiru**  
drunkenness *n.* **butamiiru**  
*n.* **itamiiro**  
drunk, become *v.* **kutamiira**  
dry in the sun *v.* **kwanikira**  
dry infertile soil *n.* **lwomere**  
dry season *n.* **kyanda**  
dry season, shorter *n.* **kasambura**  
dry skin, have *v.* **kukwenya**  
*v.* **kukonkomoka**  
dry slightly *v.* **kukasa**  
*v.* **kuwaaya**  
dry thing *n.* **kyomu**  
dry up *v.* **kwoma**  
drying rack *n.* **kitaatu**  
drying rack for dishes *n.* **katandalike**  
drying rack for simsim *n.* **lukoodi**  
drying rack for tobacco *n.* **kibanda**  
dry-skinned person  
*n.* **mukonkomoku**  
dry, make *v.* **kwomya**  
duck *v.* **kwebbuta**  
*n.* **mbaata**  
ductile *adj.* **kinwanghi**  
dug field *n.* **bulime**  
dug, become *v.* **kwezemba**  
dull person *n.* **madara**  
*n.* **mbuda**  
*n.* **mudoma**  
*n.* **mupuuti**

*n.* **mwicate**  
dumbness *n.* **budoma**  
*n.* **bumadara**  
*n.* **bumbuda**  
*n.* **bupuuti**  
*n.* **buseru**  
dump into *v.* **kujunga**  
dunce *n.* **madara**  
*n.* **mbuda**  
*n.* **mudoma**  
*n.* **mupuuti**  
*n.* **mwicate**  
dung *n.* **busei**  
duplicate *v.* **kugingagingiira**  
durable *adj.* **kyomeeru**  
during *adv.* **mu bwire**  
dusk *n.* **bwire bwa kampitimpiti**  
*n.* **kabumbu**  
*adv.* **kasweku**  
dust *n.* **icuuu**  
duster *n.* **daasita**  
duster, blackboard *n.* **kigoye**  
**kisusura lubbaahu**  
dusting cloth *n.* **kiwugo**  
*n.* **kigoye**  
dust, make *v.* **kucuucuura**  
dust, remove *v.* **kususura**  
duty *n.* **mulimo**  
dwell *v.* **kwicala**  
dye *n.* **rangi**  
dye black *v.* **kwiraguurya**

## E - e

each *adj.* **buli**  
eagle *n.* **wambooli**  
ear *n.* **ipokopo**  
ear canal *n.* **ndolo**  
earlier *adv.* **hatakabbeerih**  
earlier the better *adv.* **gyakengiri**  
**nigali masohe gyakwiri**  
**gabaamiri**  
early *adv.* **karei**  
earn *v.* **kwingiirya**  
earn money *v.* **kutunga nsimbi**  
earring *n.* **kalengeetu**  
*n.* **kooma ka mapokopo**

earth *n.* **nsi**  
earthquake *n.* **musiki**  
earthworm *n.* **muniongooro**  
easiness *n.* **buhuhu**  
east *n.* **buhuluka lyoba**  
Easter *adv.* **mahombooka**  
easy *adj.* **caai**  
*adj.* **kiceke**  
*adj.* **kihuhu**  
*adj.* **kiheheeru**  
*adj.* **kyangu**  
*adj.* **muzaanu**  
easy thing *n.* **kizezu**

easy, be

easy, be *v.* **kuhuha**

easy, become *v.* **kuheheera**

eat *v.* **kudya**

eat greedily *v.* **kumwoka**

*v.* **kwebbukuka**

eat inadequately *v.* **kudya**

**munanghu**

*v.* **kwedanguudya**

eat other's food *v.* **kudiiriira**

eat sauce greedily *v.* **kuswaga**

eat sauce sparingly *v.* **kutinda**

eat sauce without food *v.* **kuraama**

ebb *v.* **kuhwera**

ecology *n.* **masomo ga bya**

**buhangwa**

economical, be *n.* **bulimiriirwa**

economy *n.* **mbeera gya bya**

**nsimbi**

edge *n.* **mutaanu**

educate *v.* **kwegesya**

educated person *n.* **musomu**

educated, be *v.* **kwegesebwa**

education *n.* **bisomu**

effect *n.* **kirugamu**

*n.* **kirugirimu**

effectively *adv.* **dwe**

*adv.* **kurungi**

efficiency *n.* **burungi**

effort *n.* **maani**

effort, add *v.* **kwongeramwo maani**

egg *n.* **igina**

egg of a louse *n.* **nghinghinira**

egg white *n.* **kinyama kisyanu**

**kyeigina**

eggplant *n.* **bbiringanya**

*n.* **njagi**

eggshell *n.* **kisonsoyolo**

egg, rotten *n.* **kiziiriirwa**

egg, unhatched *n.* **kiziiriirwa**

egotism *n.* **marara**

*n.* **myebbuno**

*n.* **myecenjo**

*n.* **myehaariizo**

*n.* **myehembu**

*n.* **myehulo**

*n.* **myehuukyo**

*n.* **myepanku**

*n.* **myetwalu**

egotist *n.* **mukiinuuki**

*n.* **mwebbuni**

*n.* **mwecenji**

*n.* **mwehuukya**

*n.* **mwepanki**

*n.* **mwetembya**

*n.* **mwetwali**

*n.* **mwezegwa**

*n.* **mwezimbya**

eight *num.* **munaanei**

eight hundred *num.* **runaanei**

eight hundred thousand *num.* **mitwaru**

**kinaanei**

eight thousand *num.* **kanaanei**

eighth *num.* **kimwei kya munaanei**

*num.* **munaanei**

eighty *num.* **kinaanei**

eighty thousand *num.* **mitwaru**

**munaanei**

either *conj.* **rundi**

ejaculate *v.* **kunyaara**

elbow *n.* **nkokola**

elder sibling *n.* **itaa**

elderly stage of life *n.* **buguuluusu**

elect *v.* **kukoma**

election *n.* **nkoma**

election supervisor *n.* **mukomesya**

electric fish *n.* **ntiira**

electricity *n.* **masanyarazi**

electrocuted, be *v.* **kukuutwa**

**masanyarazi**

elephant *n.* **nzegu**

elephant grass *n.* **ibingo**

eliminate *v.* **kutoola**

ellipse *n.* **kyebulungusu kileikilei**

elongate *v.* **kuleehya**

elongated, become *v.* **kuleeha**

elope *v.* **kubandula**

emaciated person *n.* **mwanuku**

emaciated, become *v.* **kwanuka**

embarrass s.b. *v.* **kuswaza**

*v.* **kukwatitsya nsoni**

embarrassed, be *v.* **kumalwa maani**

embarrassment

*n.* **bugwembegwembe**

*n.* **nsoni**

embassy *n.* **ofiisi gya mukurati**

**weihanga**

embezzle money *v.* **kudya nsimbi**

embrace *v.* **kuhagatira**

embrace

v. **kuhumbata**  
 v. **kugwangana** *mu salaka*  
 emigration *n.* **kidemu**  
 emotional, be overly v. **kupapamuka**  
 emotion, very strong *n.* **bwetagu**  
 empathy *n.* **kisa**  
*n.* **mbabazi**  
 emphasise v. **kukometereza**  
 v. **kupompogereya**  
 emphatically *adv.* **bwiza-bwiza**  
 empire *n.* **bukama**  
 employ v. **kuha muntu mulimo**  
 v. **kukoresya**  
 employ a witchdoctor v. **kuraguza**  
 employed, be v. **kukoresebwa**  
 employed, become v. **kutunga mulimo**  
 employee *n.* **mukori**  
*n.* **mukori wa mulimo**  
*n.* **mupakasi**  
 employer *n.* **mukama wa mukori**  
 empty *adj.* **kimpololo**  
*adj.* **kororo**  
 empty s.t. v. **kwomya**  
 empty thing *n.* **kisa**  
*n.* **muhololo**  
 empty, be v. **kwoma**  
 encircle v. **kugota**  
 v. **kwelogoleerya**  
 enclose v. **kubbumbirana**  
 enclosure, animal *n.* **lugo**  
 encounter *n.* **iromba**  
 v. **kugwaho**  
 encourage v. **kutamu maani**  
 v. **kwekambisya**  
 v. **kwiryamu maani**  
 end v. **kumala**  
*n.* **nkangu**  
 end of time *n.* **mperu**  
 end point *n.* **mmaliira**  
 endeavour v. **kwehayo**  
 endorse v. **kusemba**  
 v. **kutaho mukono**  
 endure v. **kugumira**  
 v. **kulindira**  
 v. **kwetatiriirya**  
 enemies *n.* **mpiyo na mpuuta**  
 enemy *n.* **kanyagwe**  
*n.* **munyanzigwa**

*n.* **mwanio**  
 energetic person *n.* **kirimaani**  
*n.* **munyamaani**  
*n.* **rujagaara**  
 energy *n.* **maani**  
 enfold v. **kubbumbirana**  
 v. **kwelogoleerya**  
 engine *n.* **njini**  
 engineer *n.* **makanika**  
 engulf v. **kubbutukira**  
 enjoy v. **kunyumirwa**  
 enjoyment *n.* **isunge**  
 enlarge v. **kweyongerera**  
 enlarge slightly v. **kweyongeraho**  
 enlighten v. **kuhwitula**  
 v. **kukengesya**  
 enlightened, become v. **kukenguka**  
 v. **kuhwituka**  
 enmity *n.* **bunyanzigwa**  
*n.* **nzigo**  
 enmity, show v. **kuharana**  
 enough *adv.* **kikumala**  
 enslave v. **kuhamba**  
 entangle v. **kuzinga**  
 enter v. **kwingira**  
 enter by force v. **kwejungamu**  
 v. **kwemigamu**  
 v. **kwesubbamu**  
 v. **kwingiira**  
 enthrone v. **kugweta**  
 v. **kwicaliiirya**  
 enthuse v. **kwenyumiza**  
 enthusiastic, be v. **kuhagira**  
 v. **kuheega**  
 entrance *n.* **muhandu gukwingiirya munda**  
*n.* **mulyangu**  
*n.* **munwa**  
 entrust v. **kukwatya**  
 envelop v. **kwelogoleerya**  
 envelope *n.* **bbahaasa**  
 envious person *n.* **weihali**  
 environment *n.* **bya buhangwa**  
 envisage v. **kumulukira**  
 envy *n.* **itima**  
 epidemic *n.* **nseeri**  
 epiglottis *n.* **budoka**  
 epilepsy *n.* **buseeri bwa kahungura**



epileptic person

*n.* **kapumpuli**

*n.* **nsimbu**

epileptic person *n.* **mugwa nsimbu**

*n.* **muŋseeri wa kahungura**

*n.* **waakapumpuli**

equal, be *v.* **kwijanjana**

equate *v.* **kwijanjanja**

equation *n.* **kya kubala**

equipment *n.* **kikwatu**

equivalent thing *n.* **kikwijanjana**

erase *v.* **kususura**

eraser *n.* **rabba**

erect *v.* **kwemereerya**

erode *v.* **kuhaaliira**

erosion *n.* **kutwalwa kwa kintu**

error *n.* **nsobi**

erupt *v.* **kuhuhuliika**

*v.* **kukuumuka**

escape *v.* **kucwa**

*v.* **kulwotoka**

*v.* **kusomoka**

*v.* **kutoroka**

*v.* **kweziba**

escape narrowly *v.* **kubbusuka**

*v.* **kuteesuka**

escapee *n.* **mwezibi**

escort *v.* **kutwalisya**

estimate *v.* **kubaliira**

estimate a measurement *v.* **kulenga**

estuary *n.* **mugira hagugwerera**

eternal *ad.* **biro na biro**

*adv.* **di na di**

*adv.* **kura na kura**

eternal life, have *v.* **kwomeera**

eternal, be *v.* **kukwerekeera**

Eucalyptus tree *n.* **kalituusi**

European *n.* **mujungu**

evade questions *v.* **kwekankabbula**

evaluate *v.* **kubaliira**

*v.* **kugingiira**

*v.* **kulengesenja**

*v.* **kupima**

evaluation *n.* **mbaliira**

evaluator *n.* **mugingiiri**

evasive, be *v.* **kwesita-sita**

*v.* **kwesyola-syola**

even if *conj.* **kadi**

even then *conj.* **nawoodede**

evening *n.* **joojolo**

excited, become

evening chat *n.* **kyenamiro**

event *n.* **kikorwa**

eventually *adv.* **hamaliira gya**

**byensei**

every *adj.* **buli**

everybody *pro.* **buli muntu**

everyone *pro.* **buli muntu**

everything *pro.* **buli kintu**

everywhere *pro.* **buli hantu hensei**

evidence *n.* **bukeiso**

evidence, incriminating *n.* **kizibiti**

evil *adj.* **kibiibi**

ewe *n.* **ntaama gikali**

exact *adj.* **kyabiribiri**

*adj.* **kyamananu**

*adj.* **kyonyini**

exact place *n.* **kiikaru kyonyini**

exactly *adv.* **taapu**

exactly alike *adj.* **kikwisana siya**

exaggerate *v.* **kuhaariiza**

*v.* **kwata ikuha kunolya muto**

*v.* **kwongera**

exaggerated talking *n.* **kajagaraire**

exam *n.* **kigezu**

examination room *n.* **kisiika kya**

**bigezu**

examination room, medical

*n.* **habakebeera**

examine *v.* **kukebera**

*v.* **kusuubura**

*v.* **kulingania**

*v.* **kwekebeija**

example *n.* **kawonero**

exceed *v.* **kwakalasanja**

excellent *adj.* **makeke**

excessive *adj.* **kyakalasanu**

excessively *adv.* **hoi**

*adv.* **puura**

exchange *v.* **kuhinga**

excite *v.* **kucamura**

excited person *n.* **muhyo**

*n.* **muamuku**

*n.* **mutagatu**

excited, be *v.* **kusemererwa**

*v.* **kunyumirwa**

excited, be extremely *v.* **kucamuka**

excited, become *v.* **kuhyoha**

*v.* **kutagata**

*v.* **kweligijiira**

excitement *n.* **myeninghiniro**  
 excuse *v.* **kuganyira**  
 excuse me *interj.* **nganyira**  
 excused, be *v.* **kuganyirwa**  
 excuse, make a false *v.* **kwekwatya**  
 executor of a will *n.* **mukuza**  
 exempt s.b. *v.* **kuganyira**  
     *v.* **kulekera**  
 exempted, be *v.* **kulekwa**  
     *v.* **kutoolwaho**  
 exercise *v.* **kuzeenya**  
 exhausted, become *v.* **kuroha**  
 exist *v.* **kubbaho**  
 exit *v.* **kuhuluka**  
     *n.* **mulyangu**  
 exodus *n.* **kidemu**  
 exonerate yourself *v.* **kwenihiriirya**  
 exorcise *v.* **kubinga muzumu**  
 expanded area *n.* **kicweka kigalihye**  
 expatriate *n.* **muntu akukolira**  
     **mwianga litali lyamwe**  
 expect *v.* **kunihira**  
     *v.* **kuhihiriirya**  
 expel *v.* **kubinga**  
 expenditure *n.* **mpulukya**  
 expensive price *n.* **muhendu gunene**  
 experience *v.* **kuraba mu kintu**  
 experiment *n.* **kya kugerya**  
 expert *n.* **kagoogoole**  
     *n.* **kaguulu**  
     *n.* **kakungu**  
     *n.* **katyonko**  
     *n.* **musaaha**  
     *n.* **muzira**  
     *n.* **mukugu**  
 expertise *n.* **bumanye**  
     *n.* **busaaha**  
     *n.* **bukugu**  
 expert, become an *v.* **kusajahara**  
 explain *v.* **kuhanulira**  
     *v.* **kusoboora**  
 explain fully *v.* **kwatuura**  
 explain in simple terms *v.* **kukoresya**  
     **bya kuwoneraho**

explode *v.* **kuhuuliika**  
     *v.* **kukuumuka**  
     *v.* **kwaba**  
 explode s.t. *v.* **kubbalula**  
 exploded, have *v.* **kubbaluka**  
 exploit *v.* **kudiiriira**  
     *v.* **kukamula**  
     *v.* **kunywereera**  
     *v.* **kukoresya**  
 explorer *n.* **mugumburi**  
 explosion *n.* **kuhuuliika**  
 express *v.* **kukoba**  
 expression, facial *n.* **kiteekerezo**  
 extend *v.* **kwongera**  
 extend closer *v.* **kusuma**  
 exterior *adj.* **hanzei**  
 external *adj.* **hanzei**  
 extinct thing *n.* **kiziro**  
 extinct, become *v.* **kuhwerekeera**  
     *v.* **kuzika**  
 extinct, make *v.* **kuhwerekereera**  
     *v.* **kuzikya**  
 extinguish *v.* **kulumiriirya**  
 extinguish with soil *v.* **kujurujuuta**  
 extinguished, be *v.* **kuluma**  
 extortionist *n.* **mutiiniisya**  
 extra *n.* **bihaahiru**  
     *n.* **ngumira**  
 extract *v.* **kwokola**  
 extract teeth *v.* **kwiha meino**  
 extrapolate *v.* **kulingiira bya**  
     **mumeiso**  
 extreme *adj.* **kyakalasanu**  
 extremely *adv.* **hoi**  
 eye *n.* **liiso**  
 eye lash *n.* **lukwihi**  
 eye wax *n.* **nsima**  
 eyeball *n.* **luwoni**  
 eyebrows *n.* **bintige**  
 eyeglasses *n.* **garubindi**  
 eyelash *n.* **lukuhi**  
 eyesight, poor *n.* **birali**  
 eye, white part of *n.* **luwoni lusyanu**

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face *n.* **busyo**  
 face a competitor *v.* **kurombya**  
 fact *n.* **mananu**  
*n.* **mazima**  
 factory *n.* **ikooro**  
 fade *v.* **kusiihuuka**  
 faded thing *n.* **kisiihuuku**  
 faeces *n.* **mabi**  
 fail *v.* **kulemwa**  
 fail an exam *v.* **kugwa**  
 fail to disclose finances *v.* **kulira-lira**  
 fail to do *v.* **kuḅula**  
 failure *n.* **ḅulemwa**  
 faint *v.* **kutinduka**  
 fair *adj.* **hakiri**  
 fairytale *n.* **kihanuuro**  
 faith *n.* **nzikiriza**  
 faithfulness *n.* **kyamazima**  
 falcon *n.* **ngweri**  
 fall *n.* **kigwo**  
*v.* **kugwa**  
 fall accidentally *v.* **kwehuulira**  
*v.* **kwekuutira**  
*v.* **kweroopira**  
 fall asleep *v.* **kutwalwa ḅulo**  
*v.* **kwebbaka**  
*v.* **kwiḅwa ḅulo**  
 fall asleep instantly  
*v.* **kwebbakiraho**  
 fall down *v.* **kuguma**  
 fall face-downwards  
*v.* **kwekuunyuka**  
 fall into water *v.* **kubbuta**  
 fall into water, cause to  
*v.* **kulundumula**  
 fall off naturally *v.* **kuhurunduka**  
 fall off, make s.t. *v.* **kutuḅbula**  
 fall onto *v.* **kugwera**  
 fall while seated *v.* **kurodoma**  
 fallow, leave *v.* **kuleka musiri**  
**gwiye**  
 fall, of a crop *v.* **kulagalika**  
 falsehood *n.* **ḅugobyā**  
 fame *n.* **kakuumijire**

familiarisation, over  
*n.* **myebbengeeru**  
 familiarise with each other  
*v.* **kumanyiirangana**  
 familiar, be *v.* **kumanyiirwa**  
 familiar, become *v.* **kumanyiira**  
 family head *n.* **nyineeka**  
 family head, female *n.* **ma maka**  
 family member *n.* **mwiju**  
*n.* **waakwamugi**  
 family, extended *n.* **kika**  
 family, nuclear *n.* **ika**  
 famine *n.* **nzala**  
 famous person *n.* **mutumbuku**  
*n.* **yeegebeerwe**  
 famous, be *v.* **kwegeḅwa**  
 fan flames *v.* **kujuguta**  
 fanatic *n.* **musadamuku**  
 far away, be *v.* **kudaahira**  
 farewell *v.* **kugorooba**  
*interj.* **obaramukye**  
*interj.* **obawone**  
*interj.* **ogoroobe**  
 farm *n.* **musiri**  
*n.* **ndimiro**  
 farmer *n.* **mulimi**  
 farming *n.* **ḅulimi**  
 fart *v.* **kunyampa**  
*v.* **kusyotola**  
 fashion *v.* **kuta**  
*n.* **mudeeli**  
*n.* **mutindo**  
 fashion accessory *n.* **kilwalu kya**  
**kwejaayiika**  
 fashionable, make *v.* **kukora**  
**mudeeli**  
 fast *v.* **kusiiba**  
*v.* **kugira**  
 fasten *v.* **kubboha**  
*v.* **kukwatya**  
 fasting period *n.* **kisiibo**  
 fasting person *n.* **musijibi**  
 fat *adj.* **kinyeetu**  
*n.* **makuta**

fat baby *n.* **muhoimu**  
 fat person *n.* **mukooto**  
*n.* **mugomoku**  
 fat under the skin *n.* **isaju**  
 father *n.* **bbaabba**  
 father-in-law *n.* **mugeni**  
 fatigue *n.* **bujwahe**  
 fatigued, become *v.* **kuteesagaalya**  
 fatness *n.* **bukooto**  
 fatten *v.* **kusaja**  
 fatty part of a catfish *n.* **muneeru**  
 fat, be *v.* **kunyeeta**  
 fat, become *v.* **kuhojima**  
 faucet *n.* **taapu**  
 fault *n.* **nsobi**  
 favouritism *n.* **kagoobeero**  
*n.* **kasorooro**  
*n.* **katondo**  
 fear *n.* **butiini**  
*v.* **kutiina**  
 fearful person *n.* **mujegeji**  
*n.* **mukankani**  
*n.* **mutiini**  
*n.* **mwoba**  
 fearfulness *n.* **bwoba**  
 fearless person *n.* **kahangaara**  
 fearlessness *n.* **buzira**  
 feasible, be *v.* **kutungwa**  
 feast *n.* **bugenyi**  
*n.* **kididi**  
*n.* **kijaguzo**  
*v.* **kujaguzo**  
 feast after a birth *n.* **busura**  
 feather *n.* **mwoza**  
 February *adv.* **Mweri Gwakabiri**  
 fee for deciding a dowry *n.* **kiicaaru**  
 feeble person *n.* **mpolongonie**  
*n.* **muceke**  
*n.* **muhuuru**  
*n.* **njwahe**  
 feed *v.* **kudiisya**  
 feel *v.* **kwezegwa**  
 feel the same way *v.* **kwikiraniza**  
 feeler, insect *n.* **kahembe**  
 feeling of deep sleep *n.* **muro**  
 feelings, mixed *n.* **bicwocwo**  
 female friend *n.* **mwiraabu**  
 feminine pride *n.* **ihala**  
 femininity *n.* **ihala**

fence *n.* **kisigaati**  
*n.* **lukomera**  
 ferment *v.* **kubbaaka**  
*v.* **kubooga**  
 fermented cassava *n.* **bibbaake**  
 ferry *n.* **kidyeri**  
 fertile soil *n.* **nkaara**  
 fertilizer *n.* **fatalajza**  
 festival *n.* **mukoro**  
 fetch *v.* **kutaha**  
*v.* **kusyoma**  
 fetch water carefully *v.* **kuseeduulya**  
 fever *n.* **muswija**  
 few *adj.* **kidooli**  
 fewer *adj.* **kidooliho**  
 fibre *n.* **iswali**  
 fibre plant *n.* **kikumba nte**  
 fibre, dry banana *n.* **kigogo**  
 fiction *n.* **kintu kitali kya mananu**  
 fiddle, large *n.* **kidongo**  
 fiddle, small *n.* **ndingidi**  
 field, for cultivation *n.* **kibembu**  
 field, half-weeded *n.* **bizegu**  
 fierceness *n.* **busingu**  
*n.* **kiniga**  
 fifth *num.* **kimwei kya katanu**  
 fifty *num.* **makumi gataanu**  
 fifty thousand *num.* **mitwaru**  
**mitaanu**  
 fight *n.* **bulemu**  
*v.* **kulwana**  
*v.* **kulwanisya**  
 fight against s.t. bad *v.* **kuteereera**  
 fight for *v.* **kulwaniira**  
 fighter *n.* **mulwani**  
 fighting, start *v.* **kutara**  
 figure *n.* **namba**  
 figure, human *n.* **mbimba gya**  
**muntu**  
 file *n.* **fairo**  
*n.* **fairo**  
 file a legal case *v.* **kunyegeera**  
 fill to swell s.t. *v.* **kuhaga**  
 fill to the brim *v.* **kwizuulya**  
 fill up *v.* **kwizula**  
 fillet *v.* **kubaaga**  
 filter *v.* **kusengeeja**  
 finally *adv.* **hamaliira gya byensei**  
 finance *n.* **nsimbi**

*n.* **sente**  
 financial transaction, make  
*v.* **kukoresya sente**  
 find *v.* **kwagya**  
 find guilty *v.* **kukwata musangu**  
 fine *n.* **bulihi**  
 finely ground *adj.* **nunghununghu**  
 finger *n.* **luzala**  
 fingernail *n.* **lunono**  
 fingertip *n.* **mutwe gwa lunono**  
 finish *v.* **kumala**  
*v.* **kumaliira**  
*n.* **mmaliira**  
 finish weaving *v.* **kuheregura**  
 finished *adj.* **kimaliku**  
 finished instantly, get  
*v.* **kumalikiraho**  
 finished, be *v.* **kumalika**  
 fin, dorsal *n.* **luzingiziri**  
 fire *n.* **kikoomi**  
*n.* **kituuti**  
*n.* **mworo**  
 fired, be *v.* **kubingwa**  
 firefly *n.* **kaserya**  
*n.* **mpyehyeni**  
 fireplace *n.* **kyoto**  
 firewood *n.* **lukwi**  
 firewood heap *n.* **lukalu**  
 firewood pile *n.* **mukalu**  
 firewood, burnt *n.* **kisiki**  
 firewood, small bundle *n.* **kiza**  
 firing squad *n.* **kadaara**  
 firm *adj.* **kinyamaani**  
*adj.* **kitatiro**  
 firm person *n.* **musigiku**  
 firmness *n.* **butatiro**  
*n.* **bukangabalu**  
*n.* **bwomereseu**  
 firm, be *v.* **kusigika**  
 firm, make s.t. *v.* **kutatiirya**  
 first *adj.* **kyakubanza**  
 first born *n.* **kaata inih**  
*n.* **muzegeizo**  
 first harvesting *n.* **muganiro**  
 first person *n.* **mumbere**  
 first steps, take *v.* **kutoodira**  
 first time *n.* **gumbere**  
 first, come *v.* **kubanza**  
 fish *v.* **kuloba**

*n.* **nsu**  
 fish bone, dorsal fin *n.* **muliki**  
 fish bowel *n.* **zungwe**  
 Fish Eagle *n.* **nkulanga**  
 fish eggs *n.* **magiza**  
 fish fin spine *n.* **muliki**  
 fish hiding place *n.* **ndibo**  
 fish in flowing water *v.* **kuhetya**  
 fish lateral line *n.* **karungi**  
 fish scale *n.* **kigalagamba**  
 fish school *n.* **mwalu**  
 fish spear, hooked *n.* **ndaya**  
 fish sp. *n.* **bbubbu**  
*n.* **buluuse**  
*n.* **dala**  
*n.* **gologolo**  
*n.* **irinda**  
*n.* **kamadulu**  
*n.* **kasurubbanu**  
*n.* **kisinja**  
*n.* **mbalwa**  
*n.* **masi**  
*n.* **mpohi**  
*n.* **mungala**  
*n.* **mutonta**  
*n.* **muhindu**  
*n.* **ndole**  
*n.* **nganya**  
*n.* **ngasya**  
*n.* **ngungu**  
*n.* **njele**  
*n.* **nkijoi**  
*n.* **nkodi**  
*n.* **ntatei**  
*n.* **nyakataama**  
*n.* **weegamba**  
*n.* **zizye**  
 fish sp., catfish *n.* **laanya**  
 fish sp., electric fish *n.* **ntiira**  
 fish sp., flying fish *n.* **karuuka**  
*n.* **mposu**  
 fish sp., herring *n.* **ngara**  
 fish sp., lungfish *n.* **bamba**  
 fish sp., mudfish *n.* **bbisa**  
 fish sp., Nile perch *n.* **mpuuta**  
 fish sp., Nile perch, young *n.* **geemu**  
 fish sp., Tilapia *n.* **nzogoro**  
 fish sp., Yellowfish *n.* **weecune**  
 fish stew *n.* **muholwe**

fish stomach *n.* **kindanda**  
 fish trap, woven *n.* **mugoni**  
 fish with a basket *v.* **kugaza**  
 fish with a beach seine net *v.* **kusika**  
 fish with a hook *v.* **kujaaka**  
 fish with hooks *v.* **kusinda**  
 fisherman *n.* **mulimba**  
*n.* **mulobi**  
 fisherman who uses a beach seine net  
*n.* **musiki**  
 fishing *n.* **bulobi**  
 fishing activity *n.* **bulimba**  
 fishing basket trap *n.* **mugaza**  
 fishing beach seine net *n.* **kokota**  
 fishing method *n.* **kurukuru**  
*n.* **seeba**  
*n.* **sese**  
 fishing method using large ply nets  
*n.* **gubba**  
 fishing net, casting type *n.* **munjanga**  
 fishing, overnight *n.* **mabbuni**  
 fish, dried *n.* **ikeese**  
*n.* **muramba**  
*n.* **nsu gya mukwa**  
 fish, fatty part on top *n.* **kasyalaala**  
 fish, piece of *n.* **kidih**  
 fit exactly, of clothes *v.* **kudwa**  
 five *num.* **itaanu**  
 five hundred *num.* **bikumi bitanu**  
 five hundred thousand *num.* **mitwaru**  
**gataanu**  
 five thousand *num.* **nkumi itaanu**  
 fix into *v.* **kusomoka**  
 fix yourself up *v.* **kwenihiriirya**  
 flag *n.* **bbendera**  
 flame *n.* **mpita**  
*n.* **mworo**  
 flash *v.* **kumyankya**  
*v.* **kuserya**  
 flat *adj.* **kitantagala**  
*adj.* **kiterekereeru nka mataku**  
**ga paasi**  
 flat iron *n.* **paasi**  
 flat surface *n.* **kijjanjanu**  
 flatness *n.* **bwijanjanu**  
 flatter *v.* **kuhaariiza**  
*v.* **kwongera**  
 flea *n.* **kakunkuni**  
 flee from hiding, of an animal

*v.* **kujumbura**  
 flesh *n.* **musumbi**  
 flexible *adj.* **kinwanghi**  
 flight *n.* **kudunduuka**  
 flimsy *adj.* **kiceke**  
 fling *v.* **kubbigibbiirya**  
 float *v.* **kudengeeta**  
*v.* **kusuuleeba**  
 float to the surface *v.* **kutumbuluka**  
 flood *v.* **kusandaara**  
*n.* **mwizulo**  
 flooded *adj.* **curucuru**  
 floor *n.* **siminti**  
 flop down *v.* **kugwa rwo**  
*v.* **kwekulungula**  
 flour, cassava *n.* **bukooro**  
 flour, maize *n.* **buhunga**  
 flow *v.* **kuheta**  
*v.* **kwiruka**  
 flow back *v.* **kuhwera**  
 flower *n.* **kimule**  
*n.* **kyakyo**  
 flower, banana *n.* **kikonombo**  
 flu *n.* **kihini**  
*n.* **kiteeru**  
*n.* **kinyamuguudi**  
 flush an animal out of hiding  
*v.* **kwahya**  
 flute, animal horn *n.* **mubbilo**  
 flute, wooden *n.* **ndeere**  
 flu, bad *n.* **kinyamurunga**  
 flu, mild *n.* **kiswija**  
 fly *v.* **kudunduuka**  
*n.* **nsehera**  
 fly out *v.* **kutuuka**  
 fly up *v.* **kwecungya**  
 flying fish sp. *n.* **karuuka**  
*n.* **mposo**  
 fly, Tsetse *n.* **kibaara**  
 foam *n.* **ihulo**  
 focus on s.t. *v.* **kuta biteekerezo ku**  
**kintu**  
 foetus *n.* **kyamunda**  
 fog *n.* **kiho**  
*n.* **kiweehohoi**  
 fold *v.* **kugema**  
*v.* **kugonya**  
*v.* **kukata**  
*v.* **kukuba**

fold line

v. **kukunya**  
v. **kuzinga**  
fold line *n.* **lugongo**  
folded, be v. **kwekunya**  
folder *n.* **fairo gya mpapura**  
folktale *n.* **kihanuuro**  
follow v. **kuhondera**  
v. **kwiraho**  
follow instructions v. **kuhondera**  
v. **kwegwa**  
follow one after another  
v. **kuhonderagana**  
follow s.b. around v. **kuhondeera**  
follower *n.* **muhonderi**  
fondle v. **kutigita**  
food *n.* **bidyo**  
food container, household *n.* **kisensa**  
food culture *n.* **ndya**  
food scum *n.* **mwineino**  
food tuber, partially-cooked  
*n.* **kimbwebbwe**  
*n.* **kimburumburu**  
food, go without v. **kusiiba**  
v. **kugira**  
food, provide v. **kusegya**  
food, unclean *n.* **bidyo bya muzizo**  
fool *n.* **madara**  
*n.* **mbuda**  
*n.* **mudoma**  
*n.* **mupuuti**  
*n.* **mwicate**  
foolishly, act v. **kumata-maataara**  
foot *n.* **kigulu**  
foot measure *n.* **fuuti**  
*n.* **kigulu**  
football *n.* **mupiira gwa kusamba**  
footpath *n.* **kahanda kasulusulu**  
footprint *n.* **kigulu**  
*n.* **kisinde**  
*n.* **lugere**  
footstep noise *n.* **musinkiri**  
footstep sound *n.* **muswagalu**  
*n.* **muriiti**  
*n.* **musinde**  
for *conj.* **habwa**  
for example *conj.* **kya kuwoneraho**  
forbid v. **kugaana**  
forbidden, be v. **kuzira**  
force v. **kuhambiriza**

foundation, building

force through v. **kupirikania**  
force yourself into s.t.  
v. **kwejungamu**  
v. **kwekaakyamu**  
v. **kwemigamu**  
v. **kwesubbamu**  
forced, be v. **kuhambirizibwa**  
forcefully *adv.* **kusiikura**  
forecast v. **kulingiira bya mumeiso**  
forego v. **kwelekesya**  
forehead *n.* **búsyó**  
foreigner *n.* **mwizeizi**  
foresee v. **kuleeba bya hadei**  
forest *n.* **kibira**  
forestall bad luck v. **kulaama**  
foretell v. **kuragura**  
forever *ad.* **biro na biro**  
*adv.* **di na di**  
*adv.* **kura na kura**  
forever and ever, be  
v. **kukwerekeera**  
forge metal v. **kujuguta kyoma**  
forget v. **kwebeera**  
forget s.b.'s help v. **kuhemuka**  
forgetfulness *n.* **kyebererwa**  
forgive v. **kuganyira**  
forgiveness *n.* **kiganyiro**  
forgiven, be v. **kuganyirwa**  
v. **kulekwa**  
fork *n.* **buuma**  
form *n.* **foomu**  
v. **kuta**  
former *adj.* **munyaakubba**  
forsake v. **kweganyira**  
forthcoming time *n.* **bwire bwa mumeiso**  
fortunate person *n.* **waamugisa**  
fortune *n.* **mugisa**  
*n.* **mugisa gurungi**  
*n.* **nkya**  
forty *num.* **makumi ganei**  
forty thousand *num.* **mitwaru minei**  
forward *adv.* **mumeiso**  
forward person *n.* **mwebbengeeri**  
forwardness *n.* **myebbengeeru**  
foundation *n.* **ndugiro**  
*n.* **ntandiko**  
foundation, building *n.* **musinge**

founder *n.* **mugumburī**  
*n.* **mutandiki**  
 found, be *v.* **kuzooka**  
 four *num.* **inei**  
 four hundred *num.* **bikumi binei**  
 four hundred thousand *num.* **mitwaru ganei**  
 four thousand *num.* **nkumi inei**  
 fourth *num.* **kimwei kya kanei**  
 fox *n.* **kakala**  
 fraction *n.* **kipacu**  
 fracture *v.* **kubbegula**  
*v.* **kukoonyoka**  
 fracture a bone *v.* **kubinyeka**  
 fractured, be *v.* **kubbeguka**  
 fragment *n.* **ndagalika**  
 frame *n.* **fureemu**  
 fraud *n.* **bwibi**  
 free *adj.* **kyabusa**  
 free s.b. *v.* **kuteesya**  
 free s.b. from a curse *v.* **kujumuura**  
 free time *n.* **bwire bwange**  
 free yourself *v.* **kwekankabbula**  
 freed from a curse, be  
*v.* **kujumuurwa**  
 freedom *n.* **bugabe**  
 freeze *v.* **kukama**  
*v.* **kwekwata**  
 free, be *v.* **kwezendeerya**  
 free, be set *v.* **kutesulwa**  
 frequently *adv.* **heehiheehi**  
*adv.* **njenjeera**  
 fresh *adj.* **kibisi**  
*adj.* **kihyaka**  
 fresh air *n.* **mahehu**  
 friction *n.* **busigikiro**  
 Friday *adv.* **Kyakataanu**  
 fried *adj.* **kisyeke**  
 friend *n.* **munywani**  
*n.* **musaaha**  
*n.* **mwira**  
 friendship *n.* **mukagu**  
 friend, best *n.* **mudidi**  
*n.* **waamudido**  
 friend, choose a *v.* **kwekwata**  
 friend, close *n.* **munywe wa mukagu**  
 frighten *v.* **kutiinisiriirya**  
 frog sp. *n.* **kahuukyandwa**

frog sp., Mascarane *n.* **weenyolye**  
 front person *n.* **mwebemberi**  
 front yard *n.* **irembu**  
 frothing at the mouth *n.* **bitwantei**  
 frown *v.* **kucuuuya**  
 frugal person *n.* **mulimiriirwa**  
 frugality *n.* **bulimiriirwa**  
 frugal, be *v.* **kukeekereza**  
*v.* **kutinda**  
 fruit *n.* **kijuma**  
 fruit sp. *n.* **lusumu**  
*n.* **luteete**  
*n.* **lutwa**  
*n.* **lukodohi**  
*n.* **mutuura**  
 fruit tree sp. *n.* **muzabbibbu**  
 frustrated person *n.* **mwenobu**  
 frustrated, become *v.* **kwenoba**  
 fry *v.* **kukaranga**  
*v.* **kusyeka**  
 fulfil *v.* **kudoosereerya**  
 full *adj.* **kizo**  
*adj.* **kizulu**  
*adj.* **piya**  
 full up *adj.* **bbiki**  
*adv.* **cawu**  
*adv.* **kizulu ku munwa**  
*adv.* **pelele**  
 fullness *n.* **bwizulu**  
 fullness after eating *n.* **mwicuto**  
 full, become *v.* **kwizula**  
 fume *n.* **mwica**  
 fun *n.* **isunge**  
*n.* **kusemererwa**  
*n.* **masanyu**  
 function *n.* **mugasu**  
 funeral *n.* **kuziika**  
*n.* **rufu**  
 funeral cloth *n.* **kikosi**  
 funeral gift *n.* **mabugo**  
 funeral gifts *n.* **mbiko**  
 funeral memorial service *n.* **kijjukyo**  
 fungus *n.* **kimaalu kya bbootya**  
 funnel *n.* **kijiikisyo**  
 funny person *n.* **muzumungwa**  
 funny talk *n.* **buzumungwa**  
 funny thing *n.* **kya kusandaara**  
*n.* **kya kusekesya**  
*n.* **kya kuzeenya**



funny, be

germinate

funny, be *v.* **kuzumungwa**

fur *n.* **byoza**

furniture joint *n.* **iteereno**

furrow *n.* **lusya**

furthermore *conj.* **kwongeraho**

furtively, glance *v.* **kuleeba**

future event *n.* **kilibbaho**

future time *n.* **bwire bwa mumeiso**

## G - g

gain *v.* **kugoboora**

gain from *v.* **kugobooramu**

gallon *n.* **galani**

gallop *v.* **kupitika**

gamble at card games *v.* **kukuuta jaara**

gambler *n.* **mukuuta jaara**

gamble, take a *v.* **kulwanisya**  
*v.* **kuyiia**

gambling *n.* **jaara**

game *n.* **bbunga**

*n.* **muzaanu**

game of draughts *n.* **ludo**

game park *n.* **paaka**

garage *n.* **garagi**

garbage *n.* **bicuucuke**  
*n.* **bisasiro**

garboard *n.* **mubeka**

*n.* **mugoma**

garden *n.* **musiri**

*n.* **ndimiro**

garden land *n.* **nguru**

gargle *v.* **kwejuguuja**

garment, traditional *n.* **lubugu**

gas *n.* **mwica**

gasp *v.* **kuhuudira**

*v.* **kuhuukeera**

*v.* **kwehwesya**

gas, intestinal *n.* **kinyampu**

gate *n.* **mulyangu gwa lukomera**

gateway *n.* **kisigaati**

gather *v.* **kucooka**

*v.* **kusoorooza**

gather again *v.* **kwecookamu**

gather firewood *v.* **kuteenya**

gather together *v.* **kwecooka**

*v.* **kwenamira**

*v.* **kwesorooza**

gather together, of clouds *v.* **kusyoka**

gathering *n.* **kyenamiro**

gauge *v.* **kulengesenia**

gaunt, become *v.* **kwanuka**

gecko *n.* **kademba ntumbu**

gel *v.* **kukama**

*v.* **kwekwata**

gem *n.* **mulinga**

genealogy *n.* **bubyalasanwa**

genealogy, list a *v.* **kulondoora**  
**bubyalwasana**

general *adj.* **kyabensei**

generally *adv.* **kyabulikiro**

generate *v.* **kutandikisya**

generation *n.* **muhihi**

generosity *n.* **bumanzi**

*n.* **bwenda**

*n.* **makuni**

generous person *n.* **mumanzi**

*n.* **mwenda**

*n.* **waamakuni**

generous, be *v.* **kukuna**

genet, Large spotted *n.* **wondo**

genital area *n.* **kiinyinyi**

genitals *n.* **kwambiri**

genitals, female *n.* **bukali**

genitals, male *n.* **budulu**

gentle *adj.* **kiheheeru**

gentle person *n.* **mucoleeru**

*n.* **muholu**

*n.* **muteeku**

*n.* **mitesi**

*n.* **mwinyamu**

gentleness *n.* **buculeeru**

*n.* **buholu**

*n.* **buteeku**

*n.* **butesi**

geography *n.* **masomo ga bya**

**buhangwa bwa nsi**

germ *n.* **busiisa bukaleeta nseeri**

germinate *v.* **kumera**

*v.* **kuhulukiriya**

v. **kwaruka**  
 get v. **kufuna**  
 v. **kutoola**  
 v. **kutunga**  
 get together n. **kyenamiro**  
 ghost n. **muzumu**  
 gibberish, talk v. **kuloigoizana**  
 gift n. **kisembu**  
 n. **kitwo**  
 gifts given after a birth n. **busira**  
 gill n. **kyeloola**  
 gingerly walk v. **kucencegera**  
 giraffe n. **ntwiga**  
 girlfriend n. **mutingaani**  
 girl, young n. **muhala**  
 give v. **kugaba**  
 v. **kuha**  
 v. **kuhagana**  
 give a portion v. **kubegera**  
 give birth easily v. **kubbusula**  
 give false information on s.b.  
 v. **kupaatiika**  
 give in v. **kujoroba**  
 give up v. **kubihuumula**  
 v. **kubileka**  
 v. **kubisomokamu**  
 v. **kubyeganyira**  
 v. **kurangiira**  
 v. **kubikupukamu**  
 v. **kubyelekesya**  
 v. **kweganyira**  
 v. **kwehũũkya**  
 give up an argument v. **kuhola**  
 give up eventually v. **kudedeera**  
 v. **kwegumya**  
 v. **kweteeka**  
 give up in disgust v. **kwekanasa**  
 given s.t., be v. **kugabirwa**  
 v. **kuheebwa**  
 giver n. **mugabi**  
 gizzard n. **nkanku**  
 glance v. **kumaga**  
 glance around v. **kumaga-maga**  
 glance over v. **kurabyamu meiso**  
 glare v. **kukimba**  
 glare off water n. **masalisali**  
 glass n. **giraasi**  
 glass maker n. **muɓumbi**  
 glass object n. **kiwerekerena**

glasses n. **garubindi**  
 glisten v. **kuneera**  
 glitter v. **kumeremeta**  
 v. **kumengeresenia**  
 v. **kwengeretena**  
 gloat v. **kwewuga**  
 globe n. **nsi**  
 glory n. **kitiinisā**  
 glove n. **kapiira ka kulwala mu ngalu**  
 glue n. **gaamu**  
 glutton n. **icaku**  
 n. **mudi**  
 n. **ruhuura**  
 gnash the teeth v. **kunena meino**  
 gnaw v. **kuguguna**  
 go v. **kugyenda**  
 go away v. **kucwankanaho**  
 v. **kurugaho**  
 go back v. **kukubayo**  
 go back home v. **kwemuka**  
 go behind v. **kweloolya**  
 go beside v. **kweloolya**  
 go beyond v. **kwakala**  
 go by yourself v. **kwetwala**  
 go direct v. **kulibata ɓutamaga inyuma**  
 go directly v. **kuterekeera**  
 go out v. **kuhuluka**  
 go straight v. **kuterekeera**  
 go through v. **kurabanganamwo**  
 go towards v. **kugyendera**  
 go well *interj.* **ogyende kurungi**  
 goal n. **kigyendererwa**  
 goal in a game n. **gooro**  
 goal-keeper n. **mukwata mupiira**  
 goat n. **mbuli**  
 goat enclosure n. **kigo**  
 goat fine, marriage n. **kiita luganda**  
 goat given to a matchmaker  
 n. **kiboneirembo**  
 goat, female n. **huguma**  
 goat, kid n. **mwana gwa mbuli**  
 goat, male n. **mpaaya**  
 goat, young female n. **ruusi**  
 goat's cry *interj.* **mme**  
 God n. **Kagaba**  
 n. **Nyamuhanga**  
 n. **Ruhanga**

gold *n.* **feeza**  
gomasi *n.* **bboodi**  
gong *n.* **kide**  
gonorrhoea *n.* **nziku**  
good *adj.* **kikumalaho**  
*adj.* **kirungi**  
*adj.* **kisemeru**  
*adj.* **kyamugasu**  
good afternoon, a greeting  
*interj.* **osiibiite**  
good morning, a greeting  
*interj.* **waaleete**  
goodbye *interj.* **obaramukye**  
*interj.* **obawone**  
*interj.* **ogoroobe**  
goodbye, say *v.* **kuraga**  
good-looking, be *v.* **kutemagana**  
goodness *n.* **burungi**  
good, somehow *adj.* **kirungiho**  
*adv.* **kijangurukuho**  
*adj.* **kinihiho**  
*adj.* **kisemeruho**  
good, very *adj.* **kinihi**  
gore *v.* **kutyoma**  
gossip *n.* **biweere**  
*n.* **byegwe**  
*v.* **kuhesa**  
*v.* **kucwa makuru**  
gossiper, habitual *n.* **nzenengwa**  
gourd *n.* **kipoko**  
gourd, milk *n.* **lubindi**  
govern *v.* **kulema**  
governance *n.* **bufugwa**  
*n.* **bukama**  
*n.* **bulemi**  
government *n.* **gavument**  
government leadership *n.* **bukungu**  
government, local *n.* **bulemi bwa**  
**bicweka**  
governor *n.* **mufugi**  
*n.* **mulemi**  
go, make s.t. *v.* **kutwalisya**  
grab *v.* **kunyaga**  
*v.* **kusahula**  
grab s.b. *v.* **kujagata**  
grab tightly *v.* **kugaga**  
grace *n.* **kisa**  
*n.* **mbabazi**  
gracious person *n.* **wa mbabazi**

gracious, be *v.* **kukwatwa mbabazi**  
grade *n.* **lulengu**  
grade schoolwork *v.* **kukebera**  
graduate *v.* **kujwarya**  
*v.* **kulwalya**  
graft *v.* **kutumira musaali**  
grain *n.* **mpuule**  
grain crop *n.* **kimera kya mpuule**  
grain stock *n.* **mbibo**  
granary *n.* **kideeru**  
*n.* **kigoga**  
*n.* **mutoooolo**  
*n.* **mudiri**  
grand *adj.* **kyamuhendu**  
grandchild *n.* **mwizukulu**  
grandfather *n.* **haaha**  
grandmother *n.* **ziiza**  
grape *n.* **ipeera**  
grapheme *n.* **nyuguta**  
grass *n.* **isubi**  
grass sp. *n.* **bbooli**  
*n.* **cwamba**  
*n.* **dohe**  
*n.* **kalaka**  
*n.* **lusiki**  
*n.* **lukondi**  
*n.* **mbutete**  
*n.* **mbuura**  
*n.* **mukolo**  
*n.* **mwaru**  
*n.* **nyaalokoli**  
*n.* **sadada**  
*n.* **twatwa**  
*n.* **wanzira anyweri**  
grass sp., spear *n.* **sojo**  
grass thorn *n.* **lusigizi**  
grass torch *n.* **lumule**  
grasshopper *n.* **lusyenene**  
grasshopper sp. *n.* **kacuba**  
*n.* **keerya**  
*n.* **kisubi**  
*n.* **paaraarwa**  
grass, thatching *n.* **matinde**  
grateful, be *v.* **kusemererwa**  
grave *n.* **kituuru**  
grave hole *n.* **nyanga**  
gravel *n.* **nkokoto**  
gravity *n.* **maani ga nsi**  
graze *v.* **kuliisya**

grazing land *n.* **iliisiiryo**  
 grease *n.* **giriisi**  
 great *adj.* **kyamaani**  
 great room *n.* **igambiro**  
 Great white pelican *n.* **nsohya**  
 greed *n.* **mururu**  
*n.* **tama**  
 greedy person *n.* **waamururu**  
 greedy, be *v.* **kutuuba**  
 green colour *adj.* **kibabi**  
*adj.* **rangi gya kisubi kibisi**  
 Green mamba *n.* **mpiri gya lukoma**  
 greet *v.* **kuramukya**  
 greeting *interj.* **oli teetei**  
 greetings *n.* **biramukyo**  
 grey colour *adj.* **kisyanusyanu**  
 greyish colour *adj.* **kasama**  
 grief *n.* **muhito**  
*n.* **nganye**  
 grievance *n.* **kaku**  
 grime, from sweat *n.* **nziro**  
 grind *v.* **kurunga**  
*v.* **kuswa**  
*v.* **kuswaswana**  
*v.* **kutuluka**  
 grind roughly *v.* **kuharatura**  
 grind the teeth *v.* **kunena meino**  
 grinder *n.* **kyoma kiswa**  
 grinding stone, lower *n.* **lubengu**  
 grinding stone, upper *n.* **mwengeseru**  
 grinding, take for *v.* **kuswesya**  
 grip *v.* **kugumya**  
 groan *v.* **kutaaga**  
 groove *n.* **busigikiro bwa nkeito**  
 grossed out, become *v.* **kudwebwa**  
 ground finely *adj.* **nunghunghu**  
 ground for drying food *n.* **kamanza**  
 groundnut sauce *n.* **nsanyuse**  
 groundnuts *n.* **binyoobwa**  
 ground, bare *n.* **kabbambaasi**  
 ground, bare and dry *n.* **kalala**  
 ground, be *v.* **kuswaswanika**  
 ground, cause s.t. to be *v.* **kuswesya**  
 group *n.* **kika**  
*n.* **luganda**  
 group of people *n.* **kibbiina**  
*n.* **kitebe**

group of things *n.* **kyecooko**  
 grow *v.* **kuhanda**  
 grow fat *v.* **kugomoka**  
 grow old *v.* **kuguluusa**  
 grow wild, allow to *v.* **kugiriira**  
 grower *n.* **mulimi**  
 growth *n.* **mpanda**  
 grow, of plants *v.* **kwera**  
 grudge *n.* **kaku**  
 grudge, bear a *v.* **kukwatiira**  
 grumble *v.* **kuhuuna**  
*v.* **kwekuuruumya**  
*v.* **kwenghuruunghuutya**  
 grumbler *n.* **muhuuna adiiri**  
 grumble, of stomach *v.* **kuguunia**  
 guarantee *v.* **kugumya**  
 guarantor *n.* **mwema**  
 guard *v.* **kulinda**  
*v.* **kulingiira**  
*v.* **kuwoneera**  
*n.* **mulindi**  
 guess *v.* **kuteeba**  
 guest *n.* **mugenyi**  
*n.* **musyandi**  
 guide *v.* **kwolokereerya**  
*n.* **mwolokya**  
 guide the heir *v.* **kuduuma**  
 guilt *n.* **bugwembegwembe**  
*n.* **muswaru**  
*n.* **nsoni**  
 guilt, show *v.* **kwekengesereerya**  
*v.* **kwezegwa muswaru**  
*v.* **kwezegwa nsoni**  
 guilt, suffer *v.* **kwekenga**  
 Guinea fowl *n.* **nsolomi**  
 guitar, large *n.* **kidongo**  
 guitar, small *n.* **ndingidi**  
 gully *n.* **kilongiro**  
*n.* **lugeeri**  
 gulp *v.* **kuguta**  
 gum *n.* **gaamu**  
*n.* **ngunu**  
 gun *n.* **mbundu**  
 gunny sack *n.* **gutya**  
 gush *v.* **kunyirinka**  
 gut a fish *v.* **kutoobboola**  
 gutter *n.* **kalegyo**

## H - h

habit *n.* **mulye**  
*n.* **muze**  
 habits *n.* **ngesu**  
*n.* **nyeetwala**  
*n.* **nzicala**  
 habitually *adv.* **buli saaha**  
 habit, bad *n.* **kamogo**  
 habit, break a *v.* **kuzira**  
 habit, develop a *v.* **kutaala**  
 haemorrhage, vaginal *n.* **keijwiso**  
 hailstone *n.* **ihiga lya ndagali**  
 hair *n.* **ntumbu**  
 hair clip *n.* **kyoma kya ntumbu**  
 hair clipper *n.* **lumwesyo**  
 hair lining of face *n.* **nsonda**  
 hair parting, make a *v.* **kunyanghula**  
 hair plaiting stick *n.* **kasaali kalanga ntumbu**  
 hair plaits, straight *n.* **kihanda**  
 hair salon *n.* **kinyonzi**  
 hairstyle *n.* **kimeeni**  
 hairstyle, military cut *n.* **kitunguli**  
 hairstyle, traditional *n.* **kisikooci**  
 hairy person *n.* **waalutumbu**  
 hair, animal *n.* **byoza**  
 hair, carefully trim *v.* **kuginga**  
 hair, facial *n.* **luyeeyera**  
 hair, grey *n.* **mbwi**  
 hair, pubic *n.* **nketeru**  
*n.* **nziha**  
 half *n.* **kicuku**  
*n.* **kidumbe**  
*num.* **kimwei kya kabiri**  
 hall *n.* **kibanda**  
 halt *v.* **kwemereerya**  
 hammer *v.* **kukoomeera**  
*n.* **nyondo**  
 hand *v.* **kuha**  
*n.* **ngalu**  
 hand of bananas *n.* **luhagala**  
 handclap *n.* **mpampu**  
 handcuffs *n.* **mpingo**  
 handful *n.* **lukinki**  
 handful measure *n.* **kicuku**

*n.* **kintinti**  
 handfuls, two *n.* **kiihi**  
 handkerchief *n.* **katambaara ka mu ngalu**  
 handle *v.* **kukwata**  
*n.* **muhini**  
*n.* **musa**  
*n.* **rubangu**  
 handlebars *n.* **mahembe ga gaali**  
 handover *v.* **kuhemba**  
*v.* **kukwatya**  
 handsaw *n.* **musumeeni**  
 handsome man *n.* **mugele**  
 handwriting *n.* **mukono**  
 hand, left *n.* **ngalu gimoso**  
 hand, right *n.* **ngalu gidyo**  
 hang *v.* **kubamba**  
*v.* **kudengeetya**  
 hang yourself *v.* **kweniga**  
 hanger, clothes *n.* **kinyeebi**  
 hanger, macrame *n.* **mutumbu**  
 hanging *adj.* **kikudengeeta**  
 hanging, murder by *v.* **kuniga**  
 hangover, have a *v.* **kulaalirwa maaci**  
 happen *v.* **kubbaho**  
 happen as planned *v.* **kudwereera**  
 happiness *n.* **kusemererwa**  
*n.* **masanyu**  
 happy, be *v.* **kusanyuka**  
*v.* **kusemererwa**  
 happy, make s.b. *v.* **kusemeza**  
*v.* **kusanyukya**  
 harass *v.* **kutakula**  
*v.* **kusodokania**  
*v.* **kutoolyaho**  
*v.* **kwagaaga**  
*v.* **kwembemba**  
*v.* **kwendereerya**  
 harbour *n.* **musoma**  
 hard *adj.* **kinyamaani**  
*adj.* **kitatiro**  
*adj.* **kyomeresenu**  
 hard to do *adj.* **kinyamaani**

harden

*adj.* **kitatiro**  
*adj.* **kyozo**  
harden *v.* **kutatiira**  
*v.* **kwekandagiira**  
hardness *n.* **bunyamaani**  
*n.* **butatiro**  
*n.* **bukangabalu**  
*n.* **bwomeresenu**  
hardwood tree *n.* **nyakahimbi**  
hardworking person *n.* **mwekambi**  
hardworking, be *v.* **kwekamba**  
hard, be *v.* **kukangabala**  
*v.* **kutatiira**  
*v.* **kwomeresana**  
hare *n.* **weekame**  
harm *n.* **buhuta**  
*v.* **kuhutaaza**  
harmony *n.* **kwicalanwa kurungi**  
harshly, act *v.* **kusokota**  
harshness *n.* **bubi**  
*n.* **bukabbulusungu**  
*n.* **bukamaanya**  
*n.* **bukabburu**  
harvest *v.* **kwiha**  
harvest cassava or potatoes *v.* **kutema**  
harvest fruit or vegetables  
*v.* **kunokola**  
harvest honey *v.* **kuhakula**  
harvest nuts *v.* **kulukula**  
harvest partially *v.* **kuheega**  
harvest sorghum or millet *v.* **kukesa**  
harvest, bumper *n.* **mweru**  
hasp *n.* **kidaali**  
hasten *v.* **kwanguha**  
hat *n.* **koofiira**  
*n.* **sepehu**  
hatch *v.* **kwatira**  
hate *v.* **kunoba**  
hate each other *v.* **kunobangana**  
hate yourself *v.* **kwenoba**  
*v.* **kwenuga**  
hated person *n.* **kinobe**  
hated thing *n.* **kinobe**  
hated wife *n.* **muniwere**  
hated, be *v.* **kunoŋwa**  
hatred *n.* **bunyanzigwa**  
*n.* **kaku**  
haul *v.* **kukoroteera**  
have *v.* **kubba na**

heavy, be

hawk *n.* **kamankuuti**  
*n.* **ngweri**  
hazy weather *n.* **kinyamududu**  
he *pro.* **yooyo**  
head *n.* **mutwe**  
head person *n.* **muhandu**  
heal *v.* **kuhonja**  
healer *n.* **mujanjabi**  
*n.* **mutambi**  
health *n.* **bwomezi**  
health centre *n.* **habatambira**  
*n.* **irwaru**  
healthy baby *n.* **muhoimu**  
healthy person *n.* **mygomoku**  
*n.* **munyeetu**  
*n.* **mwomeeru**  
*n.* **mwomi**  
healthy, be *v.* **kugomoka**  
heap *v.* **kupuutiika**  
*v.* **kuteeka**  
*v.* **kutuuma**  
*n.* **muteeku**  
*n.* **ntuumo**  
heap on top of *v.* **kugerekenia**  
heap up *v.* **kucaanya**  
heap up high *v.* **kutinda**  
heaped on top of, get  
*v.* **kwegerekenia**  
heaps *adv.* **fo**  
hear *v.* **kwegwa**  
hearing *n.* **kwegwa**  
hearsay *n.* **biweere**  
*n.* **byegwe**  
heart *n.* **mutima**  
heart attack *n.* **kimala mutima**  
heart beat, have an irregular  
*v.* **kukuuta kwa mutima**  
heart beat, rapid *n.* **mutima kukuuta**  
heartbreak *n.* **kiseege**  
heat *n.* **kingeere**  
*v.* **kuhyohya**  
heat, pleasant *n.* **buhyo**  
*n.* **butagatu**  
heave *v.* **kuhuudira**  
*v.* **kuhuukeera**  
heaven *n.* **iguru**  
heavy *adj.* **kyozo**  
heavy person *n.* **mwozo**  
heavy, be *v.* **kwozoha**

hedge *n.* **lukomera lwa misaali**  
 heel *n.* **kintindiro**  
 heel crack *n.* **bigaali**  
     *n.* **bisika**  
     *n.* **lukyakya**  
 heifer *n.* **nyana**  
 heir *n.* **mugwete**  
     *n.* **muragiire**  
     *n.* **musembe**  
     *n.* **mutongoole**  
 heir, be made *v.* **kugwetwa**  
 heir, make *v.* **kugweta**  
 hell *n.* **geehena**  
 help *v.* **kujuna**  
     *v.* **kuyamba**  
     *v.* **kukoonyera**  
 help load *v.* **kutweka**  
 help s.b. achieve success  
     *v.* **kurabyaho**  
 help to give birth *v.* **kubyalisya**  
 help to pick up *v.* **kusengesya**  
 help unload *v.* **kutuukula**  
 helped, be *v.* **kujunwa**  
 helper *n.* **mukoonyeri**  
     *n.* **muyambi**  
 helpless person *n.* **muteeyamba**  
 hem *n.* **igema**  
     *v.* **kukugira**  
 hem in *v.* **kugota**  
 hen *n.* **munsinyie**  
 hen enclosure *n.* **kizonza kya nkoko**  
 herb sp. *n.* **kakulumbeeru**  
     *n.* **kansiiha**  
     *n.* **leengha**  
     *n.* **lutobbotobbo**  
     *n.* **sagala musansi**  
 herbivore *n.* **kisolo kidya irungu**  
 herd *n.* **igana**  
     *v.* **kuliisya**  
 herding *n.* **buliisya**  
 herdsman *n.* **muhuma**  
     *n.* **muliisya**  
 here *dem.* **haaha**  
     *dem.* **haha**  
 hereditary *adj.* **kalanda na kalanda**  
 hernia *n.* **mabya**  
 hero *n.* **muzira**  
 heron *n.* **woogoro**  
 herring *n.* **ngara**

herself *pro.* **yankei**  
 her, hers *pro.* **baamwe**  
     *pro.* **byamwe**  
     *pro.* **bwamwe**  
     *pro.* **gaamwe**  
     *pro.* **gwamwe**  
     *pro.* **gyamwe**  
     *pro.* **kwamwe**  
     *pro.* **kyamwe**  
     *pro.* **lwamwe**  
     *pro.* **lyamwe**  
     *pro.* **myamwe**  
     *pro.* **twamwe**  
     *pro.* **waamwe**  
     *pro.* **zaamwe**  
 her, herss *pro.* **kaamwe**  
 hesitate *v.* **kweguma-guma**  
     *v.* **kwesunga**  
 hey you *interj.* **we**  
     *interj.* **weegwa**  
 hiccup *n.* **kasekuseku**  
 hiccups, have *v.* **kwesekula**  
 hidden place *n.* **mbiso**  
 hide *n.* **kikuta**  
     *v.* **kubisa**  
     *v.* **kukulukusiriirya**  
 hide s.t. from s.b. *v.* **kubisiira**  
 hide s.t., help s.b. *v.* **kubisira**  
 hide your thoughts *v.* **kutahwitula**  
 hide yourself *v.* **kwebisa**  
 hide yourself behind s.t.  
     *v.* **kwebbumba**  
 hiding place *n.* **kyebisiro**  
 high *adj.* **kilei**  
 high school *n.* **sinia**  
 high up *adv.* **kwakyendi**  
 hijack *v.* **kuhamba**  
 hill *n.* **kasahu**  
 hill, small *n.* **rubamba**  
 himself *pro.* **yankei**  
 hinder *v.* **kukingiza**  
     *v.* **kugaanisa**  
     *v.* **kulemesya**  
     *v.* **kwekiikamu**  
     *v.* **kwesimbamu**  
 hinge *n.* **pata**  
 hip *n.* **kihunu**  
 hippopotamus *n.* **ngugu**  
 hire *v.* **kupangisya**

his *pro.* **baamwe**  
*pro.* **byamwe**  
*pro.* **bwamwe**  
*pro.* **gaamwe**  
*pro.* **gwamwe**  
*pro.* **gyamwe**  
*pro.* **kaamwe**  
*pro.* **kwamwe**  
*pro.* **kyamwe**  
*pro.* **lwamwe**  
*pro.* **lyamwe**  
*pro.* **myamwe**  
*pro.* **twamwe**  
*pro.* **waamwe**  
*pro.* **zaamwe**  
 hiss at s.b. *v.* **kusyomoolya**  
 history *n.* **kyafaayo**  
 hit *v.* **kubbalula**  
*v.* **kubbarangura**  
*v.* **kuhuura**  
*v.* **kukubba**  
*v.* **kukuuta**  
*v.* **kunghaaba**  
*v.* **kudukula**  
*v.* **kukunda**  
*v.* **kuteenya**  
*v.* **kutyalya**  
 hit a target *v.* **kudotola**  
 hit against *v.* **kutomera**  
 hit hard *v.* **kumaamira**  
*v.* **kusambatula**  
 hit yourself against *v.* **kwetomera**  
 HIV-AIDS *n.* **munywereeru**  
*n.* **siliimu**  
 hobble *v.* **kuconkoda**  
*v.* **kucinkibba**  
 hoe *n.* **nsimo**  
 hoe, small *n.* **nfuuni**  
 hoist *n.* **kiriini**  
 hold *v.* **kuhagatira**  
*v.* **kukwata**  
 hold and carry *v.* **kusenga**  
 hold and leave a mark *v.* **kujagata**  
 hold on *v.* **kulindaho**  
 hold s.b. *v.* **kujagata**  
 hold tightly *v.* **kugaga**  
*v.* **kukaza**  
 hold up *v.* **kuheega**  
*v.* **kukwatiira**

hole *n.* **kihuru**  
 hole in a tree *n.* **kyerooko**  
 hole in the ground *n.* **kiina**  
 holes in plaster, develop  
*v.* **kutuubbuka**  
 hole, animal *n.* **kasihiiro**  
*n.* **mbawulo**  
 hole, develop a *v.* **kuhuduka**  
 hole, make a *v.* **kufumura**  
*v.* **kuhudula**  
 hole, tiny *n.* **kasihiiro**  
 holiday *v.* **kuhumula**  
*n.* **ruhumuro**  
 holiday, public *n.* **kiro kihandu**  
 hollow out *v.* **kusokodola**  
 hollow thing *n.* **kisokodole**  
 holy person *n.* **arukwera**  
 home *n.* **kwamugi**  
*n.* **kwamwange**  
 homestead *n.* **mugi**  
 homestead, royal *n.* **kikaali**  
 honest person *n.* **munanu**  
*n.* **waamazima**  
 honey *n.* **buhooki**  
*n.* **manyondo**  
 honeybee *n.* **kahooki**  
 honey-comb *n.* **bisala**  
 honour *n.* **kitiinisa**  
 honourable person *n.* **waakitiinisa**  
 hoof *n.* **kinompo**  
 hook *n.* **ilobo**  
*v.* **kulobya**  
 hop *v.* **kusodoka**  
 hope *v.* **kulaama**  
*v.* **kulindira**  
*v.* **kunihira**  
*v.* **kuhihirirya**  
 hopelessness *n.* **bugwagwa**  
 horn *n.* **lugwara**  
 horn, animal *n.* **ihembe**  
 horn, vehicle *n.* **ngombi**  
 horrific *adj.* **kibiibi kyakalasanu**  
 horse *n.* **mbaraasi**  
 hospitable person *n.* **mumanzi**  
*n.* **mwenda**  
*n.* **waamakuni**  
 hospital *n.* **habatambira**  
*n.* **irwaru**  
 hospitality *n.* **bumanzi**



*n.* **bwenda**  
*n.* **makuni**  
 host *n.* **mutangiiri**  
*n.* **mwicaliirya**  
 hostile *adj.* **kamaanya**  
 hostile, be *v.* **kusikangana**  
 hostility *n.* **bubi**  
*n.* **bukabbulusungu**  
*n.* **bukamaanya**  
*n.* **bukabburu**  
*n.* **nzigo**  
 hot *adj.* **kihyo**  
 hotel *n.* **huteeri**  
 hot-tempered person *n.* **mugugumuki**  
 hot, become *v.* **kuhyoha**  
 hour *n.* **saaha**  
 house *n.* **nyumba**  
 housefly *n.* **nsehera**  
 housewife *n.* **ma maka**  
 house, run down *n.* **kizonzooli**  
 house, temporary *n.* **kisiisira**  
 how are you? *interj.* **oli teetei**  
 how many?, how much?  
*interrog.* **bingahi**  
 however *conj.* **beitu**  
*conj.* **kyonkei**  
 howl, noise of wind *v.* **kuhuura**  
 how? *interrog.* **teetei?**  
 hub, bicycle wheel *n.* **nanga**  
 hug *v.* **kuhumbata**  
 human *n.* **muntu**  
 humaneness *n.* **buntu**  
 humble person *n.* **muḅundaaru**  
*n.* **ṁuculeeru**  
*n.* **ṁuholu**  
*n.* **ṁuteeku**  
*n.* **ṁutesi**  
*n.* **ṁwinyamu**  
 humble yourself *v.* **kweḅundaaza**  
*v.* **kweziririya**  
 humbleness *n.* **ḅuculeeru**  
*n.* **ḅuteeku**  
*n.* **ḅutesi**  
 humble, be *v.* **kuḅundaara**  
*v.* **kuculeera**  
 humiliation *n.* **kiheru**

*n.* **kilumo**  
 humility *n.* **mbo**  
 humorous person *n.* **ṁusandaari**  
*n.* **ṁusonsi**  
 humour *n.* **mbeera gya**  
**kusemererwa**  
 hump *n.* **ibangu**  
 humus *n.* **rwezo**  
 hundred *num.* **kikumi**  
 hunger *n.* **lwozo**  
*n.* **munkudye**  
*n.* **nzala**  
 hunger, excessive *n.* **ṁukoijo**  
 hungry *adj.* **hoko**  
 hungry, be *v.* **kudiiḅwa nzala**  
 hunt *v.* **kuhiiga**  
*n.* **muhiigo**  
 hunt leader *n.* **ṁucweri**  
 hunter *n.* **muhiigi**  
 hunter's cry *interj.* **hambya**  
 hunting ground *n.* **ngombi**  
 hurl *v.* **kulasa**  
*v.* **kumiisa**  
 hurricane lamp *n.* **katadooba**  
 hurriedly *adv.* **mpumpu**  
 hurriedly, act *v.* **kuraka**  
 hurry *v.* **kudunduuka**  
*v.* **kwanguha**  
 hurt *v.* **kuhutaaza**  
 hurt person *n.* **muhuta**  
 hurt, get *v.* **kuhutaara**  
 husband *n.* **ibaawe**  
 husband, my *n.* **ibange**  
 husk *n.* **kisusu**  
*v.* **kuhala**  
 hut *n.* **kasiisira**  
 hyena *n.* **gyenya**  
 hyena's cry *interj.* **nghyewu**  
 hygienic person *n.* **muyonjo**  
 hygienic, make *v.* **kuyonja**  
 hymn *n.* **kizina**  
 hypocrisy *n.* **magezigezi**  
 hypocrite *n.* **mpiri gya mu kitabbu**  
 hypocrite, be a *v.* **kwecenja**  
*v.* **kwetwala**  
 hysteria *n.* **mbeera gya kuhyoha**

## I - i

I *pro.* **gya**idea *n.* **kiteekerezo**identical *adj.* **siya**identify *v.* **kulengera**idiom *n.* **nsambu**idiot *n.* **mugweiraru***n.* **mupoonghipoonghi***n.* **muhungutuku**idol *n.* **kisisani**ignite *v.* **kuhembra***v.* **kukolereerya***v.* **kwakya**ignorance *n.* **busiira**ignore *v.* **kubbumba***v.* **kudomaho***v.* **kulekeera***v.* **kunuga**ignore s.b. *v.* **kugaya**ignored, be *v.* **kugaywa**illegitimate child *n.* **kitwekerano***n.* **mwana mutweke**ill-hearted *adj.* **mutima gubiibi**ill-hearted person *n.* **muntu wa****mutima gubiibi**illness *n.* **buseeri**illustrate a point *v.* **kukengesa**ill, become *v.* **kuhimba**image *n.* **kisisani**imagination *n.* **kahiihiriiryo***n.* **kasisani**imagine *v.* **kunihira***v.* **kuteeba***v.* **kuhihiriirya***v.* **kupima**imitate *v.* **kukopa***v.* **kugerya**immature person *n.* **ntoole***n.* **togolooto**immature plant *n.* **kidigidiirwa***n.* **kidiradira**immediately *adv.* **buloho-buloho***adv.* **bwangu-bwangu***adv.* **hahwo na hahwo**immerse *v.* **kububbutiriirya***v.* **kudikiirya***v.* **kugiziirya**immerse partly *v.* **kwibbuka**immoral, be *v.* **kucooma**immoveable thing *n.* **kimbiri**immunisation *n.* **kikatu**immunise *v.* **kugema***v.* **kukuuta bikatu***v.* **kusindaga**

immunise with traditional medicine

*v.* **kwenywesya**immunise yourself *v.* **kwesindagira**impair *v.* **kulimaalya**impartial person *n.* **mutasoroora**impartiality *n.* **butasoroora**impatience *n.* **bujaganiriirya***n.* **bupapi***n.* **bwirukiriirya***n.* **kaciri***n.* **kajagaraire**impatient person *n.* **mujaganiriirya***n.* **mupapu***n.* **mwirukiriirya**

impatient person, habitually

*n.* **mupapi**impatiently, do s.t. *v.* **kucamura**impatient, be *v.* **kupapa***v.* **kujaganiriirya***v.* **kwirukiriirya**impolite person *n.* **mubi**important *adj.* **kyahakyendi***adj.* **kyakitiinisa***adj.* **kyamuhendu**impotent male *n.* **mufeerwa**impotent man *n.* **muburwa***n.* **woro**impregnate *v.* **kutweka**impregnated, be *v.* **kutwekwa**impression *n.* **kisisani**imprison *v.* **kubboha**imprisoned, be *v.* **kubbohwa**imprisonment *n.* **bunyankomo**improve s.b. *v.* **kucura**improve s.t. *v.* **kunihiriirya**

improve your image

improve your image

v. **kwenihiriirya**

impulse n. **kitagataga**

in adv. **mu**

adv. **mukati**

in addition conj. **kwongeraho**

in fact interj. **mazima**

in front of adv. **mumeiso**

in that place dem. **mumwo**

in that place over there dem. **mudi**

in that very place dem. **mwomwo**

in that very place over there

dem. **mwodi**

in this place dem. **mumu**

in this very place dem. **mwomu**

in vain adv. **kyahimu**

inability n. **bukene**

n. **butasobora**

inadequate adj. **kitakumala**

inception n. **ndugiro**

n. **ntandiko**

inch measurement n. **inci**

incise v. **kusala misabi**

v. **kusindaga**

incise yourself v. **kwesindagira**

incision n. **musabi**

incite v. **kuhaga**

v. **kuhamba mworo**

v. **kucuukiriirya**

v. **kutuuga**

inciter n. **mucuukiriirya**

incline n. **kasirimuko**

include v. **kutamu**

inclusive adj. **kiizulu**

incoherent speech n. **buzumungwa**

income n. **nzingiirya**

incompatible person n. **mwahukanu**

increase v. **kukanya**

v. **kuteerya**

v. **kweyongera**

increase in volume v. **kuhuuka**

v. **kwehaga**

increase slightly v. **kweyongeraho**

incriminating evidence n. **kizibiti**

indecisiveness n. **bumatamaataari**

indeed interj. **mal**

indefinitely adv. **mal**

independence, declare v. **kwerema**

independent adj. **habwakyo**

independent, be v. **kwemala**

v. **kwerema**

v. **kwesobora**

v. **kwezemereeryaho**

index n. **nsorongya**

Indian n. **muhindi**

indicator n. **kawonero**

indigestion, have v. **kumyotolwa**

indiscipline n. **buhagaaru**

individual n. **muntu huntu**

individualistic, be v. **kwemaliira**

industry n. **ikoore**

inexpensive price n. **muhendu**

**gudooli**

infect v. **kutulira**

v. **kutuura**

infection, of a muscle n. **mabaale**

infection, scalp n. **biguuna**

inferior adj. **kibiibi**

infertile animal n. **sajwa**

infertile dry soil n. **lwomere**

inflame v. **kwakya**

inflation n. **kutemba kwa mihendu**

inflexible person n. **wa nkoto**

**gitatiro**

inform v. **kumanyisya**

information n. **mahuure**

n. **makuru**

information, public n. **nkunga**

ingratiate v. **kwenolya**

ingredient n. **ndungo**

inherit v. **kugweterwa**

inheritance share n. **mugabu**

inherited adj. **kalanda na kalanda**

inherited leadership n. **bugwete**

initiate v. **kutandikisya**

initiation n. **ndugiro**

n. **ntandiko**

initiator n. **mukamakyo**

n. **mutandiki**

infect v. **kukuuta nkinzo**

injure v. **kuhutaaza**

injure the skin v. **kubaba**

injured person n. **muhuta**

injured, be v. **kuhutaara**

injured, become v. **kuhyotoka**

injury n. **buhuta**

injury, head n. **lubbali**

ink n. **wiino**

ink

inland *adj.* **hakati weihanga**  
 inlet *n.* **muhanda gukwingiirya**  
**munda**

inner *adj.* **kyamukati**  
 innovative person *n.* **mugumburi**  
 inquire critically *v.* **kuḅuulisanĩa**  
 insane person *n.* **akurabwaho**

*n.* **mugweiraru**  
*n.* **mupoonghipoonghi**  
*n.* **muhungutuku**  
*n.* **mutabuku bwongu**

insect *n.* **kisiisa**  
 insect sp. *n.* **halala**

*n.* **kadoima**  
*n.* **kajuuru**  
*n.* **kakaraaza**  
*n.* **kaluma mbuzi**  
*n.* **kanyuunya sukaali**  
*n.* **kaseenyankwi**  
*n.* **katunturu**  
*n.* **luhunda**  
*n.* **lusirisiri**  
*n.* **mbumbunira**  
*n.* **mundindi**  
*n.* **ndiira**  
*n.* **zinzi**

insensitive *adj.* **binkwatiiriki**  
 insensitive person *n.* **ntabiganye**

insert *v.* **kutamu**  
*v.* **kusookoosya**

inside *adj.* **kyamukati**  
*adv.* **mu**  
*adv.* **munda**  
*adv.* **mukati**

inside information *n.* **kihwe**  
 inside out thing *n.* **mpinduluze**  
 inside out, turn *v.* **kufoora**  
 insist *v.* **kuhaamiira**  
*v.* **kuhangaanwa**  
*v.* **kulemeraho**

insomnia, have *v.* **kulaala nowona**  
 inspect *v.* **kukebera**  
 instability *n.* **ḅurawarawa**  
 instantly *adv.* **ḅuloho-ḅuloho**  
*adv.* **hahwo na hahwo**  
 instantly do s.t. *v.* **kugumya**  
 instantly, act *v.* **kubyokeramu**  
 instead *adv.* **dongi**  
 instigator *n.* **mukamakyō**

*n.* **mucuukiriirya**  
 instinct, natural *n.* **ḅukengeḅu**  
 institution *n.* **kitongole**  
 instrument *n.* **ntelobeegi**  
 instrument, stringed *n.* **lukembe**  
 insult *v.* **kuhedula**

*v.* **kusensegula**  
*v.* **kwoloka**  
 integrity *n.* **ḅunanu**  
 intelligence *n.* **ḅukengeḅu**  
*n.* **ḅwetegerezi**  
*n.* **nkebe**  
*n.* **nkiri**

intelligent person *n.* **kalimagezi**  
*n.* **mugezi**  
*n.* **mukengeḅu**  
*n.* **mwetegerezi**  
*n.* **mwobi bwongu**  
*n.* **wankiri**

intemperance *n.* **kajagaraire**  
 intend *v.* **kugyendeera**  
 intended thing *n.* **kigyendeere**  
 intensely *adv.* **ḅunene**  
 intensively *adv.* **mu ḅunene**  
 interact *v.* **kwenamira**  
 intercede *v.* **kutongoneera**  
 intercept *v.* **kukingiza**  
 interested, be *v.* **kusemererwa**  
*v.* **kwendya**

interesting, make *v.* **kunyumisya**  
 interest, show *v.* **kusemeza**  
 interest, strong *n.* **kihika**  
 interior *adj.* **kyamukati**  
 international *adj.* **kya nsi gyensei**  
 interpret *v.* **kuhindula**  
 interpret a dream *v.* **kulootoora**  
 interpreter of dreams *n.* **mulootoori**  
 interrogate *v.* **kuḅuuliriirya**  
 interrupt *v.* **kutalibaniza**  
*v.* **kugaanisya**

intersect *v.* **kurabanganamwo**  
 intersection *n.* **masangananzira**  
 interval *n.* **kaanya**  
*n.* **keire**  
 intervening *adj.* **hakati ḅwa**  
 intestinal worm *n.* **luzoka**  
 intestine *n.* **kyamunda**  
*n.* **lula**  
*n.* **lugiisiri**

intestine, large *n.* **kifunju**  
 intestine, part of large *n.* **nuuni**  
 intimidate *v.* **kukankania**  
     *v.* **kutiinisiiriya**  
     *v.* **kwingiriya**  
 into *adv.* **mu**  
 intoxicate s.b. *v.* **kutamiira**  
 intractability *n.* **buteegwa**  
 introduce *v.* **kubazaho**  
     *v.* **kuhembra**  
     *v.* **kuranga**  
     *v.* **kusoboora**  
 introduce a bridegroom *v.* **kwanjura**  
     *v.* **kweranga**  
 introduce a marriage partner  
     *v.* **kutoora**  
 introduce each other  
     *v.* **kwerangirangana**  
     *v.* **kwesoboorangana**  
 introduce s.t. new *v.* **kuragiira**  
     *v.* **kwolokya**  
 introduce yourself *v.* **kwebazaho**  
     *v.* **kwesoboora**  
     *v.* **kwezolokya**  
 intrude *v.* **kwezingiiryamu**  
 inundated *adj.* **curucuru**  
 invade *v.* **kuramaga**  
 invent *v.* **kugumbura**  
 inventor *n.* **mugumburi**  
 invest *v.* **kutamwo nsimbi habwa**  
     **magoba**  
 investigate *v.* **kubega**  
     *v.* **kukebera**  
     *v.* **kubuuliriya**  
     *v.* **kutoolereerya**  
 investigate a crime *v.* **kutoolereerya**  
     **musangu**  
 investigate fully *v.* **kutulukiriya**  
 investigation *n.* **bumbega**  
 investigator, secret *n.* **mbega**  
 invitation *n.* **kwetehwa**  
 invite *v.* **kweta**  
 invited, be *v.* **kwetwa**  
 involved by force, get  
     *v.* **kwejungamu**  
     *v.* **kwemigamu**  
     *v.* **kwesubbamu**  
 involved, be *v.* **kubbamu**  
 involved, get unexpectedly

*v.* **kwejunga**  
 irascibility *n.* **bujaganiriya**  
     *n.* **bupapi**  
     *n.* **kajagaraire**  
 irascible person *n.* **mujaganiriya**  
     *n.* **mupapu**  
 irascible person, habitually *n.* **mupapi**  
 iron *v.* **kugooro**  
     *n.* **kyoma**  
 iron bar *n.* **mutehimbwa**  
 iron box *n.* **paasi**  
 iron sheet *n.* **ibbaati**  
 irregularity *n.* **kyosi**  
 irregular, be *v.* **kwosoosa**  
 irresponsibility *n.* **bugwagwa**  
     *n.* **butafayo**  
     *n.* **butaganya**  
     *n.* **buhabu**  
     *n.* **buhungutuku**  
 irresponsible person *n.* **mpunguule**  
     *n.* **mutafayo**  
     *n.* **mugwagwa**  
     *n.* **mwegumisirizi**  
     *n.* **nganya**  
 irrigate *v.* **kusenseera**  
 irrigation channel *n.* **muhwi**  
 irritability *n.* **bujaganiriya**  
     *n.* **bupapi**  
     *n.* **kajagaraire**  
 irritable person *n.* **mujaganiriya**  
     *n.* **mupapu**  
 irritable person, habitually *n.* **mupapi**  
 irritating person *n.* **mugadya**  
     *n.* **muhugutania**  
     *n.* **mulemesya**  
     *n.* **mutalibanizi**  
     *n.* **mwendereerya**  
 island *n.* **kizinga**  
 isolate *v.* **kusooroora**  
     *v.* **kutongoola**  
 isolate yourself *v.* **kugungumara**  
     *v.* **kwebagaania**  
     *v.* **kwegunga**  
     *v.* **kwesooroora**  
     *v.* **ketongoola**  
     *v.* **kwezahula**  
 isolated, be *v.* **kusooroora**  
     *v.* **kwahukana**  
 it *pro.* **gwogwo**

it is me

*pro.* **gyogyo**

*pro.* **kooko**

*pro.* **kyokyo**

*pro.* **twotwo**

it is me *pro.* **gyagya**

it is so *interj.* **kwokwo**

it will be *interj.* **kikubba**

itch lightly *v.* **kunwereerya**

itching, be *v.* **kusiihwa**

itching, cause *v.* **kusiiha**

its *pro.* **baagwo**

*pro.* **baagyo**

*pro.* **baakwo**

*pro.* **baakyo**

*pro.* **baalwo**

*pro.* **baalyo**

*pro.* **byagwo**

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*pro.* **bwagwo**

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*pro.* **gaagwo**

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*pro.* **gwalyo**

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*pro.* **gyalwo**

*pro.* **gyalyo**

*pro.* **kaagwo**

*pro.* **kaagyo**

*pro.* **kaakwo**

its

*pro.* **kaakyo**

*pro.* **kaalwo**

*pro.* **kaalyo**

*pro.* **kwagwo**

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*pro.* **kwakwo**

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*pro.* **kyalwo**

*pro.* **kyalyo**

*pro.* **lwagwo**

*pro.* **lwagyo**

*pro.* **lwakwo**

*pro.* **lwakyo**

*pro.* **lwalwo**

*pro.* **lwalyo**

*pro.* **lyagwo**

*pro.* **lyagyo**

*pro.* **lyakwo**

*pro.* **lyakyo**

*pro.* **lyalwo**

*pro.* **lyalyo**

*pro.* **myagwo**

*pro.* **myagyo**

*pro.* **myakwo**

*pro.* **myakyo**

*pro.* **myalwo**

*pro.* **myalyo**

*pro.* **twagwo**

*pro.* **twagyo**

*pro.* **twakwo**

*pro.* **twakyo**

*pro.* **twalwo**

*pro.* **twalyo**

*pro.* **waagwo**

*pro.* **waagyo**

*pro.* **waakwo**

*pro.* **waakyo**

*pro.* **waalwo**

*pro.* **waalyo**

*pro.* **zaagwo**

*pro.* **zaagyo**

*pro.* **zaakwo**

*pro.* **zaakyo**

itself

*pro.* **zaalwo**  
*pro.* **zaalyo**  
itself *pro.* **gwankei**  
*pro.* **gyankei**

jump like a frog

*pro.* **kyankei**  
*pro.* **lwankei**  
*pro.* **lyankei**  
ivory *n.* **musyange**

## J - j

jackfruit *n.* **kijaaka**  
jackfruit tree *n.* **jaaka**  
jail *n.* **nkomo**  
January *adv.* **Mweri Gwakubanza**  
jar, clay *n.* **mbindo**  
javelin *n.* **kasumu**  
*n.* **mpalu**  
*n.* **rubangu**  
jaw *n.* **lusaya**  
jealous person *n.* **mntu wa mutima gubiibi**  
*n.* **weihali**  
jealousy *n.* **itima**  
*n.* **ihali**  
*n.* **kimira**  
*n.* **meiha**  
jealous, be *v.* **kunenira igegu**  
jerk *v.* **kukankana**  
*v.* **kwerunduka**  
jerky *n.* **kipeede**  
jerry can *n.* **kijerikaani**  
*n.* **kipiira**  
jerry can, small *n.* **kapiira**  
jewel *n.* **mulinga**  
jewellery *n.* **kilwalu kya kwejaayiika**  
jigger *n.* **nyunze**  
job, get a *v.* **kutunga mulimo**  
join *v.* **kuyunga**  
*v.* **kukwatya**  
*v.* **kuteerenia**  
*v.* **kutumira**  
join a group *v.* **kweteeraniza**  
*v.* **kweyunga**  
join broken bones *v.* **kukwata**  
join in *v.* **kukwataniza**  
join parts of a woven item  
*v.* **kusendeiga**  
join with a knot *v.* **kukundukira**  
joined, be *v.* **kweteeraniza**

joint *n.* **luingo**  
joint in furniture *n.* **iteereno**  
jointly use *v.* **kusabirana**  
joint, on a plant stem *n.* **lugega**  
joke *v.* **kusandaara**  
*v.* **kusanzira**  
*v.* **kuzeenya**  
*n.* **kya kusandaara**  
*n.* **kya kusekesya**  
*n.* **kya kuzeenya**  
joke about s.b. *v.* **kujooga**  
*v.* **kusonsa**  
joker *n.* **musandaari**  
*n.* **musonsi**  
jolly person *n.* **musanyuku**  
journey *n.* **lugyendu**  
jovial person *n.* **musandaari**  
*n.* **musonsi**  
joyful person *n.* **mwegonzi**  
joyful, be *v.* **kusanyuka**  
joyful, be extremely *v.* **kucamuka**  
joy, cause *v.* **kusanyukya**  
judge *v.* **kusala**  
*v.* **kucwa**  
*n.* **muraamuri**  
judgement *n.* **ncwa**  
*n.* **ncwamu**  
judge, traditional co-judge  
*n.* **musensa**  
judiciary *n.* **huraamuzi**  
jug *n.* **jaagi**  
jug, milk *n.* **lubindi**  
juice, banana *n.* **nsande**  
July *adv.* **Mweri Gwamusanju**  
jumble up when searching  
*v.* **kutakula**  
jump *v.* **kugusuka**  
*v.* **kwesenga**  
jump for s.t. *v.* **kugusukira**  
jump like a frog *v.* **kurodoka**

jump over

known, be

jump over v. **kutaaduuka**

v. **kuguzukira**

jump rope v. **kugusuka muguha**

jump up and down v. **kugusuka-gusuka**

junction n. **masangananzira**

June adv. **Mweri Gwamukaaga**

junk n. **kibbomboro**

jury n. **kitebe kya baraamuri ba misangu**

just adv. **yaatyo**

justice n. **bwinganiza**

justify v. **kugumya**

v. **kunanukisya**

## K - k

kanga n. **kasuuka**

Kaunda suit n. **saatikooti**

keel n. **igyendero**

keep v. **kubiika**

kerosene n. **makuta ga taara**

kettle n. **bbinika**

key n. **kisumuruzo**

keyboard, electric n. **nanga**

kick v. **kusamba**

n. **mugere**

kick from an animal n. **ndoobo**

kick repeatedly v. **kusambagana**

kick s.b. v. **kusambatula**

kick s.b. hard v. **kusogora**

kid v. **kusanzira**

v. **kuzeenya**

kidnap v. **kugwera**

v. **kuhamba**

kidnaper n. **muhambi**

kidnapped person n. **muhambwa**

kidney n. **lusigo**

kill v. **kwita**

kill by beating v. **kugumiira**

killed, be v. **kuzindwa**

killer n. **mutemu**

n. **murasi**

n. **muzindi**

n. **mwiti**

kill, of two things at once n. **nongo**

kilogram n. **kilo**

kilometre n. **kilomita**

kin n. **kika**

kind adj. **kiheheeru**

kind person n. **wa mbabazi**

kindle v. **kuhemba**

v. **kukolereerya**

v. **kwakya**

king n. **mukama**

kingdom n. **bukama**

kingfisher n. **kabbalama**

kingship n. **bukama**

king's delegate n. **mukurati**

king's prime minister n. **katikiro**

king's subordinate n. **muyolo**

kinship n. **bubyalasanwa**

Kirk's dik-dik n. **munsihi**

kiss v. **kunywegera**

kitchen n. **jokooni**

n. **kicumbiro**

kite n. **kamankuuti**

knead v. **kukanda**

knee n. **ilu**

knee cap n. **mwengeseru gweilu**

kneel v. **kukunda malu**

kneel down, make s.b. v. **kukundisya**

knife n. **nsone**

knife, sharp n. **lumwabu**

knit v. **kuluka**

knock v. **kukonkona**

v. **kutomera**

v. **kukunda**

knock each other v. **kutomerangana**

knock off work v. **kwinyuka**

knock out n. **kidule**

knock yourself v. **kwetomera**

knot n. **kikundu**

knot together v. **kukundukira**

know v. **kwega**

know when to do s.t. v. **kubaliira**

**bwire**

knowledge n. **magezi**

knowledge area n. **musomo**

knowledgeable adj. **kyamagezi**

known, be v. **kukuma**



v. **kwegebwa**  
 knuckle *n.* **kinkonogo**  
 kob, Uganda *n.* **mparaaki**

kraal *n.* **lugo**  
 kwashiorkor *n.* **kyosi**

## L - 1

label *n.* **kyapa**  
 labour *v.* **kupakasa**  
 labour pain *n.* **bisa**  
 labour pain, first trimester *n.* **kasuma**  
 labour pain, postnatal *n.* **kipampaati**  
 labourer *n.* **mukori**  
*n.* **mupakasi**  
 labouring *n.* **bupakasi**  
 lacking *adj.* **kitakumala**  
 ladder *n.* **madaara**  
 ladle *n.* **kitahyo**  
 lag behind *v.* **kusigaara**  
 lagoon *n.* **musoma**  
 lake *n.* **itaka**  
 lake fly *n.* **kajuuru**  
*n.* **luhunda**  
 lake middle *n.* **magali**  
 lamb *n.* **mwana gwa ntaama**  
 lame person *n.* **mulima**  
*n.* **muzingamu**  
*n.* **nzingo**  
 lament *v.* **kwerorongonia**  
 lame, become *v.* **kulimala**  
 lamp *n.* **taara**  
 lance *v.* **kutuuta**  
 land *n.* **nsi**  
 land for farming *n.* **nguru**  
 land title stone *n.* **kahiga**  
 landing site *n.* **mutanda**  
 landmark *n.* **ntandiko na mmaliira**  
 landslide *n.* **kubiringita kweihiga**  
**ku lusahu**  
 language *n.* **lukobo**  
*n.* **lulimi**  
 large *adj.* **kikooto**  
 large in body *adj.* **kaguulu**  
 large person *n.* **mukooto**  
 Large spotted genet *n.* **wondo**  
 large thing *n.* **kabbeemule**  
 largeness *n.* **bukooto**  
 large, very *adv.* **ngundu**

larvae, potato-leaf eating *n.* **kadyebbu**  
 lash *n.* **kibbooko**  
*n.* **kijwatu**  
*v.* **kubboheera**  
*n.* **lujunju**  
 lasso *v.* **kurindya**  
 last *adj.* **kyakumaliira**  
 last forever *v.* **kwomeera**  
 last person *n.* **waakumaliira**  
 lastborn child *n.* **mwijalanda**  
 last, be *v.* **kusika mwinkira**  
 last, come *v.* **kumaliira**  
*v.* **kusemba**  
 latch *n.* **kidaali**  
 lateral line *n.* **lugongo**  
*n.* **mubaga**  
 late, be *v.* **kukeereerwa**  
 latrine *n.* **kyorooni**  
 laugh *v.* **kugegemuka**  
*v.* **kukuuta nseku**  
*v.* **kuseka**  
 laugh at s.b. *v.* **kusekereerya**  
 laugh constantly *v.* **kukyekyemuka**  
 laugh loudly *v.* **kukekera**  
*v.* **kukuuta mukule**  
 laugh till you cry *v.* **kuseka na maliga**  
 laughter *n.* **nseku**  
 laughter, loud *n.* **mukule**  
 launch *v.* **kutandikisya**  
 launch officially *v.* **kutongooza**  
 law *n.* **iteeka**  
*n.* **kiragiro**  
 lawmaker *n.* **mukurati**  
 lawyer *n.* **puliida**  
 lay eggs *v.* **kuguma**  
 lay on an angle *v.* **kujenga**  
 Lay Reader *n.* **musomesa**  
*n.* **mutebezi**  
*n.* **mwegesa**  
 layer *n.* **muzimbo**

layer, cut a thin

lie

layer, cut a thin *v.* **kukeketa**  
lazily, do s.t. *v.* **kwesiihuula**  
laziness *n.* **bugare**  
*n.* **bwolo**  
lazy person *n.* **mugare**  
*n.* **mwolo**  
lazy, feel *v.* **kweganya**  
lead *v.* **kukapisya**  
*v.* **kwebembera**  
lead a song *v.* **kwamijirya**  
lead to *v.* **kurugira**  
leader *n.* **mwebemberi**  
*n.* **mwebembezi**  
leadership *n.* **bwebemberi**  
leading, be *v.* **kwebembera**  
lead, cause s.b. to *v.* **kwebembeerya**  
leaf *n.* **kikoora**  
*n.* **lukaahi**  
leaf, banana *n.* **lubabi**  
leak *v.* **kuluusya**  
lean against *v.* **kugogoma**  
lean back *v.* **kugaramiira**  
lean s.t. *v.* **kujenga**  
lean yourself *v.* **kwejengera**  
leap *v.* **kurodoka**  
learn *v.* **kupena**  
*v.* **kusoma**  
*v.* **kwega**  
learned person *n.* **musomu**  
learner *n.* **mwegi**  
leather *n.* **kikuta**  
leave *v.* **kuleka**  
*v.* **kurugaho**  
*v.* **kusetuka**  
*v.* **kutiga**  
leave behind *v.* **kutigiira**  
leaven *n.* **kitumbisya**  
leaven, beer *n.* **bumya**  
lecture *v.* **kwegesya**  
ledge, veranda *n.* **kikungu**  
left-hand *adj.* **bumoso**  
leftover food *n.* **kiholo**  
leftover posho *n.* **kizanzu**  
leg *n.* **kigulu**  
leg meat *n.* **mulokoonyi**  
leg of a cow *n.* **kirenge**  
leg rattle *n.* **kinyege**  
legal case *n.* **musangu**  
*n.* **nsangu**

legal case statement *n.* **sitheetimenti**  
legal case statements *n.* **ntongani**  
legislate *v.* **kurabyaho biragiro**  
legislator *n.* **mukurati**  
legislators *n.* **kakuratu**  
leg, thigh, of an animal *n.* **kirumbu**  
leisure time *n.* **bwire bwange**  
lend *v.* **kutijiza**  
lend a hand *v.* **kukwatiraho**  
lend money *v.* **kuhora**  
lender *n.* **muhori**  
length and width of s.t.  
*n.* **mweyandu**  
lengthen s.t. *v.* **kuleehya**  
lengthened, become *v.* **kuleeha**  
lens *n.* **ndabiso gikanyeetya rundi**  
**gikakeehya**  
leopard *n.* **bbegeri**  
leper *n.* **mugenge**  
*n.* **waabihaga**  
leprosy *n.* **bibembe**  
*n.* **bihaga**  
less *adv.* **kidooliho**  
*adv.* **kikeehuho**  
*adv.* **kyampula**  
less quantity *adj.* **bubiri**  
lesser *adj.* **kidooliho**  
lesson *n.* **isomo**  
letter *n.* **bbaruha**  
letter of the alphabet *n.* **nyuguta**  
level *n.* **idaara**  
*n.* **lulengu**  
*n.* **mulembe**  
*n.* **mutindo**  
level a surface *v.* **kumamatiirya**  
lever *n.* **kyoma kikaahuura**  
levy *v.* **kugereka**  
levy market dues *v.* **kuhooza**  
liar *n.* **mugobya**  
liberate *v.* **kucungura**  
liberate yourself *v.* **kwecungura**  
lice eggs *n.* **nghinghinira**  
lick *v.* **kudemba**  
*v.* **kukomba**  
lick the fingers *v.* **kwekombera**  
lick the lips *v.* **kwekombera**  
lid *n.* **kikuunyuko**  
lie *n.* **kisuba**  
*v.* **kugobya**

lie down *v.* **kulaala**  
 lie on s.t. *v.* **kulaalira**  
 lie on your stomach *v.* **kwejuumuka**  
 lie relaxed *v.* **kwerambiika**  
 life *n.* **bwomi**  
 lift *v.* **kutembya**  
 lift s.t. heavy *v.* **kusenga byozo**  
 lift up *v.* **kusenga**  
     *v.* **kubyokya**  
 light *n.* **kyererezi**  
 light a fire *v.* **kucumuka**  
     *v.* **kuhemba**  
     *v.* **kukolereerya**  
 light a lantern *v.* **kucumuka taara**  
 light bulb *n.* **giloobbu**  
 light colour *adj.* **kisyanuruuru**  
 light fire in a kraal *v.* **kuhembera**  
 light rays, reflected *n.* **masalisali**  
 light up *v.* **kumuluka**  
 lighten *v.* **kusyanja**  
 light-headed, feel *v.* **kuhungukeera**  
 lightness *n.* **buhuhu**  
 lightning *n.* **kaserya**  
 lightweight *adj.* **kihuhu**  
 light, be *v.* **kuhuha**  
 like *v.* **kwendya**  
     *adv.* **nka**  
 like that *conj.* **yaatyo**  
 like this *conj.* **nka yati**  
 likely *adv.* **bundi na bundi**  
 limit *n.* **nkangu**  
 limp *v.* **kuconkoda**  
     *v.* **kucinkibba**  
 line of text *n.* **lukaara**  
 line up *v.* **kuterekereerya**  
 linen *n.* **lugoye**  
 line, boundary *n.* **musitali**  
 lingerie *n.* **bitengu**  
 lining on a maize cob *n.* **luseera**  
 link *v.* **kuteerenja**  
 linked, be *v.* **kweteeraniza**  
 lion *n.* **ntali**  
 lion's roar *interj.* **huwu**  
 lip *n.* **munwa**  
 lip off *n.* **muhorozu**  
 lipping off *n.* **buhorozi**  
 liquor, white *n.* **bbungu**  
     *n.* **haragi**  
     *n.* **liralira**

list *v.* **kutonda**  
     *v.* **kusorongya**  
 list a genealogy *v.* **kulondoora**  
     **bubyalwasana**  
 listen *v.* **kwegwa**  
     *v.* **kwetegeerya**  
 listen you *interj.* **we**  
     *interj.* **weegwa**  
 listener *n.* **mwetegeerya**  
 list, make a *v.* **kulondoora**  
 little *adj.* **bubiri**  
     *adj.* **kidooli**  
 live *v.* **kwicala**  
 live in harmony *v.* **kwicalanwa**  
 live right *v.* **kuterekeera**  
 live right, help s.b. *v.* **kucura**  
 liveliness *n.* **bukebukebu**  
 lively person *n.* **muhyo**  
     *n.* **mukebukebu**  
     *n.* **nzanza**  
 liver *n.* **inihi**  
 livestock *n.* **bitumbu**  
     *n.* **bitungwa**  
 livestock keeping *n.* **buliisya**  
 lizard *n.* **garagara**  
 lizard sp., Agama *n.* **nsiiko**  
 lizard, Yellow-throated  
     *n.* **kabbaratuuru**  
 load *n.* **kibbambu**  
     *n.* **kigugu**  
     *n.* **kizigo**  
     *v.* **kupakira**  
     *v.* **kutweka**  
     *n.* **mwetweko**  
 load on the head, help s.b. *v.* **kutweka**  
 loader *n.* **mupakiri**  
 lock *n.* **koporo**  
     *v.* **kufunga**  
 lock yourself in *v.* **kwekingirana**  
 locust *n.* **nsurumunu**  
 locust, large brown *n.* **luzige**  
 locust, medium brown *n.* **kihaara**  
 locust, small green and purple  
     *n.* **sonsonsa**  
 lodge *v.* **kugoonya**  
     *n.* **looji**  
     *n.* **ngoonyo**  
 log *n.* **nduli**  
 logic *n.* **magezi**

logo *n.* **kyapa**  
 lonely person *n.* **kinyoomwei**  
 long *adj.* **kilei**  
 longer, become *v.* **kuleeha**  
 longer, make s.t. *v.* **kuleehya**  
 longevity *n.* **bwomeeru**  
 long-winded speaker *n.* **ruheira**  
 look *interj.* **wona**  
 look after *v.* **kulingiira**  
     *v.* **kuwoneera**  
 look at *v.* **kulingiira**  
 look away *v.* **kutoolayo meiso**  
 look away in shame *v.* **kwemonga-mongola**  
 look closely *v.* **kulingania**  
 look down on *v.* **kuduura**  
 look for *v.* **kuhiga**  
     *v.* **kutoolya**  
 look of s.t. *n.* **nzooka**  
 look out *interj.* **weerinda**  
 look slyly *v.* **kuleeba**  
 loose *adj.* **kijegeje**  
     *adj.* **kyahuku**  
 loose talk *n.* **bwsadamuku**  
     *n.* **karabule**  
 loose talker *n.* **horohoro**  
 loosen *v.* **kubbaabbuula**  
     *v.* **kujegya-jegya**  
 loose, become *v.* **kubbaabbuuka**  
     *v.* **kujega-jega**  
     *v.* **kulegeya**  
 loot *v.* **kunyaga**  
 lose *v.* **kusemba**  
     *v.* **kusingurwa**  
 lose a lot *v.* **kugoromora**  
 lose an election *v.* **kugwa**  
 lose support *v.* **kutesuka**  
 lose s.b. *v.* **kukwesya**  
 lose s.t. *v.* **kufeerwa**  
     *v.* **kuguma**  
     *v.* **kurugwaho**  
     *v.* **kusyereerya**  
 lose wealth *v.* **kumalikirwa itungu**  
 loser *n.* **musembi**  
 loss, cause *v.* **kufereza**  
 lots *adv.* **bunene**  
     *adv.* **fo**  
 louder, get *v.* **kubyokya iraka**  
 lounge *n.* **igambiro**

louse *n.* **ida**  
 louse egg *n.* **nghinghinira**  
 love *v.* **kugonza**  
     *v.* **kwendya**  
     *n.* **ngonzi**  
 love each other *v.* **kugonzangana**  
     *v.* **kwendyangana**  
 love play *v.* **kusikina**  
 love yourself *v.* **kwezendya**  
 loved child *n.* **kipiite**  
 loved person *n.* **kigonze**  
     *n.* **mugonzebwa**  
     *n.* **nkira babyale**  
 loved wife *n.* **kipiite**  
     *n.* **nyamungongi**  
 loved, be *v.* **kugonzebwa**  
     *v.* **kwendebwa**  
 loved, feel *v.* **kwezegwa ngonzi**  
 lover *n.* **mugonzebwa**  
     *n.* **mukunzi**  
 low *adj.* **hansi**  
 low status person *n.* **pirico**  
     *n.* **waahimu**  
 low-class person *n.* **cekerece**  
 lower down *v.* **kusirimura**  
 lower down, of clouds  
     *v.* **kutyetyebira**  
 lower s.t. *v.* **kuniinula**  
 lowly, be *v.* **kubundaara**  
 lubricate *v.* **kuheheerya**  
 luck *n.* **mugisa**  
     *n.* **nkya**  
 luck, bad *n.* **kisiraani**  
     *n.* **kiira**  
     *n.* **kisali**  
     *n.* **mbiri gubiibi**  
     *n.* **mugisa gubiibi**  
 luck, good *n.* **mugisa gurungi**  
 lull a baby to sleep *v.* **kulaaliriirya**  
 lullaby, sing *v.* **kuloolootya**  
 lump *n.* **kibbolibbo**  
 lunacy *n.* **iraru**  
 lunch *n.* **kya mwinsi**  
 lunch time *n.* **bwire bwa**  
     **kyamwinsi**  
 lung *n.* **kiweehuhulu**  
 lungfish *n.* **bamba**  
 lungs *n.* **byombo**  
 lust *n.* **bijogomeera**

lust greatly

*n.* **iroho**  
*n.* **kahya**  
*v.* **kwegomba**  
*v.* **kweligijiira**  
*v.* **kweninghiniira**  
*n.* **lwaga**  
*n.* **meero**

married independence, cause

*n.* **mukoijo**  
*n.* **rwanju**  
lust greatly *v.* **kudakaara**  
lust, sexual *n.* **bumalaaya**  
*n.* **bubungi**  
lying *n.* **bugobya**  
lyrics *n.* **mabbwa**

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machete *n.* **kipanga**  
macrame hanger *n.* **mutembu**  
mad person *n.* **akurabwaho**  
*n.* **mugweiraru**  
*n.* **muhungutuku**  
*n.* **mutabuku bwongu**  
madam *n.* **mukali**  
madness *n.* **iraru**  
mad, be *v.* **kuhungutuka**  
*v.* **kurabwaho**  
*v.* **kuraruka**  
*v.* **kugweiraru**  
maggot *n.* **iginyo**  
maggot, large *n.* **ngemi**  
magic *n.* **mahanu**  
*n.* **masana**  
magistrate *n.* **muraamuri**  
main point *n.* **nsonga gihandu**  
maintain *v.* **kudaabiriza**  
maize *n.* **kicooli**  
maize flour *n.* **buhunga**  
maize plant, prolific *n.* **kicooli kya ndere**  
majority of, be a *v.* **kukira bunene**  
make way for *v.* **kurugiza**  
*v.* **kubisya**  
malaria *n.* **muswija**  
male sexual organs *n.* **budulu**  
maleness *n.* **budulu**  
malice *n.* **ihali**  
*n.* **kimira**  
*n.* **meiha**  
malicious, be *v.* **kwefookeera**  
malnourishment *n.* **munanghu**  
malnutrition *n.* **kyosi**  
*n.* **munanghu**  
mamba, Green *n.* **mpiri gya lukoma**

man *n.* **mudulu**  
man who acts like a boy *n.* **azaga**  
manage *v.* **kulema**  
manage a difficulty *v.* **kubbuka**  
manager *n.* **kaliisoliiso wa mulimo**  
Mandarin tree *n.* **mandaga**  
mango *n.* **myembe**  
manipulate *v.* **kukamula**  
*v.* **kwenolya**  
man-made *adj.* **kyangalu**  
man-made object *n.* **kiheese**  
manner *n.* **cuume**  
*n.* **kakodyo**  
*n.* **mulingo**  
many *adv.* **bunene**  
man, older *n.* **muze**  
map *n.* **maapu**  
map symbol *n.* **ndagiirio**  
Marabou stork *n.* **nunda**  
March *adv.* **Mweri Gwakasatu**  
march *v.* **kukumba**  
margin *n.* **musitali**  
marina *n.* **musoma**  
mark *n.* **kibbaati**  
*v.* **kucuusa**  
*v.* **kusura**  
*n.* **kyapa**  
*n.* **laama**  
*n.* **nsura**  
mark schoolwork *v.* **kukebera**  
market *n.* **katali**  
*v.* **kutoolereerya katali**  
market master *n.* **muhooza**  
marriage *n.* **bufumbo**  
marriage feast *n.* **ngali**  
marriage party *n.* **bugole**  
married independence, cause

v. **kuhigika**  
 married person *n.* **mufumbo**  
 married to each other, get  
 v. **kutungangana**  
 married, be v. **kuswerwa**  
 married, get v. **kugabura**  
 v. **mpita**  
 marry v. **kuswera**  
 marsh grass sp. *n.* **lugaaga**  
 marsh plant sp. *n.* **lulaka**  
 Mascarane frog *n.* **weenyolye**  
 mash v. **kurunga**  
 v. **kutyola**  
 masking tape *n.* **gaamu**  
 mass *n.* **bwozo**  
*n.* **ntuumo**  
*n.* **raatiri**  
 massage v. **kukwata buhuta**  
 masses *adv.* **fo**  
 mast *n.* **mulongooti**  
 match v. **kwijanjanja**  
 match two things v. **kwisansanja**  
 matchbox *n.* **kibbiriji**  
 match, sport *n.* **muzaanu**  
 material, cloth *n.* **lugoye**  
 maternity dress *n.* **lugoye lwa nda**  
*n.* **mateneti**  
 maternity ward *n.* **ibyaliro**  
 mate, be ready to, of a cow v. **kuhaka**  
 mate, of animals v. **kwemya**  
 mate, of birds v. **kugosa**  
 mathematics *n.* **kubala**  
 mathematics question *n.* **kahendu**  
 mating gathering *n.* **lwemu**  
 matters *n.* **makuru**  
 mattress *n.* **mufaalisi**  
 mature, become v. **kuhangiira**  
 maturity *n.* **buhandu**  
 mat, grass *n.* **mukeeka**  
 mat, papyrus *n.* **kikede**  
*n.* **kikolo**  
 May *adv.* **Mweri Gwakataanu**  
 maybe *adv.* **kikusoboka**  
*adv.* **kikwisana**  
*adv.* **kyakubba**  
*adv.* **manya**  
*conj.* **rundi**  
 me *pro.* **gyagya**  
 meal *n.* **kiihuru**

*n.* **kiragoopi**  
 meal, organise a special v. **kuhingira**  
 mean v. **kumanyisya**  
 mean person *n.* **mukodo**  
*n.* **mulimiriirwa**  
*n.* **mutatiro**  
*n.* **wa ngalu gitatiro**  
 means *n.* **cuume**  
*n.* **kakodyo**  
*n.* **mulingo**  
 meanwhile *conj.* **bubwo**  
 mean, be v. **kwima**  
 measles *n.* **luseru**  
 measles, develop v. **kwoha**  
 measure v. **kupima**  
 measurement *n.* **lulengu**  
 measuring device *n.* **kilengesyo**  
*n.* **kipimyo**  
 measuring stick *n.* **rubangu**  
 measuring tape *n.* **lukobba**  
 meat *n.* **nyama**  
 meat gift payment *n.* **mbaagi**  
 meat slice, smoked *n.* **mugaasi**  
 meat slice, sun-dried *n.* **kipeede**  
 meat, dried *n.* **mukalu**  
 meat, piece of *n.* **kifi**  
 mechanic *n.* **makanika**  
 meddle v. **kwebbwogiramu**  
*v.* **kwejungamu**  
*v.* **kwekaakyamu**  
*v.* **kwekiikamu**  
*v.* **kwesubbamu**  
*v.* **kwezingiiryamu**  
 medicine *n.* **mubazi**  
 meet v. **kugwaho**  
*v.* **kyumba**  
 meet unexpectedly v. **kupimpira**  
 meeting *n.* **lukuratu**  
 melody *n.* **iraka**  
 melon sp. *n.* **luliibwa**  
 melt v. **kugera**  
*v.* **kunyelela**  
*v.* **kwaga**  
 member *n.* **munyaakitebe**  
 memorise v. **kukwata**  
 memory *n.* **kwizuka**  
 mend v. **kukanika**  
*v.* **kumwona**  
*v.* **kupaama**

v. **kunihiriirya**  
 meningitis *n.* **murarama**  
 menopause, reach *v.* **kuhoosya**  
 menstrual pad *n.* **mweroobe**  
 menstruate *v.* **kubba ku mweri**  
*v.* **kubba mu nsonga**  
 mentally disabled *adj.* **bwongu**  
**buheneku**  
 mentally disturbed person  
*n.* **akurabwaho**  
*n.* **mugweiraru**  
*n.* **mupoonghipoonghi**  
*n.* **muhungutuku**  
*n.* **mutabuku bwongu**  
 mentally ill *adj.* **bwongu bwih**  
 mentally ill person *n.* **kijaalingwa**  
 mentally ill, be *v.* **kuhungutuka**  
 mention *v.* **kwatula**  
 merciful person *n.* **waakisa**  
 mercy *n.* **kisa**  
*n.* **mbabazi**  
 mess *n.* **bukazi**  
 message *n.* **bukwenda**  
*n.* **butumwa**  
 messenger *n.* **mukwenda**  
*n.* **mutumwa**  
 messiness *n.* **bucoome**  
 messy *adj.* **bukazi**  
 messy person *n.* **mucoome**  
*n.* **mukazi**  
 metal *n.* **kyoma**  
 metal, piece of *n.* **kooma**  
 method *n.* **cuume**  
*n.* **kakodyo**  
*n.* **mulingo**  
*n.* **nkora**  
 metre *n.* **mita**  
 midday *adv.* **ihangwe**  
 middle *adj.* **kyahakati**  
 midnight, after *n.* **itumbi**  
 midwife *n.* **mubyalisya**  
 midwife, be a *v.* **kubyalisya**  
 might *adv.* **kisobora**  
 migrate *v.* **kudemuka**  
*v.* **kufuruka**  
*v.* **kusenguka**  
 migration *n.* **kidemu**  
 mild person *n.* **muculeeru**  
*n.* **muholu**

*n.* **muteeku**  
*n.* **matesi**  
*n.* **mwinyamu**  
 mile *n.* **meiro**  
 military *n.* **busirikale**  
 milk *v.* **kukama**  
*n.* **mate**  
 milk stew *n.* **saawe**  
 milk, fermented *n.* **macunde**  
 milk, watery *n.* **muranga**  
 mill *n.* **kyoma kiswa**  
 millet *n.* **buoi**  
 million *num.* **kakeikuru**  
*num.* **milyoni**  
 mimic *v.* **kukopa**  
 mind *n.* **biteekerezo**  
*v.* **kufaho**  
*v.* **kuwoneera**  
 mindless person *n.* **mpunguule**  
*n.* **mutafayo**  
*n.* **mwegumisirizi**  
*n.* **nganya**  
 mindless, be *v.* **kugaaraata**  
 mine *pro.* **bange**  
*pro.* **byange**  
*pro.* **bwange**  
*pro.* **gange**  
*pro.* **gwange**  
*pro.* **gyange**  
*pro.* **kange**  
*pro.* **kwange**  
*pro.* **kyange**  
*pro.* **lwange**  
*pro.* **lyange**  
*pro.* **myange**  
*pro.* **twange**  
*pro.* **wange**  
*pro.* **zange**  
 mine for minerals *v.* **kwemba**  
 mineral *n.* **buguuda bwa mwitehe**  
 mingle *v.* **kuguza**  
*v.* **kusyeka**  
 mingle thoroughly *v.* **kunwania**  
 mingled thoroughly, become  
*v.* **kunwana**  
 mingling pan *n.* **kikwanu**  
 minister of religion *n.* **mulisya**  
 minister, government *n.* **miniisita**  
 minute *n.* **dakika**

miracle *n.* **mahanu**  
*n.* **masana**  
 miracle worker *n.* **mukora masana**  
 miraculous *adj.* **kyamahanu**  
 mirror *n.* **ndabiso**  
*n.* **ndoorwamu**  
 miscarriage, have a *v.* **kutorooga**  
 miscarry *v.* **kwomoka**  
 miserly, be *v.* **kulumirirwa**  
 misfortune *n.* **kisiraani**  
*n.* **kiira**  
*n.* **kisali**  
*n.* **mubiri gubiibi**  
*n.* **mugisa gubiibi**  
 misfortune, cause *v.* **kusiraania**  
 misinterpret *v.* **kuhindula makuru**  
 mislead *v.* **kuhabya**  
*v.* **kwohya**  
 misplace *v.* **kuguma**  
*v.* **kurugwaho**  
*v.* **kusyereerya**  
 mission *n.* **puturu**  
 mist *n.* **kiho**  
*n.* **kiweehohoi**  
 mistake *n.* **nsobi**  
 mistaken, become *v.* **kusoba**  
 mistake, make a *v.* **kusobya**  
 mistreat *v.* **kuwonawonesya**  
 misty weather *n.* **kinyamududu**  
 misunderstanding  
*n.* **butakengangana**  
*n.* **buteetegerezangana**  
 mix *v.* **kucanga**  
*v.* **kuhyangya**  
*v.* **kujuuba**  
 mix up *v.* **kutabura**  
 mix up alcohol *v.* **kutugira**  
 mixed nuts *n.* **kiruube**  
 mixed race person *n.* **ibbanga**  
**lijuubye**  
 mixed up solution *n.* **kitabure**  
 mixed up, get *v.* **kwetabura**  
 mixture *n.* **kiruube**  
 mobilise *v.* **kujuganiza**  
 mock *v.* **kucookooza**  
*v.* **kudomya**  
*v.* **kujooga**  
*v.* **kusonsa**  
 mock by laughing *v.* **kusekereerya**

mocked, be *v.* **kusekwa**  
 mocker *n.* **mujoogi**  
 mockery *n.* **kijoogo**  
*n.* **kisonso**  
 mode *n.* **cuume**  
*n.* **mulingo**  
 model *n.* **kawonero**  
 modern *adj.* **kihyaka**  
 modest person *n.* **mucaleeru**  
*n.* **muholu**  
*n.* **mutee ku**  
*n.* **mutesi**  
*n.* **mwinyamu**  
 modify *v.* **kusemeza**  
 molar *n.* **igegu**  
 mole *n.* **meipokopo**  
 momentum *n.* **kweyongera-**  
**bweyongeri**  
 Monday *adv.* **Kyabbaraza**  
 money *n.* **nsimbi**  
*n.* **sente**  
 money responsibility *n.* **bukeeto**  
 mongoose, Slender *n.* **nkaraaza**  
 mongoose, White-tailed *n.* **jeere**  
 monitor *n.* **muwoneeri**  
 monitor lizard *n.* **swaswa**  
 monkey *n.* **nkende**  
 monkey, Black-faced vervet *n.* **nkima**  
 monkey, Colobus *n.* **ngeye**  
 monopolise *v.* **kwemala kintu**  
 month *n.* **mweri**  
 mood *n.* **mbeera**  
 moon *n.* **mweri**  
 moon period, new *n.* **mboneko**  
 moon waxing days *n.* **nkeehu**  
 moonless period *n.* **mu ntiti**  
 moon, full *n.* **kikwere**  
 moon, new *n.* **kawenekeera**  
 mop *v.* **kusiimuura**  
 morally good person *n.* **mworobu**  
*n.* **wa ngesu**  
 more *adv.* **kikanyu**  
 more than *adv.* **bikiiriho**  
 more, do *v.* **kukira**  
 morning *adv.* **mwakya karei**  
 morning star *n.* **bbarakaaki**  
 mortar *n.* **kihuulu**  
 Moslem, become a *v.* **kusaramuka**  
 mosquito *n.* **nsinya**



mosquito net *n.* **tandaarwa**  
 most of all, be *v.* **kukira maani**  
 mostly *adv.* **bunene**  
 mother *n.* **maama**  
*n.* **ma maka**  
 mother-in-law *n.* **mubyala**  
 mother, new *n.* **nyakabyeru**  
 motion *n.* **ndibata**  
 motivate *v.* **kutatiirya**  
 motor boat *n.* **muteeri**  
 motorcar *n.* **motoka**  
 motorcycle *n.* **pikipiki**  
 mould *n.* **mbwi**  
 mould clay *v.* **kuhumba**  
 mould for brick making *n.* **kacuba**  
 mould pots *v.* **kuhumba kyese**  
*v.* **kumaata kyese**  
 mouldy, go *v.* **kuhumba**  
 mountain *n.* **lusahu**  
 mourn *v.* **kuura**  
 mourning *n.* **kizabiro**  
 mouth *n.* **munwa**  
 mouth off *n.* **muhorozu**  
 mouth watery feeling *n.* **kanyota**  
 mouthing off *n.* **buhorozu**  
*n.* **kajagaraire**  
 move *v.* **kugyenda**  
 move ahead *v.* **kutigiira**  
 move around *v.* **kucakara**  
 move aside *v.* **kuhugura**  
 move away *v.* **kurugaho**  
 move back and forth *v.* **kwehinda**  
 move beside s.t. *v.* **kuroobeera**  
 move fast *v.* **kuranguha**  
*v.* **kwanguha**  
 move forward or backward  
*v.* **kwesegya**  
 move improperly *v.* **kusyotooka**  
*v.* **kutyagira**  
 move near *v.* **kwesegereerya**  
 move noisily *v.* **kuriitya**  
 move out *v.* **kuhuluka**  
 move purposely *v.* **kulibatiira**  
 move quickly *v.* **kudunduuka**  
*v.* **kwezanguhya**  
 move relaxed *v.* **kutambula**  
 move suddenly *v.* **kukankana**  
 move s.t. closer *v.* **kusegya**  
 move together *v.* **kugyendera**

**hamwei**

move toward *v.* **kudwereera**  
 move toward each other  
*v.* **kwesegereeryagana**  
 move yourself around  
*v.* **kwelongoolya**  
*v.* **kwetunguula**  
 move yourself aside *v.* **kwehugura**  
 move yourself to or back  
*v.* **kwesuma**  
 movement *n.* **ndibata**  
 much *adv.* **bunene**  
*adv.* **kike**  
 mucus *n.* **kimira**  
 mucus, dry *n.* **kikakamu**  
 mud *n.* **bisaabu**  
*n.* **itehe**  
*n.* **togodo**  
 mud a house *v.* **kuhoma**  
*v.* **kumaata**  
 mudfish *n.* **bbisa**  
 mug *n.* **kikopo**  
 mulch *v.* **kuboogya itehe**  
 multiple *adj.* **bukanyu**  
 multiple, mathematical *n.* **mibalire**  
 multiplication *n.* **murundi**  
 multiply *v.* **kubazamu**  
 mumble *v.* **kumuumuuta**  
*v.* **kwekuuruumya**  
 mumbling, nasal *n.* **binyaannindo**  
 mumps *n.* **mamburuga**  
 murder *n.* **butemu**  
*n.* **bwiti**  
*v.* **kuzinda**  
 murderer *n.* **mutemu**  
*n.* **murasi**  
*n.* **muzindi**  
*n.* **mwiti**  
 murmur *v.* **kwekuuruumya**  
*v.* **kwenghurunghuuta**  
 murrain *n.* **nkokoto**  
 muscle *n.* **kiteega**  
 mushroom *n.* **kamaalu**  
 mushroom sp. *n.* **kitebe kya**  
**bbootya**  
 musical *n.* **muzaanu**  
 musical instrument *n.* **kigambwa**  
*n.* **kikwatu kya byembu**  
*n.* **lucekere**

musical sound

musical sound *n.* **ntelobeeze**

musician *n.* **m̐hiimi**

Muslim *n.* **musiraamu**

must *adv.* **kilinakubba**

*v.* **kuteekwa**

must do *adj.* **kikuteekwa**

mute person *n.* **kibbubbu**

*n.* **mwijalu wa munwa**

mutter *v.* **kuhuuna**

*v.* **kwekuuruumya**

*v.* **kwenghuringhuutya**

mutually support each other

*v.* **kwikiraniza**

Muvule tree *n.* **mutumba**

my *pro.* **bange**

*pro.* **byange**

name of a language

*pro.* **bwange**

*pro.* **gange**

*pro.* **gwange**

*pro.* **gyange**

*pro.* **kange**

*pro.* **kwange**

*pro.* **kyange**

*pro.* **lwange**

*pro.* **lyange**

*pro.* **myange**

*pro.* **twange**

*pro.* **wange**

*pro.* **zange**

myself *pro.* **nyankei**

mysterious *adj.* **kyamahanu**

## N - n

nail *n.* **musumaali**

naive person *n.* **ntoole**

naked *adv.* **busa**

*adj.* **munyinghinyi**

name *n.* **ibara**

name a person *v.* **kweta**

name after *v.* **kwerula**

name after yourself *v.* **kwezelula**

name of a city *n.* **Arua**

*n.* **Buliisya**

*n.* **Jinja**

*n.* **Kampala**

*n.* **Masaka**

*n.* **Masindi**

*n.* **Mbale**

*n.* **Mbarara**

*n.* **Yumbe**

name of a clan *n.* **Babyasi**

*n.* **Bacwa**

*n.* **Badogimo**

*n.* **Bagana**

*n.* **Bakibiro**

*n.* **Bakobya**

*n.* **Bakorwe**

*n.* **Balima**

*n.* **Balyambwa**

*n.* **Basimo**

*n.* **Nyaalokoli**

name of a clan person *n.* **Muligire**

*n.* **Muzira**

name of a continent *n.* **Afirika**

*n.* **Ausutireerya**

*n.* **Bulaaya**

*n.* **Ézya**

name of a country *n.* **Burundi**

*n.* **Kenya**

*n.* **Kongo**

*n.* **Rwanda**

*n.* **Sudaani**

*n.* **Tanzaania**

*n.* **Yuganda**

name of a female person

*n.* **Kawonesa**

name of a female twin *n.* **Nyakato**

*n.* **Nyangoma**

name of a lake *n.* **Ediwadi**

*n.* **Jooji**

*n.* **Kyoga**

*n.* **Mwitanzige**

*n.* **Narubaale**

*n.* **Waamara**

name of a language *n.* **Luganda**

*n.* **Lugungu**

*n.* **Lujungu**

*n.* **Lukakwa**

*n.* **Lukeebbu**

name of a male twin

*n.* **Lulugwara**

*n.* **Lumadi**

*n.* **Lucooli**

*n.* **Lunuubbi**

name of a male twin *n.* **Isingoma**

*n.* **Kato**

name of a mountain *n.* **Aguta**

*n.* **Igisi**

*n.* **Kiguulya**

*n.* **Muro**

*n.* **Nyabuzaana**

name of a person *n.* **Aguta**

*n.* **Bitadwa**

*n.* **Kaaheeru**

*n.* **Kaahwa**

*n.* **Kabise**

*n.* **Kagoro**

*n.* **Kaikara**

*n.* **Kajunju**

*n.* **Kaliisa**

*n.* **Kanzala**

*n.* **Kasigwa**

*n.* **Katige**

*n.* **Keebise**

*n.* **Kinobe**

*n.* **Kiiza**

*n.* **Kizige**

*n.* **Kwehundya**

*n.* **Kwekumya**

*n.* **Kwolokya**

*n.* **Makundu**

*n.* **Mbabazi**

*n.* **Mihanda**

*n.* **Mukondo**

*n.* **Mulinda**

*n.* **Munaku**

*n.* **Mutiti**

*n.* **Mujumbi**

*n.* **Mujuni**

*n.* **Mulimba**

*n.* **Mwesigwa**

*n.* **Nyabuzaana**

*n.* **Nyambogo**

*n.* **Nyambubi**

*n.* **Nyamijumbi**

*n.* **Nyamisango**

*n.* **Nyanzige**

*n.* **Sabbiiti**

*n.* **Waalahi**

name of a tribe

*n.* **Waalukuu**

*n.* **Waamu**

*n.* **Wambooli**

*n.* **Wandagali**

*n.* **Wanzala**

name of a place *n.* **Bukindwa**

*n.* **Kabboolwa**

*n.* **Kakindo**

*n.* **Kasinyi**

*n.* **Kataleeba**

*n.* **Kirama**

*n.* **Kityanga**

*n.* **Kijangi**

*n.* **Kijumbya**

*n.* **Kilima**

*n.* **Mabaale**

*n.* **Munyali**

*n.* **Waluhioza**

*n.* **Wankende**

name of a region *n.* **Acooli**

*n.* **Ankole**

*n.* **Buganda**

*n.* **Bugungu**

*n.* **Bunyoro**

*n.* **Karamooja**

*n.* **Langhu**

*n.* **Neebbi**

*n.* **Tooro**

name of a river *n.* **Hoimo**

*n.* **Kafo**

*n.* **Kahoora**

*n.* **Kamuhukule**

*n.* **Pajaabu**

*n.* **Sambye**

*n.* **Sonsyo**

*n.* **Waaja**

*n.* **Waaki**

*n.* **Weisoke**

name of a town *n.* **Biiso**

*n.* **Buliisya**

*n.* **Hoima**

*n.* **Kahoora**

*n.* **Kamuli**

*n.* **Kigoroobyia**

*n.* **Wanseko**

name of a tribe *n.* **Bacooli**

*n.* **Bacope**

*n.* **Baganda**

*n.* **Bagangaizi**

*n.* **Bagehya**  
*n.* **Bagungu**  
*n.* **Bagwere**  
*n.* **Baruuli**  
*n.* **Baruuru**  
*n.* **Batooro**  
 nap *v.* **kuhuumulaho**  
 nape *n.* **nkoto**  
 narrate a folktale *v.* **kugana**  
 narrate a story *v.* **kuhanuura**  
 narrowness *n.* **ɓufundu**  
 narrow, be *v.* **kufunda**  
 nasal mumbling *n.* **ɓinyaannindo**  
 nasal-speaking person  
*n.* **waabinyaannindo**  
 nasty person *n.* **mubiibi**  
 nation *n.* **ihanga**  
 natural *adj.* **kyabuhangwa**  
 natural feature *n.* **kihangwa**  
 nature *n.* **ɓuhangwa**  
*n.* **kikorwa**  
 naughtiness *n.* **ɓuhoole**  
 nauseous, feel *v.* **kudiibwa**  
 navel *n.* **mukondo**  
 near *adv.* **heehi**  
*dem.* **nnindo na munwa**  
 nearly *adv.* **nka**  
 nearly to *adv.* **hadooɓi**  
 neat *adj.* **kyecumi**  
 neatness *n.* **ɓuyonjo**  
*n.* **ɓwecumi**  
 neat, make yourself *v.* **kwecuma**  
*v.* **kweyonja**  
 neck *n.* **icoti**  
 necktie *n.* **munigo**  
*n.* **tai**  
 necrotic dermatitis *n.* **kiraaka**  
 need *v.* **kwetaaga**  
 needle *n.* **luhindo**  
 needle, injection *n.* **nkinzo**  
 needle, sewing *n.* **nkinzo**  
 needle, weaving *n.* **bbambu**  
 needy person *n.* **mwetaagi**  
 negative *adv.* **kyahimu**  
 negative reply *n.* **nkabbu**  
 neglect *v.* **kugumirisana**  
*v.* **kunuga**  
 negotiate *v.* **kuhanuura**  
*v.* **kuteesa**

negotiation *n.* **nzegwagana**  
 neighbour *n.* **jiraani**  
*n.* **muliraanwa**  
*n.* **munyaakitaahu**  
*n.* **mutaahi**  
 neighbourhood *n.* **kitaabu**  
 neither *conj.* **kyonkei**  
 nephew *n.* **mwihwa**  
 nerve *n.* **kinywa**  
 nervous person *n.* **muɓwahu**  
 nervous, feel *v.* **kujwaha**  
 nest *n.* **kizonza**  
 netball *n.* **mupiira gwa kubbaka**  
 network *v.* **kukoora hamwei**  
 net, fishing *n.* **kitimba**  
 neutralise witchcraft poison  
*v.* **kuloomoola**  
 never *adv.* **kyaiho**  
 nevertheless *conj.* **beitu**  
*conj.* **kyokyo kimwei**  
*conj.* **nawoodede**  
 new *adj.* **kihyaka**  
 newlywed *n.* **mugole**  
 news *n.* **mahuure**  
*n.* **makuru**  
 newspaper *n.* **lupapura lwa**  
**mahuure**  
 next *adv.* **kikuhonderaho**  
*adj.* **kikwiraho**  
 next to *loc.* **heehi na**  
 next to, be *v.* **kuheereera**  
 next, be *v.* **kuhondera**  
*v.* **kwiraho**  
 niceness *n.* **ɓurungi**  
 nice, look *v.* **kunyuma**  
 nice, taste *v.* **kunola**  
 nickname *n.* **Kahyahyana**  
*n.* **Mubbalukya**  
 nickname of a person *n.* **Mwehugya**  
 nickname, give a *v.* **kuruka**  
*v.* **kusinda**  
 niece *n.* **mwihwa**  
 night *n.* **itumbi**  
*n.* **ijolo**  
 night dance *v.* **kusera**  
 night dancer *n.* **museri**  
 nightdress *n.* **lugoye lwa**  
**kulaalamu**  
*n.* **naiti**

Nile perch *n.* **mpuuta**  
 Nile perch, young *n.* **geemu**  
 Nile river *n.* **mwija**  
 Nile river mouth *n.* **mugona**  
 nine *num.* **mwenda**  
 nine hundred *num.* **rwenda**  
 nine hundred thousand *num.* **mitwaru**  
     **kyenda**  
 nine thousand *num.* **kenda**  
 ninety *num.* **kyenda**  
 ninety thousand *num.* **mitwaru**  
     **mwenda**  
 ninth *num.* **kimwei** **kya mwenda**  
 nipple *n.* **lusumba**  
 no *interj.* **kwahi**  
 no one *pro.* **muntu waahi**  
 no way *interj.* **kyaiho**  
 nobody *pro.* **muntu waahi**  
 nod the head *v.* **kuhinda mutwe**  
 noise *n.* **itoko**  
 noise when searching, make  
     *v.* **kusagaalya**  
 noise, loud *n.* **murindi**  
     *n.* **mutindo**  
 nonconformity *n.* **nyahukana**  
 none *pro.* **kyahi**  
 nonsense *n.* **kitalimu magezi**  
 nook *n.* **kyerooko**  
 noon *adv.* **ihangwe**  
 noose *n.* **mbohero**  
     *n.* **ndobyoo**  
 noose, loose *n.* **nkunusuuru**  
 noose, of a bird trap *n.* **kanwanwa**  
 nor *conj.* **kyonkei**  
 normal *adj.* **kyahakati**  
 normally *adv.* **kyabulikiro**  
 north *n.* **bukizi** **bwa kwakyendi**  
 nose *n.* **nnindo**  
 nose in *v.* **kwebbwogiramu**  
     *v.* **kwejungamu**

*v.* **kwekaakyamu**  
*v.* **kwekiikamu**  
*v.* **kwesubbamu**  
*v.* **kwezingiiryamu**  
 nose-bleed *n.* **muloli**  
 nostril *n.* **nnindo**  
 not at all *interj.* **hatalimaani**  
 not do something *v.* **kuhula**  
 not in *adv.* **kyahimu**  
 not there *adv.* **kyahimu**  
 not yet *adv.* **kicakali**  
 note, of money *n.* **lupapura**  
 note, take *v.* **kufaho**  
 nothing *pro.* **kyahi**  
 nothing except *adv.* **busa**  
 nothing there *n.* **busayo**  
 nought *num.* **binkahansyo**  
     *num.* **noono**  
     *num.* **nooti**  
     *num.* **ziiro**  
 November *adv.* **Mweri Gweikumi**  
     **na gumwei**  
 now *adv.* **bwire bubu**  
     *adv.* **hataati**  
     *conj.* **hataati**  
 nowhere *pro.* **hantu haahi**  
 nuisance *n.* **bugwagwa**  
     *n.* **kifaafa**  
     *n.* **mugadya**  
 nuisance maker *n.* **mugwagwa**  
 nuisance, become a *v.* **kufafanika**  
     *v.* **kugwaga**  
 number *n.* **muhendu**  
     *n.* **namba**  
 nurse *n.* **mujanjabu**  
     *n.* **mutambi**  
 nut *n.* **nati**  
 nutrient *n.* **kiriisa**  
 nuts, roasted *n.* **mbabi**

## O - o

oar, large *n.* **ikaasya**  
     *n.* **musinarye**  
 oar, short *n.* **ngahi**  
 oath *n.* **kirahiro**

obedient person *n.* **mugonderi**  
     *n.* **muhulizi**  
     *n.* **mwetegeerya**  
 obedient, be *v.* **kuculeera**

obese

v. **kworoba**  
obese *adj.* **kinyeetu**  
obey v. **kugonda**  
obituary, make an v. **kubika**  
object *n.* **kintu**  
*n.* **kiita**  
obscene speaker *n.* **mu<sup>h</sup>seeguri**  
obscenely, act v. **kuhemuka**  
obscenities *n.* **huseeguri**  
obscenities, utter v. **kuhemura**  
v. **kuseegura**  
observe v. **kwekaanya**  
obsess v. **kwakalasanja**  
obsessed, become v. **kusesenwa**  
v. **kuciidwa**  
obsession, cause v. **kuciida**  
v. **kusesenja**  
obsession, have an v. **kuhaahiirya**  
obstruct v. **kulebereerya**  
obtain v. **kufuna**  
v. **kutunga**  
occupation *n.* **mulimo**  
occur v. **kuzooka**  
ocean *n.* **itaka likooto**  
October *adv.* **Mweri Gweikumi**  
odour *n.* **kinunko**  
oesophagus *n.* **kirokoru**  
of *adv.* **kya**  
of course *interj.* **mali**  
offensive *n.* **puturu**  
offer on a traditional altar v. **kudya**  
**kibbila**  
v. **kusala kibbila**  
offering, make v. **kubembeka**  
office *n.* **mbuga**  
*n.* **ofiisi**  
officer *n.* **muhandu**  
offload v. **kupaakuura**  
v. **kutuukula**  
often *adv.* **njenjeera**  
oh! *interj.* **aaha**  
*interj.* **iye**  
Oh! I wish I knew *interj.* **maaya**  
oil *n.* **hoiro**  
*n.* **makuta**  
oil, coconut *n.* **ngaasi**  
oil, cooking *n.* **makuta ga kudya**  
old *adj.* **kiguuluusu**  
old age *n.* **buguuluusu**

opinion, express an

old fashioned thing *n.* **mulembe**  
**gukadei**  
old person *n.* **muguuluusu**  
old thing *n.* **kikadei**  
old woman *n.* **mukeikuru**  
on *loc.* **ku**  
on time, be v. **kudoosenja**  
on top *adv.* **kwakyendi**  
once *n.* **murundi gumwei**  
onchocerciasis disease *n.* **kisararu**  
one *num.* **gimwei**  
one billion *num.* **katabarwa**  
one hundred *num.* **kikumi**  
one hundred thousand *num.* **mitwaru**  
**ikumi**  
one million *num.* **kakeikuru**  
*num.* **milyoni**  
one thousand *num.* **rukumi**  
one trillion *num.* **butabarwa rukumi**  
onion *n.* **katunguru**  
onion-like plant *n.* **nyakatiga**  
onlooker *n.* **mulingiiri**  
only *adv.* **busa**  
*adv.* **yaaty**  
only son *n.* **nyaakimwei**  
onto *adv.* **ku kyo**  
ooze v. **kulwa**  
ooze slowly v. **kunyeenyeeta**  
open *adj.* **kihongololu**  
v. **kubuula**  
v. **kukingula**  
v. **kwala**  
v. **kwijula**  
open by force v. **kugaganyula**  
open up to catch v. **kutega**  
opened, be v. **kwijuluka**  
opening *n.* **muhandu gukwingiirya**  
**munda**  
opening on a house *n.* **kibanga**  
*n.* **kihongole**  
openly *adv.* **hasyanu**  
*adv.* **rwatu**  
open, be v. **kuhongolola**  
operate surgically v. **kusemeza**  
operation *n.* **puturu**  
operation, launch an v. **kukora**  
**puturu**  
opinion *n.* **kiteekerezo**  
opinion, express an v. **kugira**

opinion, form an *v.* **kuteekerezaho**  
 opium smoker *n.* **munywe wa njaahi**  
 oppose *v.* **kubyokeera**  
     *v.* **kuhakania**  
     *v.* **kwekiikamu**  
     *v.* **kwesimbamu**  
 oppose each other *v.* **kusikangana**  
 opposer *n.* **muhananisa**  
 opposite *adj.* **opoziti**  
 opposite side, on the *adv.* **ndugulo**  
 opposition *n.* **buhakania**  
 oppress *v.* **kumigiriza**  
     *v.* **kusambiira**  
 oppressed, be *v.* **kumigirizibwa**  
 oppression *n.* **bumigirizi**  
 oppressor *n.* **mumigirizi**  
 or *conj.* **rundi**  
 orange *n.* **mucungwa**  
 orange drink *n.* **micungwa**  
 orange tree *n.* **mucungwa**  
 order *n.* **iteeka**  
     *n.* **kiragiro**  
     *v.* **kupanga**  
     *v.* **kuhonderania**  
 order a dog to run *v.* **kucucumiirya**  
 order by size *v.* **kwijanjanja**  
 order s.b. *v.* **kuragira**  
 ordered to do s.t., be *v.* **kulalika**  
     *v.* **kuragirwa**  
 ordered, be *v.* **kuhonderagana**  
 organisation *n.* **kitongole**  
     *n.* **ntekaniza**  
 organise *v.* **kuteekaniza**  
 organised things  
     *n.* **biteekanizibwirwe**  
 organised, get *v.* **kweteekaniza**  
 organiser *n.* **mutekanizi**  
 organism *n.* **kihangwa kya bwomi**  
 organ, body *n.* **kicweka kya mubiri**  
 origin *n.* **ndugiro**  
     *n.* **ntandiko**  
 originator *n.* **mutandiki**  
 ornament *n.* **kilwalu kya kwejaayiika**  
 orphan *n.* **mwana atali na babyeru**  
     *n.* **nfuuzi**  
 orphanhood *n.* **naku**  
 ostracize *v.* **kusenda**

ostrich *n.* **maaya**  
 other *pro.* **kindi**  
 other side *n.* **rubaju ludi**  
 other side, on the *adv.* **ndugulo**  
 ourselves *pro.* **twankei**  
 our, ours *pro.* **beetu**  
     *pro.* **byetu**  
     *pro.* **bwetu**  
     *pro.* **geetu**  
     *pro.* **gwetu**  
     *pro.* **gyetu**  
     *pro.* **keetu**  
     *pro.* **kwetu**  
     *pro.* **kyetu**  
     *pro.* **lwetu**  
     *pro.* **lyetu**  
     *pro.* **myetu**  
     *pro.* **twetu**  
     *pro.* **weetu**  
     *pro.* **zeetu**  
 outcome *n.* **kirugamu**  
     *n.* **kirugirimu**  
 outdoor *adj.* **hanzei**  
 outer *adj.* **hanzei**  
 outgoingness *n.* **bukebukebu**  
 outlet *n.* **munwa gukuhulukya hanzei**  
 outline *n.* **kwatula**  
 outlook *n.* **nzooka**  
 output *n.* **kirugamu**  
     *n.* **kirugirimu**  
 outside *adj.* **hanzei**  
 oval *n.* **kyebulungusu kileikilei**  
 oven *n.* **kikoomi**  
     *n.* **kituuti**  
 over anxiety *n.* **kaciri**  
 over familiar person  
     *n.* **mwebbengeeri**  
 overcharge *v.* **kusyera**  
 overcome *v.* **kusingura**  
 overcome a habit *v.* **kuzira**  
 overdo *v.* **kwakalasanja**  
 overeate *v.* **kukiika**  
 overextend yourself *v.* **kwehaahira**  
 overflow *v.* **kusandaara**  
     *v.* **kutarambaara**  
 overgrown, become *v.* **kujumba**  
     *v.* **kuzika**  
 overhanging *adj.* **kikudengeeta**

overhead

parent

overhead *adj.* **kyahakyendi**  
overlap *v.* **kwisana**  
overleaf *adv.* **bukijizi budi**  
overload *v.* **kusoka**  
overlook *v.* **kwerengeera**  
overlook s.b. *v.* **kugaya**  
overlooked, be *v.* **kugaywa**  
overnight visitor *n.* **mulaali**  
overseas *adj.* **hanzei weihanga**  
oversleep *v.* **kuhetera**  
*v.* **kuhoonongira**  
overstep *v.* **kuguzuka**  
overtake *v.* **kurabaho**  
*v.* **kwakala**  
overthrow *v.* **kuhamba**  
overthrow authority *v.* **kuhamba**

**bulemi**  
overtly *adv.* **hasyanu**  
*adv.* **rwatu**  
overturn *v.* **kujuumuka**  
*v.* **kugwa magelemu**  
overuse *v.* **kukoresya kyakalasanu**  
overweight person *n.* **mwozo**  
**kyakalasanu**  
overwork *v.* **kukora kyakalasanu**  
ovulate *v.* **kunyaara**  
owe *v.* **kutongwa**  
owl *n.* **hiihya**  
own *v.* **kutunga**  
own a car *v.* **kwevuga**  
owner *n.* **mukamakyoo**  
*n.* **mukama kiita**

## P - p

pace distance *n.* **lutambu**  
pacify *v.* **kworobyaa**  
pack *v.* **kupakira**  
pack in too much *v.* **kusoka**  
packet *n.* **pakiti**  
paddle *v.* **kugoza**  
paddle, large *n.* **ikaasaya**  
*n.* **musinanye**  
paddle, short *n.* **ngahi**  
padlock *n.* **koporo**  
pagan *n.* **mukaafiire**  
paganism *n.* **bukaafiire**  
page *n.* **lupapura**  
*n.* **rubaju lumwei lwa lupapura**  
pain *n.* **burumi**  
painful, make a wound more  
*v.* **kutonokya**  
paint *v.* **kusiiga**  
*n.* **rangi**  
paint, white *n.* **noono**  
pain, cause *v.* **kurumya**  
pain, feel *v.* **kudiibwa**  
*v.* **kudya**  
pair *num.* **babiribabiri**  
palace *n.* **kikaali**  
pale, become *v.* **kucuucuuka**  
*v.* **kukwenya**  
palm *n.* **kiganja**

palm leaves for making mats  
*n.* **nsansa**  
palm tree sp. *n.* **mukindo**  
palm tree sp., coconut *n.* **kituugo**  
pancake *n.* **kabaragala**  
pancreas *n.* **taagu**  
panga *n.* **kipanga**  
pants, women's *n.* **mpali**  
pan, metallic *n.* **kikwanu**  
papaya *n.* **kipaapaali**  
paper clip *n.* **kyoma kikwata**  
**mpapura**  
paper sheet *n.* **lupapura**  
papyrus *n.* **lutoogo**  
paradise *n.* **kiikaru kya kwegonza**  
paraffin *n.* **makuta ga taara**  
paragraph *n.* **kicweka kya makuru**  
**mu kihanuuro**  
paralysed, become *v.* **kukaba**  
*v.* **kusarara**  
paralysis *n.* **manyegereeru**  
parasitic plant sp. *n.* **ngurukuni**  
parboil *v.* **kucuma**  
pardon *v.* **kuganyira**  
pardoned, be *v.* **kuganyirwa**  
*v.* **kulekwa**  
parent *n.* **mubyeru**  
*n.* **muzeire**



parent of child's spouse

*n.* **waamaneenwa**parenting *n.* **nzoorora**parish *n.* **muruka**parish chief *n.* **waamuruka**park *n.* **paaka**parliament *n.* **lukuratu lweihanga**parrot *n.* **kasuku**part *n.* **kicweka**partially *adv.* **rubaju**participate by force *v.* **kwejungamu***v.* **kwemigamu***v.* **kwesubbamu**participate unexpectedly *v.* **kwejunga**particle *n.* **kituluguma***n.* **kitungutulu**partly done *adv.* **somboli-somboli**partner *n.* **mwira**partridge *n.* **nkwalī**party *n.* **bugenyi**pass *v.* **kuha***v.* **kurabaho***v.* **kwakala**pass a ball *v.* **kucada**pass gas *v.* **kunyampa***v.* **kusyotola**pass laws *v.* **kurabyaho biragiro**pass on *v.* **kucuma**pass over *v.* **kurooba**pass s.t. around *v.* **kurabya**pass the night *v.* **kukeesya**pass through *v.* **kurabamu***v.* **kupirikanja**pass time *v.* **kwehunga-hunguulya**pass via *v.* **kurabira**passage *n.* **kicweka kya kusoma**passion fruit *n.* **katunda**passion fruit juice *n.* **butunda**past event *n.* **kinyaakubbaho**past events *n.* **binyaakukorwa**past thing *n.* **kikadei**paste, food *n.* **kipooli**paste, glue *n.* **gaamu**pastor *n.* **mulisiya**pat *v.* **kugaza-gaza***v.* **kupampata**patch *v.* **kupaama**patch continuously *v.* **kumwoneera**patch of cloth *n.* **kiheru***n.* **kiraaka**patching, keep on *v.* **kupaamiira**patella *n.* **mwengeseru gweilu**path *n.* **muhanda***n.* **nzira**path, animal *n.* **kihanda**path, narrow *n.* **kahanda***n.* **kasulusulu**patience *n.* **bugumisirizi**patient *n.* **mušeerī**patient person *n.* **mugumisirizi**patient, be *v.* **kugumira**patronise *v.* **kuhera**patter, of rain *v.* **kupampatika**pause *v.* **kwetegya**pave a road *v.* **kuteemuura**pawpaw *n.* **kipaapaali**pay *v.* **kusasula**pay a deposit *v.* **kukwata**pay a fine *v.* **kuliha**pay a fine, make s.b. *v.* **kulihisya**pay back a dowry *v.* **kuzumura**pay last respects *v.* **kwinamira**

pay school fees for s.b.

*v.* **kuheereera**payment for using a canoe *n.* **mutono**pea stew *n.* **kangiro**peace *n.* **businge***n.* **mirembe***interj.* **mirembe**peak *n.* **kasonga**peanuts *n.* **binyoobwa**pea, cow *n.* **nkuuku**pebble, lake *n.* **luhulungu**peck *v.* **kusoma**peculiar person *n.* **mulemesya**pedal *n.* **kigulu kya gaali***n.* **kiziginiro kya gaali**pedal, worn out *n.* **kagulu ka gaali**peek *v.* **kuleeba***v.* **kumaga**peel *v.* **kuhala***v.* **kutondoola**peep *v.* **kuleeba***v.* **kusongolima**peer *n.* **muhihi***n.* **waaminyeeto**peer group *n.* **muhihi**pen *n.* **bboolupeeni**

penalty *n.* **kifubiro**  
 pencil *n.* **kalaamu**  
 peninsular *n.* **nsonga**  
 penis *n.* **ibbolo**  
*n.* **mubbe**  
 pen, animal *n.* **lugo**  
 people *n.* **bantu**  
 perceive *v.* **kwetegereza**  
 percentage *n.* **hakikumi**  
 perfect *adj.* **kidwereeriho**  
 perfect creature *n.* **kiijanjanu**  
 perfection *n.* **bwijanjanu**  
 performance *n.* **kikorwa**  
 perfume *n.* **maraasi**  
 perhaps *adv.* **kikusoboka**  
*adv.* **kikwisana**  
*adv.* **kyakubba**  
*conj.* **rundi**  
 period of time *n.* **kaanya**  
*n.* **kasumi**  
*n.* **keire**  
 perish *v.* **kuhwerekeera**  
*v.* **kuzika**  
 perm hair *v.* **kupaam̐nga ntumbu**  
*v.* **kwokya ntumbu**  
 permed hair *n.* **paamu**  
 permit *v.* **kwikiriza**  
 permitted, be *v.* **kwikirizibwa**  
 persecute *v.* **kuhiganiza**  
*v.* **kutuntuza**  
*v.* **kuharangania**  
*v.* **kuleba-lebya**  
*v.* **kuwonawonesya**  
 persecuted, be *v.* **kutuntuzibwa**  
 persecutor *n.* **mutuntuzi**  
 persevere *v.* **kugumira**  
*v.* **kuguuguuza**  
*v.* **kwicalaho**  
 person *n.* **muntu**  
 personality *n.* **buntu**  
*n.* **ngesu**  
*n.* **nyetwala**  
*n.* **nzicala**  
 persuadable person *n.* **ntwarwa**  
 persuade *v.* **kuduupa**  
*v.* **kwenolya**  
*v.* **kwikirizisya**  
 persuade for *v.* **kuduupira**  
 persuaded, be *v.* **kweteekira**

pestle, L-shaped *n.* **nkonio**  
 pestle, straight *n.* **mutiro**  
 petal *n.* **kicweka kya rangi kya kyakyo**  
 Peter's long tailed skink *n.* **munyeere**  
 petticoat *n.* **peti**  
 petty name *n.* **mpaaku**  
 pharmacist *n.* **mutundi wa mibazi**  
 philosopher *n.* **mukugy**  
 phlegm *n.* **kinkarandyo**  
 phone *v.* **kukuuta simu**  
*n.* **simu**  
 photograph *n.* **kisisani**  
 photographs, take *v.* **kukuuta bisisani**  
 physical *adj.* **kiloho**  
 physics *n.* **masomo ga kukanika**  
 physique *n.* **kyemu**  
 physique, large *adj.* **kyonko**  
 piano, electric *n.* **nanga**  
 pick *v.* **kukoma**  
 pick from above *v.* **kubbanula**  
 pick out chaff *v.* **kukoma**  
 pick up *v.* **kusenga**  
*v.* **kubyokya**  
 pick up by chance *v.* **kukoma**  
 pickaxe *n.* **suruuru**  
 picky, be *v.* **kwesinsinia**  
 picture *n.* **kisisani**  
 piece *n.* **kipacu**  
 pierce *v.* **kufumura**  
*v.* **kuhudula**  
*v.* **kutuuta**  
 piety *n.* **bukurisitaayo**  
 pig *n.* **mpunu**  
 piglet *n.* **mwana gwa mpunu**  
 pig's cry *interj.* **wii**  
 pile *n.* **ntuumo**  
 pile on top of *v.* **kugerekenia**  
 pile up high *v.* **kutinda**  
 piled on top of, get *v.* **kwegerekenia**  
 piles of s.t. *adv.* **fo**  
 pillow *n.* **kasagu**  
 pilot *n.* **muwugi wa ndege**  
 pimple *n.* **kikwata barungi**  
*n.* **kilehe kya mu busyo**  
 pin s.b. down *v.* **kugundamira**  
 pinch *v.* **kudweta**  
*v.* **kusuna**

pineapple

pineapple *n.* **nanaasi**  
pipe *n.* **lusiki**  
pipe for water *n.* **poipo**  
pipe, smoking *n.* **nyungu**  
piston *n.* **kihwiyo**  
pit *n.* **kiina**  
pitsaw *n.* **musumeeni**  
place *n.* **kiikaru**  
*v.* **kuta**  
*v.* **kwicya**  
place aside *v.* **kuseguliirya**  
place up high *v.* **kubbanika**  
placenta *n.* **kibbyolo**  
plain *n.* **heijanjanu**  
plain, make s.t. *v.* **kwanikira**  
plait hair *v.* **kulanga**  
plaited hairstyle, make a *v.* **kufinika**  
plan *v.* **kutegeka**  
*n.* **ntegeka**  
plan an attack *v.* **kwehaayira**  
plan your future *v.* **kwetegerera**  
plane *v.* **kuranda**  
*n.* **ndege**  
plane, woodworking *n.* **randa**  
plank *n.* **lubbaahu**  
planner *n.* **mutegeki**  
plant *n.* **kimera**  
*v.* **kusimba**  
plant sp. *n.* **mukunyu**  
*n.* **mukwakwa**  
*n.* **ngurukuni**  
plant sp. used for bathing *n.* **kijuma**  
**nkuba**  
plants, floating *n.* **kitingatinga**  
plaster *v.* **kuhoma**  
*v.* **kumaata**  
*n.* **mwiko**  
plasterer *n.* **mumaati**  
plateau *n.* **rubamba**  
plate, bowl-like *n.* **bbakuli**  
plate, clay *n.* **luteru**  
plate, flat *n.* **sahaani**  
plate, wooden *n.* **kacuba**  
*n.* **lwoho**  
play *v.* **kuzeenya**  
*n.* **muzaanu**  
play a hiding game *v.* **kucuuhyia**  
play catch *v.* **kubbaka**  
player *n.* **kangi**

pole, central

*n.* **muzeenyi**  
playground *n.* **kisaahi**  
playing card *n.* **canisi**  
*n.* **kaadi**  
plead *v.* **kutaaga**  
*v.* **kutongona**  
*v.* **kwedembereerya**  
*v.* **kwesengereerya**  
plead for *v.* **kuliriira**  
plead on behalf of s.b.  
*v.* **kutongoneera**  
pleasant *adj.* **kiheheeru**  
please *interj.* **beiraba**  
*v.* **kusemeza**  
pleased with, be *v.* **kunyumirwa**  
pleased, be *v.* **kusanyuka**  
pleasure *n.* **isunge**  
*n.* **kusemererwa**  
*n.* **masanyu**  
pleasure, gain *v.* **kunonga**  
pleat in trousers *n.* **idinda**  
plectrum *n.* **kitama**  
pledge *v.* **kweraga**  
Pleiades star cluster *n.* **nyakabyeru**  
*n.* **nyamukaaga**  
plentifully *adv.* **bunene**  
pliers *n.* **magaru**  
plot *n.* **kibanja**  
plot of land *n.* **itehe**  
plough *v.* **kulima**  
plough deeply *v.* **kutooja**  
ploughing, start *v.* **kwemera**  
pluck *v.* **kuzubula**  
plumb line *n.* **bbirigi**  
plunder *v.* **kwiba**  
pneumonia *n.* **kyemerezi**  
pocket *n.* **nsahu**  
pod *v.* **kusukusa**  
point *n.* **kasonga**  
*v.* **kuganikira**  
*v.* **kucumya**  
poison *n.* **butwa**  
*n.* **mbazi**  
poke into *v.* **kusookoosya**  
pole *n.* **kikolyo**  
*n.* **nkondo**  
pole a boat along *v.* **kuswakira**  
pole, boat *n.* **koda**  
pole, central *n.* **luhagi**

pole, main

pole, main *n.* **luhagi**  
police officer *n.* **mupoliisi**  
polish *v.* **kusiiga**  
politeness *n.* **buculeeru**  
*n.* **buteeku**  
*n.* **butesi**  
political party *n.* **kitebe**  
politician *n.* **mukurati**  
politics *n.* **bya ndema**  
pollen *n.* **bukooro bwa kyakyo**  
pollute *v.* **kutomboola**  
polluted, be *v.* **kutomboka**  
pond *n.* **kikemu**  
ponder *v.* **kuteekereza**  
pool *n.* **ntuumo**  
poor *adj.* **kubi**  
poor person *n.* **munaku**  
*n.* **museege**  
poorly *adv.* **kubijibi**  
poor, become *v.* **kuseega**  
popularity *n.* **kakuumiire**  
popular, be *v.* **kukuma**  
*v.* **kwegebwa**  
popular, become *v.* **kutumbuka**  
population *n.* **muhendu gwa bantu**  
porch *n.* **ponci**  
porcupine *n.* **nyamanungu**  
*n.* **seekiise**  
porridge *n.* **busura**  
porter *n.* **mwetweki**  
portion *n.* **kicweka**  
poser *n.* **muduuliri**  
posho *n.* **ndwa**  
posho leftovers *n.* **kizanzu**  
position *n.* **kiikaru**  
position of rank *n.* **buhandu**  
possess *v.* **kubba na**  
*v.* **kutunga**  
possessed by a holy spirit, be  
*v.* **kuwonekerwa**  
possessed by an evil spirit, be  
*v.* **kutembwa muzumu**  
possessed by spirits, be *v.* **kunyunka**  
possessed, be *v.* **kubanda**  
possible, be *v.* **kusoboka**  
possibly *adv.* **kikusoboka**  
*adv.* **kikwisana**  
*adv.* **kisobora**  
*adv.* **kyakubba**

praise

post *n.* **nkondo**  
post a letter *v.* **kutweka bbaruha**  
post office *n.* **poosita**  
postage stamp *n.* **sitampu**  
postman *n.* **mukori wa poosita**  
postnatal period *n.* **kibyeru**  
postpone *v.* **kusambiirya**  
*v.* **kwongerayo**  
posture, improper *n.* **nghanya**  
potato disease *n.* **kasarabale**  
potato harvesting stick *n.* **lusebbe**  
potato, Irish *n.* **kaata ka kijungu**  
potato, sweet *n.* **kyata**  
potato, sweet, sliced and dried  
*n.* **kiteere**  
pothole *n.* **kigigiro**  
*n.* **kiineina**  
potion for witchcraft *n.* **ihembe**  
potter *n.* **mubumbi**  
*n.* **mumaati**  
pottery shard *n.* **lukekeenwa**  
pottery, create *v.* **kubumba kyese**  
*v.* **kumaata kyese**  
pot, clay *n.* **kyese**  
pound *v.* **kurunga**  
*v.* **kuswa**  
*v.* **kuswaswana**  
pound cassava *v.* **kukuuta**  
pound dry foodstuffs *v.* **kukona**  
pound fermented cassava or maize  
*v.* **kukonereerya**  
pound finely *v.* **kutulukiriirya**  
pound with a pestle *v.* **kusekula**  
pour *v.* **kubbwoma**  
*v.* **kukankada**  
pour with rain *v.* **kubbwomoka**  
poured down, get *v.* **kukusumuka**  
poured, be *v.* **kubbwomoka**  
poverty *n.* **maseege**  
powder *n.* **pawuda**  
powdered, become *v.* **kusyoka**  
powderise *v.* **kutuluka**  
power *n.* **buso bozi**  
praise *v.* **kucaka**  
*v.* **kuhaariiza**  
*v.* **kukugiza**  
*v.* **kunyumiza**  
*v.* **kupaaka**  
*v.* **kuranga**

praised, be

v. **kutenda**

v. **kutumbula**

v. **kuramya**

praised, be v. **kuhaisanizibwa**

pray v. **kulaama**

v. **kusaba**

prayer n. **kilaami**

n. **saara**

preach v. **kutebeza**

precious adj. **kyamuhendu**

preciousness n. **burungi**

precisely interj. **mali**

prefer v. **kwendya**

pregnancy n. **nda**

pregnancy period, early n. **katooro**

pregnant, be v. **kwozoha**

pregnant, become v. **kutwekwa**

v. **kwemeta**

pregnant, make v. **kutweka**

preparation n. **nteekaniza**

prepare v. **kuteekaniza**

v. **kutegeka**

prepare a field v. **kunihiriirya**

**kibembu**

prepared person n. **mwetegeku**

prepared things n. **biteekanizibiiirwe**

prepared, get yourself

v. **kweteekaniza**

present adj. **kiloho**

presently adv. **bwire bubu**

preserve by drying v. **kwomya**

president n. **muhandu weihanga**

press v. **kumiga**

v. **kutitina**

press the womb v. **kusungura**

pressure n. **mwica**

pretence n. **kabbagabba**

pretend v. **kwefoora**

pretend ignorance v. **kwegoogoobya**

pretend to be calm

v. **kwehombokereerya**

prevent v. **kutangiza**

previously adv. **hatakabbeerihho**

price n. **muhendu**

price, set a price v. **kucwera**

prick v. **kutuuta**

pride n. **marara**

n. **myebbuno**

n. **myecenjo**

promontory

n. **myehaariizo**

n. **myehembu**

n. **myehulo**

n. **myehukuko**

n. **myepanku**

n. **myetwalu**

pride, take v. **kwegonza**

priest n. **muliiisya**

priest, traditional n. **mulegezi**

primary n. **masomo ga musinge**

n. **puraimare**

prime minister n. **katiikiro**

prince n. **mutabani wa mukama**

princess n. **muhara wa mukama**

principles n. **nyeerabya**

print v. **kukuutisya**

prior adj. **munyaakubba**

prison n. **nkomo**

prisoner n. **munyankomo**

private parts n. **bicweka bya nsoni**

private parts, male n. **budulu**

prize for the king n. **kikwodo**

probable adj. **bundi**

probably adv. **bundi na bundi**

probe n. **bumbega**

problem n. **bulemesenia**

n. **kizibu**

n. **kizubu**

problem causer n. **mutaburi**

problematic, be v. **kudiiisya mutwe**

process stage n. **idaara**

procrastinate v. **kukeerereerya**

produce offspring v. **kuhulukyamwo**

product n. **kintu kirugirimwo**

productive adj. **kyonyini**

profit n. **magoba**

profit greatly v. **kudiiiriira**

profit, make v. **kugoba**

program n. **ntegeka**

progress v. **kugyenda mumeiso**

prohibited adj. **kibiibi**

prohibited, be v. **kuzira**

project n. **ntegeka**

prolific births n. **ndere**

promiscuity n. **busiijhani**

promise n. **kiraganu**

v. **kuragana**

n. **nzikiraniza**

promontory n. **nsonga**

promote

promote *v.* **kuhandya**  
*v.* **kutembya**  
promoted, be *v.* **kuhanda**  
prop up *v.* **kuheega**  
propaganda *n.* **pooliipo**  
proper *adj.* **kidoori**  
property *n.* **itungu**  
prophecy *v.* **kuragura**  
prophet *n.* **muraguri**  
propose *v.* **kugira**  
propose laws *v.* **kuleeta**  
**biteekerezo**  
prosecutor *n.* **puliida wa**  
**gavumenti**  
prosperity *n.* **buguuda**  
*n.* **buhwe**  
prostitute *n.* **malaaya**  
*n.* **murawarawa**  
*n.* **mubungi**  
*n.* **musiihani**  
*n.* **mutaaruki**  
*n.* **mwenzi**  
*n.* **waakagulu**  
prostitute, be a *v.* **kubunga**  
*v.* **kurawarawa**  
prostitution *n.* **bumalaaya**  
*n.* **burawarawa**  
*n.* **bubungi**  
*n.* **butaaruki**  
*n.* **bwenzi**  
*n.* **kagulu**  
protect *v.* **kulinda**  
protect the environment *v.* **kulinda**  
**buhangwa**  
protective, be *v.* **kwerinda**  
protest *v.* **kuhakania**  
protestor *n.* **muhakanisya**  
proud person *n.* **mukiinuuki**  
*n.* **mwebbuni**  
*n.* **mwecenji**  
*n.* **mwehuukya**  
*n.* **mwetembya**  
*n.* **mwetwali**  
*n.* **mwezegwa**  
*n.* **mwezimbya**  
proud, be *v.* **kukiinuuka**  
*v.* **kuniigiina**  
*v.* **kwecanga**  
*v.* **kwahaariiza**

pull out

*v.* **kwehemba**  
*v.* **kwezegwa**  
*v.* **kwezimbya**  
prove *v.* **kugumya**  
*v.* **kunanukisya**  
proverb *n.* **lugeera**  
*n.* **lufumu**  
*n.* **luganikyo**  
provocation *n.* **kendendyo**  
provoke *v.* **kuhaga**  
*v.* **kutakula**  
*v.* **kusodokania**  
*v.* **kutoolyaho**  
*v.* **kwagaaga**  
*v.* **kwembemba**  
*v.* **kwendereerya**  
provoker *n.* **mucuukiriirya**  
prow *n.* **mutwe**  
prune *v.* **kukonda**  
*v.* **kuhalanguliirya**  
prune a tree *v.* **kukonera**  
pry *v.* **kwebbwogiramu**  
*v.* **kwejungamu**  
*v.* **kwekaakyamu**  
*v.* **kwekiikamu**  
*v.* **kwesubbamu**  
*v.* **kwezingiirya**  
puberty, reach *v.* **kubenyeke**  
**mugongo**  
pubic area *n.* **kiinyiinyi**  
pubic hair *n.* **nketeru**  
*n.* **nziha**  
public *adj.* **kyabensei**  
public address system *n.* **diisiko**  
*n.* **ndongo**  
publically *adv.* **hasyanu**  
publication *n.* **muranga**  
publicised information *n.* **nkunga**  
publicity, exaggerated *n.* **kajali**  
*n.* **keera**  
publicly *adv.* **rwatu**  
publish *v.* **kukuutisya**  
puddle *n.* **kikemu**  
Puff adder *n.* **bulubundu**  
pull *v.* **kujaaka**  
*v.* **kusika**  
pull a fishing net *v.* **kuhambuura**  
pull apart *v.* **kuhabbula**  
pull out *v.* **kutoola**

pull slowly

quit

pull slowly *v.* **kukoroteera**

pull to loosen *v.* **kunuula**

pulley *n.* **kiriini**

pulpit, church *n.* **kituuti**

pulpit, king's *n.* **kituuti**

pulverise *v.* **kurunga**

*v.* **kuswa**

*v.* **kuswaswana**

*v.* **kutuluka**

pump *n.* **bbumba**

*v.* **kucunda**

*v.* **kusoka**

pump a fire *v.* **kujuguta**

pumpkin *n.* **kinyangahu**

pumpkin leaves *n.* **sunsa**

punch, tool *n.* **tindo**

punctual, be *v.* **kudweraho**

*v.* **kulinda bwire**

*v.* **kudoosenja**

punish *v.* **kufubira**

punishment *n.* **kifubiro**

pupil, eye *n.* **luwoni lwiraguru**

pupil, of a school *n.* **musomi**

puppy *n.* **mwana gwa mbwene**

purchase *v.* **kugula**

pure *adj.* **kyabiribiri**

purify s.t. *v.* **kusemeza**

purlin *n.* **lusiri**

purpose *n.* **bulyo**

*n.* **kigyendererwa**

*n.* **nsonga**

pursue *v.* **kubinga**

*v.* **kwiruukya**

pus *n.* **masira**

push *v.* **kucuma**

*v.* **kusinduka**

push s.t. nearer *v.* **kusegya**

push through *v.* **kwemigamu**

push using finger *v.* **kumiisa**

pushing s.t., keep *v.* **kusindikiriirya**

put *v.* **kuta**

*v.* **kwicya**

put away *v.* **kuhugura**

put down *v.* **kusensegula**

put food in a pot *v.* **kuterekera**

put in *v.* **kutamu**

put in front *v.* **kwebembeerya**

put into *v.* **kujunga**

*v.* **kusubba**

put onto *v.* **kuteera**

put up *v.* **kutembya**

put up high *v.* **kubbanika**

puzzling thing *n.* **kikutabura**

python, African rock *n.* **zèremere**

## Q - q

quality, good *adv.* **kijanguruku**

quality, high *n.* **burungi**

quantity *n.* **muhendu**

quarrel *n.* **izongobo**

*v.* **kukungana**

*v.* **kuzongoba**

*n.* **mpaka**

*n.* **nkaayane**

*n.* **nkungani**

quarrel with obscenities

*v.* **kuhooyona**

quarrelling, start *v.* **kutara**

quarrelsome person *n.* **waaweemi**

quarter *n.* **kimwei kyakanei**

queen *n.* **mugo**

queen ant *n.* **nyiinya**

question *n.* **kikaguzo**

*n.* **kibuulyo**

*v.* **kubuulya**

quick *adv.* **bwangu**

quick fix *n.* **kya kulindiraho**

*n.* **kya kwirukiira**

quickly *adv.* **wara-wara**

quickly, do s.t. *v.* **kwanguhya**

quiet home *n.* **muhololo**

quiet person *n.* **mutabaza**

*n.* **mwetikereeru**

quietness *n.* **kaweecei**

quiet, be *v.* **kuculeera**

*v.* **kuhola**

*v.* **kwetikeera**

*v.* **kwinyama**

quinine *n.* **kwiniini**

quit *v.* **kwekanasa**

quite

realise

quite *adv.* **hakiri**  
*adv.* **kale kale**

quiver *n.* **mufuko**

## R - r

rabbit *n.* **weekame**  
race *n.* **mbiro**  
race, ethnicity *n.* **hubyalasanwa**  
rack, drying *n.* **katandaaru**  
rack, drying, for tobacco *n.* **kibanda**  
radiate *v.* **kusansala**  
radiated, become *v.* **kusaasaana**  
radio *n.* **redyo**  
rafter *n.* **muraapa**  
rag *n.* **kisensede**  
*n.* **kiwugo**  
*n.* **kigoye**  
ragged, become *v.* **kusenseduka**  
railroad *n.* **kahanda ka gaali gya mwica**  
rain *v.* **kugwa kwa ndagali**  
*n.* **ndagali**  
rainbow *n.* **muhangeizima**  
raindrop *n.* **katuntu**  
raining, stop *v.* **kwamuka**  
rainmaker *n.* **mugimba**  
rainy season *n.* **kibbaga**  
rainy weather *n.* **mujumbi**  
raise *v.* **kuhandya**  
*v.* **kutembya**  
raise s.b. from the dead  
*v.* **kuhomboola**  
raise up *v.* **kubyokya**  
raise yourself taller *v.* **kwehodoola**  
rake *v.* **kukookooba**  
*n.* **lukookoobo**  
*n.* **reeki**  
ram *n.* **ntaama gidulu**  
randomly *adv.* **sambalana**  
range *n.* **mwanya**  
*n.* **nyahukana**  
range of hills *n.* **lusahu**  
rank *n.* **buhandu**  
*n.* **idaara**  
rank badge *n.* **nyota**  
rank ribbon *n.* **cepe**  
rapacity *n.* **mukoiyo**

rape *v.* **kuhamba**  
*v.* **kwingiira**  
rape victim *n.* **muhambwa**  
rapidly *adv.* **wara-wara**  
rapist *n.* **muhambi**  
rare *adj.* **kyeitoore**  
*adj.* **mbaganiza**  
rash from shaving *n.* **burwarwatu**  
rashly, act *v.* **kupapa**  
rash, develop a *v.* **kuhurumuka**  
rash, itchy *n.* **bugwenyu**  
*n.* **bulehe**  
rash, round *n.* **kimpalampa**  
rasp *n.* **fairo**  
rat *n.* **mmese**  
rate of speed *n.* **sipiidi**  
ratio *n.* **mulengu**  
rattle *v.* **kuwaara**  
rattle, leg *n.* **kinyege**  
rattling dance *n.* **kinyege**  
rat, Domestic long pointed mouth  
*n.* **kamacucu**  
rat, large *n.* **kaweisomba**  
rat, Wild striped *n.* **katulubende**  
ravenousness *n.* **mukoiyo**  
ravine *n.* **kihanga**  
*n.* **kikonko**  
ray of a fish fin *n.* **muliki**  
razor blade *n.* **wempe**  
reach *v.* **kudwa**  
*v.* **kulandikiiriya**  
read *v.* **kusoma**  
read poorly *v.* **kugeeteera**  
reader *n.* **musomi**  
ready *adv.* **kidooseneerye**  
ready person *n.* **mwetegeku**  
ready, be *v.* **kudoosenia**  
ready, get *v.* **kweteekaniza**  
ready, of cooked food *v.* **kucuunya**  
real *adj.* **kyabiribiri**  
*adj.* **kyamananu**  
realise *v.* **kukenga**



realise your mistake

refuse to do

realise your mistake

v. **kwecumitiriza**

rear v. **kworoora**

rear of a house n. **keeluli**

n. **keinyuma**

rear thing n. **kweinyuma**

rearing n. **nzoroora**

rearrange v. **kuteekanizamu**

v. **kunihiriirya**

rearward adv. **kweinyuma**

rear, be at the rear v. **kweinyuma**

reason n. **hulyo**

n. **nsonga**

reassemble v. **kwecookamu**

rebel v. **kujeema**

v. **kwebamba**

v. **kwereega**

v. **kweteega**

v. **kwolokya bwemi**

n. **mulwanisya hulemi**

rebellion n. **bujeemu**

n. **bwemi**

rebellious n. **nguue**

rebellious person n. **waaweemi**

rebound v. **kwetanga**

rebuke v. **kucoomera**

v. **kwamira**

recall v. **kwizuka**

recall a loan v. **kutonga**

recall s.t. v. **kubanja**

receipt n. **resiiti**

receive v. **kufuna**

v. **kukwata**

v. **kutunga**

receive s.t. v. **kugabirwa**

recent adj. **biro byobi**

reckless person n. **mpunguule**

n. **mutafayo**

n. **mwegumisirizi**

n. **nganya**

recklessly adv. **rufoogo**

recognise v. **kulengera**

v. **kwetegereza**

recognised, be v. **kulengerwa**

recognise, try to v. **kuhwaniriirya**

recommend v. **kulwaniira**

reconcile v. **kuteerenja**

v. **kwecwamu**

v. **kweziramwo**

v. **kwirya**

reconcile with each other

v. **kweziranganamu**

record n. **kiteebeerwe mu**

**buhandiiki**

recount a story v. **kuhanuura**

recover an eloped daughter v. **kusika**

recover from sickness v. **kuhona**

v. **kwebamba**

v. **kwereega**

v. **kwirya**

recurring, be v. **kwireiramwo**

red colour adj. **kitukuru**

adj. **kyengu**

adj. **rangi gyengu**

redo v. **kukoramwo kintu bwa**

**kandi**

v. **kubuunia**

reduce v. **kuhwera**

v. **kukeeha**

reduce body size v. **kucuunya**

reduce hair v. **kukeehya ntumbu**

reduce s.t. a bit v. **kukeehyaho**

reed sp. n. **lusinzo**

n. **ludodi**

referee n. **muhandu wa mupiira**

n. **muhandu wa muzaanu**

n. **musali**

n. **reefuri**

reference n. **kya kwizukiraho**

refine sisal v. **kwoha**

reflected light rays n. **masalisali**

reflection, see your v. **kwewona**

reform v. **kwecumitiriza**

v. **kweziramwo**

refrigerate v. **kwinyamya**

refrigerator n. **bbaraafu**

refuge n. **kyebisiro**

refugee n. **musuuhuki**

refusal n. **ngiro**

refuse v. **kugaana**

v. **kujanjaara**

v. **kusuula**

v. **kugira**

v. **kuryega**

v. **kwegunguza**

v. **kwekunuka**

refuse directly v. **kusulukiira**

refuse to do v. **kwesisigania**

v. **kwesunga**  
 refuse to give v. **kwima**  
 refuse with bad language v. **kuhyema**  
 refused, be v. **kwimwa**  
 region n. **kicweka kyeihanga**  
 register v. **kuhandikisya**  
 v. **kwehandikisya**  
 regret v. **kwetontya**  
 v. **kwezuzukya**  
 interj. **maaya**  
 regrow v. **kusekesera**  
 regular adj. **butoosa**  
 regulation n. **iteeka**  
 n. **kiragiro**  
 regurgitate v. **kubbyamuka**  
 v. **kwebajagula**  
 v. **kweroka**  
 rehabilitate v. **kunihiriirya**  
 reinforce v. **kutatiirya**  
 reinforcing steel n. **mutehimbwa**  
 reject v. **kugaana**  
 v. **kusuula**  
 v. **kugira**  
 v. **kwegunguuz**  
 reject directly v. **kusulukiira**  
 rejected adj. **kikafuuhe**  
 rejoice v. **kwenyumiza**  
 relation n. **bukwataine**  
 relationship n. **bumanye**  
 n. **bukwataine**  
 relationship, friendly n. **mudido**  
 relative n. **munyaaruganda**  
 relative position n. **mulembe**  
 relax v. **kugandaara**  
 v. **kuhuumula**  
 v. **kutuuka**  
 release v. **kuteesya**  
 v. **kwahula**  
 release yourself v. **kweteesuliza**  
 v. **kwezahuura**  
 released, be v. **kuteesulwa**  
 v. **kwahulwa**  
 relief n. **bukoonyeri**  
 n. **buyambi**  
 religion n. **diini**  
 religious convention, conduct a  
 v. **kusorokana**  
 reluctantly do s.t. v. **kwesisigania**  
 remain v. **kwicala**

remain behind v. **kusigaara**  
 remainder n. **nsaagi**  
 n. **nsigalira**  
 remark n. **kyobaziriho**  
 n. **kyokobiriho**  
 remedy v. **kumala kizubu**  
 remember v. **kwizuka**  
 remembered, be  
 v. **kuteekerezebwo**  
 remind v. **kwizukya**  
 remove v. **kutoola**  
 remove from the head v. **kwetuukula**  
 remove husks v. **kuhoogoola**  
 remove intestines from a fish  
 v. **kutoobboola**  
 remove maize from cob  
 v. **kutondoola**  
 remove more than expected  
 v. **kuzoola**  
 remove shell v. **kutondoola**  
 remove shells v. **kusukusa**  
 remove shells after soaking  
 v. **kubbusula**  
 removed, become v. **kwihuka**  
 rent n. **kitereke**  
 v. **kupangisya**  
 repair v. **kudaabiriza**  
 v. **kukanika**  
 v. **kupaama**  
 v. **kunihiriirya**  
 repair continuously v. **kumwoneera**  
 repay, make s.b. v. **kusasulisya**  
 repeat v. **kukoramwo kintu bwa**  
**kandi**  
 v. **kuhũũnia**  
 v. **kwĩramu**  
 repeating, be v. **kwireiramwo**  
 repent v. **kwecwamu**  
 v. **kwegarukamu**  
 v. **kweziramwo**  
 replace v. **kwĩrya**  
 reply v. **kwĩramu**  
 n. **nzĩramu**  
 report v. **kuranga**  
 v. **kumanyisya**  
 n. **repooti**  
 report a crime v. **kulega**  
 v. **kuranga**  
 report for work v. **kutura**

reporter *n.* **murangi**  
*n.* **waamahũre**  
*n.* **waamakuru**  
repossess *v.* **kweziriirya**  
represent *v.* **kukiikirira**  
*v.* **kukurata**  
representative *n.* **mukwenda**  
*n.* **mutumwa**  
*n.* **mukurati**  
*n.* **ngabwa**  
reprimand *v.* **kuweereeraho**  
reproduce *v.* **kukoramwo**  
*v.* **kuhulũkyamwo**  
repulse *v.* **kumiisa**  
request *v.* **kusaba**  
*v.* **kutaaga**  
*v.* **kwedembereerya**  
*v.* **kwesengereerya**  
requested, be *v.* **kusabwa**  
requirement *n.* **kiragiho**  
rescue *v.* **kucungura**  
*v.* **kujuna**  
rescue yourself *v.* **kwecungura**  
research *v.* **kutoolereerya**  
resemble *v.* **kubũusana**  
*v.* **kuhwanagana**  
*v.* **kwisana**  
resentful person *n.* **weihali**  
resentfulness *n.* **ihali**  
*n.* **kimira**  
resentment *n.* **kaku**  
reservations *n.* **bicwocwo**  
reserve *v.* **kwebiikira**  
reserved person *n.* **muningiri**  
reserved, be *v.* **kuculeera**  
resident *n.* **musi**  
*n.* **mutaka**  
*n.* **mwĩcali**  
residue *n.* **kizonga**  
resign *v.* **kusomokamu**  
*v.* **kuteesya**  
resist *v.* **kuhakania**  
resistance *n.* **buhakania**  
resolution *n.* **ncwamu**  
respect *n.* **kitiinisa**  
respect s.b. *v.* **kutiina**  
respected *adj.* **kyakitiinisa**  
respected person *n.* **waakitiinisa**  
respected, be *v.* **kutiinwa**

respect, lose *v.* **kumalikamwo**  
**kitiinisa**  
respond *v.* **kwĩramu**  
respond instantly *v.* **kubyokeramu**  
respond instantly to trouble  
*v.* **kwĩrukiira**  
respond willingly *v.* **kujwahukira**  
response *n.* **nzĩramu**  
responsibility *n.* **bujunaanizibwa**  
responsible person *n.* **mwetegerezi**  
responsibleness *n.* **bwetegerezi**  
responsible, be *v.* **kujunaanwa**  
*v.* **kukwatwaho**  
rest *v.* **kugandaara**  
*v.* **kuhumula**  
*v.* **kutuuka**  
rest a bit *v.* **kuhumulaho**  
rest day *n.* **ruhumuro**  
rest exhausted *v.* **kugwerekeera**  
rest on s.t. *v.* **kwejengera**  
rest yourself awhile  
*v.* **kwehuumuulya**  
restrain *v.* **kubbakula**  
*v.* **kubbuukira**  
restrict *v.* **kugaana**  
result *n.* **kirugamu**  
*n.* **kirugirimu**  
result in *v.* **kurugamu**  
*v.* **kurugira**  
resume *v.* **kukiiraho**  
*v.* **kwĩramwo**  
resurrect *v.* **kuhombooka**  
retain *v.* **kwĩcalyaho**  
retaliate *v.* **kuhoora**  
*v.* **kunanula**  
*v.* **kusasuura**  
*v.* **kwĩririirya**  
*v.* **kwolokya**  
reticent person *n.* **muningiri**  
retie *v.* **kubbohamu**  
retire *v.* **kubirugamu**  
*v.* **kuhumula**  
retirement pay *n.* **kasiimo**  
retreat *v.* **kusambira**  
retreat from *v.* **kwesuma kudi**  
retrieve an eloped girl *v.* **kusika**  
return *v.* **kukubayo**  
*v.* **kusambira**  
*v.* **kwetanga**

return back there

rock

v. **kwira**  
return back there v. **kwemuka**  
return of a bad event n. **kisambiryo**  
return s.t. v. **kwiririya**  
return to collect v. **kusyomera**  
returned home, be v. **kuzahuka**  
returning officer n. **mukomesya**  
reveal a secret v. **kulumbuula**  
v. **kumoola**  
reveal yourself v. **kwezolokya**  
revenge, take v. **kuhoora**  
v. **kunanula**  
v. **kusasuura**  
v. **kunyaalya**  
v. **kwiririya**  
v. **kwolokya**  
reverend n. **mulisya**  
reverse a curse v. **kujumuura**  
revise v. **kurabamu**  
revive v. **kwirwamu kwetegereza**  
revolve v. **kumyola**  
revolve s.t. v. **kuzigura**  
reward n. **kasiimo**  
rhinoceros n. **pyoko**  
rhythm n. **iraka**  
rib n. **rubaju**  
rice n. **muceeri**  
rich person n. **mugaiga**  
n. **muguuda**  
n. **muhwe**  
n. **mutungi**  
n. **waabye**  
n. **waasente**  
n. **weitungu**  
riches n. **itungu**  
rich, become v. **kugaigahara**  
v. **kuguuduhara**  
v. **kuhwa**  
riddle n. **kikoikyo**  
ride v. **kuvuga**  
ride fast v. **kucuucura**  
v. **kutuutuula**  
rider n. **muvgi**  
ridicule n. **kijoogo**  
n. **kisonso**  
ridicule s.b. v. **kujooga**  
v. **kusonsa**  
righteous person n. **munanu**  
n. **waamazima**

right-hand adj. **budyo**  
right, put v. **kunihiriya**  
v. **kuterekereerya**  
rigid, be v. **kukangabala**  
rim, wheel n. **lupanga**  
ring n. **mpita**  
n. **nkata**  
ringleader n. **mwebemberi**  
ringworm n. **kizumbu**  
ring, with gem stone n. **mulinga**  
rinse v. **kusyaniriya**  
riot n. **katabanguko**  
v. **kwekalakaasa**  
v. **kwesansala**  
rip carelessly v. **kuharatura**  
ripe adj. **kyengu**  
ripen v. **kuhangira**  
ripen, let v. **kwengya**  
ripe, be v. **kwenga**  
ripple n. **nkuura**  
rise v. **kubyoka**  
rise against v. **kubyokeera**  
rise, of the sun v. **kuhuluka kwa lyoba**  
rise, of water v. **kuhuuka**  
risky adj. **kyakabi**  
risk, take a v. **kwehayo**  
rival n. **munyanzigwa**  
n. **ntamuhira**  
rivalry n. **nzigo**  
river n. **mugira**  
river mouth silt-laden water n. **mmaka**  
river mouth, Nile n. **mugona**  
road n. **rugudo**  
roar v. **kuhuruguma**  
v. **kuhuura**  
v. **kuwaara**  
v. **kutinda**  
roast v. **kwokya**  
roast half-way v. **kubulubuta**  
roasted adj. **kyokye**  
rob v. **kunyaga**  
robbed, be v. **kunyagwa**  
robber n. **mukatuzi**  
n. **munyagi**  
robbery n. **bunyagi**  
robe n. **ganduura**  
n. **nkanzu**  
rock v. **kuzingiiza**

rocked, be

*n.* **lubbaali**  
*n.* **mwandaara**  
rocked, be *v.* **kuzingizika**  
rod *n.* **rubangu**  
roll *v.* **kubiringita**  
*v.* **kugiza**  
*v.* **kuzinga**  
*v.* **kwewulungula**  
roll over *v.* **kwebiringitya**  
roll the eyes *v.* **kukyoloolya**  
roll up *v.* **kukunya**  
*v.* **kulingiza**  
roof *n.* **kasolya**  
roof a house *v.* **kusereka**  
roof apex *n.* **kabindi**  
roofer *n.* **musereki**  
room *n.* **kisiika**  
room, spacious *n.* **kisiika kigali**  
rooster *n.* **kokolooki**  
*n.* **mpanga**  
root *n.* **ikolo**  
*n.* **luliki**  
rope *n.* **muguha**  
rope, make *v.* **kupaada**  
*v.* **kwongosa**  
rot *v.* **kubbola**  
rotate s.t. *v.* **kuzigura**  
*v.* **kuyuyya**  
rotten *adj.* **kibbolu**  
rotten slightly, be *v.* **kuhunda**  
rotten thing *n.* **kihundu**  
rotten, become slightly, of food  
*v.* **kugaga**  
rough person *n.* **muhabu**  
roughen *v.* **kuhala**  
round *adj.* **kyebulungusu**  
round, be *v.* **kwebulungusa**  
row *v.* **kugoza**  
rower *n.* **mugozu**  
rower, rear *n.* **waakumutaku**  
rub *v.* **kupiripa**  
rub against *v.* **kwetyetyaho**  
rub off *v.* **kususura**  
rub on yourself *v.* **kwesiiga**  
rub the buttocks against the ground  
*v.* **kwesyeta**  
rubber band *n.* **lukobba**

rusted, become

rubbish *n.* **bicuucuke**  
*n.* **bisasiro**  
rubbish heap *n.* **kisinsi**  
rubbish, remove *v.* **kuzozola**  
rude reply *n.* **nkabbu**  
rude, be *v.* **kwetaga**  
ruin *v.* **kuhenera**  
*v.* **kujurunga**  
*v.* **kuswaswana**  
ruined thing *n.* **kiheneku**  
ruined, become *v.* **kujungurutana**  
rule *n.* **bufugwa**  
*n.* **bulemi**  
*n.* **iteeka**  
*n.* **kiragiro**  
*v.* **kufuga**  
*v.* **kulema**  
ruler *n.* **mufugi**  
*n.* **mulemi**  
*n.* **waabusobozi**  
ruler, measuring *n.* **ruula**  
rule, style of *n.* **ndema**  
rumble *v.* **kuhuura**  
*v.* **kuwaara**  
*v.* **kutinda**  
*v.* **kutindibana**  
rumour *n.* **rugambu**  
rumour-monger *n.* **muwca makuru**  
rumours, spread *v.* **kucwa makuru**  
run *v.* **kwiruka**  
run away *v.* **kwiruka**  
run fast, suddenly *v.* **kukalabuka**  
run off quickly *v.* **kutukuluka**  
run quickly *v.* **kubbubba**  
*v.* **kudenguda**  
run very fast, start to *v.* **kulituka**  
run wild *v.* **kugugumuka**  
runner *n.* **mwiruki**  
runny nose *n.* **kiteeru**  
runway *n.* **kisaahi**  
rupee *n.* **rupiya**  
rural locality *n.* **kyaru**  
rust *n.* **matali**  
rusted *adj.* **kimomu**  
rusted, be *v.* **kukwatwa matali**  
rusted, become *v.* **kumoma**

## S - s

Sabbath *n.* **Sabbato**sack, gunny *n.* **gūtya**sack, polyethylene *n.* **sebbele**sacrifice *n.* **kihongwa***v.* **kubembeka***v.* **kugabira***v.* **kuhonga***v.* **kusala kibbila**sacrifice to the dead *v.* **kudya kibbila**sad person *n.* **mūzingalu**saddle *n.* **katebe ka gaali**sad, be *v.* **kuzingala**sail *n.* **mulongooti gwa bwati**salary *n.* **musaara**sale *n.* **buguli**saliva *n.* **matwantwe**salivate *v.* **kumera munkudye**salivation *n.* **kanyota**salt *n.* **mukwa**salty, taste *v.* **kukenkemukiira**  
*v.* **kululuha**salt, local *n.* **kisura**salutation, for twins *n.* **bboola**salute *v.* **kukuuta tamaamu***n.* **tamaamu**same *adj.* **siya**same as, be *v.* **kwisana**sample *n.* **kawonero**sand *n.* **mucanka***n.* **musinyi**sandal *n.* **silipa**sandals, wooden *n.* **mitarabanda**sandbank *n.* **kacanka**sanitary pad *n.* **mweroobe**sap of 'lukoni' plant *n.* **mate ga lukoni**sap of 'mutoma' tree *n.* **mate ga mutoma**sap of 'mu□zoloi□' tree *n.* **mate ga muzoloji**satiated *adj.* **nda ku liino**satiated, be *v.* **kuhaga**satiated, become *v.* **kuhiginara**satiation *n.* **mwicuto**

satisfied with food, become

*v.* **kwicuta**satisfied, be *v.* **kudwebwa**satisfy *v.* **kudwa**Saturday *adv.* **Kyamukaaga***n.* **Sabbato**sauce *n.* **nnyeni**saucepan *n.* **sefulya**sauce, cassava leaf *n.* **combe***n.* **sambu**sauce, cowpea leaves *n.* **icuhi**

sauce, fried beans and maize

*n.* **nyoobo**sauce, groundnut *n.* **nsanyuse**sauce, peas leaves *n.* **museehu**sauce, pumpkin leaves *n.* **sunsa**sauce, sticky *n.* **magira**sauce, vegetable *n.* **alungu***n.* **ijiri***n.* **mbuga***n.* **nkaliirwa***n.* **nnyeni liiraguru**saunter *v.* **kwesikiira**savannah *n.* **kyeya**save *v.* **kujuna***v.* **kukeekereza***v.* **kutinda**save for the future *v.* **kwebiikira**save from danger *v.* **kuhonja**saved person *n.* **myrokole**saviour *n.* **mujuni**saw *n.* **musumeeni**say *v.* **kukoba**say farewell *v.* **kuraga**scabies *n.* **bugwenyu***n.* **bulehe**scalded, get *v.* **kubaḅuka**scald, cause a *v.* **kuzahula**scale *v.* **kuhala**scale fish *v.* **kuhala bigalagamba**scale, of a fish *n.* **kigalagamba**scale, weighing *n.* **munzaani**scalp infection *n.* **biguuna**

scan *v.* **kurabyamu meiso**  
 scar *n.* **kisida**  
     *n.* **laama**  
     *n.* **nkojo**  
 scarce *adj.* **kidooli**  
 scare *v.* **kutiinisiirya**  
 scared, be *v.* **kutiina**  
 scarf, wear a *v.* **kwegumira**  
 scatter *v.* **kuguma-guma**  
     *v.* **kusansala**  
     *v.* **kusaraania**  
     *v.* **kwanzala**  
 scattered things *n.* **bisansale**  
 scattered, become *v.* **kusaasaana**  
     *v.* **kweguma-guma**  
 school *n.* **isomero**  
 schoolwork *n.* **kyeisomero**  
 science *n.* **masomo ga bya magezi**  
 scissors *n.* **makaasi**  
 scold *v.* **kwamira**  
 scoop *v.* **kutaamuula**  
     *v.* **kuzoola**  
     *n.* **lutahyo**  
 score *n.* **gooro**  
     *v.* **kuteeba**  
 scorpion *n.* **kamansisira**  
 scouring pad *n.* **kitimba**  
 scrap *n.* **kibbomoro**  
 scrape *v.* **kudula**  
 scratch *v.* **kudula**  
     *v.* **kuhala**  
     *v.* **kwaga**  
 scratch yourself *v.* **kwekwakura**  
     *v.* **kwezaguda**  
 scream *v.* **kuhahamuka**  
     *v.* **kutaaga**  
     *v.* **kwaluka**  
 screen *n.* **ndabiso**  
 screw *n.* **kikwatu kikaahuura nati**  
 scrub *v.* **kusuuta**  
 scrub yourself *v.* **kwesuuta**  
 scrutinise *v.* **kwekebeija**  
 scum on a pot *n.* **mwineino**  
 sea *n.* **itaka likooto**  
 search *v.* **kuhiiga**  
     *v.* **kutoolya**  
 search for news *v.* **kusaka**  
 search s.b. *v.* **kwaza**  
 seashell *n.* **lukere**

season *n.* **kasumi**  
 season, rainy *n.* **kibbaga**  
 seat *n.* **kiicaaru**  
     *n.* **nkyetu**  
 seat s.b. *v.* **kwicaliirya**  
 seat, offer a *v.* **kwicaliirya**  
 second *num.* **kimwei kya kabiri**  
 second thought *n.* **kiteekerezo**  
     **kikusembayo**  
 secondary school *n.* **sinja**  
 second-hand *adj.* **kikooriho**  
 second-hand clothing *n.* **jaaji**  
 second, period of time *n.* **sekenda**  
 secret *n.* **kihwe**  
     *n.* **nsita**  
 secretary *n.* **muhandiiki**  
 Secretary bird *n.* **kidongodongo**  
 secrete *v.* **kuhulukya meezi**  
 secretly *adv.* **kyamunsita**  
 section *n.* **kicweka**  
 security *n.* **bya kwerinda**  
 security force *n.* **busirikale**  
 security person *n.* **musirikale**  
 seduce *v.* **kuduupa**  
 see *v.* **kulingiira**  
     *v.* **kuwona**  
 see clearly *v.* **kuhweza**  
 seed *n.* **kasigo**  
 seed stock *n.* **mbibo**  
 seed, bad *n.* **kibboosoro**  
 segregate *v.* **kusoroora**  
     *v.* **kwahukania**  
 select *v.* **kukoma**  
     *v.* **kusoroora**  
 self control, lack *v.* **kujagaara**  
     *v.* **kuhoroza**  
 self employed, be *v.* **kwekoora**  
 self sufficient, be *v.* **kwemala**  
     *v.* **kwesobora**  
     *v.* **kwezemereeryaho**  
 self-controlled person *n.* **mwerindi**  
 self-control, lack *v.* **kusadamuka**  
     *v.* **kugugumuka**  
 self-control, lack of *n.* **busadamuku**  
     *n.* **kajagaraire**  
 self-importance *n.* **marara**  
     *n.* **myebbuno**  
     *n.* **myecenjo**  
     *n.* **myehaariizo**

*n.* **myehembu**  
*n.* **myehulo**  
*n.* **myehũũkyo**  
*n.* **myepanku**  
*n.* **myetwalu**  
self-indulgence *n.* **kajagaraire**  
self-indulgent person *n.* **mujagararu**  
selfish person *n.* **isyoko**  
*n.* **mupu**  
*n.* **mwimi**  
selfishness *n.* **ũufu**  
*n.* **butatiro**  
*n.* **bwimi**  
selfish, be *v.* **kwemaliira**  
self-reliant, be *v.* **kwemala**  
*v.* **kwesobora**  
*v.* **kwezemereeryaho**  
sell *v.* **kutunda**  
seller *n.* **mutundi**  
sellotape *n.* **gaamu**  
selvage *n.* **mukugiro**  
semen *n.* **busito**  
send *v.* **kũsindũka**  
send away *v.* **kubinga**  
send for *v.* **kutumira**  
send s.b. to do s.t. *v.* **kutuma**  
*v.* **kutweka**  
send to *v.* **kutumira**  
senile, be *v.* **kuhwisa**  
seniority *n.* **ũhandu**  
sense *v.* **kwezegwa**  
*n.* **magezi**  
senseless person *n.* **mpunguule**  
*n.* **mutafayo**  
*n.* **mwegũmisirizi**  
*n.* **nganya**  
sensible *adj.* **kyamagezi**  
sensible person *n.* **kalĩmagezi**  
*n.* **mũkengebu**  
*n.* **mwetegerezi**  
sensibleness *n.* **bwetegerezi**  
sentence in grammar *n.* **makuru**  
**gamaliku**  
sent, be *v.* **kutumwa**  
*v.* **kweterwa**  
separate *adj.* **habwakyō**  
*v.* **kusoroora**  
*v.* **kwahũkana**  
*v.* **kwatya**

*adj.* **kyahũkanu**  
separate things *n.* **bisoroore**  
separated, get *v.* **kwahukana**  
separately *adv.* **mwahu-mwahu**  
September *adv.* **Mweri Gwamwenda**  
sequence *n.* **mponderana**  
sequence, be in *v.* **kuhonderagana**  
sequential *adj.* **kihondereeni**  
serene person *n.* **mũcũleeru**  
*n.* **ũholu**  
*n.* **mũteeku**  
*n.* **mũtesĩ**  
*n.* **mwĩnyamu**  
serene, be *v.* **kworoba**  
serenity *n.* **ũcũleeru**  
*n.* **ũteeku**  
*n.* **ũtesĩ**  
series *n.* **lukaara**  
serious person *n.* **muzira**  
Serrated Terrapin *n.* **gũluhe**  
serval *n.* **kamũndagi**  
servant, female *n.* **muzaana**  
servant, male *n.* **muheerezi**  
*n.* **mwiru**  
serve *v.* **kuheereza**  
serve food *v.* **kutona**  
*v.* **kwhihula**  
serve God *v.* **kuheereza Ruhanga**  
server *n.* **musegya**  
service agency *n.* **ũheereza**  
sesame *n.* **nkanahũ**  
set *v.* **kukama**  
*v.* **kwekwata**  
set apart *v.* **kutongoola**  
set aside *v.* **kuhugura**  
set off quickly *v.* **kukalahũka**  
*v.* **kutukũlũka**  
settle *v.* **kuhola**  
settle down *v.* **kwededeera**  
settle permanently *v.* **kusigika**  
settled, be *v.* **kuteekana**  
settlement *n.* **bwicalu**  
settle, of a liquid *v.* **kuteeka**  
set, be *v.* **kũdoosenia**  
seven *num.* **musanju**  
seven hundred *num.* **rusanju**  
seven hundred thousand  
*num.* **mitwaru nsanju**  
seven thousand *num.* **kasanju**



seventh *num.* **kimwei kya musanju**  
 seventy *num.* **nsanju**  
 seventy thousand *num.* **mitwaru musanju**  
 several times *adv.* **njenjeera**  
 severance package *n.* **kasiimo**  
 sew *v.* **kusunga**  
 sewing machine *n.* **kyeraani**  
 sex maniac *n.* **mubungi**  
 sexual attraction *n.* **meiso ga ntaama**  
 sexual lust, have *v.* **kusiihana**  
 sexual organs *n.* **bicweka bya nsoni**  
 sexual organs, female *n.* **bukali**  
 sexual plays, make *v.* **kukweda**  
 sexual promiscuity *n.* **bubungi**  
 sexual relations, have *v.* **kucuga**  
     *v.* **kugosa**  
     *v.* **kutemba**  
     *v.* **kugambya**  
 sexually arouse *v.* **kutengeera**  
 sexually promiscuous, be *v.* **kubunga**  
     *v.* **kukora bwenzi**  
     *v.* **kukunza**  
     *v.* **kuraaya**  
     *v.* **kurawarawa**  
     *v.* **kusiihana**  
     *v.* **kutaaruuka**  
     *v.* **kugusuka-gusuka**  
     *v.* **kwendye-ndya**  
 sexually provocative, be *v.* **kuhena**  
 sexually transmitted disease *n.* **isumu**  
     *n.* **kimuunya**  
     *n.* **kinyamusaga**  
 shabby *adj.* **bukazi**  
 shabby person *n.* **mucoome**  
     *n.* **mukazi**  
 shack *n.* **kasiisira**  
 shade *n.* **mutuntulu**  
 shadow *n.* **mutuntulu**  
 shaft *n.* **rubangu**  
 shake *v.* **kucukya**  
     *v.* **kutengeetya**  
     *v.* **kuzingizya**  
 shake hands *v.* **kukwata mu ngalu**  
 shake off *v.* **kukunkumula**  
     *v.* **kwanzala**  
 shake up *v.* **kucunda**  
 shaken, be *v.* **kutengeeta**

*v.* **kuzingizika**  
 shaker instrument *n.* **lusansi**  
 shaman *n.* **mulegezi**  
 shame *n.* **bugwembegwembe**  
     *n.* **nsoni**  
 shame s.b. *v.* **kuswaza**  
     *v.* **kukwatisha nsoni**  
 shameless person *n.* **kahangaara**  
     *n.* **mparamukyenu**  
     *n.* **muhwe wa nsoni**  
 shameless, be *v.* **kukunduka**  
 shame, feel *v.* **kukwatwa nsoni**  
     *v.* **kuswara**  
 shame, from immorality *n.* **kihemu**  
 shame, suffer from *v.* **kwemala-mala**  
 shape *n.* **nsusana**  
 shard of pottery *n.* **lukekeenwa**  
 share *v.* **kusabirana**  
     *n.* **mugabu**  
     *n.* **mutemwa**  
 share about *v.* **kusoboora**  
 share among *v.* **kubagana**  
 share food *v.* **kubegera**  
 share meals *v.* **kudiirana**  
 share out *v.* **kugabira**  
 share the same opinion *v.* **kwikiraniza**  
 sharp *adj.* **kyobi**  
 sharpen *v.* **kuteekera**  
     *v.* **kuhyolya**  
     *v.* **kusihiya**  
     *v.* **kusongoroorya**  
     *v.* **kwobohya**  
 sharpness *n.* **bwobi**  
 sharp, be *v.* **kutula**  
     *v.* **kwoboha**  
 shave *v.* **kugema**  
     *v.* **kuhala**  
     *v.* **kumwa**  
     *v.* **kutega**  
 shaving knife *n.* **lumwabu**  
 she *pro.* **yooyo**  
 shear *v.* **kuhala**  
     *v.* **kumwa**  
 sheath *n.* **kirooyo**  
     *n.* **mufuko**  
 shed a dead skin *v.* **kwezoboolya**  
 shed, of a plant *v.* **kukunkumuka**  
 sheep *n.* **ntaama**

sheep's cry

shut

sheep's cry *interj.* **bbee**  
sheet *n.* **suuka**  
shelf *n.* **kabada gya nsimbi**  
shell *n.* **lusonko**  
shell, of a seed *n.* **kisusu**  
shelter *n.* **kigangu**  
shepherd *n.* **muhuma**  
*n.* **mulijisya**  
shield *n.* **ngabu**  
shield trophy *n.* **ngabu**  
shift s.b. *v.* **kufurura**  
shift s.t. *v.* **kuseguliirya**  
shift yourself *v.* **kweseguliirya**  
shilling *n.* **siringi**  
shin *n.* **mpundu**  
shine *v.* **kugera**  
*v.* **kumuluka**  
*v.* **kumyangarasana**  
*v.* **kunzirira**  
*v.* **kusuuka**  
*v.* **kwaka**  
shine a light *v.* **kumuluka**  
shine brightly *v.* **kweberengura**  
ship *n.* **meeri**  
shirk *v.* **webbala-bbala**  
*v.* **weguma-guma**  
*v.* **weguma-guma**  
shirt *n.* **saati**  
shiver *v.* **kujegemeera**  
*v.* **kukankana**  
*v.* **kukinkidika**  
shock *v.* **kurunduka**  
*n.* **werunduka**  
shocked, be *v.* **kwecura**  
shock, be in *v.* **wekanga**  
*v.* **werunduka**  
shoddy work, do *v.* **kubbootya-**  
**bbootya**  
shoe *n.* **nkeito**  
shoes, pair of *n.* **mugogo**  
shoot *v.* **kulasa**  
shop *n.* **iduuka**  
shore *n.* **mutanda**  
short *adj.* **kijih**  
short interval *n.* **kacwi**  
short person *n.* **mwih**  
short-cut *n.* **ncwero**  
shorten completely *v.* **kukunkudula**  
shortened *adj.* **kikunkuduku**

shortened completely, be  
*v.* **kukunkuduka**  
shorter time, take a *v.* **kwanguhya**  
shorts *n.* **mpali**  
shoulder *n.* **ibega**  
shout *v.* **kutaaga**  
*v.* **kutoka**  
*v.* **kwaluka**  
*v.* **kwebajagula**  
*v.* **kwomba**  
shout at *v.* **kwombeera**  
shout at s.b. *v.* **kwamira**  
shout down s.b. *v.* **kwetikereerya**  
shout loudly *v.* **kukookooma**  
shout, of a person *v.* **kwetereerya**  
show *v.* **kuragiira**  
*v.* **kwolokereerya**  
*v.* **kwolokya**  
*n.* **mukoro**  
*n.* **mwoloko**  
show off *v.* **kuniigiina**  
*v.* **kwebamba**  
*v.* **kwecenja**  
*v.* **wehaariiza**  
*v.* **kwereega**  
*v.* **kweteega**  
*v.* **kwezegwa**  
show yourself *v.* **kwazolokya**  
shrewdness *n.* **buryeki**  
shrink *v.* **kukeeha**  
shrink s.t. a bit *v.* **kukeehyaho**  
shrivel *v.* **kuhotoka**  
shrub sp. *n.* **alungu**  
*n.* **kilaara nyama**  
*n.* **kikoni**  
*n.* **kimuka**  
*n.* **luheere**  
*n.* **lubumbuula**  
*n.* **lutumenge**  
*n.* **mukyora**  
*n.* **mulaaliki**  
*n.* **musiihira mmese**  
*n.* **musoorooro**  
*n.* **murundu**  
*n.* **muzinga**  
*n.* **ndidyo**  
*n.* **nsinsi**  
shrub sp., Caster oil *n.* **kisoga**  
shut *v.* **kwijala**

shutter *n.* **lwije**  
 shy person *n.* **mutabaza**  
     *n.* **muningiri**  
     *n.* **mwetikereeru**  
     *n.* **waabidooli**  
 shyness *n.* **mbo**  
     *n.* **muswaru**  
     *n.* **nsoni**  
 shy, be *v.* **kukwatwa nsoni**  
 sibling-in-law *n.* **muramu**  
 sick person *n.* **muzeeri**  
 sickened, become *v.* **kutamwa**  
 sickle *n.* **kakonda**  
 sickle, banana pruning *n.* **kisalizo**  
 sickle, for bushes *n.* **kikuutu**  
 sickle, for grass *n.* **bbiringi**  
 sickness *n.* **huseeri**  
 sickness cause *n.* **ndugiro gya**  
     **huseeri**  
 sickness, cause *v.* **kuhimbya**  
 sickness, spread *v.* **kutulira**  
 sick, fall *v.* **kuhimba**  
 sick, feel *v.* **kudiibwa**  
 side *n.* **bukijizi**  
     *adv.* **harubaju**  
     *n.* **kipandi**  
     *n.* **rubaju**  
 side yard *n.* **isubagi**  
 sideways *adv.* **harubaju**  
     *adv.* **pembeenj**  
 sieve *v.* **kukeekeeya**  
     *n.* **nkekeeya**  
 sigh *v.* **kwehweseerya**  
 sign *n.* **kawonero**  
     *n.* **kyapa**  
 signpost *n.* **kyapa**  
 silence s.b. *v.* **kuholya**  
     *v.* **kwetikereerya**  
 silence s.t. *v.* **kwinyamya**  
 silent *adj.* **cei**  
 silently *adv.* **kicececece**  
 silent, become *v.* **kuwonda**  
 silk, maize *n.* **lujwenge**  
 silver *n.* **zaabbu**  
 similar *adj.* **kikuhwanana**  
     *adj.* **kikwisana**  
 similar thing *n.* **nsisana**  
 similar to *adv.* **nka**  
 simmer down *v.* **kwededeera**

simple *adj.* **kihuhu**  
 simpleness *n.* **buhuhu**  
 simple, be *v.* **kuhuhu**  
 simplify *v.* **kworobya**  
 simsim *n.* **nkanahu**  
 sin *n.* **kibi**  
 sincere person *n.* **munanu**  
     *n.* **waamazima**  
 sincerity *n.* **bunanu**  
 sinew *n.* **kikwambara**  
     *n.* **kinywa**  
 sing *v.* **kuzina**  
     *v.* **kuhiima**  
 sing with 'ah' sounds *v.* **kukungya**  
 singer *n.* **muhiimi**  
 singless, of a man *n.* **buhuuru**  
 sink *v.* **kubbuta**  
     *v.* **kudikira**  
     *v.* **kugizira**  
     *v.* **kwicanikira**  
 sink, cause to *v.* **kubbutya**  
 sinner *n.* **munyaakibi**  
 sinuses *n.* **nsirisiri**  
 sir *interj.* **waitu**  
 sisal cleaning stick *n.* **kyohyo**  
 sisal sack *n.* **gulya**  
 sisal sp. *n.* **nkiriita**  
 sisal threads *n.* **kanwanwa**  
 sisal, commercial *n.* **makongi**  
 sisal, refine *v.* **kwoha**  
 sisal, wild *n.* **lukoma**  
 sister *n.* **muhalaawe**  
     *n.* **nyakeetu**  
 sister-in-law *n.* **muramu**  
 sister, elder *n.* **itaa**  
 sister, his or her *pro.* **waamwe**  
 sister, my *pro.* **wange**  
 sister, our *pro.* **weetu**  
 sister, their *pro.* **waabu**  
 sister, your *pro.* **waamu**  
     *pro.* **weenyu**  
 sit *v.* **kwicaara**  
 sitting room *n.* **igambiro**  
 situation *n.* **mbeera**  
 six *num.* **mukaaga**  
 six hundred *num.* **rukaaga**  
 six hundred thousand *num.* **mitwaru**  
     **nkaaga**  
 six thousand *num.* **kakaaga**

six-star cluster

six-star cluster *n.* **nyakabyeru**

*n.* **nyamukaaga**

sixth *num.* **kimwei** *kya mukaaga*

sixty *num.* **nkaaga**

sixty thousand *num.* **mitwaru**

**mukaaga**

skeleton *n.* **ikuha lya muntu**

skilfulness *n.* **humanye**

*n.* **busaaha**

*n.* **bukugu**

skim *v.* **kurabyamu meiso**

skin *n.* **kipapa**

*v.* **kubaaga**

*n.* **lususu**

skin colour *adj.* **rangi gya mubiri**

skin s.t. *v.* **kutondoola**

skin wound *n.* **kihote**

skink, Peter's long tailed

*n.* **munyeere**

skin, of a fruit *n.* **kisusu**

skip rope *v.* **kugusuka muguha**

skirt *n.* **sikaati**

skull *n.* **luhanga**

skull, rear of *n.* **lukoni**

sky *n.* **mwanya**

slack, become *v.* **kujega-jega**

*v.* **kulegeya**

slag *n.* **bisanyala**

slander *v.* **kusisiira**

slap *v.* **kupaala**

*v.* **kupaamuula**

*n.* **lulahi**

slash *v.* **kujwera**

slash grass *v.* **kusaaha**

slasher for grass *n.* **nejoro**

slaughter *v.* **kukinja**

*v.* **kusala**

slave *n.* **mwiru**

slavery, female *n.* **buzaana**

slavery, male *n.* **bwiru**

slave, male *n.* **muheerezi**

sleep *n.* **bulo**

sleep in the eye corners *n.* **nsima**

sleep instantly, go to

*v.* **kwebbakiraho**

sleep style *n.* **ndaala**

sleep talk *v.* **kububbugana**

sleep well *interj.* **olaale kurungi**

sleepiness, great *n.* **muro**

smart-looking, make yourself

sleeping sickness *n.* **mangoota**

sleepless, be *v.* **kulaala nowona**

sleep, be overtaken by *v.* **kutwalwa**

**bulo**

*v.* **kwibwa bulo**

sleep, go to *v.* **kwebbaka**

sleep, put a baby to *v.* **kulaaliriirya**

sleeve *n.* **mukono**

Slender mongoose *n.* **nkaraaza**

sleuthing *n.* **bumbega**

slice *v.* **kupasula**

*v.* **kulendya-lendya**

slice into pieces *v.* **kucenka-cenka**

slice meat *v.* **kuhwama**

slice wood thinly *v.* **kupaaya**

slide *n.* **bunterente**

slide down *v.* **kuterera**

slim down *v.* **kucuunya**

sling weapon *n.* **kimancuuru**

slingshot *n.* **mutida**

slip *n.* **bunterente**

slip away *v.* **kwekwotola**

slip over *v.* **kuterera**

slippery ground *n.* **bunterente**

slippery, be *v.* **kuteera**

slither *v.* **kwenjongoora**

*v.* **kwesikiira**

slobber *n.* **bitwantei**

slope *n.* **kasirimuko**

slowly *adv.* **mpula**

slowly, of cooking *adv.* **dombi**

small *adj.* **kidooli**

small amount *n.* **kikeehu**

small pox *n.* **burundu**

Small smooth skinned running frog

*n.* **kahuukyandwa**

small thing *n.* **kabbeepule**

smaller *adj.* **kidooliho**

smaller, become *v.* **kukeeha**

smart looking, be *v.* **kukuca**

smart-looking *adj.* **maradaadi**

smart-looking person *n.* **muyonjo**

*n.* **mwecumi**

smart-looking, be

*v.* **kumyangarasana**

*v.* **kutemagana**

smart-looking, make yourself

*v.* **kwecuma**

*v.* **kwemyangarasanja**

*v.* **kwenyiriirya**  
*v.* **kwenyumisya**  
*v.* **kweyonja**  
 smart, make *v.* **kuyonja**  
 smash *v.* **kuswaswana**  
 smear *v.* **kuguruha**  
*v.* **kutiriba**  
 smear on the skin *v.* **kusisiriza**  
 smear yourself *v.* **kwesiija**  
 smegma *n.* **mpoli**  
 smell *n.* **kahunyo**  
*v.* **kuwoya**  
*v.* **kuhunya**  
 smell bad *v.* **kununka**  
 smell s.t. *v.* **kukaga**  
*v.* **kuhunya**  
 smell, bad *n.* **meija**  
 smelting residues *n.* **bisasanyala**  
 smile *v.* **kumwenya**  
 smoke *v.* **kutuukiriirya**  
*n.* **mwica**  
 smoke cigarettes *v.* **kunywa taaba**  
 smoke food *v.* **kutalika**  
 smoke stain *n.* **munyali**  
 smooth *adj.* **kiheheeru**  
 smoothen *v.* **kuranda**  
 smooth-skinned person *n.* **muniyiriru**  
 smooth, make *v.* **kutereya**  
 smuggled goods *n.* **magendo**  
 snail *n.* **kitaaniina**  
 snake *n.* **mpiri**  
 snake sp., Stripped skaapsteker  
*n.* **mpiri gya kisubi kyomu**  
 snake, aquatic *n.* **lobi**  
 snake, blind *n.* **kikuki**  
 snare *n.* **mukorogo**  
 snatch *v.* **kusahula**  
 sneak *v.* **kusooba**  
 sneak out *v.* **kwekwotola**  
 sneeze *v.* **kwesyamula**  
*n.* **kyesyamulyo**  
 snoop *v.* **kwezingiiryamu**  
 snooping *n.* **bumbega**  
 snooze *v.* **kuhuumulaho**  
 snore *n.* **kihuruutyo**  
*v.* **kuhuruutya**  
 snub *v.* **kudomaho**  
*v.* **kugaya**  
 so *conj.* **hataati**

*conj.* **mwomwo**  
 so and so *n.* **nanka na nanka**  
 so that *conj.* **aleke**  
*conj.* **kara**  
 soak food in soup *v.* **kukolya**  
 soap *n.* **sabbuuni**  
 sober person *n.* **mukengebu**  
 soccer *n.* **mupira gwa kusamba**  
 sociable person *n.* **mwangu**  
 social gathering *n.* **kyenamiro**  
 social group *n.* **kitebe**  
 society *n.* **bantu**  
 sock *n.* **sokisi**  
 soda *n.* **sooda**  
 sofa *n.* **ntebe gya bisagu**  
 soft *adj.* **kiheheeru**  
 soft thing *n.* **kyorobu**  
 soften *v.* **kworoby**  
 soften with a liquid *v.* **kuzunzuka**  
 softness *n.* **buheheeru**  
 soft, be *v.* **kuheheera**  
*v.* **kuhudekeera**  
*v.* **kuteketeera**  
*v.* **kworoba**  
 soil *n.* **itehe**  
*v.* **kwiraguurya**  
*n.* **nsi**  
 soil heap for potato plant *n.* **ituuta**  
 soil, coloured *n.* **puuyo**  
 soil, fertile *n.* **nkaara**  
 sojourner *n.* **mugoonyi**  
 soldier *n.* **musirikale**  
*n.* **waamahe**  
 sole *n.* **kiziginiro**  
 solid *adj.* **kinyamaani**  
 solidify *v.* **kukama**  
*v.* **kwekwata**  
 solo *adv.* **habwamu**  
 soloist *n.* **mwamiirya**  
 solve a problem *v.* **kumala kizubu**  
 some *pro.* **bindi**  
*n.* **bya kipandi**  
 somebody *pro.* **muntu wondi**  
*pro.* **nanka**  
 someday *adv.* **kiro kindi**  
 someone *pro.* **muntu wondi**  
*pro.* **nanka**  
 something *pro.* **kintu kindi**  
 sometime *pro.* **bwire bundi**

sometime back

*adv.* **kiro kindi**  
sometime back *adv.* **kweinyumaho**  
sometimes *adv.* **bundi**  
somewhat *adv.* **mulingo gundi**  
somewhere *pro.* **hantu handi**  
son *n.* **mutabani**  
song *n.* **kyembu**  
song leader *n.* **mwamiirya**  
soon *adv.* **bwangu**  
*adv.* **heehi**  
soot *n.* **mbiro**  
soothe a baby *v.* **kuloolootya**  
sorcerer *n.* **mulogo**  
sore throat *n.* **myozo**  
sorghum *n.* **mukusa**  
sorghum stem *n.* **manzye**  
sorrow *n.* **hujune**  
*n.* **muhito**  
*n.* **nganye**  
sorrowful, be *v.* **kuganya**  
sorry *interj.* **nganyira**  
sort *v.* **kukoma**  
soul *n.* **buntu**  
*n.* **kyozo**  
*n.* **mutima**  
sound *n.* **iraka**  
sound, dance *interj.* **hirii... ka ka**  
sound, type of *v.* **kuhuura**  
soup *n.* **muto**  
sour *adj.* **kilulu**  
source *n.* **ndugiro**  
*n.* **ntandiko**  
source of income *n.* **hoonyweseerya**  
sourness, of taste *n.* **bululu**  
sour, taste *v.* **kululuha**  
south *n.* **bukiizi bwa kwansi**  
sow seeds *v.* **kusiga**  
space *n.* **mwanya**  
space, enough *n.* **mwanya gugali**  
space, open *n.* **kabbaari**  
spade *n.* **kitiihyo**  
spanner *n.* **sipaana**  
spark *n.* **kaganga**  
*n.* **kanyota**  
*v.* **kubbaluka**  
spark plug *n.* **pulaaka**  
speak *v.* **kubaza**  
*v.* **kugira**  
*v.* **kukookoba**

spin in the air

speak out against s.t. *v.* **kuhakania**  
speak poorly *v.* **kubbogobbera**  
speak very loudly *v.* **kuhuruguma**  
speak well *v.* **kubaza kurungi**  
speak without restraint *n.* **muhorozu**  
speaking incoherently  
*n.* **buzumungwa**  
speaking without restraint  
*n.* **buhorozi**  
*n.* **kajagaraire**  
spear *n.* **isumu**  
*v.* **kusimba**  
*v.* **kutuuta**  
spear grass sp. *n.* **sojo**  
spear head *n.* **kyogi**  
spear tail *n.* **muhunda**  
spearhead *n.* **kipindo**  
special *adj.* **kyahukanu**  
*adj.* **kyambaganiza**  
*adj.* **mbaganiza**  
special day *n.* **kiro kihandu**  
special person *n.* **wa mbaganiza**  
specialise in one work *v.* **kusomeera**  
**mulimo**  
specify *v.* **kutongoolya**  
spectator *n.* **mulingiiri**  
*n.* **musungi**  
spectator, be a *v.* **kusunga**  
speculate *v.* **kwenihiza**  
speech *n.* **rubazu**  
speechless, be *v.* **kuhuna**  
speech, give a *v.* **kubaliza**  
*v.* **kugaba rubazu**  
speed *n.* **sipiidi**  
speed bump *n.* **kakungu**  
spend *v.* **kuhulukya**  
spend recklessly *v.* **kucooda**  
sphere *n.* **kyebulungusu**  
spherical *adj.* **kyebulungusu**  
spice *n.* **bilungo**  
*n.* **kitumbisya**  
*n.* **muzu**  
*n.* **ntabu**  
spice up food *v.* **kulunga**  
spider *n.* **nyambubi**  
spill *v.* **kubbwoma**  
*v.* **kukankada**  
spin *v.* **kuluka**  
spin in the air *v.* **kuhunguulya**

spin rope *v.* **kwongosa**  
 spin s.t. *v.* **kulogoolya**  
*v.* **kutunguula**  
 spin yourself around *v.* **kwetunguula**  
 spinach *n.* **doodo**  
 spinal cord *n.* **lukizi**  
 spine *n.* **lusaali lwa mugongo**  
 spine of a fish fin *n.* **muliki**  
 spine, fish *n.* **lugongo**  
 spirit *n.* **buntu**  
*n.* **kyozo**  
*n.* **muzumu**  
*n.* **mwoyo**  
*n.* **mwozo**  
 spirit worshipper *n.* **kibandwa**  
 spirits, alcoholic *n.* **bbungu**  
*n.* **haragi**  
*n.* **liralira**  
*n.* **mbandule**  
 spirits, traditional *n.* **kihala**  
 spirit, inner *n.* **mutima**  
 spit *v.* **kutwa**  
 spit phlegm out *v.* **kwekarandya**  
 spit through the teeth *v.* **kunyirinkya**  
 spitting cobra *n.* **kijuguta mpamba**  
 splash on *v.* **kukankadira**  
 splashed, get *v.* **kumiisuka**  
 spleen disease *n.* **kikyamu**  
 splint *n.* **busembe**  
 split *v.* **kwatya**  
 split open *v.* **kutootoolya**  
 split s.t. *v.* **kubbaratura**  
 split up, become *v.* **kwezatyamu**  
 split, be *v.* **kubbaratuka**  
 spoil *v.* **kuhenera**  
*v.* **kujurunga**  
*v.* **kuswaswana**  
 spoil s.b.'s reputation *v.* **kumala**  
**meezi ku mubiri**  
 spoiled thing *n.* **kiheneku**  
 spoiled, become *v.* **kuheneka**  
 spoiler *n.* **muheneri**  
 spoilt person *n.* **kifaafa**  
 spoke *n.* **luhagi**  
 sponge *v.* **kusiimuura**  
*n.* **siponci**  
 spoon *n.* **kijiiko**  
 spoon, wooden *n.* **kikwaya**  
 sport *n.* **muzaanu**

sports field *n.* **kisaahi**  
 spray *v.* **kufuuhiira**  
*v.* **kumiisula**  
 spread *v.* **kusansala**  
*v.* **kwanzala**  
 spread, become *v.* **kusaasaana**  
 spring *n.* **musu**  
*n.* **nsoro**  
 spring pool *n.* **izuba**  
 sprinkle *v.* **kubbwomeera**  
*v.* **kusenseera**  
 sprinkle flour on boiling water  
*v.* **kusenseera**  
 sprinkled, be *v.* **kumiisuka**  
 sprout *v.* **kumera**  
*v.* **kuhulukiriirya**  
 spurt *v.* **kunyirinka**  
 spy *v.* **kubega**  
*v.* **kutata**  
*n.* **mbega**  
*n.* **mutati**  
 spying *n.* **bumbega**  
 squat *v.* **kugangama**  
*v.* **kukucama**  
*v.* **kusitama**  
 squeeze *v.* **kumiga**  
*v.* **kutitina**  
 squeeze clothes when washing  
*v.* **kukunya**  
 squeeze liquid out *v.* **kukamula**  
 squeeze through *v.* **kwemigamu**  
 squint *v.* **kuwonera mu nkwihi**  
 squirrel *n.* **kamuje**  
 stabilise *v.* **kunwanja**  
 stabilised, become *v.* **kunwana**  
 stage in a process *n.* **idaara**  
 stagger *v.* **kucumbutuka**  
*v.* **kukapa-kapa**  
*v.* **kutara-tara**  
 staggering person *n.* **mutaratari**  
 stain *n.* **kibbaati**  
*n.* **kirambi**  
*v.* **kuguba**  
*n.* **kyapa**  
 stained thing *n.* **kigubu**  
 stained, become *v.* **kumoma**  
*v.* **kuhima**  
 stale, become *v.* **kukenka**  
 stalk *v.* **kuloolooba**

stamina *n.* **ḥunyamaani**  
*n.* **ḥutatiro**  
*n.* **ḥusigikiri**  
 stammer *v.* **kujaajaama**  
 stammerer *n.* **mubbogobberi**  
 stamp impression *n.* **sitampu**  
 stamp, postage *n.* **sitampu**  
 stand *n.* **katandaaru**  
*v.* **kwemeera**  
 stand firm *v.* **kwemeera ḥusimba**  
 stand up *v.* **kubyoka**  
 standard *n.* **lulengu**  
*n.* **mulembe**  
*n.* **mutindo**  
 star *n.* **nyunyuzi**  
 starch glue *n.* **ḥudembu**  
 start *v.* **kubengira**  
*v.* **kusetula**  
*v.* **kutandika**  
 start a machine *v.* **kuzigura**  
 start again *v.* **kutandikamu**  
 start instantly *v.* **kutandikiraho**  
 start off a race *v.* **kuduumira**  
 start ploughing *v.* **kwemera**  
 start running quickly *v.* **kulituka**  
 start to move *v.* **kusituka**  
 starter *n.* **mutandiki**  
 starve *v.* **kusobokeyera**  
*v.* **kwegama**  
 star, bright *n.* **luzota**  
 state *n.* **cuume**  
*n.* **mulingo**  
 statement *n.* **siteetimenti**  
 station *n.* **sitenseni**  
 station, radio or TV *n.* **sitenseni**  
 stature, human *n.* **kyemu**  
 stature, large, human *adj.* **kyonko**  
 status *n.* **ḥuhandu**  
 statute *n.* **iteeka**  
*n.* **kiragiro**  
 stay *v.* **kwicala**  
 stay away *v.* **kuzaaha**  
 stay together peacefully  
*v.* **kwicalanwa**  
 stay well *interj.* **oicale kurungi**  
*interj.* **osiibe kurungi**  
 steady person *n.* **mwegyenderezi**  
 steak *n.* **kileeri**  
 steal *v.* **kwiba**

steam *v.* **kutuukiriirya**  
 steam from food *n.* **mwihuro**  
 steaming, be *v.* **kutuuka**  
 steel *n.* **kyoma**  
 steer *n.* **kone**  
 Steinbok *n.* **bbwoya**  
 stem, banana *n.* **kigoogooli**  
 stem, inner, of a tree *n.* **katima**  
 stem, of a cereal plant *n.* **mukaka**  
 step *n.* **idaara**  
 step distance *n.* **lutambu**  
 step on *v.* **kuzigina**  
 stern *n.* **mutaku**  
 stick *n.* **kikondo**  
*n.* **kisaali**  
 stick for a trap *n.* **ncwanki**  
 stick onto *v.* **kukwatya**  
 stick together *v.* **kuteerenia**  
 sticky tape *n.* **gaamu**  
 sticky, be *v.* **kukununukeera**  
 stick, for mingling food *n.* **mulabi**  
 stick, for stirring food *n.* **kyegweci**  
 stiff *adj.* **kinyamaani**  
*adj.* **kitatiro**  
*adj.* **kikangabalu**  
*adj.* **kyomeresenu**  
 stiff-necked person *n.* **wa nkoto**  
**gitatiro**  
 stiffness *n.* **ḥunyamaani**  
*n.* **ḥutatiro**  
*n.* **ḥukangabalu**  
*n.* **ḥwomeresenu**  
 stillbirth, produce a *v.* **kutorooga**  
 still-born baby *n.* **kifu**  
 stimulant, take a *v.* **kumala ḥulo**  
 stimulus *n.* **kwerunduuka**  
 sting *n.* **mululwa**  
 stinginess *n.* **ḥufu**  
*n.* **ḥwimi**  
 stingy person *n.* **isyoko**  
*n.* **mukodo**  
*n.* **mulimiriirwa**  
*n.* **mupu**  
*n.* **mutatiro**  
*n.* **mwimi**  
*n.* **wa ngalu gitatiro**  
 stingy, be *v.* **kwemaliira**  
*v.* **kwima**  
 stink *n.* **kinunko**



v. **kununka**  
 stir v. **kukoroga**  
 stir a thick liquid v. **kutabura**  
 v. **kuhuluga**  
 stir up v. **kutabura**  
 stockings n. **sitookingi**  
 stoke a fire v. **kucooka-cooka mworo**  
 v. **kukuuma-kuuma mworo**  
 v. **kusinduka nkwi**  
 stolen, be v. **kwiḅwa**  
 stomach n. **nda**  
 n. **rugondo**  
 stomach, animal n. **kidyabaliḱsya**  
 stone n. **ihiga**  
 stool n. **situulu**  
 stop v. **kubingaho haḅwa kacwi**  
 v. **kulekaho**  
 v. **kutangiza**  
 v. **kwemereerya**  
 stop at v. **kukuubiirayo**  
 v. **kusambiirayo**  
 stop over v. **kwemeeraho**  
 stop s.t. v. **kutanga**  
 stop trying v. **kurugaho**  
 v. **kweganyira**  
 stop work v. **kwinuka**  
 stop work, make s.b. v. **kwinula**  
 store v. **kubiika**  
 n. **sitooa**  
 storeroom n. **ibiikiro**  
 storeyed building n. **keineḱbiri**  
 storm n. **kihehu**  
 stormy, become v. **kujugaana**  
 storm, easterly blast n. **bbuukuulu**  
 story teller n. **muhanuuri**  
 stove n. **sitoovu**  
 straight adj. **kitererekereu**  
 straight line, lay in a v. **kurambiika**  
 straight thing n. **kijjanjanu**  
 straighten v. **kugooru**  
 v. **kuterekereerya**  
 straighten a limb v. **kudambula**  
 straighten s.b. v. **kucura**  
 straighten s.t. v. **kunuguura**  
 straighten up v. **kwebyokya**  
 straighten your body v. **kwedambula**  
 straightness n. **ḅubbiili**  
 n. **ḅuterekereeru**

strain a liquid v. **kusengeeja**  
 strain milk from ghee v. **kucunda**  
 strain, emotional n. **ḅutuntwire**  
 n. **kwelaalikiira**  
 strange adj. **kyambaganiza**  
 strange activity n. **isunge**  
 strange person n. **muḱemesya**  
 strangely, act v. **kwesana**  
 stranger n. **muhyaka**  
 n. **mwizeizi**  
 strangle v. **kuniga**  
 strap, stretchy n. **lukobba**  
 straw, drinking n. **lusiki**  
 stream n. **mugira**  
 street n. **muhandu**  
 strength n. **ḅunyamaani**  
 n. **ḅutatiro**  
 n. **ḅusigikiro**  
 n. **maani**  
 n. **raatiri**  
 n. **rutege**  
 n. **rutwangu**  
 strengthen v. **ḱutatiira**  
 strength, gain v. **kwirwamu maani**  
 strength, regain v. **kwemiima**  
 v. **kwesymeera**  
 stress n. **ḅutuntwire**  
 n. **kwelaalikiira**  
 stressed, be v. **kwelaalikiira**  
 stretch v. **kubamba**  
 v. **kunuula**  
 v. **kusika**  
 stretch up v. **kwebyokya**  
 stretch yourself v. **kwenuguura**  
 stretcher n. **katabbu**  
 n. **kitware**  
 n. **kiparapu**  
 stretch, be able to v. **kwenuula**  
 v. **kwesika**  
 strew everywhere when searching v. **kutakula**  
 stride v. **kukatuka**  
 strike a compromise v. **kukengangana**  
 strike, stop work v. **kubyala ḅuzira**  
 v. **kwekalakaasa**  
 v. **kwesansala**  
 string n. **kikosi**  
 string together v. **kusunsya**

stringed instrument *n.* **lukembe**  
 string, ball of *n.* **bbuuli**  
 Stripped skaapsteker *n.* **mpiri gya kisubi kyomu**  
 stroll *v.* **kwesikiira**  
 strong heartedness *n.* **buzira**  
 strong person *n.* **kirimaani**  
*n.* **munyamaani**  
*n.* **rujagaara**  
*n.* **waarutege**  
 structure *n.* **kinyumba**  
 struggle doing s.t. *v.* **kugada-gada**  
*v.* **kuguuguuza**  
*v.* **kupataka**  
*v.* **kupatikana**  
*v.* **kupoolooka**  
*v.* **kuwaya-waya**  
*v.* **kulwanisya**  
*v.* **kunyeega**  
*v.* **kutita**  
*v.* **kwenyamula**  
*v.* **kwesabbula**  
*v.* **kwongeramwo maani**  
 struggle hard *v.* **kwekamba**  
 struggle harder than s.b. *v.* **kuriitya**  
 struggle to escape  
*v.* **kwebbugubbula**  
*v.* **kweteesuliza**  
 struggle without success  
*v.* **kutalibana**  
 struggle, make s.b. *v.* **kupoolookya**  
 stubborn person *n.* **mbarangule**  
*n.* **mugadya**  
*n.* **muharangani**  
*n.* **mu hugutania**  
*n.* **mulemesya**  
*n.* **mutalibanizi**  
*n.* **mwendereerya**  
 stubbornness *n.* **bugadya**  
*n.* **botalibanizi**  
*n.* **bwendereerya**  
 stubborn, be *v.* **kuharangana**  
*v.* **kurawarawa**  
 student *n.* **musomi**  
*n.* **mwegi**  
 study *v.* **kusoma**  
 study a map *v.* **kusoma maapu**  
 stumble *v.* **kukijibbala**  
 stump, tree *n.* **nkongi**

stunted, be *v.* **kutola**  
 stupid person *n.* **madara**  
*n.* **mbuda**  
*n.* **mudoma**  
*n.* **mupuuti**  
*n.* **mwicate**  
*n.* **pirico**  
*n.* **waahimu**  
 stupidity *n.* **budoma**  
*n.* **bumadara**  
*n.* **bumbuda**  
*n.* **bupuuti**  
*n.* **busiru**  
 stupid, be *v.* **kudoma**  
 stutter *v.* **kujaajaama**  
 stutterer *n.* **mu bbogobberi**  
 style *n.* **mudeeli**  
*n.* **muhihi**  
 style of building *n.* **mbimba**  
 sub-county *n.* **igomboora**  
 sub-county chief *n.* **weigomboora**  
 subject area *n.* **kicweka kya kwetegereza**  
 subject of teaching *n.* **musomo**  
 subjugate *v.* **kuhamba**  
 submerge *v.* **kumera**  
 submerge s.t. *v.* **kudikiirya**  
*v.* **kugiziirya**  
 submerged, get *v.* **kudikira**  
 submerge, cause to *v.* **kubbutya**  
 submit *v.* **kugondera**  
*v.* **kworobera**  
 sub-parish *n.* **butongole**  
 sub-parish chief *n.* **mukungu**  
 subside, of swelling *v.* **kuzeera**  
 substance *n.* **kintu**  
*n.* **kiita**  
 substandard *adj.* **kibiibi**  
 substitute *v.* **kuhindula**  
*v.* **kuhinga**  
 subtract numbers *v.* **kutoolaho**  
 succeed *v.* **kusingura**  
 success *n.* **businguzi**  
 successive *adj.* **kihondereeni**  
 suck *v.* **kunywereera**  
 suckle *v.* **kwonka**  
 suckle an infant *v.* **kwonkya**  
 suddenly *adv.* **bwangu-bwangu**  
*adv.* **kipukuru**

suffer *v.* **kugooleekwa**  
*v.* **kuwonawona**  
 suffer, cause to *v.* **kugada-gadya**  
 sufficient *adj.* **kikumala**  
 sugar *n.* **sukaali**  
 sugarcane *n.* **kitenge**  
*n.* **kikeijo**  
 suggestion *n.* **kiteekerezo**  
 suicide, commit *v.* **kweniga**  
*v.* **kwezinda**  
*v.* **kwezita**  
 suit *v.* **kukwata**  
 suit of clothing *n.* **suutu**  
 suitable for, know that s.t. is  
*v.* **kusiimira**  
 suitable, be, of clothes *v.* **kudwa**  
 suitcase *n.* **sanduuki**  
 suit, Kaunda *n.* **saatikooti**  
 sully *v.* **kusisiira**  
*v.* **kwiririirya**  
 sum *v.* **kubaliira**  
*n.* **toto**  
 summarise *v.* **kuheregura**  
*v.* **kumaliira**  
*v.* **kumaliriza**  
 summary *n.* **mmaliira**  
 summon *v.* **kweta**  
 sun *n.* **lyoba**  
 sun rays *n.* **maranga ga lyoba**  
 Sunday *adv.* **Kyasabbiiti**  
 sunglasses *n.* **garubindi**  
 sunlight *n.* **kyererezi kya lyoba**  
 sunset *n.* **kalyoba kugwa**  
 sun, early morning *n.* **kanyangu**  
 supernatural event *n.* **masana**  
 supernatural power *n.* **mahanu**  
 supper *n.* **kya joojolo**  
 support *n.* **bukoonyeri**  
*n.* **buyambi**  
*v.* **kuhagira**  
*v.* **kukwatiira**  
*v.* **kulwaniira**  
*v.* **kusemba**  
 support s.b. *v.* **kukwatiira**  
 support s.t. *v.* **kuheega**  
*v.* **kuheega**  
*v.* **kuhigikiirya**  
 supporter *n.* **musagiki**  
 support, for holding s.t. *n.* **kiheegero**

suppose *v.* **kuteeba**  
*v.* **kwenihiza**  
 supreme head *n.* **waabusobozi**  
 surcharge *n.* **ngeisi**  
 sure *interj.* **biribiri**  
*adj.* **kyabiribiri**  
 surely *interj.* **mananu**  
 sure, be *v.* **kunanuka**  
 surface *n.* **lususu**  
 surface deformity *n.* **kigigiro**  
 surge *v.* **kucumbutuka**  
 surgeon *n.* **mubaagi**  
*n.* **mu semezi**  
 surgery, perform *v.* **kusemeza**  
 surmise *v.* **kuteeba**  
*v.* **kwenihiza**  
 surpass *v.* **kukira**  
 surprise *n.* **nkizi**  
 surprised, be *v.* **kuhuna**  
*v.* **kurabwamwo nkizi**  
*v.* **kwecura**  
 surprise, cause *v.* **kuhuniriza**  
 surprising *adj.* **kyambaganiza**  
 surrender *v.* **kuhayo**  
*v.* **kunanuka**  
*v.* **kubyokya mikono**  
*v.* **kwikiriza kusingwa**  
 surround *v.* **kugota**  
*v.* **kwelogleerya**  
*v.* **kwetooroora**  
 surround an animal *v.* **kucwera**  
 survey *v.* **kupima**  
 survive *v.* **kubboota**  
*v.* **kuhona**  
*v.* **kukena**  
 survivor *n.* **mukeni**  
 suspect *v.* **kunihira**  
 suspected, be *v.* **kunihirwa**  
 suspend *v.* **kubamba**  
*v.* **kubingaho habwa kacwi**  
*v.* **kuengeetya**  
 swallow *v.* **kumera**  
 swallow with difficulty *v.* **kuniga**  
 swamp *n.* **kikemu**  
 swamped *adj.* **curucuru**  
 swarm *n.* **kidunduli**  
 swear *v.* **kurahira**  
*interj.* **lukuba lunkuute**  
*interj.* **mpiri ginteme**

swearer *n.* **museeguri**  
 sweat *v.* **kutuuya**  
*n.* **lutuuyo**  
 sweater *n.* **sweta**  
 sweat, make s.b. *v.* **kutuuyisya**  
 sweep *v.* **kweza**  
 sweeper *n.* **mwezi**  
 sweet potato *n.* **kyata**  
 sweet potato, sliced and dried  
*n.* **kiteere**  
 sweeten *v.* **kunolya**  
 sweet, taste *v.* **kunwereerya**  
 swell *v.* **kuhuuka**  
 swelling, cause *v.* **kuhaga**  
 swim *v.* **kwal**  
 swim bladder *n.* **kikaabu**  
 swim playfully in water  
*v.* **kubbutuka**  
 swim under water  
*v.* **kwebbutiriirya**  
 swimmer *n.* **mwali**  
 swing *v.* **kuhinda**

*n.* **kyehindo**  
 swing around *v.* **kuzigura**  
*v.* **kuyuyya**  
 swing freely *v.* **kulengeeja**  
 swing the arms *v.* **kuhunguulya**  
**mukono**  
 swing yourself *v.* **kwehinda**  
 switch on *v.* **kuta**  
 swollen, make *v.* **kuhuukya**  
 symbol *n.* **kawonero**  
 sympathetic *adj.* **kiheheeru**  
 sympathise *v.* **kuganyira**  
*v.* **kukwatwa kisa**  
*v.* **kusaasira**  
 sympathy *n.* **kisa**  
*n.* **mbabazi**  
 sympathy, express *interj.* **caali**  
 symptom *n.* **kawonero**  
 synthesiser *n.* **nanga**  
 syphilis *n.* **isumu**  
*n.* **mbenja**  
 system *n.* **nkora**

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table *n.* **meeza**  
 tablecloth *n.* **kitambaara**  
 tablecloth threads *n.* **ihuuzi lya**  
**kitambaara**  
 taboo *n.* **muziro**  
 tail *n.* **mwinkira**  
 tail fin *n.* **kisya**  
 tail of a bird *n.* **munkuduuru**  
 tail of a dead animal *n.* **mukwizi**  
 tailor *n.* **fundi**  
*n.* **musunga kyeraani**  
*n.* **musungi**  
 tail, mud fish *n.* **nkumatu**  
 take *v.* **kutwala**  
 take away *v.* **kutoola**  
 take off a larger part *v.* **kuzoola**  
 take off clothes *v.* **kusomola**  
 take off suddenly *v.* **kujumbutuka**  
 take out *v.* **kuhulukya**  
 take s.b.'s wife *v.* **kuhambura**  
 take s.t. yourself *v.* **kwetwara**  
 taken, be *v.* **kutwalwa**

talent *n.* **kisembu**  
*n.* **talanta**  
 talk *v.* **kubaza**  
*v.* **kukookoba**  
 talk falsely *v.* **kuhangiira**  
 talk foolishly *v.* **kuhama-hama**  
 talk informally *v.* **kunyumya**  
 talk loosely *v.* **kubalisihwa**  
*v.* **kusadamuka**  
*v.* **kugugumuka**  
*v.* **kuhurumuka**  
 talk shyly *v.* **kweminga-minga**  
 talk to spirits *v.* **kulaama**  
 talkative person *n.* **mubazi**  
*n.* **waarunwa**  
 talkativeness *n.* **bubazabazi**  
 talk, on the telephone *v.* **kukuuta**  
**simu**  
 tall *adj.* **kilei**  
 taller, become *v.* **kuleeha**  
 taller, make s.t. *v.* **kuleehya**  
 tame *v.* **kumanyiriirya**

v. **kworoora**  
 tamp v. **kukuutira**  
 tangle v. **kuzinga**  
 v. **kwelyoba**  
 tap for water n. **taapu**  
 tardy person n. **muningiri**  
 target shooter n. **mudiimi**  
 tarmac n. **kolasi**  
 tarnish s.b.'s image v. **kumala meezi**  
 ku mubiri  
 tarpaulin n. **tundubaali**  
 taste v. **kubbila**  
 taste nice, make to v. **kunolya**  
 taste salty v. **kukenkemukiira**  
 taste slightly bitter v. **kukuda**  
 tasteless adj. **kiinyamu**  
 tastiness n. **bunolu**  
 tasty adj. **kinolu**  
 tattoo v. **kweliga**  
 tattoo the ears v. **kupiripa**  
 tax v. **kugereka musolo**  
 n. **musolo**  
 tax collector n. **musoroozi musolo**  
 taxi n. **kamunye**  
 n. **takisi**  
 tea n. **caai**  
 n. **majaani**  
 teach v. **kwegesya**  
 teacher n. **musomesa**  
 n. **mwegesa**  
 teaching n. **nzegesya**  
 team n. **tiimu**  
 teamwork n. **nkengagana**  
 n. **nkoragana**  
 n. **nzegwagana**  
 tear v. **kucabbula**  
 v. **kutemula**  
 tear apart food v. **kusabbula**  
 tear down v. **kusensegula**  
 tear off v. **kubbaabbuula**  
 tear roughly v. **kuharatura**  
 tear s.t. v. **kubbalula**  
 tears n. **maliga**  
 tears, shed v. **kuhetya maliga**  
 tease v. **kudomya**  
 v. **kusonsa**  
 v. **kuzeenya**  
 teat n. **lusumba**  
 teeth, brush v. **kusuuta meino**

telephone n. **simu**  
 telephone s.b. v. **kukuuta simu**  
 television n. **tiivi**  
 tell v. **kukoba**  
 v. **kuweera**  
 tell a folktale v. **kugana**  
 tell a story v. **kuhanuura**  
 tell off v. **kuweereeraho**  
 tell s.b. to pay attention v. **kuweera**  
 muntu kwetegeerya  
 temporarily adv. **bwangu-bwangu**  
 temporary adj. **kyayaatyo**  
 temporary solution n. **kya**  
 kulindiraho  
 n. **kya kwirukira**  
 tempt v. **kwohya**  
 ten num. **ikumi**  
 ten thousand num. **mutwaru**  
 tenant n. **mupangisya**  
 tendency n. **nkora**  
 tendon n. **kinywa**  
 tense manner, move in a  
 v. **kulwolwoba**  
 tension, emotional n. **butuntwire**  
 n. **kwelaalikiira**  
 tent n. **heema**  
 tenth num. **kimweji kyeikumi**  
 term of school n. **lusomo**  
 n. **taamu**  
 termite n. **lukakabi**  
 n. **luswa**  
 terrible adj. **kibiibi kyakalasanu**  
 test n. **kigezu**  
 v. **kukiina**  
 v. **kupima**  
 testes n. **magosi**  
 testicle n. **kiizukulu**  
 testicle enlargement n. **keetuuku**  
 testicles, swollen n. **mabya**  
 testify v. **kugaba waakeiso**  
 testimony n. **bukeiso**  
 test, put to v. **kuciima**  
 texture n. **nkora gyeitehe**  
 thank v. **kusiima**  
 thankless person n. **muhuuna adiiri**  
 thanks interj. **weebale**  
 that conj. **ngu**  
 conj. **nti**  
 conj. **yati**

that one

that one *dem.* **gigyo**

*dem.* **gugwo**

*dem.* **kakwo**

*dem.* **kikyo**

*dem.* **kukwo**

*dem.* **lilyo**

*dem.* **lulwo**

*dem.* **tutwo**

*dem.* **yogwo**

that one over there *dem.* **gidi**

*dem.* **gudi**

*dem.* **kadi**

*dem.* **kidi**

*dem.* **kudi**

*dem.* **lidi**

*dem.* **ludi**

*dem.* **tudi**

*dem.* **yodi**

that very one *dem.* **gwogwo**

*dem.* **gyogyo**

*dem.* **kaakwo**

*dem.* **kwokwo**

*dem.* **kyokyo**

*dem.* **lwolwo**

*dem.* **lyolyo**

*dem.* **twotwo**

*dem.* **yoogwo**

that very one over there *dem.* **gwodi**

*dem.* **gyodi**

*dem.* **kaadi**

*dem.* **kwodi**

*dem.* **kyodi**

*dem.* **lwodi**

*dem.* **lyodi**

*dem.* **twodi**

*dem.* **yoodi**

thatch *v.* **kusereka**

thatch a layered roof style *v.* **kutooda**

thatcher *n.* **musereki**

thatching grass *n.* **isubi**

*n.* **matinde**

theft *n.* **hwibi**

their sister *n.* **nyakaabu**

their, theirs *pro.* **baabyo**

*pro.* **baabu**

*pro.* **baabwo**

*pro.* **baago**

*pro.* **baako**

*pro.* **baamyo**

their, theirs

*pro.* **baatwo**

*pro.* **baazyo**

*pro.* **byabyo**

*pro.* **byabu**

*pro.* **byabwo**

*pro.* **byago**

*pro.* **byako**

*pro.* **byamyo**

*pro.* **byatwo**

*pro.* **byazyo**

*pro.* **bwabyo**

*pro.* **bwabu**

*pro.* **bwabwo**

*pro.* **bwago**

*pro.* **bwako**

*pro.* **bwamyo**

*pro.* **bwatwo**

*pro.* **bwazyo**

*pro.* **gaabyo**

*pro.* **gaabu**

*pro.* **gaabwo**

*pro.* **gaago**

*pro.* **gaako**

*pro.* **gaamyo**

*pro.* **gaatwo**

*pro.* **gaazyo**

*pro.* **gwabyo**

*pro.* **gwabu**

*pro.* **gwabwo**

*pro.* **gwago**

*pro.* **gwako**

*pro.* **gwamyo**

*pro.* **gwatwo**

*pro.* **gwazyo**

*pro.* **gyabyo**

*pro.* **gyabu**

*pro.* **gyabwo**

*pro.* **gyago**

*pro.* **gyako**

*pro.* **gyamyo**

*pro.* **gyatwo**

*pro.* **gyazyo**

*pro.* **kaabyo**

*pro.* **kaabu**

*pro.* **kaabwo**

*pro.* **kaago**

*pro.* **kaako**

*pro.* **kaamyo**

*pro.* **kaatwo**

*pro.* **kaazyo**  
*pro.* **kwabyo**  
*pro.* **kwabu**  
*pro.* **kwabwo**  
*pro.* **kwago**  
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*pro.* **kyago**  
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*pro.* **kyatwo**  
*pro.* **kyazyo**  
*pro.* **lwabyo**  
*pro.* **lwabu**  
*pro.* **lwabwo**  
*pro.* **lwago**  
*pro.* **lwako**  
*pro.* **lwamyo**  
*pro.* **lwatwo**  
*pro.* **lwazyo**  
*pro.* **lyabyo**  
*pro.* **lyabu**  
*pro.* **lyabwo**  
*pro.* **lyago**  
*pro.* **lyako**  
*pro.* **lyamyo**  
*pro.* **lyatwo**  
*pro.* **lyazyo**  
*pro.* **myabyo**  
*pro.* **myabu**  
*pro.* **myabwo**  
*pro.* **myago**  
*pro.* **myako**  
*pro.* **myamyo**  
*pro.* **myatwo**  
*pro.* **myazyo**  
*pro.* **twabyo**  
*pro.* **twabu**  
*pro.* **twabwo**  
*pro.* **twago**  
*pro.* **twako**  
*pro.* **twamyo**  
*pro.* **twatwo**  
*pro.* **twazyo**

*pro.* **waabyo**  
*pro.* **waabu**  
*pro.* **waabwo**  
*pro.* **waago**  
*pro.* **waako**  
*pro.* **waamyo**  
*pro.* **waatwo**  
*pro.* **waazyo**  
*pro.* **zaabyo**  
*pro.* **zaabu**  
*pro.* **zaabwo**  
*pro.* **zaago**  
*pro.* **zaako**  
*pro.* **zaamyo**  
*pro.* **zaatwo**  
*pro.* **zaazyo**  
 theme *n.* **mutwe**  
 themselves *pro.* **bankei**  
*pro.* **byankei**  
*pro.* **bwankei**  
*pro.* **gankei**  
*pro.* **kankei**  
*pro.* **myankei**  
*pro.* **zyankei**  
 then *conj.* **kasi**  
*adv.* **kikuhonderaho**  
*adj.* **kikwiraho**  
*conj.* **mwomwo**  
*conj.* **nahaahwo**  
*conj.* **nandi**  
 theology *n.* **diini**  
 theory *n.* **kiteekerezo**  
 there *dem.* **haadi**  
*dem.* **haahwo**  
*dem.* **hadi**  
*dem.* **hahwo**  
 therefore *conj.* **mwomwo**  
*conj.* **nahabwakikyo**  
 thermometer *n.* **kipimyo kya buhyo**  
**bwa muntu**  
 these ones *dem.* **baba**  
*dem.* **bibi**  
*dem.* **bubu**  
*dem.* **gaga**  
*dem.* **mimi**  
*dem.* **zizi**  
 these very ones *dem.* **baaba**  
*dem.* **byobi**  
*dem.* **bwobu**

they

dem. **gaaga**  
dem. **myomi**  
dem. **zyozi**  
they *pro.* **boobo**  
*pro.* **byobyo**  
*pro.* **ḃwoḃwo**  
*pro.* **googo**  
*pro.* **myomyo**  
*pro.* **zyozyo**  
thicker, become *v.* **kuzimba**  
thicket *n.* **kisaka**  
thickness *n.* **mungunira**  
*n.* **mukikima**  
*n.* **muzimbo**  
thief *n.* **mwibi**  
thigh *n.* **kiberu**  
thin person *n.* **mubbeebbe**  
thin plants *v.* **kwiha**  
thin stomach *n.* **luzoka lumwei**  
thin thing *n.* **kibbeebbe**  
thing *n.* **kintu**  
*n.* **kiita**  
think *v.* **kuteekereza**  
think twice *v.* **kweḃuulya**  
thinking *n.* **nteekereza**  
think, inability to *n.* **ḃuteetegereza**  
thinner thing, slightly  
*n.* **kibbeebbeho**  
thinness *n.* **ḃubbeebbe**  
thin, become *v.* **kwanuka**  
third *num.* **kimwei kya kasatu**  
thirst *n.* **iroho**  
*n.* **lwozo**  
*n.* **nyoota**  
thirsty *adj.* **hoko**  
thirty *num.* **makumi gasatu**  
thirty thousand *num.* **mitwaru**  
**misatu**  
this one *dem.* **gigi**  
*dem.* **gugu**  
*dem.* **kaka**  
*dem.* **kiki**  
*dem.* **kuku**  
*dem.* **lili**  
*dem.* **lulu**  
*dem.* **tutu**  
*dem.* **yogo**  
this very one *dem.* **gwogu**  
*dem.* **gyogi**

threaten

*dem.* **kaaka**  
*dem.* **kwoku**  
*dem.* **kyoki**  
*dem.* **lволu**  
*dem.* **lyoli**  
*dem.* **twotu**  
*dem.* **yoogo**  
thorn *n.* **ihwa**  
thorn of 'lugenge' creeper *n.* **lugenge**  
thorn plant *n.* **lusicimbwa**  
thorn plant sp. *n.* **lugenge**  
thorn, grass *n.* **lusigizi**  
thoroughly *adv.* **hyehye**  
*adv.* **kamwe na kamwe**  
*adv.* **kimwei**  
those ones *dem.* **baḃwo**  
*dem.* **ḃiḃyo**  
*dem.* **ḃuḃwo**  
*dem.* **gagwo**  
*dem.* **mimyo**  
*dem.* **zizyo**  
those ones over there *dem.* **badi**  
*dem.* **bidi**  
*dem.* **ḃudi**  
*dem.* **gadi**  
*dem.* **midi**  
*dem.* **zidi**  
those very ones *dem.* **baaḃwo**  
*dem.* **byobyo**  
*dem.* **ḃwoḃwo**  
*dem.* **gaagwo**  
*dem.* **myomyo**  
*dem.* **zyozyo**  
those very ones over there *dem.* **baadi**  
*dem.* **byodi**  
*dem.* **ḃwodi**  
*dem.* **gaadi**  
*dem.* **myodi**  
*dem.* **zyodi**  
though *conj.* **kadi**  
thought *n.* **kiteekerezo**  
thought of, be *v.* **kuteekerezeḃwaho**  
thousand *num.* **rukumi**  
thread *n.* **iswali**  
*n.* **ihuuzi**  
*n.* **kikosi**  
threaten *v.* **kukaayira**  
*v.* **kukanga**  
*v.* **kutiinisiriirya**



three

three *num.* **isatu**  
three hundred *num.* **bikumi bisatu**  
three hundred thousand *num.* **mitwaru gasatu**  
three thousand *num.* **nkumi isatu**  
throat *n.* **bunkudankuda**  
*n.* **mimiro**  
throughout *adv.* **mu bwire**  
throughout the lifetime of s.t., be  
*v.* **kukwerekeera**  
throw *v.* **kukasuka**  
throw away *v.* **kujugunya**  
throw down *v.* **kuguma**  
thrust *v.* **kusinduka**  
thumb *n.* **kinkumu**  
thunder *n.* **lukuba**  
thunder sound, end of  
*v.* **kuholomeera**  
Thursday *adv.* **Kyakanei**  
tick *v.* **kucuusa**  
ticket *n.* **tikiti**  
tickle *v.* **kutigita**  
tick, large *n.* **lubarabara**  
tick, small *n.* **luguluguha**  
tidiness *n.* **buyonjo**  
*n.* **bwecumi**  
tidy *v.* **kusemeza**  
*v.* **kuyonja**  
tidy, make yourself *v.* **kwecuma**  
*v.* **kweyonja**  
tie *v.* **kubaga**  
*v.* **kubboha**  
*v.* **kulobya**  
tie an animal *v.* **kutuuka**  
tie around tightly *v.* **kukamba**  
tie in a game *n.* **ngaara**  
tie tightly *v.* **kuninghina**  
tie together *v.* **kusunnya**  
tie with a noose *v.* **kurindya**  
tied equal, be *v.* **kwijanjana**  
tied tightly *adj.* **ninghi-ninghi**  
tie, neck *n.* **munigo**  
*n.* **tai**  
tight *adj.* **kitatiro**  
tighten *v.* **kukaza**  
*v.* **kutatiirya**  
Tilapia fish *n.* **nzogoro**  
tile *n.* **itegura**  
timber *n.* **lubbaahu**

tooth gap, due to missing tooth

time *n.* **bwire**  
time keeper *n.* **mulinda bwire**  
time, free *n.* **bwire bwange**  
time, keep to *v.* **kulinda bwire**  
timid person *n.* **mutiini**  
*n.* **mutitizi**  
*n.* **mwoba**  
timidity *n.* **mbo**  
timid, be *v.* **kuwonda**  
tin *n.* **debe**  
tingling, feel *v.* **kutemwa-temwa**  
tiny thing *n.* **kabbeepule**  
tip *n.* **kasonga**  
tiptoe *v.* **kuconcodera**  
*v.* **kusooba**  
tiptoeing *adv.* **bunkenke**  
tiptoe, stand on *v.* **kwehodoola**  
tired person *n.* **mujwahu**  
tired, be *v.* **kujwaha**  
tired, become *v.* **kutesagaalya**  
tired, make s.b. *v.* **kujwahya**  
title *n.* **buhandu**  
toad *n.* **sonsoonja**  
tobacco *n.* **taaba**  
tobacco, dried *n.* **kabbanga**  
*n.* **simonko**  
today *adv.* **deeru**  
toddle *v.* **kutoodira**  
toddler, older *n.* **mwana kicuucuru**  
toddler, younger *n.* **mukere**  
toe *n.* **luzala**  
toe tip *n.* **mutwe gwa lunono**  
toenail *n.* **lunono**  
together *adv.* **hamwei**  
*adv.* **mu kitebe**  
together, put *v.* **kukuuma**  
toilet a baby *v.* **kukaara**  
told, be *v.* **kuweerwa**  
tolerate *v.* **kugumira**  
*v.* **kulindira**  
tomato *n.* **lunyaanya**  
tomb *n.* **kituuru**  
tomorrow *adv.* **mwakya**  
tongue *n.* **lulimi**  
tonight *adv.* **ijolo lya deeru**  
tool *n.* **kikwatu**  
*n.* **kikoresyo**  
tooth *n.* **liino**  
tooth gap, due to missing tooth

*n.* **mudanga**  
 tooth gap, natural *n.* **nsanyanya**  
 toothbrush *n.* **muswaki**  
 top bar of a bicycle *n.* **musaali gwa gaali**  
 Topi *n.* **puro**  
 topic *n.* **mutwe**  
 topple *v.* **kuguma**  
 torment *n.* **bujune**  
 torn, be *v.* **kubbaluka**  
 torn, become *v.* **kubbaabbuuka**  
*v.* **kutemuka**  
 torso *n.* **mubiri gwa hakati**  
 tortoise *n.* **kulo**  
 torture *v.* **kuwonawonesya**  
 toss *v.* **kucungya**  
 toss and turn *v.* **kugwa-gwa**  
*v.* **kweguma-guma**  
 toss down *v.* **kuguma**  
 total *n.* **toto**  
 touch *v.* **kugaza**  
*v.* **kukwata**  
*v.* **kukwata-kwata**  
*v.* **kutiga-tiga**  
 touch continuously *v.* **kugaza-gaza**  
 touch each other *v.* **kukwatangana**  
 toughness *n.* **bunyamaani**  
*n.* **butatiro**  
*n.* **busigikiro**  
 tourniquet *n.* **kigoye**  
 towards that place *dem.* **kukwo**  
 towards that place over there  
*dem.* **kudi**  
 towards that very place *dem.* **kwokwo**  
 towards that very place over there  
*dem.* **kwodi**  
 towards this place *dem.* **kunu**  
 towards this very place *dem.* **kwonu**  
 towel *n.* **tawulo**  
 tower *n.* **mulongooti**  
 town *n.* **rubuga**  
*n.* **tawuni**  
 toy vehicle *n.* **kiguruguru**  
 trace *v.* **kuronza**  
 track *n.* **kihanda**  
*n.* **kisinde**  
*v.* **kuronza**  
*n.* **lugere**  
*n.* **nzira**

trade *n.* **busuubuzi**  
*v.* **kusuubura**  
 trade fair *n.* **mwoloko**  
 trader *n.* **musuubuzi**  
 tradesman *n.* **fundi**  
 traffic *n.* **bya biiruka**  
 tragedy *n.* **kabi**  
 trail *n.* **kisinde**  
 train *n.* **gaali gya mwica**  
*v.* **kutendeka**  
 train a child *v.* **kukuga**  
 trainee *n.* **mutendeki**  
*n.* **mutendekwa**  
 trainer *n.* **mutende**  
*n.* **muuuniri**  
*n.* **mutendeki**  
 training school *n.* **itendekero**  
 trait *n.* **karara**  
 tranquillity *n.* **buculeeru**  
*n.* **buteeku**  
*n.* **butesi**  
 transact money *v.* **kukoresya sente**  
 transfer s.b. *v.* **kufurura**  
 transfer s.t. *v.* **kuhindula**  
*v.* **kuseguliirya**  
 transform *v.* **kuhindula**  
 translate *v.* **kuhindula**  
 transmission *n.* **ndibata**  
 transparent, be *v.* **kuwonekerana**  
 transplant *v.* **kuseguliirya**  
 transport *v.* **kusomba**  
*n.* **ndibata**  
 transport by bicycle *v.* **kuheeka**  
 transportation *n.* **bya ndibata**  
 trap *v.* **kutega**  
*n.* **mutegu**  
*n.* **muakorogo**  
 trap white ants *v.* **kwola**  
 trap, bird *n.* **luhoiza**  
 trap, for ants *n.* **nsomoko**  
 trap, hunting *n.* **kigwi**  
 trap, neck noose *n.* **kamacoti**  
 trap, pit *n.* **kyecido**  
 trap, squirrel *n.* **buhya**  
*n.* **kiikutu**  
 trash *n.* **bicuucuke**  
*n.* **bisasiro**  
 travel *v.* **kugyenda**  
*v.* **kulibata**

traveller *n.* **mugoonyi**  
 tray *n.* **lusanja**  
 tread down soil *v.* **kukandagiira**  
 tread down, make a path  
*v.* **kukuutuura**  
 treasurer *n.* **mukeeto**  
*n.* **mukwata nsahu**  
*n.* **mukwata nsimbi**  
*n.* **mubiiki**  
 treat *v.* **kutwala**  
 treat illness *v.* **kutamba**  
 treated, be *v.* **kutambwa**  
 tree *n.* **musaali**  
 tree ant *n.* **lukunkuni**  
 tree sp. *n.* **kibirinzi**  
*n.* **kinazi**  
*n.* **munendemule**  
*n.* **mugaali**  
*n.* **mukanaga**  
*n.* **mukandwa**  
*n.* **mukara**  
*n.* **mukolyo**  
*n.* **mukoma**  
*n.* **mukunkulu**  
*n.* **mulira**  
*n.* **muloolo**  
*n.* **munongo**  
*n.* **musege**  
*n.* **musinisini**  
*n.* **musisiye**  
*n.* **musongi**  
*n.* **musumu**  
*n.* **muteete**  
*n.* **mutiti**  
*n.* **mutoma**  
*n.* **mutuura**  
*n.* **muguzandwa**  
*n.* **mukabakabya**  
*n.* **mukaku**  
*n.* **mukalasima**  
*n.* **mukodohi**  
*n.* **mupoi**  
*n.* **musambya**  
*n.* **musingabakazi**  
*n.* **mutiira**  
*n.* **mwera meenyu**  
*n.* **ngoma**  
*n.* **ntwa**  
 tree sp., Acacia *n.* **mukaasya**

tree stump *n.* **nkongi**  
 tree, Baobab *n.* **munonde**  
 tree, Eucalyptus *n.* **kalituusi**  
 tree, jackfruit *n.* **jaaka**  
 tree, Mandarin *n.* **mangada**  
 trellis *n.* **kataatu**  
 tremble *v.* **kucura**  
*v.* **kujegemeera**  
 tremble with fear *v.* **kukankana**  
*v.* **kupikipwa**  
 trembling *n.* **kicuro**  
 tribe *n.* **ihanga**  
 trick *v.* **kuzeenya kategu**  
 trick s.b. *v.* **kutega kategu**  
 trigger *n.* **mbeesule**  
 trillion *num.* **butabarwa rukumi**  
 trimester, first *n.* **katooro**  
 trip *v.* **kukiiibbala**  
 trophy *n.* **kikopo**  
 trot *v.* **kuzenza**  
 trouble *n.* **kizubu**  
 troublemaker *n.* **mutaburi**  
 troublesomeness *n.* **buzubu**  
 trouble, put s.b. into *v.* **kugoromora**  
 trousers *n.* **mpali**  
 truck *n.* **motoka**  
 true *interj.* **biribiri**  
*interj.* **hooho**  
*adj.* **kidoori**  
*interj.* **kwokwo**  
*adj.* **kyamananu**  
*adj.* **kyonyini**  
*interj.* **mali**  
*interj.* **mazima**  
 trumpet *n.* **lugwara**  
 trumpet, royal *n.* **ikondero**  
 truncheon *n.* **mubbeere**  
 trunk, elephant *n.* **kateera**  
 trust *n.* **bwesigwa**  
*v.* **kwesiga**  
 trusted, be *v.* **kwesigwa**  
 trustworthy person *n.* **munanu**  
*n.* **mwesigwa**  
*n.* **waamazima**  
 truth *n.* **mananu**  
*n.* **mazima**  
 truthfully *adv.* **buhe-buhe**  
 truthfulness *n.* **kyamazima**  
 try *v.* **kugeryaho**

try hard

undergo

try hard *v.* **kuguuguuza**  
try to do s.t. *v.* **kulengaho**  
try, but fail *v.* **kutalibana**  
Tsetse fly *n.* **kibaara**  
tuberculosis *n.* **kakonko**  
tuck in a shirt *v.* **kwesogoba**  
Tuesday *adv.* **Kyakabiri**  
tumble *v.* **kuguma**  
tune *n.* **iraka**  
*v.* **kuta**  
turkey *n.* **sekoko**  
turn *n.* **lubo**  
turn a corner *v.* **kubbanguuka**  
*v.* **kuhunguuka**  
turn around *v.* **kuhindula**  
turn inside out *v.* **kufoora**  
turn out *v.* **kuhindula**  
turn over *v.* **kwobokola**  
turn s.t. *v.* **kubbangula**  
*v.* **kucuusa**  
turn yourself *v.* **kwebbangula**  
turns work in *v.* **kukoora mu mbwo**  
turns, take *v.* **kukoonyerangana**  
turtle *n.* **geeri**  
*n.* **nyaabyongo**  
turtle, Serrated Terrapin *n.* **guluhe**  
tusk *n.* **musyange**  
twenty *num.* **makumi gabiri**  
twenty thousand *num.* **mitwaru mibiri**

twice *adv.* **kimwei kya kabiri**  
twilight *n.* **kabumbubumbu**  
twilight, evening *n.* **mawandaala**  
twin *n.* **mahasa**  
twin child *n.* **kabunu**  
twine a rope *v.* **kupaada**  
twine, roll of *n.* **bbuuli**  
twin, breech birth *n.* **murongo**  
twist *v.* **kumyola**  
*v.* **kulogoolya**  
twist around *v.* **kulyoba**  
twitch *v.* **kucura**  
two *num.* **ibiri**  
two hundred *num.* **bikumi bibiri**  
two hundred thousand *num.* **mitwaru gabiri**  
two people *num.* **babiri**  
two thirds *num.* **bibiri bya kasatu**  
two thousand *num.* **nkumi ibiri**  
twofold *num.* **kimwei kya kabiri**  
twos, in *num.* **babiri**  
typewriter *n.* **taipu**  
typical *adj.* **kyahakati**  
typist *n.* **mutaipingi**  
tyrannical, be *v.* **kuharangana**  
tyrannise *v.* **kumigiriza**  
tyrannised, be *v.* **kumigirizibwa**  
tyranny *n.* **bumigirizi**  
tyrant *n.* **mumigirizi**

## U - u

udder *n.* **muhaku**  
Uganda kob *n.* **mparaaki**  
ugly *adj.* **kibiibi**  
ugly person *n.* **mubiibi**  
ululation *n.* **muzira**  
umbilical cord *n.* **luura**  
*n.* **lukosi**  
umbrella *n.* **munvuuli**  
unable, be *v.* **kuzira**  
unattractive person *n.* **mubiibi**  
unavailable, be *v.* **kulema**  
unbelief *n.* **buteikiriza**  
uncaring *adj.* **binkwatiiriki**  
uncertain *adv.* **kitakunanukirwa**

uncertainty *n.* **bukoosokooswa**  
uncle *n.* **ngwete**  
unconscious, be *v.* **kukaabiira**  
uncontrolled person *n.* **mujagararu**  
uncover *v.* **kuɓuukula**  
*v.* **kuɓuunyukula**  
*v.* **kwobokola**  
undecided, be *v.* **kwebbala-bbala**  
*v.* **kweguma-guma**  
*v.* **kweguma-guma**  
under *adv.* **hansi**  
under authority of *adv.* **hansi bwa**  
under the bed, space *n.* **budeete**  
undergo *v.* **kuraba mu kintu**

underground *adj.* **hansi**  
*n.* **mwitehe**  
 undermine *v.* **kwiririya**  
 understand *v.* **kukenga**  
*v.* **kwetegereza**  
 understand a little *v.* **kuhugutanaho**  
 understand each other  
*v.* **kukengangana**  
 understandable  
*adj.* **kikwetegerezebwa**  
 understandable, be  
*v.* **kwetegerezebwa**  
 understandably *adv.* **hasyanu**  
 understanding *n.* **magezi**  
 understand? *interj.* **okwetegereza?**  
 understood, be *v.* **kukengwa**  
 understood, make yourself  
*v.* **kwetegerezebwa**  
 underwear *n.* **pajami**  
 underwear, female *n.* **bitengu**  
 underwear, traditional *n.* **mufunga**  
 underworld *n.* **kuzumu**  
 undisciplined person *n.* **muhagaaru**  
 undisciplined, be *v.* **kuhagaara**  
 undress *v.* **kujuura**  
*v.* **kusomola**  
 uneasy, be *v.* **kwekunya**  
 unemotional person *n.* **mulindiri**  
 unemployed person *n.* **eicaliri**  
*n.* **muntu atakukora**  
*n.* **muntu atali na mulimo**  
 unexpectedly *adv.* **kipukuru**  
 unfair *adj.* **butadoori**  
 unfair person *n.* **mugoobeeri**  
*n.* **musoroori**  
*n.* **mutondi**  
*n.* **waakasorooro**  
*n.* **waakatondo**  
 unhappy child *n.* **nkunguuzi**  
 unholy *adj.* **kibiibi**  
 uniform *n.* **bilwalu bya mulimo**  
 unify *v.* **kuteerenia**  
 uninhabited area *n.* **kyeya**  
 union, workers' *n.* **kitebe kya bakori**  
 unique *adj.* **kitongoole**  
*adj.* **kyahukanu**  
*adj.* **kyambaganiza**  
*adj.* **mbaganiza**

unique person *n.* **mwahukanu**  
*n.* **wa mbaganiza**  
 unique things *n.* **bisoroore**  
 unison, do in *v.* **kukoora hamwei**  
 unit *n.* **lulengu**  
 unitedly *adv.* **mu kitebe**  
 united, be *v.* **kuteerana**  
 unity *n.* **bumwei**  
 universally *adv.* **kyabulikiro**  
 universe *n.* **nsi**  
 university *n.* **yunivaasite**  
 unless *conj.* **oiroho**  
*conj.* **otoorihooa**  
 unload *v.* **kupaakuura**  
*v.* **kutuukula**  
 unload from the head *v.* **kwetuukula**  
 unlock *v.* **kufunguura**  
*v.* **kukingula**  
*v.* **kwahuura**  
 unlucky person *n.* **waakisiraani**  
*n.* **waakiira**  
 unlucky, be *v.* **kusiraana**  
 unmarried child *n.* **kyepaya**  
 unmarried woman *n.* **kisyeka**  
 unoccupied *adj.* **kimpololo**  
 unpaid *adj.* **kyabusa**  
 unprincipled behaviour  
*n.* **buntwarwa**  
*n.* **bumatamaataari**  
*n.* **bweteekeri**  
 unprincipled person *n.* **ntwarwa**  
 unpurified *adj.* **kibiibi**  
 unquestionably *adv.* **bwoza-bwoza**  
 unreliable person  
*n.* **mburungutania**  
 unripe *adj.* **kibisi**  
 unruliness *n.* **bugwagwa**  
*n.* **butafayo**  
*n.* **butaganya**  
*n.* **buhabu**  
 unsettled in bed, be *v.* **kugwa-gwa**  
*v.* **kweguma-guma**  
 unsettledness *n.* **tarutaru**  
 unsold, be *v.* **kudiba**  
 unstable *adj.* **tabu-tabu**  
 unstable person *n.* **murawarawa**  
*n.* **paaraarwa**  
 unstable, be *v.* **kuhyahyana**  
*v.* **kurabarabwa**

unsteadiness *n.* **tarutaru**  
 unsubmissive person *n.* **muhoole**  
*n.* **ntahuura**  
*n.* **waakyejo**  
 unsuccessful, be *v.* **kulemwa**  
 unsure *adv.* **kitakwesigwa**  
 unsympathetic *adj.* **binkwatiiriki**  
 untangle *v.* **kunihiriirya**  
*v.* **kuteesuliza**  
*v.* **kwahula**  
*v.* **kwahuura**  
*v.* **kwanzuura**  
 untangle yourself *v.* **kweteesuliza**  
 untidiness *n.* **bucoome**  
 untidy person *n.* **mucoome**  
*n.* **mukazi**  
 untie *v.* **kukusula**  
*v.* **kusomola**  
 untie a knot *v.* **kwahula**  
 untie yourself *v.* **kweteesuliza**  
*v.* **kwezahuura**  
 untied, be *v.* **kwahulwa**  
 until *conj.* **kutuusa**  
*conj.* **kudoosya**  
*adv.* **mpaka**  
 until now *adv.* **hatakabbeeriho**  
 untrue *adv.* **kyahimu**  
 untrustworthy person  
*n.* **muiburungutania**  
 untruth *n.* **kintu kitali kya mananu**  
 unusual *adj.* **kyambaganiza**  
 unusual thing *n.* **itoore**  
 unveil *v.* **kusuukura**  
 unwilling *adj.* **byankini**  
 unwillingly do s.t. *v.* **kwesisiganja**  
 unwillingly, do *v.* **kwesunga**  
 up *adv.* **kwakyendi**  
 upbringing *n.* **nzoroora**  
 upcoming time *n.* **bwire bwa**

**mumeiso**

upon *loc.* **ku**  
 uprightness *n.* **buterekereeru**  
 upright, be *v.* **kwesimba**  
 upright, honest *adj.* **muterekereeru**  
 upright, set *v.* **kwemereerya**  
 upright, vertical *adj.* **kyesimbu**  
 uproot *v.* **kukupula**  
 uprooted, become *v.* **kukupuka**  
*v.* **kwihuka**  
 upset, be *v.* **kwelaalikiira**  
 upset, become *v.* **kutabuka**  
 upside down *adj.* **magelemu**  
 upside down, turn *v.* **kujuumuka**  
 upwards *adv.* **kwakyendi**  
 urge *n.* **kitagataga**  
 urinal *n.* **kisenseru**  
 urinate *v.* **kunyaala**  
 urine *n.* **maanyi**  
*n.* **nkali**  
 us *pro.* **twetwe**  
 usage *n.* **bikoresebwa**  
 use *v.* **kukoresya**  
 use occasionally *v.* **kutoora**  
 used *adj.* **kikooriho**  
 used clothing *n.* **jaaji**  
 used to, get *v.* **kumanyiira**  
 useful *adj.* **kyamagoba**  
*adj.* **kyamugasu**  
 usefulness *n.* **mugasu**  
 useless *adj.* **kyabusa**  
*adj.* **kyayaatyō**  
 useless thing *n.* **kitalimu**  
 usual *adj.* **kyabensei**  
 usually *adv.* **kyabulikiro**  
 usual, be *v.* **kuzooka-zooka**  
 utensils, eating *n.* **bya kudiiramu**  
 uterine cord *n.* **lula**  
 uterus *n.* **nyinawu**

**V - v**

vacant *adj.* **kimpololo**  
 vacate *v.* **kubirugamu**  
 vacation *n.* **ruhuumuro**  
 vacation, take a *v.* **kuhuumula**

vacillation *n.* **bumatamaataari**  
 vacuum *n.* **mpehu**  
 vagabond *n.* **muchakazi**  
*n.* **muhambaari**

*n.* **mumangamangi**  
*n.* **mupaaraari**  
*n.* **mutaabaani**  
*n.* **mutaaruuki**  
*n.* **muzengeeri**  
*n.* **mwandaari**  
*n.* **mwenjeeri**  
 vagina *n.* **lumana**  
*n.* **lusuli**  
*n.* **lumye**  
 vaginal opening *n.* **kihodo**  
 vagrant *n.* **mucakazi**  
*n.* **muhambaari**  
*n.* **mumangamangi**  
*n.* **mupaaraari**  
*n.* **mutaabaani**  
*n.* **mutaaruuki**  
*n.* **muzengeeri**  
*n.* **mwenjeeri**  
 vague, be *v.* **kwesita-sita**  
*v.* **kwesyola-syola**  
 valley *n.* **kihanga**  
*n.* **kigeeri**  
 valuable *adj.* **kyamagoba**  
*adj.* **kyamugasu**  
 value *n.* **mugasu**  
 valueableness *n.* **burungi**  
 values *n.* **nyeerabya**  
 valve *n.* **voolivo**  
 valve, bicycle *n.* **katima ka gaali**  
 vanish *v.* **kulwotoka**  
*v.* **kunyelela**  
*v.* **kusyera**  
 vaporised, be *v.* **kutuuka**  
 vapour *n.* **kiica**  
 variety *n.* **nyahukana**  
 veer *v.* **kubbanguuka**  
*v.* **kuhunguuka**  
 veer s.t. *v.* **kubbangula**  
 vegetable sp. *n.* **ijiri**  
*n.* **mbuga**  
*n.* **nkaliirwa**  
 vehicle *n.* **kiiruka**  
 vein *n.* **kinywa**  
 velocity *n.* **sipiidi**  
 venom *n.* **bumala**  
 ventilating brick *n.* **kamooli**  
 Venus *n.* **bbarakaaki**  
 veranda *n.* **bbaraza**

*n.* **bulungulungu**  
*n.* **tandaarwa**  
 verbose speaker *n.* **ruheira**  
 verify *v.* **kusuubura**  
 verily *interj.* **biribiri**  
 verse *n.* **lukaara**  
 vertical, be *v.* **kwesimba**  
 vertical, make *v.* **kwemereerya**  
 very *adv.* **hoi**  
 very much *adv.* **fo**  
 veterinary doctor *n.* **dakitaali wa bisolo**  
 viable, be *v.* **kusoboka**  
 vibrate *v.* **kuzingizya**  
 vibrated, be *v.* **kuzingizika**  
 vibration, loud *n.* **mutindo**  
 victim of attack *n.* **murumbwa**  
 victor *n.* **musingi**  
 view *n.* **nzooka**  
 view yourself *v.* **kwewona**  
 village *n.* **kyaru**  
*n.* **mugongo**  
 village chairman *n.* **muhandu wa mugongo**  
 village chief *n.* **mutongole**  
 vindicate yourself *v.* **kwenihiriirya**  
 vine *n.* **kimera kilanda**  
 vine sp. *n.* **mwongo**  
 violence *n.* **bbuuru**  
*n.* **katege**  
*n.* **tuutu**  
 violent act *n.* **bwemi**  
 violent person *n.* **mwetagu**  
 violent, become *v.* **kutabuka**  
*v.* **kwetuuga**  
 violin, large *n.* **kidongo**  
 violin, small *n.* **ndingidi**  
 virgin *n.* **nsumba gya kanywani**  
 visible, be *v.* **kuwonwa**  
 vision *n.* **kahiihiriiryo**  
*n.* **kyererezi**  
 vision, have a *v.* **kuwonekerwa**  
 visit *v.* **kubawona**  
*v.* **kubunga**  
*v.* **kuwona**  
*n.* **lubungu**  
 visit briefly *v.* **kurabiraho**  
 visit with *v.* **kwenamira**  
 visit with gifts *v.* **kugemula**

visitor

visitor *n.* **mugenyi**

*n.* **musyandi**

visitor, long-term *n.* **mwicali**

visualise *v.* **kumulukira**

voice *n.* **iraka**

volatile person *n.* **mugugumuki**

volatility, emotional *n.* **keera**

vomit *n.* **bituna**

*v.* **kutunaka**

warm, become

*n.* **nkaka**

vomiting, induce *v.* **kutunakisya**

voracity *n.* **mukoiyo**

vote *v.* **kukoma**

*v.* **kuzeenya karuru**

voter *n.* **muguma karuru**

vulture *n.* **saga**

vulture leader *n.* **sagaruhungu**

## W - w

wage *n.* **musaara**

wailing *n.* **maaru**

waist *n.* **mancwendu**

*n.* **mugongo**

wait *v.* **kulinda**

*v.* **kulindiira**

wait a little *v.* **kulindaho**

waiter *n.* **musegya**

wake *n.* **nkuura**

wake each other *v.* **kubyokyangana**

wake earlier than usual *v.* **kuzinduka**

wake s.b. *v.* **kubyokya**

*v.* **kusisimula**

wake s.b. suddenly *v.* **kujumbutula**

wake up *v.* **kubyoka**

*v.* **kusisimuka**

wake up early *v.* **kuwonira bwire**

**mu lwije**

wake up very early *v.* **kukeera**

walk *v.* **kulibata**

*n.* **lubungu**

walk gently while dressed well

*v.* **kwesika**

walk gingerly *v.* **kucencegera**

walk quickly *v.* **kukatuka**

walk tensely *v.* **kulwolwoba**

walk very slowly *v.* **kusengula**

*v.* **kutyebera**

walk with pride *v.* **kugoodira**

walker *n.* **mulibati**

walking *n.* **ndibata**

walking stick *n.* **lugei**

*n.* **mubbeere**

walk, help s.b. to *v.* **kusenguulya**

wall *n.* **budongo**

wallow *v.* **kwebiringitya**

wander *v.* **kucakara**

*v.* **kuhahaara**

*v.* **kuhambaara**

*v.* **kuzaaha**

wander aimlessly *v.* **kwehunga-hunguulya**

wander around *v.* **kuhama-hama**

*v.* **kumanga-manga**

*v.* **kupaaraara**

*v.* **kutaabaana**

*v.* **kutaaruuka**

*v.* **kuzengeera**

*v.* **kugusuka-gusuka**

*v.* **kwandaara**

*v.* **kwenjeera**

wanderer *n.* **mucakazi**

*n.* **muhambaari**

*n.* **mumangamangi**

*n.* **mupaaraari**

*n.* **mutaabaani**

*n.* **mutaaruuki**

*n.* **muzengeeri**

*n.* **mwenjeeri**

want *v.* **kwendya**

war *n.* **bulemu**

warden *n.* **musirikale**

warm *adj.* **kihyo**

*v.* **kuhyohya**

*v.* **kutagatya**

warm chicks *v.* **kubumbata**

warmth *n.* **buhyo**

*n.* **butagatu**

warm, become *v.* **kuhyoha**

*v.* **kutagata**



warn *v.* **kukometereza**  
 warned, be *v.* **kuhaburwa**  
 wart *n.* **lusulusunda**  
 warthog *n.* **ngiri**  
 war, wage *v.* **kutara**  
 wash *v.* **kunaabya**  
 wash the face *v.* **kwesukusa**  
 wasp sp. *n.* **igwi**  
     *n.* **nindooli**  
 watch *v.* **kulingiira**  
     *n.* **saaha gya mukono**  
 watch intently *v.* **kwesamiira**  
 watch out *interj.* **weegyendereza**  
 watch over *v.* **kufaho**  
 watchman *n.* **mulindi**  
 water *n.* **meezi**  
 water cattle *v.* **kusetula nte**  
 water plant sp. *n.* **lutabi**  
     *n.* **luzongi**  
 water plants *v.* **kusenseera**  
 waterbuck *n.* **nsama**  
 waterbuck, Defassa *n.* **njebe**  
 watercourse *n.* **muhwi**  
 waterfall *n.* **meezi gakwekuuta**  
 watermelon *n.* **kiwaacu**  
 water-melon mush *n.* **kimonza**  
 watery *adj.* **kalwizi**  
 wave *n.* **kijanga**  
     *v.* **kubyokeerya mukono**  
 wavering *n.* **bumatamaataari**  
 wave, quiet *n.* **kilingiri**  
 wax candle *n.* **musubbaawu**  
 way *n.* **nkora**  
 way of life *n.* **buhangwa**  
     *n.* **nzicala**  
 way, route *n.* **igyendero**  
 we *pro.* **twetwe**  
 we shall meet, a farewell  
     *interj.* **twaromba**  
 weak *adj.* **kiceke**  
 weak person *n.* **kidogotooro**  
 weaken s.b. *v.* **kucekyra**  
 weakling *n.* **mpolongonie**  
     *n.* **muceke**  
     *n.* **muhuuru**  
     *n.* **njwahe**  
 weakness *n.* **buceke**  
     *n.* **buhuuru**  
 weak, be *v.* **kuceka**

wealth *n.* **buguuda**  
     *n.* **buhwe**  
     *n.* **itungu**  
 wealthy person *n.* **muhwe**  
     *n.* **mutungi**  
     *n.* **waabye**  
     *n.* **weitungu**  
 wealthy, become *v.* **kuhwa**  
 weapon *n.* **kilwanisyo**  
 wear a scarf *v.* **kwegumira**  
 wear out *v.* **kwedya**  
 wear out s.t. *v.* **kuhwerera**  
 weary, be *v.* **kujwaha**  
 weather *n.* **butaka**  
     *n.* **bwire**  
 weather, rainy *n.* **mujumbi**  
 weave *v.* **kuluka**  
 weave a mat *v.* **kutula**  
 weave hair *v.* **kulanga**  
 weave rope *v.* **kwongosa**  
 weaver *n.* **muluki**  
 wed *v.* **kusiibwa mpita**  
     *v.* **mpita**  
 wedding ceremony *n.* **bugole**  
 Wednesday *adv.* **Kyakasatu**  
 wee hours of the morning *n.* **itumbi**  
 weed *v.* **kuzuba**  
     *n.* **mutala**  
 weeded roughly, s.t. *n.* **kizegu**  
 weeding method *n.* **mukwakuru**  
 week *n.* **sabbiiti**  
 weekend *n.* **mmaliira gya sabbiiti**  
 weep *v.* **kuhooronga**  
     *v.* **kulira**  
 weigh *v.* **kupima**  
 weigh up *v.* **kupima**  
 weight *n.* **bwozo**  
     *n.* **raatiri**  
 weight, gain *v.* **kuhoima**  
 weird person *n.* **mulemesya**  
 welcome *v.* **kutangiira**  
 welcoming person *n.* **mutangiiri**  
     *n.* **mwicaliirya**  
 well *adv.* **dwe**  
     *n.* **izuba**  
     *adv.* **kurungi**  
 wellness *n.* **bwomezi**  
 west *n.* **bugwa lyoba**  
 wet *adj.* **kiinyamu**

wet s.t. v. **kwinyamya**  
 wet the bed v. **kulooteera**  
 wet, become v. **kuluba**  
 whatever *pro.* **buli kintu**  
*interj.* **kyakeiza kyensei**  
 what? *interrog.* **kyani?**  
 wheat *n.* **nganu**  
 wheel hub, bicycle *n.* **nanga**  
 wheel rim *n.* **lupanga**  
 wheel rubber *n.* **kyaliiro**  
 wheelbarrow *n.* **cakara**  
 wheeze v. **kuhiiriita**  
 when *conj.* **byaadoori**  
 whenever *conj.* **buli bwire**  
 when? *interrog.* **di?**  
 wherever *adv.* **buli hantu**  
 where? *interrog.* **hanya**  
 which? *interrog.* **kilahanya?**  
 whiff, get a v. **kukaga**  
 whip *n.* **kibbooko**  
*n.* **kijwatu**  
*v.* **kuhara**  
*v.* **kujwata**  
*v.* **kukaalula**  
*v.* **kuroopa**  
*v.* **kuswanyura**  
*n.* **lujunju**  
 whir *v.* **kutuura**  
 whirlwind *n.* **bbuukuulu**  
 whisky *n.* **wiisiki**  
 whisper *v.* **kuhwehweta**  
 whistle *n.* **firimbi**  
*v.* **kuhyolya**  
*n.* **lwoli**  
 white ant sp. *n.* **lukurukuduha**  
 white ant, wingless *n.* **munyinghinyi**  
 white colour *adj.* **kisyanu**  
*adj.* **rangi gisyanu**  
 white liquor *n.* **mbandule**  
 white person *n.* **mujungu**  
 whiteness *n.* **bulyanu**  
 White-tailed mongoose *n.* **jeere**  
 whitewash *n.* **noono**  
 white, make *v.* **kusyania**  
 whiz *v.* **kutuura**  
 whoever *pro.* **yaakaba**  
 whole *adj.* **kiizulu**  
*adj.* **kyensei**  
 whooping cough *n.* **nkoro ho gya**

**kahuuzi**  
 who? *interrog.* **naani?**  
 why? *interrog.* **habwakyani?**  
 wick *n.* **lutambi**  
 wide *adj.* **kigali**  
 widen *v.* **kugaliha**  
 widow *n.* **mufaakati**  
*n.* **mukaamukwere**  
 width *n.* **bugali**  
*n.* **bwemi**  
 width and length of s.t.  
*n.* **mweyandu**  
 wife *n.* **mukaa mudulu**  
*n.* **mukyara**  
 wife, hated *n.* **munywere**  
 wiggle *v.* **kuzingiizya**  
 wiggled, be *v.* **kuzingizika**  
 wild dog *n.* **musege**  
 wild person *n.* **muhabu**  
 Wild striped rat *n.* **katulubende**  
 wilderness *n.* **ihamba**  
*n.* **irungu**  
*n.* **kyeya**  
 wildfire *n.* **luhiira**  
 wilfulness *n.* **buteegwa**  
 will *n.* **kilaamu**  
 win *v.* **kukira**  
*v.* **kusinga**  
 wind *v.* **kulogoolya**  
*v.* **kuzinga**  
*n.* **mpehu**  
 wind blast *n.* **waawuwu**  
 wind s.t. around *v.* **kutunguula**  
 winding thing *n.* **kibbaamu**  
 window *n.* **dirisa**  
 window or door opening *n.* **kibanga**  
 wind, blustery *n.* **kadandi**  
 wind, breezy from northwest  
*n.* **ngolwa**  
 wind, northerly *n.* **ndaawe**  
 wind, southeast *n.* **kabadye**  
 wind, southerly *n.* **mulere**  
 wind, southwest *n.* **swasi**  
 wine *n.* **viino**  
 wing *n.* **kimpaha**  
 wink *v.* **kumigiriirya**  
 winner *n.* **musingi**  
 winnow *v.* **kuhuuhuula**  
*v.* **kukunkuuta**

v. **kusiihuula**  
 v. **kuhehya**  
 v. **kusegenya**  
 winnowing tray *n.* **lugali**  
 wipe *v.* **kusiimuura**  
 wire *n.* **waya**  
 wire netting fence *n.* **katimba ka waya**  
 wisdom *n.* **hukengebu**  
*n.* **magezi**  
 wise *adj.* **kyamagezi**  
 wise person *n.* **mugezi**  
*n.* **mukengebu**  
*n.* **mwetegerenzi**  
*n.* **mwobi bwongu**  
*n.* **wankiri**  
 wish for s.b. *v.* **kusabira**  
 wish misfortune *v.* **kusyola**  
 witch *n.* **mulogo**  
 witchcraft poison *n.* **bulogo**  
 witchcraft potion *n.* **ihembe**  
 witchdoctor *n.* **mufumu**  
 witchdoctor, employ a *v.* **kuraguza**  
 with *conj.* **na**  
 withdraw *v.* **kubirugamu**  
*v.* **kusomokamu**  
 wither *v.* **kuhotoka**  
 withhold a wife *v.* **kutanga**  
 within *adv.* **mukati**  
 without *adv.* **busa**  
 witness *n.* **mukeiso**  
*n.* **muwoni**  
 wizard *n.* **mulogo**  
*n.* **nfooka**  
 woman *n.* **mukali**  
 woman who acts like a girl *n.* **azaga**  
 woman, beautiful *n.* **ndengeeti**  
*n.* **ndiile**  
 woman, old *n.* **mukeikuru**  
 wonder, cause *v.* **kuhuniriza**  
 won, be *v.* **kusingwa**  
 wood *n.* **kisaali**  
 woodwork *n.* **bya kuheesa**  
 woodworker *n.* **fundi**  
*n.* **mubeezi**  
 wool *n.* **byoza**  
 woozy, feel *v.* **kuhungukeera**  
 word *n.* **kigambu**  
 work *n.* **bupakasi**

*v.* **kukora**  
*v.* **kupakasa**  
*n.* **mulimo**  
 work alone *v.* **kwemaliira**  
 work for s.b. *v.* **kukolera**  
 work harder than s.b. *v.* **kuriitya**  
 work piece *n.* **lubimb**  
 work together *v.* **kukoragana**  
*v.* **kukobya**  
 workaholic *n.* **mukori wa katege**  
 worker *n.* **mukori**  
*n.* **mupakasi**  
 worker, part time *n.* **mukori wa leejaleeja**  
 workshop for boats *n.* **kibanda**  
 work, go to *v.* **kutura**  
 world *n.* **nsi**  
 worm *n.* **muniongooro**  
 worm, intestinal *n.* **luzoka**  
 worn off, be *v.* **kunyuuuuka**  
 worn out, get, of clothes  
*v.* **kuyaayuuka**  
 worried, be *v.* **kutuntura**  
*v.* **kwelaalikiira**  
 worry *n.* **butuntwre**  
*v.* **kutiina**  
*n.* **kwelaalikiira**  
 worry, cause *v.* **kwelaalikiriirya**  
 worse *adj.* **kibiibiho**  
 worship *v.* **kuramya**  
 worship an idol *v.* **kuramya kisisani**  
 wound *n.* **buhuta**  
*v.* **kuhutaaza**  
 wound, incurable *n.* **kinyaamapo**  
 wound, skin *n.* **kihote**  
 wrap *n.* **kasuuka**  
*n.* **kitenge**  
*v.* **kusemba**  
*v.* **kuzinga**  
*v.* **kwelogleerya**  
 wrap a corpse *v.* **kubinda**  
 wrap around *v.* **kulyoba**  
 wrap, woman's *n.* **kikoohe**  
 wreck *v.* **kuhenekira mali**  
 wrench *n.* **sipaana**  
 wrestle *v.* **kunyeega**  
 wrestling *n.* **bigwo**  
 wriggle *v.* **kufuruka-furuka**  
 wring liquid out *v.* **kukamula**

wrinkles

wrinkles *n.* **ngonyogonyo**  
wristwatch *n.* **saaha gya mukono**  
write *v.* **kuhandiika**  
write poetry *v.* **kuhandiika mu ngeera**  
writer *n.* **muhandiiki**

your, yours (for 2 or more people)

writing *n.* **mpandiika**  
written material *n.* **kihandiiko**  
wrong *n.* **kigwiri**  
*n.* **kisobu**  
wrongdoer *n.* **musobya**  
wrong, go *v.* **kusoba**

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## X - x

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xylem *n.* **katima**

| xylophone *n.* **idinda**

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## Y - y

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yam *n.* **kihuuna**  
yard measure *n.* **yaadi**  
yarn *n.* **ihuuzi**  
yawn *v.* **kwehahamula**  
yaws *n.* **bisondi**  
year *n.* **mwaka**  
year-end *adj.* **hamwaka**  
yearly *adv.* **buli mwaka**  
yearn *v.* **kukwerekeera**  
yeast *n.* **kitumbisya**  
yeast, beer *n.* **bumya**  
yell *v.* **kutaaga**  
*v.* **kwamira**  
*v.* **kwebajagula**  
*v.* **kwomba**  
yell at *v.* **kwombeera**  
yellow colour *adj.* **rangi gya kinzaali**  
yellow fever *n.* **muswija gwa binzaali**  
Yellowfish *n.* **weecune**  
Yellowfish, young *n.* **zizye**  
Yellow-throated lizard  
*n.* **kabbaratuuru**  
yes *interj.* **edo**  
*interj.* **ee**  
*interj.* **kwokwo**  
yesterday *adv.* **izo**  
yield a crop *v.* **kwera**  
yoke *n.* **kabba**  
you *pro.* **weewe**

you all *pro.* **nywenywe**  
you know *interj.* **weegiri**  
you see *interj.* **oweeni**  
young *adj.* **musisye**  
young person *n.* **mutu**  
your sister *n.* **nyakeenyu**  
yourself *adv.* **habwamu**  
*pro.* **wankei**  
yourselves *pro.* **nywankei**  
your, yours *pro.* **baamu**  
*pro.* **byamu**  
*pro.* **bwamu**  
*pro.* **gaamu**  
*pro.* **gwamu**  
*pro.* **gyamu**  
*pro.* **kaamu**  
*pro.* **kwamu**  
*pro.* **kyamu**  
*pro.* **lwamu**  
*pro.* **lyamu**  
*pro.* **myamu**  
*pro.* **twamu**  
*pro.* **waamu**  
*pro.* **zaamu**  
your, yours (for 2 or more people)  
*pro.* **beenyu**  
*pro.* **byenyu**  
*pro.* **hwenyu**  
*pro.* **geenyu**  
*pro.* **gwenyu**  
*pro.* **gyenyu**

youth

*pro.* **keenyu**  
*pro.* **kwenyu**  
*pro.* **kyenyu**  
*pro.* **lwenyu**  
*pro.* **lyenyu**  
*pro.* **myenyu**

zipper

*pro.* **twenyu**  
*pro.* **weenyu**  
*pro.* **zeenyu**  
youth *n.* **muto**  
*n.* **waaminyeeto**  
youthfulness *n.* **buto**

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## Z - z

zebra *n.* **ntulege**  
zero *num.* **binkahansyo**  
*num.* **nooti**

*num.* **ziiro**  
zing *v.* **kutuura**  
zipper *n.* **ziipu**