

ni mansi - afternoon
 ni mutyo - come on!, let's go!
 n'ingoga (25) - quickly
 -nini (8) - big, large, thick
 -njye (3) - my
 nka (101) - just as, like (before nouns, pronouns)
 nk'uko - just as, like (before verbs)
 no (69) - and (connecting infinitives)
 i-no (ama-) - toe
 ku-nogora (ye) - to gouge out eye, fingernail
 nonaha - right away, immediately
 none (88) - today, and, and now, and so, therefore
 noneho - and, and now, and so, therefore
 umu-nota (imi-) (62) - minute
 umu-nsi (imi-)(5) - day
 nta (104) - no, none, no one
 ntabwo - never
 umu-ntu (aba-)(3) - person, people
 iki-ntu (ibi-) (13) - thing
 ubu-ntu (no pl.) - grace (27)

uku-ntu - how, method, means
 aha-ntu (aha-) (33) - place
 nubwo - although, even though
 ku-nuka (tse) - to smell very bad
 nuko (119) - therefore, then, and so
 nuko nuko - thank you
 i-numa (i-) - dove, pigeon
 umu-nwa (imi-)(26) - mouth, lip
 mu kanwa - inside the mouth
 ku-nnya (neye) - to defecate
 iki-nyabupfura (no pl.) - politeness
 umu-nyabyaha (aba-) (46) - sinner
 ku-nyaga (ze) - to take by force
 i-nyama (i-)(11) - meat, flesh
 nyamara (39) - but, yet, nevertheless
 umu-nyamaboko (aba-) - strong man
 i-nyamaswa (i-)(14) - wild animal
 iki-nyamateka (ibi-) - journal, newspaper, magazine
 nyamwinshi (invariable) - majority
 e.g. amajwi nyamwinshi - a majority vote
 i-nyana (i-) - calf

- i-nyanja (i-)(99) - lake, ocean, sea
- i-nyanya (i-)(61) - tomato
- umu-nyarwanda (aba-) - person of Rwanda
- ku-nyeganyega (ze)(113) - to shake, tremble (earth, etc.)(int.)
- i-nyenyeri (i-) - star
- nyina (73) (ba nyina) - his, her, their mother
- nyine (120) - only, alone, self
- nyira - owner of, master of
- nyirabukwe - mother-in-law
- nyiranaka - so-and-so (woman)
- nyirakuru - his, her grandmother
- nyirakuruza - his, her great grandmother
- uru-nyo (i-) - worm, maggot
- ku-nyobwa (nyowe) - to be drunk (liquid)
- iki-nyobwa (ibi-)(85) - peanut
- nyogokuru - grandmother
- nyogokuruza - great grandmother
- nyoko (73)(ba nyoko) - your mother
- iki-nyoma (ibi-) - lie, falsehood
- i-nyoni (i-) - small bird
- umu-nyororo (imi-) - chain, prison
- i-nyota (no pl.)(45) - thirst
kugira inyota - be thirsty
- nyu (3) - your (you pl.)(wanyu, etc.)
- umu-nyu (imi-)(4) - salt
- i-nyuguti (i-) - letter (of alphabet)
- ku-nyuguza (je) - to rinse (clothes, dishes)
- nyuma (61) - after
- i-nyuma (i-)(118) - behind, outside, after
- i-nyundo (i-)(65) - hammer
- ku-nyunyuka (tse) - to be withered, thin (esp. arm, leg, but also of person who has been sick)
- ku-nyura (ze) - to pass along, go through
- umu-nyururu (imi-) - chain
- ku-nywa (nyoye)(51) - to drink
- ama-nywa - daytime; ku manywa - noon
- umu-nzenze (imi-) - wild olive
- i-nzika (i-)(124) - grudge, bitterness, desire to revenge
- nzinya (8) - tiny, minute (with 7th cl.)

i-nzira (i-)(17) - path, way

k-onsa (onkeje) - to nurse (tr.)

i-nzoga (i-)(85) - beer

k-orooha (she) - to be soft, easy

i-nzoka (i-) - snake, worm

k-oroherwa (we) - to be better, improved (physically)

i-nzozzi (i-) - dream

-ose (41) - all, every

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ubw-oba (no pl.)(29) - fear

k-oshya (oheje) - to tempt, influence badly

umw-obo (imy-) - hole, pit

am-oshya (no sing.) - temptations

icy-obo (iby)(14) - " "

k-oshyoshya (heje) - to want to see someone in order to seize or harm him

urw-obo (inz-) - " "

k-oga (ze)(42) - to wash one's feet, swim

k-ota (se) - to warm oneself by fire

inz-oga (inz-)(85) - beer

k-otsa (keje) - to roast in fire, bake

k-ohereza (je)(39) - to send (thing, or person without message)

umw-otsi (imy-) (5) - smoke

ubw-oko (am-) - tribe, type, kind (116)

oya (3) - no

inz-cka (inz-) - snake, worm

ubw-oya (am-)(28) - hair of body or animals

k-omoka (tse) - to leave the shore (in boat)

iry-oya (am-) - feathers

iby-ondo (no sing.) - mud

k-oza (ogeje)(42) - to wash (except clothes, vegetables, hands)

k-ongera (ye)(44) - to repeat, do again, add more

k-onka (nse) - to nurse (int.)

umu-pagani (aba-) - pagan, heathen

k-onona (nnye) - to damage, spoil (94)

im-paka (im-) - argument, dispute

k-ononekara (ye) - to be damaged, spoiled

im-pamba (im-)(72) - food for journey

im-pamvu (im-) - reason, because of
ku mpamvu za - because of
ku mpamvu z'uko - due to

umu-pfuko (imi-)(11) - sack, bag,
pocket, purse

umu-panga (imi-)(77) - machete

umu-pfumu (aba-) - witch doctor

im-panga (im-) - twins

gu-pfumuka (tse) - to get a hole (as
bucket, etc.)

im-pano (im-) - gift

gu-pfumura (ye) - to make a hole in,
as in wall, pot, etc.

uru-papuro (im-)(55) - paper, page

gu-pfundika (tse) - to tie, make knot

umu-pastori (aba-)(121) - pastor

gu-pfundikanya (nije) - to tie knots

pe - absolutely, extremely

gu-pfundikira (ye) - to put lid on
container

im-pera (usually used in pl.) - end
(used only with words of time:
days, months, etc. e.g. ku mpera
z'icyumweru - at the end of the week)

igi-pfundikizo (ibi-) - lid, stopper,
cork

im-peruka (im-)(61) - last of anything

i-pfundo (ama-) - knot

im-peshyi (no pl.) - month of June,
just before dry season

gu-pfundura (ye) - to untie

gu-pfa (pfuye)(48) - to die

igi-pfunsi (ibi-) - fist, blow with fist

gu-pfa (pfuye) ku - to just..., simply...

gu-pfurika (tse) - to hide

umu-pfakazi (aba-) - widow

gu-pfusha (shije) ubusa - to waste,
use up for nothing

igi-pfamatwi (ibi-)(77) - deaf person

im-pigi (im-) - charm made with beads

uru-pfu (no pl.)(48) - death

gu-pima (mye)(96) - to measure, weigh,
examine

ubu-pfu (no pl.) - folly

im-pinga (im-) - mountain top, peak

im-pfubyi (im-) - orphan
gu-pfuka (tse) - to cover, wrap

umu-pira (imi-)(88) - rubber, ball,
tire, sweater

gu-pfukama (mye) - to kneel

i-piripiri (no pl.)(63) - pepper

im-piya (im-) - money (rarely used)

im-pongano (im-) - gift, bribe

im-pongo (im-) - small antelope

im-puha (im-) - rumors, false reports

im-puhwe (im-) - pity

im-punyi (im-)(45) - blind person

im-pundu (im-) - shout of joy, acclamation

guha (or, gutanga) impundu - to congratulate (esp. on birth of baby, return from journey, etc.: e.g. tuguhaye impundu)

im-punzi (im-)(98) - refugee

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ku-raba (bye) - to faint, wilt, dry up (plant)

umu-raba (imi-) - wave

ku-rabagirana (nye) - to shine (in sense of reflect light)

ku-rabukwa (tswe) - to catch glimpse of, suddenly see, set eyes on

uru-rabyo (indabyo)(68) - flower

umu-rabyo (imi-)(114) - lightning

ku-raga (ze) - to leave as inheritance
ku-ragwa (zwe) - to inherit

iki-ragi (ibi-) - dumb person (can't talk)

ku-ragira (ye) - to herd animals, shepherd

iki-rago (ibi-)(15) - grass mat (for sleeping)

ku-rahira (ye) - to vow, swear

iki-rahuri (ibi-) - glass

ku-rakara (ye)(75) - to be angry

ubu-rakari (no pl.)(80) - anger

ku-ramba (mbye) - to live long, last long

ku-rambika (tse) - to put down, put on, spread out

ku-rambura (ye) - to stretch out (tr.) (as arm)

ku-ramukanya (nije) - to exchange greetings

ku-ramukwa (tswe) - to have labor pains, come to time to deliver

ku-ramutsa (kije) - to greet (personally)

ku-ramya (mye) - to worship, adore, honor

aka-rande (no pl.) - tradition, hereditary trait, continuation

ku-randura (ye) - to pull out, uproot

ku-rangiza (je)(56) - to finish (tr.)

ku-rangurura (ye) - to call at distance shout, raise one's voice

ku-rara (ye)(62) - to spend the night

ku-rekura (ye) - to release

ku-rarama (mye) - to lock up, raise one's eyes

ku-remā (mye)(101) - to create

ku-raranganyamo amaso - to look about on all sides (searching)

iki-remā (ibi-) - crippled person, invalid

i-rari (ama-) - lust, strong desire

ku-remba (mbye)(72) - to be very ill, about to die

ku-rarika (tse) - to invite, send to inform, hire

i-rembo (ama-) - gate, entrance to kraal

umu-raririzi (aba-) - night watchman

ku-remera (reye)(84) - to be heavy
ku-remerwa (rewe) - to be heavy laden

ku-rasa (she) - to shoot with arrow, or gun, to rise (of sun)

iki-remu (ibi-) - patch

ama-raso (no sing.)(19) - blood

ku-renga (nze) - to go past, surpass, set (sun), pass beyond, disappear behind

iki-rato (ibi-)(92) - shoe

ijwi rirenga - a loud voice
birenze urugero - beyond measure, beyond reason

iki-rayi (ibi-)(61) - white potato

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

ku-reba (bye)(50) - to look, see (as go to see), look at

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

ku-rebareba (bye) (113) - to look everywhere

ku-rengera (ye) - to try to save from danger

ubu-rebure (no pl.) - length

ku-rengererezaho (jeho) - to direct remarks toward (covertly)

ku-rega (ze)(99) - to accuse (of)

ku-rengerwa (we) - to be submerged

iki-rego (ibi-) - accusation, charge

reka - let, come on, very well, wait!

ku-rengurana (nye) - to ridicule

ku-reka (tse)(58) - to stop (int.), leave off, refrain from, cease, forsake, allow

ku-rera (ze) - to train, rear child

buretse! - stop!, just a minute!

-re-re (8) - long, tall, high (e.g. muremure, ndende, kirekire)

ku-rekeraho (yeho) - to stop (int.)

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

rero (119) - then, so

ke-retse - except

ku-reshya (sheje) - to be equal (length,
height, importance)

-ri (12) - is, are

uku-ri (no pl.)(32) - truth

ku-ribwa (riwe)(85) - to be eaten

ku-riganya (nije) - to cheat, trick,
lie

ubu-riganya (no pl.) - trickery,
deceit

bu-rije (28) - it's late, getting dark

umu-rima (imi-)(7) - garden, field

ku-rimbura (ye) - to destroy

uru-rimi (indimi)(24) - tongue,
language

umu-rimo (imi-)(26) - work, task

rimwe na rimwe - now and then,
sometimes

ku-rinda (nze)(103) - to wait for,
watch, guard

ku-rindira (riye) - to wait for,
expect

umu-ringa (imi-) - brass

ku-ringanira (ye) - to be equal, even,
flat

ku-ringaniza (je) - to make even, flat,
equal, put in order

ku-rira (ze)(50) - to weep, cry

ama-rira (no sing.)(106) - weeping,
tears

ubu-riri (ama-)(27) - bed

ku-ririmba (mbye)(31) - to sing
indirimbo (31) - song, hymn

umu-riro (no pl.)(4) - fire

ku-risha (shiye) - to pasture (int.),
to eat with (instrument)

umu-rizo (imi-)(45) - tail

uru-ro
ubu-ro (no pl.)(79) - millet

ku-roba (bye) - to fish

ku-robanura (ye) - to choose, set aside,
ordain

umu-robyi (aba-) - fisherman

ku-roga (ze) - to bewitch

ku-roha (shye) - to throw (into water)

ku-rokoka (tse) - to be saved, delivered
ku-rokora (ye) - to save (from danger,
death)

ku-rondora (ye) - to exhaust, describe

- iki-rondwe (ibi-)(105) - tick
- ku-ronga (nze)(42) - to wash vegetable
- umu-rongo (imi-) - line, row, verse
- ubu-rongo (no pl.) - mud, clay
- ku-rongora (ye) - to marry a bride
- ku-rōngōra (ye) - to lead
- ku-ronka (nze) - to receive (only in sense of something special, surprise, or undeserved)
- ku-rorera (reya) - to stop (int.)
- iki-rorero (ibi-) - town
- ibi-rori (no sing.) - celebration, fête
- ku-rota (se) - to dream
- ubu-rozi (no pl.) - poison, witchcraft
- ku-ruha (shye)(108) - to be tired
- i ruhande (119) - beside, on the side of
- ku-ruhuka (tse) (108) - to rest
- ku-ruka (tse)(96) - to vomit
- ku-rumbura (ye) - to open (as flower)
- iki-rumirahabiri (ibi-) - snake that bites at both ends (can't distinguish head and tail)
- mu-rumuna (barumuna)(74) - younger brother (of male), younger sister (of female)
- ku-runda (nze) - to pile together, heap
- ku-rusha (shije)(108) - to surpass
ku-rushaho (shijeho) - to do more, surpass (e.g. kurushaho gukora - to work harder)
- ku-rushiriza (je) - to surpass, do more (e.g. arushiriza kurwara - he's even sicker)
- ku-rushya (ruhiye) - to be difficult, to trouble, annoy
- ku-ruta (rutaga)(108) - to surpass (size, age, force)
- ruzi (only this form) - to see, notice
- umu-rwa (imi-) - city (royal) (rare)
- ku-rwana (nye)(94) - to fight (int.)
kuerwanya (niye) - to fight (tr.)
- ku-rwara (ye)(64) - to be sick, ill
indwara (17) - illness, disease
- umu-rwayi (aba-) - a sick person
- ku-rwaza (je) - to care for the sick
- rwose (47) - completely, entirely, very much
- ku-rya (riye)(51) - to eat, pain, irritate
iby'o kurya - food
- ku-rya (riye) ruswa - to take bribe

ku-ryama (mye)(75) - to lie down,
go to bed

umu-ryango (imi-)(98) - family, clan

umu-ryango (imi-)(98) - doorway

ryari?(41) - when?

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

ubu-ryarya (no pl.) - hypocrisy

i-ryinyo (amenyo)(18) - tooth

ibi-ryo (51) - food

ubu-ryo (no pl.)(28) - way, method,
manner, right side, opportunity

ibu-ryo (119) - at the right

ku-ryoha (shye) - to be delicious,
excellent

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-sa (8) (adj.) - only, alone

gu-sa (66)(adv.) - only

gu-sa (saga)(121) - to be like,
resemble physically

ubu-sa (no pl.)(103) - in vain,
for nothing

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

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

gu-sābāna (nye) na - to confide in

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

gu-sabiriza (je) - to beg

umu-sābirizi (aba-) - beggar (120)

i-sabune (ama)(108) - soap

gu-sāga (ze) - to overflow, be more
than, be a surplus

gu-saguka (tse) - to be over and above,
overflowing

i-saha (or, isaa)(ama-)(62) - clock,
watch, hour

i-sahane (ama-)(11) - plate, dish
(3rd cl. sing. and 5th pl.)

i-saho (ama-)(11) - sack, bag
(3rd sing. and 5th pl.)

gu-sahura (ye) - to pillage, plunder

ama-saka (no sing.) - Kaffir corn,
(resembles sorghum)

gu-sakara (ye)(65) - to roof, put on
roof

i-sake (ama - 3rd sing) - rooster,
cock

uru-saku (no pl.) - clamor, shouts,
noise, row

gu-sakuza (je) - to shout, cry aloud,
make a lot of noise

gu-sambana (nye) - to commit adultery

- ubu-sambanyi (no pl.) - adultery
- umu-sambi (imi-) - crested crane
- umu-sāmbi (imi-)(97) - small mat, rug
- igi-sambo (ibi-) - glutton, thief
- i-sambu (ama-) - field, possession, property
- gu-sambura (ye) - to take off roof, reveal publicly
- gu-sandara (ye) - to scatter (int.)
- gu-sandaza (je) - to scatter (tr.)
- i-sandugu (ama-, 3rd sing.) - box(44)
- i-sanduka
- gu-sanga (nze) - to find, encounter, come to (someone), go to find
- gu-sanganira (ye) - to go to meet
- gu-sangira (ye) - to eat together, share
- umu-sangwa (aba-) - wedding guest (related to father of groom)
- i-sano (no pl.) - resemblance, similarity
- umu-sanzu (no pl.) - voluntary aid, contribution, assessment
- gu-sara (ze) - to lose one's mind, be mad, crazy
- umu-saraba (imi-)(94) - cross
- ama-saro (no sing.) - tiny beads
- gutaka (tse) amasaro - to bead
- gu-sarura (ye)(99) - to harvest
- gu-sasa (shashe)(78) - to spread grass, make a bed, prepare a room
- i-sasa (ama-)(65) - floor tile
- umu-satsi (imi-)(6) - hair (of human head)
- gu-satura (ye)(65) - to cut lengthwise
- gu-saza (shaje) - to grow old
- mu-saza (ba)(74) - brother of girl
- umu-saza (aba-)(3) - old man
- i-sazi (i-) - fly
- se - word used in asking question
- se (ba se)(73) - his, her, their father
- ama-se (no sing.) - cow manure
- igi-sebe (ibi-)(43) - sore, ulcer, wound
- gu-sebwa (sewe)(85) - to be ground
- gu-sebya (beje) - to speak evil of
- gu-sega (ze) - to beg
- umu-sego (imi-) - pillow, cushion
- gu-seka (tse)(79) - to laugh (at)

umu-seke (no pl.) - dawn

igi-seke (ibi-)(97) - tall pointed
basket

sekuru (ba sekuru) - his, her, their
grandfather

sekuruza (ba) - his great grandfather

gu-sembura (ye) - to leaven

umu-semburo (imi-) - yeast, leaven

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

uru-senda (in-) - pepper

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

i-senga (ama-) - cave, den

umu-sengeneza (aba-) - niece

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

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

gu-senya (shenye)(65) - to gather
firewood; to tear down

gu-serebeka (tse) - to slide

gu-sesekara (ye) - to overflow, spill

i-sexeme (no pl.) - nausea

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

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

i-sezerano (ama-) - promise, testament

umu-sezi (aba-) - beggar

gu-shagara (ye) - to accompany, escort

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

i-shaka (amasaka) - Kaffir corn

gu-shakana (nye) - to marry

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

i-shami (ama-) - branch

igi-shanga (ibi-) - marsh

i-shavu (no pl.)(109) - sadness

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

shebujja (ba) - his, her, their master,
employer

i-shengero (ama-)(55) - crowd of
followers

umu-shi (aba-) - foreigner (tribe in
Zaire)

gu-shidikanya (nije) - to doubt

mu-shiki (ba)(74) - sister (of male)

gu-shima (mye)(17) - to praise, thank

gu-shinga (nze) - to drive (stake, decide),
vote, establish

gu-shoboka (tse) - to be possible
gu-shobora (ye)(42) - to be able, can

imi-shinga (no sing:) = projects, plans
gutegura imishinga - to make plans,
prepare projects

ubu-shobozi (no pl.)(48) - power, ability

in-shinga (in-) - sentence (gram.)

gu-shonga (nze) - to melt (as, sugar)

uru-shinge (in-) - needle, injection

gu-shrera (ye) - to lead (esp. animals)

gu-shinguka (tse) - to come out (as
stake driven in ground

igi-shuhe (ibi-) - duck

gu-shingura (ye) - to pull out stake,
reverse a vote

i-shukeri (3rd., no pl.) - storm of wind

gu-shinyagura (ye) - to mock, ridicule

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

aga-shinyaguro (no pl.) - mockery,
torment

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

gu-shira (ze)(72) - to end, wear out

i-shuli (ama-)(18) - school
primary - amashuli abanza
secondary - amashuli yisumbuye
university - amashuli makuru
para-primaire - amashuli y'ingoboka

ubu-shishi - small food ants

umu-shumba (aba-) - herder, shepherd

gu-shishimura (ye) - to tear, rip (tr.)

umu-shumi (imi-) - belt, tie

umu-shitsi (imi-) - trembling
guhinda umushitsi (or, shitsi)
to tremble

in-shunda (in-) - fringe

uru-shundura (in-) - fishing net

igi-shitsi (ibi-) - base of tree

in-shungu (in-) - ransom

gu-shobera (ye) - to be at the end
(of oneself)
gu-shoberwa (we) - to be in despair,
at wit's end, dumbfounded

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

in-shoberamahanga (in-) - idiom
(lit. what's too difficult for
foreigners)

in-shuro (in-) - times, measure

gu-shushanya (nije) - to draw

igi-shushanyo (ibi-) - picture, image

igi-shyimbo (ibi-)(33) - bean

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

gu-shyingira (ye) - to give in marriage

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

gu-shyira (ze)(23) - to put

-shya (8) - new (adj.)

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

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

ama-shyira (no sing.) - pus

i-shya (ama-) - herd of cattle

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

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

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

i-shyanga (amahanga) - nation

ubu-shyuhe (no pl.) - heat

i-shyano (ama-) - accident, bad luck, extraordinary beauty
amahano
n'ishyano - that's terrible, too bad

gu-shyushya (hiye)(92) - to heat (tr.)

i-shyari (amahari)(83) - jealousy

si (2) - is not, are not

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

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

gu-shyenga (nze) - to joke, clown

gu-siba (bye) - to erase, close up path

ama-shyengo (no sing.) - jokes

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

uru-shyi (amashyi)(24) - palm of hand
inshyi - slaps
amashyi - hands outstretched

igi-sida (or, agisida) - accident

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

gu-siga (ze)(116) - to leave, forsake

gu-shyikirana (nye) na - to confide in

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

in-shyimbo (in-) - club

igi-siga (ibi) - bird of prey

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

siko (108) - isn't it so?

sogokuruza (ba) - great grandfather, ancestor

uru-sika (in-) - wall

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

igi-simba (ibi-) - wild animal (esp. small)

gu-sohoro (ye) - to put out, cause to go out, reach certain time, be full-filled, take seeds out to plant

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

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

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

i-soko (ama-)(107) - spring, fountain

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

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

sinapi (foreign) - mustard seed

umu-somari (imi-) - nail, pin

gu-sinda (nze) - to be drunk

umu-someno (imi-) - saw

gu-singiza (je) - to honor, praise

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

gu-sinzira (riye)(41) - to sleep

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

umu-sirikare (aba-) - soldier

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

gu-sitara (ye) - to stumble

ubu-sore (no pl.)(28) - youth

i-sitimu (ama-) - flashlight, torch

umu-soro (imi-) - tax

so (ba so)(73) - your father

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

gu-sobanukirwa (we) - to understand

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

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

gu-sobanuza (je) - to ask to explain

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

gu-sodoka (tse) - to loiter, dawdle

sogokuru (ba) - grandfather

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

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igi-subizo (ibi-) - answer, reply

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

gu-suhuza (je) umutima - to sigh

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

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

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

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

i-tabaza (ama-) - lamp, candle

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

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

umu-sumari (imi-) - nail, pin

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

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

umu-sumeno (imi-) - saw.

gu-tabuka (tse) - to tear (int.) (esp. a long tear, due to wear)

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

gu-tabwa (tawe)(85) - to be discarded

gu-sunika (tse) - to push

ku-taya kw izima - to be obstinate, adamant

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

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

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

gu-taha (shye)(56) - to go home, greet, to be next, e.g. icyumweru gitaha - next week, umwaka utaha - next year uko umwaka utaha - annually, every year

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

gu-taka (tse) - to shout, cry out

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

ubu-taka (69) - soil
igi-taka

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

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

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

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

uru-syo (or, uruskyo)(in-) - stone for grinding

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

gu-tambika (tse) - to place crosswise,
be crosswise, be flat, horizontal
umuseke utambitse - at dawn

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

ubu-tambike (no pl.) - length, hori-
zontal position

i-tangiro (ama-) - beginning
in-tangiro (in-)

igi-tambo (ibi-) - sacrifice

-tanu (37) - five

gu-tambuka (tse) - to step, advance

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

in-tambwe (in-) - step

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

umu-tambyi (aba-) - priest

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

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

in-tare (in-) - lion

igi-tanda (ibi-) - bed, rack

igi-tare (ibi-) - white, whitish

-tandatu (37) - six

uru-tare (no pl.) - rocky place,
large rock

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

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

ubu-tariganya (no pl.) - sincerity

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

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

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

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

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

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

gu-tangaza (je) - to surprise, asto-
nish, cause to wonder; to announce

gu-tata (se) - to spy

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

-tatu (37) - three

i-tangazo (ama-) - announcement

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

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

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

in-tebe (in-)(7) - chair, stool,
bench
igi-tebo (ibi-)(97) - basket, deep, no lid
gu-tega (ze) - to set trap
gutege amashyi (24) - to hold out hands
gutege amatwi (121) - to listen well
aga-teganyo - temporary, interim
person
in-tege (in-)(120) - strength, force
gu-tegeka (tse)(57) - to command,
order, rule
i-tegesko (ama-) - law, command, rule
gu-tegereza (je)(66) - to wait (for)
umu-tego (imi-)(68) - trap, snare
in-tego (in-) - purpose, objective
gu-tegura (ye)(71) - to prepare
in-teguza (in-) - one who prepares
the way
imi-teja (sing. rare)(63) - green beans
gu-teka (tse)(22) - to cook (tr.)(in
water)
i-teka (no. pl.)(25) - always
iteka ryose - forever, eternally
gu-tekerereza (je) - to recount to
gu-tekereza (je)(71) - to think about
igi-tekerezo (ibi-) - thought, story,
narrative, idea, example, philosophy

in-teko (in-) - group
gu-tema (mye)(69) - to cut (tree, grass)
gu-temba (mbye) - to flow (water)
gu-tembera (reye)(95) - to go for a
walk, move about, circulate, visit
i-teme (ama)(115) - small bridge
umu-temeri (imi-) - lid, cover
gu-tera (ye)(107) - to plant, throw,
cause to do
gutura amahane - to make trouble
gutura ijwi hejuru (116) - to shout
gu-terana (nye) - to gather (int.),
come together
i-teraniro (ama-) - meeting, get-
together
gu-teranya (nije) - to gather (tr.),
add
gu-tereka (tse) - to place an object
igi-tereko (ibi-) - lampstand
gu-terura (ye) - to carry, lift up
in-teruro (in-) - sentence (gram.)
-ti (nti, uti, ati, etc.)(114) - says,
saying (actually, like quotation marks)
umu-ti (imi-)(17) - medicine, any mixed
preparation
igi-ti (ibi-)(13) - tree, stick

- gu-tigisa (shije) - to shake
- umu-tima (imi-)(4) - heart
- aga-timba (udu-) - mosquito netting
- gu-tinda (nze)(71) - to be late, slow, tardy, delay
bidatinze - soon
bitinze - later, late, with delay
- ubu-tindi (no pl.) - misery, destitution
- uru-tindo (in-)(115) - bridge of poles
- umu-tini (imi-) - fig tree
- gu-tinya (nye)(71) - to fear
- gu-tinyuka (tse)(117) - to dare, be fearless
- gu-tira (ze) - to borrow (that which will itself be returned)
- gu-tiza (je) - to lend (that which will be returned)
- to (-toya)(8) - small, little, thin, young
- umu-tobe (imi-) - unfermented banana juice
- gu-tobora (ye) - to pierce
- in-toboro (in-)(84) - hole (not in ground)
- gu-toha (shye) - to be green, fresh as, grass
- igi-toke(i)(ibi-)(15) - bunch of bananas, banana tree
- uru-toke (i)(in-) - banana plantation
- uru-toki(e)(in-)(23) - finger
- igi-tondo (ibi-)(24) - morning
- in-tonga (in-) - large basket
- gu-tongana (nye) - to quarrel
- gu-tonganya (nije) - to scold, rebuke(106)
- umu-toni (aba-) - favorite (person)
- ubu-toni (no pl.) - favoritism
- gu-tonora (ye)(63) - to shell, husk, peel (with fingers)
- gu-tonyanga (nze) - to drip, fine rain
- gu-tora (ye)(84) - to pick up, choose, find lost object
- i-tora (ama-) - election
- gu-toragura (ye) - to pick up here and there, choose out from among several
- gu-toranya (nije)(84) - to pick out, choose (from group)
- in-tore (in-) - a chosen thing, dancer
- i-torerero (ama-) - church (people)
- in-torezo (in-) - axe
- toto (8) (adj.) - green, unripe
- igi-totsi (ibi) - something in eye
- ibi-totsi - sleepiness

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

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

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

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

ama-tsiko (no sing.) - curiosity

gu-tumbika (tse) - to soak in water

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

gu-tumbira (riye) - to look at intently

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

ubu-tumwa (no pl.) - message (28)
Ubutumwa Bwiza - Gospel

ibi-tsina by'abantu - sex (male or female)

igitsina-gabo - male

igitsina-gore - female

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

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

gu-tungana (nye) - to be perfect
gu-tunganya (niye) - to perfect, clean up

aga-tsitsino (udu-) - heel

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

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

gu-tungura (ye) - to come unexpectedly

uru-tugu (in-) - shoulder

umu-tunzi (aba-)(21) - rich person

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

ubu-tunzi (no pl.)(105) - wealth, possessions, riches

gu-tukura (ye) - to be red

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

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

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

igi-tuma (ibi-) - reason

ni iki gituma? - why?

ni icyo gituma - that's why

bituma - that's why, which causes

igi-turage (ibi-) - village, group of huts, neighborhood

aba-turage - neighbors

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

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

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

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

gu-twika (tse) - to set fire to, burn (tr.) (122)

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

gu-twita (te) - to be pregnant

in-turo (in-) - dwelling place

gu-tya (82) - like this
gu-tyo (82) - like that

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

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

gu-turuka (tse) - to come from

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

icy-ubahiro (85) - esteem, respect, honor

igi-tutsi (ibi-) - insult

k-ubaka (tse)(36) - to build

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

imy-ubakire (no sing.) - manner of building

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

iny-ubako (iny-) - building

Umu-twa (Aba-) - pygmy

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

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

umw-ubatsi (ab-)(84) - builder

umu-tware (aba-) - chief, heir

k-ubika (tse) - to turn upside down

ubu-tware (no pl.) - chieftainship, authority, inheritance

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

umu-twaro (imi-) - burden, load (112)

ubungubu - right away, this instant

umu-twe (imi-)(4) - head

ubundi (43) - at another time, some other way, sometimes

twebwe (48) - we, us

ubusa (103) - in vain

ugu-twi (ama-)(32) - ear

ubwo - seeing that, now that, when, then

k-uhagira (ye) - to bathe (tr.)

umw-uka (imy-) - breath, spirit, steam
Umwuka Wera - Holy Spirit

iny-ungu (iny-)(107) - profit, gain, increase

uko - how

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

k-uma (mye)(107) - to dry (int.)

umu-nyu (no pl.)(4) - salt

in-uma (in-) - dove, pigeon

uretse - excluding, except for

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

k-urira (ye) - to climb (as tree)

icy-umba (iby-)(68) - room (in house)

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

umw-umbati (imy-) - manioc, cassava

Uwiteka - the eternal One

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

icy-uya (iby-) - perspiration, sweat
kubira ibyuya - to perspire heavily

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

umw-uzukuru (ab-) - grandchild

k-umvira (ye)(121) - to obey

k-uzura (ye)(121) - to be full

k-uzuza (ujuje)(121) - to fill (tr.)

k-umviriza (je)(121) - to listen to (as eavesdrop)

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

icy-umweru (iby-)(62) - week

ku cyumweru - Sunday
mu cyumweru gishize - last week
mu cyumweru gitaha - next week

im-va (im-) - grave, tomb

k-unama (mye) - to stoop down, bow

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

iny-undo (iny-)(65) - hammer

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

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

ku-vanga (nze)(63) - to stir, mix

umw-ungu (imy-) - squash, pumpkin

i-vi (ama-)(77) - knee

vino (no pl., foreign) - wine, ink

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

ku-voma (mye)(79) - to bring water

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

i-vu (no pl.) - ashes

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

vuba (25) - soon, recently, quickly

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

vubaha - soon, recently

ku-vuga (ze)(3) - to say, tell, speak

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

ku-vugama (mye) - to row (boat)

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

ku-vugana (nye) - to speak with someone

ku-vuka (tse) - to be born

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

ka-vukire (no pl.) - native, aboriginal, one born in country

wenda (44) - perhaps

ku-vuma (mye) - to curse

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

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

wowe (48) - you (sing.)

ku-vuna (nnye)(122) - to break (something slender), assist

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ku-vunagura (ye) - to break to bits

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

ubu-vungukira - left-over bits, crumbs

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

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

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

i-vunja (ama-)(21) - jigger

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

ku-vunja (nje) - to change money

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

- in-yangamugayo (in-) - blameless person Zaburi - Psalm
- yego, yee (3) - yes ku-zamuka (tse)(56) ꞑ to go up hill
- in-yenzi (in-)(105) - cockroach ku-zana (nye)(22) - to bring, come with
ku-zana ingese - to become rusty
- uru-yige (inziga)(24) - locust in-zara (in-)(21) - hunger, famine
- iki-yiko (ibi-)(63) - spoon ku-zerera (reye) - to wander about
aka-yiko (utu-) - waspoon
- ku-yoba (bye) - to lose the way, err -zi (45)(no infinitive) - know
- ku-yobera (ye) - to perplex, dumbfound umu-zi (imi-)(76) - root
- ku-yoberwa (we)(114) - to be mistaken,
not know ama-zi (no sing.)(19) - water
- ku-yobora (ye) - to lead uru-zi (inzuzi)(23) - river, stream
- umu-yobozi (aba-) - leader; chairman aka-zi (no pb.)(26) - work, task, job
(i.e. employment)
- in-yota (in-)(45) - thirst ku-zibuka (tse) - to become open;
unstopped
- in-yuguti (in-) - letter (alphabet) ku-zibura (ye) - to open, unstop
- uru-yuki (inzuki)(24) - bee ku-zigama (mye) - to save (as, money);
keep
- yuko (45) - that, if, whether i-ziko (ama-)(18) - fireplace, stove
(the 3 stones on which a cooking pot
rests)
- in-yuma (118) - outside, behind -zima (8)(adj.) - alive, whole, health
- aka-yunguruzo (utu-) - seive, strainer ubu-zima (no pl.) - wholeness, life
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- ku-za (je)(25) - to come ku-zima (mye) - to go out, be exti-
nguished (fire)
- uru-zabibu (n-) - vineyard ku-zimana (nye) - to serve meal to
umu-zabibu (imi-) - vines, grapes guests, give a feast

ku-zimira (ye)(102) - to be lost (lose the way)

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

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

in-zoka (in-) - snake, worm

ama-zimwe (no sing.) - gossip

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

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

in-zozi (in-) - dream

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

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

ama-zinda (no sing.) - forgetfulness

i-zuba (ama-)(18) - sun

ku-zinduka (tse) - to get up early

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

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

i-zuka (no pl.) - resurrection

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

umu-zuko (no pl.) - resurrection

inzira (in-)(17) - path, way
inzira y'ubusamu - a short cut
inzira y'uruboko - a round-about way

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

ku-zunguza (je) - to shake (head)

ku-zirika (tse) - to tie an animal (to stake, etc.)

i-zuru (ama-)(18) - nose, nostril

ku-zirikana (nye) - to consider, think on, ponder, meditate

ku-ziririza (jiririje) - to observe

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

uru-zitiro (in-) - hedge, fence

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

ENGLISH - KINYARWANDA

WORD LIST

abandon, to - guhāna	accuse, to - kurega
abcess - ikibyimba	accustomed, to be - kumenyera
ability - ubushobozi	across (a body of water) - hakurya
able, to be - gushobora, kubasha	act, to - gukora
aboriginal - kavukire	action - imirimo, imibereho
about (concerning) - ibya, ibyerekeye	adamant, to be - kutava ku izima
(approximately) - hafi, nka	add, to - guterana (int.), guteranyanya (tr.), kwongera
about to, to be - kwenda	admit, to - kwemera
above - hejuru, hejuru ya	adore, to - kuranya
absent, to be - gusiba	adulterer - umusambanyi
absolutely - rwose, pe	adultery - ubusambanyi
abstain, to - gusiba	to commit a. - gusambana
accept, to - kwakira, kwemera, kwenda	advance, to - kujya imbere, gutambuka
accident - igisida, akisida, ishyano	advice - inama
acclamation, cry of - impundu	advise, to - kugira inama, guhanura
accompany, to - kugendana, kujyana na, gushagara, guherekeza	advisor - umujyanama
according to - kubwa	affair - urubanza
account - ibitabo by'amafranga	affirm strongly, to - kwirenga
accusation - ikirego	afraid, to be - gutinya, kugira ubwoba

- after - inyuma, hanyuma
- afternoon - ni munsu
- afterwards - hanyuma, bukeye
- again, to do - gusubira, kwongera
- again and again - hato na hato
- against, to talk - guhinyura
- age - inyaka y'amavuka
- old age - ubukuru, zabukuru
- ago, long - kera
- agree, to - kwemera
- agreement, to be in - gukiranuka
- aid, to - gufasha, kugoboka, gutabara
- aid, voluntary - umusanzu
- air - umwuka, ikirere
- airplane - indege
- alarm, cry of - induru
- alert, to be - kuba maso
- alive - -zima (muzima, kizima, etc.)
- to be alive - kubaho
- all - -ose (bose, byose, etc.)
- allow, to - gukundira, kureka
- almost - hafi
- alone - -nyine (wenyine, etc.) -sa
- (musa, bisa, etc.)
- to be alone - kwiherera
- along - ku ruhande rwa
- also - na, kandi
- although - nubwo, naho
- always - iteka, kujya, guhora
- am (I am) - ndi
- amaze, to - gutangaza
- amazing thing - igitangaza
- among - hagati ya, mu, muri
- amount - urugero
- amuse a child, to - kubeshyabeshya
- ancestor - sogokuruza
- ancestral spirit - umuzimu
- and - na, no, kandi
- and now - none, noneho, none rero
- and so - none, noneho, none rero, niko
- angel - maraika
- anger - uburakari
- angry, to be - kurakara
- animal - inyamaswa, igisimba
- announce, to - gutangaza
- annoy, to - kurushya

- anoint, to - gusiga
- another - -ndi (undi, abandi, etc.)
- answer - igisubizo
- answer, to - gusubiza
- answer when called, to - kwitaba
- ant: pincher ant - intozi
small food ant - ubushishi
white ant - umuswa
- antelope, small - impongo
- anxiety - amaganya
- anybody - umuntuwese
- anything - ikintu cyose
- anyhow, to do - gupfa ku
- apart - ukwa
- appear, to - kuboneka, kugaragara
appear suddenly and without
precedent - kwaduka
- approach, to - kwegera
to cause to approach - kwegereza
- April - Mata, ukwezi kwakane
- are - ni, -ri (bari, biri, etc.)
are not - si, ntibari, etc.
- area - ikirere
- argument - impaka, amakimbirane
- arise, to (from bed, ground) - kubyuka
(from dead) - kuzuka
- arm - ukuboko
- armpit - ukwaha
- army - ingabo
- arouse, to - guhugura
- arrive, to - kugera, gusohora, guhingurika
cause to a. - kugeza
- arrive before another, to - gutanga
- arrow - umwambi
- art - umwuga
- as - ko, uko, nk'uko, nka
as for - kubwa
- ashamed, to be - gukorwa n'isoni
- ashes - ivu
- ask (question), to - kubaza
ask for (favor, article), to - gusaba
- assessment - umusanzu
- assist, to - gufasha, kuvuna, gutabara,
kugoboka
- astonish, to - gutangaza
astonished, to be - gutangara,
kumirwa
- astounded, to be - kumirwa
- astray, to go - kuzimira
- at - i, ku, kuri, kwa

- attempt, to - kugerageza
 attention to, to pay - kwita, kwitondera
 August - Kanama, ukwezi kwa munani
 aunt: my maternal - mama wacu
 your maternal - nyoko wanyu
 his, her, their maternal - nyina wabo
 my paternal - masenge
 your paternal - nyogosenge
 his, her, their paternal - nyiwana rasenge
 authority - ubutare
 automobile - imodoga, imodokari
 avenge, to - guhōra
 awaken, to - gukanguka (int.)
 gukangura (tr.)
 away, to put - kubika
 away, far - kure
 axe - incabiti, indyankwi, interezo, ishoka
 B
 babble, to - kudedemanga
 baby - umwana, akana
 newborn - uruhinja
 back (of person) - umugongo
 back, at the - inyuma
 back end of boat - ibwerekeza
 bad - -bi (mubi, kibi, etc.)
 that's too bad - n'ishyano
 bad luck - ishyano
 badly - nabi
 bag - isaho, igunira, umufuka, umupfuka
 ball - umupira
 banana: stalk of, tree - igitoki (e)
 ripe - umunekeru
 beer - mazizi
 cooking - ikinyamunyu
 lady-fingers - akamaramasenge
 red - igisukari
 plantation of - urutoki (e)
 banana juice (unfermented) - umutobe
 bank (of river, lake) - inkombe
 baptism - umubatizo
 baptize, to - kubatiza
 base of tree - igishitsi
 bashfulness - isoni
 to be bashful - kugira isoni
 basket: large - intonga
 made of bamboo strips - inkangara
 tall pointed - igiseke
 small flat - icyibo
 deep, no lid - igitebo
 bathe (oneself), to - kwiyuhagira
 bathe another - kwuhagira
 battle - intambara
 be, to - kuba, -ri, kumera (in a certain state)

bead, to - gutaka amasaro
beads, tiny - amasaro

behind - inyuma

beans - ibishyimbo
green - imiteja

belated - bitinze

bear (fruit), to - - kwera

belief - kwizera
beliefs - imyizerere, inyigisho

beat, to - gukubita
beat drum - kuvuza ingoma

believe, to - kwizera

beautiful - iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)

below - hepfo, hepfo ya

beauty - ubwiza
extraordinary beauty - ishyano

belt - umashumi
to put on belt - gukenyeza

because - kuko
because of - ku mpamvu za (z'uko),
kubwa, kubera

beneath - munsu ya

become, to - guhinduka, kuba, kumera

bend over, to - kubama

bed - uburiri, igitanda
(of poles and rope) = urutara
to make a bed - gusasa uburiri

besech, to - kwinginga

bee - uruyuki (pl. winzuki)

beside - iruhande

best - ikiruta

beer - inzoga

betray, to - kugambana

before - mbere, imbere

better - ikiruta, kurusha, kuruta
to be better (after illness) -
koroherwa

beg, to - gusaba, gusabiriza, gusega

between - hagati ya

beggar - umusabirizi, umusezi

beware, to - kwirinda

begin, to - gutangira
begin by - kubanza

bewitch, to - kuroga

beginning - itangiriro, intangiriro,
mbere, mambere

beyond - hirya

behave towards, to - kugenza

beyond measure, reason - birenze
urugero

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bicycle - igare	board - urubaho
big - -nini (munini, binini, etc.)	board ship, to - kwikira
bind, to - kuboha	boat - ubwato
bird (small) - inyoni	boat, to get into - kwikira
(of prey) - igisiga	body - umubiri
birth - ivuka	boil - ikibyimba
to give birth to - kubyara	boil, to - kubira (intl), kubiza (tr.)
bite, to - kuruma, kuryana	bonds - ingoyi
bitey - ikereta	bone - igufwa (or, igufwa)
bitterness - inzika	book - igitabo
black - umukara	born, to be - kuvuka
to be black - kwirabura	to be born of - gukomoka
blame - umugayo	borrow, to - kugurana, gutira,
blameless person - inyangamugayo	kuguriza (actual article to be replaced)
bleed, to - kuva amaraso	both - -ombi (bombi, byombi, twembi)
to stop bleeding - gukama	bottle - icupa
blessed, to be - guhirwa	bottom - hasi
blessing - umugisha	bow (as with arrows) - umuheto
blind, to be - guhuma	bowl (wood) - imbehe
blind person - impumyi	box - isanduka, isandugu
blood - amaraso	box with lid (small tin) - umukebe
blow, to - guhuha	boy - umuhungu
blow fire, to - kwatsa	
blow with fist - igipfunsi	
blue - bururu	
dark blue - umukara, bisa n'ijuru	

branch - ishambi
 brass - umuringa
 bread - umugati (European); umutsima (African)
 to make (knead) bread - ukukora umugati
 break, to - kumena (tr.), kuvuna (tr.) (something thin); kuvunika (int.)
 kumeneka (int.), gucika (int.)
 break into bits, to - kumanyagura, kuvunagura
 breath - umwuka
 breathe, to - guhumekeka
 bribe, to take) - kurya ruswa, kwakira impungano
 brick - itafari
 to make bricks - kubumba amatafari
 bride - umugeni
 bride-groom - umukwe
 bridge (small) - iteme
 (of poles) - urutindo
 bright, to be - kurabagirana
 bring, to - kuzana
 bring back wife who had left - gucyura umugore
 bring in from sun - kwanura
 bring water - kuvoma
 bring near - kwegereza

broil, to - gukaranga
 brother - mwene se
 (of girl) - musaza
 (younger b. of boy) - murumuna
 (older b. of boy) - mukuru
 bucket - indobo
 buffalo - imbogo
 build, to - kubaka
 builder - umwubatsi
 building (construction) - inyubako
 building (manner of) - inyubakire
 burden - umutwaro
 burlap - igunira
 burn - ubushye
 burn, to - kwaka (int.), gushya (as house, etc.) (int.);
 burn (set fire to), to - gutwika
 burst, to - guturika (int.), guturitsa (tr.)
 bury, to - guhamba
 bush - igihuru (thick)
 the bush - ishyamba
 business - umurimo
 busy - kugira imirimo myinshi
 but - ariko, nyamara, ahubwo (but rather)

broad - -gari (hagari)

butcher, to - kubaga
 butter - amavuta
 button - igifungo
 buy, to - kugura; (esp. food) - guhaha
 by - na

carry, to - gutwara, kwikorera, guterura
 carry on one's back - guheka
 carry on - gukomeza

case to law, to take - kuburana

cassava - umwumbati

cast lots, to - gufinda

cat - injangwe

C

calf - inyana
 call, to - guhamagara; (name) - kwita
 call at a distance - kurangurura

catch, to - gufata

cause - impamvu, igitama
 cause, to - gutuma, gutera

camel - ingamiya

cautious, to be - kwitonda

can, tin - igikombe

cave - isenga

can (be able) - gushobora

cease, to - kureka

candle - itabaza

celebration - ibirori

car - imodoka

center, in the - hagati

card - igipande

ceremony - umuhango

care, to: (about) - kubabara
 care for - kwitaho
 care for body and house - kugira isuku
 care for the sick - kurwaza
 care for lovingly - gukuyakuya

chain - umunyororo, umunyururu

careful, to be - kwitonda, kwirinda
 to be careful about - kwitondera

chair - intebe

chairman - umuyobozi

carefully - buhoro-buhoro

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

carpenter - umubaji

chapter - igice

character - kamere

- characteristic - ingeso, imimerere
- Christianity - Ubukristo
- charcoal - ikara
- church - (building) urusengero
(people) - itorero
- charge - ikirego
- circulate, to - gutembera
- charm - igiheko
made with beads - impigi
- citizen - umwene gihugu
- cheat, to - kuriganya
- city - umujyi, umudugudu
- chest (body) - igituza
- clan - umuryango
- chew, to - guhekenya
- class - ikarasi
- chicken - ikoko
- clatter (of voices) - urwamo
- chief - umutare
- claw - urwara
- chieftanship - ubutare
- clay - uburongo
to work, mold clay - kubumba
- child - umwana
- clean - iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)
to be clean - kugira isuku
to become clean (ceremonially) -
guhumanuka
to make clean - kuboneza, kweza
to make clean ceremonially -
guhumanura
to clean up - gutunganya
- childhood - ubwana
- chin - akananwa
- clear, to make - kugaragaza
- chcke, to - kuniga
- cliff - agacuri
- choose, to - gutora, guhitamo,
kurobanura
- climb, to (as tree) - kwurira
climb up (as mountain) - kuzamuka
climb down (tree) - kwururuka
- choose from group - gutoranya,
gutoragura
- chop up, to - gucagagura
- chosen thing - intore
- clock - isaha
- Christ - Kristo
- close, to - gukinga, gufunga
close eyes - guhumiriza
close up path - gusiba
- Christian - Umukristo

close together, to get - kwegeranya

comb - urusokoza
comb, to - gusokoza

cloth - umwenda, igitambaro
c. women wear over shoulder - umwitero

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

clothe, to - kwambika

clothes - imyambaro, imyenda
to take c. off - kwambura

clothing - umwenda

cloud - igicu

comfort, to - guhumuriza
comforted, to be - guhumura

clown, to - gushyenga

comings and goings - urujya n'uruza

club- inshyimbo

comma - akabago

coal, hot - ikara

command - itegeko
command, to - gutegeka

coat - igoti

commit oneself to, to - kwitanga

cock - isake

common - rusange

cock-crowing, at - mu nkoko

cockroach - inyenzi

companion - mugenzi

coffee - akawa, ikawa

company - umushyitsi

cold, to be - gukonja, kugira imbeho
cold - bisi (kibisi, etc.)

compare, to - kugereranya

cold in head - ibicurane

compel, to - guhata

coldness - ubukonje, imbeho

complain, to - kwivovota, kuganyira,
kwitonganya

color - ibara

complaints - amaganya

colt - icyana

completely - rwose

condemnation - urubanza	cook, to - guteka
	cooked, to be - gushya
condemned, to be - gucirwaho iteka	cool, to (int.) - guhora
	to be cool - gukonja
conduct - imibereho	cooperate, to - gufatanya
confess, to - kwihana, kwatura	cord - umugozi
	cord of the tongue - intananya
confide in, to - gusabana, gushyikirana	cork - igipfundikizo
confusion - imidugarara	corn - ikigori
	corn, Kaffir - ishaka (amasaka)
congratulate, to (esp. birth) - guha impundu, gutanga impundu (as graduate) - gukura ubwatsi e.g. tugukuriye ubwatsi	corner (of room, house) - imfuruka
conquer, to - kunesha, kuganza	corpse - umurambo
	of animal, criminal - intumbi
consent, to - kwemera	cost - ikiguzi, igiciro
consider, to - kuzirikana	cough - inkorora
	to cough - gukorora
console, to - guhuriza	councillor (member of council) - umujyanama
container, tin - igikombe	council - inama
continually - guhora, kujya	counsel - inama
	counsel, to - kugira inama
continuation - akarande	counsel together, to - kwigira inama
continue, to - gukomeza, guhora	count, to - kubara
contrary, on the - ahubwo	country - igihugu, ishanga (amahanga)
contribution - umusanzu	courage - umuhati
control, to - gutwara, gutegeka	court - urukiko
converse with, to - kuganira	

courtyard - ikibuga
cover (lid) - umutemere, igipfundikizo
cover, to - gupfuka
cover with lid, to - gupfundikira
cover oneself with, to - kwifubika
covet, to - kwifuza
cow - inka
cow manure - amase
crane, crested - unusambi
crazy, to be - gusara
create, to - kurema
cripple - ikimuga, ikirema
criticize (badly), to - guhinyura
crooked, to be - kugorama
crops - imyaka
cross - umusaraba
to remove from cross - kubambura
cross body of water, to - kwambuka
crosswise, to place, or to be -
gutambika
crow, to - kubika
crowd - inteko, rubanda
(of followers) - ishengero
crown - ikamba

crucify, to - kubamba
crumbs - ubuvungukira
crumple, to - kuzinga
cry, to - kurira, gutaka
cry aloud, to - gusakuza
cry of alarm - induru
cultivate, to - guhinga
cultivator - umuhinzi
cup - igikombe
curiosity - amatsiko
curse, to - kuvuma, gutuka
cushion - umusego
custom - umuhango, umugenzo, umuco,
ingeso
cut, to - guca
to be cut - gucibwa
to cut down tree, grass - gutema
to cut firewood - kwasa
to cut lengthwise - gusatura
to cut in pieces (meat, vegetables,
cloth) - gukeba
to cut off one's path - gutangira
to cut up - gucagagura

D

damage, to - konona
damaged, to be - kononekara
damp, to be - gukonja

dance, to - kubyina
- of (if/then)

deceitfulness - ibihendo

dancer - intore

deceive, to - guhenda, gushuka, kubeshya
to deceive lightly - kubeshya beshya,
gushukashuka

danger - akaga

(noon) still - ashiywe
dare, to - gutinyuka
dare to do something bad - guhangara

December - Ukuboza, ukwezi kwa cumi
n'abiri

dark, to be - kwijima
to get dark - kwira
it's getting dark - buriye

decide, to - gushinga, kugambirira

darkness - umwijima
darkness on daytime - ubwirakabiri

deep - -re-re (kirekire, etc.)

defeat, to - gutsinda
defeat utterly, to - kuganza

date - itariki (in month)

defecate, to - kunnya

daughter - umukobwa

defend oneself, to - kubirana
defend oneself against accusation -
kwiregura

dawdle, to - gusodoka

defile, to - guhumanya
to be defiled - guhumana

dawn - umuseke
at dawn - umuseke utambitse

delay, with - bitinze, hatinze,
gutinda

day - umunsi
day after tomorrow - ejo bundi
day before yesterday - ejo bundi
next day - bukeye
daytime - amanywa

delicious, to be - kuryoha

dead - -pfuye

deliver (baby), to - kubyara
deliver, to (what dr. does) - kubyaza
to come to time to deliver - kura-
mukwa
to be delivered - kurokoka

deaf person - igipfamatwi

demon - daimoni

dear - ukundwa

den - isenga

death - urupfu

deny, to - guhakana

debt - umwenda

depart, to - gusezera

deceit - uburiganya

depth of lake, in - i muhengeri

dig in the garden, to - guhinga
dig into side of (as hill), to -
gukorogoshora

descend, to - kumanuka
cause to descend - kumanura
descend from - gukomcka

diminish, to - kugabanuka

describe, to - kurondora

dinner - ibyo kurya by'isaa sita (noon)
ivyo kurya bya ni joro (at night)

desire, to - gushaka, kwifuza

dip in water, to (as finger) - kwibiza,
kujabika

desire, strong - irari

direct towards, to - kwerekeza

despair, to - kwiheba
be in despair - gushoberwa

dirt (as on floor) - umwanda, ico
(on body, clothes) - imbyiro

despise, to - kugaya (object, not
person), gusuzugura

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

destitution - ubutindi

disagreement - amakimbirane

destroy, to - kurimbura

disappear, to - guhera
disappear behind, to - kurenga

dew - urume, ikime

disappoint, to - guhinyuka

diarrhea, to have - guhitwa

discard, to - guta, kujugunya
to be discarded - gutabwa

die, to - gupfa
to be about to die - kuremba

discuss, to - kuvugana

different, to be - gutandukana

disease - indwara

difficult, to be - kugora, gukomera,
.kurushya

dish - isahane

difficulties - amagorwa

dislike, to - kwanga

difficulty - ingorane
to be in great d. - kuba mu mazi
abira

disobey, to - gusuzugura

dig a hole, to - gucukura

disorder (noisy) - imidugararo

dig in the garden, to - guhinga
dig into side of (as hill), to

dispensary - ibitaro, ivuriro

display, to - kumurikwa	doubt, to - gushidikanya
displease, to - guhinyuka	dove - inuma
dispute - impaka, amahane	down - hepfo
distinct, to be - gutandukana	dowry - inkwano to pay dowry - gukwa
distinguish between, to - gutandukanya	draw, to (pictures) - gushushanya
distribute food, to - kugaburira	draw near, to - kwegera
divide, to - kugabanya	dream - inzozi to dream - kurota
division - igice	dress - ikanzu to dress oneself - kwambara to dress another - kwambika
divorce - kwahukana, gutandukana	drink, to - kunywa
do, to - kugira, gukora to cause to do - gutera, gutuma to do first - kubanza to do something - gucira	drip, to - gutonyanga
doctor - umuganga	drive toward, to - kwerekeza drive stake, to - gushinga
doctor, to - kuvura	drum - ingoma
doctrines - inyigisho, imyizerere	drunk, to be (a person) - gusinda drunk, to be (liquid) - kunyobwa
dog - imbwa	dry, to - kwuma (int.) dry up, to - gukama, kuraba (plant)
donkey - indogoba	dry season - icyi (June - September) urugaryi (December - January) to end dry season - guhanguka
door - urugi, umwango (Sw.)	duck - igishuhe
door-post - igikingi	due to - ku mpamvu z'uko
doorway - umuryango	
dormitory - icumbi	

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

effort, to make - kugerageza

dumb person (physical) - ikiragi

egg - igi

dust - umukungugu
to dust - guhanagura

eight - munani

duty - umurimo

eighty - mirongwinani

dwarf - igikuri

elder - kuru (makuru, etc.)

dwell, to - gutura

election - itora

dwelling place - inturo

elephant - inzovu

E

elsewhere - ahandi

each - ose (yose, byose, etc.)

embrace, to (arm across back) - guhobera

ear - ugutwi

emphasize, to - kwerura

early - kare
to get up early - kuzinduka

employee - umukozi

earnestness - umuhati

empty out, to - kujugunya, kumena

earth - isi, gitaka

empty-handed - amara masa

east - iburasirazuba

enclosure - urugo

easy, to be - kworoha

encounter, to - gusanga

eat, to - kurya, gufungura
to eat a lot - guhaga
to eat together - gusangira
to eat with (instrument) - kurisha
to be eaten - kuribwa

encourage, to - guhumuriza, gukomeza,
gutera inkunga

eclipse - ubwirakabiri

end - iherezo; impera (with words of
time) e.g. ku mpera y'ukwezi - at end
of month
to end - gushira (int.); kumara (tr.)
to end (dry season) - guhanguka
to be at end of oneself - gushobera,
gushoberwa
to end with - kugeza
to come to an end - guhera, gukuka