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The purpose of this book is to assist the person learning Kinyarwanda. It contains the vocabulary used in the Cox Grammar and also that in the Gospel of Mark (1957 edition), plus other commonly used words. In the Kinyarwanda-English section, the numbers in parentheses following the words indicate the number of the lesson in the Cox Grammar in which the word was introduced.

A few abbreviations are: tr. = transitive; int. = intransitive; inv. = invariable; n. = noun; sing. = singular; pl. = plural.

A few notes on the orthography used:

1) imp- is used rather than imh- (as in impamba, impumyi, etc.)
2) Since pf and f are sometimes used interchangeably, in looking for a word with this sound, try under both spellings.
3) The letter r has been used throughout, rather than l, except in the case of a few words of foreign origin.
4) You will note markings above some of the vowels, e.g. ā, ē, ī, ō. This mark usually indicates a high, lengthened tone, though in a few cases it is a low lengthened tone. Many more low ones could have been indicated. No short tones are indicated. You will need to have a Munyarwanda help you with pronunciation, since Kinyarwanda is a tonal language. These markings are not usually used in writing or printing the language, but are here to help you learn to pronounce the words correctly. Most long markings are not included in the English-Kinyarwanda section.

The authors are aware there will be imperfections and lacks, but hope that in spite of them this book will be of some use to those beginning their study of Kinyarwanda.

A

abandon, to - guhāna, gutererana, kuzinukwa

abcess - ikibyimba

ability - ubushobozi

able, to be - gushobora, kubasha

aboriginal - kavukire

about (concerning) - ibya, ibyerekeye
(approximately) - hafi, nka

about to, to be - kwenda

above - hejuru, hejuru ya

absent, to be - gusiba

absolutely - rwose, pe

abstain, to - gusiba

abundant, to be (crop) - kurumbuka

accept, to - kwakira, kwemera, kwenda

accident - igisida, akisida, ishyano, impanuka

acclamation, cry of - impundu

accompany, to - kugendana, kujyana na,
gushagara, guherekeza

accomplish, to - gusohoza

according to - kubwa

account (finance) - ibitabo by'amafaranga

accusation - ikirego

accuse, to - kurega

accustomed, to be - kumenyera

across (a body of water, valley) - hakurya

act, to - gukora

action - umurimo, igikorwa

actions (habitual) - imigenzereze. imigirire

adamant, to be - kutava ku izima

add, to - guterana (int.), guteranya (tr.),
kongera

add words, to - kungamo

administration - imitegekere

admit, to - kwemera

adore, to - kuramya

adulterer - umusambanyi

adultery - ubusambanyi

adultery, to commit - gusambana

advance, to - kujya imbere, gutambuka

advice - inama

advise, to - kugīra inama, guhanura

advisor - umujyanama

affair - urubanza
e.g. dealing with a case of misconduct

affirm strongly, to - kwirenga

afire, to set - gukongeza

afraid, to be - gutinya, kugira ubwoba

after - inyuma, hanyuma

afternoon - ni munsi

afterwards - hanyuma, bukeye

again, to do - gusubira, kongera
again - ukundi
again and again - hato na hato

against, to talk - guhinyura

age - imyaka y'amavuka
old age - ubukuru, zabukuru
middle (30-50) - ubukwerere, imikwerere
all ages - ikigero cyose

ago, long - kera

agree, to - kwemera

agreement, to be in - gukiranuka

aid, to - gufasha, kugoboka, gutabara, kuvuna

aid, voluntary - umusanzu, ubuvunnyi
one who aids - umuvunnyi

aim at, to - gufora

aim, to have for - -gamije (no inf.)

air - umwuka, ikirere

airplane - indege

alarm, cry of - induru

alert, to be - kuba maso

alive - -zima (muzima, kizima, etc.)
alive, to be - kubaho

all - -ose (bose, byose, etc.)

allow, to - gukundira, kureka

almost - hafi

alone - -nyine (wenyine, etc.)
-sa (musa, bisa, etc.)
alone, to be - kwiherera

along - ku ruhande rwa

also - na, kandi

although - nubwo, naho

always - iteka, ubudahwema, iminsi yose

always (do), to - kujya, guhora

am (I am) - ndi

amaze, to - gutangaza

amazing thing - igitangaza

ambush - igico
lie in ambush, to - kubikira

America, U. S. of - Leta zunze z'Amerika

among - hagati ya, mu, muri

amount - urugero

amuse a child, to - kubeshyabeshya

ancestor - sogokuruza

ancestral spirit - umzimu

ancestral spirit, harmful -igisigo

and - na, no, kandi
and now - none, noneho, none rero
and so - none, noneho, none rero, niko

angel - (umu-)marayika

anger - uburakari, umujinya (long lasting), ishavu (light)

angry, to be - kurakara

angry, to become - kurubira

anguish - impagarara

animal - inyamaswa, igisimba

animator - umukangurambaga

announce, to - gutangaza, kuranga

annoy, to - kurushya

annually - uko umwaka utaha

anoint, to - gusīga

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, impungenge, inkeke

anxious, to be - guhangayika, guhagarika umutima, kubunza umutima

anybody - umuntu wese

anyhow, to do - gupfa ku

anything - ikintu cyose

apart - ukwa

apologize, to (before accusation) - kwisegura

apparent, to be - kwihandagaza

appeal to higher court, to - kujurira

appear, to - kuboneka, kugaragara
appear suddenly and without precedent, to - kwaduka, gutunguka
appear, to cause to (as in court) - guhingutsa

apprehension - umususu

approach, to - kwegera
approach, to cause to - kwegereza

April - Mata, ukwezi kwa kane

Arab - Umwarabu

are - ni, -ri (bari, biri, etc.)
are not - si, ntibari, etc.

area - ikirere, intāra

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, guhinguka, gusesekara
arrive, to cause to - kugeza
arrive by boat, to - komokera
arrive at, to - gushyika

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

ask the way, to - kuyoboza

assessment - umusanzu

assist, to - gufasha, kuvuna, gutabara, kugoboka

assistance -ubuvunnyi

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

astonishing thing - akumiro, igitangaza

astounded, to be - kumirwa

astray, to go - kuzimira

at - i, ku, kuri, kwa

attack, to - kujujubya

attain, to - gushyika

attempt, to - kugerageza

attention to, to pay - kwita, kwitondera;
not pay attention, to - kurangara

attitudes - imiterere, imimerere, amatwara

August - Kanama, ukwezi kwa munani

aunt: my maternal - mama wacu
your maternal - nyoko wanyu
his, her, their maternal - nyina wabo
my paternal - masenge
your paternal - nyogosenge
his, her, their paternal - nyirasenge

authority - ubutware

automobile - imodoga, imodokari

avenge, to - guhōra

awaken, to - gukanguka (int.)
gukangura (tr.)

away, to put - kubika

away, far - kure

axe - incabiti, indyankwi, interezo, ishoka

B

babble, to - kudedemanga

baby - umwana, akana
newborn - uruhinja

back (of person) - umugongo

back, at the - inyuma

back end of boat - ibwerekeza

backing (support) - ubwishingizi

bad - -bi (mubi, kibi, etc.)
that's too bad - n'ishyano
bad luck - ishyano, umwaku
bad fate - umwaku

badly - nabi

bag - isaho, igunira, umufuka, umupfuka

balance (in account) - insagu

ball - umupira

banana: stalk of, tree - igitoki(e)
ripe - umuneke
beer - mazizi
cooking - ikinyamunyu
lady-fingers - akamaramasenge
red - igisukari
plantation of - urutoki(e)

banana juice (unfermented) - umutobe

bank (of river, lake) - inkombe

baptism - umubatizo

baptize, to - kubatiza

bargain, to be a - guhenduka

base of tree - igishitsi

bashfulness - isoni
bashful, to be - kugira isoni

basin - ibēsani

basket: large - intonga
made of bamboo strips - inkangara
tall pointed - igiseke
small flat - icyibo
deep, no lid - igitebo

bathe (oneself), to - kwiyuhagira
bathe another, to - kuhagira

battle - intambara

be, to - kuba, -ri, kumera (in a certain state)

beach - inkuka

bead, to - gutaka amasaro

beads, tiny - amasaro

beans - ibishyimbo
green - imiteja

bear (fruit), to - kwera

beat, to - gukubita
beat drum, to - kuvuza ingoma

beautiful - -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)
beautiful person - umunyaburanga bwiza, uw'igikundiro

beauty - ubwiza
extraordinary beauty - ishyano
physical beauty - uburanga

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

become, to - guhinduka, kuba, kumera

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

bee - uruyuki (pl. inzuki)

beehive - umutiba (empty)

beer - inzoga

beer, to make - kwenga

before - mbere, imbere

beg, to - gusaba, gusabiriza, gusega
beg earnestly, to - guhendahenda

beggar - umusabirizi, umusezi

begin, to - gutangira, guhanga
begin by, to - kubanza

beginner - umutangizi

beginning - itangiriro, intangiriro, mbere na mbere

behave, to - kwifata

behave towards, to - kugenza, gufata

behavior - umwifato, imyifatire, amatwara

behind - inyuma

belated - bitinze

Belgian - Umubirigi

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belief - kwizera
beliefs - imyizerere, inyigisho

believe, to - kwizera

below - hepfo, hepfo ya

belt - umushumi, umukandara
put on belt, to - gukenyeza

bend knees, to - guhina

bend over, to - kubama

beneath - munsi ya

berries - inkēre (or, inkēri)

beseech, to - kwinginga

beside - iruhande

best - ikiruta

"best man" - imperekeza

betray, to - kugambana

better - ikiruta, kurusha, kuruta

better (after illness), to be - koroherwa

between - hagati ya

beware, to - kwirinda

bewitch, to - kuroga

beyond - hirya

beyond measure, reason - birenze urugero

Bible - Biblia Yera, Igitabo cy'Imana

bicycle - igare

big - -nini (munini, binini, etc.)

bind, to - kuboha

bird (small) - inyoni
(of prey) - igisiga

birth - ivuka
give birth to, to - kubyara

bite, to - kuruma, kuryana

bitter, to be - kubīha

bitterness - inzika

black - umukara
black, to be - kwirabura

bladder - uruhago

blame - umugayo, amakemwa

blame, to - gushinja, kuziza

blameless person - inyangamugayo

blanket - uburingiti

bleed, to - kuva amaraso
stop bleeding (int.), to - gukama

blessed, to be - guhirwa

blessing - umugisha, amahīrwe

blind, to be - guhuma, guhumagurika
blind person - impumyi

blood - amaraso

blow, to - guhuha
blow fire, to - kwatsa

blow with fist (n.) - igipfunsi

blue - bururu, bisa n'ijuru
dark blue - umukara

board - urubaho

board ship, to - kwikira

boast, to - kwirata

boat - ubwato

boat, to get into - kwikira

body - umubiri

boil - ikibyimba

boil, to - kubira (int.), kubiza (tr.)

bonded, to be - kuba afite ubwishingizi

bonds - ingoyi

bone - igufwa

book - igitabo

born, to be - kuvuka
born of, to be - gukomoka

borrow, to - kugurana, gutira
kuguriza (actual article to be replaced),
kuguza (esp. money)

boss - (female) - mabuja
(male) - databuja

both - -ombi (bombi, byombi, twembi)

bottle - icupa

bottle opener - urufunguzo

bottom - hasi

bow (as with arrows) - umuheto

bowl (wood) - imbehe

box - isanduka, isandugu
box with lid (small tin) - umukebe

boy - umuhungu

braid, to - kubohekanya

branch - ishami

brass - umuringa

bread - umugati (European);
umutsima (African)
to make (knead) bread - gukora umugati, gufunyanga

break, to - kumena (tr.), kuvuna (tr.)(something thin); kuvunika (int.), kumeneka (int.), gucika (int.), kwangiza (tr.)

break into bits (tr.), to - kumanyagura, kuvunagura

breast milk - amashereka

breath - umwuka

breathe, to - guhumeka

bribe (n.) - amafaranga yo kwituga, ibiturire, ruswa, impongano

bribe, to take - kurya ruswa, kwakira impongano

brick - itafari
make bricks, to - kubumba amatafari

bricks, unburned - urukarakara

bride - umugeni

bride-groom - umukwe
friend of bridegroom - imperekeza

bridge (small) - iteme, ikiraro (big, metal)
(of poles) - urutindo
foot-bridge - umugogo

bright (of light), to be - kurabagirana

brim - urugāra

bring, to - kuzana
bring back wife who had left, to - gucyura umugore
bring in from sun, to - kwanura
bring water, to - kuvoma
bring near, to - kwegereza

broad - -gari (hagari)

broil, to - gukaranga

broom - umukubuzo

brother - mwene se
(of girl) - musaza
(younger brother of boy) - murumuna
(older brother of boy) - mukuru

brush teeth, to - kwiyoza amenyo

bucket - indobo

buffalo - imbogo

build, to - kubaka

builder - umwubatsi

building (construction) - inyubako
building (manner of) - imyubakire

bump into, to - gusekura

burden - umutwaro

burial - ihambwa

burlap - igunira

burn - ubushye

burn, to - kwaka (int.), gushya (as house, etc.)(int.)
burn (set fire to), to - gutwika

burst, to - guturika (int.), guturitsa (tr.)

bury, to - guhamba

bus - ibisi

bush - igihuru (thick)
the bush (uninhabited area) - ishyamba

business - umurimo

busy - kugira imirimo myinshi, guhugīra, guhugīrwa

but - ariko, nyamara, ahubwo (but rather)

butcher, to - kubaga

butcher shop (butchering place) - ibagiro

butter - amavuta

button - igifungo

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

by - na

C

calf - inyana

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

calm (someone), to - guhendahenda

camel - ingamiya

can, tin - igikombe

can (be able) - gushobora

Canadian - Umukanada

candle - itabaza

candy - ibombo

capable, to be - guhuguka

car - imodoka

card - igipande

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

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

carefully - buhoro-buhoro

careless (with things), to be - kwandarika ibintu
in personal appearance - kwiyandarika
in work, etc. - kutitaho

carpenter - umubaji

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

case to law, to take - kuburana

cassava - umwumbati

cast lots, to - gufinda

cat - injangwe

catch, to - gufata

cause - impamvu, igituma

cause, to - gutuma, gutera

cautious, to be - kwitonda

cave - isenga

cease, to - kureka, guhwema
without ceasing - ubutitsa, ubudasiba, ubudahwema

celebrate, to - kwizihiza

celebration - ibirori

census - ibarura

center, in the - hagati

ceremony - umuhango

chain - umunyororo, umunyururu

chair - intebe

chairman - umuyobozi

chalk - ingwa

change (coins)(n.) - ibikoroti

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

chapter - igice

character - kamere

characteristic - ingeso, imimerere

charcoal - ikara

charge - ikirego

charm - igiheko, ingisha
made with beads - impigi

chat, to - kuganira

chat (for a long time), to - kurondogora

cheap, to be - guhenduka

cheat, to - kuriganya

chest (body) - igituza

chew, to - guhekenya

chicken - inkoko

chief - umutware

chieftanship - ubutware

child - umwana
spoiled child - umutesi
disobedient child - tereriyo

childhood - ubwana

chin - akananwa

choke, to - kuniga

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

chop up, to - gucagagura

chosen thing - intore

Christ - Kristo

Christian - Umukristo

Christianity - Ubukristo

Christmas - Inoheli (or, Inoweli)

church (building) - urusengero
(people) - itorero

circle - uruziga

circulate, to - gutembera

citizen - umwene gihugu

city - umujyi (or, umugi), umudugudu

clan - umuryango

clap, to - gukoma amashyi

class - ikarasi

clatter (of voices) - urwamo

claw - urwara

clay - uburongo
work, mold clay, to - kubumba

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

cleanse oneself, to - kwisukura

clear, to make - kugaragaza

cliff - agacuri

climb, to (as tree) - kurira
climb up (as mountain), to - kuzamuka
climb down (tree), to - kururuka

cloak - ikoti

clock - isaha

close, to - gukinga, gufunga
close eyes, to - guhumiriza
close up path, to - gusiba

close together, to get - kwegeranya

closet - akabati

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

clothe, to - kwambika

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

clothing - umwenda

cloud - igicu

clown, to - gushyenga

club - inshyimbo

coal, hot - ikara

coat - ikoti

cock - isake

cock-crowing, at - mu nkoko

cockroach - inyenzi

coffee - akawa, ikawa

coins - ibikoroti

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

cold in head - ibicurane

coldness - ubukonje, imbeho

color - ibara

colt - icyana

comb - urusokozo

comb, to - gusokoza

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

comfort, to - guhumuriza
comforted, to be - guhumura

comings and goings - urujya n'uruza

comma - akabago, agakato, akitso

command - itegeko

command, to - gutegeka, kugenga

commit oneself to, to - kwitanga

common - rusange

community - imiturire, mu baturage

companion - mugenzi

company - umushyitsi

compare, to - kugereranya

compel, to - guhata

competition - ishyaka

complain, to - kwivovota, kuganyira, kwitonganya, kwitotomba, kwinuba

complaints - amaganya

complete, to - kunoza, gusohoza

completely - rwose, byimazeyo

compost pit - ingarane

concerned about, to be - kuzirikana, kwitwararika

concluded (as meeting), to be - guhumuza

conclusion - umwanzuro, umusozo

condemnation - urubanza

condemned, to be - gucirwaho iteka

conduct - imibereho, umwifato, imyifatire, amatwara

confess, to - kwihana, kwatura

confide in, to - gusabana, gushyikirana

confusion - imidugarara

congratulate, to (esp. birth) - guha impundu, gutanga impundu
(as graduate) - gukura ubwatsi
e.g. tugukuriye ubwatsi

conquer, to - kunesha, kuganza, kujujubya

conscience - umutimanama

consent, to - kwemera

consequences - ingaruka

consider, to - kuzirikana

console, to - guhuriza

container, tin - igikombe

continually - guhora, kujya, ubutitsa, ubudasiba, ubudahwema

continuation - akarande

continue, to - gukomeza, guhora

contradict, to - kuvuguruza

contrary, on the - ahubwo, ibiri amambu

contribution - umusanzu

control, to - gutwara, gutegeka

conversation - ikiganiro

converse with, to - kuganira

cook (n.) - umutetsi

cook, to - guteka
cooked, to be - gushya

cool, to (int.) - guhora
cool, to be - gukonja

cool at end of day (at daybreak, coolness) - amafu

cooperate, to - gufatanya

cord - umugozi
cord of the tongue - intananya

cork - igipfundikizo

corn - ikigori
corn, Kaffir - ishaka (amasaka)

corner (of room, house) - imfuruka

corpse - umurambo
of animal, criminal - intumbi

cost - ikiguzi, igiciro

cough - inkorora

cough, to - gukorora

council - inama

councillor (member of council) - umujyanama

counsel - inama

counsel, to - kugīra inama
counsel together, to - kwigīra inama

count, to - kubara

country - igihugu, ishanga (amahanga), (rural) - icyaro

courage - umuhati

court - urukiko

courtyard - ikibuga

cover (lid) - umutemere, igipfundikizo uburingiti

cover, to - gupfuka
cover with lid, to - gupfundikira
cover oneself with, to - kwifubika
cover oneself in bed, to - kwiyorosa

covet, to - kwifuza, kurarikira

cow - inka

cow manure - amase

craftsmanship - ubukorikori

crane, crested - umusambi

crazy, to be - gusara

create, to - kurema, guhanga

cripple - ikimuga, ikirema

criticize (badly), to - guhinyura

crooked, to be - kugorama

crops - imyaka

cross - umusaraba
remove from cross, to - kubambura

cross, to be - kugira inzika

cross body of water, to - kwambuka

crossness - inzika

crosswise, to place, (or, to be) - gutambika

crow, to - kubika

crowd - inteko, rubanda, imbaga, ikivunge cy'abantu
(of followers) - ishengero

crowd, to - guhubuka

crown - ikamba

crucify, to - kubamba

cruel, to be - kutagira imbabazi, kuba umunyamwaga

crumbs - ubuvungukira

crumple, to - kuzinga

cry, to - kurira, gutaka

cry aloud, to - gusakuza
cry out, to - gusakabaka

cry of alarm - induru

cultivate, to - guhinga

cultivator - umuhinzi

cup - igikombe

cupboard - akabati

cure - gukiza

curiosity - amatsiko

curse, to - kuvuma, gutuka

cushion - umusego

custom - umuhango, umugenzo, umuco, ingeso

cut, to - guca, gukata
cut, to be - gucibwa
cut down tree, grass, to - gutema
cut firewood, to - kwasa
cut lengthwise, to - gusatura
cut in pieces (meat, vegetables, cloth), to - gukeba
cut off one's path, to - gutangīra
cut oneself, to - kwitema
cut up, to - gucagagura
cut hair, beard, to - kogosha

cut (n.)(in body) - uruguma

D

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

damp, to be - gukonja

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

dancer - intore

danger - akaga, impagarara

dare, to - gutinyuka, kubahuka
dare to do something bad, to - guhangara

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

darkness - umwijima
darkness in daytime - ubwirakabiri

date - itariki (in month)

daughter - umukobwa

dawdle, to - gusodoka

dawn - umuseke
at dawn - umuseke utambitse

day - umunsi
day after tomorrow - ejo bundi
day before yesterday - ejo bundi
next day - bukeye
hot part of day - agasusuruko
late in day (near sunset) - igicamunsi

daytime - amanywa

dead - -pfuye
half-dead - intere

deaf person - igipfamatwi

dear - ukundwa

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

debt - umwenda

deceit - uburiganya

deceitfulness - ibihendo

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

December - Ukuboza, ukwezi kwa cumi n'abiri

decide, to - gushinga, kugambirira, kugena

decision (final) - umwanzuro

decision, facing a - mu rungabangabo

declare, to - kogeza

dedicate child, to - gutura umwana Imana

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

defeat, to - gutsinda

defeat utterly, to - kuganza

defecate, to - kunnya

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

defender - umuvunnyi

deficit - igihombo

defile, to - guhumanya
defiled, to be - guhumana

delay, with - bitinze, hatinze, gutinda

deliberately - nkana

delicious, to be - kuryoha

deliver (baby), to - kubyara
come to time to deliver, to - kuramukwa
deliver, to (what doctor does) - kubyaza

delivered (from harm), to be - kurokoka

demon - daimoni

den - isenga, indiri

deny, to - guhakana

depart, to - gusezera

deprive oneself of, to - kwiyaka

depth of lake, in - i muhengeri

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

describe, to - kurondora

desire, to - gushaka, kwifuza
desire strongly, to - kurarikira

desire, strong - irari

desk - ibiro

despair, to - kwiheba
be in despair, to - gushoberwa

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

destine for, to (a certain use, purpose) - kugenera

destitution - ubutindi

destroy, to - kurimbura, gutsemba, gusenya

dew - urume, ikime

diarrhea, to have - guhitwa

die, to - gupfa
be about to die, to - kuremba, gusāmba
make die slowly, to - kwica urubozo

different, to be - gutandukana, guca ukubirina

difficult, to be - kugora, gukomera, kurushya

difficulties - amagorwa

difficulty - ingorane
be in great difficulty, to - kuba mu

mazi abira
not experience difficulty, to - guteta

dig a hole, to - gucukura

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

dignity - ubwiyubahe

dilemna, in a - mu rungabangabo

diminish, to - kugabanuka

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

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

diploma - impamyabushobozi

direct towards, to - kwerekeza

direction - icyerekezo

director - umutegetsi

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

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

disagreement - amakimbirane

disappear, to - guhera
disappear behind, to - kurenga
disappear into ground, to - kurigita

disappoint, to - guhinyuka

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

discourage, to - gucogoza

discouraged, to be - gucika intege, kugwa mu kantu

discuss, to - kuvugana

disease - indwara

dish - isahane

dishonest, to be - guhemuka

dishonest person (doesn't keep promise) - umuhemu

dishonesty - ubuhemu

dislike, to - kwanga

disobedient child - tereriyo

disobedient person - ikigande

disobey, to - gusuzugura, kutumvira, kugoma

disorder (noisy) - imidugararo, imvururu

dispensary - ibitaro, ivuriro

dispersed, to be - gutatana

display, to - kumurikwa

displease, to - guhinyuka

dispute - impaka, amahane

disrespect, to - kubahuka

distinct, to be - gutandukana

distinguish between, to - gutandukanya

distribute food, to - kugaburira

disturb, to - gutoba (esp. water)

divide, to - kugabanya

division - igice

divorce, to - kwahukana, gutandukana, gutana

dizzy, to be - kuzenguzwa

do, to - kugira, gukora
do, to cause to - gutera, gutuma

do first, to - kubanza
do something, to - gucira

doctor - umuganga

doctor, to - kuvura

doctrines - inyigisho, imyizerere

dog - imbwa

donkey - indogoba

door - urugi, umwango (Sw.)

door-post - igikingi

doorway - umuryango

dormitory - icumbi

doubt, to - gushidikanya

dove - inuma

down - hepfo

dowry - inkwano
dowry, to pay - gukwa

drag along, to - gukurubana

draw, to (pictures) - gushushanya

draw near, to - kwegera

dream - inzozi

dream, to - kurota

dress - ikanzu, ikizibaho, amahenure (very short)

dress oneself, to - kwambara
dress another, to - kwambika
dress beautifully, to - kurimba

dresser - ibiro

drink, to - kunywa
go in search of drinks, to - kuvumba

drip, to - gutonyanga

drive toward, to - kwerekeza
drive stake, to - gushinga

driver - umushoferi

dropsy - urushwima

drown, to (int.) - kurohama

drowning - uburohame

drum - ingoma

drunk, to be (a person) - gusinda
drunk, to be (liquid) - kunyobwa

dry, to - kuma (int.)
dry up, to - gukama, kuraba (plant)

dry season - icyi (June - September)
urugaryi (December - January)
impeshyi (June)
dry season, to end - guhanguka

duck - igishuhe

due to - ku mpamvu z'uko

dull, to be - kugimba, gutiga

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

dumb person (physical) - ikiragi

dust - umukungugu

dust, to - guhanagura

duty - umurimo

dwarf - igikuri

dwell, to - gutura

dwelling place - inturo

dying person - indembe

dysentery - amacinya

E

each - -ose (yose, byose, etc.)

eagle - kagoma (3rd cl.)

ear - ugutwi

early - kare
early, to get up - kuzinduka

earnestness - umuhati

earth - isi, igitaka

east - iburasirazuba

Easter - Ipasika

easy, to be - koroha

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

eclipse - ubwirakabiri

economical, to be - kurondereza

edge (of cup) - urugāra

effort, to make - kugerageza, gushishikara

egg - igi
of insect - umugi

eight - munani

eighty - mirongwinani

elder - -kuru (mukuru, etc.)

election - itora

electricity - amashyanyarazi

elephant - inzovu

elsewhere - ahandi

embrace, to (arm across back) - guhobera

embroider, to - gutaka

emphasize, to - kwerura, gushimangira

employee - umukozi

employer (female) - mabuja
(male) - databuja

empty - gusa, ubusa
e.g. igikombe ni gusa - the cup is empty
igikombe kirimwo ubusa - the cup is empty

empty-handed - amāra masa

empty out, to - kujugunya; kumena (liquid)

encircle, to - gutangatanga, gushungera, kugota

enclosure - urugo

encounter, to - gusanga

encourage, to - guhumuriza, gukomeza, gutera inkunga, gushishikaza

end - iherezo; impera (with words of time)
e.g. ku mpera y'ukwezi - at end of month

end, to - gushira (int.); kumara (tr.)
come to an end, to - guhera, gukuka
end (dry season), to - guhanguka
end meeting, to - guhumuza
end of oneself, to be at - gushobera, gushoberwa
end with, to - kugeza

enemy - umwanzi

enjoy, to - kunezererwa, kwinezeza

enough, to be - gukwira, - hagije

it is enough - birahagije

enrich, to - gukungahaza

enter, to - kwinjira
refuse permission to enter, to - guheza
enter a person, to - guhanga umuntu

enthusiasm - umwete, (for work) ishyaka

entice, to - gushukāshuka

entirely - rwose

entrance forbidden, or exclusive - mu muhezo

entrance to kraal - irembo

envelope, to - gusāba

epidemic - icyorezo

epilepsy - igicuri

equal, to be - kungana (size, force, age); kureshya (length, height); kuringanira
make equal, to - kuringaniza

erase, to - gusiba

erosion - isuri

err, to - gufudika, kuyoba

error - ifuti, ikosa
make an error, to - gucikwa

escape, to - gucika
it escaped me - byanciyeho

escort, to - guherekeza, gushagara

especially - cyane cyane

essential - ingombwa

establish, to - gushinga, gushimangira

esteem - icyubahiro

Eternal One - Uwiteka

eternally - iteka ryose

European - umuzungu

even - ndetse
even if - bona
even though - nubwo, naho

even, to be - kuringanira
make even, to - kuringaniza

evening - ni mugoroba (2:00 - 6:00)
become evening, to - kugoroba

ever, to have - kwigera
e.g. wigeze ubona - have you ever seen?

every - -ose (wese, yose, etc.)
every day - iminsi yose
everything - byose
everywhere - hose

evidence (i.e. proof) - intangamugabo, gihamya

evil - ikibi
ubugizi bwa nabi - evil acts

exaggerate, to - gukabya

examination - ikizamini

examine, to - gupima, gusuzuma
examine carefully, to - gusesengura

example - icitegererezo, urugero

exceedingly - cyane
exceedingly white - -era de

excellence - akataraboneka, ihōho

excellent, to be - kuryoha

except - keretse, uretse

exchange, to - kugurana
exchange greetings, to - kuramukanya

exclude, to - kuzira

excluding - uretse

excuse me - mpore, bambe, nako

excuse(s) - urwitwazo

excuse(s), to make - gutora impamvu

exercise, to - kwitoza

exercises, to do - kwiyereka

exhaust, to - kurondora
exhausted (from work), to be - kugwa agacuho

exhort, to - gushishikaza

exist, to - kuba
there exists - hariho

exit, to - gusohoka

expect, to - kwiringira, kurindira

experienced, to be - gusesa akanguhe

explain, to - gusobanura
ask to explain, to - gusobanuza, gusiganuza

expression, to change (due to bad news) - guhonga

exterminate, to - gutsemba

extinct, to become - guhera

extinguish fire, to - kuzimya
extinguished (fire), to be - kuzima

extort, to - guhenda

extremely - pe, bikabije

eye - ijisho
eye of needle - umwenge
close eyes, to - guhumiriza
set eyes on, to - kurabukwa
something in the eye - igitotsi

F

fable - umugani
tell a fable, to - gucira umugani

face - mu maso (hanjye, hawe, etc.)

face (someone), to - guhangana

fact, in - ndetse

factory - inganda

fade, to - gucyuya

fail to find, to - guheba
fail an examination, to - gutsindwa
fail someone, to - guhemuka

faint, to - kuraba
faint from hunger, to - kugwira isari

faith - ukwizera

faithful, to be - kunambaho (till death), kudahemuka

faithful person - umunyamurava, indahemuka

faithfully, to work - gukorana umurava

faithfulness - umurava

fall, to - kugwa
(as building) - gutemba, gusenyuka, kuriduka
cause to fall, to - kugusha
fall down before, to - kwikubita imbere
fall from above, to - guhubuka, guhanuka

fall into ruin, to - kuriduka, gusenyagurana

falsehood - ikinyoma

fame - inkuru

family - umuryango

famine - inzara

famous - ikirangirire

far, far away - kure

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

farewell, to bid - gusezera

farmer - umuhinzi

fast - vuba, ningoga

fast, to - kwiyiriza ubusa, kwigomwa

fat - amavuta, ikinure
fat child - umushishe

fat, to be - kubyibuha

fate, bad - umwaku

father (my, our) - data, umukambwe (old)
(your) - so, umukambwe
(his, her, their) - se, umukambwe

father-in-law (my) - databukwe
(your) - sobukwe
(his, her, their) - sebukwe

fault - amakemwa

favor - ubutoni

favorite - umutoni
a favorite, to be - gutona

favoritism - ubutoni

fear - ubwoba, umususu

fear, to - gutinya, kugira ubwoba, kwishīsha

fearful, to be - kugingimiranya

fearless, to be - gutinyuka

feast, to give a - kuzimana

feather - iryoya

February - Gashyantare, ukwezi kwa kabiri

fee paid to witchdoctor - ingemu

feed, to - kugaburira

feel, to - kumva

fellowship (n.) - ubusābane, umushyikirano

fellowship, to have - gufatanya, gushyikirana

female - igitsina-gore

fence - uruzitiro

fête - ibirori

fetish - igiheko

fever - ubuganga, ingurumira y'umuriro, umuriro

few - -ke, -keya (bike, makeya, etc.)

field - isambu; (cultivated) - umurima

fifty - mirongwitanu

fig tree - umutini

fight, to - kurwana (int.); kurwanya (tr.)
fight verbally - to - gutāta

figurative speech - amarenga

fill, to - kuzura (int.); kuzuza (tr.), gukungahaza
half-filled, to be - gucāgata
filled to the brim, to be - gusendera

filter, to - kumimina, kuminina

filthiness - ico

final (absolutely) - burundu

final word - umwanzuro

finally - kw iherezo, byimazeyo

find, to - kubona, gusanga
find lost object, to - gutora
find out, to - kwihugura
find the way after being lost, to - guhabuka
not to find, fail to find - kubura, guheba

fine - neza

finger - urutoki(e)
index finger - mukubitarukoko
little finger - agahera
middle finger - musumbazose
ring finger - marere

finger-nail - urwara

finish, to - kumara, kurangiza (tr.), kurundarunda, kunoza

fire - umuriro
set fire to, to - gutwika
(fire) go out, to - kuzima
(fire) put out, to - kuzimya

fireplace - iziko (stones under cooking pot)

firewood - urukwi
gather firewood, to - gusenya, gutashya

firm (stubborn), to be - kutava ku izima

first - mbere e.g. uwa mbere

first, to do - kubanza

firstborn - imfura (impfura)

fish - ifi

fish, to - kuroba

fisherman - umurobyi

fishing net - urushundura

fist - igipfunsi

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

flashlight - isitimu

flat, to be - kuringanira, gutambika
make flat, to - kuringaniza

flavor, to - guhumuza

flavor, to lose - gukayuka

flea - imbaragasa

flee, to - guhunga

flesh - inyama, umubiri

flock (of sheep) - umukumbi

floor - hasi

floor (étage) - igorofa

flour - ifu

flow, to - gutemba

flower - indabyo, uburabyo

fly - isazi

fly, to - kuguruka

flycatcher (bird) - umusamanzuki

foam - ifuro

fog - igihu

fold, to - kuzinga, guhina (esp. arms)

follow, to - gukurikira
follow someone in a position, to - gusimbura
follow after earnestly, to - guhihibikana

folly - ubupfu

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

food - ibyo kurya, ibiryo
food for journey - impamba

fool - umuswa

fool, to - kubeshyabeshya, gushukāshuka
fool around, to - gucura urugomo

foolish person - igicucu

foot - ikirenge

for - kubwa, ku, kuri, -ira, -era as verb suffix e.g. gukorera - to work for

forbid, to - kubuza
forbidden, to be - kuzira

force - intege

force (against will), to - guhata

ford - umwaro

forehead - uruhanga

foreign country - ishanga, amahanga

foreign, something - inzāduka

foreigner - umunyamahanga, umuvamahanga

forest - ishyamba

foretell, to - guhanura

forever - iteka ryose, akaramata

forget, to - kwibagirwa
forget momentarily, to - guhuga

forgetfulness - amazinda

forgive, to - kubabarira

forgiveness - imbabazi

fork - ikanya

form - ishusho

forsake, to - kureka, gusiga, kuzinukwa

fortunate, to be - guhirwa

fortune, good - amahīrwe

forty - mirongwine

forward - imbere

fountain - isōko

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

fowl - inkoko

franc - ifaranga

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

freedom - umudendezo

freedom, to have - kwidegembya

French (language) - igifaransa

fresh - -bisi

fresh, to be - gutoha

fret, to - kuganyira

Friday - ku wa gatanu

friend - inshuti (incuti), mugenzi

friendly, to be - kurangwaho ubucuti

friends with, to be - gushudika

friendship - ubucuti
friendship, close - ubusābane

frightened, to be - guhagarika umutima, guterwa ubwoba

fringe - inshunda

from - i, ku, mu

front of, in - imbere

froth - ifuro

froth at mouth, to - kubimba ifuro

frugal, to be - kurondereza

fruit - imbuto

fry, to - gukaranga

fulfill, to - gusohoza

fulfilled, to be - gusohora

full, to be - kuzura

fullness - ubwuzu

fully - bwite

fun at, to poke - gucyocyora

fur - ubwoya

furthermore - kandi, byongeye kandi

fuss, to - kwitonganya

future - ibihe bizaza

G

gain - inyungu

gain, to - kunguka

game - igikino, umukino
wild game - inyamaswa

garden - umurima, ubusitani

gardener - umuhinzi

garment - umwambaro, umwenda

gate - irembo

gather, to - gusoroma
gather together, to - (int.) guterana, gukorana; (tr.) guteranya, gukoranya
gather firewood, to - gusenya, gutashya

gathering - iteraniro, ikoraniro

gaze at, to - kurangamira

general - rusange

gentle (person) - umugwaneza

gentleness - ubugwanza

gently - buhoro, buhoro-buhoro

germinate, to - kumera

get, to - guhabwa, kubona
get up early, to - kuzinduka
get up (from bed, ground), to - kubyuka
get up quickly (from bed, seat), to - kubaduka
help someone get up, to - kubyutsa

ghost, ancestral - umuzimu

giant - igihangange

gift - impano, impongano
gift to superior - ituro

girl - umukobwa, inkumi (teen-age)

give, to - guha, kugaba, gutanga
give birth to, to - kubyara
give completely, to - kwegurira
give oneself wholly to, to - kwibanda ku, kwiyegurira
give up, to - kwigomwa, guhara (something loved), gutezuka
given, to be - guhabwa

giving (an offering) - imitangire

glad, to be - kunezerwa, kwishima

gladness - ibyishimo, ishimwe

glance at, to - gutera imboni

glass - ikirahuri

glasses (eye) - amataratara, amadarubindi, indorerwamo

gleam, to - kubengerana

glimpse, to have - kurabukwa

glory - ubwiza

glutton - igisambo

go, to - kujya (with word of place)
kugenda (with no word of place)
go ahead, to - kwicuma
go back, to - gusubira
go by oneself, to - kwigendera
go down hill, to - kumanuka
go from place to place, to - kujarajara
go home, to - gutaha
go on further, to - kurombereza
go out against, to - guhurura
go out (fire), to - kuzima
go outside, to - gusohoka
go to bed, to - kuryama
go to find, to - gusanga
go to meet, to - gusanganira
go toward, to - kugana
go up hill, to - kuzamuka
go with, to - kugendana, kujyana
come on, let's go - hogi, nimuhogi tugende

goat - ihene

goat manure - amahurunguru

goat milk - amahenehene

God - Imana

goings and comings - urujya n'uruza

gold - izahabu

good - -iza, neza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)

good-afternoon - mwiriwe, mwiriweho, wiriwe

good-bye - muririrwe, muririrweho (don't expect to see again soon) - murabeho
say goodbye, to - gusezerana

good-morning - mwaramutseho

good-night - muraramukeho

Gospel - Ubutumwa Bwiza

gossip - amazimwe, inzimuzi

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

gourd - igicuma

govern, to - gutegeka, kugenga

government - Leta, ubutegetsi

grab, to - gusumira
grab unexpectedly, to - kugwa gitumo

grace - ubuntu

grain, head of (Kaffir corn, etc.) - ihundo

grandchild - umwuzukuru

grandfather - sogokuru, sekuru

grandmother - nyogokuru, nyirakuru

grant - imfashanyo

grant, to - kwemera

grapes - umuzabibu

grasp, to - gufata

grass - ubwatsi, icyatsi

grass ring used to carry load - ingata

grave - imva

gravel - umucanga, umusenyi

great - -kuru (mukuru, gikuru, etc.)

great-grandfather - sogokuruza, sokuruza, sekuruza

great-grandmother - nyogokuruza, nyokuruza, nyirakuruza

green - (fresh) - bisi; (unripe) - -toto
green color - bisa n'ibyatsi bibisi

green, to be - gutoha

green beans - imiteja

greens - imboga, uruboga

greet, to - kuramutsa, gutaha, gutashya
exchange greetings, to - kuramukanya
greet (at beginning of letter), to - gusuhuza

greetings - intashyo, hobe (hello)

grief - umubabaro, agahinda
cause grief, to - kubabaza

grieve, to - kuganya, kubabara

grind, to - gusya, (in mortar) gusekura

grinding stone - urusyo

groan, to - kuganya

ground - hasi, ubutaka

ground, to be - gusebwa

ground nut - ikinyobwa, akabemba

group - agatsiko, inteko, umutwe
group (for work assignment) - icyiciro

group, to - kubangikanya, gukomatanya

grow, to - gukura
grow up, to - kwaruka
grow luxuriously, to - gusagamba

grudge - inzika, umujinya

guard (by door of important person) - umukumirizi

guard, to - kurinda
guard, to be on - kuba maso
guard yourself from, to - kwirinda

guess, to - gufora

guest - umushyitsi

guest room - icumbi

guide - umuyobozi

guide, to - kuyobora

gym, to do - kwiyereka

H

habit - ingeso, umugenzo

hail - urubura

hair (of human head) - umusatsi
(of any but human head) - ubwoya

half - igice kimwe cya kabiri, inusu (Sw.)
half-filled, to be - gucāgata
half-dead - intere

hammer - inyundo

hammock - ingobyi

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

hand over, to - gushyīra

handle of cup, pail - umukōndo

handsome person - umunyaburanga bwiza, uw'igikundiro

handsomeness - uburanga

hang, to (int.) - kunagana

hang up, to - kumanika

happen unexpectedly, to - gutungura

happened, what - ibyabaye

happiness - umunezero

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

harbinger - amendeze

hard, to be - gukomera
hard of heart, to be - kunangirwa
hard to untie, to be - kunangirwa
harden heart, to - kwinangira umutima
no hard feelings - nta mpfane

harm, to - guhangara (as in "nothing can harm us")

harshness - umwaga
harsh person - umunyamwaga

harvest - umwero, isarura, imyaka (crops)

harvest, to - gusarura
harvest millet, to - kugesa

haste - ubwira

hasty manner, in a - ku buryo bukataje

hat - ingofero

hate, to - kwanga

have, to - -fite, kugira
have to, to - -kwiriye
have... thanks to, to - gukesha
e.g. Nkesha Imana agakiza - I have salvation, thanks to God

haze - igihu

he - we, a- (verb prefix)

head - umutwe
head of grain (esp. Kaffir corn) - ihundo
head of grain (immature) - umugengararo
head (of something dead) - igihanga

head up, to (as, cabbage) - kubumba
(as grain) - kugengarara

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

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

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

heap - ikirundo

heap, to - kurunda

hear, to - kumva

heart - umutima

heat - ubushyuhe

heat, to - gushyushya

heathen - umupagani

heaven - ijuru

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

hedge - uruzitiro
hedge, to plant - kuzitira

heel - agatsintsino

height - ubuhagarike, uburebure

hello - muraho, mwaramutseho, mwiriweho, hobe

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

help, unexpected - ingoboka

hem in, to - kugota

her - we, cye, bye, etc.

herd - ishya, ubushyo
(pigs only) - umugana

herd, to - kuragira

herdsman - umushumba

here - hano, ino, aha
here is - dore
here and there - hamwe na hamwe

hereditary trait - akarande

hesitate, to - gutindaganya, kugingimiranya

hide, to - guhisha (tr.); gupfurika (int.)
hide from sight, to - gukingiriza (tr.)

high - -re-re (muremure, ndende, etc.)
on high - hejuru
higher up - haruguru
a high place - ahirengeye

hill - umusozi

hinder, to - gukoma

hinder from seeing, to - gukingiriza

hinder progress, to - kudindiza

hinder from getting, to - kuvutsa

hindrance - inkomyi

Hindu - Umuhindi

hippopotamus - imvubu

hired person - umucanshuro

his - we, cye, rwe, etc.

history - inkuru, histwari

hit, to - gukubita

hither and yon - hirya no hino

hoe - isuka

hoe, to - guhinga

hoe, worn out - ifuni

hoe handle - umuhini

hold, to - gufata
hold (someone), to - gutangīra
hold out hands, to - gutega amashyi

hole - umwobo
large hole in ground - icyobo, urwina
hole in cloth, pot, object - umwenge
small hole - intoboro

hole, to get (as pot) - gupfumuka
hole, to make - gupfumura

holiness - kwezwa

holy, to be - kwera, kwegurirwa Imana
holy, to make - kweza
holy (adj.) - ziranenge

Holy Spirit - Umwuka Wera, Mwuka Muziranenge

home, at - i muhira, i wanjye, i wabo, etc.
at the home of - kwa

home, to go - gutaha

homosexual acts, to commit - gutinga

honey - ubuki

honor - icyubahiro, ishema

honor, to - kubaha, gusingiza, kuramya

hope - ibyiringiro

hope, to - kwiringira

horizontal, to be - gutambika
horizontal position - ubutambike

horn (of animal) - ihembe

horse - ifarashi

hospital - ibitaro, ivuriro

hot, to be - gushyuha

hour - isaha

house - inzu

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

how do you do? - muraho

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

how often? - kangahe?

however - ariko, ahubwo, ibiri amambu, icyakora

howl, to - kuboroga

hug - umuhoberano

hundred - ijana

hunger - inzara

hungry, to be - gusonza, kugira inzara

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

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

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

husband - umugabo

husk, to - gutonora

hut (temporary) - ingando

hymn - indirimbo

hypocrisy - uburyarya

hypocrite, to be - kuryarya

hypocritically, to act - kuryarya

I

I - jye, jyewe, jyeweho
I alone - jyenyine

ice - urubura, amazi akonje cyane

idea - igitekerezo

idiom - inshoberamahanga

idleness - ubudeshyi

idol - ikigirwamana

if - ni, niba, yuko

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

ignorant of, to be - kuyoberwa, kujijwa

ignorant person - injiji

ignore someone, to - kurangārana

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

illness - indwara

image - igishushanyo

imitate, to - kwigana

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

impartial, to be - kutabera

impartial person - intabera

importance - amatwara

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

improved (physically), to be - koroherwa

in, into - mu, muri

incapable person - umuswa

inception - inkomoko

incipience - amendeze

incite to do something, or act, to - kubwiriza

income - inyungu

incorporation - ubuzima-gatozi

increase, to - kunguka
(of animals) - kororoka (int.),
gutubura (tr.)

inculcate, to - kwitoza

independence - ubwigenge

independent, to be - kwigenga

indeed - ndetse, koko

Indian - Umuhindi

infant - uruhinja

inferior to - hanyuma ya

infinitive - imbundo

infirm person - ikimuga

influence, to - kureshya

inform, to - guhugura, kumenyesha
send to inform, to - kurarika
informed, to be - kwihugura, kujijuka

inhabit, to - gutura

inherit, to - kuragwa, kugira umunani

inheritance - umwandu
leave inheritance, to - kuraga

injection - urushinge

injured, to be - gukomereka

ink - vino

innocent - umwere

insect - igisimba
little insects that supposedly make honey - ubuhura

inside - imbere

instead - mu cyimbo, mu kigwi

instruct, to - kujijura, kwigisha

insult - igitutsi

insult, to - gutuka

intelligence - ubwenge

intelligent, to be - guhuguka

intemperance - ivutu

intention - imigambi

intentionally - ikigize cya nkana, bigirankana, nkana

interest - umwete

interim person - agateganyo

interior - indiri

interminable - urudaca

interpret, to - gusobanura
ask to interpret, to - gusobanuza

interrogation, word of - mbese, ese, se

interrupt, to - kurogoya

interrupter - kirogoya

intimidate by, to - gukangisha

into - mu, muri

introduce something new, to - guhanga

invalid - ikimuga, ikirema

invent, to - guhanga, guhimba (esp. poem, story)

invite, to - kurarika, gutumira

iron - icyuma
iron to iron clothes - ipasi, iferu

iron clothes, to - gutera ipasi

irritate, to - kurya

irritation - ishavu

is - -ri, ni
is not - si
Isn't it?, Isn't that so? - si byo?

island - ikirwa

itch (scabies) - ubuheri

itch, to - kuryaryata

itself - ubwayo, ukwayo, etc.

J

jacket - ikoti

January - Mutarama, ukwezi kwa mbere

jealous, to be (momentarily) - -fite ishyari

jealous, to be (as in characteristic or in past) - kugira ishyari

jealousy - ishyari

jest, to - gucyocyora

Jesus - Yesu, Yezu

jigger - ivunja

job - akazi

join, to - gufatanya, kunga

joke, to - gushyenga, guteta

jokes - amashyengo

journal - ikinyamateka, akabarankuru

journey - urugendo

joy - umunezero, ibyishimo, ishimwe
cry (shout) of joy - impundu
great joy - ubwuzu

judge - umucamanza, umunyarukiko

judge, to - gucira urubanza

judgment - urubanza

jug - umudomo

July - Nyakanga, ukwezi kwa karindwi

jump, to - gusimbuka

June - Kamena, ukwezi kwa gatandatu, impeshyi

jungle - ishyamba

just, to be - gukiranuka, kutabera

just, to (to just. . .) - gupfa ku

just as - nka, nk'uko

just person - intabera

justice - ubukiranutsi

justice to one who has been treated unjustly, to give - kurenganura

K

Kaffir corn - ishaka (amasaka)

keep, to - kugumana
keep (as money), to - kuzigama
keep (law, command), to - kwitondera
keep on, to - gukomeza

kettle - ibirika
big kettle - ibinika

key - urufunguzo

kick (in womb, baby), to - gufunyanga

kill, to - kwica, guhemura

kilogram - ikikiro

kind (species) - ubwoko

kind (gentle) person - umugwaneza

kindle, to - gucana

kindness - ubugwaneza

king - umwami

kingdom - ubwami

kingly - icyami

kiss, to - gusoma
kiss repeadtedly, to - gusomagura

kitchen - igikoni

knead (bread), to - gufunyanga, gukora umugati

knee - ivi

kneel, to - gupfukama

knife - imbugita, icyuma

knit, to - kuboha

knock, to - gukomanga
knock down, to - guhondagura
knock down with, to - kuvuza

knot - ipfundo
make a knot, to - gupfundika
tie knots, to - gupfundikanya

know, to - kumenya, -zi
not know, to - kuyoberwa, kujijwa
know oneself, to - kwiyizi

knowledge - ubwenge, ubumenyi

knowledgeable, to be - kujijuka

known, to become - kumenyekana, kwamamara
make known, to - kwamamaza, kogeza, kuranga

kraal - urugo

L

labor pains, to have - kuramukwa

lack, to - kubura, kugomba

ladder - urwego

lady, young (unmarried)- inkumi

lake - ikiyaga, inyanja

lamp - itara, itabaza

lampstand - igitereko

land - ikibanza, imusozi, isambu

language - ururimi

lap, to take on - gukikira

large - -nini

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

last long, to - kuramba

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

later - ubwanyuma, hanyuma

later on - hatinze, bitinze, hato, hatoya

laugh, to - guseka

launderer - umumeshi

law - itegeko

lay (tr.), to - kurambika

layman - umurayiki

laziness - ubunebwe, ubudeshyi, ubute

lazy, to be - kunebwa, kugarama, kugira ubute

lead, to - kuyobora, kurōngōra
lead (esp. animals), to - gushorera
lead home, to - gucyura
lead by the hand, to - kurandata

leader - umuyobozi

leaf - ikibabi

leak, to - kuva

lean against, to - kubyiga, kwegeka
(person leans) - kwegamira

learn, to - kwiga, kwihugura

least - uwa nyuma
at least - byibura, nibura

leave, to - gusiga, kureka, kugenda
leave alone, to - kwihorera
leave a place, to - gukuka
leave gradually, to - gutezuka
leave home, to - kuraruka
leave mate (temporarily), to - kwahukana
leave of, to take - gusezera
leave off, to - kureka
leave shore (in boat), to - komoka

leaven - umusemburo

leaven, to - gusembura

left - i bumoso

left, to be - gusigara

left-over bits - ubuvungukira

leg - ukuguru

lemon - indimu

lend, to - gutiza (actual article to be returned)
kuguriza, kugurana (article to be replaced)
kuguza (esp. money)

length - uburebure, ubutambike, umurambararo

leopard - ingwe

leper - umubembe

leprosy - ibibembe

lesson - icyigisho, isomo

let - henga, reka, ngaho (also, subjunctive mood)

letter - urwandiko (epistle), ibaruwa

letter (of alphabet) - inyuguti

liberty - umudendezo

lid - umutemeri, igipfundikizo

lie - ikinyoma

lie, to - kubeshya, kuriganya
lie about, to - kubeshyera
lie down, to - kuryama, kurambarara
lie on pillow, to - kwisegura

life - ubugingo, ubuzima, imibereho

lift, to - guterura
lift up, to - kubyutsa

light - umucyo
light of the moon - umwezi

light (weight), to be - guhuhwa

light weight (though voluminous) - igihwayihwayi

light (kindle), to - gucana, gukongeza

light of, to make - guteta

lightening - umurabyo

like - nka, bene, nk'uko
like that - gutyo (dutyo, batyo, etc.)
like this - gutya (dutya, batya, etc.)

like, to - gukunda

like, to be - gusa, kumera

likeness - ishusho

lime - ingwa

line - umurongo, umusitari

lion - intare

lip - umunwa

list of things - gahunda, urukurikirane

listen , to - gutega amatwi
(in sense of eavesdrop) - kumviriza

little - -to, -toya (muto, bitoya, etc.)

little by little - buhoro-buhoro

live, to - kubaho, kuba
live alone, to - kwibana
live in certain place, to - gutura
live long, to - kuramba
live for God, to - kwiyegurira Imana, gukorera Imana mu mibereho yacu yose, kwiberaho gukorera Imana

liver - umwijima

load - umutwaro

load, to put down - gutura

load, to - gupakira

loan - amaguzanya

loan, to - kuguza

locality - umuhana

lock, to - gukinga

locust - uruyige

lodging, to give- gucumbikira
lodging, to leave- gucumbukura

lodging place - icumbi

log - umugogo

loiter, to - gusodoka

lonesome for, to be - gukumbura

lonesomeness - urukumbuzi

long - -re-re (muremure, kirekire, etc.)
long ago - kera (also, future)

long (extended), to be - kurambura
e.g. amagambo arambuye - lengthy speech

long for, to - kwifuza

look, to - kureba
look! - dore
look about on all aides, to - kuraranganyamo amaso, gukebaguza
look at intently, to - kwitekereza, gutumbīra
look at, leaning over to see, to - kurunguruka
look everywhere, to - kurebareba
look for, to - gushaka
look up, to - kurarama

loosed, to be - guhambuka

loquat - umudigaferi

lord - umwami

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

lost, to be - kuzimira, guhaba

lost, to be eternally - kurimbuka

lots, to cast - gufinda

loud voice - ijwi rirenga

louse - inda

love - urukundo

love, to - gukunda
pretend to love, to - gukunda urumamo
stop loving, to - kuzinukwa
love one spouse over others, to - gukundwakaza

low - -gufi (kigufi, ngufi, etc.)

lower, to - kumanura

lower down - hepfo

luck, bad - ishyano, umwaku

lust - irari

lust (strong), to - guheheta

luxury, to have (live in) - kudamarara

M

machete - umupanga

mad, to be (sense of crazy) - gusara

maggot - urunyo

maize - ikigori

majesty - ishema

majority - nyamwinshi
majority vote - amajwi nyamwinshi

make, to - gukora, kugira
make bricks, to - kubumba
make fun of, to - gusebya

malaria - ubuganga

male - igitsina-gabo

man - umugabo (married)
of middle age, robust - igikwerere

manioc - umwumbati

manner - uburyo

manners, person of good - imfura (impfura)

manure - amase
manure heap - icukiro

many - -inshi (benshi, byinshi, etc.)
how many? - -ngahe
how many times? - kangahe

March - Werurwe, ukwezi kwa gatatu

market - isoko, iguriro

marriage - ubukwe, gushyingiranwa

marriage, to give in - gushyingira

marrow - igihaza

marry, to - gushyingirwa, kurongora, gushakana
marry brother's widow, to - guhungura
marry woman who has left husband, to - gucyura umugore

marsh - igishanga

marvelous!, that's - ni ishyano

mash, to - gucucuma

mason - umufundi

master (my) - databuja
(your) - shobuja
(his, her, their) - shebuja

mat - ikirago
small mat - umusāmbi
woven grass mat - ikidasesa

matches, box of - ikibiriti

mate (of pair of things) - mugenzi

mature (person), to be - gusesa akanguhe

maturity - umwero (esp. of harvest), ubuhame

May - Gicurasi, ukwezi kwa gatanu

me - jye, jyewe, jyeweho

meal - ifunguro

meal, to have - gufungura

means (of doing something) - ukuntu

measure - inshuro, urugero

measure, to - gupima, kugera

measureless - birenze urugero, kutagira ingano

meat - inyama

medicine - umuti

meditate, to - kuzirikana

meet, to - guhura, guterana, gukorana
meet, to go to - gusanganira

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

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

member of church - umunyetorero

member of council - umujyanama

mercenary - umucanshuro

mercy - imbabazi

merely - -sa (bisa, basa, etc.)

message - ubutumwa

metal - icyuma

method - uburyo, ukuntu

middle, midst - hagati
in middle of lake - imuhengeri

middle age (30-50) - ubukwerere, imikwerere

midnight - igicuku

might (strength) - ukuboko

mildew - uruhumbu

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

milk, to - gukama

milk pot - inkongora

millet - ururo, uburo

million - agahumbagiza, miliyoni

mind, to lose one's - gusara

mine - -anjye (uwanjye, ibyanjye, etc.)

minute - idakika, iminota
just a minute - henga, reka

minute (tiny) - -zinya (kanzinya)

miracle - igitangaza

mirror - indorerwamo

miscalculate, to - gucikwa

misery - ubutindi

misfortune - akaga, amakuba

miss, to (absent) - gusiba
miss someone, to - gukumbura

Miss - Madamuzera

mistake - ifuti

mistake, to make - gufudika, gucikwa
mistaken, to be - kuyoberwa

mistrust, to - gukenga, kwishisha

mix, to - kuvanga

mixture (e.g. medicine, shoe polish, etc.) - umuti

moan, to - kuganya

mock, to - gushinyagura, gusebya

mockery - agashinyaguro

moisten, to - kubobera

mold - uruhumbu

mold bricks or clay, to - kubumba

moment, brief - akanya

Monday - ku wa mbere

money - amafaranga, ifeza, impiya, inota

monkey (small gray) - inkende

month - ukwezi
January - Mutarama
February - Gashyantare
March - Werurwe
April - Mata
May - Gicurasi
June - Kamena
July - Nyakanga
August - Kanama
September - Nzeli
October - Ukwakira
November - Ugushingo
December - Ukuboza

moon - ukwezi
light of moon - umwezi

more, to do - kurushaho, kurushiriza
more than, to be - gusāga
more, what's - byongeye kandi

moreover - kandi, ndetse, byongeye kandi

morning - igitondo

mosquito - umubu
mosquito netting - agatimba

mostly - cyane cyane

mother (my) - mama, umukecuru wanjye
(your) - nyoko, umukecuru wawe, wanyu
(his, her, their) - nyina

mother-in-law (my, our) - mabukwe
(your) - nyokobukwe
(his, her, their) - nyirabukwe

motorcycle - ipikipiki

mountain - umusozi
mountain (high) - ikirunga
mountain top - impinga

mouse - imbeba

mouth (inside) - akanwa

mouth, to open - kwasama

move (int.), to - kujegajega, kwinyagambura

move, to (dwelling) - kwimuka
move about, to - gutembera
move aside, to (to permit passage) -

kuberereka, kubisa
move on farther, to - kwicuma
move to one side, down, to (tr.) - gutsura

Mr. - Bwana

Mrs. - Madamu

much - cyane, -inshi (byinshi, etc.)

much, to be too - gukabya

mud - urwondo, ibyondo, uburongo

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

murderer - umwicanyi

murmur, to - kwivovota, kwijujuta (discontent)

music - imuzike, umuziki

must - -kwiriye, kugomba

my - -anjye (wanjye, byanjye, etc.)

myself - ubwanjye, jyenyine

mystery - ubwiru, urujijo

N

nail - umusomari, umusumari

nail, to - gushimangira

naked - gusa, ubusa

naked, to go - kugenda gusa
naked, to be - kwambara ubusa

name - izina

name, to - kwita

narrative - igitekerezo

narrow, to be - gufungana

nation - ishyanga (amahanga)

national (person) - umwene gihugu

native - kavukire

nature - kavukire, kamere, imiterere

nausea - iseseme

navel - umukōndo

near - hafi, bugufi, (with object) hafi ya
nearby - hafi, bugufi

nearly - hafi

necessary, to be - gukwira
e.g. it's necessary - birakwiriye

neck - ijosi

need - ubukene
need, urgent - inkeke

need, to - kugomba

needle - urushinge

needy, to be - gukena

neglect, to - kwirengagiza, kurangārana (esp. person)
I neglected to do it - byanciyeho

negligence - uburangazi

neighbor - umuturanyi, umuturage

neighborhood - umuhana, igiturage

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

nest - icyari

nest, to make - kwarika

net, fishing - urushundura

netting (mosquito) - agatimba

never - ntabwo

never, to have - kwigera (in negative)
e.g. sinigeze mbona - I've never seen

nevertheless - nyamara

new - -shya (gishya, rushya, etc.)
new, something - inzaduka

news - inkuru, amakuru

newspaper - ikinyamateka, akabarankuru

next (in ref. to time) - gutaha
next day - bukeye
next month - ukwezi gutaha
next week - icyumweru gitaha

nice - neza, -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)

niece - umusengeneza
daughter of man's sister - umwishywa

night - ijoro, n'ijoro
the night before - bucya

nine - icyenda

ninety - mirongwicyenda, mirongurwenda

no - oya, nta, ashwi (emphatic), ashwi da!

nobleman - imfura (impfura)

nod, to - guhunikira (sleepy)

noise - urusaku, urwamo (voices), umuriri

noise, to make - gusakuza

none - nta

nonplussed, to be - gushoberwa, kugwa mu kantu

noon - ku manywa

no one - nta we

north - mu majyaruguru

nose - izuru

nostril - izuru

not - nta, si
not at all - na gato, haba na gato, haba na busa, namba
not in the least - na hato

nothing - nta cyo
nothing, for - ubusa, ku busa

notice - itangazo

notice, to - -ruzi (no infinitive)

nourished, well - umushishe

November - Ugushingo, ukwezi kwa cumi na kumwe

now - ubu
right now - ubungubu, ubu nyine
and now - none
now and then - rimwe na rimwe

number - umubare

nurse, to (int.) - konka
nurse, to (tr.) - konsa

O

oar - ingashyi

obey, to - kumvira (a person)
kwitondera (law, command)

observe, to - kuziririza

obstinate, to be - kutava ku izima

obvious, to be - kwihandagaza

occasionally - rimwe na rimwe

occupied, to be - guhugīra

ocean - inyanja

October - Ukwakira, ukwezi kwa cumi

off with you! - hoshi!

offer, to - gutanga (as in church)
offer a gift, to - gutura

offering - ituro

office - ibiro

often - kenshi
how often? - kangahe?

oil - amavuta

ointment, perfumed - amadahano

old, to become - gusaza; -kuru

old man - umusaza, umukambwe

old woman - umukecuru

olive, wild - umunzenze

omit, to - gusiba

on - ku

once - rimwe
once upon a time there was - hāriho
once and for all - byimazeyo

one - -mwe

onion - ubutunguru (or, igi-, or, uru-)

only - gusa, ubusa, -nyine

open, to - gukingura, gufungura, kuzibura
open (as flower), to - kurumbura
open, to become - kuzibuka
open the mouth, to - kwasama

openly - ku mugaragaro
openly, to speak - kwerura

operate (medical), to - kubaga

opportunity - uburyo

oppose, to - kuzira

oppress, to - gupyinagiza

oppressed (with burden), to be - gushengurwa

or - cyangwa

orange (fruit) - indimu ya oranji, icunga
(color) - igaju

ordain, to - kurobanura

order - gahunda
order that, in - kugirango

order, to put in - kuringaniza

order, to - gutegeka

orderliness - gahunda

ordinarily - ubusanzwe

ordinary people, the - rubanda rwa giseseka

organization - gahunda
(in sense of group) - ishyaka (e.g. U.N.)

origin - inkomoko
get one's origin from, to - gukomora

ornament, to - gutaka

ornaments, to wear - kurimba

orphan - imfubyi

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

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

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

out of - mu

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

outside (of house) - hanze, inyuma

outside, to go - gusohoka

oven (underground, for drying bananas) - urwina

over - hejuru ya

over and above, to be - gusaguka

over there - hariya

overcharge, to - guhenda

overcome, to - gutsinda

overflow, to - gusesekara, gusāga
overflowing, to be - gusaguka

overlook, to - kwirengagiza

oversee, to - kugenzura, gupereereza

overturn, to - guhirika

owl - igihunyira

own, to - gutunga

own (one's own...) - bwite

owner of - nyira

P

pack, to - gupakira

pad, grass (to use on head for carrying load) - ingata

paddle - ingashyi

pagan - umupagani

page - urupapuro

pail - indobo

pain - ububabare, umubabaro
pain, to have - kuribwa, kubabara

paint - irangi
paint, to - gusīga irangi

palm of hand - urushyi

palm oil - amamesa

palm tree - umukindo

pan, cooking - isafuriya

panel, solar energy - ikidasesa

pants - ipantalo

papaya - ipapayi

paper - urupapuro, urukaratasi
newspaper - akabarankuru

parable - umugani

pardon - imbabazi

parent - umubyeyi

part - igice, igika, uruhare
(esp. part received) - umugabane

part in, to have - kugira uruhare

part with, to - gutandukana

participation - uruhare

partnership - ubusābane

partridge - inkwari

party, to have - gucura urugomo

party (political) - ishyaka

pass by, to - guhita, kunyura
pass along, to - kunyura, guca
pass away, to - guhanguka

pass beyond, to - kurenga
pass the night, to - kurara
pass through, to - guca, kunyura
pass through, to make - kuboneza

passage, to permit - kuberereka, kubisa

passer-by - umuhisi

past - ibihe byashize

past, to go - kurenga

pasture - ubwatsi, urwuri

pasture, to - kurisha

patch - ikiremu

path - inzira

patient, to be - kwihangana

pay (n.) - umushahara, igihembo

pay, to - guhemba, gutanga
pay debt, to - kwishyura
pay dowry, to - gukwa

pay attention, to - kwita ku

pay ransom, to - gucungura

peace - amahoro

peaceful, to be - gutuza

peak, mountain - impinga

peanut - ikinyobwa, akabemba

peas - amashaza

peel, to (with knife) - guhata
(with fingers) - gutonora

penalty, to make pay the - kuryoza

pencil - ikaramu

penetrate, to - kumena, gucengera
(as perfume, etc.) - gusāba
penetrate, to make - gucengeza

pension - ubwiteganirize

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

pepper - ipiripiri, urusenda (hot)

perfect (n., adj.) - indakemwa

perfect, to - gutunganya

perfect, to be - gutungana

perfume - amarashi

perhaps - ahari, wenda, ubanza, yenda

period (or comma) - akabago, akadomo, akitso

period, to have (female) - kuba mu mugongo

perish, to - kurimbuka

permission - uruhushya

permission, to ask for - gusaba uruhushya

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

persecute, to - kurenganya, gutoteza

persevere, to - gushishikara

person - umuntu

personnalité civile - ubuzima-gatozi

perspiration - icyuya

perspire, to (heavily)- kubira icyuya

persuade, to try to - guhendahenda

pester, to - kujujubya

photograph - ifoto

photograph, to - gufotora

phrase - interuro

pick, to - gusoroma
(as corn) - guca
pick out, to - gutoranya
pick up, to - gutora
pick up here and there, to - gutoragura

picture - ishusho

picture, to take - gufotora

piece - igice

piece of something broken - igisate

pierce, to - gutobora

pig - ingurube

pigeon - inuma

pile carefully, to - kurundarunda

pile together, to - kurunda

pillage - amahugu

pillage, to - gusahura

pillow - umusego

pillow, to lie on - kwisegura

pin - umusomari, umusumari

pincher ants - intozi

pineapple - inanasi

pipe (water) - umuheha
(tobacco) - inkono y'itabi

pit - umwobo

pity - impuhwe

place - ahantu
at one place - hamwe
at some places - hamwe na hamwe
high place - ahirengeye
in the place of - ikigwi, icyimbo

place, to - guhingutsa
place above, to - kumanika
place an object, to - gutereka
place on top of, to - kugereka
place near, to - kubangikanya

placenta - ingobyi

plain (near river, lake) - ikibaya

plain, to make - kwerura

plan - integuro, umugambi, ubugenere
plans - imishinga

plan for, to - kugambirira, guteganya, kugena

plane, to - kubāza

plant - imbuto

plant, to - gutera
plant small seeds, to - kubiba

plantation - ishyamba

planter - umubibyi

plaster, to - guhoma

plate - isahane

play, to - gukina

play an instrument, to - kuvuza, gucuranga

play cow game (igisoro), to - kubuguza

playground - ikibuga

plead, to - kuburana (at court)
plead with, to - kwinginga

please, to - kunezeza, kunezereza

plunder, to - gusahura

pocket - umufuka, umupfuka

poet - umusizi

poison - uburozi

poke fun at, to - gucyocyora

police agent - umuporisi

polish, to - guhanagura

politeness - ikinyabupfura, ubupfura

political party - ishyaka

ponder, to - kuzirikana

pool - ikizenga, icyuzi

poor, to be - gukena

poor man (person) - umukene

poorly - nabi

possess, to - gutunga
possess a person, to - guhanga umuntu
possessed by, to be - guhangwaho

possessions - ubutunzi
possession - ubwatsi, isambu, umutungo
(money) - imari

possessor of - nyira

possible, to be - gushoboka
it's possible that. . . - ubanza

post (mail) - iposita

pot (clay cooking) - inkono
(cooking) - isafuriya
(small clay) - urwabya
(water pot) - ikibindi

potato, sweet - ikijumba
potato, white - ikirayi

pour, to - gusuka

poverty - ubukene, umukeno (strong word), ubutindi

powder - ifu

power - imbaraga, ububasha, ubushobozi

power, to have - kubasha

practice - umugenzo

practice, to - kwitoza

praise (n.) - ishimwe

praise, to - gushima, guhimbaza, gusingiza, kurata

pray, to - gusenga, gusaba, kwambaza Imana

prayer - isengesho, ishengesho

preach, to - kubwiriza

precede, to - kubanziriza, gutanga

precursor - amendeze

pregnancy - inda

pregnant, to be - gutwita

prepare, to - gutegura
prepare for, to - guteganya
prepare plans (projects), to - gutegura imishinga

present (gift) - impano

pretend to love, to - gukunda urumamo

pretty - -iza (mwiza, beza, etc.)

prevent, to - kubuza, gukoma

prey, bird of - igisiga

price - ikiguzi, igiciro

pride - ubwibone, ubwirasi

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

prince - igikomangoma

principal (important) - imena

print, to - gucapa

printed, to have - gucapisha

prior to - mbere

priority - uburenganzira

prison - umunyororo, inzu y'imbohe

prisoner - imbohe, umuyororo, imfungwa

problem - ingorane

procrastinate, to - kwirengagiza

produce abundantly, to - kurumbuka

professor - umwarimu, umwigisha

profit (increase) - inyungu
(benefit) - akamaro

profit, to - kunguka, gucuruza

progress - amajyambere
progress, to hinder - kudindiza

prohibit, to - kubuza

project - umugambi, umushinga, imishinga

promise - isezerano

promise, to - gusezerana

proof - intangamugabo, gihamya

prop up, to - gushyigikira

property - isambu, ubukebe
property father gives to son when he marries - umunani
property, personal - umwihariko

prophesy, to - guhanura

prophet - umuhanuzi

prosperity - ishya n'ihirwe

protect, to - gukuyakuya, gukoma, kurinda

proud, to be - kwirata, kwibona

proverb - umugani

provocation - amakimbirane

Psalm - Zaburi

public - rubanda

publicly - ku mugaragaro, mu ruhame

publish, to - kwamamaza, kogeza, kuranga

pull, to - gukurura
pull out (as stakes in ground), to - gushingura
pull out by roots, to - kurandura
pull out of fire (water), to - kurohora

pumpkin - igihaza, umwungu

punctuation mark - akadomo

punish, to - guhana

punishment - igihano

pupil - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri

pupil of eye - imboni

pure, to be - kwera
pure, to make - kuboneza, kweza

purify oneself, to - kwiboneza, kwiyeza, kwisukura

purity of heart - (u)kwezwa

purple - umuhengeri (rarely used)

purpose - impamvu, intego, ubugenere

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

purse - umufuka, umupfuko

pus - amashyira

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

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

puzzled, to be - gushoberwa, guhera mu rungabangabo

Q

quality - umuco

quantity - ubwinshi

quarrel - amahane, intonganyi

quarrel, to - gutongana

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

question - ikibazo

question, to - kwiburanya
question, to ask - kubaza

quickly - vuba, bwangu, n'ingoga

quiet, to be - gutuza, guhora, guceceka

quiet, to make - guturisha, guhendahenda

R

rabbit - urukwavu

race (people) - ishyanga

rack - igitanda

rain - imvura

rain, to (fine) - gutonyanga
it's raining - imvura iragwa
make sound of approaching rain, to - guhorera

rainbow - umukororombya

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

raise animals, to - korora (Fr. élevage)

raise eyes (head), to - kurarama, kubura

raise from dead, to - kuzura

raise voice, to - kurangurura

ransom - incungu, inshungu

ransom, to - gucungura

rape, to - gukinda

rat - imbeba

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

raw - -bisi (bibisi, etc.)

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

read, to - gusoma

ready, to be - kuba witeguye

really - by'ukuri, impamo

rear a child, to - kurera

reason - impamvu, igituma

reason about, to - kwiburanya

rebel - umugome

rebel (openly), to - kugoma

rebellion - ubugome

rebuke, to - gucyaha, gutonganya, kwiyama

recall, to - kwibuka

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

recently - vuba, vub'aha

recently, to have done - guheruka
e.g. sindaheruka kukubona - I haven't seen you recently.

reclaim, to - kwaka

recompense - ingororano

recompense, to - kugororera, kwitura

reconcile, to - kunga

record (phonograph) - idiski, isahane y'ifono

record, to - kwandika

recount to, to - gutekerereza

red, to be - gutukura

redeem, to - gucungura

redeemer - umucunguzi

reed (swamp of reeds) - urubingo

reflect light, to - kurabagirana

refrain from, to - kureka

refugee - impunzi

refuse, to - guhakana, kwanga

regain sight, to - guhumuka

region - ikirere, intāra

reign - ingoma

reinforce, to - gusongora, gushimangira

rejoice, to - kwishima
(over what you've seen) - kwishima
(over what you're told) - kunezerwa

rejoice, to cause to - kwizihiza

related, to be - -fitana (no inf.) isano, gupfana

relationship - umushyikirano

relationship with, to have - gushyikirana na

relative - umuvandimwe, mwene wacu, wanyu, wabo

relax, to - guhwema

release, to - kurekura

relinquish gradually, to - gutezuka

rely on, to - kwiringira

remain, to - kuguma, guhama
remain behind, to - gusigara

remember, to - kwibuka

remind, to - kwibutsa

remind often of one's faults, to - gucyurira umuntu

remove from cross (or from pegs), to - kubambura

renew, to - kuvugurura

rent - ihoro

rent, to receive - guhoza

repair, to - kuvugurura

repay, to - kwishyura
repay good, to - kwitura ineza
repay evil, to - kwitura inabi

repeat, to - kongera, gusubira

repeatedly - hato na hato

repent, to - kwihana

repercussion - ingaruka

replace, to - gusimbura
replace temporarily, to - guhagararira

replacement, temporary - agateganyo

reply, to - gusubiza

report, to give - gutanga raporo

reports, false - impuha

represent, to - guhagararira

representative - umuvugizi

reprimand, to - gucyaha

reproach - amakemwa

reproach, to - kuziza

rescind (vote), to - gushingura

rescue, to - gukiza

resemblance - isāno

resemble, to - gusa, kumera nka

resist, to - kwangirira

resound, to make - kuvuza

respect - icyubahiro

respect, to - kubaha

respect, to not - kubahuka

responsibility - umurimo, inshingano, umwitwarariko

rest, to - kuruhuka, guhwema

restitution, to make - kwishyura

restore sight, to - guhumura

result - ingaruka

resumé, to give - guhina

resurrect, to - kuzuka (int.), kuzura (tr.)

resurrection - kuzuka, izuka, umuzuko

return, to - kugaruka (where speaker is), gusubira (where speaker is not)
return from, to - gukuka
return from wandering, to - kubunguka, guhabuka
return good to, to - kwitura umuntu ineza
return something, to - gusubiza

reveal, to - guhishura

reveal publicly, to - gusambura

revenge, desire for - inzika

reverence, to - kubaha

revile, to - gutuka

revive, to - kuvugurura

reward, to - kugororera, kwitura

rhythm - gahunda

rice - umuceri

rich, to be - gutunga, gukira

rich person - umukire
esp. in cattle - umutunzi

esp. in produce - umukungu

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

ride, to - kugendera ku

ridicule, to - kurengurana, gushinyagura

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

right, to be - gutungana

righteous, to be - gukiranuka

righteous person - umukiranutsi

rights - uburenganzira

ring - impeta

rinse, to - kunyuguza

riot - imvururu

rip, to - gushishimura (tr.)

ripe, to be - gushya

ripen, to - kwera, guhīsha

rise (from lying position), to - kubyuka
rise (sun), to - kurasa, kuva

ritual - umuhango

river - uruzi

road - umuhanda

roast (in fire), to - kōtsa

robber - umwambuzi

robbing by force - amahugu

robe - ikanzu

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

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

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

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

rooster - isake

root - umuzi

rope - umugozi

rot, to - kubora

round-about-way - inzira y'uruboko

rout, to - kuganza

row - umurongo, umusitari

row (boat), to - kuvugama, kugashya

royal - icyami

rub, to - guhanagura, gusīga
rub hard (as to polish), to - gutsirita

rubber - umupira

rug - umusāmbi

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

rule - itegeko

rule, to - gutegeka, gutwara

rumors - impuha

run, to - kwiruka
run after, to - kwirukana

run fast, to (esp. to avoid being beaten) - kuyabangira ingata
run very fast, to - kwirukanka

rural - icyaro

rush upon, to - kwiroha

rust - ingese

rusty, to become - kuzana ingese

S

sack - igunira, umufuka, umupfuka, isaho, uruhago (small woven)

sacrifice - igitambo

sacrifice, to - gutamba, kwigomwa

sad, to be - kubabara, kugira ishavu
sad, to appear - kwijima
sad, to make - gushengura, gushavuza

sadness - umubabaro, ishavu

safe and sound - -taraga (adj.)

sake of, for - kubwa

salary - igihembo, imihemberwe, umushahara

saliva - amacandwe

salt - umunyu

salvation - agakiza
salvation, source of - amakiriro

same - kimwe, hamwe, etc.

sand - umucanga, umusenyi

sandal - inkweto

sandals, to wear - gukweta
sandals, to take off - gukwetura

satisfactory - neza, -iza (mwiza, etc.)

satisfied, to be - guhaga, kwishima

satisfy, to - guhaza, gukungahaza

Saturday - ku wa gatandatu

sauciness - amahane

save, to - gukiza
save (as money), to - kuzigama
save from being wiped out (as family name), to - gucikura
save (from danger, death), to - kurokora
save from danger, to try to - kurengera

saved, to be - gukizwa, kurokoka

saved ones - abarokore

saves, thing that - amakiriro

savior - umukiza

saw - umusumeno, umusomeno, urukero

say, to - kuvuga
saying - -ti (ati, bati, etc.)

scar - inkovu
scar from cut - indasago

scatter, to - gusandara (int.)(things)
gusandaza (tr.)

scattered (people, animals), to be - gutatana

schedule - ingengabihe

school - ishuri
para-primary - ishuri ry'ingoboka
primary - ishuri ribanza
secondary - ishuri ryisumbuye
university - ishuri rikuru

scold, to - guhana, guhanura, gutonganya, gucyaha (quietly), gukankamira (loudly)

scorn, to - kugaya, kunegura, guhinyura

scorpion - indyanishamurizo

scrape, scratch soil, to - guharura

scratch, to - gushima
scratch oneself, to - kwishima

scribe - umwanditsi

scrub (brush) - igihuru

scrutinize, to - gusuzuma

sea - inyanja

search, to - gushaka
search diligently, to - gushakashaka

season, dry (long, June-Sept.) - icyi
(short, Dec.-Jan.) - urugaryi
season, beginning of dry - impeshyi

season, rainy (Sept. - Nov.) - umuhindo
(March - May) - itumba

seat - icyicaro

second - uwa kabiri, icya kabiri, etc.

second a motion, to - gusongera, gushyigikira

secret - ibanga
secret (strong word) - ubwiru

secretary - umwanditsi

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

see, to - kureba, kubona, kuruzi
see something briefly, to - guca iryēra
see suddenly, to - kurabukwa

seed - imbuto

seeing that - ubwo

seek, to - gushaka
seek after (as goal), to - kurangamira
seek chance to "get" somebody, to - kugenzereza

seems that..., it - ubanza

seer - umuhanuzi

seize, to - gufata, gusumira

seize property of another, to - guhuguza

seized with terror, to be - gukangarana

self - ubwa (use reflexive)

self-love - kwikunda

self-respect - ubwiyubahe

self-surrender - kwitanga

selfish, to be - kwikanyiza

sell, to - kugurisha

send, to - kōhereza, gutuma
send away, to - guheza
send back (as cows), to - gucyura
send wife away publicly, to - gusenda

senior - -kuru (mukuru, bakuru, etc.)

sentence (gram.) - inshinga, interuro

separate, to - gutandukana (int.),
gutandukanya (tr.), gusobanura (tr.)

September - Nzeri, ukwezi kwa cyenda

seriously, to not take - guteta

servant - umugaragu (male), umuja (female)

serve, to - gukorera, guhakwa
serve meal to guests, to - kuzimana

session (as of conference) - icyiciro

set (sun), to - kurenga
set aside, to - kurobanura
set eyes on, to - kurabukwa
set fire to, to - gutwika

set a time, to - kugena igihe
set (trap), to - gutega

seven - -rindwi, ndwi (with 3rd & 6th cl.)

seventy - mirongwirindwi

sever, to - guca

several - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.)

severity - umwaga

sew, to - kudoda

sex (male, female) - igitsina cy'abantu

shade - igicucu

shadow - igicucu

shake, to - gutigisa (tr.), kujegajega (int.)
shake (as earth), to - kunyeganyega (int.)
shake (as person), to - guhinda umushitsi (int.)
shake (as rug), to - gukunguta, gukunkumura (tr.)

shake hands, to - gukora mu ntoki

shake (object) hard, to - gucugusa, gukuka

shake head, to - kuzunguza

shallow - -gufi (kigufi, etc.)

shame - isoni

shape - ishusho

share, to - gusangira

sharp, to be - gutyara

sharpen, to - kunagura, gutyaza

shave, to - kogosha

she - we, a- (as verb prefix)

sheep - intama

sheet - ishuka

shell, to - gutonora, guhungura

shelter, temporary - ingando
shelter from rain - ubwugamo

shelter, to seek - kugama

shepherd - umwungeri

shepherd, to - kuragira

shield, to - gukingiriza

shine, to - kwaka, kumurika, kubengerana
(sun) - kuva
(reflected light) - kurabagirana

shipwreck - uburohame

shirt - ishati

shoe - ikirato, inkweto

shoes, to wear (put on) - gukweta

shoot, to - kurasa

shop - iduka, imangazini

shop (for food), to - guhaha

shore - imusozi, inkombe, umwaro, inkuka

short - -gufi (mugufi, kigufi, etc.)

short cut - inzira y'ubusamu

short dress (very) - umwenda w'amahenure

should - -kwiriye, kugomba, kurinda

shoulder - igitugu

shout, to - gutaka, gusakuza, gutera (ijwi) hejuru, kurangurura, gusakabaka

shout of joy - impundu

shove, to - guhirika

show, to - kwereka, kugaragaza, kumurikwa
show oneself, to - kwiyereka

shrivelled, to be (arm, leg) - kunyunyuka

shut, to - gukinga, gufunga

sibling - umuvandimwe, mwene nyina (se)

sick person - umurwayi

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

sickle - umuhoro

sickness - indwara

side - uruhande, iruhande
on this side - hino
on this side of water - hakuno
on other side of water - hakurya

sieve - akayunguruzo

sift, to - gushungura

sigh, to - gusuhuza umutima

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

sign - ikimenyetso

sign language - amarenga, guca amarenga

signal to come, to - kurembuza

silence - ituza

silence, to - guturisha, gutwama

silent, to be - gutuza, guceceka, kwihorera

silently - bucece

silver - ifeza

similarity - ihuriro, isāno

sin - icyaha, igicumuro

sin, to - gucumura, gukora icyaha

since - kuva, ko

sincerity - ubutariganya

sing, to - kuririmba

singular (gram.) - amamwe, buke

sinner - umunyabyaha

sip, to - gusoma

sir - bwana

sister - mwene nyina (se)
(of boy) - mushiki
(younger, of girl) - murumuna
(older, of girl) - mukuru

sit, to - kwicara

site, new - ubuvunnyi

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

sixty - mirongwitandatu

skill - ubuhanga, ubukorikori

skilled, to be - guhuguka

skilled person - umuhanga, impuguke

skin - uruhu
skin for carrying baby - ingobyi

skirt, long - umukenyero

sky - ikirere, ijuru

slander - igitutsi

slander, to - gutuka

slap - urushyi

slate - urubaho

slave - imbata

sleep, to - gusinzira

sleepiness - igitotsi

slide, to - guserebeka
slide down hill on banana trunk, to - gutsuka

slightly - buhoro

slip out (e.g. from pocket), to - gusosoroka

slow, to be - gutinda, gutindaganya

slowly - buhoro, buhoro-buhoro

small - -to, -toya (bato, bitoya, etc.)

smash, to - guhondagura

smear, to - gusīga

smell, to - kumva (tr.)
cause to smell good, to - guhumuza
smell good or bad, to - guhumura
smell bad, to - kunuka

smile, to - kumwenyura

smoke - umwotsi

snake - inzoka
one that bites at both ends - ikirumirahabiri

snare - umutego

sneeze, to - kwitsamura

so, so that - kugirango, ngo
and so - none
isn't it so - si byo?
so-and-so - kanaka, nyiranaka (fem.)

soak in water, to - gutumbika

soap - isabune

soft, to be - koroha

soil - ubutaka, igitaka
place where soil is thin - akāra

soldier - umusirikare, umusoda, ingabo

some - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.)
some places - hamwe na hamwe
sometimes - rimwe na rimwe, ubundi

son - umwana, umuhungu
son of - mwene (pl. bene)

song - indirimbo

soon - vuba, bidatinze, vubaha

soot - imbyiro

sore (as ulcer) - igisebe, igikomere, uruguma (fresh)

sore, to be - kubabara

sorrow - agahinda
deep sorrow - amajune

sort out, to - gusobanura

soul - ubugingo

sour, sharp - ikereta

sour, to be - kubīha

south - mu majyepfo

sow, to - kubiba

sower - umubibyi

space - umwanya

speak, to - kuvuga
speak evil of, to - gusebya
speak indistinctly, to - kudedemanga
speak plainly, clearly, to - gufobora
speak without thinking, to - guhomboka

spear - icumu

special, to be - kwiharira (for special

purpose)

speechless, to be - kudakoma

spend the night, to - kurara
spend night away from home, to - gucumbika
spend time, to - kumara

spill, to - kumena (tr.), kumeneka (int.)
gusesekara (int.)

spirit - umwuka
Holy Spirit - Umwuka Wera, Mwuka Muziranenge
spirit, ancestral - umuzimu
spirit, harmful ancestral - igisigo

spit - amacandwe

spit, to - gucira amacandwe
spit on, to - kuvundereza amacandwe

spoil, to - konona (tr.), kubora (int.)
spoil a child, to - gutetesha
spoil (as, cooked food), to - kugaga

spoiled, to be - kononekara

spoiled child - umutesi

spoon - ikiyiko, urupahu

spot - inenge

spread, to - gusāba (int.)
spread (as news), to - gukwira (int.), gukwiza (tr.), kogeza
spread everywhere, to - kwamamara (int.), kwamamaza (tr.)
spread grass, to - gusasa
spread out, to - kurambika

spring (of water) - isōko

spring up (water, blood), to - kududubiza

spy on, to - kugenza, gutata, kugenzura

squash - umwungu

squeeze, to - gukamura

stale, to be - kugaga

stammer, to - kugingimira

stamp - itembura

stand, to - guhagarara
stand up, to - guhaguruka
stand up, to cause someone to - guhagurutsa

star - inyenyeri

stare at, to - kurangamira, guhangana amaso

start, to - gutangira
start with, to - guhēra
start by, to - kubanza

startled, to be - gukanga

statistics - barura

stay, to - kuguma, guhama
stay a certain length of time, to - kumara

stead - ikigwi, icyimbo

steal, to - kwiba

step - intambwe

step, to - gutambuka
step on, to - gukandagira

steward - umujyanama, umunyabintu

stick - igiti
stick of fire-wood - urukwi
walking stick - inkoni

stick out (as, from pocket), to - gusosoroka

stiff, to make (i.e. to stiffen) - kugagaza

still - (use -racya- tense)

stingy, to be - kwikanyiza

stink, to - kunuka

stomach - igifu, inda

stone - ibuye

stoop down, to - kunama, kubama

stop, to - kureka, kurekeraho (int.), guhagarara (int.), guhagarika (tr.), kubuza (tr.), kurorera (int.)
stop! - buretse!
stop battle (argument), to - guhosha (tr.)
stop bleeding, to - gukama (int.)
stop boat, to - gutsīka (tr.)

stopper (as in bottle) - igipfundikizo

store (shop) - iduka, idukuru

store, to - kubika
store crops in granary, to - guhunika

storm of wind - ishuheri
storm on lake - umuhengeri

story - umugani, igitekerezo

story (floor) - igorofa

stout, to be - kubyibuha

stove - ifura, iziko

straight, to be - kugororoka, kweguka
straight, to make - kugorora

straighten up (erect), to - kweguka

strain (filter), to - kumimina, kuminina

strainer - akayunguruzo

strange, something - inzaduka

straw (drinking) - umuheha

stray, to - komongana

stream - umugezi

strength - intege, imbaraga

stretch out (arm), to - kurambura
stretch out (as lie down), to - kurambarara
stretch out (hide), to - kubamba

stretch tight, to - kurēga (tr.)

stretcher - ingobyi

strife - intambara

strike, to - gukubita
strike suddenly (unexpectedly), to - kugwa gitumo (see I Thess 5:3)

string - umugozi

strive for, to - guharanira, gutsura

strong, to be - gukomera
strong, to make - gukomeza

strong man - umunyamaboko, igikwerere

stubborn, to be - kudakurwa ku izima, kutava kw izima

stuck (in mud), to get - gusaya

student - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri

study, to - kwiga

study, manner of - imyigire

stumble, to - gusitara

stupid person - umuswa

sturdy, to be - gukomera

stutter, to - kugingimira

submerged, to be - kurengerwa

subtract, to - gukūra

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

successful, to be - gutsinda

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

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

suffering, not physical - umubabaro
suffering, physical - ububabare

suffice, to - gukwira, -hagije
it's sufficient - birahagije

sugar - isukari

sum paid to witchdoctor - ingemu

sum up, to - guhina

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

sun - izuba

sun, to put out in - kwanika
sun, to bring in from - kwanura

Sunday - ku cyumweru

sunset - ikirengazuba
near sunset time - igicamunsi

superbness - ihōho, akataraboneka

supervise, to - kugenga

supplementary - umugereta

support - inkunga, ubwishingizi

support, to - gutera inkunga, gushyigikira

suppose, to - kugirango, gukeka

surface (e.g. of square) - ubuso

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

surplus, to be a - gusāga, gusaguka

surprise, to - gutangaza, kugwa gitumo

surround, to - gukikiza, kugota, gutangatanga, gushungera

survive (a calamity), to - guhonoka

suspect, to - gukeka

suspicion, to - gukenga

suspicions - amakenga

sustain, to - gutera inkunga

swallow, to - kumira

swamp - igishanga

swamp of reeds - urubingo

swear (sense of oath), to - kurahira

sweat (n.) - icyuya

sweat, to - kubira icyuya

sweater - umupira

sweet potato - ikijumba

swell, to - kubyimba

swim, to - koga

swing (as children play in) - urucundo

swing, to - kwicunda

sword - inkota

sycamore tree - umuvumu

system - gahunda

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table - ameza, imeza

taboo, to be - kuzira

tail - umurizo

take, to - kwenda
take, go with, to - kujyana
take away, to - kuvana, gukura, gukuraho, gutwara
take away from, to - kwaka
take bribe, to - kurya ruswa, kwakira impongano
take by force, to - kunyaga
take clothes off another, to - kwambura
take from (certain place), to - kuvana
take hold of, to - gufata
take leave of, to - gusezera
take self off, to - kwigendera
take to someone, to - gushyīra

talk - ikiganiro

talk, to - kuvuga
talk against, to - guhinyura

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

tanner - umukannyi

tardy, to be - gutinda, gukererwa

task - umurimo

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

taunt, to - gucyurira umuntu

tax - umusoro, ikoro

tax collector - umukoresha w'ikoro, umusoresha

tea - icyayi

teach, to - kwigisha

teacher - umwigisha, umwarimu

teaching (lesson) - icyigisho
(doctrine) - inyigisho
(manner of teaching) - imyigishirize

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

tears - amarira, imyisozi

teaspoon - akayiko, akajyiko

technique (technical knowledge, skill) - impuguke

tell, to - kubwira, kuvuga
tell a lie, to - kubeshya

temple - urusengero

temporary - agateganyo

tempt, to - gushuka, gushāshuka, kugerageza, koshya

temptations - amoshya, ibigeragezo, ibishuko

ten - icumi

terrible, that's - ni ishano

terrified, to be - gukuka umutima

terror - impagarara

terror, to be seized with - gukangarana

test (n.) - ikizamini

test, to - kugerageza, gusuzuma, kugenzura

testament - isezerano

Old Testament - Isezerano rya Kera
New Testament - Isezerano Rishya

testify, to - guhamya

thank, to - gushima
thank for gift, to - gukura ubwatsi
thank you - (m)urakoze, nuko nuko, ndagushimye

that - ko, yuko
that (demonstrative) - uriya, uwo, wa, etc.

their - -abo (wabo, cyabo, etc.)

them - bo

then - nuko, rero, ubwo
and then - maze
then (remembered) - burya

there - aho, aha
here and there - hamwe na hamwe

therefore - none, niko, none rero, noneho

there is - hari

these - aba, iyi, izi, etc.

they - bo, ba- (as prefix)

thick - -nini

thief - umujura, umwambuzi, igisambo

thin - -to, -toya (muto, gitoya, etc.)

thin, to be - guhorota
(due to illness) - kunyunyuka

thing - ikintu

think, to - gutekereza, kugirango, kuzirikana, gukeka, kwibwira
think about (without speaking), to - kwiyumvira
I think that... - ubanza, ngira ngo, nibwira

thirst - inyota
thirsty, to be - kugira inyota

thirty - mirongwitatu

this - uyu, iki, etc.

thorn - ihwa

those - bariya, abo, ba, etc.

thought - igitekerezo
thought, to be in deep - kwiyumvira

thousand - igihumbi
ten thousand - inzovu
one hundred thousand - agahumbi

thrash around (as sick person), to - kwigaragura

thread - urudodo

threaten, to - kwihangiriza, gukangara, gukangisha

threatenings - ibikangisho

three - -tatu, eshatu (3rd & 6th cl.)

thrice - gatatu

throat - umuhogo

throw, to - gutera
throw at, to - gutērera
throw away, to - guta, kujugunya
throw behind one's back, to - kwirenza
throw down, to - gutura, kwesa
throw into water, to - kuroha

thumb - igikumwe

thunder - inkuba

thunder, to - guhinda

Thursday - ku wa kane

tie - umushumi

tie, to - kuboha, gupfundika
tie an animal, to - kuzirika
tie neck of sack, to - kuniga
tie up, to - guhambira
tie up boat, to - gutsīka

tick (insect) - ikirondwe

tile (floor) - isasa

tile (roof) - itegura

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

time, to set a - kugena igihe

times - inshuro
how many times? - kangahe?

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

tire - umupira

tired, to be - kuruha, kunanirwa

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

tobacco - itabi

today - none, uyu munsi

toe - ino

toenail - urwara

together - hamwe, kumwe
a get-together - iteraniro

together, to come - guterana

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

tomato - inyanya

tomb - imva, igituro

tomorrow - ejo
day after tomorrow - ejo bundi

tongue - ururimi

tool (metal) - icyuma

tooth - iryinyo

top (on the top) - hejuru

torment -agashinyaguro

totally - rwose

touch, to - gukoraho
touch with, to - gukoza

tower - umunara

town - umudugudu, ikirorero, umujyi

trade, to - gucuruza

trader - umucuruzi, umuhanjuzi

tradition - akarande

train (child), to - kurera

trait - ingeso

trample on, to - kuribata

transmit from one to another, to - guhererekanya

trap - umutego, rwagakoco (small)

trap, to set - gutega

traveller - umugenzi

traverse, to - kumena

tread on, to - gukandagira

treasury - imari

treat (medical), to - kuvura
take someone to be treated, to - kuvuza
treat (behavior), to - kugenza, gufata
treat unjustly, to - kurenganya
treat very badly, to - guhemura
treat wounds, to - gukomora

treats illness, one who - umuvuzi

tree - igiti
tree, base of - igishitsi

tremble, to - guhinda umushitsi
(as earth) - kunyeganyega

trembling - umushitsi, igishitsi

trial - urubanza

tribe - ubwoko

tribunal - urukiko

trick, to - kuriganya

trickery - uburiganya

triumph, to - kunesha, gutsinda

trouble, to - kurushya, gutoba
trouble, to cause - gutera amahane, gutāta
troubled, to be - guhagarika umutima, kugwa mu kantu

troubles - amakuba, ibyago, amagorwa

true - koko

truly - bwite, by'ukuri, mu by'ukuri

trunk of banana tree - umutumba

trust - icyingiro, ibwiringiro

trust, to - kwiringira, kwizera

truth - ukuri

try, to - kugerageza

Tuesday - ku wa kabiri

turaco - inkorongo

turn around, to - guhindukira (int.), guhindukiza (tr.)
turn away one's eyes, to - guhunza amaso
turn someone over to authority, to - kugabiza
turn toward, to - kwerekera
turn upside down, to - kubika

twenty - makumyabiri

twice - kabiri

twins - impanga

twist cords, to - guhotora, kubohekanya

twist forcibly, to - gucumba

two - kabiri, -biri

type - ubwoko

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

ulcer - igisebe

umbrella - umutaka

unable to do something, to be - kunanirwa

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

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

unconscious - intere

under - munsi ya

underneath - munsi

understand, to - kumva, gusobanukirwa

unexpected help - ingoboka

unexpectedly, to come (happen) - gutungura

unfairly, to treat - kurenganya

unfaithful to, to be - guhemuka, guhinyuka

unfortunate, to be - kugorwa

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

unjustly, to treat - kurenganya

unload, to - gupakurura

unlock, to - gukingura

unripe - -bisi, -toto

unsatisfactorily - nabi

unstop, to - kuzibura
unstopped, to become - kuzibuka

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

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

unwed mother - ikinyandaro

uproot, to - kurandura

upside down, to turn - kubika, gucurika, guhirika

us - twebwe, twe

use - akamaro, umumaro

use, to - gukoresha
use up, to - kumara
use up for nothing, to - gupfusha ubusa

usually - ubusanzwe

V

vacation - uruhushya

vaccination - urukingo, indasago

vagabond, to be a - kubuyera, kuraruka

vain, in - ku busa, ubusa, amāra masa

valley - akabande

valuable - ingenzi

value - akamaro, igiciro

vegetable - imboga, uruboga

verb - inshinga

verse - umurongo

very - cyane
very much - rwose
very well - henga

vicinity, in this - ino

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

villagers - abaturage

vines - umuzabibu
vineyard - uruzabibu

violent, to become - kurubira

virtue - umuco

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

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

visitor - umushyitsi

voice - ijwi
voice, loud - ijwi rirenga

volcano - ikirunga

vomit, to - kuruka

vote to do, to - gushinga
vote (in election), to - gutora
vote, to take a - gucisha mu majwi

vow, to - kurahira

vulture - inkongoro

W

wage - igihembo, umushashara

wail, to - kuganya, kuboroga

wait, to - gutegereza, guhagarara
wait! - buretse
wait for, to - kurindira, gutegereza

waken, to - gukangura (tr.), gukanguka (int.)

walk, to - kugenda
walk, to go for a - gutembera, kugendagenda

walking stick - inkoni

wall - igisika
(interior) -urusika
(exterior) - ikibambazi

wander about, to - kuzerera, kubuyera, komongana
find the way after wandering about, to - guhabuka
wander about without hope of finding the way, to - guhaba

want, to - gushaka

warm oneself by fire, to - kota

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

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

waste, to - gupfusha ubusa, kwangiza, gukerensa, gutagaguza

watch (clock) - isaha

watch, to - kuba maso, kurinda

watchman - umunyezamu, umuraririzi

water - amazi
water, to bring - kuvoma
water, to dip in (as finger) - kwibiza

water pot - ikibindi

waves - umuraba

way - inzira, uburyo
round-about-way - inzira y'uruboko
short-cut way - inzira y'ubusamu
way over there - hariya, -iriya

we - twebwe, twe
we alone - twenyine

weak, to be - kugira intege nke

weaken, to - gucogoza

weakness - intege nke

wealth - ubutunzi, ubukire, ubukungu

wealthy person - umutunzi, umukire

weapons - intwaro

wear, to - kwambara
wear ornaments, to - kurimba
wear out, to - gushira (int.)
wear sandals (shoes), to - gukweta

weary, to become - guhwema, kunanirwa, kuruha

weave, to - kuboha

wedding - ubukwe
wedding guest (groom's relative) - umusangwa

Wednesday - ku wa gatatu

weed, to - kubagara

weeds - ibyatsi bibi

week - icyumweru
last week - icyumweru gishize
next week - icyumweru gitaha
week days - iminsi y'imibyizi

weep, to - kurira

weigh, to - gupima, kugera

weighed down, to be - gushengurwa

welcome, to - kwakira

well (n.) - iriba

well, to get - gukira

well-being - imibereho

well up (water, blood), to - kududubiza

wet - -bisi

what - -ki, iki?
what it is - icy'ari cyo
what is more - byongeye kandi

wheat - ingano

wheel - ikigata

when - ubwo, igihe
when? - ryari?, gihe ki?

whenever - uko, iyo

where - he?, hehe?, aho

whereas - naho

whether - yuko, ari

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

whip (leather, rubber) - umukoba

whip, to - gukubita
(eggs, milk, etc.) -kuvuruga

whistle (n.) - urushyungute

whistle, to - gushyunguta

white - -era (cyera, etc.), igitare, umwere
white, exceedingly - -era de
white person - umuzungu

white, to be very - kwererana
white, to make - kweza

whiteness, dazzling - urwererane

who? - nde? (bande?, pl.)

whole - -ose (bose, cyose, etc.), -zima

wholeness - ubuzima

why? - ko, kuki?, n'iki gituma?
that's why - ni icyo gituma, bituma

wicked, to be - gukiranirwa

wide - -gari (hagari. etc.)

widow - umupfakazi

widow(er), to become a - gupfakara

width - ubwaguke, ubugari

wife - umugore, muka

wild animal - inyamaswa

wilderness - ubutayu

will (e.g. of God) - ubugenere, ubushake

willing, to be - kwemera

wilt, to - kuraba

win, to - gutsinda

wind - umuyaga

window - idirisha

windstorm - ishuheri

wine - vino

wing - ibaba

winnow, to - gushungura

wire - umukwege

wisdom - ubwenge

witch doctor - umupfumu

witchcraft - uburozi

with - na

withdraw quickly, to - kwikubura

withered (arm, leg), to be - kunyunyuka

withhold, to - kwima

withstand, to - guhangana

witness (male or female) - umugabo
    witness (words) - ubuhamya

witness, to - guhamya, guhamiriza

woman (married) - umugore
    (old) - umukecuru
    (young) - umwār i

wonder at, to - gutangara

wonderful, to be - gutangaza
    something wonderful - igitangaza

woo, to - kureshya

wood - inkwi (for fire)

word - ijambo
    word, final - umwanzuro
    words, idle; just talk - uburondogozi

work - akazi, umurimo

work, to - gukora

working, manner of - imikorere

workman - umukozi
    workman, skilled - umufundi

workshop (sense of study) - ihuguriro

world - isi

worm - inzoka
    worm, tiny - urunyo

worried, to be - guhangayika, kubunza umutima, kwiganyira

worries - amaganya

worry - inkeke

worship, to - gusenga, kuramya Imana

worth - igiciro

worthy, to be - -kwiriye

wound - uruguma, igikomere

wounded, to be - gukomereka

wrap, to - gupfuka, guhambira, gupfunya
    wrap around oneself, to - kwifubika

wring out, to - gukamura
    wring the neck, to - guhotora

wrinkle (in clothes, paper, face) - umunkanyari

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

Y

year - umwaka

yeast - umusemburo

yell (pain, sorrow), to - kuboroga

yellow - umuhondo

yes - yego, yee

yesterday - ejo
    day before yesterday - ejo bundi

yet - nyamara

you - wowe, mwebwe, mwe
    you alone - (s.) wenyine; (pl.) mwenyine

young - -to, -toya (muto, bitoya)

young lady (unmarried) - inkumi

young man (unmarried) - umusore

young person - ingaragu

young of animal - icyana

your - -anyu (pl.)
    -awe (s.)

youth - ubusore, urubyiruko

Z

zeal - umwete, umuhati, ishyaka, ubwuzu

zealous, to be - kugira umwete

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