

ABANDON gu-haruruka

ABANDONED (field) iki-rare
(wife) in-tābga

ABDOMEN in-da

ABILITY ubu-bāsha, ubu-shobozi
(to not be equal in) gu-sūmbana

ABLE (to be) gu-shobora, ku-bāsha

ABNORMAL (to be) ku-jūjūta

ABOUND (esp. insects) ku-jagata

ABOUT (to look all about) ku-raraguza
(to turn) vt ku-zūnguza
(to turn) vt ku-zūnguriza

ABOVE hejuru
(to be) gu-hanama
(to be in excess) gu-sāguka

ABRASION (to strike another and
peel off the skin) ku-ramura

ABSCESS igi-hute

ABSENT (to be) gu-sība
(to cause to be) gu-sībīsha,
gu-sīvya

ABSOLUTELY de, dede, me, pe,
rwōse

ABSORB ku-bōmbeka
(to be absorbed) ku-yōnga

ABUNDANCE ubu-kenuke
(to have) ku-dibama, gu-hīmba,
gu-kenuka

ABUNDANT (to be) ku-gwīra,
gu-sāga, gu-sāguka
(to have abundant leaves and
branches) gu-sagaba

ABUSE gu-shinyagurira
(one formerly loved) ku-ryārukana

ACCEPT kw-emera
(to cause to) kw-emeza
(a decision in spite of oneself)
ku-janirana, ku-janiranwa
(not accept helpful suggestions)
gu-tagara
(not accept judgment rendered)
ku-dadika, gu-tagara

ACCIDENT (to barely escape)
gu-hakwa
(to fall on spear) gu-shōka

ACCOMPANY kw-āmbukana,
ku-gendanira, gu-herekeza
(to be accompanied to wedding, as
bride is) gu-shīngirwa

ACCOMPLICE (one who keeps police
occupied while one sought escapes)
umu-rēmberezi

ACCOMPLISH (be zealous to)
gu-fūhira
(earnestness) i-fūhe
(not quit without accomplishing
a certain thing) gu-shirwa
(to be accomplished) ku-rangūka

ACCOUNT (on account of) kubga

ACCOUNTABILITY (to reach age of)
kw-āruka

ACCUMULATE (to add to what one
has) gu-sorōra

ACCUSATION iki-rēgo, ubu-rēzi

ACCUSE kw-āgiriza, ku-rēga
(falsely) ku-dendereza
(each other of spoiling a plan)
gu-tanakw ibirake

ACCUSER umu-rēzi

ACCUSTOMED TO, be ku-menyēra,
ku-mogorera

ACKNOWLEDGE kw-emera
(refuse to a. one's wrong)
ku-dadarara
(to oneself one's guilt) kw-īrimbūra

ACQUISITIONS ama-rōnko

ACQUIT kuregūra

ACT (as go-between) ku-rehereza
(as if to beat, but not do it)
ku-gera
(foolishly) kw-īfūtānya
gu-saragurika, ku-dāyāngwa
(foolishly in fun) gu-pfyina
(ignorantly) kw-īfūtānya
(indifferent) kw-īrengagiza
(secretly in fear) kw-ōmba

ADD ku-gereka, kugerekeranya,
gu-sukiranya, gu-tēranya
(little by little) gu-tororokanya
(to what one has) gu-sorōra

ADDRESS (the people, as king or other
authority) gu-cūra

ADHERE ku-mata
(to) kw-ōma

ADJACENT (to be) ku-bāngikana

ADJECTIVE in-gereka

ADMIT kw-emera
(to cause to) kw-emeza
(one's wrong to avoid being caught)
kw-īyagiriza

ADMONISH gu-hanura
(be willing to be admonished)
gu-kūrwakw ijāmba

ADOPT (a child) ku-rera

ADOPTED FATHER umu-rezi

ADORN gu-shariza, gu-shaza,
gu-shazīsha

ADROIT (to be more adroit than others)
ku-zīnga

ADULTERER umu-sāmbanyi

ADULTERY ubu-sāmbanyi
(to commit) gu-sāmbana
(euphemistically, of man)
kw-īsomōra
(to be pregnant through) gu-twāra
inda y'ishushu (or, indāro)

ADVICE in-āma, ingīngo
(to seek) ku-gīsha

ADVISE gu-hanūra, gu-hubūra,
ku-gira ināma

ADVOCATE umu-vunyi

AFFAIR uru-bānza

AFFECTION igi-kūndiro, ubu-kūnzi

AFFIRM gu-hamya

AFRAID (to be) gu-tīnya, kw-īkānga
(to make) gu-tēra ubgōba

AFTER inyuma, hanyuma

AFTERNOON (late, early evening)
umu-gorōba
(good afternoon!) mwīriwe

AFTERWARD hanyuma

AGAIN ukundi
(do again) kw-ongera, gu-subīra

AGAINST (to turn) gu-hinyura

AGE (to reach age of accountability)
kw-āruka
(to begin to get wrinkled with age)
gu-kāmba
(old age) ubu-kuru, zabukuru

AGILE (to be) gu-ciririka

AGILITY in-goga, ubu-kuba

AGITATE ku-zungagiza

AGO (long ago) kēra

AGONIZE gu-cikāna

AGONY (to be in) gu-sāmba

AGREE gu-hūza imitima, gu-hwānya
(a. to) kw-emera, gu-shīnga

AGREEMENT igi-kumu (gu-tēra
igikumu)
(to be in) ku-bgiririkanya,
gu-hwāna, gutātuka
(to reach an) gu-tegeranya

AHEAD (to go ahead a little)
kw-ūnguruza

AID gu-fasha
(to go to give things to one whose
house has burned) gu-suhūza

AIM urw-ēgo
(to aim at) gu-tūmbēra
(for) gu-tūmbereza
(and miss) gu-husha

AIR (v.) kw-ānikira
(n.) im-pwēmu, iki-rēre

AIRPLANE in-dēge (Sw.)

ALBINO nyamwero

ALERT (to be) ku-ba māso

ALIVE -zima
(to be still alive, of old people)
ku-dūndēga

ALL -ōse
(all right) ni ko
(together) ic-ārimwe

ALLIANCE (to help another overcome
an enemy) gu-kōndōrera

ALLOW gu-kūndira, ku-reka
(to go) ku-rekura
(to pass) ku-bisa
(another to dominate) gu-harira
(another to pass) ku-bisiriza
(allow me) enda

ALONE -sa
(to be) kw-īherēra
(to do) kw-īgūnga

ALSO kāndi

ALTAR igi-caniro, ic-ōtero, igi-tabo

ALTERNATE ku-nyurana

ALTHOUGH naho

ALWAYS na ntāryo
(always do) kw-āma, gu-hora
(always have) gu-horana

AMASS a lot ku-rūndarūnda

AMAZE gu-tangāza

AMAZEMENT (to do something that
causes pleasure or amazement)
gu-samāza

AMENDS (to make) ku-riha,
kw-īcungura

AMONG mu, muri

AMOUNT (of assigned work) iki-vi

AMUSED (to be, child) ku-dāga
(to be secretly) gu-twēngera
mw ijigo

ANCESTOR (my, your, our)
sōgokuruza, sōkuruza
(his, their) sēkuruza

ANCESTRY iny-āmo

AND (for connecting clauses)
kāndi, uteko
(for connecting words in a series)
na
(preceding an infinitive or mu or
ku) no

ANGEL umu-maraika (Sw.)

ANGER ubu-rake, ubu-rakari,
i-shavu, ubu-sugurirwe, (rare)
i-pfūhe, i-fūhe
(to soften another's) gu-fyīta
(to tear clothes in) ku-mwāga
(to treat with) gu-shinyagura
(word that remains in heart and
causes anger) i-sata burēnge

ANGRY (to be) ku-raka, gu-pfūha,
gu-shangashirwa
(to be very) ku-jīngitwa
(because of accusation) gu-shungu-
mirwa
(to suddenly get a. when one has
been talking nicely) ku-gangabuka

ANIMAL (domestic) igi-tungano
(wild) igi-kōko, inyamāswa
(male in heat) i-shāshi
(of nice disposition) iki-rende
(track of) umw-ānza
(truly animal) bu-kōko
(young of) umu-kāngara,
(young of small) im-būnda
(antelope) im-pōngo

(small antelope) in-geregere - 4 -
(bat) aga-hūngarēma
(bear) (not Kirundi) i-dubu
(buffalo) im-bogo
(young bull) i-shūri
(male calf) iki-masa
(camel) in-gamiya, in-gameya,
(cat) aka-yābo
(chameleon) uru-vo, uruvuvuvu
(cheetah) igi-kara
(civit cat) ic-ūya
(crocodile) in-gōna
(deer) im-pōngo
(dog) im-bga; (female) im-bgakazi;
(wolf-like, wild) i-bīngira
(donkey) in-dogoba, in-dogobge
(elephant) in-zovu
(fox) im-bgēbge
(frog) igi-kere
(gazelle) in-geregere
(giraffe) umu-sumbaremba
(goat) im-pene; male) im-pfizi;
(young male) aga -sugurume
(goats) intūngwa, igi-tūngwa
(hare) uru-kwāvu
(hippopotamus) im-vubu
(hyena) im-fyisi
(jackal) im-bgēbge
(kid, lamb) umw-āgazi
(lion) in-tāmbge, in-tare
(lizard) umu-serebanyi
(mongoose) i-sambge
(monkey) in-kēnde, i-mamfu
(puppy) iki-bgāna, im-būnda
(python) i-sato
(rabbit) uru-kwāvu
(ram) i-suguru
(rat, mouse) im-beba
(rat, cane) i-siha
(sheep) in-tāma, in-tūngwa,
igi-tūngwa
(toad) igi-kere
(weasel) aka-rīnda, aka-gomba
(zebra) im-parage

ANIMAL (to give salt to domestic)
kw-ūhīra
(to lead to drink) gu-shōra
(to stake out to pasture) ku-zirika

ANKLE i-jīsho ry'ikirēnge

ANNOUNCE ku-būrira, ku-rānga
(oneself) kw-ībūra
(to stand at door and call greeting)
ku-ramutsa
(the death of someone) ku-bika
(everywhere) gu-kwīragiza,
gu-kwīza

ANNOY ku-gōra, gu-sīnda

ANOINT gu-sīga

ANOTHER -ndi (e.g. uwundi, abandi)

ANSWER iny-īshu
(as on examination) im-pīngūro
(to answer) kw-īshura
(to answer on exam) gu-hīngūra
(a. back lots of words to one who
reproves) ku-ryāgūmba
(delay to) ku-rēngagiza
(to not give when asked)
kw-īrengagiza
(quickly without thinking)
gu-simbagurika
(to superior when called)
ku-rēnguka
(when called) kw-ītaba

ANT (flying, edible) i-swa
(pincher) in-tozi, uru-tozi
(soldier) ubu-rima
(sugar) iki-nywabūki
(tiny) ubu-nyegeri, uru-nyegeri
(white) umu-swa
(white ant hill) umu-gina

ANTELOPE im-pōngo, ingeregere

ANTIPATHY urw-ānko

ANXIETY ama-ganya, umw-ītwaririko,
in-tūntu

ANXIOUS (to be) ku-ganya,
ku-ganyira, kw-īganyira

ANYHOW (to do in spite of)
gu-pfa

APART (to come) gu-shānyūka

APPEAR ku-boneka, gu-seruka,
gu-turuka
(out of ground) gu-tutuza
(suddenly) kw-āduka
(suddenly, as sun) ku-bāndūra

APPEARANCE ubu-boneke

APPEASE gu-hoza, gu-hwāmika

APPETITE in-āmbu

APPLY (oneself to) kw-ītōndera
(on) kw-ōmeka, kw-ōmekara

APPOINT (to a task) gu-tōranya

APPRECIATION (gift of) igi-shīmo

APPREHEND (a culprit) gu-sūmira

APPROACH kw-egēra, ku-rēnguka

APRIL ukwēzi kwa kane, Ndamukiza,
Kaboza-mbuba

APT (to be) ku-bēra

ARCH umu-heto

ARE -ri, ni

ARGUE (liking to) ama-hāne
(to argue) gu-hārīra, kuja im-pāri
(about) gu-kiranira
(and swear that you're right) gu-tara

ARGUMENT ama-hāne, igi-hāri,
im-pāri

ARISE ku-vyūka
(from dead) ku-zūka

ARM uku-boke
(upper) iki-zigira
(to raise one's a. to strike, to
pull a bow) ku-bangurira
(to stretch out) ku-rāmvura
(to take a child in a.) ku-rera,
gu-kikira

ARMPIT ukw-āha

ARMY in-gabo, igi-sata

AROUND (to go) gu-kikira, gu-kikuza,
ku-zingūka
(to turn a. several times) ku-zunga-
giza

ARRANGE (according to length,
height) gu-sūmbanya
(properly) ku-rorānya
(place in order) ku-ringaniza

ARRET-ROYAL in-gīngo

ARRIVE ku-gera, gu-shika
(arrive at) kw-igera
(at the top) kurēngēra
(cause to a.) gu-cimbataza

ARRIVAL (premature) igi-curi
(to rejoice at a. of one) gu-kēra

ARROGANCE ama-nyama

ARROW umw-ampi
(to feather an a.) gu-tanaga
(to shoot an a.) ku-rasa

ART (skill) umw-ūga

AS ko, uko, ingene, ubu-gene
(introducing clauses) nk'uko

ASCEND ku-dūga

ASCENT umu-dūgo

ASHAMED (to be) ku-māramāra,
ku-gira isoni
(to make) ku-māramāza

ASHES umu-nyota

ASIDE (to go aside with someone to
talk privately) kw-ikebukana
(to take someone a.) kw-ikebana

ASK (another to repeat to check his
veracity) gu-caca
(each other) ku-bazānya
(each other to explain) gu-siguzānya
(each other riddles) gu-sōkōrānya
(for) gu-saba
(for daily) ku-bōbōtereza
(for particulars, or a description)
ku-dondōza
(for secretly) ku-bōbōtereza
(frequently) gu-sabiriza
(many in order to verify)
gu-shishoza
(many questions) ku-bazaguza
(of someone that which he has
promised) gu-hāngūra
(oneself) kw-ibaza, kw-itsa
(over and over again) ku-baririkiza
(persistently, though refused)
gu-cuna
(question) ku-baza
(stupid questions) ku-dedēmvyva
(a riddle) gu-sōkōza

ASKING (earnestly persist in a. for
something) ku-zigiriza
(for things, one who is always)
umu-sabisabi

ASSAULT (esp. young man a girl)
ku-nkīranya

ASSEMBLE ku-rementanya
(things to give to someone)
gu-sorōranya

ASSERT (that a thing is true)
gu-hamya

ASSIGNMENT (measure of work)
iki-vi

ASSIST gu-fasha
(one in trouble or grief)
kw-īrūra
(a sick person in walking)
kw-āndāza

ASSISTANCE (seek a. to overcome)
ku-gomorera

ASSISTANT (to chief, esp. in law
enforcement) umu-rōngōzi

ASSUME (authority on oneself)
ku-rēngera

ASSURE (that a thing is true) gu-hamya

ASTONISH ku-jegeza, gu-tangāza,
kw-ūmiza

ASTONISHED (to be) gu-shirwa,
gu-tangāra

ASTONISHING (thing) aga-homerabunwa,
igi-tangāza, ak-ūmiza

ASTONISHMENT ak-ūmiza

ASTOUND ku-joreza, ku-jegeza,
gu-tangāza, kw-ūmiza

ASTOUNDING (thing) ak-ūmiza

ASTRAY (to go) ku-zimira
(to lead) gu-huvya, ku-zimiza

AT i, ku, kuri, kwa

ATTACH (oneself to) kw-īhāmbira,
ku-ramata

ATTACK gu-sōmborotsa, gu-sōmboroza
(esp. young man a. girl)
ku-nkīranya
(lead troops to a.) ku-gomora
(unexpectedly) kw-ūbiriza

ATTAIN gu-shikīra

ATTEMPT ku-gerageza - 7 -
(something beyond one's strength)
gu-kenyukirwa

ATTENDANT (to be a wedding a.)
gu-shīngira

ATTENDANTS (group of helpers to
elders) bu-kūngu

ATTENTION (to look at without paying
a.) gu-samāra
(to pay no a.) gu-samāra, gu-timba

ATTIC i-dāri

ATTITUDE (to turn bad suddenly)
gu-furungana

ATTRACTIVE (to be) ku-rēm̄ba,
ku-roreka

ATTRIBUTE (gram.) kahabga

ATTRIBUTE to ku-genera

AUGUST kuwēzi kwa munani, Myandaga-
ro

AUNT (maternal, my) māma, wācu
(maternal, your) nyokwānya
(maternal, his, their, hers) nyinābo
(paternal, my) māsenge
(paternal, your) nyogosenge
(paternal, his, hers, theirs)
inasenge

AUTHORITY ubu-bgīriza, ubu-gabe, ubu-bas/
ubu-gabo, ingānji, ubu-twāre
(to have, esp. kings or revered
person) gu-hāngama
(to rebel against) ku-mēnja
(to take on oneself) ku-rēngera

AUTOMOBILE umu-duga, imodoka

AVENGE gu-hōra
(wrong done to one's family) ku-zira

AVENGER umu-hōzi

AVOID ku-zibukira
(saying something directly)
gu-kingitiranya

AVOWAL in-dahiro

AWAIT (a fixed time) ku-gerereza
(opportunity to harm) ku-ryāmira

AWAKEN (v.i.) kw-īkangura,
gu-kanguka
(v.t.) gu-kangura

AWAY (to put away) ku-bīka
(far away) kure

AWL (branding) umw-ōtso

AXE iki-bēzi, in-cābiti, i-marabiti,
in-toraguzo
(small ornamental) uru-nana

AXILIA ukw-āha

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BAA ku-rābira

BABY umw-āna, uru-hīnja, uru-yōya
(not old enough to know fear)
igi-fatanzoka

BACK (at the back) inyuma
(of chair) ic-ēgamo
(of person or animal) umu-gōngo
(small of) iki-yunguyungu

BACKBONE uru-tirigōngo, uruti
rw'umugōngo

BACKWARDS (to go) kw-īfūtānya
(inadvertently) gu-futānya
(walk) ku-gendēsha umugōngo,
ku-gēnza umugōngo

BACKYARD iki-go, igi-kāri - 8 -

BAD (adj.) -bi
(person) umu-bi
(that which is) iki-bi

BADLY nābi

BAFFLED (to be) ku-jugajuga

BAG i-gunira, umu-pfuko, i-saho
(big) in-daha

BAKE kw-ōtsa

BALANCE (weighing) umu-nzāne

BALD-HEADEDNESS ubu-hanzi

BALL umu-pīra (Sw.)

BAMBOO umu-gano

BANANA igi-tōke
(one, or one hand of) umu-hānyu
(ripe) umu-hwi
(kinds of) iki-nyamunyu,
igi-samunyu, (beer)
igi-paca
akamaramasenge, (lady-finger)
igi-sukari, (red)
(bark of tree) igi-hubahuba
(beer) urw-ārwa
(sweet drink) umu-tobe
(leaf, green) umu-tōto
(leaf, dry) i-huba
(leaves, dry) igi-hūnda,
ibi-hūndahūnda
(center of leaf) iki-gongo-gongo
(leaves, knife for cutting)
uru-gombōzo
(young shoot) umu-tsīnda
(trunk after stalk is cut)
igi-tumbatumba
(to cut leaves) ku-gombōra
(to cut from stalk) gu-hānyura
(to cut stalk) gu-tūmbūra
(to remove dry leaves) gu-tūtūra
(to squeeze juice from) ku-gana,
ku-vuguta

BAND (of cloth, long) umu-gēnde

BANDIT umu-sahuzi

BANK (of river) in-kokoro
(of river, lake) in-kōmbe

BANNER i-bendera

BAPTIZE ku-batiza

BARBAROUS (to be) ku-debagura

BARE place on hill uru-harabuga

BARK igi-shishwa
(of banana tree) igi-hubahuba
(cloth garment) in-demano
(cloth with painted spots, used as
thing of worship) in-dabe,
in-dome
(bark stripped from tree)
udu-kōkōrwa
(used for perfume) imi-bavu
(put on new bark) kw-ibgira

BARK (dog) gu-kuga

BARKING (of dog) i-kuga

BARLEY (not Kirundi) sayiri

BARREN (to be, persons) ku-gūmbaha
(plants) ku-rūmba
(place) uru-harabuga
(thing, corn, etc.) iki-rūmbirane
(to become from lack of fertilizer)
gu-seba

BARRIER (to close path) gu-tangira

BARTER ku-guza
(butter for other things) ku-madika

BASE (of brain) aga-komokomo
(of tree) i-tsina, igi-tsina

BASIN umu-bēhe, iki-bēhe
(washbasin) i-karabo

BASKET (big) in-tonga, igi-tēbō⁹ -
(deep, uncovered) iki-gagara,
igi-sāmba, igi-sāngāza
(flat, small) ic-ibo
(flat with lid) in-kōko
(little) ak-ēbo
(shallow) iki-vūmvu
(tall) in-kēnga
(tall, pointed) igi-seke, igi-sīmbo
(border of) umu-sōzo
- (lid, cover) umu-temere
(nicely made) in-demano
(to cover) ku-rumya
(to remove lid) ku-rumūra
(to be upside down) kw-ūbika

BAT (animal) aga-hūngarēma

BATHE (vt.) kw-ūhagira
(esp. legs) kw-iyoga
(oneself) kw-īyuhagira

BATHING umw-ūhagiyo

BATTLE in-dwāno, in-tāmbara
(to help in) gu-tabāra

BATTLEFIELD uru-gāmba

BAY iki-gobe
("bay window") iki-zeze

BE ku-ba, -ri, ku-mera, ku-ramuka
(at, to have been at) gu-herūka
(beside) ku-bāngikana, gu-hererana
(in water) ku-bōmbeka
(with always) gu-horana

BEADS ubu-dede
(esp. big ones) ubu-saro

BEAN igi-harage
(green) umu-bīmba, umu-kerere,
umu-konyogo
(lima) igi-haro
(red) i-shigisha
(small red) udu-harawe
(leaves) umu-kubi
(leaves, first two) in-gāmba

BEAN (continued)
 (pod) uru-sokoro
 (sprout) umu-gōndōra
 (that have been put away for a year)
 igi-hitira
 (to put b. away for a year)
 gu-hitiza
 (to put away b. for several years)
 gu-hitikirana, gu-hitirana
 (to tie b. on hedge to dry)
 gu-shisha

BEAR (not Kirundi) i-dubu

BEAR (children prolificly having
 been barren) gu-honōka
 (fruit) kw-āma
 (fruit abundantly) gu-tēngerera
 (greetings) gu-tāsha
 (to cause to bear) gu-honōra
 (cease to bear) kw-āmurura

BEARD ubg-ānwa

BEAT gu-kubita, ku-jānjagura,
 gu-shinyagurira, gu-shishagura,
 gu-tonagura
 (act as if to b. but not do so)
 ku-gera
 (b. around the bush) gu-kingitiranya
 (clothes) ku-nyukura
 (drum) ku-vuza
 (raising welts) ku-ramagura

BEAUTIFUL -īza
 (to be) gu-hīmbāra
 (to make) gu-hīmbāza

BEAUTIFY gu-hīmbāza

BEAUTY ubg-īza

BECAUSE kuko

BECAUSE OF kubga

BECKON kw-ākura

BECOME ku-ba, gu-cīka, ku-mēra¹⁰ -
 (good again, having been bad)
 gu-fūtānuka
 (known) kw-āmāmara, gu-hishūka
 (thin) ku-dohōka, ku-geruka,
 kw-ōnda, kw-īfūtānya, ku-yōka
 (thinner) gu-fūtānya
 (very thin) ku-gōgōra, ku-nohorwa

BECOMINGLY (to be dressed) ku-bērwa

BED ubu-riri
 (foot of) imi-rāmbizo
 (under a b.) uru-tara
 (to go to) ku-ryāma
 (to make) gu-sāsa
 (to put to) ku-ryāmika
 (to unmake) gu-sasūra
 (time to go to) ama-ryāma

BEDBUG igi-here

BEE uru-yuki
 (carpenter) im-vündēri
 (to catch swarming bees)
 gu-tururuza
 (to put in new hive) kw-ātira

BEE HIVE igi-tiba
 (bring down) kw-egura
 (to put up) kw-egeka

BEE STING uru-bōyi

BEEN (to have been at) gu-herūka

BEER inz-ōga
 (fresh, with froth) umu-bira
 (banana) urw-ārwa, urw-āgwa
 (given to sick person) umw-erēra
 (sharp, anything fermented)
 in-karisha
 (undiluted) uru-horwe
 (mixed with water) umu-sharuro
 (to beg for) ku-vūmba
 (to put in a warm place) gu-tara