

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-sumbarembe  
(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

B

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-tēbō<sup>9</sup> -  
(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-mērā<sup>10</sup> -  
 (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

BEESWAX i-shashara

BEFORE im-bere, mbere

BEG kw-īngīnga, gu-saba, gu-sēga  
(continually) gu-kōra, gu-kōza  
(earnestly) gu-koma ibōbo  
(for beer) ku-vumba  
(habitually) gu-segerereza

BEGGAR umu-sēzi, umu-sabisabi  
(one who begs earnestly but doesn't  
get it) im-vūmure

BEGIN (by) ku-bānza, ku-banziriza,  
gu-hēra  
(to) gu-tangura  
kw-ānzika, gu-shūriza, gu-shūza  
(from) gu-hēra  
(a task) kw-āhuka  
(to get wrinkled from age)  
gu-kāmba  
(to head up, grain) gu-haga

BEGINNING in-komoka, i-remezo,  
in-tango, i-tanguriro,  
in-tanguro  
(of dry season, about June)  
im-pēshi

BEHIND inyuma  
(get left b. as you stare at some-  
thing) ku-rāngāra  
(to hide b.) kw-īkīnga  
(to leave) gu-siga  
(to look) gu-kebuka

BEHOLD ehe

BELCH gu-tūra amāngati

BELCHING amāngati

BELIEVE kw-īzēra, kw-īzigira  
(cause to) kw-īzēza

BELL in-gengeri, in-zogera

BELLOWS umu-vuba  
(to blow with) ku-vuguta

BELOW hepfo

BELT umu-sipi (Sw.)  
(to wear a) gu-kenyera

BEND (vt.) gu-heta  
(as joint) ku-gōnda  
(curve) ku-goreka  
(down) kw-ūnama  
(joint) gu-konya, gu-pfunya  
(over) ku-jōndamika, kw-ūbama

BENEFIT aka-marō, iki-mazi

BENT (to be) gu-hetama

BEREAVED (to be) ku-vubga

BERRIES in-kēre, in-kēri

BESEECH kw-īngīnga, ku-bobōteza

BESEECHING i-bōbo

BESEECHINGLY (to speak very)  
ku-bobōteza

BESIEGE (as in hunt or battle)  
gu-sūgereza

BESIDE i-ruhānde, hambavu  
(to be) gu-hererana, ku-bāngikana

BETRAY ku-gambanira  
(a secret) gu-hemuka  
(one who) umu-guranyi

BETTER (be b. than) ku-rusha  
(something better than others of  
its kind) aga-heta  
(he's better, I'm better)  
n'imitende, n'imisuhuko

BEWARE OF kw-īyubāra

BEWITCH ku-ragura, ku-roga,  
ku-vövōta  
(to have witch doctor b. another)  
ku-raguza  
(one who bewitches) umu-raguzi,  
umu-rozi

BEWITCHED (illness of one who acts  
like crazy) indwāra y'ibitēga

BEYOND (be beyond what one can do)  
gu-tamya  
(go beyond) ku-rēnga

BICYCLE i-gāre, i-kīnga (Sw.)  
(wheel) uru-bangāngwe

BID (goodbye) gu-sēzera

BIG -nini  
(to be too) gu-sāguka, ku-dēnda  
(to be, of growing things, esp.  
child) gu-shisha

BILE in-durwe

BIND gu-hāmbīra  
(ropes or whatever is used to bind  
a criminal) im-vuto

BINDING umu-sōzo

BIRD iki-guruka  
(little ones) in-yoni  
(crane, golden-crested) umu-sāmbi  
(crow) igi-kōna  
(dove) in-tunguru, i-numa  
(duck) im-bati  
(eagle) in-kukuma, iki-nyakabaka,  
im-pūngu  
(goose, wild) igi-safu  
(hawk) igi-siga  
(kite) iki-nyakabaka  
(parrot) gasuku  
(partridge) in-kwāre  
(robin, African) in-yōmvyi  
(that sucks honey, black with red  
throat, or metallic green)  
umu-nūni  
(wagtail) in-yamanza

BIRTH (to give) ku-vyāra  
(to be about to give b.) gu-kurirwa  
(to be about to give b., cow)  
ku-digiriza  
(to give b. to litter, esp. dog)  
ku-bgāgura  
(to come to day to give b.)  
ku-ramukwa  
(to give b. to child who dies at  
once) ku-ruhira ubusa  
(to aid woman in childbirth)  
ku-vyāza

BIRTHMARK iki-bibi

BIRTHPLACE am-āmo

BIT (not a bit) n'intete  
(to run out bit by bit till all is gone)  
gu-shīrīra

BITE gu-shikura  
(as animal, or pain) ku-randagura  
(of animal, insect) ku-ryāna  
(insect) gu-surira  
(of person only) ku-guguna,  
gu-tsontsomera  
(serpent) gu-komora

BITS utu-mānyagu  
(of paper, cloth) ibi-tabu  
(break into) (vt.) ku-menagura,  
ku-mānyagura, gu-satagura,  
ku-vunagura, ku-vunaguza,  
gu-cagagura  
(break into) (vi.) ku-menagurika,  
gu-satagurika

BITTEN (to jump when) gu-shikurwa

BITTER (to be) ku-bīha, gu-kara,  
gu-kariha, ku-rura  
(b. flavor, to taste) ku-rurirwa  
(anything bitter) i-bāmba  
(not bitter) (esp. of manioc) -horo

BITTERNESS umu-rurazi

BLACK umu-fyīri, aga-fyīri,  
umu-vyiro  
(to be) kw-īrabura

BLADDER uru-hago

BLAME umu-gayo, aka-gayo,  
aga-sūzuguro  
(lay b. on) gu-pfāna

BLAMELESSNESS iny-ankamugayo

BLASPHEME ku-rogota

BLASPHEMY ama-rogotano,  
iki-rogotano

BLEED ku-va amaraso  
(to death) gu-tetera

BLESS gu-hēzagira

BLESSED (to be) gu-hīrwa

BLESSING umu-gisha, umu-hēzagiro,  
ubu-hīrwe

BLIND (to be) gu-huma  
(person) im-pumyi

BLINK (to blink often to try to see)  
gu-humaguza

BLISTER i-bavu  
(to blister) ku-būbika

BLOATED (to be) ku-bondōka

BLOOD amaraso  
(clot) umu-goma  
(of same blood) ubu-ra  
(of cow, drawn out to drink)  
iki-remve  
(spurting of) umu-pfūnda  
(blood vessel) umu-tsi

BLOSSOM kw-ātura, gu-shūriza  
(to produce) gu-shūrika

BLOT OUT gu-sibānganiza,  
gu-sibānganya

BLOW gu-hūha, gu-hūngabanya 13 -  
(vt.)

(vi.) gu-hūngabana  
(air into ball) gu-haga  
(along) gu-heha  
(be blown up) ku-boboka  
(hard) gu-hūhūta  
(in wind) ku-zūnga, ku-zūngazūnga  
(one's nose) kw-īmyīra  
(out chaff) ku-gosōra  
(the fire) kw-ātsa  
(up) gu-pfunereza  
(with bellows) ku-vuguta

BLUE umu-fyīri, aga-fyīri,  
umu-kata

BLUNT (to make) gu-fyīta

BLUR (seeing one indistinctly  
because he went too fast)  
rurabge

BLURRED (to be) ku-zimangana

BLUSH gu-tukura

BOARD uru-bāho

BOAST kw-īmānya, kw-īrāta  
(of what one will do) kw-igenera  
(over another) ku-digiriza

BOAT ubg-ato  
(big) ic-ōmba  
(stern) umu-kōndo  
(to row a b.) gu-sōza

BODY umu-biri

BOIL igi-hute

BOIL (vi) ku-bira, (vt) ku-biza  
(up, water) ku-gurugumba

BOILING ubu-bire  
(of water in sense of bubbling)  
aga-seba

BOLD (to be) gu-shirukanya  
(esp. young girl) kw-erura

BOND i-fatanirizo

BONDAGE ibi-ja

BONDS (criminal) im-vuto

BONE i-gufa  
(to break) (vt) ku-vuna  
(to break) (vi) ku-vunika

BONE MARROW umu-sokōro

BOOK igi-tabo

BOOTY imi-nyago

BORDER (of basket) umu-sōzo

BORED WITH (to be) gu-haruruka

BORN (to be) ku-vūka  
(of) kw-āmuka  
(of a certain family) gu-komoka

BORROW (money, or that for which  
you'll return equivalent rather  
than that very thing) ku-gurāna  
(a thing to be returned) gu-tīra

BOSSINESS ubu-gabo

BOTH -mpi

BOTTLE i-cupa (Sw.)

BOUNDARY uru-bibe, aka-rīmbi,  
iki-rīmbi  
(of country) in-kīko  
(to make a) ku-zitira

BOW umu-heto  
(without cord) iki-ramvu  
(to stretch, to draw) gu-fōra  
(to raise one's arm to pull)  
ku-bangurira

BOW (down) gu-curama, kw-ūnama  
(the head) kw-ūnama  
(the neck) ku-gōnda izosi

BOWL i-bakure (Sw.)

BOWLEGS amaguru y'imbango

BOW-STRING uru-vuto

BOX i-sandugu  
(small tin) umu-kebe  
(of matches) iki-biriti (Sw.)  
(to box) gu-kubagura

BOY umu-hūngu

BRACELET (brass) umu-buba,  
umw-ākaka  
(of copper wire) iki-dodi, iki-dode  
(of grass) umu-noni  
(of metal) aka-nyabugoro, umu-rīnga  
(of wire) in-yerere  
(worn at dances) uru-nana

BRAINS ubg-ōnko  
(base of b.) aga-komokomo

BRANCH i-shami  
(to cut off) gu-kōkōra  
(to put forth) gu-shamika  
(to put out great) gu-sagarara,  
gu-tabarara

BRANDING AWL umw-ōtso

BRASS umw-ākaka  
(bracelet) umu-buba

BRAVE (to be) gu-hangāra, kurema,  
gu-shira amanga

BRAVELY ru-gabo

BREAD umu-tsimā, umu-kate (Sw.)  
(loaf of) i-robe  
(lump of) in-tore  
(to make) gu-cūmba  
(to put ground peanuts, etc. in b.)  
gu-totera

BREAK (vi) gu-cīka, ku-meneka,  
ku-mānyuruka  
(vt) gu-ca  
(and scatter) (vt) gu-sāvya  
(any slender thing) (vi) ku-vunika  
(any slender thing) (vt) ku-vuna  
(completely) (vi) ku-dēndūka  
gu-fyonyoka, ku-vunagura  
(completely)(vt) kw-ongeranya  
(easily) (vi) ku-vunagurika  
(in two) gu-sāba  
(the law) ku-rēnga  
(object with flat surface) (vt)  
ku-mena  
(off by burning, tree, etc.)  
gu-temuka  
(off a piece, bread) ku-bega  
(out, as rash) gu-hurira, gu-turika  
(rope, chain) ku-vutagura  
(suddenly, unexpectedly) gu-kenyuka  
(a taboo) ku-rēngwa, ku-zirūra,  
ku-gōka  
(to bits) (vi) ku-menagurika,  
gu-satagurika, ku-vunagura,  
ku-mānyagura  
(to bits) (vt) gu-cagagura,  
ku-menagura, gu-satagura,  
ku-vunaguza  
(up) (vi) ku-mānyagurika,  
ku-mānyuka  
(up)(vt) ku-jānjagura  
(a break, as bone) im-vune

BREAST i-bere  
(to dry up) gu-cūka  
(milk) ama-bērebēre

BREATH im-pwēmu

BREATHE gu-hēma, gu-humēka  
(hard) gu-hēmūka  
(heavily and noisily) gu-fūha,  
gu-pfūha  
(with difficulty, child) gu-fūrēka

BRIBE iki-buguro, igi-hōngo,  
im-pongano  
(to bribe) gu-hōnga, gu-hōngera  
(to pay b. to win one's case)  
kw-ihōnga

BRICK i-tafāri  
(to make bricks) ku-būmba

BRICKMAKER umu-būmvyi

BRIDE umu-geni  
(to give gift to b. so she will talk)  
gu-horōra  
(to refuse to speak till given gift,  
bride) gu-horōrwa

BRIDEGROOM umu-kwe

BRIDGE iki-raro, igi-tarikwa,  
igi-tarurwa  
(of nose) umw-īriri

BRIDLE umu-jiginya  
(to bridle) ku-jiginyika

BRIGAND umu-sahuzi

BRIGHTNESS (dazzling, as sun)  
umu-tāri

BRILLIANCE (of something spotlessly  
white) umw-ēru

BRIM (of dish, container) im-biga  
(to fill to) ku-nengesera  
(to be full to) gu-tētera

BRIMSTONE (not Kirundi) ama-zūku

BRING ku-zana  
(back) ku-garura  
(back from far away) gu-habūra  
(back wife after she's gone home)  
gu-cūra  
(down) ku-manura  
(down bee hive) kw-egura  
(from dark into light) kw-ādagaza  
(from hiding) ku-nyegurura  
(greeting) gu-tāsha  
(in passing) gu-hitana  
(into open from hidden place)  
kw-ātura  
(loss or failure) gu-tāna

BRING (continued)  
 (new kind of seeds or cattle into  
 country) ku-rondōra  
 (out of hiding) gu-furūra  
 (quickly) gu-tebūkana  
 (things in from sun) kw-ānura  
 (things and put them together to  
 give to someone) gu-sorōranya  
 (to pass) gu-cimbataza  
 (together) gu-koranya, gu-tēranya  
 (up child) gu-kuza, kurera  
 (water) ku-dahira, kuvōma  
 (with one) ku-zanana

BROAD -gari

BROIL kw-ōtsa

BROKEN (to be easily) ku-vunagurika  
 (to be suddenly) gu-kenyurwa  
 (to bits) ku-jānjagurika

BROOD ku-bundikīra

BROOM umu-kubūzo

BROTHER (my) mwene dāta  
 (your) mwene so  
 (his, hers, theirs) mwene se  
 (older, of boy) mu-kuru  
 (younger, of boy) mu-rumuna  
 (of girl) mu-sāza  
 (of my mother) mārume  
 (of your mother) nyokorume  
 (of his, her, their m.) inarume  
 (of father dāta wacu, wanyu wabo  
 (to be brother and sister, or to  
 be brothers) ku-vūkana

BROTHER-IN-LAW (his, their)  
 mu-ramuwe

BROW (of hill) igi-kōmbe

BROWN ibi-hogo  
 (light) aka-gājo, umu-yēnzi

BRUSH i-shāmba  
 (the teeth) kw-īnyugunura,  
 kw-īyugunyura

BUBBLE (water) gu-sebura,  
 ku-zīkuruka

BUBBLING (of water in spring)  
 aga-seba  
 (to make sound of) gu-sāma

BUCKET in-dobo

BUD umu-nago  
 (to bud) gu-shūrika

BUFFALO im-bogo

BUILD kw-ūbaka  
 (a fire) gu-cāna

BUILDER umw-ūbatsi

BUILDING iny-ūbako  
 (to find new b. site) ku-gerēra  
 (to prepare a place for b.) gu-tabā

BULB (as of flower) iki-rungu

BULGE (as garment with something  
 under it) ku-dundūra

BULL (young) i-shūri, im-fīzi,  
 im-pfīzi

BULLY umu-sīnzi  
 (to bully) gu-sīnda

BUMP ubu-kiru  
 (to bump into) gu-seka

BUNCH (of grass at top of hut)  
 i-sūnzu

BUNDLE umu-zigo  
 (esp. dead person wrapped for  
 carrying) iki-gagara  
 (of grass or grain) umu-kama  
 (of sticks, rope) umu-gānda  
 (to tie up a b.) gu-tēkera



BURDEN umu-twāro  
(to lay down b.) gu-tūra

BURLAP SACK i-gunira (Sw.)

BURN ubu-she  
(vi) gu-sha  
(and break off, tree, etc.)  
gu-temuka  
(easily, quickly) (vi) gu-temuka  
(food) ku-zigira (vi)  
(food slightly) (vi) ku-yēnga  
(incense, nice-smelling bark)  
kw-ōsa  
(in the mouth) gu-kera  
(let burn) ku-zigiza  
(quickly) ku-babura (vt)  
(up) (vt) gu-turira, ku-yigiza  
(to peel after a burn) kw-ūburuka  
(to put something cool on a burn)  
gu-pfuvya

BURNED (of food forgotten) gu-tetera  
(burned over place) umu-yōnga

BURR (of bush) iki-ramata

BURST (vi) gu-sāba, gu-turika  
(vt) gu-turitsa  
(into light, dawn) kw-ēnzūra  
(open) (vt) kw-aturura  
(open in garden, overripe)  
gu-saragurika

BURY gu-hāmba  
(one's face in one's hands in deep  
thought) kw-ītangira itama

BUSH igi-saka  
(kind of) igi-suru  
(kind with thorns and edible berries)  
umu-kēre

BUSTARD iki-gendabunyovu

BUT ariko, mugabo, yamara

BUTCHER ku-bāga, gu-kēmūra

BUTCHERING PLACE i-bāgiro - 17 -

BUTLER umu-kevyi

BUTT gu-seka

BUTTER ama-vuta  
(to barter) ku-madika  
(to make) gu-terera  
(to melt) ku-yaga (vi)  
(to put in food) ku-runga

BUTTERFLY iki-nyugunyugu

BUTTERMILK ama-kuyano, ama-  
terere

BUTTOCKS i-tako

BUTTON igi-pfūngo (Sw.)

BUY ku-gura, ku-nunūra  
(and sell) ku-dāndaza, gu-hānjura  
(a thing together and then divide it)  
gu-sorōra  
(look things over in prospect of  
buying) ku-garagura

BUYER (to search for) ku-būnga

BUZZ ku-duma

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CALAMITY (such as a disease or  
plague) i-kīza

CALCULATE gu-sharira

CALF iny-ana, iki-masa (male)  
(of leg) in-tege, inyāma  
y'akibitsi

CALL gu-hamagara  
(in sense of name) kw-īta  
(continuously and persistently)  
ku-vumereza

CALL (continued)  
 (for help) kw-āmbaza, gu-tabāza,  
 gu-taka, gu-takāmba  
 (from hill to hill) gu-semerera  
 (loudly for help) gu-takāmba  
 (across the hills, implies scorn  
 of one doing it) ku-moka  
 (to one who cannot answer) gu-cu-  
 rīra

CALLED (to have one) gu-hamagaza

CALLING umu-hamagaro, i-hamagarwa

CALLUS i-bavu

CALM ubu-tēkānyi  
 (to calm) gu-horereza, gu-hoza,  
 gu-hwāmika  
 (to be) kw-ītōnda  
 (to become) gu-hora, gu-hūmura

CAMEL in-gamia, ingameya

CAN (tin) igi-kopo  
 (watering) i-shwāro

CANAL umu-gēnde  
 (for irrigation) umu-gazo

CANE iki-bāndo

CANNIBAL umu-kānkāmyi

CANNIBALISTIC (to be) gu-kānkāmwa

CANTANKEROUSNESS ama-nyama

CAPACITY (to have large) kw-āguka

CAPTAIN umu-gabīsha

CAPTIVE imi-nyago

CAR umu-duga

CARD igi-pande (Sw.)

CARE (anxiety) umw-ītwaririko  
 (of body, house, etc.) i-suku  
 (to care about) ku-babara  
 (for) ku-ziganya  
 (to take c. of) ku-bungabunga,  
 kw-ītwaririka, gu-tunga  
 (to take very good c. of) ku-bukabuka

CAREFREE (to be free from trouble  
 when others have it) gu-cuna

CAREFUL (to be) kw-īrīnda,  
 kw-ītōnda, ku-rīnda  
 (be careful!) mpore!

CARELESS (one) umu-nyarwāgara  
 (to be) gu-fudika  
 (to be c. with) kw-ānjānjwa  
 (to do quickly and carelessly)  
 ku-raha

CARELESSNESS urw-āgara

CARPENTER umu-bāji  
 (to do carpentry) ku-bāza  
 (c. bee) i-fundēri  
 (c. shoo) i-barizo, i-saramara (Sw.)

CARRIAGE i-gāre

CARRY gu-terura, gu-twāra  
 (away, as water does) gu-kubebera  
 (carefully, lest it break or spill)  
 kw-engēnga  
 (for) gu-twāza  
 (in basket, person not sick)  
 ku-rerura  
 (on back) gu-heka  
 (on head) kw-īkorera, kw-īremeka  
 (and put down frequently)  
 gu-segenyeza  
 (water) ku-vōma

CASCADE gu-shunguruka, gu-sūma

CASE (container) urw-ūbati  
 (law) i-būrana  
 (to declare one's case at a trial)  
 gu-sāmba

CASE (continued)  
(to know the facts of) gu-hinyura  
(to make another lose his)  
ku-zingirikira  
(to take c. to chief) ku-būranya  
(to take c. to chief, knowing one  
is right) gu-tara  
(to win c.) gu-tsinda

CASSAVA umw-ūmbati

CAST (lots) gu-pfinda

CAST DOWN (to feel) ku-nyogōmba

CASTOR BEAN iki-bonobono

CASTRATE gu-kona, gu-shāhura  
(castrated male) in-kone

CAT aka-yābo

CATCH gu-fata  
(ball) gu-sama  
(a disease from another) kw-āndura  
(from falling) gu-sama  
(one who starts to fall) ku-ramira  
(swarming bees) ku-tururuza  
(up with) gu-hāmvyā

CATERPILLAR iki-nyabgōya

CATTLE TICK uru-guha

CAUGHT (to be c. and unable to  
extricate oneself) ku-robeza  
(to be c. stealing) gu-sūmirwa

CAUSE iny-ānduruko, in-komānzi,  
im-pāmvu, igi-tuma, im-vo  
(to cause) gu-tēra  
(to plead a c.) ku-būrana

CAVE i-senga, ubu-hūku  
(of wild animals) ubu-vumo

CEASE ku-reka  
(to bear fruit) kw-āmurūra  
(work) ku-godoka

CEASELESSLY ubu-dasība - 19 -

CEILING i-dari

CELL (tiny for prisoner) umu-gāso,  
in-gōbāne

CENTIME (5 piece) i-sēnge  
(10 piece) i-kuta  
(50 piece) i-meya

CENTIPEDE (small) in-yōngōri

CERTIFY kw-āgiriza

CHAFF umu-guruka, umu-rāyi  
(fan to blow off) uru-taro  
(mixed with grain) ibi-kūmbi  
(pile of chaff and grain) ubu-kūmbi  
(to blow out) ku-gosōra  
(to rub grain to take off) ku-vūngura

CHAIN in-goyi, umu-nyororo  
(worn on neck) umu-gufu

CHAIR in-tebe, ic-īcaro  
(with back) ic-ēgamo, iny-ēgamo

CHALK in-gwa

CHAMELEON uru-vo, uru-vuruvu

CHANCE (to not have a) gu-humirwa

CHANGE (vi) gu-hinduka  
(vt) gu-hindura  
(esp. color) ku-bēngūka,  
ku-bēnjūka  
(money) ku-vūnja  
(often) gu-hindagura  
(opinion often) ku-garagurika

CHANGEABLE (to be) gu-hindagurika

CHANNEL (of water in heavy rain)  
umu-vo

CHARACTER imi-co

CHARITY ubu-kūnzi

CHARM (heathen) igi-hēko  
(heathen, worn on head) uru-gori  
(used by witch doctor) uru-korōnko,  
in-korōnko  
("medicine" smeared about kraal  
to keep away thieves and evil  
spirits) uru-rēmbeko  
(white shell worn by children)  
i-yugi

CHASE (away with shouts) kw-āmira  
(away) gu-hīnda, kw-īrukana,  
gu-kinagiza, kw-āmbutsa  
(away because of hatred) gu-tuza  
(away evil spirits) gu-sēnda  
(flies off cows) ku-zīnga  
(hunt) gu-hīga  
(others out of house) gu-turumbura  
(out quickly) gu-hasha

CHAT gu-terabiri, ku-yāga

CHATTER gu-sakuza, ku-yāga

CHEAT ku-gūnga, gu-humbūra

CHECK (over a thing) gu-hinyuza

CHEEK umu-saya, i-tama

CHEEK-BONE aga-sendabageni

CHEEKINESS ama-hāne, ama-nyama,  
i-tūntu

CHEETAH igi-kera

CHEST (of body) igi-kiriza, igi-tūntu,  
aga-tūntu

CHEW gu-hekenya, ku-noza

CHICK (baby) umu-swi  
(very tiny) ubu-swi

CHICKEN in-koko  
(hen) in-kokokazi  
(rooster) i-sāke  
(wing of) ic-ūbi

CHICKEN POX ibi-hara, aga-sāma

CHIEF (great) umu-ganwa  
(sub) umu-twāre  
(to go to with trouble, complaint)  
gu-shengera, gu-shengerera  
(to remove) gu-kōmbōra  
(to take someone to for trial or  
accusation) gu-shengeza

CHIEF'S ASSISTANT (esp. in law  
enforcement) umu-rōngōzi

CHIEFTANSHIP ubu-twāre

CHILD umw-āna, umu-gisye,  
umu-keme, umu-rerwa  
(before he begins to know anything)  
igi-tambamboga, igi-twengeraba-  
rozi  
(first-born) im-fura  
(healthy, about 4 mos.)  
iki-bunduguru  
(illegitimate) igi-hūmbu, iki-vyārwa  
(learning to walk) iki-degedege,  
in-tavyi  
(male) umu-yibigi  
(of) mwene  
(of mixed marriage) iki-vyārwa  
(only) iki-nege  
(ornery) umu-himbiri  
(small) iki-bondo  
(starting to know a little)  
umw-ankavu  
(that doesn't grow properly)  
im-funya  
(unwanted) in-tābga (also, orphan)  
(up to 8 or 10 yrs.) umu-gimbi  
(weaned) umu-cūko, umu-kurira  
(youngest or favorite) umu-here-  
rezi

CHILDBIRTH ibi-se  
(to aid woman in) ku-vyāza

CHILDHOOD ubg-āna, ubu-to

CHILDISHLY rwāna

CHILL aga-shitsi  
(to chill) gu-kōnja  
(to have) gu-hinda agashitsi,  
gu-hindaganywa

CHILLED (to be) gu-tetera, gu-timba

CHIN urw-asakusaku, i-gwasakusaku,  
uru-sakanwa

CHIP i-bāngo  
(of wood) ubu-vunguka, utu-vunguka  
(to chip stone) gu-korogoshora

CHOKER ku-niga, ku-nyoha

CHOOSE ku-gena, ku-robānura,  
gu-tōra, gu-tōranya  
(esp. an action) gu-hitamwo  
(at random from group) ku-dōmba-  
giza  
(leaders) kw-ātira  
(one to sell a thing) gu-tōza

CHOP (trees) gu-himbura  
(with axe) gu-kera  
(with hoe or other instrument)  
ku-jema  
(with sword) gu-kekana  
(up) gu-cagagura

CHORUS (of song) ic-ītabirizo

CHOSEN ONES (list of) i-tōrero  
(people) ic-ībare

CHRISTIAN umu-kristo

CHRISTIANITY ubu-kristo

CHUNK (of wood) iki-giga, uru-giga

CHURCH (building) uru-sengero 21 -  
(people) i-shengero  
(roll) i-tōrero

CHURN gu-terera

CIRCLE im-burūngu, umu-zingi  
(of people) uru-kinja  
(to form c.) ku-ziguza  
(to form c. by holding hands)  
gu-fatana urunana

CIRCUMCISE ku-genyera, gu-keba

CITY igi-sagara

CIVET CAT ic-ūya

CLAMOR urw-āmo, imi-gūmūko,  
uru-hōgo, umu-vurungano,  
uru-yogoyogo  
(to raise) ku-gūmūka

CLAN umu-ryāngo  
(populous) igi-sata

CLAP HANDS gu-koma amashi

CLASH (together) kw-āsana,  
ku-bomborana  
(vt) ku-bomboranya

CLASS (of nouns or objects)  
umu-tigiri  
(person of ordinary class of  
Barundi) umu-hutu  
(person of upper class) umu-tūtsi  
(to observe c. distinctions)  
ku-zirōra

CLATTER (to fall with a din)  
gu-hongoroka

CLAW urw-āra

CLAY i-būmba, ubu-rongo

CLEAN -īza

CLEAN (continued)

(to be) gu-ca  
(to become) gu-humānuka  
(to make) gu-humānura  
(out wear wax) gu-kurugutura  
(out path) gu-sibūra  
(up) kw-ēnzūra  
(up a field) gu-kāngaza  
(up a place) gu-kēsha  
(up one's plate completely)  
gu-kēmba

CLEANLINESS i-suku

CLEANSE kw-ēza, gu-kēmūra  
(c. house ceremoniously after  
death) kw-īkōmvōmvora

CLEANSING umw-ūhagiro

CLEAR (as water) umu-sarara  
(to clear) (vt) ku-zibūra  
(to clear suddenly) (vi) ku-zibūka  
(off) ku-yōra  
(off, as table) gu-pāngūra (Sw.)  
(to be clear, plain - go tomorrow)

CLEARED PLACE igi-hamo

CLEARING igi-hamo

CLEAVE TO ku-mata

CLIFF aga-hanamo, umu-kuka,  
i-mānga, iki-mānga, aga-tēmbge  
(from which unmarried pregnant  
girls are thrown) uru-sumanyenzi

CLIMB (hill) ku-dūga  
(as tree) kw-ūrira, gu-sega  
(down) kw-ūruruka

CLING TO ku-gumiriza

CLOCK i-saha

CLOSE gu-funga (Sw.), gu-kīngā,<sup>22</sup> -  
gu-kīngiriza, ku-rumya, kw-ūgara  
(doors of royal place) ku-jīsha  
(entrance with branches)  
gu-hāngāza  
(hands together) gu-fumbata  
(one's eyes) gu-humiriza  
(path) gu-tangira  
(to make another close his eyes)  
kw-ūnamika  
(up completely) gu-hindira

CLOSE (to get close together)  
kw-egerana  
(to put things or people c. together)  
kw-egeranya

CLOTH igi-tāmbara  
(large, tied on shoulder)  
umu-hagatiro  
(long band of) umu-gēnde  
(plaid) igi-tāmbara c'ikigoma  
(shiny, silk, rayon) i-hariri  
(very large) igi-hūzu, uru-hūzu

CLOTHE kw-āmbika  
(oneself) kw-āmbara, kw-īfubika,  
kw-īyambika

CLOTHES im-pūzu, umw-āmbaro,  
ic-āmbarwa  
(very nice, colorful) uru-hwijima  
(worn out) aga-shāmbara,  
umu-shāmbara  
(to put on, wear) kw-āmbara  
(to put on) kw-īyambika  
(to rinse) ku-rongorora  
(to scrub, to beat, to rub)  
ku-nyukura  
(to take off) kw-īyambura  
(to tear) gu-kākagura  
(to tear in anger) gu-kākura,  
ku-mwāga

CLOTHESPIN umu-nēngo

CLOTHING umw-āmbaro, ic-āmbarwa,  
im-pūzu  
(for work) ic-āmbazo  
(of king, esp. animal skins or  
jewels) iny-ambarabāmi  
(worn underneath outer garments)  
umu-gega  
(to remove) kw-āmbura  
(to strip one of his) gu-koba

CLOUD igi-cu

CLOUDED (to be, eyes) gu-kāmba

CLOWN aka-gūgu

CLUB ubu-hiri  
(short stick) in-gāge

COAGULATE gu-fatana, ku-vura

COALS i-kara

COARSE (to be, as meal) gu-hurūra

COAX gu-hōyahōya

COB (corn) igi-tiritiri

COCK i-sāke

COCKROACH iny-ēnzi

COFFEE (grain or tree) aka-wa,  
aga-hawa

COIN uru-piya

COLD -bisi  
(in chest) aga-hehēra  
(in head) aga-hiri, aka-mango,  
aka-mangu, (cough) in-korora  
(weather) im-beho  
(weather, severe) igi-konyozi  
(to be) gu-kōnja, gu-kanya,  
gu-timba  
(to be drawn up from c.) gu-tetera

COLLAPSE (vi) gu-henuka,  
gu-homvoka, gu-sambūka,  
gu-sēnyuka, gu-siduka, gu-situka  
(vt) gu-situra

COLLECT (fees) ku-buguza  
(taxes) gu-tōreza, gu-tōza

COLLECTOR (of taxes) umu-tōza,  
umu-tōzakōri

COLLIDE gu-sekana

COLOR i-rāngi  
(black) umu-kata, umu-fyīri,  
aga-fyīri, (very) umu-vyiro  
(black mud) uru-shānga  
(blue) umu-kata, umu-fyīri,  
aga-fyīri  
(brown) ibi-hogo  
(brown, light) aka-gājo, umu-yēnzi  
(brownish black cow) iki-rāyi  
(gray) aga-hīza, aka-vūzo,  
uru-vūzo  
(green) ak-ātsi gatoto  
(orange) umu-tugutu  
(red, like mud) aga-hama  
(tan hair, of goats) umu-fūmbere  
(very white) derere  
(yellow) umu-hōndo, umu-tugutu  
(yellow, dark) ibi-hogo  
(yellow, light, reddish) umu-gina  
(to be black) kw-īrabura  
(to be white) kw-ēra  
(to become yellow or reddish, in  
ripening) ku-bēnja  
(to color) ku-raba  
(to change c., fade) ku-bēnjūka,  
ku-bēngūka

COLOR (to be) ku-rabika

COLT ic-āna

COMB uru-sokoza  
(of chicken) umu-biko,  
uru-garagara  
(to comb) gu-sokoza

COME ku-za

(all together suddenly) ku-randa-muka

(apart) gu-shānyūka, ku-dohōka

(to do something) gu-herūka

(to an end) gu-henebēra, gu-hera, ku-nyika

(be coming to an end)

gu-herengetera

(down) ku-manuka, ku-manuza, kw-ūruruka

(from) kw-āduka, kw-ānduruka, gu-komoka, gu-turuka, ku-va, ku-vuduka

(to greet often, when one is in disfavor in hopes of gaining favor) ku-neganega

(come here) ngo, ngwino

(into sight) ku-rēnguka

(to light) gu-hinyuka, kw-āndagara

(one by one) gu-tororokanya, gu-tēraterana

(out, teeth, hoe handle, etc.)

gu-hongoka

(out, stake) gu-shingūka

(out of water) kw-ōgorora

(suddenly) gu-turumbuka

(to, after fainting) gu-hembūka

(to pieces) gu-sambūka

(to the throne) kw-īma ku ngoma

(together, crowd) gu-kungēra

(unexpectedly) kw-ūbīra

(unsewn) gu-sonoroka (Sw.)

(untied) ku-bohōka, gu-pfunduka

(up of itself) kw-imeza

(up out of water) kw-iburuka

(up thickly, thus not do well)

gu-sorora

(upon suddenly) kw-ūbuka

(when called) ku-rabuka

(with) ku-zanana

COMFORT i-hūmure

(to comfort) gu-hoza, gu-hubūra, gu-hūmuriza, kw-īrura

COMMA ga-kwābu

COMMAND i-bgīrizwa, i-tegeko, ic-āgezwe, ama-tēka

(one who gives commands)

umu-gezi

(to command) ku-bgīriza, ku-gera

gu-tegeka

(a person to do what he doesn't want to) ku-zingirikira

COMMANDMENT ic-āgezwe, i-bgīrizwa

COMMIT (adultery) gu-sāmbana

(a crime) gu-cumura

(be unwilling to c. oneself)

kw-īyumānganya

(suicide) kw-īgaragura,

kw-īyahura, kw-īyica

COMMON (to have things in) ku-būngirana

COMPANION umu-gendanyi, umu-genzi

COMPARE ku-gereranya, gu-shushānya  
(oneself with another)  
kw-īgereranya

COMPARISON iki-gereranyo

COMPASSION aka-gōngwe

COMPEL ku-gōbēra, gu-hāmbīra, gu-hāta

(someone against his will)

gu-hānjagira

COMPENSATE gu-shūmbūsha

COMPENSATION in-shūmbūshanyo



COMPLAIN ku-gambarara,  
gu-higimānga, kw-īdodōmba,  
kw-ītonganiriza, ku-niha, gu-tāta  
(in heart at not having gotten what  
one wanted) ku-dundumirwa

COMPLAINER umu-tāsi

COMPLAININGLY (to work) ku-gimfira

COMPLAINT umw-īdodōmbo  
(to go to chief with) gu-shengera,  
gu-shengerera

COMPLEMENT (gram) karangura

COMPLETE gu-sōzēra  
(see "to finish")  
(c. a thing) gu-tobora  
(to be c.) gu-hebūza, kw-ūzura

COMPLETELY rwōse

COMPREHEND gu-tahura  
(involves act of seeing) ku-rabukwa  
(after thinking over) gu-tegereza

CONCEAL gu-hisha, ku-nyegeza,  
ku-zimanganya

CONCEIVE gu-sama inda

CONCERNED ABOUT (to be)  
kw-ītwaririka

CONDEMN gu-hinyuza, gu-tsīndanīsha

CONDEMNATION uru-bānza

CONDEMNED (to be) gu-cirwakw itēka  
(person) umu-yobe

CONDUCT oneself kw-īfata

CONFESS kw-ātura, kw-īhana  
(one is wrong to avoid being  
caught) kw-īyagiriza

CONFIDENCE ic-īzigiro  
(fearlessness because one knows  
he is right) ubu-shizi bg'amanga  
(to have c. in) kw-īzigira

CONFIDENT (to be) ku-rema,  
gu-shiruka amazinda  
(over) kw-īrārira

CONFINEMENT (time woman spends  
in house between birth of child  
and time she goes out) ubg-ība

CONFIRM (by asking many)  
gu-shīshōza

CONFUSED (to be) gu-hūndukwa

CONFUSION umu-vurungano

CONGENIAL (person of very nice  
disposition) iki-rende

CONGENITAL DEFORMITY iki-gaga  
(malformed person) iki-rema

CONJECTURE kw-ībgira

CONJUGATE gu-hadikiriza

CONJUNCTION (gram) sahwānya

CONJUNCTIVITIS (certain kind)  
ubu-rire

CONQUER ku-nēsha  
(enable to) ku-neshereza

CONSECRATE gu-hēzagira

CONSIDER (to think over whether a  
thing is right) ku-rimbūra

CONSOLE gu-hoza

CONSTIPATION igi-sigo

CONSTRAIN ku-gōbēra

CONSUME (completely) gu-kōmvōmvora  
(fire) gu-tōngōra  
(to c.) gu-herengeteza  
(uselessly) kw-āya

CONSUMED (to be) gu-tōngōka  
(e.g. candle) gu-shiringitira

CONTAGIOUS (to be) kw-āndukira  
(to catch c. disease) kw-āndura,  
kw-āndukirwa  
(to transmit) kw-āndukiza  
(disease, term of scorn) ubg-ārāra

CONTAIN -rimwo (verb with no  
infinitive)

CONTAINER (small covered)  
i-kazānga  
(square tin) i-debe (Sw.)

CONTAMINATED (to have dirt in,  
milk, water) gu-tobeka

CONTEMPLATE kw-īhweza,  
kw-ītegereza

CONTEND FOR ku-maranira

CONTEST gu-higa, ku-rutanya

CONTINUALLY (to do) kw-āma,  
gu-hora

CONTINUE ku-gumiriza, gu-hora,  
gu-komeza  
(one's journey) ku-rāmvura

CONTRACT (a contagious disease)  
kw-āndura, kw-āndukirwa

CONTRARY (to be) ku-dadika  
(on the) erega

CONVALESCE kw-āndāra

CONVERSATION im-būrano,  
umu-būrano, iki-gānīro,  
ibi-yāgo  
(to end) kw-īkebanura

CONVERSE ku-gānīra, ku-yāga

CONVERTED (to be) kw-igarura,  
gu-kizwa

CONVICTED (to be, acknowledge to  
oneself one's guilt)  
kw-īrimbūra

CONVINCE kw-emeza, gu-tururuza  
(to be, after proof or persuasion)  
gu-shirwa

CONVOKE gu-hūza

COO (dove) ku-guguza

COOK (vt) gu-hīsha  
(vi) gu-sha  
(in water) gu-tēka  
(quickly) gu-sobaganya

COOKED (to be) ku-rabukirwa  
(to be thoroughly) gu-fyonyoka

COOL gu-hora  
(to be, weather) gu-pfuka  
(to cause to) gu-hoza

COOPERATE (in getting job done  
quickly) gu-sahiriza

COPPER umu-jūmbu, umu-jūmpu,  
umu-ringa  
(fine wire) iki-dodi

COPULATE (of cow, to go to male)  
kw-īma

COPY kw-īmura

CORD umu-gozi  
(of tongue) in-kīngi

CORK (stopper) igi-pfũdikizo,  
umu-pfũdikizo

CORN iki-gōri  
(cob) igi-tiritiri  
(early kind) i-sega  
(kind with big kernel) iki-jigo  
(ground corn that has first been  
roasted) igi-kweme  
(silk) ubu-sage  
(tender new) igi-shōro  
(yellow kind) ama-shigisha  
(to shell) gu-hungura, ku-vũngurisha

CORNER im-furuka

CORPSE iki-gaga, iki-gagara,  
umu-vyimba, iki-ziga  
(fresh) umu-pfu

CORRECT gu-ca itēka, gu-kosōra  
(Sw.), gu-koshōra  
(oneself) kw-ihana

CORROBORATE (to verify what one  
has heard by asking many)  
gu-shishōza

COTTON i-pāmpa

COUGH in-korora  
(hard cough) aga-hehēra  
(to cough) gu-korora  
(to make) gu-kora

COUNCIL in-āma, uru-kinja  
(in center of) i-kōmbe

COUNCILOR (of chief's council)  
umu-nyekōmbe

COUNSEL in-āma, in-gingo  
(one who gives) umu-hanūzi  
(to reject c.) gu-saragurika  
(to take c.) gu-hūza ināma

COUNT gu-harūra  
(count the cost) ku-rimbūra  
(to err in counting) ku-yoba

COUNTERACT (effects of evil  
"medicine") ku-rēmburura  
(poison, to ask for "medicine" to c.)  
ku-rogoza  
(overcome or remove an enchant-  
ment) ku-rogora

COUNTLESS THINGS umu-rēngera

COUNTRY igi-hugu, in-tāra  
(foreign) i-hānga  
(to leave one's country because of  
famine) gu-suhūka  
(to return after famine) gu-suhū-  
kuruka

COURAGE ubu-hizi

COURAGEOUS PERSON umu-hizi,  
in-twāri

COURT i-bgāmi

COURT HOUSE (judgment hall)  
i-boma

COURTYARD iki-buga, in-tangāro

COUSIN (paternal) mwene dāta wācu,  
mwene wacu  
(maternal) ba-vyāra bācu

COVER igi-pfũdikizo, umu-pfũdikizo  
(esp. of basket) umu-temere  
(to cover) gu-pfuka  
(to c. dish, etc.) gu-pfũdikira  
(a basket) ku-rumya  
(mouth of another with hand to keep  
him from making a sound)  
gu-pfunda  
(well) gu-twikira  
(to take c. from rain) kw-ūgama

COVERED (to be c. with water)  
ku-rengerwa

COVERING (over eyes, body, etc.)  
ic-ĩtwĩkĩro  
(head c. worn over face) igi-twiki-  
rizo

COVET ku-gomwa, kw-ĩfũza

COVETING ic-ĩfuzo

COVETOUSNESS ic-ĩfũzo

COW in-ka  
(brownish black) iki-rāyi  
(gray) uru-hĩza  
(white) igi-hororo  
(blood of, to drink) iki-remve  
(c. without horns) im-vure  
(to be at rest) ku-vyāgira  
(to be many) gu-sagara  
(to be many together) gu-sasa  
amahembe  
(to ask cow from one to whom cow  
was given) kw-ōkōza  
(to chase flies off) ku-zĩnga  
(to entrust cows to another and  
they increase while there)  
gu-tongoza  
(to get medicine to make cow like  
her calf) kw-ōrokereza  
(to lead) ku-yobora, gu-shorera  
(to lead to pasture) gu-turutsa  
(to put skin of dead calf before  
cow to make her give milk)  
kw-ōrokera  
(to return cow or calf to one from  
whom one received a cow)  
kw-ōkōra  
(to take up hill) ku-rārūra  
(to tie legs while milking) ku-jĩsha  
(cow path) umu-hōra

COWARD umu-nyabgōba  
(to be) ku-dugudwa

COWARDICE ubg-ōba

CRACK umu-ga, umu-gāga  
(in earth) iki-gāga  
(in foot) iki-vutu  
(to crack) (vi) kw-ātīra (also vt),  
kw-āturuka, ku-rara, gu-sāba,  
gu-saduka

CRAFT umw-ūga

CRANE (golden-crested) umu-sāmbi

CRASH (of something falling)  
i-sēnyerana

CRAWL kw-avūra, gu-kāmbakāmba,  
ku-nyogōmba  
(along ground, vines) gu-sagaba

CRAZINESS ibi-sazi

CRAZY (person) umu-sazi  
(to be) gu-sara  
(to talk or act like a crazy person)  
gu-saragurika

CREAK gu-kaka

CREAM uru-bu, uru-koko,  
(line left by c. on container)  
umūza

CREASE (as in cloth) umu-pfunyu

CREATE ku-rema

CREATED (thing) in-demano

CREATOR Umuremyi, Rurema

CREEP (along) ku-nyegētera  
(on hands and knees) kw-avūra,  
gu-kāmbakāmba, ku-nyogōmba  
(as vine) ku-rānda, gusagaba

CREST (of bird) uru-garagara,  
i-sūnzu

CRIME (to commit a) gu-cumura

CRIMINAL umu-garariji  
(bonds) im-vuto

CRIPPLE iki-muga  
(person born crippled) iki-remā

CRIPPLED (to be) gu-hinyiza,  
ku-mugara

CRITICISM aga-sūzuguro

CRITICIZE ku-nēbagura, ku-negura,  
gu-sūzugura, gu-sūzuguza

CROCODILE in-gōna

CROOKED (to be) ku-gorāma  
(malunion of bone) ku-remara  
(to make) ku-goreka

CROP ivy-ĩmburwa  
(of chicken) aga-tōrero

CROSS umu-saraba (Sw.)  
(to c. on path) ku-bisīkanya,  
ku-nyurana  
(to be) kw-ĩdōga, gu-shavura,  
gu-sugurirwa  
(to make c.) gu-shavuza  
(to c. river or valley) ku-jabuka  
(to c. river or bridge) kw-ōgorora

CROSSNESS umw-īkomo, i-shavu

CROSSROADS ama-yirabiri

CROUCH kw-īyegeranya

CROW (bird) igi-kōna  
(to crow) ku-bika  
(to crow second time in morning)  
ku-gereka

CROWD uru-gāmba, i-shengero  
(esp. people running) i-gugu  
(mixed c. of people) ama-kūngu  
(one who keeps c. back)  
umu-kumirizi  
(to crowd) ku-bānda, ku-bāndana  
(to go together to see something)  
gu-kōndōrera  
(to run out to see something)  
gu-shwabāduka  
(out: to not grow because of too  
many seeds) ku-zīnga  
(together) ku-rūndāna, kwegerana,  
ku-vurungana  
(together, people sitting)  
gu-segenya, gu-segenyeza

CROWN uru-gori  
(worn by dancers) umu-gāra  
(woven or plaited) igi-tsibo

CRUCIFY ku-bāmba

CRUEL (to be) gu-kara

CRUMBS udu-korokera, ubu-vunguka,  
utu-vunguka  
(to become c.) ku-vūngagurika  
(to c. easily) ku-vūnguka

CRUSH gu-fyonyora, ku-vūngura  
(easily) ku-vūnguka  
(grain, before grinding)  
ku-vūngagura, ku-vūngurīsha  
(with hands) ku-vūnga  
(down) gu-tsindagira

CRY aka-borōgo  
(of joy) im-pūndu  
(sudden startled) ubu-ku  
(to cry, weep) ku-rira, kw-āna,  
kw-ānira  
(to give c. of alarm) gu-koma  
induru  
(to give startled cry) gu-tura  
ubuku  
(to sob silently) gu-pfunagira

CRY (cont.)

(out) ku-yogora  
(out for help) ku-borōga  
(to c., young about to die)  
kw-ānāna

CULTIVATE ku-rima

(soil, soften up) kw-ōrohereza

CULTIVATED (field) i-tōngo

CUNNING ak-ēnge

CUP urw-āto, igi-kōmbe

CUPBOARD aka-bāti, ubu-bīko

CURDLE (milk) ku-vura

CURIOSITY ama-tsiko

CURL kw-īzingīra (vi)

CURRENT (of stream) umu-kuba

CURSE umu-vumo

(to curse) ku-vuma

CURSED (thing) iki-vume

CURVE (as in river) iki-gonzi

(to curve) ku-goreka, gu-heta,  
ku-gonda

(to c. finger, as in scraping dish)  
gu-kumba

(to make curve) ku-rasa

CUSHION umu-sego

CUSTOM umu-gēnzo, in-geso

(ancient) ak-ārānda

(to persist in old) ku-zīrōra

CUT uru-guma

(to cut) gu-ca, gu-tānya

CUT (cont.)

(to be cut) gu-cībga  
(banana leaves) ku-gombōra  
(banana stalk) gu-tūmbūra,  
gu-hānyura

(chop with hoe or other instrument)

ku-jema

(crosswise) ku-gegena

(down trees left after fire has  
passed over) gu-tōngōra

(easily) gu-temuka

(easily, grass) kw-āhirika

(eyes out) ku-nogora

(grass) gu-tema, gu-kerera,  
gu-kerera

(grass for use) kw-āhira

(grass or brush in order to see  
path or object) gu-hūnja

(hair) ku-mwa

(in big chunks) gu-ketagura

(in even lengths) gu-cacūra

(in many pieces) gu-himbagura

(in pieces) gu-kebagura

(lengthwise) kw-ōmānza, gu-satura

(meat, finger, etc.) gu-keba

(neck of animal) gu-kerera

(off) gu-kona

(off branches) gu-kōkōra

(off tail of animal) gu-kēmūra

(off top of tree) gu-kēmūra

(tree) gukera, gu-tema, gu-ca

(trees for building) gu-humbira

(up) gu-kekagura

(up into small pieces) gu-keka

(up small as reeds, boards)

gu-temagura

(trees or sticks) ku-gegena

(with one blow) gu-temura

(with sawing motion) gu-kerera

(wood in short bits) ku-nyuramwo

(wool of sheep) gu-kēmūra

CUTTINGS (for planting, esp. manioc)

iki-goti, iki-gotigoti

D

DAISY (yellow) i-shike

DAM (stream) ku-gomera,  
gu-tangira

DAMAGE ubg-ōnōnyi  
(to damage) kw-ōnōna, gu-hara

DAMP (place, not really swamp)  
iki-nyōta  
(to be) gu-kanya, gu-timba

DAMPEN (hair before cutting)  
ku-vubika

DANCE (of men) umu-hamirizo,  
ibi-rorero  
(to dance) gu-hamiriza, gu-tamba  
(as Batutsi) kw-iyereka  
(to music) ku-vyina  
(in honor of Kiranga) ku-bāndwa

DANCER in-tore

DANCING (with singing) uru-vyino

DANGER ak-āga, i-rinde  
(to go into without regard to  
oneself) kw-iroha  
(to warn of) ku-burira  
(to watch out for) gu-hwebutsa

DARE ku-rinduka, gu-tinyuka,  
kw-ubahuka

DARK (after dark) bgateranye  
(to be) gu-cura umwiza  
(to become) kw-ira  
(to become in daytime, fog, etc.)  
kw-ubikiza  
(to come from d. into light)  
kw-andagara

DARKNESS umw-ijima, umw-iza  
(great) umu-zimagiza, umu-zitanya  
(in daytime) ubg-irakabiri

DASH (punctuation) umu-kwego,  
aga-kwego

DAUGHTER umu-kōbga  
(of my, your, his, sister if one  
is girl; of my, your, his  
brother if one is boy) umu-kōbgacu,  
umu-kōbganyu, umu-kōbgabo

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW umu-kazana

DAWDLE ku-zāngazānga

DAWN ama-cāca, umu-twēnzi,  
umu-seke  
(night is almost over, about to  
dawn) ijoro rishira ubuca  
(when d. broke) umutwēnzi ukitse  
(to dawn) gu-ca, gu-tambika  
(to become light, very early just  
as darkness ends) gu-tamānzuka,  
gu-tamānzura

DAY umu-si  
(day before yesterday, day after  
tomorrow) hirya y'ejo  
(it is day) harakeye  
(on a certain day) umusi  
ur'izina  
(the next day) bukeye  
(today) uyu musi  
(time of day:  
(9 to 10 A.M.) ku-musase  
(noon) umu-tāga, ku mamina  
ngohe  
(middle of day) ama-shōka  
(about 3 P.M.) ama-subirayo  
y'inyana  
(after dark) bgateranye  
(to be day) gu-ca  
(to spend all day) kw-irirwa  
(to start the day) ku-ramuka

DAYTIME umu-rāngo, umu-tāga

DAZZLING BRIGHTNESS (sun, moon)  
umu-tāri  
(to be) gu-kayāngana

DEAD (to raise from) ku-zūra  
(to arise from) ku-zūka

DEAF PERSON igi-pfāmatwi  
(and dumb person) iki-ragi

DEAL (kindly with) kw-ēngēnga

DEATH uru-pfu, im-pfiro  
(point of) im-pfiro  
(to announce death of someone)  
ku-bika  
(to be near d.) gu-tāmbūra  
(to bleed to d.) gu-tetera

DEBT umw-ēnda  
(payment of) iny-īshu  
(to be in debt, but refuse to pay)  
gu-herana, ku-rīrīra  
(to pay a d.) kw-īshura

DECAYED (place of d. things)  
i-borero

DECEIT ubu-hūmvyi, ama-remano

DECEITFUL (person) umu-nyagahwayi

DECEITFULNESS ubu-gūnge,  
ibi-hendo, uru-hendo

DECEIVE ku-dendekeranya, ku-gūnga,  
gu-henda, gu-hūmba, gu-humbūra,  
gu-kekeza, ke-rema, ku-rementa-  
niriza, gu-suka  
(another to make him give money)  
ku-rimānganya  
(be skillful at d.) gu-hēndana

DECEIVE (cont.)

(habitually) gu-sukasuka  
(in light joking way) gu-hēndahenda  
(making others think you've done a  
miracle when it's only a  
deception) ubu-ryi

DECEIVED (to be easily) gu-tēteka

DECEIVER umu-humbūzi, umu-hūmvyi,  
umu-sukanyi  
(one who goes about lying)  
in-dimanya  
(to be a skillful) gu-hēndana

DECEMBER ukwēzi kw'icumi na  
kabiri, Kigarama

DECISION (to accept a decision in  
spite of oneself) ku-janirana,  
ku-janiranwa

DECLARE gu-hamya  
(one's case at a trial) gu-sāmba  
(strongly) kw-ihanukira

DECORATE gu-shariza, gu-shaza,  
gu-shazisha

DECREASE (vi) gu-kama,  
ku-gabanuka, ku-geruka

DEDICATE kw-ātira, gu-hezagiza,  
(lay hands on) ku-rambikakw  
ibiganza

DEEP -rē-re

DEER im-pōngo

DEFEAT umu-shombo  
(to defeat) ku-nēsha, gu-tsinda

DEFECATE ku-nya



DEFECT (speech, esp. s, sh, c)  
ubu-reve (kuvuga ubureve)

DEFEND gu-hāngāza, gu-tēturura  
(another) gu-kīmbūka  
(oneself, take case to chief)  
ku-būranya, kw-īkirānura  
(to have 2 methods of defending  
oneself but use one you hadn't  
planned on) gu-tēgekanya

DEFENDER umu-tabāzi, umu-vunyi

DEFENSE (to make one's d. at a  
trial) gu-sāmba

DEFILED (to be) gu-humāna  
(to defile) gu-humānya

DEFORMITY (from birth) iki-gaga

DEFRAUD ku-zīmba

DEFY (one another) ku-gerana

DEGRADE gu-sērūka

DELAY (to answer) ku-rēngagiza

DELICIOUS (in sense of undiluted)  
-novu  
(to be) ku-ryōha  
(to make) ku-ryōsha

DELICIOUSNESS ubu-ryōhe

DELIRIOUS (to be) ku-dedēmba

DELIVER (sense of save) gu-kiza  
(child) ku-vyāra  
(to be about to, cow only)  
kw-erēra, ku-digiriza  
(help to) ku-vyāza  
(to take something out to an  
appointed place) gu-sokorora

DELIVERED (to be) gu-kizwa

DELIVERER umu-rokozi

DELTA i-sēsero

DEMAND (explanation) gu-sigūza  
(from) kw-āka  
(more) kw-ongeza

DEMOTE (to push a person down where  
he belongs) gu-tururuza

DEN (of wild animals) ubu-hūku,  
ubu-vumo

DENOUNCE ku-negura

DENY gu-hakana, kw-īma  
(emphatically) gu-hebūza,  
kw-īhakana

DEPART kw-īgīra, ku-gēnda  
(quickly) gu-shibuka  
(from respected person)  
ku-garanzura

DEPRIVE gu-tēsha

DEPTH ama-jēpfo, ubu-rēbure  
(of heart) ubg-īgobeko  
(of water) i bgīna

DESCEND ku-manuka  
(as tree) kw-ūruruka  
(to cause to) ku-manura

DESCENDANT umw-uzukuruza  
(far-off) umw-uzukuruza-kuruza  
(descendants) uru-vyāro

DESCENT aka-manuko

DESCRIBE ku-dondōra  
(ask another to) ku-dondōza

DESERT ubu-garagwa, aka-rēre

DESIRE i-shāka

(for certain food) i-nāmbu

(strong) igi-shika, ic-īfuzo

(to desire) ku-gōmba, gu-shāka,  
kw-īfūza

(to desire for) kw-īfūriza

DESK i-biro (from French)

DESPICABLE (to be) gu-kengerēka,  
gu-tītūka

(to do a d. thing) ku-gōka

DESPISE gu-cōkōra, ku-gaya,  
gu-kēngēra, gu-suzugura,  
gu-tītūra, ku-zira

DESPISED (thing, person) in-kēngērwa  
(to be) ku-gayika, gu-kengerēka,  
gu-tītūka

DESTINY iki-bariro

DESTROY gu-homvora, gu-honnya,  
gu-honyora, gu-kōmbōra,  
kw-ōnōna, gu-sambūra,  
gu-tikiza, ku-yigiza, ku-mara  
(completely) gu-kōmvōmvora,  
gu-sangangura, gu-siribānga  
(by fire) ku-yigiza  
(garden, of goats, etc.) kw-ōna  
(the work of another) gu-sīvyā

DESTROYER umu-randuzi

DESTROYED (to be) gu-siribāngwa,  
gu-tikira  
(completely while you are watching)  
ku-nyika

DESTRUCTION ama-honero, ubg-ōnōnyi  
(place of) ubu-shiriro

DETERIORATE gu-fūtāna,  
kw-ōnōnekara, gu-sērūka,  
gu-shānyūka, gu-pfāpfāna  
(to cause to) gu-sērūra

DETERMINE gu-cīra, ku-gabira,  
gu-shāmira

DETERMINED (to be) gu-shira amanga  
(to get what you want) kw-ītāra

DEVELOP gu-kaka

DEVOTE (oneself to task) kw-ītako  
(oneself to task in order to finish it)  
kw-irāmvura

DEVOTED (to Kiranga) ku-bāndwa

DEVOUR gu-tabagura

DEW uru-me, iki-me

DIAMETER in-tīmbatīmba

DIARRHEA (to give) gu-hita  
(to have) gu-cībgamwo, ku-dodomwa  
gu-hitwa, kw-īruka, gu-shuruza  
(to stop) gu-futīsha  
(to recover from) gu-futa

DICE aka-māri

DIE gu-pfa, gu-cīkāna, gu-hwēra,  
ku-randuka  
(of king) gu-tānga  
(esp. of one who has been ill for  
a long time) ku-dēndūka  
(to be about to) ku-goyagoya  
(suddenly) kw-eguka, ku-gaduka  
(suddenly and unexpectedly)  
gu-kenyuka  
(used of person scorned by others)  
kw-ijajara

DIFFERENT (anything that is d. from others in group) in-dobeke

DIFFICULT (person) umu-hāmbāzi  
(to be) ku-gōra, gu-komera  
(to be absolutely too d. for)  
ku-nanirana  
(to be d. to say or know) ku-zīnda  
(to be too d. for) ku-nanira

DIFFICULTY uru-dubi  
(difficulties) ama-gōrwa  
(to be in d.) gu-humirwa  
(to extricate one from d.)  
ku-gobōtora

DIG kw-īmba, ku-rima  
(and break through to hollow place)  
gu-hubura  
(as chicken does) gu-koba  
(out grass rapidly) gu-sūriranya  
(under crop, grass) ku-zika  
(up) gu-sibanganya  
(up the earth) gu-tabā  
(up sweet potatoes with fingers, or,  
to make hole for setting out tree)  
gu-koba  
(to be impossible to dig even though  
water is on top) gu-tūta

DILEMNA uru-dubi

DILUTE gu-fungura

DILUTED (esp. milk or beer) -angu

DIMINISH (vt) ku-gabanya, ku-gerura,  
ku-gereranya, gu-tūvya  
(vi) ku-bangūra, ku-gabanuka,  
ku-geruka, gu-tūba, ku-yōka

DIN (to fall with) gu-hongoroka

DINING ROOM i-rīro

DIP (in salt) ku-dūmba  
(in sauce) gu-koza  
(water) ku-daha

DIRECT (to be) ku-banguka  
(to d. towards) kw-erekeza  
(to make straight for) gu-tūmbereza  
(to show the way, put on right path)  
gu-hubūra, ku-zimurura

DIRECTLY (to be in front) gu-hangana

DIRT umw-ānda, i-co, ubu-cafu  
(esp. on body) ubu-homa, imvyiro  
(in water) iki-rohe  
(in water, milk) igi-totsi  
(to have dirt in water, milk)  
gu-tobeka  
(to rub off) gu-hungura

DIRTY -bi  
(to be) gu-humāna  
(to be very) gu-shisha  
(to become, get) kw-āndura

DISAGREE gu-hāzāna, gu-hīngāna,  
gu-tāta  
(one who always disagrees in a  
council meeting) iki-randamuke

DISAGREEMENT (to be in) gu-pfa

DISAPPEAR gu-kamangana, ku-yōnga,  
ku-yōngayōnga, ku-zimangana  
(suddenly as you watch) ku-nyika

DISAPPOINT gu-hemuka, gu-hemukira

DISAPPROVE (to look at another with  
disapproval) kurāba igitsūre  
(showing disapproval on one's face)  
ibi-tsingotsingo, or ibi-singosingo

DISASTER iki-za

DISCARDED (things) umw-āvu

DISCLOSE gu-hishura, ku-nyegurura,  
gu-serura

DISCONCERTED (to be) gu-tētēwa

DISCOURAGE gu-hebūza

DISCOURAGED (to be) kw-īhebūra  
(to be absolutely, in difficulty)  
ku-zigirizwa  
(to be completely) kw-īheba  
(to be tired and d.) gu-cobogora

DISCOURSE (to give a) ku-gamba

DISCOVER kw-ūbuka

DISCUSS gu-hārira, gu-kiranira,  
gu-tāta

DISCUSSION im-būrano, umu-būrano,  
igi-hāri, im-paka, im-pāri

DISDAIN gu-hinyura, gu-kēngēra

DISEASE in-dwāra  
(boil, abscess) igi-hute  
(burn) ubu-she  
(chicken pox) ibi-hara, aga-sāma  
(elephantiasis) imi-sozi  
(epilepsy) in-tandara  
(eyes: certain kind of conjunctivitis)  
ubu-rire  
(goiter) umw-īngo  
(gonorrhea) igi-sokoro  
(leprosy) imi-bēmbē  
(meningitis) umu-giga  
(mole) i-sunūnu  
(mumps) ama-sambambgika  
(pleurisy) umu-sōnga  
(pneumonia) umu-sōnga

DISEASE (cont.)

(recurrent fever) kimputo (Sw.)  
(smallpox) aka-rānda  
(sore, little) aka-rōnda  
(syphilis) aga-shāngāra  
(tick fever) kimputo (Sw.)  
(tuberculosis) igi-tūntu, aga-tūntu  
(ulcer) igi-komere  
(ulcer, bad) igi-sebe  
(ulcer, pain from tropical) igi-tema  
(wart) i-sunūnu, in-tongāngira  
(whooping cough) ak-ānira  
(yaws) ibi-nyoro  
(cause of d. something supposed  
to be in person making him sick)  
ibi-tēga  
(person sick with wasting disease)  
umu-nywera  
(to be a contagious d.) kw-āndukira  
(to catch contagious d.) kw-āndura,  
kw-āndukirwa  
(to transmit) kw-āndukiza  
(to have an incurable d.) ku-gīrira  
(to improve, begin to feel better)  
gu-tenzukurwa

DISEASED (body) aka-rohe

DISGRACE gu-hinyuza  
(noun) aga-shinyaguro, ic-ēyi

DISGUISE gu-twikira  
(oneself) kw-īyoberanya

DISGUSTED (to be, because of  
frequency) ku-dunduhirwa

DISH i-sahāne  
(to dish up food) kw-ārura

DISHONEST (to be) ku-gūnga,  
gu-heranira  
(person) igi-hūmbu

DISHONESTY ubu-gūnge

DISHONOR i-bara  
(to d.) gu-humānya

DISILLUSION gu-tītūra

DISLOCATE (a bone) gu-hinyagara  
(part of body, or things)  
(vi) gu-tirigana, (vt)  
gu-tiriganya

DISMAYED (to be) ku-randuka umutima DITCH umu-funegi, umu-furegi,  
umu-kuku, umu-vo

DISMISS gu-sēzera

DISOBEDIENT (person) iki-gānda,  
in-tābgīrwa  
(to be) ku-gambarara, ku-gāba,  
kw-ānkika

DISOBEY ku-gambarara, ku-gāba,  
kw-ānkika

DISPENSARY ibi-tāro, i-vūriro

DISPERSE gu-sāba

DISPLEASED (to be with) gu-haruruka

DISPOSITION (person or animal of  
very nice d.) iki-rende

DISPUTE gu-higa, gu-tonganya

DISRESPECTFUL (to be) kw-ūbahuka

DISSIPATED (to be) ku-raramanga

DISTENDED (to be) ku-bondōka

DISTINCTION i-tandukāniro  
(to observe class d.) ku-zīrōra

DISTINGUISH gu-tandukānya

DISTRACT gu-samāza

DISTRACTED BY (to be) ku-rangarira

DISTRESS ubu-cumukure  
(to be in) gu-cumukura

DISTRIBUTE ku-gabura, ku-gaburira  
(gifts) ku-gaba

DIVIDE ku-gabanya, ku-gabura,  
ku-gaburira, gu-tānya  
(by lot) gu-pfīndana  
(up loads among several)  
ku-gabāngānya  
(up work or load to make it easier)  
kw-īyoroherenza  
(to buy a thing together and then  
d. it) gu-sorōra

DIVIDEND (math.) in-gaburwa

DIVINE gu-hinyuza, gu-pfīndūra,  
ku-ragura, ku-vōvōta  
(to have a witch doctor divine)  
ku-raguza  
(one who divines) umu-raguzi

DIVISION ama-cakubiri, umu-ce,  
uru-gabano, igi-tēro  
(where there has been agreement)  
umu-cāno

DIVISOR (math.) in-gabura

DIVORCE (vi) kw-āhukāna,  
(vt) kw-āhukānya  
(changing wife or husband  
frequently) ubu-māka  
(one who frequently d.) iki-māka

DIVULGE gu-kerukiriza, gu-kerutsa

DIZZY (to be) ku-zērērwa,  
kuzungurirwa  
(to make) ku-zērēra

DO ku-gira, gu-kora  
(again) kw-ongera  
(always) kw-āma, gu-hora  
(anyhow, in spite of) gu-pfa  
(continually) kw-āma, gu-hora  
(even more) ku-rushiriza  
(first) ku-bānza, gu-shūza  
(forcefully) kw-īhanukīra  
(habitually) ku-mēnyera  
(have too much to d.) ku-rēngerana  
(the impossible) gu-fyidikīra  
(housework) ku-gora  
(one's duty) gu-shimika  
(quickly) gu-kwākwānya, gu-shōka,  
gu-sobaganya, gu-sūriranya,  
gu-tebūtsa  
(quickly and carelessly) ku-raha  
(quickly without thinking)  
gu-simbagurika  
(do not) -ōye (verb without  
infinitive)  
(reluctantly) kw-īyumānganya  
(a sloppy job) ku-rēngagiza  
(something alone) kw-īgūnga  
(something by oneself without  
authority) kw-igenera  
(something that causes pleasure  
or amazement) gu-samāza  
(that which you declared you would  
not do) kw-īrahuruza  
(two things at once) ku-bāngikanya  
(unwillingly) ku-goyagoya  
(unwillingly and complainingly)  
ku-nyinkira

DOCILE (person or animal) iki-rende

DOCTOR umu-gānga, umu-vūzi

DOCTRINE imy-īgishe

DOG im-bga  
(female) im-bgakazi  
(wild, wolf-like) i-bīngira

DOMESTIC ANIMAL igi-tungano

DOMINATE ku-gaba, gu-hahaza  
(allow another to d.) gu-harira

DONE (to be easily or quickly)  
ku-banguka  
(to have d.) kw-īgera  
(to have d. recently) gu-herūka

DONKEY in-dogoba, in-dogobge

DON'T (strong negative) -ōye (verb  
without infinitive)

DOOR ur-ūgi, umu-ryāngo  
(piece of wood for closing)  
iki-bāndo

DOORPOST igi-shimaryāngo

DOORWAY umu-ryāngo  
(to close d. with branches)  
gu-hāngāza

DORMITORY in-dāro, i-rāro

DOT in-dome  
(to put d. on) ku-domagiza  
(to put many d. on) ku-domagura

DOUBLE-MINDED (to be) gu-hugūmba

DOUBT i-kēkwe  
kw-īyubāra, gu-kekeranya,  
gu-shidikanya  
(oneself) kw-īkēkako

DOUBTS ama-kēnga, ama-zīnda  
(to not have) gu-shiruka amazīnda

DOUGH (to mix) gu-cūmba  
(to make a little) ku-vurūnga

DOVE in-uma  
(turtle-dove) in-tunguru

DOWN hepfo  
(down there) hepfo  
(to be, to turn upside down)  
kw-ūbika  
(to put d.) gu-hwāmika

DOWNCAST (to be utterly) kw-ijīrwa

DOWRY (price) in-kwāno  
(to have d. paid for) gu-kōbga  
(to pay) gu-kwa  
(to receive d.) gu-kwērwa

DRAG gu-kwēga  
(along) ku-nyogōmba  
(along quickly) gu-kūbēba  
(along a very heavy thing)  
gu-kurura  
(on ground) gu-kūba

DRAW gu-kwēga, gu-sokōra  
(lots) gu-pfīndana  
(near) kw-egēra  
(pictures) gu-shushanya  
(things back together) gu-hindānura  
(up) gu-kōba  
(water) ku-daha, ku-vōma

DRAWN (to be d. to) ku-gomwa  
(up, from cold or being burned)  
gu-tetera

DREAM in-dōto, in-zozi  
(to dream) ku-rōta  
(to tell or explain d.) ku-rōtōra

DRENCH ku-nyāgira

DRENCHED (to be) ku-nyāgirwa  
(to be thoroughly d. and cold)  
gu-tetera

DRESS i-kānzū (Sw.)  
(to dress) kw-āmbara  
(an animal) ku-bāga  
(oneself) kw-īyambika, kw-āmbara  
(up) gu-shaza  
(wound) gu-somōra  
(to be dressed becomingly) ku-bērwa

DRIED MEAT umu-rānzi

DRIFT (gradual drifting)  
aka-yōmbekēre  
(to gradually drift off to sleep  
while thinking) ku-yāmīra

DRINK (sweet banana) umu-tobe  
(to drink) ku-nywa  
(to drink, of king) gu-kamagura  
(animals, go to drink) gu-shōka  
(after a meal) kw-īshōza  
(all there is in a container)  
kw-ūgunyuza  
(to cease to d.) gu-hodoka  
(from a reed) gu-sōma  
(in) ku-bōmba  
(to lead animals to d.) gu-shōra  
(to make one drink, pour milk  
down throat) ku-ramiza  
(to refuse to eat or d. with)  
ku-nēna  
(to go where others are drinking  
in hopes of getting some)  
ku-vūmba

DRINKER umu-nywi

DRIP ku-jējēta, ku-jōjōta,  
gu-tōnyānga

DRIVE (it home, enforce what one  
has said) ku-ryōherereza  
(out, esp. evil spirits) gu-hasha,  
gu-sēnda  
(stake in ground) gu-shīnga

DRIZZLE (light, fine rain)  
uru-nyanyaga

DROP (of liquid) i-ma, igi-tōnyānga  
(to drop) gu-sekura  
(to drop fruit, tree) gu-hunguruka  
(in water or food) (vi) ku-dibuka  
(to let fall drop by drop)  
gu-tōnyāngiriza  
(to let go of what you've started  
to take or do) gu-tēzūra,  
gu-tēnzūra  
(d. out of something because you  
know you're in the wrong)  
kw-ōnjorora  
(one who keeps dropping things  
here and there) umu-sābisābi

DROPPINGS (goat) ama-henehene

DROSS (in metal) in-kāmba

DROWN (vt) ku-dobeza  
(vi) ku-dobera, gu-sōma nturi

DROWSINESS uru-huni

DRUGS - ibiyobeza bwenge

DRUM in-goma  
(gasoline) in-gūnguru  
(to beat d.) ku-vuza  
(to beat continuously, thus  
setting time for others beating)  
gu-sāsira  
(stick for beating d.) umu-risho

DRUNK (person) im-borēwa  
(to be) ku-borēwa, gu-himba  
(to be d. enough to feel important)  
ku-dandahirwa

DRY (vi) kw-ūma, (vt) kw-ūmūtsa,  
kw-ūmya  
(in sun or near fire) ku-mūkishirīza  
(to be) ku-gaduka  
(to become) gu-kanyuruka,  
kw-ūmūka  
(to become too d. while cooking)  
ku-yēnga  
(to put food in sun to dry) gu-kavya  
(to put near fire to d.) gu-tara  
(up) ku-gaduka, ku-gangara,  
gu-kaba, gu-kama  
(up and be stiff, clothes or food)  
gu-tetera  
(up, breasts) gu-cūka

DRY SEASON i-ci  
(beginning of, about June) im-pēshi

DUCK im-bāti  
(to d. to keep from being struck)  
ku-zibukira

DULL (to be, instrument) gu-pfūha

DUMB (deaf and dumb person) iki-ragi

DUMBNESS (of speech) ubu-ragi

DUMP (all out at once) gu-cuncubura  
(into something) ku-rotsa

DUNG ama-vyi  
(human) umu-sarani

DUNK ku-dūmba, gu-koza

DURABLE (to be) ku-rama

DUST umu-kungugu  
(off) gu-pāngūsha (Sw.),  
kw-ēyera

DUTY (to do one's) gu-shimika



DWELL ku-ba, ku-guma

DWELLING PLACE ubu-ragamo

DYE uru-shānga  
(to dye) ku-raba, ku-ziga  
(barkcloth) ku-mesa

DYING PERSON umu-hwēre

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EACH -ōse

EAGER (to be) kw-ītwaririka

EAGLE in-kukuma, iki-nyakabaka,  
im-pūngu

EAR ugu-twi  
(to ear, grain) ku-bogeka

EAR WAX ubu-kurugutwi  
(to clean out) gu-kurugutura

EARLY kare  
(early morning) aga-huru  
(to start e. in the morning)  
ku-zinduka

EARNEST (to be) kw-ītwaririka

EARNESTNESS umw-ēte, i-fūhe  
(at a task) ubg-īra  
(to work with e.) gu-shira  
igi-konyo

EARTH i-si, aga-taka, i-vu  
(hard-packed) uru-tare  
(interior of) i kuzimu  
(of reddish brown color)  
in-ginagina  
(to shake) (vi) gu-tigita  
(to slide) gu-temuka, ku-nyika,  
gu-siduka

EARTHQUAKE umu-shītsi, igi-shītsi  
(rumble of) umu-gigimo  
(to quake) ku-nyiganyiga, gu-tigita

EARTHWORM umu-siba

EASILY (to be done) ku-banguka

EAST i-burasirazūba

EASTER Pasika

EASY (to be) kw-ōroha, gu-kūnda  
(e. to cut or pull, grass)  
kw-āhirika

EAT ku-nōgera, ku-noza, ku-rya,  
gu-fungura, ku-randagura  
(a lot) gu-hāga, gu-hīmba  
(cause to eat a lot) gu-pfunereza  
(by sucking only, as candy)  
ku-yongobeza, ku-yungubiza  
(garden plants, of goats) kw-ōna  
(to refuse to) ku-zira  
(to refuse to e. or drink with)  
ku-nēna  
(together) gu-sangira  
(two kinds of food together) gu-koza  
(with instrument) ku-rīsha

EATEN (to be) ku-rībga (also used  
meaning to have severe pain)

EATING PLACE i-rīro

EAVESDROPPER igi-sokoro

EAVESDROPPING (information gained  
by) igi-sokoro  
(to tell what one has heard while e.)  
gu-tumbūra

ECHO (to make an e.) gu-sāma

ECLIPSE ubg-īrakabiri

ECONOMICAL (to be) ku-ziganya

EDGE im-biga  
(of sword, knife) ub-ūgi

EFFORT (to make an) kw-āndāra

EGG iri-gi, i-gi  
(shell) iki-barara  
(tiny) ubu-gi  
(to lay e.) gu-ta amagi

EGGPLANT in-tore

EGGSHELL iki-barara

EGG YOLK umu-tugutu

EIGHT umunāni  
(eight times) umunāni

EIGHTY mirongumunāni,  
mirongwināni

ELBOW in-kokora

ELDER umu-jēnāma, umu-kuru,  
umu-shīngantahe  
(elders and rulers, esp. in regard  
to their function of helping the  
poor) ba-rutungabōro

ELDERLY (person) umu-sāza

ELECTRICITY - umuyaga - nkuba  
ELEPHANT in-zovu

ELEPHANTIASIS imi-sozi

ELOPE (go to husband without being  
properly married) gu-cīkira  
(to try to persuade to elope)  
gu-cīkiza

ELSEWHERE ahandi

EMACIATED (to be) kw-īraburanirwa

EMIGRATE gu-suhūka

EMPLOYEE umu-cāngero

EMPLOYER (my, our) dātabuja  
(your) shōbuja  
(his, their) shēbuja

EMPTY (to be) ku-garagara,  
ku-rāngāra  
(to make) ku-garagaza  
(to e. out) gu-sēsa

ENABLE gu-shoboza  
(e. to conquer) ku-nēshereza

ENCHANTMENT (to overcome or  
remove) ku-rogōra

ENCIRCLE gu-kenyeza, ku-ziguza

ENCLOSE ku-zūnguriza

ENCLOSURE (about house and yard)  
uru-go

ENCOUNTER (suddenly) kw-ūbuka

ENCOURAGE kw-īrūza, ku-remēsha,  
ku-rindīsha  
(oneself) kw-īrūra

END i-herezo, umu-hero, i-hero,  
ubu-herūka, im-pera, im-peruka,  
i-tahīriro  
(end of boat) umu-kōndo  
(at the e. of every year) uk'umwāka  
utāshe  
(to be the e.) ku-gwa mahera

END (continued)  
 (to be at an e. of one's resources)  
 ku-zigirizwa  
 (to be at an e. of one's patience)  
 ku-dundumirwa  
 (to be coming to an e.)  
 gu-herengetera  
 (to come to an e.) gu-henebēra,  
 gu-hera, ku-nyika  
 (to e. a conversation) kw-īkebanura

ENDURE kw-īhāngāna, gu-shinyiriza

ENEMY umw-ānsi, umu-mēnja,  
 umu-rwānizi  
 (to help another overcome)  
 gu-kōndōrera

ENERGETIC (to be) gu-ciririka,  
 gu-kovya, kw-igumira,  
 gu-shiruka ubute, gu-shiruka  
 umwēte

ENFORCE (what one has said)  
 ku-ryōherereza

ENJOY (oneself) ku-gāzagāza

ENLARGE gu-kaka, kw-āgura

ENMITY ubg-ānsi

ENOUGH (to be) gu-kwīra  
 (to be more than e.) gu-cāguka  
 (to be e. for) gu-kwīrana  
 (to have) gu-kwīrwa  
 (it's enough) birahāye, birakwīye  
 (it's enough, as salt or medicine  
 in something else) gu-kora

ENROLL kw-āndikīsha  
 (oneself) kw-īyāndikīsha

ENTER kw-īnjira

ENTICE kw-ōrekēra  
 (to go to man's house to entice)  
 kw-igemagama

ENTHUSIASM umw-ēte  
 (to lose one's) ku-dehūra,  
 gu-tenzekanya, gu-tēzūra

ENTRANCE i-rēmbo  
 (to king's kraal) iki-rimba

ENTRUST ku-bītsa, ku-zēza  
 (e. to) ku-rindīsha, gu-sigarana  
 (e. flock to another to pasture)  
 ku-ragiza  
 (e. something to another and it  
 increases while there)  
 gu-tongoza

ENTRUSTED (thing e. to another)  
 iki-bītsanyo, in-gwāti

EPIDEMIC iki-za

EPILEPSY in-tandara

EQUAL (to be) ku-ngana, ku-ringanira  
 (in length, height) ku-rēha  
 (to make e.) ku-ringaniza,  
 ku-nganya, ku-rēhēsha  
 (to not be e. in length, height,  
 or ability) gu-sūmbana  
 (to make e. in length, height)  
 ku-rēsha  
 (to make oneself equal to another)  
 kw-īgereranya

EQUILIBRIUM (lack of) im-pungenge  
 (to have good) gu-shira impungenge

ERASE gu-futa, gu-sibūra,  
 ku-zimanganya

ERASER umu-pīra (Sw.)

ERECT (to stand) kw-ēma,  
kw-emarara  
(for a long time) gu-shibama  
(one who stands e.) umu-shibamyi

ERR (in counting or speaking) ku-yoba

ERROR i-futi

ERUPTION (to break out with a rash)  
gu-turika  
(to have an) gu-hurira

ESCAPE (narrow) aga-hēngekezo  
(to escape) ku-dohōka, gu-cīka,  
gu-toroka, ku-zibukira  
(to barely e. an accident)  
gu-hakwa, kw-ēnda  
(the memory) ku-zīnda  
(to secretly help someone to e. by  
taking his things) ku-nyuruza

ESOPHAGUS igi-hogohogo

ESTIMATE ku-gereranya

ETERNAL (to be) kw-āmaho,  
gu-hora, gu-horaho

EUCALYPTUS TREE umu-karatūsi,  
igi-karatūsi

EUNUCH in-kone

EUROPE Buraya

EVADE ku-rementanya

EVAPORATE gu-kama

EVEN na

EVENING (late afternoon) umu-gorōba  
(early) aka-gorōba  
(when sun is very low but still  
visible) iki-rēngazūba  
(to be e.) ku-gorōba

EVER na ntaryo

EVERLASTING (to be) gu-horaho

EVERY -ōse

EVERYWHERE hōse  
(to spread) (see "spread")

EVIDENCE ic-āgiriza

EVIDENT (to be) ku-garagara

EVIL iki-bi, ubu-bi, i-nābi  
(adj.) -bi  
(to speak e. of) gu-kana, ku-negura  
(to speak e. of one another)  
gu-curikanya  
(to speak e. of a ruler) ku-yoba  
(to seek out e. doer, witch doctor)  
ku-ragura  
(to have witch doctor seek out e.  
doer) ku-raguza  
(to sprinkle "medicine" around  
house to protect it from e.)  
ku-rēmbeka, gu-tota  
(to chase away e. spirits) gu-sēnda  
(to succeed in persuading someone  
to leave his e. ways) gu-kōndōra  
(speaking e. of another with whom  
you work) i-kēba  
(e. deed) ubu-hūmbu  
(example) ak-ābarore  
(e. language, esp. young girl's)  
ubg-eruzi  
(e. look) igi-tsūre

EXALT gu-haya, ku-ninahaza

EXAMINE gu-caca, gu-cunaguza,  
gu-cunaguriza, gu-pīma,  
gu-sūzuma, gu-hwebutsa  
(in prospect of buying) ku-garagura

EXAMPLE ic-ītegererezo,  
aka-rorero, iki-gereranyo  
(evil e.) ak-ābarore  
(person to be imitated) i-remezo  
(to give an) ku-gereraniriza

EXASPERATED (to be) ku-jīngitwa,  
gu-shangashirwa

EXCEED ku-rēnga, gu-sūmba  
(to cause to) gu-sumvya

EXCEPT shiti, atari, ~~weretse~~

EXCESS (to be in, left over)  
gu-sigara

EXCHANGE gu-kāba  
(clothes or other article for a  
time) ku-nyurānyura

EXCITE gu-karisha

EXCLAMATION (of astonishment)  
yemwe gaye!  
(watch out!) mpore!

EXCREMENT ama-vyi

EXCUSE urw-ītwazo  
(excuse me, when wrong word is  
spoken) bambe  
(to excuse) ku-babarira,  
ku-regūra, gu-tūnga  
(oneself) kw-īregūra

EXCUSES (to make) ku-zāngazānga,  
ku-dendekanya, ku-dendekeranya

EXERCISE umw-īmenyerezo  
kw-īmenyereza  
(gym class) gu-keza  
(an art, trade) gu-hīngūra

EXERCISES (as at a celebration)  
ibi-rorēro

EXHAUST gu-tamya

EXHAUSTED (to be) gu-cobogora,  
gu-kenyukirwa, gu-sāba  
(utterly worn out by hard work)  
gu-tama

EXHORTER umu-sigūzi

EXILE kw-āmbutsa

EXISTENCE uku-baho

EXONERATE ku-regūra

EXORBITANT (to be) ku-zīm̄ba

EXPECT gu-samāza  
(to get a certain thing) ku-ziga

EXPEDITE (to cooperate in getting  
a job done quickly) gu-sahiriza

EXPENSIVE (to be) ku-zīm̄ba

EXPERIENCED (to be) ku-zyātira

EXPLAIN gu-fobōra, ku-genekereza,  
gu-sigūra, gu-sobanura  
(fully till all understand)  
ku-rangūra  
(poorly) gu-fobeka  
(thoroughly) gu-tumbūra  
(a dream) ku-rōtōra  
(one who e.) umu-sigūzi

EXPLANATION in-sobanuro  
(to demand e.) gu-sigūza

EXPRESS (one's thoughts)  
gu-kimbūka

EXTERMINATE gu-tikiza

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EXTINGUISH (fire or light) ku-zimya

FABLE umu-gani

EXTRA (to be left over) gu-sigara  
(e. digit, toe, teat) in-dorerezi

FACE amaso (mu maso hiwe - in  
his face)

(to be facing each other)

EXTRACT gu-shikura

gu-hangana

(to make a face over something  
that tastes bad) ku-nyinyirwa

EXTREMITY i-herezo

(to put one's face in one's hands in  
deep thought) kw-itangira itama

EXTRICATE (from difficulties)  
ku-gobōtora

(face to face) ubg-āmāso,  
im-bonankubone

EXUBERANT (to be) gu-kakama

(showing disapproval on one's face)  
ibi-tsingotsingo

EYE i-jīsho

(to close one's eyes) gu-humiriza

(to cut e. out) ku-nogora

(to fall into, or hurt) gu-tosekaza

(to get something in) gu-tosekara

(to make another close his)

kw-ūnamika

(to open eyes) gu-kanura

(to open e. of another) gu-humūra

(to remove foreign body from e.)

gu-tosōra

(to wash in one's e.) kw-īhumūra

(foreign body in) igi-totsi

(matter in) ibi-karagāshi

("sand" esp. a certain type of  
conjunctivitis) ubu-rire

("sand" on awakening) ibi-rashi

(tiny insect in) aka-nyarira

FACT (in fact) mbere

(to know the facts of a case)

gu-hinyura

FAD (to follow a) gu-harara

FADE ku-bēngūka, ku-bēnjūka,  
gu-sērūka

(to cause to f.) gu-sērūra

FAIL gu-cumukura

(another) gu-hemukira

(to accomplish what one started)

ku-gaburura

(to do what one intended)

ku-dehūra

(to find) ku-bura, gu-husha

(to give what one promised)

ku-garamāngira

(to keep one's word) gu-hemuka,

kw-īrahuruza, gu-tēzūra

(to return) ku-gīrīra

(in one's task) gu-sibanganya

(to be unable to do what one  
attempts) gu-tāna

EYEBROW iki-gohe, iki-gohegohe

EYELASHES in-gohe, iki-gohe

EYELID (turned back) igi-henēhene

EYE PUPIL im-bonero

FAILURE (result of f. to keep  
promise) uru-dubi  
(to bring f.) gu-tāna

FAINT ku-raba  
(to be) ku-dendebukirwa  
(to feel) ku-yāmīra  
(from hunger) ku-gwīra isari

FAINTING (to come to after)  
gu-hembūka  
(to revive after) ku-rabūka

FAITHFUL (to be) ku-yoboka  
(f. person) umw-īzigirwa

FALL ku-gwa, gu-tēmba  
(accidentally on spear and be  
injured) gu-shōka  
(and hurt oneself) ku-nywāguka  
(and skin oneself) gu-kungagurika  
(before) kw-ikubita imbere  
(down) kw-ikubita hasi,  
kw-ītēmbagaza  
(down, as branches blown down)  
gu-koragurika  
(down, as house) gu-henuka,  
gu-homyoka, gu-sambūka,  
gu-sēnyuka, gu-situka  
(down continually or in abundance)  
gu-koragurika  
(down together, usually in fright)  
gu-hindikirana  
(down from above) kw-eguka,  
gu-koroka, gu-shunguruka,  
gu-tibuka  
(from stalk) gu-hūnguka  
(heavily, rain) ku-zibiranya  
(in cascade) gu-shunguruka,  
gu-sūma  
(in, cause to) gu-situra  
(in love) ku-bēnguka  
(into water or food) ku-dibuka

FALL (cont.)  
(not fall, rain) gu-tara  
(to the ground) gu-hūndagara  
(with) gu-korokana  
(with a din) gu-hongoroka  
(to cause to fall) ku-gwisha,  
gu-kungagura, gu-tēmvyā  
(to cause to fall down) gu-henura,  
gu-sēnyura, gu-korora  
(let fall drop by drop)  
gu-tōnyāngiriza

FALLOW (to lie) gu-siba

FALSE (to reveal what is)  
gu-hūmuriza

FALTERING PERSON uru-dēndevu

FAME in-kuru, ama-kuru

FAMILY in-dimwe, umu-ryāngo  
(last one of family who has no  
children) im-ponnyi  
(members of) aba-vandimwe

FAMINE iki-goyi, ama-pfa, iki-za  
(to leave one's country because of)  
gu-suhūka  
(to return after) gu-suhūkuruka

FAN (to blow off chaff) uru-taro

FAR (away) kure  
(very far away) i-bushi  
(in the future) kēra

FASCINATED (to be) gu-samāra

FAST kw-īsonzēsha  
(adv.) n'ingoga

FAT i-tōto  
(meat) ibi-nure

FAT (cont.)

(to be) ku-doha, kuvyibuha  
(to be, child) gu-shisha  
(to be, meat) ku-nura  
(to become) ku-doha, ku-vyibuha

FATAL (to be) ku-gīrīra, gu-kora

FATHER (my, our) dāta, dāwe  
(your) so  
(his, her, their) se  
(f. -in-law) sebwewe  
(f. of twins) sebwabi

FAULT aga-sūzuguro

(to find f. with) gu-sūzugura,  
gu-sūzuguza  
(to look for a f. in one another)  
ku-genzanya

FAVOR ubu-toni

(to f.) gu-shīnga

FAVORITE umu-toni

(servant or friend) umw-īshikira

FAVORITISM urw-ānkūnzi, ubu-toni

FEAR ubg-ōba

(great) aga-tēngo  
(of losing position) igi-hababu  
(f. to hurt another because you  
love him) im-puhwe  
(thing or person stricken with f.)  
igi-hūmura  
(to fear) kw-īkanga, gu-tīnya,  
ku-gira ubg-ōba  
(to act or go secretly because of)  
kw-ōmba  
(to jump with, in heart) gu-hahama  
(to shout in sudden) gu-tura ubuku

FEARED (that which is) igi-tīnyiro

FEARFUL (to be) gu-hugūmba

FEARLESS (to be) gu-hangāra,  
ku-rīndūka, gu-shira amanga,  
gu-tīnyūka

FEARLESSNESS (because one knows  
he is right) ubu-shizi bg'amanga

FEAST ama-zimāno, in-zimāno  
(to give a f. to) ku-zimāna  
(one who is in charge of food at)  
umu-teretsi

FEATHER i-ryōya

(to feather an arrow) gu-tanaga

FEBRILE (to be) ku-rurūmba

FEBRUARY ukwēzi kwa kabiri,  
Nyamagoma, Ruhuhuma

FECES (human) umu-sarani

FED (to be "fed up" with something)  
ku-dunduhirwa

FEE iki-buguro, i-hadabu (Sw.)

(paid for permission to buy or sell)  
in-gorore  
(to collect) ku-buguza  
(to pay) ku-bugura

FEED ku-gaburira

FEEL kw-ūmva

(around for) gu-kabakaba  
(to begin to f. better after being ill)  
gu-tenzukurwa  
(to cause to f. badly) gu-surira  
(faint) ku-yāmīra  
(to make another feel badly over  
what he's done) gu-tēteka



FEEL (cont.)

(to not feel anything) gu-timba  
(of) gu-korakora  
(sad) gu-tunturirwa  
(the way) gu-hwihwisha,  
ku-juragirika, gu-kāmbakāmba  
(the way before one with foot or  
spear) gu-kebagiza

FEELING (better) imi-suhūko  
(I'm better, he's better)  
n'imi-suhūko, n'imitende

FEELINGS (hard) umw-īkomo,  
iki-nūbge  
(to hold hard f.) kw-īdōga  
(to hurt another's f.) gu-sesereza  
(to not show one's f.) kw-īrengagiza

FEET (see foot)  
(at feet of great person, i. e. in  
his presence) in-yōnga, in-yundo  
(to scrape feet on floor, esp.  
because of itching) gu-syēgenya

FEIGN (to f. beating) ku-gera  
(to f. working) gu-shāza

FELLOWSHIP (to have) gu-fatanya,  
gu-cudika

FEMALE (suffix attached to noun)  
-kazi, e. g. imbgakazi

FENCE aka-rīmbi, iki-rīmbi

FERMENT (vt) kw-āmbira  
(vi) ku-bira, gu-tutūmba  
(quickly) gu-saragurika

FERMENTED (anything, beer)  
in-karisha

FERMENTING AGENT umw-āmbiro

FERTILIZER in-tabire

FERTILIZE kw-ōrohereza, gu-tabira

FESTIVAL (day) iki-rori

FETISH (bark cloth used as a thing  
of worship) in-dabe  
(gourd used) in-tendēri  
(heathen charm on head) uru-gori  
(spotted barkcloth) in-dome  
(things used in worship of Kiranga,  
thought to have special powers)  
ubu-zimuzimu  
(charm) igi-heko

FEVER iny-ōnko, umu-rurūmba  
(to have) ku-rurūmba

FEW -ke, -keya, -kenya

FIBERS (to shave off f. for thread)  
gu-kubagura

FICKLE (to be) gu-harara, ku-rārāta

FIDGETING (to sit) ku-yugayuga

FIELD ubg-ātsi, in-dimiro  
(battle) uru-gāmba  
(corner belonging to each child)  
ic-ībare  
(forsaken, abandoned) iki-rare  
(cultivated) i-tōngo  
(to clean up) gu-kāngaza

FIFTY mirongwitānu

FIG in-sukoni  
(fig tree) umu-sukōni

FIGHT in-dwāno  
(to fight) ku-rwāna, ku-nigana,  
ku-randagura, gu-sugurirwa,  
(vt) ku-rwānya

# FIGHT (cont.)

(f. and defeat completely)  
ku-nūtsa  
(aggravate a f.) ku-būnga  
(for) ku-maranira  
(for independence) ku-mēnja  
(in fun) gu-kubagura  
(one bigger than oneself) gu-haga  
(to pick a f.) gu-sōtōra  
(to provoke a) gu-sōmborotsa  
(to stop fighting) gu-tātūka  
(with equal force) ku-rindana

# FIGHTER umu-sīnzi

(to separate-fighters) ku-bangū-  
ranya, gu-tātūra

# FILL kw-ūzuza, kw-ūzuriza

(to the brim) ku-nengesēra,  
ku-nengesereza  
(up) gu-pfunereza, gu-tsīndāza

# FILTER (water) ku-mimina

# FILTH umw-ānda

# FINALITY i-tahīriro

# FINALLY ubu-herūka

# FIND ku-rōnka, gu-sānga

(fault with everything) ku-nēbagura  
(new building site) ku-gerēra  
(one's way after being lost)  
gu-hubūka, ku-zimuruka  
(to be able to be found when  
looked for) ku-rondereka  
(to fail to f.) ku-bura, gu-husha  
(something you find) iki-nobano

# FINE i-hadābu

# FINGER uru-teke

(thumb) uru-kumu

# FINGER (cont.)

(index) nkumbaruboko  
(middle) nsūmbazōse  
(4th) marere  
(little) uru-hererezi  
(extra) in-dorerezi

# FINGERNAIL urw-āra

(to go under) gu-sesereza  
(to scratch with) kw-āga

# FINISH (vt) gu-heza, kw-āhukānya,

ku-mara, ku-rangiza, gu-sōzēra,  
gu-tōza, gu-shirisha  
(vi) gu-hera, kw-āhukāna,  
ku-rangira, gu-shira  
(completely) (vi) kw-īramvura,  
gu-kōmvōmvoka  
(vt) gu-kōmvōmvora, ku-maramara  
ku-marīra, ku-nōnōsora,  
gu-herengeteza, gu-heraheza  
(each other off) ku-marana  
(food) gu-kōmba  
(weaving an article) gu-sōza

# FINISHED (to be) ku-rangira, gu-her.

# FIRE umu-riro

(bit of) umu-cānwa  
(built for cows) ic-ōtero  
(made in enclosure for animals)  
igi-cāniro  
(to blow the) kw-ātsa  
(to destroy by) ku-yigiza  
(to extinguish) ku-zimya  
(to go out) ku-zima  
(to keep f. going) gu-cānira  
(to light) ku-domeka  
(to make, start, build) gu-cāna,  
gu-kongereza  
(to put out) ku-zimya  
(to put wood on f.) gu-komānya  
(to set fire to) gu-turira

FIRE BANK (wood that holds fire  
through night) iki-vumbiko

FIREPLACE i-zīko (actually three  
stones placed for fireplace)

FIREWOOD uru-kwi  
(to gather) gu-sēnya

FIRM (to be) gu-hangāra  
(to make) ku-gumya

FIRST -ambere (preceded by class  
prefix)  
(of anything) in-tangamarāra  
(to do) ku-bānza, gu-shūza  
(to plant) gu-shūza

FIRST-BORN ubu-riza  
(child) im-fura

FIRST FRUITS umu-shūzo

FISH i-fi  
(a big) uru-fi  
(huge variety) im-vuru  
(to fish) ku-roba

FISH HOOK i-gera

FISHERMAN umu-rovyi

FISHING NET uru-sēnga

FIST igi-pfūnsi  
(to hit with f. repeatedly but  
gently, mother with child)  
gu-tumagura

FIVE -tānu, eshānu  
(five times) gatānu

FIX (up nice place to sit) gu-sēzera

FIXED (time, to set or await a f.)  
ku-gerereza

FLAG i-bendera

FLAIL iki-bāndo  
(to flail, beans, grain) gu-hūra

FLAME uru-beya

-FLASH (as lightning) ku-rabagirana,  
ku-rabiriza, kuravya  
(by) ku-rabuka

FLAT (area) igi-tega, iki-yāya  
(thing spread out flat) iki-ramvu  
(to be flat) ku-bāta, gu-tega  
(to be flat, as plate) ku-garama  
(esp. of nose) gu-fyāta

FLATTEN OUT (vi) ku-bāta  
(vt) gu-fyāta

FLATTENED OUT (to be) ku-bāta

FLATTER gu-sasa akarimi

FLATTERER umu-nyagahwāyi

FLATTERY in-dyārya, ubu-ryārya

FLATULENCE imi-suzi

FLATUS (to pass) gu-surira

FLAVOR ic-ānga, ubu-ryōhe,  
ubu-sōse, aka-novera  
(thing with good f.) igi-sōsa  
(to be of the f. of) gu-sōsera  
(to have good f.) gu-sōsa

FLEA im-baragasa

FLEE gu-hūnga, ku-rēnza

FLESH iny-āma, umu-biri

FLEX (joint) ku-gōnda, gu-konya

FLEXIBLE (to be) ku-nōnōka,  
ku-nyoganyoga

FLIES (to shoo off from cows)  
ku-zīnga

FLIGHT uru-hūngo

FLOAT ku-reremba

FLOCK i-sho, ubu-sho, urw-ūri  
(of little birds) urw-īha  
(of sheep or goats) in-zirikwa  
(to entrust f. to another to  
pasture) ku-ragiza  
(to watch flock) ku-ragira

FLOOD iki-dēngēri, umw-ūzure  
(place where water has flooded)  
i-sēsero  
(to be flooded in house) ku-vīrwa

FLOOR hāsi  
(on the) hāsi

FLOUR i-fu, ubu-fu

FLOURISHING (to be, of growing  
things) gu-shisha

FLOW kw-iburuka, gu-tēmba  
(into) gu-tēmbera  
(out) ku-vīra  
(softly, quietly, water)  
ku-yōmbekera  
(let flow from) ku-va

FLOWER i-shurwe  
(calix) in-govyi  
(stamen) umw-eza  
(pistil) i-sage  
(pollen) umu-rāyi  
(ovary) in-torobga

FLOWING (gentle, of river)  
aka-yōmbēro

FLUTE (made of reed) umw-īrōnge

FLUTTER ku-goyagoya, ku-zāma

FLY i-sāzi  
(big, tsetse) iki-bugu  
(tiny) aga-tūku, ubu-tūku  
(to fly) ku-guruka

FOAM i-furo

FOG igi-pfūngu

FOLD umu-pfunyu, umu-zīngo  
(for sheep) uru-hongere  
(to fold) gu-kuba, gu-kubiranya,  
gu-pfunya, ku-zīnga  
(f. hands together) gu-fumbata

FOLIAGE (to have abundant leaves  
and branches) gu-sagaba

FOLLOW ku-gendanira, gu-herekeza,  
gu-kurikira, gu-kwirikira  
(after) ku-nyurana  
(closely) kw-ōma  
(a fad) gu-harara  
(old customs) ku-zīrōra  
(one after the other) gu-kurikirana

FOLLOWER umu-gendanyi

FOLLY ubu-pfu, ubu-sazi

FONTANEL uru-horihori

FOOD in-dya  
(big portion of) i-robe  
(and drink of rich man, ruler)  
igi-turire  
(for a journey) im-pāmba  
(without salt) ibi-se  
(one in charge of f. at a feast)  
umu-teretsi

FOOD (cont.)

(place where f. is plentiful)  
ama-sumo, ubu-sumo  
(to be burned slightly) ku-yēnga  
(to become too dry in cooking)  
ku-yēnga  
(to burn) ku-zigira (vi)  
(to dish up) kw-ārura  
(to eat, to serve) gu-fungura  
(to get food for oneself) gu-tāra  
(to go to find f.) gu-suma  
(to go together to procure f. for  
guests) gu-tērera  
(to quickly make food for one)  
ku-zina  
(to serve) gu-fungura  
(to try to find f. for unexpected  
guests) kw-īyambagura

FOOL igi-hūza, iki-jūju, umu-tūngu

FOOLISH (to be) ku-jūjūta, gu-sara  
(person) in-jurajuzi, igi-pfu

FOOLISHLY (to act) kw-īfūtanya,  
gu-saragurika  
(to act f. in fun) ku-dāyāngwa,  
gu-pfyina  
(to speak f.) ku-debagura,  
gu-saragurika

FOOT iki-rēnge  
(of animal) i-jānja  
(of animal or person) umu-gere  
(of bed) imi-rāmbizo  
(of mountain) umu-cāmo

FOOTPRINT i-kānda, umw-ānza,  
ak-ēhe

FOOTSTEP (to walk in footsteps of  
another) ku-gera iki-rēnge

FOOTSTOOL (used by king or chief)  
in-dāva

FORBID kw-āmira, kw-īhaniza,  
ku-ziza

FORBIDDEN (to be) ku-zira  
(thing) iki-zira

FORCE ku-gōbēra, gu-hadikiriza,  
ku-zingirikira  
(someone to do something against  
his will) gu-hāta  
(to obey) ku-gandūra  
(to lose original force) gu-tītūra

FORCEFULLY ru-gabo

FORD (in river) ic-āmbu

FORECAST (weather by sky)  
ku-genzūra

FOREHEAD uru-hānga, aga-hānga

FOREIGN BODY (in eye, milk, water)  
igi-totsi

FOREIGN COUNTRY i-hānga

FOREIGNER umu-nyamahānga,  
umu-nyankiko, aka-vāntāra  
(from across border) in-jabuka

FORERUNNER (one who prepares for  
another) in-tegūza

FORESIGHT imi-gabo  
(lack of) igi-hababu

FOREST iki-bira

FORETELL ku-būrira

FORGE (metal) gu-cura

FORGET kw-ibagira, ku-zīndwa  
(to cause to) kw-ibagiza, ku-zīnda  
(for a moment) gu-hūndukwa  
(how to do something once known)  
gu-huna

FORGETFUL (to be) ku-gira  
ama-zīnda

FORGETTING (one's skill) uru-huni

FORGIVE ku-babarira, gu-harira

FORK i-kanya

FORM (design) i-shusho  
(to form, as mould) ku-būmba,  
gu-fyātura  
(to form grains) gu-hūnda

FORMERLY mbere

FORSAKE gu-heba, gu-huna  
(one another) ku-vāvānura  
(to succeed in persuading someone  
to f. his evil ways) gu-kōndōra

FORSAKEN (field) iki-rare  
(thing) ak-āhebe

FORTUNATE (person) umu-hīrwe  
(to be) gu-cuna, gu-hīrwa,  
ku-roranirwa

FORTUNE (good) i-hīrwe, ubu-hīrwe

FORTY mirongwine

FORWARD (to go) gu-tēra imbere  
(to go f. little by little)  
kw-ūngururuza  
(to go steadily) ku-ramiriza

FOUND (to be found so) ku-mera

FOUNDATION uru-fatiro, i-remezo,  
i-tanguriro

FOUNTAIN umu-gezi, i-sōko

FOUR -ne, ennye  
(four times) kane

FOUR-SIDED (figure) uru-kiramēnde

FOX im-bgēbge

FRACTION igi-ce, iki-mānyu

- FRACTURE (bone) im-vune

FRAGILE (to be, esp. clay pots)  
gu-hōmba, gu-kenyuka

FRAGMENT iki-barara

FRAGRANCE ubu-mōte

FRAGRANT (to be) gu-tāmirana  
(oil) i-senga

FRAMEWORK (of house) uru-kānka  
(of branches on which smaller ones  
are interlaced) i-koma

FRANC i-franga  
(5 franc piece) iki-ngōrongōro

FREE ku buntu (e.g. yampaye ku  
buntu)

FREED (to be, from speech defect)  
ku-gobōdoka

FREEDOM umw-īdegēmvyo  
(to have) kw-īdegēmvyu

FREQUENT (to) ku-gēndagēndera

FRESH -bisi  
(to be) ku-rēm̄ba

FRET (to fume and fret) kw-īdōga

FRIEND umu-gēnzi  
(intimate) umu-kūnzi, in-cuti  
(to visit a) ku-būngirana

FRIENDSHIP (to have with) gu-cudika

FRIGHT (to fall down together in)  
gu-hindikirana

FRIGHTEN ku-digiriza, gu-kānga,  
gu-tīnyīsha, gu-tēra, ubgōba,  
ku-vyigiriza  
(away with shouting) kw-āmira  
(unintentionally) gu-kangīra  
(to make a loud frightening noise)  
gu-turagara

FRIGHTENED (to be) gu-hagarika  
umutima, gu-cīka ivutu

FRINGE ubu-sage, ubu-yōnga

FROG igi-kere

FRONT (in front of) imbere  
(to be directly in) gu-hangana,  
gu-tūmbēra

FROST igi-konyozi

FROTH i-furo  
(to froth) kubīmba ifuro

FROWN ibi-tsingotsingo,  
ibi-singosingo  
(to f. at) ku-rāba igitsūre

FRUIT ic-āmwa, im-buto  
(to bear) kw-āma  
(to cease to bear) kw-āmurura  
(to drop, tree) gu-hunguruka  
(to gather) kw-āmūra

FRUITLESS (thing, plant)  
iki-rūmbirane  
(to be, plants) ku-rūmba

FRY gu-karānga

FULL (to be) kw-ūzura  
(to be absolutely f. to brim)  
gu-tētera  
(to be almost, waterpot)  
gu-cagatira  
(to overflowing) ku-bōga,  
ku-bōgabōga  
(too full) gu-funereza  
(having eaten, or full of air)  
ku-bobōka

FUME (and fret) kw-īdōga

FUN (to make f. of) ku-negura  
(to make f. of by recalling good he  
has lost) gu-curīra  
(to make f. of, esp. someone in  
trouble) kw-īshinyira  
(to be made f. of) gu-tētēwa

FUNNEL umu-birikira

FURNACE i-tanure

FURNITURE im-bombovu

FURTHERMORE iki-geretseko,  
bitayeko

FUTURE (far in the) kēra

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GAD -ABOUT (one who doesn't stay  
home) igi-hūmbu

GAILY (to go) ku-dayadaya

GAIN iny-ungu, i-māri (Sw.)  
(to gain) kw-ūnguka

GALL in-durwe

GAMBLE gu-kubita akamāri

GAME igi-kino, uru-kino  
(game field) uru-kino

GARBAGE umw-āvu

GARDEN umu-rima  
(to gather from) kw-āha,  
gu-soroma

GARDENER umu-rimyi

GARLAND umw-īshwa

GARMENT umw-āmbaro, im-pūzu  
(for work) ic-āmbazo  
(long) umw-itēro  
(long, trails on ground) im-vune  
(of barkcloth nicely sewn)  
in-demano  
(outer) i-pfundo, umu-tamana  
(that is too big) igi-sāga  
(that isn't very long) igi-kwēmu  
(with sleeves or armholes)  
umw-īnjiro

GARRULOUS (to be) ku-rimbūra

GASP gu-humēka

GATE i-rēmbo

GATEPOST in-kīngi, igi-kīngi

GATHER ku-myōra  
(building materials) gu-humbira  
(firewood) gu-sēnya  
(food from garden) gu-soroma,  
kw-āha  
(fruit) kw-āmūra  
(in loose garment at waist and tie)  
gu-kenyera  
(little sticks) gu-tōrōra

GATHER (cont.)

(manure for garden) ku-vūmbura  
(up) kw-āndūra, gu-sorōranya,  
gu-tororokanya  
(up grass that has been spread out)  
gu-sasūra

GAZELLE in-geregere

GENEROSITY ubu-ntu

GENTLE (to be) kw-engēnga

GENTLY buhoro, buhoro-buhoro

GESTURE (to put one's hand to his  
face in surprise) ku-jorerwa

GET ku-ronka, gu-habga  
(angry, suddenly when one has  
been talking nicely) ku-gangabuka  
(big, skin in water) ku-bōmbōka  
(close together) kw-egerana  
(dark, late) kw-īra  
(dirty) kw-āndūra  
(food for oneself) gu-tāra  
(get out of my way!) have! vaho!  
(get out of there) have, vaho  
(left behind as you stare at some-  
thing) ku-rēngāra  
(something in eye) gu-tosekara  
(thin) ku-geruka  
(thin, very) ku-gōgōra  
(up) gu-haguruka, ku-vyūka  
(up, quickly) ku-baduka  
(up, to help another g.) ku-vyūra

GHOST umu-zimu, igi-kānge

GIANT iki-gambati

GIFT in-gabano, in-gabire,  
i-shikanwa, i-tūro, in-gemu  
(of appreciation or thanks)  
i-shīmwe igi-shimo



GIFT (Continued)

(given on return from journey)  
i-ganūke  
(nothing expected in return)  
im-pāno  
(to chief to get something from  
him) in-gororano  
(to make up for offending someone)  
i-cīru  
(to offer gift) gu-tereka, gu-tūra  
(to pass out g., distribute)  
ku-gaba  
(to present, with something expected  
in return) ku-gemura

GIRAFFE umu-sumbarembe

GIRDLE umu-kānda

(to wear a) gu-kenyera  
(with) gu-kenyeza

GIRL umu-kōbga, umw-īgeme,  
in-kumi

(reaching age of puberty) umu-zēzwa

GIVE gu-ha, gu-hēsha, gu-tānga

(back) gu-subīza  
(back cow, calf to one from whom  
one received a cow) kw-ōkōra  
(birth) ku-vyāra  
(birth, cow about to g.)  
ku-digiriza  
(cow a second time to one who has  
brought many gifts)  
gu-hetera inkoni  
(example) ku-gereraniriza  
(gift to bride so she will talk)  
gu-horōra  
(good measure) ku-nengesēreza  
(in to) ku-rōnsa  
(information) ku-rangīra  
(life to) ku-bēshaho  
(more) kw-ongera, kw-ongeza  
(oneself to) kw-īhāmbīra

GIVE (Continued)

(oneself to service of Kiranga)  
ku-bāndwa, ku-vōvōta  
(over a possession) kw-egura  
(penuriously) ku-zirukanya  
(pledge or security) ku-gwatiriza  
(present) ku-gabira  
(refuse to) kw-īma  
(refuse to g. another his own)  
ku-gūnga, kw-īmana  
(sacrifice) gu-shikana  
(someone a heavy load) ku-remēka  
(to) gu-ha, gu-hēra, gu-hēreza,  
ku-rōnsa, gushikiriza  
(to each other) gu-hāna  
(to each other often) gu-hānahāna  
(to one whose house has burned)  
gu-suhūza  
(talk) ku-gamba  
(up everything) kw-īgura  
(warm welcome, one does not say it  
of himself) gu-kēra

GIVING (up after trying several times)  
ibi-se (rare word)

GLAD (to be) ku-nēzērwa, gu-hīmbārwa  
(to make) ku-nēzēra, gu-hīmbara,  
ku-nēzereza

GLANCE (at) ku-rerembuza

GLASS iki-rahure (Sw.)

GLASSES (spectacles) ivy-īrori,  
ibi-rorero

GLEAN gu-humba, gu-tōrōra

GLEANINGS ibi-humbga

GLISTEN gu-kayāngana

GLOAT (over) kw-ītāmba ku muvyimba

GLORIFY gu-haya, gu-hayagiza,  
gu-shimagiza

GLORY ubg-īza  
(g. in) kw-īrāta

GLUTTON umu-noho

GNAT aga-tūku, ubu-tūku

GO ku-genda, kw-igira, kuja  
(let's go!) hogi, hoji  
(after) ku-gīra  
(ahead a little) kw-ūnguruza  
(all through a house) ku-vōgera  
(around) gu-kīkira, gu-kīkuza  
ku-zīngūka  
(around "Robinhood's barn")  
gu-kingitiranya  
(aside with someone to talk  
privately) kw-īkebukana  
(astray) ku-zimira  
(away secretly) kw-īdohōra  
(back and forth) ku-nyura  
(back on what he said, make one)  
ku-rahuruza  
(backward) kw-īfūtānya  
(backward inadvertently)  
gu-fūtānya  
(beyond) ku-rēnga  
(carefully not knowing path)  
gu-hwihwisha  
(down the middle of path)  
kw-ātīra  
(elsewhere) ku-gerēra  
(everywhere) gu-kwiragirana,  
gu-hetūra  
(far away) kw-āmbuka, gu-haba  
(for food) gu-suma  
(forward) gu-tēra imbere  
(forward little by little)  
kw-ūngururuza, kw-ūnguruza  
(forward steadily) ku-ramiriza  
(for a walk) ku-gēndagēnda

GO (Continued)  
(from one thing to another)  
ku-rārāta  
(from place to place) ku-nyuragiza,  
ku-yugayuga  
(gaily) ku-dayadaya  
(here and there, child) ku-rērēta  
(home) gu-tāha, ku-ganūka  
(home from work) ku-godoka  
(home, of wife when angry)  
ku-gēnda buje  
(into danger without regard to  
oneself) kw-īroha  
(naked) gu-furama, ku-gēnda  
amenya, ku-gēnda gusa  
(on tiptoe) ku-yōmbōka  
(out, fire, light) ku-zima  
(out to a certain place) gu-sokoroka  
(outside) gu-sohoka  
(to prepare to go) kw-īkora  
(quietly) ku-yōmbōka  
(rapidly) gu-kinagira  
(reluctantly) kw-īyumānganya  
(right in path, animal) gu-tōta  
(secretly because of fear) kw-ōmba  
(separate ways) gu-tāna  
(slowly) ku-goyagoya  
(slowly, of convalescent) kw-āndāra  
(softly) ku-yōmbōka  
(steadily forward) ku-ramiriza  
(stealthily) ku-nyobanyoba,  
kw-iyombayomba, ku-yombayomba  
(straight toward) gu-tūmbereza  
(through a narrow pass)  
ku-nyegētera  
(to bed) ku-ryāma  
(to chief or superior for something)  
kw-ītwarā, gu-shengera,  
gu-shengerera  
(to find food) gu-suma  
(to help another in his work)  
gu-sāsira  
(to meal uninvited) kw-igemagama  
(to meet) gu-sanganira, gu-tegēra

GO (Continued)

(together, to procure food for  
guests) gu-tērera  
(together to see, crowd)  
gu-kōndōrera  
(toward) ku-rora, kw-erekera,  
kw-erekeza  
(uncertain of the way) gu-husha-  
girika  
(uncertainly) ku-dāguza  
(up, as hill) ku-dūga  
(up in smoke) gu-pfūnduka  
(walking, esp. at night) kw-īkanya  
(to wedding) gu-tāha ubukwe  
(well, to cause to g.) ku-gēza  
(with) kw-āmbukana, ku-jāna

GO-BETWEEN (in a marriage)

umu-reshi  
(to act as) ku-rehereza, ku-resha

GOAT im-pene, in-tūngwa, igi-tūngwa

(herd of) in-zirikwa  
(male) im-pfizi  
(young male) aga-sugurume  
(skin for carrying baby) in-govyi

GOD Imāna

(who is all-seeing) in-dāvyi  
(the Creator) Rurema

GODLINESS ubu-māna

GOINGS AND COMINGS ama-ja n'amaza

GOITER umw-īngo

GOLD i-zahabu

GONORRHEA igi-sokoro

GOOD (the good) ic-īza

(adj.) -īza, nyawo, nyayo, etc.  
(noun) i-nēza

GOOD (Continued)

(to be good ostensibly but not  
really) kw-īyorobeka  
(to become good after being bad)  
gu-fūtānuka  
(to make good) ku-ryōsha

GOOD LOOKING (to be) ku-rābika

GOOD MORNING bgakeye

(to tell chief that someone sends  
in "bgakeye") gu-kānda

GOODBYE n'agasaga, n'akagaruka,

n'agahindikira, n'agahumuza,  
n'agahwane, n'akababa,  
n'akabandanya, n'akazoza,  
n'akaza, buroca, turabonanye,  
ku Mana, ndakwinyungushuye  
(to superior) ndakwikebanuye,  
ndigaranzuye  
(to bid) gu-sēzera

GOODNESS (one who has) in-twāri

GOOSE (wild) igi-safu

GOOSEBERRY in-tumbaswa

GOSPEL ubu-tumwa bgīza

GOSSIP uru-saku

(in whispers) ivy-ōngoreranyo  
(to g.) ku-regeteranya,  
ku-regeteza, ku-regetereza,  
gu-sakuza

GOSSIPER aka-gūma

GOURD igi-kunga, iki-rende,

umu-tānga  
(long) umu-kuza  
(broken) ibi-barara  
(as object of worship) in-tendēri

GOVERN ku-gānza  
(a country) gu-twāra  
(in name of) gu-twārira

GOVERNMENT OFFICES i-boma

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL bulamatāri,  
umu-sirikāre

GOWN i-kānzu (Sw.)

GRAB gu-cakīra, ku-raha,  
ku-ramira, gu-shikura  
(quickly) ku-nyakura

GRACE ubu-ntu

GRACIOUSNESS ubu-kūdanyī

GRAFT (tree) ku-madika

GRAFTED-IN (branch) in-gurukizi

GRAIN im-peke, in-tete, uru-tete  
(a single) aga-tete  
(place for spreading out) im-buga  
(storage place) iki-gega  
(to crush before grinding)  
ku-vūngurīsha  
(to form) gu-hūnda  
(to rub to take off chaff)  
ku-vūngura

GRAMMAR in-dongōramvugo

GRANDCHILD umw-ūzukurū

GRANDFATHER (my, your, our)  
sōgokuru, sōkuru  
(his, their) sēkuru

GRANDMOTHER nyogokuru,  
nyōkuru

GRANT TO gu-harira

GRAPE uru-zabibu  
(grapevine) umu-zabibu

GRASP (to take hold of person)  
gu-shorerakw amaboko  
(in preparation to strike)  
ku-bangura

GRASS ivy-ātsi, ubg-ātsi  
(kind poisonous to cows) in-zūzi  
(pieces of a certain kind used for  
weaving) aga-tēte  
(tall) ubg-ātsi  
(in water) igi-kāngaga  
(g. knife) umu-pānga  
(to cut) gu-kera, gu-kerera,  
gu-tema  
(to cut for use) kw-āhira  
(to dig out rapidly) gu-sūriranya  
(to gather up that which has been  
spread out) gu-sasūra  
(to leave grass growing in kraal)  
gu-tongoza  
(to spread) gu-sasa  
(to spread around something, as  
coffee) gu-sasira  
(to weed out quickly) ku-randagura

GRASSHOPPER igi-hōri, uru-yige

GRAVE im-va

GRAVE-DIGGER (one who helps bury)  
umu-hāmvyi

GRAVEL umu-cānka

GRAY aga-hīza, uru-hīza, aka-vūzo,  
uru-vūzo

GREAT -kuru  
(to be very) gu-hāmbāra  
(person who is great, severe,  
wise) aka-randa

GREED i-pfa

GREEDY (to be) gu-sahagura  
(for a certain food and want that  
only) ku-nohorwa

GREEN ak-ātsi gatoto  
(unripe, of certain fruits) -toto  
(to become green, as grass when  
rains begin) gu-tōha,  
gu-totahara

GREEN BEAN umu-bimba,  
umu-konyogo, umu-kerere

GREENS in-yabutongo, ubg-ākara,  
im-bgija, im-boga

GREET (by oneself in person)  
ku-ramutsa  
(for) gu-tahiriza  
(for another) gu-tāsha  
(one another) ku-ramūkanya

GREETING in-damukanyo

GREETINGS (to bring, bear)  
gu-tāsha  
(to send) ku-ganūka, kuganūtsa

GRIEF umu-babaro, ama-ganya,  
aga-hīnda  
(to be in) ku-ganya, ku-ganyira  
(to torment oneself with)  
kw-īyambagura

GRIEVE (vi) gu-tuntura  
(over) gu-tunturirwa

GRIEVED (to be) kw-iganyira,  
kw-ītsa umutima

GRIMACE ku-nyinyirwa

GRIND gu-sya, gu-kwema, ku-noza  
(in wooden mortar) gu-sekura  
(poorly, coarsely) gu-hera  
(quickly) gu-kwemagura  
(to crush grain before grinding)  
ku-vūngurīsha

GRINDING in-sya  
(stone) uru-syo, i-rtyazo  
(of teeth) insya z'amenyo

GRIPE kw-īdōga

GRIT (teeth) gu-kōmanya,  
ku-zyēgenya  
(to avoid showing pain)  
gu-shinyanga, gu-shinyiriza

GROAN umu-niho  
(to groan) ku-niha

GROUND (on the) hasi  
(dug up but not planted) ama-sinde  
(to put on) gu-tereka  
(to throw stick on g. and it tumbles  
end over end) ku-birika

GROUP umu-ce, umu-co, igi-co  
(of people) in-tēko  
(of people, moving along) aka-vuvu  
(standing or sitting) aka-rwi  
(to be in large g., cows or people  
standing) gu-sagaza

GROW gu-kura, kw-āruka, gu-kaka  
(after cutting) ku-naga  
(larger, esp. moon) gu-tūbūka  
(let hair grow long) gu-tongoza  
(old) gu-tāma  
(rapidly in spurts) ku-vugumuka  
(smaller, sometimes used of  
moon) gu-tūba  
(to cause to grow) gu-kuza  
(to not grow, plant) ku-nyigīra

GROW (Continued)  
 (to not g., because of too many  
 seeds) ku-zīnga  
 (very fast, child) ku-gurugūmba  
 (well) ku-baduka  
 (child that doesn't grow properly)  
 im-funya

GROWL (dog) ku-gangāra

GRUB igi-kogoshi

GRUDGE umu-jinya, i-shavu, in-zigo,  
 i-gono  
 (lasting) isata burēnge  
 (that never ends) aka-zika  
 (to have grudge against) gu-kanira

GRUDGINGLY iki-nūbge

GRUMBLER umu-tāsi

GRUNT (dog) ku-gangāra

GUARD umu-rīnzi, umu-nyezamo  
 (esp. daytime) umu-sānzi  
 (one who stands on g.)  
 umu-shibamyi  
 (to guard) ku-zigama, ku-rinda  
 (to be on g.) ku-ba māso, ku-gaba  
 (oneself) kw-ihahiriza  
 (watch over carefully) ku-gendeza

GUARDIAN (one who rears child)  
 umu-rezi

GUEST umu-shitsi  
 (to go together to procure food  
 for) gu-tērera  
 (to have g. arrive just as food is  
 all consumed) kw-ēnzūra

GUIDE umu-rōngōzi

GUILT (to acknowledge to oneself  
 one's guilt) kw-irimbūra

GULF i-bēnga

GULP (down) ku-rotsa  
 (down water) kw-ātira

GUMS ibi-nyigishi

GUN i-bundūki, in-gōho

GUSH (of water, blood) umu-pfūnda

# H

HABIT in-geso, aka-menyēro

HABITS imi-co  
 (to have bad, having been good)  
 gu-fūtāna

HABITUALLY (to do) ku-menyēra

HAIL uru-bura

HAIR (of baby) im-vanda  
 (bit on top of head) i-sūnzu  
 (of human head) umu-shatsi  
 (except of human head) ubg-ōya  
 (one) urw-ōya  
 (hair line) ama-soso  
 (long with mud in it) ubu-sage  
 (tan in color, goats) umu-fumbēre  
 (white, from old age) im-vi, uru-vi  
 (to cut) ku-mwa  
 (to dampen before cutting)  
 ku-vubika  
 (to have long) gu-himbira  
 (to have shaved off) kw-īkemūra  
 (to let grow long) gu-tongoza

HALF igi-ce, igi-curi, igi-himba

HAMMER iny-ūndo (Sw.)

HAMPER gu-tega

HAND iki-ganza (esp. palm)  
(back of) igi-kōnjo  
(palm of) umu-nwe, uru-shi

HANDLE (of hoe) umu-hini, umu-mezo  
(of spoon, etc.) in-kondo  
(of cup) iki-gōmbo  
(to put on, esp. hoe) gu-kwikira

HANDS (to close together)  
gu-fumbata  
(to pour water on another's)  
kw-ūhīra

HANDICAPPED PERSON iki-muga

HANDSOME PERSON umu-hizi

HANDSOMENESS ubu-hizi  
(with good character) in-tōre

HANG UP ku-manika

HAPPEN (what happened?)  
habāye iki?  
(to cause to) gu-cimbataza  
(unexpectedly, suddenly)  
kw-ūbīra

HAPPENING (sudden) igi-turūmbuka

HAPPINESS umu-nēzēro,  
iki-nēzēro  
(joy so great it hurts)  
iki-gūmbagūmba

HAPPY (to be) ku-nēzērwa,  
gu-hīmbāra, gu-hīrwa,  
gu-shanyuka, gu-hīmbārwa,  
gu-shwāshwānuka  
(very) ku-dayadaya, ku-gāyagāya  
kw-igina  
(to make) ku-nēzēra,  
ku-nēzereza, ku-gāzagāza

HARD (to be) ku-guma, gu-hāmbāra,  
gu-kara, gu-komera,  
ku-dadarara, gu-komāntara  
(to be, earth) gu-tūta  
(to make h. for one who has lost a  
loved one by reproaching the  
dead) kw-ītāmba ku muvyimba  
(to make h. hearted) gu-komāntaza  
(to take out of h. places)  
ku-gobōtora

HARD FEELINGS umw-īkomo,  
iki-nūbge  
(to hold) kw-īdōga,  
kugira umwīkomo

HARD HEARTED (to be) gu-komāntara  
(to make) gu-komāntaza

HARD-PACKED EARTH uru-tare

HARD PERSON umu-hāmbāzi

HARE (animal) uru-kwāvu

HARLOT maraya (Sw.)

HARM (because of revenge) ku-ziza  
(to desire to h. another without  
reason) gu-kānkamwa  
(to prevent one from harming  
another) ku-zina

HARP in-ānga

HARPER umu-curarānzi

HARSH (person) umu-hāmbāzi  
(to be) gu-hāmbāra

HARVEST i-shwābūra, ivy-īmburwa  
(esp. millet) i-geya, i-gesa  
(to h.) kw-īmbura, gu-shwābūra  
(corn) ku-myōra

# HARVEST (Continued)

(millet) ku-genya, ku-gesa  
(esp. perennial plants) kw-āmūra  
(to be ready for) kw-īyerēra  
(to put away the) kw-īmbura

HARVEST TIME umw-ēro, i-yēra,  
i-yīmbura  
(millet) i-gesa

HARVESTER umw-īmbuzi  
(millet) umu-genyi

HASTEN (to go) ku-bāndānya

HASTILY (to look at) ku-rangaguza

HAT in-kōfēro (Sw.)

HATCH ku-beragura, ku-bundikīra (vt)

HATE kw-ānka, ku-gaya, gu-kēngēra,  
gu-tītūra, gu-hama  
(cause people to hate that which  
they had liked) gu-tītūra  
(everything) ku-nebagura  
(one's master) ku-gāmbāna

HATEFUL (any horrid hateful thing)  
uru-nūka

HATRED ubg-ānkanyī, urw-ānko,  
aga-hamo, uru-hamo  
(where there has been love)  
umu-cāno  
(among members of polygamous  
family) ak-ēnese

HAVE -fise, ku-gira, gu-tūnga  
(absolutely all one wants, and to  
be a bit showy about it)  
ku-nyananyana  
(abundance) ku-dibama, gu-hīmba  
(always) gu-horana

# HAVE (Continued)

(bad habits, having had good)  
gu-fūtāna  
(diarrhea) gu-cībgamwo, gu-hitwa,  
ku-dodomwa, kw-īruka, gu-shuruza  
(done recently) gu-herūka  
(fellowship) gu-fatanya  
(fellowship with) gu-cudika  
(for) -fitiye  
(friendship with) gu-cudika  
(holes from rust) ku-nyengetērwa  
(much, may be even a lot of debts  
or trouble) ku-roranirwa  
(pain) ku-babara  
(sloping sides, like soup dish)  
gu-fukūra  
(speech impediment) ku-gobga  
(things in common) ku-būngirana  
(to have to) ku-rīnda, -kwīye

HAWK igi-sīga

HAZE urw-īrūngu

HE we, weho (in contrast to another)  
(he says) ngo, ati

HEAD umu-twe  
(cold in) aga-hiri, aka-mango  
(of grain) umu-hānyu  
(pad, when carrying load) in-gata,  
uru-gata  
(to head up, grain) ku-bogeka,  
gu-haga, ku-yāngika  
(to head up, cabbage) gu-fumbata  
(to bow one's) kw-ūnama  
(to carry on) kw-īremēka,  
kw-īkorera  
(to lift up) ku-raramuka  
(to lose one's) gu-cika ivutu,  
ku-zimagirika  
(to raise one's) kw-ūnamūka,  
kw-ūnamūra, ku-rāngamiza  
(to remove load from) gu-tūra



HEAD (Continued)  
 (to shake one's head in anger or  
 disgust) ku-zūnguza umutwe  
 (to tip back) ku-rarama  
 (to tip to one side) gu-hengama  
 (to turn one's) gu-kebuka

HEADACHE (morning after) ibi-rare

HEAD-DRESS (woven of long hair and  
 worn by dancers) umu-gāra

HEADMAN umu-tōza

HEADSTRONG (person) iki-gāba,  
 in-tābgīrwa

HEAL (vi) gu-kira  
 (vt) gu-kiza, ku-rokora, ku-vūra

HEALTH ama-gara

HEALTHY (child, about 4 mos.)  
 iki-bunduguru  
 (plant, person) i-tōto  
 (to be) ku-nōnōka  
 (to be very, strong) gu-tetera

HEAP iki-rūndo  
 (to make a) ku-rūnda

HEAR kw-ūmva  
 (to be unable to h. well)  
 kw-ūmva bihurugūshwi  
 (well) gu-tobora  
 (well, suddenly) ku-zibuka

HEARD (to be h. plainly)  
 kw-ūmvīkana  
 (to speak so that one is heard but  
 not understood, because of  
 distance) gu-hwirima, gu-hihima

HEART umu-tima, umu-shaha  
 (pure, kind) umu-tima ukeye  
 (to jump with fear) gu-hahama  
 (to pound) ku-gurugumba,  
 gu-simbagurika, ku-didagizwa  
 (to set one's h. on) gu-hahamira

HEAT ubu-shūhe, in-dugumba,  
 umu-rurūmbo, iki-bēngebēnge  
 (male animal in) i-shāshi  
 (to heat) gu-shūsha  
 (to be in, animals) kw-imanya

HEATHEN umu-pagani, umu-shēnzi

HEATHENISM ubu-pagani

HEAVEN i-juru

HEAVY (to be) ku-remēra, ku-riba  
 (to make) ku-remereza

HEAVY-LADEN (to be) ku-remērwa

HEDGE uru-zitiro  
 (about) ku-zitira

HEEL igi-tsīntsīri

HEIGHT igi-hagararo, i-jūnja,  
 ubu-rēbure  
 (to be of equal h. or length)  
 ku-rēha  
 (to make equal h.) ku-rēsha

HEIR samuragwa, umu-ragwa

HEIRLOOM in-tahava

HELLO (morning) bgakeye  
 (afternoon) mwīriwe

HELP gu-fasha

(another get up) ku-vyūra  
 (in battle) gu-tabāra  
 (in trouble or grief) kw-īrūra  
 (one another in loaning what is  
 needed) gu-tērera  
 (one in trouble) kw-ēmanga  
 (oneself even if you do not know  
 how to do the thing) kw-īgereza  
 (oneself, relieve one's own need)  
 kw-īkenūra  
 (overcome an enemy) gu-kōndōrera  
 (secretly someone to escape by  
 taking his things for him)  
 ku-nyuruza  
 (sick person walk) kw-āndāza  
 (to call for h.) kw-āmbaza,  
 gu-tabāza  
 (h. to carry) gu-twāza  
 (to cry out for) ku-borōga  
 (to go to h. another in his work)  
 gu-sāsira  
 (without expectation of reward)  
 gu-tabāra

HELPER umu-tabāzi

(group of attendants or helpers  
 to elders) bu-kūngu

HEM umu-barīro, umu-sōzo,  
 umu-kūnjo, umu-zīngo

HEMORRHAGE kuva amaraso  
 (from nose) umw-ūna  
 (of woman) ubu-tīnyānka

HEMP uru-mogi

HER we, -iwe

HERD i-sho, ubu-sho  
 (of animals) umu-kuku  
 (of sheep) urw-ūri

HERE aha, hano, ino, ngaha

HERITAGE i-ragi

HESITATE gu-higima, gu-hīngītana,  
 kw-īyubāra, gu-higimānga,  
 ku-juragirika  
 (between two actions) gu-tēgekanya

HICCOUGH i-sevu, i-sefu, uru-sepfu  
 (to h.) gu-sefura, gu-sepfura

HIDDEN (thing that comes to light  
 suddenly) ic-ūbirizi

HIDE uru-sato

(vi) gu-fuba, kw-inyegeza,  
 kw-īhisha, ku-nyegera  
 (vt) gu-hisha, ku-nyegeza,  
 ku-zimanganya  
 (and wait for hunter, of animal)  
 ku-guba  
 (behind) kw-īkīnga  
 (in a corner) kw-īyagiriza  
 (oneself) ku-būndabūnda  
 (one's thoughts) gu-fobeka  
 (the truth) kw-iyobagiza  
 (to have nothing to hide) gu-tobora

HIDING (in h.) impisho  
 (hiding place) ubg-īhisho  
 (to bring from) ku-nyegurura,  
 gu-furūra, gu-hishūra

HIGH -re-re

HIGHER (to put) gu-kiriza  
 (up) haruguru

HILL umu-sozi, umu-dūgo  
 (brow of) igi-kōmbe  
 (of earth, to plant in) i-buri  
 (slope of) in-kūka, aka-manuko,  
 umu-rwa

HILL (Continued)  
 (top of) im-pīnga  
 (little hills) ubu-tumba  
 (white ant hill) umu-gina

HILLOCKS ubu-kiru

HIM we

HINDER ku-buza, gu-tangīra, gu-teba,  
 gu-tēsha  
 (from harming another) ku-zina  
 (from hearing) ku-bugiriza  
 (to try to h. from doing wrong)  
 gu-hōyahōya

HIP i-fyigo

HIPPOPOTAMUS im-vubu

HIRE (workers) ku-rārika

HIS -iwe

HISS uru-hwa, aga-hwa  
 (to hiss) ku-vuza uru-hwa

HIT gu-kubita  
 (repeatedly but gently with fist,  
 mother with child) gu-tumagura  
 (a sore place) gu-toneka

HIVE (bee) igi-tiba  
 (to put bees in new) kw-ātira

HOARSE (to be) ku-jwigira  
 (to become) gu-sarara

HOE i-suka, in-dimīsho  
 (without handle) ama-kera  
 (worn out) i-funi  
 (to hoe) ku-rima  
 (hard and fast) ku-rimagura  
 (to tighten loose hoe) gu-hata

HOE HANDLE umu-mezo, umu-hini

HOLD gu-fata  
 (fast to) ku-gumiriza  
 (from falling) gu-sama  
 (hard feelings) kw-īdōga  
 (in place) ku-gumya  
 (lightly) kw-ānjānjwa  
 (out) ku-bangira  
 (out arms to receive) gu-hāngāza  
 ukuboko  
 (of rope, vi) ku-dādira  
 (strongly) gu-shimika  
 (take hold of person) gu-shorerakw  
 amaboko  
 (to) kw-ūmira  
 (up) gu-shigikira

HOLDING (hands to form circle or  
 line) gu-fatana urunana

HOLE (deep h. in ground in grassy  
 place) igi-huma  
 (for planting beans) i-bāngo  
 (in paper, cloth, container)  
 in-toboro  
 (in ground) i-kuzimu, iki-nogo,  
 ic-ōbo, urw-ōbo, igi-shimu  
 (small ones like rats make)  
 umw-ōbo, umw-ēnge  
 (to get a hole in) gu-toboka  
 (to have h. from insects)  
 ku-nyengetērwa  
 (to make h.) ku-nyengetēra  
 (to make h. in stone) gu-koro-  
 goshora  
 (to make a small h. for setting  
 out tree or plant) gu-koba  
 (to tear a big) (vi) ku-mānyuka  
 (to tie up h. in sack) gu-tubika  
 (to pierce a h.) gu-tobora  
 (thing with h. in it) umw-ēnge

HOLLOW (to be) gu-fukūra

HOLY SPIRIT Mpwemu Yēra

HOMAGE (to pay to) gu-hōngera,  
gu-hāngama, gu-shengera,  
gu-shengerera

HOME (at home) i muhira  
(at the home of) kwa, i wācu,  
i wanyu, i wabo  
(to go) gu-tāha, ku-ganūka  
(to go h. from work) ku-godoka  
(to not stay at) gu-hugūmba  
(to return to parents' h. when  
angry at husband) ku-gēnda buje  
(to take h. object, cows, after  
being away a long time)  
ku-gishūra

HOMELESS (to be) ku-zerēra  
(wanderer) in-zererezi

HONESTY iny-ankamugayo

HONEY ub-ūki

HONOR ic-ūbahiro  
(to h.) kw-ūbaha, gu-haya,  
gu-sonera  
(before others) gu-shīmagiza

HONORED PERSON umu-ninahazwa,  
umu-tūngwa, umw-ūbahwa,  
nyakubahwa (in addressing him),  
umu-pfāsoni

HOOF iki-nōno

HOOK (fish) i-gera

HOP sa nkoko  
(to h. about) gu-simbagurika

HOPE ic-īzigirow  
(to hope) kw-īzigira  
(for) kw-ītega

HORN (musical) in-zamba  
(of animal) i-hēmbe  
(small, used for tobacco) in-conco,  
i-conco  
(used by witch doctor) uru-korōnko,  
in-korōnko  
(maze of horns) inka zishashe  
amahēmbe

- HORRID (any horrid hateful thing)  
uru-nūka

HORROR i-vutu

HORSE i-farashi

HOSPITAL ibi-tāro, ivūriro

HOSTAGE in-gwāti

HOT (to be) gu-shūha, gu-cānīrwa  
(esp. fever) ku-rurūmba  
(moderately) gu-susuruka  
(to make h.) gu-susurutsa

HOURLY i-saha  
(for various hours of day, see  
under "day")

HOUSE in-zu  
(in ruins) umu-saka  
(little h. built for spirit of one  
who has died) nyabugoro  
(of king) in-goro  
(temporary) uru-sāgo, igi-kāri  
(with high pointed roof)  
umu-shonge, aga-shūngēre  
(place opposite door of h.)  
umu-kōndo  
(to cause to fall down) gu-sambūra  
gu-sēnyura, gu-henūra  
(to chase others out of h.)  
gu-turumbura  
(to fall down) gu-sāmbuka,  
gu-sēnyuka, gu-henuka  
(to put roof on) gu-sakāra  
(to repair a) gu-sanura

HOW (adv., not in questions)  
 uku-ntu, ingene, ubugenc  
 (conj.) uko  
 (in questions only) -te?

HOW MANY -ngāhe?  
 (times) kangāhe?

HOWEVER mugabo, yamara

HUG ku-gūmbīra, gu-kīkira

HUGE (any huge thing) iki-gambati

HUM ku-yīnga

HUMAN buntu

HUMBLE gu-cisha bugufi  
 (to be) kw-icisha bugufi,  
 kw-īyorosha  
 (to be h. ostensibly, but not in  
 reality) kw-īyorobeka

HUMILIATE ku-māramāza,  
 gu-tetereza

HUMILIATED (to be) gu-tētērwā

HUMOR (to be in good)  
 gu-shwāshwānuka

HUNCHBACK iny-ōnzo (also refers  
 to the hump itself)

HUNCH-SHOULDERED (to be)  
 gu-heta amabega

HUNDRED i-jana

HUNGER in-zara  
 (extreme) i-sari  
 (for certain food) i-nāmbu  
 (to faint from) ku-gwira isari

HUNGRY (to be) gu-sōnza  
 (to be h. for) kw-ōndera  
 (after hunting for food in various  
 places) ku-buranirwa

HUNT uru-hīgi  
 (hunt for) gu-hirīmba, ku-rondera  
 (for game) gu-hīga

HUNTER umu-hīgi

HUNTING (to return from) gu-hīgūka

HURL gu-shibura

HURRY kw-īhūta, kw-īruka, gu-kovya,  
 gu-kōkōbereza, gu-kwākwānya,  
 ku-nyānyasa, ku-nyaragasa,  
 ku-nyaruka, gu-shibuka  
 (of child only) ku-dirigiza  
 (to go) ku-bāndānya  
 (to go and return) gu-tebūka  
 (along, as cows to better pasture,  
 or child stumbling after some-  
 thing he wants) ku-rārāta  
 (to be in a) gu-furuguta  
 (to not be in a) kw-ītōnda

HURT (vi) ku-babara, gu-tonekara  
 (vt) ku-babaza  
 (another's feelings) gu-sesereza  
 (to be h. by what one says, or  
 in injury) gu-sesērwā

HUSBAND umu-gabo, umu-gēnzi  
 (to lose one's h. by death)  
 gu-pfākara

HUT (bunch of grass at top) i-sūnzu  
 (wood of) umu-gānda

HYENA im-fyisi

HYGIENE i-suku

HYPHEN umu-kwēgo, aga-kwēgo

HYPOCRISY ubu-ryārya, in-dyārya

HYPOCRITE (to be a)  
kw-īyorobeka

I

I jewe, jeho, (and I) nānje

IDIOT iki-zēze

IDLE (to be) ku-garamanga,  
kw-īgaramangira

IDLENESS aka-raramango

IDOL iki-girwamāna, igi-sengwa,  
igi-shushānyo

IF asangwa, iyo, namba, ni, iyaba

IGNORANCE ubu-pfu, ubu-tūngu,  
ubu-zimire

IGNORANT (person) umu-tūngu,  
in-yoberwa  
(to be) ku-debagura

IGNORANTLY (to act) kw-īfūtānya

IGNORE kw-īrengagiza, gu-timba

ILL (to be) ku-rwāra, ku-yōka  
(often) ku-rwāragurika, ku-būnga  
(to become ill one after another)  
gu-hindikirana  
(to lie around ill long time)  
ku-vūnda  
(see also under "sick")

ILLEGITIMATE (child) igi-hūmbu,  
iki-vyārwa

ILLNESS in-dwāra  
(severe) i-kīza

ILLUSTRATE ku-gereraniriza

ILLUSTRATION aka-rorero

IMAGE igi-sengwa, i-shusho,  
igi-shushānyo

IMBECILE iki-zēze

IMBIBE ku-bōmba

IMITATE (one to be imitated)  
i-remezo  
(to imitate) kw-īgāna

IMMACULATE (something spotlessly  
white) umw-ēru

IMMERSE gu-cokeza

IMMERSED (to be) gu-cokera

IMPATIENT (to be) ku-rambirwa

IMPEDIMENT (to have speech)  
ku-gobga  
(to be freed from) ku-gobōdoka

IMPERFECT (thing) aka-rohe

IMPOLITENESS imi-rarwe

IMPORT (to bring new kind of seeds  
or cattle into country)  
ku-rondōra

IMPORTANCE ubu-kuru

IMPORTANT -kuru  
(person) umu-kuru

IMPORTUNITY (to ask over and over again) ku-baririkiza  
(to ask persistently, though refused) gu-cuna

IMPOSSIBLE (to be) ku-dashoboka  
(for) kw-ānkira  
(to do the i.) gu-fyidikira

IMPOTENT (to be) ku-mugara

IMPROVE (another's work)  
gu-hingura  
(physically or otherwise)  
kw-ōroherwa  
(to begin to feel better after being ill) gu-tenzukirwa

IMPUTE TO kw-ōmekera

IN mu, muri

INANIMATE THINGS ibi-nyavu

INATTENTIVE (to be) gu-samāra

INCENSE (to burn nice smelling stuff) kw-ōsa

INCISION uru-rāsago

INCITE (a revolt) ku-gomesha

INCOMPLETE (to be) gu-hara

INCONVENIENCE gu-tēsha

INCREASE (vi) ku-gisha, gu-kakama,  
gu-tūbuka, kw-ūnguka  
(vt) kw-ongerera, kw-ūngura

INCUBATE ku-bundikira

INCURABLE (wound) aka-girire  
(to have. i. disease) ku-girira

INDEED bgite, koko

INDEPENDENT (to be) kw-igaba,  
kw-iganza

INDEPENDENCE (to fight for)  
ku-mēnja

INDICATE ku-rānga

INDICT (to take someone to chief for trial or accusation)  
gu-shengeza

INDIFFERENCE igi-konyo, ubu-te

INDISTINCTLY (seeing one i. because he went too fast) rurabge

INDIVIDUAL (an) iny-akamwe

INDUSTRIOUS (person) umu-nyabgira

INFANT uru-yōya, uru-hinja

INFINITIVE kigēzi

INFLATE (to blow air into, ball)  
gu-haga

INFLUENCE (man of)  
umu-shingantāhe  
(to influence) kw-ōsha

INFLUENTIAL (older man)  
kamaramagambo

INFORM ku-menyēsha, ku-rānga,  
ku-rangira

INFORMATION in-kenuzo  
(gained by eavesdropping)  
igi-sokoro  
(to give) ku-rangira  
(to seek) ku-genzura  
(to seek about someone)  
ku-bariritsa

INFRA-ORBITAL region  
aga-sendabageni

INHABITANT of Urundi Umu-rundi

INHERIT ku-ragwa

INHERITANCE umw-āndu, ubu-rage,  
i-ragi  
(inherited property) i-shāmvu  
(inherited property or position)  
ak-ārōnda  
(to leave i.) ku-raga

INK i-rāngi

INN in-dāro

INNER ROOM haruguru

INQUIRE (about someone)  
ku-bariritsa  
(to ask for particulars or  
description) ku-dondōza  
(to verify what one has heard by  
asking many) gu-shishōza

INSECT igi-kōko, aga-kōko  
(many small) ubu-kōko  
(ant, flying, edible) i-swa  
(ant, pincher) in-tozi, uru-tozi  
(ant, soldier) ubu-rima  
(ant, sugar) iki-nywabūki  
(ant, tiny) ubu-nyegeri  
(ant, white) umu-swa  
(ant hill, white) umu-gina

INSECT (Continued)  
(bee) uru-yūki  
(bee, carpenter) im-vündēri  
(butterfly) iki-nyugunyugu  
(centipede, small) in-yōngōri  
(bedbug) igi-heri  
(cockroach) iny-ēnzi  
(fly, big, tsetse) iki-bugu  
(fly, house) i-sāzi  
(flea) im-baragasa  
(gnat) aga-tūku, ubu-tūku  
(grasshopper) uru-hige, igi-hōri  
(jigger) im-vunja  
(locust) uru-yige  
(louse) in-da  
(mosquito) umu-bu  
(moth) iki-nyugunyugu  
(tick) in-yondwi  
(tick that causes recurrent fever)  
igi-tangu  
(tiny i. in eye) aka-nyarira jisho  
(wasp) i-vūbi  
(to sting or bite) gu-surira

INSIDE imbere  
(inside the kraal) in-tangāro

INSINCERE (to be) gu-hema

INSINCERITY ubu-ryārya, in-dyārya

INSIST ku-gōbēra

INSOLENT (to be) kw-ūbahuka  
(to be to) gu-kēngēra

INSTRUCTION in-dero

INSTRUMENT igi-koresho  
(musical) in-ānga, umu-duri  
(musical, with string) aga-hugūgu  
(sharp) in-kazi  
(to play) kuvuza, gu-curarānga



INSULT gu-sīndira, gu-tuka

INTELLIGENCE (to have natural)  
ku-vūmbura (e.g. yavūmbuye  
ubg-ēnge)

INTELLIGENT (to be) gu-kerebuka

INTENTIONALLY i-bigirānkana

INTENTIONS imi-gabo

INTERCEDE FOR ku-būranira

INTERCHANGE ku-nyuranya

INTEREST ama-tsiko  
(to interest) ku-ryōsha  
(to lose) gu-tenzēkanya, gu-tēzūra,  
gu-tezēkanya

INTERIOR (of earth) i kuzimu

INTERLACE (vi) gu-sobana  
(vt) gu-sobanya

INTERMINGLE gu-sobana

INTERPRET gu-sobanura

INTERROGATIVE kabaza

INTERWEAVE gu-sobanganya

INTESTINES ama-ra

INTIMATE (friend) in-cuti, umu-kūnzi

INVALID umu-rwāyi

INVESTIGATE (carefully a wrong)  
gu-tenyēnya  
(try to know something, seek  
information) ku-genzūra

INVITE gu-tōra, gu-tumira

IRON i-cuma  
(for ironing clothes) i-pāsi,  
iki-gorōzo c'impūzu  
(to iron) gu-tēra ipāsi, ku-gorōra  
impūzu

IRRIGATION (canal) umu-gazo

IRRITATE ku-gōra, ku-ratsa

IS -ri, ni  
(negative) si

ISLAND i-zīnga

ISOLATE gu-tānya

ITCH ama-here, uru-here  
(to itch) gu-hurira, gu-sasātwa

ITCHING ubu-ryi, ubu-sasāte  
(to scrape feet on floor, esp.  
because of itching) gu-syegenya

## J

JACKAL im-bgēbge

JANUARY ukwēzi kwa mbere, Nzero

JAW (lower) umu-bangabanga

JEALOUS (to be) gu-sharika,  
ku-gira ishari  
(between wives) gu-kēba

JEALOUSY i-shari  
(between wives, or another with  
whom you share work) i-kēba

JEWELS (worn by king or great chiefs)  
iny-ambarabāmi

JIGGER im-vūnja, i-vūnja

JIGGLE (vt) ku-juragiza

JOB aka-zi

(to do a sloppy j.) ku-rēngagiza

JOIN gu-fatanya, ku-matanya

(together, esp. poles at top in  
building house) ku-dōmbagiza  
(together a broken thing) kw-ūnga

JOINT uru-gīngo, i-tēraniro

(to bend) gu-konya, ku-gōnda

JOKE gu-fyina, ku-jajura,

gu-swāganya, ku-jāndajānda,  
gu-fyinata

(with lots of words) ku-rimbūra

JOKER aka-gūma

JOURNEY uru-gēndo

(food for) im-pāmba

JOY umu-nēzēro, iki-nēzēro,

aka-nēza

(great) aka-nyamunēza

(so great it hurts) iki-gūmbagūmba

(cry of) im-pūndu

JUDGE umu-camānza, umu-camatēka

(with final decision) kamaramagāmba

(to judge) guca itēka, gu-ca  
urubānza

(weather by sky) ku-genzūra

JUDGMENT uru-bānza, in-gīngo,

in-tāhe, i-tēka

(j. hall) i-boma

(to have judgment) gu-hinyura

(to not accept j. rendered)

gu-tagara

JULY ukwezi kwa ndwi (or, kw'indwi),  
Mukakaro

JUMBLE (things) gu-curikiranya

JUMP gu-sīmba, gu-simbagurika

(about) gu-kinagira

(from above) gu-shunguruka

(in one's sleep) gu-hahamuka,  
ku-randamuka

(in surprise) gu-hababuka

(in surprise, or when awakened)

ku-zanzamuka, gu-kanguka

(up and run quickly) kw-ūbuka

(when stung or bitten) gu-shikurwa

(with fear, heart) gu-hahama

JUNE ukwezi kwa gatandatu, Rwirabura  
Kiyumpu

JUNGLE i-shāmba, i-donzi

JUST PERSON umw-ēranda

JUSTICE i-tēka

JUSTIFY gu-tsīndanīshiriza

(oneself) kw-īregūra

# K

KAFFIR CORN i-hūndo, ama-sāka,

ama-honda

(plant) umu-yānge

(sprout) iki-rōnge

(stalk) igi-shakashaka

(to prepare ground for) gu-hānda

KEEP ku-gumya

(a fire going) gu-cānira

(for the night) ku-rāza

KEEP (Continued)  
 (law) kw-ītōndera  
 (things for oneself) kw-īgūnga  
 (too long) gu-tebana  
 (not keep one's word; to do that  
 which one has declared he would  
 not do) kw-īrahuruza

KEY uru-pfungūzo, uru-pfunguruzo

KICK umu-gere  
 (to kick) gu-tēra umugere  
 (violently, as child does)  
 gu-syēgenya

KID umw-āgazi

KIDNEY i-fyigo

KILL kw-īca, kw-ongeranya  
 (because of revenge) ku-ziza  
 (oneself) kw-īyīca, kw-īgaragura,  
 kw-īyahura

KILLED (to be unjustly) ku-yogera

KILN i-tanure

KIND (species) ubg-ōko  
 (what kind?) -ki?  
 (what kind of) ki?  
 (person) umu-shiranzigo,  
 umw-ēranda  
 (to be very kind to) ku-bukabuka

KINDNESS ubu-kūndanyi

KING umw-āmi  
 (entrance to king's kraal) iki-rīmba  
 (house of) in-goro  
 (pronouncements or commands sent  
 out to chiefs) amatēka  
 (to become) kw-īma  
 (to die) gu-tānga  
 (to make) kw-īmika

KING (Continued)  
 (to sit) ku-vyāgira  
 (to speak evil of k.) ku-rogota

KINGDOM ubg-āmi  
 (at the king's court) i bgāmi

KIRANGA (fetishes) ubu-zimuzimu  
 (one dedicated to service of)  
 igi-hwēba, igi-shegu  
 (to give oneself to) ku-vōvōta  
 (to dance in honor of) ku-bāndwa  
 (to be devoted to his service)  
 ku-bāndwa  
 (to worship) gu-terekēra

KISS gu-sōma, gu-somagura

KITCHEN igi-kōni

KITE (bird) iki-nyakabaka

KNEAD gu-cūmba

KNEE i-vi

KNEEL gu-pfukama  
 (to ask to) gu-pfukamika,  
 gu-pfukamīsha

KNIFE im-bugita  
 (for cutting banana leaves)  
 uru-gombōzo  
 (long) in-kōta  
 (long, broad) umu-pānga  
 (long-handled, curved) umu-horo

KNIFE EDGE ub-ūgi

KNIT ku-jīsha

KNOCK gu-komānga  
 (down each other) ku-gundana  
 (down, in fight) gu-tūra hāsi  
 (down, strike against to k. down,  
 dead tree) gu-sita

# KNOCK (Continued)

(from place to place) ku-juragiza  
(over) gu-tembagaza

KNOLLS ubu-tumba

KNOT i-pfundo, i-fatanirizo  
(to knot) gu-pfundika

KNOW ku-menya, -zi, ku-zirikana  
(another's thoughts completely)  
ku-vögera  
(facts of a case) gu-hinyura  
(for certain) ku-jijuka  
(to not k.) ku-yobera, ku-yoberwa  
(to not k. what to do) kw-ijijanya,  
ku-rigānirwa  
(to try to k. something) ku-genzura  
(one who knows more than is  
expected of him) aka-gugu

KNOWLEDGE ubg-enge, in-kenuzo

KNOWN (to be) gu-hinyuka  
(to be well) ku-menyekana,  
ku-rangiranwa  
(to become) kw-āmāmara,  
gu-hishuka  
(to be made) kw-ādagara,  
kw-ādagaza  
(to make) kw-erura, gu-kwiza  
(to make) gu-kwiragiza, ku-rānga,  
gu-serura, kw-āngaza, kw-atura,  
gu-hishura, kw-āmāmaza  
(well known person or thing)  
ru-rangiranwe, iki-rangiranwe

KRAAL uru-go

(entrance to king's) iki-rimba  
(head of) sēnaka  
(owner of) umu-tungwa, nyene  
(with many houses of members of  
one family) iki-gwati  
(within the kraal) in-tangaro

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LABOR ubu-cumukure  
(childbirth) ibi-se  
(to labor) gu-tama, gu-cumukura

LACK (of foresight) igi-hababu  
(to lack) ku-bura, ku-gōmba,  
gu-haza, gu-teba, gu-kērēwa  
(opportunity to say what you  
intended) ku-janirana,  
ku-janiranwa  
(respect) kw-ūbahuka

LACKING (to be) gu-hara, gu-siba

LADDER in-gazi, ic-uririzo

LAKE iki-yaga, i-tanganyika  
(middle of) i-gezi, umu-tānga

LAMB umw-āgazi

LAME (to be) gu-cumbagira

LAMENESS ubu-muga

LAMP i-tara  
(to light) ku-domeka

LAMPSTAND igi-tereko

LAND (piece of) i-shāmvu, iki-vi  
(uncultivated) ubu-nyovu

LANDSLIDE (to slide) ku-nyika,  
gu-siduka

LANGUAGE uru-rimi

(evil, esp. of young girl) ubg-eruzi  
(to speak in a mysterious l.)  
gu-fobeka

LANTERN i-tara  
(to light) ku-domeka

LAP iki-bero  
(to lap, as dog) gu-sabagira

LARGE -nini  
(grow larger, esp. moon)  
gu-tūbūka

LARGENESS ubu-nini

LASH iki-mōko

LASSO im-pururu

LAST im-perūka  
(one of anything) im-perēra  
(one of family who has no children)  
im-ponnyi  
(at last) ubu-herūka  
(to be) gu-herūka  
(last long) ku-rāmba

LATE (to be) gu-cerērwa,  
gu-kerērwa, gu-teba, gu-tinda  
(slightly) gu-tebagana  
(of rains) gu-tara  
(to become, in day) kw-īra  
(to cause to be) gu-tevya, gu-sīvya

LAUGH gu-twēnga, gu-sekaseka  
(at) kw-īshinyira, gu-shinyira,  
gu-twēnga  
(at secretly) gu-twēngera mwijigo  
(for nothing) gu-shinyagura  
(to make others laugh)  
gu-swāganya, gu-twēnza,  
gu-twēngēsha  
(one who makes others laugh)  
aka -gūgu

LAUGHTER ibi-twēngo

LAUNDERER umu-mesūzi, umu-meshi

LAW i-bgīrizwa, in-gīngo, i-tegeko

LAY (a thing on its side) gu-hēngeka  
(down) ku-ryāmika (vt)  
(down a burden) gu-tūra  
(eggs) gu-ta amagi  
(hands on, dedicate) ku-rambikakw  
ibigānza  
(on the ground) ku-rambika  
(someone on his side) gu-kīkira

LAZILY (to work) ku-regarega

LAZINESS ubu-nebge, ubu-te

LAZY (person) umu-nebge,  
iki-nebge  
(to be) ku-deha, ku-nebga

LEAD kw-ōsha, ku-rōngōra  
(esp. cows) gu-cūra, ku-yobora,  
gu-shorera  
(animals to drink) gu-shōra  
(astray) gu-huvya, ku-zimiza  
(cows to pasture) gu-turutsa  
(to attack) ku-gomora  
(out: to show the way to one who is  
lost) ku-zimurura

LEADER in-dōngōzi, umu-gabīsha,  
i-remezo, umu-rōngōzi  
(to choose) kw-ātira

LEADING iny-ōshwa

LEAF i-babi, iki-babi  
(banana, dry) i-huba, igi-hūnda  
(banana, green) umu-toto  
(central part of banana l.)  
iki-gongogongo  
(bean) umu-kubi  
(pumpkin) umu-soma  
(used for perfume) im-bazi

LEAK ku-va

LEAN (against) (vt) kw-egamika,  
kw-egeka  
(against) (vi) kw-egamira  
(forward, preparing to run) gu-tuna  
(on, esp. in getting up)  
kw-īshimikiza, gu-shimikira  
(over) gu-hengama

LEARN kw-īga, kw-īgīshwa,  
gu-sharira

LEAVE gu-heba, ku-jījūka, ku-reka,  
gu-siga  
(abruptly) kw-ōnjorora  
(behind) gu-siga  
(country) kw-āmbuka, gu-haba  
(country, because of famine)  
gu-suhūka  
(grass and stuff growing in kraal)  
gu-tongoza  
(group and go by oneself)  
ku-jōnjōra  
(inheritance) ku-raga  
(intention or place) gu-cungūra  
(open) ku-rāngāza  
(out) gu-haza  
(over) gu-sigaza  
(place) gu-shingūka  
(something with someone) ku-bītsa  
(with) gu-sigarana

LEAVEN umw-āmbiro  
(to leaven) kw-āmbira

LEAVES (young bean leaves, when  
only the first two leaves are  
there) in-gāmba  
(stripped from tree) udu-kōkōrwa  
(used for perfume) im-bazi  
(see also "leaf")  
(to have abundant) gu-sagaba  
(to put forth new) ku-rēm̄ba  
(to strip from tree or stick)  
gu-kōkōra

LEFT uku-bām̄fu, ubu-bām̄fu,  
i bubām̄fu, i bumoso  
(things, not food, left behind)  
ama-sigarira  
(to get l. behind as you stare at  
something) ku-rēngāra

LEFT HAND uku-bām̄fu, ubu-bām̄fu,  
ubu-moso

LEFT SIDE ubu-moso

LEFT-OVERS imi-sigazwa  
(to be) gu-cāguka, gu-sigara

LEG uku-guru  
(bowlegs) amaguru y'imbango

LEGION igi-tēro

LEMON in-dimu

LEND (that for which equivalent will  
be returned) ku-gurāna  
(that which will itself be returned)  
gu-tīza  
(something and not get it back  
soon) gu-tongoza

LENGTH umu-rambararo, ubu-rēbure  
(to be of equal length or height)  
ku-rēha  
(to arrange according to length or  
height) gu-sūmbanya  
(to make of equal length) ku-rēsha  
(to not be of equal length or  
height) gu-sūmbana

LENGTHWISE (to cut) gu-satura

LEOPARD in-gwe

LEPER umu-nyamibēm̄be

LEPROSY imi-bēm̄be

LEST -ōye (verb with no infinitive)

LET ku-reka, gu-kūndira  
(let's go) hogi, hoji  
(flow from) ku-va  
(go of what you've started to take  
or do) gu-tēzūra, gu-tēnzūra  
(up work) gu-haruruka

LETTER (of alphabet) in-somwa,  
in-dome, in-yuguti  
(correspondence) ic-ēte

LEVEL (to be) gu-tega  
(to make) gu-sēna

LIAR umu-bēshi, umu-sukanyi  
(one who goes about lying)  
in-dimanya

LIBERTY umw-īdegēmvyo  
(to have) kw-īdegēmvyo

LICK ku-rigata  
(lick food off spoon or dish)  
gu-fyefyeta

LID igi-pfūdīkizo, umu-pfūdīkizo  
(esp. of basket) umu-temere  
(to take lid off basket) ku-rumūra

LIE iki-nyoma  
(to lie) (deception) ku-bēsha  
ku-rema, ku-rementanya  
(about) ku-rementaniriza,  
kw-ānguha, ku-dendekeranya,  
gu-humba  
(to lie) (position)  
(about waiting on someone)  
ku-gangarara  
(around ill long time) ku-vūnda  
(down) ku-ryāma  
(down on the back) ku-garama  
(fallow) gu-siba

LIE (Continued)

(in wait for) ku-ryāmira, ku-gēnza  
(on one's face) kw-ūbika inda  
(on one's side) gu-curama

LIFE ubu-gīngo, uku-baho  
(years of one's) ama-vūka  
(to give l. to) ku-bēshaho  
(to regain) gu-hembūka

LIFT UP gu-kiriza, gu-terura  
(from ground) ku-rārūra  
(one who is lying down) ku-vyūtsa  
(the head) ku-raramuka

LIGHT umu-co  
(to light fire, lamp) gu-cāna,  
ku-domeka, gu-kongereza  
(the path, esp. with torch)  
ku-murika  
(to become l. suddenly, early  
in morning just as darkness ends,  
or after eclipse) gu-tamānzuka,  
gu-tamānzura  
(to come to light) gu-hinyuka,  
kw-āndagara  
(to put out) ku-zimya

LIGHT-COLORED (native) in-zobe

LIGHT-FINGERED (to be) gu-korakora

LIGHT-WEIGHT (to be) gu-hwahuka,  
kw-ōroha

LIGHTEN (a load) ku-remurura

LIGHTNING umu-ravyo  
(to flash) ku-rabagirana,  
ku-rabiriza, ku-ravya  
(to be struck by) gu-hūndagara

LIKE bene, nka  
 (conj.) nk'uko  
 (like that) -rtyo  
 (like this) -rtya  
 (to be like) gu-sa  
 (to look like) gu-shusha  
 (to like) gu-kūnda  
 (for a short time) gu-harara  
 (to try to make someone like what  
 he has refused) kw-ōrekēra

LIKENESS i-shusho

LILY (blood) (wild flower)  
 umw-angange

LIMA (bean) igi-haro

LIME i-shwagara

LIMIT uru-bibe

LIMITLESS aka-burarugero

LIMP gu-cumbagira, gu-hinyiza  
 (to be) ku-goyagoya

LINE umu-rōngo  
 (of people, animals, etc.)  
 umu-hururu, umu-kuku  
 (typographical) umu-kwēgo,  
 (to line up) (vi) gu-tōnda  
 (to line up) (vt) gu-tōndēsha,  
 gu-tōndekanya  
 (to march in a l.) gu-tōndekana  
 (to line up workers) ku-rārīka

LINES (or rows on baskets or cloth,  
 e.g. corduroy) umu-hiro

LION in-tāmbge, in-tare

LIP umu-nwa  
 (turning down of lower lip)  
 in-jebejebe

LISPING ubu-reve

LIST (of chosen ones) i-torero

LISTEN (to) kw-ūmviriza  
 (to refuse to l. to authority)  
 ku-garariza

LITTLE -to, -to-to, -toya, -tonya  
 (a little) -ke, -keya, -kenya

LITTLE BY LITTLE buhorobuhoro  
 buhorobuhoro  
 (to add to) gu-tororokanya  
 (to go forward) kw-ūngururuza

LIVE ku-ba, ku-baho, gu-hēma  
 (to cause to) ku-bēshaho  
 (long) ku-rāmba  
 (long live the king!) ganza, sabga!  
 (near a public place) gu-horahabona  
 (together) kw-āmana, ku-bāna,  
 ku-mana

LIVER igi-tigu

LIVING (together) umu-bāno

LIZARD umu-serebanyi

LOAD umu-twāro, umu-zigo  
 (to cause another to put down)  
 gu-tūza  
 (to give someone a heavy)  
 ku-remēka  
 (to lighten) ku-remurura  
 (to remove load from head)  
 gu-tūra, gu-tūnda

LOADED (with fruit or grain; tree or  
 stalk) gu-tēngerera

LOAF (of bread) i-robe