

Wanga-English Dictionary

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Foreward

The present draft is based on L. L. Appleby's 1943 *Luhya-English Vocabulary*, an electronic version of which was prepared by Michael Marlo with assistance from University of Michigan undergraduate students Sarah Crane, Namira Islam, and Callie Masten. This wordlist was re-translated into the Wanga dialect of Luyia by Alfred Anangwe in summer 2006. At this time, Anangwe pronounced and recorded each of the Wanga lexical items. In January 2008, the wordlist was entered into electronic format by Anangwe and edited by Marlo. The present draft is given in Wanga orthography, which does not represent tonal or vowel length distinctions (many cases of vowel sequences represent hiatus or a glide followed by long vowel; most long vowels are not transcribed). We plan to add more accurate phonetic transcriptions as soon as possible and welcome any comments, additions, and corrections. Please send any remarks to both authors.

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Notes on Transcriptions and Abbreviations

In the present transcription system, long vowels are marked as a sequence of two vowels, e.g., [aa], ‘b’ represents [b] after a nasal and [β] elsewhere, ‘ch’ represents [č], ‘sh’ represents [š], ‘kh’ represents [x], ‘ng’ (‘ng’ followed by an apostrophe) represents [ŋ], ‘nj’ represents [ñ], and ‘ng’ represents [ŋg]. In general, ‘ny’ should represent the palatal nasal [ɲ], although there may be cases where the same orthographic sequence represents the sequence of a coronal nasal followed by a palatal glide, i.e., [ny].

The following abbreviations are used to mark parts of speech:

‘adj’	adjective	‘adv’	adverb
‘comp’	complement	‘conj’	conjunction
‘dem’	demonstrative	‘excl’	exclamation
‘ideo’	ideophone	‘loc’	locative
‘n’	noun	‘neg’	negation element
‘np’	noun phrase	‘num’	numeral
‘poss’	possessive pronoun	‘pp’	prepositional phrase
‘prep’	preposition	‘pron’	pronoun
‘quan’	quantifier	‘relcl’	relative clause
‘s’	sentence	‘v’	verb
‘vint’	intransitive verb	‘vrefl’	reflexivized verb
‘vpass’	passivized verb	‘vtr’	transitive verb
‘vp’	verb phrase	‘wh’	wh- (question) element

- aambi** *adv.* near
- ababi** *adj.* bad; wrong; evil; ugly; unpleasant; dirty; anything which is offensive (cl. 2, -bi)
- abacheni** *adj.* foreign; strange; novel; unusual (cl. 2, -cheni)
- abachesi** *adj.* clever; intelligent; wise; bright (cl. 2, -chesi)
- abachesichesi** *adj.* cunning (cl. 2)
- abahalaba** *adj.* fierce; bad-tempered; of a scolding disposition (cl. 2, -halaba)
- abakuka** *n.* grandfathers; forefathers; ancestors
- abakulo** *n.* grandparents, with whom a child can talk freely on subjects that are taboo with their parents (abarye, whom they must fear)
- abalobole** *n.* chosen people; elected people; appointed people
- abamahanga** *n.* all foreigners; Gentiles; lit. people of the nations
- abamalaika** *n.* angels
- abana** *n.* children, pl. of omwana
- abarye** *n.* parents, whom a child must show fear and respect
- abatieri** *adj.* true; right; correct; truthful (cl. 2, -atieri)
- abatiti** *adj.* little; small; few (cl. 2, -titi)
- abatofu** *adj.* lazy; weak; easy; cheap; lacking in determination (cl. 2, -tofu)
- abatsana** *dem.* those same ones (cl. 2, -atsana)
- abatsastsaaflu** *n.* happy people; joyful people
- abayungubafu** *n.* mischievous people; restless people; impatient people
- abefu** *poss.* our (cl. 2, -efu)
- abefu!** *excl.* exclamation of surprise; lit. 'our (people)'
- abeirumbi** *np* circumcision candidates; those who have just been circumcised
- abembikiti** *adj.* short (cl. 2, -imbikiti)
- abene** *pron.* themselves (cl. 2, -ene)
- abenyu** *poss.* your (pl, cl. 2, -enyu)
- abesikwa** *adj.* trustworthy; faithful; reliable (cl. 2, -isikwa)
- abomunzu ndala** *np* the children or descendants of one woman
- abundu** *n.* place
- abwenao** *adv.* just there; on that very spot; just then; at that moment (see also habwenaho)
- aho** *adv.* there
- akamakana** *n.* signs; miracles; strange or remarkable happenings (see also amangalimwa)
- akatsana** *dem.* those same ones (cl. 13, -atsana)
- akatyeri** *n.* true sayings; truth
- akha!** *excl.* indicative of disgust, contempt, etc.
- akhabano** *n.* Small knife/pen-knife
- akhachululu** *n.* small sp. of quail
- akhakanda** *n.* a small crowd; a group
- akhakhanyu** *adj.* red, or color approximating to red—brown, orange, etc. (cl. 12, -akhanyu)
- akhalolero** *n.* sign; brand; mark; miracle (see also eshilolero)
- akhameme** *n.* kid; young goat (see also eshimeme)
- akhamuna** *n.* ground squirrel; hero of many folk tales; Sungura 'the hare' of Swahili tales; called Anakhamuna in stories and speaks with a lisp (see also eshimuna)
- akhandamwa** *n.* basket smaller in size than omuyinda
- akhandi** *n.* another one (in the diminutive)
- akhanyu** *adj.* red, or color approximating to red—brown, orange, etc. (akhakhanyu, eshiakhanyu, etc.)
- akhasi** *n.* cousin
- akhayere** *n.* infant/young child; youth means omuyere
- ako mba!** *excl.* nothing of the sort! I don't believe it!
- alaka** *n.* last child a woman bears
- alubeka** *adv.* at the other side; on one side; aside

- alwany** *n., adv.* open space in the center of the village; a courtyard; in the courtyard
- amaaka** *n.* tricks; mischievousness; restlessness
- amaana** *n.* larvae of bees, mosquitoes, etc.
- amaanda** *n.* embers; charcoal
- amaatsi** *n.* water
- amabanga** *n.* blood, esp. drawn from a live cow for food (see also amalasire, amatsayi)
- amabatswa** *n.* bones of buttocks; haunch bones
- amabeere** *n.* milk
- amabeere amasatse** *np* butter milk
- amabeere amayu** *np* fresh milk
- amabeka** *n.* shoulders
- amabere** *n.* millet
- amabuli** *n.* flying ants, edible
- amabwi** *n.* wrestling matches, contests
- amache** *n.* white ants; general term for many varieties of ants, though particularly indicating the termite
- amachere** *n.* leprosy
- amachesi** *n.* intelligence; (acquired) wisdom; cleverness; that which one has learned
- amachina** *n.* stones, ancestral stones
- amachishi** *adj.* unripe; green (cl. 6, -chishi)
- amafira** *n.* pus; discharge from a wound or sore
- amafumala** *n.* droppings of fowls
- amafura** *n.* ghee; butter; also used generally for oils
- amafura amasalule** *n.* ghee
- amafura ka itaaa** *n.* kerosene
- amafura kauto** *n.* simsim oil
- amafwi** *n.* human feces
- amahenjera** *n.* dry maize and beans boiled together until soft
- amahinje** *n.* arguments
- amaika** *n.* three stones around the fire to support the cooking pot; stove; fireplace; hearth; the group of three stars in Orion's Belt; symbol of the marriage bond between husband and wife and connected with various taboos
- amaindi** *n.* clods; large clumps of earth in a roughly dug field
- amaingane** *n.* arguments; competition
- amakaka** *n.* thorny branches, used for closing a path
- amakakha** *n.* itch, scabies
- amakana** *n.* wonderful, strange, queer, or remarkable happenings (see also amangalimwa)
- amakanda** *n.* beans
- amakasi** *n.* scissors (see also makasi)
- amakata** *n.* reeds, or the stalks of maize, millet, etc.; pipes or a small harp made from millet stalks
- amakatswa** *n.* bandiness; bow-legged
- amakhano** *n.* sinows of the neck
- amakhano** *n.* arguments; omundu wamakhano 'argumentative person'
- amakhanya** *n.* wrinkles; puckers; gathers
- amakhokoro** *n.* scraps of obusuma scraped off sides of pot; the last child a woman bears ("scrapings" of the womb)
- amakholole** *n.* sputum; phlegm
- amakhono** *n.* hands (as working agents)
- amakhumbiri** *n.* husks, chaff of millet
- amakhumi** *num.* ten (pl.), e.g., amakhumi kabiri 'twenty'
- amakuwa** *n.* words; matters, affairs, news, business, information, things, difficulty, trouble, etc.
- amakhwana** *n.* twins
- amako** *n.* holes in ground; ditches (sg. obuko)
- amakokha** *n.* rubbish
- amakonge** *n.* sisal plants (see also makonge, obukokhwe 'fiber of sisal plants')
- amakulu** *n.* feet; footprints
- amakuyira** *n.* husks, chaff of simsim
- amala** *n.* intestines
- amala amalulu** *np* jealousy; spite
- amalalu** *n.* madness; lunacy; insanity

- amalasire** *n.* blood, esp. that drawn from a live cow for food; (see also amabanga, amatsayi)
- amaleesi** *n.* clouds
- amalesi** *n.* medicine (usually only to native medicines, see also amanyasi)
- amalia** *n.* marriages
- amaloba** *n.* grains of earth, for instance when found in rice or in vegetables
- amalulu** *adj.* fierce; brave; strong; powerful; troublesome; fierce; dangerous; bitter; sour; hot (cl. 6)
- amalwa** *n.* native beer, made from millet, obule, etc.; also used of any intoxicating drink, including wine, spirits, etc.
- amamera** *n.* yeast (e.g., for making beer, often from finger millet or maize, see also limera)
- amamira** *n.* mucus from the nose
- amamondo** *n.* money (see also amapesa)
- amaneche** *n.* scrotum
- amangalimwa** *n.* signs; miracles; strange or remarkable happenings (see also akamakana, amakana)
- amang'oleng'ole** *n.* designs; drawings; particularly the designs drawn in colored clays on the wall of a house
- amani** *n.* strength; might; power; force
- amaniniro** *n.* ladder, stairs
- amanyasi** *n.* concoction having a magical use; e.g., to drive out emisambwa, to counteract obufira, or to remove a curse; medicine (usually refers only to native medicines, see also amalesi)
- amanyi** *n.* urine; semen (see also amenyali)
- amanywa ke tsimboko** *n.* 2 a.m., 3 a.m. When buffaloes go to drink
- amaofu** *n.* a great longing for some person or place at a distance; homesickness
- amapesa** *n.* cents, money (see also amamondo)
- amaraba** *n.* accident
- amare** *n.* saliva; spittle
- amarechekho** *n.* temptation
- amarunda** *n.* waves; storms
- amarwi** *n.* ears (organs of hearing, general)
- amasaka** *n.* branches of tree
- amasalule** *n.* a sample; a little amahenjera taken from the top of the pot to see if it is done
- amasanganjira** *n.* crossroads; junction; meeting of several paths, usually close to the gateway of a village, or where a path leads off to a village; various ceremonies and sacrifices take place there
- amasang'usang'u** *n.* gills of a fish; glands in the neck, near the angle of the jaw
- amashemo** *adv.* backwards, as in okhupa amashemo 'to look backwards'
- amashesio** *n.* a squint; a cast in the eyes, especially when both eyes are affected
- amashindu** *n.* strips of dried palm leaves used in weaving mats, etc.
- amasika** *n.* funeral; tears; the time of mourning after a death, when relations and friends are expected to pay visits of sympathy and respect, and to wail; food must be provided for these mourners
- amasingo** *n.* cow dung; mixed with mud for plaster, and with water and sometimes ebicheche (ground dry ant-hill clay) for smearing walls and floor
- amasinji** *n.* position; standing; turn; place, in relation to others
- amasira** *n.* trouble; sorrow; bereavement
- amasirisi** *adv.* secretly; privately
- amatakho** *n.* buttocks (of s.o.); hind-quarters (of an animal); butt end (of a thing)
- amatasi** *n.* rags; old, worn-out clothes
- amatoyi** *n.* mud; clay
- amatsalalu** *adj.* insipid; tasteless; flavorless (cl. 6, -tsalalu)
- amatsayi** *n.* blood (see also amalasire, amabanga)
- amatsi** *n.* water
- amatsi kaire** *np* hot water
- amatsi mayu** *np* pit of the stomach
- amatsukhu** *n.* lungs
- amatuma** *n.* maize

- amatuma kaakare** *np* used of maize when the cobs have begun to fill out and stand out at an angle from the stalk, like a child carried on the hip
- amaumo** *n.* sighs
- amaundukunyu** *n.* swellings; pimples; excrescences; lumps, on the skin of s.o., bark of a tree, etc.; used of the rash appearing in a disease such as chickenpox, or of any roughness of the skin
- amayebeye** *n.* ornamental tail made of a bunch of banana fiber, worn by women
- amayia** *n.* strange or novel sayings or doings, hard to understand
- amayira** *n.* burnt remains
- amayu** *adj.* warm; fresh (cl. 6)
- ambanga** *adj.* varying; differing; unusual
- amberi** *adj.* first; leading (-amberi)
- amberi** *adj.* first; leading (amberi, imberi)
- amenjefu** *adj.* ripe (cl. 6, -enjefu)
- ameno** *n.* teeth
- amenyali** *n.* urine; semen (see also amanyi)
- ameyo** *n.* bunch of twigs, etc., used as a broom
- amola** *n.* pieces of the bark of a tree; chips
- amolu** *n.* nose; nostrils
- anakhamuna** *n.* proper name of the ground squirrel when it is made the hero of a folk tale (see akhamuna 'ground squirrel')
- ango** *n., adv.* home; at home (see also ingo)
- angu** *adj.* quick, easy, light, cheap (bwangu, lwangu)
- anje** *poss.* my
- ano** *adv.* here; to this place (see also eno)
- apala** *n.* white and brown coloring in a female animal
- apo!** *excl.* not at all! denial indicating complete ignorance or innocence
- asaame** *adj.* gaping; wide open
- asi** *adv.* down; below
- asoya** *n.* a bribe
- atieri** *adj.* true; right; correct; truthful (akatieri, abatieri, etc.)
- atiti** *adv.* a little; slightly (see also atutu)
- atsana** *dem.* that/those same one(s) (abatsana, akatsana, efiatsana, etc.)
- atse!** *excl.* surprised or shocked reproof
- atutu** *adv.* a little; slightly (see also atiti)
- aundi** *loc.* another place
- awa!** *excl.* oh, no!
- bambalifu** *adj.* broad; wide; vast (omubambalifu, eshibambalifu, etc.)
- bane** *n.* term of address used familiarly between equals
- basunga shina?** *greet.* how are they?
- batse!** *excl.* look out!, (see also atse!)
- bayaye!** *excl.* denoting dismay and indignation, real or feigned; lit. 'boys!'
- bi** *adj.* bad; wrong; evil; ugly; unpleasant; dirty; anything which is offensive (omubi, ababi, efibi, etc.)
- biri** *num.* two
- bisi** *adj.* raw; fresh; uncooked; sometimes used to mean green, unripe
- buchikha** *adv.* crosswise; to the side
- bukala** *adv.* whole
- bulano** *adv.* now; already
- bulano buno** *adv.* just now; immediately
- buli** *adj.* every; each
- buli hosi** *np* everywhere; each place
- buli lwosi** *np* every time
- buli mundu** *np* everyone; every person
- buli mundu yesi** *np* each separate person
- bushere!** *greet.* morning greeting; 'good morning!'
- bushiere** *n.* about 5 a.m.
- butswa** *adv.* only; merely; in vain; still; quietly; simply; merely; barely
- buyinjikhane** *adj.* part full (cl. 14, -yinjikhane)
- bwakhera!** *greet.* evening greeting, 'good evening!'
- bwangu** *adj., adv.* soon; at once; quick, quickly, easy, easily, light, lightly, cheap, cheaply (cl. 14, -angu)
- bwirire** *n.* 5 p.m., 6 p.m.
- bwirire!** *greet.* evening greeting, 'good evening!'

- cheni** *adj.* foreign; strange; novel; unusual (omucheni, abacheni, eshicheni, etc.)
- chesi** *adj.* clever; intelligent; wise; bright (abachesi, amachesi, obuchesi, etc.)
- chesichesi** *adj.* cunning (omuchesichesi, abachesichesi, etc.)
- chima** *adj.* sound; whole (omuchima, eshichima, etc.)
- chishi** *adj.* unripe; green (amachisi, obuchishi, etc.)
- ebicheche** *n.* ground dry ant-hill clay
- ebilibwa** *n.* food
- ebima** *n.* habits, manners, hence disposition, nature, character
- ebiribwa** *n.* gateway, entrance to a village; also a section of a clan, the descendants of one of the sons of the common ancestor of the clan (sg. eshiribwa)
- ebisoni** *n.* great-grandchildren; great-grandparents; sometimes used for generations
- ebisoni nebisoni** *adv.* for ever and ever
- ebukwe** *n.* East
- ebulafu** *adv.* in an open place plainly; publicly; openly
- ebulaya** *n.* Europe (<Swahili)
- ebweneyo** *adv.* there; just there
- efiatsana** *dem.* those same ones (cl. 8, -atsana)
- efibeere** *n.* teats of a cow
- efibi** *n.* evil acts; feces; bad; wrong; evil; ugly; unpleasant; dirty; anything which is offensive (cl. 8, -bi)
- efihuli** *n.* basket traps for catching birds
- efikokomo** *n.* paraphernalia; armlets, charms, etc., which are worn
- efinji** *adj.* many (cl. 8)
- efirwi** *n.* ears (part of the body)
- efitsinzibu** *adj.* tasteless; insipid (cl. 8, -tsinzibu)
- efiya** *adj.* new; young (cl. 8, -ya)
- efiyakha** *adj.* new; novel (cl. 8, -yakha)
- efu** *poss.* our (owefu, abefu, eshiefu, etc.)
- efwayo** *n.* flocks
- efwe** *pron.* we; us
- ekhumi** *num.* ten (in counting)
- ekulo** *n., adv.* recently; some time ago; the other day; a few days ago; one day recently
- ekulu** *prep., adv.* up; above
- elala** *adv.* absolutely; completely; always follows the applied form of the verb
- eliaka** *n.* ant-bear; ant-eater; aardvark; earth pig
- elialamba** *n.* hornet
- elianda** *n.* ember; coal of fire; charcoal
- eliaro** *n.* boat; canoe
- eliira** *n.* name
- elingalimwa** *n.* miracle; strange happening
- elino** *n.* tooth
- elino licheko** *np* one of the molars; a double tooth; also called ameno ketsinyanda
- eliuba** *n.* sun
- elubeka eyi** *adv.* over at that side
- elukulu** *adv.* up-country
- elyaka** *n.* weeding season
- elyakari** *n.* thigh bone
- elyani** *n.* vegetable, herb; any food (meat, fish, etc.) eaten as a relish with obusuma (see also tsifwa)
- elyechesio** *n.* lesson; something taught
- elyeko** *n.* lesson; something learned
- elyuba liumire** *n.* around 11 a.m.
- elyulu** *n.* nostril
- emakombe** *n.* abode of departed spirits
- emiayo** *n.* yawn
- emiero** *n.* insubordination; quarrelling
- emiimo** *n.* the games and feasting in honor of a man who has died, usually held about a year after his death; used in a more general sense, of any festival, sports gathering, etc.
- emiiro** *n.* feathers
- emikhono** *n.* hands (as parts of the body)
- emilimo** *n.* work
- emilulu** *adj.* fierce; brave; strong; powerful; troublesome; fierce; dangerous; bitter; sour; hot (cl. 4)
- eminji** *adj.* many (cl. 4)

emioko *n.* cassava
emionzosi *n.* echo
emiro *n.* a particular sp. of green vegetable
emisiro *n.* taboos
emiyindiri *n.* the sound of footsteps; any regular beat; rhythm
emukulu *adv.* up there; up-country
emukuru *adv.* at the back of the house (see also indangu)
emulambo *n.* south
emwalo *adv.* below; down there
emyandu *n.* goods, belongings, luggage
enacho *loc.* around; somewhere near (see also enanzu, enango)
enango *loc.* around; somewhere near (see also enacho, enanzu)
enanzu *loc.* around; somewhere near (see also enacho, enango)
-ene *pron.* oneself (omwene), themselves (abene), itself, etc.
-enjefu *adj.* ripe (amenjefu, obwenjefu, etc.)
eno *adv.* here; to this place (see also ano)
-enyu *poss.* your (pl, owenyu, abenyu, etc.)
enywe *pron.* you (pl.)
erwanyi *adv.* outside
eshiaba *n.* upper arm
eshiabere *n.* yesterday; the previous day
eshiachi *n.* granary; grain store
eshiakhanyu *adj.* red, or color approximating to red—brown, orange, etc. (cl. 7, , -akhanyu)
eshialo *n.* country; world; land
eshiamberi *n.* forequarter, the first
eshiambukho *n.* the place or country on the other side (of river or lake); a ford
eshiamo *n.* fruit
eshianganga *n.* skull
eshiangwe *n.* a sponge
eshianwa *n.* present; gift; prize
eshiany *n.* plot of ground, the site for a village
eshiasia *n.* husk; piece of bran in flour; fragment, e.g. of broken glass
eshiasundi *n.* tail of fowl

eshiatakho *n.* haunch; hindquarter
eshiausa *n.* bald head; bald patch on head
eshiayo *n.* goat or sheep; the heard while grazing
eshibachiro *n.* place where an animal was skinned, or where animals are skinned frequently
eshibakhwa *n.* bridesmaid, female relative of the bride who accompanies her to her husband's home to take evidence of her virginity back to her old home and to keep her company in her new surroundings for a few days
eshibale *n.* something in the nature of a pebble, e.g., in the clay a potter is working
eshibalikho *n.* a reckoning; smears of clay on face as a sign of mourning, etc.
eshibambala *n.* dried fish
eshibambalifu *adj.* broad; wide; vast (cl. 7, -bambalifu)
eshibambo *n.* peg; stake, to which an animal may be tied
eshibanga *n.* hole or gap in hedge or wall; an entrance forced into a home or village
eshibeere *n.* teat, of a cow, etc.; rubber teat of a feeding bottle; scrotum
eshibera *n.* mercy
eshibere *n.* millet field
eshibeye *n.* tail of fish
eshibi *n.* an evil act or thing
eshibikhwa *n.* sp. of ant that builds a hill of red clay
eshibinze *n.* house of an old woman where girls sleep
eshibirirwa *n.* forgetfulness; absent-mindedness
eshibiritu *n.* box of matches
eshibobe *n.* unpleasant odor coming from the nose
eshiboya *n.* small apron of banana fiber worn by women
eshibunguyi *n.* short skirt, often the only garment of women in parts of the country, frequently worn by others under the dress; petticoat

- eshibuno** *n.* waist; loins
- eshichanuwo** *n.* comb (< Swahili)
- eshicharani** *n.* sewing machine
- eshichenga** *n.* fire-brand; torch
- eshicheni** *adj.* foreign; strange; novel; unusual (cl. 7, -cheni)
- eshichero** *n.* measurement
- eshichibi** *n.* depression in floor, or low stand, for supporting a pot
- eshichiko** *n.* spoon (< Swahili, see also shichiko)
- eshichima** *adj.* sound; whole (cl. 7, -chima)
- eshichinji** *n.* parasite; flea, jigger-flea, etc.
- eshichinjwinjwi** *n.* wag-tail
- eshichira** *n.* reason; cause
- eshiefu** *poss.* our (cl. 7, -efu)
- eshiekenye** *adv.* nakedly
- eshiembekho** *n.* cemetery; burial grove; grove of trees where chiefs and other important men (at one time, all men who had been circumcised) were buried
- eshieyo** *n.* broom; brush
- eshifirimbi** *n.* whistle (< Swahili)
- eshifuli** *n.* padlock (< Swahili, see also likafuli)
- eshifulia** *n.* saucepan (< Swahili)
- eshifulwa** *n.* noose; loop
- eshifumbi** *n.* stool; chair; throne
- eshifumunde** *adj.* round; more particularly spherical, but also used of circular objects (cl. 7, -fumunde)
- eshifunane** *n.* reason (see also eshifune)
- eshifundesano** *n.* head-cold
- eshifune** *n.* reason (see also eshifunane)
- eshifunikho** *n.* cover; lid
- eshifwabi** *n., adv.* filth; stupidly
- eshifwalo** *n.* garment; clothes
- eshifwanani** *n.* likeness; picture; photo; model; image; doll; model; etc.
- eshifwolo** *n.* dirt; filth
- eshiganda** *adv.* in Baganda style
- eshiheburania** *adv.* in the Jewish or Hebrew style
- eshihuli** *n.* small basket cage in which live quail are suspended from a pole to set as decoys
- eshihuma likondo** *np* colorless
- eshihundu** *n.* node; knot; swelling on trunk of tree; lump or swelling on body
- eshiilolero** *n.* mirror; looking-glass
- eshiindi** *n.* small post behind door post, with which it forms a slot through which the wicker door passes
- eshiindi** *adv.* in the Indian manner
- eshihiro** *n.* market; marketplace
- eshikakha** *n.* a name sometimes applied to the pineapple, from likakbha, a plant with similar spiny leaves
- eshikalabo** *n.* palm of hand
- eshikalo** *n.* palm and back of hand; head of spear
- eshikanda** *n.* small crowd
- eshikapo** *n.* soft plaited basket (< Swahili)
- eshikata** *n.* stubble; field in which millet has been harvested, with the stubble still standing
- eshikaye** *n.* bowl; basin; late
- eshikhabiri** *n.* treachery; double-dealing; used to refer to situations where, e.g., a girl brought up by a man who is not her real father results in a suitor having to deal with two sets of relations in arranging a dowry
- eshikhamba** *n.* a strip of the skin of a sacrificial animal, bound around the arm, etc. of the persons on whose behalf the sacrifice was made
- eshikhaya** *adj.* empty, bare, etc.
- eshikhokho** *n.* something (spirit? omusala?) which certain women are supposed to have the power of sending into the stomach, causing pain and illness
- eshikhole** *n.* act
- eshikholomokho** *n.* a steep slope down
- eshikhome** *n.* large rat; mantis
- eshikhongo** *n.* peg for tying up cattle
- eshikhongo** *adj.* big; large; important (cl. 7, -khongo)

- eshikhumba** *n.* shield
eshikhumbu *n.* stump of a finger or toe
eshikhumi *num.* hundred
eshikhumira *num.* thousand
eshiko *n.* sheep fold
eshikoko *n.* banana plantation
eshikokomo *n.* paraphernalia; armlets, charms, etc., worn; also possibly junk of any sort
eshikong'o *n.* a club; a stout stick
eshikongolyo *n.* small piece of broken pot; potsherd
eshikoro *n.* room; part of the house partitioned off for sheep, etc.
eshikoshakoshe *n.* gray color, in any animal, male or female
eshikufu *n.* humpback, or any hump, e.g., lumpiness or ridges in the blankets, showing through the bedcover of a badly made bed
eshikukule *n.* beetle
eshikulu *n.* hill
eshikunene *n.* memorial feast for a woman who has died, held at her father's home; corresponds to omuyimo for men
eshikuri *n.* plain; level piece of ground; playing field; etc.
eshikurumani *n.* liver (see also ingurumani)
eshilaka munwa *n.* a curse
eshilama *n.* roof; ceiling
eshilaro *n.* shoe; sandal
eshilebe *n.* such and such a thing
eshilefu *n.* beard, moustache, whiskers
eshilemba *n.* turban (< Swahili)
eshilemje *n.* leg; foot
eshilibwa *n.* food, more often in the pl., ebilibwa
eshilolero *n.* signs; brands; marks; miracles (see also akhalolero)
eshilonje *n.* creature; created thing
eshilubi *n.* small basket (see also indubi)
eshilukha *n.* form; ritual; customary order
eshilumi *n.* an insect that bites
eshilumira mushira *n.* scorpion; lit., the thing that bites with the tail
eshima *n.* custom; habit
eshimanulwa *n.* the equipment required for a journey, a piece or work, battle, etc.; armor
eshimbikiti *adj.* short (cl. 7, -imbikiti)
eshimeme *n.* kid; young goat (see also akhameme)
eshimenyo *n.* dwelling place; lodging
eshiminywi *n.* chicken
eshimosi *n.* calf
eshimuka *n.* small gourd used for carrying beer, for milk, and also in witchcraft, etc.
eshimuli *n.* flower
eshimumu *n.* chin
eshimuna *n.* ground squirrel (see also akhamuna)
eshimyu *n.* hot, dry time of year, roughly from the end of November to the middle of February
eshinwanwa *n.* the chin of an animal
eshiole *n.* bald patch on head, caused by illness or injury
eshionono *n.* fault; sin; offense
eshiosio *n.* fire lighted in courtyard for warmth
eshipitsi *n.* rubbish heap
eshipwoni *n.* potato field
eshirabu *n.* jar with a wide mouth, made with a rim
eshirechero *n.* bait for a trap
eshireeka *n.* place where quail are trapped
eshirefu *n.* beard
eshiremba *n.* dance performed by men after the death of a man of standing in the community in his village
eshirenyakhwi *n.* insect that makes a cocoon of sticks
eshiribiti *n.* small drum which can be beaten as it is carried along; used mainly in dances
eshiribwa *n.* gateway into a village or kraal; subdivision of a clan, the

- descendants of one son of the clan ancestor
- eshirifu** *n.* chest; the trunk of a standing tree; any illness causing pains in the chest; any affection of the lungs, bronchial tubes, etc., indigestion
- eshirikisa** *n.* hiccup
- eshirima** *n.* darkness
- eshirimi** *n.* speech impediment (lisp, stammer, etc.)
- eshirindwa** *n.* a grave after it has been filled in
- eshiriri** *n.* single-stringed fiddle
- eshiro** *n.* night
- eshiro shia lwalero** *n.* tonight
- eshiro shino** *n.* last night
- eshiroboto** *n.* flea (< Swahili)
- eshiromindo** *n.*
- eshirongo** *n.* salt-lick
- eshironje** *n.* a portion of obusuma, etc., broken off to put in the mouth
- eshironyeresi** *n.* drop; spot; point; dot; any punctuation mark
- eshironyo** *n.* in an orderly way; tidily; neatly
- eshirumbi** *n.* second planting season, following irotso, beginning in July or August, during which maize, simsim, beans, and peas are planted and then harvested; also called eshiubwe
- eshirundu** *n.* dead body; trunk of a fallen tree
- eshirungu** *n.* handle of knife or omuremero
- eshirwi** *n.* ear (pl. efirwi, amarwi)
- eshisa** *n.* kindness; mercy; solicitude
- eshisaka** *n.* hand of bananas, a complete section of a bunch of bananas
- eshisakati** *n.* shed or rough shelter made of Napier grass, etc., to accommodate guests at a feast
- eshisala** *n.* stool; chair (see also indebe)
- eshisanda** *n.* half gourd used as a drinking cup; sometimes used for a European cup, though then the work eshikombe (< Swahili) is more generally used
- eshisanjiro** *n.* fellowship of people
- eshisatsa** *adv.* manfully; bravely
- eshise** *n.* hour; time; season
- eshise eshiokhuulukha** *n.* rest hour
- eshise shiokhuulushilamwo** *n.* rest hour
- eshiserero** *n.* wedding; traditional marriage
- eshishebo** *n.* circumcision (rare)
- eshishenje** *n.* waist; loins
- eshishieno** *n.* evil spirit; the spirit of a dead person returning to haunt and trouble the living
- eshisia** *n.* section of a bunch of bananas, hand of bananas
- eshisia** *n.* uphill; steep gradient
- eshisicharasio** *n.* stumbling block; obstacle
- eshisiche** *n.* eyebrow
- eshisiri** *n.* a worn-down hoe, knocked together to keep time at European dances
- eshisisia** *n.* torn tree
- eshisisiro** *n.* heel
- eshisokore** *n.* maize cob from which the grain has been removed
- eshisoma** *adv.* alone, used of s.o. living alone
- eshisoni** *n.* ancestor; great-grandfather; great-grandson or daughter
- eshisonye** *n.* a part; a portion; a piece
- eshisuku** *n.* great-great-grandfather; great-great-grandson or daughter
- eshisukuti** *n.* biscuit
- eshisuli** *n.* summit; top of the roof of a house; top of a hill
- eshisungu** *adv.* in European manner
- eshisutse** *n.* sp. of wild dog; wolf
- eshiswa** *n.* ant-hill
- eshitabita** *n.* place where circumcision candidates are smeared with clay before operation
- eshitabu** *n.* book (< Swahili)
- eshitaho** *n.* spring; place for drawing water
- eshitakhalira** *n.* liver
- eshitakho** *n.* hen at egg laying stage

- eshitalataliro** *n.* hammock; stretcher; frame-work of bed without legs
- eshitali** *n.* bed
- eshitambaya** *n.* small piece of cloth, headcloth, handkerchief, collar, duster, etc. (< Swahili)
- eshitanda** *n.* bed (< Swahili)
- eshitera** *n.* small granary
- eshitere** *n.* midday; noon; daytime; day as distinct from night
- eshiteru** *n.* wicker plate or tray
- eshitesheni** *n.* railway station; any township, whether there is a station there or not
- eshitiani** *n.* beans half-cooked, dried, skinned, then cooked and seasoned
- eshitiiri** *n.* fastener; pin; fetters
- eshitiisi** *n.* one of the poles in the framework of the walls of a house; upright; stud
- eshitinyiro** *n.* press; any apparatus for squeezing fruit, etc., to extract juice or oil
- eshitisi** *n.* one of the uprights in the framework for the wall of a house (see also omutisi)
- eshitobonji** *n.* depression in the ground, in which water collects; a pool
- eshitonye** *n.* portion; fraction; bit; part; very often means half, but may mean any fraction less than the whole.
- eshitoyi** *n.* tick
- eshitsafu** *n.* eaves of a house
- eshitsafu** *n.* dense bush or undergrowth
- eshitsayi** *n.* hemorrhage; blood flowing freely from a wound
- eshitsengwa** *n.* skin worn slung from the shoulder
- eshitsiamolu** *n.* mantis (see also litsiamolu)
- eshitsimi** *n.* desert; bush; wilderness; an uninhabited, wild stretch of country
- eshitsinzibu** *adj.* tasteless; insipid (cl. 7, -tsinzibu)
- eshitsiriba** *n.* horn of an animal (other than a cow), made into a musical instrument, blown sideways after the style of a flute
- eshitsu** *n.* nest
- eshitsubo** *n.* oath; vow; solemn promise
- eshitsulisio** *n.* memorial; remembrance
- eshitsuru** *n.* jungle; thick bush
- eshitsusu** *n.* a small buck
- eshituche** *n.* a group
- eshitukha** *n.* a pigeon
- eshituli** *n.* a heap; a pile
- eshitundu** *n.* a short piece of hollow reed
- eshitunguu** *n.* onion (< Swahili)
- eshituru** *n.* club
- eshituyu** *n.* hare
- eshitwoli** *n.* cattle-shed; a fire lighted outside in the evening, around which a group of members of the village (usually those of one age, e.g. old men, young men, etc.) sit and talk; campfire
- eshiubwe** *n.* second planting season, following irotso, beginning in July or August, during which maize, simsim, beans, and peas are planted and then harvested; also called eshirumbi
- eshiungo** *n.* a join
- eshiwo** *n.* glass, or anything made from glass, e.g., mirror, spectacles, etc. (< Swahili)
- eshiyakha** *adj.* new; novel (cl. 7, -yakha)
- eshiyera** *n.* tuberculosis
- eshiyerechere** *n.* measles
- eshiyesi** *n.* dead-end; extreme limit
- eshiyonzo** *n.* echo
- eshiyunani** *n.* in the Greek manner
- eshiyungo** *n.* loneliness; great, expectant longing for someone who does not come
- eshokolo** *n.* small bundle; skein; hank
- eshulu** *n.* nostril
- eshuma** *n.* string of beads; sometimes used of a single bead, but that is more correctly inyuma
- eshumu** *adj.* dry; hard; withered; firm; strong (e.g. cloth, cl. 7, -umu)
- eshuya** *n.* sweet scent or flavor, used of meat, flowers, etc.

- Eshyokhunjira** *n.* name of child put on path by tradition after a mother has lost previous children in infancy, lit. 'thing on the road'
- esie** *pron.* I, me
- ewa** *prep.* where s.o. is; at s.o.'s place
- ewabo** *adv.* at his/her (their) home (always in pl.), atsire ewabo 'she has gone to her old home (not to her husband's)'
- ewe** *pron.* you
- ewefu** *adv.* at our home
- ewenyu** *adv.* at your home
- eyale** *adv.* far; far away
- eyi** *adv.* over there (see also eyo)
- eyi nende eyi** *adv.* on all sides, in all directions
- eyo** *loc., adv.* there, over there (see also eyi)
- finga** *wh.* how many? (cl. 8, -inga)
- fumunde** *adj.* round; more particularly spherical, but also used of circular objects (omufumunde, eshifumunde, etc.)
- fwana** *adv.* suppose
- gavana** *n.* governor (< English)
- habula** *prep., conj.* except
- habwenaho** *adv.* just there; on that very spot; just then; at that moment (see also abwenao)
- habwene** *adv.* truly; really; plainly; exactly; correctly
- hakari** *adv.* in the middle
- halaba** *adj.* fierce; bad-tempered; of a scolding disposition (omuhalaba, abahalaba, etc.)
- halala** *prep., adv.* with; together (ha-, -lala; at one place)
- halali ... ta** *prep.* without (neg. of verb to be, ha- concord; where there is not)
- handalafu** *adj.* coarse; used of flour, etc.; opposite of -nyushe
- handale** *adj.* coarse; used of flour, etc.; opposite of -nyushe
- harusi** *n.* wedding (of a Christian or civil marriage, see eshiserero or okhubakhwa for a traditional marriage)
- here** *adj.* young (of a young child, newborn, see okhuhera 'conceive')
- ho** *adv.* there
- holo** *adj.* mild; meek; gentile; humble; kindly
- hosi** *adv.* any place; all places
- hwayo!** *excl.* Get out!
- ibaasha** *n.* envelope
- ibaka** *n.* python
- ibarwa** *n.* letter; epistle (< Swahili, cf. inukuta 'letter of the alphabet')
- ibasha** *n.* envelope (< Swahili)
- ibembe** *n.* flat, coarse grass used for thatching
- ibendera** *n.* flag; banner
- ibilauri** *n.* tumbler; glass (< Swahili)
- ibinika** *n.* kettle; teapot (< Swahili)
- ibirika** *n.* kettle; teapot
- ichai** *n.* tea (< Swahili)
- ichapa** *n.* typewriter; printing press (see itabureta)
- ichokaa** *n.* lime; whitewash (< Swahili)
- ichoo** *n.* latrine; lavatory (< Swahili)
- ichupa** *n.* bottle; flask (< Swahili)
- idakika** *n.* minute (< Swahili)
- idaraja** *n.* bridge; rank (< Swahili)
- idaraja yeikanisa** *np* orders in the ministry of the church, bishop, priest, deacon
- ifarasi** *n.* horse (< Swahili)
- ifetsa** *n.* silver; gold; money (< Swahili)
- ifire** *n.* an animal, like a rat in appearance, but much larger; can be eaten
- ifirimbi** *n.* whistle (< Swahili)
- ifiro** *n.* soot, as deposited on the bottom of cooking pots, etc.
- ifisi** *n.* hyena; also its color
- ifubu** *n.* hippopotamus
- ifukho** *n.* mole
- ifuko** *n.* kidney
- ifula** *n.* rain
- ifula eyomuchitsi** *np* light but long-continued rain
- ifula yeimbumbuyeka** *np* rain with strong wind
- ifusi; ingumi** *n.* fist

- ifutubini** *n.* dark brown color
- ifwebebe** *n.* dung of rats, goats, sheep, etc.
- ihabini** *n.* help; assistance; aid
- ihekali** *n.* temple (<Swahili)
- ihonjekhu** *adj.* still
- ihula** *n.* beeswax
- ijela** *n.* prison; gaol (<Swahili)
- ijikoni** *n.* kitchen; cooking place (<Swahili, see also liteshero, indeshero)
- ikaawa** *n.* coffee (<Swahili, see ikahawa)
- ikahawa** *n.* coffee (<Swahili, see ikaawa)
- ikalamu** *n.* pencil; pen (<Swahili)
- ikalamu yamare** *np* pencil
- ikalamu yobwino** *np* pen
- ikamula** *n.* cud
- ikaniki** *n.* black cotton cloth worn by women, usually Muslims (<Swahili)
- ikanisa** *n.* church (<Swahili)
- ikanzu** *n.* long cotton or calico robe, white or a kind of tan color, worn by men
- ikengere** *n.* bell
- ikhabi** *n.* luck; fortune; blessing
- ikhabi imbi** *np* back luck
- ikhafu** *n.* cow (see also ing'ombe)
- ikhafuka** *n.* pot in which to make obusuma
- ikhalaka** *n.* short cut
- ikhokoro** *n.* scraper made from piece of gourd
- ikhola** *n.* method; way; habit
- ikhole** *n.* male goat, uncastrated; billy-goat
- ikholo ikhupa** *np* fear
- ikhololo** *n.* cough
- ikhomako** *n.* a hammer
- ikhombe** *n.* hole; hollow, e.g. in trunk of a tree; depression; deep ulcer
- ikhongo** *adj.* big; large; important (cl. 9, -khongo)
- ikhong'osi** *n.* ankle
- ikhono** *n.* back of the neck
- ikhukunyu** *n.* hip (see also ikhukunyu)
- ikhula** *n.* flood; rushing streams of rainwater
- ikhumba** *n.* white millet
- ikhumi** *num.* ten (in counting), ikhumi na ndala 'eleven', ikhumi na tsibiri 'twelve', etc.
- ikhungu** *n.* grub that attacks obule
- ikhupasi** *n.* heartbeat; heart; pressure-point on artery
- ikhwe** *n.* dowry; cattle paid by bridegroom to relations of bride; period of engagement, and all business connected with the engagement and marriage
- ikofia** *n.* hat (<Swahili)
- ikona** *v.tr.* bend
- ikubuli** *n.* curd in milk
- ikwaa/ikwaya** *n.* armpit
- ikwena** *n.* crocodile
- iloloti** *n.* bag; pouch
- iloti** *n.* long pants
- ilwika** *n.* horn (on an animal's head, when used as a trumpet)
- imbaa** *n.* clod; lump of earth
- imbakha** *n.* conversation
- imbako** *n.* short-handled hoe; jembe; a former form of dowry payment
- imbako ye tsing'ombe** *n.* plough (see also lichoki)
- imbakukha** *n.* natural gap between two side teeth (see also imbenya)
- imbala** *n.* scar; mark; brand; blemish
- imbale** *n.* pebble
- imbalikha** *n.* jealousy; polygamy
- imbalo** *n.* knife
- imbamba** *n.* upper arm, near shoulder
- imbande** *n.* sweet nut, which looks like a peanut and grows underground and tastes like a bean
- imbandu** *n.* sucker; shoot coming from the roots of a tree
- imbatsi** *n.* axe; hatchet; tomahawk (see also iyaywa, ishoka)
- imbeba** *n.* rat
- imbeko** *n.* seedling
- imbenya** *n.* natural gap between the two center top teeth (mark of beauty)

imberi *adj.* before; in front; first; leading (-amberi)
-imbikiti *adj.* short (omwimbikiti, abembikiti, eshimbikiti, etc.)
imbindi *n.* pea
imbinga *n.* cave
imbiribinzu *n.* a small bird which whistles and also imitates sounds
imbitsi *n.* a wild pig. The domesticated pig is usually called by the Swahili name
imboko *n.* buffalo
imbolera *n.* compost; manure etc. rotted in compost pit (or otherwise); anything rotten
imbolo *n.* penis
imbolombole *n.* small flying ant, not edible; also a color
imbongo *n.* a large buck, the omusiro of the Abawanga
imbulu *n.* a long-tailed lizard
imbumbuyeka *n.* tempest; storm; strong wind
imbundu *n.* lump of flour not properly mixed in with the water in making obusuma
imburo *n.* a sip; a mouthful of liquid
imburusi *n.* sling
imbusi *n.* a goat
imbutwe *n.* flour and water mixed and set to start fermenting, for making obusera, beer, etc.
imbwa *n.* dog
imbwi *n.* large wild cat, something like a leopard in appearance
imbya *n., adj.* kind; sort; tribe; race; variety; new; young (cl. 9, -ya)
imeli *n.* large steam ship; mail-ship; any ship carrying passengers or cargo
imere *n.* grain, millet and/or obule
imero *n.* nature; life; make-up; habits; customs; what s.o. is like, in character and appearance
imesa *n.* table
iminyi *n.* swallow
imondo *n.* gizzard; umbilicus; navel

imongo *n.* fortune, either good or bad, which is either the result of, or a suitable reward for, one's actions; justice; nemesis; imongo ishira obululu 'justice is greater than anger'
imoni *n.* eye
imonjero *n.* tip; point (of needle, finger, spear, etc.)
imonye *n.* mud-fish
imosi *n.* heifer; cow before it has calved
imwo *n.* fairly large seed (maize, etc.); offspring
inamba *n.* badge; number (< English)
inamba *adj.* whole
inanga *n.* sheet; cloth
inda *n.* stomach; abdomen; also olubereshero 'uterus'
inda indulu *n.* jealousy
indaa *n.* louse
indaalo *n.* day (pl. tsindalo 'days')
indaba *n.* tobacco
indabushi *n.* walking stick; stick carried for protection and used in fights; heavy stick picked up for the purpose of beating someone
indache *n.* promise; oath; card given to s.o. on being admitted as an inquirer and on which are entered subsequently the date of his admission as catechumen, baptism, confirmation, etc.
indakano *n.* agreement; testament
indakano imbia *n.* New Testament
indakano ya khale *n.* Old Testament
indakwe *n.* habit of wandering about alone, without doing any work or sharing in the activities of one's fellows
indalo *n.* farm; fields belonging to one person
indama *n.* cheek
indangu *adv.* at the back of the house (see also emukuru)
indasi *n.* an arrow
indayi *n.* something good
indebe *n.* stool; chair (see also eshisala)
indeke *n.* airplane; flared skirt (< Swahili)
indekeyu *n.* hoof

indenga *n.* fear; terror; trembling
indenjekho *n.* pot from which beer is drunk
indeshero *n.* kitchen (see also ijikoni)
indika *n.* bicycle; wheel
indimu *n.* lime, lemon
indiri *n.* commotion
indoboyo *n.* trouble-making; quarrelsomeness
indolero *n.* pupil (of eye)
indolio *n.* bullet
indombera *n.* sprout; shoot
indoo *n.* bucket (< Swahili)
indubi *n.* small basket (see also eshilubi)
indukho *n.* season; appropriate time or occasion
indukusi *n.* an ant
indulandula *n.* wild fruit eaten by goats; also used in treating earache
induli *n.* succulent fruit as big as indula
induli *n.* rebellion; mutiny
indulo *n.* edge; horizon; see also khundula 'at the edge'
indulume *n.* epilepsy; fits
induswe *n.* gall bladder; bile
indutsu *n.* eagle
induu *n.* small hole
indwasi *n.* disease, particularly one causing pains in the back
inenje *n.* a ray of sunlight
-inga *wh.* how many? (finga, tsinga, etc.)
ingabo *n.* shield; the green bark of a banana plant
ingaka *n.* a ring or fence around a place
ingamia *n.* camel
inganakani *n.* a thought; an idea
inganga *n.* trade; profit; interest
ing'ani *n.* a grave, open. When it has been filled in it is called eshirindwa
ingano *n.* wheat
ingara *n.* head-pad, ring-shaped pad made of grass, banana-bark, etc., for supporting a load on the head, circle
ingasi *n.* ladder
ingeke *n.* an edible lake-fish
ingengeni *n.* male ant with red head
ing'ining'ini *n.* a star; a firefly

ingo *n., adv.* home; at home (see also ango)
ingobi *n.* umbilical cord, after it has been cut
ingokho *n.* chicken
ingokho yeshitakho *np* large hen
ing'oli *n.* cow-pea
ingolobe *n.* evening
ing'oma *n.* drum
ing'ombe *n.* cow, bull, etc. (see also ikhafu)
ing'ombe ya kumo *np* cow or a bull without horns
ingore *n.* a large bunch of bananas
ingosia *n.* vulture
ingoyani *n.* noise; tumult; row
ingubo *n.* cloth; garment; dress; ingubo indafu tsererere 'pure white cloth'
ingubu *n.* hippopotamus
inguche *n.* baboon
ingurumani *n.* liver (see also eshikurumani)
ingurwe *n.* domesticated pig (< Swahili, see also tsimbitsi)
inguyesi *n.* blackjack; a weed with black seeds about ¼ in. or more in length, which attach themselves to anything with a rough they come in contact with
ingwa *n.* tick
ingwe *n.* leopard
ingwe *n.* a plant whose very severe ash is used for healing the wounds of boys who have been circumcised
inimiro *n.* the digging season; husbandry; agriculture; the Pleiades, or Seven Sisters, as this group of stars is visible during the digging season
injenda *n.* motion; gait
injerekha *n.* other side of valley, river, lake, etc.
injerekha (wa ...) *adv.* on the other side (of ...); across the valley, or river yonder; over there
injero *n.* example; way; method
injeso *n.* knife; sickle
injestso *n.* stalk-borer (pest attacking maize)

-inji *adj.* many (eminji, efinji, etc.)
injinia *n.* extravagance; unstinting generosity
injiri *n.* wild boar
injisia *v.tr.* put in; cause s.o. or thing to go in; receive; welcome
injuku *n.* peanut; groundnut
inono *n.* the name used to indicated the clan to which a woman or girl belongs by birth, when she is thought of as a wife, actual or potential, i.e. omuko
inumwa *n.* labor; birth-pains
inundu *n.* small pox
inungo *n.* shelf; rack build above the fireplace, for storing firewood, pots, etc.; loft
inunjiro *n.* pot used for cooking meat
inusu *n.* half; roughly half; a shilling, half a rupee
inyafusi *n.* hen that has hatched out chickens; female goat that has born young
inyama *n.* meat; flesh
inyama yeshiango *n.* dried meat
inyambukho *n.* ford
inyanga *n.* day, the whole day of 24 hours; time; period; hour
Inyanga ye Sabato *n.* Sunday
inyanga yindi *np* one day; another day
inyanya *n.* tomato
inyanyanza *n.* centipede
inyanza *n.* sea; lake
inyende *n.* maggot; grub; larva; larva of the jigger-flea
inyengo *n.* gourd with stones inside, shaken by omukanda in driving out emisambwa, etc.; rattle
inyeni *n.* fish
inyetwa *n.* cracks under the joints of the toes
inyimba *n.* bell (small)
inyingo *n.* joint; internode; the space between two joints, of finger, sugarcane, etc.; the measurement of one joint of a finger
inyukuta *n.* letter (of the alphabet)

inyuma *n.* one bead, bead-like object; medicinal tablet
inyuma *prep., adv.* behind; after
inyumba *n.* house (see also inzu)
inyumbashe *n.* building
inyundo *n.* hammer
inyungu *n.* pot with wide mouth, used for cooking and for storing grain etc.
inzaka *n.* bhang; a drug taken by smoking
inzala *n.* hunger; drought; famine; time of scarcity of food.
inzala ya choka *np* the drought of 1908, when a rainmaker named Choka, or Odongo, was killed for not bringing rain
inzala ya keya *np* the drought of 1919, when Government relief was distributed by the K.A.R.
inzala ya odongo *np* the drought of 1908, when a rainmaker named Choka, or Odongo, was killed for not bringing rain
inzaya murumba *n.* giraffe (can graze on the branches of the murumba tree)
inzese *n.* spark
inzesere *n.* spark; small scraps or lumps; shot; tiny lumps in badly cooked obusera; scraps of food sticking to the teeth or fingers
inzibula *n.* labor; birth pains
inzibulo *n.* the act of giving birth; confinement
inzikura *n.* a time of plenty food
inzitsusia *n.* reminder
inzofu *n.* elephant
inzoka *n.* mischief making; interference
inzokha *n.* snake; worm
inzoli *n.* kernel
inzu *n.* house (see also inyumba, ingo)
inzushi *n.* bee; swarm of bees
ipamba *n.* raw cotton; cotton plants; cotton wool
ipasi *n.* laundry iron
ipilipili *n.* pepper, curry, etc. (< Swahili)
ipumusi *n.* pump; air pumped into a tire, etc.
ipundamulia *n.* zebra (< Swahili)
iranda *n.* carpenter's plane

- iratili** *n.* pound weight; scales
(< Swahili)
- irerwe** *n.* railway; the wall-plate of a house
- irotsa** *n.* planting season; rainy season, from February to July or August, in which millet, maize, finger millet, beans, and bananas are planted and then harvested; followed by eshiubwe
- irumbi** *n.* circumcision house
- irupia** *n.* rupee (first coin in use in Kenya)
- isaa** *n.* hour; period of time; clock; watch; isaa yakhataru 'third hour, i.e., 9 am'; saa tsitaru 'third hour, i.e., 9am'; tsisaa tsitaru '9am, three hours'
- isabato** *n.* week; Sunday (< English 'Sabbath')
- isabu** *n.* number; sum; figure (< Swahili)
- isabuni** *n.* soap (< Swahili)
- isadaka** *n.* offering; sacrifice; frequently used instead of omusango in any Christian connection (< Swahili)
- isahani** *n.* plate; gramophone record (< Swahili)
- isakakha** *n.* savory odor, of meat etc.
- isako** *n.* crook; hooked stick, a walking stick with a crook
- isala** *n.* collect; prayer
- isalache** *n.* small cut made for bloodletting; also the scar left
- isalu** *n.* nettle; a stinging plant
- isebere** *n.* spring of water
- isekese** *n.* porcupine
- isembe** *n.* tail of a sheep
- isende** *n.* cent
- isenya** *n.* morning, about 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; isenya indutu 'early morning', isenya ingali 'late morning'
- isenya indutu** *n.* 7 a.m., 8 a.m., early morning
- isenya indutu** *np* early morning
- isenya ingali** *n.* 8 a.m., 9 a.m., late morning
- isenya yumire** *n.* around 11 a.m.
- ishilingi** *n.* shilling
- ishoka** *n.* axe; hatchet; tomahawk (see also imbatsi, iyaywa)
- ishuka** *n.* a cotton cloth or sheet worn draped around one
- isi** *n.* a fly
- isiaki** *n.* butter (< Swahili)
- isiche** *n.* locust
- isikwa** *adj.* trustworthy; faithful; reliable (omwisikwa, abesikwa, etc.)
- isimba** *n.* house in which boys sleep
- isimbi** *n.* cowrie shell, color (of cowrie shell)
- isimbishira** *n.* bird with very long tail feathers and queer dancing flight
- isimu** *n.* telegram; telephone; etc. (< Swahili)
- isimu yomuyeka** *n.* wireless
- isindani** *n.* needle, sewing, gramophone, hypodermic, etc.; often used as a synonym for injection
- isindu** *n.* quail
- isiongo** *n.* water-jar with narrow neck
- isira** *n.* hatred; an unforgiving spirit
- isiri** *n.* a well-worn hoe
- isishiri** *n.* donkey
- isolo** *n.* wild animal; also frequently used as a general term for animal, whether wild or domesticated
- isolomi** *n.* solid lump of undigested matter in the stomach of a lion or calf
- isoni** *n.* disgrace; shame; shyness (more commonly in pl. tsisoni)
- isububwi** *n.* horse
- isubutali** *n.* hospital; dispensary (see also lisirishiro)
- isukari** *n.* sugar; a sweet; icing on cake; sweet tea
- isukuli** *n.* school; reading-place (see also lisomero)
- isukuti** *n.* small drum
- isula** *n.* chapter (< Swahili)
- isuli** *n.* bug
- isulwe** *n.* the brightest star appearing in the evening or in the early morning
- isumuni** *n.* a fifty-cent piece
- isuna** *n.* mosquito
- isunde** *n.* wart

isunga *v.int.* boast
isurusi *n.* bull
isurwari *n.* shorts; trousers; knickers; bloomers; pants
isuti *n.* stopper, in bottle, gourd, etc.; cork
isutsa *n.* green vegetable, found growing wild; obukondo bwelisutsa 'green color'
isutse *n.* sp. of fish
iswa *n.* flying ant
iswenene *n.* mantis
iswi *n.* pullet
iswi eyirera *np* laying pullet
itaa *n.* lamp (< Swahili)
itabureta *n.* typewriter; printing press (see ichapa)
itakanyi *n.* syphilis (< Swahili)
italanyi *n.* lion
itaywa *n.* rooster; cock
itika *n.* giraffe (< Swahili)
itini *n.* religion (< Swahili)
itokho *n.* chief's village; the seat of government; the capital
itsaabu *n.* gold (Swahili)
itsabibu *n.* grape; raisin; sultana
itsabuli *n.* psalm (< Swahili)
itsefwe *n.* mouse bird (*colius striatus ugandensis*); brown, and with a long tail; eats fruit, etc.
itsoni *n.* bravery; courage
itwasi *n.* cow
iyakhafuka *n.* cooking pot, with no rim
iyamunyu *n.* small pot for cooking meat or vegetables
iyaywa *n.* axe; hatchet; tomahawk (see also imbatsi, ishoka)
iyeyi *n.* bullock
kaala *adv.* slowly; carefully; quietly; gently
kalaa *adv.* slowly; carefully; quietly; gently
-kali *adj.* big; large
kane *adj.* four times; fourfold
karye! *wh.* how?
karyo *adv.* thus
kata *conj.* or; even; even though; either; although

kawere *excl.* that's all; that's finished
kayinjikhane *adj.* part full (cl. 12, -yinjikhane)
keya *n.* K.A.R., King's African Rifles, name of many children born during the drought of 1918 (inzala ya keya), during which relief was distributed by the K.A.R.
khabiri *adv.* twice
khakaba *n.* name of God, i.e., as giver of life and gifts
khale *adv.* before; formerly; a long time ago, or a long time hence; early; kekholo khale 'it happened a long time ago', itsa khale 'come early'
khandi *conj., adv.* then; again; and; times, ne khandi 'emphatic colloquial affirmative'
khane *conj.* but yet; in that case; if; introduces conditional clause
-khasi *adj.* female (see omukhasi 'woman, wife')
khasotso *adv.* every day
khatsotsero *adv.* repeatedly; every day
khatsotso *adv.* repeatedly; every day
-khaya *adj.* empty; bare; without anything to accompany it, munzu nomukhaya kuru 'the house is absolutely empty', anywetsanga ichahi ikhaya 'he drinks tea without milk or sugar'
-khomefu *adj.* fat; thick
-khongo *adj.* big; large; important (omukhongo, eshikhongo, ikhongo, etc.)
khotsa *n.* maternal uncle; any man one's mother calls "brother," but particularly her own full brothers
khu- *loc.* to; on; at
khulimwo *excl.* 'we are inside', giving permission to s.o. to enter one's home
-khulu *adj.* old and venerable (compare with okhukofula 'grow old and worn out and be of little use')
khululwe *adv.* for his/her part; on his/her account, or behalf
khululwo *adv.* for your (sg.) part; on your account

-khulundu *adj.* chief, biggest; eldest; senior
khulwa *adv.* for, on behalf of, because of
khulwabo *adv.* for their part; on their account
khulwanje *adv.* for my part; on my account
khulwashina *wh.* why? (see also mbushina)
khulwefu *adv.* for our part; on our account
khulwefwe *adv.* for our part; on our account
khulwenyu *adv.* for your (pl.) part; on your account
khulwenywe *adv.* for your (pl.) part; on your account
khundula *loc.* at the edge
khundulo *adv.* at the edge
kisonono *n.* gonorrhoea (< Swahili)
ko! *excl.* look here!, an exclamation introducing an explanation, ko is also sometimes appended to an order or suggestion
-kofu *adj.* old-aged
-kololofu *adj.* straight; honest (of s.o.); straight-forward; righteous
kongo! *excl.* indicating absolute denial or repudiation
koro! *adv.* absolutely, intensifying such verbs as okhumira, okhumirikha, and possibly others meaning to swallow, absorb, etc.
-kubuyu *adj.* mature; developed; grown-up
kuka *n.* grandfather
kukhu *n.* grandmother
kulo *adv.* recently; some time ago; the other day
kuru *adv.* intensifying verbs, adjs., etc.; denoting emptiness; munzu nomukhaya kuru 'the house is absolutely empty'
kutu *adv.* completely; absolutely; used with verbs indicating that the thing is finished: fiwere kutu 'they're all gone', alire kutu 'he ate it all up'

-lafu *adj.* white, light in color; clean; pale; holy; Roho Omulafu 'the Holy Spirit'; abalafu 'saints'
-lalu *adj.* mad; insane
-lamba *adj.* whole
-lamu *adj.* alive; well; living
lando *n.* brownish color; applied to a cow or a hen
-late *adj.* castrate
-layi *adj.* good; right; pretty; nice; pleasing; etc.
lebe *n.* so-and-so; such-and-such, eya lebe wa lebe 'to so-and-so, the child of so-and-so', eshilebe 'such-and-such a thing', inyanga nabulebe 'on a specified day'
-lengafu *adj.* equal; regular; e.g. the sides of a square
lero *adv.* today, either this very day, or in these days; lero luno 'this very day'
liambo *n.* Kavirondo mat, made of papyrus stalks (see also lihambo)
libafu *n.* procession of safari ants
libafu *n.* bath (< Swahili)
libanda *n.* valley, perhaps particularly a wooded river-valley
libasia *n.* blister
libati *n.* sheet or piece of galvanized iron
libatswa *n.* haunch bono
libaye *n.* tares
libechi *n.* tripe, the honeycomb part
libeka *n.* shoulder
libishiro *n.* store; bank; treasury; any place where things are stored away
liboho *n.* bundle; parcel; something tied up
libokoyi *n.* green vegetable, found growing wild and also often cultivated
liboma *n.* township; government station
libombola *n.* wild creeper, tied to baskets used in ceremonies connected with the beginning of the planting, and also in other ceremonies, used for fomenting swellings
libondo *n.* pimple; boil
libotsero *n.* crop of a bird
liboya *n.* pubic apron worn by women

- libubi** *n.* spider
libuku *n.* exercise book
libuku *n.* sp. of grass
libuli *n.* swarm (of bees, people), inzushi
yamire libuli 'the bees have swarmed'
libure *n.* boil; abscess
libuyu *n.* egg
libwe *n.* jackal
libwechera *n.* puppy; infant of 4 or 5
months
libwi *n.* wrestling match
libyakala *n.* small lizard (skink?)
liche *n.* ant (general), white ant
lichemo *n.* hem (of garment or cloth)
lichenda *n.* humerus; upper bone of arm;
foreleg of animal
lichesa *n.* harvest
lichina *n.* stone; slate used in school
lichinga *n.* island
lichio *n.* pot used in making beer
lichoki *n.* plough (see also imbako ye
tsing'ombe)
lichuma *n.* week
lichungu *n.* rat
lichungwa *n.* orange
lidirisha *n.* window; pleat (in a garment);
ingubo yamatorisha, a pleated dress
liduka *n.* shop; duka (< Swahili)
lie *n.* army; war; sera lihe 'make war'
(see lihe)
liema *n.* tent (< Swahili, see also
lehema)
liembe *n.* mango (see also lihembe)
lifafu *n.* leaf (see also lisafu)
lifambafu *n.* gland (often a swollen
gland)
lifiro *n.* foam; froth
lifiso *n.* mystery; something hidden
lifisule *n.* something hidden which has
been revealed; solution
lifumbi *n.* mist, low-hanging clouds,
and/or drizzling rain that go to make a
dull morning
lifumo *n.* spear
lifundikho *n.* knot
lifwetere *n.* large edible flying ant
lifwoneru *n.* joint of the body
- lihalamba** *n.* hornet
lihambo *n.* Kavirondo mat, made of
papyrus stalks (see also liambo)
lihanganga *n.* nation
lihe *n.* army; war; sera lihe 'make war'
(see lie)
lihema *n.* tent (< Swahili, see also
liema)
lihembe *n.* mango (see also liembe)
lihichichi *n.* owl (see also liichichi)
lihima *n.* spleen (see also liima)
lihinji *n.* argumentative disposition (see
also liinji)
lihitso *n.* herd
lihololero *n.* windpipe (see also liololero)
lihondo *n.* pumpkin; pipe for smoking
bhang (see also liondo)
lihuhu *n.* sp. of tree with very soft wood
lihuko *n.* wonder; marvelous thing (see
also liuko)
lihululwa *n.* sp. of creeper used in
making omunyu
lihumbachira *n.* large blue-headed lizard
(see also liumbachira)
lihusi *n.* dove
lihuto *n.* ostrich (see also liuto)
liichichi *n.* owl (see also lihichichi)
liima *n.* spleen (see also lihima)
liinji *n.* argumentative disposition (see
also lihinji)
liitso *n.* a large flock or herd
likafuli *n.* padlock (< Swahili, see also
eshifuli)
likaka *n.* thorny branches closing a path
likakha *n.* plant with leaves resembling
those of the pineapple
likale *n.* hollow reed, used by children to
make musical pipes
likalusio *n.* reply; answer
likanda *n.* bean
likanya *n.* coil; inzokha ikanyire likanya
'the snake has coiled itself up'
likara *n.* paralysis (see okhukwa likara
'be paralysed', okhupa likara 'sit cross-
legged')
likari *n.* vehicle; likari lyerelwe 'train'
(< Swahili)

likata *n.* reed; Napier grass; dried stalk of maize, millet, etc.; straw
likha *n.* large water-pot; large horn
likhala *n.* scorpion
likhanga *n.* guinea-fowl
likhaniafu *n.* chameleon
likhanu *n.* sinew
likhanya *n.* pucker; gather; wrinkle; crease
likhoba *n.* skin of person, animal, fruit; bark of tree
likhobo *n.* grudge (see okhubikha likhobo 'bear a grudge')
likhokho *n.* pied crow
likhola *n.* strip of dry banana bark
likhomonio *n.* snail
likhubaika *n.* a wild green vegetable
likhubi *n.* cow pea leaves
likhumbo *n.* paw of an animal which withdraws its claws, like the cat
likhumi *num.* ten (sg., in agreement with noun)
likhung'aniro *n.* meeting place; synagogue
likhutu *n.* tortoise
likhuwa *n.* affair; business; word (see pl. amakhuwa 'business, affair', tsikhuwa 'words')
likhuyu *n.* fig
likhwaku *n.* sore; ulcer (see also likonzo, likule)
likhwana *n.* twin; yebulwa ninaye likhwana 'they were born twins'
likhwe *n.* dirt that adheres, particularly to the body
likofi *n.* navel; umbilicus; placenta
likofi *n.* debt
likoko *n.* banana tree
likondi *n.* sheep
likondo *n.* likeness; resemblance; color
likongolo *n.* millipede
likonjio *n.* small piece of broken pot
likonzo *n.* sore, ulcer
likoshe *n.* ashes; embers
likosi *n.* neck

likubo *n.* placenta; after-birth (see also omwana wakhabiri, especially before it comes away)
likuku *n.* pigeon
likulu *n.* sky; heavens; heaven; hail; likulu likhupire emikunda 'hail has beaten (and spoiled) the crops'
likumba *n.* bone
likunda *n.* site of a deserted village
likunia *n.* sack; piece of hessian (< Swahili)
likuru *n.* post supporting the eaves of house
likutere *n.* beetle
likuyi *n.* stork
likuyukuyu *n.* butterfly; moth
likwakwata *n.* egg-shell
lilaha *n.* nickname; praise-name
lilako *n.* law; commandment; order; promise
lilamiro *n.* place of prayer; church; chapel
lilaro *n.* foot, particularly instep
lilesi *n.* cloud; a rain-cloud is called olucheka
lilia *n.* marriage, not the ceremony, but the whole married state; probably used only of the woman's side
lilika *n.* clot of blood; okhukwa amalika, to clot
liliro *n.* lamentation; wailing
liloba *n.* soil
liloko *n.* animal (leopard, snake, etc.) supposed to be kept by an omulosi (witch), which embodies her familiar spirit
lilolero *n.* vision
lilondo *n.* crust; pieces of crusty obusuma adhering to the sides of the pot
liloro *n.* dream
lime *n.* dew; moisture clinging to grass after rain (see also limera)
limera *n.* dew; moisture on grass and bushes after rain (see also lime)
limera *n.* yeast (often from finger millet, usually in pl, amamera)
limiku *n.* ram

- limisu** *n.* dirt adhering to wet hands
- limotole** *n.* 5- or 10-cent piece
(< Swahili, see also litongolo)
- lina?** *wh.* when?
- linakanda** *n.* bean; clitoris
- linakasi** *n.* tingling sensation and numbness in a limb or part of the body , i.e., when a body part 'falls asleep', 'pins and needles'
- linanasi** *n.* pineapple
- linani** *n.* rare, extinct, or fabulous creature, dragon of folk tales
- linasi** *n.* coconut
- ling'ang'a** *n.* amazement; bewilderment; okhulibwa ling'ang'a 'be amazed, bewildered, dumb-founded'
- ling'orero** *n.* larynx; Adam's apple
- lini** *n.* large and deadly snake
- lininiro** *n.* step
- linyasio** *n.* trouble
- linyinya** *n.* bat (animal); umbrella
- linyolonyolo** *n.* wild green vegetable, small shiny leaves of a creeping plant, only eaten when nothing better is available
- liololero** *n.* windpipe (see also lihololero)
- liondo** *n.* pumpkin; pipe for smoking bhang (see also lihondo)
- lipaka** *n.* domestic cat
- lipera** *n.* guava (fruit)
- lipongopongole** *n.* lizard, slightly larger than libakala
- lipwoni** *n.* sweet potato; yam; also English potatoes. The following are some of the principal varieties of sweet potatoes:
- lirakalu** *n.* thistle
- lirambusio** *n.* step; pace; length of a step
- liramwa** *n.* banana, bunch of bananas
- lirango** *n.* thigh, leg above the knee (flesh not bone)
- lirebo** *n.* question; examination
- liro** *n.* pumpkin leaves (see also lisebebe)
- liru** *n.* banana leaf; probably also other large leaves, e.g. maize
- lirumba** *n.* hump of cow
- lirumba** *n.* forge; blacksmith's forge
- lirunda** *n.* wave; storm at sea
- lirungeti** *n.* blanket
- lisa** *n.* a caterpillar
- lisafu** *n.* leaf (see also lifafu)
- lisafu lyebukakha** *n.* leaf with thorny or spiky edges
- lisaka** *n.* branch
- lisanduku** *n.* box
- lisang'u** *n.* gill of fish; sp. of fish
- lisasi** *n.* curds vomited by a baby
- lise** *n.* grass from which omunyu is made, omunyu kwelise
- lisebebe** *n.* pumpkin leaves (see also liso)
- lisera** *n.* large basket for chickens
- lisero** *n.* skin; hide; dried ox-hide used for sleeping mat; goat-skin worn by an old man; akona khwisero 'he is ill in bed'; ali khwisero 'he is ill in bed'
- lisesechere** *n.* old, worn-out article, particularly in a basket
- lishati** *n.* shirt
- lishene** *n.* monkey
- lishere** *n.* frog (not the long-jumping sp.)
- lishindu** *n.* palm
- lishu** *n.* squint of one eye
- lisikamo** *n.* tear (from the eye)
- lisikamo** *n.* knee
- lisimba** *n.* wild cat
- lisinini** *n.* gums, flesh in which teeth are set
- lisinji** *n.* position
- lisirishiro** *n.* hospital; dispensary (see also isubutali)
- lisisi** *n.* wall
- lisokore** *n.* weaver bird (see also indecheyi, indochyo)
- lisokore** *n.* maize-cob with grain removed
- lisolo** *n.* quarrel
- lisombo** *n.* stomach; tripe
- lisomero** *n.* school; reading-place (see also isukuli)
- lisomo** *n.* lesson; reading
- lisubo** *n.* stopper; cork
- lisungo** *n.* word; saying

lisutsa *n.* green vegetable, found growing wild; (see also isutsa) obukondo bwelisutsa 'green color'

liswa *n.* weeds

liswi *n.* hair of head, in collective sense (see also obwoyo 'hair on body or limbs', eshirefu 'beard')

litakho *n.* hind-quarter; buttock

litala *n.* village; kraal; group of houses belonging to members of a family, the father and his wives, and the married sons

litangi *n.* tank

litasi *n.* rag

litendechere *n.* old, worn-out article, particularly an old basket

litere *n.* finger-nail; toe-nail; claw

liteshero *n.* kitchen; cooking place (see also ijikoni)

litete *n.* grasshopper

litiba *n.* pool; fish pond

litikho *n.* hole in ground; pit; rubbish pit

litinyu *n.* difficulty

lititwi *n.* large brown bird whose note resembles water coming out of a bottle; Burchell's Coucal

litofari *n.* brick (< Swahili)

litondo *n.* albino

litongolo *n.* 5- or 10-cent piece (< Swahili, see also limotole)

litookho *n.* large town

litoyi *n.* mud prepared for a special purpose, pottery, plaster, building, etc.

litsalalu *adj.* insipid; tasteless; flavorless (cl. 5, -tsalalu)

litsiamolu *n.* mantis; praying mantis (see also eshitsiamolu)

litsiriri *n.* cricket; silver-fish; also possibly sometimes used for cockroaches, etc.

lituli *n.* flock; herd; crowd

litulo *n.* mound; heap of earth; tall ant heap

lituma *n.* sharply defined edge to the hair of the head, made by shaving

litungu *n.* native harp, smaller than licheng'i

lituru *n.* papyrus

lituuma *n.* one cob of maize

liuko *n.* wonder; marvelous thing (see also lihuko)

liumbachira *n.* large blue-headed lizard (see also lihumbachira)

liumo *n.* sigh; clay disc threaded on strings and whirled round to make a humming noise

liuto *n.* ostrich (see also lihuto)

liwang'i *n.* Kavirondo crane

liwuwa *n.* thorn; flower (< Swahili)

liyabo *n.* well; hole dug for water

liyakalo *n.* stone used for sharpening knives, etc.; whet-stone; steel

liyenge *n.* pond; pool; stagnant water

liyetwe *n.* design; pattern

liyindi *n.* large clod of earth

liyitso *n.* flock; herd

liyoni *n.* bird

liyoyo *n.* duck

loing'ong'ong'we *n.* mist; fog

loyoni *n.* a bird; possibly applied particularly to edible birds. Also in forms liyoni and linyonyi

lukano *adv.* differently

-lulu *adj.* fierce; brave; strong; powerful; troublesome; fierce; dangerous; bitter; sour; hot (omululu, emilulu, amalulu, etc.)

-lunji *adj.* straight; right

-lunjishi *adj.* straight; righteous

lwangu *adj., adv.* suddenly, quick, quickly, easy, easily, light, lightly, cheap, cheaply (cl. 5)

mafiswi *adv.* privately; secretly

mafumama *adv.* on one's face; prone

makalama *adv.* on one's back; recumbent

makasi *n.* scissors (see also amakasi)

mako! *excl.* an abbreviation of Mama ko!, an exclamation indicating boredom, annoyance, or dismay

Makokha *n.* name of child put on path by tradition after a mother has lost previous children in infancy, from amakokha 'rubbish'

makonge *n.* sisal plants (see also amakonge)
malaika *n.* angel (pl. abamalaika, < Swahili)
-mali *adj.* black; dark in color; dirty; intensified by the particle *ti*; tsingubotsye netsimali *ti* 'his clothes are jet black', 'his clothes are absolutely filthy'
mama *n.* mother; my mother; a, Mama! 'exclamation of pain, grief, or dismay' a, Mama ko! 'exclamation of continued pain or grief'
mana *conj.* then
manemane *n.* myrrh (< Swahili)
manwari *n.* war ship; battleship (< "man of war")
mao *n.* your (sg.) mother
masinjira *adv.* standing; alitsanga masinjira 'he eats standing'
masirisi *adv.* secretly
Matendechere *n.* name of child put on path by tradition after a mother has lost previous children in infancy, from amatendechere 'old, worn out articles'
matutu *adj.* little; small; few (cl. 6, -tutu)
mawe! *excl.* exclamation of amazement, i.e., 'look at that!'
maweriweri *adv.* indistinctly (of seeing); catch a fleeting glimpse
-mayanu *adj.* evil; wicked; bad
mberi *adv.* before; first; ekhola mberiyio 'do this first'
mbotso *n.* sister, brother; sibling; mbotsonyene 'his/her brother or sister'
mbula *excl.* why; but; but then; mbula, nomulwale 'why, he's a sick man'
mbushina? *wh.* why?
mekhala *adv.* sitting down; seated; akholanga mekhala 'he does it sitting down'
-memu *adj.* sharp; pointed
meso *adv.* awake; alert; obetsenje meso 'be constantly on the alert!'; okhukona meso 'lie awake'
milimo chibiri *np* Tuesday
milimo chine *np* Thursday

milimo chirano *np* Friday
milimo chisasaba *np* Saturday
milimo chitaru *np* Wednesday
misiri *n.* Egypt (< Swahili)
mu- *loc.* in; occasionally at, to
mufyala *n.* cousin, child of maternal uncle (khotsa) or paternal aunt (senje)
mukamba *n.; adv.* morning; tomorrow; mukama muno 'this morning'; mukamba kwakhabiri 'two days hence (or two days after)'
mukari *adv.* inside
mukha *n.* wife of
mukoloba *n.* evening; mukoloba muno 'last evening'
mukonekhoo *greet.* pl. form of the parting salutation and evening greeting okonekhwo
mukwaya *n.* armpit
mulamwa *n.* sister- or brother-in-law; brother or sister of wife or husband; husband or wife of sister or brother
mulembe *greet.* usual greeting, lit. 'peace'
mulindwe *greet.* pl. form of the parting salutation olindwe 'may you be kept'
mulindwekho *greet.* pl. form of the parting salutation olindwekho 'may you be kept a bit'
mulwalo *adv.* underneath; below; mulwalo we imesa 'under the table'
mumabwibwi *n., adv.* 4 a.m., 5 a.m.; in the early morning
mumakhubakhubwe *n., adv.* 5 a.m., 6 a.m.; before dawn
mumamulmule *n.* 5 a.m., 6 a.m.
mumasherebende *n., adv.* 4 a.m., 6 a.m.; time just before dawn
mumbafo *n.* side of the body (where the ribs are, see also olubafu 'rib', tsimbafu 'ribs')
mumbafu *n.* the side
mumbaka *adv.* in the gap or space
mumbo *n.* west; in the direction of the place of this name
mumoni *n.* face; lit. 'in the eyes!'; mumoni mwanje 'my face'
mumoni mwanje *np* my face

mumoni tsianje *adv.* in my sight
mumulyiango *adv.* on the veranda; near the doorway
munane *num.* eight
mundolo tsyamabere *n.* 10 p.m.
mungo *adv.* at home
mungolobe *n., adv.* evening, 4 - 7 p.m.
muno *adv.* much; very much
munzu! *excl.* 'may I come in?'; 'is there anyone in?'; lit. 'in the house'; reply is khulimwo 'we are inside', giving permission to enter
musafu *num.* seven
musenya *adv.* in the morning, roughly 8 - 10 a.m.
mushilenje shia *adv.* in place of; instead of
mushiro *adv.* at night
mushitere *adv.* noon; the middle of the day
mushitsafu *adv.* under the eaves of the house; close to the house; on the veranda
mushitsyambo *adv.* in the afternoon
mutuli *n., adv.* morning; tomorrow
muzinga *n.* cannon (<Swahili)
-mwamu *adj.* black; dark
mwana *greet.* form of address used between people usually of similar ages and some degree of intimacy; pl. bana, bane
mwenyene *adv.* by yourselves; you alone
mwesi *pron.* and you; you also; all of you
mwiswa *pp* in the bush; in amongst the tall grass and weeds of an uncultivated piece of ground
na- *conj.* and; with
naba *v.* part of the verb to be used to introduce a conditional clause; naba natsire 'if he has gone'
nabongo *n.* chief; king; lord
nahatutu ta *neg.* not at all; not in the slightest; not under any circumstances
nahatutu ta! *excl.* not in the least!
namulobi *n.* kingfisher; African Darter; bird that feeds on fish

namungofia *n.* crested hawk
nanjinia *n.* generous or extravagant person
nanwa *adv.* thus; yasunga ari nanwa 'he spoke thus'; khola ori nanwa 'do it like this'
nasi *pron.* and I
nawe *pron.* and you (sg.)
naye *pron.* and he; and she
ndala *num.* one, the form used in counting or in in-class concords
ndi *pron.* I (spoke) thus
-ndi *adj.* other; certain; omundu oundi 'someone or other, a certain person'; eshindi shyalo 'another country'
ne *conj.* but; and; ne khane 'and yet, although'
ne khandi *excl.* emphatic colloquial affirmative
-nefu *adj.* fat and healthy (of a baby)
nende *conj.* and; with
-ng'ang'afu *adj.* stupid; dull
-ng'onefu *adj.* decorated; adorned; beautiful
-nji *adj.* many
noomba *conj.* or; used mainly in questions, yetsire nohomba achweyire? 'did he come, or did he stay away?'
-nulu *adj.* fat (cow, fowl, etc.); in good condition
nusu *n.* half
nyakhufiala *n.* father-, mother-, son-, or daughter-in-law
nyakhusenje *np* her aunt
nyakhusenje wanje *np* my aunt
nyakukhulunyine *n.* his/her grandmother; nyakukhulu wanje 'my grandmother', nyakukhulu wo 'your grandmother'
-nyerere *adj.* narrow; used of a thin person as well as, e.g., a narrow path
-nyifu *adj.* cold; damp; wet
nyina *n.* mother; nyina mwana 'mother of the child'; nyinefwe 'my mother'; nyinenywe 'my mother', nyinabwe 'their mother'; mawo 'your mother'
nyina mwana *n.* mother of the child
nyinabwe *n.* their mother

- nyinefwe** *n.* our mother
nyinenywe *n.* your (pl.) mother
-nyirifu *adj.* fine, sleek, smooth, soft
-nyushe *adj.* fine; soft; smooth
-o *poss.* your (sg)
obewo *greet.* bye for now', lit. 'may you be there'
obubaatsi *n.* carpentry; wood-work
obubambalifu *n.* breadth (of road, river, ribbon, board, or some object of apparently unlimited length, cf. obuchikha 'breadth of a rectangular object')
obubasi *n.* plaiting; rope-making; arithmetic; calculation; counting
obubatsa *n.* lying; deceit
obubero *n.* bandiness; bow-legs
obubeyi *n.* lying; falsehood; untruth
obubohe *n.* bondage; imprisonment; embarrassment
obuboli *n.* corruption; rotting
obubolo *n.* rottenness; bad smell
obuchakwi *n.* beginning; being begun; being started
obuchesi *n., adj.* common sense; clever; intelligent; wise; bright (cl. 14, -chesi)
obuchetsihi *n.* advice; persuasion
obuchikha *n., adv.* breadth (of a rectangular object); shorter side of a rectangle (cf. obubambalifu 'breadth of an object of apparently limitless length (river, path, etc.)'); across; crosswise
obuchishi *adj.* unripe; green (cl. 14, -chishi)
obufira *n.* medicine or charm procured from a medicine man, to cause illness or death or bad fortune; poison; okhushinga obufira 'place obufira in s.o.'s way, so as to cause them harm'
obufisi *n.* venom (of snake, etc.)
obufumu *n.* magic; prophecy; the doings of an omufumu
obufundi *n.* skill in a trade, art, etc.; carpentry
obufwa *n.* small, fine seeds (see also tsimwo 'large seeds')
obufwimbuli *n.* revelation; uncovering
obufwoli *n.* weakness; unrighteousness; degradation
obuhabini *n.* assistance given in response to an appeal
obuhalabirwi *n.* blame; being blamed
obuheeri *n.* love (see also obuyeeri)
obuholo *n.* meekness, humility; reserve
obuhonia *n.* salvation; healing
obuhulushi *n.* rest; holiday
obukabukhani *n.* separation; division; divorce
obukakha *n.* a thorny or serrated edge
obukala *adv.* quickly; in gulps
obukali *n.* a late variety of obule, very tasty
obukara *n.* laziness
obukati *n.* deceit
obukhala *n.* profit
obukhalabani *n.* service; ministry
obukhana *n.* music; musical instrument of any kind
obukhana *n.* girlhood
obukholi *n.* doings; acts; work
obukhongo *n.* size; bigness
obukhumi *n.* number; mbolera obukhumi bwabana mwisomero 'tell me the number of children in the school'
obukhusi *n.* growth; up-bringing
obukhusio *n.* a brown mushroom
obukhwe *n.* dowry payment, brideprice, marriage (see also ikhwe, which more particularly refers to the cattle paid)
obuko *n.* hole in ground; ditch (pl. amako)
obukobero *n.* harbor; destination; part of road where two or more people habitually walk part of the way home with each other
obukokhwe *n.* fiber; flax; sisal (see also amakonge 'sisal plants')
obukondo *n.* likeness; color; shape
obukondo bwelisutsa *np* green color
obukonesheri *n.* ambush; lying in wait
obukono *n.* sleeping place
obukoosia *n.* grace; favor; graciousness
obukotswe *n.* white variety of mushroom

obukufuma *n.* large variety of mushroom having a navel
obukukhuna *n.* very small insects often infesting fowls
obukundu *n.* bad smell
obukusi *n.* price; value; trade
obukwe busheba *n.* about 4:30 a.m.
obulaami *n.* prayer
obulafu *n.* whiteness; cleanness; brightness; lightness; purity
obulakuli *n.* prophecy
obulala *n.* unity
obulalo *n.* foot-bridge; light fence of reeds across a river, forming a series of fish-traps
obulalu *n.* madness; lunacy; insanity
obulamba *n.* wholeness; health; perfection
obulame *n.* inheritance
obulamu *n.* life; health
obulamushi *n.* resurrection; coming to life
obulangafu *n.* brilliancy; brightness; glow
obulang'ulang'u *n.* greed; gluttony
obulangwi *n.* call; being called
obulawaho ta *adj.* eternal; that does not come to an end
obulaywi *n.* praise; fame; notoriety; being commended or praised, either for good or for evil
obule *n.* finger millet; dwarf millet (Swahili wimbi); principal varieties: obukali, indere, and namafura
obulekhule *n.* freedom; release
obulema *n.* lameness; physical defect or deformity
obulemia *n.* comfort; consolation
obulemu *n.* lack; falling short; shortage
obuliba *n.* trap for rats, etc., usually consisting of a weight that falls on the animal
obulimbo *n.* gum; glue; anything sticky, for instance the stickiness of a spider's web
obulimo *n.* uncultivated land; bush; any cultivatable land
obuliri *n.* sleeping place

obuloho *n.* thirst; obuloho bundya 'I am thirsty'
obuloleri *n.* oversight; bishopric; diocese
obulondang'ombe *n.* mushroom, found in old cow-dung and on anthills
obulongwi *n.* creation, being created; pot-making
obulosi *n.* witchcraft
obulubiriri *n.* courage; anger; determination; danger arising from courage, anger, or determination
obulumirifu *n.* perseverance; persistence
obulunjushi *n.* righteousness; straightness
obumalirishi *n.* the end; the finish
obumanani *n.* poverty
obumayanu *n.* wickedness; evil
obumechere *n.* small white mushroom, no bigger than a shilling
obumeesi *n.* drunkenness
obumemu *n.* point; edge; sharpness
obumenyi *n.* dwelling place
obunabiro *n.* seam; hem; the place sewn
obundu *n.* personality
obuneneri *n.* thrift
obunina *n.* wisdom; common sense; intelligence
obunji *n.* quantity; large number; yakhaywa okhulola khulwa obunji bwabandu 'he couldn't see for the large number of people'
obunyali *n.* power; ability
obunyasi *n.* grass (sg. olunyasi 'blade of grass')
obunyifu *n.* cold; dampness
obupakwi *n.* praise, being praised
oburale *n.* gravel; iron stone
oburambani *n.* disagreement
oburambi *n.* length; height; depth
oburana *n.* cunning; craftiness; cheating, particularly in trade
oburani *n.* run-down state of health
oburasi *n.* anger; bullying; cruelty; fierceness
oburecherefu *n.* common sense; intelligence; alertness
oburerere *n.* slipperiness
oburi *n.* fear; cowardice

- oburulanda** *n.* nature; that which one is born with
- oburuli** *n.* working in iron
- oburuma** *n.* anger; bitter disappointment or grief; e.g. of a bereaved person
- oburye** *n.* respect, honor, and fear towards one's parents, parents-in-law, and certain other superiors (but not grandparents, with which one may interact more freely)
- obusaliri** *n.* pain; suffering; difficulty; trouble
- obusangafu** *n.* happiness; rejoicing
- obusangali** *n.* happiness; rejoicing
- obusanji** *n.* sexual intercourse; union; agreement; bargain
- obusanjirani** *n.* fellowship
- obusatsa** *n.* manhood
- obuse** *n.* contents of the stomach of a cow, sheep, etc.
- obusera** *n.* thin porridge (gruel), made of maize, millet, or obule, which is drunk, not eaten
- obusera bwe imbutwe** *np* porridge that has stood in a warm place for some hours and is slightly fermented
- obusera owamabeere** *np* porridge made with sour buttermilk
- obushi** *n.* honey; lora obushi! 'sweet dreams!'
- obushia** *n.* constantly; incessantly; always; day after day; daily; regularly
- obushindu** *n.* cold
- obushinga** *n.* hair of cow's tail, made into snare for birds
- obushino** *n.* dance; dancing
- obushuru** *n.* tax (< Swahili)
- obusi** *n.* cotton or wool for sewing, knitting, etc., in bulk (sg. olusi 'single thread')
- obusiba** *n.* venom; poison from snake
- obusibisi** *n.* promise
- obusimbiro** *n.* standing firm; steadfastness; standing place
- obusinde** *n.* the grass from which tsimuli springs
- obusirani** *n.* hatred, resulting in avoidance of each other, and refusal to eat food together
- obusiro** *n.* weight; heaviness
- obusiru** *n.* stupidity; ignorance; dumbness; feeble-mindedness
- obusoliri** *n.* youth; adolescence (of boys, see also olusoliri)
- obusolo** *n.* strife; quarrelling; war
- obusoti** *n.* sexual intimacy between unmarried persons
- obusubiri** *n.* faith; trust; hope
- obusuma** *n.* hard, stiff porridge made of maize, millet, or finger millet flour, to be eaten with some sort of relish, meat, fish, or green vegetables (Swahili ugali)
- obuswache** *n.* grain such as obule and amabere (see also imere)
- obusyeye** *n.* flour; meal; any finely ground powder
- obutakha** *n.* lack; poverty; want
- obutyishi** *n.* busyness; crowding
- obutondobani** *n.* middle; disorder; confusion; mess
- obutoyi** *n.* mud trampled with cow dung, etc. by cattle
- obutsetsefu** *n.* spray; bubble
- obutsi** *n.* going; "go," as in a game. Obutsi nobwa wina?, Whose go (turn) is it?
- obutsohu** *n.* full manhood
- obutukhulu** *n.* dregs; sediment
- obutunduli** *n.* marrow
- obutundumu** *n.* warmth
- obuyeeeri** *n.* love (see also obuheeri)
- obuyere** *n.* childhood; infancy
- obuyi** *n.* ground that has just been burnt over, either entirely bare and black, or with young grass just springing up
- obuyinda** *n.* wealth; riches
- obuyingo** *n.* bow (for shooting arrows)
- obuyiririsi** *n.* thought; meditation
- obuyoka** *n.* noise; okhupa obuyoka 'make a noise'
- obuyu** *adj.* warm; fresh (cl. 14)
- obwakami** *n.* end; completion
- obwakhanyu** *n.* vulva

- obwalishi** *n.* polygamy, taking many wives
- obwatyeri** *n., adj.* truth; real; true; genuine; very much
- obwayiro** *n.* grazing ground
- obwene** *n.* self
- obweni** *n.* forehead; brow; also used of the whole face
- obwenjefu** *adj.* ripe (cl. 14, -enjefu)
- obwenyi** *n.* need; wish; will; desire
- obweru** *n.* floor; the whole of the inside of the house; the principal room of the house; achenda khuberu 'he walks about the house'
- obwibule** *n.* freedom
- obwifi** *n.* theft
- obwihotseresi** *n.* quietness; calmness; tranquility
- obwikhalo** *n.* dwelling-place; seat; position; okhwibalira obwikhalo 'welcome'
- obwikho** *n.* relationship; kindred; membership of the same clan, or of one's mother's clan
- obwikombi** *n.* desire; longing; covetousness; lust
- obwilasi** *n.* lust; evil desire; particularly sexual desire
- obwina** *n.* hole in the ground (pl. amena)
- obwinjiriro** *n.* entrance
- obwinjirirwi** *n.* accusation; charge
- obwino** *n.* ink (< Swahili)
- obwiresheresi** *n.* self-denial; self-control; restraint; temperance; leaving something you yourself want, in order that others may benefit
- obwiri** *n.* murder; killing
- obwirushiro** *n.* refuge
- obwirwi** *n.* murder; being killed
- obwisichi** *n.* hope; trust
- obwisikwa** *n.* trustworthiness; faithfulness; reliability
- obwisiria** *n.* mystery; something beyond man's comprehension
- obwista** *n.* friendship; okhuhambana obwitsa 'become friends'
- obwisumirisi** *n.* endurance; patience
- obwisyayi** *n.* decoration; ornamentation
- obwitemberesi** *n.* meekness; goodness; politeness; good behavior
- obwitsusio** *n.* remembrance; memorial
- obwiyangu** *n.* room; opportunity; leave; permission
- obwoba** *n.* mushroom
- obwoya** *n.* hair of the body (human or animal); fur (sg. olwoya 'single hair, of head or body')
- obwoyo** *n.* hair on body or limbs
- ofu** *adj.* blind; sightless
- okhung'aa** *v.int.* become thin and weak and ill
- okhuana nolukhono** *vp* give grudgingly
- okhuandika** *v.int./tr.* write
- okhuangalala** *v.int.* be very dry; be parched; be thirsty; used also of s.o. caught out in something he is ashamed of, and unable to speak for fear or embarrassment; become stiff or hard
- okhuangalasia** *v.tr.* catch in the act, and render speechless
- okhuanya** *v.tr.* sow seed broadcast; scatter
- okhuanyira** *v.tr.* sprinkle; moisten; dampen
- okhuanyisia** *v.tr.* sprinkle; moisten; dampen
- okhuanyula** *v.tr.* sprinkle; shake off one's hand
- okhuarakara** *v.tr.* scrape
- okhuba** *v.* be
- okhuba** *conj.* because; it being that
- okhuba nende** *v.tr.* have, lit. 'be with'
- okhubaatsa** *v.tr.* cut or carve from wood; work wood; peel, as of potatoes
- okhubaatsa amapuoni** *vp* peel potatoes
- okhubaatsa imesa** *vp* make a table
- okhubaka** *v.tr.* flay; skin an animal
- okhubakala** *v.tr.* spread out to dry, e.g., clothes, grain
- okhubakha** *v.tr.* paint
- okhubala** *v.int./tr.* count
- okhubala** *v.int.* shine, of sunshine (rare)
- okhubala tsinjemo** *vp* frolic
- okhubalikha** *v.int.* be countable

- okhubalikha** *v.tr.* put smears of clay on forehead, etc., in connection with certain sacrifices
- okhubalukha** *v.int.* explode; make a cracking noise, as thunder, or a gun; crack open with a pop, as bean pods, etc.; evade, dodge
- okhubalushira** *v.int.* do anything for the first time in the season, e.g., dig, plant, eat of a new crop, etc.
- okhubamba** *v.tr.* stretch out; split open and spread out, as meat for drying; spread out as a skin for drying; crucify
- okhubambula** *v.tr.* open out something folded, e.g., a book
- okhubanza** *v.tr.* go again and again to s.o. to collect a debt
- okhubasia** *v.tr.* plait, e.g., of plaited grass rope
- okhubasia** *v.tr.* count; number; reckon
- okhubasibwa** *v.pass.* be counted
- okhubatana** *v.int.* be entangled; waste time on trifles; delay; go a long way around
- okhubatasia** *v.tr.* entangle; beat around the bush
- okhubatikha** *v.tr.* heat water, particularly that for beer
- okhubatisia** *v.tr.* baptize
- okhubatisibwa** *v.pass.* be baptized
- okhubatsa olusala** *v.int.* tell lies; lie
- okhubatsukha** *v.int.* dodge; evade capture
- okhubatsula** *v.tr.* divert a falling object; release the string of a bow; contradict what has been said, or to divert evidence from one person so that it may point to another
- okhubaya** *v.int./tr.* play
- okhubayira** *v.int.* of a girl, go to live with a man who has not paid dowry or made the usual marriage arrangements; elope
- okhubayira na chenda** *vp* live with one man after another
- okhubayisia** *v.tr.* of a man, take a girl away as wife without having paid dowry, etc.
- okhubeera** *v.tr.* forgive; pardon
- okhubeera tsimbasi** *vp* show pity or mercy
- okhubeeya** *v.int.* lie; tell untruths (see okhukatia)
- okhubeka** *v.tr.* shave
- okhubeka lituma** *vp* shave a sharply defined edge to the hair of the head
- okhubenga** *v.int./tr.* float; dish up vegetables in a watery state, so that they are surrounded by liquid
- okhubera** *v.tr.* clear; cut down grass and weeds before cultivating
- okhubera tsimbabasi** *vp* show pity; have mercy
- okhuberekha** *v.tr.* conceive a child
- okhuberekha inda** *vp* conceive a child
- okhuberekha omwana** *vp* conceive a child
- okhuberera** *v.int.* not in good moods; be annoyed; be angry; be jealous; be resentful
- okhuberesia** *v.tr.* make angry with someone else
- okhubetsakala** *v.int.* belch; bring up wind
- okhubeya** *v.int.* tell lies; lie; cheat; deceive
- okhubeyabeya** *v.int./tr.* be restless
- okhubeyera** *v.tr.* lie to; deceive; make excuses about
- okhubiha omurwe** *vp* be obstinate
- okhubiira** *v.tr.* tell; order; command
- okhubikha** *v.tr.* put away; save by putting away in a bank, cupboard, etc.
- okhubikha likhobo** *vp* bear a grudge
- okhubikhula** *v.int.* cry; wail
- okhubikinya** *v.int.* moan and groan, usually with pain
- okhubinda** *v.int.* sigh; moan; groan; usually implies groaning under the weight of a heavy burden, lit. or figuratively
- okhubinzukha** *v.int.* turn aside; be put out of joint; be dislocated
- okhubira** *v.int.* expand; become too big for
- okhubira** *v.int./tr.* pass; go by; go through
- okhubirakho** *v.tr.* pass over
- okhubiring'ana** *v.int.* pass to and fro

- okhubisania** *v.int.* ignore a command; disobey
- okhubisia** *v.tr.* winnow with baskets instead of trays
- okhubisia** *v.tr.* pass; throw past; send past
- okhubisiania** *v.int.* meet and pass one another
- okhubita** *v.int./tr.* spit out, particularly water, but not saliva
- okhubiya** *v.int.* go bad; spoil; get dirty, etc.
- okhubiya omurwe** *vp* be obstinate, lit. 'to spoil the head'
- okhubiyana** *v.int.* be angry; be worried; be troubled
- okhubiyia** *v.tr.* spoil; soil
- okhubola** *v.int.* rot; go bad; putrefy
- okhubolelana** *v.int.* speak to each other; converse
- okhubolola** *v.tr.* get back the cattle one has paid as dowry, in breaking off an engagement
- okhubombolokha** *v.int.* subside; go down, of a swelling
- okhubona** *v.tr.* despise, someone of a different tribe; exclude s.o. of a different tribe from feast, etc.; turn a foreigner out, and send him back to his people
- okhuboola** *v.int./tr.* speak; say
- okhuboolera** *v.tr.* say to; tell
- okhuboolola** *v.tr.* untie; loose; unfasten; undo; release
- okhuborola** *v.tr.* spin; twist together, as in making rope; wring
- okhuboroma** *v.int.* lie still or stagnant, of water; occasionally used of an invalid lying in bed
- okhuboroola** *v.tr.* despise, someone of a different tribe; exclude s.o. of a different tribe from feast, etc.; turn a foreigner out, and send him back to his people
- okhubotokhana** *v.tr.* go round; circumnavigate
- okhubotokhasia** *v.tr.* put round; surround
- okhubotsa** *v.int./tr.* peck, as a bird; pick up grain
- okhuboya** *v.tr.* tie; fasten; shut up; secure; imprison
- okhuboyongoyia** *v.int.* twirl around; revolve rapidly; spin
- okhububa** *v.int./tr.* rake; gather together with a long forked stick, like a pitchfork
- okhubuka** *v.tr.* fill in, a hole in the ground; cover with earth
- okhubukana** *v.tr.* meet with; come upon
- okhubukana nende** *v.tr.* meet (with)
- okhubukanira** *v.tr.* go to meet
- okhubukha** *v.int.* arise; get up; wake up
- okhubukula** *v.tr.* take; carry; subtract (in arithmetic)
- okhubula** *v.int.* be missing, not there, non-existent, absent; be without; lack
- okhubuluulira** *v.tr.* grumble at; complain of
- okhubumba** *v.tr.* heap; pile up; crowd together
- okhubunama** *v.int.* look down
- okhubungulukha** *v.int.* drop off; be shaken off, e.g., leaves from a tree
- okhubungulula** *v.tr.* shake off; shake out, e.g., cloth, mat, etc.
- okhubunjeresia** *v.tr.* gather up; gather together; collect
- okhubunjikha** *v.tr.* collect into one place; pile up
- okhubunjikha eshituli** *vp* pile up
- okhubusa** *v.tr.* harrow; go over an already dug patch of ground, breaking up the clods
- okhubusia** *v.tr.* awaken; arouse; raise
- okhubutsa** *v.int.* sit and talk
- okhubutsia** *v.tr.* keep company; sit and talk with; entertain
- okhubutsulira** *v.tr.* complain of; grumble at
- okhubutsulula** *v.int.* complain; grumble
- okhubuula** *v.int.* report; give information; tell tales
- okhubuulula** *v.int.* complain; grumble; growl, as an animal

okhubwana *v.tr.* make a fire, arranging kindling, blowing on embers, etc.
okhubwana omuliro *vp* set and light a fire; rearrange firewood and blow on fire so as to make it burn up
okhubwobora *v.int.* be soft and yielding, e.g., cushion, raw meat
okhuchachia *v.tr.* start something; make begin
okhuchaka *v.int./tr.* begin; start; commence
okhuchama *v.int./tr.* be pleased (with); be satisfied (with); be contented
okhuchamana *v.int.* be pleased with each other; agree
okhuchamisia *v.tr.* please; satisfy
okhuchelewa *v.int.* delay; stay long
okhuchelula *v.tr.* reduce; choose out; subdivide; tip out part
okhuchenda *v.int.* walk; travel; conduct oneself; behave (morally)
okhuchenda amalia *vp* go around from one husband to another
okhuchenda mubasiani *vp* behave immorally with boys, of girls
okhuchenda obubi *vp* live an evil life
okhucheniya *v.int./tr.* pay a visit, more or less formal, and including a meal and possibly staying the night or longer
okhuchenua *v.tr.* break up cold obusuma left over from previous meal into the water being boiled for a new batch
okhuchenua *v.tr.* clean; refine
okhucheniya *v.int.* be amazed; be puzzled
okhuchera *v.tr.* measure; weigh; advise
okhuchera amakhuwa *vp* weigh a matter; consider and make a decision
okhucherasia *v.tr.* compare, particularly with regard to comparison of size, weight, etc.
okhucherekha *v.int.* be despised
okhucherekhana *v.int.* pile up
okhucherekhasia *v.tr.* pile up, one on top of the other; exaggerate
okhucherera *v.int.* return home, or to the point from which one started; advise someone

okhucheresia *v.tr.* bring back; take back; e.g., cows from pasture
okhuchesa *v.int./tr.* harvest
okhuchesia *v.tr.* cause to travel; drive; lead
okhuchesihala *v.int.* become wise
okhuchesihasia *v.tr.* make wise
okhuchetsiya *v.int.* be wise; be sensible; become rational; used of a child passing out of babyhood, and of s.o. who has been under instruction
okhuchetulula *v.tr.* pour off or strain off water from vegetables, etc.
okhuchiba *v.tr.* confirm; respond; give answer
okhuchienula *v.int.* cut or bring a large portion; make much of a matter
okhuchikha *v.tr.* make false accusations; spread false reports of s.o.; libel; slander
okhuchimba *v.int./tr.* bring rain, by spells and charms, used of the rainmaker
okhuchinga *v.tr.* carry; lift
okhuchinga olukhu *vp* cry aloud
okhuchingukha *v.int.* raise oneself; be raised up
okhuchingula *v.tr.* hold up; lift up on high
okhuchira *v.tr.* cause; be the reason for
okhuchoma *v.int.* direct; aim; steer
okhuchomia *v.tr.* aim, point; steer; direct
okhuchonya *v.int.* become tired
okhuchonyia *v.tr.* tire out
okhuchulula *v.int.* leak; drip
okhuchululukha *v.int.* leak; drip
okhuchweya *v.tr.* miss
okhuebwa *v.pass.* be given
okhuenukha *v.int.* fall from a height
okhuera *v.int./tr.* love; like intensely
okhuerana *v.int.* love one another
okhuifiimba *v.int.* cover; thatch (house)
okhufimbwa omurwe *v.int.* be ashamed
okhufinda *v.int.* be crowded
okhufinda *v.int.* rise (of the sun); come through, appear in the gums (of teeth); sprout (of crops)

okhufindikha *v.int.* be cramped; be overcrowded; be busy
okhufinya *v.tr.* squeeze, e.g. squeezing pus from an abscess; blow the nose
okhufisa *v.tr.* hide; conceal
okhufisukha *v.int.* be revealed
okhufisula *v.tr.* reveal; bring to light something that was hidden
okhufuba *v.int.* spoil through becoming cold; used of food spoiled through going off the boil, and of eggs which, though fertile, fail to hatch out
okhufubirana *v.tr.* throw to each other; blame one another
okhufubukha *v.int.* be grazed
okhufuchira *v.int.* make obusuma for
okhufuchirira *v.tr.* allow; believe in; trust in; agree to; agree with; answer to; respond to
okhufuchirisiana *v.int.* agree with one another; come to an agreement; be of one mind; get on well together
okhufuka *v.tr.* make obusuma; paddle (a boat); row (a boat)
okhufukhafukha *v.int.* dawdle; do slowly; work stupidly
okhufuluka *v.tr.* stir over the fire, make obusera (porridge)
okhufulukhana *v.int.* wander about aimlessly, as a child does; go on repeated and unnecessary journeys; go for a stroll
okhufulula *v.tr.* burn; consume; glean; gather together; harvest a poor crop
okhufululukha *v.int.* dry up; wither
okhufuma *v.int.* be famous or notorious; be well-known
okhufumama *v.int.* lie on the face, face-down, prone; be upside-down
okhufumamia *v.tr.* overturn; upset
okhufumba *v.tr.* fold; bend
okhufumbara *v.tr.* hold in the clenched hand; take a handful
okhufumberera *v.tr.* embrace; enfold in one's arms
okhufumbira *v.tr.* surround; enclose
okhufumira *v.tr.* prick; stab; pierce; spear

okhufumula *v.tr.* undo a knot
okhufumundula *v.tr.* scramble an egg in water; tip out, as an egg from the shell
okhufuna *v.tr.* harvest, specially maize and beans
okhufuna *v.tr.* weigh down; overload
okhufunaka *v.tr.* snap; break, as a bone, stick, etc.
okhufunama *v.int.* mature; reach a suitable state or consistency; lie fallow (of land); used, e.g., of obule covered over and left to turn black before threshing; of clay mixed ready for the potter; and of potato runners cut and covered over to get ready for planting
okhufunana *v.int.* argue
okhufundesana *v.int.* have a cold in the head
okhufundesia *v.tr.* cover or cork up tightly; make airtight; stop up; choke; fill with an odor
okhufundikha *v.tr.* tie a knot
okhufundukhulula *v.tr.* undo or untie a knot
okhufundyula *v.tr.* make room; enlarge a house, so as to give more room; push back a crowd; clear the way
okhufunga *v.tr.* fasten; lock (< Swahili)
okhufungula *v.tr.* unfasten; unlock
okhufunikha *v.int.* snap; break (e.g., bone or stick)
okhufunikha *v.tr.* cover
okhufunjia *v.tr.* exchange, e.g., cents for a shilling
okhufunula *v.tr.* uncover
okhufura *v.int./tr.* blow with the mouth
okhufureresia *v.tr.* blow gently on a fire so as to cause it to blaze; fan to a flame; fan gossip to a flame
okhufushira *v.int.* look for a thing and not see it, although it is there
okhufutarira *v.tr.* turn one's back on; stand with the back turned to
okhufutsa *v.int./tr.* spit (saliva); expectorate

- okhufutukha** *v.int.* appear suddenly and unexpectedly; be pierced; have a hole through; be perforated
- okhufutula** *v.tr.* pierce; make holes; perforate; penetrate to the other side, as a patch of bush being cleared, or a section of a field being dug
- okhufuuba** *v.tr.* throw; cast; fling; toss
- okhufuukha** *v.int.* swell; be blown up
- okhufuumba** *v.int.* go back
- okhufuumula** *v.tr.* beat heavily as with a club
- okhufuwa** *v.tr.* give presents to performers
- okhufuwa** *v.tr.* wash clothes; do laundry (< Swahili)
- okhufwa** *v.int.* die, be unconscious, be in a weak and apparently dying condition
- okhufwa** *v.int.* shine (of sunlight)
- okhufwa omoyo** *v.int.* despair
- okhufwafwakhala** *v.int.* writhe; wriggle on the ground as a snake or an injured person
- okhufwala ikofia** *vp* put on a hat
- okhufwalula** *v.tr.* undress...; take off clothes
- okhufwana shinga** *v.int.* resemble; look like; appear to be
- okhufwanana nende** *v.int.* resemble; be like
- okhufwanania** *v.tr.* cause to resemble; copy; mimic; imitate; compare; liken
- okhufwanirisia** *v.int.* guess; be doubtful about
- okhufwayia** *v.tr.* neglect; ignore; refuse to listen to, particularly of evil or unwise suggestions
- okhufwimba** *v.int.* swell
- okhufwimba** *v.tr.* thatch a roof
- okhufwimbia** *v.tr.* cause swelling
- okhufwimbia omurwe** *v.tr.* shame
- okhufwimbula** *v.tr.* uncover; reveal
- okhufwimbwa omurwe** *vp* be ashamed
- okhufwira** *v.tr.* die for; die at
- okhufwirira** *v.int.* die for, at; die out gradually
- okhufwirwa** *v.int.* be found guilty; be bereaved.
- okhufwirwa inganga** *vp* lose on a business transaction
- okhufwisia** *v.tr.* cause to die
- okhufwisia** *v.tr.* cause to shine (of the sun, etc.)
- okhufwola** *v.tr.* shame; disgrace; degrade; despise; used idiomatically in amareo kamufwola 'the examination despised him', i.e. 'he failed the exam'
- okhufwona** *v.tr.* pinch; dislocate; separate bones at the joints; remove an unborn calf from the uterus of a dead cow
- okhuhaanira** *v.tr.* give to
- okhuhabasia** *v.int.* grope
- okhuhabina** *v.tr.* come in response to a plea for help; succor; come to s.o.'s help
- okhuhabira** *v.tr.* cry to; appeal to; express a longing for the help of some person who is absent
- okhuhachirisia** *v.tr.* force (s.t. into a small space, through a small opening; s.o. to do something against his will)
- okhuhafania** *v.int.* infect each other
- okhuhafia** *v.tr.* light; infect
- okhuhaka** *v.int.* be too large for; be unable to fit in
- okhuhalabira** *v.tr.* scold
- okhuhalakara** *v.int./tr.* scrape
- okhuhamana** *v.int.* stick together; adhere; be consolidated
- okhuhamasia** *v.tr.* join together, side by side
- okhuhamba** *v.int.* come (see also okhwitsa)
- okhuhamba** *v.tr.* arrest; take hold of firmly; seize, as an illness; catch; massage; rub
- okhuhamba isira** *vp* become bitter, unforgiving enemies, because of some wrong done
- okhuhamba obwitsa** *vp* make friends
- okhuhambana obwitsa** *vp* become friends (e.g., of a boy making friends with a

girl with a view to marriage before the brideprice has been paid)

okhuhana *v.tr.* give

okhuhana buha *vp* give freely

okhuhanda *v.int.* stick; adhere

okhuhandalala-handalafu *v.int.* be coarse; stick together in lumps

okhuhandika emilimo *vp* be engaged for work

okhuhenukha *v.int.* flash (of lightning)

okhuhenula *v.tr.* lift up on high; lift oneself up

okhuherechesia *v.tr.* accompany part of the way home

okhuhiya *v.tr.* burn s.t. accidentally; inzu ihire 'the house was burnt down'

okhuhonia *v.tr.* display for sale

okhuhonokha *v.int.* have a narrow escape; escape by the skin of one's teeth

okhuhotserekha *v.int.* be tamable; respond to soothing influences

okhuhotseresia *v.tr.* quiet; soothe; calm; tame; make peace; pacify

okhuhwa *v.int.* come gradually to an end; decrease and finally disappear

okhuyindira *v.int.* live very long (see also okhuyindira)

okhukaania *v.tr.* forbid

okhukaba *v.int./tr.* divide; allot; share; give out

okhukabana *v.tr.* divide amongst themselves; share

okhukabira *v.tr.* divide amongst; portion out; share between

okhukabukhana *v.int.* separate; come apart

okhukabukhania *v.tr.* separate for a particular use; consecrate; dedicate

okhukabukhasia *v.tr.* separate; part; settle a dispute

okhukabula *v.tr.* divide; share

okhukaklughana *v.int./tr.* become; be converted into; change round; fade

okhukakula *v.tr.* feed (an infant or helpless person) by holding gruel etc. in the cupped hand against the patient's mouth until she swallows it

okhukala *v.int.* sit idly with others instead of attending to one's work

okhukalakala *v.int.* fall, throwing the arms and legs about; wriggle; roll and jump about; move to and fro

okhukalama *v.int.* lie on the back; lie upside-down

okhukalamia *v.tr.* overturn; lay on its back; upset

okhukalara *v.int.* become lazy

okhukalikha *v.tr.* spread the hands, palm upwards, at about waist level, to indicate ignorance or helplessness

okhukaliya *v.int.* become large; increase in size; grow larger

okhukaliyia *v.tr.* increase the size of; enlarge; magnify

okhukalukha *v.int.* return; come back; go back

okhukalukhamwo *v.int./tr.* repeat; go over again

okhukalukhasia *v.tr.* change into; exchange; turn right around; to turn inside-out

okhukalula *v.tr.* change; make into; translate; interpret

okhukalulana *v.int.* debate; dispute; argue

okhukalushira *v.tr.* return to

okhukalusia *v.tr.* answer; return; give back; inherit the wife of a relative

okhukalusiamo *v.int.* answer; reply; repeat

okhukalusibwa *v.pass.* be returned; be given back; be answered; be inherited as wife by a relation of one's husband

okhukalusiria *v.tr.* return to; give back to

okhukama *v.tr.* hand; deliver; pass

okhukamula *v.tr.* snap; gulp; swallow straight down

okhukana *v.int.* deny; refuse to do

okhukana *v.tr.* tell a story

okhukanakania *v.int.* guess; puzzle over; suppose; wonder; be doubtful

okhukangana *v.int.* speak a different dialect; talk with a foreign accent

- okhukangulula** *v.tr.* tip out or shake out something that has been packed in tightly, e.g. vegetables in basket
- okhukanjira** *v.tr.* pack in; ram in; e.g. tobacco in pipe, or vegetables in pot
- okhukanya** *v.int.* to coil
- okhukanyira** *v.tr.* wrap up; coil up
- okhukanza** *v.tr.* examine closely, touching and fingering
- okhukarana** *v.int.* be weak, feeble, unable to move quickly
- okhukaranga** *v.tr.* fry
- okhukarangarana** *v.int.* dawdle over work; toy with work
- okhukasa** *v.int.* be suitable, seemly, appropriate, fitting, in good order, pleasing, beautiful
- okhukasia** *v.tr.* arrange; fix
- okhukasira** *v.tr.* suit; appeal to; satisfy; please
- okhukasiria** *v.tr.* arrange for; prepare for
- okhukatia** *v.tr.* deceive; cheat; lie; tell untruths (see okhubeeya)
- okhukatsula** *v.int.* deliberately misunderstand and take up wrongly what is said
- okhukatukha** *v.int.* stop falling or pouring (of rain, hemorrhaging)
- okhukatulusia** *v.tr.* spell; pronounce slowly, syllable by syllable
- okhukatusia** *v.tr.* staunch; stop the flow
- okhukaya** *v.tr.* prevent; stop
- okhukayira** *v.tr.* defend; ward off; interpose oneself between attacker and attacked
- okhukeng'a** *v.tr.* ward off; defend; push back
- okhuketa** *v.tr.* obstruct; hinder from proceeding on a journey; return a straying cow to herd
- okhukhaala** *v.tr.* stretch and tie tightly, as cords on a bed, or those tying a skin on a drum; used of the whole process of making a bed or a drum
- okhukhaaya** *v.tr.* cut with a sickle, thatching grass, etc.
- okhukhaba** *v.tr.* seek; look for
- okhukhaka** *n.* shriek; scream; shout
- okhukhalabana** *v.int.* minister; serve; work; toil
- okhukhalabanira** *v.tr.* minister to; serve; work; toil
- okhukhalaka** *v.tr.* cut; rule a line; take a short cut
- okhukhalaka amachesi** *vp* think out a plan; come to a decision
- okhukhalaka eshina** *vp* condemn, pass sentence
- okhukhalaka olunyali** *vp* draw a straight line
- okhukhalaka omuse** *v.tr.* judge; hear a case and deliver judgement
- okhukhalasia** *v.int.* take a short cut; cut through
- okhukhalikha** *v.int.* break, omukoye kukhalishe 'the rope broke'
- okhukhalikha omukongo** *vp* be jealous
- okhukhama** *v.tr.* milk; squeeze
- okhukhamuukha** *v.int.* disappear; vanish
- okhukhanya** *v.tr.* take too much
- okhukhanya** *v.tr.* crumple up
- okhukhasa** *v.int.* growl (an animal); hawk (clearing the throat)
- okhukhatsa** *v.int./tr.* eat meat or other relish alone, or out of proportion to the amount of (opposite of kweterera)
- okhukhaya** *v.int./tr.* refuse; disobey; defeat
- okhukhayaka** *v.int.* eat obusuma without meat or other relish
- okhukhayirana** *v.int./tr.* refuse; disobey; defy
- okhukhaywa** *v.int.* be unable; be overcome; ekhayirwe 'it's got me beaten'
- okhukhoba** *v.tr.* betray
- okhukhobokha** *v.int.* peel; lose its skin
- okhukhobola** *v.tr.* peel; remove the skin from
- okhukhola** *v.tr.* make; do
- okhukhola eshinani** *vp* persevere in doing; practice
- okhukhola eshitsusi** *vp* ignore a command

okhukhola imbalikha *v.int.* be jealous
(see also okhukhola imbalikha)
okhukhola tsindeberende *vp* rust; become rusty
okhukhola tsisamwa *vp* joke about something serious
okhukholola *v.int.* cough
okhukholomokha *v.int.* descend a slope; go down
okhukholyokha *v.int.* crow
okhukhoma *v.tr.* hammer; nail; crucify
okhukhoma *v.tr.* plant (one seed at a time, not scattering)
okhukhomaka *v.int.* ache, a throbbing pain, as a headache
okhukhomba *v.tr.* lick; suck, as a sweet
okhukhombesia *v.tr.* lick clean; deceive; flatter; toady
okhukhombola *v.tr.* touch lightly; dig one's finger in with a scooping motion
okhukhomera *v.int.* become fat; be fat; be plump
okhukhomera *v.tr.* plant one seed at a time
okhukhomola *v.int.* beckon; make signs
okhukhomola imoni *vp* pull down the lower lid of the eye and cry "wuu!" as an angry refusal ever to do or to give something
okhukhomwa *v.pass.* be crucified
okhukhonga *v.tr.* cut firewood in small pieces
okhukhong'onda *v.int.* knock; rap
okhukhongoya *v.int.* become bigger, larger; increase in size
okhukhongoyia *v.tr.* enlarge; make bigger
okhukhonya *v.tr.* help; assist
okhukhosia *v.tr.* make do; make work
okhukhosia *v.tr.* pick maize cobs off the stalk without stripping the surrounding leaves
okhukhosia *v.tr.* shine or direct a light
okhukhosiria *v.tr.* shine or direct a light onto/for; khosiria! 'give me a light!'
okhukhotamia *v.tr.* bend; bend half way; sit comfortably

okhukhoya *v.int.* be necessary, seemly, fitting, compulsory, appropriate; must; akhoyire okhukhola 'he must do it', 'he should do it'; okhoyire okhukhola oryo 'it is fitting that you do thus (as said in a prayer)'
okhukhoyera *v.tr.* deserve; be appropriate to; be fitting for; kahukhoyeere 'it is appropriate for him'
okhukhula *v.int.* grow
okhukhulikha *v.int.* of teeth, come out of their own accord
okhukhulukunya *v.tr.* rub off, hard
okhukhulumama *v.int.* be confident
okhukhulumamia *v.tr.* exalt; glorify
okhukhulunduya *v.int.* become chief, eldest, senior, etc.
okhukhulunduyia *v.tr.* make chief, senior, etc.
okhukhuma *v.int.* give a long, loud call, particularly in hunting, when the quarry is sighted; mention reproachfully; name reproachfully
okhukhumukha *v.int.* make a loud, deep sound
okhukhumula *v.int./tr.* cry loudly; bellow; roar like a bull; khukhumulanga 'he is calling you loudly', 'he is shouting for you'
okhukhung'ana *v.int.* assemble; gather together; meet
okhukhung'asia *v.tr.* collect; gather together
okhukhunia *v.int.* frown; look displeased. Usually khunia mumoni.
okhukhunja *v.int.* be mean with one's belongings
okhukhunyula *v.tr.* cause s.o. to go when he hadn't intended; uproot; pull out; pluck
okhukhurula *v.tr.* drag
okhukhusia *v.tr.* rear; bring up
okhukhutsakula *v.int.* lose one's first teeth
okhukhutuuta *v.int.* cry; weep
okhukhuula *v.tr.* remove, pull out, take out (e.g., of ameno 'teeth')

- okhukhuula ameno** *vp* remove, pull out, take out teeth (as formerly done by tradition)
- okhukhuunya** *v.int.* be stunted; stop growing before full size is reached; be a dwarf
- okhukhuyula; okhubera** *v.tr.* cut grass, etc.
- okhukhuyunga** *v.tr.* swing and hurl; throw as one does a stick
- okhukhwa** *v.tr.* pay dowry, pay brideprice
- okhukhwaya** *v.tr.* collect; grab
- okhukhwebwa** *v.int.* have cattle brought for one by one's intended husband to be engaged
- okhukhwekhwesula** *v.tr.* pull, drag
- okhukhwererana** *v.int.* become engaged to each other, by the payment of dowry; be betrothed
- okhukhwesa** *v.tr.* pull; draw; drag
- okhukitula** *v.tr.* snap; snip; cut off
- okhukiya** *v.tr.* lie in wait for; look for an excuse to quarrel with; seek a change to harm; hate
- okhukoba** *v.tr.* accompany part of the way home, a social obligation on the part of a host or hostess
- okhukobera** *v.tr.* send a letter, message, gift, etc., by an agent
- okhukofula** *v.int.* get old; grow old; age; become worn out and be of little use (not a venerable state of old age)
- okhukoka** *v.tr.* knock down; knock aside; throw, in wrestling
- okhukokobokhana** *v.int./tr.* carry lots of odds and ends of things, in the arms, and even tied on
- okhukokonya** *v.int.* sneer; mock; be sarcastic
- okhukolola** *v.tr.* straighten; stretch out; also used figuratively, of straightening out tangled affairs
- okhukololokha** *v.int.* straighten out; stretch out; also used figuratively of straightening out tangles affairs
- okhukomamgoma** *v.int.* roll over and over; revolve
- okhukomangomia** *v.int.* roll over and over
- okhukona** *v.tr.* lie; sleep; die; akonanga munzu 'he sleeps in the house', ifula ikona omuheso 'rain hasn't fallen for several days'
- okhukona mafumama** *vp* lie on the face, lie prone
- okhukona makalama** *vp* lie on the back
- okhukona meso** *vp* lie awake
- okhukona tsindolo** *vp* sleep
- okhukonera** *v.int.* fail; miss; sleep with (conveying sexual intimacy); sit (of a hen sitting on eggs), shyakoneranga ta 'he never misses'
- okhukoneshera** *v.tr.* lie in wait for; ambush
- okhukonesia** *v.tr.* set (a hen on eggs)
- okhukonya** *v.tr.* test; taste; take a little; look at critically; visit shortly
- okhukonyerera** *v.tr.* taste
- okhukoosia** *v.tr.* be kind to; be gracious towards; be fond of; favor; pet
- okhukora** *v.int.* be lost
- okhukorwa** *v.int.* be bewildered; be ignorant; not know; engorirwe 'I don't know', 'sorry I didn't know (what I was doing, as in an apology)'
- okhukosania** *v.tr.* refuse to listen to s.o. because one is intent on something else
- okhukosia** *v.tr.* cause to be lost, i.e., to lose; eshitabo shyanje shikorire 'my book is lost', shingorirekhwo 'it is lost to me'; lose financially (as in trade); engosiye tsisilingi tsinyinji muluchina 'I have lost a lot of money in the mill; deceive; lead astray
- okhukotia** *v.tr.* bend
- okhukotola** *v.int.* turn aside from the path; go around a bend
- okhukoya** *v.tr.* brew beer
- okhukoyakoyia** *v.int.* change the subject; evade a question or a topic of conversation; divert attention

okhukoyana *v.int.* dawdle over work; mess about

okhukubuya *v.int.* grow and develop from a little girl into a woman

okhukukuma *v.int.* thunder, ifula
ikukuma 'it (rain) is thundering', likulu
likukuma 'it (the sky) is thundering'

okhukula *v.tr.* exchange for; buy; purchase

okhukulana *v.tr.* exchange; barter

okhukulasia *v.tr.* exchange; barter

okhukulikha *v.tr.* name; call (a name)

okhukulukha *v.int.* ascend; fly upwards

okhukumbala *v.int.* become barren, of a woman and of the soil

okhukumula *v.tr.* finish off a job quickly

okhukuna *v.tr.* bite or cut meat from the bone

okhukunguna *v.int.* walk doubled up; crouch down

okhukunukha *v.int.* fall suddenly into a hole, etc.; doze and fall off the chair, etc.; fall from tiredness

okhukunula *v.tr.* uncover; unveil; take off the lid; undress

okhukura *v.tr.* protect; shield from harm

okhukushirira *v.int.* ail; be ill repeatedly

okhukusia *v.tr.* sell

okhukuula *v.tr.* put up the main framework of the roof (trusses, rafters, etc.) in a round building, the thin poles meeting at the apex

okhukuula *v.tr.* smooth, brushing back the hair, smoothing and pressing obusuma with the omwikho in the pot, etc.

okhukwa *v.int.* fall; drop; become; change into

okhukwa likara *vp* be paralysed

okhukwa omunyikha *vp* fall flat; fall headlong

okhukwalala *v.int.* be level and smooth

okhukwalalasia *v.tr.* level

okhukwalasia *v.tr.* level

okhukwana *v.int.* be necessary; be fitting; be appropriate; suit; deserve

okhukwanira *v.tr.* be necessary for; be fitting for; deserve

okhukweterera *v.int.* eat sparingly, particularly of meat or other relish

okhukwira *v.int.* fall, drop on (a tree falling on the house or s.o. falling on another)

okhukwisia *v.tr.* drop; bring down; cause to fall

okhula *conj.* until; right up to

okhula *v.int./tr.* reach; arrive (at)

okhula shinga *conj.* until; right up to

okhulaala *v.int.* crowd together; be plentiful

okhulaba *v.int.* become white, or clean; become clear; lighten; ripen; dawn; emikunda chilabire 'the crops are ripe', tsingubo tsilabire tserorere 'the clothes have become quite clean and white, alabire tsimoni 'he began to see clearly'

okhulabukha *v.int.* become light after rain, at dawn

okhulachirisia *v.tr.* remind someone about a promise

okhulafia *v.tr.* make clean; whiten; ripen; purify; cleanse

okhulaka *v.tr.* promise

okhulaka efilaka munwa *vp* curse

okhulakakha *v.tr.* drop

okhulakana *v.int.* make an agreement

okhulakaya *v.int.* shout; cry; weep loudly

okhulakula *v.int.* crow; prophesy; foretell

okhulala *v.int.* be many

okhulalukha *v.int.* go mad; become insane; become furiously angry

okhulalusia *v.tr.* drive mad

okhulama *v.int./tr.* pray; pray to; beg; beseech; lama Nyasaye 'pray to God'

okhulama *v.tr.* bequeath; leave to

okhulama *v.tr.* put on the tsisheti, the thin sticks (purlins) to which the thatch of a roof is fastened, or on which it is laid

okhulambisia *v.int./tr.* stretch out, as one's legs, particularly when seated; walk with long strides

- okhulambuula** *v.tr.* explore; pay a visit of inspection; visit every part
- okhulamia** *v.tr.* lead in prayer; say grace; take a service
- okhulamira** *v.tr.* pray for; intercede for
- okhulamukha** *v.int.* come to life; arise from the dead; revive after being unconscious or helpless; resurrect (as in the Christian context)
- okhulamusia** *v.tr.* bring to life; revive; bring round
- okhulanda** *v.int.* creep; spread out; throw out runners (grass, etc.)
- okhulanga** *v.int./tr.* call; invite; name
- okhulang'ukha** *v.int.* become greedy or gluttonous
- okhulasa** *v.tr.* shoot; throw stones or other missiles at; sting, as a bee; pierce
- okhulasa** *v.tr.* burn food in cooking
- okhulasana** *v.int.* throw spears etc. at each other, hence fight with weapons; be at war
- okhulasia** *v.tr.* scorch; burn (e.g. food in cooking)
- okhulata** *v.tr.* castrate
- okhulaya** *v.tr.* call by a special name, indicating some attribute; to praise, either for good or evil deeds
- okhuleema** *v.int.* be insufficient; lack
- okhuleka** *v.tr.* despise; ignore
- okhulekha** *v.tr.* leave; allow; stop; leave off; yalekha amakondi mubwayiro 'he left the sheep in the grazing-ground'; lekha akhole 'let him do it'; lekha okhokhola 'stop doing it', lekha! 'stop!'
- okhulekhula** *v.tr.* release; let go
- okhulema** *v.int.* be physically deficient; be lame; walk with a limp
- okhulenga** *v.tr.* look (see also okhuringala)
- okhuleng'ana** *v.int.* be parallel with, or meet in a straight line; be equal with; be level
- okhuleng'asia** *v.tr.* make level, parallel, or equal
- okhulenjera** *v.tr.* look through, or on behalf of
- okhulera** *v.tr.* nurse or look over a baby; amulera khumakulu 'she nurses it on her knee'; wane aleranga 'so-and-so has gone to be a nurse'
- okhuleshera** *v.tr.* leave for; leave (work) half done; leave to; forgive; pardon
- okhulibwa ling'ang'a** *vp* be amazed, bewildered, dumb-founded
- okhuliira** *v.tr.* eat with; tsinuni netsindahi okhuliira amapwoni 'simsim is good to eat with potatoes'
- okhulikukha** *v.int.* break up (used of an earthen floor when the cow-dung used in smearing is flaking off and the floor spoiling, or of walls breaking up)
- okhulikukha** *v.int.* run; fall repeatedly and heavily (of rain)
- okhulikula** *v.tr.* flake off; scrape off old plaster, etc.; break down a building; destroy
- okhulikulula** *v.tr.* break down (a building) destroy
- okhulima** *v.int./tr.* cultivate; dig
- okhulima amapwoni** *vp* dig up a field ready for planting
- okhulimana** *v.int.* be joined together; combine
- okhulimasia** *v.tr.* join together; perform the marriage ceremony
- okhulinda** *v.int./tr.* wait; wait for; mind; look after; help; nekhulinde 'I will wait for you'
- okhulindira** *v.tr.* look after, or wait, on behalf of another
- okhulindirira** *v.tr.* await
- okhulingala** *v.tr.* look at
- okhulinya** *v.int.* keep quiet (see also okhuulera)
- okhulira** *v.int.* cry; weep
- okhulisia** *v.tr.* feed
- okhuloba** *v.int./tr.* fish with a line and hook; angle
- okhuloba** *v.tr.* avoid; shun; refuse
- okhulobesia** *v.tr.* cause to refuse; prevent
- okhulobola** *v.tr.* elect; choose; appoint; select

okhuloka *v.tr.* bewitch; cause illness, failure, or other misfortune by looking, pointing, touching, praising, etc., the evil eye

okhulokha *v.tr.* blame; be angry with; shout at in anger

okhulola *v.int./tr.* see (has irregular perfective forms taking the stem -lutsi: endutsi, ndalutsi, etc.)

okhulola amasira *vp* have trouble; be bereaved

okhulolekha *v.int.* appear; seem; be visible

okhulolerera *v.tr.* oversee; supervise

okhulolesia efifwanani *vp* show pictures

okhuloma *v.int./tr.* speak; talk

okhulomberesia *v.tr.* coax; wheedle; deceive with fair words; flatter

okhulomeresia *v.int.* interpret; make a plan

okhulonda *v.tr.* chase; follow; drive away; turn out; yalondwa mwisomero 'he was turned out of the school'

okhulondachirira *v.tr.* chase; follow and try to overtake

okhulondana nende *v.int.* lie alongside; go along with, go together; be next to; linda khulondokhane 'wait and let us go together'

okhulondola *v.tr.* follow along, e.g. the course of a river

okhulonga *v.tr.* create; make; more particularly to form existing raw material into something new; e.g. pottery

okhulora *v.int./tr.* dream; lora obushi! 'sweet dreams!'

okhulosia *v.tr.* demonstrate; show; display

okhuluba *v.int.* be weary; be tired; give in through weariness

okhulubirira *v.int.* be bold; persevere; insist

okhulukha *v.int./tr.* weave; knit

okhulula *v.int.* be furious, hungry, troublesome, dangerous, bitter, sour; hot

okhululuma *v.int.* be very hot; be hot-tempered

okhuluma *v.tr.* bite; pain; copulate (of rooster); inzala inuma 'I am hungry' (lit. 'hunger is biting me'); inda inuma 'my stomach is aching' (lit. 'the stomach is biting me'); yalumwa okhwibula 'she was in labour' (lit. 'she has been bitten by giving birth')

okhulumirira *v.int.* continue; persevere

okhulunga *v.tr.* flavor; season; cook food that requires flavoring; alunjire elyani 'she has cooked the vegetables'

okhulunjikha *v.int.* straighten out; stretch out

okhulunjisia *v.tr.* straighten; stretch out

okhulunya *v.tr.* force; persuade; bother

okhulunyia *v.tr.* cause to give up; force; tire by asking over and over again

okhuluuma *v.tr.* push; shove

okhulwala *v.int.* be ill

okhulwalirira *v.int.* ail; be ill continuously

okhulwana *v.int.* wrestle; struggle; fight

okhulwanirira *v.tr.* struggle or wrestle for

okhulya omushara *vp* receive wages; work for wages (< Swahili)

okhulyula *v.tr.* hunt out charms or medicines that are said to have been hidden in a house, village, etc., to cause illness or other bad fortune

okhulyuya *v.int.* become sweet, nice, good, right, etc.

okhuma *v.int.* sigh; roar; bellow

okhuma *v.int.* dry up; become hard

okhumaala *v.int.* trample

okhumaanya *v.tr.* maul; scratch badly with claws; pluck feathers off birds, wings off locusts, etc.

okhumaanyula *v.tr.* pluck

okhumala *v.tr.* finish; do a job completely from start to finish; yamala tsisaa tsine 'he took four hours'; also used as an auxiliary verb, as in ndali nimalire okhukhola 'I had finished doing it, I had done it'; yamala natsya 'in the end he went'; yasinnyikha po, ne

shiyamala nakhola eshindu ta 'he was very angry, but he didn't actually do anything'; mala eshikwoli 'have revenge'

okhumala omusango *v.tr.* perform a sacrifice, offer a sacrifice; make a sacrifice

okhumalakana *v.int.* forge blindly ahead, regardless of obstacles

okhumalira elala *vp* finish completely

okhumalirikha *v.int.* come last; bring up the rear

okhumaliya *v.int.* darken; go black; become dirty

okhumaliyia *v.tr.* make dark, or black, or dirty

okhumamira *v.tr.* cover; spread over; swarm over

okhumanana *v.int.* be very poor, needy, destitute

okhumanisia *v.tr.* give a gift to a visitor on his departure, in return for the gift he brought with him

okhumanna *v.int.* become poor

okhumanula *v.tr.* equip, for a journey, war, etc.

okhumanya *v.int./tr.* know; acquire knowledge; emanyire 'I know'; amayire khuli shi? 'how does he know?'; omanyire okhosome? 'can you read?'

okhumanyia *v.tr.* show; display

okhumanyikha *v.int.* be known

okhumanyisia *v.tr.* warn; report; make known

okhumanyukha *v.int.* be plucked

okhumayana *v.int.* be bad, wicked, evil; become bad, wicked, evil

okhumayasia *v.tr.* spoil; accuse wrongly, thereby probably spoiling both character and reputation

okhumbakha *v.tr.* build; better spelt umbakha

okhumeera *v.int.* become drunk

okhumeka *v.tr.* break off a portion of obusuma, etc., of a suitable size to put in the mouth

okhumekula *v.int.* break off a large portion of obusuma, etc.

okhumema *v.int.* be sharp; be pointed

okhumenena *v.tr.* munch, e.g. a raw potato

okhumenenukha *v.int./tr.* munch

okhumenya *v.int.* live; dwell; stay; bamenyanga ewabo, nibakona ewa wane 'they live at home, and they sleep at so-and-so's place'

okhumenya eshisoma *n.* lonely dwelling place; an isolated village or kraal

okhumera *v.int.* shoot; spring from the ground as grass or crops; grow; mera shinga 'resemble, grow like'; amera shinga samwana 'he is like his father'

okhumeta *v.tr.* add; increase

okhumezia *v.tr.* take cattle out to graze for a short time in the morning, before bringing them back to milk

okhumia *v.tr.* dry

okhumichina *v.tr.* force one's way into; force one's way through; take by force

okhumika *v.tr.* choke; kill by suffocation (hanging, strangling, drowning, etc.)

okhumina *v.tr.* compel s.o. to do something unwillingly

okhumina *v.int./tr.* mean

okhuminina *v.int.* run quickly

okhumira *v.tr.* swallow up; absorb

okhumira bukala *v.tr.* swallow quickly, unchewed; gulp down

okhumira obukala *vp* swallow whole

okhumiramira *adj.* sweet

okhumirikha *v.int.* be swallowed up, as s.o. falling into a hole, into water, or becoming naturalized into another tribe

okhumiring'asia *v.tr.* swallow quickly

okhumisia *v.tr.* blow the nose

okhumitsa *v.tr.* scatter; broadcast (seed); sprinkle

okhumoka *v.int.* be shy

okhumola *v.int.* creep; crawl (cf. okhwafula 'crawl (of a baby)'; okhulanda 'creep (of a plant)')

okhumonya *v.int.* talk behind people's backs; say unpleasant things about s.o. secretly; gossip unkindly

- okhumosia** *v.tr.* lend a cow to a neighbor to be looked after; send a cow away to a place of safety; evacuate to a safe place (of people or property)
- okhumotsa** *v.int.* be short of food, underfed, unsatisfied, hungry, over a considerable period
- okhumulamula** *v.int.* burn slowly (of fire); be weak (of eyes)
- okhumulamulia** *v.int.* make a small fire
- okhumulikha** *v.int.* flower; shine; give light
- okhumulishira** *v.tr.* shine on; give light to
- okhumulula** *v.int./tr.* shave the head
- okhumulula** *v.tr.* take more than one should
- okhumwama** *v.int.* be or become black
- okhumwemwenda** *v.tr.* make a small fire
- okhumwenya** *v.int.* smile
- okhunaaba** *v.int./tr.* fish with a net
- okhunaala** *v.tr.* wind wire or rope round and round; coil
- okhunaba** *v.int./tr.* sew
- okhunaka** *v.tr.* bat; hit something in the air, bird, ball, etc.; snatch; grab; snap up
- okhunaka** *v.tr.* tie the roofing poles of a house together at the apex
- okhunala** *v.int./tr.* be familiar (with); be accustomed to
- okhunalana nende** *v.tr.* become familiar with; become accustomed to
- okhunanachira** *v.int.* hesitate when speaking
- okhunanikha** *v.tr.* put into the diminutive class
- okhunaya** *v.tr.* look forward to; talk of what one intends to do, usually with little hope of carrying out the intention
- okhunenera** *v.int./tr.* eat sparingly, particularly of meat or other relish
- okhunera** *v.int.* be fat and well (of a baby)
- okhung'abukha** *v.int.* break (of pot, etc.)
- okhung'afukha** *v.int.* run slowly
- okhung'alang'asia** *v.int.* do work roughly and imperfectly
- okhung'alusia** *v.int.* tease; make threats in fun
- okhungana** *v.tr.* join together; unite; add on; link up
- okhung'ang'ala** *v.int.* be speechless with amazement; stare stupidly instead of taking action
- okhung'anya** *v.int.* go off in a huff, e.g. a wife who goes off to her father's village
- okhung'asia** *v.tr.* tease
- okhung'aya** *v.tr.* lack; be without
- okhung'ayang'ayia** *v.int.* say that you will do a thing, and then not do it; make rash promises
- okhung'inang'ina** *v.int.* shine; sparkle
- okhung'ola** *v.int./tr.* draw, particularly the designs commonly drawn in clay on the wall of a house
- okhung'olosia** *v.tr.* drive cattle
- okhung'ona** *v.tr.* decorate; adorn; beautify
- okhung'ong'ofula** *v.int.* be slow; give stupid and nonsensical answers
- okhung'oonekha** *v.int.* become beautiful; be adorned
- okhung'oyang'oya** *v.int.* dawdle
- okhung'ukha** *v.int.* go away all together (of a crowd of people, flock of birds, etc.)
- okhung'usa amolu** *v.tr.* sniff; snuffle (nose)
- okhung'uula** *v.tr.* clean a baby's buttocks after it has dirtied itself; sweep up dung
- okhung'uunya** *v.int.* hum, e.g. mosquito
- okhunia** *v.int.* relieve the bowels; defecate; excrete (more polite form is okhutsya erwanyi, lit. 'go outside')
- okhunia omuliro; okhunia induli** *vp* bring trouble that will cause loss or require payment
- okhuniala** *v.int.* wither; fade; droop; dry out
- okhuniasia** *v.tr.* cook obusuma
- okhuniatsa** *v.tr.* tie tightly
- okhunichirisia** *v.tr.* persuade rather forcibly
- okhuniina** *v.int./tr.* ascend; climb; mount

okhuniinia *v.tr.* cause to ascend; lift up to a higher level
okhunoka *v.tr.* pick; pluck
okhunokokha *v.int.* fall off tree because it is fully ripe
okhunokola *v.tr.* pick ripe fruit
okhunsia *v.tr.* accustom; make familiar with
okhunula *v.int.* be fat (of cow, fowl, etc.); be in good condition
okhununula *v.tr.* redeem
okhunusia *v.tr.* fatten (cow, fowl, etc.); fertilize; inzushi yanusia obushi 'the hive is full of honey'; imbolera yanusia emikunda 'compost has fertilized (or enriched) the fields'
okhunuula *v.tr.* rob; take by force
okhunuulana *v.int.* struggle for possession of a thing
okhunuuna *v.int./tr.* suck, as child sucking the breast
okhunuunia *v.tr.* suckle; feed at the breast or with a bottle; cause to suck
okhunyakhana *v.int.* be troubled; be filled with terror or fear
okhunyakhana *v.int.* labour; work hard; be busy; suffer
okhunyala *v.tr.* disembowel; take out the entrails
okhunyala *v.int., v.tr.* satisfy; be enough for; niye owanomunyale ne tsing'ombe 'it is he who will bring enough cattle to satisfy you'; be able, have opportunity; onyala okhuchinga shino? 'can you lift this?'
okhunalikha *v.int.* suffer; be possible
okhunalukha *v.int.* be bent or broken; burst, specially of something squeaky, which squirts in all directions
okhunalulukha *v.int.* be sticky and doughy, so that it cannot be broken off cleanly but trails strings behind it
okhunalusia *v.tr.* burst
okhunyanya *v.int./tr.* chew
okhunyanya ikamula *vp* chew the cud
okhunyanyabukha *v.int.* wear out; tear; break all over; go to pieces

okhunyanyikha *v.int.* wear out; tear; break all over; go to pieces
okhunyasia *v.tr.* trouble; annoy
okhunyeenya *v.tr.* skin; flay
okhunyeka *v.tr.* abuse
okhunyeka *v.tr.* steal
okhunyekulula *v.tr.* loosen
okhunyeraala *v.int.* become thin, narrow
okhunyiira *v.tr.* stretch
okhunyika *v.int./tr.* pull tightly and tie or fasten
okhunyikula *v.int.* have a large udder and be almost ready to calve (of cow)
okhunyikula *v.tr.* loosen
okhunyira *v.int.* become cold; stiffen, e.g. in death or unconsciousness; be silent and dead, as an empty house; be calm and peaceful; intensified with the particle tsi; inzu inyirire tsi 'the house is completely silent and deserted'
okhunyirikha *v.int./tr.* spit; expectorate
okhunyirira *v.int.* spit (of rain), drizzle, fall lightly
okhunyiririsia *v.tr.* cool
okhunyiririsia *v.tr.* flavor, adorn, etc., with great care
okhunyoba *v.tr.* mix; knead; make into paste or doughy mixture
okhunyokhosia *v.tr.* echo; repeat words addressed to oneself, particularly when called, in a mocking way
okhunyola *v.tr.* pick stalks off vegetables
okhunyola isindani *vp* have an injection (see also okhupwa isindani)
okhunyololokha *v.int.* creep along slowly and stealthily
okhunyoola *v.tr.* get; find; receive; earn; overtake
okhunyoola inzu *vp* get married
okhunyoolekha *v.int.* be obtainable
okhunyoolesia *v.tr.* find out; catch in the act; take by surprise
okhunyoonya *v.tr.* move to expressions of pleasure, e.g. to keep s.o. smiling by one's conversation, or to make him dance with one's music

- okhunyukha** *v.int.; v.tr.* be fine and soft to the touch, e.g. fine flour; tan leather
- okhunyululukha** *v.int.* ease off and very nearly stop (of rain)
- okhunyululusia** *v.tr.* sprinkle; dribble
- okhunywa** *v.int./tr.* drink; nywa indaba 'smoke'; nywa olukata 'smoke a pipe' nywa isikara 'smoke a cigarette'
- okhunywa indaba** *v.tr.* smoke
- okhunywa inzaka** *vp* smoke bhang
- okhunywekha** *v.tr.* beat; punish
- okhunywesia** *v.tr.* give to drink; cause to drink; yabanywesia amaatsi konyene 'he gave them only water to drink'; okhunywesia omupira 'to shoot a goal'
- okhuobokha** *v.int.* sink in, e.g. a filled-in hole; sunken eyes or cheeks in illness
- okhuobola** *v.int.* sink into a hole that had been filled in
- okhuofula** *v.int.* become blind; lose sight
- okhuola** *v.int./tr.* borrow; lend
- okhuola** *v.int.* roar, e.g. wild animal; sound of rain in the distance; retch
- okhuola** *v.tr.* rear; bring up a child
- okhuona** *v.int.* recover; escape; avoid a danger
- okhuonga** *v.int.* stay; continue; remain; stay away; refrain, e.g., okhuonga inzala 'fast, refrain from eating'
- okhuonia** *v.tr.* heal; cure; save (of s.o. from illness, accident death, etc., of money saved from wasteful or unnecessary use)
- okhuonokokha** *v.int.* escape narrowly
- okhuosia** *v.tr.* lend
- okhupa** *v.tr.* beat; hit
- okhupa amakhofi** *vp* clap hands
- okhupa amashemo** *vp* look over one's shoulder; look behind; turn back; look backwards
- okhupa eshyachi** *vp* erect a grain store
- okhupa ichapa** *v.tr.* print or type (< Swahili)
- okhupa ikengere** *vp* ring a bell
- okhupa ikha** *vp* draw lots
- okhupa imbakha** *vp* converse; talk to each other; have a talk
- okhupa inyimba** *vp* ring a bell
- okhupa ipasi** *vp* iron a garment (see also okhupasa)
- okhupa ipicha** *vp* take a photograph
- okhupa iranda** *v.tr.* plane (< Swahili)
- okhupa isimu** *vp* make a phone call
- okhupa isindani** *vp* give an injection
- okhupa likanya** *vp* coil up
- okhupa likara** *vp* sit cross-legged
- okhupa obukhana** *vp* play a musical instrument
- okhupa olubasi** *vp* kick
- okhupa oluchero** *vp* tell a story or parable
- okhupa olukuma** *vp* hit on the head with a stick, etc
- okhupa omulosi** *vp* whistle (taboo for women)
- okhupa omunaye** *vp* ask a riddle
- okhupa omunwa** *vp* send a message
- okhupa omupira** *vp* play football (or other game with a ball)
- okhupa omuse** *vp* lay the foundation
- okhupa orio** *vp* thank
- okhupa tsimbakha** *vp* converse; argue
- okhupa tsimbungu** *vp* make shrill cries of alarm, distress, or grief; wail
- okhupaka** *v.tr.* thresh; beat; whip; mix; knead
- okhupaka** *v.tr.* praise
- okhupalapala** *v.int.* be flat
- okhupama** *v.int.* be flat, esp. of s.t. one would expect to be round, e.g. a ball, a fish; go flat
- okhupama** *v.int.* hide in a corner, hide behind something
- okhupama** *v.tr.* slap on the cheek; hit with palm of hand
- okhupana** *v.int.* fight; beat each other
- okhupapala** *v.int.* flap about; struggle
- okhupara** *v.int.* think (general, see also okhukala, okhukanakania, okhuyiririsia)
- okhupasa** *v.tr.* iron; press (see also okhupa ipasi)
- okhupasia** *v.tr.* beat together; mix; beat; thresh
- okhupatapatia** *v.int.* do work boldly

- okhupaya** *v.int.* miss, e.g., aim at and miss, miss coming; look around, turning the head in all directions
- okhupeya** *v.tr.* take cattle from the grazing grounds, in payment of a debt, etc.
- okhupima** *v.tr.* measure; examine; weigh (< Swahili)
- okhupububukha** *v.int.* spring out; burst forth; jump up quickly and run
- okhupuka** *v.tr.* anoint; smear; paint; trickle sand, ashes, etc., through the fingers
- okhupulukha** *v.int.* fly; soar
- okhupwa isindani** *vp* have an injection (see also okhunyola isindani)
- okhupwa olukukhu** *vp* go moldy or rusty
- okhupwotola** *v.tr.* beat hard with a stick; thresh
- okhura** *v.tr.* put; set; place
- okhura lilako** *vp* give an order or make a law
- okhuraatsa** *v.int.* drip; leak
- okhurabukha** *v.int.* split; break
- okhuraka** *v.int./tr.* plant; dig the scattered seed into the ground
- okhurakalala** *v.int.* run quickly; stride; sit with legs wide apart (of women)
- okhurakho omwoyo** *vp* determine; make up your mind to accomplish; put one's heart into s.t.
- okhurakhwo** *v.int.* follow; come next
- okhurala** *v.int./tr.* sting, as a nettle; prick or irritate, as in a rough garment
- okhuralikhana** *v.int.* make a commotion
- okhuramba** *v.tr.* overcome; be too much for; defeat
- okhurambachira** *v.int.* toddle; start to learn to walk
- okhurambana** *v.int.* disagree; be unable to get along with each other
- okhurambatsana** *v.int.* disagree; be unable to get along with each other
- okhurambiya** *v.int.* become longer, taller, higher, deeper
- okhurambusia** *v.int.* walk with long strides
- okhurana** *v.int.* cheat; be deceitful
- okhurandukha** *v.int.* tear; be torn
- okhurandula** *v.tr.* tear; rip
- okhuranga** *v.int./tr.* scold; bully
- okhuranjirira** *v.int./tr.* go first; lead the way; go before; precede
- okhurasia** *v.tr.* sting as with a nettle
- okhurasta** *v.int./tr.* kick
- okhuratsukha** *v.int.* run quickly
- okhureba** *v.int./tr.* ask (a question); question; examine (by means of questions)
- okhurebana** *v.int.* ask each other
- okhureberesia** *v.int.* question closely; cross-examine; make enquiries
- okhurechekha** *v.tr.* tempt; get ready
- okhurecheresia** *v.int.* listen carefully; take note; consider
- okhureera** *v.tr.* bring (compare with okhwitsa nende 'come with, bring'); ashiri okhuleera 'he is not married yet'
- okhureera** *v.int./tr.* lay (eggs)
- okhureera amakhuwa** *vp* cause trouble, carry news
- okhureera omukhasi** *vp* marry a wife
- okhureera tsing'ombe** *vp* start paying dowry
- okhureka** *v.tr.* trap; set a trap; catch
- okhureka amarwi** *vp* listen attentively
- okhurekula** *v.tr.* start up; set going; etc.
- okhurekula ameno** *vp* amuse; cause laughter
- okhurekula omubero** *vp* set off a trap
- okhurekula omurondo** *vp* fire a gun
- okhurekula omutoka** *vp* start up a motorcar
- okhurekula tsinzekho** *vp* make jokes; make people laugh
- okhurekulira** *v.tr.* trap for, e.g., trap ants for fowls
- okhurema** *v.tr.* cut down; fell; chop
- okhurema olulikho** *vp* shake shoulders in dancing
- okhuremaka** *v.tr.* cut down bush and dig up ground; break new ground
- okhurematsaka** *v.tr.* cut down bush and dig up ground; break new ground

- okhuremula** *v.int./tr.* slash down grass, bush, undergrowth, etc.
- okhuremulukha** *v.int.* slip off; slip from a height
- okhurenga** *v.int.* shake; tremble; quiver; be afraid
- okhurenjekha** *v.tr.* put; place; set (carefully in position)
- okhurenjetsa** *v.int.* doze off to sleep; toss and turn in a light and broken sleep
- okhurenya** *v.int./tr.* collect firewood; gather sticks
- okhurera** *v.tr.* bring
- okhurera ameno** *vp* slip; slide; skid
- okhureresia** *v.tr.* make smooth; level (ground)
- okhureresia olwimbo** *vp* start up a song, singing the solo line, the others coming in with the chorus
- okhuresia** *v.tr.* shake; cause to tremble
- okhuresibwa** *v.pass.* be found
- okhuresibwa** *v.pass.* be shaken
- okhuribwa** *v.pass.* be feared; be respected
- okhurika** *v.tr.* prop up; put on wooden supports or piles (e.g. eshyachi)
- okhurikanda** *v.tr.* cut down trees for building
- okhurimba** *v.tr.* bewitch
- okhurimbulula** *v.tr.* unpick; untangle; unravel (e.g., piece of needlework, knotted cord; weaving, basket, complicated matter requiring explanation or investigation)
- okhurimukha** *v.int.* slip away; slip out; escape
- okhurimula** *v.int.* slip away; slip out; escape
- okhurindula** *v.tr.* maul; cut open; tear apart (meat)
- okhuringala** *v.tr.* examine; watch closely; look (see also okhulenga)
- okhuriririra** *v.int.* be nervous; be shy; dither; hesitate because of nervousness or fear
- okhurisia** *v.tr.* frighten; scare; terrify
- okhurisibwa** *v.pass.* be made afraid; be frightened deliberately; be scared away
- okhuritsira** *v.tr.* beat down the earth for a floor
- okhurobola** *v.tr.* beat s.o. with a heavy stick
- okhurondokhana** *v.int.* lie alongside; go along with; go together; be next to
- okhuronya** *v.int.* leak; drip
- okhurotsa** *v.tr.* thresh; beat repeatedly; pour (of rain)
- okhuruba** *v.int.* walk in single file; be in line; talk on and on
- okhurubukha** *v.int.* blaze; flare up
- okhurubula** *v.tr.* cause a blaze; strike a match
- okhuruka** *v.tr.* rule; govern; control; manage; tame and keep (animals)
- okhurula** *v.int.* go out; come forth; proceed from; start at
- okhurulikha** *v.int.* burst forth
- okhurulirakhwo tsimoni** *n.* set eyes on
- okhuruma** *v.tr.* send (of persons, not things)
- okhuruma** *v.int.* jump
- okhurumachira** *v.int.* hop; jump with both feet together
- okhurumana** *v.tr.* send (of persons, not things, cf. okhuhira)
- okhurumba** *v.int.* be stationary (of an anthill, s.o. standing still in one spot, s.t. looming through the dusk and not clearly seen)
- okhurumba** *v.int./tr.* refuse to eat because of a quarrel, annoyance, etc.
- okhurumbia** *v.tr.* cause s.o. to refuse to eat because of a quarrel, annoyance, etc.
- okhurumbukha** *v.int.* burst into speech
- okhurumbula** *v.tr.* declare; testify; bear witness; announce
- okhuruna** *v.tr.* search out; seek; look for; enquire after
- okhurunda** *v.int.* sell or buy food during a famine
- okhurundukha** *v.int.* explode; go off
- okhurundusia** *v.tr.* take by surprise
- okhurunga** *v.tr.* pay
- okhurunga** *v.tr.* thread; insert

okhurunirisia *v.int./tr.* search out; make enquiries; investigate
okhurunya *v.int.* sulk; be annoyed
okhuruta *v.tr.* rub hard
okhuruula *v.int./tr.* unload, esp. from the head
okhusaaba *v.tr.* wash (one's hands)
okhusaala *v.int.* give forth a ringing sound; jingle
okhusaala *v.int./tr.* pray; beg
okhusaalira *v.int.* suffer; be in pain; be hurt or injured
okhusaamukha *v.int.* be grubby or unwashed; have dry, scaly appearance (of skin that has not been washed)
okhusaamula *v.tr.* beat with heavy blows
okhusaasia *v.tr.* ring; cause to make a ringing noise; jingle
okhusaba *v.tr.* beg; ask for; plead; pray
okhusaba omunwa *vp* ask permission
okhusabulukha *v.int.* collapse; crumble; fall to pieces
okhusabulukhana *v.int.* scatter; be scattered; break off; separate; go away
okhusaka *v.tr.* hook onto something
okhusaka *v.int.* beckon; make signs with the hand
okhusakania *v.tr.* persecute; ill-use
okhusakhula *v.int.* grow old
okhusakula *v.tr.* bring down; pull down with long hooked pole
okhusakulukha *v.tr.* air; put out to dry a little where there is not much sun
okhusakusula *v.tr.* shake out; shake off, as dust from clothes, etc.
okhusala *v.int.* vomit; overflow
okhusalana *v.int.* scatter
okhusalasia *v.tr.* scatter
okhusalira *v.int.* be scattered or sprinkled about, e.g., blood at the scene of a fight
okhusama *v.tr.* moisten; sprinkle
okhusamba *v.tr.* burn deliberately; molt
okhusambaka *v.tr.* bathe with cloths dipped in very hot water; foment
okhusambikha *v.int.* offer help; come to the rescue

okhusambirisia *v.tr.* burn one after the other; iron; smooth under heat
okhusambukha *v.int.* come un-roofed; start to come down (a house)
okhusambula *v.tr.* raze; pull down a house, taking off the roof
okhusamula *v.int.* go out; go to work; go on a journey; go away on business; go away from the village
okhusamusia *v.tr.* take out; take away from home
okhusanda *v.int.* suffer
okhusandia *v.tr.* cause suffering; trouble; oppress; persecute
okhusanga *v.int.* have sexual intercourse
okhusangala *v.int.* make happy; please
okhusanjirana *v.int.* have fellowship
okhusanjirira *v.tr.* unite against a common foe, or in a common purpose
okhusara *v.tr.* imprint, marks cut on the body, ornamentation on pots, printing in books, etc.
okhusara eshikuka *vp* decorate a pot rolling a plait of strands of grass against wet clay
okhusasaka *v.tr.* crush with heavy blows; hammer to pieces
okhusasana *v.int.* agree together; agree with each other
okhusasania *v.tr.* atone; combine; reunite ceremonially; bring together (e.g., those who have been at enmity, or who have been ceremonially separated, as a mother and daughter after the girl's marriage)
okhusasara *v.int./tr.* itch; sting; burn
okhusasia *v.tr.* destroy; break down; spoil
okhusasikha *v.int.* spoil; be spoilt; overflow
okhusatsa *v.tr.* churn; separate butter fat by shaking milk in a gourd
okhusaya *v.int.* beg; pray; plead
okhusebukha *v.int.* shoot; send forth shoots, e.g. an apparently dead tree, or one that has been burnt
okhusebula *v.tr.* take leave of; say goodbye to; see off; dismiss

- okhusema** *v.int., v.tr.* put one off; dissuade; discourage; advise against (s.o. or s.t.); bark (a dog)
- okhusembera** *v.int.* move along together, in a crowd
- okhusena** *v.int./tr.* tread; trample; stamp
- okhusena obukhana** *vp* play the organ or harmonium (a reference to the pedals)
- okhusera** *v.tr.* attack; make war. Usually followed by the word *lihe*.
- okhuserasera** *v.int.* crowd; swarm; there is no accent on the penultimate syllable in this word
- okhuserenjera** *v.int.* roll
- okhuserenjesia** *v.tr.* roll
- okhuserera** *v.int./tr.* ask in marriage; propose; seek a wife
- okhuseretsa** *v.tr.* shake grain in a tray with a circular motion so that the rubbish comes to the surface, where it can be skimmed off; bring s.o.'s faults to the surface; make a fool of s.o.
- okhusesa** *v.int.* spread (hole, ulcer, etc.); winnow
- okhusesema** *v.int.* go from house to house looking for food; run gently
- okhuseya** *v.tr.* abuse
- okhushamia** *v.tr.* divert; make crooked; lead astray
- okhusharula** *v.tr.* whip; beat
- okhusheba** *v.tr.* cut; slice; circumcise
- okhusheba** *v.int.* become light (of sky before dawn)
- okhushecherera** *v.int.* make the sound made by hens about to lay, not a cackle
- okhushena** *v.tr.* haunt
- okhushenga** *v.tr.* cut
- okhushenulula** *v.tr.* draw the last drop of water from a jar
- okhushenya** *v.int.* groan; moan
- okhushera** *v.tr.* milk
- okhusherekha** *v.int./tr.* allow water to percolate through the ash of certain grasses so as to make an alkaline liquid used in seasoning vegetables, meat, etc.
- okhusherekha omunyu** *vp* make the liquid used to flavor meat by running water through the ash of various grasses
- okhushesania** *v.tr.* greet each other
- okhushesia** *v.tr.* greet
- okhushiama** *v.int.* stray; turn aside; be crooked
- okhushina** *v.int.* dance; play dancing games
- okhushina amabeka** *vp* shake the shoulders as in dancing
- okhushinda** *v.int.* be late; delay
- okhushinga obufira** *vp* place a charm (obufira) in s.o.'s way so as to cause them harm
- okhushingachirira** *v.tr.* interpose, hence protect, get in the way, obstruct, get in one's light, put a vessel to catch falling water, etc.; place a charm (obufira) in s.o.'s way, thus putting a spell on him; dam water; keep a matter quiet; hush up
- okhushingula** *v.int./tr.* get out of the way; get out of the light; remove something that had been interposed
- okhushirana** *v.int.* vary; differ with regard to size, quantity, price, quality, etc.
- okhushirashira** *v.int.* vary; differ with regard to size, quantity, price, quality, etc.
- okhushiring'ana** *v.int.* be quiet
- okhushirira** *v.tr.* exceed or surpass by or with
- okhushukhana** *v.int.* turn right around; change one's mind completely
- okhushukhasia** *v.tr.* turn s.t. around
- okhushukwa** *v.pass.* be plaited
- okhushya** *v.int.* dawn
- okhusibula** *v.tr.* uncork; take out the stopper
- okhusiikha** *v.tr.* bury
- okhusiinya** *v.tr.* dig up all the potatoes in a patch, leaving it ready to plant some other crop
- okhusiira** *v.int./tr.* jump; spring; leap; cross over; spin; roll and twist into a thread or cord

- okhusika** *v.tr.* grill meat, fish, etc., over a very slow fire of hot embers so as to dry it thoroughly
- okhusikala** *v.int.* remain; be left over or left behind
- okhusikama** *v.int.* kneel
- okhusikha** *v.int.* die right out; become extinct; disappear, as a whole family or sp.
- okhusikukha** *v.int.* move; move on, or along
- okhusikula** *v.tr.* move; move on
- okhusima** *v.int.* be pleased; be happy
- okhusima** *v.int.* go out; be extinguished (fire, lamp, etc.)
- okhusimia** *v.tr.* put out; extinguish
- okhusimikha** *v.int.* put something in firm position
- okhusimikha emilimo** *np* start work
- okhusimikhana** *v.tr.* take in turns
- okhusimukha** *v.int.* start off (oneself)
- okhusindikha** *v.tr.* push; shove
- okhusinga** *v.int.* give a pledge; lodge a deposit; bet
- okhusinga** *v.tr.* make into a circular shape
- okhusinga ingara** *vp* make a head-pad
- okhusinjira** *v.int.* stand; come to a standstill; rise from a sitting to a standing position (cf. okhwema)
- okhusinjirana** *v.tr.* bet with; bet on
- okhusinjisia** *v.tr.* stand up; erect
- okhusinya** *v.tr.* annoy intensely; disgust; get on one's nerves; tire out; nauseate
- okhusinya amapwoni** *vp* dig up all the potatoes left in a field, leaving it empty and ready for planting another crop
- okhusinza** *v.tr.* slaughter; kill animal for meat (< Swahili)
- okhusira** *v.tr.* renounce; refuse on principle; make a vow or strong resolve never to touch; dislike intensely; taboo; refuse on ceremonial or religious grounds
- okhusira olukaka** *vp* plant a hedge; erect a fence
- okhusirana** *v.tr.* detest each other
- okhusirikha** *v.tr.* give medical attention
- okhusirwala** *v.int.* become stupid, dumb, mentally deficient
- okhusirwasia** *v.tr.* make foolish, stupid, dumb
- okhusisa** *v.tr.* rub gently
- okhusisia** *v.tr.* exterminate; wipe out
- okhusisimukha** *v.int.* wake up
- okhusisimusia** *v.tr.* awaken; arouse
- okhusita** *v.int.* move; move along; draw near
- okhusita khumesa** *vp* take, receive Holy Communion
- okhusitaka** *v.tr.* sue; accuse before the court (< Swahili)
- okhusitia** *v.tr.* move; shift
- okhusitikha** *v.int.* revive; breathe again; come around
- okhusitoa** *v.tr.* load heavily; weight down
- okhusiyira** *v.tr.* fry; roast
- okhusokondia** *v.tr.* poke with a stick, e.g. into a hole one cannot reach otherwise
- okhusokonyala** *v.int.* squat
- okhusolana** *v.int.* quarrel; squabble
- okhusolola** *v.tr.* collect; go around collecting
- okhusoma** *v.tr.* pick a quarrel
- okhusoma** *v.int./tr.* read; study; go to school; be educated
- okhusomba** *v.tr.* remove bit by bit; carry load after load from the same place
- okhusomekha** *v.int.* wait about near where a beer-drink, etc., is in progress in the hope of being invited in
- okhusomesia** *v.tr.* cause to read, study; teach
- okhusonyola** *v.tr.* break in pieces, specially of bread, cooked bananas, ugali, etc.
- okhusosola** *v.tr.* cut off branches of a tree
- okhusota** *v.int./tr.* have sexual intimacy (referred formerly to intimacy between girls and boys sanctioned under native custom)
- okhusuba** *v.tr.* cork; block up
- okhusuba** *v.int.* be left out; miss being given

- okhusubira** *v.int.* hope; trust; expect; believe
- okhusubirira** *v.tr.* trust in; believe in
- okhusubisia** *v.tr.* promise
- okhusukuna** *v.tr.* throw; throw out; throw away
- okhusumula** *v.tr.* lift and move
- okhusumula** *v.tr.* start
- okhusuna** *v.int.* sulk; shut the mouth firmly
- okhusunda** *v.tr.* add fuel to fire; stoke; move the long sticks further into the fire; incite; provoke; cause to do; persuade to action
- okhusundukha** *v.int.* be split; spill
- okhusundula** *v.tr.* pour out; tip out; spill
- okhusundusia** *v.tr.* startle; frighten; take by surprise
- okhusunga** *v.int.* speak; talk
- okhusungana** *v.int.* talk to each other; have a discussion; confer
- okhusunjira** *v.tr.* speak to; tell
- okhusunjira mumuse** *vp* stand up and speak in such a gathering
- okhususuma** *v.int.* intrude; frequent another's house in the hope of being given a meal
- okhusuuna** *v.int.* become barren
- okhuswaka** *v.tr.* pound in a mortar
- okhuswala** *v.tr.* tread; trample; mix plaster, etc., with the feet
- okhuswamira** *v.int.* menstruate (see also *okhutaya omwesi*, *okhwitukha isyongo*)
- okhuswekha** *v.int.* slide; slip
- okhusya** *v.tr.* grind
- okhusyaya** *v.tr.* adorn; decorate; dress up
- okhusyoma** *v.tr.* threaten; warn
- okhusyomera** *v.tr.* threaten; warn; point
- okhusyula** *v.tr.* uproot; dig up by the roots
- okhusyushira** *v.tr.* curse
- okhusyushiria** *v.tr.* curse
- okhuta amatsi** *vp* go for water
- okhutakha** *v.tr.* be without; lack
- okhutralandasia** *v.tr.* screen; cover over a pit dug to trap animals
- okhutralatala** *v.int.* stretch oneself; throw oneself down; throw out arms and legs
- okhutamasia** *v.tr.* knock over a weak person
- okhutamasia** *v.int.* twist the meaning of words
- okhutamba** *v.tr.* need; be lacking in; lack
- okhutambakatia** *v.tr.* bungle; make a mess of
- okhutamikha** *v.tr.* stand in a place where it may easily fall
- okhutandamira** *v.int.* stagger
- okhutarala** *v.int.* be unable to move; stay in one place; lie like a log; be stagnant
- okhutasa** *v.int./tr.* add; increase
- okhutatia** *v.tr.* hold a child by the hand so as to support it while it is learning to walk
- okhutaula** *v.tr.* dip or take out in small quantities, e.g., grain from a granary
- okhutaya** *v.tr.* draw water
- okhutaya omwesi** *vp* menstruate (see also *okhuswamira*, *okhwitukha isyongo*)
- okhuteba** *v.int.* mind; care
- okhutechera** *v.int.* tremble; shake; be all of a dither
- okhuteka** *v.int.* be right; speak truly; make a right judgment; to hit the nail on the head
- okhutekha** *v.int./tr.* cook; a general term but applied specifically to boiling or stewing
- okhutematemia** *v.int./tr.* try; attempt; test; tempt
- okhutematemia** *v.int.* blink repeatedly
- okhutembekha** *v.int.* be loose; be relaxed; relax
- okhutemberesia** *v.tr.* treat gently; take care of; be careful with
- okhutendea** *v.int.* be loose, relaxed, slack
- okhutendesia** *v.tr.* fasten or tie loosely
- okhutendeyia** *v.tr.* loosen; slacken; relax
- okhuteng'ulula** *v.tr.* shake out
- okhuterera** *v.int.* ally oneself with; come to the help of; range oneself alongside
- okhutesherana** *v.tr.* marry (of a girl)
- okhutesherana** *v.int.* be weak and ailing

okhuteshiana *v.int.* marry each other; get married

okhuteta *v.tr.* cut; chop; snip (not used for chopping wood)

okhutetekhana *v.int.* hurry; bustle; usually implying undue haste and lack of care

okhutetekhasia *v.tr.* hurry; bustle; make s.o. do something in a great hurry

okhutetsa *v.tr.* ward off; defend against

okhutetserera *v.tr.* support; hold up; keep from falling

okhutetukha *v.int.* come apart; snap

okhutiba *v.int.* be completely lost; be completely lost sight of; perish

okhutibia *v.tr.* cause to be lost

okhutiechera *v.int.* limp

okhutiikha *v.int.* be over busy; be preoccupied; be rushed for time

okhutika *v.int.* struggle with (e.g., learning); be slow and backward; try in vain

okhutikityia *v.tr.* tickle

okhutikulukha *v.int.* go up; ascend

okhutima *v.int.* wander aimlessly; be lost

okhutimana *v.int.* mess about

okhutimatima *v.int.* grope blindly; be completely lost; feel one's way

okhutimba *v.tr.* shut up; close; cover; e.g. closing the eyes, or the mouth, or a door

okhutimbua *v.tr.* make s.o. shut his eyes

okhutimbula *v.tr.* open (particularly the eyes)

okhutindichira *v.int.* limp; stumble

okhutinya *v.int.*

okhutinya *v.int.* be firm; persevere; set one's heart; make up one's mind; harden; stick; be tight; set; hold; retain

okhutinyira *v.tr.* press down; press out; express; squeeze; strain; hold on to; retain

okhutinyirana *v.tr.* press down for each other; press out for each other; express; squeeze for each other;

okhutira *v.tr.* hold; seize; retain; grasp; catch; touch

okhutiratira *v.int.* fiddle; touch one thing after another

okhutirira *v.int.* hold for someone

okhutirwa imbalikha *v.int.* be jealous (see also okhutirwa imbalikha)

okhutisa *v.tr.* sacrifice a sheep or goat

okhutitikhana *v.int.* serve; minister

okhutitiya *v.tr.* become smaller; fewer; decrease

okhutityala *v.int.* be sarcastic

okhutoberesia *v.tr.* collect; gather together; pile up (complaints, etc.)

okhutofula *v.int.* be lazy, weak, etc.

okhutola *v.tr.* pick up something lost, dropped, or thrown away; find; come to the rescue of an orphan or poor or helpless person; adopt

okhutolola *v.tr.* turn out s.o. because he belongs to another tribe

okhutombola *v.tr.* toss; roll over and over

okhutondobana *v.int.* meddle; dither; do hurriedly; do everything wrong

okhutondola *v.tr.* glean

okhutondonya *v.tr.* touch with fingertips; jab lightly; poke gently

okhutonga *v.int.* dip a portion of obusuma etc. in gravy preparatory to eating it

okhutong'a *v.int.* remain; be left over; be left behind (see also okhusikala)

okhutonya amakhuwa *vp* gossip; tell about

okhutora *v.int.* become weak and tired; become thin; become soft

okhutosia *v.tr.* soften; make thin, weak, weary, etc.

okhutotokha *v.int.* come off the cob (of corn)

okhutotola *v.tr.* remove corn from the cob; remove small pieces

okhutsalala *v.int.* be tasteless; be insipid

okhutsalikha *v.int.* dare; presume; apparently more of a presumptuous than of a courageous daring

okhutsalisia *v.tr.* make bold; encourage; give opportunity

okhutsanzama *v.tr.* taste

okhutsatsaala *v.int.* be happy; be glad; rejoice
okhutsatsasia *v.tr.* make happy; rejoice
okhutsekha *v.int.* laugh
okhutsekha ameno *vp* laugh heartily
okhutserera *v.int.* make high pitched sound (of a kettle singing, of women wailing, etc.)
okhutsesera *v.tr.* go down the wrong way; choke
okhutseshera *v.tr.* laugh with; laugh at, in a pleased way
okhutsesherera *v.tr.* laugh at, usually in a mocking, derisive way
okhutseshia *v.tr.* amuse; cause laughter
okhutseshia ameno *vp* amuse; cause laughter
okhutsesula *v.int./tr.* scrape weeds, grass, etc., from path or courtyard
okhutsia amasika *vp* pay a ceremonial visit of sympathy after a death
okhutsia erwanyi *vp* relieve the bowels (lit. 'go outside')
okhutsia mumwesi *vp* menstruate; have one's period
okhutsinziba *v.int.* be tasteless; be insipid
okhutsira *v.tr.* go on behalf of someone
okhutsiririra *v.int.* go on; proceed; go forward; keep on; make progress
okhutsoa *v.int.* grow to manhood
okhutsoba *v.int.* project; protude; stick out
okhutsoba omunwa *vp* have protruding lips
okhutsokana *v.int.* mix with; blend with; be united
okhutsokasia *v.tr.* mix; blend; unite; combine
okhutsoma *v.tr.* sheath; insert
okhutsomokha *v.int.* come out; slip out of sheath or socket
okhutsomola *v.int.* withdraw; extricate oneself; escape; pull out (from sheath or socket); unsheath
okhutsosola *v.tr.* cut the branches off a tree, stripping them all off
okhutsuba *v.tr.* curse

okhutsukha *v.tr.* pour out; throw out (a liquid); pass urine; emit semen
okhutsukha amatsi *vp* pass urine
okhutsukunzula *v.tr.* shake liquid in a vessel; but not used of churning milk
okhutsukutsa *v.int.* rinse the mouth
okhutsula *v.int.* curdle; go watery, e.g., of thick milk or porridge
okhutsulula *v.int.* leak
okhutsuna *v.int./tr.* ache; hurt; pain
okhutsunia *v.tr.* hurt
okhutsunukha *v.tr.* bruise
okhutsunzuna *v.int./tr.* itch; irritate; sting; suck; kiss
okhutsuuba *v.tr.* encourage
okhutswana *v.int.* spread (of information)
okhutswania *v.tr.* spread abroad (information, gossip, etc.)
okhutsya amasika *vp* pay one's ceremonial visit of sympathy after a death
okhutsya erwanyi *vp* relieve the bowels
okhutsyula *v.int.* squeak
okhutubachira *v.int.* trample
okhutubukha *v.int.* soften; break up; come to pieces
okhutubukha *v.int.* lose one's temper; become angry
okhutukha *v.tr.* put a load on one's head
okhutukhula *v.tr.* scratch up the ground
okhutuma *v.int.* rise in clouds (e.g. dust, smoke, flying ants, smell)
okhutumachira *v.int.* hop
okhutumba *v.tr.* grope inside, as in getting honey out of a hollow tree; touch
okhutumukha *v.int.* disperse, scatter, e.g., of a rising column of smoke
okhutumula *v.tr.* raise, as dust; throw into the air
okhutunduma *v.int.* become warm
okhutundumia *v.tr.* warm; heat
okhutunguya *v.int.* dance wildly
okhutura *v.tr.* contribute (e.g. food for a feast)
okhutura *v.tr.* throw far away
okhututa *v.tr.* spin, e.g., beans, a top

- okhututua** *v.int.* decrease; lessen; become smaller or fewer; become less important; be humbled
- okhututuha** *v.int.* decrease; lessen; become smaller or fewer; become less important; be humbled
- okhututuma** *v.int.* thunder
- okhututuyia** *v.tr.* make smaller or fewer, etc.
- okhutumula** *v.tr.* slash; cut in two
- okhutwara** *v.int.* talk angrily
- okhutwererekha** *v.int.* tear
- okhutwereresia** *v.tr.* tear; rip
- okhutyebana** *v.int.* race; compete
- okhutyechera** *v.int.* limp; hobble
- okhuubatsa olusala** *vp* sharpen a stick
- okhuuchisia** *v.tr.* surprise; astonish; grieve; disgust
- okhuuka** *v.int.* marvel; wonder; be surprised, or sorry or grieved, or disappointed. "I am sorry" is not the English equivalent of "ehuchire," except in a few cases
- okhuula** *v.int./tr.* win; succeed
- okhuula** *v.tr.* thresh (grain); beat with heavy blows
- okhuulera** *v.int.* keep quiet (see also okhulinya)
- okhuulikha** *v.int.* be unconscious
- okhuulira** *v.tr.* hear; listen; understand; feel; perceive with the senses; obey
- okhuulira buuliri** *vp* simply to hear; know by hearsay
- okhuulirikha** *v.int.* be audible; be heard
- okhuulirisiana** *v.int., v.tr.* live or associate with others in unity; get on well together; agree
- okhuulukha** *v.int.* rest
- okhuuma** *v.int./tr.* be absent; be missing; be nonexistent, e.g., ahumaho 'he is not there', 'there is no one; be without, e.g., ahuma eshitabo 'he has no book'
- okhuuma** *v.int.* roar; hum
- okhuuma amaumo** *vp* sigh
- okhuumana** *v.int.* be surprised; be amazed; murmur in surprise or amazement; roar; or make any roaring sound
- okhuumba** *v.int.* nod the head, as in dancing
- okhuumbakha** *v.tr.* build; erect
- okhuuna** *v.int.* get up very early in the morning, usually for the purpose of making an early start at work, a journey, etc.
- okhuundulala** *v.int.* stare with fixed eyes; gaze blankly; be dull
- okhuungukha** *n.* move off; go ahead
- okhuungutsa** *v.tr.* swing around; whirl
- okhuununa** *v.tr.* harvest a little maize, etc., before the crop is all ripe
- okhuunya** *v.int./tr.* smell, either pleasantly or unpleasantly; stink
- okhuunya obubolo** *v.int.* stink
- okhuunyirisia** *v.tr.* smell; smell out
- okhuunzukha** *v.int.* turn back; turn away from; turn aside
- okhuunzula** *v.tr.* twist; reverse; turn around; (in wrestling) throw one's opponent over one's shoulder
- okhuupa olwami** *vp* make shrill cry (of women when dancing)
- okhuusa** *v.int./tr.* slip; give girth prematurely; have an abortion or miscarriage
- okhuutsa** *v.int.* blow (of the wind); blow with the mouth, as in blowing a fire
- okhuuya** *v.int.* move into a different house or district
- okhuuyia** *v.tr.* expel; turn...out of his house, or out of the district; compel...to move
- okhuuyibwa** *v.pass.* be expelled; be turned out of one's house, or out of the district; be compelled to move
- okhuwa** *v.tr.* give
- okhuwafya tsisoni** *vp* shame; embarrass; disgrace
- okhuwandia** *v.tr.* make...stick; stick...on; stick...to
- okhuwebwa omunwa** *vp* receive permission

- okhuwerera** *v.int.* come gradually to an end; decrease and finally disappear
- okhuweresia** *v.tr.* give (to s.o.)
- okhuwewera** *v.int.* whisper
- okhuwinjana** *v.int.* agree; enjoy
fellowship; come together; get on well together; be in harmony
- okhuwinjania** *v.tr.* bring into agreement; harmonize
- okhuwoleleresia** *v.tr.* quiet; ease; silence
- okhuwolera** *v.int.* be quiet; stop making any sound; keep still; ease (of pain); intensify by the used of tsi
- okhuwolera tsi** *vp* keep quite quiet
- okhuwora** *v.int./tr.* eat greedily
- okhuwora** *v.int.* marvel; be amazed
- okhuya** *v.int.* be hot
- okhuyaba** *v.tr.* dig, e.g. a hole; excavate (not used of cultivating, cf. okhulima)
- okhuyaba amapwoni** *vp* dig potatoes, only taking one or two from each plant
- okhuyabira** *v.tr.* bury
- okhuyabulula** *v.tr.* dig up something that has been buried
- okhuyakala** *v.tr.* whet; sharpen, as a knife on a stone
- okhuyala** *v.int./tr.* preach; speak publicly; make an announcement; try a case before the elders
- okhuyaya** *v.tr.* snatch; take by force; despoil
- okhuyeera** *v.int.* breathe
- okhuyekha** *v.int.* lean
- okhuyemba** *v.int.* fill; flood
- okhuyenda** *v.int.* be worried, troubled, anxious, grieved
- okhuyendera** *v.tr.* be worried, etc., about, or on behalf of
- okhuyendia** *v.tr.* worry; trouble someone
- okhuyenga** *v.int./tr.* look; look at
- okhuyenga** *v.tr.* brew beer
- okhuyengana** *v.int.* look at each other
- okhuyengana nende** *vp* be opposite
- okhuyenjera** *v.tr.* look through; look on behalf of
- okhuyenjeresia** *v.int./tr.* look for; keep the eyes open; be on the lookout
- okhuyenzera** *v.int.* be flat; be level; lie still; be stagnant; be calm
- okhuyenzesia** *v.tr.* flatten; calm; quieten; knock down flat 0 as in amupire namuyenzesia
- okhuyera** *v.int.* alight; settle; set (the sun); calm down
- okhuyera inda** *vp* conceive a child, become pregnant
- okhuyerana** *v.int.* be equal
- okhuyesera** *v.int.* breathe heavily and gaspingly; be out of breath; be puffed
- okhuyeshera** *v.tr.* lean against, or on
- okhuyesia** *v.tr.* incline; bend; lean against
- okhuyeya** *v.int.* commit adultery; possibly more accurately, bear an illegitimate child
- okhuyia** *v.int.* become hot; burn; cook
- okhuyiba** *v.int.* shout angrily
- okhuyichikha** *v.tr.* support; steady
- okhuyima** *v.int./tr.* hunt
- okhuyindasia** *v.tr.* enrich; make wealthy
- okhuyindiala** *v.int.* become rich, wealthy
- okhuyindira** *v.int.* live very long (see also okhuiindira)
- okhuyingana** *v.int.* dispute; debate; argue; quarrel
- okhuyinia** *v.tr.* take out; withdraw; extract; remove
- okhuyinjikhana** *v.int.* be part full
- okhuyinjikhasia** *v.tr.* fill partly
- okhuyira** *v.tr.* take (a thing), as in okhuyira eshisala munzu 'take the chair into the house'; send in the care of another
- okhuyira emiayo** *vp* yawn
- okhuyira emuya** *vp* yawn
- okhuyira omukoma** *vp* push one's opponent about in wrestling; dance all over the place
- okhuyirana** *v.int.* commit adultery
- okhuyirira** *v.int.* snore (of s.o.); purr (of a cat)
- okhuyiririsia** *v.int.* consider; ponder; meditate; think deeply

okhuyiya *v.int.* flit about of birds, insects, etc.); go aimlessly from place to place

okhuyoba *v.int.* restless

okhuyobia *v.tr.* interrupt; distract

okhuyochera *v.int.* make a noise; shout

okhuyochesia *v.tr.* interrupt a conversation

okhuyokha *v.int.* droop; hang down (of grass coming out of the edge of a thatched roof)

okhuyomba *v.tr.* excel; defeat; exceed; used in comparison of adjectives, in the same way as okhushira

okhuyombokha *v.int.* spill; be accidentally tipped out

okhuyombola *v.tr.* pour out; tip out

okhuyosia *v.tr.* pull down; pull out grass from thatch

okhuyoya *v.tr.* dip or take out in small quantities

okhuyuchira *v.int.* walk quickly; run slowly; overtake someone; hurry

okhuyuka *v.int.* accelerate; hasten

okhuyumba *v.int.* be destitute; be without relations; be neglected; be overgrown; become overgrown

okhuyungubala *v.int.* be mischevious, restless, impatient

okhuyunjia *v.tr.* pester; persuade, against his will

okhuyusia *v.tr.* reach; deliver; complete; fulfill

okhuyuya *v.tr.* shake, e.g. the head

okhuyuyira *v.int.* run slowly; hurry; make haste

okhuyuyukhana *v.int.* hurry; make haste; do hurriedly

okhwaana *v.int.* cry for help

okhwabala *v.tr.* drape; wear a cloth draped at the side

okhwabukha *v.int.* crack; split; of a thing split down the center, divided in two

okhwachikha *v.tr.* hang up; put up on a rack or shelf

okhwafula *v.int.* crawl; used only of a baby

okhwaka *v.int./tr.* weed with a hoe, etc.; scratch; searify

okhwakama *v.int.* end; come to an end

okhwakamia *v.tr.* bring to a close; put a stop to

okhwakara *v.int./tr.* carry a child on the hip; scratch hard and deep (of a wild animal); maul

okhwakasia *v.tr.* hurt a sore place; open up an old sore

okhwakha *v.int.* burn; glow; give light

okhwakhakha *v.int.* burn or sting, as from smoke, pepper, etc.

okhwakhanya *v.int.* become red; glow; become fierce, cruel

okhwakukha *v.int.* fall; be brought down; be detached from support, as a leaf or fruit about to fall

okhwakula *v.tr.* bring down; lift down from a height; pick fruit, etc., high up on a tree (e.g., bananas off bunch, maize off stem)

okhwala *v.tr.* spread; lay; set out; spread out e.g. mat

okhwalaba *v.int.* scold; be bad tempered

okhwalakha *v.int.* be completely dry and parched, drier than was intended or desired; be very thirsty

okhwalala *v.int.* lend a hand; assist; help with someone else's job

okhwalama *v.int.* be open

okhwalikha *v.int./tr.* put water on to boil for making obusuma

okhwalikha *v.int./tr.* take more than one wife

okhwalisia *v.tr.* lay down (e.g., a baby)

okhwalula *v.tr.* hatch out, or bring out chickens

okhwaluula *v.tr.* remove; take off, of something spread out, as a table-cloth, bed clothes, etc.

okhwama *v.int.* be scattered over, e.g., dew on grass

okhwama *v.tr.* bear fruit

okhwambachirarira *v.tr.* follow up at a slow pace (see also okhwambachirira)

- okhwambachirira** *v.tr.* follow up at a slow pace (see also okhwambachiririra)
- okhwambakhana** *v.tr.* deny; dispute
- okhwambukha** *v.int./tr.* cross, especially to cross a river, valley, lake, etc.
- okhwambula** *v.tr.* find dead or dying, either an animal or s.o.; to come upon something useful unexpectedly
- okhwambusia** *v.tr.* take across
- okhwamukha** *v.int.* dawn; become clear after rain; open the eyes; blink on being suddenly awakened
- okhwana** *v.int.* blossom; flower
- okhwana** *v.int.* cry; whine; bleat; bellow (of baby, lamb)
- okhwangala** *v.int.* blaze up, of a fire
- okhwanguya** *v.int.* hurry; be quick
- okhwanguyirisia** *v.int./tr.* hurry; hasten
- okhwanichira** *v.int.* go up-hill; ascend
- okhwanikha** *v.int.* lie in the sun; hang up
- okhwanira** *v.tr.* cry for; cry to
- okhwanula** *v.tr.* take in things that have been spread out to dry, e.g., clothes, grain
- okhwanza** *v.tr.* arrange; set out in order; make a list; tabulate
- okhwanzukha** *v.tr.* leave; desert
- okhwanzukha** *v.int./tr.* put grain on stone to start grinding
- okhwanzushira** *v.tr.* neglect someone or something
- okhwara** *v.int./tr.* demarcate a boundary, by digging the field on either side, leaving a channel between; split; cut in two; break (pot, etc.)
- okhwara** *v.tr.* skin bananas for cooking
- okhwarasia** *v.tr.* split
- okhwarula** *v.tr.* maul
- okhwasaka ameno** *vp* burst out laughing
- okhwasama** *v.int./tr.* open (the mouth); gape; yawn
- okhwasamula** *v.int.* sneeze
- okhwashia** *v.tr.* light; cause to glow
- okhwashira** *v.tr.* shine on; shine in; shine for
- okhwasiaka** *v.tr.* split, e.g., firewood
- okhwatikha** *v.int.* be driven out of home by invaders
- okhwatikha** *v.int.* break (cup, pot, etc.)
- okhwatukha** *v.int.* blaze; talk in a loud voice; become known
- okhwatula** *v.tr.* make a fire blaze
- okhwatulukha** *v.int.* thunder
- okhwaukha** *v.int.* depart; separate oneself from
- okhwaukhana** *v.int.* be separate from; differ from; usually followed by 'nende'
- okhwaukhasia** *v.tr.* distinguish; differentiate; cause to separate
- okhwaula** *v.tr.* sort out; separate; select from amongst a crowd; set apart; ordain; consecrate
- okhwaulira** *v.tr.* set apart for; ordain to; consecrate to
- okhwaya** *v.int./tr.* graze; herd sheep, cattle, etc.; gather vegetables
- okhwayula** *v.int.* scream
- okhweberesia** *v.tr.* give presents to a bride to induce her to eat, cook, etc., for the first time in her husband's house
- okhweberwa** *v.int.* refuse to accept a gift
- okhwechekha** *v.tr.* send a cow, etc., to another man's village to be looked after and herded with his
- okhwechesia** *v.int./tr.* teach; show
- okhweka** *v.int./tr.* learn
- okhwema** *v.int.* stand; come to a stand-still; stop walking or running
- okhwemekha** *v.tr.* exalt to a position of honor and authority, e.g., chief, king, etc.; crown or enthrone; appoint; put up the posts for the framework of a house
- okhwenda** *v.tr.* fetch; go and bring
- okhwenga** *v.int.* ripen
- okhwenya** *v.tr.* want; need; like; love; appear to be on the point of, e.g., yanya okhulwala 'he looks as if he is going to be ill'
- okhwerama** *v.int.* swim
- okhwerera** *v.int.* swing, or sway, as a pendulum or a draped cloth
- okhwererekha** *v.int.* settle; deposit a sediment

okhweya *v.int./tr.* sweep; wipe; dry with a cloth

okhwiba *v.tr.* steal; rob; obtain dishonestly

okhwibaala *v.int./tr.* teach; direct; instruct

okhwibaalira *v.tr.* teach; direct

okhwibala *v.tr.* drop and leave about

okhwibalalira *v.tr.* sprain; strain

okhwibalana *v.int.* leave one another; part company; excuse one another; let each other go

okhwibalira obwikhalo *vp* welcome

okhwibasiasia *v.int.* fling oneself down, writhing and flinging the limbs about, as one in a fit

okhwibeka *v.refl.* shave oneself

okhwibinza *v.int.* dance

okhwibirira *v.tr.* forget

okhwibotsa *v.int.* rant and rave

okhwiboyongoyia *v.int.* rotate; swing around

okhwibula *v.int./tr.* give birth; bear; beget

okhwibulana *v.int.* breed; increase in numbers through birth

okhwibunda *v.int.* crouch down and walk stealthily; sneak

okhwibunjikha *v.int.* come together; assemble; be heaped up

okhwichenderesia *v.refl.* walk righteously; behave decently

okhwicherasia nende *v.refl.* compare oneself with

okhwicherekha *v.refl.* take undue credit; say one has heard or done something, when actually it is one's own invention

okhwichika *v.refl.* attempt something beyond one's powers; bite off more than one can chew

okhwichikana *v.int.* argue as to who shall do a piece of work

okhwichingula *v.refl.* walk with head erect; exalt oneself

okhwichinjimisia *v.refl.* exalt oneself; be conceited; give oneself airs

okhwieneresia *v.refl.* stretch up, raising oneself on tip-toe, as in trying to reach something high up, or to peep over an obstacle

okhwifimba *v.refl.* wrap oneself up

okhwifinyirisia *v.int.* squeeze through; go through a tight place; carry on in spite of pain or danger; be willing to bear pain

okhwifisa *v.refl.* hide oneself

okhwifubula *v.int.* try to avoid blame by putting it onto someone else

okhwifumba *v.refl.* bend o.s.

okhwifumberera *v.refl.* fold the arms; be wrapped up in one's own grief or disappointment

okhwifunda *v.refl.* feed oneself; put food into one's mouth

okhwifwala *v.refl.* dress oneself; put on a garment

okhwifwalula *v.refl.* undress oneself; take off a garment

okhwifwania nende *v.refl.* make oneself like; pretend to be; compare oneself with

okhwifwira *v.int.* endure; bear; put up with; suffer patiently

okhwifwokoya *v.refl.* fidget

okhwihena *v.refl.* draw oneself up; stand on tip-toe

okhwihonjekha *v.refl.* sit still; wait patiently

okhwiikama *v.int./tr.* shelter from the rain

okhwiina *v.tr.* dip; immerse; soak; touch, particularly with the tip of a finger

okhwiirira *v.int.* snore

okhwiirisia *v.tr.* to ponder

okhwikala *v.int./tr.* close, or be closed; shut, or be shut

okhwikalira *v.tr.* shut in (or out); prevent; stop

okhwikalisia *v.tr.* dam water; hush up a matter

okhwikalukhasia *v.int.* turn right around; be converted; repent

- okhwikana** *v.int.* deny, go back on what one said previously
- okhwikanya** *v.int.* coil up, like a snake
- okhwikara** *v.tr.* press own, e.g. meal in a basket
- okhwikasia** *v.int.* get ready; prepare oneself
- okhwikatambia** *v.int.* leave those you are walking with and lag behind; go off your work; speak haltingly in a foreign language
- okhwikatia** *v.int.* leave those you are walking with and lag behind
- okhwikha** *v.int.* descend; come down; go down
- okhwikhala** *v.int.* sit; stay; remain; dwell; yekhale 'he is sitting'
- okhwikhalira** *v.int.* indulge in unkind gossip
- okhwikhasia** *v.tr.* seat; cause to be seated; prevent from going
- okhwikholera** *v.int.* do in advance; prepare beforehand
- okhwikholokhosia** *v.refl.* trouble oneself
- okhwikhonya** *v.refl.* help oneself
- okhwikhonyera** *v.refl.* help oneself with; use
- okhwikhoya** *v.int.* rejoice; be glad; be happy
- okhwikhulumamia** *v.refl.* exalt oneself; give oneself airs.
- okhwikhuna** *v.refl.* be stunted
- okhwikhupa** *v.refl.* beat oneself
- okhwikhupa asi** *v.refl.* throw oneself on the ground
- okhwikhuula** *v.int./tr.* wail for s.o. who has died, or who is dying
- okhwikhuuna** *n.* amazement; fear; wonder
- okhwikoka** *v.refl.* move aside; get out of the road; squeeze sideways through a narrow opening
- okhwikolola** *v.refl.* take an evening walk in the open air
- okhwikomba** *v.refl.* desire; long for; lust
- okhwikongola** *v.refl.* deny absolutely, or dissociate oneself from; repudiate, catching the thumbnail in the front teeth, and then flinging the arm out, while exclaiming "Ko-o-o-ngo!"
- okhwikoniola** *v.refl.* stretch oneself; writhe; wriggle; be jolted about
- okhwikonya** *v.refl.* examine oneself
- okhwikopola** *v.refl.* drink quickly; gulp down
- okhwikora** *v.refl.* change oneself into
- okhwikota** *v.refl.* bend; be bent
- okhwikotiombola** *v.refl.* walk swayingly; wind in and out; follow a zigzag course; swerve from side to side, as a river, or a snake
- okhwikukha** *v.int.* be open; come unfastened
- okhwikula** *v.tr.* open; omuliango kwikushe 'the door is open'
- okhwikura** *v.refl.* be satisfied (with food); have had enough to eat
- okhwikwenya** *v.refl.* move aside; dodge
- okhwilaasia** *v.tr.* lead into evil ways; spoil the character of; accuse of evil habits
- okhwilakalakanania** *v.int.* talk to oneself; talk nonsense or to talk boastfully when others don't want to listen
- okhwilasia** *v.refl.* lust; be filled with desire
- okhwilera** *v.refl.* give in
- okhwiliang'aliang'ania** *v.refl.* talk to oneself; talk nonsense, or boastfully, when others don't want to listen; exaggerate
- okhwilima** *v.int.* get dark, as at night
- okhwilonderesia** *v.int.* go uninvited; crash a party
- okhwilunda** *v.refl.* shrink; become smaller
- okhwima** *v.tr.* deny; refuse to give; withhold
- okhwimalira** *v.refl.* finish for yourself
- okhwimana** *v.refl.* be mean; be tightfisted; be miserly
- okhwimba** *v.int./tr.* sing
- okhwimeta** *v.int.* get on; grow; develop; increase

- okhwimika** *v.refl.* hang oneself, the usual method of committing suicide; commit suicide; choke oneself
- okhwimira** *v.tr.* guide; lead
- okhwimirira** *v.tr.* guide; lead; go in front
- okhwimisia** *v.tr.* put...in front; make...lead; give...prominence, or preference; honor
- okhwimitsa** *v.int.* jump forward, as in a long jump
- okhwinaba** *v.refl.* wash one's whole body
- okhwinabula** *v.refl.* throw off all one's clothes, ornaments, weapons, bundles, etc.; strip; lay aside
- okhwinama** *v.int.* bow; bend
- okhwinamira** *v.tr.* bow down to; worship
- okhwing'ona** *v.refl.* adorn oneself; dress up
- okhwinikha** *v.tr.* dip; immerse; sink; soak, become wet
- okhwinjira** *v.int./tr.* enter; go in; to through
- okhwinjira irumbi** *vp* wait on a brother or cousin who has been circumcised, of a girl
- okhwinjira murumbi** *vp* be circumcised; lit. 'enter circumcision house', used even of circumcision in hospital; yenjira murumbi 'he entered the circumcision house, i.e., he was circumcised'
- okhwinjira obuchenjeri** *vp* make an agreement to take turns in brewing beer, each putting in an equal share of the grain required
- okhwinjirira** *v.tr.* invade
- okhwinona** *v.int.* examine the body and limbs carefully while washing or anointing with oil or soap to make sure that no part has been missed, and if it has to repair the omission
- okhwinula** *v.tr.* dish up vegetables, meat, etc.
- okhwinulula** *v.tr.* take out of water
- okhwinyala** *v.int.* pass urine; emit semen
- okhwinyamba** *v.int.* pass gas
- okhwinyasia** *v.refl.* disturb oneself; trouble oneself
- okhwinyira** *v.int.* stretch oneself
- okhwinyokha** *v.int.* depart; particularly to depart for home
- okhwinyola** *v.int.* go stealthily; sneak
- okhwinyukha** *v.int.* become fine and soft, as fine flour
- okhwipula** *v.int.* go inside the house repeatedly
- okhwira** *v.tr.* become dusk
- okhwira** *v.int.* kill
- okhwiranya** *v.tr.* work iron in a forge; make of iron, etc.
- okhwirechekha** *v.int.* be ready; be on the alert
- okhwireka** *v.int.* obstruct; sit down uninvited
- okhwireshera** *v.int.* refrain from taking food, etc., so as to leave it for others; be self-denying; be self-controlled; be temperate
- okhwireshesia** *v.int.* refrain from taking food, etc., so as to leave it for others; be self-denying; be self-controlled; be temperate
- okhwirikha** *v.int.* fit and suit (of clothes)
- okhwirita** *v.int.* dash past quickly
- okhwirita tsimbiro** *v.int.* run quickly
- okhwirobotsa** *v.int.* rant and rave; become furiously angry, and try to force a quarrel on others who do not respond
- okhwirukha** *v.int., v.tr.* run (from); travel quickly; okhwirukha eshindu 'to run from s.t'
- okhwirukha emiribiri** *vp* run quickly
- okhwirukha tsimbiro** *v.int.* run quickly (from)
- okhwirukhana** *v.int.* get dark, become dusk; eshyalo shirukhana 'it is getting dark', 'dusk is setting in'; hasten; run about
- okhwirukhira** *v.tr.* run to; run for; okhwirushira eshindu 'to run to s.t.'
- okhwirulutsa** *v.int.* have an issue of blood; discharge of blood from the vagina
- okhwirunda** *v.int.* sway; swing backwards and forwards; be agitated

(e.g., of the surface of the sea in a storm); move up and down (of waves)

okhwirusia *v.tr.* drive out; cause to run, or to go quickly, e.g. by chasing (s.o.); by peddling hard (a bicycle); or by driving (a vehicle)

okhwirwatsa *v.refl.* hold forth; preach; make a speech

okhwisakasia *v.refl.* move about; be restless; make a rustling sound

okhwisasaka *v.refl.* hit oneself with hammer, stone, etc.

okhwishenya *v.int.* groan; sigh

okhwishia *v.int.* be thankful; rejoice, with thankfulness to the one who has caused the rejoicing

okhwishia amaumo *vp* sigh

okhwisiaya *v.int.* adorn oneself

okhwisichirala *v.int.* stumble; trip; stub one's toe; fall into sin

okhwisichirasia *v.tr.* trip up; cause to stumble; cause to fall into sin; put a stumbling block in the way

okhwisika *v.int.* be faithful; be reliable; be independent; be trusting

okhwisima *v.int.* be satisfied; be pleased; particularly to be pleased with one's own doings, though not necessarily in a boastful or unpleasant way

okhwisinga *v.refl.* bathe; wash one's whole body; take a bath

okhwisisikhana *v.refl.* sob; catch one's breath and be unable to speak because of grief, anger, etc.

okhwisumirisia *v.refl.* endure; be patient; bear up under adversity

okhwisundukha *v.refl.* be startled; start with surprise

okhwisweta *v.int.* move along on the buttocks

okhwitabalira *v.int.* be covered in blood

okhwitanda *v.refl.* dress up; disguise oneself

okhwitandanya *v.refl.* change one's mind belatedly; go back to a matter that has been settled already

okhwiteka *v.refl.* to be focused

okhwitemberesia *v.refl.* be obedient; faithful, law-abiding, docile

okhwitetsa *v.refl.* defend oneself; make excuses

okhwitikha *v.int.* spill

okhwitisia *v.tr.* spill

okhwitonya *v.int.* rant and rave

okhwitsa *v.int.* come, used as an auxiliary verb to indicate that an action is about to take place or that it is already being prepared for (see also okhuhamba)

okhwitsa nende *vp* come with; bring; nitwitsa mukamba, itsa nende imbako 'when you come tomorrow, bring your hoe'

okhwitsomia *v.refl.* praise; commend

okhwitsuba *v.refl.* bow; promise solemnly

okhwitsukhana *v.refl.* be taken by surprise; do something unintentionally

okhwitsula *v.int.* contain; be filled with; be near to calving (of a cow)

okhwitsula tu *vp* be completely full

okhwitsulira *v.tr.* remember

okhwitsunirisia *v.refl.* squeeze through a tight place; be willing to bear pain; carry on in spite of pain or danger

okhwitsusia *v.tr.* fill

okhwitsusia *v.tr.* remind

okhwitubuta *v.int.* bathe; play in the water; swim

okhwitukha *v.tr.* put on one's head for carrying; take up a load

okhwitukha isyongo *vp* menstruate (see also okhuswamira, okhutaya omwesi)

okhwitunjerera *v.refl.* balance oneself

okhwitunjeresia *v.refl.* balance something on the head while walking

okhwituta *v.int.* jump high

okhwiula *v.tr.* take off the fire

okhwiumira *v.refl.* be amazed, perplexed, astonished

okhwiunza *v.refl.* look all around, turning the head in all directions

okhwiya *v.tr.* pluck out, e.g. hairs; pull up by the roots

- okhwiyaka** *v.tr.* pull up by the roots; pluck out, e.g. hairs
- okhwiyalisia** *v.int.* lie down; go to bed
- okhwiyama** *v.int./tr.* acknowledge; confess; agree
- okhwiyanga** *v.refl.* have room, space, permission, excuse, opportunity
- okhwiyanza** *v.refl.* arrange themselves in an orderly manner; line up
- okhwiyaula** *v.refl.* separate oneself
- okhwiyibulula** *v.refl.* improve in appearance; of a snake, the shedding of the skin
- okhwiyichikha** *v.refl.* support oneself, e.g. resting the head on a pillow
- okhwiyika** *v.refl.* stay at home, refusing to go on journeys or pay visits
- okhwiyina** *v.refl.* duck one's head, particularly to avoid being seen
- okhwiyinikha** *v.refl.* sink
- okhwiyira kalaa** *v.refl.* go carefully; behave discreetly
- okhwiyitsusia** *v.refl.* recall what one has seen and done in the past; remind oneself
- okhwiyosia** *v.refl.* go very quickly; swoop; dash past; go in and out of the house repeatedly; pass quickly out of sight
- okhwiyula** *v.refl.* go very quickly; swoop; dash past; go in and out of the house repeatedly; pass quickly out of sight
- okhwonona** *v.int.* sin; do wrong
- okhwononekha** *v.int.* spoil; be spoiled; go bad
- okhwononia** *v.tr.* spoil; sin against
- okhwora** *v.int./tr.* warm oneself (e.g., at fire, in sun, etc.)
- okhwora omuliro** *vp* warm oneself at a fire
- okhworamira** *v.int./tr.* bask; warm oneself in the sun
- okhwosia** *v.tr.* wash
- okurusia** *v.tr.* take out; drive out; remove
- okurya** *v.int./tr.* be afraid; fear; honor; respect
- okusyukha** *v.int./tr.* haunt; look ugly; bring a curse
- okwabula** *v.tr.* divide; tear or cut apart; split in two
- okwakanana** *v.tr.* meet each other (s.o.)
- okwarasia** *v.tr.* split; divide into two parts or groups; separate, e.g., seat oneself between two others already seated
- olakalukha lwangu, ko!** *excl.* come back quickly!
- olindwe** *greet.* 'goodbye'; lit. 'may you be kept'; also occasionally akhulinde 'may he keep you'
- olindwekhwo** *greet.* 'goodbye'; lit. 'may you be kept'
- olubaa** *n.* wing
- olubafu** *n.* rib (see also pl. tsimbafu 'ribs' and mumbafu 'side of the body, where the ribs are')
- olubaka** *n.* generation; age group; nowolubaka lulala nende wane 'he was born at the same time as so-and-so'
- olubakaya** *n.* fishbone
- olubala** *n.* sting of bee, hornet, etc.
- olubasi** *n.* lower part of thigh bone; okhupa olubasi 'kick'
- olubeere** *n.* breast; udder of animal (see also omunwa kwolubeere 'nipple', efibeere 'teats of a cow')
- olubeka** *n.* side
- olubemde** *n.* flat, coarse grass used in thatching
- olubereshero** *n.* uterus; womb
- olubibo** *n.* pitchfork; rake
- olubiriri** *n.* row of people
- olubombwe** *n.* sp. of grass which is made into a garland and hung round the neck of a bride and used in other ceremonies
- oluboolo** *n.* language; saying
- olububi** *n.* spider-web
- olubukha** *n.* midge; tiny flying insect (pl., obubukha)
- olubumbu** *n.* young banana-leaf, not yet unrolled
- olubutso** *n.* place where people gather to sit, chat, and pass the time (okhubutsa)

- olucheka** *n.* heavy black rain clouds; crop of simsim covered with blue-black pods
- oluchendo** *n.* journey; march; walk
- oluchero** *n.* parable; proverb
- oluchina** *n.* grinding stone (big lower stone, cf. isiyo 'small upper grinding stone'); mill
- oluchinga** *n.* coast; shore; banks
- oluchyo** *n.* piece of a broken pot; very large beer-pot, so large that the beer in it has to be stirred with the legs; omulonji alitsanga khuluchyo 'the potter eats from a potsherd'
- olufu** *n.* dust, death
- olufunguo** *n.* key; fastener
- olufuyo** *n.* cream or yellowish colored clay
- olufwafwa** *n.* grass, suitable for lawns
- olukaka** *n.* hedge; fence; okhusira
olukaka 'plant a hedge, erect a fence'
- olukakha** *n.* large bird of prey
- olukalakala** *n.* shrill cry made by women when dancing
- olukanga** *n.* sword
- olukano** *n.* story; fable
- olukaratasi** *n.* piece of paper; page
- olukata** *n.* tobacco pipe; okhunywa
olukata 'smoke a pipe'
- olukaye** *n.* dish; small flat earthen dish used for serving vegetables or meat and gravy, etc.
- olukhana** *n.* girlhood; virginity; hymen
- olukhanda** *n.* net
- olukhanda** *n.* belt
- olukhanya** *n.* long bundle of firewood
- olukhasi** *n.* womanhood, characteristics and attributes of womanhood
- olukhayiro** *n.* sickle
- olukho** *n.* game played with beans on a board with two or more rows of hollows
- olukhoba** *n.* strip of leather; strap; belt; thong
- olukhofi** *n.* palm of hand (when regarded as an instrument for striking)
- olukhono** *n.* a grudging spirit
- olukhu** *n.* noise (of voices)
- olukhwi** *n.* one stick of firewood
- olukoba** *n.* wall of earth round village, with a dry moat
- olukokongwe** *n.* spine; back-bone
- olukongo** *n.* ridge of country, hence a district
- olukose** *n.* the Yala River
- olukoshakoshe** *n.* hazo, usually of smoke
- olukosi** *n.* whining; fretfulness; favoritism
- olukukhu** *n.* mold; mildew; rust;
okhupwa olukukhu 'go moldy or rusty'
- olukuku** *n.* coast; shore; banks
- olukulu/eshikulu** *n.* mountain
- olukuma** *n.* wound caused by a blow to the head; okhupa olukuma 'hit on the head with a stick, etc.'
- olukusi** *n.* red soil
- olula** *n.* sheath (of sword, etc.)
- olula** *n.* piece of the intestine
- olulika** *n.* brim
- olulikho** *n.* scapular; shoulder blade
- olulimi** *n.* tongue; language
- olulindi** *n.* rainbow
- olulinga** *n.* thick wire ornament worn around the neck
- olulobo** *n.* fishhook
- oluluyia** *n.* the language of the Bantu people of North and Central Kavirondo
- olumbuku** *n.* couch grass
- olumbutsu** *n.* weakness and faintness without giddiness for which use oluhungoyi
- olumechero** *n.* marks on forehead of girls and women, made by an old woman who hooks up the piece of flesh with a thorn, cuts the skin, and rubs in omusala; comb of a rooster
- olumemu** *n., adj.* flame; sharp
- olumiriro** *n.* uvula
- olumuli** *n.* stalk of thatching grass; small straight stick; match
- olumwo** *n.* blade used for shaving; razor
- olundi** *adj.* another; a certain one
- olung'ala** *n.* frog, of the long-jumping variety
- olungeresa** *n.* English language

- olungoyi** *n.* faintness; dizziness; weakness
- olunyali** *n.* line; verse of scripture, hymn
- olunyanyiro** *n.* jaw
- olunyasi** *n.* blade of grass (pl. obunyasi)
- olunyirira** *n.* light fall of rain; shower; drizzle of rain
- olunyuma** *prep.* after (time)
- olunyumakhwo** *adv.* afterwards
- olupao** *n.* board, anything made from a board (<Swahili)
- olusa** *n.* craving for some particular food
- olusaaka** *n.* green vegetable, both cultivated and found growing wild, which grows to a height of 3 feet or more, and bears a small white or mauve flower
- olusaka** *n.* long branch
- olusala** *n.* stick
- olusambwa** *n.* stick (of olusyola) set up alongside the ancestral stones, in honor of some particular spirit
- olusangula** *n.* ripe (of millet); amabere kali olusangula 'the millet is ripe'
- olusatsa** *n.* manhood; characteristics and attributes of manhood
- oluseya** *n.* jawbone
- olushebe** *n.* penis
- olusherekho** *n.* pot or dish with holes, in which the ash of grasses is packed and water allowed to percolate through in order to make omunyu, the alkaline liquid used in flavoring
- olusheti** *n.* one of the thin sticks forming the framework for a mud wall or thatched roof
- olushinga** *n.* hair of a cow's tail; noose made from hairs of a cow's tail, for catching quail, etc. (pl. obushinga)
- olusi** *n.* thread (a single thread, see also obusi 'thread in bulk')
- olusi** *n.* reed or reeds; Napier grass
- olusia** *n.* tune; air; instrumental music
- olusiba** *n.* deep water, in lake or river
- olusoliri** *n.* youth (of boys only); adolescence, esp. the characteristics and attributes of youth
- olusu** *n.* scent or odor of body of person or animal
- olusuli** *n.* tough creeper which is smoked and split and used to tie on hoe handles, etc.
- olusungo** *n.* saying; language
- oluswa** *n.* rebellion
- olusyani** *n.* boyhood; characteristics and attributes of boyhood
- olutabo** *n.* small flat dish used for gravy or vegetables
- olutayiro** *n.* large basket cage for holding about a dozen quail
- olutende** *n.* marsh; bog
- olutere** *n.* finger (see also olwala)
- oluteru** *n.* flat tray of wicker, used as a plate for obusuma and for winnowing, etc.
- oluteyo** *n.* iron ornament worn round neck or waist; armband; bracelet
- olutsaa** *n.* string or lace
- olutseshe** *n.* beer-drinking tube, usually five or six feet long, made by passing a wire through the center of the stem of a certain wild creeper
- olutungu** *n.* deep place in water (see also olusiba)
- oluubu** *n.* flake of dried skin; discarded skin of a snake
- oluumbe** *n.* disease, usually a fatal one, venereal disease
- oluungu** *n.* shrill cry of alarm, distress, or grief (pl. tsimbungu)
- oluusi** *n.* thread of cotton
- oluwenu** *n.* lightning (in the sky); likulu lyakhupa inzu 'lightning struck the house'
- oluya** *n.* sweat; perspiration; heat causing perspiration; heated atmosphere
- oluyali** *n.* glory; honor; beauty; virginity
- oluyefwe** *n.* fringed tassels of green maize
- oluyere** *n.* infancy; childishness; childish ways
- oluyia** *n.* tribe; clan
- oluyoka** *n.* voice; sound
- oluyongo** *n.* striga weed

- olwa** *conj.* when; while
- olwa bwashia mutsuli** *adv.* at dawn the next day
- olwa lero** *adv.* from today
- olwabere** *n.* yesterday; the previous day
- olwafwa** *n.* a crack
- olwahulo** *n.* difference
- olwakho** *n.* boundary
- olwala** *n.* finger (see also olutere); olwala olusatsa 'thumb'; olwala lweliramwa 'a single banana'
- olwala iwe liramwa** *np* one banana
- olwala olusatsa** *np* thumb
- olwamberi** *adv.* at first; in the first place
- olwambukho** *n.* the other side (of river, etc.); ford
- olwami** *n.* shrill cry made by women when dancing, etc. (see also olukalakala)
- olwana** *n.* rack above fire for drying grain, firewood, etc.
- olwana** *n.* childhood; characteristics and attributes of childhood
- olwanda** *n.* rock; ameno ketsinyanda 'double teeth, molars'
- olwang'a** *n.* shrill cry of alarm, distress, or grief
- olwanyi** *n.* courtyard; outside
- olwanziro** *n.* something arranged; list
- olwasa** *n.* gap where teeth have been extracted (cf. imbenya 'natural gap between the two center teeth', imbakukha 'natural gap between two side teeth')
- olwembe** *n.* razor (< Swahili)
- olwena** *n.* lower part of abdomen
- olwenu** *n.* lightning
- olwibulo** *n.* generation
- olwichi** *n.* door, as distinct from doorway; the large square of wicker-work slid in between two sets of door-posts to close the doorway at night
- olwikho** *n.* wooden or bone spoon
- olwikhulo** *n.* song of mourning; lament
- olwimbo** *n.* song; hymn
- olwimbo lwolukhana** *n.* song of virginity, which used to be sung by the party of girls carrying news of a bride's virginity back to her home
- olwire** *n.* field where obule has been harvested
- olwoto** *n.* very tiny egg, laid before reaching full size
- olwoya** *n.* single hair; feather
- omuanda** *n.* road, as distinct from a foot truck.
- omubaatsi** *n.* carpenter
- omubambalifu** *adj.* broad; wide; vast (cl. 1, cl. 3, -bambalifu)
- omubano** *n.* knife (see also imbalo)
- omubasu** *n.* sunshine; daylight; light of a lamp
- omubatsa** *n.* liar; deceitful person
- omubayo** *n.* game; dance
- omubero** *n.* trap
- omubeyi** *n.* liar; gossip
- omubi** *adj.* bad; wrong; evil; ugly; unpleasant; dirty; anything which is any way offensive (cl. 1, cl. 3, -bi)
- omubiri** *n.* body; flesh
- omubishi** *n.* treasurer; one who keeps money for others
- omubofu** *n.* blind man
- omuboka** *n.* young green grass and weeds springing up after burning off
- omucheele** *n.* rice (< Swahili)
- omucheni** *n., adj.* visitor; stranger; newcomer; foreign; strange; novel; unusual (cl. 1, cl. 3, -cheni)
- omuchera** *n.* river; creek; stream
- omuchesichesesi** *adj.* cunning (cl. 1)
- omuchima** *adj.* sound; whole (cl. 1, cl. 3, -chima)
- omuchimba** *n.* rainmaker
- omufisandu** *n.* orphan; one neglected
- omufu** *n.* dead person; one fairly recently dead; deceased person; the late
- omufuchi** *n.* rower; oarsman; one who paddles a boat, one who makes obusuma
- omufume** *n.* salt (see also omunyu)
- omufumu** *n.* witch-doctor; sooth-sayer

- omufumunde** *adj.* round; more particularly spherical, but also used of circular objects (cl. 3, -fumunde)
- omufundi** *n.* expert; skilled workman; carpenter (< Swahili)
- omufunje** *n.* suspension footbridge of creepers, etc., over a river
- omufutu** *n.* sp. of large tree, the leaves of which are used for an omusango to bring harm of some sort to an enemy
- omuhalaba** *adj.* fierce; bad-tempered; of a scolding disposition (cl. 1, -halaba)
- omuhandichi** *n.* clerk; secretary; scribe
- omuhani** *n.* generous person; giver
- omuholo** *n.* short, heavy, hooked knife fixed to long straight handle, used for slashing down weeds, etc.
- omuholo** *n.* humble, quiet, or reserved person
- omuhooni** *n.* merchant; seller; hawker
- omuhototo** *n.* gutter; drain
- omuhusa** *n.* premature infant
- omukabo** *n.* share; allotted portion
- omukabukhasi** *n.* judge; one who settles a dispute
- omukafiri** *n.* pagan (< Swahili)
- omukafwiri; abakafwiri** *adj.* pagan (< Swahili)
- omukali** *n.* servant; minister
- omukaluli** *n.* interpreter
- omukanda** *n.* group; small crowd
- omukanda** *n.* man or woman who has been cured of some sickness which included a period of unconsciousness, said to be caused by emisambwa, and therefore is able to cure others
- omukasa** *n.* brass; brass ornaments
- omukasisi** *n.* priest (< Swahili)
- omukata** *n.* left-handed person
- omukate** *n.* bread; loaf of bread (< Swahili)
- omukayiri** *n.* mediator; go-between
- omukeka** *n.* mat, (< Swahili, cf. lihambo 'Kavirondo matting of papyrus')
- omukepe** *n.* tin; can
- omukhalabani** *n.* worker; servant; minister of the church
- omukhana** *n.* girl; daughter; sister; female relation of same clan and same generation; any big unmarried girl; omukhana wefwwe 'my daughter'; omukhana wa wane 'so-and-so's daughter', omukhana wabwe wane 'so-and-so's sister'
- omukhasi** *n.* woman (only of a married woman, esp. one who has had a child); wife (also omuteshi); omukhasi wanje 'my wife'; omukhasi omukhulundu 'first wife'
- omukhasi omukhulundu** *np* first wife
- omukhaye** *n.* chief wife; only wife; favorite wife (cf omukhasi omukhulundu 'first wife')
- omukhnda** *n.* corner (of piece of cloth, etc.)
- omukhokosi** *n.* the last child a woman bears
- omukholi** *n.* worker; doer; omukholi we inganga 'trader'
- omukholi we inganga** *np* trader
- omukhongo** *adj.* big; large; important (cl. 1, cl. 3, -khongo)
- omukhono** *n.* hand; arm (pl. emikhono, amakhono)
- omukhonye** *n.* piece of sugarcane
- omukhonyi** *n.* helper; assistant
- omukhosi** *n.* line; probably more specifically one of several parallel lines; a ray of sunlight
- omukhula** *n.* flood; streams of rainwater draining away after a heavy fall of rain
- omukhule** *n.* sp. of tree
- omukhulundu** *n.* elder; senior; old man; eldest of the family; person having authority or seniority
- omukhung'ano** *n.* meeting; gathering
- omukhunja** *n.* mean, stingy person; see also omwimani
- omukhunyu** *n.* dwarf; one of stunted growth
- omukhutsi** *n.* chaff
- omukhuyu** *n.* fig tree
- omukhwe** *n.* name used by the husband and the brother of a woman

- omukhwi** *n.* bridegroom
- omukoko** *n.* log of wood; banana tree
- omukoko** *n.* girl considered as a bride or potential bride, relationship of a girl to the clan of her father (see also inono)
- omukomari** *n.* sp. of tree
- omukombera** *n.* creeper, the roots of which are chewed and the bitter juice swallowed as medicine
- omukongo** *n.* back
- omukoosi** *n.* one who is beloved; favored; honored; pet
- omukopo** *n.* tin (see also omukebe, cf litebe 'kerosene or petrol tin')
- omukotsoro** *n.* mattress (<Swahili)
- omukoye** *v.int./tr.* hope
- omukoye** *n.* rope; string; tape; cord; belt; etc.
- omukoye kwamasinde** *np* plaited grass rope
- omukoye kwobukokhwe** *np* sisal or other fiber rope
- omukoye kwobusinde** *np* plaited grass rope
- omukta** *n.* bean pod
- omukuba** *n.* bellows, used in blacksmith's forge.
- omukubuyu** *n.* developed girl
- omukuku** *n.* bundle carried on a journey; load
- omukula** *n.* slave; one bought
- omukulikhwa** *n.* the person a child is named after
- omukulo** *n.* playmate (opposite of omurye)
- omukumba** *n.* woman with no children (one who is barren or whose children have died)
- omukunda** *n.* field; garden
- omukuru** *n.* one of the poles supporting the eaves of the house; veranda post; the space under the eaves (mumukuru)
- omukushiriru** *n.* fretful, ailing person
- omukuulo** *n.* one of the roofing poles of a house, slanting from the ridge or apex to the eaves
- omukwobo** *n.* dirt; filth; untidiness; mess
- omulabi** *n.* runners of potatoes, which are planted instead of the seed-potatoes used by Europeans
- omulachi** *n.* collection of quails, quail baskets, ropes, poles, etc., of s.o. who keeps and traps quails; aruka omulachi 'he keeps quail'
- omulafu** *n.* one who is clean, pure, white, light-skinned; saint
- omulalu** *n.* mad person; lunatic
- omulambo** *n.* corpse; carcass; dead body
- omulambo (kwamatsi)** *n.* flood; flooded stream
- omulame** *n.* heir; inheritor
- omulango** *n.* calling
- omulango** *n.* 'headman' (cf. omuruka, government official who roughly corresponds to the owelikuru or owolukongo of old times) (<Swahili)
- omulang'ulang'u** *n.* glutton
- omulaya** *n.* prostitute (<Swahili)
- omulechi** *n.* critic, particularly an unfavorable one; one who despises
- omulekhule** *n.* freed man; one released from bondage, work, etc.
- omulekhwa** *n.* orphan; widow; widower; one left
- omulembe** *n.* peace
- omulesi** *n.* nurse; baby-sitter; young child (usually a sister, brother, or other relation) who has the care of a baby until it can walk
- omuli** *n.* one who eats; eater
- omulimi** *n.* farmer; cultivator; ordinary peasant, i.e., not a chief
- omulimo** *n.* piece of work; job
- omulina** *n.* friend
- omulindi** *n.* guard; warder; sentry; watcher; one who looks after
- omulinga** *n.* beehive
- omulinjishi** *n.* righteous man
- omuliro** *n.* fire; heat
- omulobo** *n.* fish-hook; rod and line
- omulobo** *n.* very long ornamental "tail" worn by women; sometimes used for a long dress

- omulobole** *n.* chosen person; elected person; appointed person
- omulolereri** *n.* overseer; bishop
- omuloli** *n.* witness; one who saw
- omulomberesi** *n.* person who begs, coaxes, flatters for his own ends; cadger
- omulomeresia** *n.* interpreter; one who helps in a difficulty
- omulonji** *n.* maker; potter; creator; omulonji aliranga khuluchyo 'the potter eats from a potsherd'
- omulosi** *n.* witch; wizard
- omulosi** *n.* whistle
- omulukha** *n.* ritual; customary order; traditional method
- omuluku** *n.* shin
- omululu** *n., adj.* brave person; warrior; fierce person; troublesome person; strong; powerful; troublesome; dangerous; bitter; sour; hot (cl. 1, cl. 3)
- omulumirifu** *n.* persevering person; plodder; sticker
- omuluu** *n.* hole through anything, e.g. a cloth; sometimes used of the vagina
- omuluyia** *n.* person belonging to any of the Bantu ethnic groups of North and Central Kavirondo; lit. member of the same clan
- omulyuli** *n.* one who seeks out, exposes, and provides an antidote for any suspected charm, e.g. in a village
- omumali** *n.* black person
- omumali wemisango** *np* one who offers a sacrifice, head of the family
- omumali weshikwoli** *np* avenger
- omumalilikho** *n.* end
- omumanani** *n.* poor person
- omumayanu** *n.* wicked person
- omumbashi** *n.* builder
- omumenya** *n.* tenant; settler; one who leaves his own clan land and goes to live on those of another clan, being given permission to cultivate land there
- omumenyani** *n.* neighbor; tenant
- omumenyi** *n.* dweller; inhabitant
- omumenyia** *n.* tenant; settler; one who leaves his own clan lands and goes to live on those of another clan, being given permission to cultivate land there
- omumenyibwa** *n.* tenant; settler; one who leaves his own clan lands and goes to live on those of another clan, being given permission to cultivate land there
- omumera** *n.* plant; shoot; that which has just sprung up
- omumirikha** *n.* a foreigner who has become absorbed into the tribe because his or her family has lived with them for several generations but who is not regarded as a member of the tribe and can marry from its girls or boys
- omumisiri** *n.* Egyptian
- omumitsi** *n.* sower; one who sows seed broadcast
- omumu** *adj.* dry; hard; withered; firm; strong (e.g. cloth, cl. 1, 3, -umu)
- omunabi** *n.* one who sews; tailor
- omunabii** *n.* prophet (<Swahili)
- omunaye** *n.* riddle
- omundu** *n.* person
- omundu owe indakwe** *n.* one who wonders about alone without doing work or sharing in other's activities
- omundu wa tyeri** *np* real man
- omundu wamakhanu** *np* argumentative person
- omundu yesi** *np* any person
- omung'ang'afu** *n.* one who is rather slow and absent-minded and has to be kept up to date by others
- omungeresa** *n.* Englishman
- omunina** *n.* smart, ambitious person; careful person
- omunnabi** *n.* fisherman; one who fishes with nets
- omununule** *n.* one who has been redeemed
- omunwa** *n.* mouth; lip
- omunwa keichupa** *np* opening of a bottle, or other vessel
- omunwa kwolubeere** *np* nipple
- omunyakhano** *n.* trouble; busyness
- omunyapara** *n.* headman; overseer (<Swahili)

- omunyerere** *n.* person who is naturally thin, not the result of illness; poor person
- omunyiri** *n.* cold
- omunyole** *n.* s.o. from Bunyore.
- omunyololo** *n.* Luo person
- omunyololo** *n.* chain
- omunyu** *n.* salt; gravy; soup
- omunyu kweichumbi** *np* ordinary salt, either coarse or fine
- omunyu kwelische** *np* ash of certain grasses, through which water is caused to percolate to make an alkaline fluid used in flavoring meat, vegetables, etc.
- omunyu kwetsimbale** *np* coarse salt
- omunyu omushebano** *np* salt made from ash
- omunyuushi** *n.* tanner; one who dresses leather
- omupadiri** *n.* clergyman; minister
- omupakasi** *n.* porter; often used for any hired laborer
- omupatiri** *n.* clergyman; minister
- omupeli** *n.* tree with fringy pink flowers and hard wood, with dark heart-wood, used for making stools
- omupira** *n.* rubber; elastic; a ball (< Swahili)
- omurabe** *n.* sausage-tree
- omurachi** *n.* sower
- omuraka** *n.* boy or girl roughly between the ages of 11 and 14
- omuranda** *n.* lump of dried meat
- omurechekho** *n.* temptation
- omurecheshi** *n.* tempter
- omurembe** *n.* tree with red flowers and round, greenish leave, used in taking a oath (see also tsindeyindeyi)
- omuremero** *n.* short, heavy, hooked knife fixed to a long straight handle; used for slashing down weeds (see also omuholo)
- omurende** *n.* foreigner; person of another tribe; neighbor
- omurengo** *n.* fever, usually malaria
- omurere** *n.* green vegetable, somewhat slimy when cooked
- omurerere** *n.* slippery, deceitful person
- omuri** *n.* coward; one who is afraid
- omuribiri** *n., adv.* speed; quickly
- omuringoti** *n.* tall, straight tree (often used for gums and other introduced trees)
- omurombo** *n.* root; shoot
- omurondo** *n.* gun; rifle
- omuruchi** *n.* ruler; chief; king
- omuruka** *n.* headman of a sublocation, working under a chief; government official who roughly corresponds to the owelikuru of old times (also owolukongo)
- omuruko** *n.* bribe; present brought to any powerful person in order to win his good will
- omuruli** *n.* smith
- omuruli** *n.* tree bearing small edible fruit
- omurumba** *n.* sp. of sacred indigenous tree, tall and straight
- omurumbusi** *n.* one who makes a declaration or statement; one who testifies; witness
- omurume** *n.* one sent; messenger; apostle
- omurumwa** *n.* one sent; messenger
- omurundukho** *n.* explosion; sound of gunfire, etc.
- omurungo** *n.* payment; sacrifice; fine; compensation
- omurwe** *n.* head; bundle of grass or firewood tied up for carrying on the head; okhubiha omurwe 'be obstinate'; okhufwimbwa omurwe 'be ashamed'
- omurye** *n.* one with whom one must treat with formal respect (parents, inlaws, etc., cf. omukulo)
- omusaituni** *n.* olive tree
- omusakhulu** *n.* old man
- omusakusa** *n.* stalk; straw
- omusala** *n.* medicine; tree pole; force of power to work good or harm on any thing or substance
- omusalaba** *n.* cross (< Swahili)
- omusambwa** *n.* spirit of s.o. who has died
- omusangalo** *n.* celebration; merry-making

- omusango** *n.* sacrifice; charm to bring illness or bad fortune (see also omusambwa, omumali)
- omusangula** *n.* tree bearing tiny red fruit
- omusatsa** *n.* man
- omusatsa wanje** *n.* first husband
- omuse** *n.* foundation of a house, circle of holes in which the uprights will be stood; any large circle, e.g. shooting circle on a basketball field; circle of people gathered together in council or to discuss some subject
- omusebe** *n.* foreigner, Masai, Nandi, etc.
- omusemi** *n.* tale-bearer; one who seeks to influence another against some third person or against some proposed action
- omusenjetsana** *n.* niece or nephew of senje; child of a woman's brother
- omushara** *n.* wages; salary
- omushe** *n.* youngest child of his mother; last born; most recently married wife of a man
- omusheri** *n.* milker
- omushinga** *n.* tuft of hair at end of cow's tail
- omushingachi** *n.* doorstep; piece of wood or low bank of clay in doorway to stop water from flowing into the house after rain
- omushinji** *n.* one who attempts to harm or kill others by means of charms or a fish
- omushisira** *n.* virgin; of a bride who was found to be a virgin, it is usual to say nomukhana toto or yali noluyalilwe
- omusi** *n.* muscle; sinew; fine roots of plant or tree
- omusiani** *n.* boy (general term); son
- omusiani wefu** *np* my brother or cousin
- omusikari** *n.* soldier; policeman (< Swahili)
- omusiko** *n.* load (< Swahili)
- omusinde** *n.* uncircumcised man
- omusinga** *n.* beehive (< Swahili)
- omusingo** *n.* security; deposit; pledge
- omusinjiriri** *n.* sponsor; godparent
- omusiro** *n.* taboo; animal that is the totem of the clan and therefore taboo
- omusiru** *n.* dumb person; half-witted person; fool
- omusirusiru** *np* foolish person
- omusishiri** *n.* doctor; nurse; dresser
- omusoka** *n.* pod
- omusolili** *n.* one who collects gifts; subscriptions; taxes, etc.
- omusomesia** *n.* teacher
- omusoti** *n.* one who practices obusoti, sexual intimacy between unmarried people
- omusuku** *n.* foreigner; enemy; one not of one's own clan and therefore a possible husband or wife; enemy thing (e.g. snake)
- omusuli** *n.* marsh; muddy water drunk by cattle at a salt-lick
- omusumba** *n.* unmarried man (bachelor or widower), slave, servant (see also omukhalabani, omukholi)
- omusumeno** *n.* carpenter's saw (< Swahili)
- omusumi** *n.* one who comes to get food but expects to work a little for it
- omusungu** *n.* white man; European (< Swahili)
- omususumi** *n.* one who waits about where a beer-drink, etc., is in progress, in the hope of being invited in (see also omusosomi, omusomeshi)
- omutalimbo** *n.* crowbar (< Swahili)
- omutamba** *n.* harlot; prostitute
- omutambi** *n.* needy person
- omutanyana** *n.* sodomite
- omutarakwa** *n.* introduced tree, esp. a gum tree
- omuteko** *n.* trap (< Swahili, also Luhya reka)
- omuterwa** *n.* only child; the only one
- omuteshere** *n.* weak, ailing person; invalid
- omuteshi** *n.* cook; wife
- omutiebano** *n.* race; possibly also other athletic contests
- omutini** *n.* sp. of tree, probably a fig

omutinyirifu; abatinyirifu *adj.* firm; sure; dependable; determined
omutinyu; abatinyu *adj.* hard; dependable; stubborn determined
omutisi *n.* one of the uprights in the framework for the wall of a house (see also eshitisi)
omutiti *adj.* little; small; few (cl. 1, cl. 3, -titi)
omutofu *n.* lazy person; one lacking in strength and determination; weak; easy; cheap (cl. 1, cl.3, -tofu)
omutoro; eshotoro *adj.* young, and therefore weak and helpless; cheap; easy; soft; tender
omutsabibu *n.* grapevine
omutsatsaafu *n.* happy person; joyful person
omutsiyiro *n.* worn-down hoe, used for stirring beer
omutsohu *n.* young man, fully grown and developed; warrior
omutsuru *n.* forest; thick bush in a river valley
omutsusu *n.* bleeding from the nose
omutswanzania *n.* traitor; one who spreads harmful rumors
omutwerere *n.* pipe or flute made from a reed
omutwi *n.* anus; rectum
omuule *n.* one who has been defeated
omuumo *n.* noise; uproar
omuunguli *n.* one who spreads rumors; gossip
omuya *n.* breath; air; steam
omuya *adj.* new; young (cl. 1, cl. 3, -ya)
omuyabululi *n.* one who digs up something buried (e.g. obufire 'charms' or the bones of s.o. whose spirit has been causing trouble'
omuyabulusi *n.* one who digs up something buried (e.g. obufire 'charms' or the bones of s.o. whose spirit has been causing trouble'
omuyahudi *n.* Jew
omuyale *n.* soot, in chimney, roof, etc.
omuyali *n.* speaker; preacher

omuyaya *n.* nurse, particularly to a European baby
omuyayi *n.* boy, young man of any age from birth to marriage
omuyeka *n.* wind; a cold, esp. with symptoms such as blisters or sores on lips or face, sore eyes, ear-ache, toothache, etc.
omuyembe *n.* mango tree
omuyere *n.* young child; baby
omuyeyi *n.* adultress; one who has born children out of wedlock
omuyia *n.* young boy or girl; new (adj.)
omuyinda *n.* rich person
omuyindira *n.* one who has lived long
omuyindiri *n.* regularly recurring sound (e.g., of footsteps); rhythm; beat
omuyingwa *n.* half-wit; fool; idiot; one mentally deficient
omuyini *n.* stick for threshing grain; hoe handle
omuyini *n.* hunter (see also omuyitsi)
omuyunani *n.* Greek (< Swahili)
omuyungubafu *n.* mischievous person; restless person; impatient person
omwachesia *n.* teacher
omwalala *n.* bad breath; unpleasant smell coming from the mouth
omwalisia *n.* one in whose house boys or girls sleep; keeper of the bedroom; chamberlain
omwalo *n.* river; creek; stream
omwami *n.* chief; important person; title of respect to men
omwana *n.* child; baby
omwana omukhana *np* girl; female child
omwana omutoro *np* young baby
omwana wakhabiri *np* placenta; after-birth, especially before it comes away (see also likubo)
omwandu *n.* chattel; possession; property; article of luggage or personal belonging
omware *n.* creation; work
omwashie *n.* first fruits
omwaukho *n.* separation; partition; sect

- omwaule** *n.* chosen one; one elected, ordained, set aside
- omwayi** *n.* shepherd; cowherd; etc.
- omwayo** *n.* mutton fat, when cooked; dripping; suet
- omweka** *n.* pupil; student; learner
- omwene** *n.* owner
- omwene** *pron.* himself, herself (cl. 1, -ene)
- omwene inzu** *np* wife; lit. owner of the house
- omwesi** *n.* moon; month
- omweya** *n.* bride
- omwibali** *n.* teacher; guide
- omwibo** *n.* ceremonial confinement of a woman who has just had a baby, three days for a girl, and four for a boy
- omwibule** *n.* native; one born in the country; one of the clan
- omwibusi** *n.* parent
- omwibusia** *n.* midwife
- omwififi** *n.* thief; robber
- omwika** *n.* year; planting season; abode of the crops, etc.
- omwikalanda** *n.* last child born to a woman
- omwikalo** *n.* magical concoction or charm used to ward off illness, locusts, ebikhokho, or other evils
- omwikho** *n.* relation
- omwikho** *n.* large wooden spoon used for stirring obusuma (Swahili mwiko); oar; paddle
- omwikhoyo** *n.* celebration; rejoicing; enjoyment; joy
- omwikopi** *n.* debtor
- omwikulanda** *n.* firstborn child of a woman
- omwilakalakani** *n.* boaster; grumbler; one who talks too much
- omwimani** *n.* mean person; tight-fisted, stingy person; miser
- omwimbi** *n.* singer
- omwimbikiti** *adj.* short (cl. 1, cl. 3, -imbikiti)
- omwimirisi** *n.* guide; leader
- omwimo** *n.* games and feasting in honor of a man who has died, usually held about a year after his death, any festival, sports gathering, etc.
- omwiwo** *n.* feather, esp. for personal adornment
- omwisalisi** *n.* one who offers a sacrifice (see also omumali)
- omwisikwa** *adj.* trustworthy; faithful; reliable (cl. 1, -isikwa)
- omwitsa** *n.* friend; sweetheart; fiancé(e)
- omwitsikhulu** *n.* grandchild, s.o. of the same clan, but of the next generation but one
- omwitsusio** *n.* reminder
- omwiwa** *n.* niece; nephew; relationship with the members of one's mother's family; nomwiwa webulebe 'his mother came from such-and-such a place'
- omwosi** *n.* smoke
- omwoyo** *n.* heart; soul; throat; voice; tune
- openda** *n.* color in a female animal
- opili** *n.* color (striped black and brown) in cow
- orutsi** *n.* tiny drop of water
- oryo** *excl.* thank you
- osi** *adj.* all, any
- osimbo** *n.* color
- otechire!** *excl.* you've got it!
- owa amachere** *n.* leper
- owa amakhokosi** *np* the last child a woman bears
- owamachere** *n.* leper
- owamakatswa** *n.* bow-legged person
- owamalimalimi** *n.* hypocrite
- owamashu** *n.* cross-eyed person
- owang'i** *n.* color, female animal
- owefu** *poss.* our (cl. 1, cl. 3, -efu)
- oweinjania** *np* one who is generous with gifts and help
- oweisunga** *np* boasting, conceited person
- owelihinji** *n.* troublesome, pig-headed, argumentative person
- owelikuru** *n.* man in authority under the chief whose special responsibility is to settle land shauris

owenyu *poss.* your (pl, cl. 1, -enyu)
oweshibirirwa *n.* absent-minded, careless, forgetful person
oweshiribwa *n.* head of a eshiribwa who form the chief council of advisors
oweshirimi *n.* one who limps or stutters
oweshironyo *n.* orderly, neat person
owolukosi *n.* whining, fretful, or spoiled person; one who is favored
owoluswa *n.* rebellious person (see oluswa 'rebellion')
owomunzu yefu *np* my brother (or sister), my sibling
owshikufu *n.* humpbacked or hunchback person
pa *adv.* intensifying -lulu, bitter, etc.
papa *n.* Father; my father
-papale *adj.* flat
papapapa *adv.* intensifying -lulu, bitter, etc.
pasaka *n.* Passover
pe *adv.* absolutely; completely; every bit
pentekote *n.* Pentecost
po *adv.* very much
-rambi *adj.* long; deep; tall; high
rapala *n.* color (white and brown?) in male animal
rapoki *n.* color in bull or rooster, spotted
rapwori *n.* yellowish color
-rasi *adj.* fierce; bad-tempered; angry
rateng'i *n.* black (of male animals)
ratswoli *n.* black and white color (of he-goat)
ratyeri *n.* color in male animals
-recherefu *adj.* sensible; careful and intelligent
-rerere *adj.* slippery
-reresha *adj.* clear; clean (of water)
rurye? *wh.* diminutive of 'how are they?'
ruryo *adv.* diminutive of 'they are like that'
-rye *wh.* how?
-ryo *adv.* thus
saa! *excl.* sound used for driving away fowls, etc.
saba *num.* seven (<Swahili, frequently used over musafu)

sabwe *n.* their father
-salala *adj.* scattered, as teeth widely spaced
-samukhu *adj.* unclean
samwana *n.* his father; her father
-satsa *adj.* male; right hand
sefwe *n.* our father
senje *n.* paternal aunt; father's sister or female cousin
senywe *n.* your father (pl.)
serikali *n.* government (<Swahili)
sheba omunyu *vp* cut grass and burn it for the ash used in seasoning foods
shenda *num.* nine
shi? *wh.* short form of shina? 'what?'
shichiko *n.* spoon (<Swahili, see also eshichiko)
shichira *conj.* because; for (lit., the reason)
shifungo *n.* fastener, button, etc.
shikombe *n.* cup, or any similar vessel (<Swahili)
shikoyi *n.* cloth, usually white, yellow, or red, with stripes
shikwasi *n.* safety pin
shilaka *n.* patch
shina? *wh.* what?; often shortened to shi; wenyu shi? 'what do you want?'; what kind of ?; nomundu shi? 'what kind of person is he?'
shinga *conj.* as, like
shinga olwa *conj.* as, how, how that, that
shingana *conj.* like; as; as if
shiraokhushira *v.tr.* surpass; exceed; be more than; used adverbially to intensify an adjective and in comparisons
shitutu *adj.* little; small; few (cl. 7, -tutu)
shiyela *n.* one cent piece (<German heller)
-shyamu *adj.* crooked; more in sense of wrongly directed than of bent
-siro *adj.* heavy
-siru *adj.* stupid; dumb; deaf and dumb; mentally deficient
-sirusiru *adj.* stupid or foolish
so *n.* your father

- sumba** *n.* island-hill in Lake Victoria, near Port Victoria, which either is the omusamba or spirit, or is the dwelling place of the omusambwa, worshipped and feared by the Banyala people
- syenyene** *adv.* by myself; (I) alone
- syesi** *pron.* and I; I also
- ta** *excl.* no; not really, 'is that so?'; negative particle (see also tawe)
- tatata** *adv.* intensifying the verb tinya, or its derivatives
- tawe** *neg.* no (see also ta); nothing; response to greeting basunga shina? 'what's the news?'
- teshere** *adj.* unstable; weak-willed; fearful
- ti** *adv.* intensifying dark, black
- ticholi** *n.* black, when referring to female animals
- tipo** *n.* white, when referring to female animals
- tipwori** *n.* yellowish color; in cow, she-goat, hen
- tisa** *num.* nine (< Swahili; used frequently instead of shenda, also tsirano na tsine)
- titi** *adj.* little; small; few (omutiti, abatiti, etc.)
- titiero** *n.* color, in femal animal
- tofu** *adj.* lazy; weak; easy; cheap; lacking in determination (omutofu, abatofu, etc.)
- toto** *adv.* truly; really; absolutely
- tsalalu** *adj.* insipid; tasteless; flavorless (litsalalu, amatsalalu, etc.)
- tsererere** *adv.* intensifying whiteness, cleanness, etc.
- tsi** *adv.* intensifying words denoting silence, coldness, etc.
- tsibiri** *num.* two
- tsifwa** *n.* vegetables, herbs; any food (meat, fish, etc.) eaten as a relish with obusuma (see also elyani)
- tsifwebebe** *n.* dung of rats; goats, etc.
- tsikhuwa** *n.* words
- tsikhwi** *n.* firewood (sg. olukhwi)
- tsikubuli** *n.* curds
- tsimba** *n.* field dug up roughly for planting. sg., imba 'clod'
- tsimbabasi** *n.* pity; mercy
- tsimbafu** *n.* ribs (see also sg. olubafu 'rib' and loc. mumbafu 'side of the body, where the ribs are')
- tsimbasi** *n.* hind kicks such those of a donkey
- tsimbiro** *n., adv.* speed; quickly
- tsimbisi** *n.* wild pig (see also inguruwe)
- tsimboka** *n.* green vegetables
- tsimbungu** *n.* cries of alarm, terror, grief, etc. (see also okhupa tsimbungu, olwang'a, eshikhulo)
- tsimbutsi** *n.* gray hairs
- tsimoni tsiamakhombe** *n.* sunken, deep-set eyes
- tsimuli** *n.* thick, stiff thatching grass; (sg. olumuli 'one stalk of thatching grass')
- tsimwo** *n.* large seeds
- tsindalo** *n.* days
- tsindayindayi** *n.* mumps
- tsindeberende** *n.* rust
- tsindendere** *n.* elephantiasis
- tsindolo** *n.* sleep
- tsindumbiri** *n.* elephantiasis
- tsine** *num.* four
- tsing'oli** *n.* cow-peas
- tsinga** *wh.* how many? (cl. 10, -inga)
- tsingalakala** *n.* shrill cry made by women when dancing
- tsing'ombe** *n.* cattle
- tsingubo** *n.* clothes
- tsingufu** *n.* strength
- tsinimi tsialukano** *np* foreign languages
- tsinimi tsiambanga** *np* foreign languages
- tsinuni** *n.* simsim
- tsinyami** *n.* shrill cry of women when dancing (sg. olwami, see also tsingalakala)
- tsinyungu** *n.* pots (general)
- tsinzekho** *n.* laughter; jokes
- tsinzeshe** *n.* beer-drinking tubes, carried in bamboo
- tsinzibu** *adj.* tasteless; insipid (eshitsinzibu, efitsinzibu, etc.)
- tsirano** *num.* five

tsirupiya *n.* rupees, money
tsisaaka *n.* green vegetable (sg. olusaaka)
tsisalache *n.* marks incised, engraved or imprinted (e.g., on the body or on a pot)
tsisalira *n.* pains in back; pain from a bite
tsisare *n.* marks incised, engraved or imprinted (e.g., on the body or on a pot)
tsisende *n.* cents, money, tsisende tsinditi 'one cent', tsisende tsingali 'two cents' (1/100 division of the 2/- rupee, which was larger in size than the 1/- unit)
tsisheti *n.* thin sticks (purlins) to which the thatch of a roof is fastened, or on which it is laid
tsisoni *n.* disgrace; shame; shyness (sg. isoni)
tsitaru *num.* three
tsyambanga *adj.* different; various; unfamiliar; often seems to convey an implication of inferiority
tulu *adj.* all; the whole (of day or night)
tundeni *adv.* directly; verically
tunjerere *adv.* vertically overhead
-tutu *adj.* little; small; few (shitutu, matutu)
tyeri! *excl.* that's so!, quite true!
-umu *adj.* dry; hard; withered; firm; strong (e.g. cloth, omumu, eshumu, etc.)
wakhasi *n.* cousins (name that children of two sisters call e.o.)

wale ta! *excl.* indicating amazement, surprise, shock, amusement
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wane *n.* so-and-so
wane ufumanga *np* the famous so-and-so, the notorious so-and-so
wenyene *adv.* by yourself; you alone
wesi *pron.* and you (sg.) also
wetoyi *n.* sweet potato, a white-skinned variety
wole ta! *excl.* indicating amazement, surprise, shock, amusement
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-ya *adj.* new; young (omuya, efiya, imbya, etc.)
-yakha *adj.* new; novel (eshiyakha, efiyakha, etc.)
ye *pron.* he, she
yena! *wh.* where?
yenylene *adv.* by him/herself; he/she alone
yesi *adj.* each
yesi *pron.* and he/she; he/she also
-yinjikhane *adj.* part full (kayinjikhane, buyinjikhane, etc.)
-yu *adj.* warm; fresh (amayu, obuyu, etc.)