Foreward

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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 [ɲ], and ‘ng’ represents [ŋ]. 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
- ‘comp’ complement
- ‘dem’ demonstrative
- ‘ideo’ ideophone
- ‘n’ noun
- ‘np’ noun phrase
- ‘poss’ possessive pronoun
- ‘prep’ preposition
- ‘quan’ quantifier
- ‘s’ sentence
- ‘vint’ intransitive verb
- ‘vpass’ passivized verb
- ‘vp’ verb phrase
- ‘adv’ adverb
- ‘conj’ conjunction
- ‘excl’ exclamation
- ‘loc’ locative
- ‘neg’ negation element
- ‘num’ numeral
- ‘pp’ prepositional phrase
- ‘pron’ pronoun
- ‘relcl’ relative clause
- ‘v’ verb
- ‘vrefl’ reflexivized verb
- ‘vtr’ transitive verb
- ‘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)
abalahaba 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
abanye n. parents, whom a child must show fear and respect
abatieri adj. true; right; correct; truthful (cl. 2, -atieri)
abatti 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)
abatsastsaafu 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
-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
alwanyi 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. intelligence; (acquired) wisdom; cleverness; that which one has learned
amachesi n. stones, ancestral stones
amachishis 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
amabenjera n. dry maize and beans boiled together until soft
amahinje n. arguments
amaiwa 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
amairengane n. arguments; competition
amakaka 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
amakhanu n. sinews of the neck
amakhanu n. arguments; omundu wamakhanu 'argumentative person'
amakhanyana 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
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.
amasiko 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
amasirisí 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  

*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  

*amaumo*  *n.* sighs

amaundukunya  

*amaundukunya*  *n.* swellings; pimpls; excrences; 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

amayu  

*amayu*  *adj.* warm; fresh (cl. 6)

-ambanga  

*ambanga*  *adj.* varying; differing; unusual

amberi  

*amberi*  *adj.* first; leading (-amberi)

-amberi  

*amberi*  *adj.* first; leading (amberi, imberi)

amenjefu  

*amenjefu*  *adj.* ripe (cl. 6, -enjefu)

ameno  

*ameno*  *n.* teeth

amenyali  

*amenyali*  *n.* urine; semen (see also amanyi)

ameyo  

*ameyo*  *n.* bunch of twigs, etc., used as a broom

amola  

*amola*  *n.* pieces of the bark of a tree; chips

amolu  

*amolu*  *n.* nose; nostrils

anakhamuna  

*anakhamuna*  *n.* proper name of the ground squirrel when it is made the hero of a folk tale (see akhamuna 'ground squirrel')

ango  

*ango*  *n., adv.* home; at home (see also ingo)

-angu  

*angu*  *adj.* quick, easy, light, cheap (bwangu, lwangu)

-anje  

*anje*  *poss.* my

ano  

*ano*  *adv.* here; to this place (see also eno)

apala  

*apala*  *n.* white and brown coloring in a female animal

apo!  

*apo!*  *excl.* not at all! denial indicating complete ignorance or innocence

asaame  

*asaame*  *adj.* gaping; wide open

asi  

*asi*  *adv.* down; below

asoya  

*asoya*  *n.* a bribe

-atieri  

*atieri*  *adj.* true; right; correct; truthful (akatieri, abatieri, etc.)

atiti  

*atiti*  *adv.* a little; slightly (see also atutu)

-atsana  

*atsana*  *dem.* that/those same one(s) (abatsana, akatsana, efatsana, etc.)

atse!  

*atse!*  *excl.* surprised or shocked reproof

atutu  

*atutu*  *adv.* a little; slightly (see also atiti)

awnda  

*awnda*  *loc.* another place

awa!  

*awa!*  *excl.* oh, no!

-bambalifu  

*bambalifu*  *adj.* broad; wide; vast (omubambalifu, eshibambalifu, etc.)

bane  

*bane*  *n.* term of address used familiarly between equals

basungu  

*basungu*  *shina?* greet. how are they?

batse!  

*batse!*  *excl.* look out!, (see also atse!)

bayaye!  

*bayaye!*  *excl.* denoting dismay and indignation, real or feigned; lit. 'boys!'

-bi  

*bi*  *adj.* bad; wrong; evil; ugly; unpleasant; dirty; anything which is offensive (omubi, ababi, efibi, etc.)

-biri  

*biri*  *num.* two

-bisi  

*bisi*  *adj.* raw; fresh; uncooked; sometimes used to mean green, unripe

buchikha  

*buchikha*  *adv.* crosswise; to the side

bukala  

*bukala*  *adv.* whole

bulano  

*bulano*  *adv.* now; already

bulano buno  

*bulano buno*  *adv.* just now; immediately

buli  

*buli*  *adj.* every; each

buli hosu  

*buli hosu*  *np* everywhere; each place

buli lwosi  

*buli lwosi*  *np* every time

buli mundu  

*buli mundu*  *np* everyone; every person

buli mundu yesi  

*buli mundu yesi*  *np* each separate person

bushere!  

*bushere!*  *greet.* morning greeting; 'good morning!'

bushiere  

*bushiere*  *n.* about 5 a.m.

butswa  

*butswa*  *adv.* only; merely; in vain; still; quietly; simply; merely; barely

buyinjikhane  

*buyinjikhane*  *adj.* part full (cl. 14, -yinjikhane)

bwakhera!  

*bwakhera!*  *greet.* evening greeting; 'good evening!'

bwangu  

*bwangu*  *adv., adv.* soon; at once; quick, quickly, easy, easily, light, lightly, cheap, cheaply (cl. 14, -angu)

bwirire  

*bwirire*  *n.* 5 p.m., 6 p.m.

bwirire!  

*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 (amachishi, obuchishi, etc.)
ebicheche n. ground dry ant-hill clay
ebibi n. food
ebima n. habits, manners, hence disposition, nature, character
ebiribwa n. gateway, entrance to a village; also a section of a clan, the descendents 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; armbands, 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. taboons
emiyandu  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
eshiakhunyu  adj. red, or color approximating to red—brown, orange, etc. (cl. 7, -akhunyu)
eshiala  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
eshianyi  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

eshiatako  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. bridesmade, 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
eshibangwa  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
eshibikhuwa  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
eshiboe  n. unpleasant odor coming from the nose
eshiboye  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)
eshiokenye  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
eshiwabi  adj. filth; stupidly
eshifwalo  n. garment; clothes
eshifwanaani  n. likeness; picture; photo; model; image; doll; model; etc.
eshifwolo  n. dirt; filth
eshiganda  adj. in Baganda style
eshiheburania  adj. 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  n. colorless
eshihundu  n. node; knot; swelling on trunk of tree; lump or swelling on body
eshiilolero  n. mirror; looking-glass
eshindi  n. small post behind door post, with which it forms a slot through which the wicker door passes
eshindi  adv. in the Indian manner
eshiiro  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
eshilbebe n. such and such a thing
eshilutfu n. beard, moustache, whiskers
eshilambha n. turban ( <Swahili)
eshilamje 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)
eshimene n. kid; young goat (see also akhamene)
eshimenyo n. dwelling place; lodging
eshimena 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 afflection of the lungs, bronchial tubes, etc., indigestion

eshirikisa n. hiccoup
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)

esiromindo n.

eshironyoko 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. ehirwi, 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 eshiubwe (<Swahili) is more generally used

eshisanjiro n. fellowship of people

eshisatsa adv. manfully; bravely

eshise n. hour; time; season

eshise eshiokhuluukha n. rest hour

eshise shiokhuluushilamwo n. rest hour

eshiserero n. wedding; traditional marriage

eshishebo n. circumcision (rare)

eshisenje n. waist; loins

eshishieno n. evil spirit; the spirit of a dead person returning to haunt an trouble the living

eshisia n. section of a bunch of bananas, hand of bananas

eshisia n. uphill; steep gradient

eshisischarasio n. stumbling block; obstacle

eshisiche n. eyebrow

eshisiri n. a worn-down hoe, knocked together to keep time at European dances

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eshisie 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.  midst; noon; daytime; day as distinct from night

eshitandeyo  n.  wicker plate or tray

eshitesheni  n.  railway station; any township, whether there is a station there or not

eshitiana  n.  beans half-cooked, dried, skinned, then cooked and seasoned

eshitiiri  n.  fastener; pin; fetters

eshitisi  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 of 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

eshitsinzi  n.  adj.  tasteless; insipid (cl. 7, -tsinzi)

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

eshitsubu  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

eshityuyu  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  

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  

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

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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
ifwebebi n. dung of rats, goats, sheep, etc.
ihabini n. help, assistance, aid
ihekali n. temple (Swahili)
honjekhu 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)
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 imbí np back luck
ikafu n. cow (see also ing’ombe)
ikafuka n. pot in which to make obusuma
ikhalaaka 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. a hammer
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.
ikhunyu 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
ilotí n. bag, pouch
iloti n. long pants
ifwika 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

imbonga  _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_
imboko  _n._ buffalo

imbolera  _n._ compost; manure etc. rotted in compost pit (or otherwise); anything rotten

imbo  _n._ penis

imbolombole  _n._ small flying ant, not edible; also a color

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

imonombe  _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

imbu  _n._ large wild cat, something like a leopard in appearance

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imbunya  _n._ tempest; storm; strong wind

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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.
imbutwe  _n._
imbutwe  _adj._ whole

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)
imely  _n._ large steam ship; mail-ship; any ship carrying passengers or cargo

imere  _n._ grain, millet and/or obule

imeru  _n._ nature; life; make-up; habits; customs; what s.o. is like, in character and appearance

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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; quarrelsome
indolero $n.$ pupil (of eye)
indolio $n.$ bullet
indombera $n.$ sprout; shoot
indo $n.$ bucket (<Swahili)
indobi $n.$ 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 kundula '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 $n.$ 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 $n.$ 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
inguchu $n.$ baboon
ingurumani $n.$ liver (see also eshilubhi)
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.)
injina 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)
inynge 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)
inu n. one bead, bead-like object; medicinal tablet
inyuma prep., adv. behind; after
inyumbu n. house (see also inzu)
inymbashe n. building
inyundo n. hammer
inyungu n. pot with wide mouth, used for cooking and for storing grain etc.
inza n. bhang; a drug taken by smoking
inzala n. hunger; drought; famine; time of scarcity of food.
inza 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.
inza 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)
inze 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
irotso  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 eshibwe
irumbi  n.  circumcision house
irupia  n.  rupee (first coin in use in Kenya)
isaa  n.  hour; period of time; clock; 
watch; isaa yakatharu 'third hour, i.e., 9 am'; saa tsitaru 'third hour, i.e., 9am'; tsisaa tsitaru '9am, three hours'
isabato  n.  week; Sunday ('Sabbath')
isabu  n.  number; sum; figure (<Swahili)
isabuni  n.  soap (<Swahili)
isakhaka  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
isinya  n.  morning, about 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; isinya indutu 'early morning', isinya ingali 'late morning'
isinya indutu  n.  7 a.m., 8 a.m., early morning
isinya indutu  np  early morning
isinya ingali  n.  8 a.m., 9 a.m., late morning
isinya 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
isolonga  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 n. laying pullet
itaa n. lamp (<Swahili)
itabureta n. typewriter; printing press (see ichapa)
itakanyi n. syphilis (<Swahili)
italanyi n. lion
itaywa n. rooster; cock
itaka 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; kekhola 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')
khasotsi so adv. every day
khatso sero adv. repeatedly; every day
-khaya adv. 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 adv. 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)
khuwefu  adv. for our part; on our account
khulwenyu  adv. for your (pl.) part; on your account
khundula  loc. at the edge
khundulo  adv. at the edge
kisonono  n. gonorrhea (<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
korololofu  adv. absolutely, intensifying such verbs as okhumira, okhumirimba, 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'
lalo  adv. mad; insane
-lambo  adj. whole
-lamu  adj. alive; well; living
lando  n. brownish color; applied to a cow or a hen
-late  adv. 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'
l-engafu  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 yamahirisha, 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)
liembe  n.  small lizard (skink?)
lihululwa  n.  boil; abscess
lihuma  n.  week
lihululwa  n.  boil; abscess
lihumbachira  n.  large blue-headed lizard (see also liumbachira)
lihululwa  n.  sp. of creeper used in making omunyu
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lii  n.  army; war; sera lihe 'make war' (see lihe)
liima  n.  spleen (see also liinji)
lime  n.  stone; slate used in school
lilembe  n.  mango (see also lihembe)
lilembe  n.  mango (see also lihembe)
lilembe  n.  mango (see also lihembe)
lilembe  n.  mango (see also lihembe)
lufa  n.  leaf (see also lisafu)
lifafu  n.  large blue-headed lizard
lifasule  n.  something hidden which has been revealed; solution
lif.commons
lifubwo  n.  joint of the body
lihalamba  n.  hornet
lihambo  n.  Kavirondo mat, made of papyrus stalks (see also liambo)
lilambula  n.  nation
lihe  n.  army; war; sera lihe 'make war' (see lihe)
lihembe  n.  mango (see also lihembe)
lilichichi  n.  owl (see also liichichi)
lilima  n.  spleen (see also liimbe)
lilinji  n.  argumentative disposition (see also liinji)
lilitso  n.  herd
lihololero  n.  windpipe (see also lihololero)
lihondo  n.  pumpkin; pipe for smoking bhang (see also liiondo)
lilihu  n.  sp. of tree with very soft wood
lilikalo  n.  sp. of tree with very soft wood
lilimbo  n.  seed; a large flock or herd
likatula  n.  padlock (<Swahili, see also eshifule)
lilikaza  n.  sp. of tree with very soft wood
likalundu  n.  joint of the body
likale  n.  sp. of creeper used in making omunyu
likala  n.  hollow reed, used by children to make musical pipes
likalundu  n.  joint of the body
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likembe  n.  mango (see also lihembe)
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likandi  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
likhubaka  n. a wild green vegetable
likhubi  n. cow pea leaves
likhumbo  n. paw of an animal which withdraws its claws, like the cat
likhumu  num. ten (sg., in agreement with noun)
likhung’aniro  n. meeting place; synagogue
likhutu  n. tortoise
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
likubu  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
likhwe  n. dirt that adheres, particularly to the body
lilika  n. clot of blood; okhukwa amalika, to clot
lililo  n. lamentation; wailing
liloba  n. soil
milolo  n. animal (leopard, snake, etc.) supposed to be kept by an omulosi (witch), which embodies her familiar spirit
milolero  n. vision
milondo  n. crust; pieces of crusty obusuma adhering to the sides of the pot
miloro  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. large and deadly snake

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

liyololo n. windpipe (see also liholo)

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

lisapa 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 kwelese

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

lisherie n. frog (not the long-jumping sp.)

lishindu n. palm

lishu n. squirt of one eye

lisikamo n. tear (from the eye)

lisikamo n. knee

lisimba n. wild cat

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lisikamo n. gums, flesh in which teeth are set

lisinji n. position

lisirishiro n. hospital; dispensary (see also isukuli)

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
litatwi n. large brown bird whose note resembles water coming out of a bottle; Burchell's Cocula
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
litokho n. large town
litoyi n. mud prepared for a special purpose, pottery, plaster, building, etc.
litumulu n. mantis; praying mantis (see also eshitiamolu)
litsiriri n. cricket; silver-fish; also possibly sometimes used for cockroaches, etc.
litulili n. flock; herd; crowd
litululo 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)
liuko 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
liwuva 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 elod of earth
liyitsa n. flock; herd
liyoyi n. bird
liyoyo n. duck
loing'ong'we n. mist; fog
loyoni n. a bird; possibly applied particularly to edible birds. Also in forms liyoni and linyoni
lukano adv. differently
-lulu adj. fierce; brave; strong; powerful; troublesome; fierce; dangerous; bitter; sour; hot (omululu, emilulu, amalulu, etc.)
-lunji lunji lunji lunji adj. straight; right
-lunjishi lunjishi lunjishi 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
meri  adv.  before; first; ekhola mberiyo '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
mumbafu  n.  the side
mumbaka  adv.  in the gap or space
mumbo  n.  west; in the direction of the place of this name
umoni  n.  face; lit. 'in the eyes'; umoni mwanje 'my face'
mumoni tsianje  adv. in my sight
mumulyiango  adv. on the veranda; near the doorway
munane  num. eight
mundolo tsyanamabere  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
mushitsambo  adv. in the afternoon
mutsuli  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
mwezi  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.)
nyaye  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
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<td>-nyiririfu</td>
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<td>-o poss. your (sg)</td>
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<td>obewo</td>
<td>greet. bye for now', lit. 'may you be there'</td>
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<td>obuchakwi</td>
<td>beginning; being begun; being started</td>
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<td>obuchesi</td>
<td>common sense; clever; intelligent; wise; bright (cl. 14, -chesi)</td>
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<td>obuchishi</td>
<td>unripe; green (cl. 14, -chishi)</td>
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<td>obufira</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>obufisi</td>
<td>venom (of snake, etc.)</td>
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<td>obufumu</td>
<td>magic; prophecy; the doings of an omufumu</td>
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<td>obufundi</td>
<td>skill in a trade, art, etc.; carpentry</td>
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<td>obufwa</td>
<td>small, fine seeds (see also tsimwo 'large seeds')</td>
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<td>obuhalibirwi</td>
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<td>obuheeri</td>
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<td>meekness, humility; reserve</td>
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<td>obuhonia</td>
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<td>obuhulushi</td>
<td>rest; holiday</td>
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<td>obukhala</td>
<td>profit</td>
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<td>obukhalabani</td>
<td>n. service; ministry</td>
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<td>obukhana</td>
<td>music; musical instrument of any kind</td>
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<td>doings; acts; work</td>
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<td>size; bigness</td>
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<td>number; mbolera obukhumi bwabana mwisomero 'tell me the number of children in the school'</td>
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<td>n. hole in ground; ditch (pl. amako)</td>
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<td>obukosheni</td>
<td>n. ambush; lying in wait</td>
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<td>obukono</td>
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<td>obukoosia</td>
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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; cleanliness; brightness; lightness; purity
obulaami  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
obulambana  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

obulohu  n.  thirst; obulohu 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
obulubiri  n.  courage; anger;
determination; danger arising from courage, anger, or determination
obulumirifu  n.  perseverance; persistence
obulunjushi  n.  righteousness; straightforwardness
obumalirishi  n.  the end; the finish
obumanani  n.  poverty
obumayunu  n.  wickedness; evil
obumachere  n.  small white mushroom, no bigger than a shilling
obumeesi  n.  drunkenness
obumene  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)
obusye  n. flour; meal; any finely ground
 powder
obutakha  n. lack; poverty; want
obutiyisho  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
obuyeeri  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
Obwatyeri n. adj. truth; real; true;
genuine; very much

Obwayiro n. grazing ground

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 khubweru 'he walks
about the house'

Obwibule n. freedom

Obwifiti n. theft

Obwihotseresi n. quietness; calmness;
tranquility

Obwikhalo n. dwelling-place; seat;
position; obwikhalira 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

Obwinani 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

Obwirwiri 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

Obwitemberesii 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.
captured 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 amapwuoni 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

Okhubilikha 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
okhubalushika v.int. do anything for the first time in the season, e.g., dig, plant, eat of a new crop, etc.
okhubambo 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
okhubasie 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
okhubatasi v.tr. entangle; beat around the bush
okhubatikha v.tr. heat water, particularly that for beer
okhubatisa v.tr. baptize
okhubatisibwa v.pass. be baptized
okhubatasa olusala v.int. tell lies; lie
okhubatsuka 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 v.p. live with one man after another
okhubayisa v.tr. of a man, take a girl away as wife without having paid dowry, etc.
okhubeera v.tr. forgive; pardon
okhuberasi v.tr. make angry; be angry; be resentful
okhuberwa v.tr. conceive a child
okhuberekha v.tr. conceive a child
okhuberekha inda v.p. conceive a child
okhuberekha omwana v.p. conceive a child
okhuberwa v.tr. not in good moods; be annoyed; be angry; be jealous; be resentful
okhubersia v.tr. make angry with someone else
okhubetsakala v.int. belch; bring up wind
okhubeya v.int. tell lies; lie; cheat; deceive
okhubeyabwa v.int./tr. be restless
okhubeyera v.tr. lie to; deceive; make excuses about
okhubika omurwe v.p. be obstinate
okhubiira v.tr. tell; order; command
okhubika v.tr. put away; save by putting away in a bank, cupboard, etc.
okhubikha likhobo v.p. bear a grudge
okhubikha v.int. cry; wail
okhubikina 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.tr. 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-existant, absent; be without; lack
okhubuluulira v.tr. grumble at; complain of
okhubumba v.tr. heap; pile up; crowd together
okhubunana 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

okhuchenuela  

v.tr. break up cold obusuma left over from previous meal into the water being boiled for a new batch

okhuchenula  

v.tr. clean; refine

okhuchenyia  

v.tr. 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.tr. leak; drip

okhuchulukha  

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

okhufiimba  

v.int. cover; thatch (house)

okhufimbwa omurwe  

v.int. be ashamed

okhufinda  

v.int. be ashamed

okhufinda  

v.int. rise (of the sun); come through, appear in the gums (of teeth); sprout (of crops)
okhufundikha  v.int. be cramped; be overcrowded; be busy
okhufinya v.tr. squeeze, e.g. squeezing pus from an abscess; blow the nose
okhufisana 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
okhufibirana 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 wall 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
okhufulukhala 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
okhufunana 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

**okhufuubha** *v.int.* swell; be blown up

**okhufuuumba** *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

**okhuhaaanira** *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)

**okhufanafia** *v.int.* infect each other

**okhufafia** *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

**okhuhambha** *v.int.* come (see also okhwitsa)

**okhuhambha** *v.tr.* arrest; take hold of firmly; seize, as an illness; catch; massage; rub

**okhuhambha isira** *vp* become bitter, unforgiving enemies, because of some wrong done

**okhuhambha 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)

**okhukanakalala v.tr.** become lazy

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

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

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

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

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

**okhukalalana v.int./tr.** separate; part; settle a dispute

**okhukaluka v.tr.** return; come back; go back

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

**okhukalukhama v.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

**okhukalwaza v.tr.** return to

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

**okhukaluzo v.tr.** answer; reply; repeat

**okhukaluzo v.tr.** be returned; be given back; be answered; be inherited as wife by a relation of one’s husband

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

**okhukala v.tr.** sit idly with others instead of attending to one’s work

**okhuka 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
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
okhukayya 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

okhukhakana 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
okhukhamuuka v.int. disappear; vanish
okhukhanya v.tr. take too much
okhukhanya v.tr. crumple up
okhukhaya 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
okhukhuma 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
okhukhomberesia 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
okhukhongoya 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
okhukhulunumama v.int. be confident
okhukhulunamia 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’)

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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
okhukhwebwa  v.tr.  collect; grab
okhukwere-rerana  v.int.  have cattle brought for one by one’s intended husband to be engaged
okhukwe-khesesula  v.tr.  pull, drag
okhukwere-rerana  v.int.  become engaged to each other, by the payment of dowry; be betrothed
okhukwesesa  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
okhuko-ba  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
okhuko-fula  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
okhuko-kokhokha-na  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
okhuko-lolola  v.tr.  straighten; stretch out; also used figuratively, of straightening out tangled affairs
okhuko-lolokha  v.int.  straighten out; stretch out; also used figuratively of straightening out tangled affairs

okhukomang-goma  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 mafumuma  vp  lie on the face, lie prone
okhukona makalama  vp  lie on the back
okhukona meso  vp  lie awake
okhukona tsindolo  vp  sleep
okhukonerera  v.tr.  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
okhuko-yakoyia  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
okhukulanu  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
okhukumukha  v.int.  fall suddenly into a hole, etc.; doze and fall off the chair, etc.: fall from tiredness
okhukumula  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
okhukwalasia  v.tr.  level
okhukwasia  v.tr.  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', tsinguba tsilabire tserorere 'the clothes have become quite clean and white, alabire tsimoni 'he began to see clearly'
okhulabuka  v.int.  become light after rain, at dawn
okhulachirisa  v.tr.  remind somenone about a promise
okhulafia  v.tr.  make clean; whiten; ripen; purify; cleanse
okhulaka  v.tr.  promise
okhulaka efipala munwa  vp  curse
okhulakaka  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
okhulaluka  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 root 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.tr. int. come to life; arise from the dead; revive after being unconscious or helpless; resuscitate (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 mudwayiro 'he left the sheep in the grazing-ground'; lekha akhole 'let him do it'; lekha okhokhola 'stop doing it', lekha! 'stop!'
okhulekha 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
okhulikula 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.tr. be joined together; combine
okhulimasia v.tr. be joined 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.tr. keep quiet (see also okhulekha)
okhuliyana v.tr. keep quiet (see also okhulekha)
okhulire v.tr. 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: endutshi, ndalutsi, etc.)
okhulola amasira vp have trouble; be bereaved
okhulolekha v.int. appear; seem; be visible
okhulolerera v.tr. oversee; supervise
okhulomesia effiwanani 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; yalonda 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!' okhulosa v.tr. demonstrate; show; display
okhulubu 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

okhululama 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
okhulunyia v.tr. cause to give up; force; tire by asking over and over again
okhuluma 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
okhumala v.int. trample
okhumaniya 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'; yasinyikha 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

okhuma okhumana 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

okhuminana v.int. be very poor, needy, destitute

okhumansia 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.

okhumanyu v.tr. know; acquire knowledge; emanyire 'I know'; amayire khuli shi? 'how does he know?'; omanire okhunose? 'can you read?'

okhuminanyia v.tr. show; display

okhuminanyikha v.int. be known

okhuminansia v.tr. warn; report; make known

okhuminanyuka v.int. be plucked

okhuminayana v.int. be bad, wicked, evil; become bad, wicked, evil

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

okhumbakha v.tr. build; better spelt umbakha

okhuneera v.int. become drunk

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

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

okhumena v.tr. munch, e.g. a raw potato

okhumenumuha v.tr. munch

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

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

okhumeri 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

okhumeeyia 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.)

okhuminia v.tr. compel s.o. to do something unwillingly

okhumina v.tr. mean

okhuminina v.tr. run quickly

okhumira v.tr. swallow up; absorb

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

okhumira obukala vp swallow whole

okhuminira adj. sweet

okhuminira 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

okhumisya v.tr. blow the nose

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

okhumokha v.int. be shy

okhulomola 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 unlambly
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
okhunaka v.int. flower; shine; give light
okhumulishira v.tr. shine on; give light to
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.tr./tr. fish with a net
okhunaala v.tr. wind wire or rope round and round; coil
okhunaba v.tr./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.tr./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.tr./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
okhung'ana 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.tr./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'ooyang'oya v.int. dawdle
okhung'ukha v.tr. 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.tr./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
okhunuula 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
okhununia 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?'
okhunyalikha v.int. suffer; be possible
okhunyalukha v.int. be bent or broken; burst, specially of something squeaky, which squirts in all directions
okhunyalulkha v.int. be sticky and doughy, so that it cannot be broken off cleanly but trails strings behind it
okhunyalusia v.tr. burst
okhunyanya v.int./tr. chew
okhunyanyika 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
okhunyiika 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
okhunyirisisia v.tr. cool
okhunyirisisia 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
okhunyoolelesia 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 \text{v.int.; v.tr.} be fine and soft to the touch, e.g. fine flour; tan leather
okhunyululukha \text{v.int.} ease off and very nearly stop (of rain)
okhunyululuisia \text{v.tr.} sprinkle; dribble
okhunywa \text{v.int./tr.} drink; nywa indaba 'smoke'; nywa olukata 'smoke a pipe'; nywa isikara 'smoke a cigarette'
okhuonywa indaba \text{v.tr.} smoke
okhunywa inzaka \text{v.p} smoke bhang
okhunyekha \text{v.tr.} beat; punish
okhunyewesia \text{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 \text{v.int.} sink in, e.g. a filled-in hole; sunken eyes or cheeks in illness
okhuobola \text{v.int.} sink into a hole that had been filled in
okhuofula \text{v.int.} become blind; lose sight
okhuola \text{v.int./tr.} borrow; lend
okhuola \text{v.int.} roar, e.g. wild animal; sound of rain in the distance; retch
okhuola \text{v.tr.} rear; bring up a child
okhuona \text{v.int.} recover; escape; avoid a danger
okhuungu \text{v.int.} stay; continue; remain; stay away; refrain, e.g., okhuungu inzala 'fast, refrain from eating'
okhuonia \text{v.tr.} heal; cure; save (of s.o. from illness, accident death, etc., of money saved from wasteful or unnecessary use)
okhuonokokha \text{v.int.} escape narrowly
okhuosia \text{v.tr.} lend
okhupa \text{v.tr.} beat; hit
okhupa amakhofi \text{v.p} clap hands
okhupa amashemo \text{v.p} look over one's shoulder; look behind; turn back; look backwards
okhupa eshyachi \text{v.p} erect a grain store
okhupa ichapa \text{v.tr.} print or type (=Swahili)
okhupa ikengere \text{v.p} ring a bell
okhupa ikha \text{v.p} draw lots
okhupa imbakhia \text{v.p} converse; talk to each other; have a talk
okhupa inyimba \text{v.p} ring a bell
okhupa ipasi \text{v.p} iron a garment (see also okhupasa)
okhupa ipicha \text{v.p} take a photograph
okhupa iranda \text{v.tr.} plane (<<Swahili>>)
okhupa isimu \text{v.p} make a phone call
okhupa isindani \text{v.p} give an injection
okhupa likanya \text{v.p} coil up
okhupa likara \text{v.p} sit cross-legged
okhupa obukhana \text{v.p} play a musical instrument
okhupa olubasi \text{v.p} kick
okhupa oluchero \text{v.p} tell a story or parable
okhupa olukuma \text{v.p} hit on the head with a stick, etc
okhupa omulosi \text{v.p} whistle (taboo for women)
okhupa omunaye \text{v.p} ask a riddle
okhupa omunwa \text{v.p} send a message
okhupa omupira \text{v.p} play football (or other game with a ball)
okhupa omuse \text{v.p} lay the foundation
okhupa orio \text{v.p} thank
okhupa tsimbakha \text{v.p} converse; argue
okhupa tsimbungu \text{v.p} make shrill cries of alarm, distress, or grief; wail
okhupaka \text{v.tr.} thresh; beat; whip; mix; knead
okhupaka \text{v.tr.} praise
okhupalapala \text{v.int.} be flat
okhupama \text{v.int.} be flat, esp. of s.t. one would expect to be round, e.g. a ball, a fish; go flat
okhupama \text{v.int.} hide in a corner, hide behind something
okhupama \text{v.tr.} slap on the cheek; hit with palm of hand
okhupana \text{v.int.} fight; beat each other
okhupapala \text{v.int.} flap about; struggle
okhupara \text{v.int.} think (general, see also okhukala, okhukanakania, okhuyiririsia)
okhupasa \text{v.tr.} iron; press (see also okhupa ipasi)
okhupasia \text{v.tr.} beat together; mix; beat; thresh
okhupatapatia \text{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

okhuratukha  *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
okhoresia v.tr. shake; cause to tremble
okhoresibwa v.pass. be found
okhoresibwa 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)
okhuririririra 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
okhurondochana 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.tr. jump
okhurumachira v.int. hop; jump with both feet together
okhurumana v.tr. send (of persons, not things, cf. okhuhira)
okhurumba v.tr. be stationary (of an ant hill, 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.
okhurumbuka 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
okhusabulukhane v.int. scatter; be scattered; break off; separate; go away
okhusaka v.tr. 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; overlap
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)

okhusemera  

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.);

winnnow

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)

okhushcherera  

v.int.  make the sound

made by hens about to lay, not a cackle

okhushena  

v.tr.  haunt

okhushenga  

v.tr.  cut

okhushemulula  

v.tr.  draw the last drop of

water from a jar

okhushenyaya  

v.int.  groan; moan

okhusherera  

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 amabeke  

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

okhushiinya  

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
okhusina 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
okhusinya v.tr. 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
okhusinziska 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

okhusirika 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
okhusomeshka 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
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
okhuswamire v.tr. grind
okhuswamira v.tr. mensttruate (see also okhusayaka omwesi, okhuta omwesi, okhutaling isyongo)
okhuswamira, okhwitukha isyongo)
okhutalatala v.int. stretch oneself; throw oneself down; throw out arms and legs
okhutamasi v.tr. knock over a weak person
okhutamasia v.int. twist the meaning of words
okhutamb a 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
okhutay a v.tr. draw water
okhutaya omwesi vp menstruate (see also okhuswamira, okhutaling isyongo)
okhuteba v.int. mind; care
okhutechera v.int. tremble; shake; be all of a dither
okhutek a 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
okhutematemelia v.int./tr. try; attempt; test; tempt
okhutematemelia v.int. blink repeatedly
okhutebakha v.int. be loose; be relaxed; relax
okhutebekhanda v.tr. treat gently; take care of; be careful with
okhutendeoka 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
okhuteshernessa v.tr. marry (of a girl)
okhuteshernessa 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
okhutetsera v.tr. support; hold up; keep from falling
okhutetukha v.int. come apart; snap
okhutibana v.int. be completely lost; be completely lost sight of; perish
okhutibina v.tr. cause to be lost
okhutiechera v.int. limp
okhutikabhina v.int. be over busy; be preoccupied; be rushed for time
okhutikahaha v.int. struggle with (e.g., learning); be slow and backward; try in vain
okhutikitya v.tr. tickle
okhutikulukha v.int. go up; ascend
okhutima v.int. wander aimlessly; be lost
okhutimana v.int. mess about
okhutimatina v.tr. 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
okhutimbina v.tr. make s.o. shut his eyes
okhutimbula v.tr. open (particularly the eyes)
okhutindichira v.int. limp; stumble
okhutinya v.tr.
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
okhutirirana v.tr. press down for each other; press out for each other; express; squeeze for each other
okhutirira v.tr. hold; seize; retain; grasp; catch; touch
okhutiratira v.int. fiddle; touch one thing after another
okhutirira v.tr. hold for someone
okhutirwina imbalikha v.tr. 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.tr. 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
okhutolona 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.tr. dip a portion of obusuma etc. in gravy preparatory to eating it
okhutong'a v.tr. remain; be left over; be left behind (see also okhusikala)
okhutonya amakhuwa vp gossip; tell about
okhutora v.tr. 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.tr. be tasteless; be insipid
okhutsalikha v.tr. 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.)

**okhutesera** v.tr. go down the wrong way; choke

**okhuteshara** v.tr. laugh with; laugh at, in a pleased way

**okhutesherera** v.tr. laugh at, usually in a mocking, derisive way

**okhuteshia** v.tr. amuse; cause laughter

**okhuteshia ameno** vp amuse; cause laughter

**okhutesula** 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

**okhutsirira** 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); unsheathe

**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.tr. trample

**okhutubukha** v.int. soften; break up; come to pieces

**okhutubukha** v.tr. 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.tr. 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.tr. 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.

okhutuumula  v.tr. slash; cut in two

okhutwara  v.int. talk angrily

okhutwerekha  v.int. tear

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

okhuuliria  v.tr. hear; listen; understand; feel; perceive with the senses; obey

okhuulirika  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

okhuumana  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

okhuumuna  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
okuwungera v.int. come gradually to an end; decrease and finally disappear
okuweresia v.tr. give (to s.o.)
okuwewa v.int. whisper
okuwinjana v.int. agree; enjoy fellowship; come together; get on well together; be in harmony
okuwinjana v.tr. bring into agreement; harmonize
okuwoleleresia v.tr. quiet; ease; silence
okuwolela v.int. be quiet; stop making any sound; keep still; ease (of pain); intensify by the use of tsi
okuwolela tsi v.p keep quite quiet
okuwora v.int./tr. eat greedily
okuwora v.int. marvel; be amazed
okuwa v.int. be hot
okuwaba v.tr. dig, e.g. a hole; excavate (not used of cultivating, cf. okhulima)
okuwaba amapwoni v.p dig potatoes, only taking one or two from each plant
okuwabira v.tr. bury
okuwabula v.tr. dig up something that has been buried
okuwakala v.tr. whet; sharpen, as a knife on a stone
okuwala v.int/tr. preach; speak publicly; make an announcement; try a case before the elders
okuwaya v.tr. snatch; take by force; despoil
okuwyera v.int. breathe
okuwyeka v.int. lean
okuwyemba v.int. fill; flood
okuwyenda v.int. be worried, troubled, anxious, grieved
okuwyendera v.tr. be worried, etc., about, or on behalf of
okuwyenia v.tr. worry; trouble someone
okuwyenga v.int./tr. look; look at
okuwyenga v.tr. brew beer
okuwyengana v.int. look at each other
okuwyengana nde v.p be opposite
okuwenjera v.tr. look through; look on behalf of
okuwenjeresia v.int./tr. look for; keep the eyes open; be on the lookout
okuwenzeren v.int. be flat; be leve; lie still; be stagnant; be calm
okuwenzeren v.tr. flatten; calm; quieten; knock down flat 0 as in amupire namuenyenzen
okuwerana v.int. be equal
okuwyesera v.int. breathe heavily and gaspingly; be out of breath; be puffed
okuwyeshera v.tr. lean against, or on
okuwyesia v.tr. incline; bend; lean against
okuwyeya v.tr. commit adultery; possibly more accurately, bear an illegitimate child
okuwyla v.int. become hot; burn; cook
okuwyiba v.int. shout angrily
okuwyichikha v.tr. support; steady
okuwyima v.int./tr. hunt
okuwyindasia v.tr. enrich; make wealthy
okuwyindalia v.int. become rich, wealthy
okuwyindira v.int. live very long (see also okhuiindira)
okuwyiningana v.int. dispute; debate; argue; quarrel
okuwyinia v.tr. take out; withdraw; extract; remove
okuwyinjikhesia v.int. be part full
okuwyinjikhesia v.tr. fill partly
okuwyira v.tr. take (a thing), as in okhuwyira esishala munzu 'take the chair into the house'; send in the care of another
okuwyira emiayo v.p yawn
okuwyira emuya v.p yawn
okuwyira omukoma v.p push one's opponent about in wrestling; dance all over the place
okuwyirana v.tr. commit adultery
okuwyirira v.int. snore (of s.o.); purr (of a cat)
okuwyiririsia 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.int. 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 mischievous, 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
okhwakha v.int. burn a sore place; open up an old sore
okhwake v.int. burn; glow; give light
okhwakha v.int. burn or sting, as from smoke, pepper, etc.
okhwakanyana v.int. become red; glow; become fierce, cruel
okhwakuka 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
okhwalamena v.int. be open
okhwalicha v.int./tr. put water on to boil for making obusuma
okhwalicha 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.
okhwana v.int. be scattered over, e.g., dew on grass
okhwana 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 okhwambachirira)
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
okhwaukha 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
okhwanguirisia v.int./tr. hurry; hasten
okhvaniichira v.int. go up-hill; ascend
okhwaniikha v.int. lie in the sun; hang up
okhwaniira 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 in two; break (pot, etc.)
okhwara v.tr. skin bananas for cooking
okhwarasia v.tr. split
okhwaruula 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

okhwatika v.int. be driven out of home by invaders
okhwatika 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
okhwaukana 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
okhwecheka 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 standstill; stop walking or running
okhwemeka 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
okhweny a v.tr. want; need; like; love; appear to be on the point of, e.g., yenya 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
okhwibasia  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
okhwifumbha  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
okhwilikama  v.int./tr.  shelter from the rain
okhiwina  v.tr.  dip; immerse; soak; touch, particularly with the tip of a finger
okhiwirira  v.int.  snore
okhiwiirisia  v.tr.  to ponder
okhiwikala  v.int./tr.  close, or be closed; shut, or be shut
okhiwikalira  v.tr.  shut in (or out); prevent; stop
okhiwikalisia  v.tr.  dam water; hush up a matter
okhiwikalukhasia  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
okhwikholokhosa v.refl. trouble oneself
okhwikhonya v.refl. help oneself
okhwikhonyera v.refl. help oneself with; use
okhwikhoya v.int. rejoice; be glad; be happy
okhwikhumlamamia 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; omuliano 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
okhwilaalakalakania v.int. talk to oneself; talk nonsense or to talk boastingly when others don’t want to listen
okhwilaasia v.refl. lust; be filled with desire
okhwilerera v.refl. give in
okhwiliang'aliang'ania v.refl. talk to oneself; talk nonsense, or boastingly, 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
okhwinana v.int. bow; bend
okhwinamira v.tr. bow down to; worship
okhwiring'ona v.refl. adorn oneself; dress up
okhwiniyala v.int. pass urine; emit semen
okhwinyamba v.int. pass gas
okhwinyasia v.refl. disturb oneself; trouble oneself
okhwinyala 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. run quickly
okhwirobotsa v.refl. go stealthily; sneak
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 v.p run quickly
okhwirukha tsimbiro v.int. run quickly (from)
okhwirukhanka 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; okhwirushima 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
okhwirusia \quad v.tr. \quad 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 \quad v.refl. \quad hold forth; preach; make a speech

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

okhwishia \quad a.mau \quad vp \quad sigh

okhwiya \quad a.mau \quad vp \quad pluck out, e.g. hairs; pull

okhwiyana \quad a.mau \quad vp \quad take off the fire

okhwiya \quad v.refl. \quad bow; promise solemnly

okhwiya \quad v.tr. \quad take up a load

okhwiya \quad v.int. \quad 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)

okhwiya \quad v.refl. \quad to be obedient; faithful, law-abiding, docile

okhwiyetsa \quad v.refl. \quad defend oneself; make excuses

okhwiyitsa \quad v.int. \quad spill

okhwiyitsisia \quad v.tr. \quad spill

okhwiyitsiye \quad v.int. \quad rant and rave

okhwiyitsa \quad v.int. \quad 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)

okhwiyitsa \quad v.refl. \quad be with surprise; do something unintentionally

okhwiyitsula \quad v.int. \quad contain; be filled with; be near to calving (of a cow)

okhwiyitsula \quad tu \quad vp \quad be completely full

okhwiyitsula \quad v.tr. \quad remember

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

okhwiyitsula \quad v.tr. \quad fill

okhwiyitsula \quad v.tr. \quad remind

okhwiyitsula \quad v.int. \quad bathe; play in the water; swim

okhwiyitsula \quad v.tr. \quad put on one’s head for carrying; take up a load

okhwiyitsula \quad isyongo \quad vp \quad menstruate (see also okhuhswamira, okhutaya omwesi)

okhwiyitsulera \quad v.refl. \quad balance oneself

okhwiyitsulera \quad v.refl. \quad balance something on the head while walking

okhwiyitsula \quad v.int. \quad jump high

okhwiyula \quad v.tr. \quad take off the fire

okhwiyuma \quad v.refl. \quad be amazed, perplexed, astonished

okhwiyuna \quad v.refl. \quad look all around, turning the head in all directions

okhwiyie \quad v.tr. \quad pluck out, e.g. hairs; pull up by the roots

okhwiyana \quad a.mau \quad vp \quad be settled already

okhwiyana \quad a.mau \quad vp \quad hit oneself with hammer, stone, etc.

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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
okhwiyiraka 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 spoilt; go bad
okhwononia  v.tr. spoil; sin against
okhworamira  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
okhswosia  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
olakalukwa lwangu, ko! excl. come back quickly!
olindwe  greet. 'goodbye'; lit. 'may you be kept'; also occasionally akhulinde 'may he keep you'
olindwekhuwo  greet. 'goodbye'; lit. 'may you be kept'
olubaa  n. wing
olubafu  n. rib (see also pl. tsumbafu '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
olukan $n$. 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
olukhande $n$. 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 ominusala; comb of a rooster
olumemenu $n.$, 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
olushebe  n.  stick
olushetu  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')
olusia  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
olutairo  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.
oluteto  n.  iron ornament worn round neck or waist; armlet; 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
olutengu  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
olungu  n.  shrill cry of alarm, distress, or grief (pl. tsimbungu)
olushebe  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
olwamphako  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 hôm. 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 lwolukalakala  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
omuchekele  n. rice (<Swahili)
omuchen i , adj. visitor; stranger;
newcomer; foreign; strange; novel;
unusual (cl. 1, cl. 3, -cheni)
omuchera  n. river; creek; stream
omuchesiches i  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

omuhanda n. corner (of piece of cloth, etc.)

omukhulundu np first wife

omukhule n. sp. of tree

omukhulu n. elder; senior; old man; eldest of the family; person having authority or seniority

omukhundi n. servant; minister

omukaluli n. interpret

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

omukasina 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

omukayi n. mat, (<Swahili, cf. lihambo 'Kavirondo matting of papyrus')

omukepe n. tin; can

omukhalabani n. worker; servant; minister of the church

omukhama n. first wife

omukhama wanye 'first wife'

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

omukhundu n. elder; senior; old man; eldest of the family; person having authority or seniority

omukhunda n. servant; minister

omukhwe n. wife, esp. one who has had a child; wife (also omuteshi); omukhasi wanje 'my wife'; omukhasi omukhulundu 'first wife'

omukhanya n. girl; daughter; sister; female relation of same clan and same generation; any big unmarried girl; omukhane wefwe 'my daughter'; omukhane wa wane 'so-and-so’s daughter', omukhane wabwe wane 'so-and-so’s sister'

omukhia n. woman (only of a married woman, esp. one who has had a child); favorite wife (cf omukhasi omukhulundu 'first wife')

omukhoni n. merchant; seller; hawkers

omukhoni ma wane 'so-and-so’s sister'

omukhoni wa wane 'so-and-so’s sister'

omukhoni wefwe 'my daughter'

omukhoni wanye 'my wife'

omukhoni wanye 'first wife'

omukhosa n. line; probably more specifically one of several parallel lines; a ray of sunlight

omukhule n. sp. of tree

omukhulundu n. elder; senior; old man; eldest of the family; person having authority or seniority

omukhunda n. servant; minister

omukhwa 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)
omukowe 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
omukulikha 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)
omukushiru n. fretful, ailing person
omukulu 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 owulukongo 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
omulolerer n. overseer; bishop
omuloli n. witness; one who saw
omulombenesi 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
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
omumenyenani 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
omumeryibwa 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
omumerya 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)
omunabib 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
omungeresana n. Englishman
omumin a 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 kwechumbi  np  ordinary salt, either coarse or fine
omunyu kwelishe  np  ash of certain grasses, through which water is caused to percolate to make an alkaline fluid used in flavoring meat, vegetables, etc.
omunyu kwetsimbaie  np  coarse salt
omunyu omushebano  np  salt made from ash
omunyushi  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
omurerere  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'; okhubwimbwa 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
omusatka n.  man
omusatwa 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
omuheri n.  milker
omushina n.  tuft of hair at end of cow’s tail
omushinga n.  doorstop; 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
omuswinga 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 drank 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
omutambiko 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, -toufu)
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
omununguli n. one who spreads rumors; gossip
omuya n. breath; air; steam
omuya adj. new; young (cl. 1, cl. 3, -ya)
omuyabululu 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. adulteress; 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
omwamini 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 inzu np wife; lit. owner of the house

omweis n. pupil; student; learner

omweya n. bride

omwibali n. teacher; guide

omwibale n. native; one born in the country; one of the clan

omwibusi n. parent

omwibusia n. midwife

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.

omwiro 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'

omwosizo osi osi osi osi adj. all, any

omwoyo n. heart; soul; throat; voice; tune

openda n. color in a female animal

opili n. color (striped black and brown) in cow

opelishi osi osi osi osi excl. thank you

osimbo n. color

otechire! excl. you've got it!

owa amachere n. leper

owa amakhokosi np the last child a woman bears

owa amakhokosi n. leper

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owa amakatswa n. bow-legged person

owa amalimalimi n. hypocrite

owa amashu n. cross-eyed person

owa amathu n. color, female animal

owe foot poss. our (cl. 1, cl. 3, -efu)

oweinjina np one who is generous with gifts and help

oweisunga np boasting, conceited person

owelihinji n. troublesome, pig-headed, argumentative person

oweliku n. man in authority under the chief whose special responsibility is to settle land shauris
owenyu **poss.** your (pl, cl. 1, -enyu)  
*oweshi*burwa *n.* absent-minded, careless, forgetful person  
*oweshirwa *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 uluswa 'rebellion')  
*owomonzu yefu * *n.* 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  
**rapoki *n.* color (white and brown?) in male animal  
**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  
-rereshe *adj.* clear; clean (of water)  
**ruyey? **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  
-sh? **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; wenya 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)  
**shiru** *adj.* stupid; dumb; deaf and dumb; mentally deficient  
-siriusiru *adj.* stupid or foolish  
**so** *n.* your father
somba  

n. island-hill in Lake Victoria, near Port Victoria, which either is the omusambwa or spirit, or is the dwelling place of the omusambwa, worshipped and feared by the Banyala people

syenyene  
adv. by myself; (I) alone

seyesi  
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, sheep, 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 female animals

-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

tisifwa  
n. vegetables, herbs; any food (meat, fish, etc.) eaten as a relish with obusuma (see also elyani)
tisifwebewebe  
n. dung of rats; goats, etc.
tisikhuwa  
n. words
tisikhwi  
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. mumabfu 'side of the body, where the ribs are')
tsimbasi  
n. hind kicks such those of a donkey
tsimbiro  

n., adv. speed; quickly
tsimbitsi  
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  
tsimakhombe  
n. sunken, deep

-set eyes
tsimuli  
n. thick, stiff thatching grass; (sg. olumuli 'one stalk of thatching grass')
tsimwo  
n. large seeds
tsandalo  
n. days
tsinyaindayi  
n. mumps
tsindeberende  
n. rust
tsindendere  
n. elephantiasis
tsindolo  
n. sleep
tsindumbiri  
n. elephantiasis
tsine  

num. four
tsinge'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
tsinzeshi  
n. beer-drinking tubes, carried in bamboo

-tinzibu  
adj. tasteless; insipid (eshitsinzibu, efitsinzibu, etc.)
tsrano  

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)

tsisare  *n.* marks incised, engraved or imprinted (e.g., on the body or on a pot)

tsisendé  *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 root 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; vertically

tunjerere  *adv.* vertically overhead

-tutu  *adj.* little; small; few (shitutu, matutu)

tyeri!  *excl.* that’s so!, quite true!

-tumu  *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 ufunanga  *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

wole!  *excl.* indicating amazement, surprise, shock, amusement

-ya  *adj.* new; young (omuya, efiya, imbya, etc.)

-yakha  *adj.* new; novel (eshiyakha, efiyakha, etc.)

ye  *pron.* he, she

yena!  *wh.* where?

yeneyene  *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.)