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

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

A few notes on the orthography used:

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

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

A

abandon, to - guhāna, gutererana, kuzinukwa	action - umurimo, igikorwa
abcess - ikibyimba	actions (habitual) - imigenzereze. imigirire
ability - ubushobozi	adamant, to be - kutava ku izima
able, to be - gushobora, kubasha	add, to - guterana (int.), guteranya (tr.), kongera
aboriginal - kavukire	add words, to - kungamo
about (concerning) - ibya, ibyerekeye (approximately) - hafi, nka	administration - imitegekere
about to, to be - kwenda	admit, to - kwemera
above - hejuru, hejuru ya	adore, to - kuramya
absent, to be - gusiba	adulterer - umusambanyi
absolutely - rwose, pe	adultery - ubusambanyi
abstain, to - gusiba	adultery, to commit - gusambana
abundant, to be (crop) - kurumbuka	advance, to - kujya imbere, gutambuka
accept, to - kwakira, kwemera, kwenda	advice - inama
accident - igisida, akisida, ishyano, impanuka	advise, to - kugīra inama, guhanura
acclamation, cry of - impundu	advisor - umujyanama
accompany, to - kugendana, kujyana na, gushagara, guherekeza	affair - urubanza e.g. dealing with a case of misconduct
accomplish, to - gusohoza	affirm strongly, to - kwirenga
according to - kubwa	afire, to set - gukongeza
account (finance) - ibitabo by'amafaranga	afraid, to be - gutinya, kugira ubwoba
accusation - ikirego	after - inyuma, hanyuma
accuse, to - kurega	afternoon - ni muni
accustomed, to be - kumenyera	afterwards - hanyuma, bukeye
across (a body of water, valley) - hakurya	again, to do - gusubira, kongera again - ukundi again and again - hato na hato
act, to - gukora	against, to talk - guhinyura

age - imyaka y'amavuka old age - ubukuru, zabukuru middle (30-50) - ubukwerere, imikwerere all ages - ikigero cyose	am (I am) - ndi
ago, long - kera	amaze, to - gutangaza
agree, to - kwemera	amazing thing - igitangaza
agreement, to be in - gukiranuka	ambush - igico lie in ambush, to - kubikira
aid, to - gufasha, kugoboka, gutabara, kuvuna	America, U. S. of - Leta zunze z'Amerika
aid, voluntary - umusanzu, ubuvunnyi one who aids - umuvunnyi	among - hagati ya, mu, muri
aim at, to - gufora	amount - urugero
aim, to have for - -gamije (no inf.)	amuse a child, to - kubeshyabeshya
air - umwuka, ikirere	ancestor - sogokuruza
airplane - indege	ancestral spirit - umzimu
alarm, cry of - induru	ancestral spirit, harmful -igisigo
alert, to be - kuba maso	and - na, no, kandi and now - none, noneho, none rero and so - none, noneho, none rero, niko
alive - -zima (muzima, kizima, etc.) alive, to be - kubaho	angel - (umu-)marayika
all - -ose (bose, byose, etc.)	anger - uburakari, umujinya (long lasting), ishavu (light)
allow, to - gukundira, kureka	angry, to be - kurakara
almost - hafi	angry, to become - kurubira
alone - -nyine (wenyine, etc.) -sa (musa, bisa, etc.) alone, to be - kwiherera	anguish - impagarara
along - ku ruhande rwa	animal - inyamaswa, igisimba
also - na, kandi	animator - umukangurambaga
although - nubwo, naho	announce, to - gutangaza, kuranga
always - iteka, ubudahwema, iminsi yose	annoy, to - kurushya
always (do), to - kujya, guhora	annually - uko umwaka utaha
	anoint, to - gusiga
	another - -ndi (undi, abandi, etc.)

answer - igisubizo	argument - impaka, amakimbirane
answer, to - gusubiza	arise, to (from bed, ground) - kubyuka (from dead) - kuzuka
answer when called, to - kwitaba	
ant: pincher ant - intozi	arm - ukuboko
small food ant - ubushishi	armpit - ukwaha
white ant - umuswa	army - ingabo
antelope, small - impongo	arouse, to - guhugura
anxiety - amaganya, impungenge, inkeke	arrive, to - kugera, gusohora, guhinguka, gusesekara
anxious, to be - guhangayika, guhagarika	arrive, to cause to - kugeza
umutima, kubunza umutima	arrive by boat, to - komokera
anybody - umuntu wese	arrive at, to - gushyika
anyhow, to do - gupfa ku	arrive before another, to - gutanga
anything - ikintu cyose	arrow - umwambi
apart - ukwa	art - umwuga
apologize, to (before accusation) - kwisegura	as - ko, uko, nk'uko, nka
apparent, to be - kwihandagaza	as for - kubwa
appeal to higher court, to - kujurira	ashamed, to be - gukorwa n'isoni
appear, to - kuboneka, kugaragara	ashes - ivu
appear suddenly and without precedent, to	ask (question), to - kubaza
- kwaduka, gutunguka	ask for (favor, article), to - gusaba
appear, to cause to (as in court) -	ask the way, to - kuyoboza
guhingutsa	assessment - umusanzu
apprehension - umususu	assist, to - gufasha, kuvuna, gutabara, kugoboka
approach, to - kwegera	assistance -ubuvunnyi
approach, to cause to - kwegereza	astonish, to - gutangaza
April - Mata, ukwezi kwa kane	astonished, to be - gutangara, kumirwa
Arab - Umwarabu	astonishing thing - akumiro, igitangaza
are - ni, -ri (bari, biri, etc.)	astounded, to be - kumirwa
are not - si, ntibari, etc.	
area - ikirere, intāra	

astray, to go - kuzimira	back end of boat - ibwerekeza
at - i, ku, kuri, kwa	backing (support) - ubwishingizi
attack, to - kujujubya	bad - -bi (mubi, kibi, etc.)
attain, to - gushyika	that's too bad - n'ishyano
attempt, to - kugerageza	bad luck - ishyano, umwaku
attention to, to pay - kwita, kwitondera;	bad fate - umwaku
not pay attention, to - kurangara	badly - nabi
attitudes - imiterere, imimerere, amatwara	bag - isaho, igunira, umufuka, umupfuka
August - Kanama, ukwezi kwa munani	balance (in account) - insagu
aunt: my maternal - mama wacu	ball - umupira
your maternal - nyoko wanyu	banana: stalk of, tree - igitoki(e)
his, her, their maternal - nyina wabo	ripe - umuneke
my paternal - masenge	beer - mazizi
your paternal - nyogosenge	cooking - ikinyamunyu
his, her, their paternal - nyirasenge	lady-fingers - akamaramasenge
authority - ubutware	red - igisukari
automobile - imodoga, imodokari	plantation of - urutoki(e)
avenge, to - guhōra	banana juice (unfermented) - umutobe
awaken, to - gukanguka (int.)	bank (of river, lake) - inkombe
gukangura (tr.)	baptism - umubatizo
away, to put - kubika	baptize, to - kubatiza
away, far - kure	bargain, to be a - guhenduka
axe - incabiti, indyankwi, interezo, ishoka	base of tree - igishitsi
	bashfulness - isoni
	bashful, to be - kugira isoni
	basin - ibēsani
	basket: large - intonga
	made of bamboo strips - inkangara
	tall pointed - igiseke
	small flat - icyibo
	deep, no lid - igitebo
	bathe (oneself), to - kwiyuhagira
	bathe another, to - kuhagira

B

babble, to - kudedemanga

baby - umwana, akana
newborn - uruhinja

back (of person) - umugongo

back, at the - inyuma

battle - intambara	begin, to - gutangira, guhanga
be, to - kuba, -ri, kumera (in a certain state)	begin by, to - kubanza
beach - inkuka	beginner - umutangizi
bead, to - gutaka amasaro	beginning - itangiriro, intangiriro, mbere na mbere
beads, tiny - amasaro	behave, to - kwifata
beans - ibishyimbo	behave towards, to - kugenza, gufata
green - imiteja	behavior - umwifato, imyifatire, amatwara
bear (fruit), to - kwera	behind - inyuma
beat, to - gukubita	belated - bitinze
beat drum, to - kuvuza ingoma	Belgian - Umubirigi
beautiful - -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)	Belgium - Ububirigi
beautiful person - umunyaburanga bwiza, uw'igikundiro	belief - kwizera
beauty - ubwiza	beliefs - imyizerere, inyigisho
extraordinary beauty - ishyano	believe, to - kwizera
physical beauty - uburanga	below - hepfo, hepfo ya
because - kuko	belt - umushumi, umukandara
because of - ku mpamvu za (z'uko), kubwa, kubera	put on belt, to - gukenyeza
become, to - guhinduka, kuba, kumera	bend knees, to - guhina
bed - uburiri, igitanda	bend over, to - kubama
(of poles and rope) - urutara	beneath - munsu ya
make a bed, to - gusasa uburiri	berries - inkere (or, inkeri)
bee - uruyuki (pl. inzuki)	besech, to - kwinginga
beehive - umutiba (empty)	beside - iruhande
beer - inzoga	best - ikiruta
beer, to make - kwenga	"best man" - imperekeza
before - mbere, imbere	betray, to - kugambana
beg, to - gusaba, gusabiriza, gusega	better - ikiruta, kurusha, kuruta
beg earnestly, to - guhendahenda	
beggar - umusabirizi, umusezi	

better (after illness), to be - koroherwa	blind, to be - guhuma, guhumagurika blind person - impumyi
between - hagati ya	
beware, to - kwirinda	blood - amaraso
bewitch, to - kuroga	blow, to - guhuha blow fire, to - kwatsa
beyond - hirya	blow with fist (n.) - igipfunsi
beyond measure, reason - birenze urugero	blue - bururu, bisa n'ijuru dark blue - umukara
Bible - Biblia Yera, Igitabo cy'Imana	
bicycle - igare	board - urubaho
big - -nini (munini, binini, etc.)	board ship, to - kwikira
bind, to - kuboha	boast, to - kwirata
bird (small) - inyoni (of prey) - igisiga	boat - ubwato
birth - ivuka give birth to, to - kubyara	boat, to get into - kwikira
bite, to - kuruma, kuryana	body - umubiri
bitter, to be - kubiha	boil - ikibyimba
bitterness - inzika	boil, to - kubira (int.), kubiza (tr.)
black - umukara black, to be - kwirabura	bonded, to be - kuba afite ubwishingizi
bladder - uruhago	bonds - ingoyi
blame - umugayo, amakemwa	bone - igufwa
blame, to - gushinja, kuziza	book - igitabo
blameless person - inyangamugayo	born, to be - kuvuka born of, to be - gukomoka
blanket - uburingiti	borrow, to - kugurana, gutira kuguriza (actual article to be replaced), kuguza (esp. money)
bleed, to - kuva amaraso stop bleeding (int.), to - gukama	boss - (female) - mabuja (male) - databuja
blessed, to be - guhirwa	both - -ombi (bombi, byombi, twembi)
blessing - umugisha, amahirwe	bottle - icupa

bottle opener - urufunguzo	bride-groom - umukwe
bottom - hasi	friend of bridegroom - imperekeza
bow (as with arrows) - umuheto	bridge (small) - iteme, ikiraro (big, metal) (of poles) - urutindo
bowl (wood) - imbehe	foot-bridge - umugogo
box - isanduka, isandugu	bright (of light), to be - kurabagirana
box with lid (small tin) - umukebe	brim - urugāra
boy - umuhungu	bring, to - kuzana
braid, to - kubohekanya	bring back wife who had left, to - gucyura umugore
branch - ishami	bring in from sun, to - kwanura
brass - umuringa	bring water, to - kuvoma
bread - umugati (European); umutsima (African)	bring near, to - kwegereza
to make (knead) bread - gukora umugati, gufunyanga	broad - -gari (hagari)
break, to - kumena (tr.), kuvuna (tr.)(something thin); kuvunika (int.), kumeneka (int.), gucika (int.), kwangiza (tr.)	broil, to - gukaranga
break into bits (tr.), to - kumanyagura, kuvunagura	broom - umukubuzo
breast milk - amashereka	brother - mwene se (of girl) - musaza (younger brother of boy) - murumuna (older brother of boy) - mukuru
breath - umwuka	brush teeth, to - kwiyoza amenyo
breathe, to - guhumeka	bucket - indobo
bribe (n.) - amafaranga yo kwituga, ibiturire, ruswa, impongano	buffalo - imbogo
bribe, to take - kurya ruswa, kwakira impongano	build, to - kubaka
brick - itafari	builder - umwubatsi
make bricks, to - kubumba amatafari	building (construction) - inyubako building (manner of) - imyubakire
bricks, unburned - urukarakara	bump into, to - gusekura
bride - umugeni	burden - umutwaro
	burial - ihambwa
	burlap - igunira

burn - ubushye

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

burn (set fire to), to - gutwika

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

bury, to - guhamba

bus - ibisi

bush - igihuru (thick)

the bush (uninhabited area) - ishyamba

business - umurimo

busy - kugira imirimo myinshi, guhugira, guhugirwa

but - ariko, nyamara, ahubwo (but rather)

butcher, to - kubaga

butcher shop (butchering place) - ibagiro

butter - amavuta

button - igifungo

buy, to - kugura

(esp. food) - guhaha

by - na

C

calf - inyana

call, to - guhamagara,

(name) - kwita

call at a distance, to - kurangurura

calm (someone), to - guhendahenda

camel - ingamiya

can, tin - igikombe

can (be able) - gushobora

Canadian - Umukanada

candle - itabaza

candy - ibombo

capable, to be - guhuguka

car - imodoka

card - igipande

care about, to - kubabara

care for, to - kwitaho

care for body and house, to - kugira isuku

care for the sick, to - kurwaza

care for lovingly, to - gukuyakuya,

gukundwakaza

careful, to be - kwitonda, kwirinda

careful about, to be - kwitondera

carefully - buhoro-buhoro

careless (with things), to be - kwandarika
ibintu

in personal appearance - kwiyandarika

in work, etc. - kutitaho

carpenter - umubaji

carry, to - gutwara, kwikorera, guterura

carry on one's back, to - guheka

carry on, to - gukomeza

case to law, to take - kuburana

cassava - umwumbati

cast lots, to - gufinda

cat - injangwe

catch, to - gufata

cause - impamvu, igituma

cause, to - gutuma, gutera

cautious, to be - kwitonda	chest (body) - igituza
cave - isenga	chew, to - guhekenya
cease, to - kureka, guhwema without ceasing - ubutitsa, ubudasiba, ubudahwema	chicken - inkoko
celebrate, to - kwizihiza	chief - umutware
celebration - ibirori	chieftanship - ubutware
census - ibarura	child - umwana spoiled child - umutesi disobedient child - tereriyo
center, in the - hagati	childhood - ubwana
ceremony - umuhango	chin - akananwa
chain - umunyororo, umunyururu	choke, to - kuniga
chair - intebe	choose, to - gutora, guhitamo, kurobanura choose from group, to - gutoranya, gutoragura
chairman - umuyobozi	chop up, to - gucagagura
chalk - ingwa	chosen thing - intore
change (coins)(n.) - ibikoroti	Christ - Kristo
change, to - guhinduka (int.), guhindura (tr.) change money, to - kuvunja	Christian - Umukristo
chapter - igice	Christianity - Ubukristo
character - kamere	Christmas - Inoheli (or, Inoweli)
characteristic - ingeso, imimerere	church (building) - urusengero (people) - itorero
charcoal - ikara	circle - uruziga
charge - ikirego	circulate, to - gutembera
charm - igiheko, ingisha made with beads - impigi	citizen - umwene gihugu
chat, to - kuganira	city - umujiyi (or, umugi), umudugudu
chat (for a long time), to - kurondogora	clan - umuryango
cheap, to be - guhenduka	clap, to - gukoma amashyi
cheat, to - kuriganya	class - ikarasi

clatter (of voices) - urwamo	clown, to - gushyenga
claw - urwara	club - inshyimbo
clay - uburongo work, mold clay, to - kubumba	coal, hot - ikara
clean - -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.) clean, to be - kugira isuku clean (ceremonially), to become - gushmanuka clean, to make - kuboneza, kweza, gusukura clean ceremonially, to make - gushmanura clean up, to - gutunganya	coat - ikoti cock - isake cock-crowing, at - mu nkoko cockroach - inyenzi coffee - akawa, ikawa coins - ibikoroti
cleanse oneself, to - kwisukura	cold, to be - gukonja, kugira imbeho cold - -bisi (kibisi, etc.)
clear, to make - kugaragaza	cold in head - ibicurane
cliff - agacuri	coldness - ubukonje, imbeho
climb, to (as tree) - kurira climb up (as mountain), to - kuzamuka climb down (tree), to - kururuka	color - ibara colt - icyana
cloak - ikoti	comb - urusokozo
clock - isaha	comb, to - gusokoza
close, to - gukinga, gufunga close eyes, to - guhumiriza close up path, to - gusiba	come, to - kuza come back, to - kugaruka come from, to - kuva, guturuka come on! - nimutyo, henga come out, to (as stakes in ground) - gushinguka come out of, to - kuva come to (someone), to - gusanga come to an end, to - guhera come to life, to - kuzuka come together, to - guterana come unexpectedly, to - gutungura
close together, to get - kwegeranya	comfort, to - guhumuriza comforted, to be - guhumura
closet - akabati	comings and goings - urujya n'uruza
cloth - umwenda, igitambaro cloth women wear over shoulder - umwitero	
clothe, to - kwambika	
clothes - imyambaro, imyenda take clothes off, to - kwambura	
clothing - umwenda	
cloud - igicu	

comma - akabago, agakato, akitso	congratulate, to (esp. birth) - guha impundu, gutanga impundu
command - itegeko	(as graduate) - gukura ubwatsi e.g. tugukuriye ubwatsi
command, to - gutegeka, kugenga	conquer, to - kunesha, kuganza, kujujubya
commit oneself to, to - kwitanga	conscience - umutimanama
common - rusange	consent, to - kwemera
community - imiturire, mu baturage	consequences - ingaruka
companion - mugenzi	consider, to - kuzirikana
company - umushyitsi	console, to - guhuriza
compare, to - kugereranya	container, tin - igikombe
compel, to - guhata	continually - guhora, kujya, ubutitsa, ubudasiba, ubudahwema
competition - ishyaka	continuation - akarande
complain, to - kwivovota, kuganyira, kwitonganya, kwitotomba, kwinuba	continue, to - gukomeza, guhora
complaints - amaganya	contradict, to - kuvuguruza
complete, to - kunoza, gusohoza	contrary, on the - ahubwo, ibiri amambu
completely - rwose, byimazeyo	contribution - umusanzu
compost pit - ingarane	control, to - gutwara, gutegeka
concerned about, to be - kuzirikana, kwitwararika	conversation - ikiganiro
concluded (as meeting), to be - guhumuza	converse with, to - kuganira
conclusion - umwanzuro, umusozo	cook (n.) - umutetsi
condemnation - urubanza	cook, to - guteka cooked, to be - gushya
condemned, to be - gucirwaho iteka	cool, to (int.) - guhora cool, to be - gukonja
conduct - imibereho, umwifato, imyifatire, amatwara	cool at end of day (at daybreak, coolness) - amafu
confess, to - kwihana, kwatura	cooperate, to - gufatanya
confide in, to - gusabana, gushyikirana	
confusion - imidugarara	

cord - umugozi cord of the tongue - intananya	cow - inka
cork - igipfundikizo	cow manure - amase
corn - ikigori corn, Kaffir - ishaka (amasaka)	craftsmanship - ubukorikori
corner (of room, house) - imfuruka	crane, crested - umusambi
corpse - umurambo of animal, criminal - intumbi	crazy, to be - gusara
cost - ikiguzi, igiciro	create, to - kurema, guhanga
cough - inkorora	cripple - ikimuga, ikirema
cough, to - gukorora	criticize (badly), to - guhinyura
council - inama	crooked, to be - kugorama
councillor (member of council) - umujyanama	crops - imyaka
counsel - inama	cross - umusaraba remove from cross, to - kubambura
counsel, to - kugira inama counsel together, to - kwigira inama	cross, to be - kugira inzika
count, to - kubara	cross body of water, to - kwambuka
country - igihugu, ishanga (amahanga), (rural) - icyaro	crossness - inzika
courage - umuhati	crosswise, to place, (or, to be) - gutambika
court - urukiko	crow, to - kubika
courtyard - ikibuga	crowd - inteko, rubanda, imbaga, ikivunge cy'abantu (of followers) - ishengero
cover (lid) - umutemere, igipfundikizo uburingiti	crowd, to - guhubuka
cover, to - gupfuka cover with lid, to - gupfundikira cover oneself with, to - kwifubika cover oneself in bed, to - kwiyorosa	crown - ikamba
covet, to - kwifuza, kurarikira	crucify, to - kubamba
	cruel, to be - kutagira imbabazi, kuba umunyamwaga
	crumbs - ubuvungukira
	crumple, to - kuzinga
	cry, to - kurira, gutaka

cry aloud, to - gusakuza
 cry out, to - gusakabaka
 cry of alarm - induru
 cultivate, to - guhinga
 cultivator - umuhinzi
 cup - igikombe
 cupboard - akabati
 cure - gukiza
 curiosity - amatsiko
 curse, to - kuvuma, gutuka
 cushion - umusego
 custom - umuhango, umugenzo, umuco, ingeso
 cut, to - guca, gukata
 cut, to be - gucibwa
 cut down tree, grass, to - gutema
 cut firewood, to - kwasa
 cut lengthwise, to - gusatura
 cut in pieces (meat, vegetables, cloth), to
 - gukeba
 cut off one's path, to - gutangira
 cut oneself, to - kwitema
 cut up, to - gucagagura
 cut hair, beard, to - kogosha
 cut (n.)(in body) - uruguma

D

damage, to - konona, kwangiza
 damaged, to be - kononekara
 damage immature crop or produce, to -
 kwangiza
 damp, to be - gukonja
 dance, to - kubyina
 dance the war (intore) dance, to -
 guhamiriza

dancer - intore
 danger - akaga, impagarara
 dare, to - gutinyuka, kubahuka
 dare to do something bad, to - guhangara
 dark, to be - kwijima
 dark, to get - kwira
 it's getting dark - buriye
 darkness - umwijima
 darkness in daytime - ubwirakabiri
 date - itariki (in month)
 daughter - umukobwa
 dawdle, to - gusodoka
 dawn - umuseke
 at dawn - umuseke utambitse
 day - umunsi
 day after tomorrow - ejo bundi
 day before yesterday - ejo bundi
 next day - bukeye
 hot part of day - agasusuruko
 late in day (near sunset) - igicamunsi
 daytime - amanywa
 dead - -pfuye
 half-dead - intere
 deaf person - igipfamatwi
 dear - ukundwa
 death - urupfu
 at the point of death, to be - gusamba,
 kuremba
 debt - umwenda
 deceit - uburiganya
 deceitfulness - ibihendo

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

December - Ukuboza, ukwezi kwa cumi
n'abiri

decide, to - gushinga, kugambirira, kugena

decision (final) - umwanzuro

decision, facing a - mu rungabangabo

declare, to - kogeza

dedicate child, to - gutura umwana Imana

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

defeat, to - gutsinda

defeat utterly, to - kuganza

defecate, to - kunnya

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

defender - umuvunnyi

deficit - igihombo

defile, to - guhumanya
defiled, to be - guhumana

delay, with - bitinze, hatinze, gutinda

deliberately - nkana

delicious, to be - kuryoha

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

delivered (from harm), to be - kurokoka

demon - daimoni

den - isenga, indiri

deny, to - guhakana

depart, to - gusezera

deprive oneself of, to - kwiyaka

depth of lake, in - i muhengeri

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

describe, to - kurondora

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

desire, strong - irari

desk - ibiro

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

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

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

destitution - ubutindi

destroy, to - kurimbura, gutsemba, gusenya

dew - urume, ikime

diarrhea, to have - guhitwa

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

different, to be - gutandukana, guca ukubirina

difficult, to be - kugora, gukomera, kurushya

difficulties - amagorwa

difficulty - ingorane

be in great difficulty, to - kuba mu

mazi abira not experience difficulty, to - guteta	discuss, to - kuvugana
dig a hole, to - gucukura	disease - indwara
dig in the garden, to - guhinga dig into side of (as hill), to - gukorogoshora	dish - isahane
dignity - ubwiyubahe	dishonest, to be - guhemuka
dilemma, in a - mu rungabangabo	dishonest person (doesn't keep promise) - umuhemu
diminish, to - kugabanuka	dishonesty - ubuhemu
dinner - ibyo kurya by'isaa sita (noon) ibyo kurya bya ni joro (at night)	dislike, to - kwanga
dip in water, to (as finger) - kwibiza, kujabika	disobedient child - tereriyo
diploma - impamyabushobozi	disobedient person - ikigande
direct towards, to - kwerekeza	disobey, to - gusuzugura, kutumvira, kugoma
direction - icyerekezo	disorder (noisy) - imidugararo, imvururu
director - umutegetsu	dispensary - ibitaro, ivuriro
dirt (as on floor) - umwanda, ico (on body, clothes) - imbyiro	dispersed, to be - gutatana
dirty - -bi (mubi, kibi, etc.)	display, to - kumurikwa
disagreement - amakimbirane	displease, to - guhinyuka
disappear, to - guhera disappear behind, to - kurenga disappear into ground, to - kurigita	dispute - impaka, amahane
disappoint, to - guhinyuka	disrespect, to - kubahuka
discard, to - guta, kujugunya discarded, to be - gutabwa	distinct, to be - gutandukana
discourage, to - gucogoza	distinguish between, to - gutandukanya
discouraged, to be - gucika intege, kugwa mu kantu	distribute food, to - kugaburira
	disturb, to - gutoba (esp. water)
	divide, to - kugabanya
	division - igice
	divorce, to - kwahukana, gutandukana, gutana
	dizzy, to be - kuzenguzwa
	do, to - kugira, gukora do, to cause to - gutera, gutuma

do first, to - kubanza	drip, to - gutonyanga
do something, to - gucira	drive toward, to - kwerekeza
doctor - umuganga	drive stake, to - gushinga
doctor, to - kuvura	driver - umushoferi
doctrines - inyigisho, imyizerere	dropsy - urushwima
dog - imbwa	drown, to (int.) - kurohama
donkey - indogoba	drowning - uburohame
door - urugi, umwango (Sw.)	drum - ingoma
door-post - igikingi	drunk, to be (a person) - gusinda
doorway - umuryango	drunk, to be (liquid) - kunyobwa
dormitory - icumbi	dry, to - kuma (int.)
doubt, to - gushidikanya	dry up, to - gukama, kuraba (plant)
dove - inuma	dry season - icyi (June - September)
down - hepfo	urugaryi (December - January)
dowry - inkwano	impeshyi (June)
dowry, to pay - gukwa	dry season, to end - guhanguka
drag along, to - gukurubana	duck - igishuhe
draw, to (pictures) - gushushanya	due to - ku mpamvu z'uko
draw near, to - kwegera	dull, to be - kugimba, gutiga
dream - inzozi	dumbfound, to - kuyobera
dream, to - kurota	dumbfounded, to be - gushoberwa, kugwa mu kantu
dress - ikanzu, ikizibaho, amahenure (very short)	dumb person (physical) - ikiragi
dress oneself, to - kwambara	dust - umukungugu
dress another, to - kwambika	dust, to - guhanagura
dress beautifully, to - kurimba	duty - umurimo
dresser - ibiro	dwarf - igikuri
drink, to - kunywa	dwel, to - gutura
go in search of drinks, to - kuvumba	dwelling place - inturo
	dying person - indembe

dysentery - amacinya

E

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

eagle - kagoma (3rd cl.)

ear - ugutwi

early - kare

early, to get up - kuzinduka

earnestness - umuhati

earth - isi, igitaka

east - iburasirazuba

Easter - Ipasika

easy, to be - koroha

eat, to - kurya, gufungura

eat a lot, to - guhaga

eat together, to - gusangira

eat with (instrument), to - kurisha

eaten, to be - kuribwa

eclipse - ubwirakabiri

economical, to be - kurondereza

edge (of cup) - urugāra

effort, to make - kugerageza, gushishikara

egg - igi

of insect - umugi

eight - munani

eighty - mirongwinani

elder - -kuru (mukuru, etc.)

election - itora

electricity - amashyanyarazi

elephant - inzovu

elsewhere - ahandi

embrace, to (arm across back) - guhobera

embroider, to - gutaka

emphasize, to - kwerura, gushimangira

employee - umukozi

employer (female) - mabuja

(male) - databuja

empty - gusa, ubusa

e.g. igikombe ni gusa - the cup is empty

igikombe kirimwo ubusa - the cup is empty

empty-handed - amāra masa

empty out, to - kujugunya; kumena (liquid)

encircle, to - gutangatanga, gushungera, kugota

enclosure - urugo

encounter, to - gusanga

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

end - iherezo; impera (with words of time)

e.g. ku mpera y'ukwezi - at end of month

end, to - gushira (int.); kumara (tr.)

come to an end, to - guhera, gukuka

end (dry season), to - guhanguka

end meeting, to - guhumuza

end of oneself, to be at - gushobera,

gushoberwa

end with, to - kugeza

enemy - umwanzi

enjoy, to - kunezererwa, kwinezeza

enough, to be - gukwira, - hagije

it is enough - birahagije	eternally - iteka ryose
enrich, to - gukungahaza	European - umuzungu
enter, to - kwinjira	even - ndetse
refuse permission to enter, to - guheza	even if - bona
enter a person, to - guhanga umuntu	even though - nubwo, naho
enthusiasm - umwete, (for work) ishyaka	even, to be - kuringanira
entice, to - gushukāshuka	make even, to - kuringaniza
entirely - rwose	evening - ni mugoroba (2:00 - 6:00)
entrance forbidden, or exclusive - mu muhezo	become evening, to - kugoroba
entrance to kraal - irembo	ever, to have - kwigera
envelope, to - gusāba	e.g. wigeze ubona - have you ever seen?
epidemic - icyorezo	every - -ose (wese, yose, etc.)
epilepsy - igicuri	every day - iminsi yose
equal, to be - kungana (size, force, age);	everything - byose
kureshya (length, height); kuringanira	everywhere - hose
make equal, to - kuringaniza	evidence (i.e. proof) - intangamugabo,
erase, to - gusiba	gihamya
erosion - isuri	evil - ikibi
err, to - gufudika, kuyoba	ubugizi bwa nabi - evil acts
error - ifuti, ikosa	exaggerate, to - gukabya
make an error, to - gucikwa	examination - ikizamini
escape, to - gucika	examine, to - gupima, gusuzuma
it escaped me - byanciyeho	examine carefully, to - gusesengura
escort, to - guherekeza, gushagara	example - icitegererezo, urugero
especially - cyane cyane	exceedingly - cyane
essential - ingombwa	exceedingly white - -era de
establish, to - gushinga, gushimangira	excellence - akataraboneka, ihōho
esteem - icyubahiro	excellent, to be - kuryoha
Eternal One - Uwiteka	except - keretse, uretse
	exchange, to - kugurana
	exchange greetings, to - kuramukanya

exclude, to - kuzira	F
excluding - uretse	fable - umugani
excuse me - mpore, bambe, nako	tell a fable, to - gucira umugani
excuse(s) - urwitwazo	face - mu maso (hanjye, hawe, etc.)
excuse(s), to make - gutora impamvu	face (someone), to - guhangana
exercise, to - kwitoza	fact, in - ndetse
exercises, to do - kwiyerekwa	factory - inganda
exhaust, to - kurondora	fade, to - gucyuya
exhausted (from work), to be - kugwa agacuho	fail to find, to - guheba
exhort, to - gushishikaza	fail an examination, to - gutsindwa
exist, to - kuba	fail someone, to - guhemuka
there exists - hariho	faint, to - kuraba
exit, to - gusohoka	faint from hunger, to - kugwira isari
expect, to - kwiringira, kurindira	faith - ukwizera
experienced, to be - gusesa akanguhe	faithful, to be - kunambaho (till death), kudahemuka
explain, to - gusobanura	faithful person - umunyamurava, indahemuka
ask to explain, to - gusobanuza, gusiganuza	faithfully, to work - gukorana umurava
expression, to change (due to bad news) - guhonga	faithfulness - umurava
exterminate, to - gutsemba	fall, to - kugwa
extinct, to become - guhera	(as building) - gutemba, gusenyuca, kuriduka
extinguish fire, to - kuzimya	cause to fall, to - kugusha
extinguished (fire), to be - kuzima	fall down before, to - kwikubita imbere
extort, to - guhenda	fall from above, to - guhubuka, guhanuka
extremely - pe, bikabije	fall into ruin, to - kuriduka, guseniyagurana
eye - ijisho	falsehood - ikinyoma
eye of needle - umwenge	fame - inkuru
close eyes, to - guhumiriza	family - umuryango
set eyes on, to - kurabukwa	famine - inzara
something in the eye - igitotsi	famous - ikirangirire

far, far away - kure	February - Gashyantare, ukwezi kwa kabiri
fare (as in boat) - ihoro receive fare, to - guhoza	fee paid to witchdoctor - ingemu
farewell, to bid - gusezera	feed, to - kugaburira
farmer - umuhinzi	feel, to - kumva
fast - vuba, ningoga	fellowship (n.) - ubusābane, umushyikirano
fast, to - kwiyiriza ubusa, kwigomwa	fellowship, to have - gufatanya, gushyikirana
fat - amavuta, ikinure fat child - umushishe	female - igitsina-gore
fat, to be - kubyibuha	fence - uruzitiro
fate, bad - umwaku	fête - ibirori
father (my, our) - data, umukambwe (old) (your) - so, umukambwe (his, her, their) - se, umukambwe	fetish - igiheko
father-in-law (my) - databukwe (your) - sobukwe (his, her, their) - sebukwe	fever - ubuganga, ingurumira y'umuriro, umuriro
fault - amakemwa	few - -ke, -keya (bike, makeya, etc.)
favor - ubutoni	field - isambu; (cultivated) - umurima
favorite - umutoni a favorite, to be - gutona	fifty - mirongwitanu
favoritism - ubutoni	fig tree - umutini
fear - ubwoba, umususu	fight, to - kurwana (int.); kurwanya (tr.) fight verbally - to - gutāta
fear, to - gutinya, kugira ubwoba, kwishīsha	figurative speech - amarenga
fearful, to be - kusingimiranya	fill, to - kuzura (int.); kuzuza (tr.), gukungahaza
fearless, to be - gutinyuka	half-filled, to be - gucāgata
feast, to give a - kuzimana	filled to the brim, to be - guserendera
feather - iryoya	filter, to - kumimina, kuminina
	filthiness - ico
	final (absolutely) - burundu
	final word - umwanzuro
	finally - kw iherezo, byimazeyo

find, to - kubona, gusanga	flashlight - isitimu
find lost object, to - gutora	flat, to be - kuringanira, gutambika
find out, to - kwihugura	make flat, to - kuringaniza
find the way after being lost, to - guhabuka	flavor, to - guhumuza
not to find, fail to find - kubura, guheba	flavor, to lose - gukayuka
fine - neza	flea - imbaragasa
finger - urutoki(e)	flee, to - guhunga
index finger - mukubitarukoko	flesh - inyama, umubiri
little finger - agahera	flock (of sheep) - umukumbi
middle finger - musumbazose	floor - hasi
ring finger - marere	floor (étage) - igorofa
finger-nail - urwara	flour - ifu
finish, to - kumara, kurangiza (tr.),	flow, to - gutemba
kurundarunda, kunoza	flower - indabyo, uburabyo
fire - umuriro	fly - isazi
set fire to, to - gutwika	fly, to - kuguruka
(fire) go out, to - kuzima	flycatcher (bird) - umusamanzuki
(fire) put out, to - kuzimya	foam - ifuro
fireplace - iziko (stones under cooking pot)	fog - igihu
firewood - urukwi	fold, to - kuzinga, guhina (esp. arms)
gather firewood, to - gusenya, gutashya	follow, to - gukurikira
firm (stubborn), to be - kutava ku izima	follow someone in a position, to -
first - mbere e.g. uwa mbere	gusimbura
first, to do - kubanza	follow after earnestly, to - guhibikana
firstborn - imfura (impfura)	folly - ubupfu
fish - ifi	fond of (food), to be very - kwibanda kurya
fish, to - kuroba	food - ibyo kurya, ibiryo
fisherman - umurobyi	food for journey - impamba
fishing net - urushundura	fool - umuswa
fist - igipfunsi	
five - -tanu, eshanu (3rd, 6th cl.)	
five times - gatanu	

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

foolish person - igicucu

foot - ikirenge

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

forbid, to - kubuza
forbidden, to be - kuzira

force - intege

force (against will), to - guhata

ford - umwaro

forehead - uruhanga

foreign country - ishanga, amahanga

foreign, something - inzaduka

foreigner - umunyamahanga, umuvamahanga

forest - ishyamba

foretell, to - guhanura

forever - iteka ryose, akaramata

forget, to - kwibagirwa
forget momentarily, to - guhuga

forgetfulness - amazinda

forgive, to - kubabarira

forgiveness - imbabazi

fork - ikanya

form - ishusho

forsake, to - kureka, gusiga, kuzinukwa

fortunate, to be - guhirwa

fortune, good - amahīrwe

forty - mirongwine

forward - imbere

fountain - isōko

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

fowl - inkoko

franc - ifaranga

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

freedom - umudendezo

freedom, to have - kwidegembya

French (language) - igifaransa

fresh - -bisi

fresh, to be - gutoha

fret, to - kuganyira

Friday - ku wa gatanu

friend - inshuti (incuti), mugenzi

friendly, to be - kurangwaho ubucuti

friends with, to be - gushudika

friendship - ubucuti
friendship, close - ubusābane

frightened, to be - guhagarika umutima,
guterwa ubwoba

fringe - inshunda

from - i, ku, mu

front of, in - imbere

froth - ifuro

froth at mouth, to - kubimba ifuro

frugal, to be - kurondereza

fruit - imbuto	general - rusange
fry, to - gukaranga	gentle (person) - umugwaneza
fulfill, to - gusohoza	gentleness - ubugwanza
fulfilled, to be - gusohora	gently - buhoro, buhoro-buhoro
full, to be - kuzura	germinate, to - kumera
fullness - ubwuzu	get, to - guhabwa, kubona
fully - bwite	get up early, to - kuzinduka
fun at, to poke - gucyocyora	get up (from bed, ground), to - kubyuka
fur - ubwoya	get up quickly (from bed, seat), to - kubaduka
furthermore - kandi, byongeye kandi	help someone get up, to - kubyutsa
fuss, to - kwitonganya	ghost, ancestral - umuzimu
future - ibihe bizaza	giant - igihangange
	gift - impano, impongano
	gift to superior - ituro
	girl - umukobwa, inkumi (teen-age)
	give, to - guha, kugaba, gutanga
	give birth to, to - kubyara
	give completely, to - kwegurira
	give oneself wholly to, to - kwibanda ku, kwiye gurira
	give up, to - kwigomwa, guhara (something loved), gutezuka
	given, to be - guhabwa
	giving (an offering) - imitangire
	glad, to be - kunezerwa, kwishima
	gladness - ibyishimo, ishimwe
	glance at, to - gutera imboni
	glass - ikirahuri
	glasses (eye) - amataratara, amadarubindi, indorerwamo
	gleam, to - kubengerana
	glimpse, to have - kurabukwa

G

gain - inyungu

gain, to - kunguka

game - igikino, umukino
wild game - inyamaswa

garden - umurima, ubusitani

gardener - umuhinzi

garment - umwambaro, umwenda

gate - irembo

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

gathering - iteraniro, ikoraniro

gaze at, to - kurangamira

glory - ubwiza

glutton - igisambo

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

goat - ihene

goat manure - amahurunguru

goat milk - amahenehene

God - Imana

goings and comings - urujya n'uruza

gold - izahabu

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

good-afternoon - mwiriwe, mwiriweho,
 wiriwe

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

good-morning - mwaramutseho

good-night - muraramukeho

Gospel - Ubutumwa Bwiza

gossip - amazimwe, inzimuzi

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

gourd - igicuma

govern, to - gutegeka, kugenga

government - Leta, ubutegets

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

grace - ubuntu

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

grandchild - umwuzukuru

grandfather - sogokuru, sekuru

grandmother - nyogokuru, nyirakuru

grant - imfashanyo

grant, to - kwemera

grapes - umuzabibu

grasp, to - gufata

grass - ubwatsi, icyatsi

grass ring used to carry load - ingata

grave - imva

gravel - umucanga, umusenyi

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

great-grandfather - sogokuruza, sokuruza,
 sekuruza

great-grandmother - nyogokuruza,
 nyokuruza, nyirakuruza

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

green, to be - gutoha
 green beans - imiteja
 greens - imboga, uruboga
 greet, to - kuramutsa, gutaha, gutashya
 exchange greetings, to - kuramukanya
 greet (at beginning of letter), to -
 gusuhuza
 greetings - intashyo, hobe (hello)
 grief - umubabaro, agahinda
 cause grief, to - kubabaza
 grieve, to - kuganya, kubabara
 grind, to - gusya, (in mortar) gusekura
 grinding stone - urusyo
 groan, to - kuganya
 ground - hasi, ubutaka
 ground, to be - gusebwa
 ground nut - ikinyobwa, akabemba
 group - agatsiko, inteko, umutwe
 group (for work assignment) - icyiciro
 group, to - kubangikanya, gukomatanya
 grow, to - kukura
 grow up, to - kwaruka
 grow luxuriously, to - gusagamba
 grudge - inzika, umujinya
 guard (by door of important person) -
 umukumirizi
 guard, to - kurinda
 guard, to be on - kuba maso
 guard yourself from, to - kwirinda
 guess, to - gufora

guest - umushyitsi
 guest room - icumbi
 guide - umuyobozi
 guide, to - kuyobora
 gym, to do - kwiyerekaka

H

habit - ingeso, umugenzo
 hail - urubura
 hair (of human head) - umusatsi
 (of any but human head) - ubwoya
 half - igice kimwe cya kabiri, inusu (Sw.)
 half-filled, to be - gucāgata
 half-dead - intere
 hammer - inyundo
 hammock - ingobyi
 hand - ikiganza
 palm of hand - urushyi (pl. amashyi)
 shake hands, to - gukora mu ntoki
 hand over, to - gushyīra
 handle of cup, pail - umukōndo
 handsome person - umunyaburanga bwiza,
 uw'igikundiro
 handsomeness - uburanga
 hang, to (int.) - kunagana
 hang up, to - kumanika
 happen unexpectedly, to - gutungura
 happened, what - ibyabaye
 happiness - umunezero

happy, to be - kunezerwa, kwishima happy, to make - kunezeza, kunezereza	heal (int.), to - gukira healed, to be - gukizwa
harbinger - amendeze	health - ubuzima in good health - -taraga (adj.)
hard, to be - gukomera hard of heart, to be - kunangirwa hard to untie, to be - kunangirwa harden heart, to - kwinangira umutima no hard feelings - nta mpfane	healthy - -zima (muzima, kizima, etc.)
harm, to - guhangara (as in "nothing can harm us")	heap - ikirundo heap, to - kurunda
harshness - umwaga harsh person - umunyamwaga	hear, to - kumva heart - umutima
harvest - umwero, isarura, imyaka (crops)	heat - ubushyuhu heat, to - gushyushya
harvest, to - gusarura harvest millet, to - kugesa	heathen - umupagani heaven - ijuru
haste - ubwira	heavy, to be - kuremera heavy-laden, to be - kuremerwa
hasty manner, in a - ku buryo bukataje	hedge - uruzitiro hedge, to plant - kuzitira
hat - ingofero	heel - agatsintsino
hate, to - kwanga	height - ubuhagarike, uburebure
have, to - -fite, kugira have to, to - -kwiriye have... thanks to, to - gukesha e.g. Nkesha Imana agakiza - I have salvation, thanks to God	hello - muraho, mwaramutseho, mwiriweho, hobe
haze - igihu	help, to - gufasha help willingly, to - gutabara go to help, to - kugoboka
he - we, a- (verb prefix)	help, unexpected - ingoboka
head - umutwe head of grain (esp. Kaffir corn) - ihundo head of grain (immature) - umugengararo head (of something dead) - igihanga	hem in, to - kugota her - we, cye, bye, etc.
head up, to (as, cabbage) - kubumba (as grain) - kugengarara	herd - ishya, ubushyo (pigs only) - umugana
heal, to - gukiza (tr.), kuvura (tr.)	

herd, to - kuragira	hoe handle - umuhini
herdsman - umushumba	hold, to - gufata
here - hano, ino, aha	hold (someone), to - gutangira
here is - dore	hold out hands, to - gutega amashyi
here and there - hamwe na hamwe	hole - umwobo
hereditary trait - akarande	large hole in ground - icyobo, urwina
hesitate, to - gutindaganya, kugingimiranya	hole in cloth, pot, object - umwenge
hide, to - guhisha (tr.); gupfurika (int.)	small hole - intoboro
hide from sight, to - gukingiriza (tr.)	hole, to get (as pot) - gupfumuka
high - -re-re (muremure, ndende, etc.)	hole, to make - gupfumura
on high - hejuru	holiness - kwezwa
higher up - haruguru	holy, to be - kwera, kwegurirwa Imana
a high place - ahirengeye	holy, to make - kweza
hill - umusozi	holy (adj.) - ziranenge
hinder, to - gukoma	Holy Spirit - Umwuka Wera, Mwuka Muziranenge
hinder from seeing, to - gukingiriza	home, at - i muhira, i wanjye, i wabo, etc. at the home of - kwa
hinder progress, to - kudindiza	home, to go - gutaha
hinder from getting, to - kuvutsa	homosexual acts, to commit - gutinga
hindrance - inkomyi	honey - ubuki
Hindu - Umuhindi	honor - icyubahiro, ishema
hippopotamus - imvubu	honor, to - kubaha, gusingiza, kuramya
hired person - umucanshuro	hope - ibyiringiro
his - we, cye, rwe, etc.	hope, to - kwiringira
history - inkuru, histwari	horizontal, to be - gutambika
hit, to - kukubita	horizontal position - ubutambike
hither and yon - hirya no hino	horn (of animal) - ihembe
hoe - isuka	horse - ifarashi
hoe, to - guhinga	hospital - ibitaro, ivuriro
hoe, worn out - ifuni	hot, to be - gushyuha

hour - isaha	I
house - inzu	I - jye, jyewe, jyeweho I alone - jyenyine
how (manner) - uko, uburyo, ukuntu (in question) - -te? (ate? bite? etc.)	ice - urubura, amazi akonje cyane
how do you do? - muraho	idea - igitekerezo
how many? - -ngahe? (bangahe, bingahe, etc.)	idiom - inshoberamahanga
how often? - kangahe?	idleness - ubudeshyi
however - ariko, ahubwo, ibiri amambu, icyakora	idol - ikigirwamana
howl, to - kuboroga	if - ni, niba, yuko
hug - umuhoberano	ignorance, to come out of - kujijuka ignorance, to bring out of - kujijura
hundred - ijana	ignorant of, to be - kuyoberwa, kujijwa
hunger - inzara	ignorant person - injiji
hungry, to be - gusonza, kugira inzara	ignore someone, to - kurangār ana
hunt (game), to - guhiga hunt for, to - gushaka, gushakashaka	ill, to be - kurwara very ill, to be - kuremba
hurry, to - kwihuta, kubanguka, gutebuka, gukataza hurry, to be in a - kugira ubwira	illness - indwara
hurt, to - kubabara (int.), kubabaza (tr.) hurt, to be - kubabara, kubabazwa	image - igishushanyo
husband - umugabo	imitate, to - kwigana
husk, to - gutonora	immediately - nonaha, ubu ngubu to immediately - guherako ... e.g. aherako agenda - he immediately went
hut (temporary) - ingando	impartial, to be - kutabera
hymn - indirimbo	impartial person - intabera
hypocrisy - uburyarya	importance - amatwara
hypocrite, to be - kuryarya	important - -nkuru (mukuru), ingenzi, imena
hypocritically, to act - kuryarya	important, to be - gukomera
	improved (physically), to be - koroherwa

in, into - mu, muri	ink - vino
incapable person - umuswa	innocent - umwere
inception - inkomoko	insect - igisimba little insects that supposedly make honey - ubuhura
incipience - amendeze	inside - imbere
incite to do something, or act, to - kubwiriza	instead - mu cyimbo, mu kigwi
income - inyungu	instruct, to - kujijura, kwigisha
incorporation - ubuzima-gatozi	insult - igitutsi
increase, to - kunguka (of animals) - kororoka (int.), gutubura (tr.)	insult, to - gutuka
inculcate, to - kwitoza	intelligence - ubwenge
independence - ubwigenge	intelligent, to be - guhuguka
independent, to be - kwigenga	intemperance - ivutu
indeed - ndetse, koko	intention - imigambi
Indian - Umuhindi	intentionally - ikigize cya nkana, bigirankana, nkana
infant - uruhinja	interest - umwete
inferior to - hanyuma ya	interim person - agateganyo
infinitive - imbundo	interior - indiri
infirm person - ikimuga	interminable - urudaca
influence, to - kureshya	interpret, to - gusobanura ask to interpret, to - gusobanuza
inform, to - guhugura, kumenyesha send to inform, to - kurarika informed, to be - kwihugura, kujijuka	interrogation, word of - mbese, ese, se
inhabit, to - gutura	interrupt, to - kurogoya
inherit, to - kuragwa, kugira umunani	interrupter - kirogoya
inheritance - umwandu leave inheritance, to - kuraga	intimidate by, to - gukangisha
injection - urushinge	into - mu, muri
injured, to be - gukomereka	introduce something new, to - guhanga

invalid - ikimuga, ikirema

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

invite, to - kurarika, gutumira

iron - icyuma

iron to iron clothes - ipasi, iferu

iron clothes, to - gutera ipasi

irritate, to - kurya

irritation - ishavu

is - -ri, ni

is not - si

Isn't it?, Isn't that so? - si byo?

island - ikirwa

itch (scabies) - ubuheri

itch, to - kuryaryata

itself - ubwayo, ukwayo, etc.

J

jacket - ikoti

January - Mutarama, ukwezi kwa mbere

jealous, to be (momentarily) - -fite ishyari

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

jealousy - ishyari

jest, to - gucyocyora

Jesus - Yesu, Yezu

jigger - ivunja

job - akazi

join, to - gufatanya, kunga

joke, to - gushyenga, guteta

jokes - amashyengo

journal - ikinyamateka, akabarankuru

journey - urugendo

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

judge - umucamanza, umunyarukiko

judge, to - gucira urubanza

judgment - urubanza

jug - umudomo

July - Nyakanga, ukwezi kwa karindwi

jump, to - gusimbuka

June - Kamena, ukwezi kwa gatandatu,
impeshyi

jungle - ishyamba

just, to be - gukiranuka, kutabera

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

just as - nka, nk'uko

just person - intabera

justice - ubukiranutsi

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

K

Kaffir corn - ishaka (amasaka)

keep, to - kugumana

keep (as money), to - kuzigama

keep (law, command), to - kwitondera

keep on, to - gukomeza

kettle - ibirika
 big kettle - ibinika
 key - urufunguzo
 kick (in womb, baby), to - gufunyanga
 kill, to - kwica, guhemura
 kilogram - ikikiro
 kind (species) - ubwoko
 kind (gentle) person - umugwaneza
 kindle, to - gucana
 kindness - ubugwaneza
 king - umwami
 kingdom - ubwami
 kingly - icyami
 kiss, to - gusoma
 kiss repeatedly, to - gusomagura
 kitchen - igikoni
 knead (bread), to - gufunyanga, gukora
 umugati
 knee - ivi
 kneel, to - gupfukama
 knife - imbugita, icyuma
 knit, to - kuboha
 knock, to - gukomanga
 knock down, to - guhondagura
 knock down with, to - kuvuza
 knot - ipfundo
 make a knot, to - gupfundika
 tie knots, to - gupfundikanya
 know, to - kumenya, -zi
 not know, to - kuyoberwa, kujijwa

know oneself, to - kwiyizi
 knowledge - ubwenge, ubumenyi
 knowledgeable, to be - kujijuka
 known, to become - kumenyekana, kwamamara
 make known, to - kwamamaza, kogeza,
 kuranga
 kraal - urugo

L

labor pains, to have - kuramukwa
 lack, to - kubura, kugomba
 ladder - urwego
 lady, young (unmarried)- inkumi
 lake - ikiyaga, inyanja
 lamp - itara, itabaza
 lampstand - igitereko
 land - ikibanza, imusozi, isambu
 language - ururimi
 lap, to take on - gukikira
 large - -nini
 last - iheruka, imperuka
 last, to be - guheruka
 have or make come last, to - guherutsa
 last long, to - kuramba
 late, to be - gukererwa, gutinda, gutindaganga
 it's late (in day) - burije
 get late (in day), to - kwira
 make late, to - gukerereza
 later - ubwanyuma, hanyuma
 later on - hatinze, bitinze, hatoya

laugh, to - guseka	left-over bits - ubuvungukira
launderer - umumeshi	leg - ukuguru
law - itegeko	lemon - indimu
lay (tr.), to - kurambika	lend, to - gutiza (actual article to be returned)
layman - umurayiki	kuguriza, kugurana (article to be replaced)
laziness - ubunebwe, ubudeshyi, ubute	kuguza (esp. money)
lazy, to be - kunebwa, kugarama, kugira ubute	length - uburebure, ubutambike, umurambararo
lead, to - kuyobora, kurōngōra	leopard - ingwe
lead (esp. animals), to - gushorera	leper - umubembe
lead home, to - gucyura	leprosy - ibibembe
lead by the hand, to - kurandata	lesson - icyigisho, isomo
leader - umuyobozi	let - henga, reka, ngaho (also, subjunctive mood)
leaf - ikibabi	letter - urwandiko (epistle), ibaruwa
leak, to - kuva	letter (of alphabet) - inyuguti
lean against, to - kubyiga, kwegeka (person leans) - kwegamira	liberty - umudendezo
learn, to - kwiga, kwihugura	lid - umutemeri, igipfundikizo
least - uwa nyuma	lie - ikinyoma
at least - byibura, nibura	lie, to - kubeshya, kuriganya
leave, to - gusiga, kureka, kugenda	lie about, to - kubeshyera
leave alone, to - kwihorera	lie down, to - kuryama, kurambarara
leave a place, to - gukuka	lie on pillow, to - kwisegura
leave gradually, to - gutezuka	life - ubugingo, ubuzima, imibereho
leave home, to - kuraruka	lift, to - guterura
leave mate (temporarily), to - kwahukana	lift up, to - kubyutsa
leave of, to take - gusezera	light - umucyo
leave off, to - kureka	light of the moon - umwezi
leave shore (in boat), to - komoka	light (weight), to be - guhuhwa
leaven - umusemburo	
leaven, to - gusembura	
left - i bumoso	
left, to be - gusigara	

light weight (though voluminous) -
igihwayihwayi

light (kindle), to - gucana, gukongeza

light of, to make - guteta

lightening - umurabyo

like - nka, bene, nk'uko

like that - gutyo (dutyo, batyo, etc.)

like this - gutya (dutyu, batya, etc.)

like, to - gukunda

like, to be - gusa, kumera

likeness - ishusho

lime - ingwa

line - umurongo, umusitari

lion - intare

lip - umunwa

list of things - gahunda, urukurikirane

listen , to - gutega amatwi

(in sense of eavesdrop) - kumviriza

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

little by little - buhoro-buhoro

live, to - kubaho, kuba

live alone, to - kwibana

live in certain place, to - gutura

live long, to - kuramba

live for God, to - kwiyegurira Imana,
gukorera Imana mu mibereho yacu
yose, kwiberaho gukorera Imana

liver - umwijima

load - umutwaro

load, to put down - gutura

load, to - gupakira

loan - amaguzanya

loan, to - kuguza

locality - umuhana

lock, to - gukinga

locust - uruyige

lodging, to give- gucumbikira

lodging, to leave- gucumbukura

lodging place - icumbi

log - umugogo

loiter, to - gusodoka

lonesome for, to be - gukumbura

lonesomeness - urukumbuzi

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

long ago - kera (also, future)

long (extended), to be - kurambura

e.g. amagambo arambuye - lengthy
speech

long for, to - kwifuza

look, to - kureba

look! - dore

look about on all aides, to -

kuraranganyamo amaso, gukebaguza

look at intently, to - kwitekereza,

gutumbira

look at, leaning over to see, to -

kurunguruka

look everywhere, to - kurebareba

look for, to - gushaka

look up, to - kurarama

loosed, to be - guhambuka

loquat - umudigaferi

lord - umwami

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

lost, to be - kuzimira, guhaba

lost, to be eternally - kurimbuka

lots, to cast - gufinda

loud voice - ijwi rirenga

louse - inda

love - urukundo

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

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

lower, to - kumanura

lower down - hepfo

luck, bad - ishyano, umwaku

lust - irari

lust (strong), to - guheheta

luxury, to have (live in) - kudamarara

M

machete - umupanga

mad, to be (sense of crazy) - gusara

maggot - urunyo

maize - ikigori

majesty - ishema

majority - nyamwinshi

majority vote - amajwi nyamwinshi

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

malaria - ubuganga

male - igitsina-gabo

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

manioc - umwumbati

manner - uburyo

manners, person of good - imfura (impfura)

manure - amase
 manure heap - icukiro

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

March - Werurwe, ukwezi kwa gatatu

market - isoko, iguriro

marriage - ubukwe, gushyingiranwa

marriage, to give in - gushyingira

marrow - igihaza

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

marsh - igishanga

marvelous!, that's - ni ishyano

mash, to - gucucuma

mason - umufundi

master (my) - databuja (your) - shobuja (his, her, their) - shebuja	member of church - umunyetorero
mat - ikirago small mat - umusāmbi woven grass mat - ikidasesa	member of council - umujyanama
matches, box of - ikibiriti	mercenary - umucanshuro
mate (of pair of things) - mugenzi	mercy - imbabazi
mature (person), to be - gusesa akanguhe	merely - -sa (bisa, basa, etc.)
maturity - umwero (esp. of harvest), ubuhame	message - ubutumwa
May - Gicurasi, ukwezi kwa gatanu	metal - icyuma
me - jye, jyewe, jyeweho	method - uburyo, ukuntu
meal - ifunguro	middle, midst - hagati in middle of lake - imuhengeri
meal, to have - gufungura	middle age (30-50) - ubukwerere, imikwerere
means (of doing something) - ukuntu	midnight - igicuku
measure - inshuro, urugero	might (strength) - ukuboko
measure, to - gupima, kugera	mildew - uruhumbu
measureless - birenze urugero, kutagira ingano	milk - amata breast milk - amashereka clabbered milk - ikivuguto milk of goat - amahenehene
meat - inyama	milk, to - gukama
medicine - umuti	milk pot - inkongora
meditate, to - kuzirikana	millet - ururo, uburo
meet, to - guhura, guterana, gukorana meet, to go to - gusanganira	million - agahumbagiza, miliyoni
meeting - iteraniro meeting place - ihuriro in a meeting - mu ruhame	mind, to lose one's - gusara
melt, to - (as butter) - kuyaga (as sugar) - gushonga cause to melt, to - kuyaza	mine - -anjye (uwanjye, ibyanjye, etc.)
	minute - idakika, iminota just a minute - henga, reka
	minute (tiny) - -zinya (kanzinya)
	miracle - igitangaza

mirror - indorerwamo	June - Kamena
miscalculate, to - gucikwa	July - Nyakanga
misery - ubutindi	August - Kanama
misfortune - akaga, amakuba	September - Nzeli
miss, to (absent) - gusiba	October - Ukwakira
miss someone, to - gukumbura	November - Ugushingo
Miss - Madamuzera	December - Ukuboza
mistake - ifuti	moon - ukwezi
mistake, to make - gufudika, gucikwa	light of moon - umwezi
mistaken, to be - kuyoberwa	more, to do - kurushaho, kurushiriza
mistrust, to - gukenga, kwishisha	more than, to be - gusāga
mix, to - kuvanga	more, what's - byongeye kandi
mixture (e.g. medicine, shoe polish, etc.) - umuti	moreover - kandi, ndetse, byongeye kandi
moan, to - kuganya	morning - igitondo
mock, to - gushinyagura, gusebya	mosquito - umubu
mockery - agashinyaguro	mosquito netting - agatimba
moisten, to - kubobera	mostly - cyane cyane
mold - uruhumbu	mother (my) - mama, umukecuru wanjye
mold bricks or clay, to - kubumba	(your) - nyoko, umukecuru wawe, wanyu
moment, brief - akanya	(his, her, their) - nyina
Monday - ku wa mbere	mother-in-law (my, our) - mabukwe
money - amafaranga, ifeza, impiya, inota	(your) - nyokobukwe
monkey (small gray) - inkende	(his, her, their) - nyirabukwe
month - ukwezi	motorcycle - ipikipiki
January - Mutarama	mountain - umusozi
February - Gashyantare	mountain (high) - ikirunga
March - Werurwe	mountain top - impinga
April - Mata	mouse - imbeba
May - Gicurasi	mouth (inside) - akanwa
	mouth, to open - kwasama
	move (int.), to - kujegajega, kwinyagambura
	move, to (dwelling) - kwimuka
	move about, to - gutembera
	move aside, to (to permit passage) -

kuberereka, kubisa	narrow, to be - gufungana
move on farther, to - kwicuma	nation - ishyanga (amahanga)
move to one side, down, to (tr.) - gutsura	national (person) - umwene gihugu
Mr. - Bwana	native - kavukire
Mrs. - Madamu	nature - kavukire, kamere, imiterere
much - cyane, -inshi (byinshi, etc.)	nausea - iseseme
much, to be too - gukabya	navel - umukōndo
mud - urwondo, ibyondo, uburongo	near - hafi, bugufi, (with object) hafi ya
multiply, to - kugwiza (tr.), gukuba (tr.),	nearby - hafi, bugufi
kugwira (int.)	nearly - hafi
of animals (int.) - kororoka,	necessary, to be - gukwira
gutubura (tr.)	e.g. it's necessary - birakwiriye
murderer - umwicanyi	neck - ijosi
murmur, to - kwivovota, kwijujuta	need - ubukene
(discontent)	need, urgent - inkeke
music - imuzike, umuziki	need, to - kugomba
must - -kwiriye, kugomba	needle - urushinge
my - -anjye (wanjye, byanjye, etc.)	needy, to be - gukena
myself - ubwanjye, jyenyine	neglect, to - kwirengagiza, kurangārana (esp.
mystery - ubwiru, urujijo	person)
	I neglected to do it - byanciyeho
N	negligence - uburangazi
nail - umusomari, umusumari	neighbor - umuturanyi, umuturage
nail, to - gushimangira	neighborhood - umuhana, igiturage
naked - gusa, ubusa	nephew (son of man's sister) - umwishywa,
naked, to go - kugenda gusa	umusengeneza; (son of man's brother) -
naked, to be - kwambara ubusa	umuhungu wacu (wanyu, etc.)
name - izina	nest - icyari
name, to - kwita	nest, to make - kwarika
narrative - igitekerezo	

net, fishing - urushundura	no one - nta we
netting (mosquito) - agatimba	north - mu majyaruguru
never - ntabwo	nose - izuru
never, to have - kwigera (in negative) e.g. sinigeze mbona - I've never seen	nostril - izuru
nevertheless - nyamara	not - nta, si
new - -shya (gishya, rushya, etc.) new, something - inzaduka	not at all - na gato, haba na gato, haba na busa, namba
news - inkuru, amakuru	not in the least - na hato
newspaper - ikinyamateka, akabarankuru	nothing - nta cyo
next (in ref. to time) - gutaha	nothing, for - ubusa, ku busa
next day - bukeye	notice - itangazo
next month - ukwezi gutaha	notice, to - -ruzi (no infinitive)
next week - icyumweru gitaha	nourished, well - umushishe
nice - neza, -iza (mwiza, cyiza, etc.)	November - Ugushingo, ukwezi kwa cumi na kumwe
niece - umusengeneza	now - ubu
daughter of man's sister - umwishywa	right now - ubungubu, ubu nyine
night - ijoro, n'ijoro	and now - none
the night before - bucya	now and then - rimwe na rimwe
nine - icyenda	number - umubare
ninety - mirongwicyenda, mirongurwenda	nurse, to (int.) - konka
no - oya, nta, ashwi (emphatic), ashwi da!	nurse, to (tr.) - konsa
nobleman - imfura (impfura)	O
nod, to - guhunikira (sleepy)	oar - ingashyi
noise - urusaku, urwamo (voices), umuriri	obey, to - kumvira (a person) kwitondera (law, command)
noise, to make - gusakuza	observe, to - kuziririza
none - nta	obstinate, to be - kutava ku izima
nonplussed, to be - gushoberwa, kugwa mu kantu	obvious, to be - kwihandagaza
noon - ku manywa	occasionally - rimwe na rimwe

occupied, to be - guhugira	operate (medical), to - kubaga
ocean - inyanja	opportunity - uburyo
October - Ukwakira, ukwezi kwa cumi	oppose, to - kuzira
off with you! - hoshi!	oppress, to - gupyinagiza
offer, to - gutanga (as in church) offer a gift, to - gutura	oppressed (with burden), to be - gushengurwa
offering - ituro	or - cyangwa
office - ibiro	orange (fruit) - indimu ya oranji, icunga (color) - igaju
often - kenshi how often? - kangahe?	ordain, to - kurobanura
oil - amavuta	order - gahunda order that, in - kugirango
ointment, perfumed - amadahano	order, to put in - kuringaniza
old, to become - gusaza; -kuru	order, to - gutegeka
old man - umusaza, umukambwe	orderliness - gahunda
old woman - umukecuru	ordinarily - ubusanzwe
olive, wild - umunzenze	ordinary people, the - rubanda rwa giseseka
omit, to - gusiba	organization - gahunda (in sense of group) - ishyaka (e.g. U.N.)
on - ku	origin - inkomoko get one's origin from, to - gukomora
once - rimwe once upon a time there was - hāriho once and for all - byimazeyo	ornament, to - gutaka
one - -mwe	ornaments, to wear - kurimba
onion - ubutunguru (or, igi-, or, uru-)	orphan - imfubyi
only - gusa, ubusa, -nyine	other - -ndi (undi, abandi, ibindi, etc.)
open, to - gukingura, gufungura, kuzibura open (as flower), to - kurumbura open, to become - kuzibuka open the mouth, to - kwasama	ought (to have to) - kugomba, -kwiriye, kurinda
openly - ku mugaragaro openly, to speak - kwerura	our - -acu (wacu, bacu, byacu, etc.)
	out of - mu

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

outside (of house) - hanze, inyuma

outside, to go - gusohoka

oven (underground, for drying bananas) -
urwina

over - hejuru ya

over and above, to be - gusaguka

over there - hariya

overcharge, to - guhenda

overcome, to - gutsinda

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

overlook, to - kwirengagiza

oversee, to - kugenzura, guperereza

overturn, to - guhirika

owl - igihunyira

own, to - gutunga

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

owner of - nyira

P

pack, to - gupakira

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

paddle - ingashyi

pagan - umupagani

page - urupapuro

pail - indobo

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

paint - irangi
paint, to - gusīga irangi

palm of hand - urushyi

palm oil - amamesa

palm tree - umukindo

pan, cooking - isafuriya

panel, solar energy - ikidasesa

pants - ipantalo

papaya - ipapayi

paper - urupapuro, urukaratasi
newspaper - akabarankuru

parable - umugani

pardon - imbabazi

parent - umubyeyi

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

part in, to have - kugira uruhare

part with, to - gutandukana

participation - uruhare

partnership - ubusābane

partridge - inkwari

party, to have - gucura urugomo

party (political) - ishyaka

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

pass beyond, to - kurenga	(as perfume, etc.) - gusāba
pass the night, to - kurara	penetrate, to make - gucengeza
pass through, to - guca, kunyura	
pass through, to make - kuboneza	pension - ubwiteganirize
passage, to permit - kuberereka, kubisa	people (sense of nation) - ihanga, ishanga
passer-by - umuhisi	(crowd) - itorero
past - ibihe byashize	the people - rubanda
past, to go - kurenga	ordinary people - rubanda rwa giseseka
pasture - ubwatsi, urwuri	pepper - ipiripiri, urusenda (hot)
pasture, to - kurisha	perfect (n., adj.) - indakemwa
patch - ikiremu	perfect, to - gutunganya
path - inzira	perfect, to be - gutungana
patient, to be - kwihangana	perfume - amarashi
pay (n.) - umushahara, igihembo	perhaps - ahari, wenda, ubanza, yenda
pay, to - guhamba, gutanga	period (or comma) - akabago, akadomo, akitso
pay debt, to - kwishyura	period, to have (female) - kuba mu mugongo
pay dowry, to - gukwa	perish, to - kurimbuka
pay attention, to - kwita ku	permission - uruhushya
pay ransom, to - gucungura	permission, to ask for - gusaba uruhushya
peace - amahoro	perplex, to - kuyobera
peaceful, to be - gutuza	perplexed, to be - gushoberwa, kubunza
peak, mountain - impinga	umutima, kuyoberwa, guhera mu
peanut - ikinyobwa, akabemba	rungabangabo
peas - amashaza	persecute, to - kurenganya, gutoteza
peel, to (with knife) - guhata	persevere, to - gushishikara
(with fingers) - gutonora	person - umuntu
penalty, to make pay the - kuryoza	personnalité civile - ubuzima-gatozi
pencil - ikaramu	perspiration - icyuya
penetrate, to - kumena, gucengera	perspire, to (heavily)- kubira icyuya
	persuade, to try to - guhendahenda

pester, to - kujujubya

photograph - ifoto

photograph, to - gufotora

phrase - interuro

pick, to - gusoroma

(as corn) - guca

pick out, to - gutoranya

pick up, to - gutora

pick up here and there, to - gutoragura

picture - ishusho

picture, to take - gufotora

piece - igice

piece of something broken - igisate

pierce, to - gutobora

pig - ingurube

pigeon - inuma

pile carefully, to - kurundarunda

pile together, to - kurunda

pillage - amahugu

pillage, to - gusahura

pillow - umusego

pillow, to lie on - kwisegura

pin - umusomari, umusumari

pincher ants - intozi

pineapple - inanasi

pipe (water) - umuheha

(tobacco) - inkono y'itabi

pit - umwobo

pity - impuhwe

place - ahantu

at one place - hamwe

at some places - hamwe na hamwe

high place - ahirengeye

in the place of - ikigwi, icyimbo

place, to - guhingutsa

place above, to - kumanika

place an object, to - gutereka

place on top of, to - kugereka

place near, to - kubangikanya

placenta - ingobyi

plain (near river, lake) - ikibaya

plain, to make - kwerura

plan - integuro, umugambi, ubugenere

plans - imishinga

plan for, to - kugambirira, guteganya, kugena

plane, to - kubāza

plant - imbuto

plant, to - gutera

plant small seeds, to - kubiba

plantation - ishyamba

planter - umubibyi

plaster, to - guhoma

plate - isahane

play, to - gukina

play an instrument, to - kuvuza, gucuranga

play cow game (igisoro), to - kubuguza

playground - ikibuga

plead, to - kuburana (at court)

plead with, to - kwinginga

please, to - kunezeza, kunezereza

plunder, to - gusahura	pour, to - gusuka
pocket - umufuka, umupfuka	poverty - ubukene, umukeno (strong word), ubutindi
poet - umusizi	
poison - uburozi	powder - ifu
poke fun at, to - gucyocyora	power - imbaraga, ububasha, ubushobozi
police agent - umuporisi	power, to have - kubasha
polish, to - guhanagura	practice - umugenzo
politeness - ikinyabupfura, ubupfura	practice, to - kwitoza
political party - ishyaka	praise (n.) - ishimwe
ponder, to - kuzirikana	praise, to - gushima, guhimbaza, gusingiza, kurata
pool - ikizenga, icyuzi	pray, to - gusenga, gusaba, kwambaza Imana
poor, to be - gukena	prayer - isengesho, ishengesho
poor man (person) - umukene	preach, to - kubwiriza
poorly - nabi	precede, to - kubanziriza, gutanga
possess, to - gutunga	precursor - amendeze
possess a person, to - guhanga umuntu	pregnancy - inda
possessed by, to be - guhangwaho	
possessions - ubutunzi	pregnant, to be - gutwita
possession - ubwatsi, isambu, umutungo (money) - imari	prepare, to - gutegura
possessor of - nyira	prepare for, to - guteganya
possible, to be - gushoboka	prepare plans (projects), to - gutegura imishinga
it's possible that. . . - ubanza	present (gift) - impano
post (mail) - iposita	pretend to love, to - gukunda urumamo
pot (clay cooking) - inkono	pretty - -iza (mwiza, beza, etc.)
(cooking) - isafuriya	prevent, to - kubuza, gukoma
(small clay) - urwabya	
(water pot) - ikibindi	prey, bird of - igisiga
potato, sweet - ikijumba	price - ikiguzi, igiciro
potato, white - ikirayi	pride - ubwibone, ubwirasi

priest - umutambyi (in Bible), umusochoza-bitambo, umupadiri (Catholic)	prophecy, to - guhanura
prince - igikomangoma	prophet - umuhanuzi
principal (important) - imena	prosperity - ishya n'ihirwe
print, to - gucapa	protect, to - gukuyakuya, gukoma, kurinda
printed, to have - gucapisha	proud, to be - kwirata, kwibona
prior to - mbere	proverb - umugani
priority - uburenganzira	provocation - amakimbirane
prison - umunyororo, inzu y'imbohe	Psalms - Zaburi
prisoner - imbohe, umuyororo, imfungwa	public - rubanda
problem - ingorane	publicly - ku mugaragaro, mu ruhamwe
procrastinate, to - kwirengagiza	publish, to - kwamamaza, kogeza, kuranga
produce abundantly, to - kurumbuka	pull, to - gukurura
professor - umwarimu, umwigisha	pull out (as stakes in ground), to - gushingura
profit (increase) - inyungu (benefit) - akamaro	pull out by roots, to - kurandura
profit, to - kunguka, gucuruza	pull out of fire (water), to - kurohora
progress - amajyambere progress, to hinder - kudindiza	pumpkin - igihaza, umwungu
prohibit, to - kubuza	punctuation mark - akadomo
project - umugambi, umushinga, imishinga	punish, to - guhana
promise - isezerano	punishment - igihano
promise, to - gusezerana	pupil - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri
proof - intangamugabo, gihamya	pupil of eye - imboni
prop up, to - gushyigikira	pure, to be - kwera
property - isambu, ubukebe property father gives to son when he marries - umunani	pure, to make - kuboneza, kweza
property, personal - umwihariko	purify oneself, to - kwiboneza, kwiyeza, kwisukura
	purity of heart - (u)kwezwa
	purple - umuhengeri (rarely used)
	purpose - impamvu, intego, ubugenere

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

quiet, to make - guturisha, guhendahenda

purse - umufuka, umupfuko

R

pus - amashyira

rabbit - urukwavu

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

race (people) - ishyanga

rack - igitanda

rain - imvura

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

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

rainbow - umukororombya

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

raise animals, to - korora (Fr. élevage)

raise eyes (head), to - kurarama, kubura

raise from dead, to - kuzura

raise voice, to - kurangurura

ransom - incungu, inshungu

ransom, to - gucungura

rape, to - gukinda

rat - imbeba

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

raw - -bisi (bibisi, etc.)

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

puzzled, to be - gushoberwa, guhera mu rungabangabo

Q

quality - umuco

quantity - ubwinshi

quarrel - amahane, intonganyi

quarrel, to - gutongana

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

question - ikibazo

question, to - kwiburanya
 question, to ask - kubaza

quickly - vuba, bwangu, n'ingoga

read, to - gusoma

quiet, to be - gutuza, guhora, guceceka

ready, to be - kuba witeguye

really - by'ukuri, impamo	refugee - impunzi
rear a child, to - kurera	refuse, to - guhakana, kwanga
reason - impamvu, igituma	regain sight, to - guhumuka
reason about, to - kwiburanya	region - ikirere, intāra
rebel - umugome	reign - ingoma
rebel (openly), to - kugoma	reinforce, to - gusongora, gushimangira
rebellion - ubugome	rejoice, to - kwishima (over what you've seen) - kwishima (over what you're told) - kunezerwa
rebuke, to - gucyaha, gutonganya, kwiyama	rejoice, to cause to - kwizihiza
recall, to - kwibuka	related, to be - -fitana (no inf.) isano, gupfana
receive, to - kwakira, kubona (something as gift) - kuronka	relationship - umushyikirano
recently - vuba, vub'aha	relationship with, to have - gushyikirana na
recently, to have done - guheruka e.g. sindaheruka kukubona - I haven't seen you recently.	relative - umuvandimwe, mwene wacu, wanyu, wabo
reclaim, to - kwaka	relax, to - guhwema
recompense - ingororano	release, to - kurekura
recompense, to - kugororera, kwitura	relinquish gradually, to - gutezuka
reconcile, to - kunga	rely on, to - kwiringira
record (phonograph) - idiski, isahane y'ifono	remain, to - kuguma, guhama remain behind, to - gusigara
record, to - kwandika	remember, to - kwibuka
recount to, to - gutekerereza	remind, to - kwibutsa
red, to be - gutukura	remind often of one's faults, to - gucyurira umuntu
redeem, to - gucungura	remove from cross (or from pegs), to - kubambura
redeemer - umucunguzi	renew, to - kuvugurura
reed (swamp of reeds) - urubingo	
reflect light, to - kurabagirana	
refrain from, to - kureka	

rent - ihoro	respect, to - kubaha
rent, to receive - guhoza	respect, to not - kubahuka
repair, to - kuvugurura	responsibility - umurimo, inshingano, umwitwarariko
repay, to - kwishyura	rest, to - kuruhuka, guhwema
repay good, to - kwitura ineza	restitution, to make - kwishyura
repay evil, to - kwitura inabi	restore sight, to - guhumura
repeat, to - kongera, gusubira	result - ingaruka
repeatedly - hato na hato	resumé, to give - guhina
repent, to - kwihana	resurrect, to - kuzuka (int.), kuzura (tr.)
repercussion - ingaruka	resurrection - kuzuka, izuka, umuzuko
replace, to - gusimbura	return, to - kugaruka (where speaker is), gusubira (where speaker is not)
replace temporarily, to - guhagararira	return from, to - gukuka
replacement, temporary - agateganyo	return from wandering, to - kubunguka, guhabuka
reply, to - gusubiza	return good to, to - kwitura umuntu ineza
report, to give - gutanga raporo	return something, to - gusubiza
reports, false - impuha	reveal, to - guhishura
represent, to - guhagararira	reveal publicly, to - gusambura
representative - umuvugizi	revenge, desire for - inzika
reprimand, to - gucyaha	reverence, to - kubaha
reproach - amakemwa	revile, to - gutuka
reproach, to - kuziza	revive, to - kuvugurura
rescind (vote), to - gushingura	reward, to - kugororera, kwitura
rescue, to - gukiza	rhythm - gahunda
resemblance - isāno	rice - umuceri
resemble, to - gusa, kumera nka	rich, to be - gutunga, gukira
resist, to - kwangirira	rich person - umukire
resound, to make - kuvuza	esp. in cattle - umutunzi
respect - icyubahiro	

esp. in produce - umukungu	robe - ikanzu
riches - ubukire	rock - ibuye
esp. in cattle - ubutunzi	large rock - urutare (also, rocky place)
esp. in produce - ubukungu	
ride, to - kugendera ku	roll, to - gutembagaza (tr.)
	roll along, to - kubirindura
	roll up, to - kuzinga
ridicule, to - kurengurana, gushinyagura	
right, on the - iburyo	roof, to put on - gusakara
all right - nuko	roof, to take off - gusambura
right away - ubungubu, nonaha	
right now - ubu nyine	room (in house) - icyumba
right side - uburyo	private room for guest - mu mbere
right, to be - gutungana	rooster - isake
righteous, to be - gukiranuka	root - umuzi
righteous person - umukiranutsi	rope - umugozi
rights - uburenganzira	rot, to - kubora
ring - impeta	round-about-way - inzira y'uruboko
rinse, to - kunyuguza	rout, to - kuganza
riot - imvururu	row - umurongo, umusitari
rip, to - gushishimura (tr.)	row (boat), to - kuvugama, kugashya
ripe, to be - gushya	royal - icyami
ripen, to - kwera, guhisha	rub, to - guhanagura, gusiga
	rub hard (as to polish), to - gutsirita
rise (from lying position), to - kubyuka	rubber - umupira
rise (sun), to - kurasa, kuva	rug - umusambi
ritual - umuhango	ruin, to fall into (as house) - kuriduka,
river - uruzi	guseniyagurana
road - umuhanda	
roast (in fire), to - kōtsa	rule - itegeko
robber - umwambuzi	rule, to - gutegeka, gutwara
robbing by force - amahugu	rumors - impuha
	run, to - kwiruka
	run after, to - kwirukana

run fast, to (esp. to avoid being beaten) - kuyabangira ingata	satisfactory - neza, -iza (mwiza, etc.)
run very fast, to - kwirukanka	satisfied, to be - guhaga, kwishima
rural - icyaro	satisfy, to - guhaza, gukungahaza
rush upon, to - kwiroha	Saturday - ku wa gatandatu
rust - ingese	sauciness - amahane
rusty, to become - kuzana ingese	save, to - gukiza
	save (as money), to - kuzigama
	save from being wiped out (as family name), to - gucikura
	save (from danger, death), to - kurokora
	save from danger, to try to - kurengera
	saved, to be - gukizwa, kurokoka
	saved ones - abarokore
	saves, thing that - amakiriro
	savior - umukiza
	saw - umusumeno, umusomeno, urukero
	say, to - kuvuga
	saying - -ti (ati, bati, etc.)
	scar - inkovu
	scar from cut - indasago
	scatter, to - gusandara (int.)(things)
	gusandaza (tr.)
	scattered (people, animals), to be - gutatana
	schedule - ingengabihe
	school - ishuri
	para-primary - ishuri ry'ingoboka
	primary - ishuri ribanza
	secondary - ishuri ryisumbuye
	university - ishuri rikuru
	scold, to - guhana, guhanura, gutonganya, gucyaha (quietly), gukankamira (loudly)
	scorn, to - kugaya, kunegura, guhinyura

S

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

sacrifice - igitambo

sacrifice, to - gutamba, kwigomwa

sad, to be - kubabara, kugira ishavu

sad, to appear - kwijima

sad, to make - gushengura, gushavuza

sadness - umubabaro, ishavu

safe and sound - -taraga (adj.)

sake of, for - kubwa

salary - igihembo, imihemberwe, umushahara

saliva - amacandwe

salt - umunyu

salvation - agakiza

salvation, source of - amakiriro

same - kimwe, hamwe, etc.

sand - umucanga, umusenyi

sandal - inkweto

sandals, to wear - gukweta

sandals, to take off - gukwetura

scorpion - indyanishamurizo	kugenzereza
scrape, scratch soil, to - guharura	seems that..., it - ubanza
scratch, to - gushima	seer - umuhanuzi
scratch oneself, to - kwishima	seize, to - gufata, gusumira
scribe - umwanditsi	seize property of another, to - guhuguza
scrub (brush) - igihuru	seized with terror, to be - gukangarana
scrutinize, to - gusuzuma	self - ubwa (use reflexive)
sea - inyanja	self-love - kwikunda
search, to - gushaka	self-respect - ubwiyubahe
search diligently, to - gushakashaka	self-surrender - kwitanga
season, dry (long, June-Sept.) - icyi	selfish, to be - kwikanyiza
(short, Dec.-Jan.) - urugaryi	sell, to - kugurisha
season, beginning of dry - impeshyi	send, to - kōhereza, gutuma
season, rainy (Sept. - Nov.) - umuhindo	send away, to - guheza
(March - May) - itumba	send back (as cows), to - gucyura
seat - icyicarō	send wife away publicly, to - gusenda
second - uwa kabiri, icya kabiri, etc.	senior - -kuru (mukuru, bakuru, etc.)
second a motion, to - gusongera, gushyigikira	sentence (gram.) - inshinga, interuro
secret - ibanga	separate, to - gutandukana (int.),
secret (strong word) - ubwiru	gutandukanya (tr.), gusobanura (tr.)
secretary - umwanditsi	September - Nzeri, ukwezi kwa cyenda
section (of people, as for work assignment) -	seriously, to not take - guteta
icyiciro, igika	servant - umugaragu (male), umuja (female)
see, to - kureba, kubona, kuruzi	serve, to - gukorera, guhakwa
see something briefly, to - guca iryēra	serve meal to guests, to - kuzimana
see suddenly, to - kurabukwa	session (as of conference) - icyiciro
seed - imbutō	set (sun), to - kurenga
seeing that - ubwo	set aside, to - kurobanura
seek, to - gushaka	set eyes on, to - kurabukwa
seek after (as goal), to - kurangamira	set fire to, to - gutwika
seek chance to "get" somebody, to -	

set a time, to - kugena igihe	sheet - ishuka
set (trap), to - gutega	shell, to - gutonora, guhungura
seven - -rindwi, ndwi (with 3rd & 6th cl.)	shelter, temporary - ingando
seventy - mirongwirindwi	shelter from rain - ubwugamo
sever, to - guca	shelter, to seek - kugama
several - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.)	shepherd - umwungeri
severity - umwaga	shepherd, to - kuragira
sew, to - kudoda	shield, to - gukingiriza
sex (male, female) - igitsina cy'abantu	shine, to - kwaka, kumurika, kubengerana
shade - igicucu	(sun) - kuva
shadow - igicucu	(reflected light) - kurabagirana
shake, to - gutigisa (tr.), kujegajega (int.)	shipwreck - uburohame
shake (as earth), to - kunyeganyega (int.)	shirt - ishati
shake (as person), to - guhinda umushitsi (int.)	shoe - ikirato, inkweto
shake (as rug), to - gukunguta, gukunkumura (tr.)	shoes, to wear (put on) - gukweta
shake hands, to - gukora mu ntoki	shoot, to - kurasa
shake (object) hard, to - gucugusa, gukuka	shop - iduka, imangazini
shake head, to - kuzunguza	shop (for food), to - guhaha
shallow - -gufi (kigufi, etc.)	shore - imusozi, inkombe, umwaro, inkuka
shame - isoni	short - -gufi (mugufi, kigufi, etc.)
shape - ishusho	short cut - inzira y'ubusamu
share, to - gusangira	short dress (very) - umwenda w'amahenure
sharp, to be - gutyara	should - -kwiriye, kugomba, kurinda
sharpen, to - kunagura, gutyaza	shoulder - igitugu
shave, to - kogosha	shout, to - gutaka, gusakuza, gutera (ijwi)
she - we, a- (as verb prefix)	hejuru, kurangurura, gusakabaka
sheep - intama	shout of joy - impundu
	shove, to - guhirika

show, to - kwereka, kugaragaza, kumurikwa show oneself, to - kwiyereka	sin, to - gucumura, gukora icyaha
shrivelled, to be (arm, leg) - kunyunyuka	since - kuva, ko
shut, to - gukinga, gufunga	sincerity - ubutariganya
sibling - umuvandimwe, mwene nyina (se)	sing, to - kuririmba
sick person - umurwayi	singular (gram.) - amamwe, buke
sick, to be - kurwara care for the sick, to - kurwaza	sinner - umunyabyaha
sickle - umuhoro	sip, to - gusoma
sickness - indwara	sir - bwana
side - uruhande, iruhande on this side - hino on this side of water - hakuno on other side of water - hakurya	sister - mwene nyina (se) (of boy) - mushiki (younger, of girl) - murumuna (older, of girl) - mukuru
sieve - akayunguruzo	sit, to - kwicara
sift, to - gushungura	site, new - ubuvunnyi
sigh, to - gusuha umutima	six - -tandatu, esheshatu (3rd & 6th cl.) six times - gatandatu
sight, to regain - guhumuka sight, to restore - guhumura	sixty - mirongwitandatu
sign - ikimenyetso	skill - ubuhanga, ubukorikori
sign language - amarenga, guca amarenga	skilled, to be - guhuguka
signal to come, to - kurembuza	skilled person - umuhanga, impuguke
silence - ituza	skin - uruhu skin for carrying baby - ingobyi
silence, to - guturisha, gutwama	skirt, long - umukenyero
silent, to be - gutuza, guceceka, kwihorera	sky - ikirere, ijuru
silently - bucece	slander - igitutsi
silver - ifeza	slander, to - gutuka
similarity - ihuriro, isāno	slap - urushyi
sin - icyaha, igicumuro	slate - urubaho
	slave - imbata

sleep, to - gusinzira	place where soil is thin - akāra
sleepiness - igitotsi	soldier - umusirikare, umusoda, ingabo
slide, to - guserebeka slide down hill on banana trunk, to - gutsuka	some - -mwe (bamwe, bimwe, etc.) some places - hamwe na hamwe sometimes - rimwe na rimwe, ubundi
slightly - buhora	son - umwana, umuhungu son of - mwene (pl. bene)
slip out (e.g. from pocket), to - gusosoroka	song - indirimbo
slow, to be - gutinda, gutindaganya	soon - vuba, bidatinze, vubaha
slowly - buhora, buhora-buhoro	soot - imbyiro
small - -to, -toya (bato, bitoya, etc.)	sore (as ulcer) - igisebe, igikomere, uruguma (fresh)
smash, to - guhondagura	sore, to be - kubabara
smear, to - gusiga	sorrow - agahinda deep sorrow - amajune
smell, to - kumva (tr.) cause to smell good, to - guhumuza smell good or bad, to - guhumura smell bad, to - kunuka	sort out, to - gusobanura
smile, to - kumwenyura	soul - ubugingo
smoke - umwotsi	sour, sharp - ikereta
snake - inzoka one that bites at both ends - ikirumirahabiri	sour, to be - kubiha
snare - umutego	south - mu majyepfo
sneeze, to - kwitsamura	sow, to - kubiba
so, so that - kugirango, ngo and so - none isn't it so - si byo? so-and-so - kanaka, nyiranaka (fem.)	sower - umubibyi
soak in water, to - gutumbika	space - umwanya
soap - isabune	speak, to - kuvuga speak evil of, to - gusebya speak indistinctly, to - kudedemanga speak plainly, clearly, to - gufobora speak without thinking, to - guhomboka
soft, to be - koroha	spear - icumu
soil - ubutaka, igitaka	special, to be - kwiharira (for special)

purpose)	squash - umwungu
speechless, to be - kudakoma	squeeze, to - gukamura
spend the night, to - kurara	stale, to be - kugaga
spend night away from home, to -	stammer, to - kusingimira
gucumbika	stamp - itembura
spend time, to - kumara	stand, to - guhagarara
spill, to - kumena (tr.), kumeneka (int.)	stand up, to - guhaguruka
gusesekara (int.)	stand up, to cause someone to -
spirit - umwuka	guhagurutsa
Holy Spirit - Umwuka Wera, Mwuka	star - inyenyeri
Muziranenge	stare at, to - kurangamira, guhangana amaso
spirit, ancestral - umuzimu	start, to - gutangira
spirit, harmful ancestral - igisigo	start with, to - guhēra
spit - amacandwe	start by, to - kubanza
spit, to - gucira amacandwe	startled, to be - gukanga
spit on, to - kuvundereza amacandwe	statistics - barura
spoil, to - konona (tr.), kubora (int.)	stay, to - kuguma, guhama
spoil a child, to - gutetesha	stay a certain length of time, to - kumara
spoil (as, cooked food), to - kugaga	stead - ikigwi, icyimbo
spoiled, to be - kononekara	steal, to - kwiba
spoiled child - umutesi	step - intambwe
spoon - ikiyiko, urupahu	step, to - gutambuka
spot - inenge	step on, to - gukandagira
spread, to - gusāba (int.)	steward - umujyanama, umunyabintu
spread (as news), to - gukwira (int.),	stick - igiti
gukwiza (tr.), kogeza	stick of fire-wood - urukwi
spread everywhere, to - kwamamara	walking stick - inkoni
(int.), kwamamaza (tr.)	stick out (as, from pocket), to - gusosoroka
spread grass, to - gusasa	stiff, to make (i.e. to stiffen) - kugagaza
spread out, to - kurambika	still - (use -racya- tense)
spring (of water) - isōko	
spring up (water, blood), to - kududubiza	
spy on, to - kugenza, gutata, kugenzura	

stingy, to be - kwikanyiza	stream - umugezi
stink, to - kunuka	strength - intege, imbaraga
stomach - igifu, inda	stretch out (arm), to - kurambura
stone - ibuye	stretch out (as lie down), to - kurambarara
stoop down, to - kunama, kubama	stretch out (hide), to - kubamba
stop, to - kureka, kurekeraho (int.), guhagarara (int.), guhagarika (tr.), kubuza (tr.), kurorera (int.)	stretch tight, to - kurēga (tr.)
stop! - buretsel!	stretcher - ingobyi
stop battle (argument), to - guhosha (tr.)	strife - intambara
stop bleeding, to - gukama (int.)	strike, to - gukubita
stop boat, to - gutsika (tr.)	strike suddenly (unexpectedly), to - kugwa gitumo (see I Thess 5:3)
stopper (as in bottle) - igipfundikizo	string - umugozi
store (shop) - iduka, idukuru	strive for, to - guharanira, gusura
store, to - kubika	strong, to be - gukomera
store crops in granary, to - guhunika	strong, to make - gukomeza
storm of wind - ishuheri	strong man - umunyamaboko, igikwerere
storm on lake - umuhengeri	stubborn, to be - kudakurwa ku izima, kutava kw izima
story - umugani, igitekerezo	stuck (in mud), to get - gusaya
story (floor) - igorofa	student - umwigishwa, umunyeshuri
stout, to be - kubyibuha	study, to - kwiga
stove - ifura, iziko	study, manner of - imyigire
straight, to be - kugororoka, kweguka	stumble, to - gusitara
straight, to make - kugorora	stupid person - umuswa
straighten up (erect), to - kweguka	sturdy, to be - gukomera
strain (filter), to - kumimina, kuminina	stutter, to - kusingimira
strainer - akayunguruzo	submerged, to be - kurengerwa
strange, something - inzaduka	subtract, to - gukūra
straw (drinking) - umuheha	
stray, to - komongana	

succeed in one part but fail in another, to - kwesha umunyana	surpass, to - kurusha, kuruta, gusumba, kurenga, kurushaho, kurushiriza, gutambutsa
successful, to be - gutsinda	surplus, to be a - gusāga, gusaguka
suddenly, to appear (happen) - guturumbuka, gitumo, gutunguka, gutungura	surprise, to - gutangaza, kugwa gitumo
suffer, to - kubabara suffer severely, to cause to - kubaga, kurembya	surround, to - gukikiza, kugota, gutangatanga, gushungera
suffering, not physical - umubabaro suffering, physical - ububabare	survive (a calamity), to - guhonoka
suffice, to - gukwira, -hagije it's sufficient - birahagije	suspect, to - gukeka
sugar - isukari	suspicion, to - gukenga
sum paid to witchdoctor - ingemu	suspicious - amakenga
sum up, to - guhina	sustain, to - gutera inkunga
summer - icyi (i.e. dry season, actually winter here)	swallow, to - kumira
sun - izuba	swamp - igishanga
sun, to put out in - kwanika sun, to bring in from - kwanura	swamp of reeds - urubingo
Sunday - ku cyumweru	swear (sense of oath), to - kurahira
sunset - ikirengazuba near sunset time - igicamunsi	sweat (n.) - icyuya
superbness - ihōho, akataraboneka	sweat, to - kubira icyuya
supervise, to - kugenga	sweater - umupira
supplementary - umugereta	sweet potato - ikijumba
support - inkunga, ubwishingizi	swell, to - kubyimba
support, to - gutera inkunga, gushyigikira	swim, to - koga
suppose, to - kugirango, gukeka	swing (as children play in) - urucundo
surface (e.g. of square) - ubuso	swing, to - kwicunda
	sword - inkota
	sycamore tree - umuvumu
	system - gahunda

T

table - ameza, imeza

taboo, to be - kuzira

tail - umurizo

take, to - kwenda

take, go with, to - kujyana

take away, to - kuvana, gukura, gukuraho,
gutwara

take away from, to - kwaka

take bribe, to - kurya ruswa, kwakira
impongano

take by force, to - kunyaga

take clothes off another, to - kwambura

take from (certain place), to - kuvana

take hold of, to - gufata

take leave of, to - gusezera

take self off, to - kwigendera

take to someone, to - gushyirira

talk - ikiganiro

talk, to - kuvuga

talk against, to - guhinyura

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

tanner - umukannyi

tardy, to be - gutinda, gukererwa

task - umurimo

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

taste good, to make - guhumuza

taste bad, to - kubihira

taunt, to - gucyurira umuntu

tax - umusoro, ikoro

tax collector - umukoresha w'ikoro,
umusoresha

tea - icyayi

teach, to - kwigisha

teacher - umwigisha, umwarimu

teaching (lesson) - icyigisho

(doctrine) - inyigisho

(manner of teaching) - imyigishirize

tear, to - gucika (int.), guca (tr.),

gushanyuka (int.), gushanyura (tr.)

tear, to (strong word) - gushishimura
(tr.)

tear (int.), to (long tear due to wear) -
gutabuka

tear down, to - gusenya

tears - amarira, imyisozi

teaspoon - akayiko, akajyiko

technique (technical knowledge, skill) -
impuguke

tell, to - kubwira, kuvuga

tell a lie, to - kubeshya

temple - urusengeru

temporary - agateganyo

tempt, to - gushuka, gushashuka, kugerageza,
koshya

temptations - amoshya, ibigeragezo, ibishuko

ten - icumi

terrible, that's - ni ishano

terrified, to be - gukuka umutima

terror - impagarara

terror, to be seized with - gukangarana

test (n.) - ikizamini

test, to - kugerageza, gusuzuma, kugenzura

testament - isezerano

Old Testament - Isezerano rya Kera	thirst - inyota
New Testament - Isezerano Rishya	thirsty, to be - kugira inyota
testify, to - guhamya	thirty - mirongwitatu
thank, to - gushima	this - uyu, iki, etc.
thank for gift, to - gukura ubwatsi	thorn - ihwa
thank you - (m)urakoze, nuko nuko, ndagushimye	those - bariya, abo, ba, etc.
that - ko, yuko	thought - igitekerezo
that (demonstrative) - uriya, uwo, wa, etc.	thought, to be in deep - kwiyumvira
their - -abo (wabo, cyabo, etc.)	thousand - igihumbi
them - bo	ten thousand - inzovu
then - nuko, rero, ubwo	one hundred thousand - agahumbi
and then - maze	thrash around (as sick person), to - kwigaragura
then (remembered) - burya	thread - urudodo
there - aho, aha	threaten, to - kwihangiriza, gukangara, gukangisha
here and there - hamwe na hamwe	threatenings - ibikangisho
therefore - none, niko, none rero, noneho	three - -tatu, eshatu (3rd & 6th cl.)
there is - hari	thrice - gatatu
these - aba, iyi, izi, etc.	throat - umuhogo
they - bo, ba- (as prefix)	throw, to - gutera
thick - -nini	throw at, to - gutērera
thief - umujura, umwambuzi, igisambo	throw away, to - guta, kujugunya
thin - -to, -toya (muto, gitoya, etc.)	throw behind one's back, to - kwireza
thin, to be - guhorota	throw down, to - gutura, kwesa
(due to illness) - kunyunyuka	throw into water, to - kuroha
thing - ikintu	thumb - igikumwe
think, to - gutekereza, kugirango, kuzirikana, gukeka, kwibwira	thunder - inkuba
think about (without speaking), to - kwiyumvira	thunder, to - guhinda
I think that... - ubanza, ngira ngo, nibwira	Thursday - ku wa kane
	tie - umushumi

tie, to - kuboha, gupfundika	kwirimbisha
tie an animal, to - kuzirika	tomato - inyanya
tie neck of sack, to - kuniga	tomb - imva, igituro
tie up, to - guhambira	tomorrow - ejo
tie up boat, to - gutsika	day after tomorrow - ejo bundi
tick (insect) - ikirondwe	tongue - ururimi
tile (floor) - isasa	tool (metal) - icyuma
tile (roof) - itegura	tooth - iryinyo
time - igihe, umwanya	top (on the top) - hejuru
as time goes on - uko ibihe biha ibindi	torment -agashinyaguro
at another time - ubundi	totally - rwose
at what time? - gihe ki?	touch, to - gukoraho
long time ago (or future) - kera	touch with, to - gukoza
on time - kare, ku gihe	tower - umunara
time off - uruhushya	town - umudugudu, ikirorero, umujyi
time, to set a - kugena igihe	trade, to - gucuruza
times - inshuro	trader - umucuruzi, umuhanjuzi
how many times? - kangahe?	tradition - akarande
tiny - -nzinya (with 7th cl. only)	train (child), to - kurera
tiny thing - akadomo	trait - ingeso
tire - umupira	trample on, to - kuribata
tired, to be - kuruha, kunanirwa	transmit from one to another, to - guhererekanya
to - ku, mu, i	trap - umutego, rwagakoco (small)
to and fro - hiryana no hino	trap, to set - gutega
tobacco - itabi	traveller - umugenzi
today - none, uyu munsi	traverse, to - kumena
toe - ino	tread on, to - gukandagira
toenail - urwara	
together - hamwe, kumwe	
a get-together - iteraniro	
together, to come - guterana	
toilet, to do one's (wash, comb, etc.) -	

treasury - imari

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

treats illness, one who - umuvuzi

tree - igiti
 tree, base of - igishitsi

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

trembling - umushitsi, igishitsi

trial - urubanza

tribe - ubwoko

tribunal - urukiko

trick, to - kuriganya

trickery - uburiganya

triumph, to - kunesha, gutsinda

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

troubles - amakuba, ibyago, amagorwa

true - koko

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

trunk of banana tree - umutumba

trust - icyingiro, ibwiringiro

trust, to - kwiringira, kwizera

truth - ukuri

try, to - kugerageza

Tuesday - ku wa kabiri

turaco - inkorongo

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

turn toward, to - kwerekera

turn upside down, to - kubika

twenty - makumyabiri

twice - kabiri

twins - impanga

twist cords, to - guhотора, kubohekanya

twist forcibly, to - gucumba

two - kabiri, -biri

type - ubwoko

U

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

ulcer - igisebe

umbrella - umutaka

unable to do something, to be - kunanirwa

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

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

unconscious - intere

under - muni ya

underneath - muni

understand, to - kumva, gusobanukirwa

unexpected help - ingoboka	V
unexpectedly, to come (happen) - gutungura	vacation - uruhushya
unfairly, to treat - kurenganya	vaccination - urukingo, indasago
unfaithful to, to be - guhemuka, guhinyuka	vagabond, to be a - kubuyera, kuraruka
unfortunate, to be - kugorwa	vain, in - ku busa, ubusa, amāra masa
unite, to - kubumbira, kunga ubumwe (implies previous separation) - kwiyunga	valley - akabande
unjustly, to treat - kurenganya	valuable - ingenzi
unload, to - gupakurura	value - akamaro, igiciro
unlock, to - gukingura	vegetable - imboga, uruboga
unripe - -bisi, -toto	verb - inshinga
unsatisfactorily - nabi	verse - umurongo
unstop, to - kuzibura	very - cyane
unstopped, to become - kuzibuka	very much - rwose
	very well - henga
untie, to - kubohora, gupfundura, gufundura	vicinity, in this - ino
untie animal (from stake), to - kuzitura	village - igiturage, icyaro
untied, to be - guhambuka	(hill with numerous homes) - umurenge
until - kugeza	villagers - abaturage
(if followed by verb) - kugeza aho	vines - umuzabibu
unwed mother - ikinyandaro	vineyard - uruzabibu
uproot, to - kurandura	violent, to become - kurubira
upside down, to turn - kubika, gucurika, guhirika	virtue - umuco
us - twebwe, twe	visible, to be - kugaragara, kuboneka
use - akamaro, umumaro	visible, to make - kugaragaza
use, to - gukoresha	visit, to go to - gusura, gutembera, gusuha
use up, to - kumara	visit bereaved person, to - kuyaga
use up for nothing, to - gupfusha ubusa	visit with, to - kuganira na
usually - ubusanzwe	visitor - umushyitsi
	voice - ijwi
	voice, loud - ijwi rirenga

volcano - ikirunga

vomit, to - kuruka

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

vow, to - kurahira

vulture - inkongoro

W

wage - igihembo, umushashara

wail, to - kuganya, kuboroga

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

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

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

walking stick - inkoni

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

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

want, to - gushaka

warm oneself by fire, to - kota

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

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

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

watch (clock) - isaha

watch, to - kuba maso, kurinda

watchman - umunyezamu, umuraririzi

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

water pot - ikibindi

waves - umuraba

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

we - twebwe, twe
 we alone - twenyine

weak, to be - kugira intege nke

weaken, to - gucogoza

weakness - intege nke

wealth - ubutunzi, ubukire, ubukungu

wealthy person - umutunzi, umukire

weapons - intwaro

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

weary, to become - guhwema, kunanirwa,
kuruha

weave, to - kuboha

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

Wednesday - ku wa gatatu

weed, to - kubagara

weeds - ibyatsi bibi

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

weep, to - kurira

weigh, to - gupima, kugera

weighed down, to be - gushengurwa

welcome, to - kwakira

well (n.) - iriba

well, to get - gukira

well-being - imibereho

well up (water, blood), to - kududubiza

wet - -bisi

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

wheat - ingano

wheel - ikigata

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

whenever - uko, iyo

where - he?, hehe?, aho

whereas - naho

whether - yuko, ari

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

whip (leather, rubber) - umukoba

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

whistle (n.) - urushyungute

whistle, to - gushyunguta

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

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

whiteness, dazzling - urwererane

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

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

wholeness - ubuzima

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

wicked, to be - gukiranirwa

wide - -gari (hagari. etc.)

widow - umupfakazi

widow(er), to become a - gupfakara

width - ubwaguke, ubugari

wife - umugore, muka

wild animal - inyamaswa

wilderness - ubutayu

will (e.g. of God) - ubugenere, ubushake	woo, to - kureshya
willing, to be - kwemera	wood - inkwi (for fire)
wilt, to - kuraba	word - ijambo
win, to - gutsinda	word, final - umwanzuro
wind - umuyaga	words, idle; just talk - uburondogozi
window - idirisha	work - akazi, umurimo
windstorm - ishuheri	work, to - gukora
wine - vino	working, manner of - imikorere
wing - ibaba	workman - umukozi
winnow, to - gushungura	workman, skilled - umufundi
wire - umukwege	workshop (sense of study) - ihuguriro
wisdom - ubwenge	world - isi
witch doctor - umupfumu	worm - inzoka
witchcraft - uburozi	worm, tiny - urunyo
with - na	worried, to be - guhangayika, kubunza umutima, kwiganyira
withdraw quickly, to - kwikubura	worries - amaganya
withered (arm, leg), to be - kunyunyuka	worry - inkeke
withhold, to - kwima	worship, to - gusenga, kuramya Imana
withstand, to - guhangana	worth - igiciro
witness (male or female) - umugabo	worthy, to be - -kwiriye
witness (words) - ubuhamya	wound - uruguma, igikomere
witness, to - guhamya, guhamiriza	wounded, to be - gukomereka
woman (married) - umugore	wrap, to - gupfuka, guhambira, gupfunya
(old) - umukecuru	wrap around oneself, to - kwifubika
(young) - umwār i	wring out, to - gukamura
wonder at, to - gutangara	wring the neck, to - guhotora
wonderful, to be - gutangaza	wrinkle (in clothes, paper, face) - umunkanyari
something wonderful - igitangaza	

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

Y

year - umwaka
 yeast - umusemburo
 yell (pain, sorrow), to - kuboroga
 yellow - umuhondo
 yes - yego, yee
 yesterday - ejo
 day before yesterday - ejo bundi
 yet - nyamara
 you - wowe, mwebwe, mwe
 you alone - (s.) wenyine; (pl.) mwenyine
 young - -to, -toya (muto, bitoya)
 young lady (unmarried) - inkumi
 young man (unmarried) - umusore
 young person - ingaragu
 young of animal - icyana
 your - -anyu (pl.)
 -awe (s.)
 youth - ubusore, urubyiruko

Z

zeal - umwete, umuhati, ishyaka, ubwuzu
 zealous, to be - kugira umwete

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