

**Trilingual
Ng’hwele-Swahili-English
and
Swahili-Ng’hwele-English
wordlist**

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Introduction

This trilingual wordlist Ngh'wele-Swahili-English originates from material that was developed by and used in the project “Language Use and Language Teaching in Eastern Africa” during the early seventies. In those days, Derek Nurse and Gérard Philippson of the University of Dar Es Saalaam (UDSM – D. Nurse is now a Research Professor of Linguistics at the Memorial University of Newfoundland in Canada, G. Philippson works as an “Enseignant Chercheur” at the Université Lumière in Lyon/France) commissioned UDSM students to collect the equivalents of a bilingual Swahili – English word list in many Tanzanian languages. The word list itself comprised 1080 entries. As a result of the students’ commitment, an impressive documentation of more than 80 Tanzanian languages and language varieties became available. In the nineties the trilingual wordlists were digitalized and included in the “Comparative Bantu Online Dictionaries” (CBOLD) documents of the University of California.¹

In May 2001 the project “Languages of Tanzania” (LoT) was initiated. This project was designed by Drs. Henry Muzale and Josephat Rugemalira of UDSM (Department of Foreign Languages and Linguistics, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences) in cooperation with Prof. (now emeritus) Tore Janson of Gothenburg University (GU) in Sweden. This joint UDSM – GU research project is implemented as part of the Swedish support for consolidating Tanzanian tertiary institutions and research infrastructure.

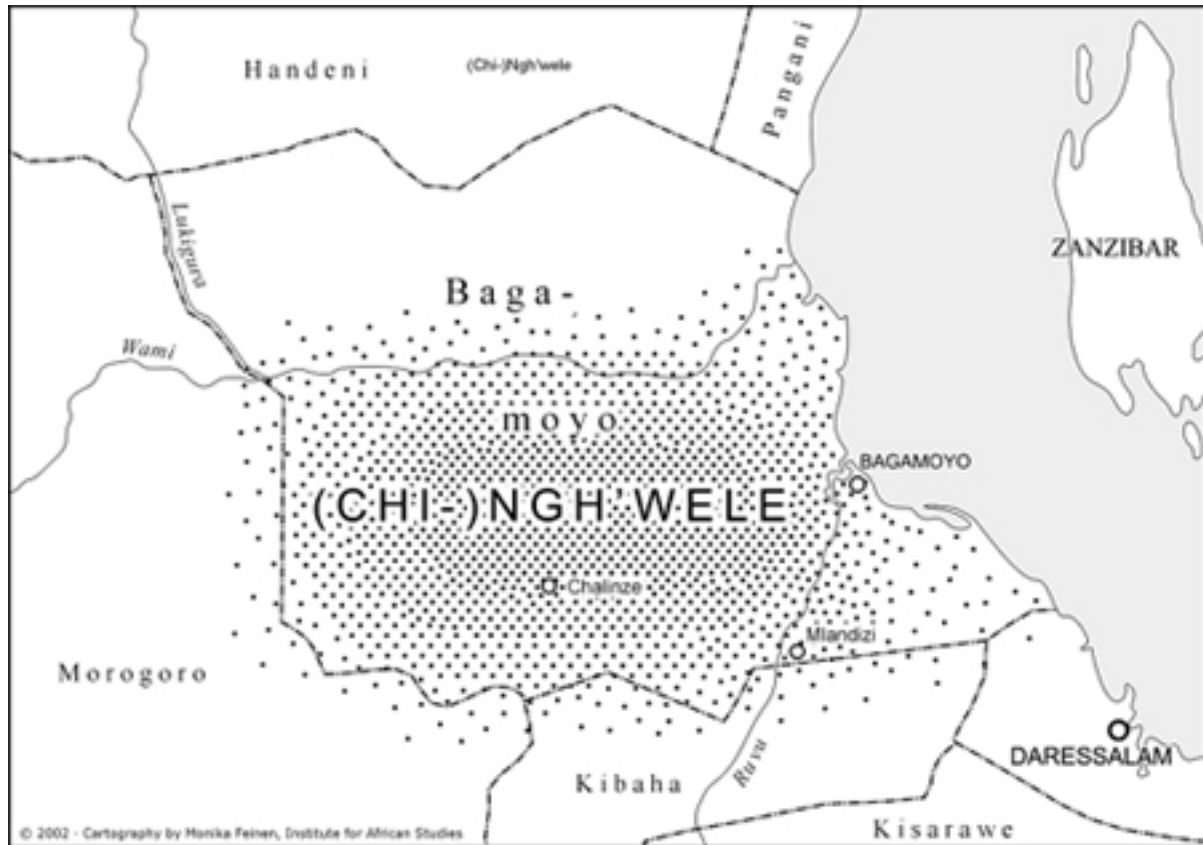
LoT envisages providing linguistic data for Tanzanian languages other than Swahili. In its current initial 3-year phase, the focus of research activities is on north-west Tanzania, which is a rather well documented area in comparison to other regions and zones.² Against this background it has been assumed that fast progress could be made in implementing the linguistic research strategy and achieving relevant results.

Word lists for documenting the lexical stock of selected languages in north-western parts of mainland Tanzania are an integral part of the LoT research and publication objectives. Accordingly, the existing CBOLD material is of a particular value, because what has been compiled so far in the lexicographical field could save much time and energy that in turn could be spent to work with other languages where no similar lexical data have been collected so far. With this

¹ For a list of Tanzanian languages that were covered by the project see Legère (2002:185-186). The linguistic material can be consulted or downloaded from the University of California/Dept. of Linguistics CBOLD website at:

<http://www.linguistics.berkeley.edu/CBOLD/docs>

² See the multitude of published and unpublished sources for e.g. the Haya language in Maho & Sands (2002).



in mind, we contacted Prof. Nurse in October 2001 to enquire about the legal status of the CBOLD web documents. At his direction, Prof. Larry Hyman (University of California, Department of Linguistics, Berkeley) was subsequently requested to consider giving those involved in the LoT project permission to use the CBOLD material. This permission was granted in May 2002.

According to Nurse, the 1970s manuscripts were left unattended over all the years that passed since the original compilation, the main reason being that the project had come to an end. In addition, he had left UDSM thus missing the opportunity to find adequate resource persons for checking the language data. The current web version of the word lists was simply produced from the existing sources without further ado.

The Swahili/English wordlist was originally developed for comparative purposes, namely to trace phonological regularities and changes between the source language, Swahili, and the languages under consideration. It is not a wordlist that accounts for frequently used words in Swahili (or English). It goes without saying that for documenting the basic lexical stock of a language, the frequency criterion would be highly relevant. This, however, might imply that many of the entries in the CBOLD material would have to be eliminated. As a consequence, the data collection would virtually have to start from scratch – and

this for all of the languages covered so far. Accordingly, this alternative was ruled out. Nonetheless, it seems to be worthwhile to consider expanding the existing Swahili/English source files with basic English lemmata for broadening the scope of the lexical documentation.

Given the rather preliminary character of the CBOLD wordlist, a number of issues had to be taken into consideration when using this material as a research instrument in LoT related lexical field work. This included recognition of the fact that originally the Swahili entries were mainly selected for discovering and tracing phonological regularities between Swahili words (as reflexes of reconstructed Proto-Bantu forms) and those of the target language. Accordingly, in revising and updating the wordlist particular emphasis was put on the Swahili keywords where the Swahili part of the material was retained to a large extent. Only in cases when the keyword was a double entry were changes made by replacing one of the two keywords with another Swahili word, which might even have suited the compilers' intention of detecting sound correspondences. In addition, in some cases little-known Swahili words were supplemented by synonyms that might help informants to identify the meaning of the given keyword. The English gloss was, where necessary, modified to account more adequately for the current meaning of the Swahili keyword.

The existing CBOLD wordlists are a valuable collection of data that sheds light on a large number of Tanzanian Bantu languages. In addition, as suggested above, if this material were available in a revised form (e.g. supplemented by adequate short examples illustrating Swahili language use for facilitating the collection process), it could also be a very useful research instrument for updating our information whenever the lexical data lack precision. Further, the revised wordlists could be important for collecting lexical data for those languages that hitherto have not been covered by researchers.

The word list below focuses on the Tanzanian language (Chi-)Ngh'wele, which is called Kikwere in Swahili. In July 2001 Anne-Marie Tulkki, who was then a second-year GU student in linguistics, checked the available CBOLD version for Ngh'wele. With Mr. Shaaban Msumi (a UDSM employee) and other competent Ngh'wele speakers as resource persons, she worked through the word list. The material resulting from this assiduous endeavour was subsequently discussed and checked again by the author of this introduction with Mr. Msumi in Dar Es Salaam in March 2002. Many open questions could be answered during various meetings. Nevertheless, in the course of updating the manuscript during the past few months, other questions arose. Some questions must remain unattended for the time being, as only Ngh'wele speakers (who obviously are not sitting next door to us here in Sweden) could give the answers. Accordingly, several entries that are still dubious will be indicated with a question mark.

Where possible, grammatical information about the Ngh'wele entry is added. Thus for verbs, the valency (basically transitive – intransitive) or other details such as v. ref. (reflexive verb form) are indicated. Sometimes the Ngh'wele word class differs from that of the original Swahili source entry, e.g. in a number of cases Swahili adjectives (qualifiers) are expressed in Ngh'wele by mainly intransitive verbs. Therefore, to suit the Ngh'wele gloss, the original Swahili (and English) entry is slightly modified by adding *-wa* (be/become), e.g. for Ngh'wele '(ku)-mema' the Swahili entry changes to '*tele, -wa*' (be[come] abundant).

As a rule, nouns are marked for the plural form that is indicated by the relevant plural morpheme (or a dash in case of class 9/10 identical forms for singular and plural). In some cases the full form of the plural is given, in particular when a class 11 noun is made plural according to the class 9/10 patterns and rules. Since we have no grammatical description of Ngh'wele, these plural forms might not be properly inferred. For u-class words (class 14, mostly in the singular and probably direct imports from Swahili) and other singular-only nouns, the singular noun class morpheme is shown followed by "sg. only" (sg. - singular), the following square bracket entry simultaneously indicating the adequate concord morpheme, e.g. 'soil' - *ulongo, u- [u-], sg. only*.

In the Tanzanian 1967 population census 48,132 people on the mainland identified themselves as belonging to the Ngh'wele ethnic group. The overwhelming majority of them lived in their traditional residential areas in Bagamoyo district (35,404 people) of the Coast Region (the latter with a total of 39,871 Ngh'wele, which included another 3,857 people living in neighbouring Kisarawe district). Small groups of Ngh'wele people were residents of Morogoro Region (3,764) and of Dar Es Salaam (2,902). No more reliable up-to-date figures are available for recent years, since subsequent population censuses no longer record ethnicity. Between 1948 (33,494 Ngh'wele) and 1967 there was a 44 percent growth of the Ngh'wele as an ethnic group. This was below the average Tanzanian population growth rate for these two decades (55 percent). Assuming a three percent average annual growth of the Tanzanian population for the 35 years, which have passed since the 1967 census, the Ngh'wele should comprise approximately 100,000 people in 2002. This figure, however, is fictitious and speculative, because there is no evidence of such a unilateral progressive ethnic growth, nor does any of the data above reveal the number of those who speak Ngh'wele as a mother tongue. In fact, it seems more likely to consider that both Ngh'wele ethnic identity and the Ngh'wele language are endangered.

Judging from the 1948-1967 figures, the ethnic identity which transpires from self-identification as a Ngh'wele no longer plays a decisive role as it might have before, for various reasons. This goes along with an erosion of linguistic competence in Ngh'wele and a massive language shift (to Swahili). Suffice it to

note here that Ngh'wele communities have been interacting with Swahili speakers on the coast for a long time. This was documented, for example, in Bagamoyo town where Ngh'wele people constituted a rather important segment of the population (Brown 1970). Simultaneously, already early, German sources (e.g. anonymous 1911:4) mention the Ngh'wele (Kwere) as being among those who are good Swahili speakers. In September 2002 this fact was re-ascertained to be true during the conference "Bagamoyo - A World Heritage?" according to several Bagamoyo elders who participated in the meeting. These elders confirmed the strong presence of Ngh'wele people in urban as well as in certain adjacent rural areas, along with their high bilingual (i. e. Swahili-Ngh'wele) competence. In addition, they illustrated with various examples the tendency towards giving up Ngh'wele in favour of Swahili, a situation that seems to have reached a point where this language may tentatively be ranked as endangered. Of course, this remark is not corroborated by statistically relevant research data, which could provide a deeper, more comprehensive insight into the current linguistic situation in Ungh'wele, the Ngh'wele residential areas.

The wordlist included in this web document is an attempt to put on record some linguistic data that reflect Ngh'wele as it is spoken today. The strong impact of Swahili on the Ngh'wele lexicon is certainly hard to ignore. There are many entries in the Ngh'wele section of the wordlist that are identical with those in Swahili. Whether this is the result of their common origin, historical interaction or the dominant status of Swahili in Tanzania or in Bagamoyo district is difficult to assess in view of our limited historical and contemporary knowledge about language contact in the area. However, as observed elsewhere in the hinterland of the coast (among Bondei speakers, see Legère 1992), a massive language shift is taking place in this geographical area. This has resulted mainly in the replacement of the historically developed lexical stock of the hinterland languages by a massive influx of Swahili words that do not conform to aspects such as the former syllable structure or sound inventory. Similarities between Ngh'wele and Swahili words (whether resulting from their common origin or the aforesaid Swahili impact) could easily be traced when comparing the entries for both languages in the wordlist.

For transcription of the Ngh'wele glosses, the Swahili spelling is used. The latter suits Ngh'wele to a large extent. It is assumed that literate (in Swahili) Ngh'wele speakers do not have any problem with this spelling convention, because they have learnt this spelling either through formal education or informally. In the Ngh'wele section, provision has been made for sounds that are peculiar to Ngh'wele (and neighbouring languages such as Zaramo). This applies in particular to the voiceless nasals. Thus, the aspirated velar nasal [ŋ^h] is rendered by a combination of known characters, hence *ngh'* (as in Swahili *ng* for

the velar nasal, *h* for aspiration and, contrary to the Swahili orthography, the apostrophe ' for the voiceless nature of the nasal), further on *mh'* [m^h] and *nh'* [n^h], e.g. *mh'ala* (gazelle), *nh'ano* (five – in counting).

Tone could, unfortunately, not be marked in the Ngh'wele section of the wordlist. Tone marking should be done at a later stage of this work on Ngh'wele, when more data on this language becomes available.

As said earlier, this wordlist should be taken as a working document that will be updated when more lexical data become available. The same goes for the linguistic improvement of the material that will need to follow suit.

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Abbreviations used

adj.	adjective	num.	numeral
adn.	adnominal	pass.	passive
adv.	adverb	pl.	plural
cop.	copula	poss.	possessive
dem.	demonstrative	pron.	pronoun
i.	intransitive	ref.	reflexive
inf.	infinitive	sg.	singular
interr.	interrogative	t.	transitive
loc.	locative	v.	verb
n.	noun		

³ <http://www.african.gu.se/research/nghwele.html>

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Ngh'wele-Swahili-English

-a mbeho *adn.*

<sw> baridi
<en> cold
mazi ya mbeho (maji baridi/cold water)

-a mulume *adn.*

<sw> dume, -a kiume
<en> male

-a sambu *adn.*

<sw> -pya
<en> new
gazeti ja sambu (gazeti jipya/new newspaper)

-a umwaka *adn.*

1. <sw> -kuukuu
<en> old
2. <sw> kale
<en> old times

-a usungu *adn.*

<sw> -chungu
<en> bitter
chinh'u cha usungu (kitu kichungu/something bitter)

-aga *v.i.*

<sw> -potea
<en> get lost

-aha *v.t.*

<sw> -chuma
<en> gather (flowers, fruit)

-ambika *v.t.*

1. <sw> -pika
<en> cook
2. <sw> -teleka
<en> put a pot on the fire

-angamila *v.t.*

<sw> -angama
<en> hang in mid-air

-anika *v.t.*

<sw> -anika
<en> set out to dry

-azima *v.t.*

<sw> -azima
<en> lend, borrow

-bachilisha *v.t.*

<sw> -badili
<en> alter, change

bago kulu *ma-*

<sw> mwitu
<en> forest

balabala *ma-*

<sw> barabara
<en> highway
pia/also: nzila nh'ulu

balagwa *ma-*

<sw> mwiko
<en> spoon

-bamiza *v.t.*

<sw> -jigonga (kichwa)
<en> bump (the head)

-bananga *v.t.*

1. <sw> -haribu
<en> destroy, damage
2. <sw> -dekeza
<en> spoil (a child)

bata *ma-*

<sw> bata
<en> duck

-bawa *v.t.*

<sw> -iba
<en> steal

-bena *v.t.*

<sw> -vunja
<en> break, snap

-benyeza *v.t.*

<sw> -penya
<en> penetrate

-beta *v.t.*

<sw> -pepeta
<en> winnow

-beza *v.t.*

<sw> -iza
<en> reject, refuse

biki *ma-*

<sw> mti
<en> tree

-bisi *adj.*

<sw> -tindi, -bichi
<en> unripe, half grown, wet
hadvile goya (halikuiva vizuri/has not ripened)

biwi *ma-*

<sw> chungu (nzima)
<en> heap

bomba *ma-*

1. <sw> pampu
<en> pump
2. <sw> bomba (la maji)
<en> pipe, water ~

-bota *v.t.*

<sw> -sokota
<en> spin, twist

bua ma-

<sw> bua
<en> stalk (of maize, millet)

buga ma-

<sw> sungura
<en> hare

-buha *v.i.*

<sw> -epesi, (ku)wa ~
<en> light in weight, be ~
hawazamile (wao si wazito/they are not heavy)

bui ma-

<sw> buibui
<en> spider

-buma *v.t.*

<sw> -vuma
<en> roar, rumble

bundiki -

<sw> bunduki
<en> gun

bung'o ma-

<sw> mbung'o
<en> tsetse fly

bura ma-

<sw> chura
<en> frog
chibura (kichura/small frog)

-burunga *v.t.*

<sw> -viringa (tonge)
<en> round, coil
uburunge (uviringo/roundness)

bururu ma-

<sw> mji
<en> town

buzi lume ma-

<sw> beberu
<en> he-goat

-bwela *v.i.*

1. <sw> -rejea
<en> return, go back
2. <sw> -rudi
<en> return

-bweleza yafile *v.t.*

<sw> -fufua
<en> revive
pia/also: -fufula ... yafile

-bwinh'a *v.t.*

<sw> -puliza
<en> blow on, blow up

-cha *v.i.*

<sw> -cha
<en> dawn
mitondo ifika (kumekucha/it is getting light)

-chakula *v.t.*

<sw> -chakura
<en> search diligently

chambo vy-

<sw> chambo
<en> bait

chamhanga vy-

<sw> mwewe
<en> kite

chaza -

<sw> chaza (kiumbe cha baharini)
<en> oyster

cheye *1st pl.*

<sw> sisi
<en> we

chibanda vi-

<sw> kibanda
<en> hut

chibofu vi-

<sw> kibofu
<en> bladder

chibogwa vi-

<sw> kiazzi
<en> potato (sweet)

chiboko vi-

<sw> kiboko
<en> hippopotamus

chibuyu vi-

<sw> buyu
<en> calabash

chichaka vi-

<sw> chaka, kichaka
<en> thicket

chidari vi-

<sw> kidari
<en> chest (of animals and birds)

chidege vi-

<sw> nyuni (=ndege)
<en> bird

- chidevu** vi-
 <sw> kidevu
 <en> chin
- chidole** vi-
 <sw> kidole (cha mkono)
 <en> finger
- chidole cha mgulu** vi-
 <sw> kidole (cha mguu)
 <en> toe
- chifaru** vi-
 <sw> kifaruru
 <en> rhinoceros
- chifo** vi-
 <sw> kifo
 <en> death
- chifudifudi** *adv.*
 <sw> fudifudi
 <en> face downwards
pia/also: chingubi, ngubi
- chifuko** vi-
 <sw> kibia
 <en> bowl, cooking pot
- chifuluma** vi-
 <sw> kindi
 <en> squirrel
- chigao** vi-
 <sw> fira
 <en> spitting cobra
- chigelo** vi-
 <sw> kikapu
 <en> basket
- chigongo** vi-
 <sw> kigongo
 <en> hump (of hunchback)
- chihongwe** vi-
 <sw> punda, kihongwe
 <en> donkey
- chikara** vi-
 <sw> bia
 <en> earthenware vessel for
 servin
- chikebe** vi-
 <sw> mkebe
 <en> mug, pot
- chiko** vi-
 <sw> kiko
 <en> tobacco pipe
- chikoko** vi-
 <sw> joko
 <en> potter's kiln
- chikopo** vi-
 <sw> kopo
 <en> metal pot
- chikundi** vi-
 <sw> kundi
 <en> group, pack, flock
- chikuvu** vi-
 <sw> kitovu
 <en> navel
- chikuwi** vi-
 <sw> kobe
 <en> tortoise
- chilele** vi-
 <sw> kilele
 <en> top, peak
- chilema** vi-
 <sw> kilema
 <en> cripple
- chilima** vi-
 <sw> kilima
 <en> hill
- chilimo** vi-
 <sw> kilimo
 <en> agriculture
- chilo** -
 <sw> usiku
 <en> night
- chilonda** vi-
 <sw> kidonda
 <en> sore
chibanh'a (kidonda/small sore)
- chima** vi-
 <sw> kiweo (cha mnyama)
 <en> thigh
- chimuli** vi-
 <sw> taa
 <en> lamp
pia/also: muli, ma-
- chingofye** vi-
 1. <sw> chango
 <en> hook, peg
 2. <sw> kingoe
 <en> hook (to pull down
 branches in
- chinh'o** vi-
 <sw> kiwiko, kivi
 <en> elbow
- chinh'u** vi-
 <sw> kitu
 <en> thing

-chinja *v.t.*

<sw> -chinja
<en> slaughter

chinyala *vi-*

1. <sw> soni, aibu
<en> shame
2. <sw> haya
<en> shame, modesty
3. <sw> aibu
<en> shame, disgrace

chipilo *ma-*

<sw> unyoya (manyoya)
<en> feather, fur

chipofu *vi-*

<sw> kipofu
<en> blind person

chipusa *vi-*

<sw> kipusa
<en> rhino horn, trophy

chisiginh'o *vi-*

<sw> kisigino
<en> heel

chisima *vi-*

<sw> kisima
<en> well

chisindo *vi-*

<sw> kesho kutwa
<en> day after tomorrow
?in a context?

chisiwa *vi-*

<sw> kisiwa
<en> island

chisuwili *vi-*

<sw> paa
<en> thatched roof

chitambala *vi-*

<sw> kitambaa
<en> cloth

chiti *vi-*

<sw> kiti
<en> seat, stool, chair

chiwambaza *vi-*

<sw> ukuta
<en> wall

chiwango *vi-*

<sw> tama
<en> conclusion, end

chiwanja *vi-*

<sw> kiwanja
<en> plot (e.g. building ~)

chiwele *vi-*

<sw> kijembe
<en> penknife, scalpel

chizanda *vi-*

<sw> kijito
<en> brook, stream

-chongela *v.t.*

<sw> -chongea (tilia fitina)
<en> slander
pia/also: -longezela

chongo -

<sw> chongo
<en> one-eyed
pia/also: ziso ng'honzi

choni? *interr.*

<sw> nini?
<en> what?

-chovya *v.t.*

<sw> -chovya
<en> dip

chui -

<sw> chui
<en> leopard

-chuja *v.t.*

<sw> -chuja
<en> filter, strain

-chukia *v.t.*

<sw> -zia, -chukia
<en> hate, detest

-chungu *v.t.*

<sw> -chungu (math. ng'ombe)
<en> herd, look after grazing
cattle,

-chupila *v.i.*

<sw> -lemaa
<en> lame, be(come) ~

chwakaa -

<sw> chokaa
<en> lime, whitewash

-dai *v.t.*

<sw> -wia (radhi)
<en> owe

daka *ma-*

<sw> tunda
<en> fruit

-dala *adj.*

<sw> -gumu
<en> hard

damu -

<sw> damu
<en> blood

dawa -

<sw> dawa
<en> medicine, remedy

-deka v.t.

<sw> -tapika
<en> vomit

dibwe ma-

<sw> jiwe
<en> stone

dibwe ja zuma ma-

<sw> mawe yenye chuma
<en> iron ore

dibwe kulu ma-

<sw> mwamba
<en> rock

-didimila v.i.

1. <sw> -zama
<en> sink
2. <sw> -tota
<en> drenched, be ~

-dima (ng'ombe) v.t.

<sw> -fuga (ng'ombe)
<en> keep (livestock)

dinda ma-

<sw> tumbo
<en> belly, stomach (big)

dituwa ma-

<sw> kichaka
<en> thicket

ditwi ma-

<sw> kichwa
<en> head

-dodo adj.

1. <sw> -chache
<en> a few, not much (many)
hela ndodo (hela ndogo/little money)
2. <sw> -dogo
<en> small

-donh'omeza v.t.

<sw> -songa
<en> pack, press together

dosi ma-

<sw> utosi
<en> crown of the head

dowa ma-

<sw> waa, doa
<en> spot, speckle

duma -

<sw> duma
<en> cheetah

-dumba v.t.

1. <sw> -epuka
<en> avoid
2. <sw> -ogopa
<en> fear, afraid, be ~ of

-duta v.t.

<sw> -tutika
<en> pile up, pile loads on head

dyelo adv.

<sw> leo
<en> today

-elekwa v. pass.

<sw> -zaliwa
<en> born, be ~

-enela v.i.

1. <sw> -enea(enea)
<en> spread out, be ~
2. <sw> -tawanyika
<en> spread, scatter
3. <sw> -tangaa
<en> spread abroad, be ~, become general

-enyego adj.

<sw> -enyewe
<en> self
yeye mwenyego, cheye wenyego (yeye mwenyewe, sisi wenyewe/he she himself, herself, we ourselves)

-fa v.i.

<sw> -fa
<en> die

-fagila v.t.

<sw> -fagia
<en> sweep

fagilo ma-

<sw> ufagio
<en> broom

fahali ma-

<sw> fahali
<en> bull

-fambula v.t.

<sw> -tegua
<en> wave, let off a trap, remove a
pia/also: -tengula

-fanana (na) v.i.

<sw> -fanana (na)
<en> resemble
nchi zoilinga (nchi

- zinafanana/the countries resemble each other)*
- farasi** -
 <sw> farasi
 <en> horse
- figa** ma-
 <sw> figa (=mafya?)
 <en> hearthstone for putting pots o
- fika** *v.i.*
 <sw> -fika
 <en> arrive
- fila** *v.i.*
 <sw> -fifia
 <en> fade, disappear
- fimbo** ma-
 <sw> fimbo
 <en> stick
- finga** ma-
 <sw> yai
 <en> egg
- finga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kaga
 <en> protect by charm
- finya (meso)** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fumba (macho)
 <en> close (eyes)
- fisa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -ficha
 <en> hide
- fonza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fyonza
 <en> suck
- fosa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -pita
 <en> pass, surpass
- fosa kwa kukimbila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -pita kwa kukimbia
 <en> pass in running
- fua** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fua (nguo)
 <en> wash (clothes)
- fuga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fuga
 <en> keep livestock
- fuguti** ma-
 <sw> jasho
 <en> sweat
- fukula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fukua
 <en> dig up, dig out
- fula** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -jamba (ushuzi)
 <en> break wind
 2. <sw> -shuta, -sura
 <en> fart, break wind
- fuma** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fuma
 <en> weave, knit
- fumanila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fumania
 <en> catch somebody redhanded
- fumbatila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fumbata
 <en> grasp, hold in arm
- fundo** ma-
 <sw> kifundo
 <en> knot
- funga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -funga pamoja (math. mizigo)
 <en> pack
koteleza hamwe
- funga (na luzabi)** *v.t.*
 <sw> -funga (kwa kamba)
 <en> tie up
funga na luzabi (nzabi)
- funga ... (vi)nogile** *v.t.*
 <sw> -tengeneza mzigo kwa
 <en> pack carefully
- funga fingo** *v.t.*
 <sw> -finga
 <en> protect by charms
- fungo** -
 <sw> fungo
 <en> genet (=kind of speckled civet)
- fungula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fungua
 <en> open
- funula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -funua
 <en> uncover, reveal
- funya** *v.t.*
 <sw> -finya
 <en> pinch, make narrow
- funza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fundisha, '-funza
 <en> teach, instruct

-gala *v.t.*

1. <sw> -tuma
<en> send
2. <sw> -leta
<en> bring, fetch

gana *ma-*

- <sw> mlongo
<en> number, tens, decade

-ganda *v.i.*

- <sw> -ganda
<en> coagulate

ganza *ma-*

- <sw> kitanga (cha mkono),
kiganja
<en> palm (of hand)

gate *ma-*

- <sw> mkate
<en> bread

gembe *ma-*

- <sw> jembe
<en> hoe

-genda *v.i.*

- <sw> -tembea
<en> walk

-genda (kubwela) ukae ulawa ku
v.i.

- <sw> -enda nyumbani kutoka
kwa
<en> go home from work

-genda na migulu *v.i.*

- <sw> -enda kwa miguu
<en> walk

-gera *v.t.*

- <sw> -tia mimba
<en> pregnant, make ~
*kamgera inda kigoli (alimtia
mimba msichana/he made the
girl pregnant)*

-geza *v.t.*

- <sw> -jaribu
<en> try

-gobora *v.t.*

- <sw> -vuna
<en> harvest, reap

-gola *v.t.*

- <sw> -gawa
<en> divide

-golana *v.i.*

- <sw> -achana
<en> leave each other, separate

golo

1. <sw> kesho (siku nyingine)
<en> tomorrow (other day)
2. <sw> jana (siku nyingine)
<en> yesterday (other day)

-golola *v.t.*

- <sw> -nyosha
<en> straighten
*-golola magulu (kunyosha
miguu/stretch legs)*

-gomba *v.t.*

1. <sw> -gombana
<en> quarrel
2. <sw> -piga vita
<en> fight

gome *ma-*

- <sw> gome
<en> bark (of tree)

-gona *v.i.*

1. <sw> -lala
<en> lie down
2. <sw> -lala usingizi
<en> sleep

-gona chilo *inf.*

- <sw> -pisha usiku
<en> pass the night

-gona chingalinga *v.i.*

- <sw> -lala chali
<en> lie on one's back

-gonga *v.t.*

- <sw> -gonga
<en> strike, knock

gongo *ma-*

- <sw> gongo
<en> cudgel, heavy stick

-gongomela *v.t.*

- <sw> -piga nyundo, -gongomea
<en> hit with a hammer

gongoro *ma-*

- <sw> jongoo
<en> millipede

gonh'o *ma-*

1. <sw> muundi (wa mguu)
<en> shin (bone)
2. <sw> muundi goko
<en> tibia

-gubika *v.t.*

- <sw> -funika
<en> cover (up)

-gudema *v.i.*

1. <sw> -tapa
<en> shiver, shudder

2. <sw> -tetemeka
<en> tremble, shake

-guhi *adj.*

<sw> -fupi
<en> short

guhu *ma-*

<sw> kupe
<en> tick (cattle or dog)

-gula *v.t.*

1. <sw> -nunua
<en> buy

2. <sw> -uza
<en> sell

-guma maho *v.t.*

<sw> -chonjomoa, -chokoza
<en> incite

-guma miesa *v.t.*

<sw> -chemua (=kupiga chafya)
<en> sneeze

-guma miyao *v.t.*

<sw> -piga miayo
<en> yawn

-guruka *v.i.*

<sw> -ruka
<en> fly

-guta *v.t.*

<sw> -guta
<en> shout

gutwi *ma-*

<sw> sikio
<en> ear

-gwa *v.i.*

<sw> -anguka
<en> fall

-gwada *v.i.*

<sw> -chacha
<en> ferment, turn sour

gwaha *ma-*

<sw> kwapa
<en> armpit

-gweka *v.t. 2*

<sw> -[m]pa mtu kitu
<en> give sb. sth.
kumgweka munh'u nh'unza
(kumpa mtu zawadi/to give
somebody a present)

-gwila *v.t.*

1. <sw> -kamata
<en> seize

2. <sw> -bamba
<en> hold, arrest

habehi *loc.*

<sw> karibu (na)
<en> near (to)

hachanya *loc.*

<sw> kipeo
<en> highest point, utmost

hagati(gati) (ha) *loc.*

<sw> katikati (ya)
<en> in the middle (of)

haja *loc.*

<sw> pale (=kule)
<en> there

-haka *v.t.*

<sw> -paka
<en> smear on, spread

-hakana *v.i.*

<sw> -pakana
<en> border, be adjacent

-hala *v.t.*

<sw> -paa
<en> crape

-halava *v.t.*

<sw> -ondoa
<en> remove

-hama *v.t.*

<sw> -achama
<en> open the mouth wide

-hama *v.i.*

<sw> -hama
<en> move away, migrate

-hamba *v.t.*

<sw> -pamba
<en> decorate

hamba vino

<sw> yaani
<en> namely

-hamula (mazi) *v.t.*

<sw> -pangusa (maji)
<en> wipe off (water)

-handa *v.t.*

<sw> -panda
<en> plant, sow

-hanganya *v.t.*

<sw> -changanya
<en> mix, put together

- hangusa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -futa
 <en> wipe
- hanh'u wa kugona** *loc.*
 <sw> malalo
 <en> sleeping-place, accommodation
- hanh'u, munh'u, kunh'u** *loc.*
 <sw> mahali
 <en> place
- hano** *loc.*
 <sw> hapa (=huko)
 <en> here
- hasanya** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fanya kosa
 <en> error, make an ~
- hasi (ya)** *loc.*
 <sw> chini (ya)
 <en> below, underneath, under (prep.)
- hawa/zuma** *ma-*
 <sw> pua, chuma cha ~
 <en> steel
- hembe** *ma-*
 <sw> pembe
 <en> horn, ivory
- hemberusa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -peperusha
 <en> blow away
- hepelela** *v.t.*
 <sw> -pepea
 <en> fan, wave
- hima** *adv.*
 <sw> haraka
 <en> haste
- himba** *v.t.*
 <sw> -chimba
 <en> dig
- hinduka** *v.i.*
 <sw> -geuka
 <en> change
- hindula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -pindua
 <en> turn upside down, turn over
- hishimu** *v.t.*
 <sw> -heshimu
 <en> honor
- hokela** *v.t.*
 <sw> -pokea
 <en> receive
- hola** *v.i.*
 <sw> -poa
 <en> cool, be(come) ~, get well
- homa** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -choma
 <en> thrust into
 2. <sw> -fuma (fumo)
 <en> pierce, stab
- hona** *v.i.*
 <sw> -pona
 <en> escape, recover
- honda** *v.t.*
 <sw> -ponda
 <en> crush by pounding, pulverise
- hondahonda** *v.t.*
 <sw> -paaza
 <en> grind coarsely
- hovu/lovu** *ma-*
 <sw> povu
 <en> foam
- howe** *ma-*
 <sw> kunguru
 <en> crow
- hoza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -poza
 <en> cool, cure, heal
- huhu** *ma-*
 <sw> pafu
 <en> lung
- hulika** *v.t.*
 <sw> -sikia
 <en> hear
- huma** *v.t.*
 <sw> -shinda
 <en> overcome, win, vanquish
- humula** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> -pumua
 <en> breathe
 2. <sw> -pumzika
 <en> rest, take a holiday
- hunga (kinyamkera)** *v.t.*
 <sw> -punga (shetani, pepo)
 <en> exorcise, drive out (a devil)
- hunguka** *v.i.*
 <sw> -pungua
 <en> diminish, grow less
- i-banza** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -jibanza
 <en> squeeze oneself up against wal

- i-benyeza** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -jipenyeza
 <en> interfere, get involved
- i-finyafinya** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -finyaa
 <en> shriveled, wrinkled, be ~
- i-funza** *v.t/ref*
 <sw> -jifunza
 <en> learn, study
- i-gala** *v.ref.*
 1. <sw> -landa (fanana)
 <en> resemble (very closely)
 2. <sw> -lingana
 <en> match, be(come) equal
chiigala (tunafanana/we are equal)
- i-goda** *v.ref.*
 1. <sw> -tamba
 <en> strut proudly
 2. <sw> -jigamba
 <en> boast, brag, praise oneself
- i-golola** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -jinyosha
 <en> stretch oneself
- i-gomba** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -pigana
 <en> fight
- i-gona** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -lala (na), -jamiana (na)
 <en> have sexual intercourse with
- i-gonga** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -jigonga
 <en> hurt o.s.
- i-guta** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -shiba, -jishibisha
 <en> have enough to eat or drink
- i-ima** *v. ref.*
 <sw> -jinyima
 <en> abstain
- i-kwala** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -jikwaa
 <en> stumble
- i-kwaluza** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -jikwaruza
 <en> scratch oneself
- i-laha** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -apa, kula kiapo
 <en> swear
- i-legeha** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -jibwaga
 <en> sprawl
- i-leka** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -tenga
 <en> separate, set apart
- i-longoza** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -andama
 <en> follow (in order)
- i-nona** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -nona
 <en> fat, get ~ (of animals)
- i-nyonga** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -jinyonga
 <en> hang oneself
- i-sangalaza** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -pisha (wakati)
 <en> spend time
- i-sigula** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -tegua mguu
 <en> sprain the ankle
- i-tinh'anila** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -kusanyika
 <en> gathered (assembled), be ~
- i-topa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -randa
 <en> dance (of men, to show courage)
- i-yega** *v.ref.*
 <sw> -jikuna
 <en> scratch oneself
- idi** *adj.*
 <sw> -wili
 <en> two
- iga** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -fuata
 <en> follow
 2. <sw> -iga /-igiza
 <en> imitate
- iha** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> -baya, -wa ~
 <en> bad, be(come) ~
wanh'u weha (watu walikuwa wabaya/people were bad)
 2. <sw> -ovu, kuwa ~
 <en> wicked, be(come) ~
munh'u keha (mtu ni mwovu/the person is wicked)
- ihu** *ma-*
 <sw> jipu
 <en> boil, abscess

-ika *v.t.*

1. <sw> -tia
<en> fill in, place, put
2. <sw> -weka
<en> put, place, set

-ika goya *v.t.*

1. <sw> -tunza
<en> look after, care for
2. <sw> -tengeneza
<en> repair, arrange, put right

-ika kinh'u hasi ya kimuenga (*v.t.*)

- <sw> -shusha mzigo juu ya mwingine
<en> put down a load on another

-ika kinh'u uchanya kimuenga/k *v.t.*

- <sw> -weka mzigo juu ya mwingine
<en> put up a load on another

-ima *v.i.*

- <sw> -simama
<en> stop, come to a standstill

-ima *v.t.*

- <sw> -nyima
<en> withhold from

-ima wima *v.i.*

- <sw> -simama
<en> stand upright

-imba *v.t.*

- <sw> -imba
<en> sing

imwe *num.*

- <sw> moja (kwa kuhesabu)
<en> one (in counting)

-inama *v.i.*

1. <sw> -inama
<en> bent, be(come) ~
2. <sw> -inama
<en> lean, bend down, slope

-inama *v.t.*

- <sw> -peta, -pinda
<en> bend

-inela *v.i.*

1. <sw> -tindika
<en> pains after having fallen down
2. <sw> -tindikiwa
<en> fall short, be lacking
viti vyenela (viti vilikosekana/chairs were missing)

-ingahi? *adj.*

- <sw> -ngapi?
<en> how many?
wanh'u wengahi (watu wangapi/how many people)

-ingi *adj..i.*

- <sw> -ingia
<en> enter, go (come) in

-ingilila *v.t.*

- <sw> -ingiliana
<en> interact

-ingilila (muke) *v.t.*

- <sw> -ingilia (mwanamke)
<en> sex, have ~ (with a woman)

ini *ma-*

- <sw> ini
<en> liver

-inu *poss.*

- <sw> -inu
<en> your(s) (pl.)

-inura *v.t.*

- <sw> -inua
<en> lift up, pick up

-ishi *v.t/i*

- <sw> -kaa, -ishi
<en> dwell

-ita *v.i.*

- <sw> -enda
<en> go

-ita mwanza *v.i.*

- <sw> -safiri
<en> travel

-itika *v.t.*

1. <sw> -itika
<en> answer (e.g. a call)
2. <sw> -jibu (swali)
<en> answer (a question)

-itikila *v.t.2*

- <sw> -itikia
<en> answer a call

-itila *v.t.*

1. <sw> -mwaga
<en> pour away
2. <sw> -pura
<en> strip off (e.g. leaves, grains of corn)
3. <sw> -mimina, -tia
<en> pour

-itu *poss.*

<sw> -itu
<en> our(s)

-iva *v.i.*

1. <sw> -iva
<en> ripen
2. <sw> -bivu, -wa ~
<en> ripe, be(come)
tunda divile (tunda limeiva/the fruit is ripe)
3. <sw> -pevu, -wa ~
<en> mature, be(come)

ivu *ma-*

<sw> jivu
<en> ashes

-iwa *cop. v.*

<sw> -wa
<en> be, become

-iza *v.i.*

<sw> -ja
<en> come
*keza (alikuja/s/he came),
kokwiza (anakuja/s/he comes)*

-ja *pron. dem.*

<sw> -le
<en> that

-ja *v.t.*

<sw> -la
<en> eat

jiko *meko*

<sw> jiko
<en> fireplace, hearth, kitchen

jimbo *ma-*

<sw> jimbo
<en> district, province, country

kae -

<sw> kijiji
<en> village, homestead

-kala *v.i.*

<sw> -kaa (e.g. kitako)
<en> sit

-kala hupi *v.i.*

<sw> -tulua, -nyamaa
<en> quiet, be(come) ~

kala ja moto *ma-*

<sw> kaa la moto
<en> embers

-kala na chigugumizi *v.i.*

<sw> -gugumiza
<en> stutter
munh'u kana chigugumizi (mtu

*anagugumiza/the person
stutters)*

kalatasi -

<sw> karatasi
<en> paper

-kali *adj.*

<sw> -kali
<en> fierce, sharp
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-kama *v.t.*

1. <sw> -kama
<en> milk, squeeze
2. <sw> -minya
<en> squeeze out

-kamula *v.t.*

<sw> -kamua (nguo)
<en> wring out

-kanda *v.t.*

<sw> -kanda
<en> knead

kanh'a *ma-*

<sw> ganda (la matunda)
<en> peel

-kanh'a *v.t.*

1. <sw> -kata
<en> cut
2. <sw> -tema, -kata
<en> slash

kanza *ma-*

<sw> shavu (la uso), tama
<en> cheek

-kanzinga *v.t.*

<sw> -kaanga
<en> fry

kasia *ma-*

<sw> kasia
<en> oar

kasuku -

<sw> kasuku
<en> parrot

-kazana *v.t.*

<sw> jitihada (bidii), -wa na ~
<en> effort, exertion, make ~s

kazi -

<sw> kazi
<en> work

kende, tisa *adj.*

<sw> kenda (=tisa)
<en> nine

-keruka *v.i.*

<sw> -atua
<en> shock

khafi -

<sw> kafi
<en> paddle

khande -

<sw> kande
<en> food supply for a journey

khola -

<sw> kauri
<en> cowrie shell

khonde ma-

<sw> konde, ngumi
<en> fist

khondo -

<sw> vita
<en> war

khulandi -

<sw> siafu
<en> ant (reddish-brown biting)

kiganza vi-

<sw> kofi
<en> flat of hand

kigingi vi-

<sw> kigingi
<en> peg, stick

kijakazi vi-

<sw> mjakazi
<en> slave, female ~

kimba ma-

<sw> mavi
<en> excrement, dung

-kimbila *v.i.*

<sw> -kimbia
<en> run

-kimula *v.i.*

1. <sw> -tutuma
<en> bubble up, boil up
2. <sw> -chemka
<en> boil

-kimuza *v.t.*

<sw> -chemsha
<en> boil

kinyamkera vi-

<sw> pepo
<en> spirit (disembodied)

kiya vi-

<sw> chombo
<en> pot, vessel

kizi vi-

<sw> bustani
<en> garden

kizumbulu vi-

<sw> shavu la mguu
<en> calf of the leg

-kokola *v.t.*

<sw> -kokoa (taka)
<en> sweep up, collect in a heap (rubbish)

kola ma-

1. <sw> konokono
<en> snail
2. <sw> kaa
<en> crab

-kolela *v.i.*

<sw> -kolea
<en> flavoured, be properly ~

-koleleza *v.t.*

<sw> -oleza
<en> copy a pattern

-koligwa *pass.*

1. <sw> -lewa
<en> intoxicated, be(come) ~
2. <sw> -jilevya
<en> intoxicated, get oneself ~

-kolola *v.t.*

<sw> -kohoa
<en> cough

-koma *v.t.*

<sw> -ua
<en> kill

-koma *v.i.*

<sw> -koma
<en> come to an end

-komeleza *v.t.*

1. <sw> -komesha
<en> end
2. <sw> -maliza
<en> complete, finish

komwa ma-

<sw> kitanda
<en> bed

-konh'a (moto) *v.t.*

<sw> -koka (moto)
<en> fire, make ~

-konh'ela *v.t.*

<sw> -chocha
<en> poke (e.g. fire), stir up (in a hole)

- koo mi-**
 <sw> mgomba
 <en> banana (plant)
- kopa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kopa
 <en> borrow
- kora** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kora, -pendeza
 <en> please, satisfy
- koroga** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -vuruga
 <en> mix, disturb
 2. <sw> -koroga
 <en> stir, mix by stirring
- koza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -nya, -kojoa
 <en> urinate
- kozi -**
 <sw> kozi
 <en> East African goshawk
- kuchisogo** *loc.*
 <sw> nyuma
 <en> behind
- kudijiko** *loc.*
 <sw> jikoni
 <en> kitchen
- kudumba mulungu** *inf.*
 <sw> uchaji
 <en> awe, fear of God
- kukila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -sinzia
 <en> doze, be drowsy
- kula** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> -kua
 <en> grow up, get large, become green
 2. <sw> -pea, -pevuka
 <en> ripe, be ~, fully grown, be ~
 3. <sw> -pevuka
 <en> developed, mature (ripe), be ~
- kulonda** *inf.*
 <sw> haja, mahitaji
 <en> need, request
- kulu** *adj.*
 1. <sw> -kuu
 <en> great, powerful
 2. <sw> -kubwa
 <en> large, great
- kulume (mkono wa ~) loc.**
 <sw> kulia
 <en> right (hand)
- kuluza** *v.i.*
 <sw> -koroma
 <en> snore, snort
- kumbatila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kumbatia
 <en> embrace
- kumbuka** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kumbuka
 <en> remember
- kumoso** *loc.*
 <sw> kushoto
 <en> left-hand
- kumwetu, ukae** *loc.*
 <sw> kwetu (nyumbani, mjini)
 <en> home
- kundu ma-**
 <sw> kundu
 <en> anus
- kununh'a shombo** *inf.*
 <sw> vumba
 <en> smell (of fish)
- kunza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kunja
 <en> wrap up
- kunze (kwa)** *loc.*
 <sw> nje (ya)
 <en> outside
kunze kw'inyumba (nje ya nyumba/outside the house)
- kunzingo (kwa)** *loc.*
 <sw> nyuma (ya)
 <en> at the back (of), behind
- kusaka** *inf.*
 <sw> uwindo
 <en> hunting
- kusanya** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kusanya
 <en> store up, collect
- kutali (na)** *loc.*
 <sw> mbali (na)
 <en> far (from)
kokala kutali na DSM (akaa mbali na DSM/s/he lives far from DSM)
- kuulongozi (ya)** *loc.*
 <sw> mbele (ya)
 <en> ahead, in front (of)

- kuzama** *inf.*
 <sw> uzani (uzito)
 <en> weight, rhythm
- kw'imizimu** *loc.*
 <sw> kuzimu
 <en> afterworld, place of the dead
- kwala** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kwa
 <en> stumble
- kwaluza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kwaruza
 <en> grate
- kwama** *v.i.*
 <sw> -kwama
 <en> stuck, be (get) ~
- kwangula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -paruza
 <en> scrape, graze
- kwatula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -katua
 <en> polish
- kwela** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kwea
 <en> climb, ascend
- laga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -aga
 <en> take leave of
- lagila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -agia, -faa
 <en> benefit, suit
- lagiliza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -agiza
 <en> order, direct
- lagula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -ganga
 <en> bind up, splice
- laka** -
 <sw> kaakaa
 <en> palate
- lambita** *v.t.*
 <sw> -lamba
 <en> lick
- lambo** ma-
 <sw> kiziwa
 <en> pool
- lamula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -amua
 <en> decide
- lamula (mbuli)** *v.t.*
 <sw> -hukumu
 <en> judge
- langa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -ita
 <en> call
- lanza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -onja
 <en> taste
- lava** *v.t.*
 <sw> -toa
 <en> produce, display
- lava (nh'unza)** *v.t.*
 <sw> -toa (zawadi)
 <en> give away (present)
- lava mosi** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fukia
 <en> give out smoke
- lavanya** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -tokeza
 <en> known (prominent), make ~
 2. <sw> -zua
 <en> bring to light
- lawaw** *v.i.*
 <sw> -toka
 <en> leave, go out (away)
- lawilila** *v.i.*
 <sw> -tokeza (mwezi)
 <en> rise (moon)
- legela** *v.i.*
 <sw> -legea
 <en> loose, be ~, faint
- leka** *v.t.*
 <sw> -acha (nyuma)
 <en> leave (behind)
- lela** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -lea
 <en> bring up (a child)
 2. <sw> -zaa
 <en> reproduce, bear a child, give birth
- lema** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -kataa
 <en> refuse, say no
 2. <sw> -kana
 <en> deny
 3. <sw> -pinga
 <en> obstruct

- liga** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -amba, tukana
 <en> abuse, speak ill
 2. <sw> -tukana
 <en> insult
- ligo** *ma-*
 <sw> tukano
 <en> abuse
- liha** *v.t.*
 <sw> -lipa
 <en> pay
- lihi?** *adn.*
 1. <sw> gani?
 <en> which?
 2. <sw> -pi?
 <en> which?
- lila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -lia
 <en> cry, wail
- lili** *ma-*
 <sw> ulili
 <en> bedstead
- lima** *v.t.*
 <sw> -lima
 <en> cultivate
- linga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -linga (nguo)
 <en> try on (clothes)
- loa (somba)** *v.t.*
 <sw> -vua (samaki)
 <en> fish
-loa (somba) na mshipi (-vua na mshipi/fish with a line)
- loga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -loga
 <en> bewitch
- loka** *v.t.*
 <sw> -vuka
 <en> cross (a river)
- lola** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -tazama
 <en> look at, examine
 2. <sw> -angalia
 <en> pay attention, take care
- lola nh'ani** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kodoa (macho)
 <en> stare, glare
- lolalola, -lolesa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -tazama pote
 <en> look round
- londa** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -londea, -tafuta
 <en> look for, hand around (to get)
 2. <sw> -tafuta
 <en> search for
 3. <sw> -penda
 <en> love, want
 4. <sw> -taka
 <en> want, need, wish
- long(ol)a** *v.i (v.t.)*
 <sw> mbele ya ..., (ku)wa ~
 <en> in front of, be ~
- longa** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -sema
 <en> speak
 2. <sw> -tamka
 <en> pronounce
- longela** *v.t. 2*
 1. <sw> -[mw]ambia mtu kitu
 <en> tell sb. sth.
 2. <sw> -eleza
 <en> explain
- longo** *ma-*
 <sw> kumi
 <en> ten
- longoza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -ongoa
 <en> reform, set right
- lopola** *v.t.*
 <sw> -opoa
 <en> fish up, pull out
- lota (ndoto)** *v.t.*
 <sw> -ota (ndoto)
 <en> dream
- lua** *ma-*
 <sw> ua
 <en> flower
- lubavu** *mbavu*
 <sw> ubavu
 <en> rib
- lubuga** *mbuga*
 1. <sw> uwanja (nyanja)
 <en> plot, field, court
 2. <sw> uga
 <en> open space
- ludevu** *ndevu*
 <sw> udevu (ndevu)
 <en> beard hair

lufulo ?

<sw> mfuu
<en> groove, furrow

lugodi ngodi

<sw> ukuni (kuni)
<en> firewood

lugohe nh'ohe

<sw> ukope (kope)
<en> eyelash

lugongo sanga mi-

<sw> uti wa mgongo
<en> backbone

luhusa -

<sw> ruhusa
<en> permission

-luka v.t.

<sw> -suka
<en> plait

lulingigo nh'ingigo

<sw> ukosi, kola
<en> nape (of neck)

lukombe nh'ombe

<sw> ukucha (kucha)
<en> fingernail

lukuli nh'uli

<sw> mwili
<en> body

lukunde nh'unde

<sw> kunde
<en> bean

lukuro nh'oro

<sw> ukoo
<en> clan

lulimi ndimi

<sw> ulimi
<en> tongue

-luma v.t.

<sw> -uma
<en> bite

lumango ma-

<sw> ufito
<en> pole

-lumba (nongo) v.t.

<sw> -umba (vyungu)
<en> mould (make pottery)

lumbu wa-

<sw> umbu
<en> sister (his), (her) brother

lumbu, ndugu wa-

<sw> mzao
<en> offspring

lumo nyumo

1. <sw> kotama
<en> knife, thin, curved, broad-bladed ~

2. <sw> wembe
<en> razor

-lumwa pass.

<sw> -ugua, -umwa
<en> sick (ill) be(come) ~, groan

lumwemwe mi-

<sw> umeme, radi
<en> lightning

lumwesa

<sw> mvua ya radi
<en> thunderstorm

-lunga v.t.

<sw> -unga (e.g. chakula)
<en> mix (ingredients)

-lungula v.i.

1. <sw> -ungua
<en> burnt, be ~

2. <sw> -waka
<en> start (engine)

-lunguza v.t.

<sw> -unguza
<en> burn, singe

lunyasi nyasi

<sw> unyasi (nyasi)
<en> grass

lunyele nyele

<sw> unywele (nywele)
<en> hair

lupango nh'ango

<sw> pango
<en> hole

lupinde pinde?

<sw> upinde
<en> bow, bending

lupindo pindo?

<sw> pindo
<en> hem

lusalu salu

<sw> ushanga (shanga)
<en> bead(s)

?*lusalu*

lusaya saya

<sw> utaya (taya)
<en> jaw (bone)

?*lusaya?*

lusi nyusi

<sw> usi (nyusi)

<en> eyebrow

?

luta nyuta

<sw> uta (nyuta)

<en> bow

?

luwa nyuwa

<sw> ua

<en> fence, enclosure

luzabi nzabi

<sw> uzi

<en> string

luzino nzino

<sw> chonge

<en> canine tooth, filed tooth

-luzumula v.t.

<sw> -ng'oa kwa nguvu

<en> pull out with strength

lwanda nyanda

<sw> mto

<en> river

lwila nyila

<sw> wimbo

<en> song

lwingila lukombe nyingila ...

<sw> tandu

<en> centipede

lwiza ziza

<sw> giza

<en> darkness

machiwa pl.

<sw> huzuni

<en> grief, sorrow

magana kumi, miya pl.

<sw> mia

<en> hundred

maharagwe pl.

<sw> maharag(w)e

<en> bean (small)

maiti -

<sw> kimba (=maiti)

<en> corpse, dead body

makozo pl.

<sw> mkojo

<en> urine

-mala v.i.

<sw> -isha

<en> cease, finish

mama -

<sw> mama

<en> mother

mama sangazi -

<sw> shangazi

<en> aunt (=father's sister)

mamba -

<sw> mamba (=ngwena)

<en> crocodile

mambo -

<sw> mambo

<en> tent peg

mangala ?

<sw> tunda

<en> fruit

-manya v.t.

1. <sw> -jua

<en> know

2. <sw> -gundua

<en> find out

manyunyi pl.

<sw> manyunyu

<en> drizzle

mashine -

<sw> mashine

<en> machine, engine

mashua -

<sw> mashua

<en> boat

masika pl.

<sw> masika

<en> rainy season

masozi pl.

<sw> machozi

<en> tears

mate pl.

<sw> mate

<en> spittle

mavuta pl.

1. <sw> uto (mafuta ya mimea)

<en> oil (from plants)

2. <sw> mafuta (laini)

<en> oil

mavuzi pl.

<sw> mavuzi

<en> hair, pubic ~

mawele pl.

<sw> uwele

<en> millet, bullrush ~

mawese pl.

<sw> mawese
<en> palm oil

mazi pl.

<sw> maji
<en> water

maziwa pl.

<sw> maziwa (ya kunywa)
<en> milk

mbago -

<sw> msitu
<en> bush

mbalamwezi -

<sw> mbalamwezi
<en> moonlight

mbavi wa-

<sw> mwivi, mwizi
<en> thief

mbega -

<sw> mbega
<en> colobus monkey (with long blac

mbeho -

<sw> upepo
<en> wind

mbende -

<sw> ngozi (ya mtu)
<en> skin

mbeyu -

<sw> mbegu
<en> seed

mbeyu za kilume -

<sw> manii
<en> sperm

mbili num.

<sw> mbili (kwa kuhesabu)
<en> two (in counting)

mbimindo -

<sw> figo
<en> kidney

mbogo -

<sw> nyati (=mbogo)
<en> buffalo

mboro -

<sw> mboo
<en> penis

mbuli -

1. <sw> jambo
<en> affair
2. <sw> neno
<en> word

mbulu -

<sw> mamba (=nyoka)
<en> mamba (snake)

mbuni -

<sw> mbuni
<en> ostrich

mbuzi -

<sw> mbuzi
<en> goat

mbwa -

<sw> mbwa
<en> dog

mbwanga wa-

1. <sw> kijana
<en> youth
2. <sw> mvulana
<en> young man

mchanya (mwa) loc.

<sw> juu (ya)
<en> up, above (on top of)
mchanya mw'ipala (juu ya paa/on the roof)

mchikichi mi-

<sw> mchikichi
<en> oil palm

-mela v.t.

<sw> -meza
<en> swallow

-mema v.i.

1. <sw> -jaa (tele)
<en> full, be(come) ~, abound
2. <sw> tele, -wa ~
<en> abundant, be(come) ~
ndiya imema (chakula kimekuwa kingi/food is plenty)

-memela v.t.

<sw> -panganya
<en> stack, pile up

-memeleza v.t.

<sw> -lundika
<en> pile up

-memeza v.t.

<sw> -jaza
<en> fill up (out)

mgando (maziwa mgando) mi- mi-

<sw> robu (maziwa ya mgando)
<en> curdled milk

mganga wa-

<sw> mganga
<en> herbalist, trad. healer

mgati *loc.*

1. <sw> kati (ya)
<en> middle (in the - of)

2. <sw> ndani (ya)
<en> inside

mgeni wa-

<sw> mgeni
<en> stranger, guest

mgongo mi-

<sw> mgongo
<en> back

mgulu mi-

<sw> mguu
<en> leg, foot

mgumba wa-

1. <sw> tasa
<en> barren (of living being)

2. <sw> mgumba
<en> sterile man (or woman)

mgunda mi-

<sw> mgunda (=shamba)
<en> cultivated ground

mguwa mi-

<sw> muwa
<en> sugar cane

mh'aka mipaka

<sw> mpaka
<en> boundary

mh'ala -

<sw> paa
<en> small gazelle

mh'ambaga -

<sw> kifua
<en> chest

mh'anda -

<sw> panda (njia ~)
<en> bifurcation

mh'elelesi wapelelesi

<sw> mpelelezi
<en> investigator, spy

mh'ugi -

<sw> kunda
<en> pigeon

mh'uku -

<sw> puku, buku
<en> rat, large long-tailed ~

mh'ula -

<sw> pua
<en> nose

mh'ule mi-

<sw> punje (ya mtama)
<en> grain

mh'umba -

<sw> bumba
<en> clod, lump

mh'umbu -

<sw> pumbu
<en> testicle

mh'umuzi -

<sw> pumzi
<en> breath, breathing

mh'unda -

<sw> punda milia
<en> zebra

mh'ungi mi-

<sw> mzimu
<en> spirit (of dead person)

mh'ungu -

<sw> pungu
<en> eagle, bird of prey

mh'wani -

<sw> pwani
<en> beach, coast

mifugo *pl.*

<sw> mifugo
<en> cattle

misi - *pl.*

1. <sw> mchana
<en> day-time

2. <sw> alasiri
<en> afternoon

mitakataka *pl.*

<sw> takataka
<en> rubbish, garbage

mitala *pl.*

<sw> mitala
<en> polygamy

mitondo **nh'ani** *pl.*

<sw> mapambazuko
<en> dawn, daybreak

mitumbo *pl.*

<sw> matumbo
<en> intestines

mkala wa-

<sw> mwindaji
<en> hunter

mkala mi-

<sw> kaa (makaa)
<en> charcoal

- mkate wiyeka ...yiyeka ...yiyeka**
 <sw> mkate mkavu
 <en> dry bread
- mkila** mi-
 <sw> mkia
 <en> tail
- mkoi** wa-
 <sw> mkwe
 <en> father-in-law, mother-in-law
- mkonga** mi-
 <sw> mkonga
 <en> trunk (of elephant)
- mkono** mi-
 <sw> mkono
 <en> arm, hand
- mkono (wa lwanda)** mi-
 <sw> mkondo (wa hewa, maji)
 <en> stream, current
- mkuki** mi-
 <sw> mkuki
 <en> spear
- mkuli** wa-
 <sw> fumo
 <en> chief
- mkulu** wa-
 1. <sw> mkuu
 <en> head, chief person
 2. <sw> mwinyi
 <en> master
- mkuyu** mi-
 <sw> mkuyu
 <en> fig mulberry tree
- mlango** mi-
 <sw> mlango
 <en> door
- mlilo** mi-
 <sw> mlio
 <en> sound, cry
- mdewa** wa-
 <sw> jumbe
 <en> headman
- mnyama** wa-
 <sw> mnyama
 <en> animal
- mosi** m- [u-] *sg. only*
 <sw> moshi
 <en> smoke
- moto** m- [u-] *sg. only*
 <sw> moto
 <en> fire
- moyo** mi-
 1. <sw> moyo
 <en> heart
 2. <sw> roho
 <en> soul, spirit
- mpela** mi-
 <sw> mbuyu
 <en> baobab
- msale** mi-
 <sw> mshale
 <en> arrow
- msanga** mi-
 <sw> mchanga
 <en> sand
- mshipi** mi-
 <sw> mshipi
 <en> fishing line
- msitari** mi-
 <sw> mstari
 <en> line, row
- msuzi** mi-
 <sw> mchuzi
 <en> broth
- mtama** mi-
 1. <sw> muhindi
 <en> maize
 2. <sw> mtama
 <en> sorghum
- mtego** mi-
 <sw> mtego
 <en> snare, trap
- mtende** mi-
 <sw> mtende
 <en> date palm
- mtini** mi-
 <sw> mtini
 <en> fig tree
- mtoho** mi-
 <sw> mchi (wa kutwangia)
 <en> pestle
- mtula mabwe?** wa-
 <sw> -aka
 <en> work as a mason
- mtumba** mi-
 <sw> mtumba
 <en> pack, bale, bundle
- mtumwa** wa-
 1. <sw> mtumwa
 <en> slave, bondservant
 2. <sw> mtwana (mtumwa)
 <en> slave, male ~

- mtungo wa vinh'u mi-**
 <sw> safu ya vitu
 <en> line of objects
- muari -**
 <sw> dada, ndugu, mkubwa
 <en> sister (older ~)
- muge mi-**
 <sw> mshipa (wa damu)
 <en> vein
- muhawi wa-**
 <sw> mchawi
 <en> sorcerer
- muhini mi-**
 <sw> pini
 <en> handle, haft
- muke wa-**
 <sw> mke
 <en> wife
- muke mugane wa-**
 <sw> mwanamke (asiye na mume)
 <en> woman (single)
- mula v.i.**
 <sw> -tamu, -wa ~
 <en> sweet, pleasant, be(come) ~
mbuli zimulile (maneno yalipendeza/words were pleasant)
- mulala wa-**
 1. <sw> mzee
 <en> old person
 2. <sw> mkunga
 <en> midwife
- mulamu wa-**
 <sw> shemeji
 <en> brother-in-law, sister-in-law
- mulika v.t.**
 <sw> -mulika
 <en> illuminate, give light to
- mulima mi-**
 <sw> mlima
 <en> mountain
- mulomo mi-**
 1. <sw> mdomo
 <en> mouth
 2. <sw> mdomo
 <en> lip
- mulume wa-**
 <sw> mume
 <en> husband
- mulungu mi-**
 <sw> mungu
 <en> god
- munh'u wa-**
 <sw> mtu
 <en> person
- munh'u mzelu wa-**
 <sw> mzungu
 <en> white man
- munh'u yafile wanh'u wafile**
 <sw> mfu
 <en> dead person
- munyama (munh'u) yafile wa-**
 <sw> mzoga
 <en> carcasse, corpse
- munyu mu- [u-] sg. only**
 <sw> chumvi (=munyu)
 <en> salt
- muruzi mi-**
 <sw> mbinja, uwinja, mluzi
 <en> whistling
- muswa -**
 <sw> mchwa
 <en> termite
- mutambo mi-**
 <sw> mtambo
 <en> machine
- mvugwa mi-**
 <sw> beseni
 <en> basin, tub
- mvula -**
 <sw> mvua
 <en> rain
mvula haimala (mvua haiishi/rain doesn't stop)
- mvumo mi-**
 <sw> mvumo
 <en> borassus palm
- mvwizi wa-**
 <sw> mwongo
 <en> liar
- mwaka mi-**
 <sw> mwaka
 <en> year
- mwale mi-**
 <sw> mwale
 <en> raphia palm
- mwali wali**
 <sw> mwali
 <en> virgin (bride), girl

mwana wana

1. <sw> mwana
<en> child, off spring

2. <sw> mtoto
<en> child

mwanza mi- (my-?)

<sw> safari
<en> journey

-mwe (moja) adj.

<sw> -mosi (=moja)
<en> one

imwe (moja)

mwele myele

<sw> kisu
<en> knife

mwene wene

<sw> mfalme
<en> king

mweye 2nd pl.

<sw> ninyi
<en> you (pl.)

mwezi myezi

<sw> mwezi
<en> moon

mwiko wa wana -

<sw> fisi
<en> hyena

mwina miina

<sw> tundu
<en> hole, nest

mwiwa miwa

<sw> mwiba
<en> thorn

mwoga woga

<sw> mwoga
<en> coward

mzazi wa-

<sw> mzazi
<en> he who begets (=parent)

mzigo mi-

<sw> mzigo
<en> burden, load

mzizi mi-

<sw> mzizi
<en> root

mzuzu mi-

<sw> mzuzu (=matoke)
<en> banana for cooking

-nane adj.

<sw> -nane
<en> eight

nda -

1. <sw> tumbo
<en> belly, stomach

2. <sw> tumbo la uzazi
<en> womb

nda ya sorwe -

<sw> mimba, ujauzito
<en> pregnancy

nda, -wa na ~ v.i.

<sw> mimba, (ku)wa na ~
<en> pregnant, be(come) ~

ndama -

1. <sw> mtamba (wa ng'ombe),
mfarita

<en> heifer

2. <sw> ndama

<en> calf

ndezi -

<sw> ndezi

<en> cane rat

ndilo -

<sw> kilio

<en> mourning

ndozi -

<sw> ndoto

<en> dream

ndugu -

<sw> ndugu

<en> brother, relative, fellow-trib

ndui -

<sw> ndui

<en> smallpox

ndwano -

<sw> ndoana

<en> fish-hook

-nene adj.

<sw> -nene

<en> thick, fat

-neneha v.i.

<sw> -nenepa

<en> put on weight

-ng'ola v.t.

<sw> -ng'oa

<en> pull out, root up

ng'ombe -

<sw> ng'ombe

<en> cow

ngadu -

<sw> kaa (kiumbe cha pwani)

<en> crab

ngalawa -

<sw> ngalawa
<en> dug-out canoe

ngao -

<sw> ngao
<en> shield

ngawa -

<sw> ngawa (=paka wa zabadi)
<en> civet cat

nge -

<sw> nge
<en> scorpion

ngedere -

<sw> kima
<en> monkey (small, dark-coloured)

ngh'angu -

<sw> kame
<en> barren (of land)

ngh'onde -

<sw> konde, ngumi
<en> fist

ngh'onzi -

<sw> inzi
<en> fly

-ngh'wa v.t.

<sw> -tosa
<en> plunge into, cause to sink

ngina -

<sw> chawa
<en> louse

ngiri -

<sw> ngiri
<en> warthog

ngoma -

<sw> ngoma
<en> drum

ngoso -

<sw> panya
<en> mouse, rat

ngubiko -

<sw> kizibo
<en> cork, stopper

nguku -

<sw> kuku
<en> hen, fowl

nguo -

<sw> nguo
<en> clothes, material

nguruwe -

<sw> nguruwe
<en> pig

nguvu -

<sw> nguvu
<en> strength, power

-nh'a v.t. 2

<sw> -[m]pa mtu kitu
<en> give sb. sth.

-nh'a v.t.

<sw> -likiza
<en> wean

nh'ambiko -

<sw> tambiko
<en> sacrifice

nh'anga -

<sw> kanga
<en> guinea-fowl

nh'ano num.

<sw> tano (kwa kuhesabu)
<en> five (in counting)

nh'atu num.

<sw> tatu (kwa kuhesabu)
<en> three (in counting)

nh'embo -

<sw> ndovu (=tembo)
<en> elephant

nh'emo -

<sw> shoka
<en> axe

nh'ilu -

<sw> kiu
<en> thirst

nh'ola -

<sw> kombe (ya pwani)
<en> shell

nh'ondo -

<sw> nyota
<en> star

nh'ondoro -

<sw> kondoo
<en> sheep

nh'onga -

<sw> chembe
<en> arrow head, spear head

nh'ongo -

<sw> usingizi
<en> sleep

nh'oo -

<sw> ndizi
<en> banana (fruit)

- nh'ope** -
 <sw> tope
 <en> mud, mire
- nh'umaini** -
 <sw> matumaini
 <en> hope
- nh'umbili** -
 <sw> tumbili
 <en> monkey (small lightish-coloured)
- nh'unde** -
 <sw> ukunde
 <en> bean (runner ~)
- nh'ungo** -
 <sw> kata
 <en> head-pad
- nh'unguja** matunguja
 <sw> nyanya, tunguja
 <en> tomato
- nh'ungwe** -
 <sw> umande
 <en> dew
- nh'unza** -
 <sw> zawadi
 <en> gift, present
- nh'wa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -nywa
 <en> drink
- nh'wiga** -
 <sw> twiga
 <en> giraffe
- nh'wikwi** -
 <sw> kwikwi
 <en> hiccup
- niye** *1st sg.*
 <sw> mimi
 <en> I
- njumbila** *v.i.*
 <sw> -chechemea
 <en> limp, lame, be ~
- nne** *adj.*
 <sw> -nne
 <en> four
- noga** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> -juzu, -noga
 <en> pleasant, delicious, be(come) ~
ndiya inoga (chakula kilikuwa safi/food was okay)
 2. <sw> -ema, kuwa ~
 <en> good, be(come) ~
- munh'u kanoga (mtu alikuwa mwema/teh person was okay)*
 3. <sw> -zuri, kuwa ~
 <en> beautiful, be(come) ~
- noga nh'ani** *v.i.*
 <sw> bora, kuwa ~
 <en> fine, excellent, be(come) ~
- nogela** *v.t.*
 <sw> -pendeza
 <en> please
mbuli ino inogela (jambo hili lilipendeza/this news pleased)
- nogelwa** *pass.*
 <sw> -pendezwa
 <en> pleased, be ~
- nola** *v.i.*
 <sw> -koa, -noa
 <en> sharp, be ~
- nola** *v.t.*
 <sw> -noa (?), -tia makali
 <en> sharpen
- nona** *v.i.*
 <sw> -nono, kuwa ~
 <en> fat (of animals), be(come) ~
- nongo** *ma-*
 <sw> chungu
 <en> pot, (earthen) cooking ~
- ntindi** -
 <sw> mtindi (wa maziwa)
 <en> buttermilk
maziwa yagandile (maziwa yameganda/milk coagulated)
- ntumbwi** -
 <sw> mtumbwi
 <en> canoe
- nuna (mulomo)** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fumba (kinywa)
 <en> close (mouth)
- nundu/nyugu** -
 <sw> nundu
 <en> hump (of cow)
- nungunungu** -
 <sw> nungu(nungu)
 <en> porcupine
- nunh'a** *v.i.*
 <sw> -nuka
 <en> smell (bad)
- nunh'a goya** *v.i.*
 <sw> -nukia
 <en> smell (pleasant, sweet)

- nusa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -nusa
 <en> sniff, smell out
- nvuke** -
 <sw> mvuke
 <en> vapour, gas
- nya** *v.t.*
 <sw> -nya mavi
 <en> defecate
- nyala** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> -kavu, -wa ~
 <en> dry, be(come) ~
 2. <sw> -kauka
 <en> dry up, become dry
- nyala (mazi)** *v.i.*
 <sw> -pwa
 <en> dry up, ebb
bahari inyala mazi
(palikupwa/tide was out)
- nyama** -
 <sw> nyama
 <en> meat
- nyamala** *v.i.*
 <sw> -nyamaa
 <en> silent, be(come) ~
- nyani** -
 <sw> nyani
 <en> baboon, ape
- nyasi inyalile** - *zi...*
 <sw> ukoka mkavu (nyasi kavu)
 <en> hay
- nyau** -
 <sw> paka
 <en> cat
- nyaudu** *mi-*
 <sw> nunda (=shume la paka)
 <en> half-wild tomcat
- nyegele** -
 <sw> nyegere
 <en> honey badger
- nyele** *minyele*
 <sw> vunga (la nywele)
 <en> crop (thick) of hairs
- nyenze** -
 <sw> nyenje / nyenze
 <en> cricket
- nyoda** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fisha
 <en> put to death
- nyonga** -
 <sw> nyonga
 <en> hip
- nyuki** -
 <sw> nyuki
 <en> bee
- nyumba** -
 <sw> nyumba
 <en> house
- nyupa** -
 <sw> chupa
 <en> bottle
- nza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -zungusha
 <en> wind round
- nzara** -
 <sw> njaa
 <en> hunger
- nzasa** -
 <sw> chemchem
 <en> spring (of water)
- nzige** -
 <sw> nzige
 <en> locust
- nzila** -
 <sw> njia
 <en> path
- nzila mh'anda** -
 <sw> pacha (njia panda)
 <en> cross-roads
- nziwa** -
 <sw> njiwa
 <en> dove
- nzuguni** -
 <sw> mbu
 <en> mosquito
- oga** *v.i.*
 <sw> -oga / '-koga
 <en> bathe, take a bath
- oka** *v.t.*
 <sw> -oka (motoni)
 <en> bake
- ola** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> -bovu, kuwa ~
 <en> defective, worn out, be(come) ~
 2. <sw> -oza
 <en> rotten, be(come) ~
ndiya iyole (chakula kimeoza/food is rotten)

- ona** *v.t.*
 <sw> -ona
 <en> see
- ongeza** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -ongeza
 <en> add to
 2. <sw> -ongeza
 <en> increase, make greater
 3. <sw> -jumlisha
 <en> sum up
- ongezeka** *v.i.*
 <sw> -zidi
 <en> increase, be(come) more
- ongezeka utali** *v.i.*
 <sw> -zidi urefu
 <en> long, be(come) ~
- onh'a** *v.t.*
 <sw> -amwa, -nyonya
 <en> suck (the breast)
- ose** *adj.*
 <sw> -ote
 <en> all
- osha** *v.t.*
 <sw> -osha
 <en> bathe
- ota** *v.i.*
 <sw> -mea, -ota
 <en> grow (of plants)
- otela zua** *v.i.*
 <sw> -ota (jua), (moto)
 <en> bask (in the sun), warm oneself
- pacha** *ma-*
 <sw> pacha
 <en> twin
- panga** *ma-*
 <sw> upanga
 <en> sword
- panga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -panga
 <en> arrange, put in order
- papa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -eleka
 <en> carry astride on the hip
- papa** *v.i.*
 <sw> -papa
 <en> palpitate
- papa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -beba
 <en> carry a child on the back
- papalika** *v.t.*
 <sw> -papatika
 <en> flap the wings wildly, flutter
- pata** *v.t.*
 <sw> -pata
 <en> get, obtain
- pata mwana** *v.t.*
 <sw> -jifungua
 <en> give birth to a child
- pelelesa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -peleleza
 <en> spy out
- pepela** *v.i.*
 <sw> -pepea
 <en> fan, wave
- peta** *v.t.*
 <sw> -hesabu
 <en> count
- pigita** *v.t.*
 <sw> -koroga kwa nguvu
 <en> quirl
- pima** *v.t.*
 <sw> -pima
 <en> examine, measure, test
- pofula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -pofua
 <en> blind, cause blindness
- ponda** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fua (chuma)
 <en> forge
- pukuta** *v.t.*
 <sw> -vukuta
 <en> blow bellows
- pula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -omba
 <en> ask for
- pupa** *ma-*
 <sw> pupa
 <en> eagerness, zeal
- rumbuka** *v.i.*
 <sw> -yeyuka
 <en> melt
- saba** *adj.*
 <sw> saba
 <en> seven
- saga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -saga
 <en> grind (grain with a millstone)

- sagula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -chagua
 <en> choose
- saka** *v.t.*
 <sw> -winda
 <en> hunt
- sanga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -changa
 <en> collect, shuffle
- sangalala** *v.i.*
 <sw> -changamka
 <en> cheerful, be(come) ~
- satu** -
 <sw> chatu
 <en> python
- sauti** -
 <sw> sauti
 <en> voice
- segela** *v.i.*
 <sw> -ondoka
 <en> leave, go away
- seka** *v.t.*
 <sw> -cheka
 <en> laugh
- sekulu** -
 <sw> kaka
 <en> brother (older ~)
- senga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -chenga
 <en> cut, lop (e.g. tree)
- sengo** ma-
 <sw> mundu
 <en> scythe, sickle
- sese** -
 <sw> cheche
 <en> spark
- shaba** -
 <sw> shaba
 <en> copper, brass
- shetani** ma-
 1. <sw> kizuu
 <en> evil spirit
 2. <sw> zuka
 <en> sudden apparition, ghost
- shida** -
 <sw> shida
 <en> hardship, distress
- si** -
 <sw> ardhi (udongo)
 <en> earth, land
- si (inyala)** -
 <sw> nchi (kavu), bara
 <en> land, dry ~
- si (yetu)** -
 <sw> nchi (yetu)
 <en> country, our ~
- sigala** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> -baki
 <en> remain, stay behind
 2. <sw> -salia
 <en> left over, be ~, remain over
- sigama** *v.i.*
 <sw> -egama
 <en> leaning, be ~
- sigamila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -egemea
 <en> lean on, rest on
- sigaza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -bakiza
 <en> leave over
- siku** -
 <sw> siku
 <en> day
- siku yose** -
 <sw> kutwa nzima, mchana
 kutwa
 <en> all day
- simba** -
 <sw> simba
 <en> lion
- simika** *v.t.*
 <sw> -simika
 <en> set up, appoint
- sina** ma-
 <sw> shina
 <en> base of tree-trunk
- sinda** *v.t.*
 <sw> -shinda (kutwa nzima)
 <en> spend a full day
- sinde ja golo** ma-
 <sw> mashina ya mabua
 yaliyokatika
 <en> stubbly grass
- sindila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -sindika
 <en> press out (oil seed, sugar can
- sindo** vi-?
 <sw> mshindo (wa miguu)
 <en> tramp of feet

- sinduka** *v.i.*
 <sw> -zimia
 <en> faint, lose consciousness
- singa, msinga** -
 <sw> usinga (singa)
 <en> flywhisk, long straight hair (of animals)
- singo** -
 <sw> shingo
 <en> neck
- sinh'usa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -shtua
 <en> startle, jerk
- sisa** *v.i.*
 <sw> -chacha
 <en> turn sour, ferment
- sisila** ma-
 <sw> kivuli
 <en> shadow, shade
- sita** *adj.*
 <sw> sita
 <en> six
- sita** *v.t.*
 <sw> -ziba
 <en> stop up, fill a hole
- sizi** ma-
 <sw> masizi
 <en> soot
- soga** -
 <sw> ncha
 <en> tip, point
- soka** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> dhaifu, kuwa ~
 <en> weak, be(come) ~
 2. <sw> -konda
 <en> lean, be(come) ~, grow thin
- sola** -
 <sw> ndoa
 <en> marriage
- sola** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -chukua
 <en> take
 2. <sw> -twaa
 <en> carry
 3. <sw> -oa
 <en> marry (of man)
- sola ... muditwi** *v.t.*
 <sw> -beba ... kichwani
 <en> carry... on the head
- sola kwa nguvu** *v.t.*
 <sw> -teka (math. mji)
 <en> capture, hijack
- soleza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -oza
 <en> give in marriage (of parents,
- soma** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -washa, -choma
 <en> itch (internal)
 2. <sw> -choma (kwa moto)
 <en> roast
 3. <sw> -soma
 <en> read
- somba** -
 <sw> samaki (=nswi)
 <en> fish
- somola nh'emo** *v.t.*
 <sw> -choma shoka
 <en> stab with an axe
- sona** *v.t.*
 <sw> -shona
 <en> sew
- sona pindo** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kunga, -shona pindo
 <en> hem, make a border
- songola** *v.t.*
 <sw> -chonga
 <en> cut to shape, sharpen to a point
- sosokanya** *v.t.*
 <sw> -fanya mambo ovyo
 <en> act irresponsibly
- sota** *v.t.*
 <sw> -chamba
 <en> wash oneself (after evacuating)
- sua** *v.t.*
 <sw> -sugua
 <en> rub
- sugulu** ma-
 <sw> chuguu
 <en> ant-hill
- sula** -
 <sw> uso, sura
 <en> face
- sulula** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> -churuzika
 <en> trickle away
 2. <sw> -vuja
 <en> leak, ooze out

- suna** *v.t.*
 <sw> -chubua
 <en> bruise, take the skin off
- sunga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -chungu
 <en> sift
- sungu** -
 <sw> nyongo
 <en> bile
- sungusungu** -
 <sw> chungu
 <en> ant (small)
- sunh'a** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -osha
 <en> wash
 2. <sw> -kokota
 <en> drag, pull
- sunh'iza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -sukuma
 <en> push
- sunyara** *v.i.*
 <sw> -chuchumaa
 <en> squat (on the haunches)
- sunzua** -
 <sw> sugu
 <en> wart
- swa** *v.i.*
 <sw> -chwa
 <en> set (of the sun)
zua doswa (kunakuchwa/the sun sets)
- swala** -
 <sw> swala
 <en> Grant's gazelle
- tako** ma-
 <sw> tako
 <en> buttock
- talaka** -
 <sw> talaka
 <en> divorce
- tali** *adj.*
 <sw> -refu
 <en> long
nzila nh'ali (njia ndefu/long way)
- tambala** *v.i.*
 <sw> -tambaa
 <en> crawl, creep
- tambi** ma-
 <sw> tawi
 <en> branch
- tambika** *v.t.*
 <sw> -tambika
 <en> make offerings to the dead
- tamu** *adj.*
 <sw> -gonjwa
 <en> sick
- tanda** *v.t.*
 <sw> -anda(li)a
 <en> prepare
- tandika** *v.i.*
 1. <sw> -enea (kama mzabibu au moto)
 <en> spread (as a vine or a fire)
 2. <sw> -tandika
 <en> spread
- tanga** ma-
 <sw> tango
 <en> cucumber
- tano, -shano** *adj.*
 <sw> -tano
 <en> five
nzabi nh'ano (kamba tano/five ropes)
- tapagala** *v.i.*
 <sw> -loa, -loana
 <en> get wet
- tapatapa** *v.i.*
 <sw> -tapa
 <en> shiver, shudder
- tata** -
 <sw> baba
 <en> father
- tati yangu** -
 <sw> babaangu
 <en> my father
- tatu** *adj.*
 <sw> -tatu
 <en> three
ndila nh'atu (nyimbo 3/3 songs)
- tega** *v.t.*
 <sw> -tega
 <en> set (a trap)
- tegeleza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -sikiliza
 <en> listen
- tego** ma-
 <sw> tego
 <en> charm (esp. to ensure wife's fertility)

- teka (mazi) v.t.**
 <sw> -teka (maji)
 <en> draw (water from well)
- telebuka v.i.**
 <sw> -teleza
 <en> slip, be(come) slippery
- tema v.t.**
 <sw> -tema (math. mate)
 <en> spit
- tema (ngodi) v.t.**
 <sw> -tema (math. kuni)
 <en> cut (firewood)
- tenda v.t.**
 1. <sw> -tenda
 <en> act
 2. <sw> -fanya
 <en> do
- tenda ... (vi)nogile v.t.**
 <sw> -fanya ... kwa uzuri
 <en> do something well, ~ carefully
- tenda ... goya v.t.**
 <sw> -fanya ... kwa uzuri
 <en> do something well, ~ carefully
- tenga v.t.**
 <sw> -unda
 <en> construct, put together
- tete ma-**
 <sw> utete (tete)
 <en> reed
- tetekuwanga ma-**
 <sw> tetekuwanga
 <en> chicken pox
- tezo nh'ezo**
 <sw> tezo
 <en> carpenter's adze
- tililika v.i.**
 <sw> -tiririka
 <en> glide, trickle
- timbwise mi-?**
 <sw> vumbi
 <en> dust, cloud of dust
- tindimala v.i.**
 <sw> -tengenea
 <en> settled, be ~, in good order
- tingetinge ma-**
 1. <sw> daraja
 <en> bridge
 2. <sw> tingatinga, ulalo?
 <en> bridge (made of timber)
- tinh'anila v.t.**
 <sw> -kuta
 <en> meet
- tisha v.t.**
 <sw> -tisha
 <en> threaten
- titi ma-**
 <sw> ziwa, titi (la mke)
 <en> breast
- titu adj.**
 <sw> -eusi
 <en> dark, black
rangi nh'itu (rangi nyeusi/black colour)
- toa chikofi v.t.**
 <sw> -piga kofi
 <en> slap
- tobola v.t.**
 1. <sw> -komba
 <en> hollow out
 2. <sw> -toboa
 <en> bore a hole
- togosa v.t.**
 <sw> -tokosa
 <en> cook in water or fat
- tombo ma-**
 <sw> kiwele
 <en> udder
- tonya v.t.**
 <sw> -nya (mvua), -nyesha
 <en> rain
- tosha v.t.**
 <sw> -ridhisha, -tosha
 <en> satisfy
- towa v.t.**
 <sw> -piga
 <en> beat
- tumainia v.t.**
 <sw> -tegemea
 <en> lean on, rely on
- tumbala v.i.**
 <sw> -piga magoti
 <en> kneel
- tumbatu ma-?**
 <sw> tumbako
 <en> tobacco
- tumbika v.t.**
 <sw> -inika
 <en> bring down, bend

- tumbila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -shika tama
 <en> rest the cheek on the hand
- tumia** *v.t.*
 <sw> -tumia
 <en> use
- tundu** *ma-*
 <sw> tundu (=aina ya kikapu)
 <en> basket of open wicker-work
- tunga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -tunga
 <en> compose
- tungula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -angua
 <en> drop, throw down
- tuta** *v.t.*
 <sw> -tuta
 <en> carry
- twanga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -twanga
 <en> pound (grain in a mortar to ge
- twika** *v.t.*
 <sw> -twika
 <en> take up a heavy load
- ubwilo** *ma-*
 <sw> gamba la nyoka
 <en> snake-skin
- uchafu** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> uchafu
 <en> dirt
- uchanya** *u- [u-]*
 <sw>
 <en> on (top of)
taz./see: hachanya
- udodi** *ndodi*
 <sw> masango?
 <en> wire (brass ~)
udodi - wire (iron~)
- ugali** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> ugali
 <en> porridge
- uganga** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> uganga
 <en> medicine (=art of trad. healer)
- ugenzi** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> mwendo
 <en> movement
- uhawi** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> ulozi, uchawi
 <en> witchcraft, magic
- uhele** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> uele (ndwele)
 <en> disease, (crippling) illness
- uhenga** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> mvi
 <en> hair, white/grey ~
- ukamba** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> kamba kochi (kiumbe cha baharini)
 <en> lobster
- uki** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> asali (ya nyuki)
 <en> honey
- ukoko** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> ukoko
 <en> crust
- ulaguzi** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> uchawi
 <en> magic
- ulanga** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 1. <sw> nuru, mwanga
 <en> light
 2. <sw> mbingu
 <en> sky
 3. <sw> anga
 <en> heaven
- ulimbo** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> ulimbo
 <en> bird-lime
- ulingo** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> jukwaa
 <en> platform
- ulisi** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> urithi
 <en> inheritance
- ulongo** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> udongo
 <en> soil
- ulume** *u [u-]*
 <sw> uume
 <en> manhood, penis
- unyorodo** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> taka
 <en> filth
- upande** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> mkano
 <en> denial

- upele** u- [u-]
 <sw> pombe
 <en> beer
- upele wa mnazi** mipele ya minazi
 <sw> tembo (kinywaji)
 <en> palm-wine
- usa** v.t.
 <sw> -waza
 <en> think, imagine
kousa ki? (unafikiri nini?/what do you think)
- uta?**
 <sw> upote (ugwe wa pinde)
 <en> bowstring
- utali** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <sw> cheo
 <en> status, rank, distance
- utukutuku** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <sw> uvivu
 <en> idleness, sloth
- uwongo** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <sw> ubongo
 <en> brain
- uyoga** vi-
 <sw> kiyoga
 <en> mushroom
- uzauza** ma-
 <sw> njozi
 <en> vision
- uzi** nyuzi
 <sw> uji
 <en> gruel
- uzisi** u- *sg. only*
 <sw> mazishi
 <en> burial
uzisi utendeka dyelo (mazishi yalifanyika leo/the funeral was today)
- uzulu** u- *sg. only*
 <sw> ombi
 <en> request
- vala** v.t.
 <sw> -vaa
 <en> wear
- vaza** v.t.
 <sw> -vika, -visha
 <en> clothe
- vedula** v.t.
 1. <sw> -pinda
 <en> bend
2. <sw> -pota
 <en> twist
- vimba** v.i.
 <sw> -vimba
 <en> swell
- vina** v.i.
 <sw> -cheza ngoma
 <en> dance
- vindi** ma-
 <sw> goti
 <en> knee
- vivu** *adj.*
 <sw> -vivu
 <en> lazy
- viza** v.t.
 <sw> -viza
 <en> curse
- vugula** v.t.
 <sw> -shindua
 <en> open (=set ajar) a door
- vuha** ma-
 <sw> mfupa
 <en> bone
- vula** v.t.
 <sw> -vua (nguo)
 <en> take off (clothes)
- vuli** -
 <sw> vuli, mvua za ~
 <en> the lesser rains
- vumbula** v.t.
 <sw> -zaa
 <en> beget
- vumbula, -vubula** v.t.
 <sw> -vumbua, -vumbilia
 <en> stir up
- vumilila** v.t.
 <sw> -vumilia
 <en> suffer, bear patiently
- vunda** v.i.
 <sw> -vunda
 <en> high (of meat), be(come) ~
- vwiza** v.t.
 <sw> -vungavunga
 <en> crumple
- wa chakachaka** *cop.*
 <sw> -tepetea
 <en> weak, be(come) ~, listless
- wa na chilema** *cop.*
 <sw> -lemaa
 <en> mutilated, be ~

- wa na utali umwe na** *cop.*
 <sw> -wa na urefu ule ule na...
 <en> same size or height as, be the ~
- wa usungu, -wa mkari** *cop.*
 <sw> -chungu, (ku)wa ~
 <en> bitter, be(come) ~
- wamba** *v.t.*
 1. <sw> -vuta
 <en> pull
 2. <sw> -wamba
 <en> apply by stretching, spread over
- wambo nyambo**
 <sw> paja (la mtu)
 <en> thigh
- wao** *3rd pl.*
 <sw> wao
 <en> they
- wasaho** -
 <sw> babu
 <en> grandfather
- wau** -
 <sw> bibi
 <en> grandmother
- wawa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -wawa, -washa
 <en> itch (skin)
- wegula** *v.t.*
 <sw> -nyoa
 <en> shave
- weye** *2nd sg.*
 <sw> wewe
 <en> you (sg.)
- wima** *adv.*
 <sw> wima
 <en> upright
- winga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -winga
 <en> chase (away)
- wingu** *ma-*
 <sw> wingu
 <en> cloud
- wivu** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> wivu
 <en> jealousy
- woga** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <sw> woga
 <en> fear
- yalihi?** *walihi? adn.*
 <sw> nani?
 <en> who?
- yani** *ma-*
 <sw> jani (kama la mti, nyasi)
 <en> leaf, blade of grass
- yega** *ma-*
 <sw> bega, fuzi
 <en> shoulder
- yega** *v.t.*
 <sw> -kuna (math. nazi)
 <en> grate
- yeye** *3rd sg.*
 <sw> yeye
 <en> she, he
- yuwa** *v.t.*
 <sw> -menya
 <en> peel, shell
- zalala** *ma-*
 <sw> jaa (dampo)
 <en> rubbish heap (dump)
- zama** *v.i.*
 <sw> -zito, (ku)wa ~
 <en> heavy, serious, dull, be(come) ~
- zamila** *v.t.*
 <sw> -lemea
 <en> rest heavily on, be burdensome
- zele kulu** *ma-*
 <sw> sime
 <en> sword (short)
- zelu** *adj.*
 <sw> -eupe
 <en> white
- zenga** *v.t.*
 <sw> -jenga
 <en> build
- zika** *v.t.*
 <sw> -zika
 <en> bury
- zima** *v.t.*
 <sw> -zima
 <en> extinguish, quench
- zimika** *v.i.*
 <sw> -zimika
 <en> extinguished, be(come) ~
- zimiza** *v.t.*
 <sw> -sahau
 <en> forget

zina ma-

<sw> jina
<en> name

-zinga *v.t.*

<sw> -kunja (uzi)?
<en> wind up (thread)

-zingiliza *v.t.*

<sw> -tata
<en> complicated (tangled),
be(come) ~

zino meno

<sw> jino
<en> tooth

ziso meso

<sw> jicho
<en> eye

-zito *adj.*

<sw> -zito
<en> heavy, be(come) ~

ziwa ma-

<sw> ziwa
<en> lake
bawe, ma-

-zizimika *v.i.*

<sw> -sisimka
<en> raise hair, tingle with
excitement

zogoro ma-

<sw> jogoo
<en> rooster (=cock)

zoka ma-

1. <sw> nyoka
<en> serpent, snake
pia/also: luzoka (vizoka)
2. <sw> pili
<en> puff-adder

zonzo ma-

<sw> shimo
<en> pit, hole

-zowela *v.t.*

<sw> -zoea
<en> accustomed, be (get) ~

zua ma-

<sw> jua
<en> sun

-zulula *v.t.*

<sw> -tutuma (kuzurura)
<en> ramble, wander about

zuma ma-

<sw> chuma
<en> iron

zuma ja kupondela ma-

<sw> fuawe
<en> anvil

zumbu ma-

<sw> paja, kiga, kiweo
<en> thigh

-zumh'a *v.t.*

<sw> -kia
<en> step over

-zumh'a *v.i.*

<sw> -ruka
<en> jump, leap

-zumh'a *v.t.*

1. <sw> -cheza ngoma
<en> dance about
2. <sw> -guna
<en> grunt, grumble

-zungiliza *v.t.*

<sw> -zinga
<en> turn round, go round

-zunguluka *v.i.*

<sw> -zunguka
<en> surround

-zungulusa *v.t.*

<sw> -zungusha
<en> turn round

zuzi ma-

<sw> juzi
<en> the day before yesterday

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- acha (nyuma) v.t.**
 <ng> -leka
 <en> leave (behind)
- achama v.t.**
 <ng> -hama
 <en> open the mouth wide
- achana v.i.**
 <ng> -golana
 <en> leave each other, separate
- aga v.t.**
 <ng> -laga
 <en> take leave of
- agia, -faa v.t.**
 <ng> -lagila
 <en> benefit, suit
- agiza v.t.**
 <ng> -lagiliza
 <en> order, direct
- aibu -**
 <ng> chinyala
 <en> shame, disgrace
- aka v.t.**
 <ng> mtula mabwe?
 <en> work as a mason
- alasiri -**
 <ng> misi
 <en> afternoon
- amba, -tukana v.t.**
 <ng> -liga
 <en> abuse, speak ill
- ambia v.t. 2**
 <ng> -longela
 <en> tell sb. sth.
- amua v.t.**
 <ng> -lamula
 <en> decide
- amwa, -nyonya v.t.**
 <ng> -onh'a
 <en> suck (the breast)
- anda(li)a v.t.**
 <ng> -tanda
 <en> prepare
- andama v.t.**
 <ng> -i-longoza
 <en> follow (in order)
- anga -**
 <ng> ulanga
 <en> heaven
- angalia v.t.**
 <ng> -lola
 <en> pay attention, take care
- angama v.t.**
 <ng> -angamila
 <en> hang in mid-air
- angua v.t.**
 <ng> -tungula
 <en> drop, throw down
- anguka v.i.**
 <ng> -gwa
 <en> fall
- anika v.t.**
 <ng> -anika
 <en> set out to dry
- apa, -la kiapo v.t.**
 <ng> -i-laha
 <en> swear
- ardhi (udongo) -**
 <ng> si
 <en> earth, land
- asali (ya nyuki) -**
 <ng> uki
 <en> honey
- atua v.i.**
 <ng> -keruka
 <en> shock
- azima v.t.**
 <ng> -azima
 <en> lend, borrow
- baba -**
 <ng> tata
 <en> father
- babaangu -**
 <ng> tati yangu
 <en> my father
- babu -**
 <ng> wasaho
 <en> grandfather
- badili v.t.**
 <ng> -bachilisha
 <en> alter, change
- baki v.i.**
 <ng> -sigala
 <en> remain, stay behind
- bakiza v.t.**
 <ng> -sigaza
 <en> leave over
- bamba v.t.**
 <ng> -gwila
 <en> hold, arrest

- barabara** ma-
 <ng> balabala
 <en> highway
pia/also: nzila nh'ulu
- baridi** *adj.*
 <ng> -a mbeho
 <en> cold
mazi ya mbeho (maji baridi/cold water)
- bata** -
 <ng> bata
 <en> duck
- baya, -wa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -iha
 <en> bad, be(come) ~
wanh'u weha (watu walikuwa wabaya/people were bad)
- beba** *v.t.*
 <ng> -papa
 <en> carry a child on the back
- beba ... kichwani** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sola ... muditwi
 <en> carry... on the head
- beberu** ma-
 <ng> buzi lume
 <en> he-goat
- bega, fuzi** ma-
 <ng> yega
 <en> shoulder
- beseni** -
 <ng> mvugwa
 <en> basin, tub
- bia** -
 <ng> chikara
 <en> earthenware vessel for serving
- bibi** -
 <ng> wau
 <en> grandmother
- bivu, -wa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -iva
 <en> ripe, be(come)
tunda divile (tunda limeiva/the fruit is ripe)
- bomba (la maji)** ma-
 <ng> bomba
 <en> pipe, water ~
- bora, kuwa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -noga nh'ani
 <en> fine, excellent, be(come) ~
- bovu, kuwa** ~ *v.i.*
 <ng> -ola
 <en> defective, worn out, be(come) ~
- bua** ma-
 <ng> bua
 <en> stalk (of maize, millet)
- buibui** ma-
 <ng> bui
 <en> spider
- bumba** ma-
 <ng> mh'umba
 <en> clod, lump
- bunduki** -
 <ng> bundiki
 <en> gun
- bustani** -
 <ng> kizi
 <en> garden
- cha** *v.i.*
 <ng> -cha
 <en> dawn
mitondo ifika (kumekucha/it is getting light)
- chacha** *v.i.*
 1. <ng> -gwada *v.i.*
 <en> ferment, turn sour
 2. <ng> -sisa *v.i.*
 <en> turn sour, ferment
- chache** *adj.*
 <ng> -dodo
 <en> a few, not much (many)
hela ndodo (hela ndogo/little money)
- chagua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sagula
 <en> choose
- chaka, kichaka** ma-
 <ng> chichaka
 <en> thicket
- chakura** *v.t.*
 <ng> -chakula
 <en> search diligently
- chamba** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sota
 <en> wash oneself (after evacuating)
- chambo** vy-
 <ng> chambo
 <en> bait

- changa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sanga
 <en> collect, shuffle
- changamka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -sangelala
 <en> cheerful, be(come) ~
- changanya** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hanganya
 <en> mix, put together
- chango** *vi-*
 <ng> chingofye
 <en> hook, peg
- chatu** -
 <ng> satu
 <en> python
- chawa** -
 <ng> ngina
 <en> louse
- chaza (kiumbe cha baharini)** -
 <ng> chaza
 <en> oyster
- cheche** -
 <ng> sese
 <en> spark
- chechemea** *v.i.*
 <ng> -njumbila
 <en> limp, lame, be ~
- cheka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -seka
 <en> laugh
- chembe** *vy-*
 <ng> nh'onga
 <en> arrow head, spear head
- chemchem** -
 <ng> nzasa
 <en> spring (of water)
- chemka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kimula
 <en> boil
- chemsha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kimuza
 <en> boil
- chemua (=kupiga chafya)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -guma miesa
 <en> sneeze
- chenga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -senga
 <en> cut, lop (e.g. tree)
- cheo** *vy-*
 <ng> utali
 <en> status, rank, distance
- cheza ngoma** *v.t.*
 1. <ng> -vina *v.i.*
 <en> dance
 2. <ng> -zumh'a *v.t.*
 <en> dance about
- chimba** *v.t.*
 <ng> -himba
 <en> dig
- chini (ya)** -
 <ng> hasi (ya)
 <en> below, underneath, under
 (prep.)
- chinja** *v.t.*
 <ng> -chinja
 <en> slaughter
- chocha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -konh'ela
 <en> poke (e.g. fire), stir up (in a hole)
- chokaa** -
 <ng> chwakaa
 <en> lime, whitewash
- choma** *v.t.*
 <ng> -homa
 <en> thrust into
- choma (kwa moto)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -soma
 <en> roast
- choma shoka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -somola nh'emo
 <en> stab with an axe
- chombo** *vy-*
 <ng> kiya
 <en> pot, vessel
- chonga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -songola
 <en> cut to shape, sharpen to a point
- chonge** -
 <ng> luzino
 <en> canine tooth, filed tooth
- chongea (tilia fitina)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -chongela
 <en> slander
pia/also: -longezela
- chongo** -
 <ng> chongo
 <en> one-eyed
pia/also: ziso ng'honzi

-chonjomoa, -chokoza *v.t.*

<ng> -guma maho

<en> incite

-chovya *v.t.*

<ng> -chovya

<en> dip

chozi *ma-*

<ng> sozi

<en> tear drop

-chubua *v.t.*

<ng> -suna

<en> bruise, take the skin off

-chuchumaa *v.i.*

<ng> -sunyara

<en> squat (on the haunches)

chui -

<ng> chui

<en> leopard

-chuja *v.t.*

<ng> -chuja

<en> filter, strain

-chukua *v.t.*

<ng> -sola

<en> take

chuma *vy-*

<ng> zuma

<en> iron

-chuma *v.t.*

<ng> -aha

<en> gather (flowers, fruit)

chuma cha pua *vi-*

<ng> hawa/zuma

<en> steel

chumvi (=munyu) - *sg. only*

<ng> munyu

<en> salt

-chungu *v.t.*

<ng> -sunga

<en> sift

-chungu (math. ng'ombe) *v.t.*

<ng> -chungu

<en> herd, look after grazing cattle,

chungu -

<ng> sungusungu

<en> ant (small)

chungu *vy-*

<ng> nongo

<en> pot, (earthen) cooking ~

-chungu *adj.*

<ng> -a usungu

<en> bitter

chinh'u cha usungu (kitu kichungu/something bitter)

chungu (nzima) -

<ng> biwi

<en> heap

-chungu, -wa ~ *adj.*

<ng> -wa usungu, -wa mkari

<en> bitter, be(come) ~

chupa -

<ng> nyupa

<en> bottle

chura *vy-*

<ng> bura

<en> frog

chibura (kichura/small frog)

-churuzika *v.i.*

<ng> -sulula

<en> trickle away

-chwa *v.i.*

<ng> -swa

<en> set (of the sun)

zua doswa (kunakuchwa/the sun sets)

dada, ndugu, mkubwa -

<ng> muari

<en> sister (older ~)

damu -

<ng> damu

<en> blood

daraja *ma-*

<ng> tingetinge

<en> bridge

dawa -

<ng> dawa

<en> medicine, remedy

-dekeza *v.t.*

<ng> -bananga

<en> spoil (a child)

dhaifu, kuwa ~ *adj.*

<ng> -soka

<en> weak, be(come) ~

-dogo *adj.*

<ng> -dodo

<en> small

duma -

<ng> duma

<en> cheetah

dume, -a kiume *adj.*

<ng> -a mulume

<en> male

- egama** *v.i.*
 <ng> -sigama
 <en> leaning, be ~
- egemea** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sigamila
 <en> lean on, rest on
- eleka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -papa
 <en> carry astride on the hip
- eleza** *v.t. 2*
 <ng> -longela
 <en> explain
- ema, kuwa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -noga
 <en> good, be(come) ~
munh'u kanoga (mtu alikuwa mwema/teh person was okay)
- enda** *v.i.*
 <ng> -ita
 <en> go
- enda kwa miguu** *v.i.*
 <ng> -genda na migulu
 <en> walk
- enda nyumbani kutoka kwa** *v.i.*
 <ng> -genda (kubwela) ukae ulawa kumgunda
 <en> go home from work
- enea (kama mzabibu au moto)** *v.i.*
 <ng> -tandika
 <en> spread (as a vine or a fire)
- enea(enea)** *v.i.*
 <ng> -enela
 <en> spread out, be ~
- enyewe** *adj.*
 <ng> -enyego
 <en> self
yeye mwenyego, cheye wenyego (yeye mwenyewe, sisi wenyewe/he she himself, herself, we ourselves)
- epesi, (ku)wa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -buha
 <en> light in weight, be ~
hawazamile (wao si wazito/they are not heavy)
- epuka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -dumba
 <en> avoid
- eupe** *adj.*
 <ng> -zelu
 <en> white
- eusi** *adj.*
 <ng> -titu
 <en> dark, black
rangi nh'itu (rangi nyeusi/black colour)
- fa** *v.i.*
 <ng> -fa
 <en> die
- fagia** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fagila
 <en> sweep
- fahali (ng'ombe dume)** -
 <ng> fahali
 <en> bull
- fanana (na)** *v.i.*
 <ng> -fanana (na)
 <en> resemble
nchi zoilinga (nchi zinafanana/the countries resemble each other)
- fanya** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tenda
 <en> do
- fanya ... kwa uzuri** *v.t.*
 1. <ng> -tenda ... (vi)nogile *v.t.*
 <en> do something well, ~ carefully
 2. <ng> -tenda ... goya *v.t.*
 <en> do something well, ~ carefully
- fanya kosa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hasanya
 <en> error, make an ~
- fanya mambo ovyo** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sosokanya
 <en> act irresponsibly
- farasi** -
 <ng> farasi
 <en> horse
- ficha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fisa
 <en> hide
- fifia** *v.i.*
 <ng> -fila
 <en> fade, disappear
- figa (=mafya?)** ma-
 <ng> figa
 <en> hearthstone for putting pots o

- figo** ma-
 <ng> mbimindo
 <en> kidney
- fika** *v.i.*
 <ng> -fika
 <en> arrive
- fimbo** ma-
 <ng> fimbo
 <en> stick
- finga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -funga fingo
 <en> protect by charms
- finya** *v.t.*
 <ng> -funya
 <en> pinch, make narrow
- finyaa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -i-finyafinya
 <en> shriveled, wrinkled, be ~
- fira** -
 <ng> chigao
 <en> spitting cobra
- fisha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -nyoda
 <en> put to death
- fisi** -
 <ng> mwiko wa wana
 <en> hyena
- fua (chuma)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ponda
 <en> forge
- fua (nguo)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fua
 <en> wash (clothes)
- fuata** *v.t.*
 <ng> -iga
 <en> follow
- fuawe** -
 <ng> zuma ja kupondela
 <en> anvil
- fudifudi** *adv.*
 <ng> chifudifudi
 <en> face downwards
pia/also: chingubi, ngubi
- fufua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -bweleza yafile
 <en> revive
pia/also: -fufula ... yafile
- fuga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fuga
 <en> keep livestock
- fuga (ng'ombe)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -dima (ng'ombe)
 <en> keep (livestock)
- fukia** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lava mosi
 <en> give out smoke
- fukua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fukula
 <en> dig up, dig out
- fuma** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fuma
 <en> weave, knit
- fuma (fumo)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -homa
 <en> pierce, stab
- fumania** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fumanila
 <en> catch somebody
 redhanded
- fumba (kinywa)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -nuna (mulomo)
 <en> close (mouth)
- fumba (macho)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -finya (meso)
 <en> close (eyes)
- fumbata** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fumbatila
 <en> grasp, hold in arm
- fumo** -
 <ng> mkuli
 <en> chief
- fundisha, '-funza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -funza
 <en> teach, instruct
- funga (kwa kamba)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -funga (na luzabi)
 <en> tie up
funga na luzabi (nzabi)
- funga pamoja (math. mizigo)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -funga
 <en> pack
koteleza hamwe
- fungo** -
 <ng> fungo
 <en> genet (=kind of speckled civet)
- fungua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fungula
 <en> open

- funika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gubika
 <en> cover (up)
- funua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -funula
 <en> uncover, reveal
- fupi** *adj.*
 <ng> -guhi
 <en> short
- futa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hangusa
 <en> wipe
- fyonza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fonza
 <en> suck
- gamba la nyoka** *ma-*
 <ng> ubwilo
 <en> snake-skin
- ganda** *v.i.*
 <ng> -ganda
 <en> coagulate
- ganda (la matunda)** *ma-*
 <ng> kanh'a
 <en> peel
- ganga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lagula
 <en> bind up, splice
- gani?** *adj.*
 <ng> -lihi?
 <en> which?
- gawa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gola
 <en> divide
- geuka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -hinduka
 <en> change
- giza** *ma- sg. only*
 <ng> lwiza
 <en> darkness
- gombana** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gomba
 <en> quarrel
- gome** *ma-*
 <ng> gome
 <en> bark (of tree)
- gonga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gonga
 <en> strike, knock
- gongo** *ma-*
 <ng> gongo
 <en> cudgel, heavy stick
- gonjwa** *adj.*
 <ng> -tamu
 <en> sick
- goti** *ma-*
 <ng> vindi
 <en> knee
- gugumiza** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kala na chigugumizi
 <en> stutter
munh'u kana chigugumizi (mtu anagugumiza/the person stutters)
- gumu** *adj.*
 <ng> -dala
 <en> hard
- guna** *v.t.*
 <ng> -zumh'a
 <en> grunt, grumble
- gundua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -manya
 <en> find out
- guta** *v.t.*
 <ng> -guta
 <en> shout
- haja, mahitaji** *-*
 <ng> kulonda
 <en> need, request
- hama** *v.i.*
 <ng> -hama
 <en> move away, migrate
- hapa (=huko)** *dem.*
 <ng> hano
 <en> here
- haraka** *-*
 <ng> hima
 <en> haste, quickly
- haribu** *v.t.*
 <ng> -bananga
 <en> destroy, damage
- haya** *-*
 <ng> chinyala
 <en> shame, modesty
- hesabu** *v.t.*
 <ng> -peta
 <en> count
- heshimu** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hishimu
 <en> honor
- hukumu** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lamula (mbuli)
 <en> judge

huzuni -

<ng> machiwa
<en> grief, sorrow

-iba v.t.

<ng> -bawa
<en> steal

-iga /-igiza v.t.

<ng> -iga
<en> imitate

-imba v.t.

<ng> -imba
<en> sing

-inama v.i.

1. <ng> -inama v.i.
<en> bent, be(come) ~
2. <ng> -inama v.i.
<en> lean, bend down, slope

-ingi adj.

<ng> -ingi
<en> many

-ingia v.i.

<ng> -ingila
<en> enter, go (come) in

-ingilia (mwanamke) v.t.

<ng> -ingilila (muke)
<en> sex, have ~ (with a woman)

-ingiliana v.i.

<ng> -ingilila
<en> interact

ini ma-

<ng> ini
<en> liver

-inika v.t.

<ng> -tumbika
<en> bring down, bend

-inu poss.

<ng> -inu
<en> your(s) (pl.)

-inua v.t.

<ng> -inura
<en> lift up, pick up

-isha v.i.

<ng> -mala
<en> cease, finish

-ita v.t.

<ng> -langa
<en> call

-itika v.t.

<ng> -itika
<en> answer (e.g. a call)

-itikia v.t.2

<ng> -itikila
<en> answer a call

-itu poss.

<ng> -itu
<en> our(s)

-iva v.i.

<ng> -iva
<en> ripen

-iza v.t.

<ng> -beza
<en> reject, refuse

-ja v.i.

<ng> -iza
<en> come
keza (alikuja/s/he came),
kokwiza (anakuja/s/he comes)

jaa (dambo) ma-

<ng> zalala
<en> rubbish heap (dump)

-jaa (tele) v.i.

<ng> -mema
<en> full, be(come) ~, abound

-jamba (ushuzi) v.t.

<ng> -fula
<en> break wind

jambo ma-

<ng> mbuli
<en> affair

jana (siku nyingine) adv.

<ng> golo
<en> yesterday (other day)

jani (kama la mti, nyasi) ma-

<ng> yani
<en> leaf, blade of grass

-jaribu v.t.

<ng> -geza
<en> try

jasho ji- [li-] sg. only

<ng> fuguti
<en> sweat

-jaza v.t.

<ng> -memeza
<en> fill up (out)

jembe ma-

<ng> gembe
<en> hoe

-jenga v.t.

<ng> -zenga
<en> build

- jibanza** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-banza
 <en> squeeze oneself up against
 wal
- jibu** (swali) *v.t.*
 <ng> -itika
 <en> answer (a question)
- jibwaga** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-legeha
 <en> sprawl
- jicho** meso
 <ng> ziso
 <en> eye
- jifungua** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -pata mwana
 <en> give birth to a child
- jifunza** *v.t/ref*
 <ng> -i-funza
 <en> learn, study
- jigamba** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-goda
 <en> boast, brag, praise oneself
- jigonga** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-gonga
 <en> hurt o.s.
- jigonga** (kichwa) *v.ref.*
 <ng> -bamiza
 <en> bump (the head)
- jiko** meko
 <ng> jiko
 <en> fireplace, hearth, kitchen
- jikoni** *loc.*
 <ng> kudijiko
 <en> kitchen
- jikuna** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-yega
 <en> scratch oneself
- jikwaa** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-kwala
 <en> stumble
- jikwaruza** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-kwaluza
 <en> scratch oneself
- jilevya** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -koligwa
 <en> intoxicated, get oneself ~
- jimbo** ma-
 <ng> jimbo
 <en> district, province, country
- jina** ma-
 <ng> zina
 <en> name
- jino** meno
 <ng> zino
 <en> tooth
- jinyima** *v. ref.*
 <ng> -i-ima
 <en> abstain
- jinyonga** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-nyonga
 <en> hang oneself
- jinyosha** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-golola
 <en> stretch oneself
- jipenyeza** *v.ref.*
 <ng> -i-benyeza
 <en> interfer, get involved
- jipu** ma-
 <ng> ihu
 <en> boil, abscess
- jitihada** (bidii), **-wa na** ~ -
 <ng> -kazana
 <en> effort, exertion, make ~s
- jivu** ma-
 <ng> ivu
 <en> ashes
- jiwe** ma-
 <ng> dibwe
 <en> stone
- jogoo** ma-
 <ng> zogoro
 <en> rooster (=cock)
- joko** ma-
 <ng> chikoko
 <en> potter's kiln
- jongoo** -
 <ng> gongoro
 <en> millipede
- jua** ma-
 <ng> zua
 <en> sun
- jua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -manyaa
 <en> know
- jukwaa** ma-
 <ng> ulingo
 <en> platform
- jumbe** ma-
 <ng> mndewa
 <en> headman

- jumlisha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ongeza
 <en> sum up
- juu** -
 <ng> uchanya
 <en> upper side
taz./see: hachanya
- juu (ya)** -
 <ng> mchanya (mwa)
 <en> up, above (on top of)
mchanya mw'ipala (juu ya paa/on the roof)
- juzi** ma-
 <ng> zuzi
 <en> the day before yesterday
- juzu, -noga** *v.i.*
 <ng> -noga
 <en> pleasant, delicious,
 be(come) ~
ndiya inoga (chakula kilikuwa safi/food was okay)
- kaa** ma-
 <ng> mkala
 <en> charcoal
- kaa (e.g. kitako)** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kala
 <en> sit
- kaa (kiumbe cha pwani)** -
 1. <ng> khola ma-
 <en> crab (but: snail, cowry)
 2. <ng> ngadu -
 <en> crab
- kaa la moto** ma-
 <ng> kala ja moto
 <en> embers
- kaa, -ishi** *v.t/i*
 <ng> -ishi
 <en> dwell
- kaakaa** -
 <ng> laka
 <en> palate
- kaanga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kanzinga
 <en> fry
- kafi** ma-
 <ng> khafi
 <en> paddle
- kaga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -finga
 <en> protect by charm
- kaka** -
 <ng> sekulu
 <en> brother (older ~)
- kale** *adj.*
 <ng> -a umwaka
 <en> old times
- kali** *adj.*
 <ng> -kali
 <en> fierce, sharp
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- kama** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kama
 <en> milk, squeeze
- kamata** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gwila
 <en> seize
- kamba kochi (kiumbe cha bahari)** -
 <ng> ukamba
 <en> lobster
- kame** -
 <ng> ngh'angu
 <en> barren (of land)
- kamua (nguo)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kamula
 <en> wring out
- kana** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lema
 <en> deny
- kanda** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kanda
 <en> knead
- kande** -
 <ng> khande
 <en> food supply for a journey
- kanga** -
 <ng> nh'anga
 <en> guinea-fowl
- karatasi** -
 <ng> kalatasi
 <en> paper
- karibu (na)** -
 <ng> habehi
 <en> near (to)
- kasia** ma-
 <ng> kasia
 <en> oar
- kasuku** -
 <ng> kasuku
 <en> parrot

- kata** -
 <ng> nh'ungo
 <en> head-pad
- kata** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kanh'a
 <en> cut
- kataa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lema
 <en> refuse, say no
- kati (ya)** -
 <ng> mgati
 <en> middle (in the - of)
- katikati (ya)** -
 <ng> hagati(gati) (ha)
 <en> in the middle (of)
- katua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kwatula
 <en> polish
- kauka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -nyala
 <en> dry up, become dry
- kauri** -
 <ng> khola
 <en> cowrie shell
- kavu, -wa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -nyala
 <en> dry, be(come) ~
- kazi** -
 <ng> kazi
 <en> work
- kenda (=tisa)** *adj.*
 <ng> kende, tisa
 <en> nine
- kesho (siku nyingine)** *adv.*
 <ng> golo
 <en> tomorrow (other day)
- kesho kutwa** *adv.*
 <ng> chisindo
 <en> day after tomorrow
 ?in a context?
- kia** *v.t.*
 <ng> -zumh'a
 <en> step over
- kiazi** vi-
 <ng> chibogwa
 <en> potato (sweet)
- kibanda** vi-
 <ng> chibanda
 <en> hut
- kibia** vi-
 <ng> chifuko
 <en> bowl, cooking pot
- kibofu** vi-
 <ng> chibofu
 <en> bladder
- kiboko** vi-
 <ng> chiboko
 <en> hippopotamus
- kibuyu** vi-
 <ng> chibuyu
 <en> calabash
- kichaka** vi-
 <ng> dituwa
 <en> thicket
- kichuguu** vi-
 <ng> sugulu
 <en> ant-hill
- kichwa** vi-
 <ng> ditwi
 <en> head
- kidari** vi-
 <ng> chidari
 <en> chest (of animals and birds)
- kidevu** vi-
 <ng> chidevu
 <en> chin
- kidole (cha mguu)** vi-
 <ng> chidole cha mgulu
 <en> toe
- kidole (cha mkono)** vi-
 <ng> chidole
 <en> finger
- kidonda** vi-
 <ng> chilonda
 <en> sore
chibanh'a (kidonda/small sore)
- kifaru** vi-
 <ng> chifaru
 <en> rhinoceros
- kifo** vi-
 <ng> chifo
 <en> death
- kifua** vi-
 <ng> mh'ambaga
 <en> chest
- kifundo** vi-
 <ng> fundo
 <en> knot

kikingi vi-	kindi -
<ng> kikingi	<ng> chifuluma
<en> peg, stick	<en> squirrel
kigongo vi-	kingoe vi-
<ng> chigongo	<ng> chingofye
<en> hump (of hunchback)	<en> hook (to pull down branches in
kijana vi-	kipeo vi-
<ng> mbwanga	<ng> hachanya
<en> youth	<en> highest point, utmost
kijembe vi-	kipofu vi-
<ng> chiwele	<ng> chipofu
<en> penknife, scalpel	<en> blind person
kijiji vi-	kipusa vi-
<ng> kae	<ng> chipusa
<en> village, homestead	<en> rhino horn, trophy
kijito vi-	kisigino vi-
<ng> chizanda	<ng> chisiginh'o
<en> brook, stream	<en> heel
kikapu vi-	kisima vi-
<ng> chigelo	<ng> chisima
<en> basket	<en> well
kiko vi-	kisiwa vi-
<ng> chiko	<ng> chisiwa
<en> tobacco pipe	<en> island
kilele vi-	kisu vi-
<ng> chilele	<ng> mwele
<en> top, peak	<en> knife
kilema vi-	kitambaa vi-
<ng> chilema	<ng> chitambala
<en> cripple	<en> cloth
kilima vi-	kitanda vi-
<ng> chilima	<ng> komwa
<en> hill	<en> bed
kilimo vi-	kitanga (cha mkono), kiganja vi-
<ng> chilimo	<ng> ganza
<en> agriculture	<en> palm (of hand)
kilio vi-	kiti vi-
<ng> ndilo	<ng> chiti
<en> mourning	<en> seat, stool, chair
kima -	kitovu vi-
<ng> ngedere	<ng> chikuvu
<en> monkey (small, dark- coloured)	<en> navel
kimba (=maiti) -	kitu vi-
<ng> maiti	<ng> chinh'u
<en> corpse, dead body	<en> thing
-kimbia v.i.	kiu ki- <i>sg. only</i>
<ng> -kimbila	<ng> nh'ilu
<en> run	<en> thirst

- kivuli** vi-
 <ng> sisila
 <en> shadow, shade
- kiwanja** vi-
 <ng> chiwanja
 <en> plot (e.g. building ~)
- kiwele** vi-
 <ng> tombo
 <en> udder
- kiweo (cha mnyama)** vi-
 <ng> chima
 <en> thigh
- kiwiko, kivi** vi-
 <ng> chinh'o
 <en> elbow
- kiyoga** vi-
 <ng> uyoga
 <en> mushroom
- kizibo** vi-
 <ng> ngubiko
 <en> cork, stopper
- kiziwa** vi-
 <ng> lambo
 <en> pool
- kizuu** vi-
 <ng> shetani
 <en> evil spirit
- koa, -noa** v.i.
 <ng> -nola
 <en> sharp, be ~
- kobe** -
 <ng> chikuwi
 <en> tortoise
- kodoa (macho)** v.t.
 <ng> -lola nh'ani
 <en> stare, glare
- kofi** ma-
 <ng> kiganza
 <en> flat of hand
- kohoa** v.t.
 <ng> -kolola
 <en> cough
- koka (moto)** v.t.
 <ng> -konh'a (moto)
 <en> fire, make ~
- kokoa (taka)** v.t.
 <ng> -kokola
 <en> sweep up, collect in a heap
 (rubbish)
- kokota** v.t.
 <ng> -sunh'a
 <en> drag, pull
- kolea** v.i.
 <ng> -kolela
 <en> flavoured, be properly ~
- koma** v.i.
 <ng> -koma
 <en> come to an end
- komba** v.t.
 <ng> -tobola
 <en> hollow out
- kombe (ya pwani)** -
 <ng> nh'ola
 <en> shell
- komesha** v.t.
 <ng> -komeleza
 <en> end
- konda** v.i.
 <ng> -soka
 <en> lean, be(come) ~, grow
 thin
- konde, ngumi** -
 <ng> ngh'onde
 <en> fist
- konde, ngumi** ma-
 <ng> khonde
 <en> fist
- kondoo** -
 <ng> nh'ondoro
 <en> sheep
- konokono** ma-
 <ng> khola
 <en> snail
- kopa** v.t.
 <ng> -kopa
 <en> borrow
- kopo** ma-
 <ng> chikopo
 <en> metal pot
- kora, -pendeza** v.t.
 <ng> -kora
 <en> please, satisfy
- koroga** v.t.
 <ng> -koroga
 <en> stir, mix by stirring
- koroga kwa nguvu** v.t.
 <ng> -pigita
 <en> quirl

- koroma** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kuluza
 <en> snore, snort
- kotama** -
 <ng> lumo
 <en> knife, thin, curved, broad-bladed ~
- kozi** -
 <ng> kozi
 <en> East African goshawk
- kua** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kula
 <en> grow up, get large, become green
- kubwa** *adj.*
 <ng> -kulu
 <en> large, great
- kuku** -
 <ng> nguku
 <en> hen, fowl
- kulia** *loc.*
 <ng> kulume (mkono wa ~)
 <en> right (hand)
- kumbatia** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kumbatila
 <en> embrace
- kumbuka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kumbuka
 <en> remember
- kumi** ma-
 <ng> longo
 <en> ten
- kuna (math. nazi)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -yega
 <en> grate
- kunda** -
 <ng> mh'ugi
 <en> pigeon
- kunde** -
 <ng> lukunde
 <en> bean
- kundi** ma-
 <ng> chikundi
 <en> group, pack, flock
- kunga, -shona pindo** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sona pindo
 <en> hem, make a border
- kunguru** -
 <ng> howe
 <en> crow
- kunja** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kunza
 <en> wrap up
- kunja (uzi)?** *v.t.*
 <ng> -zinga
 <en> wind up (thread)
- kupe** ma-
 <ng> guhu
 <en> tick (cattle or dog)
- kusanya** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kusanya
 <en> store up, collect
- kusanyika** *v.i.*
 <ng> -i-tinh'anila
 <en> gathered (assembled), be ~
- kushoto** *loc.*
 <ng> kumoso
 <en> left-hand
- kuta** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tinh'anila
 <en> meet
- kutwa nzima, mchana kutwa** -
 <ng> siku yose
 <en> all day
- kuu** *adj.*
 <ng> -kulu
 <en> great, powerful
- kuukuu** *adj.*
 <ng> -a umwaka
 <en> old
- kuzimu** *loc.*
 <ng> kw'imizimu
 <en> afterworld, place of the dead
- kwaa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kwala
 <en> stumble
- kwama** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kwama
 <en> stuck, be (get) ~
- kwapa** ma-
 <ng> gwaha
 <en> armpit
- kwaruza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kwaluza
 <en> grate
- kwea** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kwela
 <en> climb, ascend

kwetu (nyumbani, mjini) loc.

<ng> kumwetu, ukae

<en> home

kwikwi -

<ng> nh'wikwi

<en> hiccup

-la v.t.

<ng> -ja

<en> eat

-lala v.i.

<ng> -gona

<en> lie down

-lala (na), -jamiana (na) v.i.

<ng> -i-gona

<en> have sexual intercourse with

-lala chali v.i.

<ng> -gona chingalinga

<en> lie on one's back

-lala usingizi v.i.

<ng> -gona

<en> sleep

-lamba v.t.

<ng> -lambita

<en> lick

-landa (fanana) v.t.

<ng> -i-gala

<en> resemble (very closely)

-le dem.

<ng> -ja

<en> that

-lea v.t.

<ng> -lela

<en> bring up (a child)

-legea v.i.

<ng> -legela

<en> loose, be ~, faint

-lemaa v.i.

1. <ng> -chupila v.i.

<en> lame, be(come) ~

2. <ng> -wa na chilema cop.

<en> mutilated, be ~

-lemea v.t.

<ng> -zamila

<en> rest heavily on, be burdensome

leo adv.

<ng> dyelo

<en> today

-leta v.t.

<ng> -gala

<en> bring, fetch

-lewa v. pass.

<ng> -koligwa

<en> intoxicated, be(come) ~

-lia v.t.

<ng> -lila

<en> cry, wail

-likiza v.t.

<ng> -nh'a

<en> wean

-lima v.t.

<ng> -lima

<en> cultivate

-linga (nguo) v.t.

<ng> -linga

<en> try on (clothes)

-lingana v.i.

<ng> -i-gala

<en> match, be(come) equal
chiigala (tunafanana/we are equal)

-lipa v.t.

<ng> -liha

<en> pay

-loa, -loana v.i.

<ng> -tapagala

<en> get wet

-loga v.t.

<ng> -loga

<en> bewitch

-londea, -tafuta v.t.

<ng> -londa

<en> look for, hand around (to get

-lundika v.t.

<ng> -memeleza

<en> pile up

mafuta (laini) pl.

<ng> mavuta

<en> oil

mahali loc.

<ng> hanh'u, munh'u, kunh'u

<en> place

maharag(w)e pl.

<ng> maharagwe

<en> bean (small)

maji pl.

<ng> mazi

<en> water

- malalo** *pl.*
 <ng> hanh'u wa kugona
 <en> sleeping-place, accommodation
- maliza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -komeleza
 <en> complete, finish
- mama** -
 <ng> mama
 <en> mother
- mamba (=ngwena)** -
 <ng> mamba
 <en> crocodile
- mamba (=nyoka)** -
 <ng> mbulu
 <en> mamba (snake)
- mambo** -
 <ng> mambo
 <en> tent peg
- manii** -
 <ng> mbeyu za kilume
 <en> sperm
- manyunyu** *pl.*
 <ng> manyunyi
 <en> drizzle
- mapambazuko** *pl.*
 <ng> mitondo nh'ani
 <en> dawn, daybreak
- masango?** *pl.*
 <ng> udodi
 <en> wire (brass ~)
udodi - wire (iron~)
- mashine** -
 <ng> mashine
 <en> machine, engine
- mashua** -
 <ng> mashua
 <en> boat
- masika** *pl.*
 <ng> masika
 <en> rainy season
- masizi** *pl.*
 <ng> sizi
 <en> soot
- mate** *pl.*
 <ng> mate
 <en> spittle
- matumbo** *pl.*
 <ng> mitumbo
 <en> intestines
- mavi** *pl.*
 <ng> kimba
 <en> excrement, dung
- mavuzi** *pl.*
 <ng> mavuzi
 <en> hair, pubic ~
- mawe yenye chuma** *ma-*
 <ng> dibwe ja zuma
 <en> iron ore
- mawese** *pl.*
 <ng> mawese
 <en> palm oil
- mazishi** *pl.*
 <ng> uzisi
 <en> burial
uzisi utendeka dyelo (mazishi yalifanyika leo/the funeral was today)
- maziwa (ya kunywa)** *pl.*
 <ng> maziwa
 <en> milk
- mbalamwezi** -
 <ng> mbalamwezi
 <en> moonlight
- mbali (na)** -
 <ng> kutali (na)
 <en> far (from)
kokala kutali na DSM (akaa mbali na DSM/s/he lives far from DSM)
- mbega** -
 <ng> mbega
 <en> colobus monkey (with long blac)
- mbegu** -
 <ng> mbeyu
 <en> seed
- mbele (ya)** -
 <ng> kuulongozi (ya)
 <en> ahead, in front (of)
- mbele ya ..., (ku)wa ~** -
 <ng> -long(ol)a
 <en> in front of, be ~
- mbili (kwa kuhesabu)** *num.*
 <ng> mbili
 <en> two (in counting)
- mbingu** -
 <ng> ulanga
 <en> sky

mbinja, uwinja, mluzi -

<ng> muruzi
<en> whistling

mboo -

<ng> mboro
<en> penis

mbu -

<ng> nzuguni
<en> mosquito

mbung'o -

<ng> bung'o
<en> tsetse fly

mbuni -

<ng> mbuni
<en> ostrich

mbuyu mi-

<ng> mpela
<en> baobab

mbuzi -

<ng> mbuzi
<en> goat

mbwa -

<ng> mbwa
<en> dog

mchana m- [u-] sg. only

<ng> misi
<en> day-time

mchanga mi-

<ng> msanga
<en> sand

mchawi wa-

<ng> muhawi
<en> sorcerer

mchi (wa kutwanzia) mi-

<ng> mtoho
<en> pestle

mchikichi mi-

<ng> mchikichi
<en> oil palm

mchuzi mi-

<ng> msuzi
<en> broth

mchwa -

<ng> muswa
<en> termite

mdomo mi-

1. <ng> mulomo mi-
<en> mouth
2. <ng> mulomo mi-
<en> lip

-mea, -ota v.i.

<ng> -ota
<en> grow (of plants)

-menya v.t.

<ng> -yuwa
<en> peel, shell

-meza v.t.

<ng> -mela
<en> swallow

mfalme wa-

<ng> mwene
<en> king

mfu wa-

<ng> munh'u yafile
<en> dead person

mfuo mi-

<ng> lufulo
<en> groove, furrow

mfupa mi-

<ng> vuha
<en> bone

mganga wa-

<ng> mganga
<en> herbalist, trad. healer

mgeni wa-

<ng> mgeni
<en> stranger, guest

mgomba mi-

<ng> koo
<en> banana (plant)

mgongo mi-

<ng> mgongo
<en> back

mgumba wa-

<ng> mgumba
<en> sterile man (or woman)

mgunda (=shamba) mi-

<ng> mgunda
<en> cultivated ground

mguu mi-

<ng> mgulu
<en> leg, foot

mia ma-

<ng> magana kumi, miya
<en> hundred

mifugo pl.

<ng> mifugo
<en> cattle

mimba, (ku)wa na ~ -

<ng> nda, -wa na ~
<en> pregnant, be(come) ~

mimba, ujauzito -

<ng> nda ya sorwe

<en> pregnancy

mimi *1st sg.*

<ng> niye

<en> I

-mimina, -tia *v.t.*

<ng> -itila

<en> pour

-minya *v.t.*

<ng> -kama

<en> squeeze out

mitala -

<ng> mitala

<en> polygamy

mjakazi wa-

<ng> kijakazi

<en> slave, female ~

mji mi-

<ng> bururu

<en> town

mkano mi-

<ng> upande

<en> denial

mkate mi-

<ng> gate

<en> bread

mkate mkavu mi-

<ng> mkate wiyeka

<en> dry bread

mke wa-

<ng> muke

<en> wife

mkebe mi-

<ng> chikebe

<en> mug, pot

mkia mi-

<ng> mkila

<en> tail

mkojo mi-

<ng> makozo

<en> urine

mkondo (wa hewa, maji) mi-

<ng> mkono (wa Iwanda)

<en> stream, current

mkonga mi-

<ng> mkonga

<en> trunk (of elephant)

mkono mi-

<ng> mkono

<en> arm, hand

mkuki mi-

<ng> mkuki

<en> spear

mkundu mi-

<ng> kundu

<en> anus

mkunga wa-

<ng> mulala

<en> midwife

mkuu wa-

<ng> mkulu

<en> head, chief person

mkuyu mi-

<ng> mkuyu

<en> fig mulberry tree

mkwe wa-

<ng> mkoi

<en> father-in-law, mother-in-law

mlango mi-

<ng> mlango

<en> door

mlima mi-

<ng> mulima

<en> mountain

mlio mi-

<ng> mlilo

<en> sound, cry

mlongo mi-

<ng> gana

<en> number, tens, decade

mnyama wa-

<ng> mnyama

<en> animal

moja (kwa kuhesabu) *num.*

<ng> imwe

<en> one (in counting)

moshi m- [u-] *sg. only*

<ng> mosi

<en> smoke

-mosi (=moja) *adj.*

<ng> -mwe (moja)

<en> one

imwe (moja)

moto m- [u-] *sg. only*

<ng> moto

<en> fire

moyo mi-

<ng> moyo

<en> heart

- mpaka** mi-
 <ng> mh'aka
 <en> boundary
- mpelelezi** wa-
 <ng> mh'elelesi
 <en> investigator, spy
- mpini** mi-
 <ng> muhini
 <en> handle, haft
- mshale** mi-
 <ng> msale
 <en> arrow
- mshindo (wa miguu)** mi-
 <ng> sindo
 <en> tramp of feet
- mshipa (wa damu)** mi-
 <ng> muge
 <en> vein
- mshipi** mi-
 <ng> mshipi
 <en> fishing line
- msitu** mi-
 <ng> mbago
 <en> bush
- mstari** mi-
 <ng> msitari
 <en> line, row
- mtama** mi-
 <ng> mtama
 <en> sorghum
- mtamba (wa ng'ombe), mfarita** mi-
 <ng> ndama
 <en> heifer
- mtambo** mi-
 <ng> mutambo
 <en> machine
- mtego** mi-
 <ng> mtego
 <en> snare, trap
- mtende** mi-
 <ng> mtende
 <en> date palm
- mti** mi-
 <ng> biki
 <en> tree
- mtindi (wa maziwa)** mi-
 <ng> ntindi
 <en> buttermilk
maziwa yagandile (maziwa yameganda/milk coagulated)
- mtini** mi-
 <ng> mtini
 <en> fig tree
- mtoto** mi-
 <ng> lwanda
 <en> river
- mtoto** wa-
 <ng> mwana
 <en> child
- mtu** wa-
 <ng> munh'u
 <en> person
- mtumba** mi-
 <ng> mtumba
 <en> pack, bale, bundle
- mtumbwi** mi-
 <ng> ntumbwi
 <en> canoe
- mtumwa** wa-
 <ng> mtumwa
 <en> slave, bondservant
- mtwana (mtumwa)** wa-
 <ng> mtumwa
 <en> slave, male ~
- muhindi** mi-
 <ng> mtama
 <en> maize
- mulika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -mulika
 <en> illuminate, give light to
- mume** wa-
 <ng> mulume
 <en> husband
- mundu** mi-
 <ng> sengo
 <en> scythe, sickle
- mungu** mi-
 <ng> mulungu
 <en> god
- muundi (wa mguu)** mi-
 <ng> gonh'o
 <en> shin (bone)
- muundi goko** mi-
 <ng> gonh'o
 <en> tibia
- muwa** mi-
 <ng> mguwa
 <en> sugar cane
- mvi** -
 <ng> uhenga
 <en> hair, white/grey ~

mvua -

<ng> mvula

<en> rain

mvula haimala (mvua haiishi/rain doesn't stop)

mvua ya radi -

<ng> lumwesa

<en> thunderstorm

mvuke mi-

<ng> nvuke

<en> vapour, gas

mvulana wa-

<ng> mbwanga

<en> young man

mvumo mi-

<ng> mvumo

<en> borassus palm

-mwaga v.t.

<ng> -itila

<en> pour away

mwaka mi-

<ng> mwaka

<en> year

mwale mi-

<ng> mwale

<en> raphia palm

mwali wa-

<ng> mwali

<en> virgin (bride), girl

mwamba mi-

<ng> dibwe kulu

<en> rock

mwana wa-

<ng> mwana

<en> child, off spring

mwanamke (asiye na mume) wa-

<ng> muke mugane

<en> woman (single)

mwendo mi-

<ng> ugenzi

<en> movement

mwewe -

<ng> chamhanga

<en> kite

mwezi mi-

<ng> mwezi

<en> moon

mwiba mi-

<ng> mwiwa

<en> thorn

mwiko mi-

<ng> balagwa

<en> spoon

mwili mi-

<ng> lukuli

<en> body

mwindaji wa-

<ng> mkala

<en> hunter

mwinyi wa-

<ng> mkulu

<en> master

mwitu mi-

<ng> bago kulu

<en> forest

mwivi, mwizi wa-

<ng> mbavi

<en> thief

mwoga woga

<ng> mwoga

<en> coward

mwongo wa-

<ng> mvwizi

<en> liar

mzao wa-

<ng> lumbu, ndugu

<en> offspring

mzazi wa-

<ng> mzazi

<en> he who begets (=parent)

mzee wa-

<ng> mulala

<en> old person

mzigo mi-

<ng> mzigo

<en> burden, load

mzimu mi-

<ng> mh'ungi

<en> spirit (of dead person)

mzizi mi-

<ng> mzizi

<en> root

mzoga mi-

<ng> munyama (munh'u) yafile

<en> carcasse, corpse

mzungu wa-

<ng> munh'u mzelu

<en> white man

mzuzu (=matoke) mi-

<ng> mzuzu

<en> banana for cooking

-nane *adj.*

<ng> -nane

<en> eight

nani? -

<ng> yalihi?

<en> who?

ncha -

<ng> soga

<en> tip, point

nchi (kavu), bara -

<ng> si (inyala)

<en> land, dry ~

nchi (yetu) -

<ng> si (yetu)

<en> country, our ~

ndama -

<ng> ndama

<en> calf

ndani (ya) -

<ng> mgati

<en> inside

ndezi -

<ng> ndezi

<en> cane rat

ndizi -

<ng> nh'oo

<en> banana (fruit)

ndoa -

<ng> sola

<en> marriage

ndoana -

<ng> ndwano

<en> fish-hook

ndoto -

<ng> ndozi

<en> dream

ndovu (=tembo) -

<ng> nh'embo

<en> elephant

ndugu -

<ng> ndugu

<en> brother, relative, fellow-trib

ndui -

<ng> ndui

<en> smallpox

-nene *adj.*

<ng> -nene

<en> thick, fat

-nenepa *v.i.*

<ng> -neneha

<en> put on weight

nenoma -

<ng> mbuli

<en> word

-ng'oa *v.t.*

<ng> -ng'ola

<en> pull out, root up

-ng'oa kwa nguvu *v.t.*

<ng> -luzumula

<en> pull out with strength

ng'ombe -

<ng> ng'ombe

<en> cow

ngalawa -

<ng> ngalawa

<en> dug-out canoe

ngao -

<ng> ngao

<en> shield

-ngapi? *adj.*

<ng> -ingahi?

<en> how many?

wanh'u wengahi (watu wangapi/how many people)

ngawa (=paka wa zabadi) -

<ng> ngawa

<en> civet cat

nge -

<ng> nge

<en> scorpion

ngiri -

<ng> ngiri

<en> warthog

ngoma -

<ng> ngoma

<en> drum

ngozi (ya mtu) -

<ng> mbende

<en> skin

nguo -

<ng> nguo

<en> clothes, material

nguruwe -

<ng> nguruwe

<en> pig

nguvu -

<ng> nguvu

<en> strength, power

- nini?** -
 <ng> choni?
 <en> what?
- ninyi** 2nd pl.
 <ng> mweye
 <en> you (pl.)
- njaa** -
 <ng> nzara
 <en> hunger
- nje (ya)** -
 <ng> kunze (kwa)
 <en> outside
kunze kw'inyumba (nje ya nyumba/outside the house)
- njia** -
 <ng> nzila
 <en> path
- njiwa** -
 <ng> nziwa
 <en> dove
- njozi** -
 <ng> uzauza
 <en> vision
- nne** *adj.*
 <ng> -nne
 <en> four
- noa , -tia makali** *v.t.*
 <ng> -nola
 <en> sharpen
- nona** *v.i.*
 <ng> -i-nona
 <en> fat, get ~ (of animals)
- nono, kuwa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -nona
 <en> fat (of animals), be(come)
 ~
- nuka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -nunh'a
 <en> smell (bad)
- nukia** *v.i.*
 <ng> -nunh'a goya
 <en> smell (pleasant, sweet)
- nunda (=shume la paka)** -
 <ng> nyaudu
 <en> half-wild tomcat
- nundu** -
 <ng> nundu/nyugu
 <en> hump (of cow)
- nungu(nungu)** -
 <ng> nungunungu
 <en> porcupine
- nunua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gula
 <en> buy
- nuru, mwanga** -
 <ng> ulanga
 <en> light
- nusa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -nusa
 <en> sniff, smell out
- nya (mvua), -nyesha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tonya
 <en> rain
- nya mavi** *v.t.*
 <ng> -nya
 <en> defecate
- nya, -kojoa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -koza
 <en> urinate
- nyama** -
 <ng> nyama
 <en> meat
- nyamaa** *v.i.*
 <ng> -nyamala
 <en> silent, be(come) ~
- nyani** -
 <ng> nyani
 <en> baboon, ape
- nyanya, tunguja** -
 <ng> nh'unguja
 <en> tomato
- nyati (=mbogo)** -
 <ng> mbogo
 <en> buffalo
- nyegere** -
 <ng> nyegele
 <en> honey badger
- nyenje / nyenze** -
 <ng> nyenze
 <en> cricket
- nyima** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ima
 <en> withhold from
- nyoa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -wegula
 <en> shave
- nyoka** -
 <ng> zoka
 <en> serpent, snake
pia/also: luzoka (vizoka)

- nyonga** -
 <ng> nyonga
 <en> hip
- nyongo** -
 <ng> sungu
 <en> bile
- nyosha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -golola
 <en> straighten
 -golola magulu (*kunyosha miguu/stretch legs*)
- nyota** -
 <ng> nh'ondo
 <en> star
- nyuki** -
 <ng> nyuki
 <en> bee
- nyuma** -
 <ng> kuchisogo
 <en> behind
- nyuma (ya)** -
 <ng> kunzingo (kwa)
 <en> at the back (of), behind
- nyumba** -
 <ng> nyumba
 <en> house
- nyuni (=ndege)** -
 <ng> chidege
 <en> bird
- nywa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -nh'wa
 <en> drink
- nzi** -
 <ng> ngh'onzi
 <en> fly
- nzige** -
 <ng> nzige
 <en> locust
- oa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sola
 <en> marry (of man)
- oga / -koga** *v.i.*
 <ng> -oga
 <en> bathe, take a bath
- ogopa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -dumba
 <en> fear, afraid, be ~ of
- oka (motoni)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -oka
 <en> bake
- oleza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -koleleza
 <en> copy a pattern
- omba** *v.t.*
 <ng> -pula
 <en> ask for
- ombi** ma-
 <ng> uzulu
 <en> request
- ona** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ona
 <en> see
- ondoa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -halava
 <en> remove
- ondoka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -segela
 <en> leave, go away
- ongeza** *v.t.*
 1. <ng> -ongeza *v.t.*
 <en> add to
 2. <ng> -ongeza *v.t.*
 <en> increase, make greater
- ongoa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -longoza
 <en> reform, set right
- onja** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lanza
 <en> taste
- opoa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lopola
 <en> fish up, pull out
- osha** *v.t.*
 1. <ng> -osha *v.t.*
 <en> bathe
 2. <ng> -sunh'a *v.t.*
 <en> wash
- ota (jua), (moto)** *v.i.*
 <ng> -otela zua
 <en> bask (in the sun), warm oneself
- ota (ndoto)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lota (ndoto)
 <en> dream
- ote** *adj.*
 <ng> -ose
 <en> all

- ovu, kuwa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -iha
 <en> wicked, be(come) ~
*munh'u keha (mtu ni mwovu/the
 person is wicked)*
- oza** *v.i.*
 <ng> -ola
 <en> rotten, be(come) ~
*ndiya iyole (chakula
 kimeoza/food is rotten)*
- oza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -soleza
 <en> give in marriage (of
 parents,
- pa** *v.t. 2*
 1. <ng> -gweka *v.t. 2*
 <en> give sb. sth.
*kumgweka munh'u nh'unza
 (kumpa mtu zawadi/to give
 somebody a present)*
 2. <ng> -nh'a *v.t. 2*
 <en> give sb. sth.
- paa** -
 <ng> mh'ala
 <en> small gazelle
- paa** ma-
 <ng> chisuwili
 <en> thatched roof
- paa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hala
 <en> crape
- paaza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hondahonda
 <en> grind coarsely
- pacha** ma-
 <ng> pacha
 <en> twin
- pacha (njia panda)** ma-
 <ng> nzila mh'anda
 <en> cross-roads
- pafu** ma-
 <ng> huhu
 <en> lung
- paja (la mtu)** ma-
 <ng> wambo
 <en> thigh
- paja, kiga, kiweo** ma-
 <ng> zumbulu
 <en> thigh
- paka** -
 <ng> nyau
 <en> cat
- paka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -haka
 <en> smear on, spread
- pakana** *v.i.*
 <ng> -hakana
 <en> border, be adjacent
- pale (=kule)** *dem.*
 <ng> haja
 <en> there
- pamba** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hamba
 <en> decorate
- pampu** -
 <ng> bomba
 <en> pump
- panda** *v.t.*
 <ng> -handa
 <en> plant, sow
- panda (njia ~)** -
 <ng> mh'anda
 <en> bifurcation
- panga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -panga
 <en> arrange, put in order
- panganya** *v.t.*
 <ng> -memela
 <en> stack, pile up
- pango** ma-
 <ng> lupango
 <en> hole
- pangusa (maji)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hamula (mazi)
 <en> wipe off (water)
- panya** -
 <ng> ngoso
 <en> mouse, rat
- papa** *v.i.*
 <ng> -papa
 <en> palpitate
- papatika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -papalika
 <en> flap the wings wildly,
 flutter
- paruza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kwangula
 <en> scrape, graze

- pata** *v.t.*
 <ng> -pata
 <en> get, obtain
- pea** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kula
 <en> ripe, be ~, fully grown, be ~
- peleleza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -pelelesa
 <en> spy out
- pembe** -
 <ng> hembe
 <en> horn, ivory
- penda** *v.t.*
 <ng> -londa
 <en> love, want
- pendeza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -nogela
 <en> please
mbuli ino inogela (jambo hili lilipendeza/this news pleased)
- pendezwa** *v. pass.*
 <ng> -nogelwa
 <en> pleased, be ~
- penya** *v.t.*
 <ng> -benyeza
 <en> penetrate
- pepea** *v.i.*
 <ng> -pepela
 <en> fan, wave
- pepea** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hepelela
 <en> fan, wave
- peperusha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hemberusa
 <en> blow away
- pepeta** *v.t.*
 <ng> -beta
 <en> winnow
- pepo** -
 <ng> kinyamkera
 <en> spirit (disembodied)
- peta, -pinda** *v.t.*
 <ng> -inama
 <en> bend
- pevu, -wa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -iva
 <en> mature, be(come)
- pevuka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kula
 <en> developed, mature (ripe), be ~
- pi?** *adj.*
 <ng> -lihi?
 <en> which?
- piga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -towa
 <en> beat
- piga kofi** *v.t.*
 <ng> -toa chikofi
 <en> slap
- piga magoti** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tumbala
 <en> kneel
- piga miayo** *v.t.*
 <ng> -guma miyao
 <en> yawn
- piga nyundo, -gongomea** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gongomela
 <en> hit with a hammer
- piga vita** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gomba
 <en> fight
- pigana** *v.i.*
 <ng> -i-gomba
 <en> fight
- pika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ambika
 <en> cook
- pili** -
 <ng> zoka
 <en> puff-adder
- pima** *v.t.*
 <ng> -pima
 <en> examine, measure, test
- pinda** *v.t.*
 <ng> -vedula
 <en> bend
- pindo** ma-
 <ng> lupindo
 <en> hem
- pindua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hindula
 <en> turn upside down, turn over
- pinga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lema
 <en> obstruct

- pisha (wakati) v.t.**
 <ng> -i-sangalaza
 <en> spend time
- pisha usiku v.t.**
 <ng> -gona chilo
 <en> pass the night
- pita v.t.**
 <ng> -fosa
 <en> pass, surpass
- pita kwa kukimbia v.t.**
 <ng> -fosa kwa kukimbila
 <en> pass in running
- poa v.i.**
 <ng> -hola
 <en> cool, be(come) ~, get well
- pofua v.t.**
 <ng> -pofula
 <en> blind, cause blindness
- pokea v.t.**
 <ng> -hokela
 <en> receive
- pombe -**
 <ng> upele
 <en> beer
- pona v.i.**
 <ng> -hona
 <en> escape, recover
- ponda v.t.**
 <ng> -honda
 <en> crush by pounding, pulverise
- pota v.t.**
 <ng> -vedula
 <en> twist
- potea v.i.**
 <ng> -aga
 <en> get lost
- povu ma-**
 <ng> hovu/lovu
 <en> foam
- poza v.t.**
 <ng> -hoza
 <en> cool, cure, heal
- pua -**
 <ng> mh'ula
 <en> nose
- puku, buku -**
 <ng> mh'uku
 <en> rat, large long-tailed ~
- puliza v.t.**
 <ng> -bwinh'a
 <en> blow on, blow up
- pumbu ma-**
 <ng> mh'umbu
 <en> testicle
- pumua v.i.**
 <ng> -humula
 <en> breathe
- pumzi -**
 <ng> mh'umuzi
 <en> breath, breathing
- pumzika v.i.**
 <ng> -humula
 <en> rest, take a holiday
- punda milia -**
 <ng> mh'unda
 <en> zebra
- punda, kihongwe -**
 <ng> chihongwe
 <en> donkey
- punga (shetani, pepo) v.t.**
 <ng> -hunga (kinyamkera)
 <en> exorcise, drive out (a devil)
- pungu -**
 <ng> mh'ungu
 <en> eagle, bird of prey
- pungua v.i.**
 <ng> -hunguka
 <en> diminish, grow less
- punje (ya mtama) -**
 <ng> mh'uile
 <en> grain
- pupa -**
 <ng> pupa
 <en> eagerness, zeal
- pura v.t.**
 <ng> -itila
 <en> strip off (e.g. leaves, grains of corn)
- pwa v.i.**
 <ng> -nyala (mazi)
 <en> dry up, ebb
bahari inyala mazi
(palikupwa/tide was out)
- pwani -**
 <ng> mh'wani
 <en> beach, coast

- pya** *adj.*
 <ng> -a sambu
 <en> new
gazeti ja sambu (gazeti jipya/new newspaper)
- randa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -i-topa
 <en> dance (of men, to show courage)
- refu** *adj.*
 <ng> -tali
 <en> long
nzila nh'ali (njia ndefu/long way)
- rejea** *v.i.*
 <ng> -bwela
 <en> return, go back
- ridhisha, -tosha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tosha
 <en> satisfy
- robu (maziwa ya mgando) -**
 <ng> mgando (maziwa mgando)
 <en> curdled milk
- roho -**
 <ng> moyo
 <en> soul, spirit
- rudi** *v.i.*
 <ng> -bwela
 <en> return
- ruhusa -**
 <ng> luhusa
 <en> permission
- ruka** *v.i.*
 1. <ng> -guruka *v.i.*
 <en> fly
 2. <ng> -zumh'a *v.i.*
 <en> jump, leap
- saba** *adj.*
 <ng> saba
 <en> seven
- safari -**
 <ng> mwanza
 <en> journey
- safiri** *v.i.*
 <ng> -ita mwanza
 <en> travel
- safu ya vitu -**
 <ng> mtungo wa vinh'u
 <en> line of objects
- saga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -saga
 <en> grind (grain with a millstone)
- sahau** *v.t.*
 <ng> -zimiza
 <en> forget
- salia** *v.i.*
 <ng> -sigala
 <en> left over, be ~, remain over
- samaki (=nswi) -**
 <ng> somba
 <en> fish
- sauti -**
 <ng> sauti
 <en> voice
- sema** *v.t.*
 <ng> -longa
 <en> speak
- shaba -**
 <ng> shaba
 <en> copper, brass
- shangazi -**
 <ng> mama sangazi
 <en> aunt (=father's sister)
- shavu (la uso), tama ma-**
 <ng> kanza
 <en> cheek
- shavu la mguu ma-**
 <ng> kizumbulu
 <en> calf of the leg
- shemeji -**
 <ng> mulamu
 <en> brother-in-law, sister-in-law
- shiba, -jishibisha** *v.i.*
 <ng> -i-guta
 <en> have enough to eat or drink
- shida -**
 <ng> shida
 <en> hardship, distress
- shika tama** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tumbila
 <en> rest the cheek on the hand
- shimo ma-**
 <ng> zonzo
 <en> pit, hole

- shina** ma-
 <ng> sina
 <en> base of tree-trunk
- shina la bua liliyokatika** ma-
 <ng> sinde ja golo
 <en> stubbly grass
- shinda** *v.t.*
 <ng> -huma
 <en> overcome, win, vanquish
- shinda (kutwa nzima)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sinda
 <en> spend a full day
- shindua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -vugula
 <en> open (=set ajar) a door
- shingo** -
 <ng> singo
 <en> neck
- shoka** ma-
 <ng> nh'emo
 <en> axe
- shona** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sona
 <en> sew
- shtua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sinh'usa
 <en> startle, jerk
- shusha mzigo juu ya mwingine** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ika kinh'u hasi ya kimuenga (things), '-ika kinh'u kwa miago (p)
 <en> put down a load on another
- shuta, -sura** *v.t.*
 <ng> -fula
 <en> fart, break wind
- siafu** -
 <ng> khulandi
 <en> ant (reddish-brown biting)
- sikia** *v.t.*
 <ng> -hulika
 <en> hear
- sikiliza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tegeleza
 <en> listen
- sikio** ma-
 <ng> gutwi
 <en> ear
- siku** -
 <ng> siku
 <en> day
- simama** *v.i.*
 1. <ng> -ima *v.i.*
 <en> stop, come to a standstill
 2. <ng> -ima wima *v.i.*
 <en> stand upright
- simba** -
 <ng> simba
 <en> lion
- sime** ma-
 <ng> zele kulu
 <en> sword (short)
- simika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -simika
 <en> set up, appoint
- sindika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sindila
 <en> press out (oil seed, sugar can)
- sinzia** *v.t.*
 <ng> -kukila
 <en> doze, be drowsy
- sisi** *1st pl.*
 <ng> cheye
 <en> we
- sisimka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -zizimika
 <en> raise hair, tingle with excitement
- sita** *adj.*
 <ng> sita
 <en> six
- sokota** *v.t.*
 <ng> -bota
 <en> spin, twist
- soma** *v.t.*
 <ng> -soma
 <en> read
- songa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -donh'omeza
 <en> pack, press together
- soni, aibu** -
 <ng> chinyala
 <en> shame
- sugu** -
 <ng> sunzua
 <en> wart
- sugua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sua
 <en> rub

- suka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -luka
 <en> plait
- sukuma** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sunh'iza
 <en> push
- sungura** -
 <ng> buga
 <en> hare
- swala** -
 <ng> swala
 <en> Grant's gazelle
- taa** ma-
 <ng> chimuli
 <en> lamp
pia/also: muli, ma-
- tafuta** *v.t.*
 <ng> -londa
 <en> search for
- taka** ma-
 <ng> unyorodo
 <en> filth
- taka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -londa
 <en> want, need, wish
- takataka** ma-
 <ng> mitakataka
 <en> rubbish, garbage
- tako** ma-
 <ng> tako
 <en> buttock
- talaka** -
 <ng> talaka
 <en> divorce
- tama** -
 <ng> chiwango
 <en> conclusion, end
- tamba** *v.i.*
 <ng> -i-goda
 <en> strut proudly
- tambaa** *v.i.*
 <ng> -tambala
 <en> crawl, creep
- tambika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tambika
 <en> make offerings to the dead
- tambiko** -
 <ng> nh'ambiko
 <en> sacrifice
- tamka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -longa
 <en> pronounce
- tamu, -wa** ~ *adj.*
 <ng> -mula
 <en> sweet, pleasant, be(come)
 ~
mbuli zimulile (maneno yalipendeza/words were pleasant)
- tandika** *v.i.*
 <ng> -tandika
 <en> spread
- tandu** -
 <ng> lwingila lukombe
 <en> centipede
- tangaa** *v.i.*
 <ng> -enela
 <en> spread abroad, be ~, become general
- tango** ma-
 <ng> tanga
 <en> cucumber
- tano** *adj.*
 <ng> -tano, -shano
 <en> five
nzabi nh'ano (kamba tano/five ropes)
- tano (kwa kuhesabu)** *num.*
 <ng> nh'ano
 <en> five (in counting)
- tapa** *v.i.*
 1. <ng> -gudema *v.i.*
 <en> shiver, shudder
 2. <ng> -tapatapa *v.i.*
 <en> shiver, shudder
- tapika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -deka
 <en> vomit
- tasa** *adj.*
 <ng> mgumba
 <en> barren (of living being)
- tata** *v.t.*
 <ng> -zingiliza
 <en> complicated (tangled), be(come) ~
- tatu** *adj.*
 <ng> -tatu
 <en> three
ndila nh'atu (nyimbo 3/3 songs)

- tatu (kwa kuhesabu) num.**
 <ng> nh'atu
 <en> three (in counting)
- tawanyika v.i.**
 <ng> -enela
 <en> spread, scatter
- tawi ma-**
 <ng> tambu
 <en> branch
- tazama v.t.**
 <ng> -lola
 <en> look at, examine
- tazama pote v.t.**
 <ng> -lolalola, -lolesa
 <en> look round
- tega v.t.**
 <ng> -tega
 <en> set (a trap)
- tegemea v.t.**
 <ng> -tumainia
 <en> lean on, rely on
- tego ma-**
 <ng> tego
 <en> charm (esp. to ensure wife's fertility)
- tegua v.t.**
 <ng> -fambula
 <en> wave, let off a trap, remove a
pia/also: -tengula
- tegua mguu v.t.**
 <ng> -i-sigula
 <en> sprain the ankle
- teka (maji) v.t.**
 <ng> -teka (mazi)
 <en> draw (water from well)
- teka (math. mji) v.t.**
 <ng> -sola kwa nguvu
 <en> capture, hijack
- tele, -wa ~ adj.**
 <ng> -mema
 <en> abundant, be(come) ~
ndiya imema (chakula kimekuwa kingi/food is plenty)
- teleka v.t.**
 <ng> -ambika
 <en> put a pot on the fire
- teleza v.i.**
 <ng> -telebuka
 <en> slip, be(come) slippery
- tema (math. kuni) v.t.**
 <ng> -tema (ngodi)
 <en> cut (firewood)
- tema (math. mate) v.t.**
 <ng> -tema
 <en> spit
- tema, -kata v.t.**
 <ng> -kanh'a
 <en> slash
- tembea v.i.**
 <ng> -genda
 <en> walk
- tembo (kinywaji) -**
 <ng> upele wa mnazi
 <en> palm-wine
- tenda v.t.**
 <ng> -tenda
 <en> act
- tenga v.t.**
 <ng> -i-leka
 <en> separate, set apart
- tengeneza v.i.**
 <ng> -tindimala
 <en> settled, be ~, in good order
- tengeneza v.t.**
 <ng> -ika goya
 <en> repair, arrange, put right
- tengeneza mzigo kwa v.t.**
 <ng> -funga ... (vi)nogile
 <en> pack carefully
- tepetea v.i.**
 <ng> -wa chakachaka
 <en> weak, be(come) ~, listless
- tetekuwanga -**
 <ng> tetekuwanga
 <en> chicken pox
- tetemeka v.i.**
 <ng> -gudema
 <en> tremble, shake
- tezo ma-**
 <ng> tezo
 <en> carpenter's adze
- tia v.t.**
 <ng> -ika
 <en> fill in, place, put
- tia mimba v.t.**
 <ng> -gera
 <en> pregnant, make ~
kamgera inda kigoli (alimtia mimba msichana/he made the girl pregnant)

- tindi, -bichi** *adj.*
 <ng> -bisi
 <en> unripe, half grown, wet
hadivile goya (halikuiva vizuri/has not ripened)
- tindika** *v.i.*
 <ng> -inela
 <en> pains after having fallen down
- tindikiwa** *v. pass.*
 <ng> -inela
 <en> fall short, be lacking
viti vyenela (viti vilikosekana/chairs were missing)
- tingatinga, ulalo?** *ma-*
 <ng> tingetinge
 <en> bridge (made of timber)
- tiririka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -tililika
 <en> glide, trickle
- tisha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tisha
 <en> threaten
- toa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lava
 <en> produce, display
- toa (zawadi)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lava (nh'unza)
 <en> give away (present)
- toboa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tobola
 <en> bore a hole
- toka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -lawa
 <en> leave, go out (away)
- tokeza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lavanya
 <en> known (prominent), make ~
- tokeza (mwezi)** *v.i.*
 <ng> -lawilila
 <en> rise (moon)
- tokosa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -togosa
 <en> cook in water or fat
- tope** *ma-*
 <ng> nh'oipe
 <en> mud, mire
- tosa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ngh'wa
 <en> plunge into, cause to sink
- tota** *v.i.*
 <ng> -didimila
 <en> drenched, be ~
- tukana** *v.t.*
 <ng> -liga
 <en> insult
- tukano** *ma-*
 <ng> ligo
 <en> abuse
- tulia, -nyamaa** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kala hupi
 <en> quiet, be(come) ~
- tuma** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gala
 <en> send
- tumaini** *ma-*
 <ng> nh'umaini
 <en> hope
- tumbako** *-*
 <ng> tumbatu
 <en> tobacco
- tumbili** *-*
 <ng> nh'umbili
 <en> monkey (small lightish-coloured)
- tumbo** *ma-*
 1. <ng> nda -
 <en> belly, stomach
 2. <ng> dinda ma-
 <en> belly, stomach (big)
- tumbo la uzazi** *ma-*
 <ng> nda
 <en> womb
- tumia** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tumia
 <en> use
- tunda** *ma-*
 1. <ng> mangala ?
 <en> fruit
 2. <ng> daka ma-
 <en> fruit
- tundu** *ma-*
 <ng> mwina
 <en> hole, nest
- tundu (=aina ya kikapu)** *ma-*
 <ng> tundu
 <en> basket of open wicker-work

- tunga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tunga
 <en> compose
- tunza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ika goya
 <en> look after, care for
- tuta** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tuta
 <en> carry
- tutika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -duta
 <en> pile up, pile loads on head
- tutuma** *v.i.*
 <ng> -kimula
 <en> bubble up, boil up
- tutuma (kuzurura)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -zulula
 <en> ramble, wander about
- twaa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -sola
 <en> carry
- twanga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -twanga
 <en> pound (grain in a mortar to ge
- twiga** -
 <ng> nh'wiga
 <en> giraffe
- twika** *v.t.*
 <ng> -twika
 <en> take up a heavy load
- ua** ma-
 <ng> lua
 <en> flower
- ua** -
 <ng> luwa
 <en> fence, enclosure
- ua** *v.t.*
 <ng> -koma
 <en> kill
- ubavu** -
 <ng> lubavu
 <en> rib
- ubongo** -
 <ng> uwongo
 <en> brain
- uchafu** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> uchafu
 <en> dirt
- uchaji** u [u-]
 <ng> kudumba mulungu
 <en> awe, fear of God
- uchawi** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> ulaguzi
 <en> magic
- udevu** -
 <ng> ludevu
 <en> beard hair
- udongo** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> ulongo
 <en> soil
- uele** -
 <ng> uhele
 <en> disease, (crippling) illness
- ufagio** -
 <ng> fagilo
 <en> broom
- ufito** -
 <ng> lumango
 <en> pole
- uga** -
 <ng> lubuga
 <en> open space
- ugali** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> ugali
 <en> porridge
- uganga** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> uganga
 <en> medicine (=art of trad. healer)
- ugua, -umwa** *v.i.*
 <ng> -lumwa
 <en> sick (ill) be(come) ~, groan
- uji** u- [u-]
 <ng> uzi
 <en> gruel
- ukoka mkavu (nyasi kavu)** -
 <ng> nyasi inyalile
 <en> hay
- ukoko** -
 <ng> ukoko
 <en> crust
- ukoo** -
 <ng> lukuro
 <en> clan
- ukope** -
 <ng> lugohe
 <en> eyelash

- ukosi, kola** -
 <ng> lukingigo
 <en> nape (of neck)
- ukucha** -
 <ng> lukombe
 <en> fingernail
- ukunde** -
 <ng> nh'unde
 <en> bean (runner ~)
- ukuni** -
 <ng> lugodi
 <en> firewood
- ukuta** -
 <ng> chiwambaza
 <en> wall
- ulili** ma-
 <ng> lili
 <en> bedstead
- ulimbo** u- [u-]
 <ng> ulimbo
 <en> bird-lime
- ulimi** ndimi
 <ng> lulimi
 <en> tongue
- ulozi, uchawi** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> uhawi
 <en> witchcraft, magic
- uma** *v.t.*
 <ng> -luma
 <en> bite
- umande** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> nh'ungwe
 <en> dew
- umba (vyungu)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lumba (nongo)
 <en> mould (make pottery)
- umbu** ma-
 <ng> lumbu
 <en> sister (his), (her) brother
- umeme, radi** u- [u-]
 <ng> lumwemwe
 <en> lightning
- unda** *v.t.*
 <ng> -tenga
 <en> construct, put together
- unga (e.g. chakula)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lunga
 <en> mix (ingredients)
- ungua** *v.i.*
 <ng> -lungula
 <en> burnt, be ~
- unguza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -lunguza
 <en> burn, singe
- unyasi** -
 <ng> lunyasi
 <en> grass
- unyoya** ma-
 <ng> chipilo
 <en> feather, fur
- unywele** -
 <ng> lunyele
 <en> hair
- upanga** ma-
 <ng> panga
 <en> sword
- upepo** -
 <ng> mbeho
 <en> wind
- upinde** -
 <ng> lupinde
 <en> bow, bending
- upote (ugwe wa pinde)** -
 <ng> uta?
 <en> bowstring
- urithi** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> ulisi
 <en> inheritance
- ushanga** -
 <ng> lusalu
 <en> bead(s)
 ?lusalu
- usi** -
 <ng> lusi
 <en> eyebrow
 ?
- usiku** u-
 <ng> chilo
 <en> night
- usinga** -
 <ng> singa, msinga
 <en> flywhisk, long straight hair
 (of animals)
- usingizi** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> nh'ongo
 <en> sleep
- uso, sura** -
 <ng> sula
 <en> face

- uta** -
 <ng> luta
 <en> bow
 ?
- utaya** -
 <ng> lusaya
 <en> jaw (bone)
 ?lusaya?
- utete** -
 <ng> tete
 <en> reed
- uti wa mgongo** -
 <ng> lugongo sanga
 <en> backbone
- uto (mafuta ya mimea)** u [u-]
 <ng> mavuta
 <en> oil (from plants)
- utosi** ma-
 <ng> dosi
 <en> crown of the head
- uume** u [u-]
 <ng> ulume
 <en> manhood, penis
- uvivu** u- [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> utukutuku
 <en> idleness, sloth
- uwanja** -
 <ng> lubuga
 <en> plot, field, court
- uwele** ma-
 <ng> mawele
 <en> millet, bullrush ~
- uwindo** u [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> kusaka
 <en> hunting
- uza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gula
 <en> sell
- uzani (uzito)** u [u-] *sg. only*
 <ng> kuzama
 <en> weight, rhythm
- uzi** -
 <ng> luzabi
 <en> string
- vaa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -vala
 <en> wear
- vika, -visha** *v.t.*
 <ng> -vaza
 <en> clothe
- vimba** *v.i.*
 <ng> -vimba
 <en> swell
- viringa (tonge)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -burunga
 <en> round, coil
uburunge (uviringo/roundness)
- vita** *pl.*
 <ng> khondo
 <en> war
- vivu** *adj.*
 <ng> -vivu
 <en> lazy
- viza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -viza
 <en> curse
- vua (nguo)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -vula
 <en> take off (clothes)
- vua (samaki)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -loa (somba)
 <en> fish
-loa (somba) na mshipi (-vua na mshipi/fish with a line)
- vuja** *v.i.*
 <ng> -sulula
 <en> leak, ooze out
- vuka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -loka
 <en> cross (a river)
- vukuta** *v.t.*
 <ng> -pukuta
 <en> blow bellows
- vuli, mvua za ~ -**
 <ng> vuli
 <en> the lesser rains
- vuma** *v.t.*
 <ng> -buma
 <en> roar, rumble
- vumba** -
 <ng> kununh'a shombo
 <en> smell (of fish)
- vumbi** ma-
 <ng> timbwisi
 <en> dust, cloud of dust
- vumbua, -vumbilia** *v.t.*
 <ng> -vumbula, -vubula
 <en> stir up
- vumilia** *v.t.*
 <ng> -vumilila
 <en> suffer, bear patiently

- vuna** *v.t.*
 <ng> -gobora
 <en> harvest, reap
- vunda** *v.i.*
 <ng> -vunda
 <en> high (of meat), be(come) ~
- vunga (la nywele)** *ma-*
 <ng> nyele
 <en> crop (thick) of hairs
- vungavunga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -vwiza
 <en> crumple
- vunja** *v.t.*
 <ng> -bena
 <en> break, snap
- vuruga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -koroga
 <en> mix, disturb
- vuta** *v.t.*
 <ng> -wamba
 <en> pull
- wa** *cop. v.*
 <ng> -wa
 <en> be, become
- wa na urefu ule ule na...** *cop. v.*
 <ng> -wa na utali umwe na
 <en> same size or height as, be the ~
- waa, doa** *ma-*
 <ng> dowa
 <en> spot, speckle
- waka** *v.i.*
 <ng> -lungula
 <en> start (engine)
- wamba** *v.t.*
 <ng> -wamba
 <en> apply by stretching, spread over
- wao** *3rd pl.*
 <ng> wao
 <en> they
- washa, -choma** *v.t.*
 <ng> -soma
 <en> itch (internal)
- wawa, -washa** *v.t.*
 <ng> -wawa
 <en> itch (skin)
- waza** *v.t.*
 <ng> -usa
 <en> think, imagine
kousa ki? (unafikiri nini?/what do you think)
- weka** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ika
 <en> put, place, set
- weka mzigo juu ya mwingine** *v.t.*
 <ng> -ika kinh'u uchanya
 kimuenga/kwamiago
 <en> put up a load on another
- wembe** *-*
 <ng> lumo
 <en> razor
- wewe** *2nd sg.*
 <ng> weye
 <en> you (sg.)
- wia (radhi)** *v.t.*
 <ng> -dai
 <en> owe
- wili** *adj.*
 <ng> -idi
 <en> two
- wima** *adv.*
 <ng> wima
 <en> upright
- wimbo** *-*
 <ng> lwila
 <en> song
- winda** *v.t.*
 <ng> -saka
 <en> hunt
- winga** *v.t.*
 <ng> -winga
 <en> chase (away)
- wingu** *ma-*
 <ng> wingu
 <en> cloud
- wivu** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <ng> wivu
 <en> jealousy
- woga** *u- [u-] sg. only*
 <ng> woga
 <en> fear
- yaani** *adv.*
 <ng> hamba vino
 <en> namely

yai ma-

<ng> finga

<en> egg

yeye 3rd sg.

<ng> yeye

<en> she, he

-yeyuka v.i.

<ng> -rumbuka

<en> melt

-zaa v.t.

1. <ng> -lela v.t.

<en> reproduce, bear a child,
give birth

2. <ng> -vumbula v.t.

<en> beget

-zaliwa v. pass.

<ng> -elekwa

<en> born, be ~

-zama v.i.

<ng> -didimila

<en> sink

zawadi -

<ng> nh'unza

<en> gift, present

-zia, -chukia v.t.

<ng> -chukia

<en> hate, detest

-ziba v.t.

<ng> -sita

<en> stop up, fill a hole

-zidi v.i.

<ng> -ongezeka

<en> increase, be(come) more

-zidi urefu v.i.

<ng> -ongezeka utali

<en> long, be(come) ~

-zika v.t.

<ng> -zika

<en> bury

-zima v.t.

<ng> -zima

<en> extinguish, quench

-zimia v.i.

<ng> -sinduka

<en> faint, lose consciousness

-zimika v.i.

<ng> -zimika

<en> extinguished, be(come) ~

-zinga v.t.

<ng> -zungiliza

<en> turn round, go round

-zito adj.

<ng> -zito

<en> heavy, be(come) ~

-zito, (ku)wa ~ adj.

<ng> -zama

<en> heavy, serious, dull,
be(come) ~

ziwa ma-

<ng> ziwa

<en> lake

bawe, ma-

ziwa, titi (la mke) ma-

<ng> titi

<en> breast

-zoea v.t.

<ng> -zowela

<en> accustomed, be (get) ~

-zua v.t.

<ng> -lavanya

<en> bring to light

zuka ma-

<ng> shetani

<en> sudden apparition, ghost

-zunguka v.i.

<ng> -zunguluka

<en> surround

-zungusha v.t.

1. <ng> -nza v.t.

<en> wind round

2. <ng> -zungulusa v.t.

<en> turn round

-zuri, kuwa ~ adj.

<ng> -noga

<en> beautiful, be(come) ~