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Bilingual Dictionary for ESL Beginners

*Inzinduzi y'ibirimi bibiri y'abagitangura
kwiga Icongereza nk'ikirimi ca kabiri*



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Introduction

The *Bilingual Dictionary for ESL Beginners* has been developed for use by students in the early stages of learning English as a second language.

The list of words contained in this dictionary includes the most common words that students use in everyday communication and in the classroom. This list provides a scaffold for further language acquisition.

The *Bilingual Dictionary for ESL Beginners* takes into consideration the Australian culture and way of life including frequently encountered colloquial words and phrases. It is expected that students will use this publication as a reference point for the first 12 to 18 months of English language acquisition.

A companion volume titled *Thematic Picture Dictionary for ESL Beginners* may be used in conjunction with this volume. It contains over 400 illustrated words, all of which can be found with their translations in this volume.

The two dictionaries are designed for individual student use at school and at home to support English language acquisition.

The skills of many ESL teachers were utilised in the choice of lexicon for this dictionary. Their enthusiastic participation has helped to produce a valuable teaching and learning resource suited to the needs of beginner ESL students.

How to use this dictionary

Notes for the teacher

The information in this dictionary is presented simply showing part of speech, headword in bold, definition if required and phrases for words which need to be read in context for clarity of meaning. You will find explanations regarding the organisation of the dictionary below.

Page Header

The page header is found at the top left of each page in bold for easy identification of the page contents. It shows the first and last English entry on the page.

Example from page 1:

a - afterwards indicates that the first entry on this page is **a** and the last entry is **afterwards**.

The Headword

The headword is the word being defined in an entry. It appears in large bold type and is alphabetically ordered. Definitions of the headword appear under the headword (if applicable) and are numbered. Phrases, colloquial phrases, phrasal verbs and interjections containing the headword are translated in full and appear under the definitions.

Example from page 4:

| | | Headword | Translation |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|---|
| part of speech | | back | |
| n | Definition | 1. body part | only the word <i>back</i> is translated as a noun with the meaning <i>body part</i> |
| adv | Definition | 2. opposite front | only the word <i>back</i> is translated as an adverb with the meaning <i>opposite front</i> |
| phrase | | 3. give it back | the phrase <i>give it back</i> is translated in full |

Example from page 31:

| | | Headword | Translation |
|----------------|------------|--|--|
| part of speech | | help | |
| n | Definition | 1. aid | only the word <i>help</i> is translated as a noun with the meaning <i>aid</i> |
| phrase | | 2. help yourself (serve yourself) | the phrase <i>help yourself</i> is translated in full with the meaning <i>serve yourself</i> |
| colloq phr | | 3. I can't help it (I have no control over it) | the colloquial phrase <i>I can't help it</i> is translated in full with the meaning <i>I have no control over it</i> |

Where there is more than one meaning for an item of lexicon but only one is in common usage the meaning for translation has been included next to the headword in brackets.

Example from page 2:

| | Headword | Translation |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| n | angle (mathematical usage) | only the word <i>angle</i> is translated as a noun with the meaning <i>mathematical usage</i> |

Abbreviations

Words commonly found in the lexicon as abbreviations appear in the dictionary as abbrev and are not translated. They indicate the full spelling of the word where the translation may be found.

Example from page 4:

| | Headword | Translation |
|--------|-----------------------------|---|
| abbrev | barbie *see barbecue | no translation - translation is found at the entry <i>barbecue</i> |

Common present and past tense verb forms

Commonly used irregular present and past tense verb forms have been included in the body of the dictionary as they may not be recognised by the student as a derivative of the base form. These are not translated however and indicate the base form where the translation may be found.

Examples from page 2:

| | Headword | Translation |
|-------|--------------------|---|
| prt v | am *see be | no translation - translation is found at the entry <i>be</i> |
| prt v | are *see be | no translation - translation is found at the entry <i>be</i> |

Appendices

Six appendices have been included and may be found at the end of the word list. These are:

1. numerals and ordinals
2. common countries/states and their adjectival forms
3. common irregular verbs showing the base form, past tense and past participle forms
4. times in analog and 24 hour format
5. days of the week/months of the year/units of time
6. weights and measures.

These appendices have not been translated.

Parts of speech

Parts of speech are abbreviated and found in the left hand column of the English text in the dictionary. Other descriptors such as colloquialism are also abbreviated. A full list of abbreviations used is shown below.

Abbreviations used in this dictionary

| Abbreviation | Meaning |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| abbrev | abbreviation |
| adj | adjective |
| adv | adverb |
| colloq | colloquialism |
| colloq phr | colloquial phrase |
| conj | conjunction |
| det | determiner |
| int | interjection |
| n | noun |
| phr v | phrasal verb |
| prep | preposition |
| pron | pronoun |
| prt v | present tense verb form |
| pt v | past tense verb form |
| v | verb |

a – afterwards

A

| | | |
|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| det | a/an | umwe/imwe |
| n | ability | ubushobozi |
| | able | |
| v | 1. be able to | gushobora |
| adj | 2. talented | kugira ingabirano |
| n | Aboriginal person | imvukira zambere |
| adv | 1. approximately | |
| prep | 2. concerning | ugereranje ivyerekeye |
| | above | |
| prep | 1. over | hejuru |
| phrase | 2. the example above | akarorero ko haruguru |
| adj | absent | uwasivye/uwutarengutse |
| adv | absolutely | pe |
| n | accent | imvugo y'umuntu umwumwe |
| v | accept | kwemera |
| adj | acceptable | ivyemerewe |
| n | accident | intureka/igisida/impanuka |
| adj | accidental | kugira igisida |
| v | accompany | guherekeza/kujana |
| n | account | agasandugu/konte |
| v | ache | kugira umusonga |
| v | achieve | gushika kuco wifuza |
| n | achievement | gushikira ico wifuza |
| prep | across | kurundi ruhande |
| v | act | kugira ico ukoze/gukora |
| n | activity | igikogwa |
| n | actor | umukinyi w'inkino nyamuco |
| v | add | kongereza/guteranya |
| n | addition | ukongereza/guteranya |
| n | address | irangiro/ibarizo |
| n | adjective | ingereka |
| | admit | |
| v | 1. tell the truth about | kuvuga ukuri kuvyerekeye |
| v | 2. allow to enter | kwemerera kwinjira |
| v | adopt (take on) | kwakirana yose |
| n | adult | umuntu akuze |
| n | advantage | akarusho |
| n | adventure | ukwipima |
| n | adverb | ingereranyo |
| n | advice | inama/impanuro/ingingo |
| n | aerobics | ukwinonora imitsi |
| n | aeroplane | indege |
| v | afford | kugira ubushobozi |
| adj | afraid | gutinya/kwikanga |
| prep | after | hanyuma/inyuma/mu nyuma |
| n | afternoon | umugoroba |
| adv | afterwards | hanyuma |

again – argue

| | | |
|-------|--|--|
| adv | again (one more time) against | gusubira/kongera/kandi |
| prep | 1. next to 2. anti | iruhande kwiyamiriza/gitandukanye |
| n | age | imwaka |
| adv | ago | kera/haheze |
| v | agree | kwemera |
| | aid | |
| n | 1. help 2. help | imfashanyo gufasha |
| v | aim (try) | kugergeza |
| n | air | impwemu/ikirere |
| n | airport | ikibuga c'indege |
| adj | all (every) | bose/vyose |
| v | allow | gukundira/kureka/kwemerera |
| adv | alone | nsa/ wenyene/gusa |
| adv | aloud | cane/ kuvuga bakakumva |
| n | alphabet | urutonde rw'indome |
| adv | already | ivyabaye/vyamaze |
| adv | also (too) | kandi |
| conj | although | naho |
| adv | altogether | bose (vyose) hamwe |
| adv | always | iminsi yose/kwama |
| prt v | am * see be | |
| n | ambulance | umuduga w'abarwayi |
| n | amount | ikivi/ urugero |
| n | amphibian | indege ishobora kugendera mu mazi |
| v | analyse (study) | kwiga neza/kwihiweza |
| conj | and | na/kandi/uteko |
| n | angle (mathematical usage) | imfuruka |
| adj | angry | gushavura |
| n | animal | igikoko/igitungwa |
| n | ankle | ijisho ry'ikirenge |
| adj | annual | umwaka wose/ kira mwaka |
| | answer | |
| n | 1. reply | inyishu |
| v | 2. reply | kwishura |
| adj | any | icarico cose/ivyarivyo vyose |
| adv | anymore | sinzosubira/ntibikegere |
| pron | anyone | uwariwe wese |
| pron | anything | icarico cose |
| adv | apart (separate) | gutandukana/bitandukanye |
| n | apology | ikigongwe |
| v | appear (come into view) | kuboneka/guseruka |
| n | apple | icamwa gisa n'ikiraya |
| n | appointment | isango |
| prt v | are *see be | |
| n | area | ikigabane/intara |
| v | argue | guharira/kwemeza |

argument – autumn

| | | |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| n | argument | gucanamwo/ingingo |
| v | arise | kuvyuka |
| n | arm (part of body) | ukuboko |
| n | army | igisoda |
| prep | around | iruhande/gukikuza |
| | arrange | |
| v | 1. put in order | kwegeranya/gutondeka |
| v | 2. make plans | gutegura |
| v | arrest (take into custody) | gupfunga/guhagarika umuntu |
| v | arrive | gushika |
| n | arrow | umwampi |
| n | art | umwuga/ibicapo |
| n | artist | umunyamwuga ashushanya |
| adv | as (to such a degree) | nka/nko |
| n | ash | umunyota |
| adj | ashamed | kumaramara |
| v | ask | baza/kubaza |
| v | assemble | kwegeranya |
| n | assembly | igikorane |
| n | assignment (for school) | igikorwa c'ishule |
| v | assist | gufasha |
| n | assistant | icegera |
| prep | at | i/ku/kuri/kwa |
| pt v | ate *see eat | |
| n | athletics | inonora ry'imitsi |
| phrase | athletics carnival | isabukuru y'ukwinonora imitsi |
| n | atom | inzatsa |
| v | attach | kwihambira/komeka ko |
| | attack | |
| n | 1. fight | ingwano/intambara |
| v | 2. fight | kugwana/gutera intambara |
| | attempt | |
| n | 1. try | uwagerageje |
| v | 2. try | kugerageza |
| v | attend | kwitaba |
| n | attendance | abitavye |
| n | attention | itegereze neza/ukugaba |
| v | attract | gukwega |
| adj | attractive | kuroreka/gusa neza |
| n | aunt | senge/nyokwanyu |
| abbrev | Aussie *see Australian | |
| n | Australia | Australiya |
| adj | Australian | imvukira za Australiya |
| n | Australian flag | idarapo rya Australiya |
| n | Australiana | ivyo muri Australiya |
| n | author | umwanditsi w'igitabo |
| n | autumn | igihe gikurikira ici |

average – basketball

| | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | average | |
| n | 1. arithmetical mean | uburinganire |
| adj | 2. ordinary | ibisanzwe |
| v | avoid | kuzibukira/gukwepa |
| adj | awake | gukanguka/kuba maso |
| adv | away | kure/iruhande |
| prep | away from | kwigirwa kure |
| adj | awful | kibi cane |
| pt v | awoke *see awake | |
| n | axe | imarabiti |
| B | | |
| n | baby | uruyoya/uruhinja |
| | back | |
| n | 1. body part | umugongo |
| adv | 2. opposite front | inyuma |
| phrase | 3. give it back | gisubize |
| n | backbone | urutirigongo |
| n | background | amamuko |
| n | backpack | isaho yo kumugongo |
| n | backyard | mu kigo |
| adj | bad | kibi/umubi/ikibi |
| n | badminton | urukino rwo gutera agapira hejuru y'urusenga |
| n | bag | isaho |
| v | bake | guteka mwifuru/kwotsa |
| v | balance | gupima ku munzani |
| n | balcony | kurubaraza |
| adj | bald | ubuhanza |
| | ball | |
| n | 1. toy | igikinisho |
| colloq phr | 2. have a ball (good time) | kuryoherwa |
| n | balloon | igipurizo |
| n | banana | umuhwi/igitoke |
| n | band (music group) | umugwi w'abacuraranzi |
| n | bangle | igikomo c'ukuboko |
| n | bank | i banki |
| | bar | |
| n | 1. place to drink | ikirabo |
| v | 2. stop from something | guheba/guhagarika |
| n | 3. metal rod | icuma |
| n | barbecue | kwotsa inyama |
| abbrev | barbie *see barbecue | |
| adj | bare | bisa/gusa |
| n | barrier | intambamyi |
| n | base (bottom) | inkingi/itsitso |
| n | basin (wash) | ikarabo/ibesani |
| n | basket | inkoko/igiseke |
| n | basketball | umukino wamaboko basket |

basketball court – bid

| | | |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| n | basketball court | ikibuga ca basket |
| | bat | |
| n | 1. sporting equipment | ubuhiri bakubitisha umupira |
| n | 2. animal | agahungarema |
| n | bath | kwiyuhagira umubiri wosi |
| n | bathroom | akumba wiyyahagiriramwo |
| n | battle | urugamba/ingwano |
| n | bay (inlet) | akarere kinjira mu mazi |
| abbrev | BBQ *see barbecue | |
| v | be | kuba/kumera |
| n | beach | ku musenyi ku kiyaga |
| n | beach towel | iswime yo kukiyyaga |
| n | beach umbrella | umutaka wo kukiyyaga |
| n | beak | umunwa w'inyoni |
| n | beam | |
| | 1. ray of light | umuco |
| n | 2. wooden plank | isaso ry'ibiti |
| n | bean | igiharage |
| n | beard | ubwanwa |
| | beat | |
| v | 1. win | gutsinda |
| v | 2. hit | gukubita/gushishagura |
| n | 3. rhythm | mudundo/umudiho |
| adj | beautiful | mwiza/nziza |
| pt v | became *see become | |
| conj | because | kuko/kubera |
| v | become | kuba/kumera |
| n | bed | uburiri |
| n | bedroom | icumba c'ukuryamamwo |
| n | bee | uruyuki |
| n | beef | inyama y'inka |
| pt v | began *see begin | |
| v | begin | kubanza/guhera/gutangura |
| n | beginner | uwugitangura |
| v | behave | kwifata runtu/kwerekana indero |
| n | behaviour | ingeso |
| prep | behind | inyuma |
| n | bell | inkengeri |
| v | belong | kwitirigwa/ gukukira |
| n | belt | umusipi |
| n | bench | intebé |
| v | bend | guheta/kugonda |
| pt v | bent *see bend | |
| adj | best | uwambere/agaheta |
| v | bet | gupinga/gutsiba |
| adj | better | urusha |
| prep | between | hagati |
| n | bicycle | ikinga |
| v | bid | kumenyesha ikiguzi utanze |

big – boat

| | | |
|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| adj abbrev | big bike *see bicycle bill | kinini/nini |
| n | 1. money | igiciro c'amahera |
| n | 2. account | ikonti |
| n | 3. of a bird | icari |
| n | bird | inyoni |
| | birth | |
| n | 1. act of being born | ivuka |
| phrase | 2. date of birth | itariki yamavukiro |
| n | birthday | itariki yamavukiro |
| n | biscuit | igisuguti |
| | bit | |
| n | 1. small piece | agatete/gitoyi/gatoyi |
| phrase | 2. a little bit | gato gato |
| pt v | 3. *see bite | |
| v | bite | gusemura/gushikura |
| adj | black (colour) | umufyiri |
| n | blackboard | urubaho rwo kwandikako |
| n | blade | uruhago/urwembe |
| | blame | |
| n | 1. censure | umugayo/agasuzuguro |
| v | 2. lay responsibility with | guta umwikomo |
| adj | blank | gusiga ikibanza kigaragara |
| n | blanket | ubureta |
| v | bleed | kuva amaraso |
| pt v | blew *see blow | |
| | blind | |
| adj | 1. unable to see | impumyi |
| n | 2. window covering | agakingirizo k'amadirisha |
| n | blindness | ubuhumyi |
| | block | |
| n | 1. child's toy | igikinisho c'abana |
| v | 2. stop from doing something | kubuza/gutesha |
| phrase | 3. a block away | ibarabara rikurikira |
| phrase | 4. block of flats | igorofa ry'amazu |
| adj | blond | umuzungu w'imishatsi yera |
| n | blood | amaraso |
| adj | bloody | cuzuye amaraso |
| | blow | |
| n | 1. hit | guhungabanya |
| v | 2. pertaining to wind | guhuhuta (umuyaga) |
| phr v | 3. blow up | gusavya/guturitsa |
| | blue | |
| adj | 1. colour | ubururu |
| colloq | 2. sad | kugira amaganya |
| n | board (stiff material) | urubaho |
| n | board game | imikino yo kurubaho |
| n | boat | ubwato |

body – break

| | | |
|--------|---------------------------|--|
| n | body | umubiri |
| v | boil | kubira/kubiza |
| | bold | |
| adj | 1. as typeface | indome nini |
| adj | 2. daring | gushirukanya/gutimba |
| n | bomb | ibombe |
| n | bone | igufa |
| n | book | igitabu |
| n | bookshelf | akabati k'ibitabu |
| n | boomerang | umukino wigiti gihese/ukoze ikintu kikakugarukako |
| | boot | |
| n | 1. of car | urubiko rw'umuduga |
| n | 2. footwear | amaboti/amabotine/ngamiya |
| | border | |
| n | 1. as of country, state | umupaka/urubibe |
| n | 2. edge | ku mpera |
| adj | bored | kurambirwa |
| adj | boring | kurambira |
| v | borrow | kugurana/gutira |
| | boss | |
| n | 1. person in charge | umutegetsi |
| v | 2. tell what to do | gutegeka |
| adj | both | vyose/bose |
| v | bother | kugorana |
| n | bottle | icupa |
| | bottom | |
| n | 1. body part | igisusu/inyo |
| n | 2. lower edge | hasi |
| pt v | bought *see buy | |
| v | bounce | kudundika |
| n | bowl | akabakure |
| n | box | isandugu/umukebe |
| n | boy | umuhungu |
| abbrev | bra *see brassiere | |
| n | brain | ubwonko/ubwenge |
| | branch | |
| n | 1. of tree | ishami |
| v | 2. separate | igisata |
| n | brassiere | isutiye |
| adj | brave | umwihevyi/gushira amanga |
| adv | bravely | rugabo |
| n | bread | umukate |
| n | breadth | ubwaguke |
| | break | |
| n | 1. pause | akaruhuko |
| v | 2. opposite of fix | guca/kumena/gutandukanya |
| phr v | 3. break down (as in car) | gukwama |
| phr v | 4. break down (as health) | amagara atituka |

breakfast – bus stop

| | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| phr v | 5. break in (as housebreak) | kumena kugira wibe |
| phr v | 6. break up (for holidays) | gufata akaruhuko |
| n | breakfast | indyza zo mugitondo |
| n | breath | impwemu |
| v | breathe | guhemba/guhemuka |
| v | breed | ubwoko |
| n | brick | itafari |
| n | bridge | ikiraro/igitarurwa |
| | bright | |
| adj | 1. shiny | isayangana |
| adj | 2. clever | incabwenge |
| v | brighten | gusayangana |
| adj | brilliant | igitangaza |
| v | bring | kuzana |
| adj | broad | akayira |
| n | broccoli | imboga zo mumugwi w'ishu |
| pt v | broke *see break | |
| colloq | broke (penniless) | gukena |
| phrase | broken arm | kuvunika ukuboka |
| n | brother | musazawe/umuvukanyi w'umuhungu |
| pt v | brought *see bring | |
| n | brush | uburosi |
| n | bucket | indobo |
| v | build | kubaka |
| pt v | built *see build | |
| n | bulb (electric light) | itara |
| n | bullet | urusasu |
| | bully | |
| n | 1. person who harasses others | umuturubitsi |
| v | 2. harass | guturubika |
| | bunch | |
| n | 1. group | umugwi |
| phrase | 2. bunch of flowers | umugwi w'amashugwe |
| | burn | |
| n | 1. injury caused by fire | ubushe |
| v | 2. be on fire | gusha |
| v | burst | guturika/guturitsa |
| v | bury | guhamba/gufoba |
| n | bus | ibisi |
| | bush | |
| n | 1. outback | intara iri kure y'umuji |
| n | 2. small tree | ishamba |
| | business | |
| n | 1. company | ishirahamwe |
| colloq phr | 2. mind your own business | raba ibikwerekeye |
| n | bus stop | aho urindirira ibisi |

bust – cardboard

| | | |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | bust | |
| colloq | 1. break | gusambuka/guhomba |
| n | 2. female body part | igikiriza c'umugore |
| adj | | kugira ibikorwa vyinshi |
| conj | | mugabo/ariko |
| n | busy | umuntu adandaza inyama |
| n | but | igipfungo |
| n | butcher | kugura |
| n | button | hegereye/cegereye/iruhande |
| v | buy | |
| prep | by | |

C

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|--------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| n | cabbage | ishu |
| n | cable | urutsinga |
| n | cafe | ikawa |
| n | cage | akazu k'inyoni |
| n | cake | imikate isosa |
| v | calculate | guharura |
| n | calculator | akamashini ko guharura |
| n | calendar | ikiranga minsi |
| | call | |
| v | 1. name | kwita izina |
| n | 2. as for phone | gutera akamo ku telefone |
| phr v | 3. call for | gusaba icese/kurarika |
| phr v | 4. call off | gusivya |
| phr v | 5. call out | guhamagarira ku rutonde |
| | calm | |
| adj | 1. peaceful | gitekanye/utekaniwe |
| phr v | 2. calm down | kuremesha/guhwamika |
| pt v | came *see come | |
| n | camera | icuma gifata amasanamu |
| v | camp | kurara hanze mu migwi |
| | can | |
| v | 1. able to | gushobora/kubasha |
| n | 2. steel container | ikigopo |
| n | candle | ishashara |
| n | canteen (tuck shop) | aho abantu benshi bafungurira |
| | cap | |
| n | 1. headwear | inkofero |
| n | 2. top | hejuru |
| | capital | |
| n | 1. important location | umugwa mukuru |
| phrase | 2. capital letter | indome nkuru |
| n | capsicum | igiterwa kimeze nk'urutori |
| n | capsule | ikinini/akagopo |
| n | captain | kapitene |
| n | car | umuduga |
| n | card | ikarata |
| n | cardboard | igikarato |

care – chalk

| | | |
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| v | care | kwitwararika/kwitonda |
| adj | careful | kwirinda/kwitonda |
| adv | carefully | mu bwitonzi /mu kwengenga |
| n | carnival | isabukuru y'intambo |
| n | carrot | ikaroti |
| | carry | |
| v | 1. take | |
| phr v | 2. carry on (keep going) | guterura/kwiremeka |
| | case | gushishikara/kubandanya |
| n | 1. bag | isandugu |
| phrase | 2. just in case | mugihe vyoshika |
| n | cash | amahera |
| | cassette | |
| phrase | 1. audio cassette | ikaseti y'iradiyo |
| phrase | 2. video cassette | ikaseti yerekana amasanamu |
| | cast | |
| n | 1. of a play | umugwi w'abakinyi |
| v | 2. throw | gutera |
| n | castle | inzu nki y'ibwami |
| adj | casual | rimwe na rimwe |
| n | cat | inyabu |
| | catch | |
| phrase | 1. catch a train | gufata itereni |
| phrase | 2. catch a cold | kwandura inkorora |
| colloq phr | 3. catch on (understand) | gusobanukirwa |
| phr v | 4. catch up (reach) | guhamvya |
| pt v | caught *see catch | |
| | cause | |
| n | 1. reason | igituma/impamvu/imvo |
| v | 2. make happen | gutera/gutuma |
| n | cave | isenga |
| abbrev | CD *see compact disc | |
| n | ceiling | idari/urusenge |
| n | cell | icumba |
| n | cent | imeya/isenge |
| adj | central | hagati na hagati |
| | central processing unit | |
| n | 1. pertaining to computer | icuma nyamukuru ca kompyuta |
| abbrev | 2. CPU | |
| n | centre | hagati |
| n | century | ikinjana |
| n | cereal | umugwi w'intete |
| n | ceremony | ibirori |
| adj | certain | nivyo/ata nkeka |
| adv | certainly | vyukuri |
| n | chain (jewellery) | umugufu |
| n | chair | intebe |
| n | chalk | ingwa |

chance – cigarette

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| n | chance | kugira imana |
| | change | |
| n | 1. money | amahera acitseko |
| v | 2. alter | guhindura |
| phrase | 3. change one's mind | guhindura icuyumviro |
| phrase | 4. change clothes | guhindura impuzu |
| adj | changeable | guhindagurika |
| n | change room | icumba co guhinduriramwo |
| n | channel | umurongo |
| n | chapter | ikigabane |
| n | character (literary) | umuntu urwandiko (mu gitabo) rushikigikiyeko |
| | charge | |
| n | 1. cost | ikiguzi |
| v | 2. as for battery | gushiramwo umuriro |
| phr v | 3. in charge | ubo ibantu vyega |
| v | chase | kwamira/kwirukana |
| adj | cheap | kizimbutse |
| v | cheat | kugunga/guhumbura |
| v | check | guhinyuza |
| n | cheek (body part) | itama/umusaya |
| colloq | cheeky (naughty) | kugira amahane |
| | cheer | |
| v | 1. make happy | kunezereza |
| n | 2. sound expressing enthusiasm | urwamo rw'akanyamuneza |
| n | chemist | umudandaji w'imiti |
| n | cheque | urupapuro rwamahera/sheke |
| n | cherry | umuryango w'inkere |
| n | chess | umukino bakinira kukabaho |
| n | chest | igikiriza |
| n | chewing gum | ibazoka |
| | chicken | |
| n | 1. animal | inkoko/inkokokazi |
| colloq | 2. not brave | uwukaze ubwoba |
| n | child | umwana |
| adj | childish | kwigira rwana |
| n | chin | urwasakusaku |
| | chips | |
| n | 1. hot variety | amatiriti |
| n | 2. cold crisps | amatiriti yumye |
| n | chocolate | ishokora |
| n | choir | umugwi w'abaririmvyi |
| v | choose | gutora/gutobanura |
| | chop | |
| n | 1. meat cut | inkekera y'inyama |
| v | 2. cut | guhimbura/gucagagura |
| pt v | chose *see choose | |
| n | church | isengero |
| n | cigarette | itabi |

cinema – coin

| | | |
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| n | cinema | inzu berekaniramwo amasanamu y'ibishusho |
| n | circle | umuzingi |
| adj | circular | kizinguruje/c'umuzingi |
| n | circumference | ubwaguке bw'umuzingi |
| n | city | igisagara |
| n | claim | |
| n | 1. assertion | |
| v | 2. assert | |
| | clap | ivyemeza kwemeza |
| n | 1. loud noise | |
| v | 2. show appreciation | |
| n | class (group of students) | gukoma amashi cane gukoma amashi ushima |
| n | classmate | abanyeshure |
| n | classroom | umunyeshure mugenzawe |
| phrase | classroom block | ishure |
| n | claw | uruhande ruriko amashure |
| n | clay | urwara |
| | clean | ibumba |
| v | 1. remove dirt | |
| adj | 2. opposite dirty | |
| adj | clear | gusukura |
| adj | clever | gicafuye |
| n | cliff | gitomoye/cumvikana |
| v | climb | umunyabwenge |
| v | cling | imanga |
| n | clock | kuduga/kwurira |
| | close | kugumiriza/kumata |
| v | 1. shut | isaha |
| adj | 2. near | |
| adj | closed | kugara/kurumya |
| n | cloth | hafi |
| n | clothes | kugagwa/cugaye |
| n | clothes line | igitambara |
| n | clothing | impuzu |
| n | cloud | umugozi w'impuzu |
| adj | cloudy | umwambaro |
| | club | igicu |
| n | 1. group of people | gukuba kw'ibicu |
| n | 2. implement | |
| n | clue | abantu bahuriye mw'ishirahamwe |
| n | coal | gushira mu ngiro |
| n | coast | icerekana/kwereka inzira |
| adj | coastal | ikara |
| n | coat | inkengera y'amazi |
| n | cockatoo | biri ku nkengera y'amazi |
| n | coconut | ikoti |
| n | coffee | gasuku |
| n | coin | inazi |
| | | ikawa |
| | | igiceri |

cold – concern

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| | cold | |
| n | 1. illness | ibicurane |
| adj | 2. opposite hot | kumva imbeho/gukanya |
| adj | cold-blooded | kutagira umutima/gutimba |
| n | collar | ikoro |
| v | collect | gutora torana/kunoba |
| n | collection | ivyo watoratoranje |
| n | college | ishuri ryisumbuye |
| | colour | |
| n | 1. hue | yibara |
| v | 2. make colourful | gusiga amabara |
| adj | colourful | ifise amabara |
| | comb | |
| n | 1. hair accessory | igisokozo |
| v | 2. do one's hair | gusokoza |
| | come | |
| v | 1. move towards | egera |
| phr v | 2. come from | kuva/kwanduruka |
| phr v | 3. come out (as in sun) | kuza ahabona/guseruka |
| colloq phr | 4. Come on! (Let's go.) | ngwino/nyaruka (tsa)! |
| adj | comfortable | kumererwa neza |
| n | comic | gutwenza |
| n | comic strip | igitabo c'ibicapo |
| v | command | itegeko/ibwirizwa |
| adj | common | gisanzwe/gihuriweko na benshi |
| n | commonsense | kwiyumvira biroranye |
| n | communication | itangazo |
| n | community | umugwi w'abantu |
| n | compact disc | agasahani kimiziki |
| n | company (business) | ishirahamwe |
| v | compare | kugereranya |
| n | compass | akuma kerekana intumbero |
| n | compasses (geometry equipment) | icuma bacisha umuzingi |
| v | compete | guhiganwa |
| n | competition | ihigano/ihiganwa |
| v | complain | kwidoga/kwitwara |
| n | complaint | umwidodombo |
| | complete | |
| v | 1. finish | gusozena/kumara |
| adj | 2. finished | vyaherahejwe/vyarangiye |
| v | complicate | kugorana |
| adj | complicated | bihanitse |
| n | complication | ibigoye |
| n | composer | uwandika imiziki |
| n | composition | urwandiko |
| n | computer | kompyuta |
| n | concern | amakenga |

concerned – couple

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| adj | concerned | kuba utaremye mu nda |
| n | concert | igiteramo c'umuziki |
| n | condition | ibi (gi)sabwa ubwambere |
| n | cone (geometrical shape) | ishushanyo ry'ikigori |
| v | confuse | kuvurugana/gushaka kuyobezza |
| v | congratulate | gukeza |
| v | connect | gufatanya/kumatanya |
| n | connection | guhuza |
| adj | conscious | kuzirikana |
| v | consider | kwitwararika |
| phr v | consist of | ikintu kigizwe na |
| n | consonant | urudome rw'indagi |
| v | contain | kirimwo/kubikwa mwo |
| n | container | idebe |
| n | contents (as of a book) | ibiri mugitabo |
| v | continue | kubandanya |
| | contrast | |
| n | 1. difference | ibihushane |
| v | 2. find differences | gutora ibihushane |
| v | control | gucungera |
| n | conversation | ikiyago |
| | convict | |
| n | 1. person convicted of a crime | umuntu yagirizwa icaha |
| v | 2. find guilty of a crime | kwemeza icaha |
| v | cook | guteka/gukinjika |
| | cool | |
| adj | 1. opposite warm | guhora/gufuka/gukonja |
| colloq | 2. trendy | umunyamuji/kigezweho |
| | copy | |
| n | 1. imitation | igisanira/ukwigana abandi |
| v | 2. imitate | kwimura/kwigana abandi |
| n | corner | imfuruka |
| | correct | |
| v | 1. make right | gukosora |
| adj | 2. right | ivyukuri/ kiroranye |
| n | corridor | hagati y'ivyumba |
| v | cost | igiciro/ikiguzi |
| n | cotton | ipampa |
| n | cotton wool | impuzu y' ipampa |
| | cough | |
| n | 1. the act or sound of coughing | inkorora |
| v | 2. expel air from the lungs | gukorora |
| n | council | inama |
| n | counsellor | umuhanuzi |
| | country | |
| n | 1. political division | igihugu |
| n | 2. opposite city | mugihugu/ruguru |
| n | couple | abantu babiri bakundana |

courage – crush

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| n | courage | ubuhizi |
| adj | courageous | intwari/umuhizi |
| | course | |
| n | 1. set of lessons | icigwa |
| n | 2. way to go | uko bigenda |
| phrase | 3. of course (naturally) | neza cane |
| n | court (as tennis court) | ikibuga (c'agapira ka tenisi) |
| n | cousin | muvyarawe |
| | cover | |
| n | 1. outside of a book | urupapuro rufutse igitabo |
| v | 2. put cover on something | gufundikira/kurumya |
| n | coward | umunyabwoba |
| n | crab | umugwi w'amafi |
| v | crack | umugaga |
| | craft | |
| n | 1. vessel | ubwato |
| n | 2. handiwork | ibijishano |
| | crash | |
| n | 1. collision | kugongana |
| v | 2. shatter | kumena |
| adj | crazy | ubusazi/atiyumvira neza |
| n | creature | ikiremwa |
| n | creek | aho amazi ameri nk'ayinjira mu |
| | | mutumba |
| v | creep | gukambakamba/kuyomboka |
| n | crescent (shape) | kimeze nk'icakabiri c'umuzingi |
| | cricket | |
| n | 1. insect | inzige |
| n | 2. sport | umukino wa kriket |
| | criminal | |
| n | 1. person who commits crime | umugaragaji/umwicanyi |
| adj | 2. against the law | guca kumategeko |
| n | crocodile | ingona |
| adj | crooked | kugorama |
| n | crops | ivyimbugwa |
| | cross | |
| n | 1. a symbol of two intersecting lines | mumayirabiri |
| adj | 2. angry | gushavura |
| v | 3. move from one side to another | kujabuka |
| phr v | 4. cross out (delete) | guhanagura/gufuta |
| n | crossword | umukino wamajambo |
| n | crowd | ishengero ry'abantu |
| adj | crowded | ahari isinzi ry'abantu |
| adj | cruel | gukara cane |
| | crush | |
| v | 1. flatten | gufyonyora |
| colloq | 2. a liking for someone | gupfira umuntu |

cry – darkness

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| | cry | |
| n | 1. loud utterance | akaborogo |
| v | 2. weep | kurira |
| n | cube | igicapo c'imikinya ine |
| n | cucumber | igiterwa gishaka kumera nk'intori |
| n | cupboard | akabati |
| v | cure | gukiza |
| adj | curious | amatsiko |
| | curl | |
| n | 1. ringlet of hair | imishatsi y'izinze |
| v | 2. form curls | kwizingira |
| n | currency (money) | izina yamahera y'ighugu |
| | current | |
| adj | 1. topical | kitarahindurwa |
| n | 2. moving water | umukuba |
| n | curtain | igitambara c'amadirisha |
| n | curve | ahantu hagonze |
| n | custom | umugenzo |
| n | customer | umuguzi/umunywanyi |
| v | cut | gucacura/guca |
| adj | cute | kugira igikundiro |
| | cycle | |
| v | 1. ride | kunyonga ikinga |
| n | 2. circular event | gukurikirana bigakuranwa |
| n | cylinder | gifise umuzingi |

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| abbrev | dad *see father | |
| abbrev | daddy *see father | |
| adj | daily | kumunsi kumunsi |
| | damage | |
| n | 1. injury | ubwononyi/kubabaza |
| v | 2. cause injury | kwonona |
| adj | damp | hashushe ukabura impwemu |
| n | damper (type of bread) | ubwoko bw'umukate |
| | dance | |
| n | 1. social gathering for dancing | gukorana bubera intambo |
| v | 2. rhythmical movement | gutamba |
| n | danger | irinde/akaga |
| adj | dangerous | ico kwirinda/gishobora gukwega |
| | daring | impanuka |
| adj | dark | kwubahuka |
| adj | 1. opposite light | kwira/hari umwijima |
| adj | 2. opposite fair | kwirabura |
| n | darkness | umwijima/umwiza |

date – dependable

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| | date | |
| n | 1. calendar | igitabo c'amataliki |
| n | 2. fruit | icamwa |
| n | daughter | umwana w'umukobwa |
| n | day | umunsi |
| adj | dead | yaphuye |
| adj | deaf | igipfamatwi/atumva |
| | deal | |
| n | 1. amount | kumvikana ikiguzi |
| v | 2. give out | gutanga |
| n | death | urupfu |
| n | debt | umwenda |
| n | decay | |
| n | 1. decomposition | ikintu kiboze |
| v | 2. rot | kubora |
| v | deceive | guta mu rudubi |
| v | decide | gufata ingingo |
| n | decimal | ivy'icumi |
| n | decision | ingingo |
| n | deck (of house) | urubaraza |
| v | declare | guhamya/kumenyesha icese |
| | decrease | |
| n | 1. diminution | igabanuka |
| v | 2. become smaller in number | kugabanuka |
| adj | deep | himbitse/harehare (ikiyaga) |
| | defeat | |
| n | 1. loss | gutsindwa |
| v | 2. beat | kunesha/gutsinda |
| v | define | gutanga insiguro |
| | degree | |
| n | 1. of temperature | urupimo rw'ubushuhe |
| n | 2. amount | uko amahera angana |
| | delay | |
| n | 1. hold up | gucereza/kurindiriza |
| v | 2. put off till later | kwirengagiza igikorwa |
| abbrev | deli *see delicatessen | |
| n | delicatessen | ahagurirwa uturyoshe |
| n | delight | kuryoherwa |
| adj | delightful | biryoheye/bihimbaye |
| v | deliver | gukira/kuvyaza/gushikiriza |
| | demand | |
| n | 1. urgent requirement | gusaba vyihutirwa |
| v | 2. ask for with authority | gusaba mugabo utegeka |
| v | demonstrate | kwerekana utomora |
| n | demonstration | gutomora |
| n | dentist | muganga w'amenyo |
| v | depend | kuzera uburamuko/kuva |
| adj | dependable | bizova |

dependant – discussion

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| adj | dependant | uwukuzeyeko uburamuko |
| n | depth | uburebure |
| v | descend | kumanuka |
| v | describe | kudondora |
| n | description | idondora |
| | desert | |
| n | 1. hot, dry place | ubugararwa |
| v | 2. leave | kugenda utavuze |
| v | deserve | kuronka ico ukwiye |
| | desire | |
| n | 1. longing | icifuzo |
| v | 2. wish for | gushaka/kwifuza |
| n | desk | ibiro/imeza yo gukorerako |
| v | destroy | konona/gusambura |
| n | destruction | ubwononyi |
| | detail | |
| n | 1. minute part | guca ku mayange |
| v | 2. describe fully | kudondora vyose |
| n | detective | umusekeri/mbangamatwi |
| n | detention (pertaining to school) | kuba mugihano |
| v | dial | gutera akamo na telefone |
| n | diameter | intimbatimba |
| | diamond | |
| n | 1. precious stone | ibuye ry'agaciro |
| adj | 2. shape | gifise ingereranyo |
| n | diary | agatabo k'iminsi |
| n | dictionary | inzinduzi |
| pt v | did *see do | |
| n | didgeridoo | icuma cumuziki wimvukira |
| v | die | gupfa/gucikana |
| n | diet | uburyo bwo gufungura |
| adj | different | binyuranye/bidasa |
| adj | difficult | bigoye |
| v | dig | kwimba/gucukura |
| n | dingo | imbwa yo mw'ishamba |
| n | dinner | ivyokurya vyo mw'ijoro |
| n | dinosaur | igikoko cabayeho kera |
| n | direction | inzira |
| n | dirt | ubucafufu |
| adj | dirty | gicafuye |
| v | disagree | guharira ntimpumvikane |
| n | disagreement | gupfa ikintu |
| n | disc (round, flat object) | umuziringi nk'isahani |
| n | disco | aho batambira |
| v | discover | gutora ikintu ubwambere |
| n | discovery | ico watoye |
| v | discuss | guharira/guhana iviyumviro |
| n | discussion | impari |

disease – drop

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| n | disease | indwara |
| n | dish | isahani |
| n | dishwasher (appliance) | imashini y'ivyombo |
| n | disk (of computers) | agasahani ka kompyuta |
| n | disk drive | inda ya kompyuta |
| v | dislike | kudakunda umuntu/ikintu |
| v | dismiss | kwirukana |
| n | distance | ikirere |
| v | disturb | kugora/kugorana |
| v | dive | kuja munsi yamazi |
| v | divide | kugabura |
| n | division | amacakubiri/urugabano |
| v | divorce | kwahukana |
| | do | |
| v | 1. perform | kugira/gukora |
| phrase | 2. What does she do? (What's her job?) | akora iki? |
| phrase | 3. How do you do? (greeting) | murakomeye? |
| n | doctor | muganga |
| n | document | ivyangombwa/urwandiko |
| n | dog | imbwa |
| n | dollar | amahera y'idorari |
| n | door | umwango |
| v | double | incuro zibiri |
| | doubt | |
| n | 1. uncertainty | amazinda |
| v | 2. hesitate to believe | gukekerana |
| v | drag | gukwega |
| n | dragon | igikoko gicira umuriro |
| pt v | drank *see drink | |
| v | draw | gushushanya |
| n | drawer | igice c'akabati |
| | dream | |
| n | 1. images during sleep | indoto |
| v | 2. imagine | kurota/kwifuzza cane |
| pt v | dreamt *see dream | |
| | dress | |
| n | 1. woman's clothing | ikanzu |
| v | 2. to put on clothing | kwambara |
| pt v | drew *see draw | |
| | drink | |
| n | 1. beverage | inzoga |
| v | 2. swallow liquid | kumira/kunywa |
| v | drive | gutwara imodoka |
| n | driveway | urwinjiriro rw'imodoka |
| | drop | |
| n | 1. small amount of water | ima |
| v | 2. let fall | kugwisha |

drought – email

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| n | drought | uruzuba |
| pt v | drove *see drive | |
| v | drown | gusoma nturi |
| n | drug | ibiyayura ubwenge |
| n | drum | ingoma |
| n | drunk (person who drinks too much alcohol) | imborerwa |
| adj | dry | kuma |
| pt v | dug *see dig | |
| adj | dumb (of speech) | ikiragi/yabuze ico avuga |
| prep | during | mu gihe |
| | dust | |
| n | 1. dirt | umucafу |
| v | 2. clean of dirt | gukunkumura |
| n | duster | igikura ubucafу |
| n | duty (something you must do) | itegeko |

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| n | eagle | inkona |
| n | ear | ugutwi |
| adj | early | kare |
| v | earn | gukorera/gufata (amahera) |
| n | earring | ihereni |
| n | earth | isi |
| n | east | ubuseruko |
| adj | easy | vyoroshe |
| v | eat | gufungura |
| n | echidna | ikizima myampi |
| n | edge | kumpera |
| v | edit | gusubiramwo urwandiko |
| n | education | irero |
| n | effect | inkurikizi |
| n | effort | kugira akigoro |
| n | egg | irigi |
| adj | either | kimwe canke ikindi |
| n | elastic | umukanda ugaruka/ukweguruka |
| n | elbow | inkorora |
| | elder | |
| adj | 1. older than | mukuru kuri |
| n | 2. older person | umusaza |
| n | election | amatora |
| n | electrician | uwukora amatara |
| n | electricity | umuyagankuba |
| | email | |
| n | 1. Internet letter | ikete ryo kuri kompyuta |
| v | 2. send an Internet letter | kurungika ikete ya kompyuta |

embarrass – excellent

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| v | embarrass | gutera isoni |
| adj | embarrassed | guterwa isoni |
| n | emergency | ivyihutirwa |
| n | emigrant | uwuba mu gihugu atari ic'amavukiro |
| n | emotion | igishika |
| v | employ | gukoresha |
| n | employee | umukozi |
| n | employer | umukoresha |
| n | employment | ubuzi/akazi |
| adj | empty | kigaragara |
| n | emu | inyoni nini |
| v | encourage | kuremesha |
| | end | |
| n | 1. termination | iherezo |
| v | 2. finish | guheza |
| n | enemy | umwansi |
| | engaged | |
| adj | 1. busy | kutagira umwanya |
| adj | 2. soon to be married | uwakoye/uwo bakoye |
| n | engine | imashini |
| v | enjoy | kuryoherwa |
| adj | enormous | kinini cane |
| adj | enough | bikwiye/bihagije |
| v | enquire | kubaza |
| v | enter | kwinjira |
| v | entertain | kwakira/kuryohera |
| n | entertainment | igiteramo |
| n | entrance | irembo |
| n | entry | urwinjiriro / aho binjirira |
| n | envelope | ibahaha |
| n | environment | ibidukikije |
| adj | equal | kungana |
| n | equator | ahaca umurongo ugabura ibihe |
| | | kw'isi |
| n | equipment | ibikoresho |
| | escape | |
| n | 1. an act of escaping | guhunga |
| v | 2. get away | gutoroka |
| adj | even (divisible by two) | ibice bingana |
| n | evening | umugoroba |
| n | event | igikorane/igikorwa categekanijwe |
| adj | every | icarico cose/uwariwe wese |
| abbrev | exam *see examination | |
| n | examination | ikibazo |
| | example | |
| n | 1. illustration | akarorero |
| abbrev | 2. e.g. | ijambo rivunaguye ry'akarorero |
| adj | excellent | akaroruho |

exchange – factory

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| | exchange | |
| n | 1. act of exchanging | gukaba |
| v | 2. give up for an equivalent | kunyuranya |
| v | | kuryosha |
| adj | | kugira akamwemwe |
| n | excite | ikintu kiguha akamwemwe |
| adj | excited | gitera akamwemwe |
| n | excitement | gutembera kugira muryoherwe |
| adj | exciting | |
| n | excursion | |
| | excuse | |
| n | 1. justification | kwisigura |
| v | 2. pardon | gusaba imbabazi |
| int | 3. Excuse me! | mbabarira! |
| | exercise | |
| n | 1. physical work | kwinonora imitsi |
| n | 2. class work | umwimenyerezo |
| n | 3. exercise book | igitabo c'emyimenyerezo |
| | exit | |
| n | 1. way out | inzira ijana hanze |
| v | 2. go out | gusohoka |
| v | | kuziga/kwitega |
| adj | | bizimvye |
| | experience | |
| n | 1. thing undergone | ivyo waciywemwo |
| v | 2. undergo | guhindura/kwiyumvamwo |
| | experiment | |
| n | 1. science trial | gupima mu buhinga n'ubumenyi |
| | | kugira umene |
| v | 2. try something | kugerageza/guhonja |
| v | | gusigura |
| n | explain | insobanuro/insiguro |
| v | explanation | guturika |
| v | explode | kugendagenda |
| v | explore | |
| | express | |
| adj | 1. fast | gucanacanako/vyihuta |
| v | 2. say | gukimbuka |
| | expression | |
| n | 1. on face | gusoma mumanso ico umuntu |
| | | yiyumvira |
| n | 2. in words | mu mvugo |
| adj | extra | ibirengako |
| n | eye | ijisho |
| n | eyebrow | ingohe |

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| | face | |
| n | 1. part of body | mu manso |
| phrase | 2. face the front | raba imbere |
| colloq phr | 3. Face it! (believe it) | nukuvyemera!vyemange! |
| n | fact | uko bimeze/biragaragara |
| n | factory | ihinguriro |

fade – fence

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| v | fade | guceyuka/gucuyuka |
| v | fail | guhemuka/kunanirwa |
| | faint | |
| adj | 1. not dark | biboneka neza |
| v | 2. become unconscious | kuraba/guta ubwenge |
| | fair | |
| adj | 1. just | vyukuri |
| adj | 2. light | inzobe |
| adv | fairly (quite) | bikwiye |
| n | fairy | umuntu mugufi avugwa mu bitito |
| v | fall | kugwa |
| adj | false | ikosa/kitarico |
| adj | familiar | umenyereye/kimenyerewe |
| | family | |
| n | 1. kin | incuti |
| n | 2. family tree | umuryango |
| adj | famous | azwi cane/rurangiranwa |
| | fan | |
| n | 1. great admirer | akunda umuntu cane |
| n | 2. equipment to blow air | icuma gipompa impwemu |
| adj | far | kure |
| n | fare (cost for trip) | amahera bacira urugendo |
| n | farm | iraro |
| n | fashion | ivyokwambara |
| adj | fashionable | yambara ibiharawe |
| | fast | |
| adv | 1. quick | n'ingoga/ (a)kinyaruka |
| adv | 2. forward in time | kwigiza imbere mu gihe |
| v | 3. go without food | kwisonzesha |
| v | fasten | gifashe neza/kwipfunga n'umusipi |
| adj | fat | ikinure/avyibushe |
| n | father | so/data |
| n | fault | ikosa/agasuzuguzo |
| n | favour | ubutoni/kugira nkundwa |
| adj | favourite | umutoni |
| n | fax | ikete rirungikwa mucuma |
| | fear | |
| n | 1. feeling of impending danger | ubwoba |
| v | 2. be afraid | gutinya |
| n | feather | ibaba |
| v | feed | kugaburira |
| | feel | |
| v | 1. as emotion | kwumva/kwiyumvamwo |
| v | 2. touch | gukabakaba |
| pt v | fell *see fall | |
| pt v | felt *see feel | |
| adj | female (of gender) | igitsina rugore |
| n | fence | urugo |

ferry – flashing

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| n | ferry | ubwato |
| n | festival | isabukuru |
| n | fever | inyonko/umururumbo |
| adj | few | nke/bake |
| | field | |
| n | 1. where sport is played | ikibuga c'inkino |
| n | 2. open land | itongo |
| adj | fierce | kiryana/gikaze/giteye ubwoba |
| | fight | |
| n | 1. battle | indwano/intambara |
| v | 2. engage in battle | kurwana |
| | figure | |
| n | 1. number | igiharuro |
| n | 2. person | uku umuntu ateye |
| phr v | 3. figure out (understand) | kwumva ikintu wifashije wenyene |
| v | fill | kuzuza |
| n | film | urukino ry'isanamu |
| adj | final | imperez/impera/imperuka |
| v | find | gutora |
| | fine | |
| adj | 1. not raining | hameze neza |
| adj | 2. opposite thick | ananutse/gito |
| adj | 3. well (healthy) | kumera neza |
| n | finger | urutoke |
| | finish | |
| n | 1. end point | iherezo |
| v | 2. end | guheza |
| | fire | |
| v | 1. cease to employ | gukura (kwirukana)umukozi |
| v | 2. shoot | kurasa |
| n | 3. something burning | umuriro |
| n | fireworks | ibirori vy'imiriyo yo mukirere |
| adv | first | uwambere/icambere |
| n | first aid | imfashanyo ihabwa imbabare imbere yo gushika kwa muganga |
| | fish | |
| n | 1. water creature | ifi |
| v | 2. catch fish | kuroba |
| n | fishing rod | umugozzi wo kuroba |
| | fit | |
| adj | 1. healthy | afise amagara meza/anonotse |
| n | 2. size | kigereranye |
| phrase | 3. fit in with (match well) | barahuza neza/birahuye |
| v | fix | gukora icononekaye |
| n | flag | ibendera |
| n | flame | urubeya |
| n | flash (bright light) | itara riravya |
| adj | flashing | kurabagirana |

flat – form

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| | flat | |
| n | 1. dwelling | |
| adj | 2. shape | |
| n | flavour | |
| pt v | flew *see fly | |
| n | flight | urugendo mu kirere (indege) |
| v | float | kureremba |
| n | flood | ikidengeri c'amazi |
| | floor | |
| n | 1. part of a room | |
| n | 2. level of a building | |
| n | floppy disk | akadiske bashira muri kompyuta |
| v | flow | gutemba |
| n | flower (plant) | ishugwe |
| abbrev | flu *see influenza | |
| | fly | |
| n | 1. insect | isazi |
| v | 2. move through the air | kuguruka |
| n | fog (weather condition) | igipfungu |
| adj | foggy | hari igipfungu |
| v | fold | kuzinga |
| n | folder | agasaho ubikamwo ibipapuro |
| v | follow | gukurikira |
| n | font | inyandiko |
| n | food | indy'a/bifungurwa |
| n | fool | ikijuju/umusazi |
| adj | foolish | kujujuta |
| n | foot | ikirenge |
| n | football | umupira w'amaguru |
| n | footwear | ibirato |
| | for | |
| phrase | 1. for us | n'ivyacu/ni rwacu |
| phrase | 2. for NSW | nivy'intara ya NSW |
| phrase | 3. for \$5 | nivy'amadorari atanu |
| | force | |
| n | 1. strength | inguvu |
| v | 2. impose on | guhata/guhatira ikintu ku muntu |
| adj | foreign (not native) | amahanga |
| n | foreigner | umunyamahanga |
| n | forest | ishamba |
| pt v | forgave *see forgive | |
| v | forget | kwibagira |
| v | forgive | kubarabira/kugira imbabazi |
| pt v | forgot *see forget | |
| n | fork | ikanya |
| | form | |
| n | 1. paper you fill in | urupapuro ryo kuzuza |
| v | 2. make | kubumba |

fortnight – funeral

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| n | 3. shape | ishusho |
| n | fortnight | ku ndwi zibiri |
| adj | fortunate | umuhirwe/kugira imana |
| adv | fortunately | aracuna/ugira imana |
| | fortune | |
| n | 1. large amount of money | ihirwe/itunga |
| n | 2. luck | gutombora/tombora |
| pt v | fought *see fight | |
| pt v | found *see find | |
| n | fountain | umugezi/ isoko/ivomo |
| n | fraction | igice/igisata |
| n | frame | ico ubikamwo ama foto |
| | free | |
| adj | 1. costing nothing | kwagusa/ku buntu |
| adj | 2. unoccupied | kigaragara |
| v | 3. let go | kurekura |
| n | freedom | umwidegemvyo |
| v | freeze | kugira ibarafu |
| n | freezer (appliance) | igice ca firigo kirimwo ibarafu |
| adj | frequent | kenshi |
| adj | fresh | iremvye/mbisi |
| abbrev | fridge *see refrigerator | |
| n | friend | umugenzi |
| adj | friendly | akundana |
| n | fright | ubwoba |
| v | frighten | gukanga |
| | from | |
| phrase | 1. from Sydney | kuva Sydney |
| phrase | 2. from my grandmother | kuva kwa nyokuru |
| phrase | 3. from \$10 | kuva ku madorari cumi |
| | front | |
| adj | 1. opposite back | imbere |
| prep | 2. in front of | imbere ya |
| n | front door | umuryango w'imbere |
| n | front steps | ingazi z'imbere |
| v | frown | kuraba igitsure |
| pt v | froze *see freeze | |
| n | fruit | icamwa |
| | full | |
| adj | 1. opposite empty | kuzura |
| adj | 2. not hungry | guhaga |
| n | full stop (punctuation mark) | akaburungu |
| | fun | |
| n | 1. mirthful amusement | kuryoherwa |
| colloq phr | 2. make fun of (ridicule) | gutwenga/gucokoza |
| n | funeral | amaziko |

funny – girl

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| | funny | |
| adj | 1. humorous | gitwengeje |
| adj | 2. strange | kidasanzwe |
| n | fur | ubwoya y'ibikoko |
| n | furniture | ibikoresho vyo mu nzu |
| adj | further | vyongeyeko/birenzeko |
| n | future | kazoza |
| G | | |
| v | gamble | gukina akamari |
| n | game | urukino |
| n | gaol *see jail | |
| n | gap | umwenge/akanga |
| n | garage (of house) | ahabikwa imodoka |
| n | garden | umurima |
| n | garlic | igitunguru sumu |
| n | gas | umwuka/umuriro wa gazi |
| n | gate | irembo |
| v | gather | kwegeranya |
| pt v | gave *see give | |
| | gay | |
| adj | 1. happy | aryohewe |
| adj | 2. homosexual | abakundana basangiyе igitsina |
| n | gender | igitsina |
| | general | |
| adj | 1. usual | vya minsi yose |
| n | 2. rank in army | jenerari mugisoda |
| adv | generally | mu bisanzwe |
| n | generosity | ubuntu |
| adj | generous | afise ubuntu |
| adj | gentle | yitonda |
| | get | |
| v | 1. become | kuba |
| v | 2. receive | guhabwa |
| v | 3. possess | kugira |
| v | 4. arrive | guskika |
| v | 5. obtain | kuronka |
| phr v | 6. get on with (like) | kumvikana |
| phr v | 7. get out (leave) | have, vaho! |
| phr v | 8. get together (meet) | guhura |
| phr v | 9. get up (arise) | guseruka/kuvyuka |
| phr v | 10. get rid of (dispose of) | kwirukana/kwikurako |
| | giant | |
| n | 1. huge mythical being | ikigambati/ikinyamatiti |
| adj | 2. very big | kinini cane |
| n | gift | ingabano/ingabirano |
| n | girl | umukobwa |

give – grain

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| | give | |
| v | 1. hand to | guhereza |
| phr v | 2. give in (hand in) | gutanga |
| colloq phr | 3. give in (surrender) | kwemera ko watsinzwe |
| phr v | 4. give out (distribute) | uhereza bose |
| phr v | 5. give up (surrender) | kwemera ko watsinzwe |
| phr v | 6. give up (stop as for smoking) | guheba agatabi |
| adj | glad | guhimbarwa |
| | glass | |
| n | 1. window material | ikiyo |
| n | 2. drinking vessel | ikirahuri |
| n | glasses (for eyesight) | irori/amarori |
| n | glove | agahuzu wambara kuntoki |
| | go | |
| v | 1. move | kugenda |
| phrase | 2. go by bus | kugenda na bisi |
| phrase | 3. go out with | kujana na |
| phr v | 4. go wrong | kugira ikosa |
| phr v | 5. go on with (continue) | kubandanya ibikorwa |
| phr v | 6. go well | kugenda neza (ibikorwa) |
| phr v | 7. go over (check) | gusubiramwo |
| phr v | 8. go through (check) | gusubiramwo |
| phr v | 9. go after (chase) | gukurikira |
| n | god | imana |
| n | gold | inzahabu |
| adj | golden | bisayangana |
| | good | |
| adj | 1. opposite bad | vyiza/nziza |
| phrase | 2. vegetables are good for you | imboga ni nziza ku magara y'umunti |
| colloq phr | 3. Good for you! (congratulations) | neza cane! |
| | 4. Good afternoon (greeting) | mwiriwe |
| int | 5. Goodbye | n'agasaga |
| int | 6. Good day (greeting) | mwaramutse/yambu |
| int | 7. Good morning (greeting) | bwakeye |
| int | 8. Good night (farewell) | ijoro ryiza |
| | goodness | |
| n | 1. virtue | intwari/kutagira agahonzi |
| int | 2. My goodness! (expression of surprise) | mana yanje! |
| n | goods | ibidandazwa |
| n | gossip | urusaku |
| pt v | got *see get | |
| v | govern | gutwara |
| n | government | reta |
| n | governor | umutware |
| v | grab | gucakira |
| adv | gradually | buke buke |
| n | grain | intete/urutete |

grand – habit

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| adj | grand | nini |
| n | grandchild | umwuzukuru |
| n | granddaughter | umwuzukuru w'umwigeme |
| n | grandfather | sokuru |
| n | grandmother | nyokuru |
| n | grandparent | sokuru canke nyokuru |
| n | grandson | umwuzukuru w'umuhungu |
| n | grape | uruzabibu |
| n | graph | igicapo |
| n | grass | ivyatsi |
| adj | grateful | gushimira |
| n | grave | imva |
| adj | great | guhambara/nkuru/ciza cane |
| n | greed | ubukunzi bw'inda |
| adj | greedy | akunda inda |
| adj | green | urwatsi rutoto/ntoto |
| v | greet | kuramutsa |
| n | greeting | indamukanyo |
| pt v | grew *see grow | |
| adj | grey | ibara ry'umunyota |
| n | grief | agahinda |
| v | grieve | gutuntura |
| v | grill (cooking) | kotsa |
| | gross | |
| adj | 1. total | vyose hamwe |
| colloq | 2. disgusting | bisesema |
| | ground | |
| n | 1. earth | ikibuga/hasi |
| adj | 2. bottom (as for ground floor) | co hasi/co musi |
| n | group | umugwi |
| phrase | group of students | umugwi w'abanyeshure |
| v | grow | kunaga/gukura |
| n | grown-up | gukura/gikuze/arakuze |
| v | guard | umurinzi/umunyezamu |
| n | guardian | umurezi |
| v | guess | ibaze/gufyindura |
| n | guest | umushitsi |
| | guide | |
| n | 1. leader | umurongozi |
| v | 2. show the way | kwereka inzira abandi |
| n | guilt | uwitora ikosa |
| adj | guilty | gutora ikosa |
| n | guitar | igitari |
| n | gum tree | igiti kivamwo ivyo banunuza |
| abbrev | gym *see gymnasium | aho kwinonorera imitsi |
| n | gymnasium | |
| | H | |
| n | habit | ingeso |

had – have

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| pt v | had *see have | |
| n | hail (weather condition) | urubura |
| n | hailstorm | isegenya ry'urubura |
| n | hair | imishatsi |
| n | haircut | kumwa /gukata imishatsi |
| adj | halal | inyama zakaswe n'aba isilamu |
| | half | |
| adj | 1. equal part of | igice |
| phrase | 2. half-past eight | sambiri n'igice |
| n | hall | inyubakwa/ingoro/ bagiriramwo |
| | | amanama |
| n | hallway | hagati y'ivyumba |
| v | halve | kugabura mwo kabiri |
| n | hamburger | umukate urimwo inyama |
| n | hammer | inyundo |
| | hand | |
| n | 1. body part | ikiganza |
| n | 2. hand-out | imfashanyo |
| phr v | 3. hand in | gusubiza |
| n | handbag | isaho yo mu minwe |
| n | handball | umupira wo mumabiko |
| | handle | |
| n | 1. thing that may be held | umukono (w'umwango) |
| v | 2. touch | gukorakora |
| adj | handsome | umuhizi/mwiza |
| n | handwriting | inyandiko |
| | hang | |
| v | 1. suspend | kumanika |
| phr v | 2. hang around (loiter) | kurindirira |
| phr v | 3. hang onto (hold) | kugumya |
| phr v | 4. hang up (put receiver down) | gusubizako telefone |
| int | 5. Hang on! (wait) | rindira! |
| v | happen | gushika/kuba |
| n | happiness | umunezero |
| adj | happy | anezerewe |
| n | harbour | ikivuko |
| | hard | |
| adj | 1. difficult | kigoye |
| adj | 2. not soft | kigumye |
| adv | hardly (rarely) | gake cane |
| v | harm | kubabaza/kugirira nabi |
| n | harvest | ishwabura, ivyimburwa |
| n | hat | inkofero |
| v | hate | kwanka |
| | have | |
| v | 1. own | kugira/gutunga |
| phrase | 2. have a headache | kumeneka umutwe |
| phrase | 3. have dinner | gufungura mw'ijoro |
| phrase | 4. have a hair cut | kumwa imishatsi |
| phr v | 5. have on (wear) | ico wambaye |

have to – his

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| phr v | have to (be compelled to) | gutegerezwa |
| pron | he | we (umuhungu) |
| | head | |
| n | 1. body part | umutwe |
| n | 2. leader | umuyobozzi |
| n | headache | kumeneka umutwe |
| n | heading (title) | umutwe w'igisomwa |
| n | health | amagara |
| adj | healthy | amagara meza |
| n | heap (pile) | umurundo |
| v | hear | kwumva |
| pt v | heard *see hear | |
| n | heart | umutima |
| v | heat | |
| v | 1. warm | ubushuhe |
| n | 2. warmth | indugumba |
| n | heater (appliance) | icuma gishusha mu nzu |
| adj | heavy | kiremereye |
| n | height | uburebure |
| pt v | held *see hold | |
| n | helicopter | kajugujugu |
| int | Hello | yambu |
| | help | |
| n | 1. aid | imfashanyo |
| phrase | 2. help yourself (serve yourself) | ni wihereze/ni wihe |
| colloq phr | 3. I can't help it (I have no control over it) | ntavyo nshobora |
| adj | helpful | afashanya |
| n | hemisphere | igice c'intara y'isi |
| | her | |
| phrase | 1. ask her | baza we |
| phrase | 2. her book | igitabo ciwe |
| adv | here | aha, hano, ino, ngaha |
| n | hero | intwari/incungu |
| v | hesitate | gukekeranya |
| n | hexagon | gifise infuruka zitandatu |
| int | hi | yambu |
| pt v | hid *see hide | |
| v | hide | kunyegeza |
| | high | |
| adj | 1. tall | kirekire (igihagararo) |
| adj | 2. as for musical note | ijwi ryo hejuru |
| phrase | high-heeled shoe | ikirato co hejuru |
| n | high school | ishuri ry'isumbuye |
| n | hill | umusozi, umudugo |
| pron | him | we, wewe |
| n | hip | ifyigo |
| v | hire | kurarika/gutanga akazi |
| pron | his | yiwe |

history – however

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| n | history | ivyabaye |
| | hit | |
| v | 1. strike | gukubita |
| colloq | 2. winner | gutsinda |
| v | hitch-hike | guhagara kw'ibarabara usaba uwokunguruza |
| n | hobby | ikintu kikunezera ukunda gukora |
| | hold | |
| v | 1. grasp | kugumiriza |
| n | 2. hold-up (robbery) | kwiba bagufatiyeko inkoho |
| n | 3. hold-up (delay) | gutebesha |
| int | 4. Hold it! (stop) | hagarika |
| colloq phr | 5. hold on (wait) | rindira |
| n | hole | ikinogo/umwobo |
| n | holiday | akaruhuko |
| adj | hollow | kigaragara/ata nakimwe kirimwo |
| adj | holy | mweranda/mutagatifu |
| n | home | imuhira |
| adj | homesick | gukumbura iwanyu |
| n | homework (school work you do at home) | igikorwa c'ishule ukorera mu hira |
| n | honest | imvugakuri |
| | hook | |
| n | 1. curved piece of metal | igera |
| v | 2. catch | gufatwa |
| | hope | |
| n | 1. expectation | icizigiro |
| v | 2. wish | kwizigira/kwizera |
| n | horizon | aho amaso ahereza |
| | horn | |
| n | 1. animal part | ihembe |
| n | 2. car part | inkengeri y'umuduga |
| adj | horrible | kibi cane |
| n | horror | kibi |
| n | horse | ifarasi |
| n | hospital | ibitaro/ivuriro |
| n | host | nyene urubanza/uwutanze indaro |
| n | hostel | ihoteri ntonya |
| | hot | |
| adj | 1. very warm | gishushe cane |
| colloq | 2. very good | biryoshe cane |
| n | hotel | ihoteri |
| n | hotplate | ishiga |
| n | hour | isaha |
| n | house | inzu |
| n | housework (domestic work) | udukorwa two munzu |
| | how | |
| adv | 1. in what way | ubugene/ukuntu |
| colloq phr | 2. how come? (why) | bigenda gute? bishoboka gute? |
| conj | however | mugabo/ariko |

huge – industry

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| adj | huge | amahero |
| | human | |
| adj | 1. of people | ubuntu |
| n | 2. human being | umuntu |
| n | humour | gushwashwanuka/ugutwenza |
| n | hung *see hang | |
| adj | hungry | gusonza/ashonje |
| v | hunt | guhiga |
| | hurry | |
| v | 1. move quickly | kunyaruka |
| colloq phr | 2. hurry up | nyaruka!/ihute! n'ingoga! |
| | hurt | |
| v | 1. injure | kubabara/kubabaza |
| adj | 2. wounded | imbabare/yababaye |
| n | hut | akazu |
| I | | |
| pron | I | jewe/nanje/je |
| n | ice | ibarafu |
| n | ice-cream | ibarafu isosa yo kurya |
| adj | ideal | igitangaza/c'akarorero |
| conj | if | asangwa/iyo/namba/ni |
| adj | ill | kurwara |
| adj | illegal | bitari mumategeko |
| n | illness | ingwara |
| n | illustration | akarorero |
| v | imagine | kwibaza |
| adj | immediate | vy'ubu/biri hafi |
| adv | immediately | ubunyene |
| n | immigrant | uwimukiye mu kindi gihugu |
| adj | important | bikenewe/bihambaye |
| adj | impossible | bidashoboka |
| v | improve | kuryohora/kurushiriza |
| | in | |
| prep | 1. indicates enclosed place | mu, muri |
| phrase | 2. in Australia | muri Australiya |
| phrase | 3. in January | muri Nzero, mu kwambere |
| phrase | 4. in English | mu congereza |
| phrase | 5. in pencil | mu karamu y'igiti |
| phrase | 6. in love | mu rukundo |
| phrase | 7. in danger | ageramiwe/kigeramiwe |
| phrase | 8. in time (not late) | imbere y'igihe (ntucererwe) |
| v | include | gushiramwo |
| n | income | amahera wakoreye/uhembwa |
| adj | incorrect | bitarivyo |
| v | increase | kuduza/kongereza |
| n | index | insiguro iri ku mpera z'igitabo |
| adj | indoor | munzu |
| n | industry | ishirahamwe ry'abakora ubuzi bumwe |

infect – is

| | | |
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| v | infect | kwanduza |
| n | infection | indwara wanduye |
| v | influence | kwosha |
| n | influenza | inkorora/ibicurane |
| v | inform | kumenyeshha/kurangira |
| n | information | inkuru |
| prep | in front of | imbere ya |
| v | inhabit | kuba/gucumbika |
| n | inhabitant | umunyagihugu/umuntu |
| | initial | |
| adj | 1. first | yambere/vyambere/cambere |
| n | 2. first letter of name | indome yambere y'izina |
| n | injection | inshinge |
| v | injure | kwibabaza |
| n | injury | aho wibabaje |
| adj | inner | yindani/ mu |
| adj | innocent | atakimwagira/ikitazi |
| n | insect | agakoko kaguruka |
| v | insert | kwinjiza |
| prep | inside | indani/imbere |
| v | insist | gushimika |
| | instant | |
| n | 1. moment | umwanya |
| adj | 2. immediate | ubu nyene |
| adv | instead | mukibabanza ca/hako |
| v | instruct | kubwiriza |
| n | instruction | idero/amategeko |
| n | instrument (musical) | icuma c'umuziki |
| n | insurance | integabizoza (impanuka) |
| adj | intelligent | umunyabwenge |
| v | intend | gutegekanya/kwitegurira |
| n | interest | inyungu |
| adj | interested | gushaka |
| adj | interesting | biryoshe |
| n | Internet | intereneti |
| v | interrupt | guciramwo |
| n | intersection | ihuriro |
| n | interview | ikiganiro |
| prep | into | muri |
| v | introduce | kudondora |
| n | introduction (of a book) | intangamarara y'igitabo |
| v | invent | gutora uwambere |
| n | invitation | ubutumire |
| v | invite | gutumira |
| | iron | |
| n | 1. metal | icuma |
| n | 2. household appliance | ipasi/ifero |
| v | 3. as for clothing | gutera ipasi/kugorora |
| prt v | is *see be | |

island – keyboard

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| n | island | izinga |
| | it | |
| pron | 1. subject | i |
| pron | 2. object | ikintu |
| pron | its (possessive) | ca |
| J | | |
| n | jacket | ikoti |
| n | jail | ibohero |
| n | jar | icupa |
| adj | jealous | gusharika |
| n | jeans | impuzu ya jinisi |
| n | jet | indege |
| n | jewel | ibisharizo bikayangana |
| n | jewellery | ibisharizo bikayangana wambara |
| n | job | akazi |
| v | jog | kwiruka |
| n | jogger | uwinonora imitsi yiruka |
| | join | |
| v | 1. unite | gufatanya/gushira hamwe |
| v | 2. as a club | kwinjira/kwiyandikisha |
| adj | joint | ingingo y'umubiri |
| n | joke | inkuru/akajajuro |
| n | journey | urugendo |
| n | joy | umunezero |
| | judge | |
| n | 1. person in court | umucamanza |
| v | 2. make a decision about | guca urubanza |
| n | judgment | urubanza, ingingo |
| n | judo | umukino wo kwivuna umwansi ata kigwanisho ukoresheje |
| n | juice | ivyo kunywa bivuye mu vyamwa |
| v | jump | gusimba |
| n | jumper (clothing) | umupira w'imbeho |
| | just | |
| adv | 1. only | gusa |
| adj | 2. fair | bikwiranye |
| K | | |
| n | kangaroo | ikanguru |
| | keep | |
| v | 1. hold on to | kugumya |
| phr v | 2. keep away | gushira kure |
| phr v | 3. keep going | kubandanya |
| phr v | 4. keep out | kugumiza hanze |
| phr v | 5. keep up | urabandanya ukora uko |
| colloq phr | 6. The teacher kept us in | umwigisha yatugumije indani |
| pt v | kept *see keep | |
| n | key | urupfunguruzo |
| n | keyboard | indome zo kuri kompyuta |

keyring – large

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| n | keyring | ico utwarako impfunguruzo |
| n | keyword | ijambo rikuru |
| v | kick | gutera umugere |
| colloq | kid (child) | umwana |
| v | kill | kwica |
| n | killer | umwicanyi |
| | kind | |
| adj | 1. good hearted | w'umutima mwiza |
| n | 2. type | ubwoko ki |
| n | kindness | umutima mwiza/ubugwaneza |
| n | king | umwami |
| v | kiss | gusoma/gusomagura |
| n | kitchen | igikoni |
| n | knee | ivi |
| v | kneel | gupfukama |
| pt v | knelt *see kneel | |
| pt v | knew *see know | |
| n | knife | imbugita |
| v | knit | kujisha |
| n | knob | umukono |
| v | knock | kudodora/gukomanga |
| n | knot | ifundo |
| | know | |
| v | 1. understand | kumenya |
| v | 2. be acquainted with | kumenyana |
| phrase | 3. Let me know (tell me) | urabimenyesha |
| n | koala | agakoko kaba mumikaratusi |
| n | kookaburra | ubwoko bw'inyoni |

L

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| abbrev | lab *see laboratory | |
| n | label | ikiranga abakoze ikintu |
| n | laboratory | ihinguriro |
| n | labour | abakoresha amaboko |
| v | lack | kubura/guhara |
| n | lad | umuyabaga |
| n | ladder | ingazi |
| pt v | laid *see lay | |
| n | lake | ikiyaga |
| n | lamp | itara |
| | land | |
| n | 1. opposite of sea | isi |
| n | 2. country | igihugu cawe |
| v | 3. as for plane | kugwa (indege) |
| n | language | ururimi |
| | lap | |
| n | 1. body part | ibibero |
| n | 2. distance in a pool | uburebure bw'aho bogera |
| adj | large | yagutse/cagutse |

last – less

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| | last | |
| adj | 1. opposite of first | wanyuma/canyuma |
| v | 2. endure | kuramba |
| adv | lastly | mumperez/ubwanyuma |
| adj | late (opposite of early) | gucererwa |
| adv | lately | mu minsi iheze |
| adv | later | utevye/mu nyuma/hanyuma |
| v | laugh | gutwenga |
| n | laughter | intwengo |
| n | laundry | kumesura |
| n | law | itegeko/ingingo |
| n | lawn | ubwatsi bwo mu rugo |
| n | lawyer | umuhinga mu mategeko |
| | lay | |
| v | 1. as for eggs | guta amagi |
| v | 2. put | kuryamika |
| adj | lazy | ikinebwe |
| | lead | |
| v | 1. go first | kurongora/kuja imbere |
| n | 2. holder for a dog | ikiziriko c'imbwa |
| n | leader | indongozi |
| n | leadership | ubutwari |
| n | leaf | ibabi |
| v | leak | kuva |
| | lean | |
| v | 1. incline | kwegamika |
| adj | 2. thin | yumutse/kinanutse/ata binure |
| v | leap | gusimba |
| n | leap year | umwaka w'iminsi 366 |
| v | learn | kwiga |
| pt v | learnt *see learn | |
| adj | least | bike ushobye/bike bibaho |
| n | leather | gikozwe mu rushato |
| | leave | |
| v | 1. separate from | guheba/guta/gusiga |
| n | 2. time off | akaruhuko |
| phr v | 3. leave alone | kurekera |
| phr v | 4. leave on | kurekakeza uko biri |
| phr v | 5. leave out | guhaza/kudashiramwo |
| pt v | led *see lead | |
| pt v | left *see leave | |
| adj | left (opposite of right) | ububamfu |
| adj | left-handed | kwandikisha ibamfu |
| n | leg | ukuguru |
| n | lemon | indimu |
| v | lend | gutiza/kugurana |
| n | length | uburebure |
| pt v | lent *see lend | |
| adv | less | bike/nke |

lesson – lizard

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| n | lesson | icigwa |
| | let | |
| v | 1. allow | gukundira/kureka |
| v | 2. rent | gukotesha/gupanga |
| | letter | |
| n | 1. as of alphabet | |
| n | 2. correspondence | |
| n | letterbox | indome |
| n | lettuce | ikete |
| adj | level | ishinguro ry'amakete |
| n | liar | igiterwa co gukora i saladi |
| n | library | gusena/bingana |
| n | licence | umubeshi |
| v | lick | ahabikwa ibitabo |
| n | lid | icemezo |
| | lie | kurigata |
| v | 1. tell untruths | umurumyo |
| phr v | 2. lie down | |
| n | life | kubesha |
| n | lifesaver | kuryama |
| | lift | ubuzima |
| v | 1. raise | uwuhagarikira aboga |
| n | 2. elevator | |
| n | 3. car ride | |
| | light | guterura |
| n | 1. opposite of darkness | icuma mu magorofa gitwara abantu |
| n | 2. as for electric light | kunguruza |
| adj | 3. not dark | |
| adj | 4. not heavy | |
| n | lighter (as for cigarettes) | umuco |
| n | lightning | itara |
| | like | kutirabura/afise inzobe |
| v | 1. be fond of | koroha/kitaremereye |
| prep | 2. similar to | umwampi wo kwatsa (itabi) |
| n | limit | umuravyo |
| n | line | |
| n | lip | gukunda |
| n | liquid | nka/bisa/asa |
| n | list | urubibe |
| v | listen | umurongo |
| pt v | lit *see light | inkengera y'umunwa |
| n | litter | y'amazi |
| adj | little | urutonde |
| | live | kumviriza |
| v | 1. exist | |
| adj | 2. opposite of dead | ubucifu |
| n | living (job) | nto/ntoya/ntonya |
| n | living room | |
| n | lizard | kuba/kubaho |
| | | kubaho |
| | | umurimo |
| | | aho bateramira mu nzu |
| | | umuserebanyi |

load – lunch

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| v | load | umutwaro |
| n | lobster | ubwoko bw'ifi |
| | local | |
| n | 1. person from a particular area | wo mu micungararo |
| adj | 2. pertaining to an area | c'имвukira |
| n | location | ahantu |
| v | lock | gupfunga n'urupfunguruzo |
| n | log (wood) | umaganda w'inkwi |
| n | lolly | ipipi banunuza |
| adj | lonely | kugira irungu |
| | long | |
| adj | 1. opposite of short | ndende/kirekire |
| phr v | 2. long for (want) | kwifufa/gukumbura |
| phrase | 3. How long? (as time) | bifata igihe kingana iki? |
| phrase | 4. How long? (as length) | kireha gute? |
| phrase | 5. long ago | kera |
| | look | |
| n | 1. glance | gukubitiza akajisho |
| phr v | 2. look at | kwihweza |
| phr v | 3. look after | kuraba/gucunga |
| phr v | 4. look for | kurondera |
| phr v | 5. look forward to | kurindirina igishika |
| phr v | 6. look up to | gufata nk'akarorero |
| phrase | 7. look like (resemble) | gushusha/gusa |
| adj | loose | kuroka/kidafashe neza |
| | lose | |
| v | 1. opposite of find | guta |
| v | 2. opposite of win | gutsindwa |
| phrase | 3. she lost her mother (her mother died) | yabuze nyina |
| n | loss | agahombo |
| pt v | lost *see lose | |
| | lot | |
| n | 1. destiny | kazoza k'umuntu |
| phrase | 1. a lot of | ibintu vyinshi |
| adj | loud | kuvugira hejuru |
| n | lounge room | aho bateramira mu nzu |
| | love | |
| n | 1. passionate affection | urukundo |
| v | 2. feel passionate | gukunda |
| adj | low | kigufi, ngufinya |
| n | lower case | indome ntoyi |
| adj | loyal | adahemuka |
| n | luck | tombora |
| adj | lucky | afise imana/afise tombora |
| n | lump | ikinonko/ikiviyimbe/ikidunde |
| n | lunch | ibifungurwa vyo kumurango |

machine – match

M

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| n | machine | imashini |
| | mad | |
| adj | 1. angry | ashavuye |
| adj | 2. insane | yasaze/umusazi |
| colloq phr | 3. mad about (loves) | gusarira umuntu |
| n | madam | umupfasoni |
| pt v | made *see make | |
| n | magazine | igitabu |
| n | magic | udashobora gutahura |
| n | magpie | ubwoko bw'inyoni |
| | mail | |
| n | 1. correspondence | ikete |
| v | 2. send | kurungika ikintu |
| adj | main | gikuru/nkuru |
| | make | |
| v | 1. manufacture | kugira, gukora |
| phrase | 2. make the bed | gusasa |
| phrase | 3. make friends | kugira abagenzi |
| phr v | 4. make up (reconcile) | kubabarirana |
| n | make up (cosmetics) | kwipodora/kwigira mwiza |
| adj | male | umuhungu |
| n | mammal | igikoko |
| n | man | umugabo |
| v | manage | gutwara/kuyobora |
| n | manager | umuyobozi |
| n | mandarin | icamwa kimeze nk'umucungwe |
| n | mango | umwembe |
| n | manner (way) | uburyo |
| n | manners (pertaining to polite behaviour) | ingeso nziza |
| v | manufacture | gukora ikintu mw'iwinguriro |
| adj | many | nyinshi/vyinshi/benshi |
| n | map | ikarata |
| n | margin (of a book) | aho inzandiko zihera ku rupapuro |
| n | marijuana | urumogi |
| | mark | |
| v | 1. correct | vyo |
| n | 2. numerical value for work | amanota |
| n | 3. spot | ibara |
| n | market | akaguriro/isoko |
| n | marriage | ubugeni |
| v | marry | kurongora/kurongogwa |
| n | mat | ikirago/umukeka |
| | match | |
| v | 1. suit | kujanisha |
| n | 2. implement for lighting | umwampi wo kudomeka |

mate – midday

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| n | 3. game | umukino |
| n | mate (friend) | umugenzi |
| n | material | ibikoresho |
| n | mathematics | ibiharuro |
| abbrev | maths *see mathematics | |
| | matter | |
| n | 1. substance | ingingo nyamukuru |
| phrase | 2. What's the matter? | namaki? /ni ibiki? |
| phrase | 3. It matters a lot | irakenewe cane |
| v | may (allowed to) | gushobora/bishobora gushika |
| adv | maybe | kumbure/nkeka |
| pron | me | jewe |
| n | meal | imfungugwa |
| | mean | |
| v | 1. intend | kumenyesha intumbero |
| n | 2. average | bisanzwe/bibayebaye |
| phrase | 3. I didn't mean it (accidental) | sinabigize ndabishaka |
| n | meaning | insiguro |
| n | means (resources) | uburyo |
| pt v | meant *see mean | |
| adv | meanwhile | murico gihe/ hagati yaho |
| v | measure | kugereranya/gupima |
| n | measurement | ingero/urupimo |
| n | meat | inyama |
| n | meat pie | inyama iri mumukate wo mwifuru |
| n | mechanic | uwukora imiduga |
| n | medication | umuti |
| n | medicine | umuti |
| adj | medium | hagati na hagati |
| v | meet | guhura, guhwana |
| n | melon | icamwa kimeze nk'umwungu |
| v | melt | kuyaga/gushonga |
| n | member | umunywanyi |
| v | memorise | gufata ku mutwe |
| n | memory | ubwenge |
| v | mend | gukora/gukoresha |
| adj | mental | vyo mumutwe |
| v | mention | gucishamwo/kuvuga |
| | menu | |
| n | 1. list in restaurant | urutonde rwi'ibigurishwa mu aho |
| | | bafungurira |
| n | 2. list on a computer | urutonde y'ibiru muri kompyuta |
| n | mess | bisanzaye |
| n | message | ubutumwa |
| pt v | met *see meet | |
| n | metal | icuma |
| n | method | uburyo |
| n | microscope | icuma gipima utuntu twinzatsa |
| n | microwave (oven) | icuma gishusha imfungugwa |
| n | midday | mu mashoka/sa sita |

middle – moist

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| | middle | |
| adj | 1. central 2. centre | hagati na hagati |
| n | | hagati |
| adj | middle-aged | umuhumure |
| n | midnight | sasita y'ijoro/igicugu |
| | might | |
| v | 1. express possibility | birashoboka |
| n | 2. strength | ubushobozi/ububasha |
| n | migrant | uwaje ava mukindi gihugu |
| adj | mild | kudakara/bitababa cane |
| n | military | abasirikare |
| n | milk | amata |
| n | milkbar | aho bagurira amata |
| | mind | |
| n | 1. consciousness | kugira umutwe utembera |
| phrase | 2. Keep in mind | kugumiza mu mutwe |
| phrase | 3. Never mind (don't worry) | ntaco/ntakibazo |
| phrase | 4. I don't mind | ntaco bimbwiye |
| phrase | 5. Mind the step (be careful of the step) | itegereze neza ingazi/uragaba hari ingazi |
| | mine | |
| pron | 1. possessive | yanje/canje |
| n | 2. underground excavation | ubutaka/ivyacukuwe |
| n | mineral | ubutare |
| n | minister (government) | umushikiranganji |
| prep | minus | kuramwo |
| | minute | |
| n | 1. unit of time | umunota |
| adj | 2. very small | akantu gato |
| n | mirror | icirore |
| adj | miserable | yagowe |
| v | misplace | kutibuka aho washize |
| | miss | |
| n | 1. woman's title | umwigeme |
| v | 2. long for | gukumbura |
| v | 3. opposite of hit | guhusha |
| adj | missing | yabuze/yazimiye |
| n | Missus | mupfasoni |
| n | Mister | mushingantahe |
| n | mistake | ikosa |
| v | misunderstand | kumva ibitarivyo |
| v | mix | kuvanga |
| n | mixture | ikivange |
| n | mobile phone | iterefone yo mu minwe |
| | model | |
| n | 1. representation | akarorero |
| n | 2. person who shows clothes | umwuga wo kwiyerekana mumpunzu |
| adj | modern | vyigihe ca none |
| adj | modest | yicishije bugufi/biciye bugufi |
| adj | moist | yoroshe/gitose |

moment – naked

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| n | moment | ikiringo/amango |
| n | money | amahera |
| n | monitor (computer) | y'ikiyo usomerako kuri komyuta |
| n | month | ukwezi |
| n | mood (frame of mind) | uko wumva umerewe mu mutwe |
| n | moon | ukwezi |
| adj | moral | bijanye n'imigenzo |
| adv | more | nyinshi |
| n | morning | igitondo |
| n | mosque | umusigiti basengeramwo |
| adj | most | kenshi/benshi |
| n | mother | mama/umuvyeyi |
| n | motor | imoteri |
| n | motor bike | ipikipiki nini |
| n | motor scooter | ipikipiki ntonya |
| n | mouse | |
| n | 1. animal | imbeba |
| n | 2. computer part | akuma kakwereka inzira kuri kompyuta |
| phrase | mouse button (computer) | aho ufyonda kuri kompyuta |
| n | mousepad | ako ushirako ukuboko mu gukoresha kompyuta |
| n | moustache | ubwanwa |
| n | mouth | umunwa |
| v | move | kwimuka |
| n | movement | urujanuruza/kwhihindukiza |
| n | movie | ibikino vy'amasanamu |
| abbrev | Mr *see Mister | |
| abbrev | Mrs *see Missus | |
| n | Ms | umwigeme |
| adv | much | cane, nyinshi |
| adj | multicultural | amoko y'abantu menshi |
| n | multiplication | igwizwa, igwiriranye |
| v | multiply | kugwiza/kugwira |
| abbrev | mum *see mother | |
| | murder | |
| n | 1. unlawful killing | ubwicanyi |
| v | 2. kill unlawfully | kugandagura |
| n | muscle | inyama, umusoso/umutsi |
| n | mushroom | ikizinu |
| n | music | indirimbo/umuziki |
| v | must | kurinda/gutegerezwa |
| pron | my | yanje/canje/wanje/vyanje |
| n | mystery | bitazwi/bidasobanutse |
| N | | |
| v | nag | kwicisha amajambo |
| | nail | |
| n | 1. body part | urwara |
| n | 2. metal spike | umusumari |
| adj | naked | amenya/kuba gusa |

name – nobody

| | | |
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| | name | |
| n | 1. title | izina |
| phrase | 2. given name | izina ry'igikirisu |
| phrase | 3. family name | izina rikuru |
| adj | narrow | kwaga/haze/hatoyi |
| adj | nasty | umuntu mubi |
| n | nation | igihugu |
| adj | nationality | igihugu cawe |
| adj | native | imvukira |
| | nature | |
| n | 1. person's character | kamere |
| n | 2. environment | ibidukikije |
| prep | near | hafi |
| adv | nearby | hegereye |
| adv | nearly | habuze gato |
| adj | neat | bisukuye |
| adj | necessary | bikwiye |
| n | neck | izosi |
| v | need | gukena/gukenera |
| n | needle | urushinge |
| | negative | |
| n | 1. film | amafoto ataraja kurupapuro/ atarahanagurwa |
| adj | 2. opposite of positive | kugira iviyumviro bibi |
| v | neglect | kwanjanjwa/kutitaho |
| n | neighbour | umubanyi |
| adv | neither | ntanumwe/ntanimwe/ntanakimwe |
| n | nerve | umutsi |
| adj | nervous | kugira ubwoba |
| n | nest | icari |
| | net | |
| n | 1. trap | urusenga |
| n | 2. sport equipment | urusenga ry'imikino |
| abbrev | Net * see Internet | |
| n | netball (game) | umupira w'amaboko |
| adv | never | ntaho/nta narimwe |
| adj | new | nshasha/gishasha |
| n | newspaper | ikinyamakuru |
| | next | |
| adv | 1. after this | mpejeje iki/haza gukurikira |
| adj | 2. following | igikurikira |
| phrase | 3. next door | iruhande/hambavu ku nzu ikurikira |
| adj | nice | nziza/nyawo/nyayo |
| n | night | ijoro |
| n | nightclub | aho batambira imiziki mw'ijoro |
| n | night dress | ikanzu yo kuryamamwo |
| | no | |
| int | 1. opposite yes | oya |
| det | 2. not at all | namba, ishwu/haba namba |
| pron | nobody | nta numwe |

nocturnal – obvious

| | | |
|--------|---------------------------|--|
| adj | nocturnal | vyo mwijoro |
| v | nod | kwemera ukoresheje umutwe |
| n | noise | urwamo |
| adv | noisily | hari induru/hari urwamo rwinshi |
| adj | noisy | atera induru/bavuza urwamo |
| pron | none | nta nimwe |
| n | noon | ku musase |
| pron | no-one | nta numwe |
| conj | nor | nta |
| adj | normal | bisanzwe |
| n | north | haruguru/ mu buraruko |
| n | nose | izuru |
| n | nosebleed | umwuna |
| adv | not | eka |
| | note | |
| n | 1. money | inoti |
| n | 2. short piece of writing | akabaruwa gato |
| phrase | 3. take note (be careful) | kwitegereza/kwihiweza neza |
| phrase | 4. take notes | kwandika |
| pron | nothing | nta nakimwe |
| n | notice | kumenyesh/a/itangazo |
| n | notice board | ikibaho c'amatangazo |
| n | noun | izina |
| n | novel | igitabo c'ibitito |
| adv | now | ubu |
| adv | nowadays | ibi bihe |
| adv | nowhere | nta nahamwe |
| adj | nude | iri gusa/amenya |
| | number | |
| n | 1. numeral | igiharuro |
| v | 2. count | guharura |
| phrase | 3. a number of | igitigiri ca/kingana na |
| abbrev | 4. no. (see number) | |
| n | nurse | umuforoma |
| | nut | |
| n | 1. fruit | icamwa |
| colloq | 2. mad person | umusazi |
| n | nutrition | ingaburo |

O

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| adj | obedient | agamburuka |
| v | obey | kugamburuka |
| | object | |
| n | 1. thing | ikintu |
| n | 2. aim | gutumbereza |
| v | 3. be against | guhakana/kudashigikira |
| n | objection | guhakana ushimitse |
| v | obtain | kuronka |
| adj | obvious | vyibonekeza/bigaragara |

occasion – only

| | | |
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| n | occasion | uburyo |
| adv | occasionally | rimwe na rimwe |
| n | occupation | umurimo |
| n | ocean | ikiyaga |
| adv | o'clock | kw'isaha |
| | odd | |
| adj | 1. strange | bitumvikana |
| phrase | 2. odd number | igiharuro gihushanye n'ingwizwa ya |
| | | kabiri |
| prep | of | vya |
| int | of course | vyukuri/ngombwa/neza cane |
| | off | |
| adv | 1. away from | kure ya |
| prep | 2. opposite on | kizimije |
| colloq phr | 3. Off you go! | ngiyo inzira hogi!tangura! |
| n | offence | gukora ikintu kitajanye n'amategeko |
| | offer | |
| n | 1. proposal | gutura |
| v | 2. present for approval | gushikana |
| n | office | ibiro |
| n | officer | umukozi wa leta |
| adj | official | vyagiye ahabona |
| adv | often | kenshi |
| int | oh! | yo! |
| | oil | |
| n | 1. of petroleum | ipeterori |
| v | 2. grease | amavuta |
| int | okay | sawa/ni vyiza |
| | old | |
| adj | 1. opposite new | ishaje/gishaje/kimaze imisi |
| adj | 2. opposite young | umusaza |
| n | old age | ubusaza |
| adj | old-fashioned | akurikiza ivyakera |
| | on | |
| prep | 1. representing location | ku/kuri |
| adj | 2. opposite off | yakije |
| phrase | 3. on fire | irurumba |
| phrase | 4. on foot | kugenda n'amaguru |
| phrase | 5. on time | gushika ku gihe |
| phrase | 6. on holidays | kuja mu kiruhuko |
| phrase | 7. on the left | ibubamfu |
| phrase | 8. on the right | isburyo |
| phrase | 9. on top | hejuru |
| | once | |
| adv | 1. one time | rimwe |
| phrase | 2. at once | kugirira icarimwe |
| phrase | 3. once a week | rimwe ku ndwi |
| adj | one | imwe/umwe/kimwe |
| n | onion | igitunguru |
| adv | only | gusa |

open – overcrowded

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| | open | |
| adj | 1. opposite of closed | cuguruye/kirumuruye |
| phrase | 2. in the open (outside) | gushira ahabona/hanze |
| n | opening | icanzo/ ikinogo/iyugurura |
| | operate | |
| v | 1. work | gukoresha |
| v | 2. carry out surgery | kubaga |
| n | operation | kubaga/ibikorwa |
| n | opinion | iciyumviro |
| n | opportunity | uburyo/umwanya |
| v | oppose | kwanka |
| n | opposite | kinyuranye/gihushanye |
| | orange | |
| adj | 1. colour | umutugutu |
| n | 2. fruit | umucungwe |
| n | orchestra | umugwi w'abaririmvyi |
| | order | |
| n | 1. numerical sequence | gukurikirana |
| n | 2. direction for a supply | gutumako ibidandazwa |
| v | 3. put in sequence | gushira kumurongo |
| v | 4. arrange supply of | gutumako ibidandazwa |
| adj | ordinary | bisanzwe |
| | organ | |
| n | 1. musical instrument | icuma c'umuziki |
| n | 2. body part | igice c'umubiri |
| n | organisation | ishirahamwe |
| v | organise | gushira mukibanza |
| n | origin | inyanduruko/imvo |
| pron | other | iyindi/ikindi |
| conj | otherwise | ukundi/ahandi ho |
| pron | our | yacu/wacu |
| | out | |
| adv | 1. opposite in | hanze |
| prep | 2. out of | vyandurutse ku/bitajanye |
| phrase | 3. Lights out! | zimya amatara! |
| phrase | 4. made out of | bikozwe mu |
| phrase | 5. out of bounds | kibujije/bitemewe |
| phrase | 6. out of date | vyarengeranye/vyataye igihe |
| phrase | 7. out of order | ibintu bitakiboneka/vyaheze |
| phrase | 8. out of work | kuva mu kazi/gushomera |
| adv | outside | hanze |
| adj | oval (shape) | kimeze nk'irigi |
| | over | |
| adv | 1. finished | vyaheze |
| prep | 2. pertaining to location | hariya |
| phrase | 3. over and over | kenshi kenshi |
| phrase | 4. over there | hariya |
| phrase | 5. fall over | kugwa |
| adj | overcrowded | hari isinzi ry'abantu |

overdo – pass

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| v | overdo | birengeje urugero |
| adj | overdue | vyarengeranye |
| n | overhead projector | itara rimurikira hejuru rikoreshwa mu kwerekana insiguro |
| v | overhear | kunyura mu matwi |
| adj | overnight | mw'ijoro rishize |
| adv | overseas | inyuma y'igihugu |
| v | oversleep | kuryamira |
| v | overtake | kurengana |
| v | owe | kugirira ideni |
| phrase | owing to (due to) | bivuye kuri/kubera |
| | own | |
| v | 1. have | kugira |
| phrase | 2. his own money | amahera yiwe |
| n | owner | nyene ikintu |
| n | oxygen | umwuka w'impwemu |

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| v | pack | gutsindagira/gupakira/gutekera |
| phrase | pack of cards | ipaki y'amakarata |
| n | packet | itu/ipaki |
| n | pad (as note-pad) | Agatabo ko kw'andikamwo |
| n | paddock | igituru |
| n | page | urupapuro |
| pt v | paid *see pay | |
| n | pain | umubabaro |
| v | paint | gusiga |
| n | painting | irangi/isanamu/igicapo |
| n | pair | bibiri bibiri |
| adj | pale | kubenjuka/adakeye neza |
| n | pan | isafuriya |
| n | pants | ipantaro |
| n | pantyhose | udupantaro bambara munsi yamakanzu |
| n | paper | igikaratasi |
| n | paragraph | igice c'inyandiko |
| adj | parallel | kubangikana |
| n | parallelogram | igicapo c'imfuruka zibangikanye |
| n | parent | umuvyeyi |
| | park | |
| n | 1. green space | ikibanza co gutemberamwo |
| v | 2. as a car | ahabikwa umuduga |
| n | part | igice/ikigabane |
| n | participle (grammar) | umwanya (ku mavuga) |
| adj | particular | ikintu cisa/kidasanzwe |
| n | partner | uko mufatanije/uko mubana mutarubakana |
| adj | part-time | bitari ivy'umwanya wose |
| n | party (gathering) | umunsi mukuru |
| | pass | |
| v | 1. go by | guhita |
| v | 2. opposite of fail | kumenya |

passage – persuade

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| v | 3. hand over | guhereza/gushikiriza |
| phrase | 4. train pass | itike y' itereni |
| n | passage | inzira |
| n | passenger | uwutwawe nko mu modoka |
| n | passport | igitabo c'inzira |
| | past | |
| n | 1. time gone by | igihe ca renganye |
| phrase | 2. walk past | kurengana |
| phrase | 3. half past three | isaha cenda n'inusu |
| phrase | 4. past tense | kahise |
| n | pasta | udukate tureture bateka |
| | paste | |
| n | 1. glue | uburembo |
| v | 2. stick with paste | guhoma |
| n | path | inzira |
| | patient | |
| n | 1. a person under medical treatment | umurwayi |
| adj | 2. calm under stress | yiyumanganya/yihangana |
| n | pause | akaruhuko |
| n | paw | ijanja |
| | pay | |
| n | 1. earnings | impembo/umushahara |
| v | 2. provide with money | guhemba |
| n | pea | ubushaza |
| n | peace | amahoro |
| adj | peaceful | kugira amahoro/atekanye |
| n | pen | ikaramu |
| n | pencil | ikaramu y'igit |
| n | pencil case | agasaho k'amakaramu |
| n | penguin | inyoni ziba ahakanye zera zirabura |
| n | pentagon | gifise imfuruka zitanu |
| n | pepper | ipiripiri |
| adv | per cent | icijana |
| n | percentage | kw'ijana |
| adj | perfect | gihanitse/ata mahinyu |
| v | perform | kugira/gukora ibikino |
| n | perfume | isenga |
| adv | perhaps | ngira ngo/birashoboka |
| | period | |
| n | 1. school day division | igice c'ishure |
| n | 2. pertaining to menstruation | kuja mu kwezi |
| n | 3. amount of time | igihe |
| n | permission | uruhasha |
| | permit | |
| n | 1. licence | urupapuro rwo gutwara imodoka |
| v | 2. allow | kwemerera |
| n | person | umuntu |
| v | persuade | kumvisha umuntu ikintu |

pet – plate

| | | |
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| n | pet | igitungwa co mu nzu |
| n | petrol | ipeterori |
| abbrev | phone *see telephone | |
| n | photocopy | icuma co gukora ama kopi |
| | photograph | |
| n | 1. picture | isanamu |
| v | 2. take a picture | gufata amasanamu |
| n | phrase | ijambo |
| adj | physical | amagara/ikintu/ikiremwa |
| n | pianist | umukinyi wicuma cumuziki kimeze |
| | | nkumuduri |
| n | piano | icuma c'umuziki |
| | pick | |
| v | 1. choose | gutora |
| colloq phr | 2. pick on (bully) | gucokoza |
| colloq phr | 3. pick up some English | kumva bimwe bimwe mu congereza |
| phrase | 4. take your pick | itorere ico ushaka |
| n | picnic | gufungurira hanze |
| n | picture | igicapu/ishusho |
| n | piece | ikimanyu/igice |
| n | pile | ikirundo/umurwi |
| n | pill | ikinini |
| n | pillow | umusego |
| n | pilot | uwutwara indege |
| n | pin | igikwashu |
| n | pineapple | inanasi |
| n | pipe | inkongoro y'itabi |
| | pity | |
| n | 1. shame | isoni |
| v | 2. feel sorry for | kumvira imbabazi |
| | place | |
| n | 1. location | ikibanza |
| v | 2. put | gushira |
| phrase | 3. take place (occur) | bizobera |
| phrase | 4. my place (home) | muhira iwanje |
| | plain | |
| n | 1. field | ikiyaya |
| adj | 2. ordinary | bisanzwe |
| phrase | 3. It's plain (clear) | birumvikana |
| | plan | |
| n | 1. scheme | imigabo/ingingo nkuru nkuru |
| v | 2. organise | kugira imigabo |
| abbrev | plane *see aeroplane | |
| n | planet | isi |
| n | plant | igiterwa |
| | plastic | |
| adj | 1. resinous substance | ikintu kitameneka atari icuma/parastike |
| | | isaho ya parastiki |
| n | 2. mouldable | isahani |
| n | plate (household item) | |

platform – pool

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| | platform | |
| n | 1. on station | ikibanza urindiriramwo itereni |
| n | 2. for diving | aho uhagarara imbere yo gusimbira |
| n | | mu mazi |
| n | platypus | igikoko gita amagi kiba muri Australiya |
| n | play | |
| n | 1. drama | umukino w'igiteramo |
| v | 2. have fun | kuryoherwa |
| phrase | 3. play a game | gukina umukino |
| phrase | 4. play a CD | kuvuza umuziki |
| n | playground | ikibuga co gukina |
| adj | pleasant | biryoshe/ashimishije |
| int | please | murashobora? urashobora? |
| adj | pleased | ndaryohewe/ndashimishijwe |
| n | pleasure | uburyohe |
| n | plenty | vyinshi |
| n | plug | |
| n | 1. stopper | umupfundikizo |
| n | 2. electrical | aho bacomeka umuyaga nkuba |
| phr v | 3. plug in | comeka |
| | plural | |
| adj | 1. more than one | kenshi/vyinshi |
| n | 2. grammar form | ubwinshi |
| prep | plus | kandi/hamwe na |
| n | pocket | |
| n | 1. pouch | umupfuko |
| n | 2. pocket money | amahera witwaza |
| n | poem | urwandiko rumeze nk'amazina |
| n | poet | umwanditsi w'amazina |
| n | poetry | kuvuga amzina |
| n | point | |
| n | 1. sharp end | isonga |
| n | 2. reason | igituma/imvo |
| n | 3. numerical value | inota |
| v | 4. gesture with finger | gutuma urutoke |
| phr v | 5. point out | gushira ahabona/gusobanura |
| phrase | 6. point of view | iciyumviro |
| v | poke | gusunika/gusotora |
| n | pole | icuma |
| n | police | igipolisi |
| | polish | |
| n | 1. substance used for shining | umuti wo gusiga ibirato |
| v | 2. make glossy | gusena/ku nonosora |
| adj | polite | w'indero |
| n | politics | ivya politike |
| v | pollute | kwonona n'ivyotsi bibi |
| n | pollution | icuka kibi |
| n | pool (of water) | ikidengeri camazi |

poor – preparation

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| | poor | |
| adj | 1. opposite rich | nyarucari/umukene |
| adj | 2. not very good | bidakoze neza |
| colloq | 3. pitiable | bibabaje |
| abbrev | pop *see popular | |
| adj | popular | izwi/azwi/rurangiranwa |
| n | population | abanyagihugu |
| | position | |
| n | 1. location | ahantu |
| n | 2. viewpoint on | aho uhagaze/iciyumviro cawe |
| | positive | |
| adj | 1. opposite negative | ciza/gishemeye |
| adj | 2. sure | vy'ukuri |
| v | possess | gutunga/kugira |
| n | possession | ico/ivyo utunze |
| adj | possible | gishoboka/ibishoboka |
| n | possum | igikoko kimeze nk'imbeba |
| v | post | inkingi |
| n | postage stamp | ikidodo ca posita |
| n | postcard | agakarata karanga ahantu urungika |
| | | muri posita |
| n | post office | ibiro vy'a posita |
| n | poster | igicapo kinini |
| n | pot (container) | inkono |
| n | potato | ikiraya |
| n | pot plant | inkono y'ishurwe |
| n | pouch | isaho |
| n | powder | ifu |
| | power | |
| n | 1. strength | ubukomezi |
| phrase | 2. in power (in charge) | ari ku butegetsi |
| adj | powerful | akomeye/gikomeye/ahambaye |
| n | power point | porogaramu ya komputa bakoresha |
| | | mu gutanga insiguro |
| adj | practical | vyumvikana |
| n | practice | umwimenyerezo |
| v | practise | kwimenyereza |
| | praise | |
| n | 1. appoval | ishimwe/ihayagizwa |
| v | 2. express approval | gushima/guhaya |
| v | pray | gusenga |
| n | prayer | igisabisho |
| adj | precious | jisho rimwe |
| v | prefer | gupfuma/gutora ikiruta ikindi |
| adj | pregnant | yibungeze/akuriwe |
| n | prejudice | kwiyumvira nabi/kutihanganira/ |
| | | kutamenya |
| | premier | |
| n | 1. state government leader | uwutwara leta y'intara |
| adj | 2. leading | yambere |
| n | preparation | imigabo/imyiteguro |

prepare – progress

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| v | prepare | kwitegura |
| n | preposition | ndondahwaniro |
| n | prescription (doctor's) | imiti muganga yakwandikiye |
| n | present | |
| n | 1. gift | akaganuke |
| v | 2. give out | gushikiriza |
| adj | 3. opposite absent | kwitaba |
| phrase | 4. at present (now) | ubu |
| n | president | umukuru |
| | press | |
| n | 1. media | amakuru |
| v | 2. push | gutsindagira/guhimiriza |
| v | pretend | kwigirisha |
| adj | pretty | nziza/ciza |
| v | prevent | kubuza |
| adj | previous | ubuheruka |
| n | price | igiciro/ikiguzi |
| v | prick | kuzibura/gutobora |
| n | pride | ubwishime |
| adj | primary | gitangura |
| n | primary school | ishuri rito/ry'intango |
| n | prime minister | umushikiranganji wa mbere |
| | principal | |
| n | 1. school head | umukuri w'ishure |
| adj | 2. leading | nyamukuru/ngenderwako |
| n | principle | ibiranga umuntu |
| | print | |
| v | 1. of handwriting | kwandika mu ndome nkuru |
| v | 2. of machine | kwandikisha imashini |
| n | printer (computer) | imashini isohora impapuro |
| n | prison | umunyororo/ibohero |
| adj | private | itari rusangi/umuntu yiharije |
| n | prize | agashimwe |
| n | probability | haraho |
| adj | probable | bishoboka |
| adv | probably | umenga/umengo/vyoshoboka |
| n | problem | ingorane |
| v | proceed | kubandanya |
| n | process | uko ibintu bigenda |
| n | procession | urukurikirane |
| | produce | |
| n | 1. yield | umwimbu |
| v | 2. make | gushika ku kintu |
| n | product | ikintu bakora/bakoze |
| n | profession | umwuga |
| n | professor | umwigisha |
| n | profit | akamaro/inyungu |
| n | program | urutonde |
| n | progress | iterambere/amajambere |

project – pyjamas

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| n | project (as school project) | igikorwa wishinze kurangura |
| | promise | |
| n | 1. assurance | indagano/isezerano |
| v | 2. vow | kuragana/gusezerana |
| n | pronoun | imfatakibanza |
| v | pronounce | kwatura |
| n | pronunciation | gutomora |
| n | proof | icagiriza |
| adj | proper | bitomoye/bijanye |
| adv | properly | vyitondewe |
| n | property | itongo/inzu |
| v | protect | gukingira |
| n | protection | inkingizo |
| | protest | |
| n | 1. objection | umwiyamirizo |
| v | 2. object | guhakana/kwiyamiriza |
| adj | proud | kwishima/kwirimiriza |
| v | prove | kwerekana/guhinyuza |
| v | provide | gushikiriza |
| n | pub | ubunywero |
| adj | public | ahabona/mu bantu |
| n | public school | ishure rya leta |
| phrase | public transport | uburyo bwa leta bwo kunguruza abantu |
| | pull | |
| v | 1. tug | gukwega |
| phr v | 2. pull down (demolish) | kubomora/gusitura |
| phr v | 3. pull up (stop) | guhagarika imodoka |
| colloq phr | 4. pull oneself together | kwiyegeranya/kwiyungunganya |
| n | pump | impompe y'impwemu |
| adj | punctual | ashika kugihe |
| v | punish | guhana |
| n | punishment | igihano |
| | pupil | |
| n | 1. eye part | imbonero |
| n | 2. school student | umwigishwa/umunyeshule |
| adj | pure | kitavanze/novu |
| adj | purple | ibara ry'ikijumpu |
| | push | |
| v | 1. exert force | gusunika |
| phr v | 2. push in (go before your turn) | gusunurana |
| | put | |
| v | 1. place | gushira |
| phr v | 2. put away (pack up) | gushingura |
| phr v | 3. put off (delay) | kwirengagiza/kurindiriza |
| phr v | 4. put on (dress in) | kwambara |
| phr v | 5. put out (as fire) | kuzimya |
| phr v | 6. put up with (endure) | gusarirako/kwiyumanganya |
| n | puzzle | kuzazanira |
| n | pyjamas | impuzu zo kuryamana |

pyramid – realise

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| n | pyramid | imfuruka zine zihurira kw'isonga rimwe |
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| v | qualify (make competent) | gukwiza via ngombwa |
| adj | quality | kamere/ubwiza |
| n | quantity | uko bingana |
| v | quarrel | gutongana/gushwana |
| n | quarter | ica kane |
| n | queen | umwamikazi |
| n | question | ikibazo |
| n | queue | umurongo |
| adj | quick | n'ingoga |
| adv | quickly | n'ingoga na n'ingoga |
| adj | quiet | atekereje |
| adv | quietly | hatekereje/buke buke |
| v | quit | guhagarika |
| adv | quite | uko bitegerezwe |

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| | race | |
| n | 1. competition | isiganwa |
| n | 2. ethnicity | ubwoko |
| v | 3. compete | gusiganwa |
| n | racism | kwanka abo mudasangije ubwoko |
| n | radio | iradiyo |
| n | radius | umurongo uva hagati y'umuzingi |
| n | railing | uruzitiro |
| n | railway | inzira yama tereni |
| n | rain | imvura |
| n | rain coat | ikoti y'imvura |
| v | raise | gutunga/kurera/kwongera |
| pt v | ran *see run | |
| pt v | rang *see ring | |
| n | range | urutonde |
| v | rank | ikibanza c'umwumwe |
| adj | rapid | kinyaruka |
| adj | rare | kitaboneka/kidasanzwe |
| n | rash (skin eruption) | gufurutira |
| adv | rather (to a certain extent) | hako |
| adj | raw | mbisi/kibisi |
| | reach | |
| v | 1. arrive at | gushikira/guhamvyia ikintu |
| phrase | 2. out of reach (unobtainable) | ikintu udashikira |
| v | react | gusubiza |
| n | reaction | inyishu/inyifato habaye ikintu |
| v | read | gusoma |
| adj | ready | kugaba/yiteguye |
| adj | real | vyukuri |
| v | realise | kubona neza |

really – republic

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| adv | really | vyukuri |
| adj | rear | c'inyuma |
| n | reason | imvo/igituma |
| v | receive (get) | kuronka |
| adj | recent | ya vuba |
| n | recess (morning tea) | kwivuna umusase |
| colloq | reckon (think or suppose) | ndibaza |
| v | recognise | kumenya/kwibuka |
| v | record | gushira ku rupapuro |
| n | recount | |
| n | 1. story genre | umugani/igitito |
| v | 2. narrate | guca umugani |
| | recover | |
| v | 1. get back | gutora/kuronka ibintu wari wabuze canke watakaje |
| v | 2. get better | gukira |
| n | rectangle | urukiramende |
| adj | red | agahama/ gitukura |
| v | reduce | kugabanya |
| v | refer | kurungika ahandi/kugabanya |
| n | referee | umuhagarikizi |
| n | refrigerator | ifirigo |
| n | refugee | impunzi |
| v | refuse | guhakana/kwanka |
| n | region | intara |
| v | regret | kwigaya/kw'icuza |
| adj | regular | bishika kenshi |
| adv | regularly | kenshi |
| n | relation (kin) | incuti |
| n | relationship | isano/ico mupfana |
| n | relative | incuti |
| v | relax | kuruhuka/gusama akayaga |
| n | religion | idini |
| v | remain | kuguma |
| n | remark | kuvuga wemeza |
| v | remember | kwibuka |
| v | remind | kwibutsa |
| n | reminder | icibutso |
| v | remove | gukura |
| | rent | |
| n | 1. payment for accommodation | amahera uriha k'unzu upanze |
| v | 2. hire | gukotesha |
| v | repeat | gusubiramwo/gusubira |
| v | replace | gusigarira/kuja mu kibanza |
| v | reply | kwishura/gusubiza |
| | report | |
| n | 1. written account | icegeranyo |
| v | 2. give an account | kuvuga ivyabaye |
| n | reporter | umunyamakuru |
| n | republic | repuburika |

request – ring

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| | request | |
| n | 1. petition | gusaba ku mugaragaro |
| v | 2. ask for | gusaba |
| v | rescue | gukiza |
| | reserve | |
| n | 1. park | ikibanza kibikiwe gutemberamwo |
| v | 2. keep aside | gutegekanya kazoza |
| n | resident | uwuba ahantu |
| n | respect | icubahiro |
| n | responsibility | ivyo ujejwe/amabanga |
| adj | responsible | uwujejwe |
| | rest | |
| n | 1. relaxation | kwiyorosha |
| v | 2. relax | kuruuhuka |
| n | 3. remainder | ibisigaye/hasigaye |
| n | restaurant | aho abantu bahurira gufungura |
| n | rest room | akazu ka sugumwe |
| n | result | inyishu/ico washitseko |
| | return | |
| n | 1. arrival back | igaruka/ihindukira |
| v | 2. go back to | gusubira |
| v | 3. give back to | gusubiza |
| phrase | 4. return tickets | itike yo kugenda no kugaruka |
| | reverse | |
| adj | 1. opposite forward | inyuma |
| v | 2. go backwards | gusubira inyuma |
| v | revise | gusubiramwo |
| | revolution | |
| n | 1. full circle | umuzingi ukwiye |
| n | 2. war | intambara yo kwikurako agacinyizo |
| n | reward | impera |
| n | rhythm | umudundo |
| n | ribbon | umukanda wo gushariza |
| n | rice | umuceri |
| adj | rich | ugutunga/atunze |
| v | rid | kwikurako |
| v | ride | gufata umunyenga |
| | right | |
| adj | 1. opposite wrong | vyukuri/vyo |
| adj | 2. opposite left | isburyo |
| adv | 3. direction | inzira y'ukuri |
| n | 4. just claim | ibirivyo |
| phrase | 5. all right (as for health) | amagara meza |
| phrase | 6. all right (as for agreement) | nivyo |
| phrase | 7. right now (immediately) | ubu nyene |
| n | right angle | isburyo bw'ukuri/iciyumviro ciza |
| | ring | |
| n | 1. jewellery | impeta |
| v | 2. as a phone | guhamagara na telefone |

ripe – run

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| v | 3. as a bell | inkengeri |
| adj | ripe | ihiye/gihiyе |
| | rise | |
| n | 1. ascent | guseruka |
| v | 2. get up | guhaguruka |
| n | risk | gishobora gutera impanuka |
| n | river | uruzi |
| n | road | ibarabara |
| v | roar | kuboroga |
| n | robot | imashini yigana |
| n | rock | ibuye ry'igitandara |
| n | rockpool | ibitandara vyamabuye |
| n | rod | ishami |
| pt v | rode *see ride | |
| | roll | |
| n | 1. absentee list | urutonde rw'abatitavye |
| n | 2. form of bread | umukate w'iburungushuye |
| v | 3. move by turning over | gutembagaza |
| n | roof | igisenge c'inzu |
| n | room | icumba |
| n | root | umuzi |
| n | rope | umugozи |
| | rose | |
| n | 1. flower | ishugwe risa n'iritukura |
| pt v | 2. *see rise | |
| adj | rough | bitareha/hari ibidundure |
| | round | |
| adj | 1. circular | kiburungushuye/c'umuzingi |
| phrase | 2. round the corner | imbere gato/haruguru gato |
| | row | |
| n | 1. arrangement in a line | umurongo |
| n | 2. fight | akaguma/akajagari |
| v | 3. as a boat | gusoza |
| adj | royal | y'ibwami |
| v | rub | gusiga/kunyingisha |
| n | rubber | umupira ugaruka |
| n | rubbish | umwanda |
| adj | rude | atisonera |
| v | ruin | igisaka/umusaka |
| | rule | |
| n | 1. regulation | itegeko |
| v | 2. as a line | guca umurongo |
| v | 3. govern | gutwara |
| n | ruler (school equipment) | agacamurongo |
| | run | |
| v | 1. move fast | kwiruka |
| phrase | 2. a river runs into the ocean | uruzi rutembera mu kiyaga |
| phr v | 3. run away from | guhunga |
| phr v | 4. run out of | gukesha |

rung – scissors

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| phr v | 5. run over (with a car) | kugonga n'umuduga |
| n | rung (of a ladder) | intambwe imwe y'ingazi |
| n | runner-up | uwakurikiye uwambere |
| phrase | runny nose | kugira ibicurane |
| v | rush | kwihutira/kwihuta |
| S | | |
| adj | sad | kubabara |
| adj | safe | gukira |
| pt v | said *see say | |
| | sail | |
| n | 1. part of ship | igice c'ubwato |
| v | 2. cause movement of ship using wind | kugendesha ubwato n'umuyaga |
| n | salad | imboga ziribwa ari mbisi |
| n | salary | impembo/umushahara |
| n | sale | imanurwa ry'ibiciro |
| n | salt | umunyu |
| adj | same | kuringanira/bimwe/co kimwe |
| n | sand | umusenyi |
| n | sandal | inkweto |
| n | sandwich | umukate n'inyama |
| pt v | sang *see sing | |
| pt v | sat *see sit | |
| n | satisfaction | guhimbarwa |
| adj | satisfactory | bihimbaye |
| adj | satisfied | ahimbawe |
| v | satisfy | guhimbara |
| n | sauce | isosí |
| n | sausage | isosiso/inyama y'isosiso |
| | save | |
| v | 1. rescue | gukiza/kurokora |
| v | 2. keep on computer | kubika muri kompyuta |
| v | 3. keep as money | kiziganya |
| | saw | |
| n | 1. tool | urukero |
| pt v | 2. *see see | |
| v | say | kuvuga |
| | scale | |
| n | 1. covering on animals | ibipfuka umugongo w'ibikoko |
| n | 2. measuring device | umunzani |
| adj | scarce | bikenye/bigoye kuronka |
| n | scarf | igisikafu |
| n | scene | uko vyagenze/ivyo ubona |
| n | scenery | imisozi n'ibiyaya |
| n | school | ishuri |
| n | school shoe | ikirato c'ishure |
| n | science | ubuhinga |
| n | scissors | umukasi |

score – set

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| | score | |
| n | 1. points made in a game 2. to get points | ibitsindo/amanota |
| v | | kuronka amanota |
| v | | gukoma induru |
| n | scream | |
| n | screen | urubari |
| n | screw | umusumari w'imikinya |
| n | sea | ikiyaga |
| n | seagull | inyoni yera iba kumazi |
| | search | |
| n | 1. the act of searching 2. look for | ukurondera |
| v | | kurondera |
| n | season | igihe |
| n | seat | intebé |
| | second | |
| n | 1. unit of time 2. after first | umusegonda |
| adj | | igikurikira/ca kabiri |
| adv | | ubwakabiri |
| | secret | |
| n | 1. something hidden 2. unknown by others | ibanga |
| adj | | kugumya ibanga/kitazwi |
| n | section | igice |
| v | see | kuraba/kubona |
| n | seed | imbuto |
| v | seek | kurondera |
| adv | seldom | gake |
| v | select | gucagura |
| adj | selfish | kwikunda/yikunda |
| v | sell | kugurisha |
| v | send | kurungika |
| | sense | |
| n | 1. one of the five faculties 2. make sense (be intelligible) | kumviriza ukorakoye |
| phrase | | birumvikana/biratomoye |
| adj | | wumutima woroshe |
| pt v | sensible | |
| n | sent *see send | ijambo/ingingo |
| | sentence | |
| | separate | |
| adj | 1. disconnected 2. to keep apart | bitandukanye |
| v | | kuvavanura/gutandukanya |
| n | sequence | ikwirikirana ry'ibantu |
| n | series | ibantu bikurikirana |
| | serious | |
| adj | 1. important 2. opposite of lighthearted | bikomeye/bihambaye |
| adj | | kigoye/ghambaye |
| n | servant | umukozi |
| v | serve | guhereza/gutwara |
| n | service | igikorwa |
| | set | |
| v | 1. to put in a particular place 2. a group of things | gutereka ahantu |
| n | | umugwi w'ibantu |

settle – short cut

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| phr v | 3. set off (go) | kwanduruka |
| phr v | 4. set out (put in order) | kwegeranya |
| phr v | 5. set up (prepare) | gutegura |
| | settle | |
| v | 1. to live in | kugerera/kuba ahantu |
| phr v | 2. settle on (agree on) | guhuriza ku kintu |
| n | settlement | ukumvikana/uguhuza |
| n | settler | uwagereye ahantu/uwubatse ahantu |
| adj | several | nyinshi/vyinshi |
| v | sew | kubarira/gushona |
| n | sex | igitsina |
| n | sexism | gukumira igitsina |
| n | shade | igitutu |
| n | shadow | icijiji c'umuntu canke ikuntu |
| v | shake | gukunkumura/kujugumira |
| v | shall | gushobora |
| adj | shallow | ngufi, ngufinya/mu mazi hatibiye |
| n | shame | isoni |
| n | shampoo | isabuni y'imishatsi |
| n | shape | imikinya, uko ikuntu kimeze |
| n | 1. portion | ikigabane |
| v | 2. divide up | kugabura |
| adj | sharp | gukariha |
| n | sharpener | ikintu gikarisha |
| v | shave | kumwa |
| pron | she | we, weho (igitsinagore) |
| n | sheep | intama |
| n | sheet | |
| n | 1. of paper | urupapuro |
| n | 2. of bedding | ishuka |
| n | shelf | uruhimbi bashiramwo ibitaro/akabati |
| n | shell (of sea) | isaho amafi amwe amwe aba mwo |
| n | shelter | urwugamiro |
| v | shine | kuyagayaga/kwaka |
| adj | shiny | isayangana |
| n | ship | ubwato |
| n | shirt | ishati |
| n | shock | kugwa agahundwe |
| n | shoe | ikirato |
| v | shoot | kurasa |
| n | shop | |
| n | 1. place to buy goods | imangazini |
| v | 2. buy goods | gusuma |
| n | shore | inkombe/inkengera |
| | short | |
| adj | 1. opposite tall | ngufi/ngufinya |
| adj | 2. opposite long | ngufi/ngufiya |
| n | short-cut | inzira ya hafi |

shorts – skate

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| n | shorts (clothing) | ibutura |
| | shot | |
| n | 1. gunfire | |
| pt v | 2. *see shoot | urusasi |
| v | should | warukwiye |
| v | shout | gusemerera |
| v | shove | gusunika |
| | show | |
| v | 1. display | kwereka/kwerekana |
| n | 2. as on TV | igikino co ku terevisiyo |
| phr v | 3. show off (be pretentious) | kwiyerekana |
| | shower | |
| n | 1. weather condition | akavura |
| v | 2. wash oneself | kwiyuhagira umubiri wosi |
| n | 3. bathroom apparatus | icumba bogera mwo |
| v | shrink | gutuna/kwituna/kwaga |
| v | shut | kugara |
| adj | shy | afise isoni |
| adj | sick | agwaye |
| n | sick bay | aho abagwayi baruhukira |
| n | side | uruhande/urubavu |
| adv | sideways | inzira zo kuruhande |
| n | sight | ukubona/imbonero |
| | sign | |
| n | 1. information board | ikimenyetso |
| v | 2. write one's signature | gutera umukomo |
| n | signal | gukebura/kwakura |
| n | signature | umukono |
| n | sign language | imvugo y'ibiragi |
| n | silence | agacerere |
| adj | silent | guhora/gucereza |
| n | silk | ihaariri |
| adj | silly | kwisarisha/atiyumvira |
| n | silver | ifeza |
| adj | similar | ibintu bisa |
| adj | simple | vyoroshe |
| v | sing | kuririmba |
| adj | single | atarubaka/imwe |
| n | singlet | agapira bambara musi y'ishatti |
| n | singular (grammatical) | rudende |
| | sink | |
| n | 1. tub for washing | aho wogereza ivyombo |
| v | 2. go down | kwibira |
| n | Sir (respectful form of address) | umushingantahé |
| n | sister | mushikawe |
| v | sit | kwicara |
| | skate | |
| v | 1. glide over the ground | guserereka |
| n | 2. equipment for skating | ivyambagwa muguserereka |

skateboard – so

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| n | skateboard | akabaho ko gusererekerako |
| n | skateboarding | gusererekera ku rubaho |
| n | ski | umwimenyerezo wo kubarafu |
| n | skiing | guserekera kubarafu |
| adj | skilful | kugira ubuhinga |
| n | skill | ubuhizi/umwuga/ingabirano |
| n | skin | uruhu/urukoba |
| | skip | |
| v | 1. jump | gusimba |
| v | 2. pass over | gusimba umuntu |
| n | skirt | ijipo |
| n | sky | ijuru/ikirere |
| n | slang | umucanganyo |
| v | slap | gukubita urushi |
| n | slave | umugurano/umucangero |
| v | sleep | gusinzira |
| adj | sleepy | ariko arahunyiza/atwawe n'itiro |
| pt v | slept *see sleep | |
| n | slice | ikimanyu/igisate/igice |
| v | slide | kunyerera/kugabanuka |
| adj | slim | ananutse |
| n | sling | itopito |
| v | slip | kunyerera |
| n | slipper (type of shoe) | ikamba mbiri |
| adj | slippery | hanyerera |
| v | slit | gukata |
| n | slope | akamanuko |
| | slow | |
| adj | 1. opposite fast | buhoro |
| adj | 2. behind time | kwikwega/giteba |
| adv | slowly | buhorobuhoro |
| adj | small | ntonya/gatonya |
| adj | smart (clever) | aciye ubwenge |
| v | smash | kumera |
| | smell | |
| n | 1. odour | ubumote/umwuka |
| v | 2. inhale an odour | kwimotereza |
| | smile | |
| n | 1. facial expression | akamwemwe |
| v | 2. make facial expression | kumwenyura |
| | smoke | |
| n | 1. visible substance from fire | umwotsi |
| v | 2. inhale a substance | kunywa itabi |
| adj | smooth | iremvye/gisenye neza |
| n | snack | kwica inzara |
| n | snake | inzoka |
| v | sneeze | kwasamura |
| n | snow | urubura |
| conj | so (consequently) | rero/hanyuma |

soap – sphere

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| n | soap | isabuni |
| n | soccer | umupira wamaguru |
| n | society | umugwi w'abantu |
| n | sock (clothing) | kwinika |
| | soft | |
| adj | 1. opposite hard | |
| adj | 2. opposite loud | |
| adv | softly | |
| pt v | sold *see sell | |
| | solid | |
| adj | 1. having three dimensions | ikintu gifise impande zitatu |
| n | 2. matter that is not liquid or gas | igihushane c'amazi canke c'umwuka |
| | solution | |
| n | 1. answer | inyishu |
| n | 2. mixture (scientific) | uruvange rw'ibantu |
| v | solve | gupfindura |
| det | some | bimwe bimwe/bamwe |
| n | somebody | umuntu umwe |
| n | someone | umuntu umwe |
| adv | sometimes | rimwe rimwe |
| n | son | umwana wawe w'umuhungu |
| n | song | indirimbo |
| adv | soon | vuba |
| | sore | |
| adj | 1. painful | ibabaza |
| n | 2. painful spot | igikomere |
| phrase | 3. sore throat | kubabara mumuhogo |
| adj | sorry | mpore |
| v | sort | ubwoko bw'ikintu |
| n | soul | umushaha |
| n | sound | ijwi/induru |
| n | soup | isupu |
| adj | sour | kurura |
| n | south | hepfo |
| | space | |
| n | 1. outside earth's atmosphere | mukirere |
| n | 2. room | ikibanza |
| n | spade | igipawa |
| adj | spare | kwitegekanya |
| v | speak | kuvuga |
| adj | special | kidasanzwe |
| n | speech | ijambo/invugo |
| | speed | |
| n | 1. rapidity | vyihutirwa |
| v | 2. go fast | kwihuta |
| v | spell | kuvuga urudome rumwe rumwe |
| v | spend | kumara/kumarana |
| pt v | spent *see spend | |
| n | sphere | ikintu c'ibirungushuye/ikibanza |

spill – starfish

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| v | spill | guseseka/gusanzara |
| v | spin | kuzungagiza |
| n | spirit (soul) | umutima/umushaha |
| v | spit | gucira |
| v | splash | kumijira |
| v | split | kuvana/gutandukanya |
| v | spoil | kubora/gufyinisha |
| pt v | spoke *see speak | |
| n | spoon | ikiyiko |
| n | sport | umwimenyerezo |
| n | sports oval | urukino |
| n | sports shoe | ibirato vyo gukinisha |
| | spot | |
| n | 1. circular pattern | ibara |
| n | 2. sore | aho ubabara |
| n | 3. place | ikibanza |
| v | 4. see | kubona ikintu ukiri kure |
| v | spread | gukwiza/gusanza |
| | spring | |
| n | 1. season | agatasi |
| v | 2. jump | gusimbagurika |
| | spy | |
| n | 1. person who keeps secret watch on others | mbangamatwi |
| v | 2. watch | kwitegereza |
| | square | |
| n | 1. plane figure | urukiramende |
| adj | 2. shaped as a square | ikintu gifise impande zine |
| n | staffroom | icumba c'abakozi |
| n | stage | igihe/ikibanza |
| n | stair | ingazi |
| | stamp | |
| n | 1. as for postage | ikidodo ca posita |
| v | 2. impress a mark on | gutera ikidodo |
| v | 3. strike with foot | guhonyanga |
| | stand | |
| v | 1. take upright position | guhagarara |
| phr v | 2. stand back | gusubira inyuma |
| phr v | 3. stand for (signify) | guhagarikira |
| phr v | 4. stand up for (defend) | guhagurukira |
| colloq phr | 5. I can't stand it (I hate it) | kwanka ikintu cane |
| n | standard | ibisanzwe |
| | star | |
| n | 1. astral body | inyenyeri |
| n | 2. famous actor, singer etc. | umukinyi azwi cane |
| adj | 3. shape | iforoma y'inyenyeri |
| n | starfish | ifi ifise iforoma yinyenyeri |

start – stop

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| | start | |
| n | 1. beginning | intango |
| v | 2. begin | gutangura |
| | state | |
| v | 1. say | kwatura |
| n | 2. political division | intara |
| n | statement | icemezo/isura |
| | station | |
| n | 1. of railway | ikibanza ufatiramwo itereni |
| n | 2. police station | ibiro vy'abapolisi |
| n | statue | igishusho |
| v | stay | kuguma |
| adj | steady | yamizako |
| n | steak | inyama nini |
| v | steal | kwiba/gusahura |
| n | steam | umuhisha/umwuka |
| n | steel | icuma |
| adj | steep | ahantu hamanuka |
| n | stem | umutumba |
| | step | |
| v | 1. move using feet | gutambuka |
| n | 2. stair | ingazi |
| phrase | 3. watch your step (be careful) | raba neza aho uca! |
| n | stepbrother | umuhungu musangiye umuvyeyi |
| | | umwe |
| n | stepfather | umugabo wa nyoko |
| n | stepmother | mukaso |
| n | stepsister | umukobwa musangiye umuvyeyi |
| | | umwe |
| | stick | |
| v | 1. fasten | kuguma/guhoma |
| n | 2. piece of wood | igiti/inkoni |
| adj | sticky | kumata |
| adj | stiff | gutetera |
| | still | |
| adv | 1. without moving | guhagarara bwuma |
| adv | 2. yet | kuba |
| v | sting | gucumita |
| | stink | |
| n | 1. bad odour | umunuko |
| v | 2. smell very bad | kunuka |
| v | stir | kuvanga |
| pt v | stole *see steal | |
| n | stomach | inda/umushishito |
| n | stomach ache | kubabara munda |
| n | stone | ibuye |
| pt v | stood *see stand | |
| | stop | |
| n | 1. cessation | hagarika/hagarara |
| v | 2. halt | guhagarika |

store – suburb

| | | |
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| n | store | iduka |
| n | storey | igorofa |
| n | storm | imvura n'umyaga vyinshi |
| n | story | umugani/igitito |
| n | stove | iziko |
| n | stove top | hejuru y'iziko |
| adj | 1. not crooked | kugororoka |
| adj | 2. not wavy or curly (of hair) | imishatsi igororotse |
| phrase | 3. straight ahead | kugenda utumbereye |
| v | straighten | gukiranura |
| v | strain | kumimina |
| adj | strange | ikija |
| n | stranger | umunyamahanga |
| n | strawberry | inkere |
| n | stream | uruzi |
| n | street | ibarabara |
| n | strength | imbaraga/ubushobozzi |
| v | stress | gushimika |
| v | 1. put emphasis on | kugira umutima uhagaze |
| n | 2. tension | gukara |
| adj | strict | kudoda |
| | strike | kubomboranya |
| v | 1. hit | guhagarika ibikogwa |
| n | 2. blow | umugozi |
| phrase | 3. on strike (not working) | gukokora |
| n | string | kwagaza/gukorakora |
| n | strip | gukomera |
| v | stroke | gucambagirana |
| adj | strong (powerful) | umunyeshure |
| n | struggle | aho wigira munzu |
| pt v | stuck *see stick | kwiga |
| n | student | |
| | study | |
| n | 1. room of house | ibantu |
| v | 2. endeavour to acquire | gusunikiramwo |
| | knowledge | kujujuta |
| | stuff | uburyo |
| n | 1. material | icigwa |
| v | 2. push | iciyumviro/ikiyago |
| adj | stupid | ico ikintu gikozemwo |
| n | style | gukura |
| | subject | gukuramwo |
| n | 1. course of study | igice c'igisagara |
| n | 2. topic | |
| n | substance | |
| v | subtract | |
| n | subtraction | |
| n | suburb | |

succeed – survey

| | | |
|-----|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| v | succeed | kumenya/gushobora |
| n | success | ubumenyi |
| v | suck | kununuza |
| adj | sudden | igiturumbuka |
| adv | suddenly | giturumbuka |
| v | suffer | kubabara |
| n | sugar | isukari |
| v | suggest | guterera iciyumviro |
| n | suggestion | iciyumviro wa terereye |
| | suit | |
| n | 1. clothing | ikotsime |
| v | 2. be appropriate | bikwiranye |
| adj | suitable | bijanye |
| n | sum (total) | vyose hamwe |
| n | summer | ici |
| n | sun | izuba |
| n | sunburn | ubushe buva kw'izuba |
| n | sunglasses | amarori y'izuba |
| n | sunhat | inkofero ikingira izuba |
| adj | sunny | hari akazuba |
| n | sunscreen | amavuta akingira izuba |
| n | sunshine | iseruka ry'izuba |
| | supply | |
| n | 1. provisions | ivyo ukeneye |
| v | 2. provide | gukenura |
| | support | |
| n | 1. assistance | gufata mumugongo |
| v | 2. provide assistance | gushigikira |
| v | suppose (assume) | gukeka |
| adj | sure | vyukuri |
| | surf | |
| n | 1. seaswell | umukuba w'ikiyaga |
| v | 2. ride a surfboard | kusererekera kumazi |
| n | surface | ahantu hagorotse |
| n | surfboard | igiti co kugusererekero mumazi |
| n | surfer | uwusererekera kumazi |
| | surgery | |
| n | 1. doctor's room | kwamuganga |
| n | 2. operation by doctor | kubagwa |
| n | surname | izina rikuru |
| | surprise | |
| n | 1. unexpected event | ico utiteze |
| v | 2. catch unprepared | gutangaza |
| adj | 3. unexpected | gutangara |
| v | surrender | guhebera |
| v | surround | gukikiza |
| | survey | |
| n | 1. poll | kubaza abantu benshi ikibazo kimwe |
| v | 2. ask questions of | kubaza ibibazo |

survival – tame

| | | |
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| n | survival | umugwanyi/uwarokotse |
| v | survive | kurokoka |
| n | swagman | icangazi |
| v | swallow | kumira/gutamira |
| pt v | swam *see swim | |
| | swear | |
| v | 1. use bad language | kuvuga amajambo mabi |
| v | 2. take oath of truth | kurahira |
| v | sweep | gukubura |
| adj | sweet | gusosa |
| n | sweet corn | ikigori |
| n | sweet potato | ikijumbu |
| v | swim | kwoga muruzi |
| n | swimmer | uwazi kwoga |
| n | swimming | kwoga |
| n | swimming carnival | imiikino yo kwoga |
| n | swimming costume | inyambaro yo kogana |
| | swing | |
| v | 1. sway | kwenena |
| n | 2. play equipment | umukino wo kwenena |
| | switch | |
| n | 1. device for turning on/off | aho wakiriza amatara |
| v | 2. change | guhindura |
| adj | swollen | kuvyimba |
| phrase | swollen ankle | kuvyimba ibikonjo |
| n | sword | inkota |

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| | table | |
| n | 1. furniture | ameza |
| n | 2. list | urutonde |
| n | table tennis | umukino wagapira bakinira kumeza |
| n | tablet (medication) | ikinini |
| n | tail | umurizo |
| | take | |
| v | 1. seize | gufata/gucakira |
| v | 2. last for (as time) | umwanya bifata |
| phr v | 3. take away (mathematical) | gukuramwo (ibiharuro) |
| phr v | 4. take away (remove) | kwaka |
| phr v | 5. take away (fast food) | indy ugura kunzira |
| phr v | 6. take off (as clothing) | kwambura (impuzu) |
| phr v | 7. take off (as plane) | kuva hasi (indege) |
| n | tale | umugani |
| | talk | |
| n | 1. conversation | ikiyago |
| v | 2. converse | kuyaga |
| adj | tall | ndende |
| adj | tame | kugandura/kugunda |

tan – terrific

| | | |
|--------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | tan | |
| v | 1. sunbake | kwishira kuzuba ngo wirabure |
| adj | 2. colour | umuyenzi |
| n | tank | itanki |
| n | tap (as for water) | ibomba ry'amazi |
| v | tape (record) | gufata amajwi |
| n | task | igikorwa |
| | taste | |
| v | 1. sample | kumviriza |
| phrase | 2. the food tastes good | akanovera |
| adj | tasty | ifise uburyohe |
| pt v | taught *see teach | |
| n | tax | ikori |
| n | taxi | itagisi |
| | tea | |
| n | 1. beverage | icayi |
| n | 2. dinner | imfungugwa za mugoroba |
| v | teach | kwigisha |
| n | teacher | umwigisha |
| n | teacher's aide | uwufasha mwigisha |
| n | team | umugwi |
| | tear | |
| v | 1. rip | gucacura/kumanyura |
| n | 2. liquid from the eye | iryonsozi |
| v | tease | gufyina/gufyinata |
| n | technology | ubumenyi |
| n | teenager | umuyabaga |
| | telephone | |
| n | 1. device for phoning | iterefone |
| v | 2. ring | guhamagara kwiterefone |
| n | telephone booth | iterefone yo kunzira |
| n | telescope | icuma co kuraba inyenyeri |
| | television | |
| n | 1. receiver for broadcasts | televiyo |
| abbrev | 2. TV | |
| v | tell | kubwira |
| n | temper | ishavu |
| n | temperature | ubushuhe |
| n | temple | umusaya |
| adj | temporary | imfatakibanza |
| n | tennis | umukino wamaboko |
| n | tent | ihema |
| | term | |
| n | 1. a period of time | igihe |
| n | 2. a naming word | uko ikintu citwa |
| adj | terrible | biteye ubwoba |
| adj | terrific | vyigitangaza |

test – tie

| | | |
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| | test | |
| n | 1. examination | ikibazo |
| v | 2. check | kugeza |
| n | text | igisomwa |
| | thank | |
| v | 1. express appreciation | gukenguruka |
| phrase | 2. give thanks | gushimira umuntu |
| int | 3. thank you (polite expression of gratitude) | wakoze |
| | that | |
| pron | 1. indicator of person or thing | uwo/urya/ico |
| conj | 2. used as subject of relative clause | ko, ngo, yuko |
| det | the | i- |
| n | theatre | aho urabira ibikino |
| pron | their | -abo |
| pron | them | bariya, bo |
| adv | then | buno, maze, rero |
| adv | there | aho, ngaho, hariya |
| conj | therefore | maze, nuko |
| n | thermometer | igipimo |
| pron | they | ba- |
| adj | thick | nini |
| n | thief | umwambuzi/umusuma |
| adj | thin | nto, gatogato, ntonya |
| v | think | kwibaza/kwiyumvira |
| n | thong (footwear) | amakambambiri |
| | thought | |
| n | 1. idea | iciyumviro |
| pt v | 2. *see think | |
| | thread | |
| n | 1. cotton | urunyuzi |
| v | 2. put through eye of needle | gutungira |
| pt v | | |
| prep | threw *see throw | guca muruhande rumwe ugaserukira |
| | through (from one side to another) | murundu |
| v | throw | guta/gutera |
| n | thumb | urukumu |
| n | thunder | umuturagaro |
| n | thunderstorm | imvura irimwo imituragaro |
| adv | thus | niko |
| v | tick (indicate correctness) | akamenyetso kerekana ko wabitoye |
| n | ticket | itike |
| n | tide | ibiziba |
| adj | tidy | gushira ibintu mukibanza |
| | tie | |
| n | 1. clothing | ikaruvati |
| v | 2. fasten | kuboha |
| n | 3. equal place | kunganya |

tight – town

| | | |
|--------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| adj | tight | ifashe |
| v | tilt | guhengeka |
| | time | |
| n | 1. measurement of duration | igihe |
| phrase | 2. in time (not late) | gushika kugihe |
| phrase | 3. on time (at the appointed time) | gushika kumwanya |
| phrase | 4. at times | rimwe na rimwe |
| phrase | 5. a good time | kuryoherwa |
| phrase | 6. take your time (don't rush) | fata umwanya wawe/ntiwhute |
| phrase | 7. What's the time? | n'isaha zingahe? |
| phrase | 8. two times four (mathematical) | kugwiza |
| n | timetable | urutonde ry'umwanya |
| | tip | |
| n | 1. hint | kugenekereza |
| n | 2. rubbish dump | aho bata umwavu |
| v | 3. tilt | guhengamika |
| n | 4. pointed extremity | isonga |
| phr v | 5. tip over (spill) | gusesa |
| n | tissue | umushwaro w'igipapuro |
| n | title | izina/kwita |
| prep | to | i, ku, kuri, kwa |
| n | today | uyu musi |
| n | toe | ino |
| adv | together | hamwe |
| n | toilet | akazu ka sugumwe |
| pt v | told *see tell | itomati |
| n | tomato | ejo |
| n | tomorrow | ururimi |
| n | tongue | |
| pt v | took *see take | igikoresho |
| n | tool | iryinyo |
| n | tooth | iryinyo riryana |
| n | toothache | |
| | top | hejuru |
| n | 1. highest point | agapira ko kwambara |
| n | 2. clothing | ikiyago |
| n | topic | |
| pt v | tore *see tear | |
| | total | |
| n | 1. complete amount | vyose hamwe |
| v | 2. add up | kongereza |
| v | touch | gukorako/gukora |
| n | tour | igendura |
| v | tow | gukwega/gukwegura |
| prep | towards | gutumbera/kwerekeza |
| n | towel | igitambara co kw'ihanagura |
| n | tower | igorofa rirerire cane |
| n | town | igisagara |

toy – turn

| | | |
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| n | toy | igikinisho |
| v | trace | guca/gukurikira |
| n | track (pathway) | ikanda |
| n | tracksuit | ipantaro |
| n | tractor | ikiduga co kurimisha |
| | trade | |
| n | 1. exchange of commodities | gukaba |
| v | 2. carry on trade | kudandaza |
| n | traffic | igenda genda ry'imiduga |
| | train | |
| n | 1. means of transport | igari ya moshi/itereni |
| v | 2. practise | kwimenyereza |
| | trap | |
| n | 1. device for catching things | umutego/akamashu |
| v | 2. catch | gutega |
| n | trapezium | inyabubiri ihengamye |
| v | travel | kwambuka |
| v | tread | kihagararako |
| v | treat (as a disease) | kuvura |
| n | tree | igiti |
| v | tremble | guhinda agashitsi |
| n | triangle | nyabutatu |
| phrase | triangular prism | inyabutatu |
| n | tribe | ubwoko |
| v | trick | gufinda |
| v | trim | kugabanya |
| | trip | |
| n | 1. journey | urugendo |
| v | 2. fall over | gutsitara |
| adj | tropical | ibirere bishushe |
| | trouble | |
| n | 1. problem | amaganya |
| v | 2. cause worry | gutera ingorane |
| phr | 3. in trouble with | kugira ingorane na |
| n | trousers | ipantaro |
| n | truck | nyawipakurura |
| adj | true | vyo/vyukuri |
| n | trunk (as of elephant) | umutonzi |
| | try | |
| n | 1. attempt | igerageza |
| phrase | 2. try hard | kugerageza uko ushoboye |
| phr v | 3. try on (as for clothing) | kwigera impuzu |
| phr v | 4. try out for (audition for) | kugerageza |
| n | T-shirt | umupira wo kwambara |
| n | tub | isahani yo kogeramwo |
| n | tube | umugano |
| | turn | |
| v | 1. move around | kuzunguruka |

twice – urge

| | | |
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| n | 2. action following someone else's | guhana |
| phr v | 3. turn into (become) | guhinduka |
| phr v | 4. turn off (switch off) | kuzimya |
| phr v | 5. turn on | kwatsa |
| phr v | 6. turn up (arrive) | kuza utateguje |
| adv | twice | kabiri |
| v | twist | guhotora |
| | type | |
| n | 1. kind | uko ikintu kiremye |
| v | 2. use a machine to write | kwandikisha imashini |
| n | tyre | umupira w'imodokari/ipine |

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| adj | ugly | mbi/mubi |
| n | umbrella | umutaka |
| n | uncle | sowanyu |
| adj | unconscious | guta ubwenge |
| prep | under | munsi |
| v | undergo | guca mubantu bigoye |
| adj | underground | munsi |
| v | underline | gushimika/gushimikira |
| adv | underneath | hasi |
| n | underpants | akabutura ko munsi |
| v | understand | gutahura |
| pt v | understood *see understand | |
| n | underwear | imwesho |
| v | undo | gusambura |
| adj | unemployed | atagira akazi |
| n | uniform | bisa |
| n | union | kwabirana/kuja hamwe |
| | unit | |
| n | 1. type of housing | inzu yo mugorofa |
| n | 2. measurement | igipimo |
| v | unite | gufatana m'unda |
| n | universe | vyo kwisi yose |
| n | university | kaminuza |
| prep | until | kugeza aho |
| adj | unusual | kidasanzwe |
| prep | up (to a higher place) | hejuru |
| prep | upon (up and on) | gushika aho |
| adj | upper | yo hejuru |
| adj | upright | igororotse |
| adj | upset | gushavuza |
| adj | upside-down | kwubika |
| adv | upstairs | hejuru y'ingazi |
| v | urge | kwosha/gushimika |

urgent – wall

| | | |
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| adj | urgent | vyihutirwa |
| pron | us | twebwe |
| | use | |
| n | 1. the act of using | gukoresha |
| v | 2. employ | gukoresha |
| adj | used (not new) | cakoze |
| V | | |
| n | vaccination | gucandaga |
| adj | vain | ubusa |
| n | valley | umwonga |
| adj | valuable | cakamaro |
| | value | |
| n | 1. worth | akamaro |
| v | 2. to hold in high esteem | kubaha |
| n | van (truck) | imodokari niniya |
| n | variety | ibitandukanye |
| v | vary | gutandukanya |
| adj | various | vyubwoko bwinshi |
| n | vegetable | imboga |
| n | vegetable garden | umurima w'imboga |
| n | vegetarian | umuntu atarya inyama |
| n | vehicle | imodokari |
| n | verandah | urubaraza |
| n | verb | irivuga |
| adv | very | cane |
| abbrev | vet *see veterinarian | |
| n | veterinarian | umuganga w'ibikoko |
| n | video (recording) | gufata amasanamu |
| n | view | kubona neza |
| n | village | umuhana |
| adj | violent | guhambara |
| n | violin | igitari ufatira kugitugu |
| v | visit | kuramutsa |
| n | visitor | umushitsi |
| n | voice | ijwi |
| n | volleyball (game) | umupira w'amaboko |
| n | volume | kuduza ijwi |
| v | vote | gutora |
| n | vowel | ijwi rivuga |
| n | voyage | urugendo |
| W | | |
| n | wage | umushahara |
| v | wait | kurindira |
| v | wake | gukanguka |
| v | walk | gutambuka |
| n | walkway | inzira yabanyamaguru |
| n | wall | inkingi |

wallaby – Web

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| n | wallaby | agakoko kaba muri Australiya |
| n | wallet | igodomoni |
| v | wander | kuyerera/kuyenzera |
| v | want | gushaka |
| n | war | ingwano/intambara |
| n | waratah | igikoko co mumugwi wa kanguru |
| n | wardrobe | akabati k'impunzu |
| adj | warm (opposite cool) | gususuruka |
| adj | warm-blooded | adakarirwa n'imbeho |
| v | warn | guhanura |
| n | warning | kugabisha |
| pt v | was *see be | |
| | wash | |
| v | 1. clean with water | kwiyuhagira |
| phr v | 2. wash up (of dishes) | koza ivyombo |
| n | washing machine (clothes) | mashini yo kumesa impuzu |
| | waste | |
| v | 1. employ uselessly | gusesagura |
| n | 2. rejected products | ubucifu |
| | watch | |
| n | 1. timepiece | isaha |
| v | 2. look at | kwitegerezza |
| phr v | 3. watch out (be careful) | kugaba |
| | water | |
| n | 1. liquid | amazi |
| v | 2. moisten | kuvomera |
| n | watermelon | icamwa kinini kigatukura imbere |
| n | wattle tree | igiti cama akasiya |
| | wave | |
| n | 1. swell of water | umukuba w'amazi |
| v | 2. make a hand signal | gupepera |
| adj | wavy | kitagororotse |
| n | wax | ishashara |
| | way | |
| n | 1. road | inzira |
| phrase | 2. a long way | kugenda kure |
| phrase | 3. a good way | gufata inzira nziza |
| phrase | 4. give way | gutanga |
| pron | we | twebwe, tweho |
| adj | weak | kugoyagoya |
| n | wealth | ubutunzi |
| adj | wealthy | gutunga |
| n | weapon | ikigwanisho |
| | wear | |
| v | 1. erode | ikintu gishaje |
| v | 2. put on (as for clothing) | kwambara |
| n | web (as for spider) | inzu y'gitangurirwa |
| abbrev | Web *see World Wide | |
| | Web | |

wedding – width

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| n | wedding | ubugeni |
| n | week | iyinga/uruhusha |
| v | weigh | gupima |
| n | weight | igipimo |
| | welcome | |
| n | 1. a kind greeting | |
| int | 2. You're welcome! (polite response to thank you) | karibu |
| | | korerwa! |
| | well | |
| n | 1. hole in earth | umwobo |
| adj | 2. in good health | kudundega |
| adv | 3. in a satisfactory manner | neza |
| int | 4. Well! (expresses relief, pause) | ni vyiza! |
| int | 5. Well done! | wakoze neza! |
| pt v | went *see go | |
| pt v | were *see be | |
| n | west | iburengerazuba |
| | wet | |
| v | 1. moisten | kujoba |
| adj | 2. opposite dry | mbisi |
| pron | what (interrogative) | iki? |
| n | wheel | igido y'imodokari |
| pron | when (interrogative) | ryari? |
| conj | whenever | ahariho hose |
| pron | where (interrogative) | hehe? |
| | which | |
| pron | 1. what one of a number (interrogative) | iyihe? uyuhe? |
| pron | 2. relative (refers to something previously mentioned) | vyerekeye |
| conj | while | mugihe |
| n | whip | ikimoko |
| v | whisper | kwongorera |
| | whistle | |
| v | 1. make a musical sound | kuvuza uruhwa |
| n | 2. equipment used to make a sound | ifirimbi |
| adj | white | yera |
| n | whiteboard | ikibaho cera |
| | who | |
| pron | 1. interrogative | nde? |
| pron | 2. relative pronoun | we/wewe |
| adj | whole | yose, nzima |
| adv | why | kuki? |
| adj | wicked | gihambaye |
| adj | wide | kwaguka |
| n | widow | umupfakazi |
| n | widower | umupfakazi w'umugabo |
| n | width | ubwaguke |

wild – write

| | | |
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| adj | wild | inyamaswa |
| | will | |
| v | 1. auxiliary used in future tense | |
| n | 2. declaration of wishes on one's death | akajambo bakoresha muri kazoza |
| n | 3. choice of one's actions | iragi |
| v | win | |
| | wind | ugushaka k'umuntu |
| n | 1. movement of air | kunesha/gutsinda |
| v | 2. turn in a circular way | |
| colloq phr | 3. wind up (finish) | umuyaga |
| phr v | 4. wind up (as a clock) | kuzingira |
| n | windmill | guheraheza |
| n | window | isaha iriko iregerezza |
| n | window sill | urusyo |
| adj | windy | idirisha |
| n | wing | aho wugarira idirisha |
| n | winter | hari igihuhi |
| v | wipe | ibaba |
| n | wire | igihe c'urubura |
| adj | wise | guhanagura |
| n | wish | urubango |
| prep | with | umunyabwenge |
| v | withdraw (as for money) | icifuzo |
| n | witness | na |
| pt v | woke *see wake | gukura amahera muri banki |
| n | woman | icabona |
| n | wombat | |
| pt v | won *see win | umugore |
| v | wonder | igikoko kiba muri Australiya |
| n | wood | |
| n | woodwork | kwibaza |
| n | wool | igiti |
| n | word | kubaza |
| pt v | wore *see wear | impuzu iva mubyoya bw'intama |
| | work | ijambo |
| n | 1. labour | |
| v | 2. carry out labour | igikorwa |
| v | 3. be operational | gukora |
| phr v | 4. work out (solve) | gukora |
| n | world | gutorera inyishu |
| n | World Wide Web | isi |
| v | worry | ihwaniro ya internet y'isi yose |
| adv | worse | amakenga |
| n | worth | kibi kuruta |
| v | wrap | gukwira/kuberwa |
| v | wring | gupfuka |
| n | wrist | gukanya /guhotora |
| v | write | igikonjo |
| | | kwandika |

wrong – zucchini

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|--|
| adj | wrong (incorrect) | bitarivyo |
| pt v | wrote *see write | |
| abbrev | www * see World Wide Web | |
| | | |
| X | | |
| n | x-ray | ikizame co kugucisha mumashini |
| | | |
| Y | | |
| n | yacht | ubwato bunini |
| n | yard | ubwatsi |
| v | yawn | kwayura |
| n | year | umwaka |
| adj | yellow | yumuuhondo |
| int | yes | ego |
| n | yesterday | ejo hahise |
| pron | you | wewe |
| adj | young | akiri muto |
| pron | your (possessive) | yawe |
| | | |
| Z | | |
| n | zone | agatumba |
| n | zoo | iraro ry'ibikoko |
| n | zucchini | imboga iri mumuryango w'umwungu |

Appendix 1

Numerals and Ordinals

| Symbol | Numeral | Ordinal |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | one | first |
| 2 | two | second |
| 3 | three | third |
| 4 | four | fourth |
| 5 | five | fifth |
| 6 | six | sixth |
| 7 | seven | seventh |
| 8 | eight | eighth |
| 9 | nine | ninth |
| 10 | ten | tenth |
| 11 | eleven | eleventh |
| 12 | twelve | twelfth |
| 13 | thirteen | thirteenth |
| 14 | fourteen | fourteenth |
| 15 | fifteen | fifteenth |
| 16 | sixteen | sixteenth |
| 17 | seventeen | seventeenth |
| 18 | eighteen | eighteenth |
| 19 | nineteen | nineteenth |
| 20 | twenty | twentieth |
| 30 | thirty | thirtieth |
| 40 | forty | fortieth |
| 50 | fifty | fiftieth |
| 60 | sixty | sixtieth |
| 70 | seventy | seventieth |
| 80 | eighty | eightieth |
| 90 | ninety | ninetieth |
| 100 | one hundred | one hundredth |
| 1000 | one thousand | one thousandth |
| 10000 | ten thousand | ten thousandth |
| 100000 | one hundred thousand | one hundred thousandth |
| 1000000 | one million | one millionth |

Appendix 2

Common Countries/States and their Adjectival Forms

| Country/State | Adjectival Form | Country/State | Adjectival Form |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Afghanistan | Afghani | Japan | Japanese |
| Argentina | Argentinian | Korea | Korean |
| Bangladesh | Bangladeshi | Kosovo | Kosovar |
| Bolivia | Bolivian | Kurdistan | Kurdish |
| Brazil | Brazilian | Laos | Laotian |
| Bulgaria | Bulgarian | Lebanon | Lebanese |
| Cambodia | Cambodian | Macedonia | Macedonian |
| Chile | Chilean | Malaysia | Malaysian |
| China | Chinese | Nigeria | Nigerian |
| Colombia | Colombian | Pakistan | Pakistani |
| Cook Islands | Cook Islanders | Peru | Peruvian |
| Croatia | Croatian | Philippines | Filipino |
| East Timor | East Timorese | Poland | Polish |
| Ecuador | Ecuadorian | Portugal | Portuguese |
| Egypt | Egyptian | Russia | Russian |
| El Salvador | El Salvadorian | Samoa | Samoan |
| Eritrea | Eritrean | Serbia | Serbian |
| Ethiopia | Ethiopian | Somalia | Somalian |
| Fiji | Fijian | Sudan | Sudanese |
| Ghana | Ghanian | Syria | Syrian |
| Greece | Greek | Taiwan | Taiwanese |
| Hungary | Hungarian | Thailand | Thai |
| India | Indian | Tonga | Tongan |
| Indonesia | Indonesian | Turkey | Turkish |
| Iran | Iranian | Ukraine | Ukrainian |
| Iraq | Iraqi | Uruguay | Uruguayan |
| Israel | Israeli | Venezuela | Venezuelan |
| Italy | Italian | Vietnam | Vietnamese |

Appendix 3

Common Irregular Verbs

| Base Form | Past Tense | Past participle |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| awake | awoke | awoken |
| be | was, were | been |
| beat | beat | beaten |
| become | became | become |
| begin | began | begun |
| bend | bent | bent |
| bet | bet | bet |
| bid | bid | bid |
| bite | bit | bitten |
| blow | blew | blown |
| break | broke | broken |
| bring | brought | brought |
| build | built | built |
| burn | burned/burnt | burned/burnt |
| buy | bought | bought |
| catch | caught | caught |
| choose | chose | chosen |
| come | came | come |
| cost | cost | cost |
| cut | cut | cut |
| dig | dug | dug |
| do | did | done |
| draw | drew | drawn |
| dream | dreamed/dreamt | dreamed/dreamt |
| drive | drove | driven |
| drink | drank | drunk |
| eat | ate | eaten |
| fall | fell | fallen |
| feel | felt | felt |
| fight | fought | fought |
| find | found | found |
| fly | flew | flown |
| forget | forgot | forgotten |
| forgive | forgave | forgiven |
| freeze | froze | frozen |
| get | got | gotten |
| give | gave | given |
| go | went | gone |
| grow | grew | grown |
| hang | hung | hung |
| have | had | had |
| hear | heard | heard |
| hide | hid | hidden |
| hit | hit | hit |
| hold | held | held |

Common Irregular Verbs (*continued*)

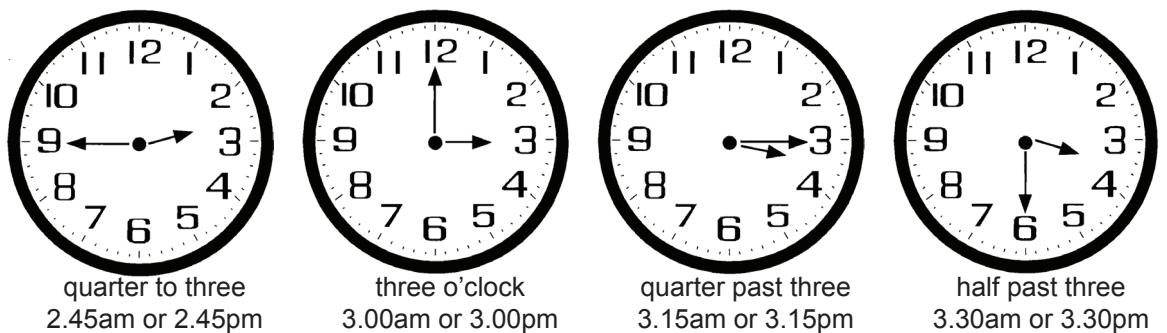
| Base Form | Past Tense | Past participle |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| hurt | hurt | hurt |
| keep | kept | kept |
| know | knew | known |
| lay | laid | laid |
| lead | led | led |
| learn | learned/learnt | learned/learnt |
| leave | left | left |
| lend | lent | lent |
| let | let | let |
| lie | lay | lain |
| lose | lost | lost |
| make | made | made |
| mean | meant | meant |
| meet | met | met |
| pay | paid | paid |
| put | put | put |
| read | read | read |
| ride | rode | ridden |
| ring | rang | rung |
| rise | rose | risen |
| run | ran | run |
| say | said | said |
| see | saw | seen |
| sell | sold | sold |
| send | sent | sent |
| show | Showed | Showed/shown |
| shut | shut | shut |
| sing | sang | sung |
| sit | sat | sat |
| sleep | slept | slept |
| speak | spoke | spoken |
| spend | spent | spent |
| stand | stood | stood |
| swim | swam | swum |
| take | took | taken |
| teach | taught | taught |
| tear | tore | torn |
| tell | told | told |
| think | thought | thought |
| throw | threw | thrown |
| understand | understood | understood |
| wake | woke | woken |
| wear | wore | worn |
| win | won | won |
| write | wrote | written |

Appendix 4

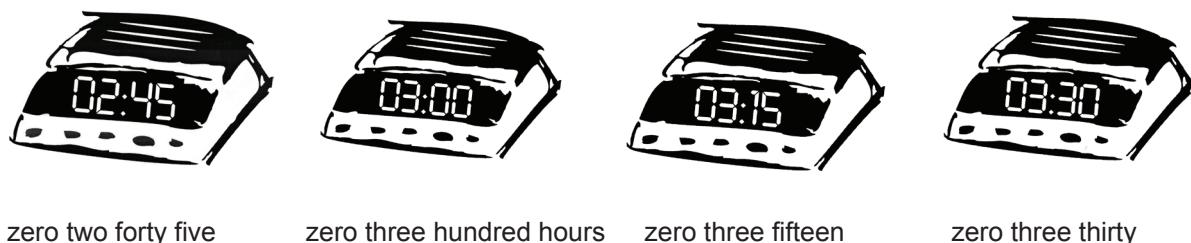
Times

| | Analog time | | 24 hour time |
|---------|--------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 12.00am | 12 o'clock; midnight | 00:00 | zero zero hundred hours |
| 1.00am | 1 o'clock | 01:00 | zero one hundred hours |
| 2.00am | 2 o'clock | 02:00 | zero two hundred hours |
| 3.00am | 3 o'clock | 03:00 | zero three hundred hours |
| 4.00am | 4 o'clock | 04:00 | zero four hundred hours |
| 5.00am | 5 o'clock | 05:00 | zero five hundred hours |
| 6.00am | 6 o'clock | 06:00 | zero six hundred hours |
| 7.00am | 7 o'clock | 07:00 | zero seven hundred hours |
| 8.00am | 8 o'clock | 08:00 | zero eight hundred hours |
| 9.00am | 9 o'clock | 09:00 | zero nine hundred hours |
| 10.00am | 10 o'clock | 10:00 | ten hundred hours |
| 11.00am | 11 o'clock | 11:00 | eleven hundred hours |
| 12.00pm | 12 o'clock; midday; noon | 12:00 | twelve hundred hours |
| 1.00pm | 1 o'clock | 13:00 | thirteen hundred hours |
| 2.00pm | 2 o'clock | 14:00 | fourteen hundred hours |
| 3.00pm | 3 o'clock | 15:00 | fifteen hundred hours |
| 4.00pm | 4 o'clock | 16:00 | sixteen hundred hours |
| 5.00pm | 5 o'clock | 17:00 | seventeen hundred hours |
| 6.00pm | 6 o'clock | 18:00 | eighteen hundred hours |
| 7.00pm | 7 o'clock | 19:00 | nineteen hundred hours |
| 8.00pm | 8 o'clock | 20:00 | twenty hundred hours |
| 9.00pm | 9 o'clock | 21:00 | twenty one hundred hours |
| 10.00pm | 10 o'clock | 22:00 | twenty two hundred hours |
| 11.00pm | 11 o'clock | 23:00 | twenty three hundred hours |

Examples of quarter and half hours (analog)



Examples of quarter and half hours (24 hour time)



Appendix 5

Days of the week/Months of the year/Units of time

| Days | Months | Units of time |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Monday | January | 60 seconds = 1 minute |
| Tuesday | February | 60 minutes = 1 hour |
| Wednesday | March | 24 hours = 1 day |
| Thursday | April | 7 days = 1 week |
| Friday | May | 4 weeks = 1 month |
| Saturday | June | 12 months = 1 year |
| Sunday | July | 4 years = 1 leap year |
| | August | 10 years = 1 decade |
| | September | 100 years = 1 century |
| | October | 1000 years = 1 millennium |
| | November | |
| | December | |

Appendix 6

Weights and measures

| Weight (mass) | Length | Volume |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1000 milligrams = 1 gram | 1000 millimetres = 1 metre | 1000 millilitres = 1 litre |
| 1000 grams = 1 kilogram | 100 centimetres = 1 metre | |
| 1000 kilograms = 1 metric tonne | 1000 metres = 1 kilometre | 1000 litres = 1 cubic metre |

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