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ABSTRACT

This short dictionary is designed to accompany the work of Melzian (1937) for the benefit of scholars concerned with the place and function of the Nigerian Bini language in the structure of West African languages. The conventional orthography has been used, except in three cases. The body of the general word list contains the English meaning, the part of speech of the English word, the Edo meaning, and the part of speech of the Edo word. Appended are lists of trees, plants, medical terms, snakes, animals, fish, lizards, birds, insects, cardinal and ordinal numbers, time periods and adverbs. (NCR)

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## I N T R O D U C T I O N

The publication of Hans Melzian's A Concise Dictionary of the Bini Language of Southern Nigeria [London: Kegan Paul, 1937] marked the beginning of the really modern study of the Eastern Kwa languages. It was based on a full grammatical analysis of Bini [still unpublished], and it gave complete tonal information for every word and every example of usage. It remains to this day an astonishing work of devotion and scholarship. The disturbances of the Second World War, and Melzian's tragic death on the last day of the Battle of Berlin, prevented his publishing the rest of his Bini materials, and it has remained for others to carry on the study of this important language.

Since it is unidirectional [Bini-English], the book has always been hard for the European student to use, unless he is prepared almost to memorize it. This fact, plus the very difficult, if very precise, tone notation and Melzian's fondness for exotic phonetic symbols have had the effect of keeping the book from being as well known as it deserves to be. This is a pity for many reasons, not the least of which is that this is the next work after Christaller's grammar of Twi [Basel: 1875] to deal successfully with the concept of what has come to be called "terrace-level" tone systems [see Melzian, p. xiii]. From the point of view of its potential contribution to history and comparative linguistics, there is no need to stress the importance of Melzian's work nor the interest that inheres in the study of Bini.

It is in this context that Mr. Munro's English-Edo Dictionary makes its appearance. He has based his work in the main on Melzian, and has thereby unlocked this work for the scholar by providing it with an index. He makes it vastly easier for historians and ethnologists to do their comparative work, using the rich Bini materials. He has made it far easier for outsiders to learn Bini.

Mr. Munro has not given us a mere index to another work, however, useful as that might be. He compiled his dictionary in the course of many months of residence in Benin itself, and he made many visits to Benin from Nsukka. This book represents a very considerable re-checking of Melzian. He has also added Bini translations of 500 words from the basic word-list of Yoruba secondary-school children as compiled by Dr. Paul Schwarz of the American Institute of Research, so as to make his book more representative of the English lexicon in Nigeria.

He has, wisely I think, foregone the luxuriantly phonetic orthography of Melzian, and has spelled the Bini words in a manner closely approximating the modern official orthography. This will make the book far more understandable to the ordinary Bini. He has of course provided us with a conversion table of spellings, and any user of this book is well advised to learn the equivalences first, so that a Bini word in Munro can be easily found in Melzian.

Mr. Munro has wisely not indicated tone. The reason for this is that the conversion in detail of the tone notation of Melzian would have unduly postponed the publication of the book.

We may hope that this dictionary will play a serious part in the development of Bini studies and in producing a better understanding of the complex culture of Benin.

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Institute of African Studies  
University of Ibadan

February, 1966

Postscript.

This work has not had the final revision which the author intended to give it. As a result there remain a fair number of errors which the author had noted. Since the author has now left Nigeria, it is doubtful that anybody will soon be found to do the editorial work which the book could obviously use to advantage. As it stands, it is very useful, and it was decided to make it available to the public in archival form, treating it as a document to be published 'as is'. We hope that this will hasten the day when some person or group will undertake the full-scale revision of both Melzian and Munro.

Robert G. Armstrong

May, 1967

## A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

As Professor Armstrong suggests, above, this short dictionary is designed in part to "unlock" Melzian for the benefit of scholars concerned with the place and function of the Bini language in the immense complex of West African languages. For this language, like Yoruba, was once the language of empire-- spread by sword and colonization to undetermined distances in the indefinite reaches of time. Naturally Melzian's careful work upon this seminal central language is a basic work for all those carrying on what might be called "historicolinguistic" research. It is this that is increasingly in process as West African linguistics moves out of its early "explorer" period, wherein the analysis of a new language was the summum bonum, to our more sophisticated latter-day period, wherein we attempt to understand and interpret what our predecessors have done.

This occupies much of the time of the West African Languages Survey, as well as its modern offspring, the West African Linguistic Society. It has been the special interest of Professor Armstrong, for the past dozen years the effective catalyst of linguistic research in West Africa. It is to him that I owe the selection of Edo as my language of study and he suggested the special task of "turning Melzian around." It is likewise to him that I owe the necessary encouragement and indispensable technical advice. I feel that if my book has merit I owe it to Professor Armstrong's wise counsel. And certainly, if the book now proves to be helpful to present and future scholars, this will be a tribute to Professor Armstrong's judgment in the matter.

Other linguists whose help I have sought from time to time during the progress of this work include Drs. Kay Williamson and Carl Hoffmann, both also of the University of Ibadan.

None of them, however, has undertaken to read through these materials-- not an easy task with a dictionary-- and any errors or inadequacies contained herein are entirely my own.

Of those who have written on the Bini language in past years the most important, of course, is the late Hans Melzian, sometime professor of African phonetics at the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London. Both his Bini Dictionary [1937] and his Vergleichende Charakteristik des Verbuns im Bini [1942] have been used. A far more recent work often relied on for details of the phonetic system is Roger W. Wescott's Bini Grammar [1962], brought out in mimeograph by the African Language and Area Center, Michigan State University.

Informants to whose tolerant understanding and consistent help I am indebted include Messrs. H. G. Amadasun and G. A. Olikiabo, both of Benin City. Mr. Amadasun likewise has the distinction of having served Professors Melzian and Wescott as informant.

Chief Jacob U. Egharevba, the Bini historian, generously extended whatever help he could give in spite of the infirmities of age which were upon him. He, too, had served Professor Melzian as informant and is credited with being the source of much of the wealth of anthropological data which makes the Dictionary such fascinating reading.

But it is to Mr. M. A. O. Uwubannwen, student of the University of Nigeria and colleague in this enterprise, that I am indebted for much of the more difficult and tiresome work. During the years of our association he attained to a truly objective understanding of language and a growing wisdom in linguistic science.

Finally, I am indebted to colleagues at the University of Nigeria, especially Elwood Lawrence and Robert E. Morsberger, for their forbearance and encouragement during this protracted dictionary-making period.

Nsukka, Nigeria  
1966

David A. Munro

Post script: In the hectic weeks of final revision Solomon O. Amadasū did the heavy work with great willingness.

## HOW TO USE THIS DICTIONARY

The chart of "Abbreviations" at the beginning of the dictionary listings is different enough to deserve an explanation. The notions of part of speech are both standard and non-standard. That is to say, a (det) will appear, meaning "determiner," along with such standards as (adj), (v tr), etc. The difference, however, reflects a syntactic interpretation, and the reader is advised to consult Fries [The Structure of English, 1952], and/or Guyer and Bird [Patterns of Thinking and Writing, 1959], for a fuller exposition of this nomenclature covering the syntactic characteristics of English morphemes.

The problem arises because it became typographically necessary to identify every part of speech in English. The reason is that we had no special type-face to indicate other-language, and we were forced to use a positional marker to indicate which was the Edo and which the English word. We have set up the convention, therefore, that the following shall be the fixed order of presentation [as well as the minimum required units] in every dictionary entry:

first,	second,	third,
English meaning	part of speech [of English word]	Edo meaning

The fourth [and next most probable but non-obligatory] unit is the part of speech of the Edo word. It appears in these materials if and only if the Edo word is a different part of speech.

However, the device provides an economical convenience in cases where a noun-verb doublet in English is accompanied by an equivalent doublet in Edo. Thus we have

walk (n) okhia  
walk (v int) khia

and many others of this kind.

Similarly, though this work is in large measure simply the turn-around of the Melzian dictionary, as Professor Armstrong

has indicated, the lack of marked tones has forced yet another adjustment upon us. We find, for example, that Melzian's "rising tone," marked with an upward-curving arrow, is in fact a phonemic composite, one of whose most distinctive features is length, though this is usually not marked by Melzian in the Dic-tionary. We have therefore done the obvious, indicating the segmental aspect [length] of the phoneme. When this indicates a uniform change in syntactic function, as from fu [high tone], "to be cool," to fuu [rising tone], "to cool," we have clear evidence of there being a morpheme here of vowel length/tone pattern. This is just frequent enough to indicate that it may well have once been an obligatory form in the language and may well have had real power and productiveness. [The spelling, fuu, incidentally, is used elsewhere by Melzian, along with the statement that in general "the stem vowel of the rising-tone verbs is longer than that of the high-tone ones."<sup>1</sup>]

But the fact that there is no consistent syntactic signaling characteristic of the lengthened vowel [and rising tone], as against the short vowel [and high tone], is shown by many other instances of the device. To take a sample array, we have

shove (v tr) bi  
 stab (v tr) bii  
 fit (of clothing) (v tr) ma  
 please (v tr) maa

and many others. Thus, we find we deal with a phoneme of length with an added feature of tone, nothing more.

With great frequency, it will be noted, the part of speech of the English word is different from the part of speech of its Edo equivalent.

In one whole series of adjectives, for example, the closest equivalent is rendered (v q), meaning "verb of quality," a designation that seemed to us to be clearer than the more usual "stative verb." Typical listings under this classification are

good (adj) maa (v q)  
 many (adj) bu (v q)  
 quick (adj) ke(e) (v q)

<sup>1</sup>Hans J. Melzian, Vergleichende Charakteristic des Verbuns im Bini, [Leipzig, 1942], p. 8, translation mine.

obedient (adj) ze vb-udu (v q)

healthy (adj) ra (v q)

and many others. These may easily be identified as verbs by the fact that they take adverbs-- positioned obligatorially immediately after the verb-- and the further fact that they take the bound-form pronominal prefixes common to all verbs in the language. All verb forms in Edo, except the second person singular imperative, must have a subject or one such bound-form pronoun, thus showing a striking similarity to English.

Somewhat less clear-cut is the case of the verb particles in Edo. We here identify not in English as an adverb, following conventional practice, while ma, its closest Edo equivalent, we identify as an auxiliary verb (v aux). But this distinction is a rather fine one. If we alternate a positive statement in English with the negative we come out with the pair

I talk English  
and I don't talk English [or, I do not, etc.]

where the not or -n't, if considered separate from the do, including its significant vowel change for the negative, is at best a bound form. And we may consider the not/n't as an adverb only because it follows the verb [or auxiliary]. The opposite is true of ma, as shown by the pair

Iz'edo. [I speak Edo.]  
and Ima z'edo. [I do not speak Edo.]

where the added verb, ma, obligatorily precedes the full verb, z-, and obligatorily requires a subject or a bound-form subject-pronoun. The ma is no more able to stand alone than is the n't, however.

Similarly, in the case of already, a concept clearly adverbial in English, we find it once again translated by a (v aux), in this case, he, in Edo.

A more far-out case is that of because, herein translated as rhumwuda (v tr), and we take here as our operational defining device for the (v tr) the obligatory requirement that it be followed by an object. In this we find Edo much more explicit than English, since at least a suffixial object-pronoun, -e or -re, will always appear with such verbs even when the "it" notion it conveys can have no referent in the sentence. The similarity

with the obligatory dummy pronoun in English, "it" in "It's raining," is striking.

It should be noted here that this criterion is not applied to the English verbs, though it may very well be applicable. Partly this is because we are not compelled to do so. For example, when our entry hereinunder reads, "hit (v tr)," we indicate that our Edo meaning is confined to "'hit' as transitive verb." Whatever intransitive meanings may exist for "hit" in English are disregarded. Similarly, our "walk (v int)" is regarded as the most common meaning in English and its transitive counterpart is disregarded. In a dictionary of this limited size we simply leave out such comparative oddities as "Walk your horse!" or "He walked the girl home."

Beyond this, it should be confessed that our English is American English, that we use the spelling "labor" in preference to "labour," and that the usage of Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language [1960] was taken as standard over The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Current English [1961] wherever the two were in conflict. It also must be confessed that we have indulged in slang where slang seemed appropriate, though I fear the slang is one-sided. That is to say, though British/American slang undoubtedly appears, it is unlikely that the Bini equivalent appears. This has more to do with the habits of informants than with lexicographers' abstemiousness. Though we know that Benin City is large and linguistically lively, we fear that every informant rigorously avoided the argot of the streets in favor of a properly revered "deep Bini." And, in truth, if the late Professor Melzian had called his scholarly work "A Dictionary of Deep Bini" he would have properly set the tone for those of us who follow.

# ORTHOGRAPHY

The conventional orthography has been used throughout this dictionary except in two, possibly three, particulars.

The conventional use of -n to signal that the previous vowel is nasalized, an importation from the Yoruba, has been replaced by the tilde [˜] over the indicated vowel. This was decided upon because of the growing number of words in the language, especially loan words, whose syllables end in unnasalized n.

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## A Table of Three Edo Orthographies

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Melzian's Dictionary	Munro's Dictionary	Conventional Bini
a	a	a
b	b	b
d	d	d
e	e	e
ɛ	ɛ	ɛ
f	f	f
g	g	g
gb	gb	gb
ɣ	gh	gh
h	h	h
i	i	i
-	j	-
k	k	k
x	kh	kh
l	l	l
m	m	m
n	n	n
nw	nw	nw
ny	ny	ny
o	o	o
ɔ	ɔ	ɔ
p	p	p
r	r	r
rh	rh	rh
ɾ	ɾ	ɾ
ɽ	-	-
s	s	s
t	t	t
u	u	u
v	v	v
u	vb	vb
ū	mw	mw
w	w	w
y	y	y
z	z	z

A further nicety has been added to make a distinction between two r's not normally heard as distinct by the Indo-European speaker, and hence written as one in the orthography as originally set up under missionary auspices. Melzian distinguishes these as "the English 'clear' r, and... a flapped variety... which is a sound intermediate between r and l...." [Dictionary, "Introduction"]. We have used the symbol [ɾ] for this latter phoneme. It should be noted, however, that this is no ordinary "flap r," since it is produced by a sudden lowering of the tip of the tongue, not by a retroflex action.

As a concession to the ineluctable realities of the outside world we have likewise added j to the inventory-- though I confess to having sat in a committee of Bini scholars, empaneled for the purpose of considering the orthography, and having witnessed the formal excommunication of the j.

No attempt has been made in this dictionary to simplify English orthography or to explain English pronunciation for Edo speakers. This could require the invention of Edo phonetic symbols for the representation of English sounds.

## A B B R E V I A T I O N S

In the dictionary to follow these abbreviations always appear in parentheses and are never followed by a period. They are generally properly letter-spaced and word-spaced, just as they appear below.

acc	accusative	pers	personal
adj	adjective	poss	possessive
adv	adverb	pref	prefix
aff	affix	prep	preposition
apod	apodiasis	pret	preterit
arch	architectural	pron	pronoun
com	command	psych	psychological
comp	comparative	phys	physical
conj	conjunction	q marker	question marker
det	determiner	q v	<u>quod vide</u>
dim	diminutive	refl	reflexive
expl	expletive	rel	religious
fn w	function word	rel	relative
gen	genitive	sent	sentence
gnl	general	sub	subordinate
id	idiomatic	subr	subordinator
interog	interrogative	sup	superlative
intr	interjection	v	verb
l v	linking verb	v adv	verb-adverb
mod	modifying, -er	v aux	auxiliary verb
n	noun	v int	intransitive verb
ord	ordinal	v q	verb of quality
part	particle	v tr	transitive verb

**ERRATA:** The word 'despise' appears incorrectly spelled and is out of place as 'dispise.'

## A

- a (det/adj) ọkpa  
 a little bit (adv) kherhekhe-  
 rhe  
 abandon (v tr) sẹ--rae (of  
 things); he (of child etc)  
 abandoned (adj) wu (v q)  
 ablaze (adv) nya, ba gidigidi  
 (both v q)  
 able (adj) saba, s-ẹtí, m-ẹtí  
 (all v q)  
 -able (aff) gi/gu (v aux)  
 about (prep) rhuwuda (v tr)  
 about to (adv) kekherhe (v q)  
 above (adv) vb-od-ukhumwu,  
 k-ukhumwu (v q); (prep) k-  
 ukhumwu, r-od-ukhumwu (v q)  
 absolutely (adv) rusa (v aux)  
 abuse (v tr) fi--unu, rhovbiẹ  
 accepted (adj) ruẹ (v q)  
 accompany (v tr) su  
 according to (prep) zẹ vbe  
 accordingly (adv) zẹẹ  
 accounting (n) igbo n-afofo  
 accustomed to (prep) guẹ (vq)  
 acid (n) agiẹ  
 acquaintance(s) (n) ore, iho  
 acquainted with (prep) gu-obọ  
 acquit (v tr) miẹ--fá, fá--fua  
 acquitted (adj) mi-uhumwu (v q)  
 acrid (adj) tátaátá, fiń (v q)  
 acting- (pro tem) (adj) da-yi  
 (v q)  
 add (v tr) rofo, rhie--ba  
 add up (v int) ro-igbo  
 addition (n) afofo kugbe  
 adequate (adj) gua (v q)  
 adjourn (v tr) da--yi khẹ  
 administration (gov't) (n)  
 igbaroghẹvbo, idọl-ẹvbo,  
 ikogbakha  
 admiration (n) ọnyẹmwe  
 admire (v tr) nya afo-a (to  
 open somebody's eye)  
 adopt (v tr) ya y-ọmọ (to take  
 as child)  
 adorn (v tr) te  
 adult (n) enọnwafẹ; (adj) nwa  
 (v q)  
 adultery (n) amiọmwamwe  
 adulterate (v tr) gua  
 adulthood (n) igbama  
 adversary (n) ikọ  
 adverse (adj) ina (v q)  
 advice (n) ude, ibude  
 advise (v tr) bu--ude  
 adze (n) azi  
 affair (n) emwe  
 effect (v tr) mu, vbaa, wuá,  
 sẹ egbe "reach body"  
 affliction (n) ikhiẹgbe  
 afraid (adj) oha--mu (v tr):  
 I'm afraid=oha ruẹ mu mwe  
 "your fear seizes me"  
 African (n) ọmwa ne khui  
 after all (adv) he (v aux)  
 afterbirth (n) adẹ, ẹpu  
 again (adv) ye, vbe (both  
 v aux)  
 against (prep) gina (v q)  
 agape (adv) ghe gbọọ (v q)  
 age (v int) khi-ọmaẹ, fu-  
 edẹ  
 age-group (n) otu  
 aggravated with (prep) m-ohu  
 ago (subr/adv) (e)ne, n-ẹv-,  
 ree (v q)  
 agree (v int) kwe, hẹh-unu "to  
 level mouth"  
 agree to (v tr) kwe y(1), y-  
 obọ y(1)  
 agree with (v tr) de baa  
 agreement (n) ihẹhunu  
 ahead(adv) od-afo (see before)  
 ahem! (interj) dee!

**ail**(v int)**va**(v tr):I'm ailing=  
 (uhumwu)**va mwę**"head aches me"  
**aim** (v tr) kọṣ  
**aim at** (v tr) kọṣ  
**aimlessly** (adv) mitaã, mitãmi-  
 tã  
**albino** (n) ęnyaę  
**alcohol** (n) anyọ, abalọ, any-  
 ebo (European drinks)  
**alert** (adj) khę (v q)  
**alertness** (n) ọkhę  
**alibi** (n) okeke; (v int) z-ok-  
 eke  
**alienate** (v tr) ri-ok-ode  
 (to eat the parcel on the  
 way)  
**alienation** (n) iriokode  
**align** (v tr) mwamwa  
**all** (pron) ehia; (det/adj)-hia  
**all joking aside** (adv) z-ogię  
**all over** (adv)s-otọ s-ukhumwu  
 (v q) "reach ground, reach  
 top"  
**all right** (adv) maa (v q)  
**allegory** (n) ivbe, itã  
**alligator** (n) ęghughu  
**allot** (v tr) ya--we  
**allow** (v aux) gi/gu (according  
 to vowel harmony)  
**allusion** (n) ivbe  
**alluvial soil** (n) isęgwę  
**alluvium** (n) isęgwę  
**Almighty** (n) Osanobua, Osa n-  
 Udazi, Oghodua  
**almighty** (adj) n-Udazi  
**along** (prep) lele(v aux);(adv)  
 khiã lele (v q)  
**aloud** (adv) ęghee  
**already** (adv) nę  
**also** (adv) vbee, kevbe, bare  
**altar** (n) ukpo, akpękpę  
**altogether** (adv) fęfęfę  
**always** (adv) ęghe hia, ugbe  
 hia, k-ugbak-ęghe, ugbugbe  
 hia, ęghe-ik-ęghe  
**am** (1 v) ęe, khi (see be)  
**ambling** (adj) gọlogọ, logiọ-  
 logiọ, buębuębuę/boęboęboę,  
 mitaã, hufoo (all adv)  
**ambush** (v tr) gbakhe; (n)  
 ogbakhe  
**amen** (interj) isę  
**among**(prep)vbuwu, vbadese, usu  
**an** (det/adj) ọkpa (see a)  
**analyze** (v tr) ria  
**ancestors** (n) ediọ; (as wor-  
 shipped) ęřimwi  
**ancient** (person) (n) ọmaę;  
 (adj) rere (v q)  
**and** (conj) kevbe, vbe  
**and then** (conj) ke,ghi(v aux)  
**anger** (n) ohu, izohu; (v tr)  
 m-ohu, sọnọ  
**angry** (adj) ba afo (v q)  
**animal** (gnl) (n) apamwe; (dom-  
 estic) emw-iri; (young)ovbi-  
**ankle** (n) urhu awę, ukok-owę  
**anklet** (n) ikęga, egu-awę, aba  
**annihilated** (adj) d-igho sua  
 (v q)  
**annoy** (v tr) sọnọ, kã ukọ  
**annoyance** (n) irhiaęko, ọsọnọ  
**annoyed** (adj) z-ak-ĩhã (v q)  
**anoint** (v tr) ra  
**another** (pron) ọvbehe; (adj)  
 vbehe (v q)  
**answer** (n) enwanię, inwanięmwę;  
 (v int) khuęnię  
**ant** (n) ęhihi  
**ant-hill** (n) ite, ite-ọkhã, er-  
 iri, ulelefe  
**antelope** (brown) (n) oguzuma  
**anus** (n) uhe, onisã  
**anvil** (n) evie  
**any** (pron)emwikekwi;(det/adj)  
 nọrhiri khi (v q)  
**anybody** (pron) ọmwa ikọmwa  
**anything** (pron) emwikekwi

ape (n) oha  
 aphorist (n) ofitā, ofiōtā  
 apron (n) oſeba  
 appeal (v int) t-ēzō mu  
 appear (v int) ghe, ladiā  
 appearance (n) ughemwē  
 applaud (v int) kp-obō  
 applause (n) osiba  
 appointment (n) ibuēde  
 apportion (v tr) ghae  
 apprehension (n) imu  
 apprentice (n) omu-agbā, ohāgbā  
 approach (v tr) si--kē  
 appropriate (v tr) zē--ba, zē--  
 hi; (adj) kere (v q)  
 are(1 v) ſe, khī, noq (see be)  
 argue (v tr) muā, gwi; (v int) gwi  
 argument (n) imuāemwē  
 arise (v int) kpa(ō), gwa kpaō  
 arm (n) obō, ekwabō  
 armlet (n) ēgba, ēgu-abō  
 arm-pit (n) ipere  
 around (adv) lē ga (v q)  
 arrange (v tr) mwamwa  
 array (v tr) mwamwa  
 arrest (n) imu  
 arrive (v int) dīna  
 arrogance (n) itēgbemu, uhlonwē  
 arrogant (adj) hio (v q)  
 arrogate (v tr) zē--ba, zē--yi,  
 ziē  
 arrow (n) ifemwē  
 arrow-head (n) uto, uto-pe  
 arroyo (n) ariorhō  
 as (conj) (e)vb-, zē vbe  
 as if (conj) vb-en(e)  
 as to (prep) vb-ōghe  
 as well (adv) vbee (v aux)

ashes (n) emuē, ekhuē  
 ash-tray (n) unyēgb-emuē  
 ask (v tr) nō; (riddle)gb-iro  
 ass (n) ekētēkētē  
 assemble (v int) si koko, si-  
 egbe koko  
 assess (v tr) ghae  
 astonish (v tr) ny-unu  
 asylum (n) iyōha  
 at (prep) d-, vbe  
 at all (adv) hiehie, hiehiera,  
 kwe (v aux)  
 at any time (adv) kugba k-ēghe,  
 ugbugbēhia  
 at it (adv) p-ōō (v q)  
 at last (adv) vb-okieke; (v aux)  
 he  
 at once (adv) uhukpa, vb-osufu  
 at the back (adv) vb-iyēke  
 at times (adv) ugbē--so  
 Atlantic (ocean) (n) okū  
 attack (v tr) (of diseases) mu;  
 (of swellings) gie; (gnl) fi,  
 gba khe  
 attend (v tr) do, yo  
 auditory aperture (n) uvū ehō  
 authorization (n) igiōdu  
 authorize (v tr) gie  
 avocado-pear (n) ofumwu  
 avoid (v tr) ſē--pae, he--y-  
 otō, lē--na  
 awake (adj) rhiōse (v q)  
 ſe (v q)  
 awaken (v tr) huē, rhiō  
 await (v tr) khe, dia khe,  
 mudia khe  
 away (adv) fua (v aux); vb-odō  
 (prep)  
 axe (n) ughamwa  
 ayo board (n) ur-iſē, ogi-uro

babe in arms (n) om-obo "child of hand; omomq  
 baboon (n) akharho  
 baby (n) okoro (new-born), om-obo (babe in arms, qv)  
 baby-teeth (n) igho  
 bachelor (n) ohae  
 back (n) iyeke; (v tr) ya--ike; (in return) (adv) weriegbe (vq)  
 back gate (n) onurho  
 back up (v tr) ya--ike  
 backbone (of body) (n) uvaramwe  
 back of hand (body) (n) iyek-obo  
 back-house (n) iyek-owa  
 backside (n) iyeke  
 backward (adv) vb-iyeke; (adj) vb-iyeke  
 backwards (adv) iyek-iyeke  
 bad (adj) da, ubi, khoo (v q)  
 bad breath (n) eghoo, ewia-unu  
 bad luck (n) uhumu da "bad head," obodidi  
 bad man (n) omw-isusu, omwa da  
 bag (n) oko, ekpo  
 bail (n) iyabo  
 bake (v tr) ma, gbe  
 bald (adj) gb-akpa  
 baldy (n) agbakpa  
 ball (n) ebou; (v int) vie  
 ball (of foot) (n) ovbi akh-owe  
 bamboo (n) ukpokoro  
 banana (n) oghed-ebo  
 banana wine (n) otē  
 banana-peel (n) ikpapk-oghede  
 band (n) ukugba  
 band (music) (n) ikpezikē, igbemaba  
 bandage (v tr) gbalo, kino  
 bandy-legs (n) agadaga

bang (n) kpa, gbinn  
 baptism (n) isame  
 baptize (v tr) s-ame, rhiana  
 bar (n) orogbo, ogbode; (of soap) okpe  
 bar (v tr) gbee, gbee--ode  
 barb (n) urubu  
 barbecue (v tr) rierie  
 bare (adj) kekā, kā (both v q)  
 bargain (v int) mu--ve  
 bargain for (v tr) ve  
 bark (of dog) (n) ugbomwe; (v int) gbq wowowo  
 bark (of tree) (n) ibob-erha, ikpapk-erha  
 barrel (n) egbedi; (gun) epipa  
 barren (adj) n'aga, rhia gina (vq)  
 basin (n) ekpamaku  
 basket (n) okhuae  
 bat (n) egue, owo  
 bath (n) ukhume, akhue  
 bathe (v int) khue  
 bathing (n) ukhume, akhue  
 bathroom (n) egu  
 battle (n) oku-ukpokpo, okuo; (v tr) khoo  
 be (1 v, with n) se/ri-, khi, noo; (1 v, with adj) ye, su  
 be at (1 v) se, ye  
 beach (n) eghute  
 beads (n) ekā, ivie, afianqwa,  
 beak (n) ukpe  
 beam (n) ukeke n-aya bowa  
 bean (n) ese, qese, ihiehe  
 bean-cake (n) eka ese  
 beans (n) iheme  
 bear (n) akpakomiza  
 bear (a child) (v tr) bie;  
 (fruit) (v tr) mo, kpa; (tolerate) (v tr) ro, urhu--gwa  
 "neck does (not) fit"  
 bear false witness (v int) m-eri se (see lie)

- beard (n) ɛtu
- beat (win)(v tr) maa, khiɛ,  
fi-ode yi obɔ "to cut the  
road to somebody's hand"
- beat (hit) (v tr) kimwi, gba;  
(of drum) kpe
- beat (esp pulse) (v int) fi
- beatnik type (n) yoyoyɔ (adv)
- beautiful (adj) m-ose (v q),  
mosee (adj)
- beauty (n) ose
- because (conj) rhumwuda (v tr)
- because of (prep) vbekpa,  
ba emwe--ba, rhumwuda (v tr)
- beckon to (v tr) y-obɔ--tie
- become (1 v) (same as be, q v)
- bed (n) ukp-erha/ekɛ, ewa,  
ogie ivbi-otɔ "a ruler can  
not sleep on the ground"
- bed-chamber (n) od-uw-owa
- bee (n) onwɔ
- bee (for task) (n) use
- beeswax (n) ipapa, (ɔdã)onwɔ
- befall (v int) s-unu; (v tr)  
vbaa, fuã, se--egbe "reach  
body"
- before (locality) (prep)od-afɔ  
"the road of the eye"
- before (subr) ke; (adv) ke
- before (time) (adv) ka--yi,  
ma--yi, te--yi, (with never)  
(adv) ma--ede
- beforehand (adv) te
- beg (supplicate) (v aux) ɛimw-  
ia
- beg (v int) zuã
- begging (n) uzuãmwe
- begin (v int) suɛ, s-obɔ y-o,  
y-obɔ, y-otɔ; (v tr) mu--hɛ;  
(v aux) te-da
- beginning (n) omuhɛ
- behind (prep) vb-iyekɛ; (adv)  
od-iyekɛ
- behind (of body) (n) iyekɛ
- belief (faith) (n) iyayi
- believe (v tr) ya--yi
- belittle (insult) (v tr) rho-  
vbiɛ
- bell (n) ɛgogo
- bellows (n) ekue
- belly (n) ɛko
- belly-wompas (adv) gbidii
- belong with (v tr) ɔde ba-ɛe
- below (prep) ototɔ
- belt (n) ukugba, ugbeku
- bend (v tr) vbokho (v int)
- Benin (same as Benin City, qv)
- Benin City (n) Edo, of-edo
- Benin divination (n) ominigbo,  
ogwega
- bent (adj) gɔ, bi gɔ, bilo gɔ  
(all v q)
- berry (n) ɔmɔ-erha
- beside (prep) de ba (v tr)
- besides (adv) ba-ɛe
- best (sup of good)(adj)masɛhia  
(v q)
- best (v tr) (same as beat, qv)
- bet (v int) ta, t-ile
- bet (v tr) ta, t-ile
- bet (n) ile
- betroth(or "dash"(girl))(v tr)  
y-ɔmɔ--na, mu--khuɛ--na
- better (comp of good)(adj)  
masɛ (v q)
- betting (n) itile
- between (prep) adese n-eva
- bicycle (n) ikeke
- big(gnl)(adj) kpɔlɔ, kɔkɔ  
(both v q); (specialized)  
betɛɛ, bohu, bozi, gadagbaa  
gbakagbaka, ghidighidi, gidi-  
gidi, gidigbii, lɛlɛlɛ, ɛkp-  
n-ɔkhua
- big enough (adj) gwa (v tr)
- big toe (n) ikpihiawɛ, ikpihi-  
awɛ n-ogie
- bigness (n) ukpɔlɔmwe
- bigot (n) ɔs-odibo

- big-shot (n) okp-omwa  
 bile (n) oriara  
 bill (of bird) (n) ukpe  
 bill(money)(n) eb-igho, eb-ihasa  
 billy-goat (same as goat, qv)  
 (n) ovbukho  
 binders (for roof-thatch) (n)  
 ise  
 Bini (adj) n-edo  
 Bini (man) (n) omwa n-edo, ovb-  
 edo; (lang) (n) edo  
 bird (gnl) (n) ahlanwe  
 bird-lime (n) uho  
 birthmark (n) amosa; (same as  
 brand) ama  
 bit (for horses) (n) ikagha,  
 ekagha  
 bite (of snake) (v tr) kud;  
 (gnl) fia--re  
 bitter (adj) riara (v q); (n)  
 oriara  
 blabber (n) ogbomweho  
 black (adj) duduudu, ne khwi;  
 khwiiri, khwikhwi, sie (all vq)  
 black-mail (n) igh-ekweku  
 black man (n) omwa ne khwi,  
 omwa n-ore otq Afirika  
 blacksmith (n) ogu  
 blacksmith shop (n) ogu-ogu  
 bladder (n) ekp-ahio  
 blame (n) oka  
 blame (v tr) gu--gwi, mu--nya,  
 kpe  
 blazing (like a house-afire)  
 (adv) gidigidi, ghirighiri,  
 wowowo  
 bleed (v int) tue; (v tr)  
 mu--ikho  
 bleeding (n) ikho  
 bless (v tr) fia--gbe, n-erhu-  
 mwu  
 blessing (christian) (n) afia-  
 gbe; (wish) erhumwu  
 blind (v tr) rhu--aro, rhu;  
 (adj) neghe ese, norhu-aro  
 blind (n) (hunter's) okhe  
 blindman (n) afozu, arhuaro  
 bloat (v tr) tua  
 bloated (adj) lelele, yokee  
 block (n) ududumwugbe; (v tr)  
 khiq  
 blood (n) erhaq, esagiq  
 blood-letting (n) ikho  
 blow (n) ekpa; (v tr) kpe, hoho  
 blow nose (v int) s-ihii  
 blow on (a fire) (v int) hie  
 blow out (v int) serae  
 blue (n) saghoragho  
 blue, dark (adj) bi duduudu/  
 sususu  
 blue-black (adj) kakaaka  
 bluff (v int) s-okhi-aro  
 blunt (adj & v q) gbi  
 boa (n) ikpi  
 boast (v int) rhuq  
 boastful (adj) opakharha  
 boar (n) asana  
 boarder (n) qsuerg  
 boasting (n) okp-ota, okp-unu  
 body (human) (n) egbe, (animal)  
 ikin-egbe  
 boil (n) usuvba  
 boil (v int) ti, mwoga(o)  
 boisterous (adj) rharharha  
 bolt (n) use; (of door) okhe  
 bolt upright (adv) sici  
 bone (n) uve, ugbodoko  
 bon-vivant (n) okuiku  
 bon voyage (farewell) rhere  
 book (n) ebe  
 boon (n) qhe  
 boot (n) ibata  
 border (n) okhie, okpe  
 bore (v tr) gb-ohio, gb-ubi,  
 ha; (person) y-egbe wq  
 born (v tr) (pp of bear)

borrow (v tr & v int) nḡḡḡ  
 boss (n) ḡga, olotu  
 both (adj) -eveva; (pron) ifā,  
 eveva, ifē  
 bother (v tr) kpokpo  
 bother with (v tr) mu--ro  
 bottle (n) ḡḡḡ  
 bottom (n) uhe, otḡe, ototo  
 bottom (adj) k-oto  
 bottomless (adj) vḡḡḡ  
 boundary (n) ebḡ, uwu  
 bow (v int) vbḡ-re  
 bow (for shooting) (n) uhābo  
 bow-legs (n) agadaga  
 bow-string (n) ikā  
 box (leather) (n) ḡkpoki,  
 (gnl) ekpeti  
 boxer (n) ḡgbekpa  
 boy (n) ḡvbokh-okpia (child-  
 man)  
 bracelet (n) ibaba, ḡḡḡḡḡḡ  
 brain (n) ḡrherhe  
 branch (of tree) igḡḡḡ  
 branch off (v int) va  
 brand (n) iyama, ama, uh-erhḡ  
 brand (v tr) y-ama yḡ  
 brass (n) oze, ḡḡḡḡḡḡ  
 brass-smith (n) ḡḡḡ-ḡḡḡḡḡḡ  
 brass-worker (n) ḡsama  
 brat (n) ḡḡḡḡ  
 brave (adj) dī  
 brazier (n) ḡsama  
 bread (n) ebḡḡḡḡ, eka nḡḡḡḡḡ,  
 em-ebo  
 break (n) iketī  
 break (v tr) bḡ, ḡḡḡḡḡ, sḡ;  
 (v int) bḡ, ḡḡḡḡḡ, sḡ  
 break (of car) (n) ebireki;  
 (v tr) kḡ  
 break apart (v tr) va  
 break down (v int) siḡ  
 break off (v tr & v int) se--  
 fua, kpaḡ  
 breast (n) enwe  
 breath (n) uhḡḡḡḡḡḡ  
 breathe (v tr/int) ḡḡḡḡ(v int)  
 breathe heavily (v int) hiḡḡḡ  
 breathing (act of) (n) uhḡḡḡ-  
 ḡḡḡ  
 brick (n) ibiḡiki; (sun dried)  
 ibiḡiki na kae  
 bride (n) oha  
 bride price (n) igh-irhiokhuo  
 bridge (n) agbadi, ḡḡḡ n-aware  
 bridle (n) ekagha, ikagha  
 bright (adj) giḡḡḡ, hiā, nwa,  
 nya, rā  
 brightly (adv) ghirighiri,  
 nya kpoo  
 brightness (n) uhiāmḡḡ  
 bring (v tr) viḡ--de/re, mu--  
 de/re  
 briskly (adv) zaizai  
 broad (adj) gbodoo, vbḡ  
 broken (adj) bḡ, fiā, ḡḡḡḡḡ,  
 wu (all v q)  
 broom (n) owḡḡ  
 brother (n) ḡḡḡ  
 brought (v tr) (pp of bring)  
 browse (v int) kḡ, ria, ri-  
 eria  
 brush (of fox) (n) iyoyo  
 brush (gnl) (n) owḡḡ  
 brush (v tr) ḡḡḡḡḡḡ  
 brush off (v tr) bḡḡḡḡḡ  
 bucket (n) igasawa, ikosoba  
 buck-toothed (adj) kpako  
 buddy (n) oko, ih-egbe  
 buffalo (n) ḡhā  
 bug (n) eriaria; (v tr) khuḡ  
 bugle (n) ufere  
 build (house etc) (v tr) bḡ;  
 (boat) kaḡ  
 builder (n) ḡbowa  
 building (n) owa  
 building-fund (n) igh-ibowa

built (pp of build, qv)  
built-in (adj) sikã mu, bọ ba  
(both v q)  
bulb (n) iyokh-otọ  
bulbed (adj) hue, hiwidi  
bulbul common (n) esikpogho  
bull (n) emila; (gnl) ekhia  
bullet (n) efu, igele, agele,  
uke, ekpokpo  
bullet-maker (n) isagile  
bully (n) omw-isusu  
bump(n)ugboghodo; (vtr)so, de kũ  
bumptious (adj) n-egbe  
bundle (of) (n) ikũ  
burial (n) uremwe, ipofimwi  
burn (v tr & v int) giẽ  
burn off (v int) yọ  
burning (n) ugiemwe  
burning-time (n) iyerhẽ  
burr (n) avbeto  
burrc (n) eketeketẹ  
burrow (n) uvũ, uye  
bury (v tr) se, ru--n-egbe  
bus (n) ok-otọ, ebosi  
bush (n) oha  
bush-cow (n) ede  
bush-dog (n) akwaghagha  
bushman (n) edigue

bush-pig (n) esi-oha, azana,  
oluku  
bust (n) uhunw-elao  
bust out laughing (at)(v int &  
tr) gb-okhokh-ogie  
but (conj) sokpã  
butcher (n) qvaranwe  
butcher (v tr) va  
butt (of animals) (v tr) so;  
(v int) so fua  
butt in (v int) gb-alama  
butter (n) evb-arię ebo  
butter (native) evb-arię  
butter-fingers (n) gb-obọ yo-  
boididi  
butterfly (n) erhumwuriaria  
butter up (v tr) hi oha, x-  
igwe  
buttocks (n) ikebe, itotaya  
button (n) okhi-ewu, irehe  
button up (v tr/int) khui  
buttrass (n) igogo  
buy (v tr) de, ka  
buy from (v tr) gu--de  
buyer (n) ade  
buzz (v tr & v int) vuuũ, gwi  
(of bees)  
by (prep) vb-egbe, vb-okpẹ,  
vb-ekpa; (adv) sike  
by turns(adv)osegbe-osegbe

- cactus (n) urhuafo  
 calabash (n) uko  
 calabash rattle (n) ukuse, em-aba  
 calculate (v tr) popo; (v int) popo  
 calf (n) ovbi emila  
 calf (of leg)(m) ovbi akhowo  
 call (n) utiemwe  
 call (v tr) tie; (shouting) da tie, kpe tie  
 call (meeting) (v tr) fi agba, tie iko  
 call (of hunter) (v tr) kp-okha  
 call down curse upon (v tr) mu ebo gbe  
 call loan (on) (v tr) si osa  
 calling (n) utiemwe, itie, eria  
 calla lily (n) esalebo  
 came (pp of come) de  
 camel (n) esin-ato, ibakasie (from Yoruba)  
 camp (n) ago, ebu, eko; (near river) eghute; (of hunters) oyovbie  
 can (n) ukpu; (v tr) viq-y-ukpu; (v aux) s-eti, m-eti  
 canary, yellow-fronted (n) ekenepe  
 cane (walking aid) (n) okpo, ukpokpo; (plant) ikã  
 cane-chair (n) ag-ikã  
 canoe (n) oko  
 canteen (n) agbe  
 cap (n) erhu  
 capital (money) (n) igh-eki; (city) okp-eybo  
 capsise (v tr & v int) ni  
 captain (n) ekapiteni, okakuo  
 car (n) ok-oto, opete  
 caretaker (n) akhwa  
 carousing (adj) nyamunyamu  
 carpenter (n) onwina, ekabita  
 carrier (n) omuihe  
 carry (v tr) dada, he, la, mu, mu khua efẽ (on hip), mu--nya, to--mu, viq  
 carve (v tr) gbẽ  
 carving (n) emwi-na gbẽ  
 case (legal) ezo, (container) ekpoki  
 cassava (n) igari, obobozu, ebobozu  
 casserole (n) uwawa  
 cast(metal)(v tr) sa (y-efomwo)  
 cast (throw) (v tr) fi, fi--gbe  
 casting-net (n) obiwiki  
 castrate (v tr) wa  
 cat (n) ologbo, ovbiedẽ  
 cataract (on eye) (n) oze  
 catch (of person) (v tr) s-obo y-o  
 catch (of fire) (v int) vẽ  
 catch (ball) (v tr) mu  
 catch (dropping water) (v tr) da  
 caterwauling (v int) giãrãrã-rãrã  
 cattle (n) emila, umelu  
 caul (n) odoghõ  
 cause (v tr) si, ya s-unu, ze  
 cause (admiration) (v tr) nya--afua  
 cause célèbre (n) okp-emwe -ce (suffix) igba  
 cease (v tr & v int) ko eti, ku eti, z-obo  
 celebrate (feast) (v tr) gho  
 cemetery (n) ikpekpe  
 center (n) adese  
 centipede (n) ovbeybe  
 certificate (n) eb-ose  
 chain (n) ogioro, eghã  
 chain-like (adj) oba (n)  
 chair (n) aga  
 chalk (n) orhue

chalk (v tr) gbe-orhue  
 chamber (arch) (n) od-uw-owa  
 chameleon (n) ɛpɔkhĩ  
 champion (n) ɔkhae  
 chance (n) ehe  
 change (money) (n) agieghe  
 change (v tr) (gnl) werieɔ; (of  
 money) fi(igho)  
 character (n) ekhɔe, unyimwe  
 charcoal (n) ogiɔmwibi, ibi,  
 akɛrhã  
 charge (v tr)(trade)kuɛ;(war)  
 charm (v tr) fi--ɛbo, gua, le  
 chatter (v tr & v int) kae  
 chauffeur (n) edurɛva  
 cheap (adj) ɔpɔkhɔ, ɔo(both vɔ)  
 cheapen (v tr) ɔpɔkhɔ  
 cheat (v tr) fiã--re; (v int)  
 mu egberu; (n) omu-ɛɔu  
 cheating (n) omu-ɛɔu  
 cheek (n) irho  
 cheek-marks (woman's) agbaguda  
 cheer (n) eguozaa  
 cheer (v tr & v int) we, gb-ig  
 -lãgiã, yagbe  
 cheering (n) iglãgiã  
 cheetah (n) ubidɔ̄  
 cherry (n) otiɛ̄  
 chest (body) (n) ɛwee, igiemwe  
 chest-pains (n) ise  
 chew (v tr & v int) lue, l-unu  
 chick (n) ovbi\_ɔkhɔkhɔ  
 chicken (n) ɔkhɔkhɔ thɔ  
 chief (n) ɔdiɔ̄, ogie, ɔka, ɔkh-  
 aɛmwɛ  
 chief (adj) kpataki (v q)  
 child (n) ovbi, ɔvbokhã, ɔmɔ  
 child (n) (last born) alagbode,  
 alakhuɪ  
 child (progeny) (n) iwu, eye,  
 ihĩhiĩ, sakpareghodi, gha-  
 biona  
 child-bearing (n) ɛmw-ɔmɔ,  
 "matter of child"  
 child-bride (n) ovbi-ɔha  
 children (n) ibieka, ivbi mwe  
 chin (n) agbamwe  
 chip (v tr) se--fua, kpaɛ;  
 (v int) se fua  
 chip rust (v int) hiɔ̄  
 chirping (adj) gooso  
 chisel (n) afiã, agbɛ, agha  
 cholera (n) owowo  
 choose (v tr) se  
 chop (v tr) ke; (n) evbase  
 chorus (n) uramw-ihuã  
 christen (v tr) he--eni  
 chum (n) oko, ih-egbe  
 chunk (n) oso, ududu  
 church (n) ow-egbagbo, ow-iy-  
 yi, esɔsi  
 church-service (n) ugamwe  
 cicatrix (n) ama, iyama  
 cicatrize (v tr) vi, s-iwu;  
 (v int) s-iwu  
 cigar (n) esiga  
 cigarette (n) esiga  
 cinch (v tr) tua  
 circle (n) okhi, okhiokhi  
 circle (v int) le gawe  
 circle of acquaintances (n)  
 ore  
 circumcision (n) arhuɛ  
 circumcise (v tr) rhuɛ  
 city (n) ɛvbo, okp-ɛvbo, ɛvbo  
 n-ekhua  
 civet-cat (n) edi  
 civilization (n) irhãɔ  
 civilized (adj) rh-aɛɔ (v q)  
 clamor (n) owogho  
 clamor (v tr & v int) gb-owo-  
 gho, hoho gbigbigbi  
 clap hands (v int) kp-obɔ,  
 s-obɔ  
 class (n) ekilasi, otu

claw (n) ihĩĩ-arawę  
 clay (n) obuę, ek-obuę, orhue,  
 opogho, ulakpa  
 clean (adj) huń  
 clean (v tr) gb-ọę  
 clear(adj)hiń(v q),gborogboro  
 clear (v tr) fie, gbọ, gb-itę  
 (v tr/int)  
 clearing (n) egbo, ifie, ogo,  
 og-ugbo, ufiemwę  
 clerk (n) akọwe, ogbẹbe,ugbẹbe  
 uk-ebo  
 clever (adj) gw-ebe gbe (v q)  
 climb (v tr & v int) hĩ  
 clitoris (n) aviĩ, uhe  
 clock (n) egogo, ughede,ukede,  
 umuęde, utęghę  
 clod (person)(n) akpa, ọzuọ  
 close(v tr)bi gbe;(adj)si ke(vq)  
 closed (adj) kukuku  
 cloth (n) ukpọ  
 clothed (adj) rhuń  
 clothes (n) ęwu  
 cloud (n) ighogh-iso, okuku  
 clown (v int) z-ogie  
 club (n) ọkpo, orhokhwa,ukpo-  
 kpo  
 clumsily (adv) yekuyeku, vagh-  
 avagha  
 coagulate (v tr & v int) ki,  
 rhuę  
 coal (n) ęnyi  
 coal-black (adj) dududu,dudu-  
 udu, kakańka, nununu, khwi-  
 si  
 coat (n) ęwu  
 cobra (n) ovbivbie, ivbiekpo  
 cobweb (n) ido  
 cock (n) ọkpa  
 cock (v tr)(of gun, trap) dọ  
 cockerel (n) ovbi-ọkpa  
 cocoa (n) ekoko  
 cock-a-doodle-doo (n) uvięmw-  
 ọkpa  
 cock-crow (n) uvięmw-ọkpa  
 cockroach (n) ehęmwę  
 coco-nut palm (n) ọkherh-ivĩ  
 coco-nut (n) ivĩ  
 code (n) eria, uhi  
 cohere (v int)(see stick to-  
 gether)  
 coil (v tr/int) ki, king  
 coin (n) igho  
 cola (n) ęvbe, ikpe, igbanja  
 cold (of weather) (n) oni  
 cold (disease) (n) qha  
 collapse(v int)(gnl) się, suo,  
 kuę;(faint)f-qrhiq;gũkń(adv)  
 colleague (n) ogieva, iho, otu  
 college (n) ekọlegi, ow-ebe n-  
 ọyo  
 collect (v int) koko kugbe  
 comb (n) oyiya  
 combine (v tr) viq ba; (v int)  
 yakugbe  
 come (v int) re; (v aux) do  
 come down (v int) tuo re  
 come from (resultant) (v tr)  
 ke--ikiń  
 come here (v int) lare  
 come off (v int) fiń  
 come out (v int)(secret)vę;(moon) hĩ  
 come out of(v tr) ladiń(v int)  
 come true (v int) solo, s-unu  
 come up (v int) zọ  
 comet (n) ọsiukoko, osũ nigio  
 gio  
 comfortable (adj) fu egbe  
 command (n) aseę, ọdakha  
 commission (n) oghae  
 commission man (n) ọkpatę,ọdu-  
 eki  
 commit adultery (v int) mi-  
 ọmw-amwę (v tr)  
 commit suicide (v int) meghe,  
 z-uwu "to choose death," z-  
 ęgbęle

common-sense (n) iwęro  
 commoner (n) ominigie (pl)  
 community (n) akugb-ęvbo  
 compare (v tr) gie  
 comparison (n) ugiemwę, igiemwi  
 companion (n) ętę, oko, oglewa  
 iho, otu  
 complain (v int) viã  
 complaining (n) oviã  
 complete (adj) gba (v q)  
 completely (adv) fęfęfęfę  
 composition (n) ebe n-agbę  
 compound (n) ogba  
 compromise (v int)(idioms)  
 mu ęmę y-ęgb-iy-ęę, hęh-ũnu  
 comrade (n) ętę, oko, oglewa,  
 iho, otu  
 conceive (v int) hãmwa, ko  
 conception (n) uhãmwamwę  
 concern (v tr) bi  
 concern with (vtr) khĩ ęre,  
 khĩ vb-ę  
 concerning (prep) vb-ęghe  
 concerning it (prep) vb-ękpare  
 conclude (v tr) fo, kere ikiã  
 conclusion (n) ikiã  
 concubine (n) oloi, iye n-agbę,  
 ęgbakhiã  
 concurrently (adv) ęwara-ękpa  
 condensed (adj) n-olika  
 confer (v int) s-uma  
 confess(vtr/int)ka, miękue, bũ  
 confession (n) imiękue, ibũ  
 confidant (n) odibo  
 confirm (v tr) nwanię  
 conflagration (n) ugiemwę  
 confrere (n) igbesa, oglewa  
 confront (v tr) mu--da  
 confused (adj) n-iro hãřę  
 confusion (n) irohãmwę, itãya-  
 gba "the ordeal is stuck"  
 congeal (v int) rhuę, ki  
 conjure (v tr) khiã; (v int)  
 z-idũna  
 conquer (v tr) gbĩna, khõ, ma  
 consequence(n) ikiã, ękpaemwę;  
 (in-)(adv)(see because (of)  
 consequently (adv) lele  
 consideration (n) itohã  
 conspiracy (n) isuma, isęte  
 conspire (v int) s-uma, s-ęte;  
 -- at (v tr) s-uma ghe  
 constipation (n) ękokęmwę  
 constrict (v tr) zięzię  
 construct (v tr) bę, kaę, kũ,  
 fi  
 construction (n) ubęmwę  
 consult (v tr) bę  
 contemporaries (n) ihuare, iho,  
 otu-ęę  
 contemptible (adj) tę (v q)  
 content (adj) s-ękę (v q)  
 content(s) (n) isękę, uvuęmwę  
 content with(pre)ma, s-ękę(vq)  
 contestant(n)oki  
 contestant(n)ękuiku; ęmwa nęvę  
 continue (v aux) gha  
 continuously(adv) kuzbakęghęęę  
 contradict (v tr) z-ętĩ, tighi,  
 mwamwa  
 contribute (v tr) ni  
 contrite (adj) ku ęgbe-mu (vq)  
 convenient (adj) kpa ma  
 conversation (n) ęta  
 convoke (v int) tie, fi agba  
 cook (n) ekuku, ibi-ukoni, ęle-  
 mwi; (v tr) le; (v int) ga, bie  
 cooked (adj) ga, bie (both vq)  
 cooking (n) emwi n-ale  
 cool(adj)fu-re, khuerheę(bothvq)  
 cooler (n) utęyotę  
 coop (n) okhaę ękhękhę; (v tr)  
 vię--de  
 cooperate (v int) gba ru, de ba  
 co-opt (v tr) zę ba  
 copious (adj) kpa, bu

copulate (v int) s-qrhō  
 coral (n) ivie; (imitation) āfi-  
     ānōmwa  
 corduroy road (n) irola  
 cork (v tr) khiq; (n) okhiq  
 cork (v tr) khiq  
 cork-screw (n) ugbizin  
 corn (n) qka  
 corn (liquor) (n) any-qka  
 corn (pudding) (n) akasā  
 corn-bread (n) eka, ulōka  
 corn-cake (n) owi  
 corner (n) igie, igogo, ekhokho  
 corn-field (n) oh-qka  
 corpse (n) ikū, oīlwi, oākhē  
 costliness (n) ughāmwē  
 cot (n) ukpo, akpekpe  
 cotton (n) oru, oruru  
 coucal (n) erhumohi  
 couch (n) ukpo  
 cough (v int) tolo  
 cough (n) ohuē  
 could (v aux) (pp of can)  
 council (n) uma  
 count (v tr) ka  
 count (money) (v int) k-igho  
 country (n) ɛvbo, isoko  
 courage (n) udīmwē  
 courageous (adj) ze vb-udu  
     (v q)  
 course (n) (path, animal) okpa;  
     (path, human) obēlē; (curricu-  
     lum) iŕuēmwi  
 court (v tr) bē, gayi (v int)  
 courthouse (n) ow-ɛzq  
 cousin (n) qtē  
 cover (v tr) gue, rhu, kaq,  
     ma gue  
 cover (self) (v tr) ya hi egbe  
 cover (n) ugwe  
 cover up (v int) mu guq  
 covered (adj) na guere (v q)

covetous (adj) no w-aro (v q)  
 covetousness (n) iwakō, arovb-  
     ɛmwē  
 cow (n) (gnl) ɛmila; (female)  
     onwi  
 cow-pea (n) ikpekhie, ero  
 coward (n) ohā, avbiere  
 cower (v int) si kuē, ki  
 cowherd (n) ɔriaɛmila  
 co-wife (n) ɔrue  
 cowrie (n) ikpigho, upkogho  
 crab (n) ozi  
 cramps (n) ɔkho-ehe  
 crack (of wood) (v int) sa (vtr)  
 crash (v int) leu, meu  
 crawl (of baby) (v int) si  
 cray-fish (n) ize n-ɔfua  
 create (v tr) yi  
 creating (n) uyimwe  
 creation (n) uyimwe  
 credit sales (n) ɔkhiēkuē, ɔd-  
     ɛkuē  
 creditor (n) ɔkhiē emwi kuē,  
     ɔmwa n-aru\_ɛr-osa  
 credit-buying (n) ɔdēkuē  
 creep (v int) si, feko  
 crest (of cock) (n) etoghotogho,  
     ɔgɔgɔ  
 cricket (n) (gnl) ɔsēlē, asēlē;  
     (male) ogowo; (female) adekē  
 crier (n) avbiogbe  
 cripple (n) aɔqe, ɛkhū, uke  
 cripple (v tr) s-uke  
 crippled (adj) nq s-uke (v q)  
 crocodile (n) agbaka, ɔne  
 crocodile tears (n) eve n-amw-  
     ɔza vi-ɔza  
 crooked (adj) nq gqe, nq s-uke,  
     bigɔbigɔbigɔ (all v q)  
 cross (v tr) gbe ra, fiā gbe,  
     mu vi  
 cross (n) (ama) ugbugbe  
 cross-bow (n) ɛkpede

cross-roads (n) ada  
 cross-wise (adv) mu-ugbugbe  
 crotch (n) ɔkp-ekia (male); ɔkp-  
 uhe (female); akharha (gnl)  
 crow (v int) viɛ  
 crow (n) akhuǎkhuǎ  
 crowd (n) ubũwɛ, ufogho  
 crowded (adj) no khwakhwa, no  
 keke (v q)  
 crown (n) ɛde  
 crown (of head) adɛs-uhũmwu  
 crucify (v tr) kǎɛ--mu erhǎ  
 ugbugbe  
 crumble (v int) wagha  
 crumbly (adj) waghawagha  
 crumpled (adj) ne buyɛbuyɛ  
 crush (v tr) nwiɛ  
 crutches (n) ɔkp-adowɛ  
 cry (n) utumwɛ; (v int) tu, va  
 cry-baby (n) enɔgha  
 cuckoo (n) erhumohi  
 cucumber (n) ekokomɛɛ  
 cul de sac (n) eko asa  
 cull out (v tr) zɔlɔ, zɔ, yuo,  
 zɔlɔ kua, hǎnɔ kua  
 cunning (n) ero, ɛkɛ inwɛwɛ;  
 (adj) suero (v q)

cup (n) ukpu  
 curb (n) abutete, ɔkpɛ  
 cure (n) isĩawiegbe  
 cure (v tr) sĩwĩ  
 cure (of a wound) (v tr) kpe  
 curl (hair) (v tr) ki  
 curls (n) eto n-ɔkiwĩ  
 curl up (v int) kire  
 curse (v tr) ti-ɛbɔ, ti-ihɛ  
 curse (n) ɛbɔ, ihɛ  
 curse upon (v tr) kha ɛwɛ  
 custom (n) unyimwɛ, uhi  
 cut (n) ama, ɛwɛ; (v tr) fiǎ,  
 gia; (v int) fiǎ, gia  
 cut (grass) (v tr) gbɛ  
 cut (in shaving) (v tr) kpɛ  
 cut down (v tr) tɔ gb-oto, fǎ  
 cut hair (v tr) gb-eto  
 cut loose (v tr) fiǎ--fua;  
 (v int)  
 cut off (v tr) giaglia, gbɛ,  
 fiǎ--fua  
 cut open (v tr) vi  
 cut up (v tr) giagha, giaglia  
 cut teeth (v int) z-igho  
 cutting-grass (n) ɛvuato  
 cycle (n) iwe

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- dab (v tr) papa
- daily (adv) ẹdẹgbegbe, ẹdẹgbe-  
dẹgbe
- dais (n) ukpo, ogiukpo
- damage (n) ọku, ukọghọpọ, ọrhia
- damn! (interj) oyimaa!
- dance (n) ughe, iku; (v int)  
ku, gbe; (v tr) do (ugba, etc)  
fi (oki, etc)
- dancer (masquerade) (n) ovbi  
gwiwi, ekpo
- dancers (naked) (n) ifieto
- dancing (n) ugbenwe
- dancing-song (n) ihuā n-ayagbe
- danger (n) ẹbe
- dangerous (adj) n-ẹbe
- dark (adj) bi, mu, so, bi/nu-  
nunu /kakaaka (all v q)
- darkness (n) ebi, ebiebi
- dash (v tr) wu ẹse, ya na
- date (n) ikp-ẹdẹ
- date (v tr) bu ẹdẹ
- daughter (n) ọm-okhuo
- dawn (n) ọkp-okao, ọkporhu ok-  
ao
- dawn (v int) gbe
- day (n) ẹdẹ
- day after tomorrow (n) irakhuẹ  
ẹd-eha
- daybreak (n) (see dawn)
- daylight (n) unwanwe
- day of rest (n) ẹd-ekẹ
- daytime (n) awi
- dazzle (v tr) ki, gb-ebibi
- dazzle (n) oki
- dead (adj) nọ wu (v q), ori-ewbo  
n-a iwua (idiom) "he is dead"
- dead (the) (n) ọriawo
- deaf (adj) ni-ehọ (v q)
- deaf man (m) anyehọ
- deaf-mute (n) odi
- deafness (n) inyehọ
- dear (adj) gbū
- dearth (n) uvbenwe
- death (n) uwu
- death (personification) (n)  
ogi-uwu
- debar (v tr) gbe
- debt (n) osa
- debtor (n) ọsuosa, ọkaruosa
- deceive (v tr) ẹrẹrẹ, hiẹ
- deceiving (n) ero
- deception (n) ẹkẹ, ero, ẹrẹrẹ
- decide (v tr) bu; (v int) ya  
kugbe, hẹhunu
- deciding (act of) (n) ukhanwe
- decision (n) ukhanwe, ihẹhunu
- decline (v tr) he
- declivity (n) iya
- deep (adj) diwi, ye/diwi-  
diwi /gulugulu /vuuu /vẹẹẹ  
(all v q)
- deface (v tr) f-ihue
- defame (v tr) rhia eni
- defecate (v int) ne, kpatale
- defendant (n) enati-er-eso, en-  
agugwi, ọkhuenieso
- defer (v tr) da--na
- de-hex (v tr) serhiẹ
- deity (n) ẹbọ, osa
- demijohn (n) usu, esago
- demon (n) esu, ọkpaniginkẹ
- demonstrate (v tr) ma we;  
(v int) rhie ma
- depart (v int) wesi-egbe, ric  
kpa egbe, ẹr rae
- depend on (v tr) rhie egbe, mu  
gti nya
- depracate (v tr) mu da
- depreciate (v int) ku, rhia
- depression (n) (psych) ikhiẹ-  
(e)gbe; (phys) igbohioṭọ
- depth (n) udimwianwe
- deputize (v tr) ya yi ebọ
- deputy (n) ih-egbe, ọdayi, eda-  
yi

derelict (person)(n) udeflagbō,  
 oseghe  
 descend (v int) tuo re  
 desert (n) ato  
 desert (v tr) he y-o, fi y-o  
 deserted (adj) n-ohloro (v q)  
 desired (adj) khō, ho(both v q)  
 desist (v int) hēwē re  
 despite (prep) rhuwuda (v tr)  
 destiny (n) ob-ehi nq  
 destitute (adj) khiā ogue (vq)  
 detach (v tr) rhā--hī  
 detention (n) imuyeghā  
 develop (v tr) dina(ode); (v  
 int) hī  
 devil (n) esu  
 devils (n) isusu  
 dew (on grass) (n) ohogho, evbu  
 diarrhoea (n) ękohihienwē, oto-  
 so, oyisi  
 dabble (n) ubi  
 did (v tr/aux) (pret of do)  
 die (v int) fi ya, fua, zę unu,  
 z-ukpō obq, wu, ri-ęimwi, ri  
 ęvbo n-a iwua; (accidentally)  
 kpōlebu  
 die out (v int) kpe fū, fuā  
 differ from (v tr) l-ughaę hī  
 difference (n) ughaę  
 different (adj) nq-lughaę (v q)  
 ukhukhu  
 difficult (adj) miāwē, lqghq,  
 kaka (all v q)  
 dig (v tr) fi ema, gwa, tō, hi-  
 q-(o)to  
 dig (up) (v tr) kpō, tō  
 dig (grave) (v tr) f-idī, ho-  
 h-otq  
 dig out (v tr) gwa, gwalo kua  
 digging (n) ikpēma  
 dignity (n) uyi  
 ding-dong (adv) kqghokogho, go-  
 ghogogho, gęghęyęghęy  
 dining room (n) nana ęi emwi  
 "where we eat something"  
 dirt (n) iřuę, iku  
 dirty (v tr) bōwē iku  
 dirty (adj) gb-iřuę (v q)  
 dirty weather (n) oę-ęgwi  
 disable (v tr) kū ękhū  
 disappear (v tr) d-ehiagha  
 discard (v tr) ya ero  
 discharge (of wound) (v tr &  
 v int) vię, ęo  
 discharge(gun)(v tr) fā--fua, zę  
 disciple (n) irhuęegbe  
 discuss (v int) talq, guā  
 discussion (n) imuaęwē  
 disgrace (n) oya, irioya, emwi-  
 ekhue  
 disgraced (adj) ri oya (v q)  
 disgust (n) ęęonqmwē; (v tr) sōnq  
 dislike (v tr) khu iwu  
 disobedience (n) akhaę, imuā-  
 ęwē  
 disobey (v tr) muā ęwē  
 disparage (v tr) yagha  
 dispise (v tr) tila  
 displeased (adj) riara (v q)  
 displeasure (n) irhiaęko  
 disregard (n) eyagha  
 distance (n) egbo, uria  
 distended (adj) řuřuru  
 district (n) odī, isoko, agbō-  
 ęvbo  
 disturb (v tr) t-ughu  
 disturbance (n) idobo  
 ditch (n) iya  
 divide/divide up (v tr) ghae, ku  
 wa emwi (v int) "to separate  
 things"  
 dividing (n) eghae, ughaenwē  
 division (n) enanagha-emwi  
 divorce (v tr) he y-oto  
 dizziness (n) okī

dizzy (adj) nọfi okí, gb-okí,  
 fi okí (all v q)  
 do (v tr) ɸu;(q marker) ɸa  
 do (hair) (v tr) tue, sa  
 dock (n)(court)erh-ɛzo;(ships)  
 ɔkpe ɛze;(v tr)(wage)fiá igho  
 doctor (n) edokita, ɔbo  
 does (v tr) (form of do)  
 doesn't it? (q mark) ɛre riqwa  
 dog (n) ekita, awa, ovbi-akota  
 dog (call)(interj) sss!, gba!  
 dollar (florin)(n) idola  
 dolt (n) ozuo  
 done (adj) ga (v q);(pp of do)  
 donkey (n) eketekete  
 don't (v aux,neg) ghe  
 door (n) ɛkhu  
 door-bar (n) ukelu  
 door-frame (n) olodo  
 door-stop (n) ukuoki  
 doorway (n) olela  
 dope (n) ozuo  
 dormitory (n) edqmitiri  
 double (n) agbeva  
 double-file (n) eveva  
 down (n) iɸɔ  
 down (prep) s-otɔ (v q)  
 downstream (adv) otot-ɛze (n)  
 downward (adv) s-otɔ, gb-otɔ,  
 mi-otɔ (all v q)  
 dowry (n) igho irhiqha, emwi-  
 uganwe  
 doze (v int) vbiqhúde  
 drag (v tr) hiqɔ  
 dragnet (n) eriri  
 dragon-fly (n) ivbi-ovɛ  
 drain (n) uror-amɛ  
 draw (v tr) ví  
 draw (out) (v tr) sí  
 draw (water) (v tr) sa  
 dream (v tr & v int) mína  
 dream (n) imína  
 dregs (n) ototɔ, ikherhe  
 dress (a log) (v tr) ka  
 dress (v int) rhuá, yo  
 dress (v tr) rhuá  
 dress up (v tr) há, mu--egbe;  
 (v int) mu-egbe  
 dressing (n) erhuá  
 dressing up (n) ehá  
 drink (v tr) nwɔ (non-alcohol),  
 da (alcohol);(v int)nwɔ, da  
 drip-drop (adv) siɛɛɛ  
 dripping (n) okpa  
 drive (n) ovbi-ode; (v tr)fi,  
 gua; (v int) fi-moto,gu-emo-  
 to  
 drive away (v tr) khu  
 drive off (v tr) ká fua  
 drive out (v tr) khu kua  
 driver (of cars) (n) ɔgwemoto,  
 edraeva  
 drone (n) oɸoho, orhiqni  
 drop (v tr)kharha;(v int) filo  
 drop off (v int) kharha kua  
 drop out (v int) yuo fua  
 drum (n) ube, esakpaede, ogid-  
 igbo, okha, ema  
 drum (of rain) (v int) filo  
 drum (calabash) (n) emaba  
 drum (ceremonial) (n) enwini,  
 em-ighá, iy-ema, ovbi-ema  
 drummer (n)(not fig) ikpema,  
 ikpezikiɛ, igbemaba; (sales)  
 ɔduɛki, ɔdado  
 drumming (adv) bɔbɔbɔ/bɔrɔbɔrɔ;  
 (of rain) kpatakpata  
 drumstick(n)(lit) ukeke n-aya  
 kpema;(fig) ow-okhokho  
 drunk (adj) d-anyɔ (v q)  
 drunkard (n) ɔdanyɔ  
 drunkenly (adv) vaghavagha  
 drunkenness (n) anyɔ nada

dry(adj) kaka(v q); (v tr/int)  
ka, kae, kaka  
dry off (v int) kaka  
dry out (v int) ka  
dry season (n) uyūmwu  
duck (n) ekpekpeye  
dues (n) igh-otu  
dull (adj & v int) kurqo (ye)  
dunk (v tr) rhamwe  
dunning (n) ukoghqo  
during (prep) vb-ide (subr)

dusk (n) atavbi  
dust (n) ebube  
dust-bin (n) ow-iku, ot-iku  
dust heap (n) ot-iku  
dustily (adv) ɛhũɛhũ  
eye (n) aro  
dysentery (n) ɛko nami-ɔ-  
emwi, ezegizegi  
dyspepsia (n) ɛkokomwe  
dystrophy (n) aimw-evbase

## E

- each (pron) ọkpọkpa; (adj) ọkpa  
 eager (v tr) mwẹ-rhiǫ  
 eagerness (n) erhiǫ  
 eagle, vulturine fish (n) ogho-  
   hǫ  
 ear (of corn) (n) osu\_oka, ihī-  
   agha, ehiagha  
 ear (n) ehọ  
 earrings (n) emwi\_ehọ, orok-ehọ  
 ears burning (n) iguǫg-ǫw-egbe  
 earth (n) otọe  
 earth-worm (n) ikolo  
 easily (adv) hẹnẹdẹ  
 east (n) ow-owię, ọlare\_ovẹ  
 eastern (adj) igbo  
 easy (adj) ọkhhọ, fu-egbe (all vq)  
 eat (v tr) ẹ; (v int) ri evbare  
 eating (n) are  
 eaves (n) ifame  
 ebony, African Twa (diospyros  
   piscatorius) (n) igiedudu  
 ebony, African Twa (diospyros  
   crassiflora) (n) abọkpọ  
 echo (n) igbo, ẹhi n-oha  
 echo (v int) m-igbo  
 economical (with) (adj & prep)  
   tete  
 edge (n) (table) ehọ; (farm) ọkpẹ  
 Edo (language) (n) Edo  
 education (n) ifuẹ-emwi  
 effort (n) anwina  
 egg (n) ekẹ  
 egg-plant (garden-egg) (n)  
   ekhwe  
 egret (cattle) (n) enibokú  
 eight (n) ẹfẹfẹ  
 eighteen (n) evairọvbugie  
 eighth (adj) n-ogierẹrẹ  
 eighty (n) iy-ene  
 eject (v tr) rua--fua  
 elbow (n) igu-abọ  
 elbow-room (n) idagbo  
 elders (n) ediǫ, eninwarẹ  
 electric eel (n) oriri  
 elephant (n) eni  
 eleven (n) owọrọ  
 elf (n) eseku  
 -elf/-elves (suff) iw-  
 emaciated (adj) gúkaá  
 emaciation (n) udọmwe  
 embarrassed (adj) n-iwo há-rẹ  
 embezzle (v tr) ri\_ok-ode  
 embezzlement (n) iriokode  
 embonpoint (n) ẹko bẹbẹbẹ,  
   agbidigbidi  
 embrace (v tr) mu--dede, va--mu  
 emerge from (v tr) la diá  
 emetic (n) ẹekpa  
 employee (n) ọkpomwa  
 empty (adj) kẹká  
 empty (n) ohogha, ihoi  
 encircle (v tr) do ga  
 enclosure (n) ogba  
 end (n) ufonwe, uhe  
 end (v tr) fo, kpolẹbu; (v int)  
   (see die)  
 endurance (n) iziǫgbe  
 endure (v tr) zi\_egbe  
 enemy (n) (open) oghiá, ik-omwa,  
   ikọ, ẹkose; (unseen) ẹrẹ  
 English (adj) ebo (n)  
 enjoy (v tr) ri orhiẹrhiẹ  
 enlightened (adj) rh-ápo (v q)  
 enlightenment (n) irhápo  
 enmity (n) eghiá, okhoǫ  
 enough (adj & adv) buá  
 enrich (v tr) fe  
 entail (v tr) ya fi ohá  
 enter (v tr) lao; (v int) larọ  
   "enter it"  
 entertain (vtr) m-ogho y-ọr-egbe

- enticing (adj) si aro doḡ  
(v q)
- entirely (adv) s-oto, s-ukhu-  
mwu, gwesegwqzq, fecce, fe-  
fqqf
- entrance (n) od-ore, obqle
- entrap (v tr) gbe
- envy (n) iriaekhwe
- equal (v tr) buu
- equal (adj) uwonwumwe, bu (vq)
- er/more-- than (comp) seq
- erase (v tr) khiḡ
- err (v int) ba ku
- escape-hatch (n) okuegbomoto
- escape (n) ulq
- escape (v int) fe, le fe
- escape (n) alefe
- essential (adj) n-olika
- estimate (v tr) k-igho
- eternal (adj) ne(i)mw-oro,  
ne(i)mwufomwe
- euphoria (n) egbemumwe
- European (n) Ebo
- even (adj) rie (v q); (adv) kwe  
{v aux}, (neg) ma he kwe rie  
{v aux} "hasn't even," (adv  
mod adv) uhie
- even number (n) izu
- evening (n) ota, akota, onw-ota
- event(s) (n) emwi n-ekhua
- ever (adv) qdq
- ever since (adv) rhifí
- everlasting (adj) itebite
- everlasting God (n) Oghen-osa
- every (adj) -ik- (with redupl)
- every morning (n) owi-owie
- every-body (pron) omwaikomwa,  
evbo hia
- every-one (pron) ed-qmwa d-qghqe
- everything (pron) emwikemwi
- every time (adv) keghekeghe
- examination (n) edámwe
- excuses (n) okeke
- executioner (n) odiomwa
- evident (adj) kpa ma (v q)
- evil (adj) dá; (n) emwi dá
- evil genius (n) oka erhia
- evil spirit (n) ekose, isusu,  
erimwi dá, ukpokpo
- evil thought (n) iro dá
- exactly (adv) zeq, dádaá dá
- exhausted (adj) kwise kwaragh-  
ada (v q)
- exhausting (n) ukhámwe
- exonerate (v tr) fã--fua
- expect (v tr) khe
- expedite (v tr) ku obq
- expel (v tr) khu kua, rua fua,  
ká fua
- expensiveness (n) ughámwe
- explain (v tr) ria iha, mu ma
- explode (v int) sa
- expound (v tr) ria, mu ma
- extinguish (v tr) dq yo
- extract (v tr) yuo--ladiá
- eye (n) aro
- eye-balls (n) ikpáro
- eye-brow (n) ehae, et-aro, uha-  
ro, ugbaro
- eye-glasses (n) ughegbe, ughe-  
gb-aro
- eye-lashes (n) et-ifú-aro, ifú-  
aro
- eyes streaming (n) aro no vie-  
vbqrbqrbq

## F

- fable (n) um-a<sup>a</sup>amwe  
 face (n) ugba<sup>o</sup>, uha<sup>o</sup>  
 face (v tr) mu a<sup>o</sup> da  
 facing (prep) vb-od-a<sup>o</sup>  
 face-saving (n) uhiamwe  
 facetious (adj) n-ogie (v q)  
 factotum (n) uke  
 factory (n) esabu, ow-<sup>cki</sup>  
 fail (v tr) se<sup>se</sup>; (v int) de  
 faint (v int) sahe, f-<sup>orhi</sup><sup>o</sup>;  
 (adj)(light) mu<sup>e</sup> (v q)  
 faintly (adv) mu<sup>e</sup>  
 fair (weather) (adj) gi<sup>e</sup>se<sup>e</sup>  
 faith (n) egbagbo, iyayi  
 fall (v int) de, dele, leu, vu <sup>a</sup>  
 fall back (v int) si ke <sup>iyeke</sup>,  
 si k-odo  
 fall down (v int) de gb-ot<sup>o</sup>  
 fall in (v int) si<sup>e</sup>, suo;(mil)  
 t<sup>e</sup> y-u<sup>o</sup>  
 fall off (v int) kpa<sup>e</sup>, k<sup>o</sup>l<sup>o</sup>,  
 bi<sup>a</sup>, khu<sup>o</sup>  
 fall on (v tr) de--gbe  
 fall on knees (v int) de-gwe  
 fall out (v int) wio, gb-<sup>okan</sup>-abe  
 fall short (v int) d-ikhui<sup>e</sup>kh-  
 ui<sup>e</sup> si ua, kpe-iri  
 fall to pieces (v int) wagher  
 fallen leaves (n) iku  
 falling (n) it<sup>e</sup>rh<sup>a</sup>  
 falls (n) orh<sup>o</sup>re  
 false pride (n) it<sup>e</sup>gbemu, uhi-  
 omwe, imwaegbe  
 falsify (v tr) m-<sup>epi</sup>--se  
 fame (n) otiti, usi  
 familiar (adj) gba (v q)  
 family (n) egbee, ewae, uni<sup>e</sup>  
 family (of dependants) (n) emo  
 famine (n) uvbemwe, ukh<sup>u</sup>mwu  
 famous (adj) titi, ti (v q)
- far (adj) re, rei (both v q)  
 far away (adv) ve<sup>se</sup>, uria gb<sup>a</sup> <sup>a</sup>  
 farm (n) ugbo, ogo  
 farm (v tr & v int) m-ugbo, gb-  
 ugbo, gbe  
 farmer (n) ogbugbo, oyugbo, <sup>ow</sup>-  
 ce, arugbo  
 farmer (palm oil) of<sup>e</sup>di  
 farthest away (adv) no k-odo  
 se, no re uria gb<sup>a</sup> <sup>a</sup>  
 fast (v int) mu a<sup>we</sup>, gboha-mwe  
 fasten (v tr) de mu, gba mu  
 fasting (n) awe, ague  
 fat (n) evbi <sup>gbe</sup>  
 fat (adj) higbo, boloz<sup>o</sup>, ti,  
 luluulu, vu<sup>e</sup>vu<sup>e</sup>  
 fatal error (n) okpetu, obodi-  
 di  
 father (n) ebaba, evbavba, erha  
 father (priest R C) (n) efada  
 fathom (n) agbae  
 fault (n) iso ere no  
 favor (n) ese  
 favor (v tr) y-egho, mi-egho,  
 su <sup>ese</sup>  
 favorite (adj) gwe (v q)  
 favorite wife (n) arah<sup>a</sup>, amw-  
 eb<sup>o</sup>  
 fear (n) oh<sup>a</sup>  
 fearful (adj) y-oh<sup>a</sup>mu (v q)  
 feast (n) az<sup>o</sup>, egh<sup>o</sup>  
 feast (v int) gh<sup>o</sup>  
 feather (n) ig<sup>a</sup> (gnl)  
 feather (of arrow) (n) akwe  
 feather (of arrow) (v tr) kwo,  
 kwe  
 feather (of parrot) (n) ebakhue  
 feather (of rooster) (n) ari-  
 okpa  
 feces (n) ikpe, isa  
 fee (n) aze  
 feeble (adj) se<sup>hu</sup>se<sup>hu</sup>  
 feed (v tr) koko, ghe, mi-egho  
 gi <sup>ihe</sup>, rhie <sup>ihe</sup>, gb-a<sup>o</sup> ghe

- feed (of animals) (v int) do  
 fell (of timber) (v tr) tɔ,gbɔ  
 felling (n) egbɔ  
 female (n) amwe  
 fence (v tr) s-ebɛ, gba mu,  
 gb-ogba ga, ga  
 fence (n) ogba, ogb-ore  
 fence (farm) (n) ebɛ  
 fence (hunting) (n) ega,ega ifi  
 fence in (v tr) gb-ogba ga  
 ferry (v tr) gwa, gw-eze,gw-a-  
 me  
 fetters (n) igaza  
 fever (n) oni  
 field (n) irumwu, efildi  
 fife (n) ufere  
 fifteen (n) ek-es-ugie  
 fifth (adj) n-ogise  
 fifty (n) ekigbesiyeha  
 fifty-fifty (adv) adese n-eva  
 fight (n) igbina; (v tr) gbina,  
 khɔ: (v int) gbina, khɔ  
 fighting (n) igbina  
 fight with (v tr) gu gbina  
 figurine (clay) (n) akorobie,  
 akorobie  
 file (tool) (n) olima  
 file by (v int) gb-igiawe  
 file (fingernails) (v tr) hia  
 file teeth (v int) s-akɔ  
 fill (v tr) vɔ  
 fill pipe (v int) ka-ukoko  
 film (on teeth) (n) ehakɔ  
 fin (n) ifu-ehɛ  
 finally (adv) feere  
 find (n) ot-otore= it digs the  
 ground comes (something or  
 somebody discovered unexpe-  
 ctedly), emwi na miemu= a  
 thing seen take (something  
 seen unexpectedly);(vtr)miɛ  
 fine (heavy) (n) okp-igho  
 fins (n) igho n-afi-qmwá re  
 fine (v tr) ze igho, fiã igho  
 finger (n) ikpíhiãbo  
 finger-nail (n) ihjɛ  
 finish (v tr) hia--kua;(v int)  
 kpol-ebu, fo  
 finished (adj) obɔ kere-fo(vq)  
 fire (n) erhe; (v tr) kuɛ, fi  
 (of gun); (v int) tu  
 fire (from job)(v tr) khu--fua  
 fire-fall (v tr) gb-erh-erhɛ  
 fire-felling (n) erh-erhɛ  
 fire-fly (n) emunemune  
 firm (adj) zikhirhi, gb-egi  
 firmly (adv) (kí) kãkaãká  
 first (n) okaro, okao, ikaro;  
 (adj) n-okaro"next to eye"  
 firstly (adv) n-okao  
 first thing (adv) vb-osufu  
 fish (v int) hɔ eze, gb-ehɛ  
 fish (n) ehɛ, eh-ɔgbɔ  
 fish-line (n) obiriki  
 fisherman (n) ogbehɛ  
 fishing (n) igbehɛ  
 fist (n) ekpa  
 fist-fighting (n) ekpa n-agbe  
 fit (v tr) ma, gwa  
 five (n) ise  
 five-day period (n) use,us-ɛki  
 fix (v tr) wuo, ke  
 fixed day (n) ibuɛɛ  
 fixedly (adv) su  
 flag (n) afiala  
 flagellation (n) ukuãwe  
 flakes (iron) (n) ehohamwe  
 flare up (v int) to  
 flash (heat lightning)(v int)  
 nyanya  
 flash (lightning) (n) enwana-  
 nwana  
 flat (adj) perhe, pepaspa  
 flatten (v tr) wiq--lovbie  
 flatter (v tr) tia

flatterer (n) enotia  
 flattery (n) utiamwe, atiati  
 flay (v tr) ze--ohia  
 flea (n) ewiwa  
 flee (v int) le  
 flesh (n) efu  
 flexible (adj) vbokho (v q)  
 flexibly (adv) gulee  
 flight (of bird)(n) ighoo  
 flint (n) okut-osisi  
 flirt (v int) si aro (v tr) si  
 flit (v int) prrrr  
 float(v int) le vb-ere; (vtr)gus  
 flock (of sheep) (n) oghe  
 flock around (v tr) kpe ghe  
 flog (v tr) fi emwi  
 flogging (n) ugbemwe  
 flood (n) iwe, uromw-ere  
 floor (n) oto-wa, ikpaw  
 flop (v tr) mu--gb-oto gbagha-  
 da/ gbaraghada  
 flour (n) elubo  
 flow (v int) le  
 flower (n) obobo; (v int) gb-  
 obobo  
 flute (n) ekper, eper  
 flute (native) (n) okpe, ezike  
 flutter (v int) pupupu  
 fly (common) (n) iki  
 fly (v int) ti, zigala, ziga  
 fly-swatter (n) ugbudia  
 foam (from mouth) (n) odogh  
 foam (n) ihu  
 foam (v tr & v int) hu, hu vb-  
 unu  
 foe (n) eghia  
 foetus (n) akpa  
 fog (n) ighogho, okuku  
 fold (v tr) ko, kie  
 fold up(v tr) kuq; (v int)z-obq  
 folding-money (n)ovbi-ebe-igho  
 folk-tale (n) ita, iwe, okha  
 follow (v int) lele; (v tr)su,  
 lele  
 follower (n) irhuaegbe  
 food (n) evb-are, are  
 food (for patients) (n) ekq  
 food-money (n) igho evb-are  
 fool (n) akpa, ozuo  
 foolish (adj) bibi, filo,kiza,  
 ko, yeye (all v q)  
 foolishness (n) ukomwe  
 foot (linear measure) (n)uhoho  
 foot (n) owe  
 football (n) ebolu, ibolu  
 footman (n) uke, oguomwadia  
 footstep (n) igi-awe  
 footwear (n) ibata  
 fop (n) emwanwa  
 foppish (adj) kek  
 for (prep) ne (pl) ni  
 for good (adv) fere, vbe nona  
 forage (v int) riaria  
 forage (for) (v tr) ko  
 forage(for)(humans) (v tr) ki  
 force (n) et  
 force into (v tr) zize  
 'fore(contraction of before)  
 (adv & prep) ke, yi  
 forehead (n) uharo, ugbawo, ehae  
 foreigner (n) ete, oriqvbe, o-  
 rhumwunye  
 foreman (n) olotu  
 forest (n) egbo  
 forever (adv) itebite  
 forgather (v int) si koko,  
si egbe koko; (v tr)si--koko  
 forge (v tr) dumwu  
 forget (v tr & v int) nyamia  
 forgive (v tr) ya ma, l-ekhue  
 forgiveness (n) iyabq  
 forked stick (n) ikadela  
 form (v tr) gbe, kuq

fornicate (v int) ho, gheę; --  
 with (v tr) ho  
 fornication (n) ofheę  
 fortune (in money)(n) okp-igho  
 forty (n) iy-eva  
 foster (son, etc) (n) umoęo  
 foster-father (n) erha n-as-a-  
 gbō miē  
 foul up (self) (v tr) gb-obo,  
 y-obodidi  
 fouled up (adj) ęse rhi unwe-  
 rhię  
 found (v tr) bu ęvbo (a town);  
 (pp of find)  
 foundation (house) (n) igi-ekę  
 eyoto  
 four (n) enę, enene  
 four-day period (n) uni-ęre  
 fourteen (n) iwene  
 fourth (adj) n-ogieneę, ukpogie-  
 nę  
 fowl (n) adiyę  
 fox (n) umuadiye, umuokhokho  
 frame (v tr) dōmwe  
 free (of a person) (v tr) rhuã,  
 mi-uhumwu  
 freeman (n) ovbi omwa  
 fresh (adj) ogbō, ogh-ogbō, ogb-  
 ogbō  
 Friday (n) akhwe uzola nekhe-  
 rhe  
 friend (n) omw-egbe, ęse  
 frighten (v tr) ha, mu-ohã  
 frightening (adj) mu ohã (v q)  
 fringe (n) iyoyo  
 frog (n) ękięę  
 from (prep) ke (v aux), vb-obo  
 "for (his) hand"  
 from then on(adv)k-ęvba ghakhia  
 "from there going";k-eghe ni  
 frond (n) enwamwe  
 (in) front (adv) od-aro "the  
 road of the eye"  
 fruit (n) om-erhã  
 fruit-fly (n) ikiã-om-erhã  
 fry (v tr) rãmwę  
 fufu (yam) (n) ema  
 fulfilled (adj) s-unu (v q)  
 full (adj) vō  
 full (of moon)(adj) hę uro,  
 hę uro, hĩĩ (all v q)  
 full-bodied (adj) nọ wĩhĩ, nọ  
 mw-ętĩ, nọ w-egbe  
 full cycle (n) iwe, iy-oki  
 full-moon (n) uki h-em-ota  
 full swing (n) ęki do  
 fumble (v tr) y-egbe re  
 funnel (n) ęwo  
 fur (n) eto arãmw-oha  
 furthestmost (adj) k-odọ, n-ęk-  
 odọ

## G

gag (n) ekhagha, ikhagha, ukhu  
 gain (n) ere; (vtr & int) ri-ere  
 gale (n) ozi  
 game (n) (hunting) qbafi, iku:  
 (adj) (willing) wa ziga (v  
 int or v aux)  
 gang (of workmen) (n) otu  
 ganglion (n) era, ake  
 gangrene (tetanus) (n) akpo  
 gap-toothed (adj) zaghazagha (v q)  
 garbage (n) iku  
 garbage can (n) ow-iku, ot-iku  
 garbage dump (n) otqe, ot-iku  
 garden (n) ogba  
 garden wall (n) odi  
 garment (n) ewu  
 garner (v tr) (see gather)  
 gate (n) urho, ekhu  
 gateway (n) onurho, ughe, agba,  
 egbō,  
 gather (v tr) rho, koko  
 gawking (adj) ghe gbqo (v q)  
 gecko (n) ekpowa  
 gelded (animal) (adj) nawape  
 gelding (n) owa  
 generation (people) (n) otu, ore  
 generosity (n) aro noma, iyabo,  
 aho-ew-omwa  
 genet (n) abō, ogbo  
 gentile (n) oladōdō  
 gentle (adj) wee, khwerhe  
 gentle treatment (n) arherhe  
 gently (adv) feko, heko  
 geography (n) ezogirafi, evbe  
 n-agbō-yehe  
 germinate (v int & tr) zo  
 germinate (of seed) (v int &  
 v tr) d-ivu  
 germ (n) okhqe  
 gesture (n) ekhakha

get (v tr) (acquire, fetch) miē,  
 (fetch) rhie, (of sickness)  
 mwē, (a child) biē: (v aux)  
 gha  
 get away (v int) lē, kpaq, sepaē  
 get dressed (v tr) mu-egbe  
 get even with (v tr) ba--igbā  
 get from (v tr) miē  
 get lost (v int) wi  
 get out (v int) kpa(o) re, ladiā,  
 ghari eke n-urie "go where  
 you are going" mu ap-ue gh-  
 od-o "turn your face there!"  
 get ready (v int) mu-egbe  
 get up (v int) gwa kpaq  
 get-away (n) alefe  
 ghost (n) eziza  
 ghosts (n) ugbogiofimwi, qrhi-  
 ō esu  
 giant (n) apuāpā  
 giddiness (n) okī  
 gift (n) qhe  
 gimlet (n) oha; (v tr) solo  
 gin (n) ezin, any-ezin  
 girl (n) idegbe, om-amwē, uvbi,  
 qvbokh-uvbi, qvbokh-okhuo  
 girl friend (n) egbakhiā  
 girl-voice (n) ovbi-eho  
 giraffe (n) ogiuzo nqkhua  
 give (v tr) ya na, mu na, k-ihū,  
 rhie na  
 give away (in marriage) (v tr)  
 mu khuē na  
 give dinner (v int) kū-azq  
 give evidence (v int) s-eri/ose  
 give party (v int) kū-azq  
 give shade (v int) gb-irhu  
 give to understand (v tr) khama  
 give up (v tr) bā; (v int) z-obq  
 glad (adj) ghoghq (v q)  
 gladness (n) oghoghq  
 glass (n) ughegbe (gnl)

- glass (drinking) (n) igobele, ekalaka, ukpu, egalahi  
 glazed (of eyes) (adj) nyumwuro (v q)  
 glove (n) ibat-obo  
 glowing (of fire) (adj) ba kpo (v q)  
 glue (n) etobatoba; (v tr) toba, toba mu  
 go (v int) yo, rae  
 go and (v aux) ya  
 go and show (something) (v tr) gie--maa  
 go away (v int) rie  
 go bail for (v tr) mudia na  
 go down the wrong way (v int) ha  
 go far and wide (v int) l-oke-l-ugboghodo  
 go (to) (v tr) rie, gha rie  
 go to bed (v int) la ukpo, lo-vbie  
 goal (in a game) (n) ogi-uro  
 goat (n) ewe (gnl)  
 goblin (n) eseku  
 God (christian) (n) Osanobua, Erhamwosa  
 God (of Bini) (n) Osa, Oghodua, Ododua, Udazi, Itẹbite  
 god (n) ẹbo (gnl)  
 god bless you! (after sneeze) bukpe, kada  
 god-father (n) erha n-as-agbõ miẽ, erha vb-ogh-Osanobua  
 gods (n) ediõ  
 God willing (n) oghakẹe  
 going away (v int) rie  
 goitre (n) olugbegbe  
 gold (n) igho n-oba  
 gone (v int)(pp of go) rie ne  
 good (adj) n-oma, maa (v q)  
 good (n) esi  
 good afternoon! (greeting) (n) ọb-avã, ọb-ota  
 good day! (n) ọb-avã  
 good for (adj) ma na (v q)  
 good for nothing (n) omọbe  
 good looks (n) iwuyẹmwẹ  
 good luck (n) uhumwu esi  
 good-morning (n) ọb-owię, ọb-urhiqmwe  
 goodness (n) iyabo, emwi-esi, emwi-n-oma, ese  
 good night! (n) ọkhię owię  
 good work! (n) ọb-inwina  
 goof off (v int) bebe  
 goose (n) ẹkekpey-ẹze  
 gorilla (n) ọsa (gnl); alazi (male)  
 gospel (Biblical) (n) inyenoma  
 gossip (v int) n-inyẹ, zẹ ta; --about (v tr) gbigbi  
 gossip (n) ọzeta, inyẹ  
 got (v tr)(pret & pp of get)  
 gourd (n) uko, okpã  
 government (n) ariọba  
 gown (n) ẹwu  
 goy (n) oladõdõ  
 grab (v tr) fu  
 grace (n) ihana, ese-ọhe  
 grade (n) ukpo  
 gradually (adv) heko, feko, wee  
 graft (n) igh-ekueku, ofufe  
 grain (of seed) (n) ikpe  
 grammar (n) egirama, ebonaze  
 grand (adj) rhięrhię (v q)  
 grand- (n) ọdiõ  
 grand-child (n) eye  
 grandchildren (n) sakpareghodi  
 grand-dame (n) okp-okhuo  
 granddaughter (n) eye n-okhuo  
 grand-father (n) erh-odede  
 grand-mother (n) iy-odede  
 grand-son (n) eye n-okpia  
 grant (v tr) kue yq--re

- granules (n) ikpẹ
- grape-fruit (n) egrepu, alim-oi n-ọkǎ
- grasping (adj) w-afọ (v q)
- grasping (n) iw-afọ
- grass (n) ipũmwu
- grasshopper (n) atiebi, atete
- grassmat (n) aterhu
- grave (n) idí; (adj) ze (v q)
- gravel (n) ikp-okuta
- gravelly (adv) kpǎkǎkpǎkǎkpǎkǎ
- gravelly soil (n) isegwẹ
- graze (v int) ria, ri-eria
- grazing (n) ukõmwe, eria
- grease (self) (v int) wuo
- great (adj) okpe-
- great-grandchildren (n) ihie-hie
- greed (n) arovbẹmwẹ, iwakõ, iwaakõ
- greedy (adj) afọ vbẹ "eye's broad"
- green (color) (n) ebebe
- greet (v tr) doo, koyọ, tuẹ, ọoo, koyọ-oko, koy-ọga, do ewae n-ọbũ
- greeting (good bye) (n) khí, okhí\_ede hia, okhí\_owie, okhí-í-vb-azekpee
- greeting (sleep) (n) ushuvbie-ese, deggh-uvbiere
- greeting (answer) (n) ee-ko
- greeting (family) (n) la, la-vbi-eze, labo, layede
- greeting (journey) (n) ewere, okhi-ewere o, rere o, ọb-okhiá
- greeting (service) (n) ughuga rhi-ẹki
- greeting (gnl) (n) otuẹ, ọbe, akhuẹ, akhuẹ mu-ọmọ
- greeting (chiefs) (n) gharao, do-ọmọ
- greeting (hi pal!) (n) koyọ-tẹmwẹ
- grey (color) (adj) n-fua vb-em-ue, n-fua vb-ede
- grey hair (n) edẹ
- grieve (v tr) sọnọ, ẹko khọ, balọ
- grim reaper (n) ogi-uwu
- grind (v tr) lọ
- grind-stone (n) olo
- grinding-board (n) uro
- groceries (n) ehe, emehe
- groin (n) ẹrhe
- grope (v int) baba, biba
- ground (n) otọe
- groundnut (n) isawẹwẹ
- grow (v tr) (farming) kọ (to plant)
- grow (v int) riaria, sọ, ho
- grow quickly (v int) hu
- grow up (v int) nwa, dõmwe
- grown-up (n & adj) enọdọmwẹ re, enọnwa re
- grub (n) ọkhọe
- grub-hoe (v tr) vu
- grub out (v tr) vu
- grudge (v tr) riaẹkhwe
- grumble (v int) viá
- grumbling (n) oviá, izunu, og-wi ẹz-uw-unu
- grunt (v int & tr) gb-iguma
- guard (v tr) gu dia, gbaro ghe
- guardian spirit (n) ehi
- guess (n) idáá
- guess (v tr & v int) ta, sá\_ibo mu\_iro, mu idáá
- guest (n) orhumwunye
- guest-room (n) isi
- guidance (n) igiode
- guide (n) ogiode
- guile (n) ẹke
- guilt (n) itá va gba
- guilt-ridden (adj) (see guilty)
- guilty (adj) riabe, de y-abe, zebi, gina (all v q)
- guinea-fowl (n) ogezu, orhomwe
- guitar (n) akpat-ebo

gumbo (n) ekhuorho  
gun (n) okodu, osisi

gun-powder (n) ekha-osisi  
gutter (n) irame, ebubu

- habit (n) unyĩmwẹ  
 had (v tr) (pret & pp of have)  
 hades (n) ɔpɔ̄, ɛpĩmwĩ  
 hail (n) esia  
 hair (of body) (n) iɛɔ̄ (gnl)  
 hair (human) (n) eto  
 hairdo (n) imeto, akegbe, osusu  
 hair-pin (n) ukotĩ, azuwa  
 hair-pulling (n) zaghazagha (adv)  
 half (n) ukhiɔ̄mwẹ  
 half-way (adv) gheghe  
 hammer (n) umɔ̄mɔ̄  
 hammock (n) amoko  
 hand (n) obɔ  
 hand down (decision) (v tr) bu-  
 ohiɛ  
 handcuff (n) abã  
 handle (n) obɔ, uze  
 handle (v tr) gbe yo gbe re  
 handsome (adj) mosee (v q)  
 hang (v tr) tã  
 hang self (v int) z-ɛgbete  
 hang up (v tr) rhie--rɔ  
 haphazardly (adv) khurhukhurhu  
 happen (v int) s-unu, de/y-obɔ,  
 y-otɔ  
 happily (ever after) (adv) um-  
 apamwẹ de wu  
 happiness (n) ɛku agbɔ n-oma s  
 -otɔ, ɔnyemwẹ  
 happy (adj) ghogho (v q)  
 happy days! (greeting) (n) upato  
 hard (adj) sɔ, kokooko, ba, ze,  
 lɔghɔ, baba, kaka (all v q)  
 hard (adv) kisi  
 hard-pan (n) ikpo  
 hare (n) opepe  
 harem (king) (n) ɛriɛ  
 harm (n) ɛbe, ɔbe; (v tr) kuaɛ  
 harmattan (n) okhwakhwa, ɛgbe-  
 nɔgbifie  
 harp (n) egiɔ, akpata  
 harsh (adj) khɔ (v q)  
 harvest (v tr) wie, wio, yuo  
 harvest (n) emwi orho  
 harvest-time (n) orho  
 has (v tr) (a form of have)  
 hasten (v tr & v int) tua  
 hat (n) ɛrhu  
 hate (v tr) khu iwu, mu ohu  
 hatred (n) ikhuiwu  
 haughty (adj) hio (v q)  
 haunch-down (adv) warha  
 haunted (house) (adj) n-ɔmu o-  
 hioro, n-ɔru ivbie  
 haut cuisine (n) okhue  
 have (v tr) gwe, mwẹ, miɛ;  
 (v aux) ne (after v)  
 have feast (v int) kũ szɔ  
 hawk (n) ahua  
 hawk (big horned) (n) uderhu  
 hawk (of selling) (v tr) gho  
 hawking (selling) (n) igho  
 he (pron) irɔ̄, rɔ̄, rɔ̄, rɔ̄, rɔ̄-  
 rɔ̄, ɛ, ɔ-, nɛ  
 head (n) uhũmwu; (v tr) bi (of  
 animal), fi (of vehicles)  
 headache (n) afiɛrha, ɛkponũmwu  
 headman (n) oka, olotu, ogie  
 head-pad (n) ukuoki, eki  
 head-tax (n) igh-uhũmwu  
 healthy (adj) rã (v q)  
 hear (v tr) hɔ; (v int) hɔ  
 heard (v) (pret & pp of hear)  
 heart (n) udu, ɛkokodu, orhiɔ̄,  
 ɔkãdi  
 heart-attack (n) emiãmwẹ-udu  
 hearth (n) apo, apu ewu  
 heat (n) owowo  
 heathen (n) ɔruɛbo, ikafepi,  
 oladɔ̄dɔ̄  
 heat-lightning (n) amenyanya

heaven (christian) (n) erĩmɛi  
 heavily (adv) vughavughavugha,  
 lelece  
 heavy (adj) khuaa (v q)  
 hedgehog (n) ɔkhaē  
 heel (n) idã-wę  
 heel of hand (n) idã-obo  
 height (n) utãmwe  
 heir (n) ɔriukau  
 hell (christian) (n) eɔĩmwi e-  
 rhe  
 hello (interj) doo, koyɔ  
 helmet (n) ɔkikũ  
 help (v tr) gu--ru, kpa, m-u-  
 se gie, gu b-owa, ya obɔ  
 help (n) iyobɔ  
 help find (v tr) gu ho  
 he-man (n) okpia  
 hen (n) iy-ɔkhɔkhɔ, iy-adiye  
 hen-pecked man (n) okpi-okhuo  
 her (pron) epe, ipe, ɔ-  
 herb (n) ebe  
 herd (of animals) (n) oghę  
 here (n) emwa, edĩpã  
 here (adv) vb-emwa  
 heredity (n) arevbukhu  
 hermaphrodite (n) eɔrhɔmwɔ, amw-  
 eb-osa  
 hero (n) ɔkhae  
 heron (n) etigoē, eɔhigoē, eni-  
 bokũ  
 hers (pron/n) ɔghe  
 herself (pron/n) ɔę t-obɔ ɔe  
 Hetty Greene (n) iyeye  
 hex (v tr) gua, fi ekhwaē, fi-  
 osughu ye--egbe, fi--kui,  
 fi--khe  
 hex (n) epuã, agua  
 hiccup (n) asukpe  
 hide (v tr) ɔe, lę ɔe, ha ibo,  
 (--from)ɔ-egbe na; (int)lę ɔe  
 high (adj) gogoogo, golotoo,  
 gbokoo  
 high-ranking (adj) n-ɔdiŋ  
 high spirits (n) egbemunwe  
 highway-robbers (n) ikpata  
 hijackers (n) ikpata  
 hill (n) oke  
 nillock (n) utete  
 him (pron) epe, ipe, ɔ-  
 himself (pron/n) ɔę t-obɔ ɔe,  
 oghĩa ɔuę  
 hind (n) ɔru (female) eɔhue  
 (gnl)  
 hinder (v tr) mu idobo yi  
 hindrance (n) idobo  
 hinge (n) ukhɔkhu, ukelu  
 hint (v tr & int) kp-itã, f-ivbe  
 hippopotamus (n) oroboto, eni-  
 amę  
 hire (v tr) mu y-ehaya  
 his (pron/n) ɔghɔe, ɔpe, epe  
 history (n) itã, okha  
 hit (v tr) fiãmwe, fi emwi, sa,  
 gbe, kĩmwi  
 hoarse (adj) dĩ (v q), n-ɔdi  
 hobble (v int) nyakã, gobagob-  
 agoba  
 hobble (a trap) (n) otohio  
 hoe (n) aho, egwe  
 hog (n) esi oha; (v tr) zę hi  
 hoghead (n) egbedĩ  
 hold (v tr) da yi khe, da yina  
 hold meeting (v int) ɔu/du iko  
 hold on (v int) (lit) vbobbo  
 hole (n) uvũ, uye, ohio  
 holiday (n) iketĩ, ehɔlide  
 holy (adj) huã, hiã (both v q)  
 Holy Communion (n) Akugbe N-ɔ-  
 huãrę  
 holy ghost (n) orhiŋ n-ɔhuã-rę  
 home (n) owa  
 honey (n) onwɔ  
 honor (v tr) y-ɔghɔ na  
 hook (n) eghɔe

- hook (for picking fruit) (n) adē
- honors (n) uyi
- hoof (n) idā-w-ēsī
- hook (n) urubu, ęghę
- hook (hunting instrument) (n) ukpęku
- hop (v int) fi oghoroko
- hope (n) iro, imuętinya
- hopping (n) oghoroko
- horn (of animal) (n) igho
- hornbill (n) epiāpiā, akhwękh-ae
- hornet (n) agbukhokho
- horse (n) ęsī
- horse sense (n) iwęro
- horsefly (tsetse fly) (n) udi-eni
- hospital (n) ehęsipito, ow-isimwiege
- hot (adj) tō ghirighiri/gio-giogio, tō (all v q)
- hot (of a god) (adj) to
- hot (of pepper) (adj) to
- hot (of weather) (adj) ghāghā-ghā
- hot-head (n) owowo
- hot water(in)(adj)uhumwu ya y-q
- hour (n) ęghę, ęgogo
- house (n) owa
- house (two-story) (n) egedege
- how (subr) vb-; (interrog) vb-he
- how many? (question) ilu nọ, inu nọ?
- how much? (question) ilu nọ? inu nọ? y-unu yọ?
- how often? (question) ilu-ęba nọ?
- however (subr)nya; (adv) vlene
- howl (v tr & v int) ębigbigbi
- huge (adj) ye gidigbii/gadagbaa (v q) ękp-(ęho)
- hullo (v int) kp-orhu
- humbleness (n) imueębe-rioto
- humility (n) imueęberiotọ, amueęberiotọ
- humming-bird (n) asese
- hunch-back (n) asuke, ilelegum-aza
- hundred (n) iy-isę
- hunger (n) ohāmwe
- hungry (adj) n-onāmwe gbe
- hunt (v tr & v int) ru ohue, ru qbafi
- hunt (n) qbafi
- hunt for (v tr) gwalọ, ho--be-kū
- hunter (n) ohue
- hunting (n) qbafi, ibako
- hurrah! (interj) kpil (we)
- hurry (v tr & v int) keę
- hurry and (v aux) z-abọ, giegie
- hurry back! (interj) iyare!
- hurt (v tr) rua-we, khia, balọ
- hurt self (v int) kua egbe
- hurtle (down) (v tr) fi fi-oto
- husband (n) ọdafę, ọdọ
- husk (v tr) s-iví; (n) ikpakpa
- husks (n) ukhuę, iherhe
- hut (n) okhogbo
- hyena (n) ęrha
- hygiene (n) uhuāmwe
- hymen (n) ọghere
- hymn (n) ihuā
- hyperbole (n) okp-unu, okp-ota
- hypocrite (n) ọmw-okeke

I (pron) i-  
 icy (adj) rhiôô, rierie  
 idiomatic (adj) dímwi (v q)  
 idiot (n) ozuq  
 idler (n) qmw-opoho  
 if (conj) deghe, akpawé; gha,  
 kpa (both v aux)  
 ignite (v tr) vè  
 ignoramus (n) ogboi  
 iguana (n) omiámwéze  
 ill (adj) khuómwi (v q)  
 illness (n) emiámwé  
 ill-treat (v tr) ru khq  
 image (n) amazé  
 imagination (n) imapu  
 imbecile (n) ozuq, akpa  
 imitate (v tr) ta  
 immaterial (adj) emwé esa  
 immediately (adv) vb-qwar-  
 qkpa, vb-osuru, uhukpa  
 impertinence (n) eyagha  
 implicate (v tr) mu emwé yá  
 impluvium (n) eghodo, ukpafé  
 important (adj) -kpataki  
 impotent (adj) rhia gína (v q)  
 impotent man (n) awuekia  
 in (adv) yi, vb-uwu  
 in (prep) (vb-)uwu; (subor to  
 adj) yi; (adv) uwu  
 in all (adv) vb-ehia  
 in an instant (adv) lagbalaga-  
 oí  
 in case (subr/conj) deghe, kpa  
 in comparison (subr/conj) vb-  
 igiemwi  
 in fact (adv) gele  
 in front (adv) od-apo, k-odq,  
 vb-od-apo, k-od-apo, k-otq;  
 (adj) k-od-apo, k-odq, k-otq  
 (all v q)  
 in front of (prep) vb-od-apo

in it (adv) r-q  
 in line (adv) ya e y-uvie  
 in no time (adv) lagbalaghoí  
 in plain words (adv) od-qwará  
 in spite of (prep) rhuwuda (vtr)  
 in the olden days (adv) n-edé  
gbáá  
 in time (adv) rherhe (v aux)  
 in trouble (adj) kpólqé vb-  
urhu  
 in vain (adv) da, d-ihoi  
 incarcerate (v tr) mu khwi  
 incisors (n) isoro, osuakó  
 incompletely (adv) gheghe  
 incomprehensible (adj) dímwi (v q)  
 increase (v tr) tó mu  
 indeed (adv) togha (isé), toto,  
 gele (v aux)  
 indenture (n) ugamwé, iyqha  
 independence (n) ariqba-egb-qmwa  
 index finger (n) ikpíhiábq  
 indian summer (n) ohie  
 indigestion (n) ekoz-ughumwé,  
 ekolughumwé  
 indigo (color) (n) súsúsú, dud-  
 udu  
 indoors (adv) vb-uw-owa  
 indulge (v tr) y-egho, bq  
 ineffective (adj) kéká  
 ineffectual (adj) (n)-emwé esa  
 infect (v tr) n-ikulare  
 infection (n) ulaqmwé-iku  
 inflamed (adj) ba, ba kpoo (vq)  
 influenza (n) ugb-qkhqkhq, ugb-  
 adiyé  
 ingratitude (n) oghodá  
 inhabitant (n) qm-oto  
 inherit (v tr) ri ukhu  
 inheritance (n) ukhu  
 initiative (n) da (v aux)  
 injure (v tr) tu --y-egbe

injury (n) ikuṣegbe, ukuṣmwe  
in-law (n) oruaṣ  
innocence (n) ase  
innocent (adj) ri ase  
innocuous (adj) n-aka  
inside (prep) vb-uwu  
inside (adv) uwu (n)  
insincerely (adv) vb-okp-unu  
"by big mouth"  
insolence (n) eyagha  
inspector (foods) (n) qdamwq-  
figbq̄ = oil- tester  
instantly (adv) lagbalaghorì  
instead (adv) y-ihe  
instead of (prep) vb-ihe, n-  
insult (n) oya, orhovbie  
insult (v tr) rhovbie, fi unu,  
gbe gín-oto, le ghe yã  
insult to injury (n) qsekherhe  
intellectual (n) qmw-irémwi  
intercede (v int) gbesa-labq  
lele; mu igbina  
intercourse (have sexual in.  
with) (v tr) tumwu, guru  
interdependence (n) imuegbenya  
interdict (v tr) y-uhi yq̄  
interest (on debt)(n) isu  
interfere (v int) mi-arãle,  
tafia, gb-igbo  
interfere in (v tr) mi arale  
interference (n) arale, igbo  
interpret (oracle) (v tr) ria  
interpret (v int) z-edu  
interpreter (n) qzedu  
interrupt (v tr) s-ukp̄; (v:pe  
int) m-uri  
intervene (v int) gb-esalabq  
intervention (n) esa  
intestines (n) ibiq̄  
intimately (adv) gbãgbaãgbã  
into (prep) (see in)  
intolerable (adj) Ogbe gw-ih-  
qwa (idiom)  
intrude (v int) s-ukpe  
intruding(adj)n-egbeny q, etafia  
inundate (v tr) so  
invalid (n) okhõmwq̄  
invariably (adv) k-ugbak-eghe,  
ugbugbehia  
invoke (evil spirits) (v tr)  
mu çbq̄ gbe  
involved (adj) fi obq̄ yi (v q)  
iroko (n) uloko  
iron (v tr) lq̄  
iron (n) ematq̄, ogũ  
iron sheet (roofing) (n) ekpa-  
maku  
iron-wood (n) enikiba  
irreplaceable (adj) n-aiwerie-  
ihe, qghçnç  
irritated (adj) z-ak-ihã (v q)  
is (v aux) nç, (i)k-  
is -ing (progr) (v aux) gha  
Ishan (n) Esã  
isn't it? (question) pa?  
it (pron) iṣç, ṣç, ṣq̄, ṣqç, ç,  
ṣq̄ṣç, q, nç, lç  
it (expletive)(pron) q-, eḍç  
itch (v tr) tq̄lq̄; (v int) tq̄lq̄  
its (pron) qghçq̄, çṣe; (adj)  
qghçq̄, çṣe  
ivory (n) ak-eni

## J

- jabber (v int) talo
- jail (v tr) mu khui; (n) ewedo, egha
- jailer/-or (n) osuolegha
- Jamieson River (n) Igbaghō
- jam-pack (v tr) si--maama, si--  
-mama kugbe
- jam-packed (adv) khuakhua gbe
- jaw (n) agbamwe
- jealous (adj) khō\_ihū, rue, gb-  
qvo (v q)
- jealousy (n) igbovo, irhiaeko
- Jekri (n) Isekiwi
- jell (v tr & v int) rhuē, ki
- jerk (v tr) khu-egbe, rueghe
- jest (at) (v tr) ya gbe ogie
- jester (n) ogiomwa
- jingle-jangle (n) gēghēy gēghēy
- jinx (v tr) so iguēguē
- job (n) okhuo
- johnny-cake (n) eka
- join (in song) (v tr) ra-
- join (v tr) ya ba, de ba
- joining in (song) (n) uranwe
- joint (anat) (n) akhuē
- jointly (adv) gba (v aux)
- joke (v int) z-ogie
- joker (n) ogiomwa, ewobi
- jostle (v tr & v int) keke
- jostle each other (v int) khwa  
-khwa
- journey (n) okhiā, ehe
- joy (n) oghogho
- judge (n) obuohiē
- judgment (legal) (n) ibuohiē
- jug (n) igobebe
- juju (n) ebq
- juju-man (n) omwababe
- jump (v int) vbo, sā, vī; (v tr) sā
- jump out of skin (v int) rūrā
- junction (n) ada
- jungle (n) egbo
- junior (as contempt) (n) otu,  
iho
- just (adv) da (v aux); (adj)  
n-ot-omwata
- juvenile (n) qvbokhá

## K

- kapok tree (silk cotton tree)  
(n) okha
- keep (v tr) rhie--hĩ (possess'n)  
(care of) gbawo--ghe; (going)  
gie--gha khia (v aux); (v int)  
rhie ya
- keep quiet (v int) g-unu
- keg (n) epipa
- kerosene (n) ekavasĩ, am-urhu-  
kpa (lamp-water)
- kerplop (adv) gbighidi, gbidii
- kerplunk (adv) gbidii, yighẽrẽ,  
boeẽ
- key (n) isãhẽ
- kick (v tr) gbe--odã, ru egbe
- kick-back (n) igh-ekueku, azẽ,  
igh-ekhokho
- kicking (n) odã
- kick-the-bucket (idiom) (v int)  
lẽ n-ikiã, fi ya
- kid (n) ovbi-ewe, oluku ewe
- kid (child) (n) omọ
- kidneys (n) ihẽawẹ
- kill (v tr) gbe, gbe--rua,  
gbele; (v int) gbe
- kill (in sacrifice) (v tr) fiã
- kill self (v int) meghe, zẽ-  
egbele, rhi-uko rọ
- kind (sort) (n) awo; (adj)-esi
- kindness (n) ahoaw-omwa, iyabọ
- kinds (n) ughughã
- king (n) oba, akpolokpolo, uku  
ogie, ekpẽ, agbaghe, aghehi
- kingdom (n) awigba
- kingfisher (n) okpã
- kitchen (n) ukoni
- kitchen help (n) ibi-ukoni
- kite (n) eghodĩ
- knead (v tr) nye
- knee (n) igwẹ
- knee-cap (n) ovbi ukuoki uguawẹ
- kneel (v int) d-igwẹ, d-igwẹ  
s-otọ
- knew (v tr) (see know)
- knife (n) ero, idẽghẽ, abekpe,  
eze, agbada, agbaguda
- knight (v tr) ya m-egie
- knock (v tr & v int) s-obo. so
- knock against (v tr) de kũ
- knock it off (v int) ya khui -  
ewe ohinwi
- knot (v tr) ri
- knotted (adj) ya gba (v q)
- knotty (wood) (n) eri
- know (v tr) rẽ, gwẹ
- know how (v aux) saba, gua,  
gu-apa; (n) agwẹ
- knowledge (n) iwẽmwi, iwucemwi  
igwemwi
- known (v tr) (pp of know)
- kudos (n) osiba

## L

- labor (n) inwina  
 laboratory (n) elaboretiri  
 lack (n) use, ahobekú; (v tr) ho--bekú  
 lackey (n) uke  
 ladder (n) egbalaka  
 Lagos (n) Eko  
 lake (n) odighi  
 lamb(s) (n) oteghe-ohuá, oluku-ohuá  
 lamp (n) (see lantern)  
 lampblack (n) ibi  
 lance (v tr) ví, vę  
 lance (n) qgã  
 land (n) oto; (v int) tuo re, de rioto; (v tr) mu--rioto  
 lane (n) urho  
 language (n) evbo  
 lanky (adj) gilogilo, sigosigo  
 lantern (n) urhukpa, ukpa  
 lap (n) egbe, uk-egbe  
 lard (n) evbi egbe  
 large (adj) okp(e)-, kpolo(vq)  
 largo (n) qgwoto, qgbe  
 last (v int) zę, ya, kpeę  
 last (order) (n) (e)ne ukpo, (e)ne qghę, okieke  
 last time (n) n-ędę-so  
 last year (n) (e)-n-ukpo  
 late (adj) kpę gbe (v q)  
 latrine (n) ow-isá, egb-owa, iyek-owa  
 laud (v tr) go awa  
 laugh (v int) gb-okhokho gię, gię  
 laugh at (v tr) gię da  
 laughter (n) ogię  
 law (n) uhi  
 lawn (n) iwáwu  
 lay (sexual int) (v tr) ku, ho  
 lay (of hen) (v tr) ho  
 lay (the table) (v tr) dql-et-eburu yi  
 lay (v tr) (pret of lie)  
 lay down (v int) viq lovbie  
 laziness (n) orhiõni  
 lazy man (n) avbięęę  
 lead (pb) (metal) (n) oze  
 lead (v int) ka, karo, bibi; (v tr) gie--ma, ya--dido, gu--fidõ, gu--dido, gi-ode da ma, su  
 lead to (v tr) su  
 leadership (n) igiodę  
 leadman (n) olotu  
 leaf (n) ebe  
 leafy (adj) rhu (v q)  
 leak (v int) gĩ  
 leaking (n) ugĩmwę  
 lean (adj) nyighę, rhiamarhiama kágúkágú, sigęsigę, fioghofio qho, si amę, simosimo, sigosigo  
 lean (v int) ha  
 leanness (n) udõmwę  
 leap-year (n) ukpo n-qwęę  
 learn (v int) ruę, ruę ebe; (v tr) ruę, ruę ebe  
 leather (n) ohiá  
 leather-workers (n) isękpokĩ  
 leave (v tr) kpa, rhię--y-oto, se--rae, fi--yi; (v int) rie, kpaq  
 leave alone (v tr) se rae  
 leave strictly alone (v tr) se rae zęę, bá  
 leave behind (v tr) se rae y-oto  
 leave for (v tr) f-iyeke gbe  
 leave in the lurch (v tr) he y-oto  
 leave off (v tr) kwęę  
 left (v tr) (pp of leave); (adj) kę re (v q) ęę "clumsy"; (adv) (remainder) de kęę  
 left hand (n) ag-obq  
 left side (n) ob-iyę

leg (n) owe  
 legend (n) itá  
 leisure (n) egbe-oqkhqawę  
 lemon (n) alimoi ne gięęę  
 lend (v tr) momq  
 length (n) utámwę  
 lengthened (adj) vbę (v q)  
 leopard (n) ogiohs, qkpęlobq,  
 ękpę  
 leprosy (n) oti  
 lesson (n) iruęemwi  
 -let (suffix) (dim) ovbi, ivbi  
 let (v aux) gi/gu; (v tr) mu--  
 y-iyoha/-ihaya  
 let blood (v int) mu-ikho  
 let's (v aux) gi a  
 letter (n) elęta, ebe nagbę  
 level (v tr) hęhę  
 level (adj) gbaa, rię (both vq)  
 liaison (n) ęgbęę  
 liberate (v tr) fã fua  
 lick (v tr) ma, lalo  
 lid (n) ugwe  
 lie (v tr) mu-ępi--sę  
 lie (v int) t-ohoghe, ba-mwa  
 lie (n) ohoghe, ohoghoi  
 lie down (v int) lo vbię  
 lien (n) iyabq  
 life (n) orhió, aęq  
 lift (v tr) tó--mu; (n) elifiti  
 lift up (v tr) tó--mu  
 light (n) urhukpa, ukpa  
 light (v tr) vę, rhu(ukpa)  
 lightning (n) avã  
 like (v tr) ho ęmwę  
 like (adv) (e)vb-  
 like crazy (adv) m-obq  
 limbo (n) ęřinwi  
 lime (n) alimoi negięęę  
 limp (v int) s-ękpowę, sologã-  
 sologã  
 limp (adj) luęluę (v q)  
 line (n) umqdia, uęo, uvię  
 line by line (adv) uvi-uvię,  
 uęu-uęo  
 line (it) up (v tr) ya e y-uęo  
 line (up) (n) usú  
 line up (v tr) tę ya y-uvię  
 liniment (n) esikoto, asikoto  
 lintel (n) egbaha  
 lion (n) oduma, ękpę  
 lips (n) akhwarhamwę, akhwarh-  
 amw-unu  
 listen (v int) damw-ęhq, la ęhq  
 listening (n) idamwehq  
 litigant (n) qgwiezo, (e)n-og-  
 wi  
 litigate (v int) gui  
 litter (n) ukpo, akpękpe  
 little (adj) n-ekherhe  
 little-girl voice (n) ovbi-ęho  
 little finger (n) ikpíhiábq n-  
 ekherhe  
 little toe (n) ikpíhiáwę n-e-  
 kherhe  
 live (v int) nyi, ye  
 live at/in (v tr) re  
 live long (v int) to, kpeę  
 liver (n) udu  
 lizard (n) ikpo  
 lizard (young) (n) aęalezi  
 lizard (smooth) (n) alimióghq  
 load (gun) (v tr) kaę  
 load (v tr) kú ihę  
 load (n) ihę  
 loan (n) emwi namomqę, emqmq,  
 igh-emqmq; (v tr) mómq  
 lobe (n) ukp-ęhq  
 lobster (n) enitã  
 local (person) (n) ęawa  
 locate (v tr) si kę  
 lock (v tr) khwi; (n) isahę  
 lodger (n) qęueęq

lodging (n) ero  
 log (n) ike  
 logging (n) isierhá  
 loin-cloth (n) ovbi ukpọ, ebulu  
 -ku, abamwute, oza  
 loiter (v int) l-ore  
 loneliness (n) ivbię  
 loner (n) okpa  
 long ago (adv) n-ede  
 long time (adv) ne-(u)si  
 loofah (n) ihio  
 look (n) ughemwe  
 look (v int) gh-ughe  
 look after (v tr) gb-apo ghe  
 look around (v int) ghe lege  
 look at (v tr) mię, ghe  
 look for (v tr) gwalo, ho  
 look good (v int) rhięrhię  
 loom (n) ido  
 looming (adv) gegege, gogoogo,  
 golotoo, geletee  
 loose (adj) zeghezeghe  
 loosely (adv) zeghezeghe  
 loosen (v tr) fã, f-ěma  
 lop off (v tr) fiã--fua  
 lorry (n) ok-oto, imoto  
 lose (v tr) mu--fua  
 lose heart (v int) orhię ni ę  
 lose the way (v int) bibi, bibi  
 ođę  
 loss (n) uwimwe  
 lost (v tr) (pp of lose); (adj)  
 wiri (v q)  
 lot (n) ibo, oghae, ubũ  
 loud (adv) rhãrhãrhã, ragher-  
 eghe, gborogboro, gooro  
 loud (adj) okp-, tua-ukpę "make  
 mouth strong"  
 louse (n) iru  
 love (personal) (v tr) gu obọ,  
 ho emwe; (enjoy) ho emwe;  
 (n) ahoemw-omwa  
 lover (female) iye n-agbọ;  
 (gnl) ose; (male) erha n-agbọ  
 low (adj) sik-oto (v q)  
 lower leg (n) igbọ  
 lowest (adj) nọ k-oto se  
 lowering (adj) nununu  
 lukewarm (adj) rięrię  
 lumberjack (n) osierhá, otigędu  
 lump (n) oso, ududu  
 lump of salt (n) ukpumwedugie,  
 ududu  
 lung fish (n) aroę  
 lungs (n) udu n-ohogha  
 lurching (adj) ku erhã ku iri,  
 yi ama, de kú  
 lust (n) ahoqgh-egbe  
 luxury (n) egberokhomwe

## M

- machete (n) ikhu  
 machine (n) emasini  
 mackerel (n) izake (ijake)  
 made (v tr)(pret & pp of make)  
 madman (n) omwemwe  
 madness (n) emwemwe  
 maggot (n) okhqe  
 magic (n) iduna  
 magnanimity (n) okp-ese  
 mahogany (n) oguãgho  
 maid (n) ovbi\_aleke  
 maidenhead (n) oghepe  
 main (adj) ogie (n)  
 main (adj) kpataki  
 main-road (n) ieo  
 make (v tr) ma, ku, kae, ya--  
     nwina, ya--re  
 make-believe (n) imaru  
 make appointment (v int)bu ede  
 make click at (v tr) me da  
 make fire (v int) kok-erhe  
 make fun of (v tr) ya gb-iba,  
     ya gb-akiyeye, ya gb-ogie  
 make peace (v int) mu igbina  
 make rain (v int) si ane  
 make sick (v tr) hu ekpa  
 making fun (n) igbogie  
 malaria (n) oguomisese  
 male (n) owee, okpia  
 mallet (n) ukelu  
 malice (n) eku  
 maltreat (v tr) ru khq  
 man (n) okpia, omwa, arhumw-,  
     arhi-  
 manatee (n) ede  
 mango (n) ogwi ebo  
 mango (wild) (n) ogwi  
 mantis (n) ogolo  
 many (adj) bu (v q); (det) kpo  
 manner (of doing) (n) ode  
 mannerly (adj) n-unyimwe-kere  
 manners (n) unyimwe  
 marbles (game) (n) akhwee  
 march (v int) gb-igiawe  
 mark (v tr) vi\_uvie, hiq\_iwu,  
     yi ama, gbe orhue  
 market (n) eki  
 market-day (n) ed-eki  
 marriage (n) irhiokhuo, irhiqha  
 married (adj) n-re oromwe  
 master (n) oga, arowa, (e) narfe  
 marry (v tr) romwe; (v int) rhi-  
     qha  
 Mars (n) ogu  
 massage (v tr) rilo, mama  
 mat (n) aghfe  
 match(es) (n) usana  
 matchet (n) opia, ikhu  
 mate (n) oko  
 mate with (sexually) (v tr) ru  
     uhe, gu ku  
 materials (for writing) (n)  
     ugbefe (ukeke)  
 matter (n) emwe, ezq  
 matting (n) okhufo  
 mature (v int) domwe  
 may (v aux) gha  
 may be (v aux) aife  
 me(pron)(acc of I) me, (i) me, mwe  
 mean (adj) n-emwe esa  
 meadow (n) irumwu  
 meander (v int) kfo yo kfo re  
 meaning (n) ighe  
 meantime (adv) (vb)-owar-okpa  
 meanwhile (adv) vb-owar-okpa  
 measles (n) owo  
 measure (v tr) nwa, ta  
 measuring stick (n) omwa  
 meat (n) emiowo, atita, arawwe  
 meddle (v int) gb-alama

meddle with (v int) mi arale, tafia  
 meddlesome mattey (n) omiarale, oqbalama  
 meddling (n) alama, igbalama  
 meet (v tr) vba, bu; (v int) mi-egbe, kpa ma  
 meet (bow& arrow) (n) ete  
 meeting (n) iko  
 member (of club) (n) omw-otu  
 memory (n) ayere, uyemwe  
 men (n) (pl of man)  
 mend (v tr) dolo, dolo ru, doloyi  
 menstrual cramps (n) okho-ehe  
 menstruate (v int) di\_a  
 menstruation (n) imuobomwe, ehe  
 menstruation (n) (period of) iw-oki  
 mentally incompetent (adj) kiza, filo, bibi (all v q)  
 merchant (n) okhe, oduki  
 message (n) uhmwu  
 messenger (n) ukq  
 microscopic (adj) vievievie, rueryruery  
 mid- (adj) r-adesq (v q)  
 midday (n) ogi-ava  
 middle (n) adese  
 middle finger (n) ikpiniabo n-ok-adesq  
 midnight (n) ogiaso  
 might (n) eti, orni  
 mighty (adj) dido, wohia (v q)  
 migrate (v int) si vb-ewbo  
 mild (adj) khwerhe (v q), n-aka  
 mildew (n) irhurhu  
 mildness (n) ukhwerhemwe  
 mile (n) umodia, ibiiki  
 mile-stone (n) ibiiki  
 milk (n) enwe, enw-omila  
 milk-pail (n) ukpu\_enw-omila  
 milk-teeth (n) igbo

mill (v int) khwakhwa, keke  
 millipede (n) ihmwu  
 mince (v int) khiã kweikwei; (v tr) giagia  
 mind (v tr) mu ro  
 mind (n) ekhoe  
 mine (pron/n) oghomwe  
 minister (of gospel) (n) ohẽ, ohẽ-gbagbo, oh-iyayi  
 minuscule (adj) wuewuewue, gyeghegyeghe  
 minuteness (n) ukamwamwe  
 mire (n) ekhworho, orogbo  
 mirror (n) ughegbe  
 misappropriation (n) iriokode  
 miscarriage (female) (n) egbe gu--ru  
 miscarry (of woman) (v int) egbe -e gu ce ru  
 mischief (n) oku  
 miss (v tr) fi--do, ba--ku  
 Miss (title) (n) emisi  
 missile (n) ugbe  
 missionary (n) efada  
 mist (n) evbu  
 mistake (v tr) fi--do  
 mistake (n) emwi n-abaku ru, abakuru  
 mistakenly (adv) te  
 mistress (n) ose, iye n-agbo, iy-owa  
 misty (adj) hihii  
 mite (n) iye  
 mix (v tr) ho\_ekẽ, ru\_ekẽ, h-/l-/t-ugbu, fu--kugbe  
 mix together (v tr) ku--gbe, fuq--ku gbe  
 moderate (adj) oreghe (n)  
 molar(s) (teeth) (n) ighehe  
 mold (v tr) ma, manq; (n) oko  
 mold (v int) (growth) s-irhurhu; (n) irhurhu  
 moldy (adj) mu irhurhu, s-irhurhu

- moment** (n) ovbi-eghe-kherhe, ifuafo  
**money** (n) igbo, agieghe  
**Monday** (n) ede n-asue-uzola  
**mongoose, dwarf** (n) umuadiye, umuokhokho  
**monkey** (n) eme (gnl)  
**monkey-tail** (n) ogolo  
**monster** (n) osoga  
**month** (n) uki, aki-, akia  
**moon** (n) uki  
**moonless period** (n) uki rae uki de  
**moon-light** (n) uki n-oba siepe  
**moral** (n) ita  
**more** (n) enobuse; (adj) buse (v q); (adv) se  
**morning** (n) owie, owie vbi-vbi  
**morning (early)** (n) amahekpole-ikpolegho  
**mornings** (adv) owi-owie  
**moron** (n) ozuo, akpa, ewobi  
**morrow** (n) akhue  
**mortar** (n) odo  
**mortar (gun)** (n) owewe  
**mortgage** (n) iyabo, iyoha  
**mosquito** (n) imu  
**mosquito net** (n) ibokp-imu  
**most** (superl of more) (adj) se hia  
**moth** (n) ariukpa  
**mother** (n) iye  
**mother-in-law** (n) iy-amw-omwa, orue n-okhuo  
**mother's milk** (n) am-enwe  
**motionless** (adj) n-ogbe dia, igbedia (n)  
**motor** (n) imoto, ok-oto  
**mourn** (v int) khi; (v tr) khi, khi-gbe  
**mourners** (n) ada  
**mournful** (adj) vof n-akhi  
**mourning** (n) ikhi(e)gbe, akhi  
**mouse** (n) ofe; (grass-spotted) unyeghe  
**mouse** (n) ofe-oha  
**moustache** (n) etu  
**mouth** (n) unu  
**move** (v tr) si, mu; (v int) bi, boba  
**move around** (v tr) le--ga; (v int) le ga  
**move out** (v int) si, si kpa  
**much** (adv) gbe  
**much-married-man** (n) odaf  
**mucus** (n) ih  
**mud** (on road) (n) orogbo  
**mud** (n) ekworo  
**mud** (for house-building) (n) ek  
**mud-fish** (n) arpe  
**mud house** (n) ow-ek, ow-egbima  
**mud-skipper** (n) ewi  
**muddy** (adj) gb-oro (v q)  
**multiply** (v tr) mu; (v int) mu  
**mumps** (n) ekhuo  
**murder** (v tr) d-izigha; (n) idizigha  
**murderer** (n) izigha  
**murmur** (v int) gu-ez-unu  
**murmuring** (n) usomwe, uguimwe, ezq-uwu-unu  
**mushroom** (n) utu, ikpekere  
**musician** (n) okpekpa  
**must** (v aux) -mwe, (e)t-, (e)rh-  
**mutter** (v int) gwi  
**muttering** (adj) gwi huhuhu (vq)  
**my** (pron/adj) -mwe  
**my god!** (interj) heu!  
**my Lord** (n) (e)n-onye mwe  
**my master** (n) (e)n-onye mwe, apowa mwe  
**myself** (pron/n) (me) tobq mwe, oghia mwe  
**mystery** (n) okpaodf nokho  
**myth** (n) unaramwa

N

- n/-a (suff)(abs form, pron)  
oghe
- n (fn w in "better'n'better")  
(i)k-, vb-
- nag (v tr) kã--ukọ
- nail (v tr) se, kaē, (y-ise)
- nail (finger) (n) ihie
- nail together (v tr) kaē-kugbe
- naked (adj) na bānuā
- nakedness (n) irhūwirhū, ebā
- name (n) eni; (v tr) he--eni
- naming (n) iheni
- nanny-goat (n) iy-ewe, ew-anwe,  
ewe (gnl)
- narrate (v tr) na--ma
- narrow (adj) nweēwe, huēwe
- native (n) om-otọ
- naught (n) ehiagha, ihol (math)
- naughty (adj) khọ, z-idase, be-  
be
- nauseate (v tr) hu--ekpa
- nd (ord number part) ogi-
- novel (n) ukhọ
- nauseating (adj) wia gbukegbuke
- near (adj) si kẹ, dia ke, nyi  
ke (all v q)
- nearby (adv) vb-emwa
- nearest (adj) n-ọk-evba
- nearly (adv) te
- neat (adj) huā
- neck (n) urhu, enyaē
- necklace (n) udegwogho
- needle (n) olodẹ
- needle (v tr) ba--yọ
- ne'er-do-well (n) omọbe
- Negro (n) omwa ne khwi
- neighbor (n) omwa n-onyi ke,  
omwa-ẹdogbo
- neighborhood (n) isoko, apbđ-  
evbo, ẹdogbo
- neighbors (n) emw-ẹdogbo
- neither (adj) eseso
- neither--nor (conj) ẹpe--ẹpe
- neophyte (n) ogboi
- nest (n) oko
- nestling (n) ovbi-ahiāmwẹ
- net (n) oga
- nethermost (adj) k-otọ (v q)
- never (adv) ẹdẹdewwede
- new (adj) ọgbọ, orhọ
- new moon (n) uki\_ogbọ
- news (n) inyẹ
- next (adj) ugie, zẹ lele, n-ode
- next-of-kin (n) azẹlele, isimwi
- next time (n) ugie
- next year (n) ogbe
- nice (adj) mose, mosee (v q)
- niche (n) iba
- nickname (n) ovā; (v tr) fi-ovā,  
rī\_ovā
- Niger (n) Ohinwi
- night (n) asọ
- night-jar (long tailed) (n) al-  
evbe
- nil (n) ehiagha
- nine (n) ihīfī
- nineteen (n) ọkpa\_iro vb-ugie
- ninety (n) (e)k-igbe s-iy-ise
- ninth (adj) n-ogihīfī
- nipple (n) ukp-enwe
- no (adv) hẹ, mm, ẹo; (interrog adv)  
pa?
- no account, of (adj) emwe-esa
- no longer (adv) ẹghiru\_ee
- nobleman (n) ọriegie
- nobody (pron/n) omwa-rhọkpa
- noise (n) ogbigbi, owogho
- nomadic (adj) nọghogho, gho-  
gho (v q)
- nominate (v tr) z-igie
- non-believer (n) keferi, ọruc-  
bọ

nonsense (n) eyagha

noose (n) ẹ̀wọ

Northern (adj) Ariwa, igabari,  
Asefenogieha (all n) "the  
third quadrant"

nose (n) ihue

nostril (n) uvũ\_ihue

not (adv) ma (v aux)

notice (v tr) zẹ--yọ

not yet (adv) ma, he (both v aux)

notch (v tr) gbe--osiko

notching (n) ikaerhã

nothing (n) emwi, ehiagha

notice (n) igiemwi; (v tr) tama,  
khama

now (adv) nia, na, enwa, ebã,  
ebã nia, ebãbã, eghe na

nudity (n) irhũwirhũ

nuisance (n) ọs-umẹẹ

nurse (n) enọsi, obo n-okhuo

numerous (adj) n-ọbu, kpọ, bu,  
bũgbe (all v q)

- o'clock (adv) egogo (adj)  
 oath (n) ihẹ  
 obey (v tr) rhi-egbe ri-otọ,  
 rhi-egbe s-otọ  
 observe (v tr) si ẹpo, yi ẹpo  
 obstacle (n) idobo  
 obstetrics (practice of) (n)  
 iyodẹ  
 obstinacy (n) izevbudu, inyehọ  
 obstinate (adj) ze vb-udu (vo)  
 obstruct (v tr) kh-ikọ  
 obtain (v tr) miẹ  
 occasionally (adv) ugbẹso  
 occiput (n) ẹhi n-akhọe  
 odd (adj) lihã (v q)  
 of (from etc) (prep) ke, ghe,  
 vbe; (possess) ọghe  
 of them (prep) n-oro  
 off (prep) lahí; (adv) de fua  
 off balance (adv) vu (v q)  
 offend (v int) rho, rho da  
 (Ọba); (v tr) ho--emwe  
 offer (v tr) ve; --for (vtr) ve  
 office (n) ughebo, ofisi  
 offspring (n) omọ  
 often (adv) ugbugbẹhia, igba  
 oil-palm (n) udí  
 OK (adj) ma  
 OK (expl) ogbigbi ẹzẹ lẹ  
 okra (n) ikhiavbọ, ohukpọ  
 okra (dry) (n) ọpa  
 old (of people, plants, machine)  
 (adj) khi ọmaẹ, d-ido;  
 (trees) d-ido  
 old age (n) owere  
 old folk (n) ediṣ  
 oldsters (n) ediṣ, agbekámezi  
 omen (n) ama  
 on (prep) nya  
 on account of (prep phr) rhu-  
 mwuda (v tr)

- on credit (adv) kuẹ  
 on guard (adj) rhuá (v q)  
 on the alert (adj) rhuá egbe (vq)  
 on the button (adv) dādaādā  
 on the streets (adv) vb-ore  
 on top (adv) (vb) ukhumwu  
 on top of (adv) vb-uhumwu, vb-  
 uke, k-ukhumwu  
 orce (adv) uhukpa, igba  
 once upon a time (formula for-  
 a story) um-aramw-ọkpa siẹs-  
 iẹsiẹ  
 one (n) owo, ọkpa  
 one (pron) a-  
 one hundred (n) iy-isẹ  
 one hundred and forty (n) iki-  
 ọkhọ  
 one hundred and ten (n) (e)k-  
 igbes-iy-ehã  
 one hundred and thirty (n) (e)  
 k-igbes-ikiọkhọ  
 one hundred and twenty (n) iy-  
 ehã  
 one thousand (n) aria-(1) aẹ  
 one another (n) egbe (iṣã)  
 one day period (n) ikpẹdọkpa  
 one-way (adj) ob-ọkpa  
 onion (n) alubarha  
 one says (conditional sent) awẹ  
 only (adj) kẹkã; (adv) kẹkã  
 ooze out (v int) tue  
 open (v tr) we, kie  
 open wide (v int) rhã gboo  
 opponent (n) ikọ  
 oppose (v tr) z-etí, khí\_iko  
 or (conj) ra  
 or not (sub clause) niã (q marker)  
 oracle (n) iha, ama  
 orange (n) alimoi n-ekhwa  
 orchid (n) ighiyẹrimwi  
 ordeal-doctor (n) ọb-itã  
 order (v tr) we

organize (v int) z-otu; (v tr)  
 mwamwa  
 organization man (n) ovbi--iy-  
 okuo  
 orphan (n) udefiagbõ  
 other (adj) n-okpa  
 ought to (v aux) okere n-(clause)  
 our (pron/adj) mwa (v aux)  
 ourselves (pron) ma t-ob-ima  
 out of (prep) hí, vb-uwu  
 out of control (adv) z-ebagha  
 out-of-doors (adv) vb-ore  
 out-of-luck (adj) ri oya (v q)  
 out-of-order (adj) kulo (v q)  
 outback (n) isi, isi evbo  
 out-doors (adv) vb-ore  
 outrank (v tr) diõ  
 outside (adv) vb-ore  
 over (prep) gbera  
 over there (adv) (vb) qdq  
 over-awe (v tr) le, l-qmwa  
 overcast (adj) kuqqq  
 overcome (v tr) fi-ode-yi-obq,  
 kHQ mu\_oto, kHQ mi\_oto  
 over-filled (adj) hũhũ (v q)  
 overflow (v int) po  
 overlook (v tr) l-ekhue  
 overnighiter (..) qvãvbie  
 owe (v tr) ru-- osa, mwe--ona,  
 ri--osa  
 owing to (subr) vbekpa (prep)  
 owl (white faced) esughusughu  
 own (n) ogh(e)-; (v tr) nya  
 (v aux)  
 ox (n) ekhwia, emila (gnl)  
 oyster (n) ekokohiẽ

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- pack (v tr) viq, si--koko: (n) ihe  
 package (n) oko; (v tr) ha (oko)  
 packet (n) oko  
 pad (n) itakhuē; (v tr) sikuē; (to overcharge) rhibe  
 paddle (v tr) gwa: (v int) gwa  
 paddle (n) obele, ilawiri, ękpogho  
 pagan (n) ęruębo  
 paganism (n) ięruębo  
 pail (n) ikoroba  
 pain (v tr) lohq; (n) obalo  
 pal (n) oko, egbakhiā  
 palaver (n) imuaęmwe, ib-ęzq; (v int) gwi  
 palm (n) udi  
 palm (of hand) atat-, atat-abq  
 palm kernels (n) ivi  
 palm-nuts (n) ędi  
 palm-oil (grease) (n) ude  
 palm-oil (n) ofigbo, evbi, emwi, uwawa (chop)  
 palm-wine (n) ikpo, udegb-oto, oha, udi ukhumwu, ekhwękhwe, any-ekhwękhwe, any-ogo  
 palpitation (n) ukpenwe  
 palsied (adj) highahigha  
 pancake (n) ipapa  
 pangolin, black bellied (n) ekh-wi  
 pant (v int) hewe, he yo he re, gb-iguma; --s (n) utalawe  
 panther (n) ubi q  
 papaya (n) unoro  
 paper (n) ebe n-aya-gb-ębe  
 paper-money (n) ovbi ebe-igho  
 parcel (v tr) (see parcel out)  
 parcel (n) oko  
 parcel out (v tr) ku ihe  
 parent (n) obi q  
 parents (n) evb-ibi- q  
 parlor (n) qgwa  
 parrot (grey) (n) qkhwe  
 part (n) osomwe, igie; (v tr) wa  
 particular (adj) kpataki (v q)  
 particulars (n) en-unu  
 partisans (n) igbesa  
 partner (n) ogieva, egbakhiā  
 partridge (n) ukoboza, ukogho-bozo  
 pass (v int) la, mię, mi-ębe, gbera; (v tr) la, mię, gbera  
 pass away (v int) ri-evbo n-aiwua, fiya; wu  
 pass by (v int) gbera; (v tr) (see pass)  
 pass over (v tr) l-ekhue  
 pass time (v int) si-orhoho  
 passage (n) urho, urh-ęghęghę  
 passage-way (n) urho, qlęla  
 passenger (n) ekhę  
 passer-by (n) qkhę, qduęki  
 pat (v tr) papa, y-obora; (n) iyobora  
 patch (n) ezq; (v tr) dolo, zo  
 pater familias (n) qkhae  
 path (n) ode  
 pathway (n) owe, okpa, iya  
 patient (adj) n- qfure; (n) qkhęmwq  
 pattern (n) agbę  
 papaw (n) unoro  
 pay (v tr) bu--yo  
 pay (fine for adultery) (v tr) dol-ami qmwamwe  
 pay fee (v tr) mię--aze (to club)  
 pay homage (v tr) z-oko  
 pay off (v tr) ha(o)sa, z-igho, z-aze; (v int) z-igho, z-aze  
 pay respect to (v tr) y-qgho--na  
 pay up (v tr) ha (o)sa  
 peace (n) qfunwegbe  
 peaceable (adj) fu ęko (v q)  
 peaceful (adj) fu egbe (v q)

- peach (n) erishi  
 peaked (adj) zeghezeghe  
 peanut (n) isawewe  
 pear (n) orumwu, orumwu-ebo, epie  
 pebbles (n) ikp-okuta  
 peck (v tr & v int) solo  
 peel (v tr) kpalq, bolo  
 peel (n) ibobo  
 peel off (v tr) rhuã, hia--kua, bolo  
 peer(s) (n) otu, iho  
 pelican (n) akhwekhae  
 pelt (v tr) fi; (n) egba  
 pelt down (v int) so, amę so  
 pen (n) ukeke n-aya gbębe, epęni; (v tr) gbębe  
 pen (n) owa emi iri  
 pen and ink (n) ugbębe  
 penalty (n) irioya  
 penetrate (v tr) ha  
 penis (uncircumcized) (n) ikp-ikolo  
 penis (n) ekia  
 pen-knife (n) ovbi-erq/abę  
 penny (n) ikqbq  
 people (n) evbo, avbe, avba  
 pepper (n) akpoko, ehię, ikpo-voukq, ehię nekhwa  
 pepper soup (n) ehię, ehię uhobo  
 perch (v int) gukã  
 perch on (v tr) rhie rq  
 percussion (n) ulamwe  
 perform (v int) gbe, fi oki  
 performance (n) ughe  
 perhaps (adv) ugbę-so, ughaghe aipę  
 period (of time) (n) ase, owa-pa  
 perish (v int) fuã  
 periwinkle (n) akerekere  
 perjure (self) (v int) ri\_ebq  
 permit (v tr) gi (gu)  
 perseverance (n) erhiq  
 person (n) omwa  
 perspiration(n) qfq  
 perspire (v int) fq (v refl)  
 pester (v tr) kaę, ka--ukq  
 pew!(expl) gbuuu (v q); (n) epiu, uzoko  
 phase (n) iwe  
 phase in (v int) r-iwe  
 phony (person) (n) akegbe  
 pick (v tr) kqlq, gbe  
 pick a fight (v int) gui;(vtr) gui-, gu--gwi  
 pick at (food) (n) iba  
 pick out (v tr) zq--fua,gb-iba (v int)  
 pick out (good from bad) (vtr) hãnq  
 pick teeth (v tr) zq\_ąkq  
 pick up (v tr) tq-- mu  
 piece (n) osqmwe, onyqmwe  
 piece of chalk (n) os-ornue  
 pierce (v tr) ha  
 pig (n) eledę, esi-ebo  
 pigeon (n) enikhukhu  
 piglet(s) (n) oluku\_esi  
 pile (n) ikũ, utete, etębq; (money) ighobioye  
 pile up (v tr) mwamwa  
 piles (n) okpo  
 pillar (n) orę  
 pillow (n) ukohumwu  
 pimple (n) evbiafo  
 pimply (adj) likpalikpa, likpi-likpi  
 pinch (v tr) nyi, nyi--ehię, khua/khwa  
 pineapple (n) edį-ebo  
 pink (adj) regheręghe (ba)  
 pinkie (pinkie) (n) ikpihiãbq n-ekherhe  
 pioneer (n) ovbiogbe

pipe (n)(smoking) ukoko;  
 (water) uhoró  
 pirouette (v int) gb-obodo  
 pirouette (n) obodo  
 pirouetting (n) okí, obodo  
 piscina (n) ukpafé  
 pistol (n) oségbá  
 pit (n) uye, ihá  
 pitter-patter (n) giriririri,  
 kpatakpatákpatá (both adv)  
 pity (v tr) t-ohá  
 pity (n) itohá  
 pixie (n) eseku  
 place (n) ehe, eke  
 placenta (n) eru, adé  
 plain (adj) kpa ma, rié (both vo)  
 plaintiff (n) otíomwaezò, (e)-  
 n-ogwi, (e)n-ogu omwa gwi  
 plait (hair) (v tr) sa, mọ, m-  
 eto  
 plane (v tr) hia; (n) ok-ehoho  
 plank (n) erhá, ikpatako  
 plant (v tr) kọ; (n) emwi-okọ  
 plant (a cutting) (v tr) gbọ  
 plantain (n) oghedé  
 plantation-owner (n) okemwiokọ  
 planter (n) okemwiokọ  
 planting (act of) (n) ukomwé  
 plate (n) okpá, esete, esete,  
 emwi p-ebo  
 play (vtr) ta, kpe--la, kpe  
 play (v int) ku, fi\_akhwé  
 play-boy (n) okuiku  
 player (n) okuiku  
 playing (n) ukumwé  
 play-mate (n) ogieva  
 plead for (v tr) pimwiá--na  
 pleasant (adj) rhiérhié (v e)  
 pleasantry (n) orhiérhié  
 please (v tr) ye, la--aro  
 pleased (adj) (n)-eko rhiérhié  
 pleasure (n) uwa, onyemwe

pleiades (n) okhokhọ vb-ibié  
 plentiful (adj) kpọ (v g)  
 plot (of ground)(n) esa, otọe  
 plop (adv) gbighidi, suéy, kpu  
 pluck (of feather) (v tr) wio  
 plutocrat (n) omwa n-qfe  
 pneumonia (n) ukpewé  
 pod (of plant) (n) ohia  
 point (n) ukpé  
 point out (the way) (v tr) ma gie  
 poison (v tr) ruá, mu emwi nẹ re  
 "give thing to him to eat";  
 (n) obi, aizeba, eruá  
 poison (rat)(n) (e)kpekukpeku  
 poke (holes)(v tr) gbe, so  
 poking (n) okhokho  
 pole (canoe, etc) (v tr) gwa,  
 gwa--gbera  
 policeman (n) olọkpa  
 polio (n) epolio, emiámwé noy-  
 omwa khi-uke  
 polish the apple (v int) yi  
 qha, z-igwé  
 polite (adj) (e)n-omwé-unyimwé  
 pond (n) oghodọ  
 pool (n) oghodọ  
 poor (adj) nomafe, ovbi-ogue;  
 (n) ovbi-ogue  
 pop (v tr) sa; (v int) sare;  
 (adv) kpoo  
 porcupine, crested (n) osorhue  
 portal (n) qléla  
 porter (n) uke  
 portion (n) oghae  
 portions (n) efé--so  
 poseur (n) akegbe  
 position (n) ukpo  
 possess (v tr) nya, gwe  
 possess by (v tr) gho  
 pot (water) (n) uvua  
 pot (cooking) (n) akhe  
 potash (native) (n) odo, ikaú  
 potato (n) iyá-ebo, epoteto

- potter (n) o<sup>o</sup>makhe (clay)
- potters' clay (n) obwe
- potto, bosman's (n) ekhi, ataka  
-ilode
- potto-potto (n) o<sup>o</sup>rog<sup>o</sup>ho, ekhw<sup>o</sup>-  
rh<sup>o</sup>
- potto-potto boys (n) igborog<sup>o</sup>ho
- pound (money) (n) ikp<sup>o</sup>
- pound (v tr) gb-ikhiavbo, d<sup>u</sup>m<sup>u</sup>wu
- pour (v tr) sa, rhur<sup>h</sup>e
- pour out (v tr) tue, hihie kua,  
sa--y-o
- pout (v int) ru-d<sup>o</sup>gh<sup>o</sup>r<sup>o</sup>
- poverty (n) ovbi\_ogue, ogue,  
use, e<sup>s</sup>o, avbavbegbe
- P.O.W. (n)(see prisoner of war)
- powder (gun) (n) ekhae;(face)  
atike, epauda
- powdery (adj) su (v q) vbue-  
vbue
- power (n) e<sup>t</sup>i, orhi<sup>o</sup>
- powerful (adj) ze (v q)
- powerfully (of flight) (adv)  
vughavughavug<sup>h</sup>a, vaghavag<sup>h</sup>a
- powerless (adj) p<sup>h</sup>uh<sup>u</sup>p<sup>h</sup>u,  
(n)-o<sup>g</sup>ua e<sup>m</sup>w<sup>e</sup> k<sup>e</sup>k<sup>a</sup>
- practical joker (n) e<sup>w</sup>obi
- prairie (n) ato
- praise (v tr) rho, vbokho, nwa
- prance (v int) w<sup>e</sup>i<sup>w</sup>e<sup>i</sup>w<sup>e</sup>i
- pranks (n) idase
- prankster (n) o<sup>k</sup>uiku
- pray (v int) hi, ne-erhumwu
- prayer (n) erhumwu
- breach (v int) kp-orhu
- preacher (n) oh<sup>e</sup>-iyayi
- precede (v tr) ke, k-od-<sup>o</sup>o
- precipitously (adv) khirhikhi-  
rhi
- preclude (v tr) gbe, gb-okhuo
- prediction (n) ub<sup>o</sup>m<sup>w</sup>e
- green (v int & tr) mwamwa
- pregnancy (n) uh<sup>a</sup>m<sup>w</sup>am<sup>w</sup>e
- pregnant (adj) p<sup>u</sup>p<sup>u</sup>p<sup>u</sup>, h<sup>a</sup>m<sup>w</sup>a  
(v q)
- pregnant woman (n)okhu-oh<sup>a</sup>m<sup>w</sup>e,  
e<sup>k</sup>po-niy<sup>e</sup>ke "swollen bag"
- preparation (n) imuegbe, id<sup>o</sup>l<sup>o</sup>-  
yi, ikpot<sup>o</sup> fi<sup>a</sup>na
- prepare (v tr) kp-ot<sup>o</sup> fi<sup>a</sup>-na,  
d<sup>o</sup>l<sup>o</sup>--yi
- prepared (adj) mu egbe (v q)
- prepared (finished) (adj) fo  
(v q)
- (in the) presence (of) (adv)  
sira-
- present (n) oh<sup>e</sup>
- present (v tr) rhie--ma, rhie-  
na
- president (n) oka-olotu
- press (v tr) mi, ny<sup>e</sup>, l<sup>o</sup>
- press together (v tr) mama,  
numa
- pretend (v aux) ze
- pretending (n) ima<sup>u</sup>
- prevent (v tr) da--yi
- previously (adv) (e)n-e<sup>d</sup>e-so,  
e<sup>k</sup>po ni, e<sup>k</sup>po ri<sup>o</sup>
- pride (n) itegbem<sup>u</sup>, imw<sup>e</sup>egbe,  
uhiom<sup>w</sup>e
- pride (v refl) hio
- priest (n) oh<sup>e</sup>, oh-<sup>o</sup>sa, oh-<sup>o</sup>kpo
- primary (adj) n<sup>o</sup>k-oto, noka<sup>o</sup>,  
epiramari
- primp (v int) mwamwa
- prince (n) ovbi\_ogie, okoro
- princess (n) uvbi
- principal (n) a<sup>o</sup>wa
- principal (adj) kpataki
- prison (n) ogb-olegh<sup>a</sup>, e<sup>w</sup>ed<sup>o</sup>,  
egh<sup>a</sup>
- prisoner (n) olegh<sup>a</sup>
- prisoner of war (n) ogh<sup>u</sup>m<sup>w</sup>u
- prison-yard (n) e<sup>w</sup>ed<sup>o</sup>, egh<sup>a</sup>
- private (adj) e<sup>k</sup>hokho, ikh<sup>e</sup>-gbe
- privately (adv) vb-e<sup>k</sup>nokno
- privilege (n) oh<sup>e</sup>

probably (adv) oghakęe, kwe  
 (v q/aux)  
 prodigality (n) ikia  
 prodigality(n)(see squandering)  
 profit (n) ere  
 profuse (adj) lele ehe hia(vq)  
 progeny (n) iwu, eye, om-iwu,  
 ihiehię (see child etc)  
 promise (n) ive, enya; (v tr)  
 nya, ve y-urhu; (v int)nya,  
 nya enya  
 promulgate (v tr)dęmwę, dęmw-  
 iyi  
 properly (adv) vb-uviuvię, uru-  
 uro, kakabę, eęę/eęęę/eęęę-  
 ęmwęęę  
 property-line (n) okp-ugbo  
 prophecy (power of) (n) aęę,  
 imiaęo  
 prophesy (v tr) mi-aęo, bę  
 prophet (n) akhaseę  
 propitiate (v tr) dęlę, dęl-o-  
 tę  
 prosperous (adj) hię  
 prostitute (n) igberagia  
 prostitution (n) ogheęę  
 protect(v tr)simwi, degue-ode  
 protection (n) uęwe, uęęę,  
 iy-egbe kę  
 protruding (adj) kpęęokpęęęę  
 protuberance (n) ukoko, uhuemwę  
 proud (adj) mwa egbe, zę, hio,  
 tę--mu, t-egbe mu (all v q)  
 prove (to) (v tr) rhie--ma  
 proverb (n) ita, ivbe  
 provocateur (n) oęweva  
 provocation (n) izohu  
 prowess (n) igwabę  
 pubic hair (n) et-ekia (male)  
 et-uhe (female)  
 public attention (n) oębęlęfo

public notice (n) oębęlęfo  
 pudgy (adj) tititi, bęęę  
 puff blower (n) arhumw-otę  
 pull (v tr) si, hięęę  
 pull down (v tr) si--gb-otę  
 pull out (v tr) yuo, vbę, vu,  
 kpaę  
 pullet (n) okhokhę  
 pulse (n) afiama  
 pulverize (v tr) guęghę, wię  
 pumpkin (n) enyę  
 puny (adj) kpe-eri (v q)  
 pupil (of eye) (n) ovbi aęo  
 pupil (n) irhuęegbe  
 puppy (n) ovbi akota  
 pure (adj) nęhuęęę, namagua,  
 nęgbae, nęimwę-iruęę  
 purling (adj) yiyi(yi)  
 purification (n) ehęmwę, ihęmw-  
 egbe, ihęmwowa, ihęmwęvbo  
 purification (by solace) (n)  
 qrhę  
 purify (v tr) kae, ka-unu,  
 hęmwę, rhua, gua kpe  
 pursuant to (prep) vbekpa  
 pus (n) iku r-qr-ęęę, uromwę  
 push (v tr) sua, keke, bi  
 push away (v tr) rua--fua  
 put (v tr) rhie--y-ę  
 put back (v tr) rhie--y-otę  
 put ceiling on (v tr) hie, dę-  
 mwę  
 put on clothes (v int) rhuę,  
 rhu-ukpę  
 puzzle (v tr) ha  
 puzzled (adj) n-ięo ha-rę  
 python, royal (n) aņękpi,  
 ataikpi  
 pythoness (n) qbo, qb-ogwęęa,  
 qb-ewawa, qb-akpęęę

quarrel (n) ọkà n-abe  
 quarrel (v int) khẹ (continuously), gbina (occasionally)  
 quarrel with (v tr) gu--gwi  
 quarrelling (n) okhọẹ  
 queen (n) ozuọba, oloi, unughisẹ, amw-ogie  
 queen-mother (n) iy-ọba  
 question (n) inọta  
 quench (v tr) dọyo  
 (question-signal)(part) hẹ, ẹa  
 quick (adj) kẹ(e) (v q), ẹgiẹ-giẹ

quick temper (n) owowo, ibale-  
 ẹbe  
 quickly (adv) lagbalaghori, gi-  
 ẹgiẹ, ẹgiẹgiẹ  
 quickness (n) obọkemwe  
 quiet (adj) kpọkpọkpọ, hũ nwa  
 m-unu y-egbe (v o)  
 quiet as a mouse (adj) kpọkpọ-  
 ọkpọ, hũ nwa (v q)  
 quietly (adv) zẹẹ, khuẹrhẹkhuẹrhẹ  
 quit (v int) z-obọ  
 quite so (adv) bi ọgũ  
 quiver (v int) khu-egbe  
 quiver (n) ẹkhe  
 quote (v tr) fi--itá: (v int)  
 kp-itá

- 'r' (fn w in men 'r' men)  
(affix) (1)k-
- rabbit (fertile woman) (fig)  
(n) umo<sup>bi</sup>e
- race (n) ulẹ (running), uhumw-  
evbo (biol)
- rafter (n) ukeke n-aya b-owa
- railway (n) ereluwe
- rain (v int) rho
- rain (n) amẹ n-orho, amẹ
- rainbow (n) ikp<sup>i</sup> amẹ
- rain-making (n) isiamẹ, amenas
- rain-water, (n) eda
- rainy season (n) orho
- raise (v tr) tọ--mu, sa, kpa
- raise hand (v int) kpa obọ
- ram (n) ogbo, agbo n-iyoyọ
- range (v int) l-oke l-ugbogho-  
do
- rank (n) uviẹ, abọ, ab-okpa
- rank (in hierarchy) (n) ukpo
- rant (of preacher) (v int) kp-  
orhu
- rape (n) ovbi-gẹdu; (v tr)  
gu--ku-iku-ekhae
- rape, (statutory) (n) iku ekhae
- rapidly (adv) khirnikhirhi
- rapist (n) uderhu
- rash (adj) k<sup>h</sup>ọ (v q); (n) erhọ
- rat (n) ofẹ (gnl), esi\_oha, eb-  
ete, ekwẹmọ, ekwọmọ
- rat, giant (n) ofi-otọ, ozẹvu,  
ozọ-ivu
- rat (in hairdressing) (n) uke
- ratatat-tat (adv) titititititi
- rattle (n) ọrogio
- rattle (on ankles) (n) egwe
- rattling (adv) zẹghezeghe
- rat-trap (n) akobe-ofẹ
- ravage (n) oku: (v tr) fuẹ
- razor (n) abẹ, abẹ-agbori
- reach (v tr) sẹ, dĩa: (n)  
uniẹmwẹ, en-obọsẹ
- reach for (v tr) da--obọ
- reach towards (v tr) mu--afo-  
da
- reading (n) itiebe
- read (v tr) tie; (v int) ti-ebe
- ready (adj) si khua, mu egbe  
fo (all v q)
- really? (interj) togha (isẹ)
- really (doubt) (adv) sighe-,  
kwe, gele (all v aux)
- reap (v int) fi-ọka; (v tr) riá
- reasonable (adj) nwa (v q)
- rebel (v int) sọtẹ
- rebellion (n) isọtẹ
- rebirth (n) adọlọbie
- recede (v int) de-gwe
- receive (v tr) miẹ, rhie
- receive (be paid) (v tr) bu yọ
- reckon (v int) k-igho; (v tr)  
ro, ka
- recline (v int) lo vbiẹ
- recover (from sickness) (v int)  
fe
- recuperating (n) uhiámwẹ
- red (adj) ba, bisibisi, giágiá-  
giá; (n) evbi-ba, ubamwẹ, ododo
- redeem (v tr) miě--fá
- redemption (n) imiẹfá
- reduced to powder (adj) gb-ẹhú,  
wiẹ ẹchurẹhu (all v q)
- reforestation (n) ikigẹdu
- reformer (n) ọdọlagbọ, adọlọ
- refrain (v int) hẹwẹ
- refuge (n) ugwe
- refulgence (n) unwamwe
- refuse (n) iku, ikpol-egho
- refuge (n) iyabọ
- region (n) agb-ẹvbo, erigiọni
- regularly (adv) kẹghekẹghe,  
eghekẹghe
- regulation (n) iyi

reign (n) arioba  
 reign (v int) rioba  
 Reilly (life of) (n) egberokh-  
 omwe  
 reincarnate (v tr) l-urho--re  
 reincarnation (n) ari-avbehe  
 rejoice (v int) ghogho  
 relative (by blood) (n) otē  
 release (v tr) miē--fā, fā--  
 fua  
 released (adj) rhi-egbe, mi-  
 uhumu (both v q)  
 reluctance (n) ovo, igbovo  
 reluctant (adj) ye\_ovo ru(v q)  
 reluctantly (adv) ovo\_ovo  
 rely upon (v tr) mu-etī nya  
 remain (v int) kē re, kē, de kē  
 remember (v tr) ye--re  
 remembering (n) uyemwe  
 remove (v tr) viq--kua, ya--esq,  
 mu--kpaq  
 renege (v int) weri-unu: (v tr)  
 werie  
 renovate (v tr) fā\_owa  
 rent (n) igh-ehaya, igh-owa  
 rent (v tr) mu--y-ehaya  
 repair (v tr) dolq--ru  
 repay (v tr) weri-egbe--ha  
 repeat (v tr) ka--y-q, dolq,  
 dol-egbe-ta--/ru--/etc,  
 gēletae ghe  
 repeat (v int) kharha  
 repentance (n) apoirofiekhoe-  
 werie; akhie-orukho  
 repetition (n) ekharha  
 replant (v tr) weriegbe gbq  
 reply (n) enwaniē  
 reply (v int) nwanie  
 reprehensible (adj) y-qr-igwe  
 (v q)  
 represent (v tr) hegbe  
 representative (n) ihegbe:  
 edayi

reproach (v tr) kpe  
 reproduce (v tr) dol-egbe ru  
 rescue (v tr) miē--fā  
 reseed (v tr) yq  
 resemble (v tr) khq  
 residue (waste) (n) uri  
 respect (v tr) zama  
 respect (n) oghe  
 respectable (adj) miē-ogho  
 respite (n) iketi  
 rest (v int) kok-etī, k-etī  
 restiveness (n) ebagha  
 restless (adj) hawa, yo haware,  
 hawa (v q)  
 restlessness (n) ebagha  
 result (n) ikiā  
 result from (v tr) ke--ikiā  
 resurrection (n) arhiokpaegbe  
 retaliate on (v tr) ria--ikhi  
 retardation (of growth)(n) epi  
 retire (v int) (bed) la ukpo-  
 lovie, (work) zē inwina-  
 obq; (v tr) khu--vb-inwina  
 retreat (v int) lē  
 return (v int) weri-egbe  
 return (v tr) rhie--y-otq  
 reveal (of secret)(v tr) ve,  
 gb-ēmwe-gho (v int)  
 revenge (n) ikhi, iriakhi  
 revenge (to get---on) (v tr)  
 ria--ikhi  
 revengeful (adj) riaikhi  
 revise (v tr) fi\_eso--weri-  
 egbe  
 revive (v tr) huē; (v int) fe  
 reward (n) ere; (v tr) sā--ese  
 rheumatism (n) abuve, egbe n-  
 qkp-omwa, egbe n-qi omwa\_c-  
 mwi  
 rhinoceros (n) alualua n-ugbe-  
 ze  
 rib(s) (n) ifēmwe (gnl),  
 ifēmwe-agwe (human)

rice (n) iz-ebo, izẹ, evbokho  
 rice-cake (n) izẹ evbokho  
 rich (adj) fe (v q)  
 rid (get--of) (v tr) mu--fua  
 ride (v tr) hí  
 ridge (n) ihie  
 ridge-beam (n) okpo  
 ridge-pole (n) ise okpo  
 riddle (n) iro  
 ridicule (n) iba-, akiyeyẹ  
 ridicule (v tr) ya--gb-ogię;  
 (v int) gb-iba  
 rigid (adv) gbágbágbá  
 right side (n) ob-erha, od-ob-erha  
 ring (for finger) (n) ořoka  
 ring-finger (n) ikpíniáb-ořo-ka  
 ring-leader (n) ořiode  
 ring-leader (of gang) (n) ořa\_řhia  
 rinse (v tr) sogho---unu, kp-ogho  
 riot (n) ogwo, igbin-ogwo  
 rip (v int) gię: (v tr) sę  
 rip up (v tr) nyaghā, sę  
 ripe (adj) vbo, vię, bi, rọkhọ  
 (all v o)  
 ripen (v int) so, vboro  
 rise (n) utete  
 rite(s) (n) ořo, ugie  
 ritual (n) ekharh-ębọ, ekharh-ukhumwu  
 river (n) eze  
 river-bank (n) ořp-ęze  
 river-side (n) egbe, egb-ame  
 ořp-ęze  
 rivulet (n) ařiorhọ  
 road (n) ode  
 road (government-built) (n) u-kpo  
 road (straight) (n) umọdia  
 roar (v int) wogho  
 roast (v tr) vbuo vbuo, tő  
 robber (n) oyi  
 robust (adj) gidigbi, bębębę, bęte  
 rock (n) okuta  
 roil (v tr) t-ughu  
 roll (v int) werię  
 roof (n) uhmw-owa, erhurhumw-owa  
 roof (of thatch) (n) edomwe  
 roof (v tr) kaę  
 room (n) ughugha  
 room-mate (n) ogieva  
 rooster (n) ořpa, ořporhu  
 root (n) iniā, inī-erhā  
 rope (n) okú, iri, ague  
 rot (v int) vbuo vbuo, keke  
 rotten (adj) vbuo vbuo, keke  
 (v q)  
 rough (adj) (ye/ne)-likpalikpa, -khwapakhwape, -kpanokpano  
 round (adj) řuburubu, ko uro, ko-ro (both v q)  
 round (circle) (n) okhiokhi  
 rousing (of cheers) (adj) ti  
 route (of road) (n) ur-ode  
 row (n) oguo, igbina  
 row (file) (n) usú, uvię  
 royal ceremony (n) ugie  
 rrip (v int) nyaghā: (adv) nyaghānyaghā  
 rub---on (v tr) rhie--lele  
 rubber-boot (n) ibat-ame  
 rubber-tree (black) (n) anyo, ařaba n-ekhwí  
 rubber-tree (white, para) (n) ařaba n-ofua, ařaba epara  
 rubbish (n) iku, egbo  
 ruin (v tr) gbe--mu otọ, gbe--rua  
 ruined (adj) řehurehu, řhia g-ina (v q)  
 rule (n) iyi  
 rule (royal) (n) iyi

rule (v int) y-uhí  
rule over (v tr) ri\_oba nya  
rum (n) abalo, anyo\_abalo  
rumbling (adj) kparááááááá,  
kurururururu (both v q)  
rumor (n) ozeta, ogbigbi  
run (v int) (of sore, etc) ro  
run (v int) rh-ule, le

run away(v int) le fe, le fua  
runty (adj) khwièkhwièkhwiè  
rupture (v int) sa, salo, ve;  
(v tr) bu, sa, ve  
rush in (v int) bi de, de yií  
rushing(ly) (adv) ogbigbi, hmmm  
rust (n) otó  
rusty (adj) mu\_otó (v q)

- 's (suff/gen)((n) status)  
ogh(e)- (pref)
- sebre (n) adoloko, (e)betebete
- seek (v tr) klu--fus
- sacrifice (n) ihāna, ihuā,  
ese
- sacrifice (v int) zo, pu--mwi  
na, huā
- sacrifice (offer, to) (v tr)  
vu, vu abo, si eho, vu erha
- sacrificing (n) iṣuṣu
- safe journey! (greeting) ughu-  
khiē zhi-ṣmṣ
- safely (adv) hñṣṣṣ
- sag (v int) hñ
- sage (person) (n) um-ṣnwaṣ
- sago (n) isagha (see tapioca)
- said (v tr) (pp of say)
- saliva (n) aṣṣ
- salt (n) umwṣ
- saltetre (n) ikāū
- salty (adj) n-umwṣ mu, fiā  
tātaātā (v q)
- salvation (n) imiṣfā
- same (the) (n) egbe
- sanctuary (seek) (v int) lṣgbina;  
(n) aṣo-ṣbṣ=eye of juju
- sand (n) ekhae, ebubṣ
- sandfly (n) eriarie
- sandpaper (n) aṣṣṣṣ; (v tr)  
hia (kua)
- sandy (adj) uzekhae, ekhekhae  
(both n)
- sanitary napkin (n) ukp-ehe
- sapling (n) ṣvbi ernā
- sash (cloth) (n) ṣkū okhuo
- sat (v int) (pp of sit)
- satin-smooth (adj) miṣṣṣṣṣ,  
riṣ kpeṣṣṣ (both v q)
- satisfactory to (adj) ma (v q)
- satisfactory with (adj) ma (v q)
- satisfy (v tr) vṣ--ṣko, ṣṣ--ṣkṣ
- save (v int) kok-igho, e-igho  
koko
- savior (the) (n) ṣmiṣwafṣ
- saw (n) ṣṣara, ṣṣara
- sawyer (n) ṣṣṣṣṣ
- say (v tr) ta, wṣ, kha, kha wṣ
- scab (n) iku
- scales (weight) (n) omwa; (of  
fish) ikpakp-ṣṣṣ
- scar (n) ama
- scarab (n) akhwakhuisā
- scarce (adj) vbe (v q)
- scarcity (n) uvbeṣwṣ
- scatter (v tr) zagha, zāzā, kh-  
ulo, duṣ
- scattered (adj) zagha (v q)
- scavenge (v int) riaria
- school (n) ow-ebe, es(u)kuṣ(u)  
ṣṣuku
- science (n) esayṣṣi
- scissors (n) etuheṣu, ugbeto,  
alumagazi
- scoff (v int) gb-iba, gb-ogie;  
- at (v tr) ya--gb-ogie
- scold (v tr) z-ṣkā, t-ihṣ--na
- scoop (v tr) balṣ, balṣ--kua
- score (n) ugie (20); ṣkpo(game)
- scorpion (n) ekpakpahumwagā
- scot-free (idiom) (adv)  
l-ukhumwu rie (v q)
- scram!(imp)kpa(q) re, mu aṣ-uṣ
- scrape (v tr) hia
- scrape off (v tr) hia--kua
- scraper (n) ahia
- scratch (v tr) toṣṣ, gua, gua--  
ihṣṣ; (v int) gu-ihṣṣ
- scravny (adj) aṣṣṣṣṣ
- screen (v tr) kha; (n) kṣtini,  
ugue
- screw (v tr) tuṣwṣ, gu--vbiṣ,  
gu--ku, ho; (n) oha
- scrotum (n) ivbi
- scrounge (v int) riaria

acrubby (adj) simosimo  
 scrutinize (v tr) zĩ-apo--vi  
 scuffle (v int) ɸu\_ɸbe  
 sea (n) okũ, olokũ  
 sea-cow (n) ɸdɸ  
 sealed (adj) ɸɸɸɸɸɸ, khui(vɔ)  
 search (v tr) ɸwalɔ  
 second (adj) n-ukpogieva  
 second (n) ozukpogieva, ukpog-  
 leva  
 secondary (adj) (see second)  
 second-growth (n) igbĩ  
 secondly (adv) n-ogieva  
 secretly (adv) fɸko, do  
 security (n) iyabɔ  
 sedentary(adj) gbe gudia(v q),  
 igbedia (n)  
 seduce (v tr) y-owɸ--rilo, sua  
 seduce(v tr)(sexual)vba vb-owa  
 see (v tr) niɸ, dɸ--ghe, ghe,  
 gheghe, bɸ--ghe:(v int)dɸghe  
 see (in "let me see it")(v tr)  
 ve  
 seed (v tr) kɔ; (n) ikpɸ,  
 ɸwi\_okɔ "things planted"  
 seedling (n) ovbi\_ɸrhã  
 seek (v tr) ɸwalɔ, ho  
 seen (v tr) (pp of see)  
 seize (v tr)gu--sinwi,gbe--niɸ  
 seize (of a disease)(v tr) nu  
 select (v tr) zɸ, hãno  
 -self/-selves (suff to pron)  
 (refl) t-obɔ(n), egbe  
 self-conceit(n) inwaegbe, itɸ-  
 gbemu, uhionwɸ, uzɸwɸ  
 self-punishment (n) ukuaawɸ  
 self-satisfaction (n) ogioɸio  
 sell (v tr) khiɸ  
 selling (n) atɸ, akhiɸ  
 semen (n) eku  
 send (v tr) zɸ--bu--, gie  
 senior (n) qdiɸ, ogie, odede  
 senior citizens (n) agbekamezi  
 senior wife(n) okhu-qdiɔ, iyowa  
 sense (n) iwɸo  
 sensible (adj) nwa (v q)  
 sensible people (n) eninwɸɸ  
 separate (v tr)nwano, ku;(adj)  
 -ughaɸ  
 separation (n) enwano  
 serene (adj) fure, khuerɸ  
 serenity (n) qɸumwegbe  
 seriatim (adv) uvi-uviɸ, uɸuɸo  
 serious (adj) tu (v q), mu go-  
 googo gbe"take too high"  
 (become) serious (v int)mu\_otɔ  
 seriously (adv) z-ogie  
 servant (n) qkpɸmwa  
 servant (female) (n) qlemwi  
 servant(s) (n) qvbokhã, ibiɸka,  
 ibiɸ, ibiɸrugha, ibi-ukoni,  
 ibi-ɸriɸ, ighibiɸriɸ  
 servants, civil(n) ivbi\_otu  
 servants' quarters (n) iyek-  
 oɸbe  
 serve (of food) (v tr) zɸ--yi  
 serve (work for) (v tr) ga--yi  
 service (n) ugamwɸ  
 service-fee (n) igh-itieɸzɔ  
 serving summons (n) itieɸzɔ  
 set (as of traps) (v tr) rhuɸ  
 set (bone) (v tr) ko  
 set day for (v int) bu ɸdɸ  
 set free (v tr) fã--fua  
 set(the table)(v tr) dɔlɔ--yi,  
 dɔl-eteburu yi, te (v int)  
 set trap (v tr) khuɸ  
 settle (argument) (v int) kha-  
 ɸwɸ  
 settle (fight) (v int) mu-igb-  
 ina  
 seven (n) ihieɸ  
 seven day period (n) uzɔla  
 seventeen (n) eha\_ĩro vb-ugie

seventh (adj) n-ogihirǫ  
 seventy (n) (e)k-ig-be s-iy-e-ne  
 seven-up (games) (n) oyq  
 sever (v tr) gis, giagis  
 severe with (v tr) z-awo mu  
 severe (suffer) (adj) khq, da  
 (both v q)  
 severe with (v tr) z-awo  
 sew (v tr & v int) se, dqlq  
 sewing-machine (n) emasini n-aya dql-ukpǫ  
 sex play (n) ifi eku  
 sexual intercourse (with) (v tr) tumwu, luqluq, ho  
 shack (n) ow-iwowo  
 shackles (n) igaza  
 shade (n) irhu, ugue  
 shadow (n) aghǫghǫ  
 shaggy dog (n) ozubu  
 shake (off dust) (v tr) guqmwe  
 shake (v tr) fueghe, fieghe, khue; (v int) fueghe  
 shake (hands with) (v tr) so--obq; (v int) s-obq  
 shake loose (v tr) kp-ogho  
 shake off (v tr) bqmwǫ  
 shall (v aux) ra (see will)  
 shallow (adj) wqwerhe  
 shame (v tr) kpe  
 shame (n) ekhue  
 shape (v tr) ma  
 share (n) oghae, esa  
 share (v tr) ghae  
 shark (n) ogǫ n-amǫ  
 sharp (adj) mu (v q)  
 sharp (adj) fǫfǫfǫfǫ  
 sharpen (v tr) lo  
 shattered (adj) fǫhurǫhu  
 shatterproof (adj) ro (v q)  
 shave (v tr) ze--eto, ze--etu; (v int) z-eto, z-etu  
 shawl (n) ebuluku  
 shea-butter (n) ugbore  
 she (pron) ipǫ, pǫ, pǫǫ, pǫpǫ, pǫ, q, ǫ (see he)  
 shed (v tr) rhuǫ: (v int)  
 shed leaves (to) (v int) r-iwe  
 sheep (n) ohuǫ  
 shelter (n) oko, irhu, ok-aghe,  
 shelter (n) oko, isu, ok-aghe, ok-enwamwe, ok-aghe, izǫghede  
 shield (n) asa: (v tr) de gue  
 shilling (n) iseie  
 shin (n) igbǫ  
 shine (of moon) (v int) ba (siǫǫ)  
 shine (of sun) (v int) nyumwu  
 shining (adj) (like silk) nwanwa, nwananwana  
 shiver (v int) gwq  
 shoe (n) ibata  
 shoot (v int) gb-ete  
 shoot (v tr) sa, fi--gb-ua, fi, filo  
 shop (n) ow-ǫki, esabu  
 shopper (n) ǫkhe, ǫduǫki  
 shore (n) eghute  
 short (adj) tukpu (v q), kǫkuru  
 short (things) (n) ovbi-(emwi)  
 short-cut (n) od-abǫtǫ  
 shortly (adv) vb-ǫmakpe-eva  
 shorty (n) akpo  
 short way (n) ovbi-ode  
 shot (n) igele, irhi-olode  
 should (v aux) ghu, ghi  
 shoulder, on the (adv) sulele  
 shoulder (of road) (n) ab-ode  
 shoulder (n) izabq  
 shout (v int) tu, so, da vǫ  
 shout (v tr) sǫ-tie, da--tie  
 shout for (v tr) kpei--tie  
 shouting (n) ugomwe, utumwe  
 shove (v tr) rua, sua, keke, bi

shovel (n) ɔsɔbiri  
 show--to (v tr) rhi--ma, ma, mu--na, mu--ma  
 show (be evident) (v int) hĩ  
 shred (v tr) giaghae--ku  
 shredding (adj) zagaazagha  
 shrew (woman)(n) omw-isusu  
 shrewd (adj) fuɔpo (v q)  
 shrine (n) apo, ap-osa  
 shrub (n) ovbi-erhã, erhã  
 shuck (v tr) khuɔ  
 shucks (n) uknuɔ, em-ukhuɔ  
 shut (v tr) bi--gbe  
 shut (tightly) (v tr) khu--  
 eɛɛɛɛɛ  
 shut up! (imp) m-unu y-egbe,  
 g-un-uɛ, gi ah-ɛmwɛ  
 shy(adj)suku(vq);(v int)mu-ohã  
 shy man (n) Uɔho  
 sibling (n) ɔtɛ, ovbi-erha, o-  
 vbi-iyɛ  
 sick (adj)va,khuɔmwi,lɔghɔ(vq)  
 sickness (n) uhumwova, emiãmwɛ  
 side (n) ɔkpɛ, obɔ  
 side (of road, cloth) (n) ony-  
 ɔmwɛ  
 side (of abdomen) (n) obɛko  
 side (anat) (n) efɛ, ugbeɛ  
 sideburns (n) ɛtu  
 side taken (n) esa  
 siesta hour (n) ivbiɛro  
 sieve (n) ahɛ  
 sift (v tr) khã  
 sigh (n) igũma  
 sigh (v int) nyanya  
 sign (v tr)rhi-obɔ--y-ebe:  
 (v int) rhi-obɔ-y-ebe  
 sign (n) ama, ekhaka  
 milk (n) etiaɛa, esada, (e)si-  
 liki  
 silver lining (n) ɔp-ogiso  
 silver (n) isele, igho n-ofua  
 simulate (v tr) ma  
 simulation (n) imaru  
 simultaneously (adv) ɔwar-ɔkpa  
 sin (n) ɔkhɔ, ɔrukɔ  
 since then (adv) (e)n-amw-usĩ  
 sincerely (adv) s-oto-ibiɛ  
 sing (v int) so, s-ihuã;(v tr)  
 so  
 single-file (adv) vb-uvif  
 singleton (n) ɔkpa, owo  
 sink (v tr) dimwi; (n) ukodo  
 siss-boom-bah (adv) kpe tiidi-  
 gbeɔ  
 sister (n) ɔtɛ-n-okhuo  
 sit (v int) tota  
 sit down (v int) tota (a)s-otoɔ  
 six (n) ehã  
 sixteen (n) enɔ(i)r-ɔvb-ugie  
 sixth(adj) n-ogi-ehã  
 sixty (n) iy-eha  
 sketch (n) ona  
 sketch (v tr) vl  
 skid (v int) miɔghɔ  
 skill (n) igwemwi  
 skin (n) ibobo, ikpakpa  
 skinny (adj) sigɛsigɛ,kagũkagũ  
 skip (v tr)sokpa;(v int)s-ogh-  
 oko  
 skirt (n) ɔsɛba  
 skittery (adj) z-ebagha (v q)  
 skull (n) uhumw-ɔfĩmwi  
 sky (n) iso  
 sky-high (adj) geletee,golotoo  
 slander (v tr) zã  
 slander (n) ozã  
 slap (n) ubi  
 slap (v tr) gb-ubi  
 slave (n) oviɛ, ibiɛdo, ibiɛka  
 slave (n) iyarhamwɛ (idiom)  
 sleep (v int) vbiɛ  
 sleep (n) ovbe

sleepiness (n) ikiluknafē  
 sleepy (adj) ovbe hũ (v tr)  
 slice (n) onyomwē  
 slice (v tr) bēlē, giagia  
 slide (v tr) miōghō; (v int) si  
 slingshot (n) umovō  
 slinking (adv) gnepeghepeghe  
 slip off (v tr) kpo--fua  
 slip out (escape) (v int) fe(fua)  
 slip out (and fall) (v int) miō-  
 ghō; (disengage) kpo fua  
 slip over (n) ewu, ebuba; (adj)  
 degue (v q)  
 slippery (adj) miōghō (v q)  
 slit (v tr) hiq  
 slob (n) oyara  
 slosh (v tr) s-ogho  
 slouch (v int) khiã sũnosũno  
 slouching (adv) khiã zurōzurō  
 slough (n) epuã-enyē  
 slowly (adv) fēko, hēko; (vaux)  
 slump (v int) z-ebagha; (n)  
 eki nō z-ebagha  
 small (adj) kherhe, ruēy, ting,  
 viēy, viēviēviē, kuēikuēi,  
 small (of child) (adj) kamwa  
 small, things (n) ovbi-emwi/  
 abē/ēho, ekherhe  
 small letter (n) elēta nekherhe  
 small of the back (n) uhãhã,  
 uhãh-ēkũ  
 small one (n) (e)ne giē(ē)rē  
 small pox (n) emwifī, ikp-ekhae,  
 (e)n-emwifī  
 smallness (n) ukamwamwē  
 small-small (adv) kherhekherhe  
 small voice (n) ovbi-ēho, ovb-  
 i-urhu  
 smartness (n) olizaižai  
 smear (v tr) fuē  
 smell (v tr) wia, wia-ikhã;  
 (-bad) (v int) wia-ikhã  
 smell (bad) (n) ewia  
 smell (pleasant) (v int) nwihĩ  
 smell (pleasant) (n) unwihĩmwē  
 smithy (n) ogu-ogũ  
 smoke (pipe) (v int) si ukoko;  
 (v tr) si  
 smoke (n) ighogho  
 smoke-filled-room (n) isqte  
 smoker (person) (n) osiukoko  
 smoldering (adj) ba riēriēriē  
 /fuēfuēfuē (both v q)  
 smooth (adj) riē (v q)  
 smooth (v tr) riē, kae, dolo  
 smooth as glass (adj) kpēghē  
 smothering (adj) fuēfuēfuē (ba)  
 smoulder/smolder (v int) ba woo  
 snafu (idiom) (n) ese rhi-unwē-  
 rhiē  
 snail (edible) (n) egilē  
 snailshell (n) ughughō  
 snake (n) enyē, otighiri (gnl)  
 snake-bite (n) ukuãmw-enyē  
 snap off (of rope) (v int) fiaē  
 snare (n) oghōrō; (v tr) khu-ifī  
 snarl (v tr) khiē, gbo  
 snarled (adj) kinōkinōkinō  
 (ye)/(v q)  
 snatch (v tr) gu--simwi, ra,  
 fu, mu, ba--rhiē  
 snatching (n) iwepo  
 sneer at (v tr) mē--da  
 sneeze (v int) t-ihĩ  
 snicker-snack (adv) (fi) piapia  
 (v q)  
 snot (n) ihĩ  
 snow-white (adj) iso n-orhō (n)  
 so (adv) vb-enia, vb-eriq, y-  
 eriq  
 soap (n) evb-akhuē, uria  
 social position (n) abō, ab-ō-  
 kpa  
 sock 'im (cry of encour.) ki-  
 mwīē, iluma  
 socks (n) esokisi

soft (adj) ʔokho, khuerhe (both  
           v q)  
 soften (v tr) khwerhe  
 softly-softly (adv) feko  
 soil (n) otqe, ulakpa  
 soil (v tr) bomwe--kui  
 sojourn (v int) nyi  
 sojourner (n) qvavbiq  
 soldier (n) aseza, ivbi-yokuo  
 sole of foot (n) atat-awq  
 solely (adv) kekã  
 solicitude (n) itohã  
 solid (adj) zikhirhi/vbo-  
           khovbokho  
 solidify (v int) rhikhã  
 solitary (adj) mu ohioro (v q)  
 some (adj)-eso; (pron) eso  
 somebody else (pron) ʔʔee  
 someone else (pron) umwomwumwe  
 someplace (n) ehe so  
 something (n) emwi  
 sometimes (adv) ugbẽso  
 somewhere (n) ehe; (adv) vb-ehe  
 son (n) qmq  
 song (n) ihuã  
 song-leader (n) oyunugie  
 soon (adv) vbazekpe  
 soon enough (adv) rherhe (v aux)  
 soot (n) ibi, akhuãwa  
 soothsayer (n) oka, qbo, akhasq  
 soothsaying (n) ataghimua  
 sooty (adj) (n)-ibi bũ vb-egb-  
 sophistication (n) irhãro  
 sorcerer (n) qmwababe, azẽ  
 sorcerer's apprentice (n) ohã-  
           gbã  
 sore (n) ʔete; (adj) m-ohu (v q)  
 sore throat (n) ʔekqevbeho  
 sorrow (n) omẽ  
 sorry (adj) da gbe (v tr)  
 sorry for (prep) s-ʔʔee/egbee  
 sort (n) aro  
 sort out (v tr) rho, hãno  
 sorts (n) ughughã  
 soul (n) orhiõ  
 sound (v int) la; (v tr) kpe  
 soundly (adv) kakabo  
 soup (n) unwomwe  
 soup-pot (n) uwawa  
 soured (adj) mu (v q)  
 sow (v tr) bomwe--y-otq  
 space (n) idagbo, ekpo  
 spade (n) ʔsqbiri, ovbevbe  
 span (v tr) mu--gbe--yi  
 spare (adj) sigẽsigẽ, rhigoo  
 spark (v tr) auẽ; (n) ogioqmw-erhe  
 sparks (n) enwananwan-erhe  
 spatter (v tr) (kpolo, etc)/kui  
 speak (of lang) (v tr) ze  
 speak (v tr) ta, guã; (v int) guã  
 speaker (n) ʔguãemwe, ʔtemwe  
 spear (war) (n) ogã  
 spear (for fruit, fish) (n) adq  
           akahe, asopo  
 species (n) ughughã  
 specific (adj) ighe  
 spectacles (n) (for eyes) ugh-  
           edq  
 speech (n) ota  
 speed (n) obokemwe, ulemwe;  
           (v int) le  
 speeded up (adj) tua (v q)  
 spell (n) ekharh-ukhumwu,  
           ekharh-ebo  
 spend (v tr) lo  
 spherical (adj) ʔubũubũ  
 spick'n span (adv) kakabo  
 spider (n) akpakpa  
 spill (v tr) hihie--kua  
 spill the beans (v tr) gb-ʔmw-  
           qho  
 spin (v tr) si  
 spin (a top) (v int) gb-igbo

spindling (adj) sigosigo, fio-ghofiogho  
 spine (n) uvaramwẹ, uv-lyeke, ugog-lyeke  
 spine (of fish) (n) igbá, igb-ehé  
 spirited (adj) z-ebagha (v q)  
 spit (v int) tu asẹ, gie, gi-asẹ  
 spit on (v tr) tu asẹ kui, gie kui, gi-asẹ kui  
 splash (v tr) (samwẹ, etc)/kui  
 splash on (v tr) samwẹ--y-uhumwu  
 splay-footed (adv) khurukhuru-khuru  
 spleen (n) ovba  
 split (v tr) va  
 split (wood) (v tr) sẹ, sq, nya-fua: (v int) sẹ fua  
 split off (v int) sẹ fua  
 spoil (v int) mu, ku; (v tr) mu-rhia, rhia, rhia--fua  
 spoiled (adj) rhia--gĩna (v tr)  
 spoke (of bicycle) (n) ifẹmwẹ  
 spokesman (n) otẹmwẹ, oguáemwẹ  
 spoon (native) (n) ekokohiẹ  
 spoon (European) (n) ekuyẹ  
 spoon-bread (n) eka  
 spot (n) ora, asẹ  
 spotless (adj) hiã (v q)  
 spread (v int) lagha, gb-orogho  
 spread (v tr) tã, tã--yi, tã--gu, tã--lele, gbigbi, wa  
 spring (time of new leaves) (n) iwe  
 spring up (v int) vbọ  
 spur (of rooster) (n) ika  
 squabble (n) oguo  
 squander (v tr) lo, rhia igho  
 squandering (n) ikiã  
 squarers (in timber) (n) igb-osiko  
 squeal (v int) vã  
 squeamish (adj) z-unu (v q)  
 squeeze (v tr) mi  
 squeeze out (v tr) tue  
 squirrel (giant) (n) ukhorho  
 stab (v tr) so, bi  
 staff (people) (n) otu  
 staff(walking) (n) okpo, ukpo-kpo, orhokhua  
 stag (n) erhue  
 stagger (v int) guoyo guore, biyo bire  
 staggering (adj) rhurhurhu  
 stain (n) ora  
 stake claim (v tr) gbe--ode  
 stale (adj) kokooko  
 stall (in market) (n) owa, ek-aghẹ  
 stammer (v int) fu emwẹ, b-emwẹ  
 stammerer (n) obemwẹ  
 stammering (adj) ruoruruo  
 stamp (v tr) rhie--gb-otọ  
 stamping (with feet) (n) igiẹ  
 stand (v int) mu dia  
 stand bail (v int) mu dia na  
 stand up (v int) kpaọ mu dia  
 stand upright (v int) kpa-mudia  
 star (n) orhomwẹ, orhomwẹ n-ukhumwu  
 starch (n) usi  
 starchy (adj) vbokhovbokho  
 starlight (n) ubamw-orhomwẹ  
 starling (n) ekper-okhwẹ  
 start (suddenly) (v int) ha, rúpã  
 start (v tr) mu--hẹ, suẹ  
 start cooking (v tr) mu--ke; (v int) mu-ke  
 start early (v int) rhiọ  
 starting (n) omuhẹ  
 startle (v tr) ha, rúpã  
 state (n) evbo

state case (v int) z-en-unu,  
    gwi-en-unu  
station (n) ow-ekhã, esitesĩ  
stay (v tr) dia--ya, mu--dia  
stay (v int) nya  
stay with (guard) (v tr) gu--  
    dia  
steal (v tr) do--mu, rha  
stealthily (adv) ba, wẹwẹwẹ  
steer (n) owa; (v tr) gua  
stem (of frond) (n) ekhọe  
stem (of palm fruit) (n) erhe  
stench (n) ikhã, ọwia  
step (v int) z-owe; (n) owe  
step aside (v int) bi-egbe  
step sideways (v int) lo  
step-child (n) ovbi ọpue  
step-daughter (n) umọbọ, ovbi  
    ọpue  
step-father (n) umọb-erha  
step-son (n) umọbọ, ovbi ọpue  
stick (n) ukeke, erhã  
stick (to) (v tr) toba, toba--  
    mu, sikã--mu  
stick out (v int) suo fua  
stick together (v int) mama, ọ  
    gba  
sticky (adj) sũ (v q)  
stiff (adj) ze (v q), gbãgbaãgbã  
stiff (n) ikũ, ikũ-ọfĩmwi  
still (adv) ye (v aux)  
still as a mouse (adv) kpọkpọ-  
    ọkpọ  
still birth (n) igbakhuã  
sting (v tr) sa; (n) obi  
stinginess (n) emwidamwẹ  
stingy (adj) n-emwi da  
stink (v int) wia ikhã  
stink (n) ikhã  
stink bug (n) ọria-umwọmwẹ  
stinking (adj) (wia) zuzuzu (v q)  
stinking(ly) (adv) hũhũhũ  
stir (v tr) kp-ọgho; (v int)  
    puegh-egbe  
stir (of food) (v tr) ọọ  
stir up (v tr) l-ughu  
stockings (n) ubọrhe  
stocks (pillory) (n) ububa  
stomach (n) ekpokhurhu  
stomp (n) uke  
stomp (v int) gb-igiãgiã  
stone (n) ugbe  
stone (mass n) okuta  
stone's throw (n) ovbi ẹgbo  
    kherhe  
stool (n) ukhwerhe  
stool (v int) ne  
stool (for a king) (n) agba  
stop (v int) mu dia, m-uri  
stop! (v int) ko-ẹtĩ, ku-ẹtĩ,  
    hewẹ  
stop (of persons) (v int) bue  
stop dead (v int) de mudia  
stop up (v tr) khiọ  
stopover (n) ọvãvbie  
stopper (n) okhie  
store (n) ow-eki, esabu, owa  
store-house (n) aka  
store-room (n) aza  
storm (n) okp-ẹhono, efi  
story (n) okha, itã  
stout (adj) gadagbaa, luluulu,  
    vuvuvue  
straight (adj) n-ọdiae, dia  
    (v q)  
straight line (n) umọdia, ọw-  
    apa  
straight on (adv) od-ọwara  
straighten (v tr) dia, ba  
straightforwardness (n) abọkã  
strain (v int) nye egbe  
straining (in labor) (n) inye-  
    egbe  
strand (beach) (n) uzekhae;  
    (string) ik-iri

straw-hat (n) ukata  
 stream (n) eze  
 street (n) ope, ukpo  
 strength (n) eti  
 stretch (v tr) ta, nie  
 stretch out (v tr) nie ladia  
 strict (adj) khwakhwaakhwa  
 stricture (n) uguimwe  
 stride (v int) khiã boaboa/ga-  
 igai  
 strike (of clock) (v int) tu  
 string (n) oku  
 string up (v tr) ta, t-iri  
 strip (of branches)(v tr) bia  
 strip (somebody) (v tr) banq--  
 rua  
 strip off (v int) se fua  
 strive (v int) zigala, hia  
 stroll (v int) logho, khiã, lo-  
 gha  
 strong (adj) luluulu, gidigbi;  
 wo, w-egbe, wohia, ze(all vq)  
 struggle (n) igbina  
 strum (v tr & v int) kpe, kp-o-  
 rhu  
 strut (v int) khiã gologolo  
 study (v int) pu-ebe; (v tr)  
 fue; (n) ipuenwi  
 stump (n) utukpumwu, ughughumwu  
 stump (of land) (v tr) vu;  
 (politics) (v tr) wewe  
 stunted (plants & people)(adj)  
 (ye) mitamita  
 stupidity (n) uyimwe n-osa yi  
 qgh-igboghe nq "God created  
 you mocking art"  
 stutter (v int) fu emwe, b-emwe  
 stutterer (n) qbemwe  
 subgroups (n) ovbi, ivbi (pl)  
 subordinate (adj) akhua  
 subject (n) emwi/ebe na fue,  
 evbo, igiemwi; (v tr) rhie--  
 na  
 submit (v tr) rhie-egbe--rioto  
 subservience (n) imuegberiotq  
 substitute (v tr) ya--d-egbe  
 succeed (v tr) gu, gu--pu  
 successful (adj) din-ode (vq)  
 suck (v tr) miemiemi  
 suckle (v tr) da, nwq  
 sudd (n) ihuhu  
 suddenly (adv) udumwudi, giri,  
 gri  
 sudsy (adj) (hu) sqsqsq (v q)  
 suffering (n) ibapo, ibapapo, esq  
 suffice (v int) bu gbe  
 sufficient (adj) se (v q)  
 sugar (n) umw-ebo "English salt"  
 sugar-cane (n) ukwerhe  
 sugar-lump (n) udud-umw-ebo  
 suicide (commit) (v int) meghe,  
 zegbele, ma wu  
 suicide (act of) (n) imawu,  
 egbele  
 suit (v tr) maa, gwa  
 suitable (adj) ke (v q)  
 summon (v tr) tie--ezq  
 summons (n) itiezo (v tr) (see  
 summon)  
 summons-fee (n) igh-itiezo, igho  
 n-aya ti-ezo  
 sun (n) ove, onwe  
 sunken in (v tr) de--gwe  
 sunny (adj) ra (v q)  
 sunshine (n) ove  
 superimposed (adj) munya (v q)  
 superior (n) apowa; (adj) nosere  
 support (of food, shelter)  
 (v tr) ya--erq; (back up)  
 simwe-oseghe, iyobq  
 support (backing up) (n) oseghe  
 support (weight) (v tr) rq  
 supporters (people) (n) igbesa  
 suppose (v int) degne  
 surface (n) apo  
 surfeited (adj) huhu (v q)

surprise (v tr) ny--unu, kpa, kpa-  
 kpa-odi  
 surprise (n) onyunua, osekherhe  
 surprising (adj) nvunu (v q)  
 surround (v tr) ga, gaga, ma--  
 gue  
 swagger (v int) khiã lɔgiɔlɔ-  
 giɔ/gɔlɔgɔlɔ  
 swagger(ing) (n) okp-owɛ  
 swallow (v tr) mi--re  
 swallow (bird) (n) uhaeso  
 swallow (n) asukpɛ  
 swamp (n) ɔrho, ɔpogho, ekhuɔ-  
 rho  
 swampy (adj)-ɛzɛzɛ  
 sway (v int) fieghe; (jostle)  
 (v tr) fieghe, bi--egbe  
 swear (law) (v int) v-ihɛ  
 swear (to a truth) (v int) vɛ,  
 v-ɛbɔ  
 swear at (v tr) tie--ihɛ  
 sweat (n) ɔfɔ  
 sweat (v int) fɔ (v tr)  
 sweep (v tr/int) kpolo  
 sweeping, (act of) (n) ikpolo  
 sweepings (n) ikpol-egho  
 sweet (adj) miɛmiɛmiɛ (ye),  
 miɛmiɛ (v q)  
 sweetheart (n) iye n-agbɔ  
 swell (v int) hĩmwiã, hue  
 swelling (n) uhuemwɛ, ukoko  
 swelling (adj) (ye) gɔgɔɔgɔ  
 swift (bird) (n) uhaeso; (adj)  
 rhulɛ (v q)  
 swiftness (n) olizaizai  
 swim (v int) khuɛ  
 swimming (n) akhue  
 swimming-hole (n) odĩ  
 swine (pl) (n) esi-ebo  
 swing (v tr) fieghe  
 swollen (adj) pɔpɔpɔ (ye);  
 hĩmwiã, hue (both v q)  
 sword (n) umozo, ɛbɛ, (e-)bɛt-  
 ɛbɛtɛ, adɔlɔkɔ  
 sympathy (n) ekh-itohã  
 symptom (n) ama  
 syphilis (n) ikpɛɛ  
 systematically (adv) (vb-)uvi-  
 uviɛ

- tabernacle (n) ow-iyayi, ow-egbagbọ
- table (n) etebupu
- taboo (n) awua, ihi; (v tr) wua
- tack (n) adqlqba; (v tr) de, dqlqba
- tag (n) iyoyọ, ama; (v tr) y-obọ ká
- tail (n) ẹrhurhumwu (gnl)
- tail (bushy) (n) oroke, iyoyọ
- tail-end (n) uhe, ẹzi
- take (v tr) viọ, rhie, mu
- take advice from (v tr) y-ude-  
-yi, rhi-ude
- take aim at (v tr) kọ
- take all (v tr) rhie--fo
- take and (v aux) rhie (ba, rọ)
- take away (v tr) rhie--hí, mu--  
-kua, mu--kpaọ, mu--hí
- take care of (v tr) gb-aro--  
ghe
- take down (v tr) sie
- take heed of (v tr) zẹ--yọ
- take it (withstand) (v int) zí
- take off (v int) t-ulẹ mu
- take off (v tr) mu--hí
- take out (v tr) zẹ--vbọ, rhie-  
-hí
- take part in (v tr) do, yo
- take the oath (v int) ka-yọ (v tr)
- take turns (v int) gha-ka
- take with (v tr) rhie--lele
- tale (n) okha
- talk (v tr & v int) guá
- talk (n) ọta
- talk to (v tr) kha--ma, ta--  
ma
- talk with (v tr) gu--guá
- talk-fest (n) ibi-ẹzọ
- talking (n) eta
- tall (adj) tā, yo (both v q);  
(ye) gbokoo, higboo, wọpọ, gbọhuu, fioghofiogho, gokaá, rhigọọ, gukaá
- tamp (v tr) zié
- tap (palm-tree for wine) (v tr)  
bẹ
- tap (rubber latex) (v tr) so
- tape (n) omwa
- tapioca (n) isagha, eferhinye
- task (n) inwina
- taskforce (n) otu
- tassel (of corn) (n) ehiagha,  
ihiagha
- taste good (v int) rhiérihié
- tattoo (v tr) gbẹnẹ
- tattoo artist (n) ọsiwu
- tattooer (n) ọsiwu
- taut (adj) táátáá (nié)
- tax (n) igh-uhumwu
- teach (v tr & v int) ruẹ--ebe,  
ma--ebe
- teacher (n) ọma(ọ) mwaemwi, eti-  
sa, ọpumuwaemwi
- tear (v tr) nyaghá
- tear (cloth) (v tr) sọ
- tear up (v tr) giagha
- tears (n) am-eve, eve
- teen (n) iw-
- teeth (n) akọ
- teeth (milk) (n) igho
- tell (v tr) kha-ma, na, ta-ma,  
ta; (v int) rhiema
- telling (act of) (n) ukhamwẹ
- temple (n) ow-ẹbọ, ow-ihé
- ten (n) igbe, iw-
- ten-day period (n) uhumwupú
- tenth (adj) n-ogigbe
- tent (n) ibọkpọ, ibọkp-oha
- termagant (n) ọmw-isusu
- terminated (adj) ẹde n-ẹfímwí  
wu
- termite (n) ọkhá, edọ
- terrible (adj) mu\_ohá (v q)
- test (v tr) dámwẹ
- testify (v int) s-ẹfi
- testify to (v tr) s-osẹ
- th (suff) (i)k-, n-ogi, ih(e)-

thank (v tr) kpõmwẹ  
 thank you! (greeting) bukpe,  
 kada  
 thanks! (interj) ni, kada  
 thanks for nothing! oḡbe  
 thanks to (prep) kpõmwẹ (v tr)  
 Thanksgiving Day(n) eḡe-ekpõmwẹ  
 that (pron) oḡe, eḡe, oḡi  
 that (subtr) (e)n-, ighe, na,  
 -ni  
 the (art) -(e)ne, nene  
 the end (n) evba oḡe, ufomwẹ  
 theft (n) oyi, uyimwẹ-izigã,  
 atakparakpa  
 their (pron) oḡhe-iḡã  
 theirs (pron/n) oḡhe-iḡã  
 them (pron) iḡã  
 themselves (pron) iḡã-tobọ  
 then (adv) eḡhe ni, ekpo ni,  
 eḡe ni, ekpo riọ (all n)  
 then (subr/apod) ghi, gha  
 there (adv) fi, odọ, r-odọ, rọ,  
 evba, r-evba, vb-evba  
 there (greeting)-o  
 thereafter (adv) ke (v aux)  
 these (pron/n) enena, enena nọ  
 they (pron/n) iḡã  
 thick (adj)(ye) khurhu/gbãkã-  
 gbãkã, nyi (v q)  
 thicken (v tr) ya--khurhu:  
 (v int) khurhu  
 thicket (n) eti  
 thief (n) oyi  
 thieves (n) ikpata  
 thigh (n) ekwawẹ  
 thin (adj) nweḡeḡe, nyighẹ(both  
 v q), nyighẹnyighẹ, rhiama-  
 rhiama  
 thin (of hair)(adj)(ye) nyẹ-  
 nyẹnyẹ  
 thin (adj)(ye) gukaã/fiogho-  
 fiogho, dọ (v q)  
 thing (n) emwi

think (v tr & v int) popo, po  
 thinker (n) oḡuiwo  
 thinking (n) iḡo  
 thinness (n) udõmwẹ  
 third (n) ukpogieha  
 third (adj) n-ogieha  
 thirdly (adv) n-ogieha  
 thirst (n) ovbameḡ  
 thirsty (adj) (n)-ovbameḡ gbe  
 thirteen (n) iwera, iweha  
 thirty (n) oḡbã  
 thirty-five (n) isẹ-iḡo-vb-iy-  
 eva, isẹ-nya-oḡbã  
 this (one) (pron) oḡa, ena(pl)  
 this(attrib.demon.pron/deter)  
 na  
 this (very) (n) ighe  
 this instant (adv) nwanwa  
 this part (n) ediḡã  
 this side, on (adv) vb-ediḡã  
 this way (n) ediḡã  
 this year (n) ukpo na  
 thorn (n) igbã  
 those (ones) (pron/n) eni  
 though (subtr/conj/adv) rhe  
 (v aux) egbe (n)  
 thought (n) iḡo  
 thousand (n) aria(i)sẹ  
 thrash (v tr) khwarha  
 thread (n) oḡu, oḡupu  
 threaten (v tr) kpa-obọ  
 (v int)  
 three (n) eha  
 three years ago(adv) ukp-eha,  
 ukp-eha noḡbepa  
 three-day period (n) eḡeha  
 thrice (n) igba-eha  
 throat (n) eḡo  
 throne (n) ekete  
 throw (v tr) fi  
 throw at (v tr) fi--gbe

throw away (v tr) mu--kua, mu--  
 fua, rhie-fua, ya--eṣo, viq--  
 kua  
 throw 'im!(interj) yagbe  
 throw into (v tr) fi- fi  
 throw out (v tr) zẹ--kua  
 thud (n) ilumá  
 thud (v int) papaapa, guozaa  
 (both adv)  
 thumb (n) ikpíhiábọ n-ogie  
 thump-thump (adv) teitei  
 thunder (n) avá, avá n-ukhumwu  
 thunderbolt (n) ugh-avá, avá  
 Thursday (n) irakhwe uzọla ne-  
 kherhe  
 thus (adv) vb-eriq, vb-eniá  
 tick (n) ẹnwinwa  
 tickle (v tr) so--asefẹ, pẹpẹ  
 tickling (n) iguḡguḡ  
 tidy up (v tr) kpọlo  
 tie (v tr) ha, ri, r-iri, de,  
 gba, ki  
 tie (n) oza  
 tie to (v tr) gba--gína, de--  
 mu  
 tie up (v tr) viq, gba, kí  
 tiger (n) atalakpa  
 tightly (adv) kí, kákááká  
 timber (n) igẹdu  
 timber-concession (n) oh-igẹdu  
 timber-scout (n) oḡwalerhá  
 timber-tree (n) igẹdu  
 time (n) eghe, ekpo  
 time of day (n) umuḡḡ  
 time-keeper (n) ikẹḡḡ  
 times (instances) (n) igba-  
 tin (n) ukpu, izagodo  
 tiny (adj) tinẹ, kyekere, gu-  
 ẹẹḡḡ  
 tip (of instrument) (n) ukpẹ  
 tip (v tr) ụgse  
 tire (n) ibiḡ (gnl)  
 tire (bicycle) ib-ikẹkẹ  
 tire (v int) wọ (v tr); (v tr)  
 khá, hũhũ  
 tired (adj) n-orhiḡ ni, n-egbe  
 wore, n-ḡtí fo, nya (v q)  
 tiring (n) ukhamwe  
 title (of person) (n) egie  
 titled (adj) ụu, khi (both v q)  
 to (prep) gie, yi (v aux)  
 to and fro (adv) --yo --re (v aux)  
 to me (dative) mẹ (v aux)  
 toad (n) okpoto  
 toast (v tr) ramwe, le; (n) eka-  
 nale; (ceremonial) oḡho  
 tobacco (n) ataka (gnl); itaba  
 (European); egboḡho (native)  
 today (n) ẹḡḡ, ẹḡḡ nẹḡḡ  
 toe (n) ikpíhiáwẹ  
 toe-nail (n) ihí-owẹ  
 together (adv) gba, kugbe (both  
 v aux)  
 together with (adv) kẹkẹ  
 togetherness (n) akugbe  
 tolerate (v tr) urhu mwẹ gu-  
 tolerate (of weight) (v tr) rọ  
 tomato (n) ekhwe, etomato  
 tomorrow (n) akhwẹ, ẹḡḡ n-akhwẹ  
 tomorrow, day after (n) irakh-  
 wẹ  
 tongs (n) anwa  
 tongue (n) aḡámwẹ  
 too (adv) vbe (v aux)  
 took (pp of take) (v tr)  
 tooth (n) akḡ  
 toothache (n) akpanigiakḡ, emwi  
 gb-eni, emwi r-akḡ, emwi  
 r-unu  
 toothless gums (n) irhiorhio,  
 iherhe  
 toothpick (n) ukpakḡ  
 top (of something) (n) uke  
 top (toy) (n) igbo  
 topside (adv) ukhumwu, uhumwu

- tornado (n) oriokho, okpehoho, efi
- tortoise (land) (n) egwi, emwi z-okp-owę, emwi nyaká, emosi-ma
- tortoise (river turtle) (n) ęruvbo, elukeluke
- tortoise-shell (n) uke
- toss (sleeplessly) (v int) d-ovbe, d-omiá
- toss (of dice) (v tr) f-iha (v int)
- tossel (n) iyoyoy
- total up (of money) (v tr) ęo igho, mu ęo
- tote (v tr) vbovbo, mu
- toucan (n) onwońwo
- touch (v tr) rhamwę, kaę, khue
- tough (of meat, wood) (adj) si-kásiká
- towards (prep) gie, da
- town (n) oęe
- trachea (n) ekp-urhu
- trade (v int) du ęki
- trader (n) okhę, oduęki
- trader (independent) (n) odado
- trail (n) obęle, iya
- trample (v tr) rilo
- transform (v tr) fi egbe del-egbe, khiá
- transformation (n) ikhiá
- transplant (v tr) gbọ
- transport (v tr) rhie--mwq obọ
- trap (n) urubu, ura, oębagbe,
- trap (for animals) (n) ęgwagwa ęgwagha, ęvbirhi, ifi (gnl)
- trap (special) (n) otohio
- trap (for fish) (n) ogwa
- trap (iron /steel) (n) akobę
- trap (rat) ekhuokhuq, ekhwokhwq
- trap (v tr) gbe
- tray (n) unyęęne
- tray (cane) (n) atęte
- tray (wooden) (n) agbá
- tread on (v tr) ri
- treasurer (n) oęwaemwi
- treat with contempt (v tr) le-nya
- tree (n) igędu, erhá, ogwe
- tree-felling (n) iterhá
- tremble (v int) gwq
- trembling (adj)(ye)highahigha
- trembling(ly) (adv) zęzęzę
- tribal marks (n) ikharo, iwu
- tribe (n) ęvbo, edigue
- trickster (n) oęueęo
- tried (pp of try) (v int)
- trigger (of gun)(n) eki-osisi
- trigger (of trap) (n) (i)ghę-khuemwę, ghękhuemwę
- triplets (n) ivi eha
- tripod (n) ikewu
- trivet (n) ikewu
- troll (n) eseku
- trouble (n) osughu, onyagha, isusu, uko, ukpokpo
- trouble (v tr) kpokpo
- troubled sleep (n) okpovbię
- troublemaker (n) oęmw-ęmwę, oęmw-isusu
- trousers (n) utalawę, sokoto
- truly (adv) vb-ęmwata
- trumpet (n) orhu, okpe
- trunk (elephant's) (n) ovbe
- trunk (of tree) (n) ikin-egbe-erhá
- trust (in greeting) degh-uma "I trust you are well?"
- trust in (v tr) mu ęti--nya
- truth (n) ehq ruę h-ęmwata, ęmwata
- try and (v aux) ziga
- try hard (v int) zigala
- taetse fly (n) udiá ęni
- tub (n) ukpabq, okpá

tuberculosis (n) oñuḡ-nihevbe  
Tuesday (n) ikpèd-eva vb-uzòla  
tumble (v int) ðe  
tumbling (as in a fall) (adj)  
gizaka  
turkey (n) etolotolo  
turn (v int) weriḡ;(v tr) we  
turn (meat) (v tr) riḡriḡ  
turn (into) (v tr) khiá  
turn (one's) (n) ose-egbe,(vtr)  
se--egbe, oka  
turn out (forgather)( v int)  
si egbe koko, si koko  
turn (circle)(v int) le gape  
turn and turn about (adv)ose-  
egbe-ose-egbe  
turn towards (v tr) da mu  
tutor (n) qmwaemwi,etutu  
twelve (n) iweva

twenty (n) ugie,iy-  
twenty-five (n) (e)k-es-qòá,  
isḡ nya ugie  
twice (adj) igba-;(adv)igbava  
twig (n) ab(o)-erhã-negiere  
twins, have (v int) s-iví  
twins (n) iví eva  
twist (v tr) tighi, khiḡ  
twist words (idiom) qmwamw-  
ḡwḡ y-qmw-urhu "he arranges  
words in my neck" arawḡ wuḡ  
ta gbe "your tongue is very  
long"  
twisted (adj) tighi (v q)  
two (n) eva  
two hundred (n) ufi  
two years ago (n)en-ḡkp-ia  
two-day period (n)ikpèḡeva  
tyre (n) ibiḡ (see tire)

ugly (adj) kh-qrhiḡ (v q)  
 umbrella (n) ekharha, ugbinameḡ  
 unanimous decision (n) ihḡhūnu  
 unbeliever (n) ikefesi, qruḡbo  
 unchangeable (rel)(adj) oghene  
 uncircumcized man (n) oladḡḡḡ  
 uncle (n) otḡ-erha, ot-iyē  
 uncle Dudley (n) oḡiḡmḡiriemwi  
 undecided (adj) noma hḡhḡ,  
     nama bu  
 under (prep) vb-ot-otoḡ  
 under(neath) (prep) vb-otoḡ  
 undermost (n) oḡotoḡ  
 undershirt (n) aibanusfo  
 understand (v tr & v int) hḡ  
 underrate (v tr) tila  
 underwear (n) abamwute  
 undue (n) ekueku  
 undulate (v int) wḡḡwḡḡ  
 unexpectedly (adv) giri  
 unfortunate (v int) mu\_ḡkpḡtu  
 unicorn (n) alualua n-urḡḡḡ  
 uninformed (adj) mu-egbe  
 unintentionally (adv) giri  
 union (n) akugbe  
 University (n) ow-ebe nḡyo sḡ,  
     eyunivasiti  
 unless (conj) sokpā  
 unlimited (adj) n-ḡ(i)mw-ḡḡḡ  
 unlocked (adj) kie (v q)

unsatisfactory (adj) n-ḡbe  
 untie (v tr) rhā  
 until (prep) te s-ḡḡḡ  
 until now (adv) do s-ḡḡḡ nḡ  
 untruth (n) ohoghe  
 up (adv) odukhumwu; (prep) vb-  
     odukhumwu  
 up-hill (n) uhumw-oke  
 upon (prep) vb-uhumwu  
 uppermost (adv) k-ukhumwu  
 upright (of noses) (adj) ḡḡḡḡ-  
     ḡḡḡ  
 upright (adj) ba (v q)  
 uproot (v tr) vu  
 upset (v tr) ni, l-ughu, hihieḡ  
 upset (of canoe) (v tr) ni  
 upstairs (n) egedege, ikḡḡesi  
 up-stream (adv) uhumw-ḡḡḡ (n)  
 upward (adv) ukhumwu  
 upwards (adv) (vb)-od-ukhumwu  
 urge (v tr) tḡ  
 urinate (v int) hiḡ  
 urine (n) shiḡ  
 us (pron) ma, mwḡ  
 use (v tr) lo; (n) ulomwḡ  
 use up (v int) fo  
 used to (adj) ḡwḡ (v q)  
 useless (adj) tḡ (v q)  
 useless (thing) (n) emwi-ihoi  
 usually (adv) ḡḡḡhia  
 uvula (n) ovbi apamwḡ

- vain (adj) d-ihoi, kẹkǎ  
 vainglory (n) emwikẹkǎ  
 valet (n) ọguọmwadía  
 valley (n) iya, ugboghodo  
 valve (n) evav, evavu  
 variety (n) ukhuukhu  
 various (adj) ughughǎ, ukhu-  
 ukhu-(n)  
 vegetable (n) afọ  
 vegetable soup(n) unwọmwẹ-ebe  
 vein (n) iniǎ  
 velvet (n) igbegbe  
 venereal disease (gnl) (n) em-  
 iǎmw(ẹ)-oghẹ  
 verdict (n) ohiẹ  
 verge (of road) (n) ọkp-ọdẹ  
 vermilion (adj) giǎgiǎgiǎ  
 very (adj) in "this \_\_\_ one":  
 ọnọna; "these \_\_\_ ones": enena;  
 "that \_\_\_ one": ọnọni; "those  
 ones": eneni; (gnl) nene  
 (redupl of ne, ọv)  
 very cold (adj) rhiọ
- very hot (of weather) (adj) gi-  
 ogiocio (ba)  
 very much (adv) ẹsẹsẹmwẹsẹ  
 very well (adv) gbe  
 village (n) igue  
 village hall (n) ọgu-ediọ  
 villager (n) edigue  
 villain (n) ọmw-isusu  
 vine (n) iri  
 viper, green-tree (n) ivbiẹkpo  
 virago (n) ọmw-isusu  
 virgin (n) okhuo na mahe fiǎ-  
 p-ọghẹrẹ (woman whose maiden  
 -head has not been broken)  
 virtue (n) esi, emwi esi  
 visit (v tr) tuẹ, sẹ  
 voice (n) urhu, ẹho  
 voluntarily (adv) da ọu  
 vomiting (n) ekpa, ubiwẹ  
 vote (v int) ve y-urhu  
 vulcure (n) ugu (gnl)  
 vulva (n) uhe, akwarhamw-uhe,  
 aẹbeginotọ  
 vying (adj) ańǎ

wad (n) (for muzzle-loader) uke  
 waddle (v int) yòkqyòkq, wèkè-  
 wèkè, nyarhunyaru  
 wag (v tr) guòmwe  
 wage war (v int) khò  
 wager (n) ile; (v int) t-ile  
 wailing (n) uviémwe  
 waist (n) èkũ  
 wait (v int) kheq; -- for (v  
 tr) kee, mu dia kheq  
 wake up (v tr) huê  
 walk (n) okhiã  
 walk (v int) khiã  
 walk (the traps) (v tr) kí  
 walk on eggs (n) ikuegbemu  
 walking (n) okhiã  
 wall (n) ekè, egb-ekè  
 walnut, African (tree) (n) apo-  
 po  
 wander (v int) khiãkhiã; (off  
 the point) (v int) gbe yo-gbe  
 re  
 wane (v int) bèlè  
 want (n) use  
 want (v tr) ho  
 war (n) okuo  
 war-chant (n) ihuã n-aya khò-  
 kuo, ihu-ikhòkuo  
 war-chief (n) òka-kuo  
 ward(child)(n) umòbò, ovbi-òfue  
 warden (n) osuoleghã  
 warder (n) osuoleghã  
 warm (up) (v tr) vbièvbiè, rã,  
 tii  
 warm (adj) vbièvbiè, mw-oghae,  
 rã (all v q)  
 warm self (v int) gha  
 warn (v tr) bu--ude  
 warrant (of arrest) (n) eb-imu  
 warrior (n) ovbi-yokuo  
 war-song (n) ihuã-okuo

warthog (n) azena  
 wash (v tr) khue, kpe, hq  
 wash-basin (n) uwaw-akhue, ukp  
 -ebò  
 washing (n) akhue  
 waste (v tr) lo; (n) òku, òrie  
 wastefulness (n) ikiã  
 watch (clock) (n) utèghè, ègo-  
 go, umuèghè, ughèdè  
 watch (v tr) sí--èro, ba, yi--  
 èro; (v int) sí èro  
 watchful (adj) b-egbe (v q)  
 watchfulness (n) èro  
 water (v tr) s-amè  
 water (n) amè  
 water-cress (n) ipãmwirã  
 waterfall (n) òrhòrè  
 water-jar (n) uk-ègb-akhue  
 water-melon (n) ogi  
 water-tank (n) ow-amè  
 watery (adj) pògho (v q) (of  
 food); èzèzè (n) (swampy)  
 wattles (n) iwowo  
 wave (v int) lagha  
 wax (of moon) (v int) vèwae, ko  
 ko-ro  
 waxing moon (n) uki ota  
 way (n) odè  
 ways (n) odè ughùghã  
 we (pron) ma, ima  
 weak (adj) ma w-egbe (v q)  
 wealth (n) uwa, èfe  
 wealthy (adj) hiè (v q)  
 wean (v tr) fí--enwè  
 weapon (n) emw-ìgbina  
 wear (v tr) (of clothes) rhuã  
 wear out (v int) nwiè, èè  
 wear thin (v int) nwiè  
 wearing out (n) enwiémwè  
 weave (v tr) sa, do  
 weaver (n) òdukpò  
 wedge (for splitting wood) (n);  
 ava

Wednesday (n) eḍe n-awa inwin-eva	whether (conj) tab-
weed (n) irhūmwu	which (interog pron) de; (adj); (rel pron) (e)d-
week (n) izqla	whichever (rel pron) rhirhi
weep (v int) vie	while (adv) y-q, "in it"; (subor) y-q
weeping (n) uviemwe, eve	whip (n) ik-eni, asã, unwerhiẽ
weft (n) abokpo	whip (v tr) gbe--asã
weigh (v tr) mwa	whirl upon (v int) guomw-egbe
Welcome! (interj) iyare!, qobadik!	whirlwind (n) ehoh-eziza
welcome (greeting) (n) iyare	whirr (v int) ti pẽpẽpẽpẽpẽ
welcome (v tr) gb-iyare	whisky (n) ewisiki, enwisiki
welcoming (n)	whisper (n) emw-otq
weld (v tr) ti	whisper (v int) do guã, guã w-ewewẽ
well (of water) (n) uhae	whistle (instrument) (n) ufere, enwiso, olufere; (n) (sound) ewqe; (v int) fi ewqe; (v tr) fi ewqe
well done! (interj) qb-evb-afu	whistler (n) olufere
well (adv) ese	whistling (n) ewqe
well (adj) gbe	white (n) enofua; (adj) fua, fuofua (both v q)
well-fixed (adj) pokho (v q)	white (man) (n) ebo
well-mannered (adj) nyi unyimw-esi (v q)	whiten (v tr) gbe--orhue
welsh (v int) siẽ	whiteness (n) efua, ufua
welsh on (v tr) de-gwe, de-ig-uq, siẽ	whitlow (n) agamwisoso, atowo
went (v int) (pret of go)	who (interog pron) gha, (e)n-(e)d-, avba; (rel pron) (e)n-
were (1 v) (pret form of be)	whoever (rel pron) rhirhi
west (n) ufor-amẽ	whole (n) ohoho; (adj) ohoho
western (adj) ekwe (n gen)	whomever (rel pron) rhirhi
wet (adj) gb-ofq (v q)	whore (n) igberagia
whale (n) ava-aivafo	why (interog pron) (e)vb--gu (v aux); (rel pron) vb-
what (interog pron) vb-, (e)d-; (rel pron) evb-; (interj) vbq-khĩ	wick (n) emẽ
whatever (rel pron) rhirhi; nya-rhirhi (v aux)	wicked (adj) da (v q)
wheel (n) owe, ow-ikẽkẽ; (pers) okp-omwa	wicked man (n) omw-isusu
wheel (v tr) werie, gho	wickedness (n) erhia, ofukho
when (rel pron) (e)vb-; (interog pron) vbo (v q); (adv) ugbẽ, ghi; (subor) ya	wide (adj) vbe/ye gbadaa/gbalaza/gbodoo/nyamara/nyamarha (all v q)
where (interog pron) -vbo, (e)-vb- (v q); (rel pron) ehe ni	widen (v tr) vbe
wherever (adv) cheikehe	wide-open (adj) vbe/ye gboo (v q)

- widow (n) ɛgbɛɛ  
widower (n) ɔhaɛ  
wife (n) ɔvboknɛ, amwɛ  
wiggle (v tr) kp-ogho  
will (v aux) ɛa, gha, ghaa  
will(n)ɛkhɔɛ; (prop'ty) ighaukhu  
willingly (adv) da (v aux)  
wind (n) ɛhoho  
winding (adj) khiekhiekhie  
window (n) (e)winda, (e)winda  
windpipe(n) olɔkpa w-ɛho, ɛkpuru  
windshield (n) amɛigbaro  
windy (adj) ɔkpa  
wine-gourd (n) ope, ulɛmɔ  
wine-tapper (n) okpe  
wine-tapping (n) ebɛ  
wine-tapster (n) ɔkh-anyo  
wing (n) ifuɛ  
wing-cover (n) asa  
winner (n) akhiɔmwa  
winnow (v tr) bɔmwɛ  
wipe (v tr) khiɛ  
wipe off (v tr) khiɛ--hi re  
wire (n) uwaya  
wiry-haired (adj) nyɛɛghɛny-  
ɛghɛnyɛghɛ  
wisdom (n) iwɛɔo  
witch (n) ɔmwababe, azɛ, iɛɛ  
n-ekhwa  
witch-craft (n) ababe  
witch doctor (n) obo n-oye-  
ɛria, ob-odi, obiro, ob-  
erhia, obo n-ɔwa n-azɛ  
with (prep) kɛkɛ, ya (v aux)  
with a waddle (adv) yɔkoyɔkɔ,  
yɛgbeyɛgbɛ  
with reference to (prep) vb-  
oghe  
wither (v tr) luɛluɛ  
withered (adj) luɛluɛ (v o)  
without (adv) n-ɛ(i)mwɛ (pren)  
without end (prep) n-ɛ(i)mw-ɔ-  
fo  
witness (n) osɛɛ  
witness (v tr) s-osɛɛ  
witness-stand (n) erh-ɛzɔ  
wives (n) amwɔ, ɔlemwi  
wolf (n) ekit-oha  
wolfing (adj) wɔmwɔmwɔ  
woman (n) okhuo  
womb (n) akuɔmɔ  
wood (n) erhɛ  
wood-pecker (n) akpalakp-erhɛ  
woof (n) ihue, abɔkpɔ  
word (n) ɛmwɛ  
work (v int) nwina  
work (n) inwina  
work for (v tr) ga  
work magic (on) (v tr) ruɛ;  
(v int) mu-ɛmwi-n-ɛɛɛ  
working (adj) n-aya nwina (vɔ)  
working-capital (n) igh-uhumw-  
ɛki  
world (n) aye, agbɔ  
worm-holes (n) ɛhu  
worn-out (adj) kwise (v q)  
worried (adj) ri otɔ (v q)  
worry (n) osughu, ukɔ, ukpokpo,  
ɔrhɔmwɔ  
worry (v tr/int) kpokpo  
worship (n) ugɔɔie  
worship (v tr) gho  
worthless (adj) ku (v q)  
would (v aux) (form of defect-  
ive verb will)  
wound (n) ama, ɛnwɛ, ikuaɛgbɛ  
wound (v tr) yi ama, kuɛ  
wrap (v tr) ha  
wrapper (n) igbu  
wrestle (v int) vɛ  
wrestling (n) evɛ  
wriggle (v int) khiɛ  
wring (v tr) mi, tue  
wrinkled (adj) bɔn-ikuɛkuɛ  
(v q)

wrinkles (n) ikuẽkuẽ  
wrist (n) urhu\_ abo, ikega  
write (v int) gbẽ, gb-ẽbe;  
(v tr) gb-ẽbe  
writhe (v tr) d-omia

wrong (n) ekueku  
wrong (adj) gbe ekueku (v q)  
wrong-doing (n) oꝛukho  
wrongly (adv) ihã  
wrote (v) (pret form of write)

## X

xylophone (n) asologũ

Xmas (n) emwi\_ ukpo, keresimesi

X-ray (n) efoto

## Y

yak (v int) talo, guã  
yank (v tr) si  
yard (n) oqba  
yawn (v int) nyanya  
yawn (n) enyanya  
yaws (n) ofi  
yaws-daddy (n) ekp-ofi  
yea! (interj) e!lu!  
year (n) ukpo  
yearly (adv) ukpukpo  
yell (v int) datu  
yellow (adj) ba, ba riẽriẽ, ba ruẽruẽruẽ (all v q)  
yellowish (adj) ba nwõnwõnwõ (v q)  
yes (adv) e, ehẽ, ẽ  
yesterday (n) (e)n-ode; (adv) node

yet (adv) ma, he; (v aux)

yield (v tr) no  
Yoruba (n) Ekuẽ  
you (pers pron) (sing) uwẽ, u-;  
(pl) uwa, wa-  
young (adj) ne sɔgwɔsɔgwɔ; ye sɔgwɔsɔgwɔ (v aux)  
young generation (n) ivbi\_ ore  
young people (n) ibiẽ/ibi-  
young woman (n) uvbi, ɔvbokh-  
ũvbi, ɔvbokh-okhuo, idegbe  
youngster (n) oluku, ivbi\_ ore  
your (poss pron) -ruẽ, -uẽ  
your majesty (n) agbaghe, agh-  
ehi  
yours (pron/n) oghuẽ, ogh-  
yourself (refl pron) t-obo ruẽ, wẽ t-obo ruẽ  
youth (n) igbama  
yule (n) emwi\_ ukpo, keresimesi

## Z

zeal (n) ephiõ  
zebra (n) izazako

zero (n) ihoi  
zest (n) orhiõ  
zinc (n) ekpamaku ikã-ova  
zoo (n) ezu

- abura (*Mitragyna macrophylla*)  
tr: ẹbẹ (v. bahia, *Mitragyna*)
- afara (*Terminalia superba*) tr:  
ẹghọẹ (v. limba, *Terminalia*)
- afina (*Strombosia pustulata*)  
tr: ubelu (v. itako, *Strombosia*)
- afzelia (*Africana*) tr: aṣinya
- afzelia (*Bella*) tr: aṣinya
- afzelia (*Bipidensis*) tr: odo,  
odo n-inia "root mangrove,"  
aṣinya (v. doussié, mangrove)
- agba (*Gossweilerodendron balsamiferum*) tr: agba (v. tola)
- ageratum (*Conzoides*) pl: eb-  
igh-ẹdo ẹe
- akak (*Duboscia vividiflora*) tr:  
eghogho
- akee apple (*Phialodiscus unijugatus*) tr: ukpe
- ako (*Antiaris africana*) tr:  
ovu, ogi-ovu
- albizia (*Ferruginea*) tr: uwọwe  
n-ugu (v. musase)
- albizia (*Sassa*) tr: uwọwe n-  
aba fũ, uwọwe n-qlagh-abq
- albizia (*Zygia*) tr: uwọwe n-ol  
ema ẹe "u. that pounded yam,  
ate it," ekpaghudo (v. okuro)
- allanblackia (*Floribunda*) tr:  
iz-eni
- allophyllus (*Africanus*) shrub:  
eb-aghad-eha "three-pointed  
leaf"
- alstonia (*Congensis*) tr: ukhu  
(v. emien)
- alui (*Erythrophloeum ivorense*)  
tr: inyi (v. missanda)
- anonidium (*Manii*) tr: ẹghẹd-ẹgbo  
"bush plantain"
- antiaris (*Africana*) tr: ovu,  
ogi-ovu (v. ako)
- antrocaryon (*Micraster*) tr:  
ugbezapo
- apa (*Afzelia africana* & spp.)  
tr: aṣinya
- apple tr: ẹkpírẹ
- avocado (*Pachylobus edulis*)  
fr: orũwu; orũw-ẹze "river  
pear," (p-barteri); orũw-  
ũkhiokhio (v. osigo) q.v.
- ayan (*Distemonanthus benthamianus*) tr: erhã n-oba ya kp-  
oti hi ẹdo re "the tree  
which the Oba took to take  
the leprosy away from Benin,"  
anyaerhã "owner of trees"  
(v. movingui)
- bahia (*Mitragyna macrophylla/ciliata*) tr: ẹbẹ (v. abura,  
*Mitragyna*)
- bamboo gnl: ukpokoso
- barteria (*Nigritiana/fistulosa*)  
tr: ogeṣwẹ
- bean veg: ere
- bean (African) veg: ikpakpalq
- begonia (*Manii*) cr: emunoserhã  
"catcher who catches trees"
- berlinia (*Auriculata/heudelotiana*) tr: ekpogho
- berry gnl: omo-erhã
- bitter cola (*Garcinia cola*) tr:  
edũ
- blighia (*Sapida*) tr: ukpe,  
ukpe n-ọfua
- bokanga (*Amphimas pterocarpioides*) tr: erhũrumw-eei  
"tail of pig"
- bomanga (*Macrolabium coeruleoides*) tr: oghaba
- bombax (*Buonopozense*) tr: ugbo-  
kha (v. kapokier)
- branch (tree): ab-erhã
- bridelia (*Micrantha*) tr: ugãgã
- bosquies (*Angolensis*) tr: ukputu
- buchholzia (*Coriacea*) tr: owi
- bulrush: ohũhũ
- burr: avbeto
- buttress (tree): ẹpgo
- cabbage-tree (*Anthocleista*) tr:  
orĩmwichughu
- cabbage-tree (*Vernonia conferta*) tr: orĩs-eni

- cactus (*hugonia platysepala*)  
pl: ỌFỌ, urhuaso "eye-blinder"
- calla lily fl: esalebo
- calpocalyx (*brevibracteatus*)  
tr: okpagh-ẹzẹ
- camwood (*baphia nitida*) tr:  
otua; also sold as c., pa-  
dauk (q.v.)
- canarium (*schweinfurthii*) tr:  
ekpakpogho
- canthium (*glabriflorum*)tr: atã  
(v. pud)
- carpolobia (*lutea*) shrub: asuẹ
- ceiba (*pentandra*) tr: ọkha (v.  
cotton tree, fromager)
- celtis (*soyauxii/zenkeri*) tr:  
ohia (v. ohia)
- cherry (*chrysophyllum albidum*)  
tr: otiẹ; (c. *africanum*) tr:  
ẹkpiro
- coco-nut palm (*cocos nucifera*)  
tr: ọkherh-iví
- coco-yam pl: iyokho
- conopharyngia (*pachysiphon/  
penduliflora*) tr: ibu
- cordia (*aurentica*) tr: urigho  
(c. *millenii*) tr: oma
- corn (maize) pl: ọka
- cotton pl: opu, opupu
- cotton tree (*ceiba pentandra*):  
ọkha
- cottonseed: ikp-ọpu
- cow pea (*vigna sinensis*) veg:  
ikpekhie, ere
- crabwood (*carapa procera*) tr:  
eb-ẹgogo
- cucumber veg: ekokomeme
- cuviera (*nigrescens*) tr: ogãgã
- dahoma (*piptadenia africana*)  
tr: ekhimwi
- daniellia (*ogea/thurifera*) tr:  
oziya (v. *faro*)
- dennettia (*tripetala*) tr: ako
- detarium (*senegalense*) tr:  
ogwega
- discoglyprema (*coloneura*) tr:  
uguoalfiã
- doussië (*afzelia africana/  
bella/bipidensis*) tr: aɛinya  
(v. *afzelia*, mangrove)
- dracaena tr: erĩmwi
- ebony (*diospyros crassiflora*)  
tr: abokpo; (d. *piscatorius*)  
tr: igiedudu; (maba *chrysan-  
tha*) tr: is-ãhiamwe "bird-  
feces"
- eggplant veg: ekhwe
- ekki (*lophira alata/procera*)  
tr: eba (v. ironpost)
- elephant grass pl: ọghoqogbo
- emien (*alstonia congensis*) tr:  
ukhu (v. *alstonia*)
- enantia (*affinis*) tr: erhẽba-  
vbogo "fire is flaming on an  
old farm"
- entandrophragma (*angolense*)tr:  
igedun-oho (v. *gedu nohor*);  
(e. *candollei*) tr: omu (v.  
sapele--heavy); (e. *cylindri-  
cum*) tr: uvbi n-eeã "girl of  
Ishan," ogi-ẹkpogho (v. *sap-  
ele*) (e. group sells as "ma-  
hogany")
- eremospatha (*macrocarpa*)cr: ikã
- erimado (*ricinodendron afri-  
canum*) tr: okhuẹ
- erythrina (*senegalensis*) tr:  
erhã n-igbo ya k-ehi "tree  
which foreigners (Ibos) take  
build ehí"
- essia (*combretodendron afri-  
canum*) tr: owewe
- euadenia (*trifoliata*)tr: olika
- fagara (*macrophylla*) tr: ukhã-  
khã (v. *olon*)
- faro (*daniellia thurifera/ogea*)  
tr: oziya (v. *daniellia*)
- figueira (*figus asperifolia*)  
tr: ameme
- figuira (*figus camp. oneaura*)  
tr: ọbadã
- flower gnl: obobo
- fromager (*ceiba pentandra*) tr:  
ọkha (v. *ceiba*, cotton tree)
- garcinia (*polyantha*) tr: ovi-  
ẽdu

- gedu nohor (*entandrophragma angolense*) tr: igedu n-ohq (v. *entandrophragma*)
- glyphaea (*laterifolia*) shrub: unwerhi-otã
- grapefruit: alimoi n-okã, egrepu
- guarea tr: obobo; (*g.kennedyi*) tr: obobo nqfua (white); (*g.thompsonii*) tr: obobo nekhwi (black)
- gum-tree (*tetrapleura tetraptera*) tr: ighimi-akhiq "I will weep no more"
- hannoa (*klaineana*) tr: ugw-ekpokĩ "cover of leather box"
- harungana (*madagascariensis*) tr: itue, qv-itue
- hog plum tr: okhikhã, erh-ogheghe
- homalium (*macroptera*) tr: ekalado
- hylodendron (*gabunense*) tr: ak-esi "pig's tooth"
- hymenostygia (*afzelia*) tr: ukpak-eka "toothpick of the Eka"
- idigbo (*terminalia ivorensis*) tr: egheq n-ebi
- ilomba (*pycnanthus kombo*) tr: umokhã (v. *pycnanthus*)
- iroko (*chlorophora excelsa*) tr: uloko
- ironpost (*lophira procera*) tr: eba (v. *ekki*)
- ironwood (*coryantha pachyceras*) tr: enikiba
- irvingia (*smithii*) tr: okwekwe, akhwekhwe
- itako (*strombosia pustulata*) tr: ubelu (v. *afina, strombosia*)
- jatropha shrub: opuru ebo
- jutahy (*dialium guineense*) tr: ohiqmwq
- kapokier (*bombax buonopozense*) tr: ugbqkha (v. *bombax*)
- kigelia (*africana*) tr: og-ikhimwi
- klainedoxa (*gabonensis*) tr: ogweg-odĩ
- koffimama (*erythrina*) shrub: eki-awa "dog's penis"
- koffimama (*callicallia stenosepala*) shrub: eki-awa "dog's penis"
- kola nut (*cola acuminata/verticillata*) tr: evbq; bush-kola (*c.heterophylla*) tr: evb-oha; medicine k (*c.caricifolia*) evb-oh-qb-itã; Mausea k tr: igbanja, evbq-igabasi
- Lagos rubber (*funtumia elastica*) tr: ayq
- larrea (*welwitschii*) tr: enwina
- lecaniodiscus (*cupanioides*) tr: utãtã
- lemon fr: alimoi
- lily, African pl: iyokh-oto "coco-yam of the ground"
- limba (*terminalia superba*) tr: egheq, egheq nqfua (v. *afara, terminalia*)
- lime fr: alimoi negiqeq
- lonchocarpus (*griffonisus*) tr: qhi-egbo
- lovoa (*klaineana*) tr: apopo (v. walnut)
- macaranga (*barteri*) tr: ohaha
- macrolobium (*limba*) tr: ekpq-ghq-egq
- mahogany, African (*khaya ivorensis*) tr: aguãgho (v. *ogwango*) (cf *entandrophragma*)
- makoré (*mimusops heckelii*) tr: aghã n-okpe (v. *mimusops*)
- mamee-apple, African (*ochrocarpus africanus*) tr: ubã qzq, otiq-wuase (v. *ochrocarpus*)
- marsonia (*altissima*) tr: odo
- mango, wild (*irvingia gabonensis*) tr: egwi; m, cultivated (*mangifera indica*) ogw-ebo, emango.
- mangrove (*afzelia bipindensis*) tr: odo, awinya (v. *afzelia, doussié*)
- manniophyton (*africanum*) tr: eb-umwq "salt-leaf"

- mimusops (heckelii) tr: aghã  
 n-okpe (v. makoré)
- missanda (erythrophloem guine-  
 ense) tr: ov-ĩnyi (v. tali)
- missanda (erythrophloem ivor-  
 ense) tr: inyi (v. alui)
- mitragyna (macrophylla/ciliata)  
 tr: ɛbɛ̃ (v. abura)
- monodora (myristica) tr: ikposa,  
 ebe n-ɔy-ɔba "the leaf that  
 pleases the Obs"; (m.tenui-  
 folia) tr: unyɛghɛ̃
- mould fung: irhũrhũ
- movingui (distemonanthus ben-  
 thamianus) tr: erhã n-ɔba ya  
 kp-oti hĩ ɛ̃do re (v. ayan)
- mucuna (flagellipes) cr: akhu-  
 ekpu
- musase (albizzia ferruginea)tr:  
 uwɔwɛ n-ugu (v.albizzia)
- musizi (maesopsis eminnii) tr:  
 ovbi ogie kuɛ̃ "the son of a  
 ruler does not set fire"
- mussaenda (elegans) cr: aza
- myrianthus (arboreus)tr: ihighe
- newbouldia (laevis)tr: ikhimwi
- niové (staudtia stipitata)tr:  
 umaza (v.staudtia)
- obeche (triplochiton scleroxy-  
 lon)tr: ovbɛkhẽ(v.whitewood)
- oboto (ochrocarpus africanus)  
 tr: ubã ɛ̃zɛ̃ (v.mamme-apple)
- ogwango (khaya ivorensis)tr:  
 oguãgho (v. mahogany)
- ohia tr: ohia (v. celtis s/z)
- oil-palm (elaesis guineensis)  
 udi
- okan (cylicodiscus gabunensis)  
 tr: okã
- okra (hibiscus esculentis)veg:  
 ikhiavbo
- okuro (albizzia zygia)tr: uwɔwɛ  
 n-ɔl-ema re (v. albizzia)
- okwen (brachystegia eurycoma)  
 tr: ɔkhuɛ̃
- olon (fagara, q.v.)
- omphalocarpum (procerum) tr:  
 ekasa
- oncinotis (batesi) cr: ua
- ongokea (klaineana)shrub:ek
- onion veg: alubarha
- opepe (sarcocephalus dider-  
 richii) tr: ovbiakhɛ̃
- orange fr: alimoi n-ekhwa
- orchid fl: ighi yɛ̃ĩmwi
- otu (cleistopholis patens)tr:  
 otu
- ozigo (avocado, q.v.)
- ozouga (saccoglottis gabonen-  
 sis) tr: ugu
- pachystela (micrantha)tr: azi-  
 mɔmɔ
- padauk, African (pterocarpus  
 soyauxii)tr: akumɛ̃; (p.osun)  
 tr: umɛ̃. Sold as p. because  
 of similarity to Burma p.;  
 also sold as camwood (q.v.)  
 (v. pterocarpus)
- palm gnl tr: udi; borassus  
 (borassus flabellifera) tr:  
 urua; raffia (raphia vinife-  
 ra) tr: ɔgɔ, oyo
- panda (oleosa) tr: otĩɛ̃ "emɛ̃  
 "monkey apple"
- parinarium (glabrum) tr: oghoya  
 dadadogũ
- parkia (bicolor)tr: ugbore
- peach fr: epichi
- pear fr: ɔɛ̃m̃wu ebo, epiẽ
- pentaclethra (macrophylla) tr:  
 okpagha
- phyllanthus (discoideus) tr:  
 asivĩ "the one with nuts"
- pineapple fr: ɛ̃dĩ-ebo "Ebo  
 palm-nuts"
- piper (embellatum) shrub: ebo-  
 ahãhi
- plum, African (v. hog plum)
- polyalthia (suaveolens)tr: ɛ̃wã
- potato veg: iy-ɛ̃bo "Ebo yam"
- pterocarpus (mildbraedii) tr:  
 uɛ̃uhe; (p.osun)tr: umɛ̃ (p.  
 soyauxii) tr: akumɛ̃(v.padauk)
- pud (canthium glabriflorum)tr:  
 (v.canthium)

- pumpkin veg: enye
- pycnanthus* (kombo)tr: umqkhá  
(v. ilomba)
- randia* (coriacea) shrub: asú
- randia* (cladantha) tr:ugbodok-  
qsa "bone of chimpanzee"
- rauwolfia* (vomitoria)tr: akata
- rice tree (*treculia africana*)  
tr: izę (v. *treculia*)
- rinorea* (*elliottii*)tr: iyokh-  
ęzę "river coco-yam"
- root: inia; (espec of tree):  
ini-erhá, ughúghumwu
- rubber, para (*hevea brasiliensis*) tr: araba nqfua "white  
r," araba n-epara(v.Lagos r)
- sapele(wood) (v.entandophragma)
- sapele--heavy(v.entandophragma)
- sasswood (*erythphloem macran-  
thum/ivorense*)tr:inyi(v.tali)
- sausage tree (*kigelia africana*)  
tr: ugbógbó
- seed: ikpę
- seedling: ovbi erhá
- sphenocentrum* (*jollyanum*)shrub:  
qbanabe
- \*star apple (*chrysophyllum al-  
bidum*) fr: otię
- staudtia* (*stipitata*) tr: amaza  
(v. niové)
- sterculia* (*tragantha*) tr:uduo-  
hogho, qqrhipq
- sterculia*, yellow (*oblonga*)  
shrub: erh-úkoko
- stereospermum* (*acuminatissima*)  
tr: osuqbó
- strombosia* (*pustulata*) tr:ube-  
lu (v. afina, itako)
- sudd pl: ihúhú, iwáawisá
- swartzia* (*fistuloides*)tr: ude-  
gwqghq "fall-break"
- tali (*erythrophloem guineense*)  
tr: qv-ínyi (v. missanda)
- talinum* (*triangulare*)pl: eb-  
qdóđó
- tapiá* (*alchornea cordifolia*)  
tr: unwqnwę
- terminalia* (*ivorensis*)tr:eghoę  
n-ebi "dark e"(v.idigbo);  
(t.superba)tr: eghoę, eghoę  
nqfua "white e" (v. limba,  
afara)
- tetracarpidium* (*canophorum*)cr:  
okhwę
- tetrastemma* (*diolcum*)tr: akqsa
- tetrorchidium* (*didynostemon*)  
tr:uviamę, iheni
- tola* (*gossweillerodendron bal-  
simiferum*)tr:agba (v. agba)
- tomato veg: etomato
- treculia* (*africana*)tr: izę (v.  
rice tree)
- trema* (*guineense*)tr: ehú-ogo
- tricalysia* tr: akpanq
- trichilia* (*heudelotii*)tr:ovalq  
ogi-ovalq; (t.prieuriana)tr:  
eghogho
- trunk (of tree): ikí n-egb-  
erhá
- tsanya* (*pausinystalia talbotii*)  
tr: elikiba
- twig: ab-erhá negięę
- uapaca (*heudelotii*)tr: onyę
- umbrella tree (*musanga smithii*)  
tr: oghohę
- uvaria* (*macrotricha*)cr: akqsq
- vegetable gnl: afq
- vernonia* (*amygdalina*) shrub:  
oriwo
- vine gnl: iri
- walnut, African (*loboa klaine-  
ana*)tr: apopo
- watermelon (*citrullus vulgaris*)  
cr: ogi, isęghęgwę
- water cress veg: iwáawisá
- weed gnl: irhúawu
- whitewood (*triplochiton scler-  
oxylon*)tr: ovbękę(v.obeche)
- xylopia* (*aethiopica/villosa*)  
tr: unię; (x.quintasil) tr:  
ov-unię All three may be  
called aghako.

## M E D I C A L

abnormality: olahĩ <u>omware</u>	diarrhea: otoso, eko hihĩ (awę) "stomach upsets (me)," oyiri
abortion: ikpāneko	diphtheria: okęke vbęho
abrasion: ubołomwę	drug-addiction: emiāmwe <u>uglabā</u>
adenoids: emiāmwe <u>ukhu</u>	dysentery: ekonamięwe-nwi
alcoholism: emiāmwe <u>anyę</u>	eczema: akpānwose
anomaly: olahĩ <u>omware</u>	elephantiasis: owe n-ogbodo
aphasia: ugberherhe	epilepsy: owa
appendicitis: ekobalomwę	fever: oni
athlete's foot: ihuru	fracture: ubūmwę <u>ugboloko</u>
bacteria (pl): okhęe	ganglion: era
bad breath: ewia-unu	genes: eku-omę
birthmark: amosa	germ: okhęe
blind (adj): rhu <u>awo</u>	goiter: olugbegbe, oligbegbe
boil (n): uwvba	gonorrhoea: atorhi, okpatale
carbuncle: iso	guinea-worm: itohia
caries (of teeth): ukekęmwę- akę	headache: afięrhā
catarrh: oha	heart-attack: emiāmwe <u>udu</u>
chancre: esalę, elalę	hemorrhoids: okpo
childbirth: ubięmwę	heredity: arevbukhu
cholera, chicken: elukuluku, ugbadaię	hernia: ove
chorea: ilagwęgwę	hiccup: asukęę
cold, common: oha	hookworm: emiāmwe <u>okhę-uzo</u>
conceive: hāmwa	hunchback: asuke
conception: uhāmwanwę	hunchbacked: n-asuke (v q)
concussion: ighikpā	hydrophobia: emiāmwe <u>awa</u>
constipation: okokęmwę	infect: n-ikulare
convulsions: odudu, ekpakara	infection: ulawomwę <u>iku</u>
cripple (n): aręe, uke	influenza: ugb-okhokhę
cripple (v tr): s-uke	injured (adj): mikufi <u>ębe</u>
crippled (adj): s-uke (v q)	jaundice: emwirawo
cure (n): isimwiegbe	leprosy (gnl): oti; skin-rash l: alalę; anesthetic l: oti n-ohinwia; tubercular l: oti n-umwę
cure (v tr): kpe, simwi	leucorrhoea: ęda
deaf: ny-ęhę (v q)	limp (n): adowę
deformity: ugomwę	limp (v int): s-ukpowę
diagnose: kha-emiāmwe n-okhĩ	malaria: oguomisęę
diagnosis: emiāmwe n-okhĩ	measles: ekaikai, onwę
	menorrhoea: ola
	menstruation: imuobomwę

mental disorder: emiãmwę-rherhe	screw-ball: qmwęmwę
miscarriage: egbemiõghõmwę	semen: eku
mumps: ekhuq	side-ache: akã
nervousness: afiãma, osi	small pox: evbifi
numbness: irhirhã	sore throat: okekevbęho
ovum: ovumu, ekõm-okhuo	sperm: esipęmu, ekqm-okpia
paralyzed (adj): ęęęę	stye: agbe qmwa ba emwi-qmwa
paralysis: ęęęę, uęęęęmwę	sunstroke: ekpakapa
paranoia: emiãmwę etalq	swelling (n): uhuenwę
peritonitis: ugbe	syphilis: ikere
piles: qkpo	tetanus: akpo
pimple: ęvbiaso	therapy: isãmwiegbe
pneumonia: ukpewę	tonsillitis: aitalq
polio: epolyo, emiãmwę uke	toothache: akpa n-igiakõ
pregnancy: uhãmwamwę, eghoreę	tuberculosis: ohuõ n-ihevbe, ohuõ hevbehvbe
pregnant: hãmwa (v q)	typhoid fever: oni-emãmwę isu
prickly heat: ikp-qxqe	typhus: emiãmwę isu
rabies: emiãmwę awa	ulcer: ęęę
rash: ikpu, erhq	venerical disease (gnl): emiã- mwę oghe
relapse (n): idqlqse	whitlow: isue, atowq
rheumatism: ahuveę, ovbi ye abe	whooping cough: ohuõ n-qfiã udu
ringworm (of body): akpakpa;	wound (n): ama, ęnwõ, ikuaęębe
(of scalp): akpanigogo, evbq	wound (v tr): yi ama, kuã
scabies: erhõ n-ugb-adazeę, erhõ	yaws: ofi
schizophrenia: emwęmwę n-ehueę	

S N A K E S

beauty snake, African: olose  
 blind snake, spotted: enye n-  
 eze  
 boa, sand: ikpī  
 boomslang: aka  
 burrowing snake: enekhū  
 cobra gnl: ovbivbie  
 cobra, black: ovbivbie-nekhui  
 cobra, black-necked: ovbivbie-  
 nebi nwe  
 cobra, hoodless: ovbivbie-nebi  
 nanwē  
 egg-eating snake: awēkē  
 emerald snake: aka-nugbeme  
 fierce snake: aka-nevbievbi  
 green-lined snake: aka-nebebe

python, royal: ahēkpī  
 red-lined snake: obiemwē  
 snake gnl: enyē  
 spitting snake: ovbivbie  
 tree-snake, black: ovbivbie-  
 nebi  
 tree-snake, Blanding's: ogoto-  
 hia  
 twig snake: ugichuerhabele  
 puff adder: arhwawōtō  
 python: ataikpī  
 python, African: asiōhū  
 python, Calabar ground: ogio-  
 mumu  
 viper, burrowing: omumu  
 viper, carpet: idodia  
 viper, Gaboon: akhuqogho  
 viper, green tree: ivbiekpo

ANIMALS, FISH, LIZARDS

- antelope (gnl): uzo, oge; (duiker): oguzuma  
 ass: eketekete  
 alligator: egughu  
 baboon, olive: akharho  
 bat, butterfly: eguẽ  
 bat, fruit: owo  
 bat, hammer-headed: owo n-ukp-ogã  
 bat, lesser free-tailed: eguẽ-ivĩ  
 bat, Pel's pouched: eguẽ  
 bat, pipistrelle: eguẽ n-oghẽ  
 bear: akpakomiza  
 billy-goat: ewe (gnl); ovbukho (male)  
 buffalo: ehã  
 bull: emila (gnl), ekhia (male)  
 bush-cow: ede  
 bush-dog: akwaghagha  
 bush-pig: esi-oha  
 camel: esĩ-ato  
 cat: ologbo, ovbiẽdẽ  
 civet cat, African: edi  
 cow: emila (gnl), onwi (female)  
 crayfish: ize n-ofua  
 crocodile: onẽ, agbaka  
 cusimanse: ekhuekhuesi  
 cutting grass: evuato  
 dog: ekita, awa (gnl); okpo (male)  
 donkey: eketekete  
 duiker (antelope): oguzuma  
 electric eel: oriri  
 elephant: eni  
 flying squirrel: avam(u)  
 flying squirrel, Beecroft's: avamu n-ofua  
 flying squirrel, Pel's: avamu n-ekhui  
 galago, Senegal: esĩ  
 gecko: ekpowa  
 genet: abõ  
 giraffe: ogiuzo n-okhua  
 goat: ewe (gnl)  
 gorilla: osa (gnl), alazi (male)  
 ground squirrel, west African: orere  
 hedgehog: okhaẽ  
 hind: eru  
 hippopotamus: oroboto  
 horse: esĩ  
 hyena: erha  
 iguana: omiãweze  
 kid: ovbi-ewe  
 lamb: oteghe-ohuan  
 leopard: ekpẽ (gnl), ogioha (male)  
 lion: oduma  
 lizard: azalezi, ikpo, ozikpalõ (gnl); obaikpo (male)  
 lizard, monitor: urubu  
 lizard, sand: alimiõghõ, uri-ghõ (gnl)  
 lung-fish: awoe  
 mackerel: izake  
 manatee: edẽ  
 mongoose, dwarf: umuãdiyẽ, um-uokhokho (gnl)  
 mongoose, long-nosed: ekhuekhuesi  
 monkey: eme  
 monkey, black Colobus: ogĩ  
 monkey, olive Colobus: atugĩẽ  
 monkey, putty-nosed: ekhokho  
 monkey, red Patas: uhiĩ  
 monkey tail: ogolo, ogol-eme (gnl)  
 mouse, spotted grass: unyeghẽ  
 mouse, three-striped: ebete  
 mud fish: awoe  
 mud-skipper: ewi

nanny-goat: ewe (gnl), iy-ewe  
(female)  
pangolin, black-bellied: ekhwi  
pangolin, giant ground: ogie-  
khui  
panther: ubidō  
periwinkle: akerekere  
pig: eledē  
porcupine, bush-tailed: okhā  
porcupine, crested: osorhue  
potto, Bosman's: ekhi  
puppy: ovbi akota  
ram: agbo, ogbo  
rat (gnl): ofē  
rat, giant: qri-otq, qzevu,  
qzqivu  
rat, rufous-bellied: esioha  
rhinoceros: alualua n-ugbeze  
sea cow: edē

shaggy dog: ozubu  
shark: ogū n-amē  
sheep (sgl & pl): onuā  
shrew, musk: okhā  
snail (gnl): egile  
snail, land (edible): egil-oke  
squirrel (giant forest): ukhō-  
rhq; (orange-headed): otā;  
(slender-tailed): ukpōbiā;  
(small forest): akhiēkhiē  
stag: erhue  
swine (pl only): esi-ebc  
tiger: atalakpa  
tortoise, land: egwi  
unicorn: alualua n-ugbeze  
warthog: azana  
whale: ava-aivafo  
wolf: ekita-oha  
zebra: izazako

B I R D S

barbet, tooth-billed: ɔkhuęgbo  
 bee-eater, whitethroated: erhi-  
 rhiro  
 bird gnl: ahiamwę  
 bulbul: esikpogho  
 canary, yellow-fronted: ekęneri  
 chicken: ovbi-ɔkhɔkhɔ  
 cockerel: ovbi-ɔkpa  
 combassou, senegal: ɔkhɔkhugbo  
 coucal, senegal: erhumohi  
 crow, pied: akhuákhuá  
 darter, african: olokomwurhu  
 dove, laughing: ovbiedigue  
 dove, red-billed wood: idu-  
 gbo  
 dove, red-eyed turtle: idu  
 drongo, glossy-backed: etiti-  
 biti  
 duck: ekpekpeye  
 eagle, vulturine fish: oghohó  
 egg gnl: eké  
 egret, cattle: enibokú  
 fowl, bush: akhwokhwa  
 guinea-fowl: ogezu  
 guinea-fowl, grey-breasted hel-  
 met: oromwę  
 flycatcher, senegal puff-back:  
 ɔyorhue-baro  
 flycatcher, spotted: akuiá  
 goose: ekpękpęy-ęzę  
 hawk, big horned: uderhu  
 helmet-shrike, long crested:  
 awę  
 heron, grey: akalɔ  
 hornbill, allied: epiápiá  
 hornbill, grey: awawa  
 humming-bird: asęsę  
 kingfisher: ɔkpá  
 kingfisher, pigmy: ukpomobię

kite, black: ęghodí  
 leaf-love, yellow-throated:  
 esiasio  
 nest gnl: oko  
 nestling: ovbi-ahiámwę  
 nightjar, long-tailed: alevbe  
 owl, white-faced: esughusughu  
 parrot, grey: ɔkhwę  
 partridge: ukoboza  
 pied wagtail, african: esamɔ-  
 via  
 pied wagtail, African blue-  
 headed: ahiámw-osa  
 pigeon, green fruit: ęhekhue,  
 ęrekhue  
 pigeon, speckled: enikhukhu  
 pelican: akhwękhae  
 plantain-eater, grey: ukhio-  
 khio  
 pullet: ɔkhɔkhɔ  
 rooster: ɔkpa, ɔkporhu  
 shikra: ahua  
 starling: ękpep-ɔkhwę  
 sunbird, scarlet-breasted: ase-  
 sę  
 sunbird, splendid: asese-nogi-  
 obo  
 swallow: uhaiso  
 swallow, rufous-chested: umo-  
 bię  
 tinker-bird, yellow-fronted:  
 egbu  
 toucan: onwɔnwɔ  
 turkey: ętolotolo  
 vulture, hooded: ugu  
 waxbill, orange-cheeked: ovbi-  
 alumę  
 weaver-bird: akha  
 weaver, red-headed: akha-no-  
 wina  
 wood-hoopoe, guinea: alemeze  
 woodpecker: akpalakp-erhá  
 whydah, pin-tailed: ogbodu  
 whydah, yellow-mantled: ęghugbu

I N S E C T S

- ant (black, house): ipásmwe  
 ant (found on corpses): evue  
 ant (small black): ehiihi (but note that no generic name for "ant" exists in Edo)  
 ant (small, yellow, sugar & bread): ipamw-ěbo  
 ant (specialized as warrior): asaka n-okhí-okpa  
 ant (specialized for wet ground): asamw-oto  
 ant (tree-living): ilakhue  
 ant-hill (termites): ite-okhá  
 bagworm: akhuěrhákhũiri  
 army-ant: omumu, okhiã  
 bee: onwo  
 beetle (palm): ekpakara; (larva): opu  
 butterfly: irhũmwũrhiarhia  
 centipede: ovbevbē  
 cleg (chrysops-fly): ahe  
 cockroach: ehēmwe  
 cricket: atete  
 cricket (edible): osele; (female): adekē; (male): ogofo  
 earthworm: ikolo  
 flea: ewíwã  
 fly (common): ikiã  
 frog-hopper: onikhoro (larva): okpa, ptyolus grossus  
 fruit-fly: iki-õmerhá  
 gadfly: udiã  
 grasshopper: atiebi, atete  
 guineaworm: itohia  
 horsefly (tsetse fly): udi-eni  
 jigger: azigã  
 leech: aha  
 louse: iru  
 maggot: okhoe  
 millipede: ihũmwũ, (biggest) ogi-ihũmwũ  
 mite: iyē  
 moth: ari-ukpa  
 mosquito: imuē  
 rhinoceros beetle: orh-õmwe  
 scorpion: ekpakpahũmwuãgã  
 spider: akpakpa  
 stink-ant: asaka  
 sweat-bee: ekhũkhũ  
 tailor-ant: ohē  
 termite: okhá  
 tick: ewíwã  
 tsetse fly: udi-eni  
 wasp: ekparhurhu  
 wasp (mud-wall): ohue  
 water boatman: ozigue  
 water strider (water measurer): ohaide  
 whirligig beetle: etebetebe  
 wood-borer: okho-erhá  
 yam-beetle (stem): afiã  
 yam-beetle (tuber): oghogho

Cardinal Numbers

one: owo (in counting), okpa  
(for prices, mathematics,  
etc)

two: eva

three: eha

four: enē  
izu (in games)

five: isē

six: ehā

seven: ihĩpō

eight: epēpē

nine: ihĩpĩ

10: igbe

11: owopō

12: iweva

13: iwepa (iweha)

14: iwenē

15: (e)kesugie

16: enē(i)r-qvb-ugie

17: eha irō vb-ugie

18: eva irō vb-ugie

19: okpa irō vb-ugie

20: ugie

30: qgbā

40: iy-eva

50: (e)k-igbe s-iy-eha

60: iy-eha

70: (e)k-igbe s-iy-enē

80: iy-enē

90: (e)k-igbe s-iy-isē

100: iy-isē

110: (e)k-igbe s-iy-ehā

120: iy-ehā

130: (e)k-igbe s-ikiqkhō

140: ikiqkhō

150: (e)k-igbe s-iy-epēpē

160: iy-epēpē

170: (e)k-igbe s-iy-ihĩpĩ

180: iy-ihĩpĩ

190: igbe irō vb-urī

200: urī (aria okpa)

300: urī okpa vb-iy-isē

400: urī eva

600: urī eha

800: urī enē

1000: aria-(i)sē

Ordinal Numbers

1st: n-okao/n-ukp-okao

2nd: n-ogleva/n-ukp-ogleva

3rd: n-ogleha

4th: n-ogienē

5th: n-ogisē

6th: n-oglehā

7th: n-ogihĩpō

8th: n-ogiepēpē

9th: n-ogihĩpĩ

10th: n-ogigbe

Time Periods

one-day period: ikpēd-okpa

two-day period: ikpēd-eva

three-day period: ēd-eha

four-day period: uni-epē

five-day period: usē

six-day period: ēdē-hā

seven-day period: uzōla/izōla

ten-day period: uhumwũpũ

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this year: ukpo na/n-ukpo na

last year: n-ukpo

two years ago: n-ekp-ia

three years ago: ukp-eha n-  
qgbepa (n-ekp-enē)

Adverbs

Especially if in sentence  
initial position

firstly: n-okao

secondly: n-ogleva

thirdly: n-ogleha

fourthly: n-ogienē