

# SHIMWALI- ENGLISH DICTIONARY



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## A – a

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**afu** *noun.* flowers.

**alifu** *adj.* one thousand.

**ampulu** *noun.* lightbulb.

**arbaini** *adj.* forty.

**arudhwi** *noun.* floor.

**alfadjiri** *noun.* dawn.

**asubwihi** *noun.* morning.

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## B – b

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**ba** *noun.* father.

**bahari** *noun.* ocean, sea.

**baiwahe** *noun.* her husband.

**baiwangu** *noun.* my husband.

**bako** *noun.* grandfather.

**bakuli** *noun.* bowl.

**bamba** *noun.* shark.

**bamuhe** *noun.* father-in-law.

**bamuhu** *noun.* great-grandfather.

**banara** *noun.* cement roof.

**bandezi** *noun.* large bucket used for storing water.

**bantiti** *noun.* brother.

**baraza** *noun.* porch.

**batata** *noun.* potato.

**batata sukari** *noun.* sweet potato.

**bazari** *noun.* market.

**betizi** *noun.* joke.

**bingu** *noun.* sky.

**bodi** *noun.* blouse.

**bubu** *noun.* type of local garment worn by women.

**buhu** *noun.* mouse, rat.

**bunduki** *noun.* gun.

**buru** *noun.* corn.

**buto** *noun.* button.

**bwana** *noun.* man.

**bweni** *noun.* woman.

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## C – c

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**chai** *noun.* tea.

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## D – d

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**daba** *adj.* stupid/ dumb.

**dahoni** *noun.* house.

**dara** *noun.* sheets.

**dawo** *noun.* mat.

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**dhahabu** *noun.* gold.  
**dhwamana** *noun.* leader/ elder.  
**dhwamana muhu** *noun.* high leader.  
**difu** *noun.* strainer/ sieve.  
**dipe** *noun.* bread.  
**dirisha** *noun.* window.  
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**djanibu** *noun.* the people.  
**djoho** *noun.* coat.

**djuba** *noun.* overcoat.  
**djuwa** *noun.* sun.  
**djuwai** *noun.* egg.  
**duka** *noun.* shop.  
**dwalimu** *noun.* rascal.  
**dzia** *noun.* milk.  
**daima** *noun.* always.  
**djioni** *noun.* evening.

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## F – f

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**falasika** *noun.* bottle.  
**fedha** *noun.* silver.  
**fera** *noun.* iron.  
**fikra** *noun.* idea.  
**forchet** *noun.* fork.  
**fuba** *noun.* stove.  
**fuko** *noun.* room.  
**fuko la ulala** *noun.* bedroom.

**fulari** *noun.* headband.  
**fumo** *noun.* arrow.  
**fumonne** *noun.* Tuesday.  
**fumontsi** *noun.* Saturday.  
**fumopvili** *noun.* Sunday.  
**fumoraru** *noun.* Monday.  
**fumotsano** *noun.* Wednesday.

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## G – g

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**garando** *noun.* tin roof.  
**gari** *noun.* car.  
**gauni** *noun.* saluva and matching top.  
**godoro** *noun.* mattress.  
**gora** *noun.* hat.

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**gori** *noun.* axe.  
**gounguno** *noun.* knee.  
**gundzi** *noun.* sheep.

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## H – h

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**hamsini** *adj.* fifty.  
**hanyo** *noun.* mouth.  
**hara** *noun.* type of cup used to take water.

**hari** *noun.* heat, sweat, heat rash.  
**hawara** *noun.* mistress.  
**hazi** *noun.* occupation/ work.

**hofu** *noun.* socks.

**howa** *noun.* weather.

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I - i

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**idjumwa** *noun.* Friday.

**ile** *noun.* him/her.

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J - j

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**jifu** *noun.* dirt, dust.

**jipo** *noun.* skirt.

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K - k

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**kabwa** *noun.* sandal.

**kokombr** *noun.* cucumber.

**kafe** *noun.* coffee.

**kombe** *noun.* cup, mug.

**kafiri** *noun.* gecko.

**kulabu** *noun.* pin made of flowers placed in hair.

**kalafuba** *noun.* crab.

**kumbi** *noun.* rag/cloth.

**kaliso** *noun.* shorts.

**kumi** *adj.* ten.

**kaliso** *noun.* shorts.

**kumi na mbili** *adj.* twelve.

**kanciri** *noun.* bra.

**kumi na modja** *adj.* eleven.

**kandzu** *noun.* long ankle-length tunic worn by muslim men.

**kumi na nane** *adj.* eighteen.

**kayasikiha** *adj.* abstract.

**kumi na ndraru** *adj.* thirteen.

**kazigauha** *adj.* natural.

**kumi na nne** *adj.* fourteen.

**kishawli** *noun.* headscarf.

**kumi na ntsano** *adj.* fifteen.

**kishawli** *noun.* scarf.

**kumi na sabaa** *adj.* seventeen.

**kiyo** *noun.* ear.

**kumi na sabaa** *adj.* seventeen.

**kofiya** *noun.* hat worn by muslim men.

**kumi na shenda** *adj.* nineteen.

**koko** *noun.* grandmother.

**kumi na sita** *adj.* sixteen.

**koko** *noun.* grandmother.

**kuveti** *noun.* washing basin, large bowl.

**kokoi** *noun.* rooster.

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L - l

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**lakire** *noun.* chalk.  
**landa** *noun.* tenrec, hedgehog.  
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**lapel** *noun.* spade.  
**lapwela** *noun.* frying pan.  
**lera** *noun.* hour.

**likoli** *noun.* school.  
**lima** *noun.* hill, mountain.  
**luneti** *noun.* glasses.  
**laswiri** *noun.* afternoon.  
**lewo** *noun.* today.

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## M – m

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**ma** *noun.* mother.  
**mabawa** *noun.* chicken wings.  
**madji** *noun.* water.  
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**maesha** *noun.* life in the community.  
**mafikira** *noun.* ideas.  
**magaza** *noun.* pantry.  
**magoshi** *noun.* shoes.  
**makasi** *noun.* scissors.  
**makio** *noun.* ears.  
**makio ya nyungu** *noun.* handles of the pot.  
**mamuhu** *noun.* great-grandmother.  
**manga** *noun.* mango.  
**mantiti** *noun.* sister.  
**mapuzi** *noun.* body hair.  
**marto** *noun.* hammer.  
**masaha** *noun.* trash.  
**masindza** *noun.* banana.  
**masizi** *noun.* charcoal.  
**mataba** *noun.* green leaves of cassava plant that are grinded and mixed with coconut milk.  
**matimati** *noun.* tomato.  
**matra** *noun.* oil.  
**matso** *noun.* eye.  
**mavingu** *noun.* clouds.

**mba** *noun.* stomach.  
**mbaga** *noun.* palm-leaf panel.  
**mbaga** *noun.* thatch.  
**mbaha** *noun.* cat.  
**mbere** *noun.* ring.  
**mbili** *adj.* two.  
**mbuhu** *noun.* rat.  
**mbuzi** *noun.* goat.  
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**mbuzi ya nadzi** *noun.* stool with grater for grating coconut.  
**mbwa** *noun.* dog.  
**mbwedza** *noun.* octopus.  
**mcapo** *noun.* whisk.  
**mdjomba** *noun.* maternal uncle.  
**mdjuhu** *noun.* grandchild.  
**mdjuzi** *noun.* expert.  
**mdla** *noun.* teapot.  
**mdrumme** *noun.* man.  
**mdrumshe** *noun.* woman.  
**mduhazi** *noun.* old person.  
**meza** *noun.* table.  
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**mfaniso** *noun.* descriptions.  
**mfi** *noun.* fish.

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**mfumo** *noun.* week.  
**mhogo** *noun.* cassava.  
**mhono** *noun.* hand.  
**mhounga** *noun.* eel.  
**mindu** *noun.* leg.  
**miri** *noun.* tree.  
**miwani** *noun.* glasses.  
**miya** *adj.* one hundred.  
**mji** *noun.* village.  
**mkandra** *noun.* belt.  
**mkoba** *noun.* backpack.  
**mkongodjo** *noun.* cane.  
**mlango** *noun.* door.  
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**modja** *adj.* one.  
**montsi** *noun.* floor.  
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**moro** *noun.* fire.  
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**mosi** *noun.* smoke.  
**moto** *noun.* motorcycle.  
**mpundra** *noun.* donkey.  
**mrabani** *noun.* yard.  
**mroni** *noun.* river.  
**msanga** *noun.* sand.  
**msangani** *noun.* beach.  
**mshari** *noun.* saw.  
**mshe** *noun.* wife.  
**mshe mnyawe** *noun.* second wife.  
**msingi** *noun.* foundation.  
**msomo** *verb.* teaching.  
**mtalamu** *noun.* expert.  
**mtrume** *noun.* prophet.

**mtsungi** *noun.* clay bowl.  
**mtsuzi** *noun.* tomato sauce.  
**mtulu** *noun.* mongoose.  
**mua** *noun.* sugar cane.  
**mudhina** *noun.* prostitute.  
**muharuma** *noun.* scarf.  
**muhu** *noun.* first born child.  
**mvoua** *noun.* rain.  
**mwana** *noun.* child/ son/ daughter.  
**mwana mtiti** *noun.* baby.  
**mwana mwa mdrubaba** *noun.* boy.  
**mwana wa mdrumshe** *noun.* girl.  
**mwanadamu** *noun.* human.  
**mwananya** *noun.* cousin.  
**mwandzani** *noun.* friend.  
**mwashizia** *noun.* last born child.  
**mwavule** *noun.* umbrella.  
**mwendje** *noun.* electricity.  
**mwendza masera** *noun.* crazy person.  
**mwenyewe** *noun.* owner.  
**mwezi** *noun.* moon, month.  
**mwidzi** *noun.* thief.  
**mwili** *noun.* body.  
**mzungu** *noun.* white person.  
**mapesa** *noun.* money.  
**mwendje** *noun.* electricity, light.  
**mfuthuli** *noun.* person who acts badly.  
**mnafiki** *noun.* liar.  
**mtsana** *noun.* mid-day/noon.  
**miheso** *noun.* tomorrow.  
**mwaha** *noun.* year.  
**mwezi** *noun.* month.  
**maskini** *noun.* poor person.

**mdjeni** *noun.* visitor/ guest/ foreigner.  
**mdjinga** *noun.* rascal.  
**mwendza akili** *noun.* clever person.  
**mfarantsa** *noun.* French person.  
**mfaume** *noun.* king/ president.

**mgereza** *noun.* English person.  
**mhindi** *noun.* Indian person.  
**mmizi** *noun.* beggar.  
**mrumwa** *noun.* slave.

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## N - n

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**nadzi** *noun.* coconut.  
**nambawani** *noun.* colorful cloth.  
**nanasi** *noun.* pineapple.  
**nane** *adj.* eight.  
**nani-ho** *noun.* so-and-so.  
**nchari** *noun.* salsa (often made from tomatoes or lemons).  
**ncora** *noun.* spear.  
**ndema** *noun.* fruit bat.  
**ndimu** *noun.* lemon.  
**ndraru** *adj.* three.  
**ndrongo** *noun.* thing.  
**ndrovi** *noun.* plaintain.  
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**ndza** *noun.* hunger.  
**ndzugu** *noun.* peanuts.  
**ngano** *noun.* flour.  
**ngano ya buru** *noun.* maize flour.  
**ngarasusu** *noun.* bat.  
**ngava** *noun.* genet.  
**ngizi ya nyoshi** *noun.* honey.  
**nguzi** *noun.* skink.  
**ngwe** *noun.* straw rope.  
**nikabu** *noun.* veil.  
**nkabwa** *noun.* sandals.  
**nkame** *noun.* jewellery.

**nkanya** *noun.* attic.  
**nkara** *noun.* braided palm pad used for carrying objects on head.  
**nkasa** *noun.* sea turtle.  
**nkasa** *noun.* turtle.  
**nkoba** *noun.* lemur.  
**nkoha** *noun.* snail.  
**nkorocho** *noun.* cashew nut.  
**nkude** *noun.* beans.  
**nkuhu** *noun.* chicken.  
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**nkuni** *noun.* firewood.  
**nkunku** *noun.* bracelet.  
**ne** *adj.* four.  
**ntazia** *noun.* wooden tray.  
**ntsano** *adj.* five.  
**ntsidawe** *noun.* pestle stone.  
**ntsohole** *noun.* uncooked rice.  
**ntsuzi** *noun.* peas.  
**nyama** *noun.* meat.  
**nyamba** *noun.* sea turtle.  
**nyamba** *noun.* turtle.  
**nyele** *noun.* hair (head).  
**nyoha** *noun.* snake.  
**nyombe** *noun.* cow.  
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**nyumba** *noun.* house.  
**nyumba ya dongo** *noun.* mud house.  
**nyungu** *noun.* pot.  
**nyunyi** *noun.* birds.  
**nyora** *noun.* stars, thirst.

**nyumba** *noun.* house.  
**numero** *adj.* number.  
**ngivavi** *noun.* paternal aunt.  
**nyadza** *noun.* mother-in-law.

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O – o

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**omo** *noun.* laundry detergent.

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P – p

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**paha** *noun.* cat.  
**paharo** *noun.* forest.  
**pani** *noun.* kitchen.  
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**papvao** *noun.* thatched roof.  
**pare** *noun.* street.  
**penye** *noun.* comb.  
**peo** *noun.* broom.  
**pesi** *noun.* wall.

**piesi** *noun.* hoe.  
**posho** *noun.* pocket.  
**putu** *noun.* chile peppers.  
**pvilipvili** *noun.* black pepper.  
**pwapwari** *noun.* papaya.  
**pwapwera** *noun.* melon.  
**pvodjana** *noun.* yesterday.  
**pvodjuzi** *noun.* day before yesterday.

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R – r

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**robe** *noun.* dress.

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S – s

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**sabaa** *adj.* seven.  
**sabini** *adj.* seventy.  
**sabuni** *noun.* soap.  
**sadru** *noun.* large stirring spoon/ ladle.  
**sahani** *noun.* plate.  
**saluva** *noun.* traditional dress tied at the chest.

**santsa** *noun.* prostitute.  
**sembea** *noun.* knife.  
**sembea** *noun.* knife.  
**shababi** *noun.* young man.  
**shahula** *noun.* food.  
**shahuya** *noun.* food.



**shana** *noun.* albino.  
**shema** *noun.* albino.  
**shenda** *adj.* nine.  
**sheni** *noun.* beaded necklace.  
**shidjavu** *noun.* coconut water.  
**shihosa** *noun.* metal scrubber used to clean dishes.  
**shikoi** *noun.* traditional wrap worn by men around the waist.  
**shikwetse** *noun.* mouse.  
**shimizi** *noun.* shirt.  
**shingo** *noun.* salt.  
**shinyama** *noun.* animal.  
**shinyama** *noun.* animal.  
**shiri** *noun.* chair.  
**shirini** *adj.* twenty.  
**shiromani** *noun.* large traditional piece of clothing worn by women.  
**shirungu baswara** *noun.* onion.  
**shirungu mvudje** *noun.* garlic.  
**shisima** *noun.* well.

**shisiwa** *noun.* island.  
**shitamba** *noun.* rag/ cloth.  
**shitranda** *noun.* bed.  
**shitswa** *noun.* head.  
**shiyo** *noun.* book.  
**shutru** *noun.* spoon.  
**sindza** *noun.* banana.  
**sinia** *noun.* large round platter.  
**sita** *adj.* six.  
**sitini** *adj.* sixty.  
**siyo** *noun.* bucket.  
**stilo** *noun.* pen.  
**sukari** *noun.* sugar.  
**sungura** *noun.* rabbit.  
**suruwali** *noun.* pants.  
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**shitranda** *noun.* bed.  
**suku** *noun.* day.  
**shikadondo** *noun.* great-great grandchild.  
**shilembwe** *noun.* great-grandchild.

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## T - t

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**tawu** *noun.* pillow.  
**thalathini** *adj.* thirty.  
**thamanini** *adj.* eighty.  
**trango** *noun.* pumpkin.  
**trango madji** *noun.* watermelon.  
**trangua** *noun.* large ant.  
**trembo** *noun.* palm wine.  
**triko** *noun.* shirt, t-shirt.  
**trunda** *noun.* orange.

**tsutsu** *noun.* small ant.  
**tuswini** *adj.* ninety.  
**troni** *noun.* bathroom.  
**tadjiri** *noun.* rich person.  
**toli** *noun.* tin roof.  
**troni** *noun.* toilet.  
**trundra** *noun.* chicken coup.

## U – u

<b>ubabuha</b>	<i>verb.</i> to chat.	<b>ufikiri</b>	<i>verb.</i> to think.
<b>ubalidza</b>	<i>verb.</i> to prohibit.	<b>ufira</b>	<i>verb.</i> to blow one's nose.
<b>ubu</b>	<i>noun.</i> porridge.	<b>uforoa</b>	<i>verb.</i> to drill, to pierce a hole.
<b>ububua</b>	<i>verb.</i> to hit.	<b>ufua</b>	<i>verb.</i> to wash clothes.
<b>udanganya, udangagna</b>	<i>verb.</i> to corrupt.	<b>ufuma mbaga</b>	<i>verb.</i> to weave.
<b>udea</b>	<i>verb.</i> to insult.	<b>ufuma shinyama</b>	<i>verb.</i> hunt.
<b>udjibu</b>	<i>verb.</i> to answer, respond.	<b>ufunga</b>	<i>verb.</i> tie.
<b>udjihupvia</b>	<i>verb.</i> to be discreet.	<b>ufungua</b>	<i>verb.</i> divorce; untie.
<b>udjipva</b>	<i>verb.</i> to please, like.	<b>ugangua</b>	<i>verb.</i> heal someone who was bewitched.
<b>udjiviwa</b>	<i>verb.</i> to be happy.	<b>ugarua</b>	<i>verb.</i> scrape, sdhr.
<b>udjivukisha</b>	<i>verb.</i>	<b>ugaudza</b>	<i>verb.</i> change, turn.
<b>udjivukisha</b>	<i>verb.</i> to be wary, be careful.	<b>ugauha</b>	<i>verb.</i> to turn around.
<b>udjua</b>	<i>verb.</i> to know.	<b>uhadisi</b>	<i>verb.</i> to discuss.
<b>uduala</b>	<i>verb.</i> to forget.	<b>uhadza madji</b>	<i>verb.</i> to scoop water, bilge.
<b>udumu</b>	<i>verb.</i> to last, endure.	<b>uhama</b>	<i>verb.</i> to squeeze.
<b>udunga</b>	<i>verb.</i> to follow.	<b>uhambia</b>	<i>verb.</i> to tell.
<b>udzama</b>	<i>verb.</i> to hide.	<b>uhamisi</b>	<i>verb.</i> to save.
<b>udzaya</b>	<i>verb.</i> to give birth to.	<b>uhana</b>	<i>verb.</i> to deny.
<b>udzea</b>	<i>verb.</i> to get used to.	<b>uhandisa</b>	<i>verb.</i> to start, begin.
<b>udzaha</b>	<i>verb.</i> bury.	<b>uharaya</b>	<i>verb.</i> to refuse.
<b>udzonya</b>	<i>verb.</i> stab.	<b>uhasibu</b>	<i>verb.</i> to count.
<b>ufa</b>	<i>verb.</i> to die.	<b>uhaza</b>	<i>verb.</i> to twist.
<b>ufahamisha</b>	<i>verb.</i> to warn.	<b>uhea</b>	<i>verb.</i> to ascend.
<b>ufana</b>	<i>verb.</i> to resemble.	<b>uhedza</b>	<i>verb.</i> to sing.
<b>ufanya</b>	<i>verb.</i> to do.	<b>uhentsi</b>	<i>verb.</i> to keep.
<b>ufanya betizi</b>	<i>verb.</i> to joke, tease.	<b>uhiba</b>	<i>verb.</i> to rob, steal.
<b>ufanya mzaha</b>	<i>verb.</i> play, joke, tease.	<b>uhima</b>	<i>verb.</i> to get up.
<b>ufanya tezefsheri</b>	<i>verb.</i> play, joke, tease.	<b>uhoa</b>	<i>verb.</i> to wash, bathe.
<b>ufanyia ugangi</b>	<i>verb.</i> bewitch.	<b>uhohoa</b>	<i>verb.</i> to sweep.
<b>ufetsa</b>	<i>verb.</i> to tickle.	<b>uhoma</b>	<i>verb.</i> to delay.

**uhosa** *verb.* to wash (dishes, hands).  
**uhua** *verb.* to grate, peel.  
**uhudza** *verb.* to sell.  
**uhukumu** *verb.* to judge.  
**uhumisa** *verb.* to spread out for drying.  
**ukadzia ntupa** *verb.* to trap.  
**ukana** *verb.* to have.  
**ukentsi** *verb.* to sit.  
**ukia** *verb.* to hear.  
**ukihira** *verb.* to peep.  
**ukitsa** *verb.* to braid hair.  
**ukodza** *verb.* to hurt.  
**ukohoa** *verb.* to cough.  
**ukohoa** *verb.* to cough.  
**ukosewa** *verb.* to lack.  
**ukubali** *verb.* to accept.  
**ukuha** *verb.* to sleep.  
**ukura** *verb.* to be full, satiated.  
**ukutrua** *verb.* to break; cut.  
**ula** *verb.* to eat.  
**ulala** *verb.* to lie down.  
**ulaluha hari** *verb.* to sweat.  
**ulanga** *noun.* nature.  
**ulaulia** *verb.* to visit.  
**ulaulia** *verb.* to taste.  
**ulawa mafiro** *verb.* to snore.  
**ulawa marasi** *verb.* to make noise.  
**ulawa mbumu** *verb.* to breathe.  
**ulemedza** *verb.* to tire.  
**ulewa** *verb.* to get drunk.  
**ulia** *verb.* to cry.  
**ulima** *verb.* to farm, plough.  
**ulinda** *verb.* to wait.

**ulipva** *verb.* to pay.  
**ulisha** *verb.* to leave.  
**uloa** *verb.* to fish with line.  
**uloa mfi** *verb.* fishing.  
**ulumu** *verb.* to begrudge.  
**umaezi** *verb.* to realize.  
**umalidza** *verb.* to finish.  
**umarusa** *verb.* to threaten.  
**umba** *verb.* create (by divine power).  
**umea** *verb.* to request.  
**umedza** *verb.* to swallow.  
**ungia** *verb.* to enter.  
**unuka nai** *verb.* to smell bad.  
**unuka ndro** *verb.* to smell good.  
**ununua** *verb.* to buy.  
**unwa** *verb.* to drink.  
**unya** *verb.* to defecate.  
**unyale** *verb.* to urinate.  
**unyama** *verb.* to bow down, kneel.  
**unyongoa** *verb.* to straighten.  
**uola** *verb.* to spoil.  
**upanga** *verb.* to organize, arrange.  
**upara** *verb.* to find; receive, get.  
**uparana** *verb.* to meet.  
**upashia** *verb.* to board.  
**upasua** *verb.* to split, break in half.  
**upatsa** *verb.* to turn on, light with a match or light a stove.  
**upinda** *verb.* to dress.  
**upisi** *verb.* to cook.  
**upulikia** *verb.* to listen.  
**upva** *verb.* to give, hand something to someone.  
**upvahidza** *verb.* to load.  
**upvahua** *verb.* to portion out food; unload.

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**upvambia** *verb.* to cover.  
**upvangusa** *verb.* to wipe.  
**upveleha** *verb.* to send, accompany.  
**upvendza** *verb.* to like, love.  
**upvenuha** *verb.* to appear.  
**upvera** *verb.* to fold.  
**upveuha** *verb.* to fly.  
**upvima** *verb.* to measure.  
**upvinga** *verb.* to bring, to drive (car).  
**upvira** *verb.* to pass; cross.  
**upvongona** *verb.* to whisper.  
**upvoshea marahaba** *verb.* to thank.  
**urambadza** *verb.* to walk on side.  
**urandua** *verb.* to tear.  
**urapviha** *verb.* to vomit.  
**uregea** *verb.* to return.  
**ureha madji** *verb.* to draw water.  
**urema manyo** *verb.* to bite.  
**urenga** *verb.* to take.  
**urengeledza** *verb.* to fix.  
**uria** *verb.* to fear.  
**urohotsa** *verb.* to boil.  
**urongoa** *verb.* to say.  
**urongoa ndrabo** *verb.* to tell a lie.  
**urua** *verb.* to be silent.  
**uruka** *verb.* to jump.  
**urumidza** *verb.* to engage for marriage.  
**urungama** *verb.* to despise.  
**usalimia** *verb.* to greet.  
**usantsua** *verb.* to cleave, split.  
**ushangaya** *verb.* to surprise, startle.  
**ushinda** *verb.* to be able to.  
**ushindana** *verb.* to argue.

**ushindana** *verb.* to debate.  
**ushuka** *verb.* to descend, disembark.  
**ushukidza** *verb.* to lower.  
**ushukuria** *verb.* to thank.  
**usika** *verb.* to seize, hold, grab.  
**usindridria** *verb.* to persist.  
**usinga** *verb.* to scrub, brush.  
**usinya, usingna** *verb.* to press, click.  
**usoma** *verb.* to read, learn.  
**usomesa** *verb.* to teach.  
**usone** *verb.* to ring.  
**ustehi** *verb.* to respect.  
**usubiri** *verb.* to endure.  
**usudza** *verb.* to sharpen.  
**usukuma** *verb.* to push.  
**uswali** *verb.* to pray.  
**uswamihi** *verb.* to forgive.  
**utabu** *verb.* to plant, sow.  
**utama** *verb.* to trust.  
**utamania** *verb.* to give a gift.  
**utembea** *verb.* to stroll, take a walk.  
**utoa** *verb.* to empty.  
**utrawa** *verb.* to escape.  
**utrika** *verb.* to carry on head.  
**utriya** *verb.* to put, pour.  
**utrunga** *verb.* to invent.  
**utrusa** *verb.* to chase away.  
**utsaha** *verb.* to want.  
**utsahua** *verb.* to choose.  
**utsambadza** *verb.* to scatter.  
**utsambalia** *verb.* to scatter.  
**utsamia** *verb.* to move house.  
**utsana shahula** *verb.* to chew.

**utsanganisa** *verb.* to gather, mix together.  
**utseha** *verb.* to laugh.  
**utsemua** *verb.* to sneeze.  
**utsimba** *verb.* to dig.  
**utsindza** *verb.* to slaughter (an animal), cut a tree.  
**utsomoleya** *verb.* to pour.  
**utsua** *verb.* to undress.  
**utsuha** *verb.* to shake.  
**uvuba** *verb.* to fish with net.  
**uvudzia** *verb.* to blow.  
**uvumua** *verb.* to rest.  
**uvundziha** *verb.* broken, to break a bone.  
**uvura** *verb.* to pull.  
**uvuritsa** *verb.* to throw away.  
**uwa** *verb.* kill.  
**uwade** *noun.* illness.  
**uwaha** *verb.* to build.  
**uwala** *verb.* to shine.  
**uwamini** *verb.* to believe.  
**uwana** *verb.* to fight.  
**uwandziha** *verb.* to write.  
**uwanisa** *verb.* to distribute, divide.  
**uwaswili** *verb.* to arrive.  
**uwauso** *verb.* to wash face.  
**uwawa** *verb.* to itch, scratch.  
**uya** *verb.* to eat.

**uyeleya** *verb.* to swim.  
**uyenga** *verb.* to hate.  
**uyenshi** *verb.* to live, dwell.  
**uyeshelea** *verb.* to remember.  
**uyesheledza** *verb.* to remind.  
**uyezi** *verb.* to greet.  
**uzidi** *verb.* to surpass.  
**uzima** *verb.* to borrow money.  
**uzina** *verb.* to dance.  
**uzingia** *verb.* to fan.  
**uzingisa** *verb.* to wrap.  
**uziya rabuzi** *verb.* to take a break, stop.  
**uzunguha** *verb.* to search for.  
**ubadili** *verb.* change (money).  
**ubaki** *verb.* stay.  
**ubalilia** *verb.* entangle.  
**ubihanya** *verb.* stir liquids.  
**ububua** *verb.* beat.  
**ubudzudza** *verb.* turn, overturn.  
**ubulia** *verb.* untie.  
**ubuwa** *verb.* open.  
**ucapa** *verb.* plaster.  
**udja** *verb.* come.  
**udjikua** *verb.* scratch oneself.  
**uduburia** *verb.* hurry.  
**urema** *verb.* to hit.

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## V – v

**valahi** *noun.* brother-in-law.

**vu** *noun.* ash.

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## W – w

**wadjemaza** *noun.* family.  
**wakati** *verb/noun.* time.  
**wale** *pronoun.* them.  
**wana** *noun.* child.  
**wandru** *noun.* people.  
**wawo** *pronoun.* they.  
**wenda** *verb.* to go.  
**wora** *verb.* to dream.  
**wonana** *verb.* to meet.  
**wonesa** *verb.* to point to, show.

**wenda ha mindu** *verb.* to walk on foot.  
**wenda mbio** *verb.* to run, jog.  
**wona** *verb.* to see.  
**wami** *pronoun.* I.  
**wanyu** *pronoun.* you (plural).  
**wasi** *pronoun.* us/we.  
**wawe** *pronoun.* you.  
**waye** *pronoun.* he/she.  
**wuku** *noun.* night.  
**wana mbilini** *noun.* twins.

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## Y – y

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**yahowa** *noun.* Thursday.

**yatima** *noun.* orphan.

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## Z – z

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**zenguwo** *noun.* clothes.  
**zia** *noun.* path.  
**zenguwo** *noun.* clothes.  
**zibibi** *noun.* insects.  
**zindru zatabilwa** *noun.* plants.  
**zinyama** *noun.* animals.  
**zinyama nyeha** *noun.* wild animals.  
**zinyama zitsungwawo** *noun.* domestic animals.  
**zitrendwa** *noun.* verbs.  
**ziungo** *noun.* parts of the body.  
**ziya** *noun.* milk.  
**ziya za nadzi** *noun.* coconut milk.  
**ziyo** *noun.* rice.  
**ziyo za nadzi** *noun.* coconut rice.  
**zinumero** *adj.* numbers.  
**zombo** *noun.* utensils.

**zio** *noun.* cooked rice.  
**zio za nadzi** *noun.* coconut rice

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*noun.* **mbuzi**  
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green leaves of cassava plant that are grinded  
and mixed with coconut milk  
*noun.* **mataba**  
gun *noun.* **bunduki**

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## H – h

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hair (head) *noun.* **nyele**  
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*noun.* **nyumba**  
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## I – i

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I *pronoun.* **wami**  
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kill *verb.* **uwa**  
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*noun.* **pani**

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*noun.* **sembea**

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## L – l

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large ant *noun.* **trangua**  
large bucket used for storing water  
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## M – m

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maize flour *noun.* **ngano ya buru**  
man *noun.* **bwana**  
*noun.* **mdrumme**  
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*noun.* **dzia**  
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my husband *noun.* **baiwangu**  
my/mine *possessive pronoun.* ( )**angu**

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## N – n

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natural *adj.* **kazigauha**  
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nine *adj.* **shenda**  
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ninety *adj.* **tuswini**  
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numbers *adj.* **zinumero**

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## O – o

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occupation/ work *noun.* **hazi**  
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*noun.* **suruwali**  
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*noun.* **ndrovi**  
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rag/cloth *noun.* **kumbi**  
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saluva and matching top *noun.* **gauni**  
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*noun.* **muharuma**  
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*adj.* **kumi na sabaa**  
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*noun.* **jipo**  
 sky *noun.* **bingu**  
 slave *noun.* **mrumwa**  
 small ant *noun.* **tsutsu**  
 smoke *noun.* **mosi**  
 snail *noun.* **nkoha**  
 snake *noun.* **nyoha**  
 so-and-so *noun.* **nani-ho**  
 soap *noun.* **sabuni**  
 socks *noun.* **hofu**  
 spade *noun.* **lapel**  
 spear *noun.* **ncora**  
 spoon *noun.* **shutru**  
 stab *verb.* **udzonya**

stars, thirst *noun.* **nyora**  
 stay *verb.* **ubaki**  
 stir liquids *verb.* **ubihanya**  
 stomach *noun.* **mba**  
 stool with grater for grating coconut  
*noun.* **mbuzi ya nadzi**  
 stove *noun.* **fuba**  
 strainer/ sieve *noun.* **difu**  
 straw rope *noun.* **ngwe**  
 street *noun.* **pare**  
 stupid/ dumb *adj.* **daba**  
 sugar *noun.* **sukari**  
 sugar cane *noun.* **mua**  
 sun *noun.* **djuwa**  
 Sunday *noun.* **fumopvili**  
 sweet potato *noun.* **batata sukari**

## T - t

table *noun.* **meza**  
*noun.* **meza**  
 tea *noun.* **chai**  
 teaching *verb.* **msomo**  
 teapot *noun.* **mdla**  
 ten *adj.* **kumi**  
 tenrec, hedgehog *noun.* **landa**  
 tenrec/ hedgehog *noun.* **landa**  
 thatch *noun.* **mbaga**  
 thatched roof *noun.* **papvao**  
 the people *noun.* **djanibu**  
 their/theirs *possessive pronoun.* ( ) **awo**  
 them *pronoun.* **wale**  
 they *pronoun.* **wawo**  
 thief *noun.* **mwidzi**  
 thing *noun.* **ndrongo**  
 thirteen *adj.* **kumi na ndraru**

thirty *adj.* **thalathini**  
 three *adj.* **ndraru**  
 Thursday *noun.* **yahowa**  
 tie *verb.* **ufunga**  
 time *verb/noun.* **wakati**  
 tin roof *noun.* **toli**  
*noun.* **garando**  
 to accept *verb.* **ukubali**  
 to answer, respond *verb.* **udjibu**  
 to appear *verb.* **upvenuha**  
 to argue *verb.* **ushindana**  
 to arrive *verb.* **uwaswili**  
 to ascend *verb.* **uheha**  
 to be able to *verb.* **ushinda**  
 to be discreet *verb.* **udjihupvia**  
 to be full, satiated *verb.* **ukura**  
 to be happy *verb.* **udjiviwa**

to be silent *verb.* **urua**  
to be wary, be careful *verb.* **udjivukisha**  
to begrudge *verb.* **ulumu**  
to believe *verb.* **uwamini**  
to bite *verb.* **urema manyo**  
to blow *verb.* **uvudzia**  
to blow one's nose *verb.* **ufira**  
to board *verb.* **upashia**  
to boil *verb.* **urohotsa**  
to borrow money *verb.* **uzima**  
to bow down, kneel *verb.* **unyama**  
to braid hair *verb.* **ukitsa**  
to break *verb.* **ukutrua**  
to breathe *verb.* **ulawa mbumu**  
to bring, to drive (car) *verb.* **upvinga**  
to build *verb.* **uwaha**  
to buy *verb.* **ununua**  
to carry on head *verb.* **utrika**  
to chase away *verb.* **utrusa**  
to chat *verb.* **ubabuha**  
to chew *verb.* **utsana shahula**  
to choose *verb.* **utsahua**  
to cleave, split *verb.* **usantsua**  
to cook *verb.* **upisi**  
to corrupt *verb.* **udanganya, udangagna**  
to cou *verb.* **ukohoa**  
to cough *verb.* **ukohoa**  
to count *verb.* **uhasibu**  
to cover *verb.* **upvambia**  
to cry *verb.* **ulia**  
to dance *verb.* **uzina**  
to debate *verb.* **ushindana**  
to defecate *verb.* **unya**  
to delay *verb.* **uhoma**  
to deny *verb.* **uhana**  
to descend, disembark *verb.* **ushuka**

to despise *verb.* **urungama**  
to die *verb.* **ufa**  
to dig *verb.* **utsimba**  
to discuss *verb.* **uhadisi**  
to distribute, divide *verb.* **uwanisa**  
to do *verb.* **ufanya**  
to draw water *verb.* **ureha madji**  
to dream *verb.* **wora**  
to dress *verb.* **upinda**  
to drill, to pierce a hole *verb.* **uforoa**  
to drink *verb.* **unwa**  
to eat *verb.* **ula**  
*verb.* **uya**  
to empty *verb.* **utoa**  
to endure *verb.* **usubiri**  
to engage for marriage *verb.* **urumidza**  
to enter *verb.* **ungia**  
to escape *verb.* **utrawa**  
to fan *verb.* **uzingia**  
to farm, plough *verb.* **ulima**  
to fear *verb.* **uria**  
to fight *verb.* **uwana**  
to find *verb.* **upara**  
to finish *verb.* **umalidza**  
to fish with line *verb.* **uloa**  
to fish with net *verb.* **uvuba**  
to fix *verb.* **urengeledza**  
to fly *verb.* **upveuha**  
to fold *verb.* **upvera**  
to follow *verb.* **udunga**  
to forget *verb.* **uduala**  
to forgive *verb.* **uswamih**  
to gather, mix together *verb.* **utsanganisa**  
to get drunk *verb.* **ulewa**  
to get up *verb.* **uhima**  
to get used to *verb.* **udzea**



to give a gift *verb.* **utamania**  
to give birth to *verb.* **udzaya**  
to give, hand something to someone  
*verb.* **upva**  
to go *verb.* **wenda**  
to grate, peel *verb.* **uhua**  
to greet *verb.* **usalimia**  
*verb.* **uyezi**  
to hate *verb.* **uyenga**  
to have *verb.* **ukana**  
to hear *verb.* **ukia**  
to hide *verb.* **udzama**  
to hit *verb.* **ububua**  
*verb.* **urema**  
to hurt *verb.* **ukodza**  
to insult *verb.* **udea**  
to invent *verb.* **utrunga**  
to itch, scratch *verb.* **uwawa**  
to joke, tease *verb.* **ufanya betizi**  
to judge *verb.* **uhukumu**  
to jump *verb.* **uruka**  
to keep *verb.* **uhentsi**  
to know *verb.* **udjua**  
to lack *verb.* **ukosewa**  
to last, endure *verb.* **udumu**  
to laugh *verb.* **utseha**  
to leave *verb.* **ulisha**  
to lie down *verb.* **ulala**  
to like, love *verb.* **upvendza**  
to listen *verb.* **upulikia**  
to live, dwell *verb.* **uyenshi**  
to load *verb.* **upvahidza**  
to lower *verb.* **ushukidza**  
to make noise *verb.* **ulawa marasi**  
to measure *verb.* **upvima**

to meet *verb.* **uparana**  
*verb.* **wonana**  
to move house *verb.* **utsamia**  
to organize, arrange *verb.* **upanga**  
to pass *verb.* **upvira**  
to pay *verb.* **ulipva**  
to peep *verb.* **ukihira**  
to persist *verb.* **usindridria**  
to plant, sow *verb.* **utabu**  
to please, like *verb.* **udjipva**  
to point to, show *verb.* **wonesa**  
to portion out food *verb.* **upvahua**  
to pour *verb.* **utsomoleya**  
to pray *verb.* **uswali**  
to press, click *verb.* **usinya, usingna**  
to prohibit *verb.* **ubalidza**  
to pull *verb.* **uvura**  
to push *verb.* **usukuma**  
to put, pour *verb.* **utriya**  
to read, learn *verb.* **usoma**  
to realize *verb.* **umaezi**  
to refuse *verb.* **uharaya**  
to remember *verb.* **uyeshelea**  
to remind *verb.* **uyesheledza**  
to request *verb.* **umea**  
to resemble *verb.* **ufana**  
to respect *verb.* **ustehi**  
to rest *verb.* **uvumua**  
to return *verb.* **uregea**  
to ring *verb.* **usone**  
to rob, steal *verb.* **uhiba**  
to run, jog *verb.* **wenda mbio**  
to save *verb.* **uhamisi**  
to say *verb.* **urongoa**  
to scatter *verb.* **utsambadza**  
*verb.* **utsambalia**

to scoop water, bilge *verb.* **uhadza madji**  
to scrub, brush *verb.* **usinga**  
to search for *verb.* **uzunguha**  
to see *verb.* **wona**  
to seize, hold, grab *verb.* **usika**  
to sell *verb.* **uhudza**  
to send, accompany *verb.* **upveleha**  
to shake *verb.* **utsuha**  
to sharpen *verb.* **usudza**  
to shine *verb.* **uwala**  
to sing *verb.* **uhedza**  
to sit *verb.* **ukentsi**  
to slaughter (an animal), cut a tree  
*verb.* **utsindza**  
to sleep *verb.* **ukuha**  
to smell bad *verb.* **unuka nai**  
to smell good *verb.* **unuka ndro**  
to sneeze *verb.* **utsemua**  
to snore *verb.* **ulawa mafiro**  
to split, break in half *verb.* **upasua**  
to spoil *verb.* **uola**  
to spread out for drying *verb.* **uhumisa**  
to squeeze *verb.* **uhama**  
to start, begin *verb.* **uhandisa**  
to straighten *verb.* **unyongoa**  
to stroll, take a walk *verb.* **utembea**  
to surpass *verb.* **uzidi**  
to surprise, startle *verb.* **ushangaya**  
to swallow *verb.* **umedza**  
to sweat *verb.* **ulaluha hari**  
to sweep *verb.* **uhohoa**  
to swim *verb.* **uyeleya**  
to take *verb.* **urenga**  
to take a break, stop *verb.* **uziya rabuzi**  
to taste *verb.* **ulaulia**  
to teach *verb.* **usomesa**

to tear *verb.* **urandua**  
to tell *verb.* **uhambia**  
to tell a lie *verb.* **urongoa ndrabo**  
to thank *verb.* **upvoshea marahaba**  
*verb.* **ushukuria**  
to think *verb.* **ufikiri**  
to threaten *verb.* **umarusa**  
to throw away *verb.* **uvuritsa**  
to tickle *verb.* **ufetsa**  
to tire *verb.* **ulemedza**  
to trap *verb.* **ukadzia ntupa**  
to trust *verb.* **utama**  
to turn around *verb.* **ugauha**  
to turn on, light with a match or light a stove  
*verb.* **upatsa**  
to twist *verb.* **uhaza**  
to undress *verb.* **utsua**  
to urinate *verb.* **unyale**  
to visit *verb.* **ulaulia**  
to vomit *verb.* **urapviha**  
to wait *verb.* **ulinda**  
to walk on foot *verb.* **wenda ha mindu**  
to walk on side *verb.* **urambadza**  
to want *verb.* **utsaha**  
to warn *verb.* **ufahamisha**  
to wash (dishes, hands) *verb.* **uhosa**  
to wash clothes *verb.* **ufua**  
to wash face *verb.* **uwauso**  
to wash, bathe *verb.* **uhoa**  
to weave *verb.* **ufuma mbaga**  
to whisper *verb.* **upvongona**  
to wipe *verb.* **upvangusa**  
to wrap *verb.* **uzingisa**  
to write *verb.* **uwandziha**  
today *noun.* **lewo**  
toilet *noun.* **troni**

tomato *noun.* **matimati**  
tomato sauce *noun.* **mtsuzi**  
tomorrow *noun.* **miheso**  
traditional dress tied at the chest *noun.* **saluva**  
traditional wrap worn ny men around the waist  
*noun.* **shikoi**  
trash *noun.* **masaha**  
tree *noun.* **miri**  
Tuesday *noun.* **fumonne**  
turn, overturn *verb.* **ubudzudza**

turtle *noun.* **nyamba**  
*noun.* **nkasa**  
twelve *adj.* **kumi na mbili**  
twenty *adj.* **shirini**  
twins *noun.* **wana mbilini**  
two *adj.* **mbili**  
type of cup used to take water *noun.* **hara**  
type of local garment worn by women  
*noun.* **bubu**

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## U – u

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umbrella *noun.* **mwavule**  
uncooked rice *noun.* **ntsohole**  
unload *verb.* **upvahua**

untie *verb.* **ubulia**  
*verb.* **ufungua**  
us/we *pronoun.* **wasi**  
utensils *noun.* **zombo**

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## V – v

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veil *noun.* **nikabu**  
verbs *noun.* **zitrendwa**  
village *noun.* **mji**

visitor/ guest/ foreigner *noun.* **mdjeni**

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## W – w

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wall *noun.* **pesi**  
washing basin, large bowl *noun.* **kuveti**  
water *noun.* **madji**  
*noun.* **madji**  
watermelon *noun.* **trango madji**  
weather *noun.* **howa**  
Wednesday *noun.* **fumotsano**  
week *noun.* **mfumo**  
well *noun.* **shisima**  
whisk *noun.* **mcapo**

white person *noun.* **mzungu**  
wife *noun.* **mshe**  
wild animals *noun.* **zinyama nyeha**  
window *noun.* **dirisha**  
*noun.* **dirisha**  
woman *noun.* **bweni**  
*noun.* **mdrumshe**  
wooden tray *noun.* **ntazia**

## Y - y

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yard *noun.* **mrabani**

year *noun.* **mwaha**

yesterday *noun.* **pvodjana**

you *pronoun.* **wawe**

you (plural) *pronoun.* **wanyu**

young man *noun.* **shababi**

your/yours (plural) *possessive pronoun.* ( )**anyu**

yours *possessive pronoun.* ( )**aho**

