ayiem adv on purpose, intentionally Ok onege mar ayiem. He did not kill it intentionally.

ayienga adv 1. leaning, not perpendicular2. shaken off (as fruit in the wind)

ayiergweng' n shade tree (Boscia
angustifolia) {unknown}

ayieth n 1. noose

2. loop used to tie a grazing cow to a stake See ang'ut

 ${}^{1}$ ayo n gossip, words heard on a path  ${}^{2}$ ayo vi leave

Ayoo proper n Name given to a child born on the road

<sup>1</sup>ayudha n 1. bush having wait-a-bit thorns (leaves cooked and eaten with other greens)

2. watery vegetable

<sup>2</sup>ayudha *adv* hurried

ayulwang' n drowsiness, sleep

ayuya adj easily removable Tol otwe ayuya Rope tied such that it is easily removable

n part of the thigh

<sup>2</sup>aywer n 1. partridge

2. man who goes too fast for his companions (disappearing ahead of them)

## R

ba [short form of bayo] throw
 baa adv pitter-patter, sounding like rain
 baa {Nyando}, haa {SN} adv completely, absolutely Atonga opong' baa. The basket is absolutely full.

bad [poss of bat] offshoot of, branch of (branch of a tree, a side road)

badho vt 1. evade, speak with restraint 2. make a pretense of agreeing

<sup>2</sup>badho vt chip roughly, form with an adze <sup>3</sup>badho adj, vn concerned, be concerned

bagabaga adv everywhere Ineno bagabaga, ok ing'iya. You look everywhere except at me. See balakwasi

<sup>2</sup>bagabaga *n* sea eagle, screaming eagle

bagini, bagni vn vascillate, to hesitate and waver (e.g., a blind man not sure which way to go)

bago vi 1. stand, soak, steep overnight (e.g., grain for making beer or porridge)

2. smear oneself (with ashes, paint, etc.)

3. tie loosely (preliminary ropes for fixing bands on a roof)

4. weed by hand

5. prepare abundantly (food for a wedding feast)

bako vi fence with thoms (for the cattle, a garden, meat, a road's access) See umo

bakore vr be homeless, be a drifter See umore

bakul Swa n basin, bowl

bala n salt lick (for cattle or in cooking some green vegetables)

<sup>2</sup>bala n partial baldness {Nyando, CN, Ugenya}

rabala person with a bald spot

balaiga, balahiga, mbalaiga n cooking-stone [pl: balaigini]

balakwasi, rabalakwasi, mbalakwasi

n fish eagle, sea eagle (black bird with
white head and neck) See <sup>2</sup>bagabaga

balatago, <sup>1</sup>tago, balathago {CN, Ugenya} mbalatago n potsherd, broken pottery

balo n faction

<sup>2</sup>balo vi 1. estranged from, separated from Opiyo to obalo gi joodgi. Opiyo has become estranged from his family.

2. equal in combat (physically or verbally)

bam n hip, front part of thigh (anat.)

<sup>2</sup>bam adj 1. crooked, off-center, twisted Wang'e obam. He is cross-eyed.

2. poorly aligned

3. abnormal **Nyathine abam.** His child is abnormal (drops out of school, steals, doesn't marry, etc.) [can be conjugated] abama twisted, perverted

bambo vt 1. gut and spilt (meat for drying)
2. slice Mama bambo ring'o. Mama is slicing meat for drying.

bambore vr be spread out (sit with legs spread)

bamo vi twist, make crooked, pervert See bam, abama

banda n large white ostrich feathers

bandho vt dun, exact a debt

bando, banda n maize, Indian corn (Zea mays) See aduma

DICTIONARY <sup>2</sup>bedo abeda

bang' adv behind, after

banga n gap, open space (between trees or a break in the fence) See roth

bang'e adv 1. afterwards (time)

2. next (place)

wuoth bang'e follow after

bang'o vt eat (corn mush or bread without other food or drink)

bang'o mkate eat bread without something to drink

bano vt fold, double over [vi: beno]
abana folded

**banyong'** vn be unacceptable socially, be outcast

<sup>1</sup>bar n inland (not on the coast), mainland <sup>2</sup>bar vn sparsely [modifier: mabarbar] baranget Swa n blanket [pl: barangede] baras, faras Swa n faras horse

bare vi miss

<sup>1</sup>baro vt 1. split, chop lengthwise 2. crack

wiya bara I have a splitting headache
baro vt 1. get very tired, fatigue
Awuoth aol abarora. I've been walking and I got very tired.

2. ache

<sup>3</sup>baro vi 1. turn off, go astray Wan wabaro ka. We turn off here.

2. exit, get out of the way

3. pick at, nag at, bother Jaduong' obaro koda nang'o? Why does the elderly gentleman constantly nag at me?

4baro vt scare Bar kode. Scare him.
 barore vr 1. crack, burst, break open violently

be tired, go to the point of exhaustion Oringo mobarore. He ran to the point of exhaustion.

barruok 1. vn rending, splitting

2. n split, rent

3. n weariness, exhaustion

bas n bus

basa, bahasa Swa n bahasha envelope, packet

<sup>1</sup>baso vt 1. patch (a garment, a hole in a wall)

2. fill in the gaps (a fence)

<sup>2</sup>baso vr tie something over Baso kite mitweyo e pier gogo. Tie the anchoring stones of a fishing net.

**bat** n 1. arm

branch, offshoot, side issue Omako bad wach. He grasps at side issues. [poss: bad; pl: bede]
 ogich bat forearm

bath n edge, border, side, margin (river)
[pl: bethe, bathe]

bath ot side wall (of house)

**bathe** adv 1. alongside, by the side of 2. aside

owadha mabathe distant blood relation batiso, tiso 1. v baptize

2. n baptism

baw, <sup>1</sup>bawo Swa n bao 1. plank, board, wood

2. gum tree (Eucalyptus spp.) [pl: bape]

<sup>2</sup>bawo vt 1. spread thickly

2. patch, mend

bayo vt 1. throw at (intending to hit) Ne gibayo guok gi kite. They threw stones at the dog.

miss, lose the point, not understand Ne wabayo yo. We lost our way (literally: missed the road). Wach nobayowa. We missed the point. (literally: the words missed us).

<sup>2</sup>bayo vi walk, stroll, saunter, wander, roam [poss: bach]

<sup>3</sup>bayo abaya just being away (without accomplishing something)

be [short form of bende] too, also

bebini vn 1. crackle, splutter (fire)

2. splutter, jabber (talk) Obebimi gi wach. He is spluttering.

3. be verbose

bebo vt build a bonfire Syn. biwo mach bedgo vt possess

<sup>1</sup>bedo *vi* 1. sit

2. stay

3. live, abide

4. be, become

jabedo temporary resident <sup>2</sup>bedo abeda just sitting there

beko vt prepare food in abundancebel n sorghum (Sorghum bicolor)

bembo vt l. tire out, harass, irritate, exasperate Ng'atni obemba gi wach. This man wearies me with his much talking.

2. outclass, be too much for (in strength, persuasiveness, size)

bembore vr 1. be exhausted, be tired
 be near death Jatuo abembore. That sick man is near death.

<sup>2</sup>bembore vr be spread out, be extensive bembruok n fatigue, weariness

<sup>1</sup>bende adj furrowed, wrinkled (through age, illness or naturally)

<sup>2</sup>bende, be adv also, too

bendera, bandera Swa n flag, bright red cloth

bengo vt 1. slacken, relax

2. do effortlessly (e.g., dancing)

bengore vr 1. be languid, be sickly, be languishing (one who is dying or doing women's work)

2. be unresisting, be unresponding (e.g., to a quarrel)

beno [vi of bano] be folding

<sup>1</sup>ber n 1. goodness, beauty

2. advantage

3. quality

2ber vn good, fine, pleasing, nice, right
 [pl: beyo; modifier: maber]

<sup>1</sup>beti n small purse

<sup>2</sup>beti n machete, heavy knife, cutlass, panga See rabeti



beto vt, vi slash, hack undergrowth [reflexive: betore]

beyo [pl of <sup>2</sup>ber] good, fine, pleasing
 bidhi n iron spear shaft, fishing spear [pl: bithe]

bidho vt choose satisfactorily, vindicate, do justice, explain [reflexive: bidhore] bidho alot select greens from stalks for cooking bidho wach speak well, speak truthfully, explain honestly, speak clearly

<sup>2</sup>bidho vt adorn, spruce up

**bidhore** [vr of bidho] justify oneself, spruce up

mabidhore honest

**bidhruok** n impartiality, honesty, integrity, justification, justice, uprightness, virtue, conscientiousness

bido vt wet, moisten, dip in water See budo

biedo vi skip, frolic, run with tail held high bielo vt display (twitch of bird's feathers, one's garments, strength) [vr: bielore flutter on its own] {Nyando}

biend wang' n eyebrows

bierebiere adj flabby, watery (as poor quality meat)

timo bierebiere become watery, be of poor quality

biero n 1. afterbirth and fetal membranes
2. placenta Dhiang' osenyuol to biero pod ok owuok. The cow has given birth, but the placenta is not out yet.

3. umbilical chord

<sup>2</sup>biero n expellant removed through skin in a witching ceremony

<sup>3</sup>biero vt ask for something another has a good supply of (firewood, fish)

biewo vt 1. domineer, bully, be strong-willed2. {Nyando} pamper to the extent of spoiling

<sup>1</sup>bilo *n* spell, magical charm used to weaken the enemy

jabilo one who makes charms to make a fighter invincible

<sup>2</sup>bilo, bido vt wet, moisten, make damp

bilo chiemo snack
bilo kado taste the soup

bim n baboon [pl: bimbe]

bin 1. adv soon, shortly, presently, today
2. interr do you Bin uwuok oko? Did you go outside? Bin atendoni kuon to ok idwachiemo? I am cooking lots, but you don't want to eat? [literally: maybe, perhaps]

bina n species of sweet potato (no longer grown)

## DICTIONARY

**binga** n cleft of a rock, narrow aperture between two rocks

bingo vt bother, annoy Ting' obinga gi luya. The load makes me perspire a lot (bothers me with perspiration).

binyno n inedible black and white wild pea {unknown}

**binyo** n lump, bump (swollen part of body)

bir adj 1. cross with, unhappy with

Ng'atno obir koda. That man is unhappy with me.

2. out of sorts, sulk

<sup>1</sup>biro *vi* come

biro agonda circle around (a plane when landing)

<sup>2</sup>biro aux v be about to, going to

biso vt tidy up, clean up [reflex: bisore dress oneself, get cleaned up]

bisore vr tidy oneself, freshen up

bith vn sharp, keen, acute, clever [modifier: mabith]

luete bith light-fingered (thief) bith lihiya, bith hiya sharp edged

biwo vt 1. prepare in abundance
2. pile up Biwo yugi. Pile trash. {SN, CN} Syn. dhuro

bive n white ants, termite [pl]: biche biyo vt squeeze out, press out (moisture, a boil)

<sup>1</sup>bo n cowpea (vegetable: Phaseolus muliflorus) [pl: boye]

<sup>2</sup>bo vt cover See boyo

<sup>1</sup>boch *adj* 1. tired, fatigued 2. peaceful, subdued, tamed jaboch calm person)

oboch peace (greeting)

<sup>2</sup>boch vi miss aim {Nyando, Ugenya} Ant. ganga

jaboch bad shot (with a weapon)

<sup>1</sup>bodho vt 1. scrape food from a pot with the fingers

2. peck at mushy food (bird)

3. lap like a dog

<sup>2</sup>bodho vt 1. botch something

2. mispronounce

3. talk baby talk

 ${}^{3}$ bodho *n* prostitute [*pl*: bothe]

bogno, bogino n stillborn, premature child

boke, oboke n broom (made of leaves) <sup>2</sup>boke *n* menses, one's period

dhi e boke, turo boke to menstruate boko, oboko n round tobacco pouch

<sup>2</sup>boko vt 1. boil unground maize or sorghum, cook greens without salt

 cook partially to preserve
 scald, scorch, wilt (from heat) Chieng' oboko ng'or e puodho. The sun wilted the beans in the garden.

bokore vr 1. be feverish

2. come to a head (boil, blister)

3. fall (faded flowers)

bol n spearshaft [pl: bonde]

bolbol, buolbuol adj slack, loose, relaxed, flabby {Nyando}

bolo vn 1. deprived, lacking
2. unambitious (a term of contempt for those who refuse opportunities to advance)

2bolo vt 1. cast, fling, hurl, throw
2. tip (give a gratuity)
3. challenge (figurative)

<sup>3</sup>bolo vt cast off, abandon, neglect Dhakono obolo nyithinde. That woman neglects her children.

bolore vr 1. be far from

2. move aside to make room for bolore piny flop down

bolruok vn 1. making room for 2. be decreasing

boma Swa n fort, government center, township

bomo vt hit effortlessly, touch lightly bomo wach babble

<sup>1</sup>bondo n 1. Euphorbia candelabrum (tree) 2. milky sap of the tree (fatal poison)

<sup>2</sup>bondo *adj* bald

dibondo white patch of hair in black

bondobondo {Nyando}, kabondobondo  $\{SN, CN\}$  n small blisters

bongo vt tie loosely (not tight enough) [vr. bongore]

bongore vr 1. be tied loosely

2. not make or not be able to make an effort (e.g., work hard due to hunger)

<sup>1</sup>bongu n artificial beehive (made of basketwork)

<sup>2</sup>bongu *n* bark-cloth tree

bony n ring (finger) [pl: bonje]

bonyo n locusts

bop adj 1. withered (but not completely dried)

2. warped (unseasoned wood)

<sup>2</sup>bop n earthen shelf (built up around the inside of the hut for pots and pans)

<sup>1</sup>bor n 1. length

2. height

3. distance

<sup>2</sup>bor adj tall, high, distant, far [pl: boyo] <sup>3</sup>bor n suet, fatty tissue, fat (animal)

<sup>4</sup>bor n cloud (weather) [pl: boche polo]

bore vr clothe oneself, envelope to conceal the body (originally a derrogatory term for those who chose to wear clothes)

lboro vt bleed, cup, let blood (for food) <sup>2</sup>boro vn barren, past bearing Dhiang' odhi boro. The cow is past bearing age.

bos n favor, consideration Timo ni ng'ato bos. To show favor to one. {possibly archaic} See gos

**bosore** vr greet warmly {possibly archaic} bosruok, mosruok {Nyando} n favor, warm greetings

both, bothboth adj insipid, unsavory

<sup>2</sup>both *n* newly cultivated plot

<sup>3</sup>both *adj* nearly, almost, well-nigh

<sup>4</sup>both, oboth *n* accident, chance, mistake

boto vt 1. kill with a thrown club 2. pivot on an end

botore vr 1. move quickly (erratically or side to side; e.g., snake wiggling)
2. fling around (e.g., actions of an annoyed

woman) [n: botruok]

boyo vt 1. wrap up, cover Ng'atno oboyo wach. That person covers up the affair (doesn't tell what they know).

2. be long Lepe boyo. Her dresses are long.

> boyo wach stammer, mumble boyo wang' blindfold

 $^{2}$ **boyo** vt 1. rule, govern

2. tame, break in (oxen to yoke, horse to bit)

3. mediate, settle (a dispute)

4. pursue, court (a girl)

bras Eng n brush

**bu** *n* trumpet, large horn

bubini, bubni, bubu vn 1. gush out (jet of water)

2. dash out (deer from hiding)

See 1bup 3. noise

budho n 1. pumpkin, vegetable marrow

2. cucumber

3 watermelon

4. cantaloupe (Cucurbita spp.)

5. issue, child Dhakoni donge en gi budho moro? Does this woman have any children?

<sup>2</sup>budho 1. vi continue, last, endure

2. vt entertain, keep company Wadhi budho welo. We are going to keep the visitors company.

3. vi hang out, hang around mobodho lasting

3hudho vt scratch, damage coating of udho n social event (gathering, dance) Budho nitie ka Okoyo kiny. There will ⁴budho

be a dance at Okovo's house tomorrow.

vt wet thoroughly, steep, soak See budo bido

buga n bereft of young while lactating (e.g., a mother, a cow)

buge poss n his notebook

<sup>1</sup>**bugo** n 1. hole, pit, cavity, hollow

2. ditch See bur

<sup>2</sup>bugo vt 1. level (with dirt)

2. add to, give more

bugore vr increase (e.g., population, wealth) bugra, mbugra n river silt, river deposits

<sup>l</sup>buk *n* book

<sup>2</sup>buk n bellows [pl: buge] buk theth forge



buko vt 1. begin without cause

2. begin spontaneously

 $^{2}$ **buko** vt 1. blow a fire, work bellows

2. cover (with ashes, grease, etc.)
3. paint, color

4. assault, pick a fight, attack

5. accuse, charge

bukore vr 1. cover oneself

2. take a dust bath

3. start spontaneously (e.g., a sore)

Obukora gi wach. He spoiled his own case by talking too much.

bul *n* drum [*pl*: bunde] diemo bul play the drums

bulo vt 1. broil, grill

2. roast (over ashes or in the oven)

bumbo vt pile up, heap up, fill up (amply)

bumbore vr brag, boast

bund ich n stomach, belly

**bunde** Swa n **bunduki** rifle, gun, pistol **goyo bunde** fire a gun

bunge n pretense, feint (e.g., seeming to refuse when one intends to agree)

bungu n thicket, forest, bush
mar bungu wild animal (lit: of the forest)
[pl: bunge]

buno vt 1. pout, thrust out2. remain closed-lipped {unknown}

buoch, bwoch n 1. ox

2. eunuch, impotent male

**buoch bat** frothy membranous substance between joints

buodhore, bwodhore vr 1. break loose, break away, escape, shake off restraint

2. be delivered of a child (figurative)

1buogo vt bear prematurely, miscarry
(primarily cattle)

buogo wat tattle, gossip

2buogo vt cover or shelter from rain [vi: buok]

<sup>3</sup>buogo, bwogo vt scare, threaten, be threatened by Thuol obuoga. The snake scared me.

buok vi take shelter from rainbuolbuol, bolbol adj 1. weak, debil (people and animals)

2. inactive

3. slack, loosened, relaxed

buom, buomb n wing [pl: buombe]

buombwe, bombwe {Ugenya} n species of creeper (plant, hung around the neck for weddings, harvest, birth of twins, etc.)

buong' n full-grown newly fertile heifer
 buora, buorabuora adj fair number, not a few

**buoyo** *n* 1. something fuzzy or bubbly: foam, froth, lather

2. weak (figurative) Wuoino buoyo abuoya. That boy is weak.

bup adj plentiful, free-handed, unstinting luete bup generous

<sup>2</sup>bup, dhup *n* sound of something hitting with a dull thud

<sup>1</sup>bur n 1. pit, grave (any deep, man made hole)

2. wall, fortification [short u]

3. den (lion's)

<sup>2</sup>bur n boil, swelling [pl: buche; long u] <sup>3</sup>bur, buru n ashes {Ugenya}

bur ng'ut n depressions near collar bone, neck junction with shoulders

<sup>1</sup>bura n meeting Wadhi e bura. We are going to a meeting.

<sup>2</sup>bura n 1. case being tried, trial

2. law, commandment, order [pl: buche]
ng'ado bura judge
od bura courthouse

burini, burni vn action of water falling
burore vr flow swiftly, gush along (e.g.,
 waterfall, swift river)

buru n ashes, dust, fine dry soilbuso vt 1. turn over soil, redig (garden for planting)

2. prune, lop, trim unwanted growth [n: busruok]

but adv near, at the side of but ot sidewall of house jabut neighbor

buth adj scorched, bald, eroded

<sup>2</sup>buth vi eat everything, be a glutton

butno vi brood (hen)

dwe butno third quarter of the moon uto vi lurk, lie in wait, take shelter, hide

**buwo** vt 1. stint, give insufficiently **Obuwo chiemo gi kado**. She puts

insufficient salt in the food..

2. win by speaking well {Nyando}

buya n weeds (growing)

<sup>1</sup>buyo vi grow, develop (big and strong)

2buyo vi 1. sound made by bull {Nyando, Ugenya}

 $^{3}$ buyu n mole (mammal) [pl: buyini]

**bwabore**, **bwopore**  $\{SN\}$  vr hang loosely, hang slackly

ringre obwabore rings of fat {Nyando}

bwago, bwao, mwago vt 1. pour out all at once

spill out, tell right away (words)
 Bwagna wach ma ingo. Tell me everything right away.

<sup>1</sup>Bwana Swa n Master, Sir

<sup>2</sup>bwana n spawn of fish  $\{CN\}$ 

bwanda n hair (which a child has at birth)

bware n 1. anise

2. fine, soft grass

bwaso vt break (partially), chip
bwaso nyiero laugh loudly

bwaso wach gossip, chat idly

**bwawo, bwao** vt spill a lot, waste, empty out

bwawore vr act unexpectedly or with force bwawore e luetgi come unexpectedly upon the enemy and so fall into their hands bwawore e pi dip oneself into the water bwawore kodgi (e.g., follow hard after the enemy)

**bwawore kuomgi** act concertedly (e.g., coordinated ambush)

1 bwe adv suddenly (outbreak of emotion)

<sup>2</sup>bwe, kibwe n jackal, fox [pl: bweche, bweye]

<sup>3</sup>bwe, gwe *vi* belch [go bwe]

**bwo** adv, prep under, below, underneath, beneath, at the base of

e bwo undemeath, beneath

**bwobore** vr dart out (animal scared from its hiding place)

**bwogo**, <sup>3</sup>**buogo** vt 1. frighten, scare 2. menace, threaten

bwogore vr 1. scare oneself, be timid Nyathi bwogore go tieno. The child had a bad dream (scared himself in his sleep).

2. be sporadic, be unpredictable bwogori gi wach talk beside the point

<sup>1</sup>bwok vi 1. be frightened, be startled

2. be astonished

<sup>2</sup>bwok, buok *n* fright

bwonjo vi smile

**bwono** *vt* slight, treat with contempt, disregard

jabwon ji snooty person

bwopo vt stab, hit fiercely

bwopore, bwabore vr hang loosely

bwoye n brown grass used for top thatch

## CH

<sup>1</sup>cha dem pron that (there, yonder)

 $^{2}$ cha n impudence, insolence

jacha insolent person

timo cha be impudent

<sup>3</sup>cha [poss of chak] 1. milk of

2. sap of (white)

cha adila colostrum milk (first milk after a calf is born)

cha chiewo raw milk (unboiled)

cha dhiang' cow's milk

cha mopuo churned milk, buttermilk

cha ojuok Euphorbia sap

cha opota thickened, sour milk

**chabini, chebini** vn crowd together {unknown}

chabla, chabla chabla adj mixed up, in disorder, confused Wach otimo chabla chabla. The matter is all confused (opinions vary).

ng'at ma chabla unpredictable person (speech)

chabo vt splash Chabo wuoth e pi. Splash through water. See chadho

**chabu chabu** *n* sound made by dabbling in the water {Ugenya, CN}

chach n violence

ng'ama achach violent person timo achach do a violent act

chachni v 1. not be according to plan, be unplanned for Wuodhwa ochachni.
Our trip plan was spoiled (by the unexpected).

 cease having offspring after the first one ng'atno ochachni person out of step with the others, confused person

3. be missing, be misplaced (may yet be found) Rombi ochachni. The sheep are missing.

<sup>1</sup>chacho vt 1. cause to be out of rhythm, cause to do poorly

2. distract from