

- jopiny** *n* indigenous clan
jopo, ¹**jowo** *vt* scoop up, gather up
¹**joro** 1. *adj* plenty
 2. *n* many, lots
ji ng'eny joro lots of people {*Ugenya, CN*}
misawa joro many greetings
²**joro** *adj* satisfactory, fit **Wuoi joro**.
 A fit or mature man.
jot *vn* temporary abode
kar jot camping ground, temporary home
jowi *n* buffalo

jowi



- ¹**jowo** *vt* scoop up, gather up (*dirt, grain, etc.*)
²**jowo** *vt* cause to shrink
jowo wang' wrinkle the forehead, frown
³**jowo** *vi* be immature (*be physically almost grown: people, animals*)
¹**juko** *vt* gather up, scoop up (*in part*)
²**juko** *vt* 1. overtake
 2. support **Ber juko ot magore piny**. It is good to support a falling house.
chiemo ojuka food supports me
¹**jul** {*SN*}, **ojur** *n* small midge fly
²**jul** *n* dewlap, fold of skin which hangs from throat of cattle
juma *Swa n* week
jumapil Sunday
juogi *n* hysterics, fit
jajuogi hysterical person
juogo *vt* collect (*taxes, goods*)
juogo mich take up an offering
¹**juok** *n* witchcraft
jajuok wizard, witch
juok oidhe bewitched
²**juok** *n* taxation, collection
¹**juol** *vn* cloudy, overcast, gloomy
²**juol** *vn* respond to fright (*bristle, go pale*)
juolo *vt* scowl (*literally: make face gloomy*)

- juolo wang'** lift eyebrows
juothore, yuothore {*CN*} *vn* be in very poor condition (e.g., *a road with pot-holes*)
jur *vn* 1. be moody, gloomy, off-handed
 2. be hesitant, be leery
jurini *vn* 1. dribble, drool
 2. have diarrhea
 3. leak **Ot jurini**. The house is leaking.
jurore *vn* 1. be free-flowing (*water from faucet*)
 2. have loose bowels **Nyathi jurore**. The child has diarrhea.
juso *n* dance from the 1920's
jwala *n* 1. gristle, fatty tissue
 2. cracklings {*Ugenya*}
jwang'o *vt* 1. abandon, desert
 2. overlook, slight, ignore
 3. neglect
jwang'ore *adj* careless
jwelu *n* black plum (*Vitex doniana*) *Syn.* **kalemba**
jwer *vn* 1. be bald
 2. be picked clean (*bone, hide*)
 3. be bare
jwero *vt* scrape, pick clean, make bare
Guok ojwero chogo. The dog picked the bone clean.

K

- ¹**ka-**, ¹**k-** *prefix* at, place of, land of
kaluo Luo country
ka machielo another place
²**ka** *adv* here **Ok an ja ka**. I do not belong here.
³**ka**, ²**k-** *conj* 1. if, when **Ka inenogo luonga**. When you see him, call me.
 2. whether, like
kabadi, kabat *n* cupboard
kabaka *n* dried mudfish
kabangi *n* large porridge pot



kabangi

- kabich** *Eng n* cabbage

kabirwa, mabirwa, kawirwa, mawirwa *n*
small face pimple

kabondobondo {*SN, CN*}, **bondobondo**
{*Nyando*} *n sg and pl* blister

kabungo, kibungo *n* 1. small thing (*part of a fish, garden*) **Asepuro kabungo**
achiel. I have dug a small garden.

2. piece of **Ng'adua kabungo rech**. Cut me a piece of fish.

kach *n* bite *See* ²**kayo**

ich kach stomach ache

kacha *adv* over there, yonder (*within sight*)

kacha cha at a distance (*within sight*)

kachama *n* cannibal *See* **chama**

kachero *n* 1. spy

2. plainclothes policeman [*pl: kacheche*]

kadho *vt* 1. pass by, go beyond, surpass

2. pass **Akadho penj**. I passed the exam.

3. overtake

mokadho kare extensive

¹**kado** *vt* braid, plait

kado wach stutter, stammer

²**kado** *n* 1. salt

2. soup

3. gravy [*pl: kate, kete*]

kado mopoto gravy

kat gweno chicken soup

kagakla, hagahla *n* 1. fish scale

2. snake skin

3. dandruff

4. scab

5. dead tissue

kagamba *n* fish scales

¹**kago** *vt* fork, bifurcate, divide into two

²**kago** *vt* pour into (*forcefully*)

³**kago** *vt* make vain, spoil, cause to feel self-important **Pith mar wuongi okago yawuoigo**. The riches of their father has made the sons feel self-important.

kagore *vn* be forked

kahera *n* consumption, tuberculosis

jakahere emaciated person

kahua *n* 1. window, aperture

2. opening (*mouth, etc.*)

kahawa *n* coffee (*Coffee arabica*)

kajumba, hajumba, ojombe {*CN*}
n contagious skin disease

¹**kak, okak** *n* crack (*soil, wall*)

²**kak** *adj* cocky

gweno mokak fowl which cackles constantly

ng'at mokak person who goes around singing and shouting, boisterous

ruath mokak bull which lows constantly

timo kak be independent, refuse guidance

kaka *conj* as, how, like **Itim kaka iwacho**. Do as you say.

¹**kakini, kekini** *vn* 1. crackle, splutter, flare up (*fire*)

2. shine, sparkle, glitter, glisten

²**kakini** *vn* tread carefully, wobble

kako *vt* bewilder, boggle, cause a quandry **Tich okaka**. The (*quantity of*) work boggles me. **Lweny okakowa**. We have been put in a quandry.

kal *n* African millet (*Eleusine coracana*)

kalaboglo, diboglo *adj* bluish-gray (*eyes*)

kalabugo *n* tsetse fly

kalachunyno, ochunyo *n* ant species

kalagwena *n* monitor lizard

kalaketh, ¹keth *n* shoulder joint, collar bone

kalalidhi {*Nyando*}, **malidhi** *n* biting ant (*found in loose soil*)

kalam *Swa n* pencil, pen

kalamindi *n* gray kite (*bird*)

kalandhidhi *n* numbness (*in hands or feet*), appendage "went to sleep" *Dialect thundho*

kalanga, halanga *n* skin disease (*of cattle*)

kalanjiri *n* cricket

kalapuk *n* species of small inedible grasshopper

kalatas *Swa n* paper, page

kalausi *n* whirlwind, cyclone

kalemba *n* black plum (*Vitex doniana; found at Nyabondo*)

kalo *vt* 1. cross, step over

2. get through (*figurative*)

kalo aora cross a river

kalul *n* land of the "lunde" (*from Kawango*) {*Nyando*}

kama *adv* like this, thus

kamala karia "may it not bleed" (*sung when umbilical cord is cut*)

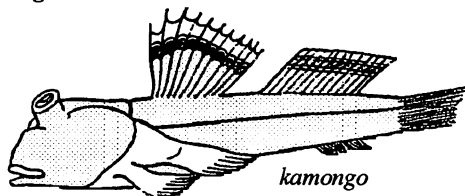
kamani *adv* like this, in this way

kamano *adv* thus, so, like that **Ok aparo kamano.** I don't think so.

kamanyie *adv* such-and-such a place (*known to speaker*) **Nanyiso mondo odhi kamanyie, to nodhi mana kumoro nono.** I told him to go to such and such a place, but he went to an entirely different place.

kamnio, kamniyo, kamnie *n* snail

kamongo *n* mud fish *See* **mamba**



kamongo

kamoro, samoro *adv* 1. somewhere, anywhere, someplace **Ok adhi kamoro.** I am not going anywhere.

2. sometimes **Kamoro adhi Kisumu, kamoro adhi Nairobi.** Sometimes I go to Kisumu, and sometimes I go to Nairobi.

kamoro amora *n* anywhere

kanisa *Swa n* church building, church

¹**Kano** *proper n* location in Central Nyanza, Kisumu District

²**kano** *vt* keep, store **Wakano gigo ka.** We keep those things here for you. [*vi: keno*]

kanoni *n* curious person, inquisitive person *See* **hononi, ononi**

kanruok *n* reminiscence, remembrance

kanwanwa *n* canker sores, fever blisters, cold sores

kanyabambila, obambila {*CN*} *n* carp, tilapia (*dried gutted, without head*) *See* ¹**ngege**

kanyachiel, kanyaklachiel, ¹kanyakla *adv* together, simultaneously **Gibiro kanyakla.** They are coming together.

²**kanyakla** *n* 1. clan

2. sharing a common location and ancestor

kanyaweya *n* carp, tilapia (*dried gutted, with head*)

kanye *adv* where, which place

kanyina, kanyana *n* ass [*pl: kenje*]

kanyo *adv* there, that place, over there

kanyono *adv* that very place, right there

kanyumba, kajumba {*SN*} *n* small shrine house for sacrificing

kap *n* act of taking *See* **kawo**

kapo *vt* take a share, take a portion

¹**kar** [*poss of ka*] place of, time of [*pl: kuonde*]

kar bet place to sit

kar gedo building site

kar jot campground

kar liete cemetery

kar romo meeting place

kar tony safe place

²**kar** *n* total, sum total

mano kargi that is all there is

karachiel *adv* together

¹**karang'o** *adv* when **Ginibi karang'o?** When will they come?

²**karang'o** *neg interj* no, no way

¹**kare** *adj* 1. exactly, perfectly

2. proper, correct, fitting **Mano tim ma ok kare.** That is not a proper action.

kare chuth correctly, flawlessly

²**kare** [*vr of kayo*] bite each other

karore *vr* be spread out, be straddled

karot *Eng n* carrot

kar romb *n* size of, amount of, number of

karruok *n* act of standing with legs apart

karuoth *n* head or dominant family of a community

karwa *poss n* our place

kar wang' *n* choice, opportunity

kasakla *n* bran (*off cooked maiz kernals*)

kasigro, kisigro, hasigro, kisiglo, osiglo *n* pot (*small used for fat or butter*)

kasigro



kasiri *n* old hoe trimmed to dig up stones

kaso *vt* *Swa* hurry, rush (*pressure to*)

kaso tich hurry up the work

kaso wach speak quickly

kaso wuoth force a march, walk faster

kasore *vn* be in a hurry, be rushed

kasuku *Swa n* parrot

kasuksuk *adv* constantly, frequently, regularly **Ng'atno biro ka kasuksuk.**
That fellow is always here (*comes every little bit*).

kaswaro {*Nyando*}, **kiswaro**, **oswaro** {*SN*}
n small earthen dish used to serve fish
[*pl*: **kaswerini**]

kata *conj* 1. or, nor

2. if, whether, even if, although

kata ma, kata macha either this or that

katalang' *n* large black ant (*with terrible odor*)

katalwenda {*Nyando*, *Ugenya*},
olwenda {*SN*} *n* cockroach

katandalo, ³**ndalo** *n* lookout, sentinel's watch area

katera, kateratera *n* leaves of fig-creeper (*miny*: *Cissus rotundifolia*) used to cover wounds

katera



kathirathira, thirathira 1. *adv* standing on one's head, up-side-down

2. *adv* opposite

3. *n* somersault

katina *n* miser **Katina gige** lit. A miser is stingy.

katindatinda *n* pimple (*on the ears*)

katung' *n* sitting room in the verandah (*also goat's side of the house*)

kawa, kahawa *Swa n* coffee (*Coffea* spp.)

¹**kawo** *vt* 1. take **Kaw gigi oko.** Take these things away.

2. accept (*responsibility*) **Nokawo tich ruoth.** He accepted the chieftainship.

3. occupy (*a country*)

²**kawo, kwo** *vt* recover

kawuono *adv* now, today, at present, sometime

kayando *n* species of grass similar in looks to millet

kayiem *adv* in vain, for nothing, to no purpose, without cause **Ogoya kayiem.**
He beats me without cause.

¹**kayo** *n* first-born

²**kayo** *vt* bite **Guok nokayo nyathi.** The dog bit the child. [*vr*: **kare**; *n*: **kach**]

³**kayo** *vt* 1. reach **Nangana okayo e lowo.** My garment reaches the ground. **Koth okayo machiegini.** The rain has almost reached us (*it is coming or the season is coming*).

2. acquire **Ng'a mogurore kamoro, tiende okayo lowo.** One who settles in, acquires many things.

kayo ni march up against

⁴**kayo**, ²**keyo** *vt* harvest, reap

¹**ke** *vn* be dispersed, be scattered **Ji noke.** The people were dispersed. **Dwoko wich mar ke.** The shaving done after a funeral when all disperse.

²**ke** *vn* be at odds with, not be friendly with

kebambala {*Nyando*}, **obambala** {*SN*} *n* dried, split fish

¹**kech** *n* hunger, famine **Kech kaya.** I am hungry.

¹**jakech** starving person

²**kech** *n* mercy, pity

²**jakech** merciful, helpful person

³**kech** *adj* bitter, strong

kech ka ndawa as strong as tobacco (*something very strong-tasting*)

⁴**kech, nikech** *conj* 1. because, since
2. for, for the sake of

kechawayo *n* wild raspberry

¹**kecho** 1. *vi* have pity on, have compassion (*causing sadness*)

2. *vt* like, long, desire, want to **Okecho mondo odhi Kisumu.** He longs to go to Kisumu.

²**kecho** *v* be offended unintentionally

³**kecho ni** *vi* persist in, stick to (*work*)
Okecho ni tich. He sticks to his work.

kede *n* 1. twig, switch, stick

2. peg

3. cane [*pl*: **kete**]

kedhno *n* 1. bile, gall

2. gall-bladder [*pl*: **kethe**]

¹**kedo** *vi* fight, battle, make war on

- jakedo** soldier
- ²**kedo** [*vi of kado*] plait, twist (e.g., *rope making*)
- ³**kedo** *vt* 1. color
2. decorate
3. scar, tattoo
- kek** *n* fish trap of twigs, weir
- kekini** [*variant of kakini*] tread carefully
- keko** *vt* 1. cackle (*hens*)
2. nag, fault-find
- ¹**kelo** *vt* 1. bring **Kelna kom.** Bring me a stool.
2. bring about, cause
 kelo nditi cause strife
 kelo paro decide
 kelo rem cause pain
 kelo wich be stubborn
 kelo wich kuot be disappointed
 kelo winjruok resolve
- ²**kelo** *vt* spread out, set out (*bricks to dry, plants*)
 kelo wuoth straddle, walk with legs wide apart
- kelore** *vn* be scattered, be far apart
- kemba** *n* act of divining, act of choosing (*people*)
 mako ng'ato e kemba pick out someone by divining
- kembo** *adj* imminent, momentary, forth coming **Koth kembo chwe.** Rain is imminent. {*Ugenya, Nyando*}
- kembore** *vn* be contrary
- kemkem** *vn* 1. be vexed, be put out
2. be slightly bitter, taste sour
- ¹**kend** [*short form of kendruok*] marriage
- ²**kend** *n* self
- kenda** *adv* 1. alone
2. self [*1sg*] [*conjugates*]
 man kende solitary
- kende** *adj* only
- ¹**kendo** *adv* again, moreover
- ²**kendo** *conj* and
- ³**kendo** *vi, vt* marry, take a wife **Okendo nyar ng'a?** Whose daughter is he marrying?
- ⁴**kendo** *n* fireplace, hearthstone [*pl: kende*]
- ⁵**kendo** *vt* wear, put on (*clothes, ornaments*)
- ¹**kendore** *vr* marry each other

- ²**kendore** *vr* wear
- kendruok, kend** *n* marriage, wedding
- kenge** *vn* be a good musician
- kengo** *vt* carve, cut in pieces
- keni** *n* inherited thing
- ¹**keno** *n* long neck gourd [*pl: kende*]
 keno karabala bowl used in hemp-smoking
- ²**keno** [*vi of kano*] 1. store, put away
2. reserve
 gir keno storage container
 od keno store room
- ¹**keny** *n* wedding
 dho keny cattle paid as bride price
- ²**keny** *vt* fork
- ¹**kenyo** *vt* cut eyebrows in vertical patterns (*as decorations*)
- ²**kenyo ng'wech** *vt* run with long strides
- ³**kenyo rech** *vt* clean fish
- kenyore, kunyore** *vn* forked, grooved
- kepo** *vi of kapo* take a share, take a portion **Ji duto osekepo koso?** Has everyone taken his portion?
- ker** *n* 1. class, group
2. species
3. clan or tribal elder or leader
4. president
- ¹**kere** *vn* run over (*water over land*)
- ²**kere** *vn* serrated, forked
- ³**kere** *vn* scattered {*CN*}
- kerni** *vi* splutter
- kero** *vt* give one by one
- ¹**ket** *vn* be like, resemble **Oket gi wuon mare.** He is just like his father.
- ²**ket** *vn* be tattooed, cause scars **Nyiri moko odhi ket.** Some girls have gone to be tattooed.
- ³**ket** *poss of kede* stick of
- ¹**keth, kalaketh** *n* shoulder joint
- ²**keth** *n* 1. evil, wrong
2. sin
3. damage
 jaketh sinner
 maonge keth innocent
- ketho** *vt, vi* 1. sin, do wrong
2. spoil, break
3. destroy
4. damage

5. mar
ketho nying' defame
- kethore** *vr* 1. be spoiled, be destroyed
Agula oseketore. The pot is spoiled.
 2. go bad, be spoiled (*people*) **Nyakono oseketore.** That girl is spoiled.
 3. be spoiled, go bad (*food*) **Rechno okethore.** That fish has gone bad.
 4. be overripe
- kethruok** *n* destruction
- keto** *vt* 1. put, place, set
 2. appoint (*to a position*) **Keto ng'ato e ruoth.** Appoint someone to be chief.
 3. pack
 4. predict
keto akor overstate one's own abilities
keto chuny be devoted to, determination to
keto miriamba falsify
- ketore** *vr* be determined, be involved
Oketore e wach ma ok mare. He is involved in someone's problem.
- ¹**ketruok** *n* determination, diligence
²**ketruok** *vn* being involved where one shouldn't be
- keu** *n* leather carrying cylinder for headdress *See* **ochimbo**
- ¹**keyo**, ⁴**kayo** *n* species of tree used for building (*Combretum molle*)
- ²**keyo** *vt* harvest
- ³**keyo** *vt* spread, scatter, disperse **Wakeyogi nono.** We scattered them (*beat them absolutely*). [*vn: keruok*]
moke scattered, wide-spread
- ⁴**keyo** *n* furrow, section, strip (*for cultivation*)
- ¹**kia** *n* ignorance
²**kia** *vi* come from, go from
- kiare** *vn* be unknown to, be unacquainted with
- kiawa** *interj* perhaps, maybe, I don't know
- kibadhi, kibaji** *n* anxiety, concern (*about the consequences*) {*unknown*}
- ¹**kibaga** *n* aversion, abomination
timo kibaga fill with horror, fill with aversion
- ²**kibaga** *n* sacrificial tree with wide-spreading branches {*Ugenya*}
- kibaji, kibadhi** 1. *n* apprehension, uneasiness, anxiety
2. *adj* anxious
jakibaji timid or bashful person
- kibako** *n* confusion, perplexity
- kibala** *n* leftovers (*esp. kuon*)
- kibanga** *n* opening, hole
tho e kibanga die at birth
- kibere** *n* small purse of skin {*possibly archaic*}
- kiberiti, kibrit** *Swa n* matchbox
- kibo** *vt* startle, start
- kibore** *vn* be startled (*described as heart coming into mouth*) **Chunya kibore.** My heart is pounding.
- kiboko** *Swa n* lash, hippo hide whip
- kibwa** *vn* roar of waves {*unknown*}
- kibwe, bwe** *n* jackal, barking fox
- ¹**kich** *n* orphan [*pl: kiye*]
²**kich** *n sg and pl* bee
mo kich honey
odok kich beeswax
- kichina** *n* two-way weapon with a spear on one end and an iron dibble on the other
- kichore** *vn* 1. be on the alert, be on the lookout
 2. be suspicious
- kichou** *n* mattock used for digging out stones
- kichruok, kiruok** *n* vigilance, state of alert
- kichuchu** *n* young chicken (*about half-grown*)
- ¹**kichuri, ochuri** {*SN*}, **ojuri** *n* content of cow's intestines (*before reaching large intestine*)
- ²**kichuri** *n* unstrained beer {*Ugenya, CN*}
- kichwelu** *n* expert, gifted in an area (*good or bad*) {*unknown*}
- kidera** *n* large granary basket [*pl: kiderini*]
- kidhiki, kidhuku, dhiki** *adv* continually, repeatedly
- kidhina** *n* tick bird with red bill (*buphaga*) *Syn.* **dharia** {*Ugenya, CN*}
- kidhinakombe** *n* brownish colored eagle (*bird*)
- kidho** *vt* shred or tear in small pieces
- kidi** *n* stone [*pl: kite*]

kidiény *n* army division (*regiment*)

Kidira, Odira *n* rest day, Sabbath, Sunday

kido *n* 1. custom, habit

2. character, behavior **Ng'ato gi kite, ng'ato gi kite.** We are each different in character.

3. attitude

4. design

5. image

6. mark (e.g., *birthmark*)

kidoro *n* lactation, state of one's milk being in

kielo, chielo *vt* 1. scatter

2. shoot (*with arrow*)

3. flick (*with finger*)

4. plaster

kiengu *n* coney, rock rabbit {*possibly archaic*}

kiepo [*vi of* ⁴**kiewo**] *row (a boat), paddle (a canoe)*

kier *vi* 1. slip, slide, skid (*miss footing*)

2. lapse

¹**kiero** *vt* cause to slip, glance

²**kiero ot, pimo ot** {*SN*} *vt* mark out a house site

kiew *vn* near, approach, be almost there
Akiew gi donjo. I am almost there.

¹**kiewo** *n* 1. line, boundry, mark

2. furrow

3. frontier

²**kiewo** *vt* crease, mark

³**kiewo** *vt, vi* place next to, be next to, border on, be contiguous to, adjoin
Okiewo gi oda. It is next to my house.

⁴**kiewo** *vt* row (*a boat*)

⁵**kiewo** *vi* be alike, be similar **Gikiewo matin.** They are a little alike. See ²**chalo**

kigiya *n* war cry, signature tune **Goyo kigiya.** Sound the war cry. *Syn.* **sigiya, sigia**

kihola *n* noise, shouting (*continuous*)

kihondko *n* anxiety, uneasiness, fear (*for something anticipated*) See **kihadha**

kijiko, ojiko *Swa n* spoon, teaspoon

kijunglu *n* small, low stool {*Ugenya*}

kik *neg adv* 1. don't **Kik itim kamano!** Don't do that!

2. won't **Kane maber mondo kik okethre.** Put it away carefully so that it won't break. [*imperative and subjunctive*]

kikana *n* oath **Ng'ane chamo kikana.** {*Ugenya*}

kikini, kikni, kekni *vn* 1. sparkle (*fire*)

2. fuss, fret, be jittery (*impatient*) See ¹**kakini**

¹**kiko** *vn* limp (*on toes*)

²**kiko** *vt* 1. alternate **Wabiro kiko madongo gi matindo.** We are going to alternate them, the large and the small.
2. mix **Odwa akiko kal gi nyim.** Our family is mixed boys and girls.

kikondo *n* common grey monkey

kikore *vn* mixed, alternated, jumbled

kikun *n* flea [*pl:* **kikunde**]

kil *adj* 1. thin (*porridge*)

2. lean (*meat*)

kilalo, ¹olalo {*SN*}, ³**lalo** *n* sheath, scabbard

kileru *adj* just one, only one (*derogatory*)
Omiya achiel kileru. He only gave me one.

kiliti *n* small hand shield (*similar to the okumba*)

kilkil *adj* 1. gloomy, dull

2. inactive

kilo, pilo *vt* split and peal, slit (*sugarcane*)

kima *Swa n* colobus monkey (*black*)

kimethe, omithe {*SN*} *n* apron, cover-up (*garment*)

kimirwa *n* uvula

nyathi ma kimirwa illegitimate child

kinania *vn* be tenacious, be persistent (*not easily gotten rid of*)

janania persistent person

kind 1. *n* space between [*pl:* **kinde**]

2. *prep* between

kind got narrow valley between two hills, mountain pass

kinda *n* zeal, perseverance, diligence

jakinda diligent person

timo kinda be diligent

kinde *n* 1. opportunity, occasion, time

Pok ayudo kinde mar loso gino. I have not yet found time to fix that thing.

2. period of time

kinde matin moment, minute

weyo kinde make time for

kinera *n* flabby person, grossly overweight person

kingere, ke ongere *n* famine of 1917-1918
See ongere

kingiki *n* large pigeon (*bird: grass-green with white beak*) *Syn.* **ninga**

kingo *vt* prevent with a spell, charm (e.g., house where one has died, garden to keep off hail, village to keep out thieves)

Okingo wadgi. He has used a charm on him.

jakingo wizard, charmer

kingong', singong' *n* marabou stork
{*Ugenya*}



kingong'

kino *vt* 1. shake (*head*)
2. rock (*child in arms*)

¹**kiny** *adv* tomorrow

kiny okinyi tomorrow morning

kinyne next day, day after

²**kiny, kwiny** {*Ugenya*} *vn* be angry, be cross

kinyo, ¹kwinyo *vt* 1. be cross with
2. bully, treat unfairly

kioko *n* foreign thing *See* ²**oko**

kirage, kiragi *adj* uncontrollable, unmanageable, strong-willed

jakirage wizard, one who accomplishes things rapidly

kiresi *n* threatened rain-storm (*which only brings a shower*)

timo kiresi drizzle (*rain*) {*unknown*}

kiri, kwiri *n* 1. poison, venom
2. trial by ordeal

jakiri, jakwiri stinging insect

kiri mar amadha trial by drinking

kiri mar anyama trial by chewing

kiri mar ateda trial by hot water (*sticking hand in*)

kiri mar ateng'a trial by leaf (*sticks to guilty*)

kirikiri *adv* sound of lope of animals, sound of movement

kirindi *n* kingfisher (*bird*) {*unknown*}

kirindo *n* wedge (*used to tighten strings which bind hoe to handle*)

kiringa *n* 1. necklace (*similar to those worn by Kipsigis*)

2. dance (*done by those wearing the necklace*) {*possibly archaic*}

kirini, kirni *vi* shiver, tremble (*with cold or fear*)

kiriwa *n* first catch of fisherman (*taboo: can't be eaten with salt*) *Syn.* **rech kite** {*possibly archaic*}

¹**kiro** *vt* 1. sow, broadcast (*seed*)
2. strew (*with the hand*)

²**kiro** *vt* wave off (*impolite*) *Ant.* **gwelo**

kirowo *n* bag, sack [*pl:* **kirope**]

kiru *n* small temporary hut [*pl:* **kiche**]

kirundu, nyakrundu, orundu *n* fenced garden (*for pumpkins, greens, tobacco*)

kiruok, kichruok *n* vigilance, alertness, preparedness

kisange *n* reciprocal group work (*done for one then the others in turn*)

doyo kisange weeding for each other

puro kisange digging for each other

kisasa *n* remnants, leftovers (*food*) {*unknown*}

kisasia, ²sasia *vn* be wasteful
jakisasia squanderer

kise {*Ugenya*}, **mise** {*SN*} *n* something lasting, enduring (*doesn't wear out*) **Law mak ter kise.** The garment is not very durable.

kiseka *n* head cold

kiseke, seke, oseke {*Ugenya*} *n* reed straw for drinking beer

madho kiseke, tieko e kiseke fathers drinking to close a marriage agreement

kisera *n* marriage feast, flirtation *See* ¹**sero**

kisika *n* shed {*archaic*}

kisika dhok stable

kisiki *n* stubble

kisini *adj* difficult, hard to control
Nyathino en kisini. That child is hard to control.

kisoni *n* children dying in infancy *See* **jakisoni**

kisu *n* rat's nest

kisuma *vn* bringing gifts of food from relatives or friends

kisuri, osuri *n* pinnacle, ridge, steeple, tower

kiswaro [*variant of oswaro*] flat serving dish (*for fish*)

kitabu *Swa n* book [*pl: kitepe*]

kitamba *Swa n* cloth, towel, rag, material (*not made into a garment*)

kitanda *Swa n* bed, bedstead

kitanyaki *n* species of insect (*makes a pupa-like formation covered on outside with small twigs*) {*unknown*}

kite, makite *n* character characteristically **Oma en kite**. This is his character.

kitembe *n* 1. wild banana tree

2. seeds of wild banana tree (*tied as a charm around waist of new-born*)

Proverb: Kitembe mita kitami, kitembe notamo ruoth. Meaning: If one refuses to help when they can, they will be refused when they need help.

kitete, otete *n* basket cover or screen (*such as those used to catch ants, carry poultry to market*)

kitetwe *n* small partridge

kithini, kithni *vn* be restless, be wiggly, squirm **Nyathi okithini**. The child is restless.

kitho *vt* shake or wave (*hand, tail*)

kitomoni {*Ugenya*}, **thomoni** {*SN*} *n* scorpion

kitonge, otonge {*SN*}, **thonje** *n* morsel (*of mush, bread*)

kitundu *n* corpse

kitungu *Swa n* 1. onion (*Allium cepa*)
2. garlic (*Allium sativum*)

kiya, kya *vt, vi* not know **Akiya gima biro**. I do not know what the future holds for me.

kiyaruok *n* ignorance

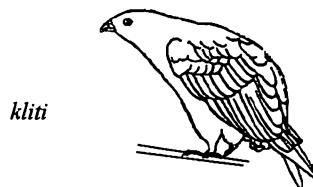
kiye *pl of kich* orphans

¹**kiyo** *vt* expect, look for **Ne wakiyoi manyaka nende**. We looked for you to come all day long.

²**kiyo, yieko** *vt* sift (*grain by shaking*)

kiyore *n* strength, vigor **Owuotho kokiyoire**. He walks with strength and vigor.

kliti *n* striped kite *Syn.* ¹**olith, kilondo**



kliti

¹**ko** *vt* tell, say

²**ko, koo** *n* milk churn [*pl: koye*]
ko loth the butter is coming

³**ko-** *poss n* side of
kocha over there, the other side, that side
komane which side, whereabouts
koni this side

¹**koch** 1. *adj* dirty, untidy
2. *n* untidiness, dirtiness *See miguo*

²**koch** 1. *n* anger, rage
2. *adj* angry, hot tempered

kocha *adv* over there, that side

kod prep 1. with **Ibiro kode?** Did you come with him? or Did you bring it?
2. to **Bwana owuoyo kodi**. Bwana is talking to you.

kode *n* tassel worn as sign of widowhood

kodhi *n* 1. seed
2. family [*pl: kothe; 3s: kothe; 3pl: kothgi*]

¹**kodo** *n* narrow necked basket with lid (*for clothes, for grasshoppers*)

²**kodo** *vt* join unevenly

³**kodo** *n* small granary

kodore *vn* 1. sparse, skimpy (*thin in some places*)

2. intermittent (*flow of a spring*)
3. thin, prone to illness (*person*)

koga *n* eagle (*bird*)

kogno *n* 1. fingernail, toenail
2. claw [*pl: koke*]

kogwen, kokgwen *adv* dawn, daybreak, cockcrow

kojolo *adv, adj* temporary, temporarily

kok *vi* shout, call, crow

¹koko *n* 1. noise, shouting

2. alarm

goyo koko shout, make a noise, raise an alarm

²koko *n* large insect (*generic*)

koko biro phrase used to intimidate children

³koko *n* spot on the eye (*curable*)⁴koko *vt* plead for help *See* hombo, nang'okokuro *pl n* pigmies, dwarfs [*sg*: jakokuro]kolo *vt* extract, remove (e.g., *splinter, jigger*)kom *n* chair [*pl*: kombe]

kom apany stool made with a central leg support

kom matin stool

kombe *n* hollow log, hollow tree trunk [*pl*: kombni]

kombe kich bee hive

timo kombe be hollow

kombekombe *n* black biting ant found on trees, etc. (*insect*)komo *vt, vi* dibble, plant in holeskomore *vn* 1. be done helter-skelter, be unorganized

2. be spaced out

kona *n* anglekondhi {*CN*}, kindhi {*SN*} *adv* sparingly, frugally, sparsely Pimo ni ji mogo kondhi. The flour is measured out sparingly.kondo *n* feathered headdress

kondo guthwa headdress lacking tail feathers

kondo gweni chicken tail feathers

kong'o *n* beer [*pl*: kwong']

kong aloda beer made from "bel"

kong'o malingo unstrained beer

kongore *vn* 1. delegate (*one's tasks*)

2. be patched up

3. delicate

koni *adv* this sidekoni gi koni on this side and that (*both sides*)konyo *vt* help, assist, succour, aid

jakony assistant, helper, care giver

¹kop [*n of kowo*] accompaniment, escorting²kop *n* side of the abdomenkopo *vi* accompany, send with¹kor *n* 1. meaning, explanation, significance

2. prophecy

koro wach explain, foretell, give the meaning, prophesy

²kor *n* wide road, cattle path

kor polo firmament

sulwe mathoth matimo kor Milky Way

³kor *n* 1. chest (*anat.*)

2. wall, side

kor got hillside

kor ka chiena right side of verandah room (*for goats and sheep*)kor ka mach left side of verandah (*fireplace location*)

kor ka tung' back of house, facing doorway

kor ot wall of a house

⁴kor *prep* towards, in the direction of

kor podho chieng' westward, west

kor wuok chieng' eastward, east

⁵kor *n* side, party, faction (*allegiance*)korachwich *n* righthand sidekoracham *n* lefthand sidekore *adv* half full, midway **Ole kore.** Fill it half full.¹koro *adv* just now **Koro ka awinjo wachno.** I just now heard of the matter.
koroni at this minute, immediately²koro *vt* pursue closely, put under pressure, cause strain (*physical or mental*) **Akumu okora gi wuoth.** Akumu set a pace that put me under pressure.³koro *vt* stiffen, cause to set (*mortar, porridge*) **Yath okoro iya.** The medicine stopped (*lit: set*) my diarrhea.korokoron, korkoron *Swa n* prison *See* jelakoromboto, kulumboto, omboto {*SN*} *Swa n* fleakoso 1. *adv* so, perhaps **Ituo koso?** Are you perhaps sick?2. *conj* or **Idwaro chiemo koso pesa?** Do you want food or money? [*used as yes no question marker*]koth *n* rain

koth biro rain is coming

ludhkoth obiro thunder

kotii *Swa* *n* coat

¹**koto** *vt Swa* gather (*something scarce*)
koto lum gather grass (*as fuel*)
koto ndawa, koto njaga roll cigarettes
koto yien gather firewood

²**koto** *vi* damp dry, dry partially

³**koto** *vi* pick-pocket **Okot pesana ei bus.**
 My money was pick-pocketed on the bus.

kowno *n* waist, sides of abdomen [*pl:*
kope; 1s: kopa] {*Ugenya*}

¹**kowo** *vt* accompany, escort, see off

²**kowo** *vt* defer, delay, put off (*payment*)

³**kowo** *vt* send (*letter, etc.*)

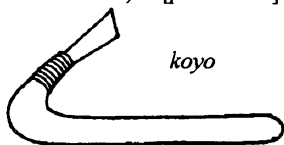
⁴**kowo** *vt* 1. make longer **Kow yienno eka ochopi e tedo.** Make that stick longer to reach the roof.

2. prolong **Ikowo wachno nang'o?** Why are you prolonging that conversation?

kowore *vr* 1. accompany each other
 2. become longer and longer

¹**koyo** *n* cold **Koyo omaka.** I am feeling the cold.

²**koyo** *n* adze, ax (*cutting edge at right angles to handle*) [*pl: koche*]



³**koyo** *vt* disregard, leave out
koyo cham weed (*leaving the crop*)

¹**ku** *adj* blunt, dull (*knife*)

²**ku** *adv* here

kucha *adv* there, yonder (*indefinite*)

kuchiel {*SN*}, **kulchiel** *n* half, one half
Ochwako kuchiel. He is supporting one side. **giga kuchiel** half of my things

¹**kudho** *n* thorn

²**kudho** *vi* 1. hiss (*cat*)
 2. rut (*bull*)

³**kudho** *vt* blow up, inflate

kudini, kudni *n* maggots, grubs (*generic*)

kudo *vt* rinse out (*keeping in the mouth*)

kudore *vn* lie low, lurk, stand back

kuga *n* decorative water pot braid

Kuja *proper n* large river in South Nyanza

kuku *n* caul

¹**kul** *n* pen, kraal, corral

²**kul** *vt* bow **Kul miyi.** Bow your head.

¹**kulo** *vi* stoop, bend
kulo wich bow the head

²**kulo** *vi* draw water **Idhi kulo?** Are you going to draw water?

³**kulo** *n* swampy river or stream {*Ugenya, Alego*}

kulore *vr* bend over, stoop over

kulundeng' *n* beetle

kum *n* punishment

kumbo ot *vt* build roof and walls in one

¹**kumo** *vt* punish, reprimand

²**kumo** *vi* look pathetic (*mourning, sulking, dejected*)

³**Kumo** *proper n* Name given to child born before menstruation reoccurs.

kundi *n* borer worm, maize bug

kune, kure *interrog adv* where?

kung'a *n* grass seed beads

kungo *vt* 1. take care of (*doesn't overdo*)
Okungo dende. He takes care of himself (*doesn't overwork*).

2. use sparingly **Okungo chiemo.** He uses the food sparingly.

kungu *n* cut-worm (*black, found on grass*)

¹**kuno, kuro** 1. *adv* there, at that place
 2. *dem pron* those

²**kuno** *vi* keep, save up

²**jakun** hoarder

³**kuno** *vt* 1. refuse (*ungraciously*)

2. sulk

¹**jakun** disgruntled or sulky person

kunyo *vt* dig, excavate **Oyieyo mang'eny ok kuny bur.** Too many rats do not dig a hole. (*Proverb*)

kunyo bur dig a hole

kuo *n* theft, robbery

jakuo thief, robber

kuodho, kwodho *vt* 1. defame, backbite
 2. tell secretly

kuodo *vt* 1. rise, swell (*yeast*)
 2. inflate (*tire*)

kuodo wich shame, make humble, disgrace

kuogo *vt* let ripen, let spoil, let ferment

¹kuok *n* sweat, perspiration²kuok *vn* decay, rot, become putrid¹kuom *n* hump**rakuom** hunchback²kuom *prep* about, in, on, concerning, by, through, in behalf of, among, to, over, in, from, for**kuon** *n* mush (*millet, sorghum, or maize*)**kuong'** *n* curse**kuong'o** *vt* curse, bring a curse on**kuong'ore** *vn* swear, take an oath**kuong'ruok** *n* vow, oath**kuor** *n* vendetta, revenge, grudge**chulo kuor** take revenge**kuoro**, ²**kworo** *vt* winnow **Mama kuoro** bel. Mama is winnowing the sorghum.¹kuot *vi* 1. germinate, bud2. swell, rise (e.g., *bread, foot*)

3. be humbled

4. be quiet (*with disappointment or disgust*)²kuot *n* large shield *See chuogo*³kuot *n* bulge, swelling**kuoth** *n* slander, whisperings, murmurs, gossip**jakuoth** informer, tell-tale**kuotho**, ³**kwoyo** *n* sand¹kuoyo, **kwotho** *vt* gossip²kuoyo *vt* 1. sprinkle, spatter (*water on clothes or floor*)

2. spit, spew

kur *vn* smoulder**kure, kuny** *interrog* where?¹kuro *adv* over there, yonder²kuro *vt* bring up, rear, tend³kuro *vi* sound made by hen in danger**kururu** *adv* absolutely, to the last degree**kut** *n* whirlpool, eddy**kut aila** *n* itch worm**kuto** *vi* recoil, crouch, shrink **Jakuo okuto**. The thief crouches.**kuyo** *vi* 1. be sad, be solemn, be melancholy

2. be disappointed

3. be depressed

4. be alone

5. grieve

¹kwach *vn* 1. asking2. advocating *See kwayo***jakwach** lawyer²kwach *n* leopard [*pl: kwech*]

kwach

kwadho, fwadho *vt* sift, fan, flick, dust off, wipe off**rakwadhi** fan, duster**kwako** *vt* 1. hug, embrace2. enclose, spread over **Iro okwako piny**.

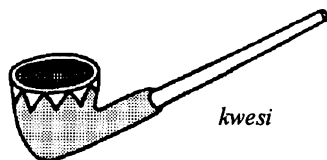
A pall of smoke spreads over everything.

kwakruok *vr* embrace each other**kwalo** *vt* steal, defraud**kwalo wuoth'** walk stealthily**kwang'** *vi* 1. cross by boat, sail

2. float, swim

kwang'o *vt* ferry across¹kwano *vt* count, tally, number**jakwan wer** song leader**jakwano** mathematician²kwano *n* tally of, number**kwanyo** *vt* select, pick out, pick up**Abiro kwanyo pe**. I'm going to pick up ice.**kwaro** *n* 1. grandfather2. husband's father [*pl: kueye*]**nyakwaro** grandchild**kwath** *n* herding {CN} *See kweth*¹kwayo *vt* herd (*animals*)²kwayo *vt* 1. request2. ask **Kwayo ber molooyo kwalo**. It is better to ask than steal.**kwayo ne** intercede for**kwe** *n* peace**kel kuwe** bring peace**kuwe obet kodu** Peace be unto you**kwengore** *vn* refuse to be implicated**kweno** [*vi of kwano*] count, number¹kwer *n* hoe [*pl: kwe*]**kwe dhiang'** plough

- ²**kwer** *n* taboo, something forbidden
kweri *n* partridge
kwero *vt* refuse, reject, forbid, prohibit, be taboo **En kwero wuoi matin kuongo ni wuoi maduong' goyo dala.** It is prohibited for the younger son to build a home before the elder son.
kwero nyathi restrain a child
kwero ring'o abstain from meat
kwesi *n* pipe (*for smoking*)
[pl: kwesini]



kweso wuoth 1. walk quickly with short strides

2. walk as woman heavy with child

¹**kwet** *n* large family, extended family
min kwet mother of a large family

²**kwet** *n* denunciation

kweth *n* herd, flock *[pl: kwedhe]*

kweyo *vt* 1. calm, pacify {*SN, CN*}
 2. cool off (e.g., *tea*)

kwiny {*Ugenya*}, ²**kiny** *adj* angry, cross, harsh, severe

¹**kwinyo, kinyo** *vt* treat harshly, accuse falsely

²**kwinyo** *vn* 1. anger, rage, fierceness
 2. harshness, severity, injustice

kwiri [*variant of kiri*] poison, venom; trial by ordeal

kwo, kawo *vn* recover, get well, escape danger, be saved

kwocho *vn* sew

¹**kwodho** *vi* flatulate, pass gas

²**kwodho, kuodho** {*Nyando*} *vi* backbite

¹**kwogo, okwogo** *n* species of crested jay with long plumed tail (*bird*)

²**kwogo** *n* tree with reddish bark (*used to clean shields*)

kwomo *n* species of tree

kwomu *n* species of creeping plant (*white flowers and a large fruit*)

¹**kwonde** *n* lumps of **kuon** mush

²**kwonde** *n* places

kwonde duto everywhere

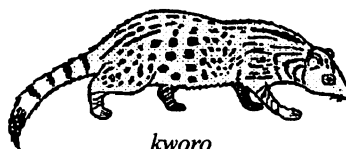
kwongo *v* begin, be first, precede

kwongo ni ng'ato forestall, anticipate, go ahead of

mokwongo original

kwop, ni kwop *prep* on account of, for the sake of

¹**kworo** *n* civet cat (*mammal*)



²**kworo** *vt* winnow

³**kworo** *vn* be saved, save oneself

kworore *vn* be scattered (*grain, locust swarm*)

¹**kwoyo** *vt* bring healing, cure, save life

²**kwoyo** *vt* sew [*vn: kwocho*]

³**kwoyo, ¹kuoyo** *n* sand

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¹**lach** *n* urine

dag lach bladder

lach nyodo semen

²**lach** *n* width, breadth

³**lach** *n* space used as drying area (*for grains*)

lach dero drying space in front of granary

ladho, ²hadho *vt* squander, waste, misuse

¹**ladhore** *vn* freeload, live off **Oladhore e luet ji.** He lives off other people.

²**ladhore** *vn* dwindle, decrease gradually

ladhrouk *n* act of not being straight forward

¹**lago** *vt* cool (*by reducing the depth: cocoa, porridge*)

²**lago** *vt* herd cattle nearby (*in morning or late afternoon*)

³**lago** *vt* marry an inherited widow *See tero*

⁴**lago** *vt* crawl, creep over