

lupo, lopo {CN} [*vn of* ¹luwo] fishing
lupo mar bwandha inaguration of a new fishing net

lur *vn* barren, sterile (*animals or people*)

¹luo *vi* walk warily (*sick person*), sneak (e.g., *cat*)

²luo *vt* clean tripe, clean intestines

³luo *vi* head out, form heads (*grain*)

⁴luo *vt* break out (*rash*) **Suresure oluro wang'e**. Chickenpox has broken out on his face.

lurore *vn* drip, dribble

¹luth *n* battalion (*about 400 men*)

²luth *n* stick, rod, cane [*pl: ludhe*]
ludhkoth thunderbolt
luthkuon porridge stick

luto, lutho {Ugenya} *vt* dip in, put in
Lute e pi. Put it in the water.

lutore *vn* fall into **Nanga nolutore e pi**.
 The garment fell into the water.

¹luwo *vt* follow, go after, trail

²luwo *vt* speak, tell

³luwo, lowo *vt* fish

⁴luwo *vi* sacrifice {Nyando, CN}

luwore *vn* 1. be in procession, be following, be in succession
 2. be in a series (*books, etc.*)
 3. be in line, be straight
 4. be tapered (*pole*)

luwruok *n* 1. procession
 2. series

luya *n* perspiration, sweat
luch pi steam

¹lwak *n* scrap (*too small to be used; cloth, string*)

²lwak *n* large family
min lwak, min kwet mother of a large family

lwala *n* red clay soil

¹lwanda *n* rock

lwanda gago (*figurative*) liberal in giving food; rock where young men gathered to eat

lwanda



²lwanda *n* hermaphradite, bisexual

lwanga *adv* empty, free, clear **Gur hema e kama lwanga**. Put up the tent in a clear space.

lwang'ini *n* housefly

¹lwar *n* greyness **Lwar omake**. He has grey hair.

²lwar *vi* drop, fall **Nolwar piny**. It fell to the ground.

lwaro *vt* drop, let fall

lwasi *n* space, firmament

lweko *vt* lick *Syn.* ¹nang'o

lweny *n* fight, battle, war
jalweny soldier

¹lwero *vt* nag at, revile, criticize

²lwero *vt* prune, trim, lop

lweso *vt* notch, chip at (*damage*)

lwesore *vn* chipped, notched (*damaged*)

lwete {CN}, **luedo** {SN} *n* hand

¹lwiny [*variant of liny*] hairy fly grubs

²lwiny {CN}, **maliny, malwiny** *n* tapeworm

lwiyo [*variant of liyo*] whistle {CN}

lwoko, luoko *vt* wash, clean
od lwok bathroom, wash room

lwokore *vn* bathe, wash oneself

lwomo *vt* 1. sow selectively
 2. pick selectively

¹lworo {CN}, ¹luor *n* fear **En gi lworo**.
 He has fear.

²lworo *vt* surround, go round **Chiel olworo dala**. The hedge surrounds the village.

lwor koni come round this way

lwor ndiga form a circle

lworore *vn* 1. go round (*earth on axis*)
 2. do rounds

lworruok *n* rotation, rounds

M

¹ma *rel pron* who, whom, which, that, what

²ma *dem pron* this

³ma, mama *n* 1. mother

2. aunt, mother's sister

3. step-mother

⁴**ma-** [*poss of mach*] fire
[3s: **mae**]

maar, maro *n* mother-in-law (*wife's mother*) See **wuon odwa** (*husband's mother*)

mabarbar *adv* sparsely See ²**bar**

maber 1. *adv* well **Ok ang'eyo Dholuo maber.** I do not know Dholuo very well.

2. *adj* good

3. *adj* nice

4. *adj* beautiful, pretty

5. *adj* right

6. *adj* good at [*pl: mabeyo*]

mabidore *adj* honest

mabirwa, kabirwa *n* acne, face pimples
{CN} See **orirwa**

mabith *adj* sharp, keen, acute
pala mabith sharp knife

mabo *adj* tamed

mabor 1. *adj* long, tall, high

2. *adv* very far, very distant **Owuotho mabor.** He walked far. **En mabor.** He is far away.

3. *adv* at a distance

wuoth mabor long journey

maboth *adj* insipid, tasteless, flat

maboyo *adj* long

mabul *n* umbrella

maburi, mari *n* ostrich feather headband
Syn. **aika**

mabus *Swa n mahabusi* prisoner, person

¹**mach** *n* fire [*pl: mech, mae*]

²**mach** *n* theft

machach, maochiek {CN} *adj* malicious, cruel, vicious
[*pl: macheje*]

machalo *adj* similar, like, such as

machapni *adj* restless, fidgety

machiegini *adj, adv* 1. near, close

2. adjacent

3. presently, imminently, shortly

dhi machiegini venture near

machiegini gi contiguous with

¹**machiek** *adj* mature, full-grown, ripe

²**machiek** *adj* short, low

mong'ad machiek abbreviated

ng'ado machiek take a short cut

machiolo *pron, adj* 1. other, different **Ok adwa ma; miya machiolo cha.** I do not want this one; give me the other over there.

2. another, additional one **Ma tin; medna machiolo.** This is small; give me another.

3. elsewhere

machien *adj* youngest

machienglo *adj* unlawful

machil *adj* clean, clear

machinga *n* rain water (*cool and fresh*)

pi machinga caught rainwater

machogo *adj* youngest, last one born See ³**chogo**

machon *adj* old, ancient, former

machop *adj* abbreviated

machungwa, machunga *Swa n* orange
(*Citrus sinensis; fruit*)

machwe *adj* fat, plump (*while alive*) See **mamiyo**

machwende *n* syphilis

machwok *adj* briefly, lacking time

machwop *adj* shallow

madak *adj* durable

malesore, modesore {CN} *vn* well-dressed, dressed up

malesre, madhesre *n* dregs, slop
{*Nyando*} *Syn.* **ng'iehe**

madhako, dhako *adj* married female

madhedhe *adj* tepid, lukewarm

madhil *adj* enduring

madho, modho *vt* drink, imbibe (*not water*)

madho kwesi smoke a pipe

madho kwiri trial by ordeal

madho ndawa smoke tobacco

madi, mad *interj* oh that! (*introducing a wish or a hope*)

madibo *adj* white [*feminine or neuter*] (*clothes*) [*masc: marachar, rachar, pl: madiboye*]

madibondo *adj* with a contrasting patch on the head (*cattle: white with dark or dark with white*)

madibuoro *fem adj* khaki, light brown

madich *adj* 1. abundant, plentiful

2. crowded, packed (*plants*) See **dich**

madichol *fem adj* black [*masc: marateng'*]

madichwo *n* male one *See dichwo*

¹**madiere** *adj* central, middle

²**madiere** *adj* busy, not free **Okech na'at**
madiere seche duto. Okech is busy
most of the time.

madieri *adj* truthful **Mano wach madieri.**
Those are truthful words.

madikiyo *fem adj* black and white

madinore *adj* securable, closable, lockable

madiny *adj* 1. narrow, tight (*place*), close
(*area*)
2. acute *See diny*

madire *adj* off to the side, not closely
connected

owadwa madire distant blood relation,
brother

madit *adj* 1. mid-sized (*things*)
2. marriageable age [*pl: madito*]

mado *v* select, pick over

madongo *adj* 1. big
2. large

madundo *adj* small [*pl: madunde*]

maduong' *adj* 1. large, full-grown
2. powerful
3. great
4. chief
5. significant [*pl: madongo*]

mae *emphatic dem pron* this, this one

maeni *emphatic dem pron* this very one

mag [*pl of mar*] of (*possessive*)

maga *poss pl pron* mine

magaga *adj* bizarre, strange (*misshapen*
baby, bad magic) {*Nyando, CN, Ugenya*}

magagalalo, mathagalalo *adj* 1. very big
2. very tall
3. very long

magalagala *adj* different

magakla *n* 1. empty shell (*or scales or*
skin)
2. dead tissue

magana, gana {*SN*} *adj* having extra digits
(*fingers or toes*)

maganga *adj* thieving (*one who steals*
from the herd rather than the kraal)

mage, meke *poss pl obj pron* his, hers, its

magendo *n* smuggling

mageng'o *adj* defensive

mager *adj* 1. furious, violent
2. severe

maggi *poss pl pron* theirs

¹**magi** *poss pl pron* yours **Gin magi?**
Are they yours?

²**magi** *dem pron* these **Magi mag ng'a?**
Whose are these?

magingli, mahingli, maingli *adj* 1. with
bark (*tree*)

2. unshelled, unhusked **Otingo bando**
maingli. He is carrying unhusked corn.

mago *dem pron* those

magu *poss pl pron* yours

magul *adj* at the back, innermost
leke magul molars, back teeth

magumo, ²gumo *adj* hornless (*cows*)

magungu madongo *n* marabou stork *See*
king'ong'

maguti *n* anklet, ankle wires

¹**magwa** *poss pl pron* ours

²**magwa** *adj* rough, coarse, unpolished,
unplaned

magwala *adj* unhoed

magwambo {*Nyando*} [*variant of agwambo*]
1. murder, homicide
2. any appalling crime

magwar *n* zebra [*pl: magwerini*]



mahaga {*Nyando*}, **maraga** {*CN*} *adj*
ordinary, medium, average (*size or height*)

mahandia, mihandia *n* firstborn {*Nyando,*
CN} *Syn. makayo*

mahanya *n* maize (*without beans*)

mahati *adj* unfair (*grabbing larger share*)

mahau *adj* selfish, grabby, grasping
{*Nyando, CN*}

mahiga, mihiga [*short form of mar higa*]
unharvested grain {*Nyando, CN*}

mahito *vn* grow quickly, shoot up (*child,*
tree) {*Nyando*}

- mahu** *n* uprising, disturbance, riot
- maino** *adv* forcefully
- jamaino** one who puts all his energy into something
- timo maino** act energetically (*with full force*)
- maiye** *adv* 1. inside, inner
2. perfect
- Dholuo maiye** idiomatic Dholuo
- ot maiye** inner room
- wach maiye** secret
- majakoko** *adj* noisy
- majinji** *n* mango fly, mango fly maggot (*parasitical worm on humans and animals*)
- majoko, jok** *Eng n* yoke (egg)
- mak** *adv* except, unless, lest, without
- Nogoya kayiem, mak atimo gimoro.** He hit me without just cause.
- maka** *dem pron* those (*over there*)
- makaka** *n* scroll earrings (*worn by Luo elders*)
- makare** *adj* perfect, faultless, without blemish
- makas** *Swa n: makasi* scissors [*pl: makase*]
- makati** *Swa n: mkate* bread
- makawuono** *adj* fresh, new, up-to-date
- gazate makawuono** today's newspaper
- makawo kinde matin** momentarily
- makayo** *adj* first-born
- makech** *adj* 1. bitter, sour
2. cross, bad-tempered
3. potent (*alcohol*)
- makelkel** *adj* scattered, sparsely **Bel oti makelkel.** The sorghum is growing sparsely. *See mokelore*
- makemkem** *adj* sharp, slightly bitter, tart
- maketore** *adj* diligent, determined
- makibare** *adj* 1. wide spread, flared
- Dhiang' makibare.** Cow with wide spread horns.
2. contrary **Nyathi makibare.** Contrary child.
- makidoro** *adj* helpless, vulnerable (*new-born*)
- makiny** *adj* 1. fierce
2. cruel
- ma kite** *adj* characteristically, having the property of being
- ma kite rach** bad charactered
- ma kite thoth** speckled, spotted, figured
- mako** *vt* 1. hold, retain
2. seize, catch, grasp, grab at
3. perceive, grasp (*intellectually*) **Wachno otama mako.** I cannot grasp that. [*vi: meko*]
- mako bura** keep the law
- mako chok** astonish, cause wonderment
- mako ich** be pregnant
- mako matek** cling to
- mako nyako** take a wife
- riyo omaka** I am thirsty
- wang'a pok omake** I have not yet seen him (*lit. my eyes have not caught him*)
- makojolo** *adj* provisional
- mak su** come to fruition, be in seed [*Nyando*]
- makwar** *adj* red
- makwer** *adj* illicit, illegal {*CN*}
- mal** *n* testicle [*pl: mende*]
- malach** *adj* broad, wide, spacious
- kinde malach** for ages
- malaika** *Swa n* angel
- malala** *adj* savage, untamable, uncontrolled [*Nyando, CN, Ugenya*]
- malam, malamlam** *adj* light food (*little staying power*)
- malambre** *adj* whole, uncut (*fish, chicken, leg of beef*) {*Nyando*}
- malando** *fem adj* reddish brown, copper colored [*masc: silwal*]
- malang'** *v* take openly, take excessively *See* ²lang'o
- malaya** *Swa n* prostitute, fornicator (*male or female*) [*pl: malache*]
- malenye** *n* well-polished brass bangle
- maler** *adj* clear, clean, pure **Taya maler rieny maber.** A clean lamp shines bright.
- chuny maler** clear conscience, good spirit
- nanga maler** clean garment
- taya maler** clean lamp
- malich, malik** *adj* 1. nice, beautiful
- Nyako no ber malich.** That lady is very beautiful.
2. wonderful **Warruok en gimalich ahinya.** Salvation is a very wonderful thing.

3. dangerous, unheard of **Mano wach malich**. That is unheard of.
 4. strange **Mano gimalich miwuoro**. That is a very strange thing.

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

maliera, liero *n* pot (*with lip or handles*)

maliet *adj* hot

malik, malich *adj* beautiful, ornamental (*building, furniture*)

maliny, malwiny, miliny *n* tapeworm
 Also ²**lwiny**

¹**malit** *adj* 1. painful, hurtful
 2. tender

wach malit distressing news

²**malit** *adv* 1. grievously, deeply, painfully
Wachno ochwo chunya malit. The news pained me deeply.

2. severely **Nogoya malit**. He beat me severely.

malithlith *adj* spindly

maliw *adj* clear, apparent, plain, undeniable

pi maliw clear water

wach maliw easily understandable remark

malmal *n* white lies

malmalo *n* lemon

¹**malo** 1. *adv* above, on top, high up

2. *adv* erect

3. *n* upcountry

ting'o malo elevated

²**malo** *v* be evasive, be fraudulent

malo ni ng'ato pesa cheat out of money

malo wach prevaricate

mamalo wang'e shifty-eyed

malokore 1. *adj* changeable, wavering, vacillating, unstable

2. *adj* flexible

3. *adj* pliant

4. *vn* fade

malore *adj* closable

malong'o *adj* agreeable, pleasing, acceptable

malore *vn* 1. be careless, be irresponsible

2. act spasmodically, do off and on

Omalore ni somo. He comes to school off and on.

maluga *n* prostitution {*Nyando*} See

⁴**chodo, chonde**

maluto *n* toenail sore (*fungus*)

mama *n* mother

mamba *n* mudfish See **kamongo**

mamingli, mingli *adj* handleless

mamit *adj* sweet, pleasing

weche mamit pleasing, acceptable words

mamiyo *adj* fat, plump (*when killed*)

Mano ringo mamiyo. That is very fat meat. See **machwe**

mamo *vt* enclose, occupy

mamo piny occupy the country, occupy a large area

mamoko *n* adhesive

mamor *adj* 1. happy, jolly

2. excited

mamore *vr* selfishly keeping everything

¹**mamos** *adj* tractable, docile, amenable, governable, pliant

²**mamos, mos** *adv* carefully, slowly

mamuol *adj* 1. gentle, meek, mild

2. kind

3. calm

mana *adv* 1. simply, only, just

2. absolutely

3. even

manadi *interr pron* what kind of

manaha, nyamanaha {*SN*} *n* heron



manaha

mananda, wananda *n* species of vine

mandha *adj* not much **Ne ok wanyal**

wuotho mandha. We could not move much for the press of people. **Ok ibi yudo mandha**. You will not find much.

mandhaga [*short form of maluga ndhaga*]

1. prostitution

2. unfaithful one, traitor {*CN*}

mandiwa *adj* dense, deep (*darkness, river*)

manduklu *n* otter

mane *interr pron* which

manga *n* rower's seat, canoe seat [*pl: mengini*]

mangala *adj* impotent (*but unaware of it*)
{*Nyando*}

mangalagala *adj* unusual

mang'ech *fem adj* color of spotted goats
{*Nyando*}

mangemo *adj* fierce, ravening
ondiegi mangemo wild beast

mang'eny *adj* many, numerous

mang'ich *adj* 1. cold, wet
2. not affectionate, self-possessed
3. new (*car, material*)

pi mang'ich cold water

mangima *adj* 1. alive, living, healthy, sound
2. complete, whole, entire

mang'uch *adj* abbreviated, short
law mang'uch very short dress

mang'urung'uru *adj* undone, lacking,
deficient {*Nyando, CN*}

chiemo mang'urung'uru undercooked
food

ng'ato mang'urung'uru person with a
deficiency in his character

wach mang'urung'uru indistinct speech,
indefinite talk

mang'won *adj* 1. merciful, compassionate,
kind, thoughtful, considerate
2. demure, modest

mani 1. *adj* this
2. *pron* this one **Mani mar ng'a?** Whose
is this one?

manimba *adj* stuck

¹**mano** *vt* provide with gifts **Ochieng'**
omano nyare ahinya. Ochieng' provides
his daughter with lots of gifts to take
back to her home (*after a visit to her*
parent's house).

²**mano** *dem* 1. that
2. that, that one **Mano mara.** That is
mine.

manok *adj* few, scanty, rare, scarce

manono *adj* 1. empty, vacant, unoccupied,
clear

2. unsatisfying, unsatisfactory, insincere
3. idle, vacuous
4. useless, senseless, frivolous **Mano gima**
manono. That is something useless.

manore *vn* 1. be prepared for, be prepared
with
2. be armed

manruok *n* gathering of things for a
special purpose

manumu *adj* raw, unripe, undercooked
(*food*) *Ant.* **motedi**

rabolo manumu unripe bananas, uncooked
bananas

manwang' *adj* sticky, heavy

lowo manwang', lop anwang' {*CN*} clay
soil

¹**manyaka chieng'** *adj* eternal, everlasting,
infinite, forever

²**manyaka nende** *adv* since daybreak
Manyaka nende itimo ang'o? What have
you been doing all day?

³**manyaka nene** *adv* always, for ages

manyako *adj* female (*unmarried and*
childless)

manyambla *n* sisal (*separated but unbeaten*)

manyap *adj* weak, feeble, powerless

manyasi *n* medicine (*used to remove taboos*)

manyien *adj* new, fresh, recent, novel,
unused, unaccustomed

manyinya *vt* see a goal through to
completion

ng'ado manyinya finally consider
complete (*negotiations*)

manyu *vt* 1. look for, search for, hunt for
2. confront, face, challenge

manyoch, monyoch {*CN*} *adj* feeble, worn
out, decrepit

manyonge, minyonge *n* small brass anklet
{*Nyando, CN, Ugenya*}

manyore *vr* 1. facing, opposite **Ute**
omanyore gi nan. The houses are
opposite the lake. {*SN, CN*}

2. adjacent {*CN*}

manyuru *adj* 1. delivered (*of a child a*
month or two ago)

2. empty, hollow, unoccupied, blank

maoko *adj* external, outer, superficial

¹**ma okne** *adj* invisible

²**ma ok rum** *adj* infinite, endless

maombo *n* large intestine

maonge *adj* without

maonge medo without additions

mapaka *adj* superabundant, teeming,
plentiful, profuse

mapaka yomba in abundance

mapala *variant of apala* roan, reddish brown and white [*masc: rapala*]

mapapui *adj* flickering (*fire, light*)

mapek *adj* 1. heavy, weighty
2. gloomy, despondent, burdensome
3. pregnant

mapile, mapilepile 1. *adj* common, ordinary

2. *adj* routine, daily
3. *adv* routinely, often

mapim *adj* old, barren *See pim*

mapiyó *adv* 1. easily, quickly, readily
Mano gi matimore mapiyo. That is something easily done.

2. *adj* easy, simple

mapoth *n* 1. smooth one, polished one, sleek one

2. slippery one, slimy one *See poth*

maputh *n* 1. child slow to walk

2. lame person *See puth*

mar *poss prep* belonging to, -'s **Nanga mar Opiyo** Opiyo's garment

mara *poss pron* my, mine

marabala, rabala *masc adj* one who has a white spot, or a bald spot

marabuor *masc adj* khaki, light brown [*fem: dibuoro*]

¹**marach** *adj* 1. bad, wrong, sinful

2. soiled

3. in bad condition [*pl: maricho*]

²**marach** *n* danger, evil [*pl: maricho*]

marachar *masc adj* white

marachi *masc adj* roan [*fem: mochi, machi*]

marachich *masc adj* black and white (*mottled, patchy*)

marachiel *adj* first, chief, leading, foremost

maraga *adj* not fully developed, immature (*new potatoes, teenagers*)

marahiri *adj* huge, enormous, massive, bulky

maralum *adj* grass green

marambi *adj* fearsome

marang'ech, ma rang'ech *masc adj* color of a guinea-fowl

marangede, barangede *Swa n* blanket

marang'o *adv* why, what for

marang'ol, ma rang'ol *adj* lame, crippled

marapenda, ma rapenda *masc adj* light brown

marateng' *masc adj* black [*fem: madichol*]
See rateng'

marathuol *adj* purple, grey

marati *adj* old, perfect

maratiglo *adj* green, deep blue *See alum*

mare *poss pron* his, hers, its [*singular possessed*]

marenda *adj* watery *See timo renda*

marep *adj* flimsy, thin (*cloth*)

mareprep *adj* thin, sloppy, mushy (*foods*)

margi *poss pron* their, theirs (*singular possessed*)

¹**mari, maburi** *n* ostrich feather band *See aika*

²**mari** *poss pron* yours (*singular possessor, singular possessed*)

³**mari** *n* one who claims what is not his

maria *n* woodpecker *See teltel*

maria



mariek *adj* 1. wise, clever

2. prudent, careful

3. skillful

mariembo *adj* growing

nyako mariembo growing girl (13-15 yrs. old)

marimba, rimba {*CN*} *n* fishing net, seine net

mariri *adj* in confinement (*mother and baby prior to cleansing rites*)

mariwa, mariewa {*CN*} *n* manioc, cassava (*Manihot esculenta*)

marmar *adj* pale pink

¹**maro** *vt* extol, praise, revere, adore

²**maro** *poss n* his mother in-law

marom *adj* same, equal to

maromre 1. *adj* average

2. *adv* evenly
- ¹**marowe** *n* species of thorny tree {CN}
- ²**marowe, orowe** *n* tobacco (*second growth*)
- marruok** *n* reciprocal admiration
- maru** *poss pron* yours (*plural possessor, singular possessed*)
- marwa** *poss pron* ours (*singular possessed*)
- masawa** *n* north
yo **masawa** northerly, northward
- masasi** *adj* excessively cruel, excessively fierce [*pl: masesini*]
- masi, maswi** {Ugenya}, **si** {CN} *adj* young female fowl
gweno **masi** pullet
- masibini, ma sibini** *adj* young female (*deer, goats, sheep, etc.*)
- masie** *adj* full, sharing two parents **En** owadwa **masie**. He is my full brother.
- masilili** *adj* untouched
nyako **masilili** virgin
- masilwal** *masc adj* reddish brown
- masimi** *adj* quick (*to produce*)
- masira** *n* 1. marvel, wonder
2. trouble, accident, bad luck, tragedy
Yudo **masira puniono ji**. Having an accident is educational.
masira **mar dara** traffic accident
nego **ng'ato masira** kill a person accidentally
neno **masira** be in trouble
yudo **masira** have an accident
- maşoya** *n* bribery, giving secretly *See* ³soyo
- masumali** *Swa n* nail
- maswuyi** *adj* sneaking
ng'ato **maswuyi** stalker {Nyando}
- matang'tang'** *adj* pale, anemic
- matar** *adj* 1. white, dazzling, bright
2. clean (*teeth*) *See* ¹taro
- matara** *adj* abundant
- matenge, mathenge** {CN} *adv* off to the side
wach **matenge** irrelevant statements, misleading statements
- ¹**matek** *adj* 1. strong, powerful
2. solid, firm, hard
3. bright, vivid (*color*)
- ²**matek** *adv* strongly, firmly, tightly
- matelo, motela** {CN} *adj* leading, foremost, initial
- math** *n* beverage, drink *See* **madho**
- mathoth** *adj* many, abundant, plenty of
- mathwon** *adj* 1. male, masculine
2. powerful, strong and violent
3. bold **Nyathi mathwon**. The child is very bold.
gweno **mathwon** cockrel
lith **luedo mathwon** thumb
- mati jora** *adj* rotten, overripe (*melon, pawpaw, etc.*)
- matimo kinda** *adj* zealous, diligent, industrious
- ¹**matin** *adj* 1. little, small, tiny
2. trivial, paltry
3. short (*time*)
- ²**matin** *adv* slightly, a little, a bit **Chori** **matin**. Move over a little.
- matinde** *n* 1. recent days
2. these days
- matindo** *adj* small
- matini, matni** *vn* 1. din (*crowd*)
2. rustle (*wind in dry grass*)
3. crunch (*dry leaves*)
- matiptip** *adj* obscure, hazy, dim
- matir** *adj* 1. upright, straight, erect
2. just, honest, upright
- matoka** *n* car *See* **nyamburko**
- matoke** *adj* in third position, behind
dwe **matoke** two months ago
- matung'** *adj* last, hindmost
- matunga** *n* growth (*6th finger*), wen
- matuo** *adj* ill, sick
- matut** *adj* deep, profound
aora **matut** deep river
bedo **gi paro matut** pensive
wach **matut** profound saying
- matuta** *Swa n* 1. furrows, ridges
2. piles
- matuwo, motuwo** *adj* 1. sick
2. dry
- mau** *poss pron* yours
- maugo** *n* tsetse fly, large horsefly
- mauwa** *n* flower
- mawach** *adj* sour, tart, sharp (*food*)

mawangane, mawang'ene *adj* strange, unique, totally different {*Nyando*} *Syn.*
mbanga

mawethweth *adj* 1. soft, pliable
2. feeble

mawi: amen mawi *n* public wrestling match

mawidhi *adj* unthreshed (*grain*)

mawinjore *adj* agreeable

mawiriwiri 1. *adj* hazy, dim, vague
2. *adv* fumblingly, awkwardly **Owuoyo**
mawirewire. He speaks fumblingly.

¹**ma wiye pek** *adj* stubborn, obstinate

²**ma wiye yot** *adj* alert, quick, intelligent

mawuoi *adj* male (*young*)

mayee *n* wrestling match

¹**mayo** *n* 1. my mother {*SN*}

2. *word used in wailing* {*CN*}

²**mayo** *vt* 1. rob, plunder, snatch **Yamo nomaya wach.** The wind snatched away the words.

2. fleece (*a person*)

3. withdraw, take back (*something given*)

mayom *adj* 1. soft

2. malleable, compliant, pliable

3. tender

4. lenient

5. young

bedo mayom be debilitated

mayomyom *adj* weak

ng'at mayomyom weakening

mayore *adj* odd, queer, unusual, peculiar, unique, diverse

mayot *adj* 1. lightweight

2. easy, facile

mayukyuk *adv* loosely, not packed, slack
Iketo bel mayukyuk. You put the grain in loosely.

mba: gore mba be identical, be equal (*in value or condition*) **Kombe gore mba.** The chairs are identical.

mbadi *vn, adj* not fully developed (*grain on the ear, something young that dies*) {*unknown*}

mbagia *n* bone (*fish*) {*unknown*} *See*

mbawi

mbagia rech fishbone

mbaha *n* ringworm

mbaka *n* 1. debate, dispute, argument

2. conversation

3. talk

4. story-telling

goyo mbaka argue, debate

mbala *n* 1. scar, mark, disfigurement

2. defect, imperfection, blemish, flaw

mbalafwa *n* species of worm which forms a pupa of a weblike substance *See okila*

mbalakwasi, rabalakwasi,

balakwasi *n* eagle, harpy-eagle

mbalariany *adj* red (*all over, e.g., Canadian Wonder bean*)

mbalarieny *adj* troublesome, hard to control

mbandu *n* seedlings, shoots (*maize*)

mbanga *adj* different, strange *Syn.*
mawangane

mbanya *n* gap between front teeth *See*
singari

mbara *n* scorch marks (*due to sitting by fire*) *See* **rambara**

¹**mbare** *n* beer (*from roasted millet*)

²**mbare** *n* crack, space (*between boards*)

mbas *n* contemporary, of the same age group **En mbasna.** He is of my age.
[*pl: mbese*]

mbasero *n* Small twig ring which allows fish to enter fishing basket but restricts their leaving. {*possibly archaic*}

mbawa, ¹mbawi *n* frontier, border, boundary

²**mbawi** *n* carp fishbone

¹**mbaye** *n* obstinacy

timo mbaye be obstinate, be stubborn
{*unknown*}

²**mbaye** *n* species of weed {*Ugenya, CN*}

mbeche *n* 1. wild pig

2. headdress of wild pig teeth

¹**mbedo** *n* hooked stick (*used to reach high branches*) [*long e sound*]

²**mbedo** *vt* reach or pull with hooked stick
[*short e sound*]

mbega *n* decorative work, fancy patterned haircuts *Syn.* **goro, ougo**

mbegu *Swa n* 1. eucalyptus tree

2. eucalyptus tree seeds

mbekini *vn* loose, slack

mbeko *vt* 1. tie loosely, slacken, loosen

2. bargain, haggle

mbekoni ng'ato reduce the price

mbekore *vn* become slack, become loose
Tol ombekore. The rope has gotten slack.

mbele *n* front

mbero *n* board, bench, canoe, trough [*pl*:
mberini; *poss*: **mbech**]

mbetre *vn* be evasive, spy
jambetre spy

timo mbetre be evasive, spy on

mbi *n* 1. frightening person, frightening
 animal

2. awesomeness, magnificance

chamo ni ng'ato mbi intimidate, cow,
 terrify

mbiche *n* balsam headband (*beaded on
 leather thong*) {*possibly archaic*}

mbidhi *n* wild pig, bush pig, wart hog
 [*pl*: **mbithe**] *Syn.* ¹**njiri**

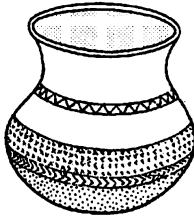
mbiko *n* leprosy stage (*considered
 curable*) {*unknown*}

mbiri, njiri {*SN*} *n* wild pig (*giant*),
 warthog *See* **jadhoho**

¹**mbiru** *n* carp (*fish*)

²**mbiru** *n* pot for preparing beer

mbiru



³**mbiru** *n* soot {*CN*}

mbita *n* strait, narrows (*between water
 expanses*)

mbofwa *n* divining stick
jambofwa diviner

¹**mbogo** *Swa n*: **mboga** greens, vegetables

mboha



²**mbogo** *n* sleeping hut for bachelors *See*
simba

mboha *n* species of vine (*Pergularia
 daemia*; *grows by Lake Victoria*)

¹**mbola** *n* wound, sore (*healed but not yet
 scarred*) {*unknown*}

²**mbola** *adj* sociable, friendly

jambola friendly person, extrovert

mbolwa *n* white ibis (*bird*) {*unknown*}

mbomoyo *n* species of tree {*unknown*}

mbora *n* fallow ground

¹**mboro** *n* species of tree (*grows near
 water*) {*unknown*}

²**mboro, moro: mboro yuak** *v* mourn
 with a deep voice

mboto *n* species of hardwood tree
 (*Tarenna graveolens*)

mbowo *variant of* ²**powo** perforate, pierce,
 make a way through

mbowore, powore {*SN*} *vr* appear, arrive,
 emerge

mbugembuge *n* pennated nightjar (*bird*)

mbugo *n* large beer pot {*Nyando, CN*}

mbugra, bugra *n* river silt deposits

mbuha *n* early teenager {*unknown*}

mbulu *adj* blue

mbui, mbuwi, mbuyi {*CN*} *n* spiderweb

mbula *interj* but, well {*Uguya*}

¹**mbululu** *n* pullet

²**mbululu** *n* bubbles (*i.e. from boiling*)

³**mbululu** *adv* a long time **Arito**

mbululu. I waited a long time.

mbuluswa *n* incest, bestiality {*unknown*}
See ²**liswa**

¹**mbunda, mbundha** *n* cancer, stomach
 cancer

²**mbunda, mbadi** *n* type of groundnut
 {*unknown*}

mbundu *n* lumps (*in gruel, mush, salt*)
 {*unknown*}

mbura *n* house cat {*CN*}

mbure *adv* from one side to the other,
 through

mbusi *n* pelican

mbuwi, mbui or **mbuyi** {*CN*} *n* spiderweb

mbuwu *n* small owl {*Uguya*}

mbwa *n* stubble ground (*from last year's harvest*) {*unknown*}

mbwambwa *n* species of vine {*unknown*}

mchele, michele, muchele *Swa n* rice

¹**mecho** [*vi of mayo*] rob, plunder, extort

²**mecho** *n* robbery

medemedede *adv* slowly **Otiyo medemedede.**
He works slowly. {*unknown*}

medho, metho, madho *vt* prepare for drinking, infuse {*Ugenya, CN*}

medo *vt* 1. increase, extend, enlarge, amplify **Gimedo.** They are increasing.
2. add to
3. propagate
medo wach speak further; exaggerate
momedore more

medore *vn* 1. increase, multiply
2. exaggerate **Gimedore.** They are exaggerating.

medruok 1. *n* multiplication, increase
2. *n* exaggeration
3. *vr* further, advance **Odhi medruok e skol.** He went to further his studies.

mefu, mehu *adj* fully ripe (*and yellow in color - bananas, pawpaw, lemons, oranges*) {*unknown*}

¹**mego, meho, medo: mego wach** *vt* exaggerate

²**mego** *n* the mother **Mego ero biro.** The mother is coming. (*usually said in jest*)

megore *vn* grow in bunches *See odhuk*

¹**megre** *adj* numberless {*Nyando*}

²**megre** *n* button mushrooms *See megore* {*Nyando*}

mek *n* possession, belonging

meka, mega *poss pron* mine [*plural possessed*]

meke, mage *poss pron* his, hers, its [*plural possessed*]

mekgi *poss pron* theirs [*plural possessed*]

meki *poss pron* yours [*singular possessor, plural possessed*]

meko [*vi of mako*] 1. hold, retain, grasp
2. seize a girl and take her to her husband's home (*marriage rite*)

meku *poss pron* yours [*plural possessor, plural possessed*]

mekwa *poss pron* ours [*plural possessed*]

mel *n* dry break in the weather (*15-20 days*)

memore *vn* preoccupied, engrossed

meno *vt* wrestle *Syn. goyo amen*

meny *n* torch, flare

menyo *vt* give light to, enlighten, illumine

mer *vn* drunk, intoxicated
jamer drunkard, alcoholic

mero 1. *vt* intoxicate, inebriate, make drunk
2. *adj* intoxicating

mesa *Swa n* table [*pl: mese*]

meso *vt* snack, eat a little, tide over
Ameso chiemo matin. I have eaten a little food. {*Nyando, CN*}

mesore *vn* be tide over **Iye omesore.** His stomach is tide over. {*Nyando, CN*}

metho *vt* drink

mew *vn* 1. be fertile, be flourishing, be bountiful **Mach omew.** The fire is flourishing.
2. be abundant **Koth omew.** There is an abundance of rain.
3. become rich

¹**mewo** *vt* 1. enrich, fertilize **Owuoyo omewo lowo.** Manure enriches the soil.
2. spread (*fire*)
3. make wealthy [*vn: mepo*]
mewo wach spread news

²**mewo** *adj* wealthy

¹**mi** *conj* then, and, which

²**mi** [*short form of ma i*] whom you
en mihero the one whom you like

mia *adj* *Swa* hundred

miaha *n* spouse, bride [*pl: miechini, miechni*]

mibadhi, jamibadhi *n* sly one, shyster

mibolo, mifuolo *n* bad smell, odor (e.g., *carcass*)

¹**mich** *n* 1. gift, offering
2. reward

²**mich** *vi* 1. shrink, double up
2. call on one's reserves

michele *Swa n* rice

micheri *n* occasional thief {*Nyando, CN*}

michieri *n* Witchcraft caused by serving husband food without wearing the *chieno*.

michira, michera *n* sense of fulness

Onindo gi michira.

michiwu *n* species of tree used in boat building

¹**micholo** *n* woman being helped to give birth [*short o sound*]

²**micholo** *n* midwife [*long o sound*]

midat *n* species of forest hardwood (*Teclea nobilis*; used in building)

midekre *n* 1. frailty, feebleness, infirmity, invalidism

2. sickling

midenyo *n* hunger, appetite craving {*SN*}
See denyo

miderma *n* son (*only living*)

midhiero {*CN*}, **modhiero** *adj* mysterious
See ³**dhier**

midhusi *n* 1. fever, high temperature

2. malaria

midimidi *adj* high, aloft, topmost

midore *vn* wrestle {*unknown*}

midudwe *n* rainclouds, overcast sky **Piny otimo midudwe.**

¹**miel** *n* dance, jig, jerk up and down

miend otenga women's dance at a death

²**miel** [*vi of mielo*] dance

mielo *vt* dance **Gimielo miend otenga.**

They are dancing the women's dance.

miemo: miemo wach whisper

mien *n, adj* 1. resistant, uncompromising (*in an argument*)

2. nagging

3. persistence

ng'at mamien persistent person

mienge *n* 1. unfermented sorghum beer

2. unfermented banana beer (*popular in parts of Uganda*)

mieno *vt* smear, spread, rub on

mieno wach slander, twist words, pervert meaning

mieno wang' look downcast, look sad

mienore *vr* 1. smear oneself, be smeared over, be stuck on **Omienore kuoma.** It stuck to me.

2. persevere in, stick to **Omienore e tich.** He sticks to his work.

mier [*pl of dala*] homes, villages

¹**miero** *n* good luck

ng'at mamiero good luck charm (*person*)

²**miero** *vi* quarrel, bicker

³**miero** *n* trouble **Idwaro miero.** You are looking for trouble.

mifuolo, **mibolo** {*SN*} *n* stink, bad smell

mifwadhi, jamifwadhi *n, adj* spendthrift

migago *n* breakfast

migalo *n* attention-getter (*as something given to a child, something half-promised*)

miganga *n* cheat, impostor, hypocrite

migawo *n* portion, share, section

migawo mapogi allotment

migeke *n* banana flour

migele *n* 1. deception

2. pretender

migero *n* measure for grain

migogo, mugogo {*CN*} *n* married woman (*term used at her home*)

migondho *n* fishhook (*large*) {*unknown*}

migongo *n* boat keel {*unknown*}

migosi, ligosi *n* 1. well behaved person

2. favorite, spoiled child

3. cry-baby

4. favoritism, compassion **Timo ni ng'ato**

migosi.

timo migosi act spoiled

migumba *n* barren woman *See lur*

miguna *n* one who is decrepit and old (*person, elephant, buffalo*)

migundia 1. *adj* grasping, mean

2. *n* one who is mean

migundho *n* dissatisfied person

miguu, miguowo *n* untidiness, slovenliness

jamguo untidy person

miha *n* girl brought hostage

mihambi *n* security, collateral, surety

mako gimoro mihambi hold as collateral {*Nyando*}

mihaya, mihya [*variant of muhiya*] child {*Nyando, CN*}

mihudhi, mihudhwe *n* coarse grain husks, chaff *See lito*

mihumbe, miumbe *n* 1. something

closed, something unrevealed (*like a bud*)

2. unformed mass of metal {*Nyando*}

miholo, mihola *n* bush knife, sickle {*SN*}

- mijing'o** *n* recuperation, refreshment, invigoration
- mikayi** *n* wife (*first wife of polygamist*) [pl: **mikeyni**]
- mikeke, mikeka** {CN} *Swa n* soft mat
- mikenye** *n* cooked mashed peas, pulse
- mikinga, okinga** {SN} *n* wild mint used to cast a spell
- mil** *vi* glisten, glitter, flash **Nitie mil polo.** There is sheet lightning.
mil polo sheet lightning
- milale** *n* new-born (*not yet taken outside*) {CN}
- milambo** *n* south **Gichiko yo milambo.** They are heading south.
- milango** *n* food (*to break the day's fast*) **Goyo milango.** Eating breakfast.
- milango mar nyinyo** pig iron, unworked smelted iron
- milimili** *vn* 1. tasty (*food*)
2. itchy (*skin*)
3. flexible (*whip, switch*)
kede ma milimili green whipping switch
- milo** *vt* brandish, flourish (*sword, knife in sun*)
milo wach verbose, insolent
- milome** *n* proclamation, announcement, notice
- milore** *vn* 1. be insolent, be forward
2. jest, trifle, show off {*Ugenya, CN*}
- miluma** *n* craving for, hungering for
- milumi** *n* bird lice
- mim** *vn* 1. prattle (*child*)
2. bleat (*sheep, goats*)
- mima** *n* dissatisfaction, discontent
timo mima be dissatisfied
- min** *poss n* mother of [pl: **minege;** *obligatorily possessed*]
nyamin sister
omin brother
- minabiera** *n* *Special dish prepared by girl's parents for her husband before she leaves for his home* Syn. **nyinabira**
- mindhoga, jandhoga** *n* person of bad character, traitor
- mineme** *n* jigger flea, chigger (*insect*) [pl: **minembe**]
- ming'** *vn* ignorance, inexperience
- ¹**mingli** *adj* handleless
- ²**mingli** *adj* alone
- ming'ming'** *vn* indisposed, ailing, out of sorts
- ¹**mino** *vi* head out, form the ear (*corn*)
- ²**mino** *n* wrinkle **Wang'e otimo mino.** His forehead has wrinkles.
- ³**mino** *vt* 1. twist, turn
2. tangle
3. contradict, gainsay
mino nengo bargain, haggle
mino wach contradict, argue, answer back argumentatively
- minore** *vn* intricate, tangled, involved
Wach minore ka. The case is very involved.
- minoya** *n* tender growth (*grass, corn - later than mbandu*) {*Nyando*}
- minruok** *n* complaint
- minumba** *n* persuasive person, convincing person
- minwa** *voc n* our mother (*polite address to old women*)
- minya** *n* fig creeper (*Cissus rotundifolia; used as rope*) Syn. **katera, kateratera**
- minyaga** *n* excrement, dung See ¹**chieth**
- minyira** *n* bravery
- minyisi** *n* person with a small appetite {*unknown*}
- mirana** *n* 1. swindler, cheat
2. weakling, emaciated person {*unknown*}
- mirawo** {CN}, **muraw** {*Ugenya*} *n* long shoots of native potato
- mire** *n* species of small bird (*found in flocks in millet*)
- mirema, hurema** {CN} *n* crippled person, lame person
- mirembe** *interj* *Luyia* peace (*as a greeting*)
- mirere** *n* young grass (*after* ³**olemo**)
- miriambo** *n* lie, falsehood
mar miriambo fake, false
- miriasia** *n* deception, lying, duplicity, chicanery
- mirich** *n* razor
- mirieny** *n* seer, oracle, soothsayer {*possibly archaic*}

mirieri: dhako ma mirieri *n* witch
soothsayer

mirima *n* anger, sorrow, grief (*expressed in word or action*)

mirime *n* harrowed land {*unknown*} *See urimi*

mirimiri, ng'iring'iri *n* evening

miriri, oriri *n* permanent pole bed

mirni *n* coals, embers {*CN*}

miro, miero *vn, vi* agree with, satisfy (*food, locality, person*) **Kisii omirona.** Kisii agrees with me. {*unknown*}

mirondo *n* Bantu painful area, sore spot, sensitive spot

Miranga *proper n* over-confident person [*name taken from a village in Kabuoch*]

misaga *adj* important {*unknown*}

misango *n* sacrifice, oblation

misawa, musawa {*Ugenya*} *interj* 1. peace (*most common salutation*)
2. hello
misawa achila greeting

mise *n* 1. foundation, basis, base
2. something lacking

misiko, misigo {*CN*}, **mosiko** *adj*
permanent, forever *See siko*
mumb misiko covenant, binding contract

misiro *adj* 1. impossible **Mano kwere misiro.** That is impossible to do.
2. sworn absolutely not **Kwera misiro.** I did not do it - I swear to it.

miso *adj* replete, satisfied, full {*unknown*}

misori, sori {*SN*} *n* cape, peninsula, point (*land*)

misudhwe *n* headcheese, meat jelly {*unknown*}

misumba *n* bachelor, slave **Keto ng'ato e misumba.** To enslave a person. [*pl: misumbini, wasumbini*] *See simba*

misweda *adj* lean, emaciated {*unknown*}

¹**mit, mita, miti** *conj, adv* perhaps, or so, then, maybe, afterwards, lest **Koth norumo, mit chieng nowuok.** The rain ended, and then the sun came out.

²**mit, mamit** *vn* 1. pleasing, agreeable (*flavor*)
2. palatable, tasty
3. sweet

mith *n* long edge (*door*)

mithuro, jamithuro *n* person or animal slow to move

mitki *adv* perhaps, maybe **Mitki chieng' iduogi.** Perhaps you will come back.

¹**mito** *vt* be fond of, be well-disposed to **Nyathi ok omito wuon mare.** The child is not fond of his father. [*generally used with negative ok*]

²**mito, mto** {*CN*} *n* species of edible small-leaved herb (*Crotalaria brevidens; bitter*)

mito



³**mito** *vt* sweeten

mitore *vn* 1. self-love, conceit
2. affection **Ok amitora kode.** I have no affection for him.

mitu *n* decayed fish

miumbe, umbe *adj* 1. whole (*uncut*), unbroken **Gweno otedi miumbe.** The hen is cooked whole.
2. round, smooth

miure *n* species of tree (*used in boat making*) {*unknown*} *See michiwu*

¹**miyo** *vn* 1. fat (*animals*)
2. rich, fertile (*land*)
lowo miyo fertile land
mach miyo hot fire
piny omiyo land laden with crops

²**miyo** *vt* 1. give, bestow **Miya migapa.** Give me my portion.
2. assign **Jaduung' omiyo ji tich.** The boss is assigning work.
3. cause, make **Dwaro chiemo omiyo ji tiyo.** The need for food makes people work.

³**miyo** *n* motherhood [*pl: mine*]

⁴**miyo** *vt* close, shut (*mouth, eyes*)

miyore *vn* fold up, close up (*flower, eye*)

miyugo *n* zeal (*used of women*)
jamiyugo zealous women {*CN*}

¹**miyumo** *n* zeal, earnestness (*used of men*)²**miyumo** *n* pleasant person, personable person**mo** *n* fat, oil [*pl*: **modhi**]**mor dhiang'** butter**mor kich** honey**mobarore** *adj* cracked, split**mobo** *adj* tamed**mobuopore** *adj* fat and stout (*people*)**mobwasore, modwesore** *adj* cracked, chipped (*but useable*)**mochi, machi** *fem adj* roan [*masc*: **marachi**]**mochido** *adj* dirty**mochidore** *adj* impure, indecent *See* ¹**chido****mochiegni** *adj* closed**mochiko kuno** *n* direction**mochikore** *adj* 1. straight, direct, undeviating2. honest, straightforward, frank *See* ⁴**chiko****mochiw** *vi* 1. be presented, be given

2. be allocated for

mochiw ni dedicated to**mochi** [*vi of moyo*] air, dry in sun**mochung'** *adj* stagnant (*water*)**mochung'** kinde independant**mochuti** *adj* eaten raw (*meat*)**ring'o mochuti** raw meat**mochwere** *adj* infinite, endless, everlasting¹**mochwiny, mochini** *adj* strong, well-formed (*body, gait*)²**mochwiny** *adj* thick, rich tasting (*gravity, soup*) **Otedo kuon mochini.** He made a good, thick mush.**mochwok** *adj* 1. soft, mild (*voice*)2. shallow (*water*)

3. trivial, superficial, shallow

modenyo *adj* hungry**modesore** *adj* well dressed, dressed up**modhethi** *adj* embellishing**modhi** *adj* infected, spreading (*wound*)**modhil** *adj* calm**modhier** *adj* poor, poverty-stricken**modhiero** *adj* mysterious, incomprehensible**modhing'ore** *adj* sifted, fine (*flour*)**modhno** *n* stargrass, knot-grass, couch-grass, quick grass (*Cynodon dactylon*)**modho, madho** *vt, vi* 1. drink (*water*)2. absorb (*paper, new pot*)**modi** *n* 1. bamboo (*Arundinaria alpina*)

2. node

modich *adj* 1. crowded, crammed, compressed

2. dense

modik, modikore {*CN*} *adj* blunt, dull (*knife, sissors*)**modinore** *adj* closed, locked, obstructed, shut, blocked**modo** *vt* 1. uproot **Yamo omodo ojuok.** The wind uprooted the euphorbia.2. gather **Modo yien.** Gather firewood.[*vi*: **moto**]**moeso** *vn* rich, wealthy**mogen** *n* 1. dependable, reliable2. favorite (*friend*)**mogik** *n* 1. last one, youngest

2. terminal

mogo *n* flour**mok bel** sorghum flour**mok oduma** maize flour**mogondore** *adj* zigzaggy**mogundo** *adj* abundant**mogurore** *adj* even, trimmed**moher** *adj* 1. loved, beloved2. favorite (*food*)**mok** *adj* lean (*animals*) {*Nyando*}**mokiki** *adj* alternated¹**moko** *vt* 1. light, set fire to2. ignite [*long o sound*]**moko taya** light a lamp²**moko** *vi* 1. stick, adhere **Chiemo omoko e tago.** The food is stuck to the pan.2. take root **Yath ma ne wapidho osemoko.** The tree we planted has taken root.3. be stiff **Tienda omoko.** My legs are stiff (*from sitting a long time*). [*long o sound*]³**moko** [*pl of moro*] others, more, some **Medna moko.** Give me some more. [*short o sound*]**jomoko** other people, some people

- ⁴**moko** *vt* cram, stuff (*mouth*) **Omoko nyoyo e dhoge.** He stuffed his mouth with maize and beans. [*short o sound*]
- mokowore** *adj* 1. durable, lasting (*material*)
2. drawn out (*delivery of a letter from place to place*) **Oter baruano mokowore.** The letter has finally been delivered to its place.
- mokuyo** *adj* gloomy, sad, melancholy
- mokwer, makwer** {*CN*} *adj* unlawful, prohibited, illicit
- mokwongo** 1. *adv* first
2. *adv* at the outset
3. *adj* foremost
4. *adj* chief
- mol** *vi* 1. move, flow, run, pour (*liquid*)
Aora mol. The river is flowing.
2. glide, slither (*like a snake*)
3. crawl (e.g., *child*)
- molam** *adj* assigned, allocated, allotted (*animal for sacrifice, inheritance*)
- moleng'ore, madire** {*SN*} *adj* to the side
nyamera moleng'ore female step cousin
- molidhore** *adj* tasty, delicious, delicate of flavor
kado molidhore delicious gravy or soup
- molo, ³mulo** *vi* 1. creep, crawl, slither, glide (*snake, child*)
2. arrive, reach **Imolo pacho karang'o?** When did you reach the village?
3. be understood, be perceptible **Wach omolona.** I understand it.
4. accuse, complain against **Nomolona doho.** He complained against me to the court.
- molony** *adj* in good taste, in order
gi molony done in good taste, done efficiently
ng'at molony educated man, talented man
- moloyo** *adv* exceedingly, very
- momin** *adj* twisted See ³**mino**
- momiyo** *adv* therefore
- momo** *vn, adj* dumb, mute, silent
- ¹**mon** [*pl of dhako*] women
- ²**mon** *vn* hating, showing hate, showing animosity
- ³**mon achiende** wives of monogamists
- monano** *adj* in earnest, steady, purposefully
- mondi** {*SN*}, ¹**mondo** *adv* bit, a little while
- ²**mondo** *n* husband's store of grain
- ³**mondo** *vn* early **Ne wamondo gokinyi.** We set off very early in the morning.
- ⁴**mondo** *n* hernia (*umbelical*) {*unknown*}
- ⁵**mondo, ni mondo** *conj* so that, in order that **Rita mondo atieki.** Wait for me so that I can finish.
- monge** *n* species of flying ant
- mong'ere** *adj* familiar
- mong'eyo** *adj* 1. competent, able
2. knowing
- mong'in** *adj* pressed together, caked together
- mong'iny** *adj* powdered, pulverized, rubbed (*grain*)
- mong'ith** *adj* accomplished, qualified, polished, skilled **Odino bel mong'ith.** She threshes the sorghum skillfully.
puonjuok mong'ith good education
- mono** *vt* prevent, hinder, impede
mono wach argue
- monore** *vr* hate each other
- monudore** *adj* swaying, swinging (*bamboo, tall person's walk*) See ¹**nudore**
- mony** *n* plundering party
gi mony plunder, booty
- monyinyore** *adv* finely, exquisitely, minutely
sono monyinyore, kwocho monyinyore sew fine stiches
- monyoch** *adj* feeble, worn out, decrepit
- monyuongo, monyuongi** *adj* squat, dumpy (*house with low walls*)
- moo** *vn* 1. overflowing **Opong' moo.** It is full to overflowing.
2. {*CN*} fat
- moowore** *adj* ravenous, fierce
ondiek moowore fierce wild animal
- mope** *adj* plundered
gik mope spoils, plunder
- mopandi** *adj* hidden
wach mopandi confidence (*words shared exclusively*)
- mopenda** *fem adj* blackish on brown
- mopirore** *adj* fleshy (*meat, child*)
- mopogi** *adj* segregated
- mopogore** *adj* contrary
- mopong'** *adj* full

mopugno *adj* healthy-looking, chubby
(*baby, small child*)

¹**mor, moor** *vn* 1. thundering **Polo mor.**
It is thundering. or It is a thunderstorm.

2. rumbling **Oganda mor.** There is a rumbling noise from the crowd.

3. snarling, growling **Kwach mor.** The leopard is growling. *See twaro*

²**mor** *vn* be well attended **Tuo mor.** The funeral ceremonies were well attended.

³**mor** *n* 1. joy, pleasure, happiness
2. amusement

mora amora gives me joy

⁴**mor** *vn* be glad, rejoice, be pleased

⁵**mor** [*form of mo*]
mor dhiang' butter
mor kich honey

more, more nono *vr* be dumbfounded, be astounded (*because of a fire, death*)

morikni *adv* hurriedly, in haste

moriti *adj* restrained, controlled

mor-mor *adj* lukewarm, tepid, warm

¹**moro** *vt* oversalt, make bitter

²**moro** *vt* do on a large scale

moro ot build a big house

moro pacho hedge a large enclosure

moro wang' open the eyes very wide (*as a sign of contempt*)

³**moro** *pron* another, other, one [*pl: moko*]

gi moro anything

kamoro anywhere

ng'at moro certain man

Ng'ato moro ni ka? Is anyone here?

¹**moromo** *n* size

²**moromo** *adj* satisfactory, adequate *See*
¹**romo**

bedo moromo practice moderation

moromore, moromre {*SN*}, *adj* equal (*in size*)

¹**morore** *vn* 1. loud, loud mouth
2. conceited

²**morore** *adj* extensive, broad, covering a large area *See* ²**moro**

mor tielo *n* ankle (*just above the ankle bone*) *Syn.* **ombong'**

moruok *n* *Gesture made when unable to reply or dumbfounded.* *See more*

¹**mos** *adv* quietly, slowly, carefully, patiently

ter mos go easy, be careful

timo mos do it carefully, do it painstakingly

²**mos** *adv* after a while, in a little while
Wabiro dhi mos matin. We are going in a little while.

³**mos** *n* greetings, salutation {*CN*}

mosekadho *adv* gone

mosmos *adv* gradually

¹**moso** *vt* greet, salute [*long o sound*]

²**moso** *vt* send animals to graze with those of a friend *Syn.* **riembo ni** [*short o sound*]

mosruok {*Nyando*}, **bosruok** *n* favor, warm greetings

mot *adj* thin, wizened, emaciated **Dende omot.** His body is emaciated.

motak, mothak *vn* overflowing, flooding

motang' *adj* 1. careful

2. discreet

3. frugal

motedi *adj* cooked *Ant.* **manumu**

motegno *adj* 1. strong, firm {*SN, CN*}

2. big and round (*ulcer*)

3. mature {*Nyando*}

4. firm

3. middle-aged

mothal *adj* stiff, wizened, dried up, withered, paralyzed

mothir *adj* stunted

motho *adj* dead

mothung' *adj* compressed

moti *adj* old and worn

dhako moti old woman

moto *vi* gather firewood

motop *adj* rotten, decomposed, putrid

motuwo, motuo, matuo {*CN*} *adj* 1. sick, ailing, indisposed
2. dried

motwe, motweyo *adj* fastened

motwo *adj* dried, dry, parched, desiccated

mowe *adj* obsolete

mowech *adj* tall and straight
nyako mowech tall girl

yath mowech tree whose branches begin high up

mowinyore *adv* 1. adequately
2. appropriately
3. conveniently

mowiyore *adj* withered, shrivelled, wasted
moyar *adj* displayed

moyaw *adj* open, uncovered, accessible

moyiech *adj* torn, rent, split

moyier *adj* allocated

¹**moyo** *vt* 1. spread to air (*in the sun*)
2. dry (*by air or heat*)

²**moyo** *vi* spread out (*bird wings gliding, hands out to sides*)

moyoro *vn* walk as if wading (*trying every step*) See ¹**yoro**

moyware *adj* extensive

mpira, mapira *Swa n* ball

mtoka *Swa n* lorry

muchele *Swa n* rice (*Oryza sativa*)

mudho *n* darkness, dark

mugogo {*CN*}, **migogo** *n* married woman
muganga *n* harlot

muhiya, mihiya, muhya, mihya *n* child
En muhichwa. He is our child. [*pl: wahiya, wahya*]

muko *vt* demolish, break down (*stone wall, building*)

muko lak knock out a tooth

mukore *vn* broken down, demolished, loosened **Ot omukore**. The house has been broken down.

muksira *n* 1. bad-tempered person
2. one who is generally even-tempered but capable of terrible anger

mula *n* 1. brass
2. bangles or earrings of brass

¹**mulo** *n* dibble (*to dig potato holes or begin a grave*) *Idiom: Wang' chieng' omiya mulo*. I have a digging stick forced on me (*I cannot rear children, they all die*). [*pl: munde*]

²**mulo** *vt* touch, handle, feel **We mulo gira!** Stop handling what belongs to me!

³**mulo, molo** *vi* creep, crawl (*baby*)

muma *n* 1. oath, covenant, agreement, pact
2. Bible

chamo (timo) muma pledge oneself, promise on oath

Muma Maler Holy Bible

¹**mumbe, fumbe, miumbe** {*SN*} *adj* whole, unbroken **Tedo gweno mumbe**. Boil a chicken whole.

tong'weno mumbe boiled egg

²**mumbe** {*SN*}, **miumbe** *n* 1. something semi-formed (*worked wood or iron*)
2. puzzle (*still sketchy, can't tell which is the top*)

mumbia, mimbia *n* 1. hidden
2. unopened

nyako ma mumbia virgin

mumbo *n* water snake

mumi *n* species of mudfish

¹**munглу, muno** *n* hedgehog

munглу



²**munглу, ¹amunglu** *adj* missing an appendage

mung'o *vt* conceal, suppress, hide

mung'o wach keep quiet about something

muno dhok thrust lips forward (e.g., *pouting*)

¹**muoch** *n* labor pains **Muoch kaye**. She is having labor pains.

²**muoch** *vi* pop, explode

polo omuoch thunderclap

bunde omuoch gun report

³**muoch** *vn* feel like, be in the mood for **Omuoch ni tich**. He is in the mood for work.

muocho *vt* stir up trouble

muocho bunde fire a gun

muochore *vn* 1. appear unexpectedly

2. explode, burst *Syn. sieko*

muodo *vt* 1. chew, gnaw (*hard food*)

2. hurt

muodo lak grind the teeth

- muodo wach** lying words, uncontrolled words (*literally: chew words*)
- polo omuodo ng'ato** strike dead by lighting
- muodore** *vr* ache **Denda muodore amuoda.** My body aches all over.
- muofu** *n* blind person [*pl: mwofini*]
- ¹**muogo** *n* cassava (*Manihot esculenta*)
Syn. mariwa
- ²**muogo** *vt* dig deep
muogo rabuon dig up potatoes
- muoho** *n* canoe pole, punting pole
{*unknown*}
- muok** *n* antbear, ant-eater [*pl: muogi*]



muok

- muol** *adj* gentle, meek, tame, manageable, tractable
- muolo** *n* meekness, gentleness, kindness, leniency
- muono** [*vi of mwono*] plaster, smear **Ji tinde muono.** The people are plastering today.
- muot, omuot** *n* node (*grass, bamboo, sugar-cane*)
omuot muot joint
- muro** *vt* reheat, warm-up
- murore** *vn* being reheated, being warmed-up
- musalaba** *Swa n: msalaba* cross, stake with transverse bar
- musara, misara** *Swa n: msharhara* wage, salary
- musawa** {*Ugenya*}, **misawa** *interj* 1. peace
2. hello
- musbori** *n* sugar ant (*large*)
- ¹**musi** *n* undertow {*unknown*}
- ²**musi** *n* root [*pl: musini*]
- musmeno** *Swa n* saw (*carpenter's*)
- mutini** *vn* clatter, rustle, flutter (*noise of things moving*)

- mutkuru** *n* gourd (*Coccinia adoensis*; *edible leaves - children herding will sometimes eat fruit*)
- muto** *vt* stamp feet **Omuto tiende piny, ogwang' mondo oringi.** He stamps his feet so that the wild cat will run away.
{*Nyando, CN, Ugenya*}
- mutore** *vn* large, well built (*people or animals*)
ramuto large, well built person {*Nyando, Ugenya*}
- mutubende** *n* rotten matter, decayed matter (*meat, carcass*) {*unknown*}
- muya** *n* 1. breath
2. steam
3. odor **Much dung'.** It exhales an odor.
4. air
5. gas
gamo muya take a deep breath
- mwala** *n* stringed musical instrument
- mwalo** *adv* below, underneath, down
- mwanda** *n* duiker, small deer
- mwandu** *n* 1. inheritance, wealth
2. inherited talent
chamo mwandu receive an inheritance
- mwomo** *vt* 1. break through, break into, intrude **Ondiek omuomo ojuok.** The hyaena broke through the euphorbia hedge. **Jakuo omwomo ot.** The thief broke into the house.
2. act, take action
- mwomore** [*vn of mwomo*] 1. push one's way in **Ng'atno omwomore e oda.** That fellow pushed his way into my house.
2. interfere, butt in **Omwomore e wach.** He butted into the dispute.
3. rush at **Ne gimwomore kuomgi.** They made a rush at them.
4. empty itself, disembody (*river into sea*)
5. gather (*in large numbers*)
- mwoni** *n* 1. without form, without opening
2. baby born with misformed face (*no nose, mouth, etc.*)
- mwono, muono** *vt* plaster **Amwono oda.** I am plastering my house.
- mwonyo** *vt* 1. swallow
2. be absorbed into, lose one's identity (*people*)

mwonyo ngili swallow whole

¹**mworo** *vt* 1. take a large chunk, appropriate (*more than one's share*)

2. cut into large pieces

²**mworo** *vt* 1. die suddenly

2. smart, ache, pain

ich mwor stomach ache

mworore *vn* die unexpectedly and suddenly

N

¹**-na** *poss suffix*

my [*tichna*: my work; *wachna*: my affair]

²**na-** *short form of ne a- 1st person past*; e.g., **nabiro**: I came.

³**na-** *1st person future* I will

nacha *n* persistence

timo nacha don't give up, persevere

nachruok *n* persistence

nade, nadi *interr* how, what **Inindo**

nade? How did you sleep? **Ineno**

nade kuom wachno? What do you think about that?

nago *vt* 1. extract (*teeth*)

2. strike (*something high; tennis ball or on the wing*)

¹**nalo** *n* iron wire *Syn.* **nara**

²**nalo** *vt* 1. coil, wind (*string*)

2. roll up

nalore *vn* be twisted together, be intertwined (*vines*)

nam *n* lake, sea, large river {*Nyando*}

Nam Ndhoya River Nzoia (*South Ugenya*)

nanga *n* 1. cloth, garment

2. sail (*boat*) [*pl: nengini*]

fwayo nanga wave a signal flag

¹**nang'o** *vt* lick, lap **Guok onang'o lueta.**

The dog licks my hand. *Syn.* **lweko**

²**nang'o** *vt* beseech help, appeal for protection

³**nang'o, nang'e** {*Ugenya*} *interr* why **Iyuak nang'o?** Why are you crying?

nang'ore *vn* hang onto, stick to

Onang'ore e tich. He sticks to his work.

Guok onang'ore bang'a. The dog sticks to me wherever I go.

nano *vi* persevere, persist

sinani perseverance

nara *n* metal wire, iron wire

naro *vt* dawdle, dally, be slow

naro tich work leisurely

naro wuoth poke along, plod along

naroro, norore *vn* 1. typically late

2. slow **Ji onarore gi dongo.** For people growing up is slow. {*Nyando*}

naso *vt* over-indulge, spoil **Onaso nyathine.** He has over-indulged the child.

nawi power of bewitchment

kingo gi nawi bewitch

¹**nawo, ¹nayo** *vt* plod, do slowly but steadily

²**nawo** *vt* fish **Wadhi nawo rech.** We're going to fish.

²**nayo** *vt* dispute, talk a lot, drone on **nayo wach** not come to the point (*when telling a story*); unhurried speech

ndach: luwo ndach ng'ato imitate, conform to one's way of doing things

ndagla *n* evil charm, poison

loko ndagla prepare an evil charm

ndagwa *n* marvel {*Nyando*}

ndaho *n* something unpreventable

timo ndaho be bottomless, be limitless {*unknown*}

ndako *vi* 1. chide with tongue (*ta, ta, ta as when someone stumbles*)

2. click the tongue

ndakore *vn* click the tongue (*in disgust*)

ndala *Luhya adv* only, alone **An achiel**

ndala. I am the only one.

¹**ndalo** [*pl of chieng'*] 1. times

2. days

ndalo adi how many times, how often

ndalo duto every day

ndalogi these days, nowadays

²**ndalo** *n* garden (*left to fallow*)

³**ndalo** [*short form of katandalo, sirandalo*] lookout, sentinel's watch area {*Nyando, CN, Ugenya*}

ndamo, ondamo {*SN*} *n* step

ndanya *n* rainbow {*SN, CN*} *See* **lirindi, lihundu**

ndanyo, ndhanyo {*SN, CN*} *vt* plant shallowly