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APPENDIX C: VOCABULARY

- Introduction
- C.1 Chinnima – English
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Introduction

The first part of this vocabulary (Chinnima – English) contains over 1800 Chinnima entries and some Chimaraba ones; the same entries are used in the second part (English – Chinnima). The questionnaires used to collect these data are the following: the Questionnaire on Basic and Common Vocabulary in Bantu Languages, and the extensive Questionnaire on Cultural Vocabulary, both designed by the project group The Linguistic Atlas of Tanzania, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The short word list of Frederick Johnson in his “Notes on Kimakonde” (1923) was checked, and finally, words were added as they came up during our field work.

In general, there are no separate entries for words derived with one of the productive processes of word derivation, like passive, causative and applicative verbs, and agent, manner and instrument nouns. But exceptions are made when such words are lexicalized, show formal or semantic irregularities, or are frequently used basic words. We have marked a number of words as Swahili loans, but we do not claim that we have identified all of them in our vocabulary. With verbs, no attempt is made to subclassify them on whatever basis.

The first part of this vocabulary is organized as follows. The Chinnima entry (without penultimate lengthening) is followed by the surface tones (including penultimate lengthening) and the underlying tones (including the tone group) in capitals, the grammatical category (N = noun, V = verb, P = pronominal form, A = adjective and I = invariable) in italics, the English gloss, and some remarks if needed. In the second part of the vocabulary the English gloss is followed by the Chinnima entry in italics, the surface and underlying tones in capitals, and the grammatical category.

The nouns (N) are given in their singular and plural form (if different); with some nouns, there is no singular form, with others, there is no plural form. The underlying tone starts with the tone group to which the noun belongs (A, B, C1, C2, D1, D2, E), followed by the corresponding H tones which are assigned in the lexicon (see 4.4, e.g. A:S1/SF and C1:H.SF: in the first case, the noun belongs to tone group A which means that there are H tones on the first mora of the stem (S1) and on the final mora of the stem (SF), the tone of the NPx is default L, and is not indicated; in the second case, the noun belongs to tone group C1 which means that there is a H tone on the

NPx, and a H tone on the final mora of the stem). Generally, the tones are identical for the singular form and the plural form, with some exceptions which are indicated in the tone field. The sign of the grammatical category N is followed by the class number(s), explained in 4.1 - 4.3.

The verbs (V) are cited as stems with initial hyphen. The surface tones are the tones of the Infinitive (without marker). The underlying tones are not indicated since they depend on the tense of the verb, and are the same for all verbs. The Infinitive belongs to tone group A:S1/SF, which results in penultimate level H surface tones when the final syllable is simple (or penultimate R in case of reflexive verbs), and in penultimate L: (or F) when the final syllable is complex. The sign of the grammatical category may be followed by “refl.” (reflexive), “caus.” (causative), “refl/caus” (reflexive/causative), “pas.” (passive), “red.” (reduplication), “irr.” (irregular verb) and “fin.” (finite verb form).

The pronominal forms (P) take a pronominal prefix (PPx), and they are either given with PPx (like substitutives) or cited as a stem with initial hyphen (like possessive stems). When cited as a stem, the surface tones are indicated without PPx, except when the stem is minisyllabic or disyllabic vowel-initial. If possible, the surface tones are followed by the underlying tones. The sign of the grammatical category may be followed by “con.” (connexive), “dem.” (demonstrative), “nom.” (nominalized form), “pos.” (possessive) and “subst.” (substitutive). Stems that take a nominal prefix (NPx) in class 1 are indicated by “P/A”, the A referring to the grammatical category Adjective.

The adjectives (A) take a NPx; they are cited as stems with initial hyphen. The surface tones are indicated without NPx.

The invariables (I) are invariable words like conjunctions, interjections, exclamations and clitics. An attempt has been made to classify them into one of the tone groups.

The last part of this Appendix contains a short comparative word list of five different Makonde dialects.

C.1 Chinnima – English

A

- (a)- RL, *P dem.* this (short forms); **ayu** RL cl.1, **au** RL cl.3, **ai** RL cl.9; attributive tones: (L:)L, the initial **a-** is optional (dem. without **a-** is clitic): **nnume ayu** LHH L:L, **nnume-yu** LHF-L this man
- (a)- L:H, *P dem.* that (short forms); **ayu** L:H cl.1, **au** L:H cl.3, **ai** L:H cl.9; attributive tones: (L:)H, the initial **a-** is optional (dem. without **a-** is clitic): **nnume ayu** LHH L:H, **nnume-yu** LHF-H that man
- (a)-la LL:H, *P dem.* that; **ayula** LL:H cl.1, **aula** LL:H cl.3, **aila** LL:H cl.9; attributive tones: (L)L:H, the initial **a-** is optional; **machedo pala** LHH L:H year before last year, time ago
- (a)ne-o HFH, *P dem.* this, that (referential); **aneyo** HFH cl.1, **anewo** HFH cl.3, **aneyo** HFH cl.9; attributive tones: (H)FH, the initial **a-** is optional; **anepo (vino)** HFH (RL) cl.16 well, then, now (then)
- (a)-no LRL, *P dem.* this; **ayuno** LRL cl.1, **auno** LRL cl.3, **aino**, LRL cl.9; attributive tones: (H)H:L, the initial **a-** is optional; cf. **vino** RL I now; **vino apano** RL LRL now then here
- (a)-o L:H, *P dem.* this, that (referential short forms); **ayo** L:H cl.1, **awo** L:H cl.3, **ayo** L:H cl.9; attributive tones: (L:)H, the initial **a-** is optional (dem. without **a-** is clitic): **nnume ayo** LHH L:H, **nnume-yo** LHF-H this, that man (ref.)
- a(v)o RL, C1:SF, *P pos.* their; tones including PPx; **wa(v)o** RL cl.1, **wa(v)o** RL cl.3, **ya(v)o** RL cl.9; predicative: FL tones
- a-nani HLRL, *P con.* whose; tones including prefixes; the second prefix is an NPx; cf. **-nani** -RL A who
- achihwango ?, *P con.* last; tones unknown; cf. **-hwa** V die, **chihwa/vihwa** H:L cl.7/8 death
- achikongwe HLFL, *P con.* female; tones including PPx; cf. **nkongwe** LFL cl.1 woman
- achilume HLH:L, *P con.* male; tones including PPx; cf. **nnume** LH:L cl.1 man
- achinyakala HLHFL, *P con.* of former days, old, of the past; tones including PPx; cf. **-atangu**
- adyangu/achadya vangu LFL/LHH RL, C2:H.SF, *N 2A/2A+* my wife; **adyalo** LFL your (sg.) wife; **adyawe** LFL his wife; also **ndyangu** LFL my wife, etc.; also used for ‘husband’
- ahambi HH:L, *P con.* new; tones including PPx
- akahwena/vakahwena LHFL, *V fin.* lame person; lit. s.o. who does not walk (Neg.Pres.)
- akalola/vakalola LHFL, *V fin.* blind person; lit. s.o. who does not see (Neg.Pres.)
- akapilikana/vakapilikana LHLL:L, *V fin.* deaf person; lit. s.o. who does not hear (Neg.Pres.)
- akatongola/vakatongola LHHL:L, *V fin.* dumb person; lit. s.o. who does not speak (Neg.Pres.); also **akatangola/vakatangola** LHHL:L
- ake RL, C1:SF, *P pos.* his, her; tones including PPx; **wake** RL cl.1, **wake** RL cl.3, **yake** RL cl.9; predicative: FL tones
- ako RL, C1:SF, *P pos.* your (sg.); tones including PPx; **wako** RL cl.1, **wako** RL cl.3, **yako** RL cl.9; predicative:

FL tones
amama/achamama/angaa-mama HRL/LHRL/LH:-H:L, C2:H.SF, *N* 2A/2A+ mother; my m.; **amamayo** LHRL your (sg.) m.; **amamaye** LHRL his/her m.; **ayu vetu** L:H RL our m.; **ayu venu** your (pl.) m.; **ayu vao** our m.; cf. **anyokwe**
amati LRL, C1:SF, *N* 2A/- aunt (father's sister); also **mati** H:L; **amatiyo** LHH:L your (sg.) fa-si; **amatiye** LHH:L his/her fa-si
-ambalenga HLLL:L, *P con.* pierced (ear); tones including PPx; cf. **mbalenga** LLL:L cl.3 lobe
-ambone HH:L, *P con.* good; tones including PPx; cf. **-katapala** V be good, **chikatapele** V fin. good
-amwana HFL, *P con.* small; tones including PPx; also **-dikidiki** A, **-dyoko** A; cf. **mwana** FL cl.1 child
amwenye/achamwenye HRL/LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 2A/2A+ headman of village (traditional); cf. **umwenye** LRL cl.14 chiefhood; cf. **njumbe/majumbe** cl.3/6
-anahuvi HLH:L, *P con.* red; tones including PPx; cf. **-huvilila** be red
anambuye LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 2A/- grandfather; master
anang'ala LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 2A/- uncle (mother's brother); also **njomba/vajomba** cl.1/2
-ananjipi HHH:L, *P con.* short; tones including PPx; cf. **-ipika** V be short
-anapi HH:L, *P con.* black; tones including PPx; cf. **-dimba** V be black
-anaswe HH:L, *P con.* white; tones including PPx; cf. **-swelela** V be white
-angala -HH:L, *V* please, make happy
-angu RL, C1:SF, *P pos.* my; tones including PPx; **wangu** RL cl.1, **wangu** RL cl.3, **yangu** RL cl.9; predicative: FL tones
anyokwe HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 2A/- mother; his mother; **anyoko** HRL your mother; used more or less as

terms of abuse; cf. **amama** cl.2A, **ayu** L:L cl.2A mother
-apila -HH:L, *V* swear an oath
-atangu HFL, *P con.* old, of the past; tones including PPx; cf.
-achinyakala, **-komala** V,
-kongopala V
atata/achata/angaa-tata LFL/LHRL/LH:-FL, D2:H.no H, *N* 2A/2A+ father; my f.; **atatako** LHRL your (sg.) f.; **atatake** LHRL his/her f.; **atata vetu** LHH RL our f.; **atata venu** your (pl.) f.; **atata vao** their f.
-atatu HFL, *P con.* third; tones including PPx; cf. **-tatu** -RL A three
-avili HFL, *P con.* second; tones including PPx; cf. **-vili** -RL A two
avivi/angaa-vivi LRL/LH:-H:L, C1:SF, *N* 2A+ grandparent, ancestor; sg. also **vivi** H:L
ayu/achayu L:L/LH:L, D1:no H, *N* 2A/2A+ mother; see **amama** HRL; pl.: **achayu vetu** LHH RL our m.'s; **achayu venu** LHH RL your (pl.) m.'s; **achayu vao** LHH RL their m.'s; cf. **anyokwe** cl.2A

B

-badula -HH:L, *V* bite off; also **-bedula** -HH:L
bahi RL, C1:SF, *I* and so, accordingly, well, enough!, stop it!, be it so!; < Sw. basi; see **nano** I
bakola/dibakola LFL/LLFL, E:S2, *N* 9c/10c stick (to walk with); also **nkangojo/mikangojo** cl.3/4
bakuli LFL, E:S2, *N* 9b/- type of dance (every celebration)
-bana -H:L, *V* press tight, squeeze; also **-kaba**; cf. **-toha**; see afflict
-bana -H:L, *V* afflict, oppress; cf. neut.
-banika -HH:L be afflicted, caus.
-baniha -HFL annoy, **-lagasa**; see press tight
-baniha -HFL, *V caus.* annoy; caus. <
-bana -H:L afflict
-banika -HH:L, *V* get problems, be afflicted; neut. < **-bana** -H:L afflict;

cf. **-huva**, **-tunduwila**, **-laga**
basikeli/dibasikeli HHL:L/LHHL:L,
 B:S1, *N 9c/10c* bicycle; < Sw.
 baisikeli; see **injinga/dinjinga** cl.9/10
-bedula -HH:L, *V* bite off; also **-badula**
 -HH:L
binda/dibinda RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N*
9c/10c okra
-boba -H:L, *V* shoot (arrow, gun)
-bomola -HH:L, *V* destroy a house; also
-bamola -HH:L
-buhuka -HH:L, *V* go out, come out
 suddenly
-bulika -HH:L, *V* pile up things upside
 down; cf. **-lundanya**

Ch

-cha H:L, *V* dawn; tones with Infinitive
 marker; **uhiku ukacha** LHL LH:L
 until dawn, lit. if the night dawns; cf.
kulyamba cl.17, **umambumbu** cl.14
 dawn
chabanda/vyabanda HFL, B:S1, *N 7/8*
 insect sp. (damaging produce of
 fields); grammar: N or P nom.?
chaka/vyaka H:L, A:S1/SF, *N 7/8* year;
 also **mwaka/myaka** H:L cl.3/4
chakani HRL, C2:H.SF, *I* when; tones
 also LRL; question phrase-finally:
 final FH **chakani** HFH; also **nduvani**
 I (< Chimaraba)
-chakapala -HHH:L, *V* become small;
 cf. **-dikidiki** A, **-dyoko** A, **-amwana**
 P con.
chakulya/vyakulya HL:L, D2:H.no H,
P nom. food; < Sw. *chakula*; see **vilyo**
 cl. -/8
chala/vyala H:L, A:S1/SF, *N 7/8* finger
chalumo LRL, C1:SF, *I* together;
chalumo na LRL L together with;
 also **pamo (na)** RL (L) P
chamani HRL, C2:H.SF, *I* what; tones
 also LRL; question phrase-finally:
 final FH **chamani** HFH
chambu/vyambu FL, C2:H.SF, *N 7/8*
 dry season
changa/vyanga L:L, D1:no H, *N 7/8*
 galago, bushbaby (Sw. *komba*)

changa/vyanga FL, C2:H.SF, *N 7/8*
 size, position
changolo/vyangolo HRL, C2:H.SF, *N*
7/8 millipede; grammar: N or P nom.?
-chapa -H:L, *V* wash (clothes)
chechele/dichechele LL:L/LLL:L,
 D1:no H, *N 9c/10c* type of clothing
-cheha -FL, *V caus.* incise, cut to shape,
 trim; **kucheha dinembo** LHH HH:L
 to make incision mark(s)
chekecheke LLRL, C1:SF, *N 7/-* sieve
-cheketa -HH:L, *V* cut, chop (e.g.
 branches); harvest bananas, millet
 sp.(Sw. *ulezi*); also **-chaketa** -HH:L
-chela -H:L, *V* cut, chop (trees)
-chema -H:L, *V* call
-chemusa -HFL, *V caus.* boil; cf. Sw.
-chemsha; see **-yaukidya**, **-kodya**; cf.
-yaula, **-yaukila**, **-tokota**, **-tiniha**
-chengula -HH:L, *V* cut hair; cf. **-mowa**
-chi H:L, *V* say; tones with Infinitive
 marker; **kuchi(dono)/kuchi(doni)**
 HH(RL)/HH(RL) that (Compl.); cf.
-tongola; in greetings: **uchi/vachi**
dachi... L:L/L:H LL how are
 you/they? (today, etc.)
chibalua LLH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 7/-*
 cultivating together (paid with food,
 beer, etc.); < Sw. *kibarua*
chibatali/vibatali LLH:L, A:S1/SF, *N*
7/8 lamp (small)
chiboko/viboko LRL, C1:SF, *N 7/8*
 hippopotamus
-chichima -HH:L, *V* taste sour, unripe
-chida -H:L, *V* be avaricious, give small
 things
chididi HFL, B:S1, *N 7/-* pity
-chidika -HH:L, *V* bolt, bar; be end of
 sth.
chidiu/vidiu LRL, C1:SF, *N 7/8* plug,
 cork
chidodelo/vidodelo LLRL, C1:SF, *N*
7/8 hammer; nom. < **-doda** V
 hammer; also **inyundo/dinyundo**
 cl.9/10
chidole/vidole LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 7/8*
 type of dance (esp. girls)
chidumba LRL, C1:SF, *N 7/-* fever,

- influenza
chidwadwa LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/-
 barren ground
chigoda/vigoda LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 stool
-chiha -FL, *V caus.* leap (of joy, with
 celebrations, etc.); red. > **-chihachiha**
 -HHL:L jump about
chiha/viha RL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8 bundle of
 grass; cf. **lifungu/mafungu** cl.5/6,
chituvi/vituvi cl.7/8
chihakau LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/-
 misfortune
chihako/vihako LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 hunt; nom. < **-haka** *V* hunt
chiamula/viamula LLL:L, D1:H.no
 H, *N* 7/8 comb; cf. **-hamulila/**
-samulila *V* comb
chihanu/vihanu LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 grass sp.
chihapo/vihapo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
 type of basket (big)
chihau HFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 7/- Yao
 language, nature; cf. **nnnyau/vahau**
 HFL cl.1/2 Yao person
chihoko LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- laughter;
 nom. < **-heka** *V* laugh
chihelo/vihelo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 winnowing tray
chihepo/vihepo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 plucked food, e.g. fruit; nom. < **-hepa**
V pluck, gather (e.g. fruit)
chihi L:L, D1:no H, *N* 7/- only, in vain,
 for free, no matter; **chihi**
cha-ng'ande L:L H-H:L there is no
 light or fire in the house
chihima/vihima LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 well
 (digged); cf. **muto/myuto** cl.3/4
chihing'ino/vihing'ino LHH:L,
 A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8 heel, elbow;
chihing'ino cha-ludodo LHHL
 H-LH:L heel; **chihing'ino cha-nkono**
 LHHL H-LH:L elbow
chihoba LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- smallpox
chihohi/vihohi LH:L, E:S2, *N* 7/8 fruit
chiholo/viholo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 thorny thicket
chihonde LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/-
 discussion; **kutaya chihonde** LHH
 HH:L to participate in a discussion
chihongahonga LHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N*
 7/- quarrelsome; cf. **-honga** *V* bribe;
 adjunct
chihuko/vihuko LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 rainy season; pool, puddle; also
chihuko/vihuko LRL cl.7/8; cf.
litanda/matanda cl.5/6
chihukuhuku/vihukuhuku LHHL:L,
 B:S1, *N* 7/8 mask
chihulu/vihulu LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
 bladder, bubble, lather
chihumbo/vihumbo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 torch
chihundo/vihundo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N*
 7/8 knot; also **chihundo/vihundo**
 LH:L cl.7/8
chihuva LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/- cold (in
 the chest); see chest; also **mahuva**
 LH:L cl.6; also in use **lihuva** LH:L
 cl.5 less severe cold, partly in the
 nose
chihuva/vihuva LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
 chest; see also cold (in the chest)
chihwa/vihwa H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
 death; also used **kuhwa** H:L cl.15 to
 die; cf. **-achihwango** *P* con. last
chihweni/vihweni LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 gait; nom. < **-hwena** *V* walk
chijembe/vijembe LH:L, E:S2, *N* 7/8
 razor
-chika -H:L, *V* draw borderline
chikapu/vikapu LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
 basket
chikatapele LLHFL, *V fin.* good,
 beautiful, fine; lit. (thing, cl.7) which
 is good, etc. (Relative Present
 Perfective of **-katapala** be good,
 etc.); cf. **-ambone** -LH:L *P* con.
chikocha/vikocha LL:L, D1:no H, *N*
 7/8 type of dance (esp. weddings)
chikokolowa/vikokolowa LLLL:L,
 D1:no H, *N* 7/8 maize cob (empty);
 also **chikokwa/vikokwa** LL:L cl.7/8
chikokwa/vikokwa LL:L, D1:no H, *N*
 7/8 maize cob (empty); also
chikokolowa/vikokolowa LLLL:L
 cl.7/8

- chikongo/vikongo** LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
stick (for beating)
- chikong'o/vikong'o** LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
stick (for beating)
- chikoo/vikoo** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
pineapple; often heard as **chikowo/vikowo** LRL; also **chikou/vikou** LRL cl.7/8
- chikota/vikota** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
sweet millet stalk; millet sp. (red)
- ntama wa-vikota** LHL H-LRL
- chikudi/vikudi** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
age-mate ceremony (of elders)
- chikula** -HH:L, *V* raise up (in order to prop)
- chikunda/vikunda** LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
red soil (used as building material); also **ingunja/dingunja** cl.9/10
- chikundu/vikundu** LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
waist; **kuhuma damu kuchikundu** LHH HL LLFL to menstruate, lit. to come out blood from the waist
- chikungo/vikungo** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8 type of trap (rope, to trap birds)
- chikuti** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/- pleiades
- chikuti/vikuti** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
circle around the sun, moon
- chila** -H:L, *V* establish sth. new
- chilakali/vilakali** LHFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
tongue
- chilambo/vilambo** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
land, area, country
- chilatu/vilatu** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8 shoe, sandal
- chileu/vileu** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8 beard
- chilimu/vilimu** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
cleared land (before being cultivated)
- chilo** RL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- night; also **uhiku** cl.14
- chilolo/vilolo** HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 7/8
mirror; pane of glass; pl. eyeglasses; nom. < **-lola** *V* look at; cf **chilolo/vilolo** LL:L cl.7/8 mirror (implement of divination)
- chilolo/vilolo** LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 7/8
mirror (implement of divination); nom. < **-lola** *V* look at; cf. **chilolo/vilolo** HRL cl.7/8 mirror
- chilonda/vilonda** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
wound
- chiloongo/viloongo** LLFL, E:S2, *N* 7/8
pot
- chima** -H:L, *V* shut, fasten; hate; sep. > **-chimula** -HH:L open, unfasten; cf. **-hika**
- chimakonde** LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 7/-
Makonde language, nature; cf. **makonde** LRL cl.6 desert areas (without water), **mmakonde/vamakonde** LHFL cl.1/2 Makonde person
- chimalaba** LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 7/-
Maraba dialect, nature; cf. **mmalaba/vamalaba** LHFL cl.1/2 Maraba person
- chimanga** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- Swahili language, nature; cf. **kumanga** LRL cl.17 coast; also **chiswahili** cl.7/-
- chimatambwe** LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 7/-
Matambwe dialect, nature; cf. **mmatambwe/vamatambwe** LHFL cl.1/2 Matambwe person
- chimbeta/vimbeta** LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 7/8 flute; **kwomba chimbeta** HH LL:L to flute
- chimbunga** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- rain bringing winds
- chimbwahedi/vimbwahedi** HHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8 shadow (of people); also **chimbwehedi/vimbwehedi** HHH:L cl.7/8
- chimbwehedi/vimbwehedi** HHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8 shadow (of people); also **chimbwahedi/vimbwahedi** HHH:L cl.7/8
- chimbwimbwi** HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 7/-
swampy soil
- chimula** -HH:L, *V* open, unfasten; sep. < **-chima** -H:L shut, fasten; also **-chumula** -HH:L
- chimwa** -FL, *V pas.* be angry; also **-visa, -viha**; cf. **-sunala**
- chimwela** HFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 7/-
Mwera language, nature; cf. **mmwela/vamwela** HFL cl.1/2 Mwera person

- chimwemwe** LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 7/- joy
chinanda/vinanda HFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 7/8 bed
chindindi/vindindi LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8 head cloth
chindonde HFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 7/- Ndonde dialect, nature; cf. **ndonde/vandonde** HFL cl.1/2 Ndonde person, **kundonde** LH:L cl.17 lower parts of the Plateau; western direction
chinduli/vinduli HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 7/8 cassava vegetable; cf. **ntandasa nchinduli** LLLL LHRL type of food
chinemba LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- friendship
ching'ati LH:L, E:S2, *N* 7/- middle, in the middle, among, between; cf. **nkati** LRL cl.18 within, in the middle, **kukati** LRL cl.17 room
chingenge/vingenge LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8 type of dance (any celebration)
chingoni LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- Ngoni language, nature; cf. **nngoni/vangoni** LRL cl.1/2 Ngoni person
chingulimba/vingulimba LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 7/8 calf of leg; very short person
chingungunda/vingungunda LLL:L, D1:no H, *N* 7/8 joint (of body)
chingungwa/vingungwa LH:L, E:S2, *N* 7/8 calabash bottle; cf. **lingungwa/mangungwa** LH:L cl.5/6 skin of calabash; cf. **litikiti/matikiti** cl.5/6; cf. **indumba/dindumba** cl.9/10
chingwalangwanja/vingwalangwanja LLLH:L, E:S2, *N* 7/8 type of dance (esp. initiation); also **lingwalangwanja/mangwalangwanja** LLLH:L cl.5/6
-chinjila -HH:L, *V* jump (long); cf. **-uluka, -chitika, -dang'a**
chinnima HHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 7/- Nnima dialect; cf. **munnimma/vannima** HHFL cl.1/2 Nnima person, **pannima** LLRL cl.16 height, high, above
chinu/vinu RL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8 thing; cf. **chitukutuku/vitukutuku** cl.7/8
chinumba/vinumba HFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 7/8 calabash (for drinking beer, unfermented drink); cf. **chitumba/vitumba** LFL cl.7/8 gourd, calabash
chinyemavi/vinyemavi LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 7/8 puff adder
chipala/vipala LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8; smithy; nom. < **-pala** *V* scratch, peck
chipanda/vipanda LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 pillar
chipanga/vipanga LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 tsetse fly
chipanji HFL, D2:H.no H?, *I* perhaps; also **panji** FL P, **panjika** LH:L I; cf. **kwali** I
chipeda/vipeda LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8 beehive
chipele LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- rash; cf. **nammata** cl.9a/-
chipeto/vipeto LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8 sifting basket; nom. < **-peta** *V* sift
chipini/vipini LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8 pin's head in left wing of the nose (as decoration)
chipula/vipula LH:L, E:S2, *N* 7/8 knife; **chipula cha-mutwe** LHL HRL circumcision knife, lit. knife of head
chiputu LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- initiation rites (girls)
chipweng'e LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/? type of food (beans with millet or rice)
chipyai/vipyai LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8 broom; nom. < **-pyaila** *V* sweep
chisanga/visanga LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 snake sp. (big, very fast, brown, white)
chisinja/visinja HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 7/8 hawk sp. (black, white, attacking chickens without taking them)
chisukali LHFL, B:S1, *N* 7/- banana sp. (small)
chisulu/visulu LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 termite hill
chisumila/visumila LHFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 snake sp. (small, very poisonous, making jumping movements)
chiswahili LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- Swahili language, nature; also **chimanga** cl.7/-; cf. **nswahili/vaswahili** LLRL

- cl.1/2 Swahili person
chisweswe/visweswe LH:L, E:S2, *N* 7/8
 highest point of round roof; also
chiswesi/viswesi LH:L cl.7/8
-chita -H:L, *V* build up (wall or hut,
 from the ground); cf. **-denga**
chitale/vitale LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 iron;
 also **chitali/vitali** LFL cl.7/8
chitamo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/?
 pre-marriage procedures
chitehi/vitehi LH:L, E:S2, *N* 7/8 nest
 (of bird)
chiteleko/viteleko LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 pot (for cooking); nom. < **-teleka/**
-taleka *V* cook; also **lihanja/**
mahanja cl.5/6
chiteng'u/viteng'u LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
 chair
chitete LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/- the shivers;
 also **chitetemedi/vitetemedi** LLLRL
 cl.7/8; cf. **-tetema** *V*, **-tetemela** *V*
 shiver, tremble
-chitika -HH:L, *V* jump down; cf.
-uluka, **-chinjila**, **-dang'a**
chitipu/vitipu LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 type of
 dance (to remember the deceased)
chitoko/vitoko LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
 testicle; also **litoko/matoko** LFL
 cl.5/6; also **inongo/dinongo** cl.9/10
chitongo/vitongo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 penis; also **chivolo/vivolo** cl.7/8; cf.
inongo/dinongo LRL cl.9/10 testicle
chitongodi/vitongodi LLRL, C1:SF, *N*
 7/8 language; also **chitangodi** LLRL;
 nom. < **-tongola/-tangola** *V* speak
chitonono/vitonono LHH:L, A:S1/SF,
N 7/8 window; also **chitanono/**
vitanono LHH:L
chitowe/vitowe LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
 frog
chitukutuku/vitukutuku LLHFL,
 E:S2, *N* 7/8 thing, substance, what a
 thing is made of; cf. **chinu/vinu** cl.7/8
 thing
chitumba/vitumba LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
 calabash, gourd; (edible) seed:
inumba/dinumba LFL cl.9/10;
 calabash with long neck: **chitumba**
cha-nangongondingo LHL
 H-LLLRL; cf. **chinumba/vinumba**
 HFL cl.7/8
chitumbili/vitumbili LHFL, B:S1, *N*
 7/8 monkey (Sw. tumbili)
chitumbo/vitumbo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 pregnancy, embryo; **ave na-chitumbo**
 LH L-LRL she is pregnant
 (Pres.Perf); **chitumbo cha-pannyitu**
 LHH L-LLH:L out of wedlock
 pregnancy, lit. embryo of the thicket
chitundi/vitundi LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 yam
chitundu/vitundu LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8
 enclosure for keeping animals; grime,
 soot
chitunduni/vitunduni LHRL, C2:H.SF,
N 7/8 type of food (with cassava)
chitundwe LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 7/- anger;
 also **chitundi** LL:L cl.7/-
chituta/vituta LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
 rubbish heap
chitututu/vitututu LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N*
 7/8 motorcycle; also
mmutukasikeni/miutukasikeni
 cl.3/4
chituvi/vituvi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
 bundle (of things tied together with a
 cloth), load; cf. **lifungu/mafungu**
 cl.5/6, **chiha/viha** cl.7/8
chiumbi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/- drizzling
 rains
chiumbi/viumbi LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8
 screen (used in hunting)
chivalavala/vivalavala LHHH:L,
 A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8 scorpion
chivanga LRL, C1:SF, *N* 7/- drought
chivava/vivava LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 7/8
 haunt (of animal)
chivolo/vivolo LFL, B:S1, *N* 7/8 penis;
 also **chitongo/vitongo** cl.7/8
chiwiduhu LHFL, B:S1, *N* 7/- sweat;
 nom. < **-widuha** *V* sweat
chiwuli/viwuli LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
 fireplace; also **lijiko/majiko** cl.5/6
chiyewe/viyewe LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 7/8
 chin
chiyoha/viyoha LH:L, E:S2, *N* 7/8 term

of abuse; nom. < **-yoha** V abuse; cf.
kutongo-viyoha LHH HFL abuse,
 insult, lit. speak terms of abuse
-chocha -H:L, *V* prick, pierce
-chonga -H:L, *V* converse, gossip
-chukudula -HHH:L, *V* squeeze skin;
 cf. **-kamila**, **-minya**, **-kada**
chuma H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/- musical
 instrument (pieces of iron)
chuma/vyuma H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 7/8
 bead, string of beads; cf. **nchaketa/**
michaketa cl.3/4
-chungu -H:L, *V* herd, tend; cf.
-ongolela
chuni/vyuni RL, C1:SF, *N* 7/8 bird

D

dachi L:L, D1:no H, *I* hey, tell me!,
 what?; interrog. particle; in greetings:
dachi waako umomi L:L HRL LFH
 how are you?, **vachi dachi vavana**
 L:H L:L HFH how are the children?
-dadamila -HHH:L, *V* stand on toes
dahu RL, C1:SF, *I* bare, naked, useless
-damila -HH:L, *V* mount, ascend; cf.
-kwela
damu H:L, ?, *N* 9b/- blood; < Sw.
 damu; see **myadi** cl. -/4
-dang'a -H:L, *V* leap; cf. **-chitika**,
-chinjila, **-uluka**
-deka -H:L, *V* walk with swagger; also
-nema
-dekedela -HHH:L, *V* carry load on
 head without touching it
-denga -H:L, *V* build; cf. **-chita**
-didima -HH:L, *V* cool down (itr.), be
 cold; red. < **-dima** -H:L extinguish;
 cf. **-pola**; cf. **-itula**, **-tulila**
dihakalawe LHHL:L, B:S1, *N* -/10
 gravel
dihoni LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/10 shame,
 modesty; **kwona dihani** HH HH:L be
 ashamed
dihuli LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/10 grey hair
 (of age); also **imbulisa/dimbulisa**
 cl.9/10
dihumi LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/10 belch;
kutaya dihani LHH HH:L to belch;

cf. **-tukula** V belch
dihwiyo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/10 kidney
-dikadika -HHH:L, *V* red. tickle; also
-dukuladukula -HHHH:L
-dikidiki -HHH:L, A:S1/SF, *A* small;
ndikidiki/midikidiki LHHH:L cl.3/4,
-indikidiki/dindikidiki LHHH:L
 cl.9/10; also **-dyoko** A, **-amwana** P
 con.; cf. **kadiki** LRL I; predicative:
 same tones
-dima -H:L, *V* extinguish; cf. red.
-didima -HH:L cool down, be cold
-dimba -H:L, *V* be black, be dark, be
 dirty; cf. **-anapi** P con. black
dimbelenje LHFL, B:S1, *N* -/10
 half-grown, not full-grown (e.g. tree,
 forest); **nnyitu wa-dimbelenje** LHL
 H-LHFL thicket which has stopped
 growing before reaching maturity;
 also **dimbalenje** LHFL cl. -/10
dimongo LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/10+3
 strength, force, power; cf. **mongu** RL
 cl.3 back (of body)
dinako LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/10 buttocks
dinambo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/10
 incision mark
ding'ano LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/10 wisdom,
 intellect, understanding
ding'ombe LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/10 present
 for a special occasion (esp. initiation);
 also **inudyo/dinudyo** cl.9/10
ding'opedi LHFL, B:S1, *N* -/10 idiocy;
 also **ding'apedi** LHFL cl. -/10
-dingudika -HHH:L, *V* coil
-dinguka -HH:L, *V* go round
dinjahango LLRL, C1:SF, *N* -/10
 miscarriage (stillborn child); **tuve**
kudinjahango LL HHHH:L
 expression for 'we got a stillborn
 child'; cf. **ukuluha** cl.14 miscarriage
dinjuga LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/10 music
 instrument (bells worn around the
 ankle as a chain)
dinyoka LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/10 bracelet
disalamu LLRL, C1:SF, *N* -/10
 greetings; < Sw. salamu; greet
 him/her: **nnyaulile/mwing'e**
disalamu dyake LLLLL/L:L LLLH

RL lit. tell/give him his greetings; see
-imuka V, **-chi** V, **-omi** P
-divika -HH:L, *V* faint, collapse; cf.
-dulumbuka
-divila -HH:L, *V* prevent, hinder
-doba -H:L, *V* be tired, be hungry; cf.
indala cl.9/- hunger
-dobola -HH:L, *V* pull out, uproot; also
-dabola -HH:L, **-yupula**; **kudobola**
dinguo LHHH HH:L undress, lit. pull
out clothes
-doda -H:L, *V* hammer; cf. **doda**= RL
cl.9b/10b dots on cheeks and between
the eyes (as decoration); cf. nom.
chidodelo/vidodelo LLRL cl.9/10
hammer
doda= RL, C1:SF, *N* 9b/10b dots on
cheeks and between the eyes (as
decoration); cf. **-doda** V hammer
-dodoma -HH:L, *V* rob, take by force;
also **-dadoma** -HH:L, **-kutula**,
-pokonyola, **-pakanyola**
-dokadoka -HHH:L, *V* red. show
oneself by a certain way of dancing
-dolola -HH:L, *V* cause diarrhoea
-dong'a -H:L, *V* clap hands, catch
-dovola -HH:L, *V* bore; also **-davola**
-HH:L; cf. **-tolola**
-dowela -HH:L, *V* rely on (fellows)
-dududa -HH:L, *V* pulverize
-dukula -HH:L, *V* tap, knock, beat (of
heart); also **-papa**; cf. red.
-dukuladukula HHHHH:L tickle
-dukuladukula -HHHHH:L, *V* red.
tickle; also **-dikadika** -HHH:L
-dulumbuka -HHH:L, *V* become weak
and slack; cf. **-divika**
-duma -H:L, *V* scold, rebuke; cf.
-dumila -HH:L groan because of
pain; also **-kalipa**
-dumila -HH:L, *V* groan because of
pain; cf. **-duma** -H:L scold; cf.
-gumila -HH:L
-dyoko -H:L, A:S1/SF, *A* small;
ndyoko/vadyoko LH:L cl.1/2 (as
nouns: youth), **inyoko/dinyoko** LH:L
cl.9/10 (forms are without -d-); also
-dikidiki A, **-amwana** P con.;

predicative: same tones
-dyovelela -HHH:L, *V* be used to, get
accustomed; also **-dyavelela** -HHH:L
-dyuha -FL, *V* *caus.* revive; cf. **-dyuka**
-H:L be changed
-dyuka -H:L, *V* be changed; cf. **-dyuha**
-FL revive

E

elo RL, C1:SF, *I* yes!
ema RL, C1:SF, *I* or; whether...or
kuva...ema H:L...RL, lit. to be...or
-enda -H:L, *V* enter; also **-yinjila**
-ene FL, ?, *P/A* self; tones including
prefix; NPx in cl.1: **mwene** FL, PPx
in other classes: **weene** FL cl.3, **yeene**
FL cl.9; predicative: same tones
-eneledya -HHL:L, *V* *caus.* extend,
abound; *caus.* < **-enelela** -HHH:L
spread
-enelela -HHH:L, *V* spread, infect; cf.
caus. **-eneledya** -HHL:L extend
-enu RL, C1:SF, *P* *pos.* your (pl.); tones
including PPx; **wenu** RL cl.1, **wenu**
RL cl.3, **yenu** RL cl.9; predicative:
FL tones
-etu RL, C1:SF, *P* *pos.* our; tones
including PPx; **wetu** RL cl.1, **wetu**
RL cl.3, **yetu** RL cl.9; predicative: FL

F

-fundisa -HFL, *V* *caus.* teach; < Sw.
-fundisha; cf. refl. **-lifundisa** -HHL:L
learn; cf. **-hunda**

G

-gong'ola -HH:L, *V* push (once); also
-gang'ola -HH:L; cf. **-hingiliha**
-gulugusa -HHL:L, *V* *caus.* fail (after
promise); cf. **-lugusa** -HFL be loose
-guma -H:L, *V* beat (with hand); cf. ?
app. > **-gumila** -HH:L groan
-gumila -HH:L, *V* groan; ?app. < **-guma**
-H:L beat (with hand); cf. **-dumila**
-HH:L

H

-hachila -HH:L, *V* hunt for; also **-hakila**

- HH:L
-haha -H:L, *V* ferment; cf. **-hahama**
 -HH:L be fermented
-hahama -HH:L, *V* be fermented; cf.
-haha -H:L ferment
-hahula -HH:L, *V* clean; cf.
-katapadya, -swelela
-haka -H:L, *V* hunt; cf. app. **-hakila/**
-hachila -HH:L hunt for; cf. nom.
chihako/vihako LRL cl.7/8 hunt
-hakalanga -HHH:L, *V* be bad, be dirty,
 be worn out; also **-nyata**
-hakalika -HHH:L, *V* be busy with
 affairs, act restlessly
-hakila -HH:L, *V* hunt for; app. < **-haka**
 -H:L hunt; also **-hachila** -HH:L
-hamata -HH:L, *V* filter, strain
-hamulila -HHH:L, *V* comb; also
-samulila -HHH:L; cf. **chihamula/**
vihamula LLL:L cl.7/8 comb
-hana -H:L, *V* clear land for cultivation;
 forge; frequently used with Pre-Final
-ang-; -hananga -HH:L; cf.
-kang'ana, -kuluwanya, -lima
-hang'a -H:L, *V* be confused, be
 anxious
-hangalala -HHH:L, *V* rejoice; cf.
-tamba, -poka
-hangola -HH:L, *V* sharpen teeth;
kuhangola meno LHHH H:L
-hanjila -H:L, *V* cut down (millet)
-hapa -H:L, *V* choose; also **-tondola**
-hapuka -HH:L, *V* break off, terminate;
 also **-yamila, -papatula**; see pass,
 abate
-hapuka -HH:L, *V* pass, abate; cf. ass.
-hapukana -HHH:L separate,
 divorce; see break off
-hapukana -HHH:L, *V* separate,
 divorce; ass. < **-hapuka** -HH:L pass,
 abate; break off
-hatula -HH:L, *V* disengage a trap
-haua -HH:L, *V* tell, say, speak,
 explain; cf. app. **-haulila** -HHH:L tell
 s.o.
-haulila -HHH:L, *V* tell s.o., explain,
 advise; app. < **-haua** -HH:L tell, say;
 to welcome: **ku-n-nyaulila ida**
- ing'ande/kukaya** H-H-HLLH L:H
 HFL/HFL lit. to tell him/her come
 house/home(steed)
-haya -H:L, *V* grind
-heka -H:L, *V* laugh; cf. **chiheko** LRL
 cl.7/- laugh(ter)
heka L:H, C1:SF, *I* but, to the contrary;
heka vino L:H RL but, and now
-hengelela -HHH:L, *V* approach, draw
 near; also **-vandikila**; cf. **-pepekela**
-hepa -H:L, *V* pluck, gather (beans,
 fruit, wild greens); **chihepo/vihepo**
 LRL cl.7/8 plucked food, e.g. fruit; cf.
-yola, -heva
-heva -H:L, *V* gather; cf. **-yola, -hepa**
-hika -H:L, *V* close loosely; cf. **-chima**
-hikalila -HHH:L, *V* guard, defend
-hila -H:L, *V* cease, finish
-himana -HH:L, *V* meet; **tunahimana**
 LLLRL goodbye, we'll meet again;
 cf. **-kodyana**
-himba -H:L, *V* dig; harvest peanuts, all
 sorts of potatoes, cassava
-hindila -HH:L, *V* nod
-hinga -H:L, *V* bathe; cf. refl. **-lihinga**
 -HRL bathe oneself
-hingiliha -HHL:L, *V caus.* push (over
 and over again); cf. **-gong'ola**
-hinginika -HHH:L, *V* be sorry; also
-sikitika
-hinika -HH:L, *V* cover; **-hinikila**
 -HHH:L cover with (put a cover or lid
 on sth.); also **-hunika** HH:L; cf.
-hunukula -HHH:L uncover
-hinikila -HHH:L, *V* cover with (put a
 cover or lid on sth.); cf. **-hinika**
 -HH:L cover; cf. **-hunukula** -HHH:L
 uncover
-hipuka -HH:L, *V* sprout, shoot up; cf.
 Sw. *-chipuka*; see **-mela**
-hita -H:L, *V* deny, refuse
-hiya -H:L, *V* kill, die; cf. **-walala**
-hiyala -HH:L, *V* be left, remain
-hodika -HH:L, *V* announce arrival; say
hodi H:L and clap hands
-hola -H:L, *V* thresh; harvest millet,
 peas; also **-hula**
-holoha -HFL, *V caus.* make a hole,

- break into; also **-haloha** -HFL
-holoka -HH:L, *V* come from, come out, appear; also **-haloka** -HH:L; cf. **-uka**, **-huma**, **-oneka**
-holola -HH:L, *V* pull (softly); also **-halola** -HH:L; cf. **-uta**
-homa -H:L, *V* pierce; **kuhoma nkuchi** LHH HFL to spear
-homola -HH:L, *V* draw out, take out, bring to light; also **-hamola** -HH:L; cf. **-kohomola** -HHH:L cough
-honda -H:L, *V* suck
-honga -H:L, *V* bribe; cf. **chihongahonga** LHHH:L I quarrelsome
-hova -H:L, *V* lack, get lost
-huhulila -HHH:L, *V* fill in (holes)
-hula -H:L, *V* thresh; harvest millet, peas; also **-hola**
-hulula -HH:L, *V* be able; defeat; neut. > **-hululika** -HHH:L, **inahululika** LLHLRL it is possible (Non-Past, SC cl.9)
-huma -H:L, *V* come out; cf. **-holoka**
-humbaila -HHH:L, *V* limp
-humbwa -FL, *V pas.* infect (and destroy) fruit, trees
-huna -H:L, *V* ripen badly; cf. **-ula**, **-lapata**
-hunda -H:L, *V* teach (to behave with respect and dignity); cf. refl. **-lihunda** -HRL learn; cf. **-fundisa** teach
-hunga -H:L, *V* tie, fasten, fix; cf. **-pambilila**
-hunika -HH:L, *V* cover; also **-hinika** -HH:L; cf. **-hunukula** -HHH:L uncover; cf. nom. **lihuniko/ mahuniko** LLRL cl.5/6 cover
-hunukula -HHH:L, *V* uncover, take off lid; also **-hunukula** -HHH:L; sep. < **-hunika** -HH:L, **-hinika** -HH:L cover; cf. **-hinikila** -HHH:L cover with
-hunukula -HHH:L, *V* uncover, take off lid; also **-hunukula** -HHH:L
-huva -H:L, *V* have problems; cf. **-banika**, **-tunduwila**
-huvilila -HHH:L, *V* be red; cf. **-anahuvi** P con. red
-hwa H:L, *V* die; tones with Infinitive marker; corpse: **munu ahwile** LRL HRL lit. person who died;
anihwiliwa na anyoke LLHLL L HRL his mother died; cf. **-hapuka**; cf. **-achihwango** P con.
hweetu HRL, C2:H:SF, *P subst.* we;
uhwehwe LFH (emphatic)
-hwena -H:L, *V* go; cf. red.
-hwenahwena -HHH:L walk; cf. nom. **chihweni/vihweni** LRL cl.7/8 gait
-hwenahwena -HHH:L, *V red.* walk; red. < **-hwena** -H:L go; cf. **-kwonga**
-hwika -H:L, *V* arrive; also **-komola**; cf. **-hwikanila** -HHH:L reach
-hwikanila -HHH:L, *V* reach; cf. **-hwika** -H:L arrive; **-hwikanilana** -HHHH:L reach one another

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- ida** -H:L, *V* come; **ida nahoti** L:L LH:L come first
-ida na -H:L L, *V* bring; lit. come with
-idopa -HH:L, *V* be heavy
ihango/dihango LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* divining board; incantation (spoken by sorcerer); **kulola/ku-la-udya** **ihango** LHH/L-H-LL HH:L to divine, lit. to look at/to ask them (cl.6, probably referring to ‘words’) the divining board
ihato/dihato LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* python; species oriented; also **ihatu/dihatu** LH:L cl.9/10; individualized: **uhatu/ahatu, uhato/ ahato** LH:L cl.1A/2A
ihikidi/dihikidi LHFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* desire; also **tama** cl.9c/-; cf. **lukou** cl.11/-
ihimba/dihimba LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* lion; species oriented; individualized: **uhimba/ahimba** LFL cl.1A/2A
ihinga/dihinga LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* calabash (for storing milk)
ihomba/dihomba LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* fish; species oriented; individualized:

- uhomba/ahomba** LFL cl.1A/2A
ihomelo/dihomelo LLRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* beam
ihondo/dihondo LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* stone used with firesticks
ihonga/dihonga LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* teat
ihong'o/dihong'o LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* maggot; species oriented; individualized: **uhong'o/ahong'o** LRL cl.1A/2A
ihuhi/dihuhi LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* snake sp. (related to python); species oriented; individualized: **uhuhi/ahuhi** LRL cl.1A/2A
ihungo/dihungo LH:L, E:S2, *N 9/10* genet; species oriented; individualized: **uhungo/ahungo** LH:L cl.1A/2A
ihuti/dihuti LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9/10* gun
-ikala -HH:L, *V* sit down, stay, live
ikanava LH:L, *V fin.* although; in compound tenses, also possible with same SC as following verb form; lit. although it (cl.9) is (Concessive of -va be)
ikanya/dikanya LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9c/10c* mouth; sg. also **kanya** L:L cl.9c
ikave LHL, *V fin.* except; lit. it (cl.9) is not/has not been (Negative Perfective of -va be)
-ikuta -HH:L, *V* be pregnant; also **-ve pammili** -L HHH:L lit. be at body, **-ve na-chitumbo** -H L-LRL lit. have embryo; cf. **chitumbo/vitumbo** cl.7/8; see satisfied: be
-ikuta -HH:L, *V* be satisfied (food); see pregnant: be
-ila -H:L, *V* repeat; also **-uila** -HH:L
-ima -H:L, *V* refuse to give sth. to s.o.
imaka/dimaka LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* cat; species oriented; individualized: **umaka/amaka** LRL cl.1A/2A
imamana/dimamana LHFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* ant sp. (small, red); species oriented; individualized: **umamana/amamana** LHFL cl.1A/2A
imamba/dimamba LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* crocodile; cf. Sw. mamba; species oriented; individualized: **umamba/amamba** LFL cl.1A/2A; see **imbulu/dimbulu** cl.9/10
imanda/dimanda LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* cooked rice
imande/dimande LH:L, E:S2, *N 9/10* grasshopper; species oriented; individualized: **umande/amande** LH:L cl.1A/2A
-imba -H:L, *V* sing
imbai/dimbai LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* bee sp.; species oriented; individualized: **umbai/ambai** LH:L cl.1A/2A
imbalu/dimbalu LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* bamboo
imbango/dimbango LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* wild pig; species oriented; individualized: **umbango/ambango** LH:L cl.1A/2A
imbedo/dimbedo LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* axe
imbelekeho/dimbelekeho LHHL:L, B:S1, *N 9/10* hole (through sth.); also **imenya/dimenya** cl.9/10
imbeyu/dimbeyu LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* seed
imboko/dimboko LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* louse; species oriented; individualized: **umboko/amboko** LH:L cl.1A/2A
imbowa/dimbowa LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* vegetable
imbudi/dimbudi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* goat; species oriented; individualized: **umbudi/ambudi** LH:L cl.1A/2A
imbula/dimbula LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* rain
imbulisa/dimbulisa LHFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* grey hair (of age); also **dihuli** cl. -/10
imbulu/dimbulu ?, *N 9/10* crocodile; tones unknown; species oriented; individualized: **umbulu/ambulu**; also **imamba/dimamba** cl.9/10

- imbulukuta/dimbulukuta** LLHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 9/10* butterfly; species oriented; individualized:
umbulukuta/ambulukuta LLHRL cl.1A/2A
- imbuntu** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/-* early rains
- imbutuka/dimbutuka** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* antelope sp. (klipspringer); species oriented; individualized:
umbutuka/ambutuka LLRL cl.1A/2A
- imbwe/dimbwe** L:L, D1:no H, *N 9/10* cataract (of the eye)
- imbwilimbwindi/dimbwilimbwindi** LLHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 9/10* termite sp. (small winged, not edible); species oriented; individualized:
umbwilimbwindi/ambwilimbwindi LLHRL cl.1A/2A
- imembe/dimembe** LH:L, E:S2, *N 9/10* fly; species oriented; individualized:
umembe/amembe LH:L cl.1A/2A
- imene/dimene** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* pigeon-pea
- imenya/dimenya** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9/10* hole (through sth.); also
imbelekeho/dimbelekeho cl.9/10
- imepo** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/-* air (cold)
- imete/dimete** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* flash of light
- imia/dimia** LH:L, ?, *N 9c/10c* hundred; < Sw. *mia*; sg. also **mia** H:L cl.9c; also **makumi likumi** LHH LRL N6 + N5
- imila** -HH:L, *V* stand
- imilipili/dimilipili** LHHL:L, B:S1, *N 9/10* pepper
- iminda/diminda** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* knuckle of sugar cane
- imindi/dimindi** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* knockly part of the stem of a maize plant
- imu/dimu** RL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* spirit, demon (Sw. *jini*)
- imuka** -HH:L, *V* rise, get up; cf. **-imula** -HH:L; morning greeting:
uvenkwimuka LLLHFH; greet them:
- vaudye chivaimwike nelo** LLL LHHLL RL lit. ask them how they rose today
- imukusa/dimukusa** LHFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* calabash seed (edible); cf.
nkakahimba/mikakahimba cl.3/4
- imula** -HH:L, *V* awake; cf. **-imuka** -HH:L
- imula/dimula** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* nose
- imunda/dimunda** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* dove; species oriented; individualized: **umunda/amunda** LH:L cl.1A/2A
- imundu/dimundu** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* bald patch on the head; **kumowa imundu** LHH HH:L to get a clear head
- imwedo/dimwedo** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* pea
- inambili/dinambili** LHFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* partridge; species oriented; individualized: **unambili/anambili** LHFL cl.1A/2A
- indala** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/-* hunger; be hungry: **kwona indala** HH HH:L lit. feel hunger, **-ve na-indala** -H L-LRL lit. be with hunger (Pres.Perf. of **-va** be); cf. **-doba** *V* be hungry
- indau/dindau** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* type of ointment (perfumed)
- inde/achainde** H:L/LHH:L, ?, *N 9/2A+* centipede sp.
- indege/dindege** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* plane
- indila/dindila** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* path, road
- indonga/dindonga** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* heavy stick, cudgel
- indongo/dindongo** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* hunting stick
- indonya/dindonya** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9/10* lip-plug (in upper lip)
- indowa/dindowa** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* marriage; cf. Sw. *ndoa*; see **ulombi/malombi** cl.14/6
- indu/dindu** L:L, D1:no H, *N 9/10* groundnut
- indumba/dindumba** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10*

- calabash bottle (small, implement of divination); cf. **litikiti/matikiti** cl.5/6, **chingungwa/vingungwa** cl.7/8
indunda/dindunda LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 type of drum (small)
induva/dinduva LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 flower, blossom; cf. **liuwa/mauwa**, **liwuwa/mawuwa** cl.5/6
inembe/dinembe LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 calf; species oriented; individualized: **unembe/anembe** LRL cl.1A/2A
inembo/dinembo LFL, B:S1, *N* 9/10 elephant; species oriented; individualized: **unembo/anembo** LFL cl.1A/2A
inete/dinete LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 9/10 grass sp.
-ing'a -H:L, *V* give (to s.o.); cf. **-usa** give, display, show
ing'ambe/ding'ambe LFL, B:S1, *N* 9/10 tortoise; species oriented; individualized: **ung'ambe/ang'ambe** LFL cl.1A/2A
ing'ambo/ding'ambo LH:L, E:S2, *N* 9/10 other side (e.g. of river, valley), beyond; **pang'ambo** LH:L cl.16 Mozambique
ing'ande/ding'ande LH:L, E:S2, *N* 9/10 house; augm.: **likande/makande** LH:L cl.5/6; also **inyumba/dinyumba** cl.9/10; cf. **libanda/mabanda** cl.5/6
ing'anga/ding'anga LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 9/10 guinea-fowl; species oriented; individualized: **ung'anga/ang'anga** LH:L cl.1A/2A
ing'anya LFL, B:S1, *N* 9/- cause, reason; court case, debt; **ing'anya** (ya-...) LFL (H-...) because (of), **ing'anya ntwani** LLH HFL why, lit. what kind of reason; cf. **maika** I, **liyongo/ mayongo** cl.5/6
ing'avanga/ding'avanga LHFL, B:S1, *N* 9/10 dog; species oriented; individualized: **ung'avanga/ang'avanga** LHFL cl.1A/2A
ing'oha/ding'oha LH:L, E:S2, *N* 9/10 digging stick
ingokwa/dingokwa LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 9/10 stone of mango
ing'okwe/ding'okwe LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 9/10 storage of produce; cf. **likungwi/makungwi** cl.5/6
ing'ole/ding'ole LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 dance
ing'ombe/ding'ombe LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 cow; species oriented; individualized: **ung'ombe/ang'ombe** LRL cl.1A/2A
ing'ondo/ding'ondo LFL, B:S1, *N* 9/10 quarrel, war
ing'ondo/ding'ondo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 9/10 lizard sp. (big, living on land); species oriented; individualized: **ung'ondo/ang'ondo** LH:L cl.1A/2A
ingondolo/dingondolo LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 sheep; species oriented; individualized: **ungondolo/angondolo** LLRL cl.1A/2A
ingongo/dingongo LH:L, E:S2, *N* 9/10 forest (area with many trees)
ing'oo/ding'oo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 banana; often heard as **ing'owo/ding'owo** LRL; also **ing'ou/ding'ou** LRL
ing'uku/ding'uku LFL, B:S1, *N* 9/10 chicken; species oriented; individualized: **ung'uku/ang'uku** LFL cl.1A/2A
ing'ulungu/ding'ulungu LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 round stone (for smoothening surfaces, e.g. pots)
inguluve/dinguluve LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 pig; species oriented; individualized: **unguluve/anguluve** LLRL cl.1A/2A
ingumbi/dingumbi LFL, B:S1, *N* 9/10 termite sp. (winged); species oriented; individualized: **ungumbi/angumbi** LFL cl.1A/2A
ing'unde/ding'unde LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 9/10 bean sp.; **ing'unde ya-chimahe/ding'unde dya-chimahe** LHL H-LH:L the small species, lit. female bean(s)
ing'ung'uni/ding'ung'uni LHH:L,

- A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* bed bug; species oriented; individualized:
ung'ung'uni/ang'ung'uni LHH:L cl.1A/2A
- ingunja/dingunja** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* red soil (used as building material); also **chikunda/vikunda** cl.7/8
- inguo/dinguo** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* clothing
- ing'uva/ding'uva** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* lightning
- ingwamba/dingwamba** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9/10* hoe (big)
- ingwangwalati/dingwangwalati** LHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* dog sp. (digging up corpses); species oriented; individualized:
ungwangwalati/angwangwalati LHHH:L cl.1A/2A; **nngwangwalati/vangwangwalati** LHHH:L cl.1/2 killer, savage person
- ing'wapa/ding'wapa** LH:L, E:S2, *N 9/10* armpit
- inikila** -HHH:L, *V* set a trap
- ininji/dininji** HRL, C2:H.SF, *N 9/10* pumpkin seed
- injalahu/dinjalahu** LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* ant sp. (big, red); species oriented; individualized: **unjalahu/anjalahu** LHH:L cl.1A/2A
- injele/dinjele** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* maize cob
- injenjema/dinjenjema** LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 9/10* mosquito; species oriented; individualized: **unjenjema/anjenjema** LHRL cl.1A/2A
- injinga/dinjinga** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* bicycle; also **basikeli/dibasikeli** cl.9c/10c
- injinji/dinjinji** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9/10* type of fence
- injiipala** -HHH:L, *V* be short; also **-ipika**; cf. **-ananjipi** P con. short
- injiipika** -HHH:L, *V* be sufficient, be (with) many, be available; cf. **-kolodya, -tanjila**
- inondwa/dinondwa** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* star
- inongo/dinongo** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* testicle; also **litoko/matoko** cl.5/6, **chitoko/vitoko** cl.7/8; cf. **chitongo/vitongo** LRL cl.7/8 penis
- inono/dinono** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* dorsal muscle
- inudyo/dinudyo** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9/10* present for a special occasion (esp. initiation); nom. < **-tudya** V offer present for a special occasion; also **ding'ombe** cl. -/10
- inumbati** LHFL, B:S1, *N 9/?* traditional powder
- inunda/dinunda** LH:L, E:S2, *N 9/10* ankle
- inungu/dinungu** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* navel
- inuta/dinuta** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* ant sp. (red); species oriented; individualized: **unuta/anuta** LH:L cl.1A/2A
- inyama/dinyama** LRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* meat
- inyambo** LH:L, E:S2, *N 9/-* syphilis
- inyanga/dinyanga** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* hawk sp. (big, striking colours); species oriented; individualized: **unyanga/anyanga** LFL cl.1A/2A
- inyanja/dinyanja** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9/10* plume on top of maize plant
- inyati/dinyati** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* buffalo; species oriented; individualized: **unyati/anyati** LH:L cl.1A/2A
- inyedi/dinyedi** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* snail; species oriented; individualized: **unyedi/anyedi** LH:L cl.1A/2A
- inyehe/dinyehe** LFL, B:S1, *N 9/10* flock of birds
- inyima/dinyima** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* monkey (Sw. kima); species oriented; individualized: **unyima/anyima** LH:L cl.1A/2A
- inyingamu/dinyingamu** LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/10* rainbow
- inyomoko/dinyomoko** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 9/10* kernel of pumpkin
- inyota** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9/-* thirst; be

thirsty: **kwona inyota** HH HH:L lit. feel thirst, **-ve na-inyota** -H L-LH:L lit. be with thirst (Pres.Perf. of **-va** be); cf. **-yuma** V be thirsty
inyuchi/dinyuchi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 9/10 honey-bee; species oriented; individualized: **unyuchi/anyuchi** LH:L cl.1A/2A
inyukudumba/dinyukudumba LLHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 9/10 soldier ant; species oriented; individualized: **unyukudumba/anyukudumba** LLHRL cl.1A/2A
inyumba/dinyumba LH:L, E:S2, *N* 9/10 house; cf. Sw. nyumba; see **ing'ande/ding'ande** cl.9/10; cf. **libanda/mabanda** cl.5/6
inyumbu/dinyumbu LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 tail (implement of divination)
inyundo/dinyundo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9/10 hammer; cf. Sw. nyundo; see **chidodelo/vidodelo** cl.7/8
inyung'unyung'u/dinyung'unyung'u LHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 9/10 wrist
-ipa -H:L, *V* cut grass
-ipika -HH:L, *V* be short; also **-injipala**; cf. **-ananjipi** P con. short; cf. **pepi** I near
-isala -HH:L, *V* stay behind; cf. **-isalila** -HHH:L remain
-isalila -HHH:L, *V* remain; cf. **-isala** -HH:L stay behind
isungu/disungu LFL, B:S1, *N* 9/10 spirit, heart, soul
isungula/disungula LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 9/10 hare; species oriented; individualized: **usungula/asungula** LHRL cl.1A/2A
isungula/disungula LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 9/10 poles
isuvi/disuvi LFL, B:S1, *N* 9/10 leopard; species oriented; individualized: **usuvi/asuvi** LFL cl.1A/2A
iteso/diteso LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9c/10c adze
-itula -HH:L, *V* cool down (tr.); cf. **-didima**, **-pola**, **-tulila**
-iva -H:L, *V* steal

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japani/dijapani HFL/LHFL, B:S1, *N* 9c/10c type of clothing

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-kaba -H:L, *V* press tight, squeeze; also **-bana**; cf. **-toha**
-kachakacha -HHH:L, *V* red. rustle (in shrubs); cf. **-waya**
-kada -H:L, *V* squeeze, massage; cf. **-kamila**, **-minya**, **-chukudula**
-kadamba -HH:L, *V* step in
kadiki LRL, C1:SF, *I* few, a bit; cf. **-dikidiki** -HHH:L A small; **nahoti kadiki** LHL LRL presently
kahwivi/tuhwivi LH:L, E:S2, *N* 12/13 not yet full-grown chicken
kala RL, C1:SF, *I* formerly, the past; also **tangu** I
-kalala -HH:L, *V* be bitter; **kukalala isungu** LHHH HFL cruel spirit (reply to question “how are you”; reply in Sw.: mambo mabaya)
-kalamuka -HHH:L, *V* be clever, be cunning
-kalanga -HH:L, *V* fry; cf. Sw. kaanga; see **-nanuha**; refl. > **-likalanga** -HLRL be troubled by sun and heat
-kalava -HH:L, *V* wash (hands); **kukalava mmakono** HHH HHH:L lit. wash in hands
-kalewa -HFL, *V* pas. get drunk; also **-kelewa** -HFL
-kalipa -HH:L, *V* scold, rebuke; also **-duma**
-kama -H:L, *V* get tied, curdle; cf. **-kamata** -HH:L mould, **-kamula** -HH:L seize, **-kamila** -HH:L squeeze
-kamasa -HFL, *V* caus. greet; greet older people by clapping with cupped hands and say **siam** LL:L; cf. **disalamu** cl.10, **-imuka**, **-chi**, **-omi** H:L P, **dachi** LL I
-kamata -HH:L, *V* mould; cont. <
-kama -H:L get tied; cf. **-umba**, **-munya**
-kameka -HH:L, *V* know, understand,

- recognize; **nikakameka** LHH:L I don't know (Neg.Pres.), **nikakameke** LHLH:L I don't understand (Neg.Perf.); cf. **-mala**
- kamila** -HH:L, *V* squeeze; cf. **-kama** -H:L get tied; cf. **-minya**, **-kada**, **-chukudula**
- kamula** -HH:L, *V* seize; cf. **-kama** -H:L get tied; **ku-n-kamula umwenye** H-H-HLL HH:L to be made headman, lit. to seize him for chiefhood
- kanda** -H:L, *V* make completely straight, knead; cf. **-nyoka**, **-udula**
- kandika** -HH:L, *V* be rotten
- kandila** -HH:L, *V* eat fish or meat
- kandili/dikandili** LFL/LLFL, E:S2, *N* 9c/10c lamp
- kanga** -H:L, *V* be scattered abroad
- kanga/dikanga** RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9c/10c piece of cloth (worn by women); cf. Sw. *kanga*
- kangana** -HH:L, *V* be astonished, be surprised; also neut. > **-kanganika** -HHH:L; also **-lapa**
- kang'ana** -H:L, *V* hoe (a field); cf. **-kuluwanya**, **-hana**, **-lima**
- kanya/dikanya** L:L/LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 9c/10c mouth; sg. also **ikanya** LL:L cl.9c
- katapadya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* prepare, arrange, put in order, clean; caus. < **-katapala** -HHH:L be good, beautiful
- katapadya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* decorate; also **-lemba**; see prepare
- katapala** -HHH:L, *V* be good, be beautiful; cf. **-ambone** P con. good; cf. caus. > **-katapadya** -HHL:L prepare, arrange, put in order, clean; cf. **chikatapele** LLHFL *V* fin. good, fine, beautiful
- kavila** LH:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* again; also **kuvila** LH:L; cf. **-vili** -RL A two; cf. **uvila** LFL thus, so, as follows
- kaya/dikaya** H:L/LH:L, E:S2, *N* 9c/10c homestead, village; cf. **kumayaya** LLL:L cl.17
- kedekeda** -HHH:L, *V* be troubled
- kelewa** -HFL, *V pas.* get drunk; also **-kalewa** -HFL
- kimbila** -HH:L, *V* drink; also **-kumbila** -HH:L
- kocha** -H:L, *V* poke into
- kodidya** -HFL, *V caus.* find; app. < **-kodya** -FL meet, come across, find
- kodola** -HH:L, *V* circumcise; also **-kadola** -HH:L; cf. **-yaluka**, **nngaliba/vangaliba** cl.1/2 s.o. who circumcises
- kodya** -FL, *V caus.* boil, put on fire; also **-yaukidya**, **-chemusa** boil; cf. **-yaula**, **-yaukila**, **-tokota**, **-tiniha**; see meet
- kodya** -FL, *V caus.* meet, come across, find; ass.> **-kodyana** -HFL meet each other; app.> **-kodidya** -HFL find; see boil
- kodyana** -HFL, *V* meet each other; ass. < **-kodya** -FL meet; **tunakodyana** LLLL:L goodbye, we'll meet again; cf. **-himana**
- kodyoka** -HH:L, *V* vomit; also **-kadyoka** -HH:L, **-tapika**
- kohomola** -HHH:L, *V* cough; also **-kahamola** -HHH:L; cf. **-kumula**
- koka** H:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* then, finally, at the end; if; cf. **-uka** *V* go away, come from
- kola** -H:L, *V* do, receive (sth. out of s.o.'s hand); be sharp; cf. **-tenda**
- koledya** -HFL, *V caus.* kindle fire; also **-kumbanya**
- kolodya** -HFL, *V caus.* be enough, be sufficient; also **-kalodya** -HFL; cf. **-injipika**
- koloma** -HH:L, *V* snore
- kolova** -HH:L, *V* stir; cf. Sw. *koroga*; cf. **-kolowanya**, **-pindikulanya**
- kolowanya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* turn round, stir (e.g. in making cassava porridge); cf. **-pindikulanya**, **-kolova**
- koma** -H:L, *V* bring to an end
- komala** -HH:L, *V* be old, healthy and strong; also **-kamala** -HH:L; cf. **-lama**, **-kongopala**, **-atangu** P con. old, **-achinyakala** -LLHFL P con. old

- kombola** -HH:L, *V* redeem; also
 -**kambola** -HH:L
 -**komela** -HH:L, *V* drive in (e.g. a nail)
 -**komodya** -HFL, *V caus.* be hard, be difficult; also -**kamodya** -HFL, -**nonopa**
 -**komola** -HH:L, *V* arrive; also -**kamola** -HH:L, -**hwika**
 -**konda** -H:L, *V* flourish
 -**kong'ona** -HH:L, *V* strike, beat hard
 -**kongopala** -HHH:L, *V* be old (of people); also -**kangapala** -HHH:L, -**konga** -H:L; cf. -**komala**; cf. -**atangu** P con. old, -**achinyakala** P con. old, of past
 -**kongovela** -HHH:L, *V* crow (cock); also -**kangavela** -HHH:L
 -**konidya** -HFL, *V caus.* shut eyes; cf. -**kona** -H:L to sleep
 -**konyela** -HH:L, *V* poke up, put more wood on fire
 -**kova** -H:L, *V* dish out food (with ladle)
 -**koveka** -HH:L, *V* hang (up); cf. sep. > -**kovokola** -HHH:L take down sth. hanging (e.g. dried clothing)
 -**kovokola** -HHH:L, *V* take down sth. hanging (e.g. dried clothing); sep. < -**koveka** -HH:L hang up; also -**kavakola** -HHH:L
kuchi H:H, *V fin.* that (Compl.); cf. -**chi** say; also **kuchidono** HHRL
kuchidono HHRL, *V fin.* that (Compl.); cf. -**chi** say; also **kuchi** H:H
kuchihanya LLL:L, D1:no H, *N 17* doctor's place
kukati LRL, C1:SF, *N 17* room; cf. **ching'ati** LH:L cl.7 middle, in the middle, between, **nkati** LRL within, in the middle
 -**kula** -H:L, *V* grow, grow up; cf. Sw. -**kua**; see -**kulumuka** -HHH:L
kulehu LH:L, E:S2, *A* far; **kulehu na-kukaya kwetu** LHL L-LLH RL far from our home(stead); cf. -**lehu** -H:L *A* long, tall, high, **mwalehu** LFL I directly
 -**kuluha** -HFL, *V caus.* have miscarriage; cf. nom. **ukuluha** LHFL cl.14 miscarriage; cf. **dinjahango** cl. -/10; to miscarry: **kuveleka mwana-nkuya** LHHH FL-LFL lit. bear a child-return
 -**kulumuka** -HHH:L, *V* grow, grow up; also -**kula** -H:L
 -**kulungwa** -HFL, B:S1, *A* big; **nkulungwa/vakulungwa** LHFL cl.1/2 (as nouns: elder), **nkulungwa/mikulungwa** LHFL cl.3/4, **ing'ulungwa/ding'ulungwa** LHFL cl.9/10; cf. -**tumbula** *V* be big, be fat; predicative: same tones
 -**kulupidya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* raise s.o.'s hopes; caus. < -**kulupila** -HHH:L trust s.o., hope
 -**kulupila** -HHH:L, *V* trust, hope; also -**kulupilila** -HHHH:L; cf. caus. -**kulupidya** -HHL:L raise s.o.'s hopes
 -**kuluva** -HH:L, *V* glide, trickle, slide along (esp. water through a channel)
 -**kuluwanya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* hoe (a cleared area); cf. -**kang'ana**, -**hana**, -**lima**
kulyamba LH:L, E:S2, *N 17* dawn; cf. **ulyamba** HRL cl.14 morning, **palyamba** LH:L cl.16 day after tomorrow; cf. -**cha** *V* dawn, **umambumbu** cl.14 early in the morning
kumanga LRL, C1:SF, *N 17* coast; eastern direction; cf. **chimanga** LRL cl.7/- Swahili language, nature
kumayaya LLL:L, D1:no H, *N 17* village; cf. **kaya/dikaya** cl.9c/10c
 -**kumba** -H:L, *V* cheat
 -**kumbanga** -HH:L, *V* incite
 -**kumbanya** -HFL, *V caus.* kindle fire; also -**koledya**
 -**kumbila** -HH:L, *V* drink; also -**kimbila** -HH:L
 -**kumbukila** -HHH:L, *V* remember, think
 -**kumbula** -HH:L, *V* invite; inform
 -**kumbusa** -HFL, *V caus.* remind
kumeho LH:L, E:S2, *N 17+6* face, front, before; cf. **meho** H:L cl.6 eyes, **pameho** LH:L cl.16 publicly; cf.

muyo cl.18
-kumila -HH:L, *V* swallow
kumisati LLL:L, D1:no H, *N* 17
 graveyard
-kumula -HH:L, *V* cough with force,
 groan; cf. **-kohomola**
kundagala LLL:L, D1:no H, *N* 17
 initiation place (bush)
-kundanila -HHH:L, *V* share; cf.
-kundanya -HFL mix, collect
 together
-kundanya -HFL, *V caus.* mix, collect
 together, add; cf. **-kundanila** -HHH:L
 share
kundonde LH:L, E:S2, *N* 17 lower
 parts of Plateau; western direction
 (and land located there); cf. **nndonde/**
vandonde HFL cl.1/2 Ndonde
 person, **chindonde** HFL cl.7 Ndonde
 dialect, nature
-kunga -H:L, *V* collect, gather together
-kunguluka -HHH:L, *V* talk, converse;
 also **-lonjela**
-kungumika -HHH:L, *V* respect, obey;
 cf. **-limuka**
-kunja -H:L, *V* fold; cf. Sw. **-kunja**
-kupula -HH:L, *V* singe
-kuta -H:L, *V* cry; cf. **-lila**
-kutula -HHH:L, *V* rob, take by force;
 also **-dodoma**, **-pokonyola**,
-pakanyola
-kuva -H:L, *V* draw a line
-kuvala -HH:L, *V* stub oneself (esp. toe)
kuvila LH:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* again; also
kavila LH:L I; cf. **-vili** -RL A two; cf.
uvila LFL thus, so, as follows
-kuwa -H:L, *V* pluck (fowl)
kwachi RL, C1:SF, *I* where; question
 phrase-finally: FH **kwachi** FH; cf.
-chi *V* say
kwaki -HH-, *P* at one's place; followed
 by a name of a person, title or kinship
 term: **kwaki mariamu** HH LLH:L at
 Mariamu's; cf. **kwanga**
kwali H:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* perhaps, maybe,
 I don't know; probably an old form
 derived from an irregular verb 'to be'
 which consists of a locative prefix

followed by **-li**, cf. **-pali** -H:L *V*; cf.
panji P
-kwama -H:L, *V* urinate
-kwanga -H:L, *V* scrape off, peel; cf.
-palata, **-pukusula**
kwanga -HH-, *P* at the persons' place;
 followed by names of persons, titles
 or kinship terms (of more than one
 person): **kwanga vantanda** HH
 HHFL at the Vantanda's; cf. **kwaki**
-kwela -H:L, *V* climb, ascend; cf.
-damila
-kwichakwicha -HHH:L, *V red.*
 sharpen (knife); cf. **-tema**
-kwina -H:L, *V* be erect

L

-laduka -HH:L, *V* be flat (of taste)
-ladya -FL, *V caus.* spread, lay down;
 caus. < **-lala** -H:L lie down; cf. **-vika**
-laga -H:L, *V* be afflicted, be
 discomforted; cf. **-lagasa** -HFL
 afflict; cf. **-banika**
-lagasa -HFL, *V caus.* afflict; cf. **-laga**
 -H:L be afflicted, **-bana**
-laila -HH:L, *V* take leave of, bid
 farewell
-lala -H:L, *V* lie down, go to bed; also
-dama; cf. caus. **-ladya** -FL spread,
 lay down; **lidi lilala** RL LH:L not
 being able to speak, lit. the voice
 which lies down
-laleha -HFL, *V caus.* be sweet (taste)
-lama -H:L, *V* recover; live/exist long;
 cf. caus. **-lamya** -FL cure; cf. nom.
ulama LH:L cl.14 life; cf. act.-pos.
-lamala -HH:L be handicapped; cf.
-komala, **-kongopala**
-lamala -HH:L, *V* be handicapped;
 act.-pos. < **-lama** -H:L recover
-lamba -H:L, *V* lick
-lambila -HH:L, *V* deceive, lie; cf. refl.
-lilambila -HLRL pretend
-lamya -FL, *V caus.* cure; caus. < **-lama**
 -H:L recover
-langa -H:L, *V* rear, breed, keep in
 confinement
-langala -HH:L, *V* be light; also

- langula** -HH:L
-langudya -HFL, *V caus.* show; cf. **-usa**
-langula -HH:L, *V* be light; also
-langala -HH:L
-lanika -H:L, *V* curse
-lapa -H:L, *V* be astonished, be surprised; also **-kangana**
-lapata -HH:L, *V* ripen; cf. **-ula**, **-huna**
-lapilila -HHH:L, *V* kill at a distance (witchcraft)
-lauka -HH:L, *V* turn
-lavanya -HFL, *V caus.* lie; cf. **nankalavanya/achanankalavanya** LLLLFL/LHLLLFL cl.1a/2A+ liar
-legeya -HH:L, *V* be loose; cf. Sw. legea; also **-lageya** -HH:L; see **-lugusa**
-lehu -H:L, E:S2, *A* long, tall, high; **nnehu/milehu** LH:L cl.3/4, **indehu/dindehu** LH:L/E cl.9/10; cf. **kulehu (na)** LH:L (L) far (from), **mwalehu** LFL *I* directly; predicative: same tones
-leka -H:L, *V* leave, leave behind, stop doing sth.; **nguleka** LLL nor, lit. *I* stop (doing it); cf. **-lekelela** -HHH:L omit, neglect, **-lekanila** -HHH:L be different
-lekanila -HHH:L, *V* be different; cf. **-leka** -H:L leave, **-lekelela** -HHH:L omit, neglect
-lekelela -HHH:L, *V* omit, neglect, leave (in a certain condition); app.+ app. < **-leka** -H:L leave; cf. **-lekanila** -HHH:L be different
-lela -H:L, *V* rear (a child)
-leleka -HH:L, *V* be obedient
-lemba -H:L, *V* decorate; also **-katapadya**; see get ripe, put medicine..., write
-lemba -H:L, *V* ripen (of papaya, mango, not of banana); see put medicine..., decorate, write
-lemba -H:L, *V* write; also **-yandika**; see get ripe, put medicine..., decorate
-lemba -H:L, *V* put medicine on wound with finger; see get ripe, decorate, write
-lembela -HH:L, *V* want, like, desire, wish, look for; also **-lambela** -HH:L; cf. **-tamwa**; app. **-lembelela** -HHH:L look for; welcome: **nakulembela uide kukaya** LLLLL LLL HFL lit. *I* wish you to come home
-lembelela -HHH:L, *V* look for; also **-lambelela** -HHH:L; app. < **-lembela** -HH:L want, like, etc., look for; cf. **-taha**, **-loleha**
-lembula -HH:L, *V* mock, ridicule, gossip
-lemwa -FL, B:S1, *A* idle; **nnemwa/milemwa** LFL cl.3/4, **indemwa/dindemwa** LFL cl.9/10; cf. nom. **ulemwa** LFL cl.14 idleness, laziness; cf. **-lisinga** *V* be idle; predicative: same tones
-lenga -H:L, *V* slice; harvest (cassava)
-lepa -H:L, *V* be long; also **-lepelela** -HHH:L, **-lapelela** -HHH:L; cf. **-lehu** -H:L *A* long, tall
-leva -H:L, *V* fail, make mistake, miss
libadang'a/mabadang'a LHFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 head (esp. of animals)
libaka/mabaka LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 wall
libanda/mabanda LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 house (big, with square roof); cf. **ing'ande/ding'ande** cl.9/10, **inyumba/dinyumba** cl.9/10
libibu/mabibu LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 cashew apple
libongo/mabongo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 foetus
libuda/mabuda LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 field (without yield)
libuda/mabuda LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 cheek
libulangeti/mabulangeti LLLH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 blanket
lichehe/machehe LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 type of storage of produce (plaited of grass)
lichela/machela LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 harvest time; also **nchela/michela** LFL cl.3/4
lichelela/machelela LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 wildcat sp.
-lichilinganya -HHLL:L, *V refl./caus.*

- protect against evil
lichindachinda/machindachinda LHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 young child
lichinga/machinga LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 mountain
lichungwa/machungwa LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 orange
-lida -FL, B:S1, *P* which; **alida** LFL cl.1, **ulida** LFL cl.3, **ilida** LFL cl.9; question phrase-finally: FH; predicative: same tones
lidambi/madambi LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 worn piece of clothing
lidengo/madengo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 work; cf. **-denga** V build; **kutenda lidengo/madengo** LHH HH:L to work, lit. to do work
lidi/malidi RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6+ voice
-lidila -HRL, *V refl.* scream (until exhaustion); cf. **-nyokonya**
lidingilo/madingilo LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 rope for building
lido RL, C1:SF, *N* 5/- yesterday
liduva/maduva LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 sun, day (daytime); **liduva kuswa** LHL H:L all day long
-lienga -HRL, *V refl.* congeal
-lifundisa -HHL:L, *V refl./caus.* learn; < Sw. -jifundisha; refl. < **-fundisa** -HFL teach; see **-liyedya**; cf. **-lihunda**
lifungu/mafungu LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 bundle, bunch; cf. Sw. fungu; see **chituvi/vituvi** cl.7/8, **chiha/viha** cl.7/8
ligoma/magoma LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 drum; cf. Sw. ngoma
liguma/maguma LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 field which has not been cultivated in the right way
ligwambu/magwambu LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 banana bark
-liha -FL, *V caus.* feed, make eat; also **-lisa** -FL; caus. < **-lya** eat
lihahamanga/mahahamanga LLLRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 hair (of back)
lihahi/mahahi LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 leaves of maize cob
lihala/mahala LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 field which has been cultivated twice in succession
lihawe/mahalawe LLL:L, D1:no H, *N* 5/6 anvil
lihamba/mahamba LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 leaf; cf. **namahamba** LHFL cl.1a snake sp. (big, green)
lihame/mahame LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 abandoned homestead
lihangahi LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/? white soil
lihangawila LHHL:L, B:S1, *N* 5/? crowd of celebrating people;
palihangawila LLHHL:L cl.16+5 place of gathering during celebrations
lihanja/mahanja LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 5/6 pot (for cooking); also **chiteleko/viteleko**, **chitaleko/vitaleko** cl.7/8
lihichi/mahichi LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 stump, trunk of a fallen tree
lihiku/mahiku LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 day (24 h); also **lisiku/masiku** LH:L cl.5/6
lihinda/mahinda LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 honey comb
lihindili/mahindili LHFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 cooking stone
-lihinga -HRL, *V refl.* bathe oneself; refl. < **-hinga** -H:L bathe
lihiye/mahiye LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 locust; also **lipalangula/mapalangula** cl.5/6, **nampalangula** cl.1a
liho/meho H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 eye; sg. also **liso** H:L; evil eye: **liho**
lukulungwa HL LHFL, lit. big eye, **liho lya-kumawelu** HL H-LLH:L lit. eye of outside
lihoho/mahoho LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 wild-dog (Sw. mbwamwitu)
lihoka/mahoka LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 spirit (ancestral)
lihonga/mahonga LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 wooden arrow
lihongo/mahongo LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 arrow shaft
lihonje LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/? millet sp.;

- full name: **ntama wa-lihonje** LHL
H-LH:L
- lihonyo/mahonyo** LFL, B:S1, *N 5/6*
ant-hill
- lihula/mahula** LH:L, E:S2, *N 5/6* rag
- lihunda** -HRL, *V refl.* learn (to behave
with respect and dignity); refl. <
-hunda -H:L teach; cf. **-liyedya**,
-lifundisa
- lihunde/mahunde** LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6*
cloud
- lihuniko/mahuniko** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6*
cover; nom. < **-hunika** V cover
- lihuta/mahuta** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 5/6*
oil; sg. used for oil from animals
- lihwang'anidya** -HHLL:L, *V refl./caus.* smear; also **-lipakala**
- lijamanda/majamanda** LLFL, E:S2, *N 5/6*
sifting basket (round, small)
- lijiko/majiko** LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6*
fireplace; cf. Sw. jiko; see
chiwuli/viwuli cl.7/8
- lika** -H:L, *V* be worn out
- likabuli/makabuli** LHFL, B:S1, *N 5/6*
grave; < Sw. kaburi; see
litembe/matembe cl.5/6
- likahi/makahi** LFL, B:S1, *N 5/6* outer
covering (of trees (= bark), plants,
animals); **likahi ly'unyedi** LHL
HH:L snail shell
- likala/makala** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 5/6*
charcoal
- likalala/makalala** LHFL, B:S1, *N 5/6*
sifting basket (long)
- likalanga** -HLRL, *V refl.* get hold of
oneself
- likambangohi/makambangohi**
LLHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 5/6* bark of
Christmas tree
- likande/makande** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 5/6*
sleeping mat; also **likandi/**
makandi LH:L cl.5/6; cf. **lyambi/**
malyambi cl.5/6+
- likando/makando** LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6*
unfermented beer (start of final stage
in preparation of beer)
- likangala/makangala** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6*
ceiling
- likasaula** -HHLRL, *V refl.* wash
private parts (women)
- likocho/makocho** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 5/6*
type of trap (rope, to trap bigger
animals)
- likolo** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 5/6* mother, i.e.
having given birth (esp. animals)
- likonde/makonde** LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6*
desert area (without water); cf.
mmakonde/vamakonde LHFL cl.1/2
Makonde person, **chimakonde** LHFL
cl.7 Makonde language, nature
- likong'we/makong'we** LL:L, D1:no H,
N 5/6 pumpkin sp. (watery)
- likote/makote** LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6* dip
(in terrain)
- likowe/makowe** LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6*
partridge sp.
- likulambila** LLLH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 5/6*
type of food (rice with watery
pumpkin sp.)
- likule/makule** LFL, B:S1, *N 5/6* rat; sg.
also **nkule** LFL cl.3
- likulukulu/makulukulu** LHHH:L,
A:S1/SF, *N 5/6* field which has been
cultivated more than three times in
succession; (cultivation usually ends
after four crops)
- likumbatu/makumbatu** LLRL, C1:SF,
N 5/6 foot
- likumbi/makumbi** LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6*
initiation rites (boys)
- likumbila/makumbila** LHFL, B:S1, *N 5/6*
water lemon; cf. **-kumbila** V
drink
- likumi/makumi** LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6* ten;
makumi mavili LHH LRL twenty,
makumi likumi LHH LRL hundred
- likundi/makundi** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 5/6*
crowd, company, group; cf. Sw.
kundi; see **likuwa/makuwa** cl.5/6
- likungwa/makungwa** LL:L, D1:no H,
N 5/6 type of drum (big); dance (to
remember the deceased)
- likungwi/makungwi** LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6*
type of storage of produce; cf.
ing'okwe/ding'okwe cl.9/10
- likuti/makuti** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 5/6*

- type of drum (big, esp. used at boy's initiation)
- likutu/makutu** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 ear
- likutukutu/makutukutu** LLHFL, E:S2, *N* 5/6 mischievous child; also
- livelu/mavelu** cl.5/6
- likuwa/makuwa** LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 crowd, company, group; also **likundi/makundi** cl.5/6
- likwanda/makwanda** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 scar
- likwati/makwati** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 leaves of maize plant
- likwikwi/makwikwi** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 eyebrow
- lila** -H:L, *V* cut navel string; cry
- lilala/malala** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 wild date tree
- lilambila** -HLRL, *V refl.* pretend; refl. < **-lambila** -HH:L deceive; cf. **-twesa**
- lilanga/malanga** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 wasteland (grass, few trees)
- lilaula** -HRL, *V refl.* eat first products of new crop
- lilava** -HRL, *V refl.* get up early
- lileha/maleha** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 feather, hair (on legs)
- lilema/malema** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 bat
- lilenga/malenga** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 stem
- liloda/maloda** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 wildcat sp.
- lilombe/malombe** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 maize
- lilonjedi/malonjedi** LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 saying; nom. < **-lonjela** *V* talk, converse
- lilove/malove** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 word; cf. **namalove** LHRL cl.9a echo
- lilundi/malundi** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 knee
- lilutu/malutu** LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 rat sp.
- lilwedo/malwedo** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 earthworm
- lima** -H:L, *V* cultivate; cf. nom. **nkulima/vakulima** LHFL cl.1/2 farmer; cf. **-kang'ana**, **-hana**, **-kuluwanya**
- limbende/mambende** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 skin
- limbidya** -HFL, *V caus.* forbid, refuse s.o.
- lime** L:L, D1:no H, *N* 5/- dew
- limuka** -HH:L, *V* behave with respect, dignity; cf. **-kungumika**
- lina/malina** H:L/LH:L, B:S1, *N* 5/6+ name
- linadi/manadi** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 skin of coconut
- linda** -H:L, *V* wait
- lindima** -HH:L, *V* make a loud noise; thunder; cf. **-valula**
- lindimuka** -HHH:L, *V* begin, start; cf. **-tandilika**
- lindunya/mandunya** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 blunt cutting tool
- linga** -H:L, *V* try, attempt
- lingongo/mangongo** LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 5/6 type of fence
- lingoti/mangoti** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 type of ndimu dance
- lingungwa/mangungwa** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 skin of calabash; cf. **chingungwa/vingungwa** LH:L cl.7/8
- lingungwe/mangungwe** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 bow; also
- upinde/mapinde** cl.14/6
- lingupa/mangupa** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 centipede sp.
- lingwalangwanja/mangwalangwanja** LLLH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 type of dance (esp. initiation); also
- chingwalangwanja/vingwalangwanja** LLLH:L cl.7/8
- lingwangula/mangwangula** LLFL, E:S2, *N* 5/6 lizard
- lingwele/mangwele** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 monkey (Sw. nyani)
- lino/meno** H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 tooth
- linoha/manoha** LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 liver
- linowa** -HRL, *V refl.* be proud of oneself, boast; refl. < **-nowa** -H:L be sweet, pleasant
- linyindwa/manyindwa** HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 5/6 tomato

- lipa -H:L, *V* pay
lipadango/mapadango LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 door post
lipahu/mapahu LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 lungs
-lipakala -HLRL, *V refl.* smear; also
-lihwang'anidya
lipalangula/mapalangula LLLRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 locust; nom. <
-palangula *V* hop; also
nampalangula LLLLRL cl.1a; also
lihiye/mahiye cl.5/6
lipamba/mapamba LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 fear, doubt
lipapa/mapapa LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 potsherd
lipapai/mapapai LHFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 papaya
lipatela/mapatela LLFL, E:S2, *N* 5/6 brown snake sp. (big, colours white, black and yellow)
lipela/mapela LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 guava
lipleko/mapeleko LLH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 medicine; nom. < **-peleka** *V* do witchcraft; cf. **ntela/mitela** cl.3/4
lipelende/mapelepende LHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 grass sp.
liplepende/mapelepende LHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 cockroach
lipenesi/mapenesi LLH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 jack-fruit
lipenga/mapenga LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6 horn, whistle; **kwomba lipenga** HH HFL to blow the horn
lipiku/mapiku LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 type of **ndimu** dance
lipili/mapili LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 adder
-lipinda -HRL, *V refl.* crouch; refl. <
-pinda -H:L bend
lipindi/mapindi LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 loin-cloth
lipinji LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/- half, part, portion
lipinji/mapinji LHL, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 banana tree; no lengthening of penultimate vowel
lipitihu/mapitihu LLH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 stomach
lipondo/mapondo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 hole (in sth., e.g. in the ground)
liposa/maposa LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 5/6 snuff (of tobacco); cf. **-tona** *V* take a snuff (tobacco)
lipote/mapote LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 boil, abscess
lipuhi/mapuhi LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 millet ear
lipungo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/- wind; cf.
-punga *V* blow (of wind); also
mpapa/mipapa cl.3/4
liputula/maputula LLFL, E:S2, *N* 5/6 type of trap (rope, to trap small bush animals)
-lipwelela -HLRL, *V refl.* be restless, feel uncomfortable; also **-lipwalela** -HLRL
lipyanda/mapyanda LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 afterbirth
lisanje/masanje LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 musical instrument (tin with stone inside and stick pierced through)
-lisinga -HRL, *V refl.* remain idle; cf.
-lemwa A idle
lisuvele LHFL, B:S1, *N* 5/- measles
litamba/matamba LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 bean sp. (big)
litambwe/matambwe LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 5/6 fog, mist, haze
litanda/matanda LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 lake, pool; cf. **chihuko/vihuko** cl.7/8
litandehu/matandehu LHFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 bee sp.
litang'unilo/matang'unilo LHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 molar tooth; cf.
-tang'una *V* chew
litano/matano LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 lid (of pot)
-litapa -HRL, *V refl.* boast; also **-tapa** -H:L
litatoli/matatoli LLFL, E:S2, *N* 5/6 gruel; also **nkangohu/mikangohu** cl.3/4
litawa/matawa LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 clan, ethnic group
litembe/matembe LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6

- grave; also **likabuli/makabuli** cl.5/6
litende/matende LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6
 water pot (big)
litenga/matenga LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
 type of basket (huge, tall)
litenge/matenge LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 5/6
 type of dance (to remember the deceased)
litepo/matepo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6
 trunk
litesa/matesa LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 5/6
 opportunity, space
litetele/matetele LHFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6 hut
 for girls during initiation rites
litewe LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/- initiates
 (returning from bush)
litikiti/matikiti LHFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6
 calabash bottle; cf. **lutikiti/dinikiti**
 LHFL cl.11/10 calabash plant; cf.
chingungwa/vingungwa cl.7/8; cf.
indumba/dindumba cl.9/10
litimbe/matimbe LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 5/6
 field (near a valley, where rice is
 planted)
litimbwisi LLH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/- sandy
 ground
litinji/matinji HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 5/6
 pumpkin fruit
litoko/matoko LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6
 testicle; also **chitoko/vitoko** LFL
 cl.7/8, **inongo/dinongo** cl.9/10
litope/matope LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 mud
lituku/matuku LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
 blister
litukuta/matukuta LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
 heat of body
-litumba -HRL, *V refl.* prepare oneself
 to do sth. which needs strength
litumbo/matumbo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
 abdomen; cf. Sw. **tumbo**; see **pantima**
 cl.16
litungutungu/matungutungu LHHH:L,
 A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 banana flower
litupa/matupa LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6
 dead root (found when clearing a
 field)
litupa/matupa LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 huge
 object (person, animal, thing, etc.)
- litutunga** LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/- dust
litwala/matwala LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6
 abduction (of a woman); sg.
 nowadays: the name of the bride
 during the first week; pl. those living
 in another place after marriage
-litwaliha -HHL:L, *V refl./caus.* hide
 oneself; refl., caus. < **-twala** -H:L
 take
litwene/matwene LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6
 drop
liu RL, C1:SF, *N* 5/- ashes
liuku/mauku LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6 owl
 sp.
liumi/maumi LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 frog
 sp. (big, living in mud, edible)
liuwa/mauwa LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
 flower; cf. Sw. **ua**; also **liwuwa/**
mawuwa LRL; see **induva/dinduva**
 cl.9/10
livala/mavala LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6
 shoulder
-livalila -HHH:L, *V* forget sth. or s.o.;
 also **-luvalila** -HHH:L
livanga/mavanga LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
 mark of a wound or injury
livanga/mavanga LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6
 mushroom sp. (in the bush)
livanu/mavanu LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
 arrow barb
-livata -HH:L, *V* tread on, put food on;
 also **-luvata** -HH:L; cf. **livata/**
mavata LRL cl.5/6 tread
livata/mavata LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 tread;
 cf. **-livata** *V* tread on
livavi/mavavi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6
 caterpillar
livele/mavele LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6
 breast (female); see **milk**
livelu/mavelu LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
 mischievous child; also **likutukutu/**
makutukutu cl.5/6
livila/mavila LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 5/6
 twin
-livimba -HRL, *V refl.* wrap around;
 refl. < **-vimba** -H:L thatch; swell
liwangwa/mawangwa LH:L, A:S1/SF,
N 5/6 bone

- liwondo/mawondo** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
bark cloth
- liyamilila** -HHLRL, *V refl.* defend oneself; cf. **-yamila** -HH:L slap off
- liyanda/mayanda** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
palm (of hand)
- liyanga/mayanga** LFL, B:S1, *N* 5/6
stone
- liye/maye** RL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 egg; also **lii/mai, liyi/mayi** RL cl.5/6
- liyedyā** -HFL, *V refl./caus.* learn; refl. < **-yedyā** -FL taste; imitate; refresh; also **-lifundisa**; cf. **-lihunda**
- liyembe/mayembe** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
hoe (small)
- liyeni/mayeni** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6 gift, present; cf. **nnyeni/vayeni** LRL cl.1/2
guest, stranger
- liyongo/mayongo** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 5/6
reason, cause; cf. **ing'anya** cl.9/-, **maika** I
- liyonjo/mayonjo** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6
broken thing, potsherd
- liyuva** -HRL, *V refl.* change skin, peel
- liyuwu/mayuwu** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 5/6
skin of snake
- lodya** -FL, *V caus.* be directed towards, face the opposite; caus. < **-lola** -H:L
look at
- loha** -FL, *V caus.* cause to dream, talk while dreaming
- lokotanya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* make s.o. look a fool (by witchcraft); cf. **-peleka, -lowa**; see harvest pumpkins
- lokotanya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* harvest pumpkins, water lemons, cucumbers; see befool
- lola** -H:L, *V* look at; cf. **-loleha** -HFL
look for, **-lodya** -FL be directed towards, **-lolana** -HH:L move fro and to (eyes); cf. **chilolo/vilolo** HRL/LL:L cl.7/8 mirror
- lolana** -HH:L, *V* move to and fro (of eyes); ass. < **-lola** -H:L look at
- loleha** -HFL, *V caus.* look for, search; caus. < **-lola** -H:L look at; also **-taha**; cf. **-lolehidyā** -HHL:L observe, notice; cf. **-lembela, -lembelela**
- lolehidyā** -HHL:L, *V caus.* observe, notice; appl. < **-loleha** -HFL look for, search; cf. **-tumba**
- loloma** -HH:L, *V* grumble, speak in oneself; also **-tongodika**
- lomba** -H:L, *V* marry (of man); cf. **-lombwa** -FL marry of woman; **nkulomba/vakulomba** LHFL cl.1/2
bridegroom
- lombolela** -HHH:L, *V* applaud, recommend sth.
- lombwa** -FL, *V pas.* marry (of woman); pas. < **-lomba** -H:L marry of man; **nkulombwa/vakulombwa** LHFL cl.1/2 bride
- londa** -H:L, *V* be true, be effective (medicine)
- londola** -HH:L, *V* follow; reap; also **-landola** -HH:L; cf. **-papata**
- longa** -H:L, *V* sue; cf. ass. **-longana** -HH:L reclaim
- longana** -HH:L, *V* reclaim; ass. < **-longa** -H:L sue; see accompany
- longana** -HH:L, *V* accompany; see reclaim
- longoledya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* send on in advance, put forward; caus. < **-longolela** -HHH:L guide
- longolela** -HHH:L, *V* guide, go ahead; cf. caus. **-longoledya** -HHL:L put forward
- lonjela** -HH:L, *V* talk, converse; cf. Sw. -ongea; cf. nom. > **lilonjedi/ malonjedi** LLRL cl.5/6 saying; see **-kunguluka**
- lopola** -HH:L, *V* grope about; also **-lapola** -HH:L
- lota** -H:L, *V* dream
- lova** -H:L, *V* get wet, be soaked
- lovela** -HH:L, *V* wither
- lowa** -H:L, *V* practice witchcraft, bewitch; cf. **-peleka, -lokotanya**
- luba** -H:L, *V* rave
- lubadili/dibadili** LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 11/10c amulet (Sw. talasimu)
- luचेche/dinyeche** LFL, B:S1, *N* 11/10
stalk (of the smaller kind of grains)
- luchiya/dinyiya** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N*

- 11/10* root
ludodo/madodo LH:L, E:S2, *N 11/6* leg
-lugusa -HFL, *V caus.* be loose; also
-legeya, -lageya, -yegeya; cf.
-gulugusa -HHL:L fail (after
promise)
luhalelo/dihalelo LLRL, C1:SF, *N*
11/10 valley; cf. **luhunde/dihunde**
cl.11/10
luhengo/dihengo LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
passage (e.g. through a forest)
luhichi/dihichi LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
house post
luhimo/dihimo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N*
11/10 song; also **luhimu/dihimu**
LH:L cl.11/10
luhimu/dihimu LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N*
11/10 song; also **luhimo/dihimo**
LH:L cl.11/10
luhole/dihole LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
uncleared space in field
luhunde/dihunde LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
valley, river; cf. **luhalelo/dihalelo**
cl.11/10
-luka -H:L, *V* twist, plait; cf. **-pota,**
-popota
lukalongo/ding'alongo LLRL, C1:SF,
N 11/10 throat
lukasu/ding'asu LFL, B:S1, *N 11/10*
calabash (for eating)
luko/dinjuko RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
ladle, spoon
lukombe/ding'ombe LFL, B:S1, *N*
11/10 fingernail
lukope/ding'ope LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N*
11/10 eyelash
lukoto HFL, B:S1, *N 11/-* afterwards,
later
lukou LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 11/-* lust,
desire; cf. **ihikidi/dihikidi** cl.9/10,
tama cl.9c/-
lukukutu/ding'ukutu LHH:L,
A:S1/SF, *N 11/10* snake sp. (long,
brown)
lukumbi/ding'umbi LL:L, D1:no H, *N*
11/10 assembly, court; **kupelekedya**
malove kulukumbi LHHLL HHL
LLL:L to accuse, lit. to send words to
the assembly, court
lukundu/ding'undu LFL, B:S1, *N*
11/10 private part
lukuni/ding'uni LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N*
11/10 firewood; cf.
luwalahanji/dimbwalahanji cl.11/10
lukwedo LH:L, E:S2, *N 11/-* pain while
urinating; cf. **makwedo** LFL cl. -/6
urine
lukwekwe/ding'wekwe LH:L, E:S2, *N*
11/10 weed
lulembo/dinembo LFL, B:S1, *N 11/10*
notch in face (as decoration)
lulimi/dindimi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 11/10*
tongue
lulomo/dindomo LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
sting, beak
-luluta -HH:L, *V* scream (shrill scream)
-luma -H:L, *V* bite; cf. **lumila** -HH:L
eat fried fish or roasted meat...
luma/dinduma RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N*
11/10+ crack
-lumba -H:L, *V* mention name of the
clan when hitting the animal (while
hunting); also app. **-lumbila** -HH:L;
cf. **-lumbata** -HH:L hunt, aim
-lumbata -HH:L, *V* hunt (with a sling),
aim (with shooting, throwing); cf.
-lumba -H:L, **-lumbila** -HH:L
-lumila -HH:L, *V* eat fried fish or
roasted meat without steaming
(ugali/soup); cf. **-luma** -H:L bite
-lumuka -HH:L, *V* break (tr., small
things, e.g. utensils); cf. **-lumula**
-HH:L, **-tumbuka**
-lumula -HH:L, *V* break (tr., small
things, e.g. utensils); cf. **-lumuka**
-HH:L, **-tumbula**
lunda RL, C1:SF, *N 11/-* right, justice
-lundanya -HFL, *V caus.* pile up; cf.
-bulika
lunga/dinjunga RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N*
11/10 infant (between 2 and 6 months
old)
-lungudula -HHH:L, *V* show a
disapproving sign with mouth
lupambahi/dimambahi LHFL, B:S1, *N*
11/10 millet stalk

- lupapa/dimapa** LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
wing
- lupehu/dimehu** LH:L, E:S2, *N 11/10*
straw (for drinking beer, unfermented drink)
- lupembe/dimembe** LFL, B:S1, *N 11/10*
horn
- lupenu/dimenu** LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
verandah, place before a house
- lupi** L:L, D1:no H, *N 11/-* darkness
- lupia/dimia** LFL, B:S1, *N 11/10* money
(formerly rupee)
- lupipi/dimipi** LFL, B:S1, *N 11/10* spike
(used with hoes to fix the blade to the handle)
- lupolopondo/dimolopondo** LLLRL,
C1:SF, *N 11/10* ditch
- lupupuso/dimupuso** LLL:L, D1:no H,
N 11/10 type of trap (rope, to trap e.g.
klipspringers)
- lupwawa/dimwawa** LFL, B:S1, *N 11/10*
ladle (for gravy)
- lutambo/dinambo** LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10* trap
- lutano/dinano** LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
story; also **ntano/mitano** LRL cl.3/4;
also **lutanu/dinanu** LRL cl.11/10;
kutana lutano LHH HH:L to tell a
story
- lutavi/dinavi** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 11/10*
branch
- lutikiti/dinikiti** LHFL, B:S1, *N 11/10*
calabash plant; cf. **litikiti/matikiti**
LHFL cl.5/6 calabash bottle
- lutondolo/dinondolo** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
rope (to tighten animals)
- luuma** LFL, B:S1, *N 11?/-* Ruvuma
- luundu** HRL, C2:H.SF, *N 11/-*
tomorrow; also **nuundu** HRL I
- luunji/dimunji** LH:L, E:S2, *N 11/10*
cleared thicket (before being
cultivated)
- luvala** -HH:L, *V* forget; app. >
-luvalila -HHH:L forget sth. or s.o.
- luvalavala/dimbalavala** LHHL:L,
B:S1, *N 11/10* kind of sticks (long
and thin)
- luvale/dimbale** LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
sweet sp. potato (tall)
- luvalila** -HHH:L, *V* forget sth. or s.o.;
cf. **-luvala** -HH:L forget; **una-ngu-**
luvalile LL-H-HLL:L you should not
forget me; also **-livalila** -HHH:L
- luvata** -HH:L, *V* tread on, put foot on;
also **-livata** -HH:L
- luvau/dimbau** LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10* rib
- luvoo/dimboo(?)** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 11/10*
bee poison
- luwalahanji/dimbwalahanji** LHHL:L,
B:S1, *N 11/10* small piece of
firewood; cf. **lukuni/ding'uni**
cl.11/10
- luwali/maluwali** LFL/LLFL, E:S2, *N 11/6+*
judge
- luwani/dimbwani** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 11/10*
type of fence
- luwawa** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 11/-*
remaining plot field
- luwoi/dimboi** LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
twisted rope
- luwono** LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/-* sleep; cf.
-ona *V* sleep
- luwungo/dimbungo** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 11/10*
quarter (of town or village)
- luyeye/dinjeye** LFL, B:S1, *N 11/10* lip
- lwadi** H:L, A:S1/SF, *N 11/-* blood
disease (visible by rash on skin); cf.
myadi H:L blood cl. -/4
- lwau/dinjau** H:L/LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 11/10*
net
- lwayo/dinjayo** RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10*
track
- lwidi/dinjwidi** RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N 11/10+*
door (traditional, made from
millet stalks); cf. **nnango/milango**
cl.3/4
- lya** H:L, *V* eat; tones with Infinitive
marker; cf. **namulya** LFL N.1a
glutton; **-lisa** -FL *V* caus. feed, make
eat
- lyambi/malyambi** RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6+*
mat (made of plants); also
likande/makande cl.5/6
- lyenye/malyenye** RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N 5/6+*
forehead
- lyohi** H:L, A:S1/SF, *N 5/-* smoke

lyulo/malyulo H:L/LH:L, A:S1/SF?, *N* 5/6+ evening

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mabati LFL, B:S1, *N* -/6 type of hair dressing (with pigtail)

machedo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/6 last year; **machedo pala** LHH L:H year before last year, some time past

machenga LH:L, E:S2, *N* -/6 type of dance (women's)

machili LFL, B:S1, *N* -/6 soot

madudi LFL, B:S1, *N* -/6 day before yesterday; **madudidudi** LHH:L cl. -/6 some days ago

madudidudi LHH:L, B:S1, *N* -/6 some days ago; cf. **madudi** LFL cl. -/6 day before yesterday

madudu LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/6 type of dance (any celebration)

magombo LFL, B:S1, *N* -/6 banana sp. (big)

-mahikana -HHH:L, *V* be known

maika LRL, C1:SF, *I* since, because; cf. **ing'anya** cl.9/-, **liyongo/mayongo** cl.5/6 reason, cause

-maila -HH:L, *V* please, make beautiful, suit; cf. **-takata**

majojoli LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/6 saliva; also **mata** cl.6

makaka LFL, B:S1, *N* -/6 dried pieces of cassava

makana LFL, B:S1, *N* -/6 chaff

makolobeko LLLRL, C1:SF, *N* -/6 savannah

makwedo LFL, B:S1, *N* -/6 urine; cf. **lukwedo** LH:L cl.11/- pain while urinating

-mala -H:L, *V* know; cf. **-kameka**;

umale LRL (presentative) it is..., lit. you should know (2 SG Optative)

malale LFL, B:S1, *N* -/6 type of dance (esp. weddings)

malangwe LL:L, D1:no H, *N* -/6 initiation rites

-malila -HH:L, *V* finish (tr. and itr.), accomplish

malinga LH:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* as, like;

also **muchi** I

malombo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/6 bridewealth; cf. **nkaka** cl.3?/-;

kuhumya malombo LHH HH:L to pay bridewealth (lit. to make come out bridewealth)

malonda LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/6 dialogue between the elders

mandale LH:L, E:S2, *N* -/6 potato sp. (round shape)

mangundula LHL:L, B:S1, *N* -/6 leprosy; cf. **mmangundula**;

vamangundula LLHL:L cl.1/2 leper

mapete LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/6 earrings (three in each ear, filled with coloured pieces of paper)

masiko LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/6 funeral; cf. Sw. *maziko*; nom. < **-sika** *V* bury

-mata -H:L, *V* plaster a wall

matama LRL, C1:SF, *N* -/6 jaw

-matika -HH:L, *V* put medicine (on wound)

matiyala LHFL, B:S1, *N* -/6 police (local, during colonial time)

mavele LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/6 milk; see breast (female)

mavi H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/6 excrement; cf. **utohi** cl.14

mbalenga/mibalenga LLL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/4 hole (in lobe of ear);

-ambalenga -LLL:L P con. pierced (ear)

mbeni FL, B:S1, *N* 9b/- type of dance (every celebration)

medi H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* -/6 water

-mela -H:L, *V* sprout, shoot up; also **-hipuka**

-meta -H:L, *V* sparkle, be bright (lightning, colours of flowers)

-meya -H:L, *V* break off a piece

mia/dimia H:L/LH:L, ?, *N* 9c/10c hundred; < Sw. *mia*; sg. also **imia** LH:L cl.9c; also **makumi likumi** LHH LRL N 6 + N 5

-mila -H:L, *V* swallow

-minya -H:L, *V* squeeze, milk; cf.

-kamila, **-kada**, **-chukudula**

-misa -FL, *V caus.* shake off

mmahe/vamahe LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 1/2 woman; < Chimaraba; see **nkongwe/vakongwe** cl.1/2
mmakonde/vamakonde LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 Makonde person; cf. **makonde** LRL cl.6 desert areas (without water), **chimakonde** LHFL cl.7 Makonde language, nature
mmalaba/vamalaba LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 Maraba person; cf. **chimalaba** LHFL cl.7 Maraba dialect, nature
mmalala/mivalala LHFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 tree sp.; **mwa-mmalala** H-HHFL not good not bad (as an answer to “how are you?”), lit. like a Mmalala tree; this tree is half dry, half wet
mmangundula/vamangundula LLHL:L, B:S1, *N* 1/2 leper; cf. **mangundula** LHL:L cl. -/6 leprosy
mmatambwe/vamatambwe LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 Matambwe person; cf. **chimatambwe** LHFL cl.7 Matambwe dialect, nature
mmbilwa/mimbilwa LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/4 tree sp.; **limbilwa/mambilwa** LL:L cl.5/6 its fruit (**imbilwa/dimbilwa** LL:L cl.9/10 kernel or stone)
mmbweha/mimbweha HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 3/4 shadow (of things)
mmidi/vamidi HFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 people outside the family
mmilandi/vamilandi LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1+/2+ traditional doctor; cf. **milandi** LFL cl.4 trees; also **mmitela/vamitela** cl.1+/2+
mmili/mimili LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 body
mmili/mivili LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 plaited piece in mat where two lengths come together
mmitela/vamitela LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1+/2+ traditional doctor; cf. **mitela** LH:L cl.4 medicines; also **mmilandi/vamilandi** cl.1+/2+
mmogo/myogo LFL/FL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 cassava
mmongo/avongo HRL, C2:H.SF, *N*

1/2A enemy; **mmongo**
mwangu/avongo mwangu HHH RL my enemy/enemies
mmula/miwula LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 tree sp.; **liwula/mawula** LH:L cl.5/6 its fruit (**imbula/dimbula** LH:L cl.9/10 kernel or stone)
mmutuka/miutuka LHFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 car; **mmutuka ndyoko** LHLL LH:L car, lit. small car; **mmutuka nkulungwa** LHLL LHFL lorry, lit. big car
mmutukasikeni/miutukasikeni LLLLHFL, *N* 3/4 motorcycle; also **chitututu/vitututu** cl.7/8
mmuva/mivuva LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 tong
mmwela/vamwela HFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 Mwera person; cf. **chimmwela** HFL cl.7 Mwera language, nature
mmwindi/mihwindi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 tree sp.
-mo RL, C1:SF, *P* one; a(n), some; tones including PPx; **yumo** RL cl.1, **umo** RL cl.3, **imo** RL cl.9; cf. **pamo (na)** RL (L) together (with); predicative: same tones
mongo/myongo RL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 back (of body)
mooto/myooto LFL, E:S2, *N* 3/4 fire
-motoha -HFL, *V caus.* fell, knock down; also **-matoha** -HFL; cf. **-motoka** -HH:L fall
-motoka -HH:L, *V* fall; also **-matoka** -HH:L, **-uwa**, **-yanguka**; cf. **-motoha** -HFL fell; cf. **-pakatika**, **-palatuka**
-mowa -H:L, *V* shave, cut all hair of head; **kumowa imundu** LHH HH:L to get a clear head; cf. **-chengula**
mpaneka/mipaneka LLL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/4 type of hair dressing; cf. **-peneka** *V* put sideways
mpapa/mipapa LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 wind; also **lipungo** cl.5/-
mpatila/mipatila LHFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 big bag
mpekeho/mipekeho LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 sticks for making fire; nom. <

- pekeha** V make fire (by friction)
mpingo/mipingo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 taboo
mpingo/mipingo ?, *N* 3/4 ebony tree; cf. Sw. *mpingo/mipingo*
mpini/mipini LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 handle
mpunga/mipunga LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 rice (the plant)
mputa LH:L, E:S2, *N* 3/- children's game (skip with a rope)
muchi L:L, D1:no H, *I* as, like; also **malinga** I; cf. -**chi** V say
muha RL, C1:SF, *N* 1/8 top, above, sky; **muha mwangu** L:H RL above me; **muha nnipyailika** RL LLHLRL clear sky, lit. above has been swept; cf. **pannima** cl.16 height, high, above
muhi H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/- daytime
muhina LH:L, E:S2, *N* 1/8 below; cf. **nniungu** cl.16
muhiu LH:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* real, right, ready; cf. **mwaha** I
mwake/achamukwe RL/LHRL, C1:SF, *N* 1/2A+ wife of mother's brother; pl. also **angaa mukwe** LH: RL
mumba/myumba H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 arrow (with iron)
munda L:L, D1:no H, *N* 1/8 belly; fig. inside my heart, head
munda/myunda RL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 field which has been cultivated once only
munima/vannima HHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 Nnima person; cf. **chinnima** HHFL cl.7/- Nnima dialect, **pannima** LLRL cl.16 height, high, above
munu/vanu RL, C1:SF, *N* 1/2 person, pl. people
-munya -H:L, *V* mould, mix; cf. -**kamata**, -**umba**
munyu H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/- salt
muto/myuto RL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 well; cl.17: **kumuto** LRL well, place where there is water; cf. **chihima/vihima** cl.7/8
mutwe/myutwe RL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 head
muundu/myuundu LFL, E:S2, *N* 3/4 chopper
muwa/miwa RL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 sugar cane
muyo L:L, D1:no H, *N* 1/8 front, before; **muyo mwaangu** L:H RL in front of me; cf. **kumeho** cl.17+6
mwadachi LRL, C1:SF, *I* why; also **ing'anya ntwani** LLH HFL; cf. **dachi** L:L I; question phrase-finally: final FH: **mwadachi** LFH
-mwadila -HH:L, *V* pour out, spill; cf. -**yakanya**; cf. -**mwadilanya** -HHL:L scatter
-mwadilanya -HHL:L, *V caus.* scatter; cf. -**mwadila** -HH:L pour out, spill
mwaha H:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* right, correct; cf. **muhiu** I
mwaka/myaka H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 year; cf. Sw. *mwaka*; see **chaka/vyaka** H:L cl.7/8; cf. **namwaka** HFL cl.3a this year
mwalehu LFL, B:S1, *I* directly; cf. -**lehu** -H:L A long, tall, high, **kulehu** LH:L A far
mwali/vali H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 1/2 girl (after initiation); cf. **namwali/nkanamwali** LH:L/LLH:L cl.1a/? person(s) taking care of girl
mwana/vana FL, C2:H.SF, *N* 1/2 child; **mwangu** LH:L my child; **mwana** LH:L your (sg.) child; **mwana** LH:L his/her child; **mwana wetu** LH RL our child, etc.; **wana** FL cl.14 childhood
mwanda/myanda H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 time, period, journey; **mwanda umo** HL RL once, **myanda mivili** HL LRL twice; **hweetu m-mwanda** FHL LH:L good-bye, lit. we in (on) journey; go on a journey: see -**pita** V
mwanelu/vanelu LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 1/2 younger sibling of the opposite sex; **mwanelu wangu** LHH RL my younger s., etc.
mwao/myao RL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 calabash (for taking up liquids, esp. water)
mwavo/myavo RL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 trial (by ordeal)
mwedi/myedi H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4

moon, month; **mwedi woneka** HL
LFL next month, lit. month which
appears
mweenu HRL, C2:H.SF, *P subst.* you
(pl.); **umwemwe** LFH (emphatic)
mwenedi/venedi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1/2*
fellow person; also **mwenedi/vanedi**
LH:L cl.1/2
mwihhi/mihi RL, C1:SF, *N 3/4* pestle
mwikumba/anamikumba
HFL/LHHFL, B:S1, *N 3/2A* turkey sp.
mwipwangu/vipwangu HRL, C2:H.SF,
N 1/8? my nephew, niece
mwitepa LFL, E:S2?, *N 18* corner; cf.
-tepa V stoop, bend down
mwiva/miva H:L, A:S1/SF, *N 3/4* thorn
myadi H:L, A:S1/SF, *N -/4* blood; also
damu cl.9c/-

N

na- L, *I* and, with; followed by a word
or word form; **na-vino** L-RL and
now; **pamo na-vana vako** RL L-L:H
RL together with your children
naangu HRL, C2:H.SF, *P subst.* I;
unene LFH (emphatic)
nachihe LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 9a/-* riddle;
said by s.o. who begins to ask riddles;
answer: **nachilawa** cl.9a/-
nachihungo/achanavihungo
LLRL/LHHRL, C1:SF, *N 1a/2A+*
snake sp. (big, very poisonous, black,
rising)
nachilawa LHFL, B:S1, *N 9a/-* answer
to riddle; answer to the call **nachihe**
of s.o. who begins to ask riddles
nachisuvele LHHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 3a/-*
grass sp.
nachitani LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N 3a/-*
weed sp.
nachitukana LHHL:L, D2:H.no H, *N*
3a/- grass sp.
nahaku/anamahaku HFL/LHHFL,
D2:H.no H, *N 1a/2A* girl (before
initiation)
nahembe LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9a/-* type of
food (meal of mixed potatoes); eaten
on the return of the elders who have

brought the boys to the bush for
initiation; also name for the dance
performed during this feast
nahoti LH:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* now
(immediate future); **ida nahoti** L:L
LH:L come first; **nahoti kadiki** LHL
LRL presently
nahuhwe LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 3a/-* weed
sp.
nahundu HRL, C2:H.SF, *N 3a/-* grass
sp.
nakadimu/achanakadimu
LHRL/LHLHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 1a/2A+*
goblin, orgre
nakandunda LLRL, C1:SF, *N 9a/-* type
of drum (small)
namadi LRL, C1:SF, *I* on purpose
namahamba/achanamahamba
LHFL/LHHHFL, B:S1, *N 1a/2A+*
snake sp. (big, green); cf. **mahamba**
LRL cl.6 leaves
namahihi/anamahihi LLRL/LHHRL,
C1:SF, *N 1a/2A* owl
namalove LHRL, *N 9a/-* echo; cf.
malove LH:L cl.6 words
namalutu/achanamalutu
LHRL/LHHHRL, C2:H.SF, *N*
1a/2A+ snake sp. (small, black)
-**namata** -HH:L, *V* cohere; cf.
-**namatidya** -HHL:L compel
-**namatidya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* compel;
cf. -**namata** -HH:L cohere
nambeda/anambeda HFL/LHFL,
D2:H.no H, *N 1a/2A* insect sp. (living
in maize plants and damaging them)
nambole HRL, C2:H.SF, *N 3a/-* grass
sp.
namene HRL, C2:H.SF, *I* very; tones
also LH:L, meaning also ‘especially’;
also **sana** I
nammata HHL:L, D2:H.no H, *N 9a/-*
rash; cf. **chipele** cl.7/-
nampalangula LLLLRL, C1:SF, *N 1a/?*
locust; cf. -**palangula** V hop; also
lipalangula/mapalangula LLLRL
cl.5/6, **lihiye/mahiye** cl.5/6
namulya LFL, D2:H.no H, *N 1a/-*
glutton; cf. -**lya** V eat

- namwaka** HFL, D2:H.no H, *N 3a* this year; cf. **mwaka** H:L cl.3 year
- namwali/nkanamwali** LH:L/LLH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1a*? person(s) taking care of girl; cf. **mwali** H:L cl.1 girl (after initiation)
- namwana** LFL, C2:H.SF, *N 1a*? mother; cf. **mwana** FL cl.1
- namweve/achanamweve** HL:L/LHHL:L, D2:H.no H, *N 1a/2A*+ hawk (Sw. *mwewe*)
- nancheta/anamicheta** LLRL/LHHRL, C1:SF, *N 1a/2A* jackal; millet sp.
- ntama wa-nancheta** LHL H-LRL
- nanchochi** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 3a*- weed sp.
- nanga** L:L, D1:no H, *I* no!, there is no, Negative Particle; **nanga chinu** LL RL it doesn't matter
- nangahwa** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 3a*- weed sp.
- nang'e** H:L, E:S2, *P subst.* he, she; **unang'e** LFH (emphatic)
- nang'o** -H:L, E:S2, *P* same, the very one; no cl.1 form, **unang'o** LH:L cl.3, **inang'o** LH:L cl.9; attributive tones: HFL; cf. **vanang'o** LH:L *P subst.* they; **panang'o pala** LHH L:H right there
- nangwao** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 9a*- late rains; also **nangwau** LL:L
- nani** -RL, C1:SF, *A* who; 1SG/2SG/cl.1: **nnani** LRL, cl.2: **vanani** LRL; **-a-NPx-nani** *P con.* whom/whose; question phrase-finally: FH
- nankadindumba/achanankadindumba** LLLLFL/LHHHLLFL, E:S2, *N 1a/2A*+ lizard sp. (big, living in water)
- nankakatambwe/anamikakatambwe** LLLLL:L/LHHLLL:L, D1:no H, *N 1a/2A* spider
- nankalavanya/achanankalavanya** LLLLFL/LHLLLLFL, E:S2, *N 1a/2A*+ liar; cf. **-lavanya** V lie
- nankonda/anamikonda** HHRL/LHHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 1a/2A* crow
- nankope/anamikope** HHFL/LHHFL, D2:H.no H, *N 3a/2A* cucumber
- nannidi** HHL:L, D2:H.no H, *N 1a*? bereaved person
- nannume** HHFL, D2:H.no H, *N 1a*? full-grown man; cf. **nnume** LH:L cl.1 man
- nano** H:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* and so, accordingly, well, enough!, stop it!, be it so!; also **bahi** I
- nantikwi/achanantikwi** LLL:L/LHHLL:L, D1:no H, *N 1a/2A*+ chrysalis (stage between caterpillar and butterfly)
- nantitili/achanamititili** LLHFL/LHHHHFL, B:S1, *N 1a/2A*+ flea
- nanuha** -HFL, *V caus.* fry; also **-kalanga**
- napanang'o** LLH:L, E:S2?, *I* also, likewise, therefore; also **nakunang'o**, **namunang'o** LLH:L; cf. **-nang'o** -FL *P* the same, the very one
- nasi/dinasi** H:L/LH:L, ?, *N 9c/10c* coconut; cf. Sw. **nazi**; cf. **linadi/manadi** cl.5/6
- nchaketa/michaketa** LLL:L, D1:no H, *N 3/4* bead; cf. **chuma/vyuma** cl.7/8
- ncheche** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 3/-* four; **milandi ncheche** LFL LL:L four trees, **vinu ncheche** RL LL:L four things
- nchehe/michehe** LFL, B:S1, *N 3/4* hyena
- nchela/michela** LFL, B:S1, *N 3/4* harvest time; also **lichela/machela** LFL cl.5/6
- nchenga/michenga** LH:L, E:S2, *N 3/4* tree sp.
- nchenje** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 3/?* source of heat and light (sun, fire, torch)
- nchila/michila** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 3/4* tail
- nchinda/michinda** LFL, B:S1, *N 3/4* left; **kunchinda kwake** LLHH RL to his/her/its left; **nkono nchinda/mikono michinda** LHH HFL left

- hand(s)
nchinji/michinji LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 tree sp.; cf. **nchinyimala/michinyimala** LLLRL cl.3/4 rope made from this tree
nchinyimala/michinyimala LLLRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 type of rope; from the tree sp. **nchinji/michinji** LFL cl.3/4
nchiva/vachiva LFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 orphan; also **mwana nchiva** HH HFL; cf. **uchiva** LFL cl.14 solitariness, loneliness
nchonyo/michonyo LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 anus
ndengani LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 18 neighbour
ndidi/mididi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 rope
ndimu/midimu LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 type of dance (esp. initiation); type: **ndimu wa-muha** LHL H-RL, lit. dance of top
nditi/miditi LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 turkey sp.
-ndonda -H:L, *V* torment, cause to feel pain
ndukulu/vadukulu LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 grandchild; sg. also **udukulu** LHFL cl.1A
ndule/midule LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 hut (round); full name: **ing'ande ya-ndule** LHL H-LRL
ndulu L:L, D1:no H, *I* not yet, still
ndundo/midundo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 type of drum
nduvani LHRL, C2:H.SF, *I* when; < Chimaraba; see **chakani**
ndyoko/vadyoko LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 1/2 youth; cf. **-dyoko** -H:L A small
nelo RL, C1:SF, *I* today
-nema -H:L, *V* walk with swagger; also **-deka**
-neng'ena -HH:L, *V* cut (with hands); harvest (esp. millet); also **-nang'ena** -HH:L
-ng'ana -H:L, *V* play
-ngapi -FL, B:S1, *A* how many; cf. Sw. -ngapi; **mingapi** LFL cl.4, **dingapi** LFL cl.10; question phrase-finally: FH; see **-ninga** A; predicative: same tones
-ng'ola -H:L, *V* show fight, strike
-ngongomana -HHH:L, *V* be curved
ngongwe/migongwe LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/4 shed
ngoo FL, B:S1, *I* oh! (exclamation when sth. bad has happened)
ngwaa LH:, C1:SF?, *I* sound of stubbing, e.g. one's toe
-ninga ?, *A* how many; tones unknown; **mininga** cl.4, **dininga** cl.10; also **-ngapi** A
njagasi LHFL, B:S1, *N* 3/- banana sp. (small)
-nji FL, C2:H.SF, *P* other; tones including PPx; **yunji** FL cl.1, **unji** FL cl.3, **inji** FL cl.9; predicative: same tones
njomba/vajomba LFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 uncle (mother's brother); cf. Sw. mjomba/wajomba; see **anang'ala** cl.2A/-
njooni HRL, C2:H.SF, *I* so and so, such a one
njumbe/majumbe LFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/6 headman; < Sw. jumbe; cf. **amwenye/achamwenye** cl.2A/2A+
nkaka LFL, B:S1, *N* 3?/- bridewealth; belt; cf. **malombo** cl. -/6; **kuhumya nkaka** LHH HFL to pay bridewealth, lit. to make come out bridewealth
nkakahimba/mikakahimba LHHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 3/4 calabash seed (edible); cf. **imukusa/dimukusa** cl.9/10
nkalang'ombe/mikalang'ombe LHHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 3/4 tree sp.
nkambe/mikambe LH:L, E:S2, *N* 3/4 sweet potato
nkanga/vakanga LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 1/2 foolish man; cf. **ukanga** LH:L cl.14
nkang'a/mikang'a LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 huge, fat person or thing
nkangohu/mikangohu LLH:L, E:S2, *N* 3/4 gruel; also **litatoli/matatoli** cl.5/6
nkangojo/mikangojo LLRL, C1:SF, *N*

- 3/4 stick (to walk with); also **bakola/dibakola** cl.9c/10c
nkanunu/vakanunu LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 1/2 infant (younger than 2 months old)
nkati LRL, C1:SF, *N* 1/8 in the middle, within; **nkati-mo** LLL-H (+DEM, ref., short form) right in the middle; cf. **ching'ati** LH:L cl.7 middle, in the middle, **kukati** LRL cl.17 room
nkojo/mikojo LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/4 drink, not fermented (from millet, grain; Sw. togwa)
nkoko/mikoko LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 tree sp. (growing near the coast)
nkoko/vakoko LFL/LH:L, B:S1/E:S2, *N* 1/2 animal
nkongwe/vakongwe LFL/LH:L, B:S1/E:S2, *N* 1/2 woman; also **mmahe/vamahe** cl.1/2 (< Chimaraba); cf. **-achikongwe** P con. female
nkono/mikono LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 hand, arm; also pl. **makono** LH:L cl.6
nkova/mikova LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 amulet (Sw. hirizi)
nkuchi/mikuchi LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 spear
nkuka/mikuka LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 boundary (e.g. between two fields)
nkule/makule LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/6 rat; sg. also **likule** LFL cl.5
nkulima/vakulima LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 farmer; nom. < **-lima** V cultivate
nkulo/mikulo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 type of ointment (perfumed)
nkulu/vakulu LFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 elder sibling of same sex; the eldest sibling irrespective of sex;
nkulwangu LHH:L my elder s.;
nkululo LHH:L your (sg.) elder s.;
nkuluwe LHH:L his/her elder s.
nkulungwa/vakulungwa LHFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 elder; cf. **-kulungwa** -HFL A big
nkumi/mikumi LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 group of people working together
nkungu/mikungu LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 bowl, deep dish
nkungusitili/vakungusitili LHHHL:L, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 patron
nkwaju/mikwaju LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 tree sp.; the same name for a stick made out of this tree; **likwaju/makwaju** LH:L its fruit (**ing'waju/ding'waju** LH:L kernel or stone)
nkwala/mikwala LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 arrow (small, not being sharp pointed, for hitting birds)
nkweddu/mikweddu LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 tamarind tree
nnalu/achannalu LFL/LHHFL, B:S1, *N* 3/2A+ snake sp. (of medium size, brown, yellow)
nnamu/valamu LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 1/2 brother-in-law, sister-in-law
nnandi/milandi LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 tree; also medicine, **mmilandi/vamilandi** LHFL cl.1/2 local doctor; cf. **ntela/mitela** cl.3/4
nnanga/minanga LH:L, E:S2, *N* 3/4 vein
nnangelo/milangelo LHFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 water pot (small); also **nnengelo/milengelo** LHFL cl.3/4
nnango/milango LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 door; cf. Sw. mlango/milango; see **lwidi/dinjwidi** cl.11/10
ndanje/mindanje LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 type of dance (esp. weddings)
ndonde/vandonde HFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 Ndonde person; cf. **chindonde** HFL cl.7 Ndonde dialect, nature, **kundonde** LH:L lower parts of the Plateau; western direction
nnemba/vanemba LRL, C1:SF, *N* 1/2 boy (before initiation)
nneule/mileule LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 3/4 bean plant sp. (Sw. mfiwi)
ngaliba/vangaliba LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 1/2 s.o. who circumcises; cf. **-dobola** V, **-yaluka** V circumcise
nng'anda/vang'anda HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 1/2 master, husband; **nng'anda mwangu** HHH H:L my master;
nng'anda mwalo HHH H:L your

- master; **nng'anda mwawe** HHH H:L
her master
- nnganga/minganga** LH:L, E:S2, *N 3/4*
musical instrument (tin can with stick)
- nng'ole/ang'ole** HL:L, D2:H.no H, *N 1/2A* musician
- nngoni/vangoni** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1/2*
Ngoni person; cf. **chingoni** LRL cl.7
Ngoni language, nature
- nngwangwalati/vangwangwalati**
LHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1/2* killer,
savage person; cf. **ungwangwalati/**
angwangwalati LHHH:L cl.1A/2A,
ingwangwalati/dingwangwalati
LHHH:L cl.9/10 dog sp.; cf. **-walala**
HH:L V kill
- nngwee** LHR, C2:H.SF, *I* ideophone
expressing the sunrise; **ngwee**
ulyamba LFH HRL; cf. **pii** FH, **piu**
FH
- nnilo/mililo** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 3/4*
right; **kunnilo kwake** LLHH RL to
his/her/its right; **nkono nnilo/mikono**
mililo LHH HH:L right hand(s)
- nniungu** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 1/8* under,
below; cf. **muhina** cl.18
- nnonji/milonji** LH:L, E:S2, *N 3/4*
baobab tree; **lilonji/malonji** LH:L
cl.5/6 its fruit (**indonji/dindonji**
LH:L cl.9/10 kernel or stone)
- nnuhuko/valuhuko** LHFL, D2:H.no H,
N 1/2 mother (lying-in woman, i.e.
s.o. who has just given birth)
- numbu/valumbu** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1/2*
elder sibling of opposite sex;
numbwangu LHRL my elder s.;
numbuulo LHRL your (sg.) elder s.;
numbuwe LHRL his/her elder s.
- nume/valume** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1/2*
man; **-achilume** P con. male; cf.
nannume HHFL cl.1a full grown man
- numilanga/valumilanga** LHHL:L,
D2:H.no H, *N 1/2* widow
- nnungu/amilungu** LRL/LHH:L, C1:SF,
N 1/2A God, god
- nnung'une/vanung'une** LHH:L,
A:S1/SF, *N 1/2* younger sibling of
same sex; **nnung'unwangu** LHHH:L
my younger s.; **nnung'uno** LHH:L
your (sg.) younger s.; **nnung'unwe**
LHH:L his/her younger s.
- nnusu/milusu** LRL, C1:SF, *N 3/4*
calabash (for storing beer)
- nnuvavu** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 1/8* without
- nnwele/valwele** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1/2*
sick person
- nnyadi/mihadi** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 3/4*
tree sp.
- nnyahamulilo/mihahamulilo**
LHHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 3/4* branch to
protect against becoming wet
- nnyaluke/vayaluke** LHFL, D2:H.no H,
N 1/2 boy (after initiation)
- nnyangi** HRL, C2:H.SF, *N 3/-* sand;
also **nsangi** HRL cl.3/-
- nnyangi/avangu** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1/2*
my companion; **nnyako/avako** your
(sg.) c.; **nnyake/avake** his/her c.;
nnyetu/avetu our c.; **nnyenu/avenu**
your (pl.) c.; **nnyao/avao** their c.
- nnyano** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 3/-* five;
milandi nnyano LFL LL:L five trees,
vinu nnyano RL LL:L five things
- nnyano na -mo** LLL L RL, *N 3/- + P*
six; **vinu nnyano na chimo** RL LLL
L RL six things
- nnyau/vahau** HFL, D2:H.no H, *N 1/2*
Yao person; cf. **chihau** HFL cl.7 Yao
language, nature
- nnyavi/vahavi** LFL, D2:H.no H, *N 1/2*
sorcerer; cf. **uhavi** LFL cl.14
witchcraft
- nnyele/miyele** LFL, B:S1, *N 3/4* rice
(the husked grain)
- nnyeni/vayeni** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1/2*
guest, stranger; cf. **uyeni** LRL cl.14
state of being a guest/stranger
- nnyenje** LH:L, E:S2, *N 1/8* along; cf.
panyenje LH:L cl.16 beside, aside,
apart
- nnyenje/vayenje** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1/2*
age-mate, friend; cf. **somo**=
cl.9b/10b
- nnyitu/mihitu** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 3/4*
dense thicket
- nnyvani/vahivani** LHFL, D2:H.no H,

- N* 1/2 cousin; **nniyivani mwangu** LHHH H:L my c.; **nniyivani mwalo** your (sg.) c.; **nniyivani mwawe** his/her c.; **nniyivani mwetu** our c., etc.
- nniyodi/mihodi** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 tear
- nniyongo/mihongo** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 snake
- nniyuma** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 1/8 behind, after; **amuno nnyuma** LHH LRL meanwhile; also **pamongo** cl.16+3, **pachikohi** cl.16; cf. **panyuma** LRL cl.16 backwards
- nonoha** -HFL, *V caus.* exceed, excel; also **-nanoha** -HFL; cf. **-punda**
- nonopa** -HH:L, *V* be hard; also **-nanopa** HH:L, **-komodya** HFL
- nowa** -H:L, *V* be pleasant, be sweet, enjoy; cf. refl. **-linowa** -HRL be proud of oneself, boast
- npindo/mipindo** LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/4 piece of cloth (private parts); also **npindu/mipindu** LL:L cl.3/4
- nsangi** HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 3/- sand; also **nnyangi** HRL cl.3
- nsapata/misapata** LLL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/4 type of dance (and celebration)
- nsufi/misufi** ?, *N* 3/4 kapok tree; cf. Sw. msufi/misufi
- nsungu/vasungu** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 1/2 foolish woman; cf. **usungu** LRL cl.14
- nsungu/vasungu** LFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 European
- nswahili/vaswahili** LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 1/2 Swahili person; cf. **chiswahili** LLRL cl.7 Swahili language, nature
- ntama/mitama** LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 millet
- ntandasa nchinduli** LLLL LHRL, *N* 3/- type of food (porridge with vegetable of cassava leaves); cf. **ntandasa** LLL:L cl.3 stiff cassava porridge, **chinduli** HR cl.7 cassava vegetable
- ntandasa/matandasa** LLL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/6 stiff cassava porridge; cf. **ntandasa nchinduli** LLLL LHRL type of food
- ntano/mitano** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 story; also **lutano/dinano** LRL cl.11/10; **kutana ntano** LHH HH:L to tell a story
- ntavala/matavala** LHFL, B:S1, *N* 3/6 marsh mangoose (Sw. nguchiro)
- ntela/mitela** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 medicine; also used **nnandi/milandi** cl. 3/4 tree; cf. **mmitela/vamitela** LHFL cl.1+2+ local doctor; cf. **lipleleko/mapeleko** cl.5/6
- ntema/mitema** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 field which has been cultivated three times in succession
- ntenga/mitenga** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 pole for two loads
- ntengo/mitengo** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 tree sp.; **litengo/matengo** LRL cl.5/6 its fruit (**inengo/dinengo** LRL cl.9/10 kernel or stone)
- ntengu/mitengu** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 hut for boys during initiation rites
- ntesa/mitesa** LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/4 peanut
- ntikulo/mitikulo** LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 padlock
- ntima/mitima** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 heart; cf. **pantima** LLH:L cl.16 abdomen
- ntinji/mitinji** HRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 3/4 pumpkin plant
- ntolilo/mitolilo** LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 leaves of sweet potato
- ntondo** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/- third day after tomorrow
- ntonga/mitonga** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 1/2 barren woman; also **akaveleka/vakaveleka**, **akavaleka/vakavaleka** LHH:L lit. s.o. who does not give birth (Neg.Pres.)
- ntopwa** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 3/- banana sp. (rather big)
- ntota/mitota** LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 needle; nom. < **-tota** *V* sew; also **ntotelo/mitotelo** LHH:L cl.3/4
- ntotelo/mitotelo** LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 3/4 needle; also **ntota/mitota** LFL cl.3/4; cf. **-tota** *V* sew
- ntuhi/mituhi** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 3/4 corpse

ntuli/mituli LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 mortar
ntumbwi/mitumbwi LH:L, E:S2, *N* 3/4 canoe
ntumwa/vatumwa LFL, D2:H.no H, *N* 1/2 slave
ntungulu/mitungulu LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 3/4 tree sp.
ntupa/mitupa LL:L, D1:no H, *N* 3/4 hole, hollow (small); **mitupa**
ya-imula LLL H-LRL nostrils
ntutu/mitutu LFL, B:S1, *N* 3/4 barrel (of gun)
ntwangu/achatwa vangu LFL/LHH RL, B:S1, *N* 1/2A+ my husband;
ntwalo LFL your husband; **ntwawe** LFL her husband; also used: see wife: my
ntwani HFL, D2:H.no H, *I* what kind of; **ing'anya ntwani** LLH HFL why, lit. what kind of reason; question phrase-finally: final FH **ntwani** HFH
-nung'a -H:L, *V* stink
-nung'unula -HHH:L, *V* twist with body during dance
-nusa FL, *V caus.* take a snuff (tobacco); also **-tona**
nuundu HRL, C2:H.SF, *I* tomorrow; also **luundu** HRL cl.11
-nya H:L, *V* defecate; tones with Infinitive marker
-nyakula -HH:L, *V* give birth; also **-yakula** -HH:L, **-veleka**; see carry
-nyakula -HH:L, *V* carry; also **-yakula** -HH:L; see birth: give
-nyala -H:L, *V* dry up; cf. **-yuma**, **-yanika**
-nyalala -HH:L, *V* be quiet, keep quiet
-nyanyula -HH:L, *V* lift
-nyata -H:L, *V* be bad, be dirty; also **-hakalanga**
-nyela -H:L, *V* eat too much
-nyeembuka -HHH:L, *V* melt; also **-tungunyuka**
-nyema -H:L, *V* avoid
-nyeta -HH:L, *V* be fat (esp. human beings); cf. **-tumbula**, **-tumbulanga**
-nyoka -H:L, *V* be straight; cf. **-udula**, **-kanda**

-nyokonya -HFL, *V caus.* scream, make noise; also **-nyakonya** -HFL; cf. **-lidila**
-nyoma -H:L, *V* be fertile
-nyonyomala -HHH:L, *V* squat; also **-nyanyamala** -HHH:L

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-oda -H:L, *V* take care of
-ohe H:L, ?, *P* much, many; tones including PPx; **wohe** H:L cl.3, **yohe** H:L cl.9; no form for cl.1; **myanda yohe** HL H:L often; predicative: same tones
-ohe-ohe LLH:L, ?, *P* every, all; tones including PPx; **wohewohe** LLH:L cl.1, **wohewohe** LLH:L cl.3, **yoheyohe** LLH:L cl.9; also **-ahi-ohe** LLH:L; predicative: same tones
-olota -HH:L, *V* point (with finger); also **-alota** -HH:L
-omba -H:L, *V* beat a drum, fire a gun, blow a horn, flute; also **-womba** -H:L
-omi H:L, ?, *P/A* healthy, strong, whole; tones including prefix; also **-umi** H:L; NPx in cl.1: **mwomi** H:L, PPx in other classes: **womi** H:L cl.3, **yomi** H:L cl.4; how are you/they?: **umwomi/vomi** LFH/FH (question intonation); predicative: same tones
-ona -H:L, *V* sleep; infinitive: **kona** H:L; cf. **luwono** LRL cl.11/- sleep
-ona -H:L, *V* see, feel; infinitive: **kwona** H:L; preferred with OC; cf. neut. **-oneka** -HH:L appear, be visible
-onda -H:L, *V* check a trap (whether an animal is caught)
-ondonga -HH:L, *V* destroy; also **-andonga** -HH:L, **-timbangila**
-oneka -HH:L, *V* appear, be visible; neut. < **-ona** -H:L see; **mwedi woneka** HL LFL next month; cf. **-holoka**
-onga -H:L, *V* take a walk, stroll; cf. **-hwenahwena**
-ongolela -HHH:L, *V* set right, tend; cf. **-chungu**

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- pa** H:L, *V* bear fruit, spring up; tones with Infinitive marker
- pachikohi** LLH:L, E:S2, *N* 16 behind, after; also **kuchikohi/nchikohi** LLH:L cl.17/18, **pamongo** cl.16, **nyuma** cl.18
- pachinu** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 16+7 place; also **pahali** cl.18; cf. **chinu** RL cl.7 thing
- pahali** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 16 place; also **pachinu** cl.16
- pahi** RL, C1:SF, *N* 16 on the ground, down to the ground
- pakatika** -HHH:L, *V* fall bit by bit; cf. -**motoka**, -**uwa**, -**yanguka**, -**palatuka**
- pakula** -HH:L, *V* collect honey
- pala** -H:L, *V* scratch, peck; harvest groundnuts; cf. nom. **chipala/vipala** LRL cl.7/8 smithy
- palanga** -HH:L, *V* go up; cf. sep. -**palangula** -HHH:L hop
- palangula** -HHH:L, *V* hop; sep. < -**palanga** -HH:L go up; cf. nom. **lipalangula/mapalangula** LLLRL cl.5/6 locust, **nampalangula** LLLLRL cl.1a locust
- palasa** -HFL, *V caus.* grind (rice)
- palata** -HH:L, *V* clear, scrape away; cf. -**kwanga**, -**pukusula**
- palatuka** -HHH:L, *V* fall down; cf. -**pakatika**, -**motoka**, -**uwa**, -**yanguka**
- pali** -H:L, *V irr.* be; **akapali** LHFL (s)he is not here, **ikapali** LHFL there is/are not; only Present Negative verb forms in use; cf. -**va**, -**pawa**
- palila** -HH:L, *V* put above; e.g. put fire above a cooking pot in preparing **likulambila** LLLH:L
- palipanda** LLL:L, D1:no H, *N* 16 playing ground (celebrations)
- palitungulu** LLHRL, C2:H.SF, *N* 16 fireplace used during celebrations
- palula** -HH:L, *V* harvest maize
- palyamba** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 16 day after tomorrow; cf. **palyamba-po** LHF-H (+dem., ref., short form) second day after tomorrow; cf. **kulyamba** LH:L cl.17 dawn, **ulyamba** HRL morning cl.14
- palyambapo** LHFH, *N* 16 second day after tomorrow; < **palyamba** LH:L cl.16; cf. **kulyamba** LH:L cl.17 dawn, **ulyamba** HRL morning cl.14
- pamba** -H:L, *V* dip; also -**yomola**; app. > -**pambila** -HH:L dip into
- pambanya** -HFL, *V caus.* fasten together
- pambilila** -HHH:L, *V* fasten (with rope); cf. -**hunga**
- pambuto** LFL, B:S1, *N* 16 instead of
- pameho** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 16+6 publicly; cf. **kumeho** LH:L cl.17+6 face, front, before
- pamo** RL, C1:SF, *P* together; **pamo na** RL L together with; cf. -**mo** P one, a(n), some; also **chalumo** LRL
- pamongo** LRL, C1:SF, *N* 16+3 behind, after; also **kumongo** LRL cl.17+3, **nyuma** cl.18, **pachikohi** cl.16; cf. **mongo** RL cl.3 back of body
- panda** -H:L, *V* plant
- pandala** -HH:L, *V* kill insect with tip of finger, toe
- panji** FL, C2:H.SF, *P* perhaps; cf. -**nji** P other; also **panjika** LH:L I, **chipanji** HFL I; cf. **kwali** I
- panjika** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *I* perhaps; also **panji** FL, **chipanji** HFL; cf. **kwali** I
- pannima** LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 16 height, high, above; cf. **munima/vannima** HHFL cl.1/2 Nnima person, **chinnima** HHFL cl.7/- Nnima dialect; cf. **muha** cl.18 top, above, sky
- pantima** LLH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 16+3 abdomen; also **litumbo/matumbo** cl.5/6; cf. **ntima/mitima** LH:L cl.3/4 heart
- panya** -H:L, *V* beat, hit, slap; app.+ ass.> -**panyilana** -HHH:L beat each other with sth.; cf. ass. -**panyana** -HH:L fight
- panyana** -HH:L, *V* fight; ass. < -**panya** -H:L beat
- panyenje** LH:L, E:S2, *N* 16 beside,

- aside, apart; cf. **nyenje** LH:L cl.18
along
- panyuma** LRL, C1:SF, *N 16*
backwards, after; also **kunyuma** LRL
cl.17, **kunyuma kwake** LLH RL
hereafter; cf. **nyuma** LRL cl.18
behind, after
- papa** -H:L, *V* tap, knock, beat (of
heart); cf. Sw. -papa; see **-dukula**
- papata** -HH:L, *V* follow; also **-londola**
-HH:L
- papatula** -HHH:L, *V* knock off, break
off by hitting; also **-hapuka**, **-yamila**
- papula** -HH:L, *V* tear (tr., cloths, etc.);
cf. **-pwapula** -HH:L, **-valula**
- pasula** -HH:L, *V* split, cleave, burst; cf.
Sw. -pasua; see **-vanga**; also in use
-pasuka -HH:L be split (< Sw.
-pasuka)
- pata** -H:L, *V* get
- patana** -HH:L, *V* come to terms, be
reconciled, harmonize
- patanisa** -HH:L, *V caus.* command
- pati/dipati** H:L/LH:L, E:S2, *N 9c/10c*
type of clothing
- pawa** -FL, *V pas.* be somewhere; cf.
-va, **-pali**
- pawelu** LH:L, E:S2, *N 16+14* outside;
cf. **welu** H:L cl.14 field
- pekeha** -HFL, *V caus.* make fire (by
friction); cf. nom. **mpekeho/**
mipekeho LHH:L cl.3/4 firestick
- pela** -H:L, *V* come to an end; rape (a
woman)
- peleka** -HH:L, *V* practice witchcraft;
cf. nom. **lipeleko/mapeleko** LLH:L
cl.5/6 medicine; cf. **-lowa**,
-lokotanya
- pelekedy** -HHL:L, *V caus.* send,
cause to go; cf. **-tuma** send (person)
- pemba** -H:L, *V* spit out (small thing);
app. > **-pembela** -HH:L spit upon; cf.
-suna
- pembedya** -HFL, *V caus.* entice;
comfort
- penda** -H:L, *V* scorn, despise
- peneka** -HH:L, *V* put sideways; cf.
mpaneka/mipaneka LLL:L cl.3/4
type of hair dressing
- peng'a** -H:L, *V* blow the nose
- pepeka** -HH:L, *V* be light, be thin, be
transparent; see narrow: be
- pepeka** -HH:L, *V* be narrow; cf. ? app.
> **-pepekela** -HHH:L be near,
approach; see light:be, be thin,
transparent
- pepekela** -HHH:L, *V* be near,
approach; cf. **pepi** H:L I near; ? app.
< **-pepeka** -HH:L be narrow, be thin;
cf. **-hengelela**, **-vandikila**
- pepi** H:L, A:S1/SF?, *I* near; **pepi**
na-chiteng'u HL L-LFL lit. near
with-chair; cf. **-ipika** *V* be short; cf.
-pepekela *V* be near, approach
- peta** -H:L, *V* sift; cf. nom.
chipeto/vipeto LH:L cl.7/8 sifting
basket
- peya** -H:L, *V* walk quickly; cf. red.
-peyapeya -HHH:L; **peya tuhwene**
L:L LRL let's go quickly; cf. **upehi**
LFL I quickly
- peyapeya** -HHH:L, *V red.* be light
(weight); red. < **-peya** -H:L walk
quickly
- piha** -H:L, *V* hide sth.; cf. refl.
-litwaliha hide oneself
- pui** HR, C2:H.SF, *I* sunset (ideophone
expressing that the sun has
disappeared); **liduva pui** LHL FH; cf.
piu FH, **nngwee** LFH
- pikita** -HH:L, *V* try to tear loose
- pilikana** -HHH:L, *V* hear; attend; cf.
-pilikanila -HHHH:L listen;
lipilikanilo/mapilikanilo LHHHH:L
cl.5/6 ear, lit. thing to hear with
- pilikanila** -HHHH:L, *V* listen; cf.
-pilikana -HHH:L hear
- pilila** -HH:L, *V* endure
- pima** -H:L, *V* measure
- pinda** -H:L, *V* bend; cf. refl. **-lipinda**
-HRL crouch; cf. **-tepa**
- pindikula** -HHH:L, *V* overturn,
revenge; cf. **-pindikulanya** -HHLL:L
alter, turn round, stir
- pindikulanya** -HHLL:L, *V caus.* alter,
turn around, stir (e.g. in making

- cassava porridge); cf. **-kolowanya**, **-kolova**
- pinga** -H:L, *V* be obstinate, refuse to obey
- pi***si*/**di***pi**si* RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N* 9*c*/10*c* measure (for grains)
- pita** -H:L, *V* pass, go on; **kupita mwanda** LHH H:L to go on a journey; app. **-pitila** -HH:L pass by (away, from, to)
- piu** HR, C2:H.SF, *I* sunset (ideoph. expressing that the sun is about to disappear); **liduva litenda piu** LHL LHH FH the sun was sinking; cf. **pii** FH, **nngwee** LFH
- piyanidya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* cause haste; cf. **-yanguhana**
- poha** -FL, *V caus.* save, be saved
- poka** -H:L, *V* prosper, rejoice; cf. **-hangalala**, **-tamba**
- pola** -H:L, *V* cool down (itr.); cf. Sw. -*poa*; cf. **-didima**, **-itula**, **-tulila**
- ponda** -H:L, *V* smash, pound leaves; cf. **-twa**, **-twanga**, **-tipula** pound grains
- popota** -HH:L, *V* twist, twine; also **-pota** -H:L; cf. **-popotola** -HHH:L wring out; cf. **-luka**
- popotola** -HHH:L, *V* wring out; also **-papatola** -HHH:L; cf. **-pota** -H:L, **-popota** -HH:L twist, twine
- posa** -FL, *V caus.* propose marriage; **nposi/vaposi** LRL cl.1/2 person who proposes a marriage (an elder of the youngster who wants to marry)
- pota** -H:L, *V* twist, twine; also **-popota** -HH:L; cf. **-popotola** -HHH:L wring out; cf. **-luka**
- pukusula** -HHH:L, *V* peel off; cf. **-kwanga**, **-palata**
- pukuta** -HH:L, *V* wipe off
- pula** -H:L, *V* sift grain by shaking
- pulula** -HH:L, *V* strip off; harvest rice
- pulung'anya** -HHL:L, *V caus.* increase, become more and more
- pumula** -HH:L, *V* breath
- pumuna** -HH:L, *V* gnaw
- punda** -H:L, *V* surpass, exceed; cf. **-nonoha**
- punga** -H:L, *V* blow (of wind); cf. **lipungo** LRL cl.5/- wind
- pungula** -HH:L, *V* decrease, diminish
- pupa** -H:L, *V* crackle; turn restlessly (as in pain)
- puta** -H:L, *V* skip (with rope); **mputa** LH:L cl.3/- traditional game
- pwahika** -HH:L, *V* shout, talk much and lively
- pwapula** -HH:L, *V* tear (tr., twigs, etc.); cf. **-papula** -HH:L, **-valula**
- pwata** -H:L, *V* quarrel; ass. > **-pwatana** -HH:L
- pwatana** -HH:L, *V* quarrel with each other; ass. < **-pwata** -H:L quarrel
- pwechela** -HH:L, *V* receive; also **-pwachela** -HH:L
- pweteka** -HH:L, *V* wound, get hurt, be ill; also **-pwateka** -HH:L; cf. **-pwita** -H:L hurt
- pwita** -H:L, *V* hurt; cf. **-pweteka** -HH:L
- pya** H:L, *V* be scorched, be burnt; tones with Infinitive marker
- pyaila** -HH:L, *V* sweep; cf. **chipyai/vipyai** LRL broom
- S**
- samulila** -HHH:L, *V* comb; also **-hamulila** -HHH:L; cf. **chiamulo/vihamulo** LLL:L cl.7/8 comb
- sana** RL, C1:SF, *I* very; cf. Sw. *sana*; see **namene** I
- sika** -H:L, *V* bury; cf. Sw. *-zika*; see **-yaha**; **masiko** LRL cl. -/6 funeral
- sikitika** -HHH:L, *V* be sorry; cf. Sw. *-sikitika*; see **-hinginika**
- soma** -H:L, *V* read
- somo/=** RL, C1:SF, *N* 1*b*/2*b* friend; cf. **nnyenje/vayenje** cl.1/2
- sulula** -HH:L, *V* drip, leak; frequently used with Pre-Final **-ang-**; **-sululanga** -HHH:L
- sulupuka** -HHH:L, *V* come down
- suma** -H:L, *V* buy; cf. *caus.* **-sumisa** -HFL sell

-**sumisa** -HFL, *V caus.* sell; caus. <
 -**suma** -H:L buy
 -**suna** -H:L, *V spit*; cf. -**pemba**
 -**sunala** -HH:L, *V be vexed, be angry*;
 cf. -**visa**, -**viha**, -**chimwa**
 -**swa** H:L, *V set (of sun)*; tones with
 Infinitive marker; **liduva kuswa** LHL
 H:L all day long
 -**swelela** -HH:L, *V be white (rash)*; also
 -**swalela** -HH:L; cf. -**anape** P con.
 white; see clean: be
 -**swelela** -HH:L, *V be clean*; cf.
 -**hahula**, -**katapadya**; see white: be
 (rash)

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-**taha** -FL, *V caus.* look for, search; also
 -**loleha**; cf. -**lembela**, -**lembelela**
 -**tahuka** -HH:L, *V disagree, rebel, be*
 perverse; cf. ass. -**tahukana** -HHH:L
 argue
 -**tahukana** -HHH:L, *V argue*; ass. <
 -**tahuka** -HH:L disagree
 -**taila** -HH:L, *V lay an egg*
 -**takata** -HH:L, *V be pleased, be*
 attractive; cf. -**maila**
 -**takatuka** -HHH:L, *V stand up, arise,*
 start; cf. -**uka**
 -**tama** -H:L, *V agree on marriage*
 between man and parents
tama RL, C1:SF, *N 9b/- desire*; < Sw.
 tamaa; see **ihikidi/dihikidi** cl.9/10; cf.
lukou cl.11/-
 -**tamba** -H:L, *V rejoice*; cf. -**hangalala**,
 -**poka**
 -**tambala** -HH:L, *V creep*
 -**tambula** -HH:L, *V mention, name*
 -**tamwa** -FL, *V pas.* love, like, desire,
 want, accept; cf. -**lembela**; cf. ass.
 -**tamwana** -HFL accept
 -**tamwana** -HFL, *V agree*; ass. <
 -**tamwa** -FL love, etc, accept; also
 -**yambukila**, -**itikila**
 -**tana** -H:L, *V tell a story*; **kutana**
ntano/lutano LHH HH:L/HH:L
 (ntano, lutano LRL, LRL cl.3,11
 story)
 -**tanda** -H:L, *V hang*

-**tandi** -FL, B:S1, *A first*; **matandi** LFL
 cl.4, **dinandi** LFL cl.10; tone also
 HL, i.e. no lengthening of
 penult.vowel; substractively derived
 from -**tandilika** *V begin*; predicative:
 same tones
 -**tandilika** -HHH:L, *V begin*; also
 -**tandalika** -HHH:L; cf. -**tandi** -FL A
 first; -**lindimuka**
tangu L:L, D1:no H, *I formerly, the*
 past; **ing'ande ya-tangu** LHL H-FL
 an old house; also **kala** I; cf. -**atangu**
 P con. old
 -**tang'una** -HH:L, *V chew*; cf. nom.
litang'unilo/matang'unilo LHHH:L
 cl.5/6
 -**tanjila** -HH:L, *V be noticeable, be*
 available; cf. -**injipika**
 -**tanuka** -HH:L, *V be expanded, be*
 widened; cf. Sw. -tanuka
 -**tapa** -H:L, *V boast*; also refl. -**litapa**
 -HRL
 -**tapika** -HH:L, *V vomit*; cf. Sw. -tapika;
 see -**kodyoka**
 -**tapuka** -HH:L, *V stick to, adhere*
tati H:L, ?, *N Ic/- father (informal,*
ironic); cf. **atata** LFL cl.2A
 -**tatu** -RL, C1:SF, *A three*; **mitatu** LRL
 cl.4, **dinatu** LRL cl.10; -**atatu** P con.
 third; predicative: same tones
 -**tava** -H:L, *V bind sth. with a rope, tie*
 rope around sth.
 -**taya** -H:L, *V put into*; **kutaya misa**
 LHH L:L sneeze, or in short
kuta-misa LH-FL; **kutaya chihonde**
 LHH HH:L participate in a discussion
 -**teka** -H:L, *V draw water*; **kuteka medi**
 LHH H:L
 -**teleka** -HH:L, *V cook*; also -**taleka**
 -HH:L
 -**tema** -H:L, *V sharpen*; cf.
 -**kwichakwicha**; see cut firewood
 -**tema** -H:L, *V cut firewood*; see sharpen
 -**tenda** -H:L, *V do*; cf. -**kola**; **kutenda**
madengo LHH HH:L to work;
unitenda LHRL thanks, lit. you have
 done it (Pres.Perf.)
 -**tepa** -H:L, *V stoop, bend down*; cf.

- mwitepa** LFL cl.18 corner
teso/diteso RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N 9c/10c* adze; sg. also **iteso** LRL cl.9c
-tetela -HH:L, *V* cackle (of chicken producing an egg)
-tetema -HH:L, *V* shiver, tremble; also **-tetemela** -HHH:L; cf. **chitete** LFL cl.7, **chitetemedi** LLLRL cl.7 the shivers
-teula -HH:L, *V* take off fire, serve food; cf. app. **-teulila** -HHH:L dish
-teulila -HHH:L, *V* dish; app. < **-teula** -HH:L take off fire, serve food
-tevedya -HFL, *V caus.* endanger; also **-tavedya** -HFL
-teya -H:L, *V* trap; **kuteya dihomba** LHH HFL fish, lit. trap fish; cf. **-inikila**
-tika -H:L, *V* cause to shake, move fro and to; put load on head with s.o.'s help; cf. **-tikinya** -HFL shake
-tikinya -HFL, *V caus.* shake (tr. and itr.); cf. **-tika** -H:L cause to shake, move fro and to
-tila -H:L, *V* run away; **ku-n-tila** H-H-RL (with OC of cl.1) to isolate s.o. socially; also **-tukuta**
-tima -H:L, *V* delay, linger
-timba -H:L, *V* loiter, hang about; frequently used with Pre-Final **-ang-**: **-timbanganga** -HH:L
-timbangila -HHH:L, *V* destroy; also **-ondonga**
-tindinga -HH:L, *V* bring to ruin
-tindivala -HHH:L, *V* kneel, worship; also **-yama**
-tiniha -HFL, *V caus.* bring to the boil (**nkojo**, first stage in the preparation of beer); cf. **-yaula**, **-yaukila**, **-yaukidya**, **-kodya**, **-chemusa**, **-tokota**
-tipula -HH:L, *V* pound (grains); also **-twa**, **-twanga**; cf. **-ponda**
-titimila -HHH:L, *V* sink; disappear, vanish
-tiva -H:L, *V* plait; **kutiva ulindo** LHH HFL plait hair
-toha -FL, *V caus.* touch, press; cf. **-kaba**, **-bana**
-tohoma -HH:L, *V* go up and down (e.g. fontanel on head of baby)
-tokota -HH:L, *V* become cooked, be boiled; also **-takota** -HH:L;
-tokotelana -HHHH:L become cooked for each other; have flavour; cf. **-yaula**, **-kodya**, **-chemusa**, **-tiniha**
-tolela -HH:L, *V* get satisfied
-tolola -HH:L, *V* bore a hole; also **-talola** -HH:L; cf. **-dovola**
-tona -H:L, *V* take a snuff (tobacco); also **-nusa**; cf. **liposa/maposa** LL:L cl.5/6 snuff of tobacco
-tondola -HH:L, *V* choose; also **-tandola** -HH:L, **-hapa**; **utondodi** LLRL cl.14 elections, **ntondodi/vatondodi** LLRL cl.1/2 voter
-tongodika -HHH:L, *V* grumble, speak to oneself; caus., neut. < **-tongola** -HH:L speak; also **-loloma**
-tongola -HH:L, *V* speak, say; also **-tangola** -HH:L; cf. **-tongodika** -HHH:L grumble; cf. **kutongo-viyoha** LHH-HFL abuse, insult, lit. to speak terms of abuse; cf. **-chi** say
-tongosa -HFL, *V caus.* seduce
-tonya -FL, *V caus.* rain
-tosa -FL, *V caus.* fine; cf. pas. **-toswa** -FL be fined
-tota -H:L, *V* sew; cf. nom. **ntota/mitota** LFL cl.3/4, **ntotelo/mitotelo** LHH:L cl.3/4 needle
-tubisa -HFL, *V caus.* punish
-tudya -FL, *V caus.* offer present for a special occasion, esp. initiation; caus. < **-tula** -H:L set down; cf. **inudyo/dinudyo** LL:L cl.9/10 present for a special occasion
-tukukula -HHH:L, *V* enlarge, make greater
-tukula -HH:L, *V* be very full (of food), belch; cf. **dihumi** LRL cl. -/10 belch
-tukuta -HH:L, *V* run away; also **-tila**
-tula -H:L, *V* set down (e.g. take load from head and put it on the ground); cf. **-tudya** -FL give present for a special occasion

-**tulila** -H:L, *V* get cool; cf. -**pola**, -**didima**, -**itula**
 -**tuma** -H:L, *V* send (person); cf. -**pelekedy**
 -**tumba** -H:L, *V* look up, observe; cf. -**lolehidya**
tumbaku LFL, E:S2, *N* 5b/- tobacco
 -**tumbuka** -HH:L, *V* break (itr., big things, e.g. tree); cf. -**tumbula** -HH:L, -**lumuka**
 -**tumbula** -HH:L, *V* be fat (esp. animals); be big; also used with Pre-Final -**ang-**: -**tumbulanga** -HHH:L; cf. -**nyeta**; see break (tr., big things)
 -**tumbula** -HH:L, *V* break (tr., big things); frequently used with Pre-Final -**ang-**: -**tumbulanga** -HHH:L; cf. -**tumbuka** -HH:L, -**lumula**; see fat: be, be big
 -**tumila** -HH:L, *V* use; **ngu-tumidile uvelu** L-LLLL HH:L I was stupid, lit. I have used stupidity
 -**tumula** -HH:L, *V* chase away; also -**vinganga**
 -**tunda** -H:L, *V* lack enough fire, get underdone (food); be unclear (words)
 -**tundula** -HH:L, *V* take off sth. (off body)
 -**tundunya** -HFL, *V caus.* throw down
 -**tunduwila** -HHH:L, *V* bring problems; cf. -**huva** have problems, -**banika** get problems
 -**tungunyuka** -HHH:L, *V* melt; also -**nyeembuka**
 -**tupa** -H:L, *V* bulge, swell out
 -**tupila** -HH:L, *V* have sexual intercourse; also -**yelana**
 -**tuva** -H:L, *V* scratch skin forcefully; remove weeds; cf. -**vava**
 -**twa** H:L, *V* pound (grains); tones with Infinitive marker; also -**twanga** -H:L, -**tipula**; cf. -**ponda**
 -**twala** -H:L, *V* take; -**twalidya** -HFL make a woman pregnant, **litwala** LH:L abduction of a woman; nowadays: name of the bride in first week, -**litwaliha** -HHL:L hide oneself

-**twalidya** -HFL, *V caus.* make (a woman) pregnant; cf. -**twala** -H:L take
 -**twanga** -H:L, *V* pound (grains); < -**twa** (+ Pre-Final -**ang-**); also -**tipula**; cf. -**ponda**
 -**twesa** -FL, *V caus.* pretend (to be good, nice, etc., in order to get sth.); cf. -**lilambila**
twiga /= RL, C1:SF, *N* 9b/10b giraffe

U

(**u**)-**o**- LFH, *P dem.* right this/that one;
uyoyu LFH cl.1, **uwowu** LFH cl.3, **uyoyi** LFH cl.9; attributive tones: (H)FH, the initial **u-** is optional
 (**u**)-**o-o** LFH, *P dem.* this, that (referential emphatic); **uyoyo** LFH cl.1, **uwowo** LFH cl.3, **uyoyo** LFH cl.9; attributive tones: (H)FH, the initial **u-** is optional; **mwanda uwowo** HH HFH right at that time, moment
u-la LFH, *P dem.* that (emphatic); **uyula** LFH cl.1, **uula** LFH cl.3, **uila** LFH cl.9; attributive tones: HFH
u-no LFH, *P dem.* this (emphatic); **uyuno** LFH cl.1, **uuno** LFH cl.3, **uino** LFH cl.9; attributive tones: HFH; cf. **uvino** LFL and now, therefore
ubila LFL, B:S1, *N* 14 semen
ucheche LRL, C1:SF, *N* 14 termite(s)
uchi H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 14 honey
uchiva LFL, B:S1, *N* 14 solitariness, loneliness; cf. **nchiva/vachiva** LFL cl.1/2 orphan
 -**udula** -HH:L, *V* straighten; cf. -**nyoka**, -**kanda**
 -**udya** -FL, *V caus.* ask (question); red. > -**udyaudya** -HHL:L question
ugoni LRL, C1:SF, *N* 14 adultery
uhakwa LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 14 dirt (often: dirty food)
uhambachi LLRL, C1:SF, *N* 14 trade
uhato/ahato LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 1A/2A python; pl. also **vahato** LH:L cl.2; also **uhatu/ahatu** LH:L; species

- oriented: **ihatu/dihatu, ihato/dihato** LH:L cl.9/10
- uhavi** LFL, B:S1, *N 14* witchcraft; cf. **nnnyavi/vahavi** LFL cl.1/2 sorcerer
- uhiku** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* night; cf. Sw. usiku; see **chilo** cl.7/-; **uhiku ukacha** LHL LH:L until dawn, lit. if the night dawns
- uhimba/ahimba** LFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* lion; pl. also **vahimba** LFL cl.2; species oriented: **ihimba/dihimba** LFL cl.9/10
- uhinini** LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* gum (near teeth)
- uhomba/ahomba** LFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* fish; pl. also **vahomba** LFL cl.2; species oriented: **ihomba/dihomba** LFL cl.9/10
- uhong'o/ahong'o** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/2A* maggot; pl. also **vahong'o** LRL cl.2; species oriented: **ihong'o/dihong'o** LRL cl.9/10
- uhu** H:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* flour
- uhuhi/ahuhi** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/2A* snake sp. (related to python); pl. also **vahuhi** LRL cl.2; species oriented: **ihuhi/dihuhi** LRL cl.9/10
- uhumbwe** LL:L, D1:no H, *N 14* milky juice got from grated coconut (Sw. tui)
- uhungo/ahungo** LH:L, E:S2, *N 1A/2A* genet; pl. also **vahungo** LHL cl.2; species oriented: **ihungo/dihungo** LH:L cl.9/10
- uhwehwe** LFH, *P subst.* we (emphatic); **hweetu** HRL (non-emphatic)
- uila** -HH:L, *V* repeat; also **-ila** -H:L
- uka** -H:L, *V* rise, come forward; cf. **-takatuka**; see go away
- uka** -H:L, *V* go away, come from; cf. **-holoka**; see rise, come forward; cf. **koka** H:L I then, finally, at the end; if
- ukanga** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* foolishness, ignorance (of man); cf. **nkanga/vakanga** LH:L cl.1/2, **uvelu** cl.14
- ukoti/mikoti** LRL, C1:SF, *N 14/4* neck
- ukoto** LRL, C1:SF, *N 14* speech, utterance
- ukuluha** LHFL, B:S1, *N 14* miscarriage; nom. < **-kuluha**; cf. **dinjahango** cl. -/10 miscarriage
- ula** -H:L, *V* ripen (itr.); cf. **-lapata, -huna**; see undress
- ula** -H:L, *V* undress; also **kudobola dinguo** LHHH HH:L; see ripen (itr.)
- ulama** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* life; nom. < **-lama** *V* recover; live/exist long; also **umi** cl.14
- ulame** LRL, C1:SF, *N 14* health, happiness, prosperity; nom. < **-lama** *V* be aged; heal
- ulemwa** LFL, B:S1, *N 14* idleness, laziness; nom. < **-lemwa** -FL A idle
- ulende** LFL, B:S1, *N 14* sesame
- ulindo** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* hair (of head)
- ulombi/malombi** LRL, C1:SF, *N 14/6* marriage; cf. **-lomba** *V* marry (of man); also **indowa/dindowa** cl.9/10
- uloongo** LLFL, E:S2, *N 14* soil (clay); cf. **utope** cl.14
- uluka** -HH:L, *V* jump (high); fly; cf. Sw. -ruka; cf. **-chinjila, -chitika, -dang'a**
- ululuha** -HHL:L, *V caus.* sift grain by trossing
- ulumuka** -HHH:L, *V* get to puberty (boys)
- ulwele/malwele** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14/6* sickness
- ulyamba** HRL, C2:H.SF, *N 14* morning; cf. **kulyamba** LH:L dawn, **palyamba** LH:L day after tomorrow
- umaka/amaka** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/2A* cat; pl. also **vamaka** LRL cl.2; species oriented: **imaka/dimaka** LRL cl.9/10
- umamana/amamana** LHFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* ant sp. (small, red); pl. also **vamamana** LHFL cl.2; species oriented: **imamana/dimamana** LHFL cl.9/10
- umamba/amamba** LFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* crocodile; cf. Sw. mamba; pl. also **vamamba** LFL cl.2; species oriented:

- imamba/dimamba** LFL cl.9/10; see **umbulu/ambulu**
- umambumbu** LHFL, B:S1, *N 1A* early in the morning; also **mambumbu** HFL cl. -/6; cf. **-cha V**, **kulyamba** cl.17
- umande/amande** LH:L, E:S2, *N 1A/2A* grasshopper; pl. also **vamande** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **imande/dimande** LH:L cl.9/10
- umba** -H:L, *V* shape, create; cf. Sw. -umba; cf. **-munya**, **-kamata**
- umbadya** -HFL, *V caus.* fill; caus. < **-umbala** -HH:L be full
- umbai/ambai** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* bee sp.; pl. also **vambai** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **imbai/dimbai** LH:L cl.9/10
- umbala** -HH:L, *V* be full; caus. > **-umbadya** -HFL fill
- umbango/ambango** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* wild pig; pl. also **vambango** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **imbango/dimbango** LH:L cl.9/10
- umboko/amboko** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* louse; pl. also **vamboko** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **imboko/dimboko** LH:L cl.9/10
- umbudi/ambudi** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* goat; pl. also **vambudi** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **imbudi/dimbudi** LH:L cl.9/10
- umbulu/ambulu** ?, *N 1A/2A* crocodile; tones unknown; pl. also **vambulu** cl.2; species oriented: **imbulu/dimbulu** cl.9/10; also **umamba/amamba**
- umbulukuta/ambulukuta** LLHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 1A/2A* butterfly; pl. also **vambulukuta** LLHRL cl.2; species oriented: **imbulukuta/dimbulukuta** LLHRL cl.9/10
- umbutuka/ambutuka** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/2A* antelope sp. (klipspringer); pl. also **vambutuka** LLRL cl.2; species oriented: **imbutuka/dimbutuka** LLRL cl.9/10
- umbwilimbwindi/ambwilimbwindi** LLHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 1A/2A* termite sp. (small winged, not edible); pl. also **vambwilimbwindi** LLHRL cl.2; species oriented: **imbwilimbwindi/dimbwilimbwindi** LLHRL cl.9/10
- umembe/amembe** LH:L, E:S2, *N 1A/2A* fly; pl. also **vamembe** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **imembe/dimembe** LH:L cl.9/10
- umi** H:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A* life; also **ulama** cl.14
- umunda/amunda** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* dove; pl. also **vamunda** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **imunda/dimunda** LH:L cl.9/10
- umwemwe** LFH, *P subst.* you (pl.) (emphatic); **mweenu** HRL (non-emphatic)
- umwenye** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1A* chieftaincy (traditional); cf. **amwenye/achamwenye** HRL/LHRL cl.2A/2A+ headman of village
- unambili/anambili** LHFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* partridge; pl. also **vanambili** LHFL; species oriented: **inambili/dinambili** LHFL cl.9/10
- unang'e** LFH, *P subst.* he, she (emphatic); **nang'e** H:L (non-emphatic)
- unembe/anembe** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/2A* calf; pl. also **vanembe** LRL cl.2; species oriented: **inembe/dinembe** LRL cl.9/10
- unembo/anembo** LFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* elephant; pl. also **vanembo** LFL cl.2; species oriented: **inembo/dinembo** LFL cl.9/10
- unene** LFH, *P subst.* I (emphatic); **naangu** HRL (non-emphatic)
- ung'ambe/ang'ambe** LFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* tortoise; pl. also **vang'ambe** LFL cl.2; species oriented: **ing'ambe/ding'ambe** LFL cl.9/10
- ung'anga/ang'anga** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* guinea-fowl; pl. also **vang'anga** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **ing'anga/ding'anga** LH:L cl.9/10

- ung'avanga/ang'avanga** LHFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* dog; pl. also **vang'avanga** LHFL cl.2; species oriented: **ing'avanga/ding'avanga** LHFL cl.9/10
- ung'ombe/ang'ombe** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/2A* cow; pl. also **vang'ombe** LRL cl.2; species oriented: **ing'ombe/ding'ombe** LRL cl.9/10
- ung'ondo/ang'ondo** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* lizard sp. (big, living on land); pl. also **vang'ondo** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **ing'ondo/ding'ondo** LH:L cl.9/10
- ungondolo/angondolo** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/2A* sheep; pl. also **vangondolo** LLRL cl.2; species oriented: **ingondolo/dingondolo** LLRL cl.9/10
- ung'uku/ang'uku** LFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* chicken; pl. also **vang'uku** LFL cl.2; species oriented: **ing'uku/ding'uku** LFL cl.9/10
- unguluve/anguluve** LLRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/2A* pig; pl. also **vanguluve** LLRL cl.2; species oriented: **inguluve/dinguluve** LLRL cl.9/10
- ungumbi/angumbi** LFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* termite sp. (winged); pl. also **vangumbi** LFL cl.2; species oriented: **ingumbi/dingumbi** LFL cl.9/10
- ung'ung'uni/ang'ung'uni** LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* bedbug; pl. also **vang'ung'uni** LHH:L cl.2; species oriented: **ing'ung'uni/ding'ung'uni** LHH:L cl.9/10
- ungwangwalati/angwangwalati** LHHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* dog sp. (digging up corpses); pl. also **vangwangwalati** LHHH:L cl.2; species oriented: **ingwangwalati/dingwangwalati** LHHH:L; **ngwangwalati/vangwangwalati** LHHH:L cl.1/2 killer
- unjalahu/anjalahu** LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* ant sp. (big, red); pl. also **vanjalahu** LHH:L cl.2; species oriented: **injalahu/dinjalahu** LHH:L cl.9/10
- unjenjema/anjenjema** LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 1A/2A* mosquito; pl. also **vanjenjema** LHRL cl.2; species oriented: **injenjema/dinjenjema** LHRL cl.9/10
- unuta/anuta** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* ant sp. (red); pl. also **vanuta** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **inuta/dinuta** LH:L cl.9/10
- unyanga/anyanga** LFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* hawk sp. (big, striking colours); pl. also **vanyanga** LFL cl.2; species oriented: **inyanga/dinyanga** LFL cl.9/10
- unyati/anyati** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* buffalo; pl. also **vanyati** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **inyati/dinyati** LH:L cl.9/10
- unyedi/anyedi** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* snail; pl. also **vanyedi** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **inyedi/dinyedi** LH:L cl.9/10
- unyima/anyima** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* monkey (Sw. kima); pl. also **vanyima** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **inyima/dinyima** LH:L cl.9/10
- unyolo/dinyolo** LRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/10* sacrifice
- unyuchi/anyuchi** LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 1A/2A* honey-bee; pl. also **vanyuchi** LH:L cl.2; species oriented: **inyuchi/dinyuchi** LH:L cl.9/10
- unyukudumba/anyukudumba** LLHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 1A/2A* soldier ant; pl. also **vanyukudumba** LLHRL cl.2; species oriented: **inyukudumba/dinyukudumba** LLHRL cl.9/10
- upehi** LFL, B:S1, *N 1A* quickly; cf. Sw. upesi; see **-peya** V; adjunct
- upinde/mapinde** LH:L, E:S2, *N 1A/6* bow; cf. Sw. upinde; see **lingungwe/mangungwe** cl.5/6
- upya** -H:L, *V* burn up; scoop water
- usa** -FL, *V caus.* give, display, show, take (out); cf. **-ing'a** give to, **-langudya** show
- usi/miusi** RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N 1A/4* spider web

usungu LRL, C1:SF, *N 14* foolishness, ignorance (of woman); cf. **nsungu/vasungu** LRL cl.1/2, **uvelu** cl.14
usungula/asungula LHRL, C2:H.SF, *N 1A/2A* hare; pl. also **vasungula** LHRL cl.2; species oriented:
isungula/disungula LHRL cl.9/10
usuvi/asuvi LFL, B:S1, *N 1A/2A* leopard; pl. also **vasuvi** LFL cl.2; species oriented: **isuvi/disuvi** LFL cl.9/10
-uta -H:L, *V* pull (firmly); cf. **-holola**
utani LH:L, E:S2, *N 14* millet sp. (Sw. ulezi)
utingo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* type of basket (small)
utohi LRL, C1:SF, *N 14* excrement of chicken; cf. **mavi** cl. -/6
utope LRL, C1:SF, *N 14* soil (clay); cf. **ulongo** cl.14
utotoli LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* brain; also **ututuli** LHH:L
utumbo LRL, C1:SF, *N 14* intestine
ututuli LHH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* brain; also **utotoli** LHH:L
-uudya -HFL, *V caus.* treat a sick person; caus. < **-uula** -HH:L fall ill
-uula -HH:L, *V* fall ill; caus. > **-uudya** -HFL treat a sick person
uvahe/dimbahe LRL, C1:SF, *N 14/10* mushroom; also **uvahi** LRL
uwanang'o LHFH, *P subst.* they (emphatic); **vanang'o** LH:L (non-emphatic)
uvelu LRL, C1:SF, *N 14* stupidity, foolishness; cf. **ukanga** cl.14;
kutumila uvelu LHHH HH:L to be stupid, lit. to use stupidity
uvila LFL, B:S1, *I* thus, so, as follows; cf. **kavila, kuvila** LH:L again
uvilo LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N 14* joking relationship (Sw. utani)
-uwa -H:L, *V* fall; also **-motoka, -yanguka**; cf. **-pakatika, -palatuka**
uwewe LFH, *P subst.* you (sg.) (emphatic); **waako** HRL (non-emphatic)
uwowa LRL, C1:SF, *N 14* mushroom

sp. (in the bush)
-uya -H:L, *V* return; app. > **-uyila** -HH:L return to
uyeni LRL, C1:SF, *N 14* state of being a guest/stranger; cf. **nnyeni/vayeni** LRL cl.1/2 guest, stranger

V

-va H:L, *V* be; tones with Infinitive marker; cf. **-pawa, -pali** be somewhere
-vala -H:L, *V* shine; cf. **-yaka**
-valanga -HH:L, *V* count
-valula -HH:L, *V* thunder; have a bad headache; cf. **-lindima**; see tear
-valula -HH:L, *V* tear; cf. **-papula, -pwapula**; see thunder
vanang'o LH:L, E:S2, *P subst.* they;
uwanang'o LHFH (emphatic); cf. **-nang'o** -H:L P the same, the very one
-vandika -HH:L, *V* concern
-vandikila -HHH:L, *V* approach, draw near; also **-hengelela**; cf. **-pepekela**
-vanga -H:L, *V* split, cleave; cf. **-pasula**
-vava -H:L, *V* scratch skin; also with Pre-Final **-ang-**: **-vavanga** -HH:L; cf. **-tuva**
-vayuka -HH:L, *V* get to puberty (girls)
-veda -H:L, *V* carve
-veha -FL, *V caus.* blow up; cf. sep.
-vehuka -HH:L become swollen
-vehuka -HH:L, *V* become swollen; sep. < **-veha** -FL blow up
-veleka -HH:L, *V* give birth; also **-valeka** -HH:L, **-nyakula, -yakula**; **kuvelekwako** LHFLH (Infinitive + dem., ref., short) that's life!
-velekwa -HFL, *V pas.* be born; pas. <
-veleka -HH:L bear children; also **-valekwa** -HFL
-venga -H:L, *V* damage, harm
-viha -FL, *V caus.* be angry; also **-visa** -FL; **-chimwa**; cf. **-sunala**
-vihi -H:L, A:S1/SF, *A* unripe; **mmihi/mivihi** LH:L cl.3/4, **imbihi/dimbihi** LH:L cl.9/10; predicative: same tones
-vika -H:L, *V* lay down, put, place; cf.

-ladya

- vili** -RL, C1:SF, *A* two; **mivili** LRL cl.4, **dimbili** LRL cl.10; **-avili** P con. second; cf. **kavila** LH:L I again; predicative: same tones
vilyo RL, C1:SF, *N* -/8 food; cf. **-lya** V eat; also **chakulya/vyakulya** HL:L cl.7/8
-vimba -H:L, *V* thatch; swell; cf. refl.
-livimba -HRL wrap around; cf. sep.
-vimbula -HH:L unthatch
-vimbula -HH:L, *V* unthatch; sep. <
-vimba -H:L thatch, swell
-vina -H:L, *V* dance
-vinga -H:L, *V* chase away; also
-vinganga -HH:L, **-tumula**
-vinganga -HH:L, *V* chase away; <
-vinga -H:L (+ Pre-Final **-ang-**); also
-tumula
vino RL, C1:SF, *P* dem. now; cf. **-no** P dem.; **na-vino** L-RL and now, still;
heka vino L:H RL/L:L but, and now;
uvino LFL and now, therefore
-visa -FL, *V* caus. be angry; also **-viha**
-FL, **-chimwa**; cf. **-sunala**

W

- waako** HRL, C2:H.SF, *P* subst. you (sg.); **uwewe** LFH (emphatic)
-wadya -FL, *V* caus. dress (s.o.); caus. < **-wala** -H:L wear; cf. **-yalula**
wahi FL, C2:H.SF, *N* 14 grass
-wala -H:L, *V* wear; cf. **-wadya** -FL dress
wala L:H, C1:SF, *I* nor; cf. Sw. **wala**; see leave
wala/mawala H:L/LH:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 14/6+ beer
-walala -HH:L, *V* kill; refl. > **-liwalala** -HLRL kill oneself, hurt; cf. **-hiya**
-walawala -HHH:L, *V* red. become invisible (witchcraft), get lost; cf. **-yahika**
wana FL, C2:H.SF, *N* 14 childhood; cf. **mwana/vana** FL cl.1/2 child
wapiwapi LLFL, ?, *N* 14 business
-wauka -HH:L, *V* bruise; cf. **-waula** -HH:L skin

- waula** -HH:L, *V* skin; cf. **-wauka** -HH:L bruise
-waya -H:L, *V* rustle (sheets of paper); cf. **-kachakacha**
weka RL, C1:SF, *I* alone, on one's own; attributive tones: FL
welu/mawelu H:L/LH:L, B:S1, *N* 14/6+ field
-widuha -HFL, *V* caus. sweat; refl. >
-liwiduha -HHL:L be very busy till sweat comes out; cf. nom. **chiwiduhu** LHFL cl.7/- sweat
-wila -H:L, *V* chew (e.g. tobacco)
-womba -H:L, *V* beat a drum, fire a gun, blow a horn, flute; also **-omba** -H:L
wondolo LRL, C1:SF, *N* 14 clay ground
wunu H:L, A:S1/SF, *N* 14 plaster (for making pots)

Y

- yadika** -HH:L, *V* borrow
-yaha -H:L, *V* bury; also **-sika**; see throw away
-yaha -H:L, *V* throw away; lose; also caus. **-yahisa** HFL; cf. neut. **-yahika** be lost; see bury
-yahika -HH:L, *V* be lost; neut. < **-yaha** -H:L bury, throw away; cf. **-walawala**
-yahula -HH:L, *V* yawn
-yaka -H:L, *V* shine, burn (of fire), feel hot; cf. **-vala**
-yakanya -HFL, *V* caus. pour; cf. **-mwadila**
-yakula -HH:L, *V* carry; give birth; see **-nyakula** -HH:L
-yaluka -HH:L, *V* initiate, circumcise (in former days)
-yalula -HH:L, *V* clothe (buy clothes for s.o.); cf. **-wadya**
-yama -H:L, *V* kneel, worship; also **-tindivala**; see lie down
-yama -H:L, *V* lie down, go to bed; also **-lala**; see kneel
-yambukila -HHH:L, *V* reply, respond; cf. **-yang'ula**; see agree
-yambukila -HHH:L, *V* agree; also **-tamwana**, **-itikila**; see reply
-yambulila -HHH:L, *V* smell a scent of

- s.o. or sth.
-yamila -HH:L, *V* slap off (e.g., flies);
 also **-hapuka**, **-papatula**; cf.
-liyamilila -HHLRL defend oneself
-yanda -H:L, *V* be thin; cf. **-yandauka**
-HHH:L be wide
-yandauka -HHH:L, *V* be wide; cf.
-yanda -H:L be thin
-yangala -HH:L, *V* dance and jump of
 joy
-yangata -HH:L, *V* help, assist, support
-yanguhana -HHH:L, *V* hasten, do
 quickly (with negative result); also
 app. **-yanguhanila** -HHHH:L; cf.
-piyanidya
-yanguka -HH:L, *V* fall; cf. Sw.
-anguka; see **-motoka**, **-uwa**; cf.
-pakatika, **-palatuka**
-yang'ula -HH:L, *V* answer; cf.
-yambukila
-yanika -HH:L, *V* dry in the sun; cf.
-nyala, **-yuma**
-yaukidya -HHL:L, *V caus.* boil; also
-kodya, **-chemusa**; cf. **-yaula** -HH:L,
-yaukila -HHH:L, **-tokota**, **-tiniha**
-yaukila -HHH:L, *V* boil (itr.); also
-yaula -HH:L; cf. **-yaukidya**
-HHL:L, **-kodya**, **-chemusa**, **-tokota**,
-tiniha
-yaula -HH:L, *V* boil (itr.); also
-yaukila -HHL:L; cf. **-yaukidya**
-HHL:L, **-kodya**, **-chemusa**, **-tokota**,
-tiniha
-yava -H:L, *V* divide; also **-yavanya**
-HFL
-yavanya -HFL, *V caus.* divide; also
-yava -H:L
-yawela -HH:L, *V* alter plan, cancel
-yedya -FL, *V caus.* taste (food);
 imitate, mimic; refresh; cf. refl.
-liyedyā -HFL learn
-yela -H:L, *V* throw at; cf. ass. **-yelana**
-HH:L have sexual intercourse
-yelana -HH:L, *V* have sexual
 intercourse; ass. < **-yela** -H:L throw
 at; also **-tupila**
yembe/diyembe RL/LRL, C1:SF, *N*
9c/10c mango
- yocha** -FL, *V caus.* roast
-yoha -FL, *V caus.* abuse, insult;
 frighten; also **kutongo-viyoha**
 LHH-HFL lit. speak terms of abuse
-yola -H:L, *V* gather up; cf. **-heva**,
-hepa
-yomboka -HH:L, *V* cross over; also
-yamboka -HH:L
-yomola -HH:L, *V* dip; also **-yamola**
-HH:L, **-pamba**
-yong'a -H:L, *V* suck the breast
-yopa -H:L, *V* fear, be afraid
-yota -H:L, *V* bask in the sun, sit close
 to a fire
-yowela -HH:L, *V* rest; also **-yowelega**
-HHH:L, **-yowolela** -HHH:L,
-pumulila
-yowelega -HHH:L, *V* rest; also
-yowolela -HHH:L, **-yowela** -HH:L,
-pumulila
-yuma -H:L, *V* be dry, be thirsty; cf.
-nyala, **-yanika**; cf. **inyota** LRL cl.9/-
 thirst
-yupula -HH:L, *V* dig out; also **-dobola**
-yuvala -HH:L, *V* feel humiliated,
 uncomfortable
-yuwa -H:L, *V* ask for, pray

